





Katie and her stained glass Alfred.

### **HOME ON DERANGED**

I read your "High School Gentleman's Etiquette Guide for Dating Your Teacher" (MAD #459) with great interest. It was very informative. However, I was wondering whether the same rules of decorum would be apropos for those of us who are being home schooled. Just curious.

Steve Blumert, Staten Island, NY

Steve of Destruction — We have an inkling that in your case, you should take the dates wherever you can find them! But, we suggest you run it by your Dad first! Thanks for writing! —Ed.

me to work with sharp glass, lead and hot irons. Like it, or I'll conclude you

Summer Kemp — You're working with sharp

a prison guard at Abu Ghraib! We're looking

forward to getting a stained glass depiction of

a bunch of naked prisoners arranged into the shape of Alfred's face! Bango! —Ed.

glass, lead and hot irons? Admit it, you're really

In MAD #456, you asked for stories you'll receive any letters as unique as 1976, a veteran English teacher named clowns and jokers who finished tests early so they wouldn't disturb more peace. When the great Mr. Steed retired in 1990, he left his collection of MADs to me. I am still the proud owner of these vintage mags, which date from about 1974 to 1978. Like Stan, I give my early bird test-finishers an old issue to peruse in silence. After their initial outburst of "Man, these are old!" otherwise unruly students silently chuckle over MAD standards such as "Spy Vs. Spy," "The Lighter Side Of" and the parodies of Star Wars. Though my collection is no longer pristine (having been handled and my collection any time soon!

Victoria Everitt, Aurora, IL

# TEACHER'S DRECK

have no taste.

involving teachers and MAD. I doubt that mine. When I started as a new teacher at Downers Grove (IL) North High School in Stan Steed kept a running subscription to MAD. Stan encouraged his students to read MAD, handing out issues to those earnest test-takers who needed to work in literature and movie classics such as folded hundreds of times), I suspect it may be valuable to a collector. However, since I'm not apt to retire for another five years, I won't be selling (or giving away)

Vic at Nite — Thanks to your letter, we now have the conclusive and irrefutable proof why American students lag behind their foreign counterparts! You say you're not retiring for another five years, but we bet once the school board sees this letter, it's going to be a lot sooner than that! See you in homeroom! -Ed. P.S. Would it kill you to update your MAD collection for the kids? How funny can 25-year-old Jimmy Carter jokes be?

### FOR BETTOR OR FOR WORSE

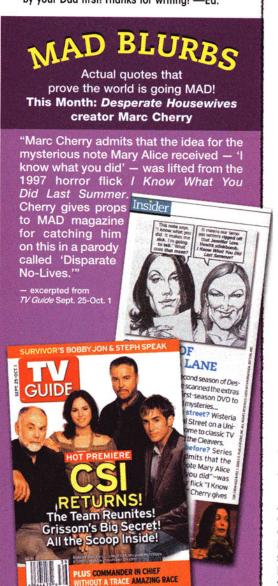
You guys are so immature. All you ever do is make stupid jokes in response to reader mail. Anybody can come up with tasteless "humor" like yours. I even bet my friend \$100 that I could outwit you and leave you speechless. MAD Magazine is so dumb, it drives people MAD. In your face! Top that!

Brandon Zelman, Brooklyn, NY

Zelman's Mayonnaise — When we first read your letter, we thought we would ignore your insults and not sink to your level - you know, be "mature." But then we realized two things. One — it would mean you'd win 100 bucks from your friend, and two — it would mean passing up the opportunity to make fun of a pompous, boring, cocky-doody, wuss-face like yourself. So, it looks like you owe your friend \$100 — and we hope that he gives a cut of that to us for having to read your stupid and pointless letter in the first place! -Ed.

### MADMUMBLINGS@ MADMAG.COM

If my keyboard has a broken "M" key, how would I spell MAD? — ein...Drano. while tasting cherry fresh, is not nearly as good as bleach, which has a watermelon/apple aftertaste — Deeznuts...Why does everyone always say "Oh, he's got a touch of the flu" when the flu is usually beating me senseless? — Dave the Almighty...I have a photographic memory, but I always leave the lens cap on — cycozombie...lf you make a bread sandwich, does it take two or three slices of bread? — Dwarfzilla...l can swallow whole lava lamps, but only the pink ones! — Merrick Cohen.





Hi! My name is Lauren Hunter and I am 24 years old from Newtown, PA. I love

your magazine, I'm a die-hard fan! I saw Bam Margera (of Viva La Bam fame) and I thought I would get his picture with the magazine because I always see people do this and I always wanted to take a picture with a famous person holding your magazine! So I did and he is holding MAD, and now I feel cool and privileged!

Lauren Hunter, Newtown, PA

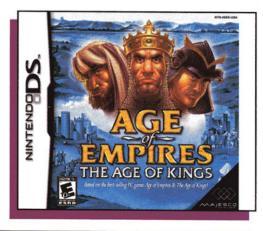
Treasure Hunter — Congratulations on your Nifty Fifty™ Celebrity Snap! You'll not only get a three-year subscription to MAD, but you'll also get a copy of this issue signed by the entire MAD staff (whether you want it or not!) —Ed.



# HOW TO WIN KING KONG — PETER JACKSON'S PRODUCTION DIARIES

If you love King Kong, love Peter Jackson, or just love production diaries, have we got the contest for you! Five lucky winners will receive a copy of *King Kong — Peter Jackson's Production Diaries*, courtesy of Universal Home Video, which includes a full-color, 50-page book, four art prints and two DVDs all on the making of the film! Don't feel bad if you don't win one, it's on sale now! To enter, on a 3x5 card, hand print your name, complete address and e-mail address. Mail it to: King Kong Diaries Sweepstakes c/o MAD Magazine, Dept. 461, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. Only one entry per person, NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. See official rules at www.madmag.com





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It's the age of free games! Everyone that got their letter published in this month's Letters Page will receive a free copy of Age of Empires®: The Age of Kings for Nintendo DS courtesy of Majesco Entertainment! For those of you who didn't have their missives printed, don't worry — the game will be on sale January 20th!

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How well do you know Mario Kart? Check out this timeline of everyone's favorite plumber and his many adventures behind the wheel and find out!



1992 MARIO KART

Super Mario Kart placed Mario, Luigi, Princess
Peach, Yoshi, Donkey Kong Jr., Bowser, Toad,
and Koopa Troopa in karts for the first
time, kicking off a high-speed itemthrowing craze that continue
to this day.

1997

MARIORARI

Boasting more characters, more tracks, and the addition of saved ghost data that lets you compete against your best races, Mario Kart 64, in full 3D, truly shined in the multiplayer arena. You could really feel the banana peels and Koopa shells coming at you!

2001

SUPERCIRCUIT

The karts cruised off the television and into players' hands with Mario Kart: Super Circuit, the Game Boy Advance entry into the series. Everyone's favorite characters returned, and as always, each of them boasted specific attributes like

good high speed or fine-tuned handling.

2003

The Nintendo GameCube installment of Mario Kart: Double Dash!! came with the most radical change yet — two players per kart! Grand Prix races and battle matches all looked amazing thanks to the Nintendo GameCube's power, but now players

juggled a pair of racers as they tore around incredible new tracks in tricked-out custom karts.

2005

All the thrills you've come to expect from Mario, but now wireless! Mario Kart DS brings the racing action and item-

DS brings the racing action and itemthrowing to a whole new level using Nintendo Wi-Fi Connection!





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# THEFUNDALII

# MELVIN & JENKINS'



Jenkins takes his pet to the veterinarian every six months for a checkup, even if the animal seems just fine.



Melvin takes his brand new pet down to the hardware store, because he always wondered how straight a kitten would walk after a ride inside a paint mixer.



"WHEN YOU GET AROUND TO IT, EUNICE, THE BID IS TWO-NO TRUMP."

# AN AD WE'D LIKE TO SI



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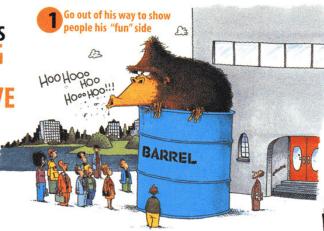


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Begging	Panhandling	

3 QUICK AND EASY THINGS KING KONG COULD DO TO IMPROVE HIS IMAGE





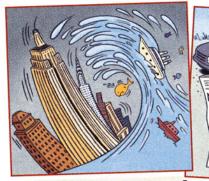
# PAGES

# PBS' NEW CONSERVATIVE DIRECTION

- Sesame Street will no longer teach words George Bush cannot pronounce.
- Suze Ormond's financial lectures will be boiled down to three words: "Buy Halliburton stock!"
- 3 Nova will begin a new 363-part series on how global warming actually improves the environment.
- Funding will be pulled from any education show that presents facts not found in the Bible.
- In a truly patriotic display, Barney kills himself, so that his remains can become fossil fuel for future generations.



SCARY THREATS...SCARIER REALITIES





SCARY THREAT A North American Tsunami could devastate New York or Los Angeles.

SCARIER REALITY The "Red States" really wouldn't mind.

SCARY THREAT The recent player/ fan confrontations will lead to a ban on alcohol in sports arenas.

SCARIER REALITY The worst fights are at Little League games anyway.

SCARY THREAT An upcoming military draft will send thousands of young people away for years at a time.

SCARIER REALITY Those years would've been spent unemployed at home.

SCARY THREAT The rates of sexually transmitted diseases will increase drastically over the next decade.

