

MAD's IDIOT OF THE ISSUE!

STAN HART FAQs (Foolish, Asinine Questions we asked Stan!)



Q: What is your favorite MAD article that you wrote?

A: "Broken Homes and Gardens" — a magazine for children of divorce.

Q: Whom do you consider your influences?

A: Kathie Lee Gifford and Satan.

Q: What is the last book you stopped reading without finishing?

A: "The King James Versio..."

Q: If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

A: My underwear.

Q: Word Association: What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you see these three words?

A: Siegfried: Flashy but vacuous.
Roy: Unnecessary.
Meglin: Sigfried and Roy.

Q: What actor should play you in a movie about your life?

A: John Mahoney should play me as an adult. I should play myself as a youngster.

Q: Finish this sentence: "It was so cold..."

A: "...that I couldn't finish my sentence."

Q: What was your favorite MAD trip?

A: To a Mexican toilet after getting Montezuma's Revenge in Tasco.

Q: Any stories from the MAD trips that you'd like to share?

A: None that I even want to remember. I used to room with Nick Meglin.

Q: Whom would you not want to be stranded on a desert island with?

A: The staff of MAD Magazine.



We wear short shorts: On the 1987 MAD trip to Germany, (L-R) Stan Hart, Nick Meglin, Angelo Torres and Lenny Brenner display their assets.

Q: Where did you go to school?

A: Stuyvesant High School, City College of New York, Columbia University and Apex Tech. (They actually called ME!)

Q: Describe Nick Meglin's tennis game in three words.

A: Can't be done.

Q: What is your favorite one liner you wrote that was never used?

A: "Al Feldstein can kiss my ass!"

Q: What TV shows, movies and stage productions have you written and/or produced?

A: TV — writer and co-head writer for "The Carol Burnett Show." Film — co-writer of "Move"; writer/producer "Eat and Run." Stage — co-wrote with Larry Siegel "The Mad Show," all by myself wrote "Some of My Best Friends," co-wrote with Jane Hart "Old Enough to Know Better" — a comedy sketchbook

Q: What are some of the awards and honors you've received?

A: Two Emmys for writing on "The Carol Burnett Show"; one hickey for heavy petting.

Q: What is the worst gift you ever received?

A: A gift certificate for a sigmoidoscopy.

Q: What are the three funniest words in the English language?

A: George Dubya Bush.

Q: Pregnant chads — do you count them?

A: No, because it would open up a Pandora's box of troubles. Like do you count "Tongue-kissed chads"? or "Felt-up chads"? See?



▶ **Dream outfield:** (L-R) Left fielder Stan Hart, center fielder Joe DiMaggio and right fielder Nick Meglin confer during a 1995 dinner honoring DiMaggio.

▶ **The MAD Show softball team, circa 1967.** In no particular order, notable members of this notable team included (back row, starting second from left) MAD's Lenny Brenner, George Plimpton, Stan Hart, Godfrey Cambridge, Paddy Chayefsky, Jason Robards, George C. Scott. (middle row, left) Alan King. (front row, left) Woody Allen. (front row, right) Tom Wolfe.



Q: If you were a porn star, what would your screen name be?

A: Mr. Softee.

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Q: Do you put croutons on your salad and then add the dressing, or do you add the dressing first and then put on the croutons?

A: Only food faddist freaks eat salads.

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Q: Who is the loopyest network anchorman?

A: The guy with the bad toupee.

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Q: What was the worst Vegas act you've ever seen?

A: Jerry Vale and/or the warm greeting by the maitre d' at The Bellagio Hotel.

Q: In the movie *The Godfather*, what do you think they did with the rest of the horse?

A: They entered it at Aqueduct and I bet on it. Lost by a head.

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Q: In the city on rainy days, guys always seem to pop up selling umbrellas. Where do they go on sunny days?

A: They sell sunglasses.

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Q: Have you written any books?

A: Yes.

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Q: What were your experiences in baseball?

A: I kept getting hit in the nuts by bad hop ground balls.

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Q: Tell us about your experiences attending baseball fantasy camp.

A: I refuse to embarrass myself.

Q: Who do you think is the best player today?

A: Lou Gehrig, although he must have had a bad year because I can't find his 2000 record.

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Q: Speaking of baseball, you've worked with the Topps Card Company for many years. What are some of the products you created there?

A: "Garbage Pail Kids," "Wacky Packages," "Bazooka in a Tube," "Push Pop," "Ring Pop," and my secretary's premature baby.

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Q: What's the most effective way of dealing with a persistent, burning itch?

A: Apply Redi-whip to the affected area and wait ten minutes for someone with an éclair to show up.

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▶ **Stan's favorite MAD article** was illustrated by Jack Rickard and appeared in issue #179, December, 1975!

STAN STATS:

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