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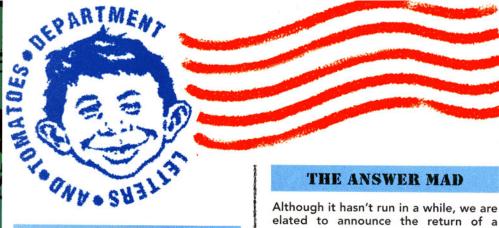
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#### THE KICK SENSE

I have been a fan of your magazine for almost three years now, and I know of the "Usual Gang of Idiots" infinite wisdom. Therefore, I humbly ask for your advice. I am thirteen and I'm in eighth grade. Most of my friends signed up for sports. I did not sign up for anything (I'm not the athletic type of guy). Near the end of the day, my English teacher (who is also the soccer coach) approached me and said "Hey Benny Boy! How come I don't see your name on the sign-up sheet? We could really use you on the team!" And with that, he signed my name up for soccer. I'm not meant for soccer! I'm meant for playing videogames! Please tell me what to do about this fiasco. Oh, and give a shout to John Caldwell. He writes some real funny crap!

Ben Randolph, Dayton, OH

Ben It Like Beckham — Well, your coach certainly has a point and seems to have your best interest in mind. Playing on the soccer team teaches coordination, cooperation and sportsmanship. On the other hand, it would also teach sweatiness, breathlessness and cramping - which, as you've stated, is just not up your alley. Fortunately, we've come up with a solution that is bound to make everyone happy. A little something called FIFA '06 Soccer for the PlayStation, Xbox and GameCube! Failing that, just play your portable until your coach benches you and you no longer have to play! -Ed.

This summer I was in Los Angeles and I went to a taping of According to Jim. After the show my dad took a photograph of Jim Belushi and me, with Jim holding a MAD. He's a pretty funny guy, maybe that's why he didn't mind posing. Don't ask why he was wearing a bathrobe.

Michael Bloom, Iowa City, IA

Bloomer — You've struck gold! Inadvertently, you have given us an idea for an exciting new Letters Page feature — MAD Celebrity Shower Snaps! Simply get a picture of your favorite star fresh out of the shower (sorry no bath shots allowed) and you'll get a three-year MAD subscription, a signed loofah from the MAD staff and possibly a restraining order from said celebrity! Sadly, even as you read this, our crack legal department has advised us that this feature is completely illegal — so congratulations to you Bloomer, our first and last winner! —Ed.

#### THE ANSWER MAD

elated to announce the return of a much-beloved Letters Page feature -"The Answer MAD." For those of you unfamiliar with the concept, we answer actual letters that have appeared in other magazines' letters section. This month's chestnut is from the January

edition of People regarding a story about Brad Pitt adopting Angelina Jolie's children.



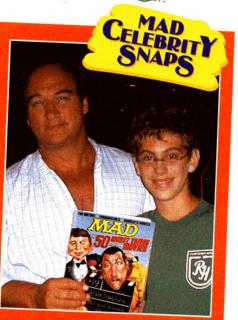
This news has kept me smiling. I hope the skeptics out there will remain silent and allow this new family to thrive.

A.N., San Francisco, CA

A.N. — We are so glad that this story gave you so much joy. Here are some other things that "keep you smiling," we suspect: Re-runs of Joan of Arcadia, those precious Anne Geddes photographs, the little red pills prescribed by your doctor and, of course,

anything shiny. We hope just reading this list will tide you over until some other celebrity that you will never meet does something that doesn't matter and has no effect on your life whatsoever!





### The big Ease

This is my rendition of what's his face. I'm probably the oldest fan of MAD. I am a cartoonist going way back. You see I am 82 years young and enjoy the great cartoonists you have working for you.

Roland Starry, Delano, MN



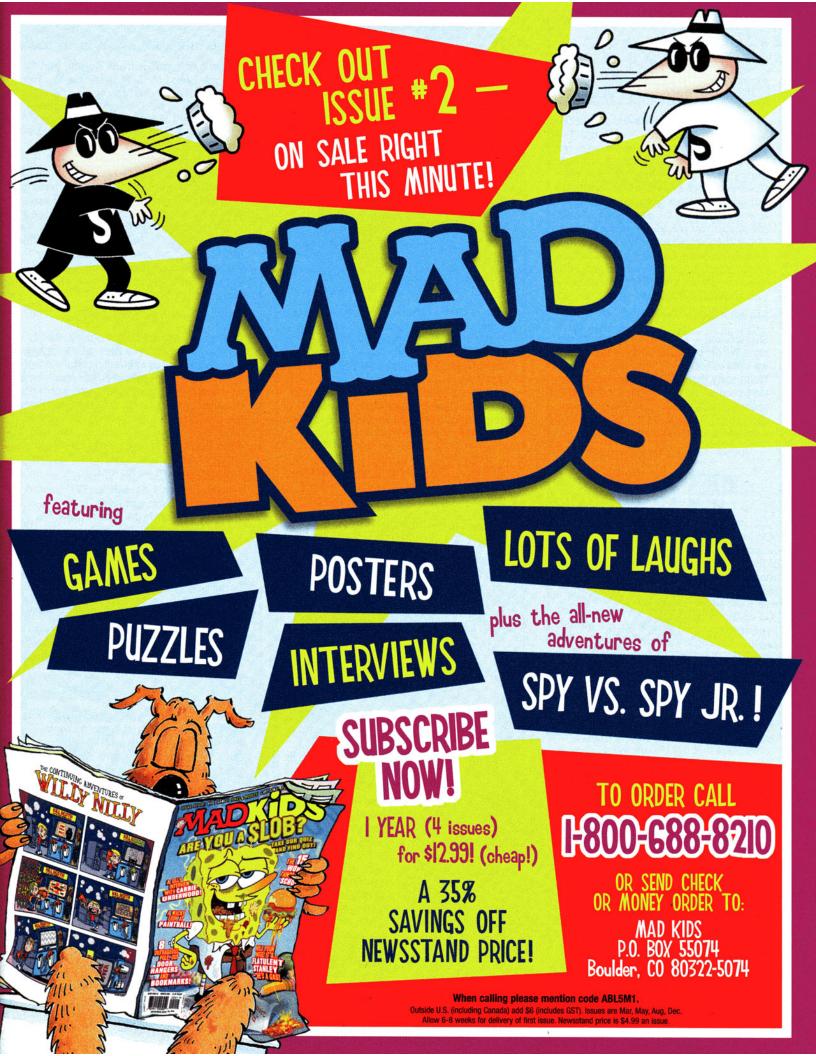
Starry Night - If it's true that "you get better with age," we'd hate to see your artwork from when you were 60! Thanks for the drawing and remember, practice makes perfect! -Ed.

> ROLAND'S ALFRED PORTRAIT (ABOVE) AND HIS EQUALLY-MORONIC SELF-PORTRAIT

#### ELECTILE DYSFUNCTION

In an article in the New York Daily News following the 2005 Mayoral election, the paper pointed out some of the names that voters wrote-in as their own choice for Mayor. Among the names were Daffy Duck, Jesus Christ and MAD's own Alfred E. Neuman. We haven't heard the results yet, but we just hope Alfred's name doesn't end up on the recent Iraqi Presidential ballot they have enough problems over there!







#### READ WITH ANGER

I bought my first MAD (issue #460) and I was astounded. The things that you publish in the magazine are age inappropriate for an adult. I am not happy at all. I was disgusted at the "Everyday Pet-Peeves of Second Rate Superheroes" and "Extreme Once-Over: Home Repetition." This was very inappropriate. You made the cast bad people, but in the real picture they are wonderful people helping others who need help. I hate your magazine! By the way, this was my first and last MAD magazine — you should be ashamed of yourselves!