SCARIER REALITY You have nothing to worry about.

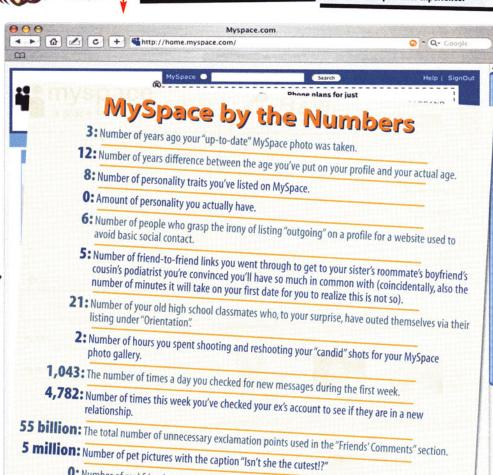
SCARY THREAT A diet of junk food can ruin a person's health in just one month.

SCARIER REALITY 87% of Americans know this from personal experience.



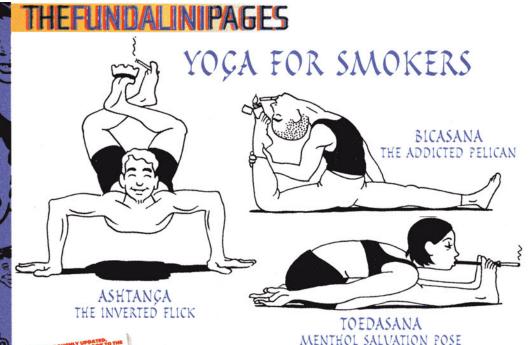


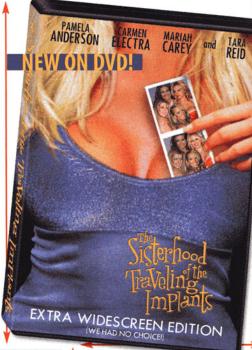
3 Drop the standoffish sounding "King" and go by his real first name



**0:** Number of real friends you've actually made through MySpace.

7: Number of months MySpace has left before joining Friendster on the rubble heap of passing fads.







# CNOVEL REVIEW

THE THOROUGHLY UPDATED, ALL-INCLUSIVE HANDBOOK TO THE MARVEL UNIVERSE \$39.95, Marvel Comics, 480 pages

Over the years, Marvel and DC have periodically compiled "handbooks" of their various heroes and villains. They provide a kind of encyclopedic

repository of repetitive power fantasies and repercussion-

These handbooks have answered nagging questions, organized their fantastical worlds of wonder and, most

importantly, suckered their anal fanbase into buying and bagging 12-part series that look very much like comic books, but in reality contain no story whatsoever. Get some unpaid intern to write down a few secret identities and powers, pull a few illos, alphabetize 'em, and hey now! A 40-dollar series that every completist geek feels obliged to buy!

To be fair, the process is a little more complicated than that. Marvel's rabid, increasingly senile readers are more attentive to the detail in Dr. Strange's boots than they are to their own wardrobe or hygiene. There's not much you can tell the fans about their favorite heroes and villains that they haven't already known for years. And they demand total, absolute accuracy. They want alphabetical handbooks that determine every character's maximum rate of speed, to the precise made-up digit.

Small wonder that The Thoroughly Updated, All-Inclusive Handbook to the Marvel Universe became the #1 comic in the United States, reportedly selling more than 14,000 copies per month. Now those issues have been compiled into a softcover edition, which will be sold to the same people who already bought the issues.

The attention to pointless minutiae is astonishing. You may know about Spider-Man's powers and origin, but did you know that the spider who bit Peter Parker was left-handed? That Professor X used to collect ViewMaster reels? Or that the Beyonder caught Mono in

college? None of these things are important. In fact, they have never impacted a Marvel Comics storyline in any way. And yet they've been collected in this unrelenting encylopedia of pain.

For the kids out there who are reading superhero comics for the first time, and are just into the stories, a collection like this will seem dull. But for the other 98% of Marvel's readership, this book is a must-collect! Mastery of trivial factoids help nurture the illusion in one's mind that you have any control over the unfeeling randomness of life. And as your failures mount, and your bitterness boils like magma, at least you know you can name all the original members of the Sinister Six. Plus, there's a hot drawing of the Scarlet Witch on page 336 that looks like she likes you.



THE VULTURE

Real Name: Adrian Toomes First appearance: The Amazing

Spider-Man #2

Powers: Superhuman-level strength, vitality and athleticism. Wears harness with built-in electromagnetic antigraviton generator and attached bird wings. Can fly at speeds of up to 95.2 MPH for up to 6 hours, with pinpoint maneuverability. Can attain maximum altitude of 11,010 feet.

Place of birth: Staten Island, New York Height/Weight: 5' 11", 176 pounds

Eyes: Hazel

Allergies: Shellfish, dander Dresses to the: Left Favorite WNBA team: None

Make of refrigerator: Kenmore Preferred juice: Cranapple Identifying marks: Mole on left hip

Ramones albums owned: Rocket to Russia, Ramones Mania

Dots his i's with: Dots Health plan: Aetna

Emotional state at Christmas time: Unchanged

Voted for: Bo Bice

Least favorite Muppet: Slimey Sneaker of choice: Reebok AIM chat name: bEaKyMaN24

Unwanted hair removal technique: Tweezing

Highest level reached on Pac-Man World 2: "Ghost Bayou"

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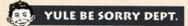


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WIRELESS )) GAME





Each year, MAD presents the "50 Worst Things...," usually around July. But this whack-doodle timing prevents us from focusing on one annual subject that deserves a list of its own. So now, in the spirit of the date Christmas falls on, we present...

# The WORST THINGS THINGS THE ABOUT A STATE OF THE AB

Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer:
Oh yeah, it's really funny to constantly play a "novelty" song about a helpless old lady who gets stomped to death by a 500-lb. hoofed animal.



ARTIST: PAUL COKER

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

That worthless fake "snow" under the tree, whose sole purpose it would appear is to cause allergic reactions and skin rashes amongst holiday revelers.



TV weathermen who "report" that National Weather Service radar has picked up what appears to be a "tiny sleigh pulled by eight reindeer" approaching from the North Pole. That's great, Orson Welles, now tell us if it's gonna frickin' rain tomorrow or not.

Chirpy, saccharine airheads who haven't gotten the word that the rest of us are getting pretty tired of political correctness.

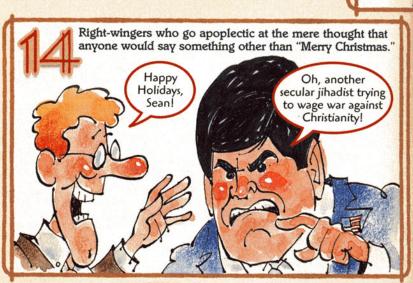
From all of us at KRAP-TV, a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Prosperous Kwanzaa, Joyous Diwali...

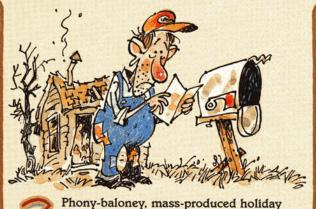


The bizarre line in the song Winter Wonderland that goes, "In the meadow we can build a snowman, Then pretend that he is Parson Brown...". In light of the recent church sex scandals, is this really an image we want to put into our minds, let alone the minds of impressionable children everywhere?

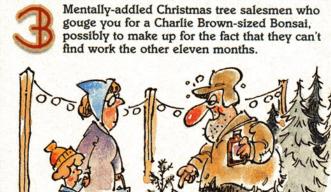


Sorry-ass Salvation Army carolers who expect you to cough up a donation for their lousy renditions of songs you can hear on the radio for free.





Phony-baloney, mass-produced holiday cards sent by your weasel congressman at your expense — wishing you, among other things, prosperity.







Cretins you haven't spoken with for ages sending you a card that arrives on the 24th, which guilttrips you into having to send them a card back, which embarrassingly arrives the next week.

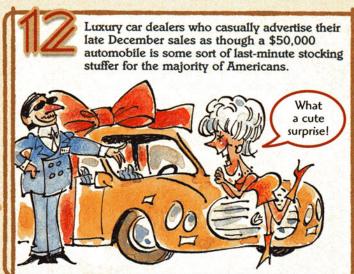


The endless fuss over the annual Rockefeller Center Christmas tree lighting. If Al Roker hadn't dropped 200 pounds, NBC could show the same special from 1995 and no one would be any the wiser.

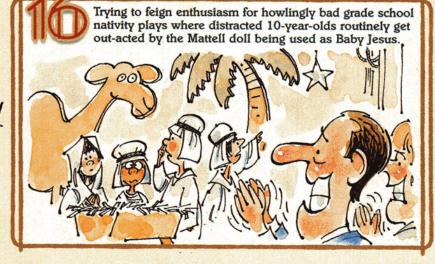
Effeminate men in excruciatingly painful skin-tight leotards solemnly prancing onstage to the appropriately titled "Nutcracker."

