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satiric purpose to a living person is a coincidence

FRONT COVER ARTIST: MARK FREDRICKSON



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This Channukah, my grandparents sent me The MAD Bathroom Companion: The Mother Load. I immediately started to read it ignoring the fact that we were having dinner. My mom told me to "put away that silly thing" so we could have a nice family dinner together. Whatever. I think it should be put out there that MAD is a necessary piece of entertainment in any stable society and should never be referred to as "silly."

Sam Berkelhammer, Louisville, CO

Berzerker — We're a little freaked out by your story. The MAD Bathroom Companion was meant to be enjoyed while on the toilet. Which made us wonder what else you were doing at the dinner table while reading it! You follow? If that's the case, then your mother was underreacting! -Ed.

#### **INKING OF YOU**

Hey, in memory of my father, I had this done. Is this worth a three-year subscription?

Wayne Rogers, Tempe, AZ



Roger Dodger — Thanks for sharing your touching tribute to your father. But it sounds like you got off easy. When Grandma died, we too got a tattoo of one of her favorite characters! -Ed.



#### Make A Dumb Wish Foundation TM

I have been reading MAD for about three years now and I've always wanted to make a dumb wish to the Make A Dumb Wish Foundation IM. My dad got me a Nintendo DS for my birthday, but he didn't get me a game for it. He said if I want the game, I will have to save up my allowance, but I always blow it on MAD and Bazooka bubble gum. My DS is my only source of entertainment, and I'll have to save up for 21/2 months till I get it. That's why my dumb wish is for a free lifetime subscription to MAD and maybe some Bazooka gum, but I mostly want the subscription.

Anthony Montevaldo, San Jose, CA

The Full Montevaldo — We're not much for math here at the Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™, but we asked long-time writer Jeff "The Human Abacus" Kruse to crunch some numbers on your money woes before we considered granting your dumb wish. You said it would take you 21/2 months to save the \$35.00 for a Nintendo DS game, which means that you get about \$14.00 a month in allowance. If all you are buying is MAD and Bazooka, that means that after you spend the \$4.00 on MAD, you're spending \$10 just on gum. A piece of Bazooka costs 5 cents, which means you chew 200 pieces of gum every month! Because we printed your letter, you'll get MAD free for one year which, at the rate you're consuming gum, may just be a lifetime subscription! Thanks for writing the Make A Dunb Wish Foundation TM and we'll see you in the dentist's chair! -Ed.

#### A DEAR JOHN LETTER

I work in a non-retail optical lab. Our men's room has a vast collection of updated reading material. MAD seems to be always on top. Everyone knows I'm the person always restocking the collection. Everyone loves MAD. It's always new and up to date. Everyone loved the "MAD" 20 issue.

Tim Wright, Spokane, WA

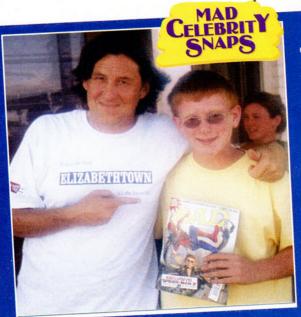
Wright or Wrong - What are you guys doing in the bathroom that you need a "vast collection of updated reading material"? We're guessing not a lot of work gets done there. Do you just punch in and go straight to the crapper? Did you write this letter from there? Oh God, you're probably reading this letter from there right now! If you'll excuse us, we need to go and take a boiling hot shower now! -Ed.

#### YOU'VE GOT JAIL

At age 10, I wasn't much of a reader, but my probation officer used to sneak your magazine in to me and whenever possible I still read you faithfully. I am now 52 years old and have spent close to 29 out of the last 35 years in jails and prisons. No, I'm not a murderer. bank robber or kidnapper - just a really stupid criminal. I do a lot of reading though, so would you please send me a free copy of your current issue, as I'll be here for a while now.

Daniel Gaines, Spokane, WA

Oh Danny Boy - It's funny you should write. In a recent reader poll, it was revealed that 60% of our readership was either in jail or awaiting incarceration. We're alad that your love for our magazine goes nearly as far back as your love for breaking the law. Thanks for writing and see you at the parole hearing! -Ed.



I snagged this photo with director Cameron Crowe on the set of Elizabethtown. I told him, being the typical teenager, sometimes I don't always have enough cash to buy MAD as soon as it hits the newsstand. He agreed that winning a three-year subscription sounded very resourceful!

Josh Barnett, Campbellsburg, KY

Josh Pit — As far we're concerned, everybody in your town deserves some kind of gift for having that movie filmed there, so we're happy to send you a subscription. We just have one question, though. You're a 13-year-old boy, why are you chasing around middle-aged directors instead of trying to cozy up to that luscious Kirsten Dunst? Thanks for the snap! —Ed.





# **ALFRED SIGHTINGS**

They say that "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," so in the case of this billboard, maybe you should be flattered? But did Roman Equipment really think that a mustache alone could actually disguise that famous face? For your own peace of mind, the billboard is no longer up!

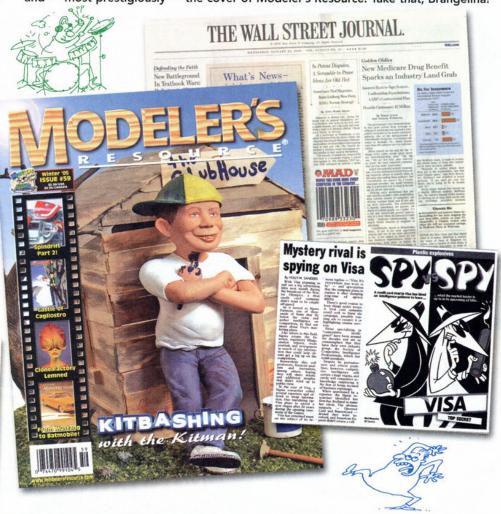
Brian Chalmers, Cleveland, OH



Prince Chalmers — That's all well and good, but we won't have peace of mind until we get that image of Alfred with the '70s pornstar 'stache out of our heads! —Ed.

#### MAD IN THE MEDIA

Recently, MAD pulled off a hat trick of media exposure when we got a half-page picture in the New York Post, an above-the-fold write-up in the Wall Street Journal and — most prestigiously — the cover of Modeler's Resource! Take that, Brangelina!





It would brighten my dull little Idahoan life to have pictures of the vases I painted (more like wasted three hours on) printed in your crappy piece of crap you call a magazine, er, I mean, your glorious finely-made publication!

Karen Lilly, Boise, ID

Lilly Pad — We were going to argue with your assessment of our magazine, but judging by your art, we now realize you're something of an authority when it comes to crap. Three hours? Does that include the time it took to make the shelf? See ya at the kiln! —Ed.