Shelby Carico, Norton, VA

Shel-shocked — We couldn't agree with you more. We are disgusted by some of the things we print as well — for example, your letter. We're sorry that was the last issue you will read, because we really wanted you to get this special message (we hope you find it age appropriate) — Get a life and stop your stupid whining! Thanks for writing! —Ed.

#### **FLUSH TO CONCLUSIONS**

My name is Cory Adams, and I was wondering if you could settle a little dispute me and my friend Tyler have been having. This argument started when Tyler and I were going through some of my older issues of MAD, when we came across a picture of the MAD official toilet paper. Tyler immediately said that it would be a stupid thing to own since the ink would rub off on your butt as soon as it would touch anything wet. I quickly disagreed with him and a week and a half later, we are still arguing about it. I have lost many nights of sleep over this and I was wondering if you could settle this disagreement so we can get back to our everyday lives.

Cory Adams, Address Withheld

Less is Core — After reading your letter, we were just as anxious as you to settle the argument, so we called in resident toilet paper aficionado Charlie Kadau. He commissioned a study using lab rats, which conclusively proved that MAD toilet paper does not stain one's backside, even after several uses. (Unfortunately, the same could not be said for your letter)! We're glad we could help settle your little dispute! —Ed.

#### ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH: S.V.U. (SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT)

On November 22, 2005, I was walking to the post office to mail my latest "Envelope of the Month" to you. I had the envelope in a plastic bag and I was holding onto the plastic bag as I walked. Unfortunately, it was a cold and windy day. I was about 3/4 of the way to the post office when I realized the bag was empty. I walked back, retracing my steps looking for the envelope. I could not find it. The next day, I walked up and down the street again looking for it. In addition to all this, it had snowed outside. Whether someone found the envelope and kept it, or mailed it to you, or threw it out, or maybe it is outside in the snow, I just don't know what

happened to the envelope. Fortunately, I photographed the envelope before I lost it.

Jim Hutchings, Ontario, Canada





Jimbo - Not since the theft of Munch's "The Scream" has the art world been so rocked! Sadly, there's a thriving black market for stolen MAD Envelopes of the Month artwork. We're sorry, Jim, that you're a victim of this heinous crime and we urge any reader with helpful information to step forward now. To further aid in the search, we have digitally aged the envelope to show what it would look like today. Please help us retrieve this piece of priceless (to Jim) artwork! -Ed.

#### Make A Dumb Wish Foundation\*\*

I am a 6th grader from Kyrene Middle School. I read MAD Magazine a lot. I even get it delivered to my door every month. I read MAD because it's something to do. I like MAD because that's one of the only things I like to read. I would now like to make a dumb wish for the the Make A Dumb Wish Joundation™. Can you invent a calculator that when you point it at something, it counts all of the things up and tells you how much is in the pile. I wanted to do this to prove my math teacher, Mr. Dillon, wrong. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Thank you for letting me request my dumb wish and thank you for keeping up with all the funny things you write.

Charlie Cameron, Tempe, AZ

Cam'ron — You're not the first to ask us for this. Not a day goes by that we don't get a letter from a reader begging us to invent a calculator that counts whatever it is pointed at. Your impassioned letter was the one that finally motivated us to get off our rear ends, grant this dumb wish and invent this important and vital instrument. It took us nearly all morning, but by the time *Live with Regis and Kelly* was over, we had our calculator. And what better thing to test it on, than your own missive? Here are the results:

- Number of words in your letter: 137
- •Number of lines in your letter: 18
- •Number of fibers in the sheet of paper your letter is written on: 1,354,999.

Sadly, when we tried to calculate the number of dumb things in your letter, the calculator was overloaded and blew up in our hands. Technically, we did grant your dumb wish, and you owe us a new calculator because of the explosion. Oh, and also, long-time MAD writer Arie "Man about town" Kaplan has third degree burns covering 90% of his body. Thanks for writing the \*Make A Dumb Wish Foundation\*\*.—Ed.

#### LIVE FREELANCE OR DIE

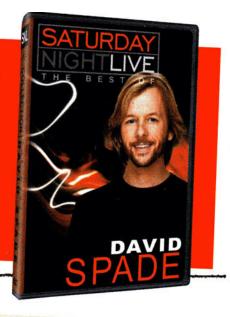
One day, I was at Wal-Mart leafing through the tabloids, I saw the most utterly horrifying thing — two articles by MAD artists! I was shocked and embarrassed to find articles by Sergio Aragones and Peter Bagge. I at first thought that they were going traitor on you, but then I realized they probably needed the extra cash to feed their families.

Stuart Watson, Brownsburg, IN

Stewie — We were not as shocked and embarrassed as you. Plenty of MAD freelancers have side gigs to help make ends meet. For example, John Caldwell spends his afternoons rooting through dumpsters looking for cans to turn in for deposit (and if there's a mouthful of backwash soda or beer in the can, all the better for J.C.)! Then there's Jacob Lambert, who donates plasma (under different aliases) several times a week. And Teresa Burns Parkhurst runs a surprisingly profitable cockfighting league in the Bronx! Given what MAD pays its artists and writers, we're not surprised our freelancers are out hustling for bucks! —Ed.

#### READER ALERT!

For all of you fans of *The Showbiz Show* and those Capital One commercials, we have a special treat for you! If we printed your letter on this month's Letters Page, you get a free copy of *Saturday Night Live* — *The Best of David Spade* on DVD courtesy of Universal Home Video! For all you suckers who didn't get their missives printed — the DVD is on sale now!





#### LIVE AND LET SPY

Toy Fare magazine, (the guys partially responsible for Cartoon Networks' Robot Chicken) ran this Spy Vs. Spy take-off in a recent issue. We look forward to future mash-ups from the magazine including: Bitterman Begins, 7 Periods Closer to Neil Gaiman's Death and Crouching Tiger, Hidden Fold-In!



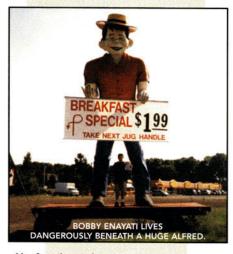
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Alfred turns up in the weirdest places—and we're counting on eagle-eyed readers to spot them all! We know you don't have much else going on, so get out there, get lookin' and send the photos to: Alfred Sightings, c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. If we print your picture, you'll receive a one-year MAD subscription!

Congratulations to Bobby Enayati of Paramus, NJ on being the first to send in his Alfred sighting.



My family and me were on a recent trip to Six Flags. On the way, what do my eyes see? Who other than Alfred E. Neuman! Luckily, I had brought a few issues for the trip. So what do I do? I forced my mom to make a u-turn and take a picture of me! Unfortunately, I am not ten feet tall and I couldn't give an issue to Alfred!

NEXT MONTH IN MAD CLASSICS #6 ON SALE MARCH 21!

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#### UNEXPECTED ENTRIES IN THE PRESIDENTIAL LINE OF SUCCESSION

If something happens to the President, the Vice President takes over. But after that, it gets a little foggy as to who's next in line!

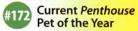






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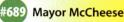






#800 The Guy Who Does the Voice of Mayor Quimby on The Simpsons







#497 Reigning Buick Open Champion



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#880 Manager of the Washington Nationals







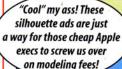
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#### IPOD THOUGHTS



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FOR A KING KONG
SEQUEL

- 1 King Kong II The Wrath of Kong
- 2 The King Kong of Comedy
- 3 My Big Fat Greek Ape
- 4 There's Something About Kong
- 5 The Kongfather
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- 7 The King Kong of Queens
- 8 King Kong 2: Dude, Where's My Banana?