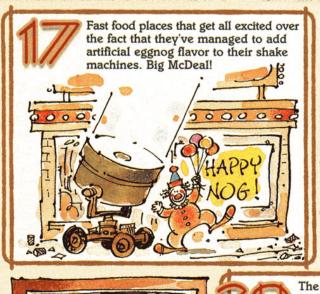


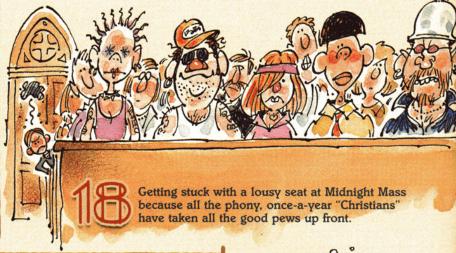
Getting egg dye all over your hands when...wait, hold on. Wrong holiday. (But it still sucks.)



David Letterman's tiresome, predictable holiday monologue jokes about his drunken uncle, weird mother, Santa being mugged on the New York subway, and squirrels painting their nuts red and green.

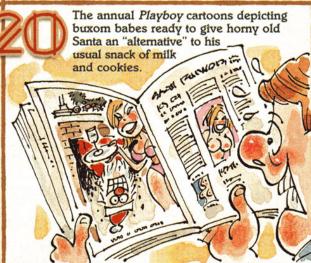








The latest paint-bynumbers bastardization of the Scrooge story.



The ungodly, reddish blend of chemicals known as

Pepsi Spice, which tastes like it should be racked with the insecticides.







decades-old lines about how fruitcakes aren't exactly the tastiest holiday treat. Parents who don't understand that the words educational" and "toy" rarely go together.

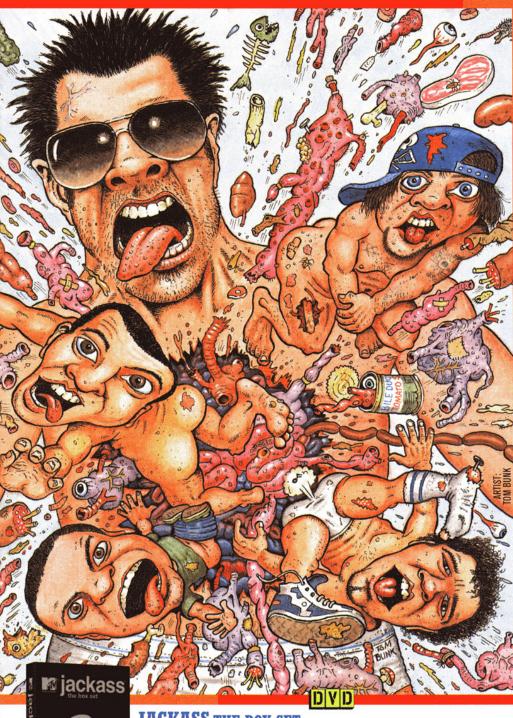
Catalogs who insist on tying their products into Christmas, no matter how inappropriate their product line.



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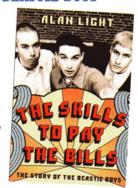
# THE SKILLS TO PAY THE BILLS THE STORY OF THE BEASTIE BOYS

### ALAN LIGHT

Three Rivers Press Original • \$14.00 • 288 pages • January

The Hype: This book provides a comprehensive history of the Beastie Boys and their influence on music and pop culture.

The Snipe: They made it cool to be a white rapper, only to see all their hard work undone by the likes of Vanilla Ice, Snow, Fred Durst, Aaron Carter and Marky Mark Wahlberg!



### GAME

# NEED FOR SPEED MOST WANTED

Electronic Arts • Xbox 360, PS2, Xbox, GameCube, PC, PSP, DS, GBA

The Hype: Rule the streets as the most notorious street racer in various regions that include edgy industrial and urban environments. *Need for Speed Most Wanted* combines illicit street racing and tuner customization with the intensity of strategic police pursuit that surpasses any Hollywood-style chase scene.

The Snipe: Think of this game as training for all the carjackers you'll be seeing via police helicopter on the next few seasons of Cops.



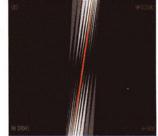
# MUSIC

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF EARTH

### THE STROKES

RCA Records • January 3

The Hype: Rock and roll's supposed saviors put out their third studio release. However, the album has been hampered by having several of its songs leaked onto the internet months ahead of schedule.



The Snipe: Music illegally available online? We're shocked by this news! Just shocked!

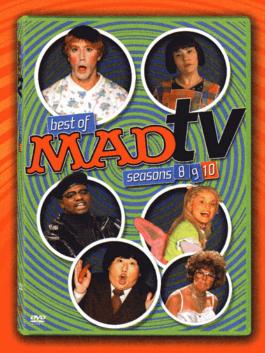
## JACKASS THE BOX SET

Paramount Home Entertainment • December 6

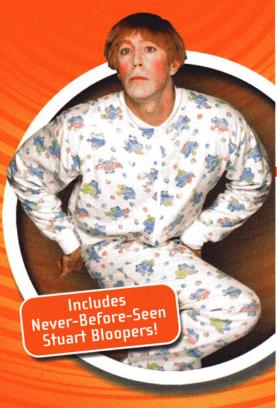
**The Hype:** Join in-your-face, do-anything-to-shock daredevil Johnny Knoxville and his team of ne'er-do-wells — including Steve-O, Bam Margera and Wee Man — as they terrorize bystanders, store owners and parking lots across an unsuspecting nation.

The Snipe: Surprisingly, the "Where Are They Now?" bonus feature does not take place entirely inside a rehabilitation hospital.

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# THE 40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN

Universal Studios Home Entertainment • December 1:



The Hype: Andy Stitzer has a nice apartment and a job stamping invoices at an electronics store. But at age 40, there's one thing Andy hasn't done: he's still a virgin. His friends make it their mission to change that, but Andy seems hopeless — until he meets single mom Trish.

The Snipe: If you like films with a "happy ending," this is the movie for you!

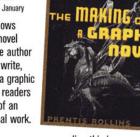
# BOOK

# THE MAKING OF A GRAPHIC NOVEL

PRENTIS ROLLINS

Watson-Guptil • \$19.95 • 168 page • January

The Hype: This book shows the creation of a graphic novel from beginning to end. The author explains how to conceive, write, draw, ink and finally letter a graphic novel. This process allows readers to look over the shoulder of an artist as he creates the final work.



The Snipe: Alert: if you see someone reading this in a bookstore, whatever you do, don't look over their shoulder, that would be too weird!

# DVD

# KING KONG: PETER JACKSON'S PRODUCTION DIARIES

Universal Studios Home Entertainment • December 13

The Hype: Director Peter Jackson takes fans on an unprecedented behind-the-scenes filmmaker's journey. This DVD set details an exclusive firsthand account of the intense eight-month production process of the epic film *King Kong*.



The Snipe: Ironically, an "intense eight months" is also what it takes to view the entire "Platinum Series Special Extended DVD Edition" of Jackson's Lord of the Rings trilogy.

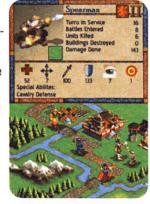
# GAME

# AGE OF EMPIRES: THE AGE OF KINGS

Majesco Entertainment • DS

The Hype: Boasting turn-based strategy game-play, Age of Empires: The Age of Kings allows players to move from the Dark Ages through the Middle Ages with one goal in mind: domination of the known world.

The Snipe: The Dark Ages? Isn't that when they taught stuff like Intelligent Design?



# DUAKE 4 GAME

Activision • Xhox 360 PC

The Hype: You are Matthew Kane, a member of the Earth Defense Forces fighting the alien Strogg. After being captured on the planet Stroggos and converted into a Strogg, you become Earth's only hope for victory, as the horrifying modifications give you the ability to interface and manipulate the Strogg world in ways no human has ever been able to do before.

The Snipe: Hey, we've got nothing against conversion, as long as the "horrifying modifications" don't involve a bris.



# MUSIC

# WITH LOVE AND SQUALOR WE ARE SCIENTISTS

Virgin Records • January 10

The Hype: Sounding like The Killers with a smirk, this three-man American band is already huge in England, but hopes to win over the home crowd with its debut album.

The Snipe: Before you get too excited, here are some other things that are "huge in England": black pudding, useless royals, tiny comical cars, ascots, cricket and



# NOSETALGIA: THE SMELLS THAT TAKE YOU BACK MICHAEL GITTER, SYLVIA VACCARI AND CAROL BOBOLTS

Andrews McMeel Publishing • \$14.95 • 96 pages • December

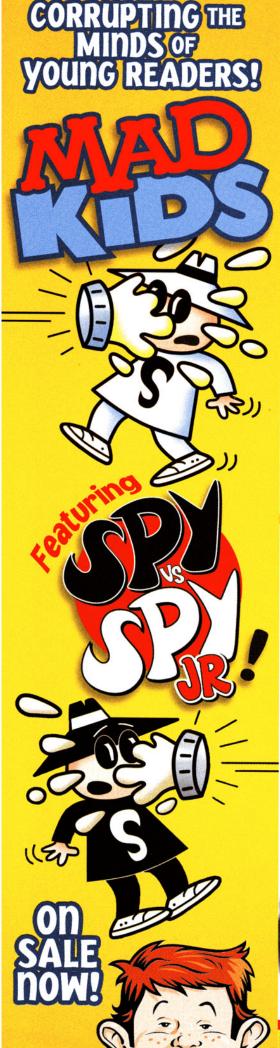
The Hype: There are full-color photos of a variety of items from the past — from Gumby to Franco-American spaghetti



and meatballs. In addition, there are a number of scratch-and-sniff spots, including a baseball card and a hamster.

The Snipe: Thank God they didn't include a scratch-and-sniff spot for a Frenchman!

