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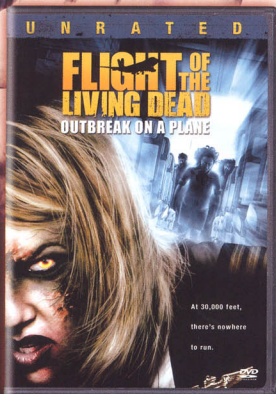


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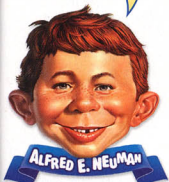
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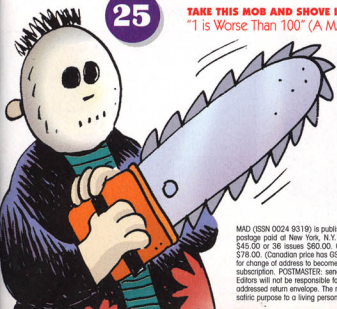
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MAD BLUES

A recent issue of *Time* magazine asked several famous writers what their guilty pleasures are when it comes to summer reading. Surprisingly, best-selling and award-winning author Joyce Carol Oates singled-out MAD!

MAD Magazine, and in later years collections of this wonderfully inventive, irresistibly irreverent and intermittently ingenious American "comic book," would qualify as one of my most prized guilty pleasures. (But why "guilty"? No one who admires MAD magazine really feels the need to apologize or defend himself.) When I first began reading this inspired comic book, I was quite a young child, entirely lacking in awareness of or interest in who might have been responsible for its freshness and originality amid so much on comic-book racks that was derivative and cliché-ridden. Now I know that Harvey Kurtzman edited MAD Magazine and William Gaines published it; that MAD belonged to a controversial family of comic books, EC Comics, one day to be investigated by a Senate committee (on what grounds, one can only speculate); that the fatuously grinning Alfred E. Neuman with his perennial query ("What, me worry?") prefigured the improbable presidential cartoon character George W. Bush many years later.

Thanks a bundle, Oates! You're wrong about one thing though — anyone who admires MAD should feel extremely guilty! — Ed.

CARICATURE ASSASSINS

I have been a MAD reader for a few years now, and it has always made me laugh. But recently a disturbing thing has happened. I'm starting to see people as MAD caricatures. Everywhere in my daily life, I'm seeing people in MAD form. I fear I'm going mad myself.

Caleb Oldham, Chelsea, VT

You've-Got-To-Know-When-to-Oldham — Real people looking like MAD caricatures? You might be going crazy or you may have just seen such cartoonishly deformed people as the increasingly-botoxed Fergie, Posh Spice with her alien mannequin physique or the face-lifted, steroid-loving Sylvester Stallone! Seeing this bunch of freak-a-doodles would test any person's sanity.

So either way, you're probably going mad!
—Ed.

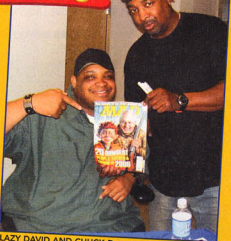


What's crackin'? As a long time reader of your rag (my mom got me hooked when I was a kid, by passing them to me when she was finished), I have been waiting for this day so that I could stop carrying your magazine everywhere I go. I met Public Enemy frontman, and personal Flavor Flav wrangler Chuck D., at one of his lectures. He granted my wish by posing with MAD #473. Hopefully you guys can grant my wish and hook me up with that three-year subscription!

David Norris, East Cleveland, OH

Nor'easter — Your wish is granted, you'll get your three-year subscription! We have one question though — how could you not offer your chair to rap living legend Chuck D.? You've just watched the man lecture, don't you think he'd like a seat? Even Flavor Flav (who's a few singles short of an album) would give up his seat! For shame, sir, for shame! —Ed.

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS



LAZY DAVID AND CHUCK D.

COMPS U.S.A.

My grandmother died just after last Christmas. While cleaning out her house, me and several others from my family noticed a box of old MAD magazines (from the mid 70s). My other family members decided that since I was the goofiest one there, I should have the magazines. Although there was only about ten, I gladly accepted the box and took it home to my room. I read the magazines one by one and just as I was halfway through the tenth one, a guy in my class offered me two MAD magazines (#476 & #477). Once again, I gladly accepted. These two took me longer to read because they were funnier and more modern. Right after I finished the second one, I drove with my mother to the mall to get a Father's Day gift for my dad. As I went looking through the stores to find the right thing for my dad, my mom approached me with the latest issue of MAD #479. Once again, I gladly accepted. We got my father a pair of jeans and left. As I was walking out of the mall, one of those annoying little subscription cards fell out. My mother saw it and offered to buy me a year's subscription to MAD (on a couple of conditions). And once again, I gladly accepted. Isn't it odd that in a year's time, I will have acquired 25 copies of MAD, not having to pay for a single one? And who knows, maybe if this gets published, I'll win another free year's subscription.

Sam Barron,
Via letters@madmagazine.com

Red Barron — That's quite the scam you've got going — but it looks like it's backfired on you this time, bucko! As you can see from the handy wallet-sized chart below, having just a letter subscription doesn't get you a free subscription! Not to make you feel any worse, but if you had sent in a photo of yourself with your ever-growing collection of MADs with this letter, you would have gotten a one-year subscription as MAD Fan Of The Month. But that ship has sailed! What's important is that you learn from your mistakes. Although, if you're reading MAD, we're guessing that learning is probably not your thing! —Ed.

CELEBRITY SNAP with celebrity holding the issue — Three-year subscription

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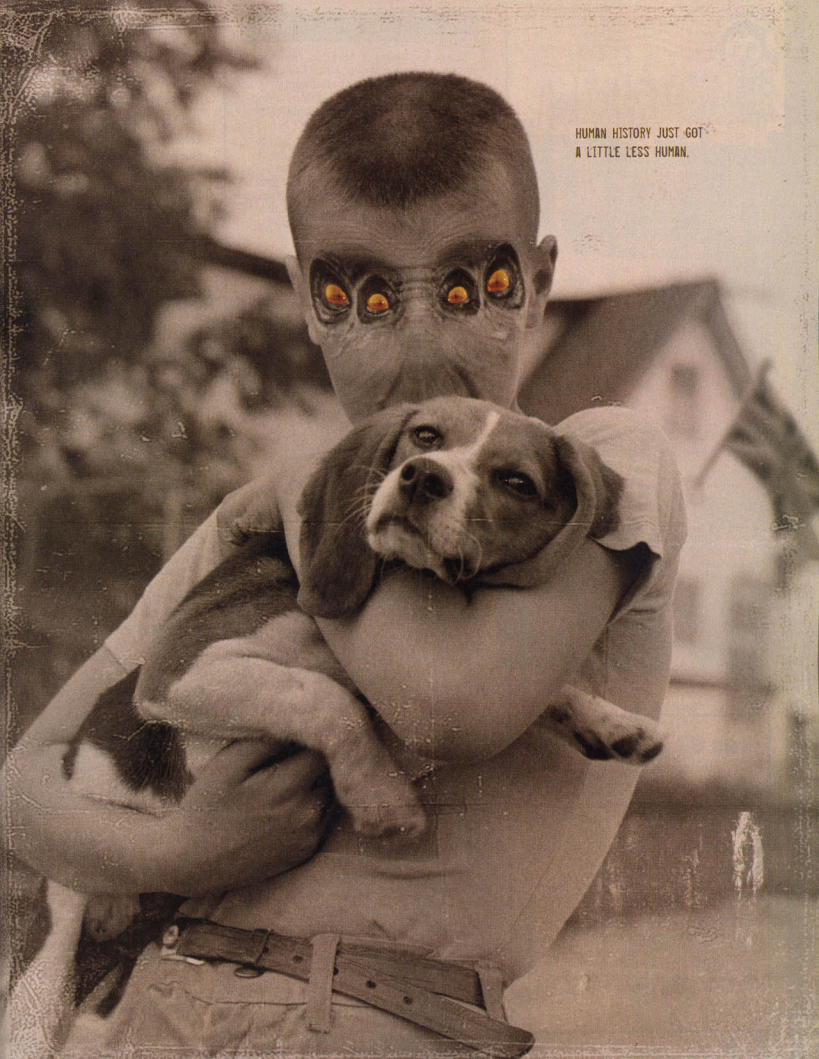
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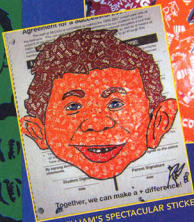




The Big Easel

This is an Alfred E. Neuman I made in my planner out of stickers that are in the back of my middle school planner. This was a way better use of time than math class!