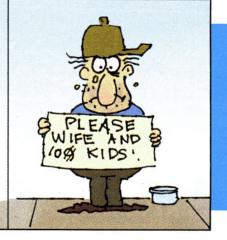




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#### **TABLOID CELEBRITY COMBO NAMES** YET TO COME

It all started when tabloid magazines combined Ben Affleck's name with Jennifer Lopez's and came up with "Bennifer."

They followed that up by combining three celebrity names — Brad Pitt, Jennifer Aniston and Angelina Jolie to give us "Brangelina."

Most recently, it's been Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes — "**Tomkat**"

Because we know that tabloid rags will stop at nothing to attract dumb readers, how long before we see these name combos?



Ashlee Simpson + Trey Parker



"Ashtrey"



Salma Hayek



= "Salmanellie"



Penn Jillette + Gwen Stefani



'Penngwen"



















Kevlar"

Kevin Smith + Lara Flynn Boyle

#### ERTYJ CRAMMAR ROUNDUP V

#### THE QUICK QUIZ!

Q: You knock on your friend's door, but he can't see you, so he asks "Who is it?" Do you answer "It's me" or "It is I"?

A: The correct grammar would be "It is I," but you will answer "It's me" because you sometimes sound like a dork when you use correct grammar.

#### **FUN WORD FACT:**

The record for most consecutive vowels in a word is seven, in "ailieee," the sound of someone falling off a building. (It is sometimes spelled "aaileee.")

#### HANDY WORD LIST OF THE **MONTH: NON-HOMONYMS**

Homonyms are words that are pronounced the same but spelled differently, such as "right" and "write," "pair" and "pear" etc. But what about words that are both spelled and pronounced differently? The following list of non-homonyms may be useful to you...

dog and dig radiator and salad pelican and stapler garbage and lilac car and keyboard regurgitate and chin zoologist and alcove

To find thousands more non-homonyms, just browse through your dictionary or visit our website!

#### THIS MONTH'S TIP:

The word "ain't" is an old word that can mean many things, such as, "are not," "is not," "am not," etc. Because of the fact that it is so convenient, established and easy to spell, you are not allowed to use it.

#### WORLD LANGUAGE FACT:

The letter "O" is almost always followed by a "U" in English, but not in Middle East languages, which is as good as any other reasons we've heard for invading the region.

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#### GOING NOWHERE FAST? Want to?

How about a dead-end career in mall push-cart kiosk retail sales? You'll be queen of the galleria as you hold court on a tall stool, talk on your cell phone all day, gossip about those snotty goth bitches at Hot Topic and ignore customers. Choose from nearly three exciting concessions - from hair ribbons to hermit crabs! Apply in person at end of long unlit corridor next to Jamba Juice in food court. Careful, floor's slippery!

#### LIVE STRONG!

Become a RUBBER YELLOW LANCE ARMSTRONG
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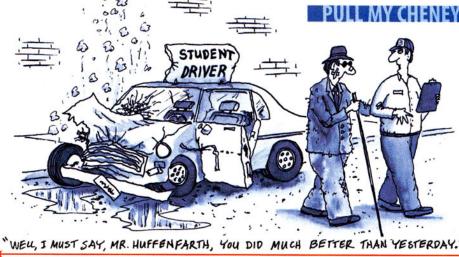
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WELL, I MUST SAY, MR. HUFFENFARTH, YOU DID MUCH BETTER THAN YESTERDAY."

#### **MELVIN & JENKINS'**

GUIDE TO A DAY AT THE ZOO

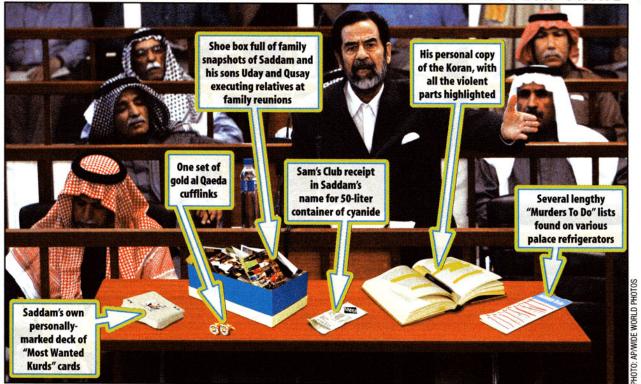


kins laughs as he tosses peanuts to the friendly chimps in the monkey house.



Melvin is more than ready to meet the challenge if those monkeys even think about flinging their feces his way.

#### KEY PROSECUTION EXHIBITS IN THE SADDAM HUSSEIN TRIAL



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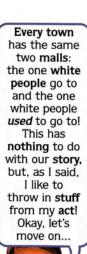
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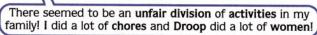








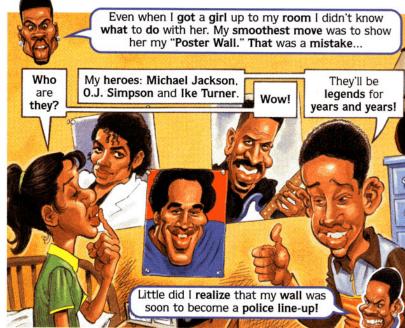




When I'm through making out with her, you wanna shot?

First your old clothes, now your old girl-friends. Hey, give me something that won't make me break out in a rash!







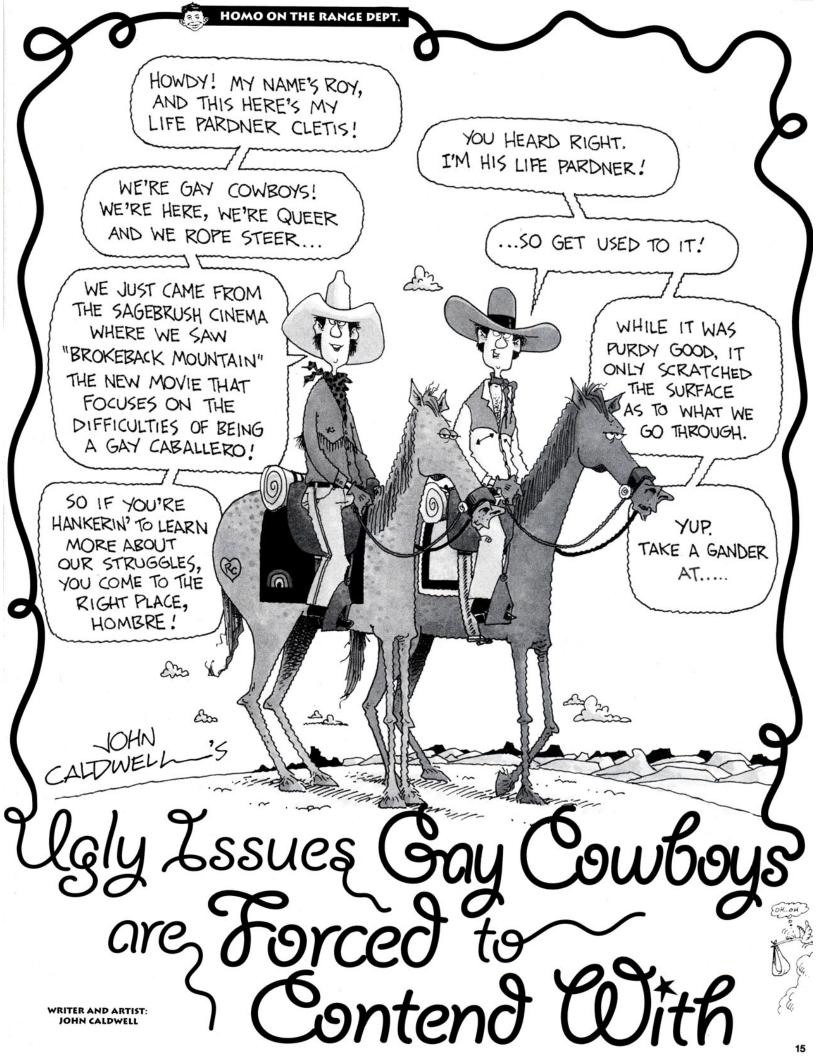
My folks never actually said they loved me! They showed their love in other ways! Like, instead of 48 chores a day, they'd give me only 46 chores a day!