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# MUSIC

## **FUGEES REUNION ALBUM**

Sony Records • December 27

The Hype: After nearly a decade, and following various solo careers, countless side projects and rumored in-fighting, the Fugees



finally get around to releasing the follow-up to their wildly successful album, *The Score*.

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The Snipe: The good news — after all this time, the Fugees got it together and are making music again! The bad news — it could give ideas to the Backstreet Boys.

# BOOK

## THE COMPLETE DOG BOOK

# THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Ballantine • \$35.00 • 800 pages • January

The Hype: This edition contains updated histories, pictures of 153 breeds, a glossary, and a canine health and first aid section. This book will help in choosing, living with, and enjoying dogs!

The Snipe: If you're torn between getting your child a Polish Lowland Sheepdog or a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, this book is for you!





Official Publication of THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

# GAME

# **RESIDENT EVIL 4**

Capcom • PS2

The Hype: Agent Leon S. Kennedy has been tasked to look into the abduction of the President's daughter and his investigation has led him to a mysterious location in Europe. As Leon encounters unimaginable horrors, he must find out who or what is behind everything.

The Snipe: Unimaginable horrors in Europe, huh? Can't be any worse than the usual European horrors of bad British teeth and EuroDisney.



# GAME

# THE ELDER SCROLLS IV:

Bethesda Softworks/2K Games . Xbox 360, PC

The Hype: After the mysterious and untimely death of the Emperor of Tamriel, the gates of Oblivion open and demons march upon the land. To turn the tide of darkness, you must find the lost heir to the throne and unravel the sinister plot that threatens to destroy all of Tamriel. Voice talent includes Patrick Stewart, Sean Bean, Terence Stamp and Lynda Carter.

The Snipe: Patrick Stewart, Sean Bean, Terence Stamp... and Lynda Carter?! Hoo-wee! Now she can charge a buck more at the WonderCon autograph table!



DVD

### **FANTASTIC FOUR**

FOX Home Entertainment • December 6

The Hype: During a space voyage, four scientists are altered by cosmic rays: Reed Richards gains the ability to stretch his body; Sue Storm can become invisible and create force fields; Johnny Storm controls fire; and Ben Grimm is turned into a super-strong...thing!



The Snipe: It's the most annoying team of four freakish losers since the cast of Hogan Knows Best!

# THE MUST-WAVE

# 530 KNUCKLEBOOM LOADER TIMBERJACK

The Hype: Built to withstand the side stresses of delimbing, the Timberjack 530 Knuckleboom Loader is ideal for high volume, large timber applications that smaller log loaders can't handle. Its powerful 240 hp diesel engine offers optimum lift through the boom range, and the 31 ft. 6 in. (9.6 m) main and stick booms — with rugged, lightweight box design and steel castings at pivot points — provide more lift capacity and swing torque than other loaders in its class.

The Snipe: Free gift-wrapping not available at this time.



GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETC



On October 14 at Lowe's Motor Speedway, Kasey Kahne and the No. 38 Great Clips Dodge team used "covert" track tactics during the NASCAR Busch Series race when they teamed up with Spy vs. Spy Jr. from MAD Kids magazine.

Starting this month, Spy vs. Spy Jr. will leap forth from the pages of MAD Kids in a continuing story of pint-sized enemies who fight their never-ending battle with cream pies, slingshots and water balloons. MAD Magazine featured the No. 38 Great Clips/Spy vs. Spy Jr. Dodge Charger to launch the new MAD Kids for children ages 6 to 11.

The No. 38 Great Clips/Spy vs. Spy Jr. Dodge Charger marks the second time Kahne has teamed with MAD Magazine for a paint scheme special. Last season, the original Spy vs. Spy made an appearance aboard the No. 9 Dodge at the NASCAR Cup Series race in Atlanta.

For information about Spy vs. Spy Jr./MAD Kids race program collectibles or other Kasey Kahne racing-inspired merchandise, call or visit your preferred Action brand products dealer.



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### hiladelphia Transit Strike

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Oct. 31
AP) — Thousands of city transit
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Buses, trolleys and subways operriced by the Southeastern Pennsylvaia Transportation Authority we're ffected. Wages, work rules and ealth care are the main issues in ispute. No new talks are scheduled tewen Septa and Transport Workers Union Local 234, which repreents about 5,000 employees, said 500 Beddrd, a union spokesman.

# A PROGRESS REPORT FROM EXONMONOPOLY

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita clearly demonstrated how major storms can disrupt the distribution of the nation's fuel supplies. But be assured that no matter what Mother Nature throws in our path, from a monsoon to the terrifying intermittent drizzle we experienced last Tuesday, the challenge for us at **ExxonMonopoly** remains to overstate these disruptions while maximizing profits.

**ExxonMonopoly** is sparing no expense to rebuild our refineries, primarily since all costs will be passed on to you, our valued customers. In addition, all these rebuilding expenses will be taken as a tax deduction, and also as a business loss. That's the kind of sound corporate business policy we aspire to here at **ExxonMonopoly**.

Some critics have pointed out that after our recent merger we closed down half our refineries and laid off thousands of workers merely to cut costs and boost our profits. We'd like to offer a different reason, one that our brilliant PR firm just came up with: We permanently closed down the refineries to protect them from hurricane damage! If we hadn't exhibited such courageous foresight and taken these extraordinary measures, we would be faced today with the possibility of even more refineries damaged from future hurricanes. And that was a risk we just weren't willing to take. The fact that oil supplies would be plentiful and the price of gas would be significantly lower today is true, but of tremendous damage to our valued shareholders.

During this difficult time we urge consumers to use fuel wisely. We don't recommend that you drive less, or slower, or commute via hot, crowded, filthy public transportation. But when you fill up, you can do your part by trying not to spill too much.

For our part, we will do our best to restore production and distribution as fast and as cheaply as possible. Toward this end, we're asking the government to release more land for drilling, such as all the National Parks, protected wetlands, public landmarks and some suburban backyards.

We salute the efforts of President Bush, himself a former oil executive, who understands our difficult plight and has stood by us during this period of national tragedy and record-breaking profits. Be assured that we at **ExxonMonopoly** remain committed to shattering those records again and again in the coming months. That's our pledge to you, our valued customers.

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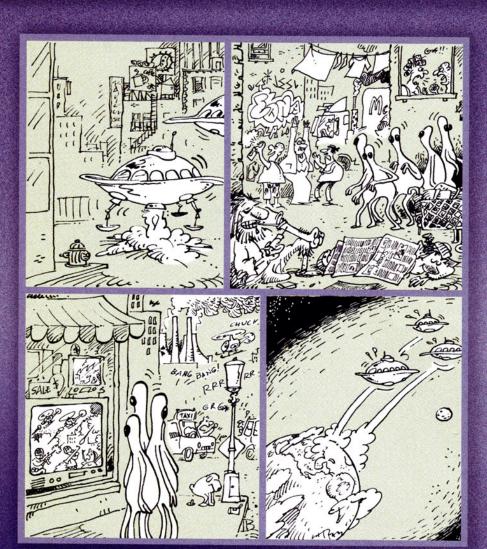
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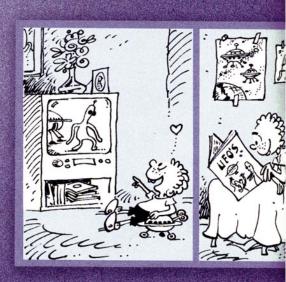






















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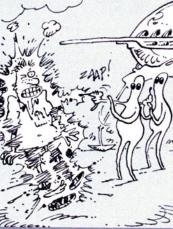