#### READER ALERT

Everyone that had their letters printed on this month's Letters Page will receive arguably the greatest videogame ever produced in the history of videogames — Spy Vs. Spy for Xbox, courtesy of our "friends" at Take2 Games. For those unlucky readers who didn't manage to win a copy of the game, take heart, it's on sale now!





#### MADMUMBLINGS @ MADMAG.COM

If you make a bread sandwich, does it take two or three slices of bread? — Dwarfzilla...I can swallow whole lava lamps, but only the pink ones! — Merrick Cohen.



#### MAD'S 2-QUESTION INTERVIEW

We're delighted to continue our proud tradition of the MAD 2-Question Interview! This issue's victim is Doug Savant, who plays Tom Scavo on *Desperate Housewives*!





**QUESTION ONE:** Do you have a moment for two questions from MAD Magazine?



**DOUG:** Wow, MAD! Seriously? I love MAD!



**QUESTION TWO:** Great! Ready for question two?



DOUG: Oh yeah! Absolutely!



Thank you for taking part in MAD's 2-question interview!

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Interview conducted by Vic Arkoff

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# And Writers the usual gang of idiots

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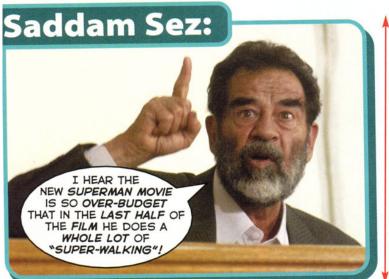
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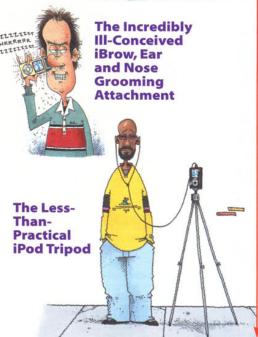














Hey, I've still got it — and, believe me, the ladies notice. As a matter of fact, just yesterday three different women asked me for my number!







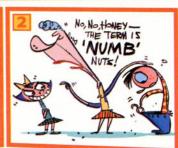


# PAGES

# DISTURBING SIGNS THAT YOUR PARENTS DON'T LOVE YOU ANYMORE



When you run home crying after getting your ass kicked by a bully, your father doesn't respond quite as vengefully as you'd hoped.



After your annoying little sister calls you "dumb nuts," your mom's reprimand seems a little bit weak.



You're beginning to suspect that dad's been playing catch with someone else behind your back.



Last Thanksgiving, your mom made you sit at the "kids' table" — even though you were the only kid there.



Your mom caught you smoking, and all she berated you about was your poor choice of brand.

If you're a keen teen lookin' for awesome advice, then just...

Lynne Cheney

...wife of our beloved
Vice President. For candid
counseling on sensitive
subjects, Mrs. Cheney always
has your best interests at heart.

Dear Mrs. 2nd Lady:

My Dad was laid off from his job three months ago and he hangs around the house all of the time now. He keeps yelling at me for no reason and blames me for everything that goes wrong. He makes me feel so terrible, I swear, I could kill myself. Nothing I do is good enough. Please, is there something I can say to him to make him see I'm not the problem?

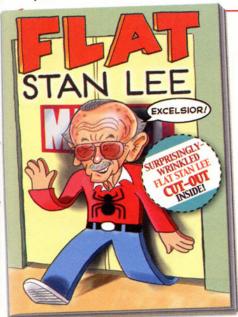
—Very Upset

#### Dear V.U.:

It sounds like your Dad is going through a tough time, but he'll get over it. I'm more concerned about how you're doing. Are you really, really serious about killing yourself? I ask because the other night, Dick was saying how great the war was going, but then wondered aloud just how much better it would go if WE had OUR OWN suicide bombers. So, if you are really serious about this suicide business, you could make yourself some really good money (at least for a while) as you learn all about modern explosive techniques. Plus you could teach your sourpuss Pa a lesson about blaming you for everything that he won't soon forget. Wouldn't that be "awesome"?! What do you say?

Remember! If you're an angst-ridden adolescent with a prickly problem, don't hesitate to ASK LYNNE CHENEY.

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#### NEW IN BOOKSTORES!

Marvel Comics finds yet another way to suck money out of the comic-loving public with this blatant rip-off of the classic children's book, Flat Stanley. When the octogenarian Spider-Man creator is crushed by an artist's drafting table, he's left only a half-inch thick! This disturbing book follows Flat Stan Lee's adventures as he goes for a ride in John Romita Jr.'s portfolio, gets mixed in with the pages of next month's X-men and contemplates suicide as he's haphazardly kicked around the San Diego ComicCon.

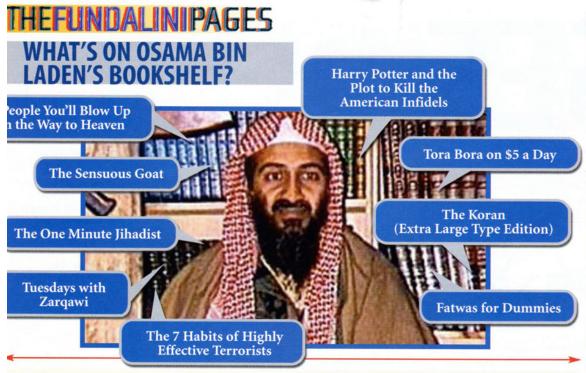
## MELVIN & JENKINS' GUIDE TO PERSONAL HEALTH



**Jenkins** carefully arranges the contents of his medicine cabinet, organized by how soon each product is due to expire.



**Melvin**, after the third time sealing his eyelids shut, seriously considers not keeping his Visine squeezer right next to his Krazy Glue.



The Scarlet Letter as told by Paris Hilton

So, there was, like, this chick, okay? Her name's Hester Prynne, whatever kind of name that is. Can you imagine if the name "Hester Prynne" popped up on my cell phone? I'd be all like, "Eww, gross!"

Anyway, this Hester was married to this rich doctor who had access to like, tons of good drugs. It's not like she was born some rich hotel heiress, so if she hadn't married him she probably would have had to WORK for a living. So NOT hot. And the doctor is all old, he's like...thirty or something. I know, right? So anyway, they move to Boston but they take separate private ships and his, like, doesn't show up. He probably took his boat to St. Bart's, which is such an awesome place!