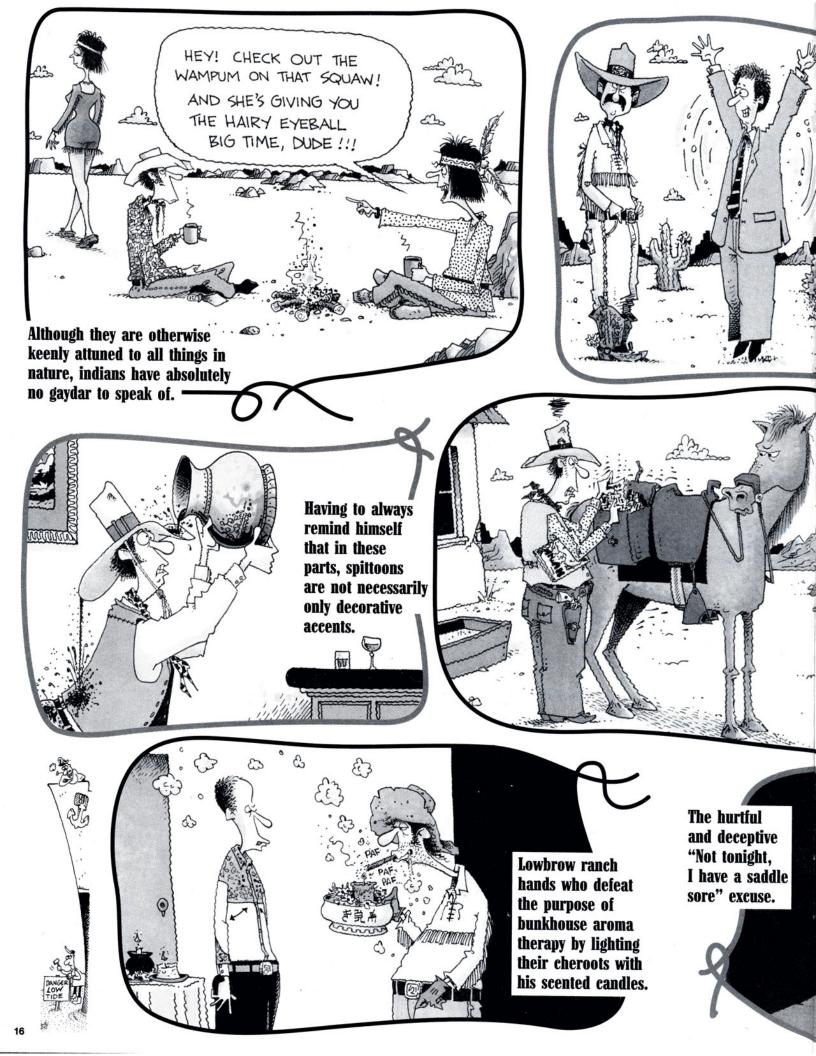
Chris, I want you to do a wash at the laundromat, pick up your Father's boots at the shoemaker, clean out the furnace and shovel the snow out of the driveway!

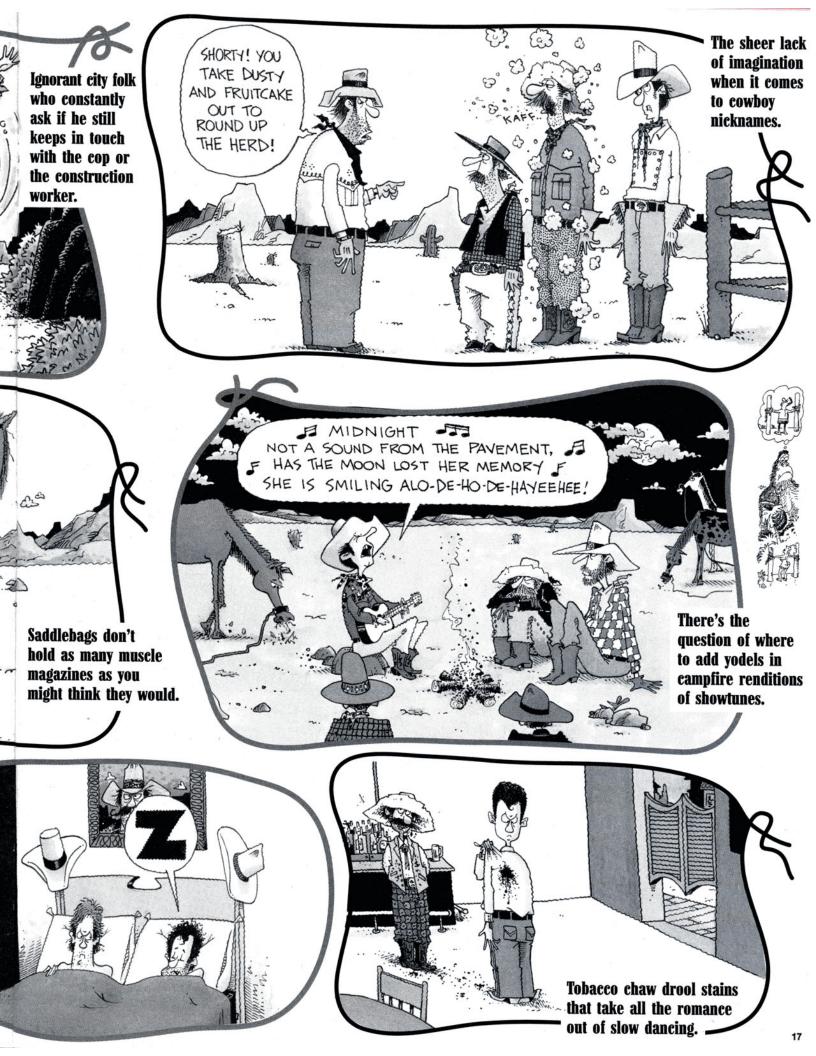
snow? It's the middle of May! No excuses! Find some snow! Go to Canada! I don't want you sitting around on your butt doing nothing! And rent a snow shovel! I'm not paying for a new one!











## NCLUSIVE DO-IT-YOU RESS CONFERENCE

Mr. President, considering what message do you have for

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So let me state, \_\_\_\_

the challenges facing how you've failed that you're crucifying that you're ridiculed by your lack of compassion for your ignoring Rumsfeld's betrayal of your secret hatred of your total ignorance of your attempts to destroy

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# SELF GEORGE W. BU

"We shall stay the course!"

"What happens in Crawford stays in Crawford!"

"Mission Accomplished!"

"I did not have sex with that woman, Monica Lewinsky!"

"Whoever smelt it, dealt it!"

"There's no crying in baseball!"

"The Batman!"

"The name of our act is...The Aristocrats!"

"Let's hug it out, bitch!"

"I ain't no hollaback girl!"