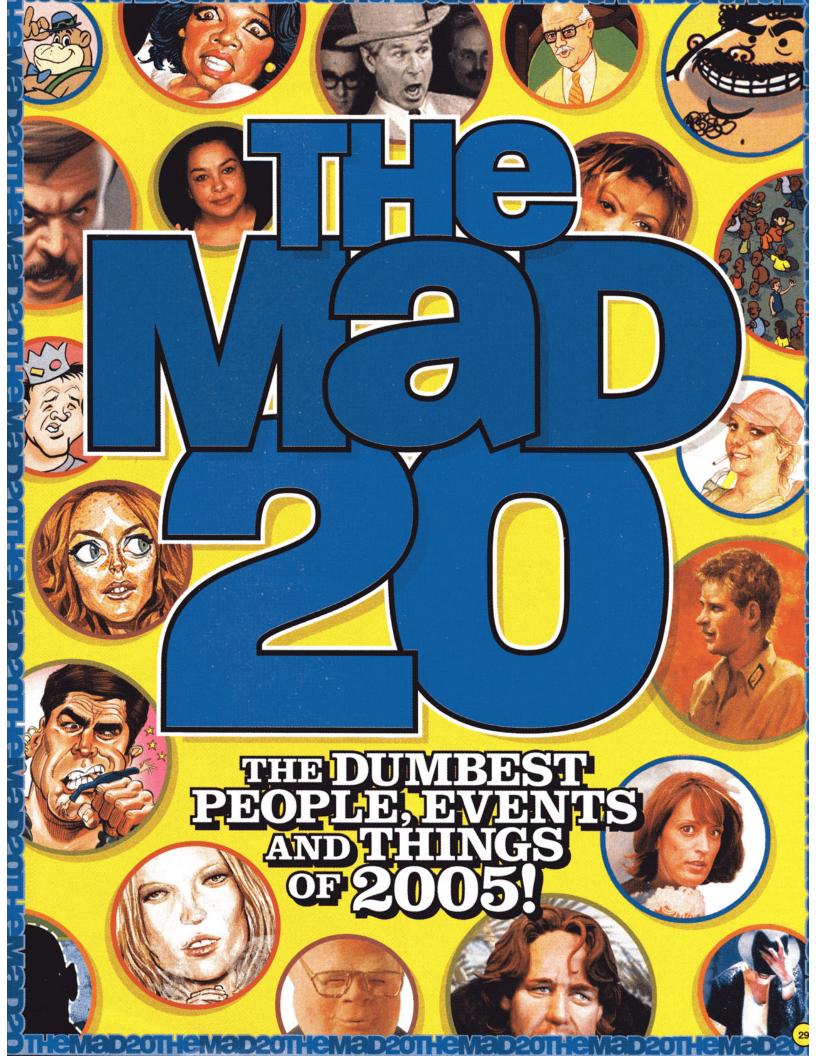












# HURRICANE KATRINA THE BUSH LEAGUE RESPONSE Shattering his old record for totally ignoring a national disaster (8 minutes of slacking following the 9/11 attacks), President Bush set a new standard this year for utter cluelessness. As Katrina grew to a Category 5 hurricane and smashed the Gulf Coast, leaving New Orleans underwater and thousands stranded and suffering, Dubya spent his time clearing brush, presenting a birthday cake to John McCain, strumming a guitar at a GOP fundraiser, and sleeping. By the time he apologized to the nation two weeks later, it was painfully clear that the President had a lot in common with the citizens of New Orleans: he, too, was in way over his head. D-BOGGLINGLY ABSE WRITER: JEFF KRUSI ARTIST: DOUG HOLGATE

# TOM CRUISE FROM PRETTY BOY TO "HOO BOY!"

As a Scientologist, Tom Cruise believes that all human suffering is caused by the galactic tyrant Xenu, who stacked billions of alien ghosts in volcanoes 75,000,000 years ago and then blew them up with his H-bombs. To us that sounds completely plausible, especially when compared to Tom's recent *super* crazy rants against psychotherapy and his wide-eyed, maniacal declarations of love for Katie Holmes. (Note to Katie: *Get out now!*) Damn that Xenu for making us all suffer through Cruise's weird, pathetic meltdown.

THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY PRESENTS TOM CRUISE IN...

# MISSION: INSUFFERABLE



His mission, should he choose to accept it, is to convince the world that he really, really likes women, prescription drugs for mental illness are evil, and everyone must go see his new movie.

# THIS MAN WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN FIVE SECONDS.

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AND BROOKE SHIELDS AS THE LONG-SUFFERING, POSTPARTUM MOM WHO JUST NEEDS SOME EXERCISE AND A FEW VITAMINS

PRODUCED BY A GIGANTIC EGO

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

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# THERE GOES THE BRIDE

JENNIFER WILBANKS SAYS "ADIEU"

Here comes the bride, all dressed in...whoops, not so fast! Just days before her upcoming nuptials, spooked bride-to-be Jennifer Wilbanks faked being kidnapped by a "Hispanic man" to avoid tying the knot. After an entire police force and 150 volunteers spent days looking for her to the tune of \$60,000, she admitted that the story of her abduction on the eve of marriage was even phonier than the story of Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey's happy marriage. But still, the most troubling and highly disturbing aspect of the whole story? Her freaky-ass bug-eyes!





# RUSSELL CROWE'S TELEPHONE TANTRUM

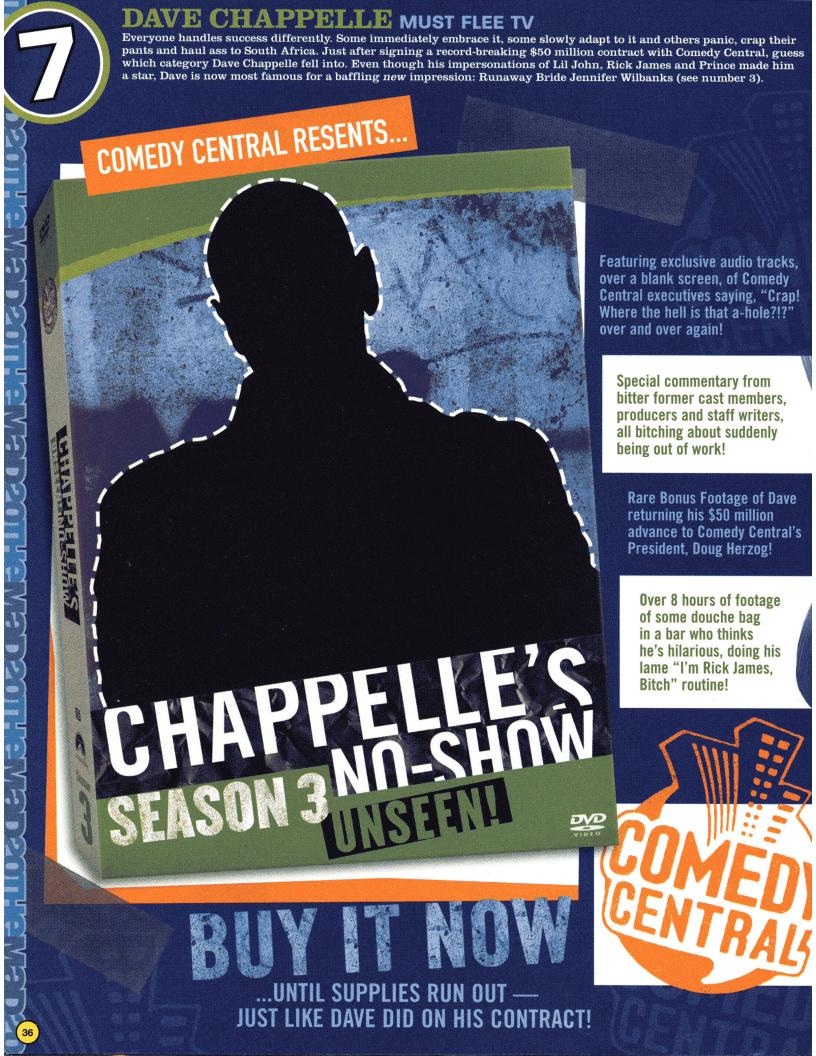
Russell Crowe may not get a Best Actor nomination for *Cinderella Man*, but if there was a category for Best Real Life Temper Tantrum Thrown By a Pampered, Spoiled Multi-Millionaire Crybaby, then he'd be a sure-fire winner. The only performance of Crowe's that anyone paid any attention to this year was his caveman-like hotel lobby hissy fit during which he chucked a malfunctioning telephone at the head of a hapless desk clerk. All we can say is, it's a good thing Russell wasn't having any problems with his toilet.



SCULPTOR: LIZ LOMAX MUSEUM PHOTOGRAPHY: IRVING SCHILD WRITER: JOE RAIOLA







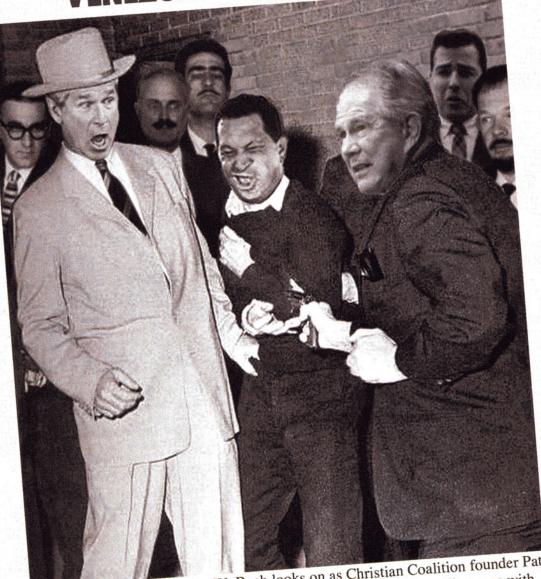
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# PAT ROBERTSON HITMAN OF THE CLOTH

Pat Robertson has long been respected and admired as a leading authority on sanctimonious, pea-brained, hateful ideas. This year, however, the Reverend's disturbing slide into advanced dementia reached a new low point when he called for the assassination of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. We're not Biblical scholars, but we missed the part in the Good Book where Jesus advocates killing. Perhaps Robertson's Bible includes The Gospel According To Jack (Ruby). We'd take issue with Pat more fervently, but honestly, we wouldn't want him to put a hit out on us, too.



# THOU SHALT KILL: REV. PAT ROBERTSON ASSASSINATES VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT



A stunned President George W. Bush looks on as Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson pumps several rounds at close range into someone he disagrees with.

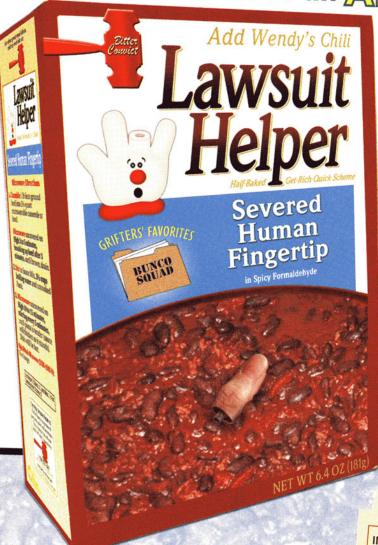


# SCAM ARTIST GIVES WENDY'S THE FINGER

It was a fast food scam so stupid, it made the Hamburglar look like a criminal mastermind. Anna Ayala thought she had cooked up the perfect swindle — plant a severed digit in her Wendy's chili and just wait for that easy lawsuit money to come rolling in! Only one problem: for some crazy reason, Wendy's wanted to figure out exactly how "Chili con Fingertip" ended up on their menu. It didn't take much investigating before Ayala's Biggie lies were exposed and she and her husband were arrested — but not before her stunt cost Wendy's millions of bucks in lost business. Amazingly, in a story that involved a woman almost eating a severed human finger, Ayala's greedy, dumbass behavior managed to stand out as the most disgusting part.