William Helton, Seattle, WA



Going to Helton in a Hand Basket — Congrats on your free subscription — which is more than we can say to that loser Sam Barron! (See Sam? If you'd just apply yourself a little more, you'd be rewarded for your efforts!) As for you, Billy, you get a year of MAD! That's on issue every month! Maybe if you had actually paid attention in math class, you could figure out how many issues that is in total! —Ed.

THE BIG QUESTION

This Month's Question:
What celebrity would you like to see "clown dunked" in a septic system?

- Anna Nicole Smith's Sidekick/Lawyer/Opportunist Howard K. Stern
- Presidential Player-Hater Hillary Clinton
- American Idol's Space Filler Ryan Seacrest
- Man-faced Gyrator Fergie

Please send your votes by e-mail (letters@madmagazine.com) and make sure you put "The Big Question" in the subject line, or via snail mail to Amy "The Big Question" Vozelas, MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

BEDDED BLISS

I have a drawing of Alfred E. Neuman above my bed and ever since I put it up, I have been having bad dreams. Then I took it down and I started having good dreams. Is having a drawing of Alfred above your bed bad luck?

Cooper Maestas, Salt Lake City, UT

Cooper Scooper — Did you ever stop to consider that it wasn't our mascot that gave you nightmares, but the terrible artwork in your drawing? Let's share the blame on this one, okay? Next time, maybe you should try watercolors! —Ed.

READER ALERT 1

Those of you lucky enough to have your letter printed in this month's Letters Page will receive a copy of the New York Times bestselling book *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* courtesy of our friend at Amulet Books/Abrams. If your letter didn't make it, don't worry, the book is on sale now!



READER ALERT 2

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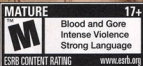
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BAD NEWZ KENNELS

MICHAEL VICK'S APOLOGY STATEMENT

Today I plead guilty to dog fighting charges. As an animal lover this has been particularly hard on me.

Although I said in my previous statement that I looked forward to clearing my good name, that ideal is now as dead as the mound of dogs in the corner of my basement that I hung, drowned and/or electrocuted.

On the field I am known for my scrambling, and uncanny ability to get out of tough situations. It's a little bit tougher off the field when two of your so-called friends cut a deal with prosecutors and sell you out faster than a "three Mississippi" count.

I would like to apologize to my mom, who has stood by me through this ordeal, and throughout the years has worked so hard to get the biggest stains out of my laundry.

I also would like to apologize to my contractor who built the innovative dog-leeding rape stands and drowning stations. Needless to say, plans for the doggie guideline are now on hold indefinitely. Ditto the spit roast and four-legged iron maiden. It seems most people just don't share our passion for sports.

Throughout this ordeal, the press has been on me like a pack of wild dogs. I ask you all, what did I ever do to deserve this?

I look forward to putting all this brutality and rape behind me once I arrive in prison.

LITTLE-KNOWN PROVISIONS IN THE 2007 IMMIGRATION BILL

- Grants immediate amnesty for all actresses in the *Lusty Latinas* DVD series.
- Five lucky immigrants will find a golden ticket tucked into their visa, gaining them entrance to an enchanted chocolate factory.
- Non-citizens who are here illegally will still be allowed to vote on *American Idol*.
- Gives Bush permission in advance to bomb Iran.
- The bulk of border patrol jobs in Arizona will be outsourced to India.

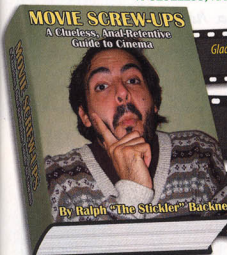
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Gladiator takes place in ancient Rome, yet everyone speaks English.

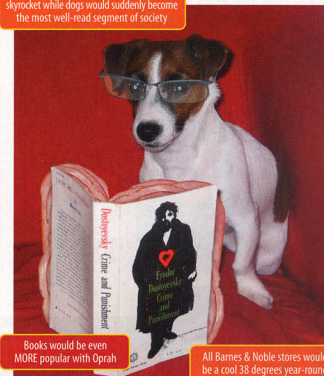
In Friday the 13th Part 5, Jason is seen throughout the movie, even though he died in each of the first four.

In the closing credits of Stanley Kubrick's classic 2001: A Space Odyssey, it says the film was made in 1968...an error of 33 years!

FUNDALINI ASKS "WHAT IF...?"

This Month...
WHAT IF BOOKS WERE PRINTED ON DELI MEATS?

Illiteracy among vegetarians would skyrocket while dogs would suddenly become the most well-read segment of society



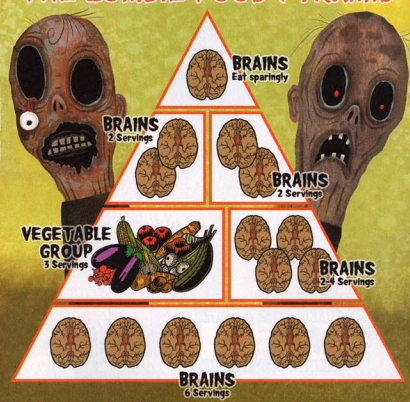
Books would be even MORE popular with Oprah

All Barnes & Noble stores would be a cool 38 degrees year-round

Year after year, the Pulitzer Prize winner: Boar's Head

Book burnings would now smell deer-licious

THE ZOMBIE FOOD PYRAMID



THE FAST 5

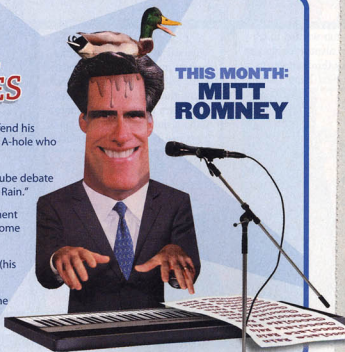
AMAZING FACTS ABOUT JENNA BUSH'S NEW BOOK

- 1 It's the first non-fiction book about South American poverty to ever include an appendix of kick-ass margarita recipes.
- 2 Her father has already promised to read it to grade-schoolers during the next terrorist attack on our country.
- 3 Jenna will donate some of the book's proceeds to UNICEF — which should help whenever her dad finally gets around to slashing its budget.
- 4 The book, *And a Story: A Journey of Hope*, is widely expected to outsell Mary Cheney's memoir, *A Father's Gentle Sneeze*.
- 5 Her book tour will only take her to places still considered "Bush-friendly," such as Crawford, Texas and...well, that's pretty much it.