The thing is, even though he's been gone for a while, Hester gets pregnant. She totally cheated on his old, skanky ass! So hot. But, like, back then, they didn't have camcorders, so, ya know, no one can figure out who spent "One Night in Hester." And they are totally angry about it. So they make her wear this big scarlet "A" on her chest, everywhere she goes, which is like, the worst thing you can do to anyone — make them wear the same thing more then once. I would just die.

And Hester has this baby, it's name is like Pearl or Oyster or Apple or something totally unique but not nearly as cool as, like, a city (she wishes she had a cool name like a city). And Pearl is totally obsessed with the red "A," which is sort of like how my chihuahua Tinkerbell is obsessed with the LV logo on all my Louis Vuitton stuff.

So then there's this Reverend Dimmesdale, who's like, totally weak and not my type, but he's acting all nice to Hester, and then it becomes sort of clear that he's the guy she cheated with! I can't believe how awesome this girl is, I mean, even I've never slept with a reverend! But he's totally getting off scot-free and not even having to go to court over the fact that he's sold Hester out and let her be punished.

So, there's this doctor taking care of Dimmy, and it turns out he's not just any doctor, he's totally Hester's long-lost husband! But now his name is Chillingworth, which is funny, 'cause he really needs to chill! So he examines Dimmesdale and on his chest there's a big Scarlet "A." I would have thought that he had gotten drunk and gone cow-tipping and accidentally got branded, but apparently he did it to himself and so now Chillingworth knows about him and Hester and is like, totally pissed.

But, like, before Chillingworth can do anything, Dimmesdale totally confesses and then, get this, he drops dead. And then a little while later, Chillingworth dies too, and leaves all his money to Pearl! If only everyone who did something bad to you would drop dead and leave you money. Like that jerk who hacked my cell phone. Or who stole Tinkerbell. Or who put that video up on the Internet. They should all die and I should get all the profits. For me, that would be a totally hot ending.

## **FORMS OF TORTURE UNDER THE**

#### **GENEVA CONVENTION**

Listening to an endless loop of the pitch for Legally Blonde 3

You ready for this? OK, Elle leaves the law practice to become an oncologist...who



#### The static-electric chair



#### Forced small talk with a nun



#### Good Cop/ **Just Disappointed Cop**

Now, I believe what you're saying, and I want to help you out, but my partner over there, well, he just expected better from you.

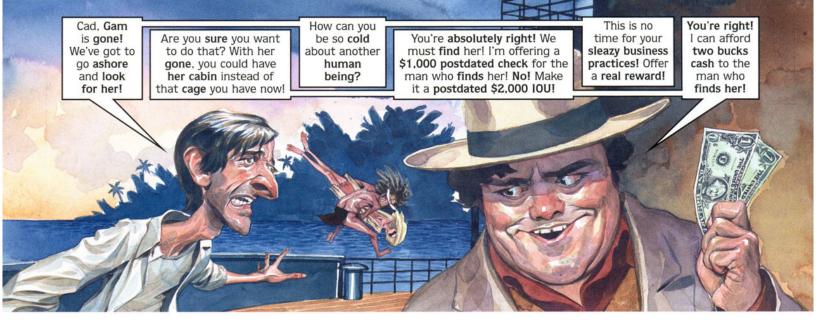
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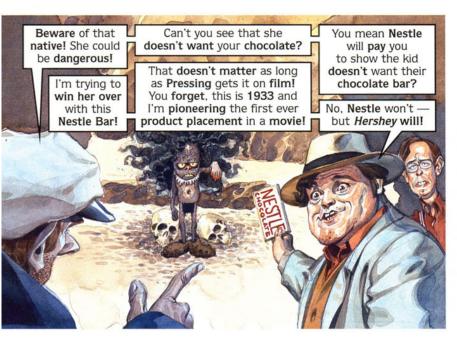


#### FRIENDS OF FUNDALINI









Something doesn't make sense Easy! There's plenty here! How come these natives are to do on this island in so advanced they can build huge the daytime with the platforms with retracting floors beach and stampedes and a cantilevered arm over 100 and stuff! They need feet tall, yet they still think they some form of enterneed to sacrifice a pretty girl to tainment at night to a big gorilla in the moonlight? bring in the crowds!





Maybe I can mollify this big dumb ape by doing some of my old vaudeville act...

Puttin' on the ritz...

Hmm,
it's
not
working!
Maybe a
strip
tease
might
do it...





Now I'm Ya think we I'm praying that these beginit's prestumbled on beasts trample the ning to historic camera! I just realized the other monsters! think this secret I left the film back What's isn't Shill island on the ship and I'm next Island movie gonna be in bigger after location by in this trouble than this mistake? when Cad finds out! place? all...

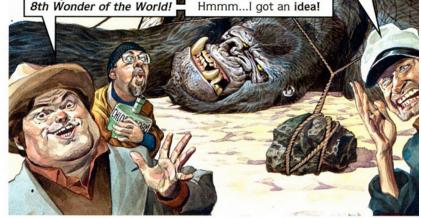
That was amazing, Skinny! You shot all those giant spiders off me with a machine gun and yet you never hit me with a single bullet! He didn't hit you with a single bullet, but at least three members of my crew are dead thanks to his "marksmanship"! Of course that does rein in my payroll quite a bit, so there is a bright side!



We caught Korn! Get the chloroform and put him to sleep!

When we get to **New York**I can see the **theatre**marquee now! *Korn, the*8th Wonder of the World!

No, I think it's going to be more like: Korn, 9th wonder of the world. The 8th wonder of the World is going to be how the hell we got a 25-foot ape up onto our tiny little ship and then sailed it all the way back to America!



Drop another bottle of chloroform in his nose and steer 14 degrees to starboard!

Am I a genius or what?!

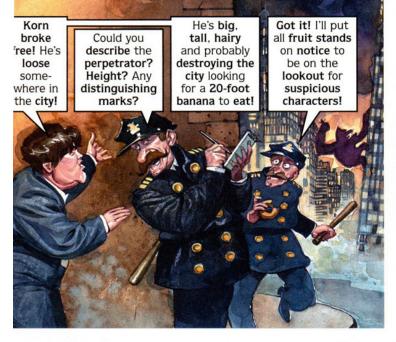
Where I'm sitting!

There's nothing to fear, ladies and gentlemen! Those chains are made of high strength steel!

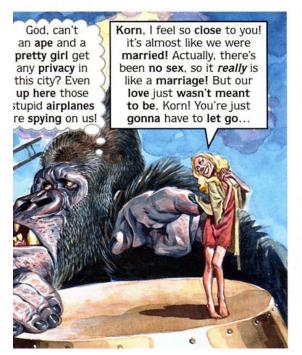
Actually, those chains are made of low grade aluminum!
We had to cut corners somewhere! I mean, publicity or not, putting Korn up at the Waldorf so he could watch the sunset was ridiculous!