I remain leader of the free world
I plummet in the polls
the nation goes down the tubes
I'm despised in Spokane
I firmly support Halliburton
I cut veterans' benefits
something screwy happens in Iraq
I screw the Kurds
backing Pat Robertson's hit list
gas prices go through the roof

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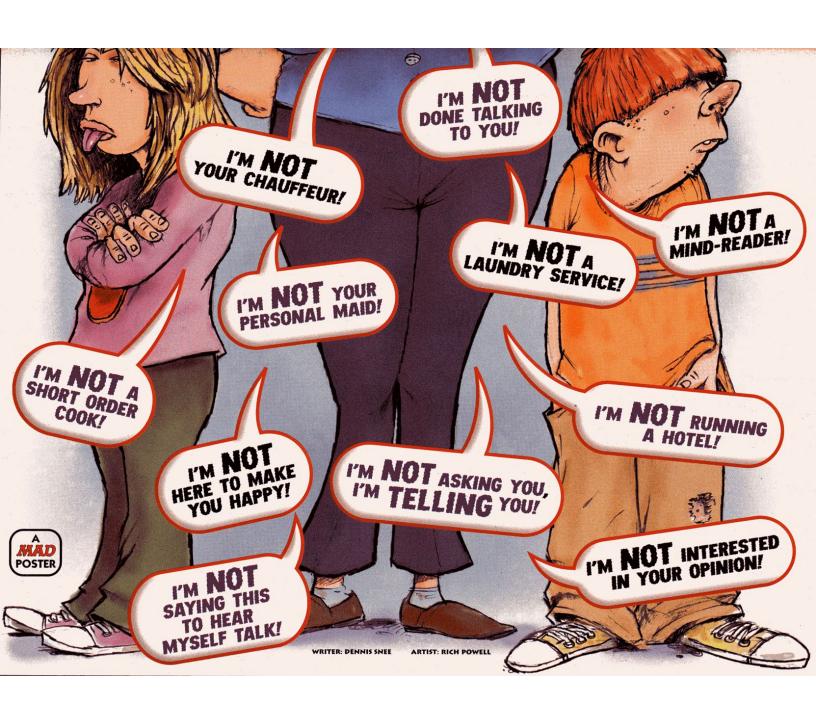












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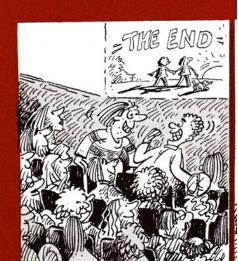


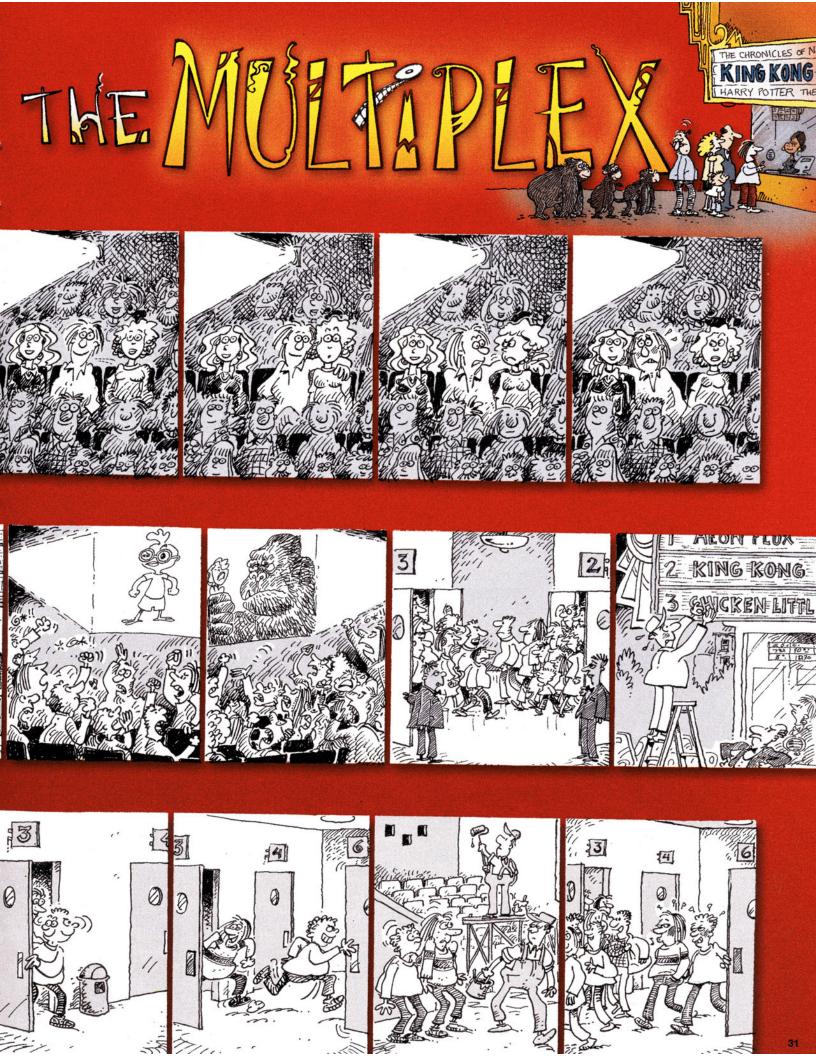






































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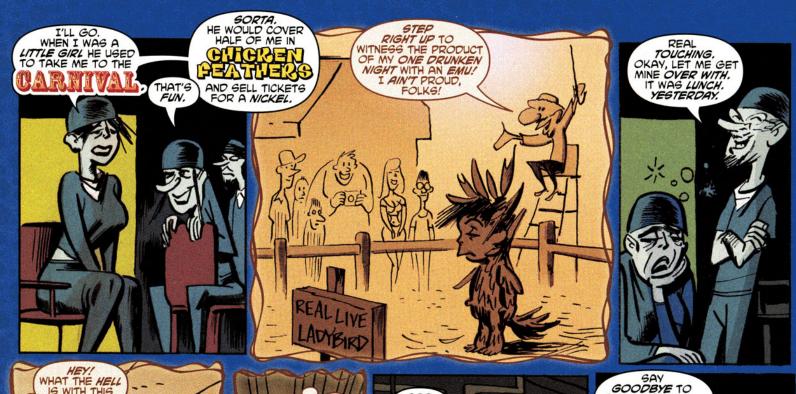














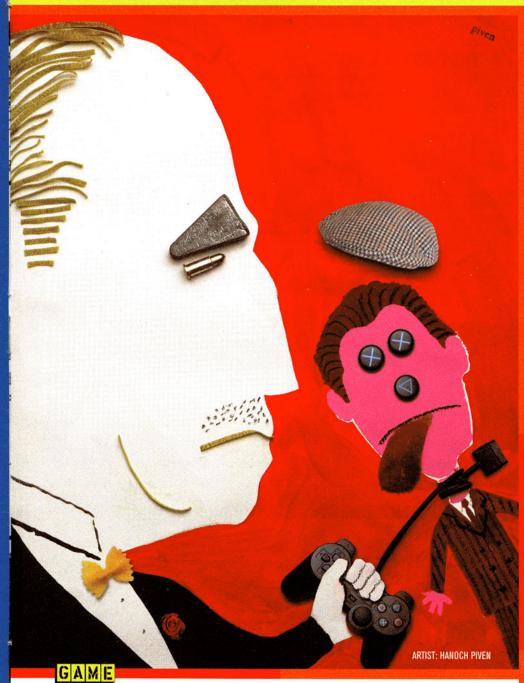




OUR MONTHLY READER SERVICE SECTION

# GO FETCH!

THE LATEST STUEE YOU MAY (OR MAY NOT) WANT TO CHASE DOWN!