MEET THE '08 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

- Claims he's had it with having to repeatedly defend his Mormon faith and has vowed to smite the next A-hole who brings up the subject.
- Is preparing for the upcoming Republican YouTube debate by spending hours a day rehearsing "Chocolate Rain."
- Demonstrates his commitment to the environment by personally caring for any waterfowl that become oil-saturated after landing in his hair.
- Says his name "Mitt" is short for "Catcher's Mitt" (his father was a big Yogi Berra fan).
- Cites his foreign policy experience in running the Salt Lake City Olympics as an example of how, if elected, he would deal with Middle Eastern, Islamic Fundamentalist hockey players.



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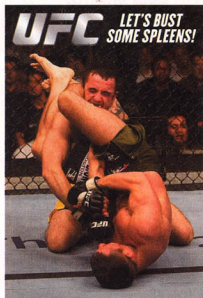
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I said good morning.



You don't even know me. What makes you presume I'm having a good anything?

I just wanted to...

I know what you wanted to do. You wanted to try and infect me with your sunny disposition so you can go through the rest of the day thinking you're a great person and the world is a nice, happy place.

Is it too much to ask that I be allowed to just walk down the street in my perpetual pessimism? Jesus, put some of that sensitivity into understanding that most people are miserable and there's nothing that you can do to make them feel happy! Grow up, loser!



Rot in hell, you jerk!

Now that's more like it!



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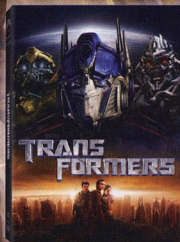
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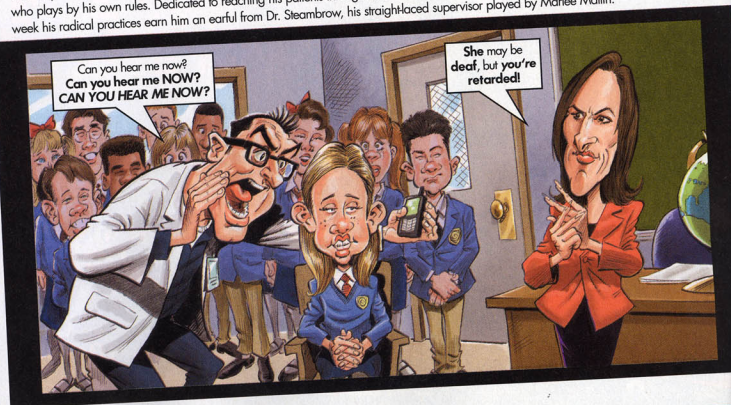
What could be worse than watching a show and having some lame commercial interrupt it? How about watching a show based on that commercial! Just when we thought those GEICO cavemen commercials were stretched to near plotline extinction, here comes an actual sitcom featuring those misunderstood Neanderthals! And since in television, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, we'll soon see what happens...

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THE TRAVELOCITY ROAMING GNOME IN *GNOME SWEET GNOME*

Heather Locklear returns to the small screen with the Travelocity Roaming Gnome in a new comedy about an unconventional mixed marriage. She's a college-educated, dyed-in-the-wool, progressive, liberal, Democrat, white, Protestant vegan from Santa Monica; he's an inanimate five-pound polyresin garden decoration! Add Doris Roberts (as the Gnome's mother-in-law) and two rambunctious kids to the mix, and it's a recipe for non-stop zaniness!



MRS. BUTTERWORTH IN *Butterworth*

She's nine inches tall, full of thick, rich syrup, and the only thing standing between a poor sap and a guilty verdict. She's Butterworth, the most sought-after criminal defense attorney in Chicago. When the odds are stacked against you and you're in the thick of a sticky situation, don't waffle — call Butterworth. Co-starring Steve Schirripa (The Sopranos) as a grizzled P.I. and Toucan Sam (Froot Loops) as the ruthless district attorney, Fred Rasmussen.



TONY THE TIGER IN **TONY**

He's long been beloved as Kellogg's most famous spokes-tiger, but next season Tony the Tiger will bowl everyone over as Tony O'Connor, the clinical psychologist host of the fictional *Dr. Tony Show*. Using his positive, can-do attitude, "Dr. T" helps everyone from a narcoleptic shoplifter to a war hero with restless leg syndrome to a stuttering auctioneer. Rounding out the cast are Lisa Kudrow as his bitter ex-wife and Andy Richter as his manager afflicted with chronic OCD.



PC AND MAC IN **THE oddCOUPLE**

On November 13, PC Unger was asked to disconnect himself from his place of business. That request came from the IT Department. Deep down, he knew they were right, but he also knew that some day he would return to them. With nowhere else to go, he appeared at the home of his friend, Mac Madison. Can two incompatible operating systems share an apartment without driving each other crazy? Created by Neil Simon and Steve Jobs.



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A good slogan can make or break a presidential campaign. After all, who could forget Harrison's "Tippecanoe" and Tyler Too," Eisenhower's "I Like Ike," and Reagan's "Morning in America"? Okay, we could all forget them...the day after taking our U.S. History exam! But it's no surprise that Hillary Clinton's campaign team is trying desperately to come up with the phrase that can do the seemingly impossible and propel the former first lady to victory. They don't have the winner yet, but not for lack of trying, as you can see from the rapidly accumulating collection of...

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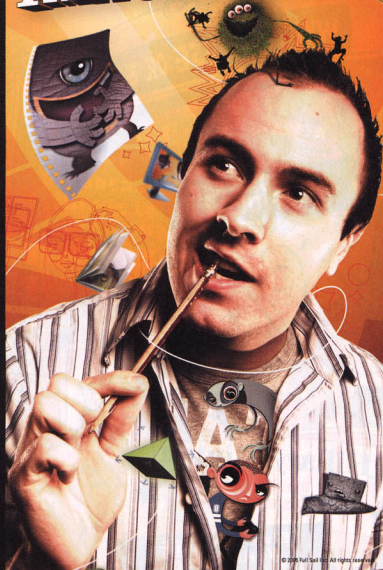
Hillary
One of the few women in Washington not having sex with Bill Clinton