I see Korn made it! I guess my big break as his understudy isn't tonight!











Korn is

dead.

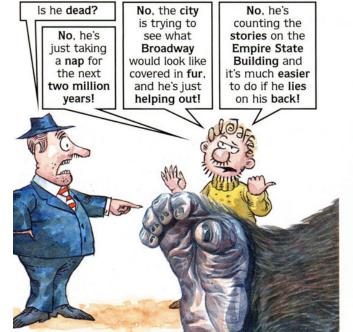
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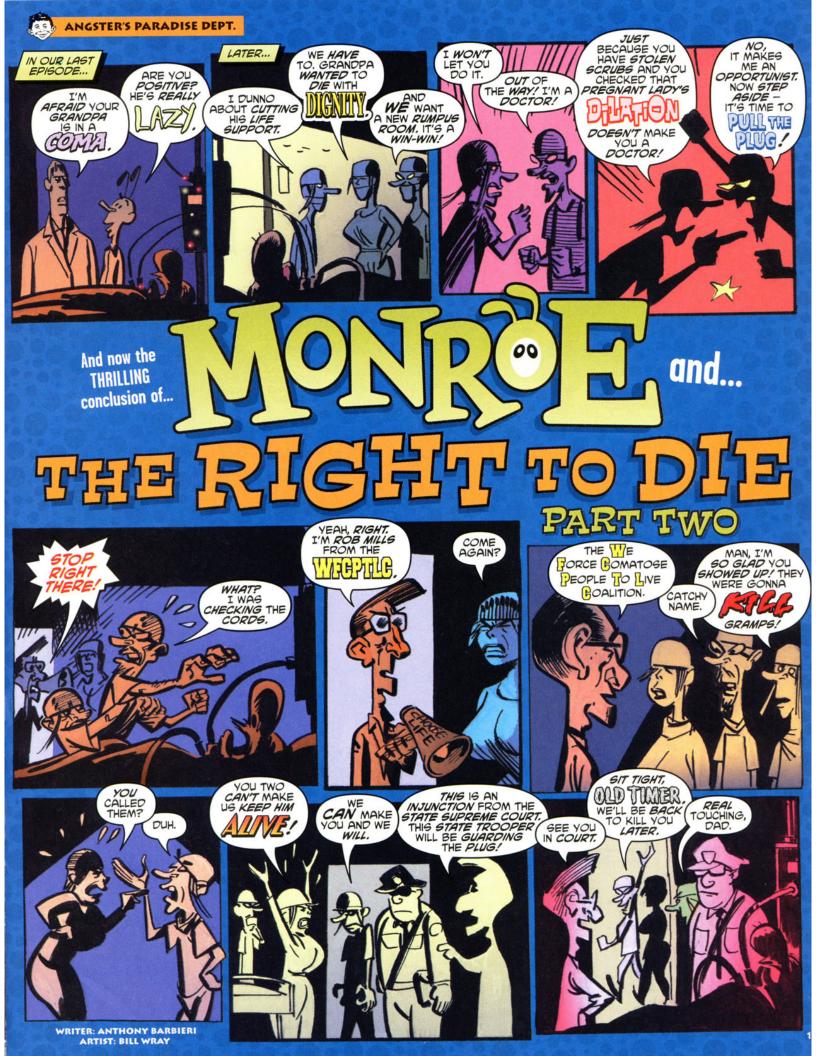
why anyone would





Screw the writing!

You brought a big gorilla











In our crass, vulgar society, product placement is everywhere — there's Dr. Pepper in Spider-Man, the Lakers play at the Staples Center and professional boxers even have website names painted on their backs! So what's keeping the federal government from selling out The Pledge of Allegiance? Sure, it goes against everything our country was founded on — but, more importantly, if we list a bunch of products in the pledge, it'd also make us a ton of money! (And isn't that what our country is all about now?) Here's what you can expect...



ARTIST: TIMOTHY SHAMEY









A MAD MINI POSTER

















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#### [09 March|05:47pm]

This Saturday is my little sister Sophie's 8th birthday. She's having a Barbie-themed party. That was her third choice. Her first choice was to have a princess-themed party, but then my mom told her that if that was the theme of the party, it couldn't just be HER being a princess — she had to let the other girls be princesses, too. Her second choice was a Christina Aguilera-themed party, and both my mom and dad told her absolutely not. So it's a Barbie-themed party. I'm going to try to be out of the house as long as I can.

Planet TAD!!!!!

#### [11 March|11:23pm]

#### [mood| 🂢 jealous]



Well, today was Sophie's party. I went to the mall and managed to miss almost the whole thing - only one of Sophie's friends was still there when I got home, Brenda Winters, who was waiting for her mom to pick her up. She'd had too much cake and ice cream and kept saying, over and over, "I think I'm gonna throw up!" My mom looked really nervous, because Brenda was sitting on the couch that's not Scotchgarded

Anyway, for her birthday, my parents got Sophie a guinea pig, which is totally unfair, because they never let me have a pet. This is what her guinea pig looks like:



His name is Thunderclaw. Sophie calls him "Mr. Squeakers," but he and I both know his name is Thunderclaw.

#### [15 March | 08:37pm]

#### [mood| evil]



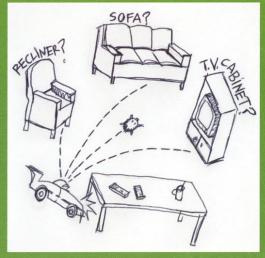
My friend Chet came over today and we sneaked into Sophie's room when she was out at her oboe lesson to play with Thunderclaw. I think he's a really smart guinea pig, because Chet made a little maze out of Legos, and Thunderclaw figured out how to get through it in no time. Chet's coming over on Thursday, when Sophie and my parents are at her recital, and we're going to build a little obstacle course to test Thunderclaw's strength and agility.

#### [19 March|07:23pm]



[mood| anxious]

Oh, man. Today was a long day. Chet and I were putting Thunderclaw through the obstacle course, and he'd already finished the swimming portion in the bathroom sink, and the ice skating portion inside a carton of sherbet we found in the back of the freezer, but then, during the Road Rally, when we had him in my radio-controlled car, Chet took a turn too hard and it slammed into the coffee table. Thunderclaw went flying off somewhere in the direction of the sofa, and we couldn't find him, despite spending a long time diagramming where he could have landed:



Ultimately, we gave up on finding him. Chet remembered that something sort of like this happened in "Meet the Parents," and so we used a solution that worked pretty well there: We ran down to Pets-a-Million to find a replacement for Thunderclaw before Sophie got home. I think the

one we found looks a lot like him, especially some spots with a brown



Gotta go — I hear Sophie and my folks getting home.