# Now you can DEFRAUD LARGE CORPORATIONS out of an ARM AND A LEG...

With just a finger.





# RAP SHEET RECIPES™ Finger Food Fraud

# **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 multi-million dollar fast-food company
- 1 Lawsuit Helper® Severed Human Fingertip
- 1-1/2 cups chutzpah
- 2 cups hubris
- 1 tsp. temerity
- Assorted greedy relatives & lawyers (to flavor story)
- 1. Select large, successful fast-food chain.
- 2. Insert Lawsuit Helper® Severed Human Fingertip into mouth.
- 3. Casually mix into crowded, busy restaurant.
- 4. Combine fingertip with mouthful of food.
- 5. Spit mixture into napkin.
- 6. Cause scene.
- 7. Contact lawyer and media.
- 8. Garnish with hyperbolic indignation. Add pain & suffering to taste.

Net: \$100,000 - \$500,000 depending on attorney.\*

\*Upon successful litigation. Otherwise, serves 5-10 years.

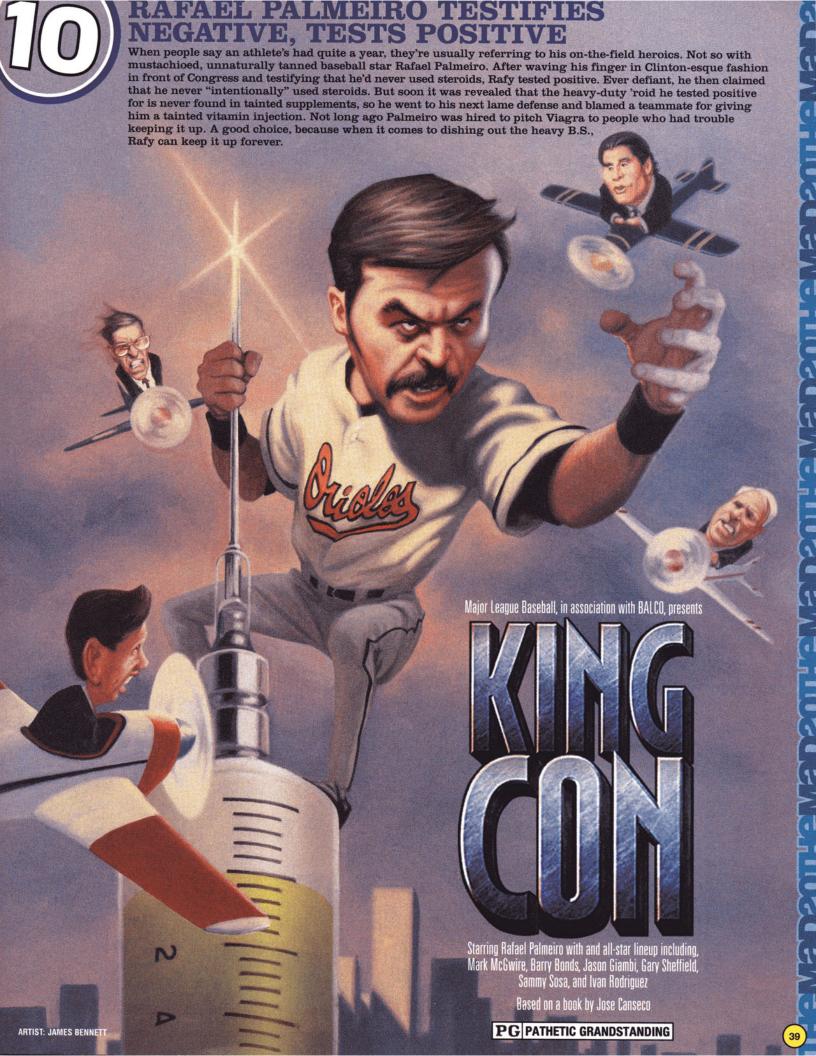
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# CIRCUS TA COR INTO YA THE SCHOOL C1:01

When a living creature perishes, eventually disgusting maggots appear to feed on its dead flesh. In the case of Terri Schiavo, the maggots — the self-righteous politicians, sanctimonious preachers, cable news talking heads and partisan grandstanders — actually fed on poor Terri while she was still alive. Upon hearing of this personal family tragedy, they quickly seized the opportunity to push forth their own selfish agendas. And an entire nation watched as these lowlife freaks whipped themselves — and the public — into a feeding frenzy. If only we could have disconnected the feeding tube on those bastards.







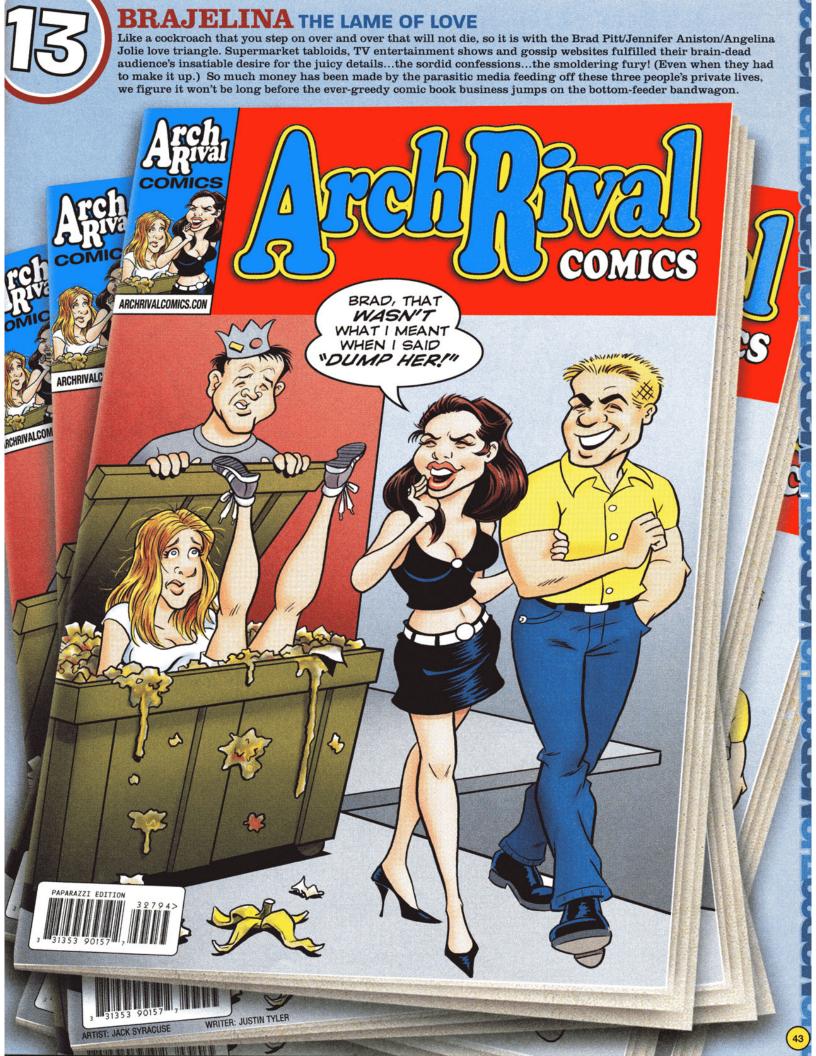
#### MICHAEL JACKSON'S TOUCHING TALE

Even after being acquitted on his latest round of boy-touching accusations, Michael Jackson's story was as full of unexplained holes as his kabuki face. But you'd never know it if you checked out the self-adoring celebration that erupted on his website. The King of Perv compared his "innocent" verdict to the birth of Martin Luther King, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the release of Nelson Mandela. It's good to see Michael finally gets it.



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#### TEEN QUEENS' EXTREME WEIGHT LOSS

Unhappy with their images as robust, beautiful and healthy young women, Lindsay Lohan, Jessica Simpson, Hilary Duff and Nicole Richie decided it was time for an extreme makeover and quickly transformed themselves into sickly, walking skeletons. They probably think they look drop dead gorgeous, but to us they look more like they're just about to drop dead.