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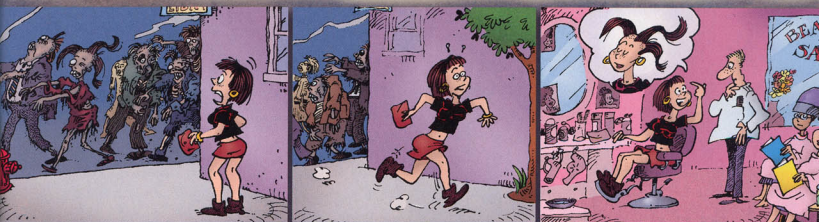
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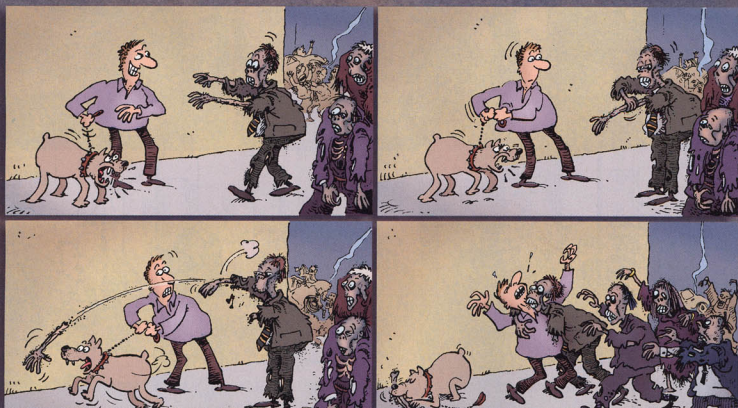
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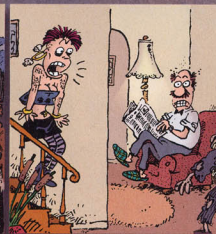
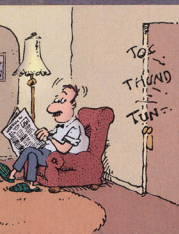
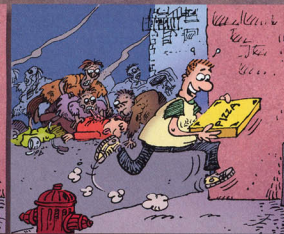
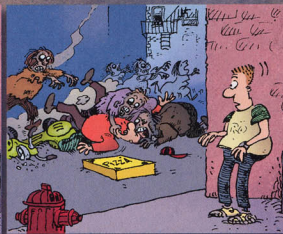
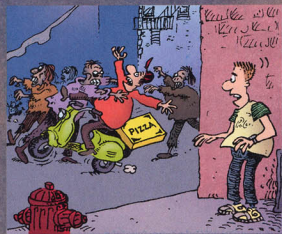
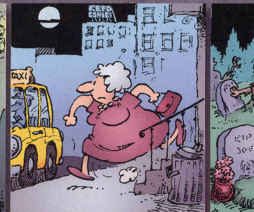
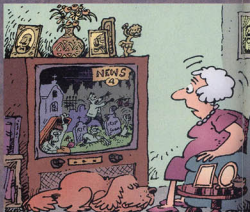
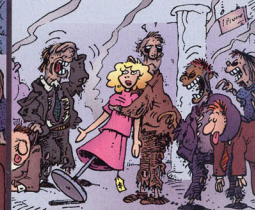
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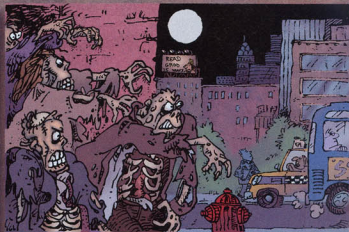
PRESENTS A MAD LOOK AT ZOMBIES



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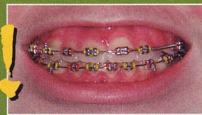


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Planet TAD!!!!



[About Me]
 [Name]Tad
 [Favorite color]Yellowish
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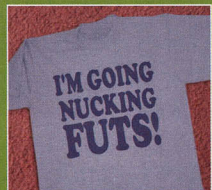
[6 October|02:44pm]

[mood] [sad face] embarrassed

I had to go clothes shopping with my mom. (She won't let me go on my own. Apparently, you buy one "Nucking Futs" t-shirt, and suddenly, you're not allowed to buy clothes by yourself anymore.)

We spent the whole day going from store to store, and she made me try stuff on, then come out of the changing room to show her. The worst moment came at Old Navy, when I tried on some jeans and she announced, "Those look like they're too tight in the crotch area!" That's when I looked up and saw that April Dawson, the co-captain of the field hockey team, was shopping nearby, and she was trying hard not to crack up. And then I realized April was with her mom, and her mom was also trying not to crack up.

It's too late for me to change schools this year. I checked. All I can do is hope that she forgets between now and the next time I see her in class.



[9 October|03:19pm]

[mood] [sad face] humiliated

So, at lunch today, I was walking back to my table with my tray and I heard April Dawson say, "Nice pants," and then her whole table started laughing. I guess three days isn't enough time to forget.

[10 October|03:51pm]

[mood] [sad face] curious

OK, this is weird: After biology today, I came back to my locker and found this note had been stuck to it:

TAD-
 I think
 you're cute.
 -you're Secret
 Admirer

I have a secret admirer! Which is kind of cool, and kind of creepy. I don't know who it could be. I showed it to my friends Kevin and Chuck. Kevin wants to be a forensic investigator like on CSI, and he suggested that we put it under a black light, or dust it for fingerprints. But I don't have a black light, or fingerprint dust. (We tried rubbing just regular dust on it, but it just got all smudgy.) Then Kevin said it was too bad the note wasn't written in blood, 'cause then we could do a DNA match. I pointed out that we don't have a DNA-matching machine, either. Also, as Chuck pointed out, it's probably a good thing that my secret admirer doesn't write her notes to me in blood.

[11 October|03:23pm]

[mood] [sad face] curiouiser

Today I found another note stuck to my locker:

TAD-
 Do you know
 who I am?
 -you're secret Admirer

I showed it to Kevin. He asked if he could see the first note, and he looked at them side-by-side for a while, then said, "I think it's definitely from the same person who sent you the first note."

Kevin can be a little slow sometimes.

[12 October|06:02pm]

At lunch today, Kevin actually had a good idea: He'd brought in last year's yearbook, and we went through our class and crossed out every girl who'd ever told me she didn't like me, or that I was grossing her out, or to stop talking to her. That got rid of a lot of them. Then we crossed out every girl who already was dating somebody, which got rid of a lot more. And Chuck pointed out that we could also cross off every girl in an advanced English class, 'cause my secret admirer doesn't know the difference between "you're" and "your." And then he had to spend five minutes explaining the difference between "you're" and "your" to Kevin.

Anyway, now we're down to just 28 girls. After the weekend, I'm going to go down the list and try talking to each of them, to see if I can figure out which one it is.

[15 October|04:17pm]

[mood] [sad face] frustrated

Ugh. So, today I managed to talk to six of the girls on my list. I don't think any of them are the one. I asked Julie Kahn how her summer was, and she said, "Who wants to know?" I asked Samantha Scanlon if I could borrow a pen, and she sighed and made me give her a dollar as a deposit, so she could be sure to get it back. Three different girls, when they saw me coming, pretended their cell phone had just rung and they had to answer it, which was really obvious when Violet Liu did it, because she doesn't even own a cell phone, so she used her calculator instead. And Nina Paterson was really friendly to me, which I took as a good sign, until she asked me, "Do you think your friend Kevin likes me?" Which is good news for Kevin, I guess, but doesn't help me.

[16 October|03:30pm]

[mood] [sad face] discouraged

OK. I give up. I tried talking to three more of the girls on my list. I asked Kate McLean "How's it going?", and she told me "None of your business." When I asked Sara Jacobsen what time it was, she said, "Time for you to stop bothering me." And Susan Regan just stared at me as I talked to her, then turned to one of her friends and said, "Did you hear something? It's like someone was speaking, but I didn't see anyone."

That's it. I'm done trying to figure out who it is. I'm going to spend my time doing other stuff. Like figuring out what you call a Hot Pocket when it gets cold. Is it a cold Hot Pocket? Or just a Cold Pocket?

[17 October|07:56pm]

[mood] [sad face] disappointed

Well, the secret admirer mystery's solved. I got another note in my locker today:

TAD
 Meet me
 at the
 bleachers
 after school.

So I went down to the bleachers, and I waited, and I waited, and I waited, but nobody showed up — the only person there was Stu Lawrence, who also seemed to be just waiting around. So we started talking, and he asked me why I was hanging around, and so I told him about my secret admirer. And he got sort of pale and asked to see the note, so I showed it to him. And he said, "Is your locker near Tracy Ann Dillon's?" And I told him, yeah, I had the locker next to hers. And he said, "Aw, crap," and he turned really super-bright red. And then neither of us said anything, but he just took the note out of my hand.

So I guess Stu Lawrence was accidentally my secret admirer. He asked me not to tell anyone about the whole thing. I told him that'd be fine by me.

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THEN WE LAID OUT IN A CEMETERY ALL NIGHT WITH OUR NECKS EXPOSED. THE ONLY BITES WE GOT WERE FROM CHIGGERS.