#### [20 March|08:17pm]



[mood| relieved]

Good news! Sophie thinks Thunderclaw II is her original guinea pig! Although she did tell Mom and Dad that Mr. Squeakers is suddenly "a whole lot bitey-er"

#### [22 March|07:53pm]



[mood| guilty]

Um. Well. Today brought good news and bad news. The good news is, we found Thunderclaw I. The bad news is, he was in my

I guess, after we lost him, he ran into the kitchen and climbed into the cereal box for some food, and then he couldn't climb out again. So this morning Mom was pouring herself some cereal, and suddenly she screamed, because there in the bowl, with his four tiny paws in the air, was the lifeless body of Thunderclaw I. Sophie started crying and ran to her room, and then a minute later, she came back down to tell us that it couldn't be her guinea pig, because he was still in his cage. And mom said, "Well, how did a guinea pig that looks just like him wind up in my cereal?" I tried to suggest that maybe it was a prize — like, they were giving away one free dead guinea pig in every box of Special K.

Mom stared at me for a really long time, and then she asked, "Is there something you want to tell us?"

And I answered honestly: No. There was absolutely nothing I wanted to tell her.



# PRESENTS AND LOOK







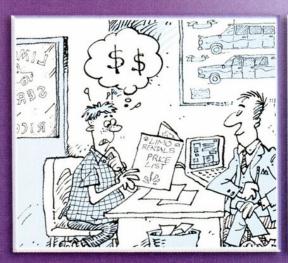






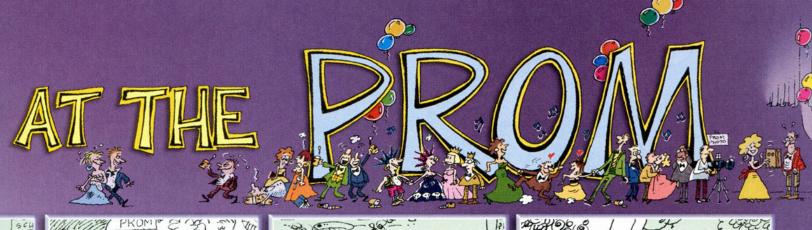




















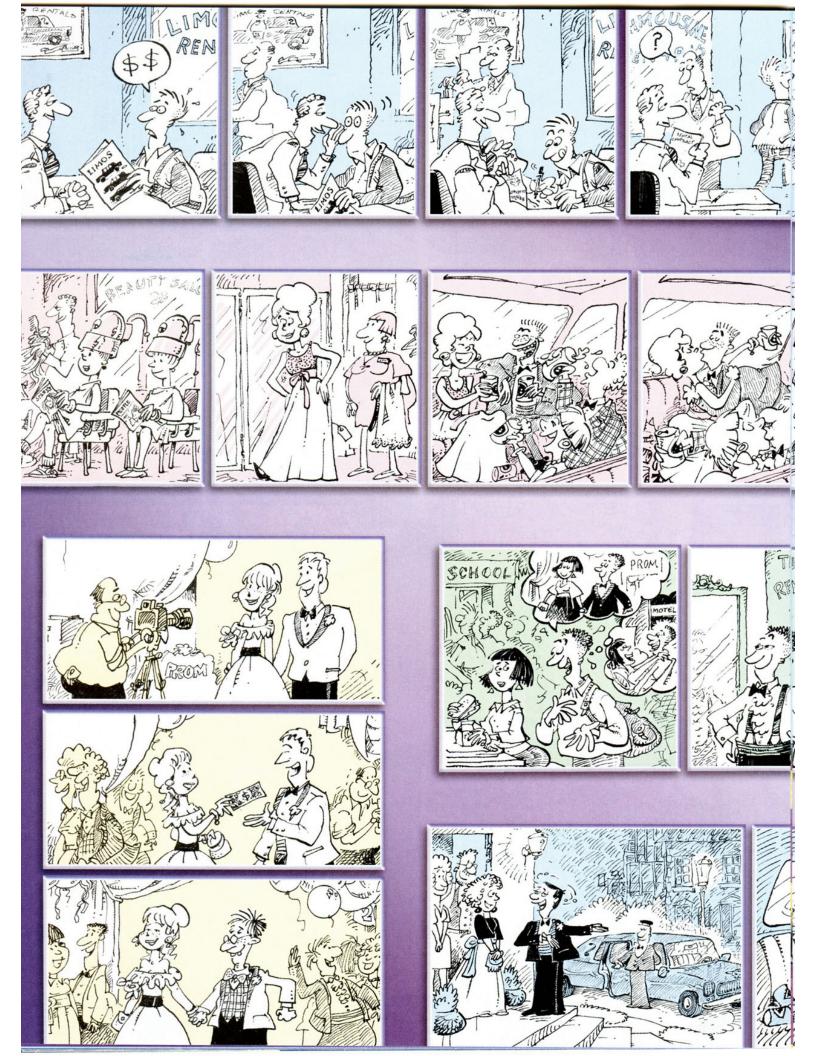
























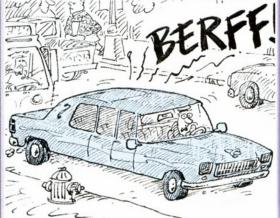






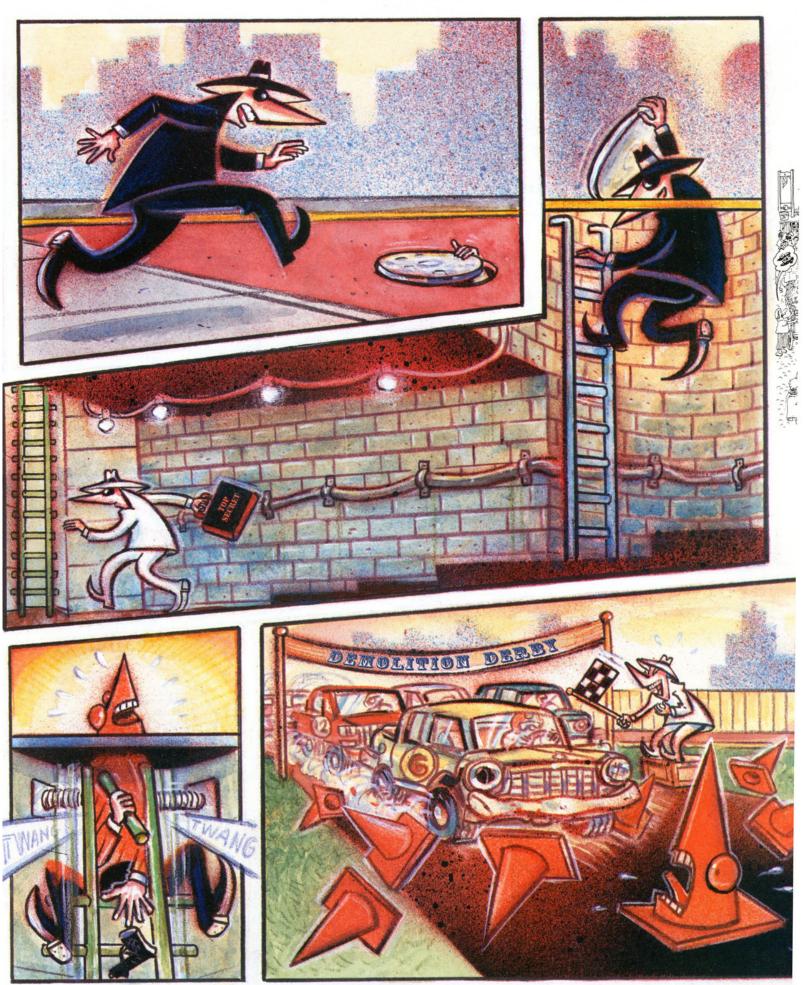


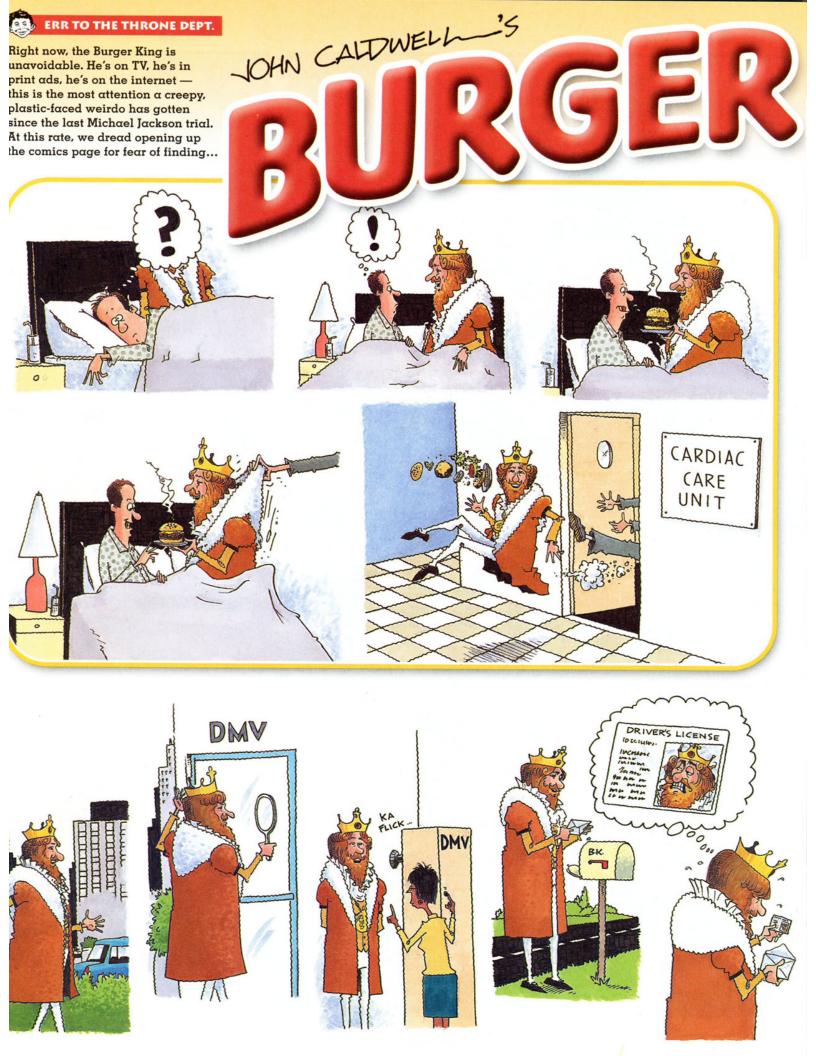






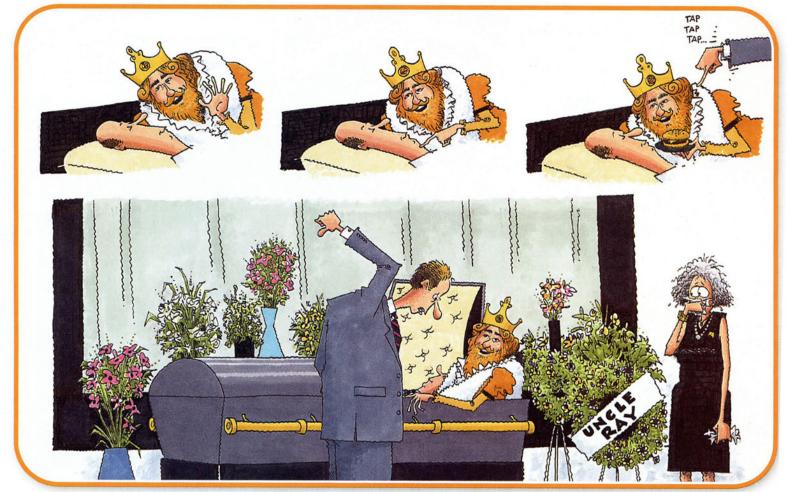


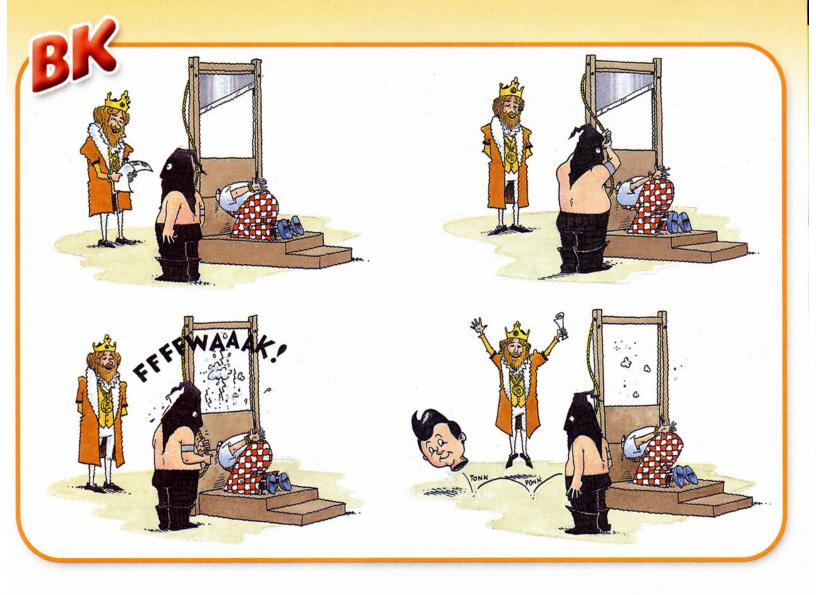


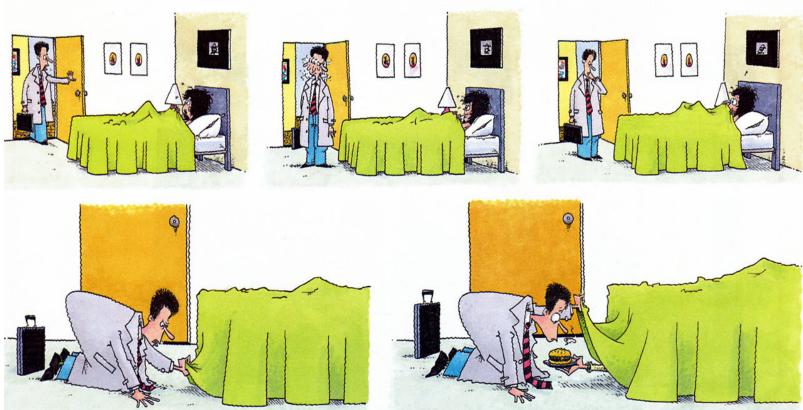




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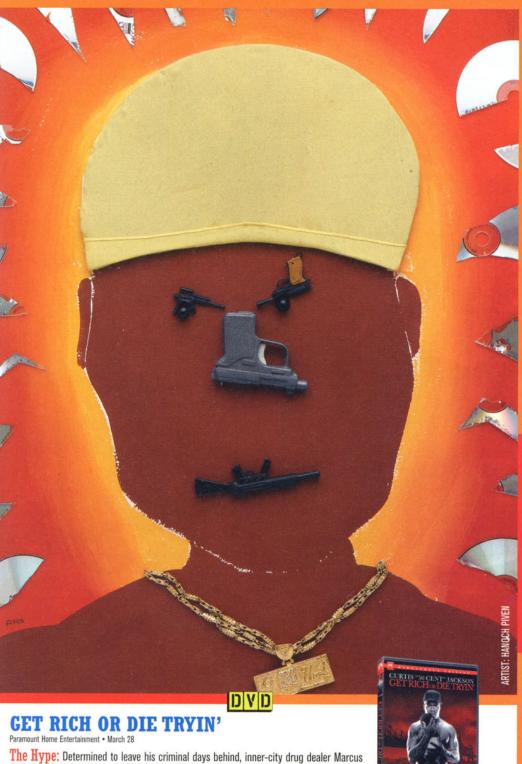