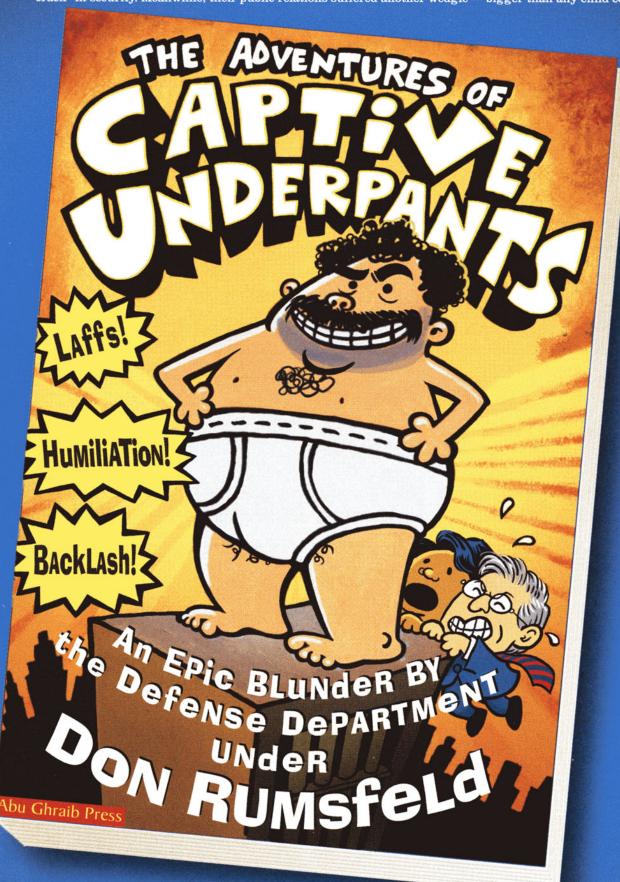


SEE THEM NOW BEFORE THEY'RE GONE



#### SADDAM PHOTOGRAPHED IN JAIL THE NEWS IN RRIEFS

We're continually being told that for America to be successful in Iraq we have to win the "hearts and minds" of the Arab people. Our first efforts got off to a somewhat shaky start. There was that whole Abu Ghraib naked prisoners on dog leashes thing, followed by the accidentally dropping and flushing the Koran down the toilet several times thing. This year we hit the trifecta when humiliating photos of the incarcerated Saddam Hussein, wearing nothing but tightie whities, were leaked to a British tabloid. The Pentagon, of course, promised to get to the bottom of their latest "crack" in security. Meanwhile, their public relations suffered another wedgie — bigger than any child could relate to.





#### HOMO-NEUROTIC RIGHT-WING GROUP OUTS SPONGEBOB

Early this year, Focus On The Family founder Dr. James Dobson claimed there was a "sinister agenda" behind a children's video because it featured "pro-homosexual" cartoon characters, such as SpongeBob SquarePants, singing the 1979 Sister Sledge hit "We Are Family." We can't help thinking that Dr. J has actually lost his focus on the family — isn't it much more sinister that the video is trying to revive disco music? In any event, now that Dobson has SpongeBob under his belt (figuratively speaking, of course), we can't help but think the Doctor's zeal for finding "depravity" will cause him to turn his radical right fringe group's attention to other animated characters as well.

#### **WARNING!**

PARENTS, DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO BE HARMED AND CORRUPTED BY

### THE SINISTER HIDDEN AGENDAS OF TODAY'S CARTOON CHARACTERS

PREPARED BY FOCUS ON THE FAMILY, DR. JAMES DOBSON, FOUNDER

SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS



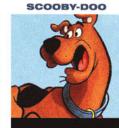
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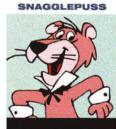
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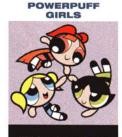
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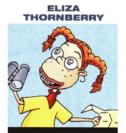
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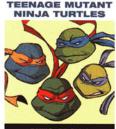
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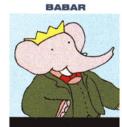
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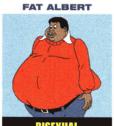
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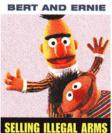
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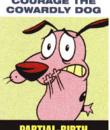


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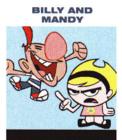
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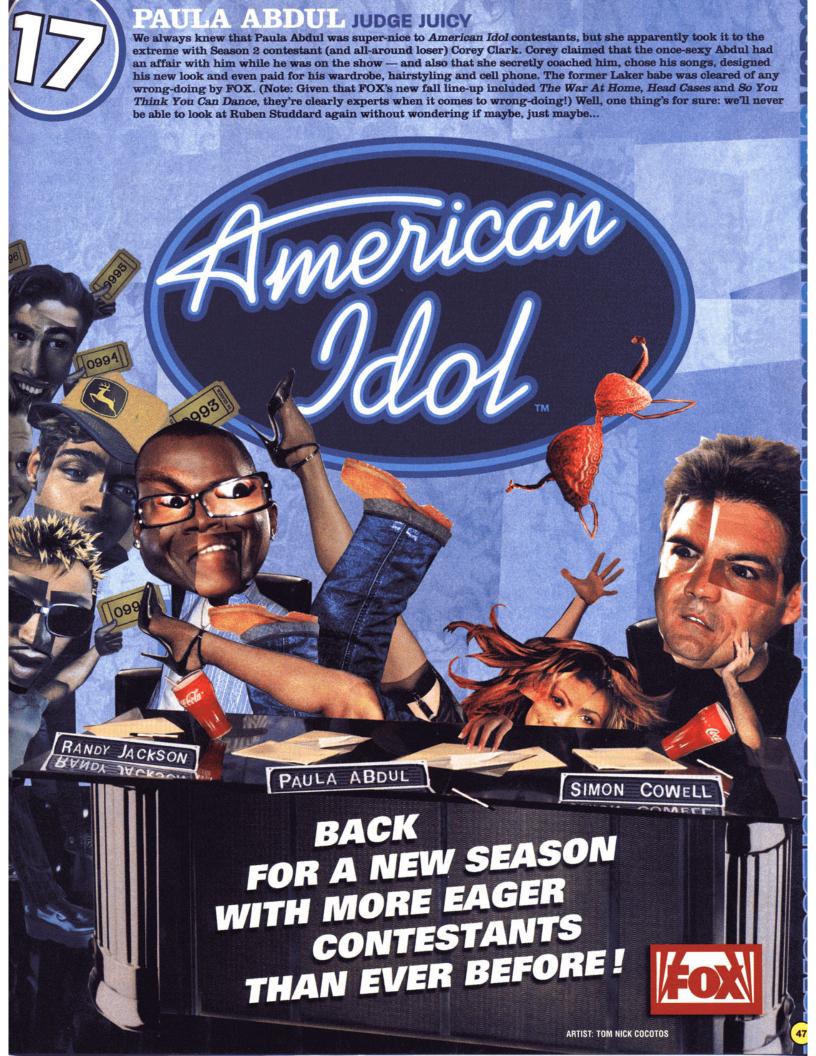
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BLACK MARKET TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN ORGANS

MAGILLA GORILLA



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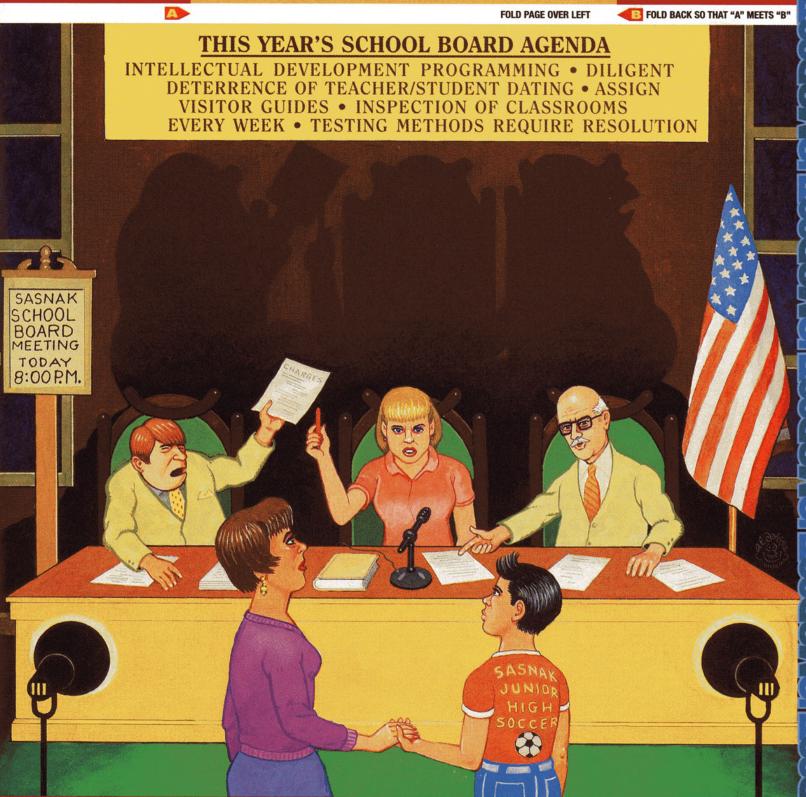
#### VIN FEDERLINE FROM BEER TO PATERNITY It was April 12th when People Magazine's editors and all its readers spontaneously wet themselves as Britney Spears announced that she and second husband, former dancer/current bum Kevin Federline were — Oh! My! God! While makin' babies was sure to be a new experience for Spears, it was old hat for Federline, who had already fathered two kids — not even waiting around for the second one to be born before hooking up with Spears. A healthy baby boy was born on September 14 — and while Britney had cause to worry over Kevin's lack of employment, drinking, partying, gambling and forays to strip clubs, she might take comfort in the knowledge that all those lap dances he's been enjoying (and she's been paying for) are good practice for when he bounces little Sean Preston Spears Federline on his knee. BRITNEY'S FAVORITE PREGNANCY BOOK on account of she wrote it! "Man, did I dodge a bullet or what?!" -JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE, NOT MARRIED, NO KIDS, HAPPILY BOINKING CAMERON DIAZ THESE DAYS "Hello...is Kevin there, please?" - DAKOTA, EXOTIC DANCER "This is the most comprehensive, indispensable, best-written book of its kind. ... Now that I've held up my end of the bargain, could you autograph it for me so I can put it on eBay?" -JASON ALEXANDER, FORMER MR. BRITNEY SPEARS FOR-A-DAY, NOT THE GUY FROM SEINFELD "After reading this book, I can state unequivocally that the situations faced by the needy children I adopted are nothing compared to what this kid's going to face!" - ANGELINA JOLIE, ACTOR, CHILD COLLECTOR and married to a no-account bum Half-Assed Answers to Hundreds of Questions: By Britney Spears What is the best time and place to conceive - backstage, he guide that before going on at the Nickelodeon Kid's Choice Awards, aims to answer leaning up against a large statue of SpongeBob; or on the floor of the handicapped stall in the men's room at an the backwards MTV Movie Awards after-party? PAGE 26 concerns of filthy-rich, pregnant swamp trash Do men have baby showers, too? At a place called Cameltoe's? Seriously? Because I just got my Visa bill... **PAGE 115** and their seedy, unemployed Is he really providing for me by saving up his Marlboro Bucks to buy a stroller if I'm the one paying for the husbands cigarettes? PAGE 176 from gettin' Why does my ultra-sound video have knocked up the UPN logo in the corner? PAGE 213 through At what age can my baby start birthin'... to chew gum? PAGE 348 an' yonder! NO WORK, MAN ARTIST: RICHARD WILLIAMS WRITER: SCOTT MAIKO