FINALLY, WE DID FIND A LIFE-SUCKING ENTITY, THOUGH IT CAME IN A DIFFERENT FORM THAN WE WERE EXPECTING.



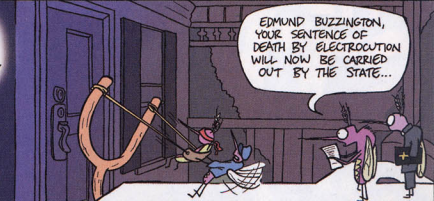
THEN ONE NIGHT, ONE OF OUR RESEARCHERS HOOKED UP WITH A GIRL WHO BIT HIM. WE THOUGHT WE'D STRUCK GOLD.



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HOORAH!

BUT TRULY THIS VICTORY IS DUE TO THE ENCHANTED SWORD I DID PULL FROM THE SKULL OF THE DRAGON KING! SWORD, YOU WILL BE A SYMBOL OF VALOR FOR AGES TO COME. THUS DO I DUB THE...

SUGARTWINKLE!



err

Yeeeahhh

SIRE? I THINK THE MEN FIND "SUGARTWINKLE" A BIT... GAY!



"GAY"? THE SWORD THAT SPLIT GRELCH THE ABOMINABLE IN TWAIN IS GAY?!

NAY, SIRE! THE SWORD IS A MAINLY SHARD OF STEEL BUT THE NAME BESPEAKS A YOUNG GIRL'S PET PONY, NOT THE MIGHTIEST BLADE IN THE TWELVE REALMS!



AND I SUPPOSE YOU HAVE A BETTER SUGGESTION?

THREE SOLARS LATER...

... AND SO, THOUGH THERE WERE MANY WORTHY ENTRIES IN MY "DUB THE SWORD" CONTEST, ONE HAS STOOD OUT LIKE A WHITE PALOMINO AGAINST THE BLACK CLIFFS OF GORTH! BEHOLD--



EAGLESCREAM!

HOORAH!

A SAGE CHOICE, SIRE.

IT IS RATHER CATCHY, ISN'T IT?



ALL HAIL KING TICKLEBUNNY!

HAIL TICKLEBUNNY!

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JUMP CUT

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GOOD! THAT'S GOOD!

OKAY, THE SECOND RULE OF FIGHT CLUB...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WE JUST AGREED NOT TO TALK ABOUT IT!

WELL... I GUESS WE'RE DONE THEN.

PAUL GILLIGAN

FATHER FLANNITY'S HOT TUB CONFESSIONS!!

WITH NICOLE RICHIE!!

Mrs. Richie... Welcome to The hot tub... Do you have something to confess?

Yes, Father. I do.

CHOIRBOY TIMMY!!

I'm here to confess that I'm PREGGERS!! KNOCKED UP!! GOT A BUN IN THE OVEN!!

Congratulations!!

Whatever... I just hope & pray now the damn media will get offa my back fer being so skinny...

Now all I gotta do is figure out how I should raise the baby...

Or Protestant, Jewish or Muslim!!

Well... Catholicism is always important to consider.

And don't forget Lutheran or Buddhist!! Here Krishna or Jehovah's Witness!! Taoist or Hindu!!

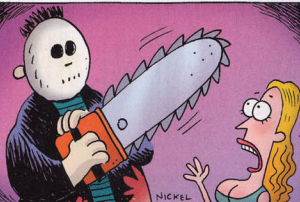
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But I'll keep an open mind!!

KEECH

KEITH KNIGHT

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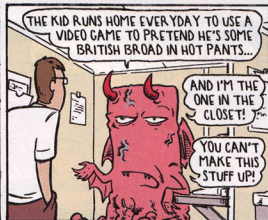


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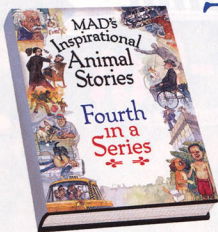
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Amazing, yes, but true. That's what my bear, Malvolio, did.

Ever since I was a little boy, I always thought bears were magical. I couldn't get enough of them. I rooted for all the teams that were named after bears. I hated Goldilocks. I cut out pictures of bears from magazines. I even went to the University of California because they were known as the "Golden Bears." And one day I knew I'd own my own bear.

A day didn't pass that I wouldn't visit a zoo, a carnival or a circus and ask if they had any extra bears they wanted to get rid of. It was frustrating, but one day it paid off!

It was a carnival and things weren't "working out" — whatever that meant — with this particular grizzly. The guy asked if I had experience with bears. Did I!? Was there time to tell him about all the pictures of bears I had cut from magazines? All the Bears and Cubs games I attended? It was simply too much to list. So I just said, "You bet! Where's the bear?"

As the person started telling me things like how much you had to feed it and what medication it needed and stuff like that, I remember saying to myself: "In just a little while, when this person stops with the blah, blah, blah, I'll own a bear. My own bear!"





The bear was free of charge, but the guy made me buy a tranquilizer gun and darts for \$500. As it turned out, it was a good investment. I was living in my parents' basement at the time, and when I brought Malvolio home, some of the neighbors really started to freak out at the 800-pound beauty. But because I had that tranquilizer gun, I was able to calm them down by shooting them in the neck and putting them in a really nice, deep, relaxing sleep for a day or two.

Now the first time I began to suspect Malvolio was really a magical bear was when my father disappeared. He always wanted to spend more time in Florida. Somehow Malvolio knew it and arranged it. And then, sure enough, my mother disappeared and went to join Dad in Florida, I'm certain.

I would try to teach Malvolio some basic bear tricks, but I could tell he wasn't interested. He was a little bit beyond bear tricks. And then he had a special look he gave me that said: "I'm going out now. I need some private time."

One afternoon he came back from some private time with a whole bunch of policemen chasing him. I had to use up half my tranquilizer dart supply to calm all those cops down.

Today I found out that the little girl who lives next door is missing. Missing? How about having the time of her life at Disneyland or Great Adventure? When you're living next door to a magical bear, things like that can happen.

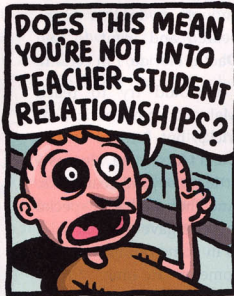
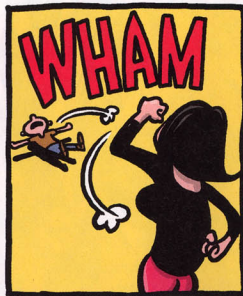
And I'm going to tell the cops that as soon as they wake up in a day or two.

— Eliot Pressman, age 25

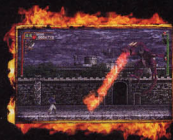




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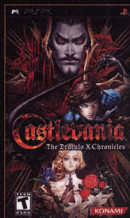
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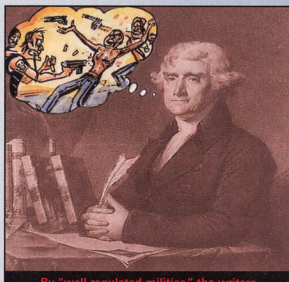
With the thousands of lives that would be spared by gun control, your rush-hour commute would just get that much more unbearably hellish.



A ban on handguns would devastate the currently-thriving urban "candle and teddy-bear memorial" market.



Without all the senseless killings, your evening news would be filled with even more insipid kitty-cat stories, "storm-of-the-year" hype, and vacant studio banter.