#### THE GODFATHER

PS2, Xbox, PC • Electronic Arts

**The Hype:** Join the Corleone family and earn respect through loyalty and fear as you rise through the ranks to become Don in 1945-1955 New York. From mob hits to bank heists to drive-bys, step inside the world of *The Godfather*, where intimidation and negotiation are your tickets to the top.

The Snipe: Rather than blowing a ton of money getting the rights to The Godfather and the Corleones, EA could have saved a few bucks and made pretty much the same game by basing it on the Bush family. All of their violence and intimidation's in the public domain.



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## MUSIC WHEN THE GOING GETS DARK

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Touch and Go Records • March 21

The Hype: Even though Sam Coomes and Janet Weiss have divorced since forming Quasi back in 1993, they still make music together. Their latest album offers more of their signature sound — with Weiss on drums and Coomes providing keyboards and often-anguished vocals.

The Snipe: A divorced couple in a band where the ex-wife drums? Sounds like The White Stripes stole that formula, added some candy cane-colored outfits and cashed in.



#### REAL MEN WORK IN THE PITS A LIFE IN NASCAR RACING

#### JEFF HAMMOND

Rodale • \$14.95 • 272 pages • February

The Hype: Jeff Hammond, one of NASCAR's all-time great crew chiefs, recalls all the thrilling moments of his life in racing.

The Snipe: Please be advised that all of his "thrilling moments" involve lugnuts.

#### DVD

#### THE SIMPSONS: KISS & TELL

FOX Home Entertainment • February 7

The Hype: Just in time for Valentine's Day, this special collection features four "romantically-themed" episodes never before seen on DVD, including "Large Marge," in which Marge gets breast implants.

The Snipe: So now cartoon characters can get boob jobs? Are you reading this, Olive Oyl?





An Exclusive

Interview with

American Idol's

UNDERWOOD!

And coming on April

known as the Pursuit Force, players engage in high-speed action to traverse land, air and sea in a war to rid the city of crime. Players can maintain constant pursuit by jumping from one moving vehicle to another, fighting and dodging enemies while hanging on at breakneck speeds.

The Snipe: Rumor has it that Sony scrapped its original design where players earned colored wedges as they advanced through the game, which was going to be called Trivial Pursuit Force.



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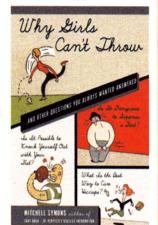
#### WHY GIRLS CAN'T THROW

.AND OTHER **QUESTIONS YOU ALWAYS WANTED** ANSWERED MITCHELL SYMONS

Harper Paperbacks • \$12.95 • 256 pages . February

The Hype: The author attempts to answer the often pondered, but never explained questions of our lives, such as "Why do men have nipples?"

The Snipe: Spoiler alert: The answer is not, "So guys could give each other purple nurples."



#### MUSIC

#### BABIES MAKING BABIES VOL. 2: THE MISERY STRIKES

?UESTLOVE

Bbe • February 14

The Hype: For Volume 1, ?uestlove (the drummer for The Roots) compiled some of Soul's best love songs this time around, he's focusing on



the painful side of romance with songs like "How Can You Mend a Broken Heart," "Our Love Has Died" and "Good Morning Heartache."

The Snipe: It's a safe bet that Nick Lachey already has this one downloaded on the ol' iPod.

#### GAME



#### STAR WARS: EMPIRE AT WAR

The Hype: Set a few years before the events of Episode IV: A New Hope, this action/strategy game lets players wage war on ground and in space, as well as experience the creation of the Rebel Alliance, the strengthening of the Empire and the beginnings of the Galactic Civil War. Memorable Star Wars characters like Obi-Wan Kenobi and Darth Vader can be brought into the action to help turn the tide of the battle as players build, manage and upgrade their space and ground-based units, vehicles, troops and base structures.

The Snipe: Great, another game in which you fight the Empire. For all their technical know-how, why can't the Lucas boys just create an "action/strategy" game that simulates a date with Natalie Portman?

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PAMELA ANDERSON: UNCENSORED

Paramount Home Entertainment •

The Hype: See bombshell Pamela Anderson on the spot as the subject of a white-hot and completely uncensored roast by fellow celebrities, including Jimmy Kimmel, Andy Dick and Courtney Love.

The Snipe: Rabid fans of previous "completely uncensored" Pamela Anderson videos will be disappointed that she's completely clothed in this one.



GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH



You've read the ad about the book!

By David Shayne

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#### **NBA BALLERS: PHENOM**

PS2. Xbox • Midway

The Hype: The NBA Finals in sunny Los Angeles, California. It's time for all the unknowns from around the world to step on the court and get noticed by the right people. From scouts and coaches to casting directors, everyone is looking for the next phenom. Take the trophy in unique basketball tournaments, customize your style to get all the eyes on you, and interact with the local scene.

The Snipe: Given that this is an NBA-approved product, "interacting with the local scene" will probably not entail such real-world basketball player hobbies as going to strip clubs, beating up fans, or going on trial for rape or shootings. Sorry to disappoint.

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#### MUSIC

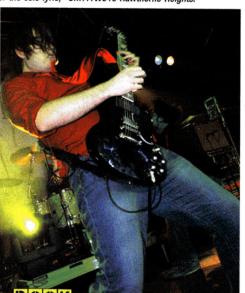
#### IF ONLY YOU WERE LONELY HAWTHORNE HEIGHTS

Victory Records • February 28

The Hype: The band releases the follow-up to their hit debut, The Silence in Black and White, starting with their single, "This Is Who We Are."

The Snipe: It would be a gutsy career move if "This Is

Who We Are" was just a four-second song that consisted of the sole lyric, "Um... We're Hawthorne Heights."



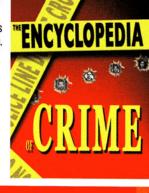
#### BOOK

#### THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CRIME OLIVER CYRIAX

The Overlook Press • \$40.00 • 544 pages • February

The Hype: Read about the facts, the history and the science of crime, including murderers, unsolved mysteries and a short history of hanging. Featured killers include Ted Bundy, Jeffrey Dahmer and the Boston Strangler.

The Snipe: There's no section on shoplifting, so should you decide to steal the book, you won't have to worry about being included in Volume 2.



#### GAME

#### FULL SPECTRUM WARRIOR: TEN HAMMERS

PC, Xbox, PS2 • TH

The Hype: As squad leader, players coordinate the actions of multiple infantry squads, leading them through hostile environments. Players utilize authentic combat tactics as they battle enemies with an explosive arsenal of weapons and high-tech military equipment. With an enhanced multiplayer mode, players can go online and battle friends in a variety of head-to-head and team-based objective missions.

The Snipe: This sounds pretty stressful and labor-intensive. There should be a "French" mode where you can just surrender and let someone else do all the fighting for you.