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# GO FETCH!

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



# THE COLLEGEHUMOR BOOK GUIDE TO COLLEGE

THE WRITERS OF COLLEGEHUMOR.COM



Dutton • \$19.95 • 288 pages • April

The Hype: This depiction
of the college experience
includes helpful advice on
things like clothing, parents,
dating, food, drinking and
roommates.

The Snipe: Who cares about all those other areas — let's hear the advice on how to buy English Lit papers off the Net while in a stupor after pulling an all-nighter at the local bar!

#### MUSIC

## AT WAR WITH THE MYSTICS THE FLAMING LIPS

Warner Bros. Records • April 4

The Hype: Although the latest from The Flaming Lips is influenced by frustration with the Bush Administration, the war in Iraq and the fanaticism that surrounds it all, At War With the Mystics preaches an "existential acceptance" of the situation.



The Snipe: Existential acceptance? We're dancing already!

#### GAME

#### THE OUTFIT

Xbox 360 • THQ

The Hype: Experience intense WWII combat through war-torn environments as you take on the Nazi War Machine. Choose from three playable squad leader personalities in missions ranging from reconnaissance and rescue to search and destroy. Take on enemie with an explosive arsenal of WWII weapons and vehicles including Machine Guns, Bazookas, MG 42 Stationary Machine Guns, Tanks, Half-Tracks, and armored vehicles.

The Snipe: The fact that troops are well-equipped and have properly armored vehicles may make the game too unrealistic for som



**The Hype:** Determined to leave his criminal days behind, inner-city drug dealer Marcus (50 Cent) pursues the one thing that inspires him — rap music — and on his life-altering journey, the aspiring artist runs into tough times.

The Snipe: We don't want to ruin the ending for anyone, but 50 doesn't die trying.