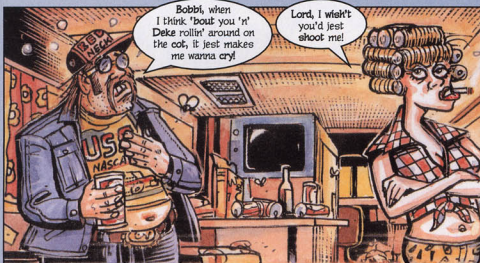
By "well-regulated militias," the writers of the Second Amendment clearly meant "loose bands of Glock-waving meth fiends."



Limiting gun purchases to one per month would mean that hundreds of Montana survivalists may never get to complete their "dream arsenals."



Without guns in the hands of musicians, the already-crippled record industry would tragically lose its greatest marketing tool.



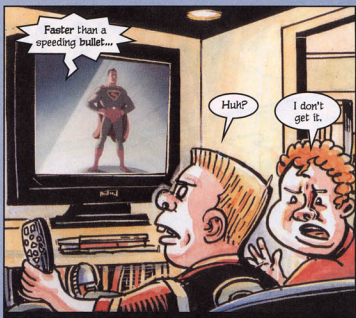
Unable to lash out at their spouses with bullets, angry drunks will, unfortunately, feel compelled to "talk out" their innermost feelings.



The shuttering of gun shops in cities across the nation would help the spread of an even grimmer urban plague.



Barring guns would give Michael Moore too much satisfaction and further inflate his already super-inflated ego.



If new generations are brought up having no concept of firearms, cherished metaphors and figures of speech will lose all of their meaning.

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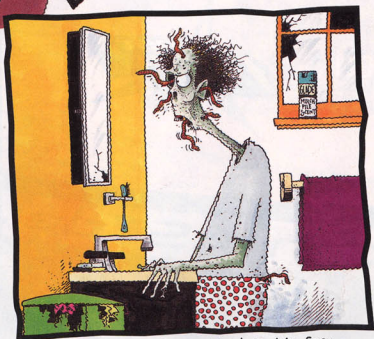
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THINGS THAT REALLY GET UNDER A ZOMBIE'S SKIN

WRITER AND ARTIST: JOHN CALDWELL



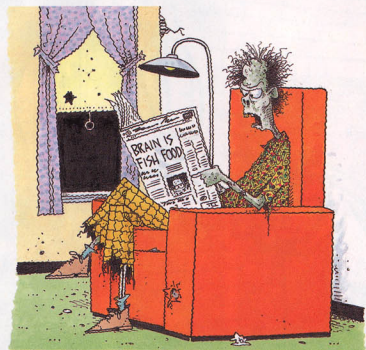
The fact that, no matter how hard he tries, he's never among the first 100 patrons to get something for free



When, just before a big date, his face breaks out in nightcrawlers



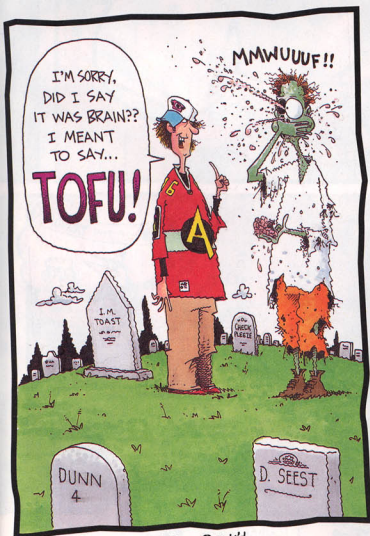
Picnic ants



Flip-flopping government studies saying one day that eating brains lowers cholesterol, then the next day, declaring just the opposite



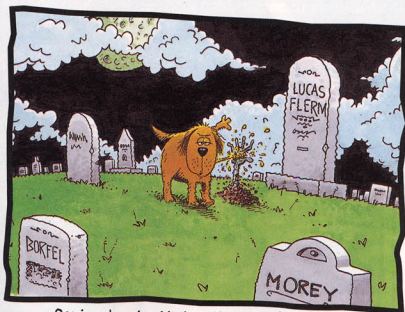
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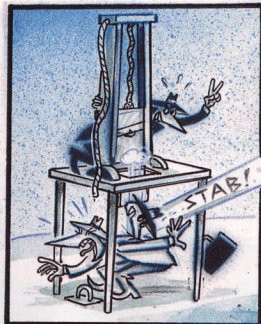
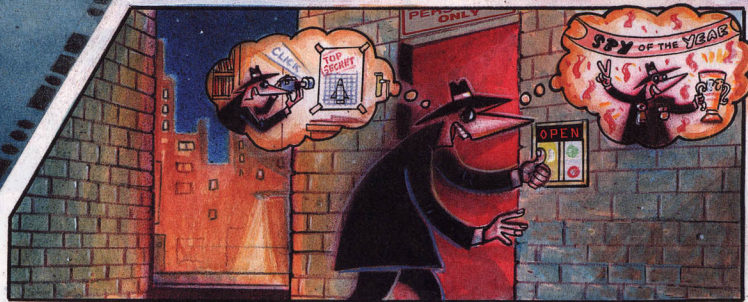
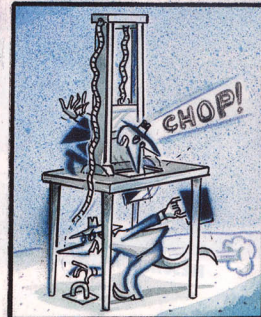
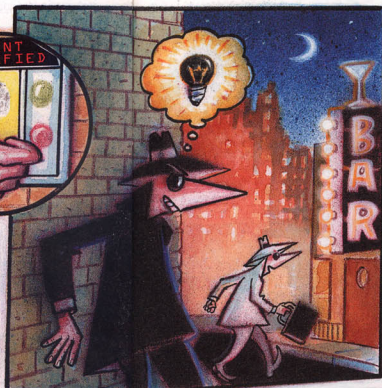
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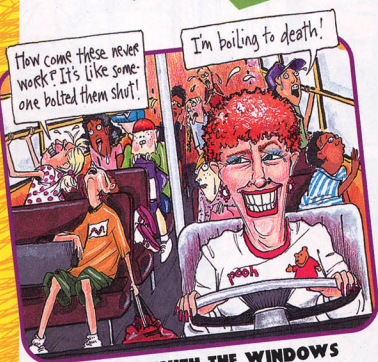


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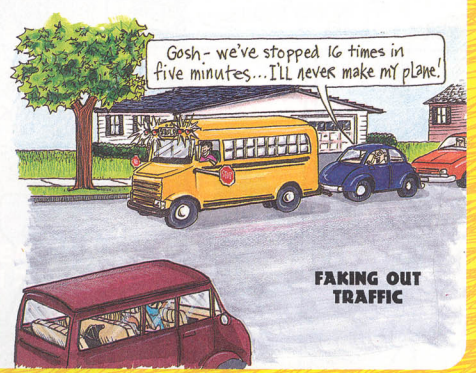
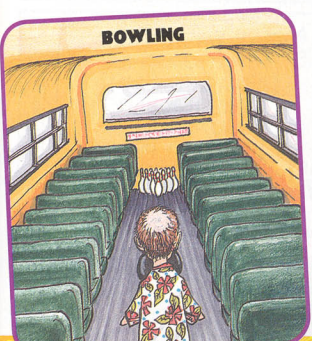
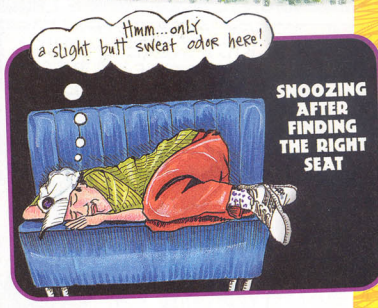
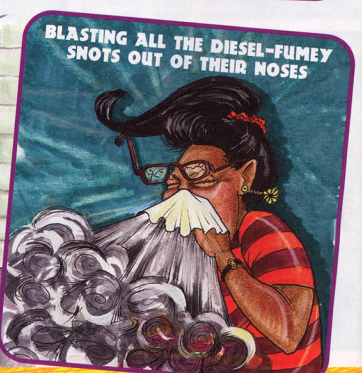
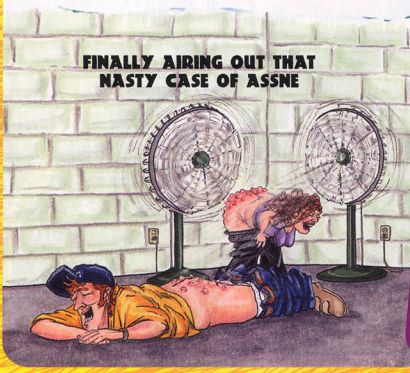