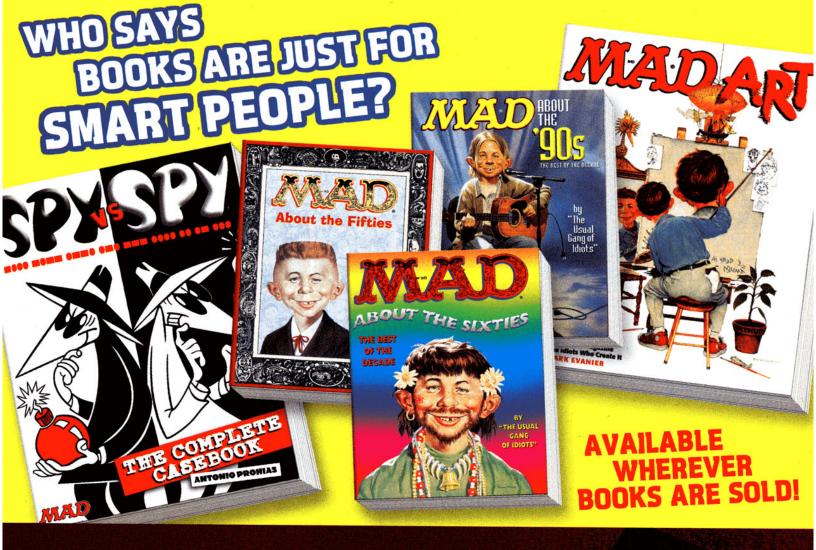
#### THE MUST-HAVE

#### VAUGHAN S016 16-OUNCE HICKORY HANDLE SUPERSTEEL BALL PEIN HAMMER

The Hype: 13" long, with concentrically ground and polished head and pein, the Vaughan S016 is finished in rust-resistant black paint. It has a generous bevel on the head, and a flame-treated, compression-wedged, hickory handle. Plus, triple-zone heat-treating gives a precise temper to the striking face and ball. Use it to shape soft metal, form heads on rivets, or conform sheet metal to a mold.

The Snipe: Oh, sure, sure, if you believe those ball pein hammer lobbyist snakes!

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About Me

Name|Tad] Grade 9

Monkeys or Apes? [Monkeys]

# [15 February|**03:19pm**]



In my biology textbook, I read that even blind chameleons change color to match their surroundings. I asked my dad how they figured that out, and he said, "Well, I guess they did a study where they blinded some chameleons and then saw what happened."

I think it's weird that somewhere out there in the world, there's a guy whose job title is: Chameleon Blinder. I wonder how you know when you've successfully blinded a chameleon. Do you ask it how many fingers you're holding up? Or what?



# [15 February|**06:41pm**]

I've been thinking about it, and if I ever have a band, it will be called Blind Chameleon.

# [16 February|**05:50pm**]





My birthday is now six days away. The number of days until I can drive can now be measured in mere hundreds. I pointed that out to my mom today, and she said, "I'll savor every one of them."

Mom's sarcastic sometimes

# [17 February|**03:36pm**]

Chuck Wiggins brought his Nintendo DS to school today. He let me see it. That's all he let me do, though — see it. He wouldn't let me hold it, because, he said, "My mom said I can't let people play with it, because they might break it. Plus, it's <mark>flu season</mark>, so it's better not to touch things other people have touched." (Chuck's a nice guy, but his mom's super-nervous about everything, and as a result, so's he. Until he was in sixth grade, she made Chuck wear a helmet on the school bus.)

stay and stuff. Chuck really likes it because his mom won't let him have a dog, because she's afraid it might one day go crazy and kill The Nintendo DS is pretty cool — it's got a program that makes it look like it's got a puppy inside it, and you can make it fetch and him just like this dog she saw on the news. I really want a Nintendo DS for my birthday — I've already asked Mom and Dad. I told Chuck that, if I get one, I'm naming my puppy "Chuckbiter."

# [19 February|**12:28pm**]

[Mood| | hungry]

t" is a bad name for a food, ou're eating potato babies. because it suggests that If you think about it, "ta



# [20 February|**04:07pm**]

[mood| Conious]

In study hall today, Chuck and on opposite sides of the room, my friend Darren were sitting I had nothing to do but draw I really need a Nintendo DS. racing against each other on rt on their DS-es.

baby potato angels.



# [21 February|**03:43pm**]

[mood| anxious]

good, you'll get that GameBoy you want." And I got all worried and said, "No! I want a DS! Why did you think I wanted a GameBoy? I have a GameBoy!" And she said, "Oh, a DS? Well, it's probably too late to get you one of those." And then she smiled at my dad. At breakfast, I reminded my mom and dad that I want a Nintendo DS for my birthday. And my mom said, "Well, maybe if you're So I think they're just messing with my head.

At least, I really hope that's all they're doing

# [22 February|**06:50am**]

[mood| D pirthday]

I got a Nintendo DS! Can't blog now - I'm teaching Chuckbiter to fetch.

# [28 February | **07:26pm**]

[mood| Magdevastated]

our DS-es. And then I put my DS on the floor and went to the kitchen to get a soda, and then, Bad news. I went over to Chuck's today, and Darren came over, and we were all playing with when I came back, I stepped on it and broke it.

room immediately afterward and say, "You see, Chuck? That's why you shouldn't let Tad touch I don't even know what was worse — breaking my DS, or having Chuck's mom come in the



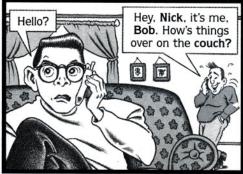
#### ROAMING WASN'T BILLED IN A DAY DEPT.

Consider a cell phone plan that gives you 500 free minutes a month. 500 minutes! Not 300, not 400...500!! That's 5000 many minutes! That is, until you start using them the way a lot of cell phone owners do — then 500 isn't so many minutes! Need proof? Just review the findings of our exhaustively researched and lavishly illustrated study we call...

# **FEARLESS** DOW **PHONE**

WRITER: BUTCH D'AMBROSIO
ARTIST: RICK TULKA

#### 15 minutes:



Calling someone you're in the same room with as a joke.

### 8 minutes:



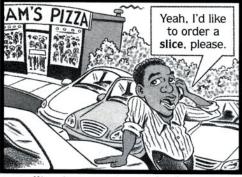
At a restaurant, saying the same nine words over and over again...

### 33 minutes:



Making long distance calls to people you wouldn't otherwise talk to if you had to pay long distance charges.

#### 3 minutes:



Calling in your pizza order from the parking lot after determining that the line was too long to wait on.

## 26 minutes:



Calling home to ask what you were sent to the store for.

### 18 minutes:



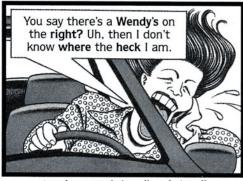
Calling around for a good brain tumor doctor.

### 16 minutes:



Calling your own number and pretending to be talking to someone to avoid having to talk to someone who's with you.

#### 21 minutes:



Getting or giving "real time" driving directions.

### 9 minutes:



Telling your boyfriend or girlfriend to call you at home so you don't use up all of your minutes.

### 60 minutes:



Listening to your favorite TV show by having somebody at home hold the phone up to the set.

#### 12 minutes:



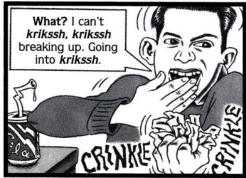
Returning a dropped call only to find that neither you nor the person you're calling back has anything more to say.

#### 75 minutes:



Asking, "Can you hear me?"

## 16 minutes:



Pretending that your connection is breaking up to people you don't want to talk to anymore.

#### 10 minutes:



Wasted while trying to get your "hands free" earpiece to stay in your ear.

### 43 minutes:



On a road trip, talking to friends in the car in front of you.

#### 75 minutes:



Saying, "I can't hear you."

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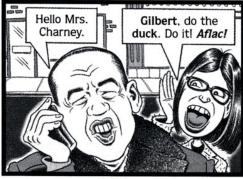
An actual emergency.

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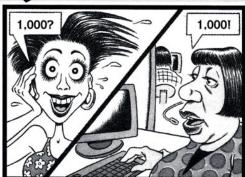
Navigating the automated customer service menu to find out how many minutes you have left.

#### 2 minutes:



Having a celebrity you ran into tell your mother "Hi."