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#### ROBOT CHICKEN SEASON ONE

Warner Home Video . March 28

The Hype: Old-school stop-motion animation and fast-paced satire are the hallmarks of this eclectic show. Action figures find new life as players in frenetic sketch-comedy vignettes that skewer TV, movies, music and celebrities.

#### The Snipe: Expect Pamela

Anderson to announce her boycott of this DVD because of the show's "cruel and unusual treatment of robot chickens."



#### MUSIC

## SHOW YOUR BONES THE YEAH YEAH YEAHS

Interscope Records • March 28

The Hype: This is the second album from the NYC trio, who went from underground heroes to mainstream darlings, thanks to 2003's Fever to Tell (with its haunting single "Maps"). The new album's title, according to frontwoman Karen O., describes what happens when you put your finger in a light socket.

The Snipe: Good call on the title — the album probably wouldn't sell as well if it was called Die a Horrible, Painful Death by Electrocution.



#### GAME

#### TYCOON CITY: NEW YORK

PC . Atari, I

The Hype: New York City comes alive in Tycoon City: New York, the first and only Tycoon game that simulates a real-world city and gives players the ability to create and customize over 100 types of major businesses, including running a hot nightclub, overseeing a media conglomerate, or opening a lucrative Broadway theater — the choices are endless. As the player progresses,



he or she is rewarded by unlocking many of the iconic monuments of New York City, including the Statue of Liberty and Empire State Building.

The Snipe: As of press time it was unclear if the iconic monuments of New York City include Trump's hair.