## WHAT CONTROVERSIAL RELATIONSHIPS ARE MANY TEACHERS NOW HAVING TO DENY?

#### MAD 20 FOLD-IN

In the heat of the moment, some teachers share more with their students than many would like them to. Protesting parents and other shocked parties think it's inappropriate and should be made illegal everywhere. To find out what relationship more and more teachers are being attacked over, fold page in as shown.

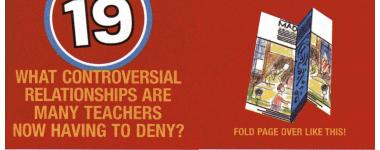


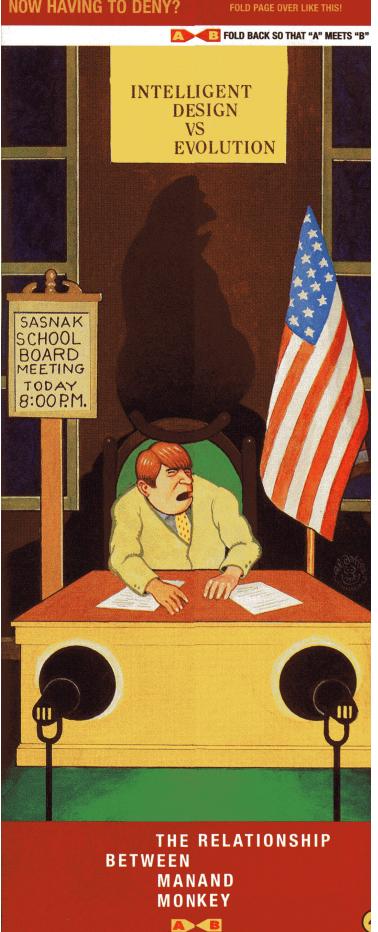


THE SCHOOL CONTROVERSY TODAY INVOLVES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND OTHERS. THEY ALL MANAGE TO CREATE LOTS OF FIGHTING. THEY DEMAND MONSTROUS RULES THAT ARE OFTEN WAY OFF KEY



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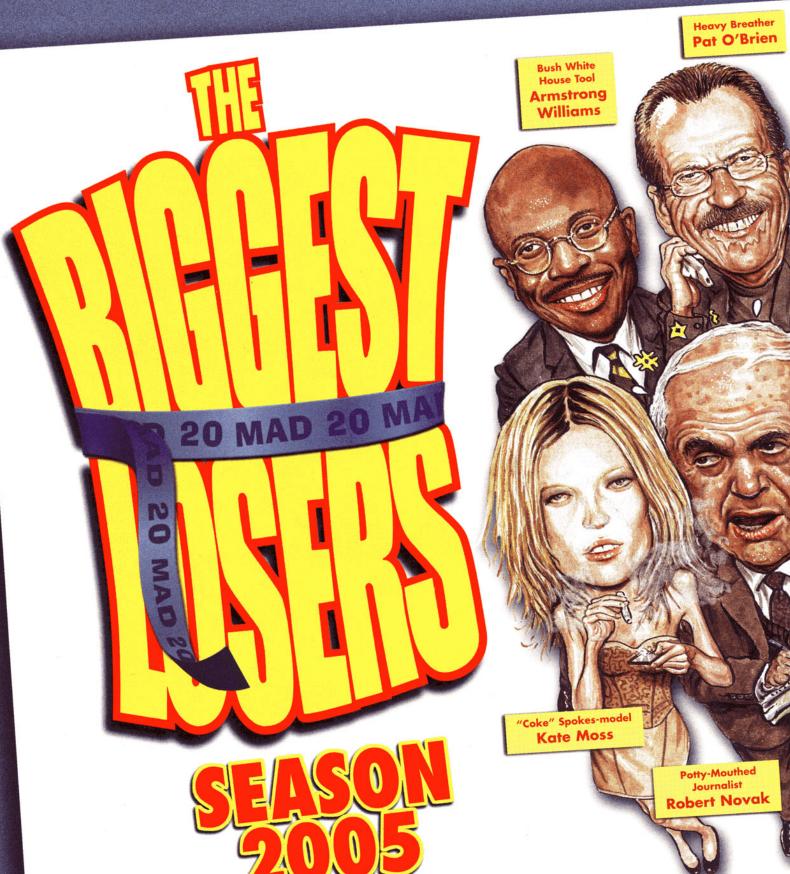




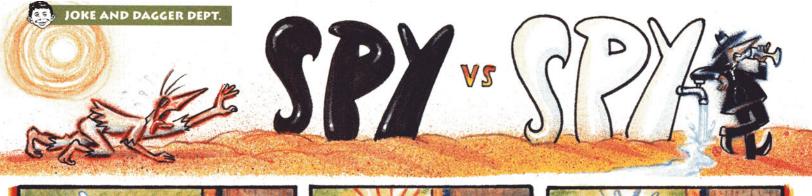
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#### WHAT SCREWS UP MUST COME DOWN THE A-LIST OF A-HOLES

Lately, when someone does something really stupid, illegal or immoral, they're "punished" with a fat book contract or their own reality TV show. But that's not always the case. Occasionally there is a God. Someone does something wrong and there are repercussions. And so it was with a bunch of notorious lowlifes this year. In one way or another, from fraud to professional ethics gaffes to racist remarks, each of these once-esteemed people screwed up and lost. Some lost their freedom. Some lost their job. Some lost whatever credibility and respect they had. But they all found at least one thing: a place among this group of unquestionable morons.











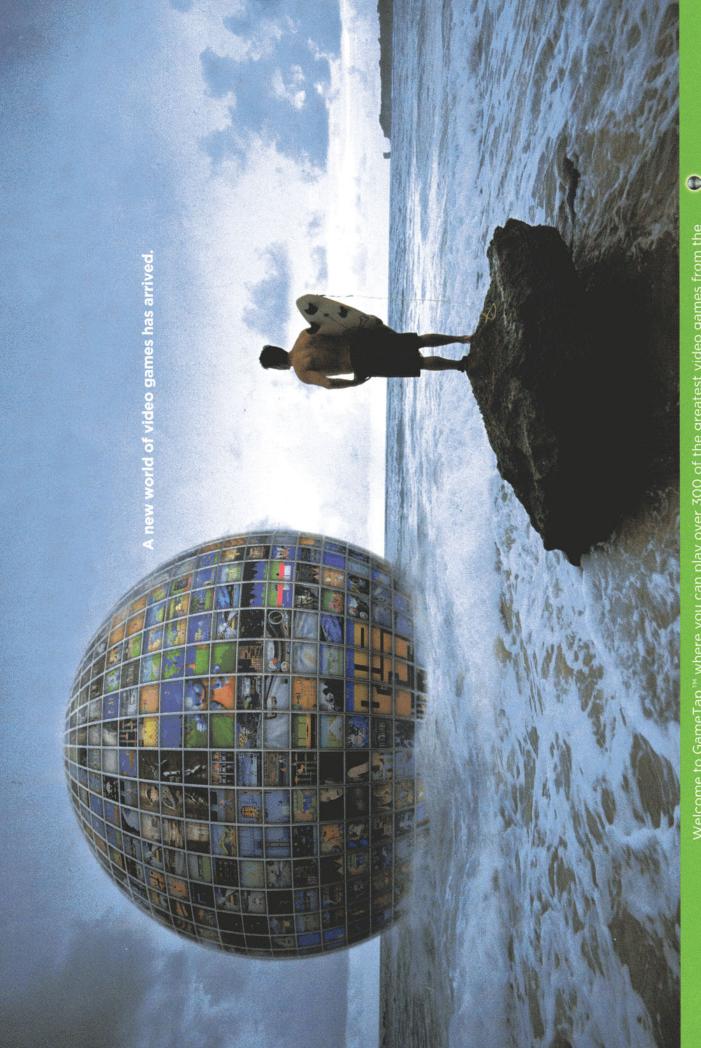












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