### 19 minutes:

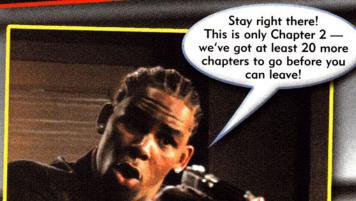


Making arrangements to switch over to a competitor's phone plan with 1,000 free minutes included.

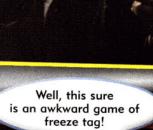


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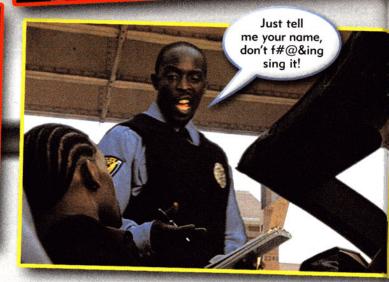
l just...l just can't believe you used my loofah!



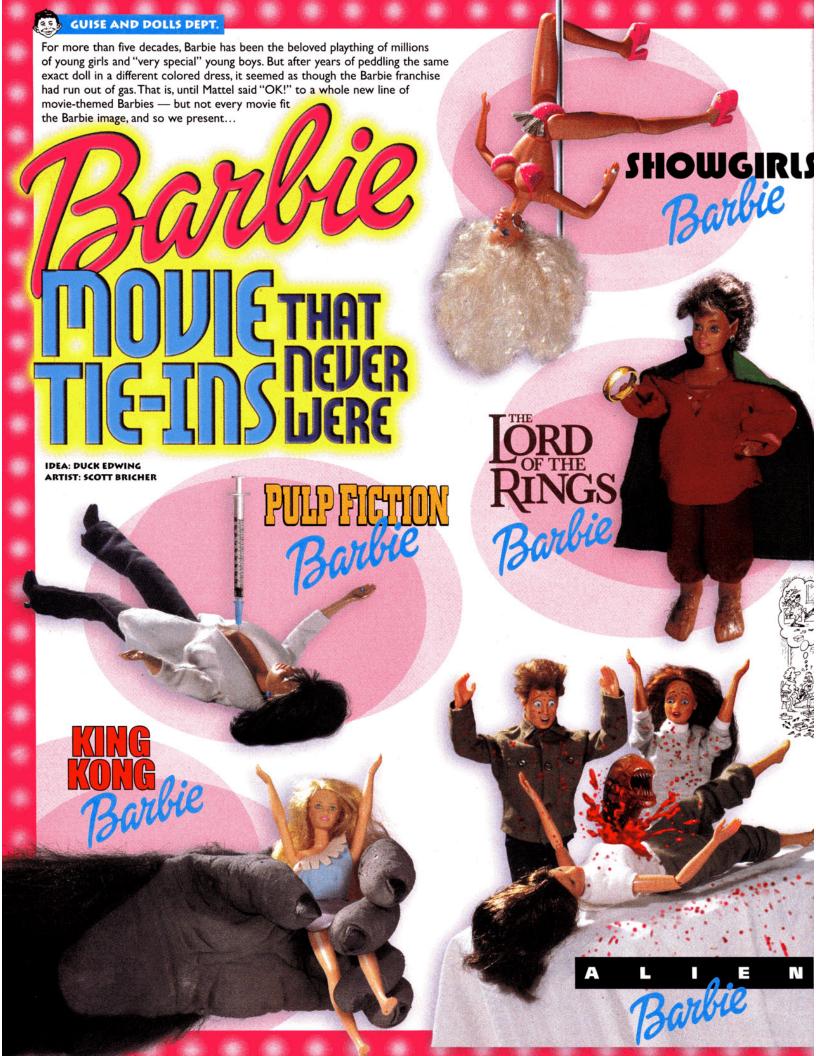
Damnit, I've got to get rid of this annoying "Trapped in the Closet" ringtone!



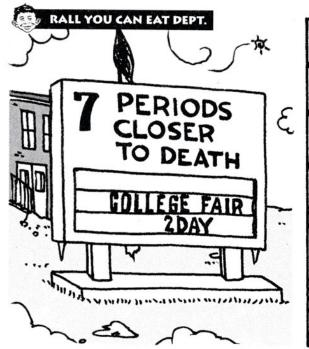
















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#### RICHARD M. MOORE

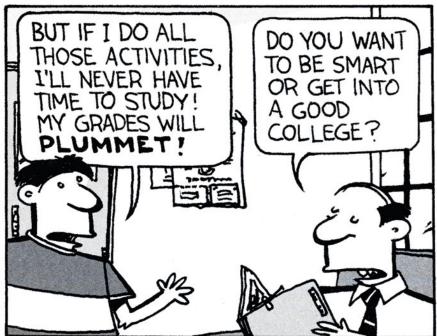
Football, Track, Junior Council on World Affairs, Young Business League School Newspaper, Yearbook, Wrestlir Baseball, Marching Band, Crew, Juni Classical League, Pep Squad, Commu Services Organization, Science Club, French Club, Civics Club, Baseball ICONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

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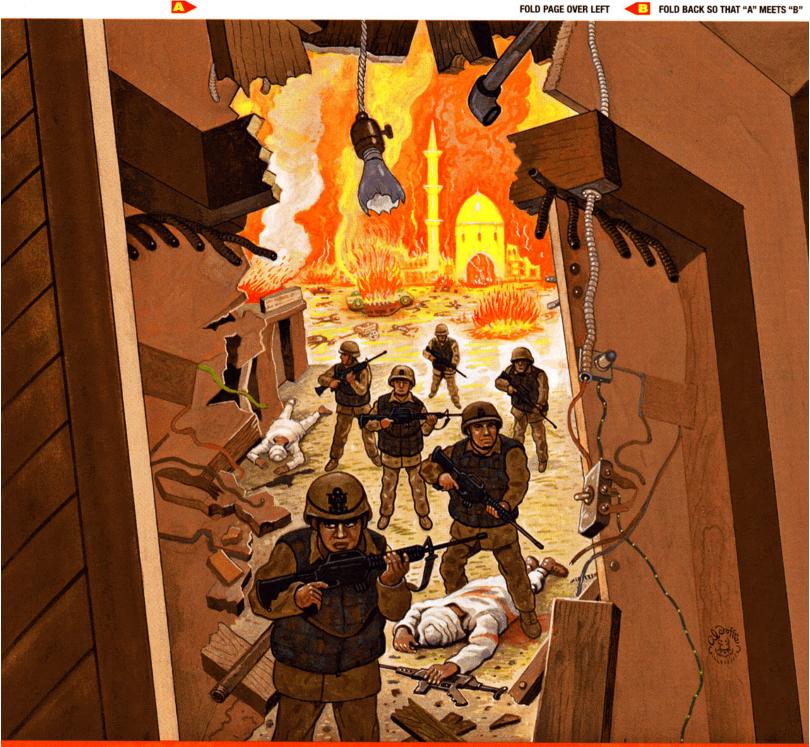
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## HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

When you enter a complex and troubled situation, it's important to have a clear course of action in mind. However, many Americans currently find themselves witnessing a quagmire that only seems to be getting worse. To find out what this baffling and disturbing fiasco is, fold page in as shown.



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THE PUBLIC AT LARGE FEELS THIS IS A DISASTER. KEEN OBSERVERS ARE AWARE THIS IS A TOTALLY WRONG THING. ALL THE GUYS IN CHARGE TRADED IN THEIR HONOR. THEY CERTAINLY FLOPPED IN THE CLOWNISH WAY THEY ACTED. THEY'RE NOW BESET WITH PROBLEMS. PEOPLE ARE FIRMLY DIVI-DED AND NO ONE KNOWS WHAT IT WILL LEAD TO

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