#### BOOK

## SKATE AND DESTROY — 25 YEARS OF THRASHER MAGAZINE

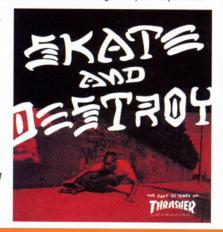
Rizzoli Publications • \$32.50 • 288 pages • April

The Hype: This book recounts skateboarding's twists and turns of the last two decades with reprints of the magazine's original columns ("Photograffiti", "Zounds" and "Trash" among others) and unpublished

photos, rejected covers, interview outtakes and detailed profiles.

#### The Snipe:

Looking at photos of gifted skateboarders is always fun — hopefully there are a lot of pictures of the boarders writhing in pain after bashing their nads on rails!



#### GAME

#### **STATE OF EMERGENCY 2**

PS2 • SouthPeak Interactive

The Hype: Grittier and more realistic than its predecessor and with a highly involving single-player story mode, *State of Emergency 2* takes place four years after the original and has Spanky, MacNeil, Bull and the rest of the Freedom movement once again battling to rid the world of the oppressive Corporation, an evil corporate dictatorship that is intent on the global enslavement of the masses.

The Snipe: What better way to assert your freedom and battle the evil corporate dictatorship than by purchasing yet another video game?



# AVAILABLE WHEREVER

**BOOKS ARE SOLD!** 

#### YOU IN REVERSE BUILT TO SPILL

Warner Bros. Records . April 11

The Hype: You In Reverse arrives as the most collaborative record in the band's thirteen year history. This album documents the newest branch of Built To Spill's chaotic, yet elegant evolution.



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The Snipe: Note to Christian Fundamentalists: Feel free to refer to it as the newest branch of their chaotic, yet elegant intelligent design.

#### GAME

#### THMESHIFT

Xbox, Xbox 360, PC • Atari

The Hype: Gamers assume the role of renowned test pilot Colonel Michael Swift, who is briefly sent back in time to 1911 to plant an experimental probe. Upon his return to the present, a shift has occurred. Swift is now both on the run and on a mission

to set time straight once again. The unprecedented technology behind *TimeShift* will allow gamers, for the first time, the ability to slow, stop and reverse the flow of time while remaining completely unaffected.

The Snipe: Slow, stop and reverse the flow of time, eh? Sounds like what Bush is trying to do with his Supreme Court picks.





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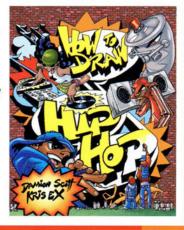
#### HOW TO DRAW HIP-HOP DAMION SCOTT AND KRIS EX

Watson-Guptil • \$19.95 • 144 pages • March

The Hype: This book explains drawing basics and construction of the hip-hop look. Learn ways to capture

the style and spirit of the B-boy and the B-girl and how to draw hip-hop gear, environments, characters and graffiti.

The Snipe: Yo yo yo!
What better way to
capture the "spirit and
style" of the hip-hop
world than to read
a book about it —
isn't this how 50 Cent
got started?

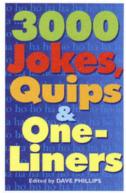


#### BOOK

#### 3000 JOKES, QUIPS & ONE-LINERS

EDITED BY DAVE PHILLIPS

Random House • \$7.99 • 288 pages • March



The Hype: There are hundreds of one-liners and longer jokes on subjects including animals, families, food and drink, dating and education included in this book.

The Snipe: Animals?
Families? Dating? Even
though these topics are
included, we're betting
the joke they told in The
Aristocrats didn't make
the cut!

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#### **TARHEAD**

Universal Studios Home Entertainment • March 7

The Hype: Jamie Foxx and Jake Gyllenhaal star in this unconventional war story. During the first Gulf War, Gyllenhaal and his fellow Marines sustain themselves with

sardonic humanity and wicked comedy against an enemy they can't see, for a cause they don't fully grasp.

The Snipe: Jake Gyllenhaal and some other dude out in the wilds of Iraq, relying on each other to get through the hardships? They should just cash in on the fad and rename this movie Brokeback Mosul!



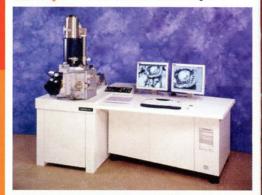
### THE MUST-HAVEL

#### THE CAMSCAN 3000 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

**OBDUCAT** 

The Hype: The CamScan 3000 features full PC control, large chambers, low vacuum operation and fully integrated precision eucentric stages. In addition to the smaller footprint and Turbo pump vacuum control, the 18" LCD displays, cordless mouse and keyboard make this an attractive and easy instrument to own and operate.

The Snipe: Christmas can't come soon enough!





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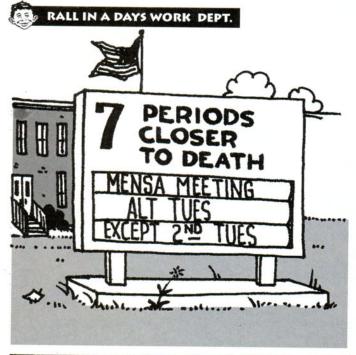
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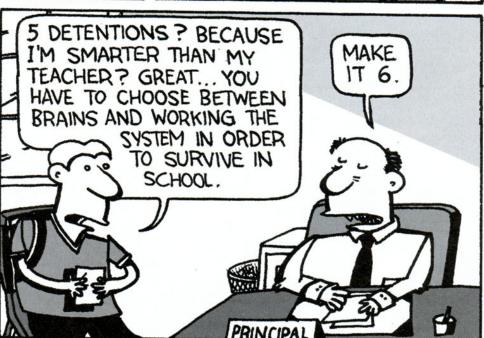
RIGHT. THE FIRST "THAT" IS A CONJUNCTION, INTRODUCING A RELATIVE CLAUSE. THE SECOND "THAT" IS THE FIRST WORD OF THAT CLAUSE. HERE IT IS AN ADJECTIVE MODIFYING "ATTACK", I.E. A PARTICULAR ATTACK.





I'M NOT WRONG-YOU'RE SO STUPID YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW STUPID YOU ARE!

















WHAT "LOST"
CHARACTER DO
MANY FEEL IS NOT
GETTING ENOUGH
ATTENTION?

# MAD FOLD-IN

There's one character who used to get a lot of coverage, but lately seems to be pushed to the back burner. No one knows why this person is not getting the notice they deserve. To find out who this neglected character is, fold page in as shown.



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> QUESTION FOR THOSE IN CHARGE: WHY PURP-OSELY HIDE SOMEONE? DO YOU HEIGHTEN DRAMA BY DOING THIS? THE POWERS THAT BE CAN GAIN LASTING PUBLIC ACCLAIM BY CAUSING THE SUDDEN RE-APPEARANCE OF A LOST CHARACTER.

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