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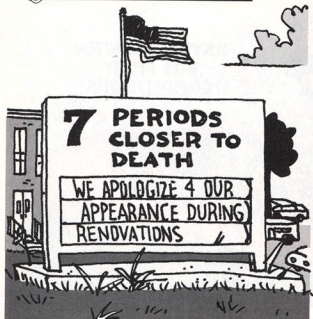
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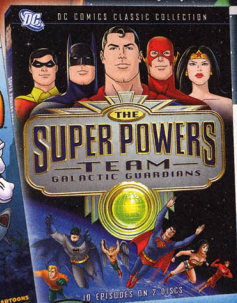
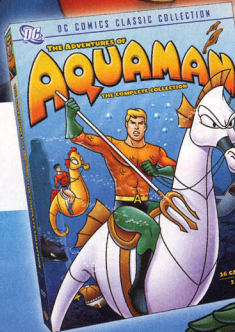
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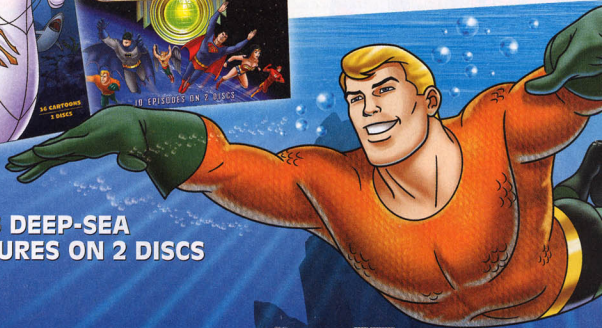
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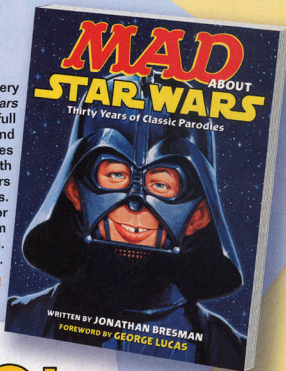
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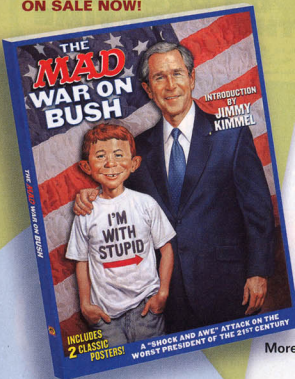
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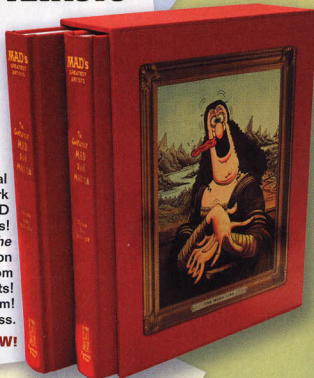
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Forget the old game show formula where one contestant challenges another contestant. Here's a new game show where there's a rowdy, greedy, screaming group of 100 people. That mob of 100 people is plenty annoying, but then the producers find someone even more annoying and over the top than that entire mob put together! And that...



Hi, I'm Boob Braggitt! I used to be a standup comedian with a first-rate, filthy act, but now my act's been reduced to mimicking one man — namely **Howie Mandel** and the ratings he gets for his show, *Deal or No Deal*! How good am I? Let's put it this way, there's a reason this show isn't on NBC's fall schedule. Maybe if I shaved my head like **Howie**... Hmm...anyway, it's time to meet tonight's contestant, **Henry Laporte**!

Hi, Boob! Man, I'm psyched! I'm freaking wired! I'm hyper! And I'm ready to take on this dumb-ass mob! Looks like you found 100 total wusses for me to beat into the ground!

Wow, you certainly sound like you're ready to jump into this game!

There's a game? I thought I was just supposed to come out here and make people hate me!

Sadly, that's turned out to be what I do here!

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

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Let's meet tonight's mob! We have ten sewer workers who just came off their shift...

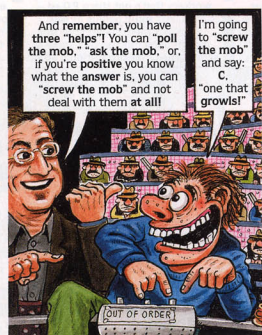
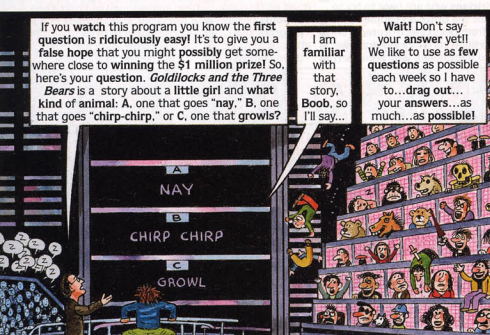
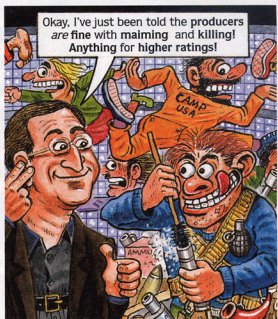
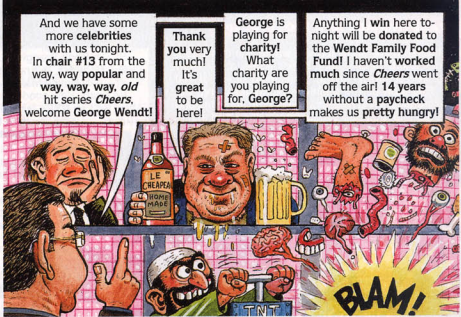
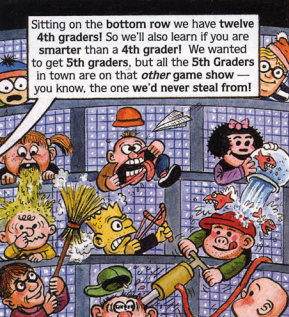
...and stuck upwind of the sewer workers are ten totally pissed off soap opera stars! It's not the fact that they're stuck near the smelly workers that's got them P.O.ed — it's that some genius at NBC is making them spend their one day off appearing on this show in some lame cross-promotional stunt!

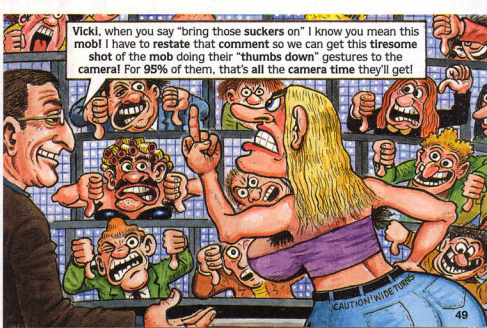
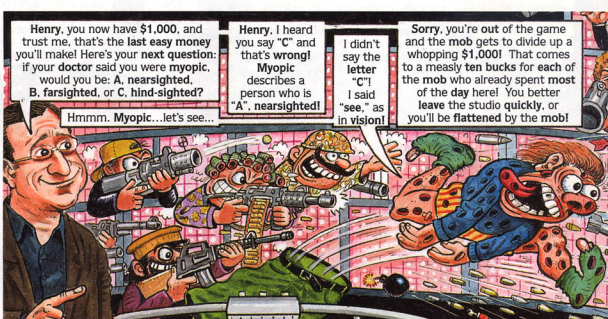
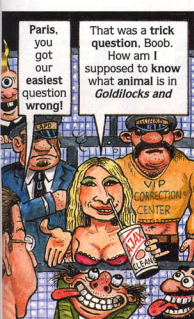
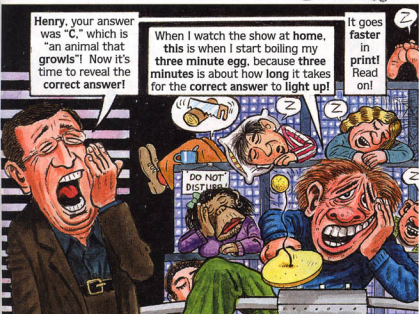
We have 21 illegal aliens who will get \$4.10 an hour for sitting here instead of any prize money they might win and we have 17 electricians who are here to try to prevent the other 83 people in the mob from being electrocuted from the trillion volts of electricity we use to light up our ridiculous set!

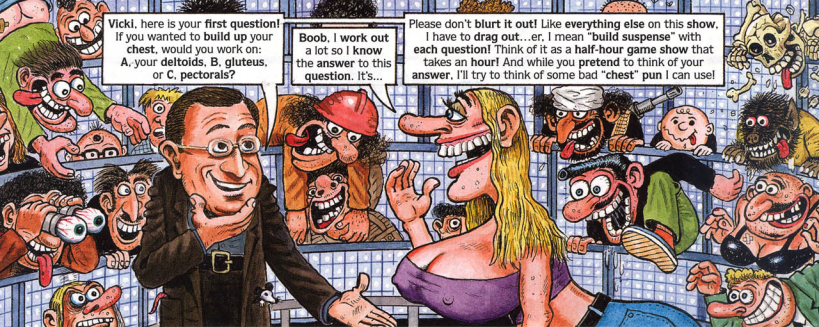
From Guantanamo Bay prison we have 11 Al Qaeda members who must sit through ten hours of this program in an attempt to make them confess!

We have five grave diggers, and since it's getting harder and harder to find saps to fill the 100 seats, the grave diggers have been kind enough to bring along a few dozen dead bodies! Don't worry! These corpses are just as intelligent and charismatic as the rest of the mob!





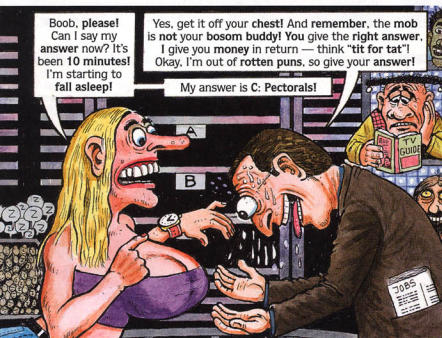




Vicki, here is your first question!
If you wanted to build up your chest, would you work on:
A. your deltoids, B. gluteus, or C. pectorals?

Boob, I work out a lot so I know the answer to this question. It's...

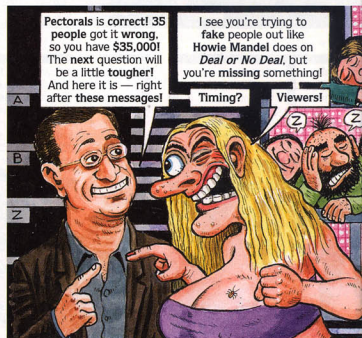
Please don't blurt it out! Like everything else on this show, I have to drag out...er, I mean "build suspense" with each question! Think of it as a half-hour game show that takes an hour! And while you pretend to think of your answer, I'll try to think of some bad "chest" pun I can use!



Boob, please!
Can I say my answer now? It's been 10 minutes! I'm starting to fall asleep!

Yes, get it off your chest! And remember, the mob is not your bosom buddy! You give the right answer. I give you money in return — think "tit for tat"!
Okay, I'm out of rotten puns, so give your answer!

My answer is C: Pectorals!

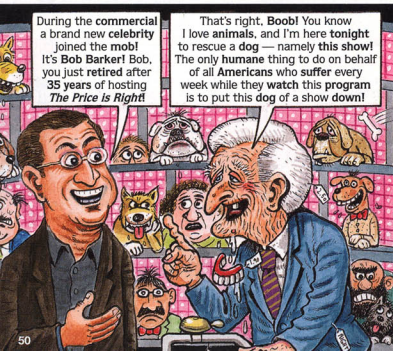


Pectorals is correct! 35 people got it wrong, so you have \$35,000! The next question will be a little tougher! And here it is — right after these messages!

I see you're trying to fake people out like Howie Mandel does on *Deal or No Deal*, but you're missing something!

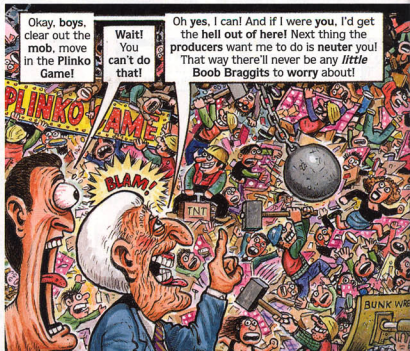
Timing?

Viewers!



During the commercial a brand new celebrity joined the mob! It's Bob Barker! Bob, you just retired after 35 years of hosting *The Price Is Right*!

That's right, Boob! You know I love animals, and I'm here tonight to rescue a dog — namely this show! The only humane thing to do on behalf of all Americans who suffer every week while they watch this program is to put this dog of a show down!




Okay, boys, clear out the mob, move in the Plinko Game!

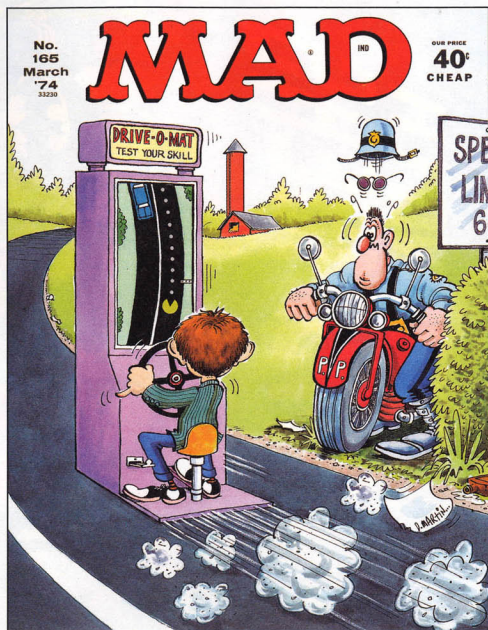
Wait! You can't do that!

Oh yes, I can! And if I were you, I'd get the hell out of here! Next thing the producers want me to do is neuter you! That way there'll never be any *little* Boob Braggits to worry about!



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