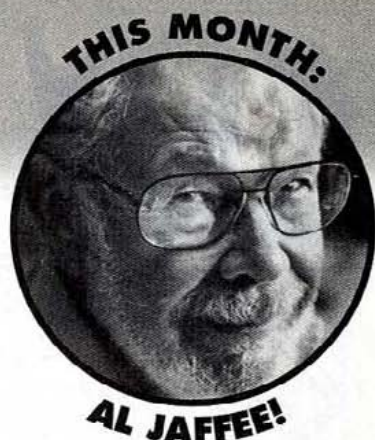


MAD's IDIOT OF THE ISSUE!

AL JAFFEE FAQs (Frightfully Appalling Questions we asked Al!)



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

A: "If Kids Designed Their own Xmas Toys" (MAD #76). It included writing, drawing, sculpture and photography.

Q: Who do you consider your influences?

A: Harvey Kurtzman and Will Elder.

Q: What is your favorite medium to work in?

A: My favorite medium is Madame Zelda.

Q: Who is your favorite non-MAD artist?

A: Arnold Roth.

Q: Who is your favorite non-MAD writer?

A: Bruce McCall.

Q: Favorite pasta?

A: Farfalle.

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

A: Grow shorter so I could travel for half fare.

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

A: Johnny Depp.

Q: What actress should play your wife?

A: Johnny Depp.

Q: If you could have dinner with three living or dead people, who would they be?

A: The three dead people so I could have their dessert.



Al's favorite MAD article from issue #76 can also be found in the trade paperback *MAD About the Sixties* and on the *Totally MAD CD-ROM* set!

Q: Pick a MAD contributor and describe them in one word.

A: Tom Bunk, Subtle.

Q: What is your astrological sign?

A: Feces.

Q: Who do you enjoy mocking the most?

A: The guy I see in my mirror.

In 1945, Sgt. Jaffee entertains himself by drawing one of his favorite subjects — himself.

Q: What was your favorite MAD trip?

A: Morocco, where someone handed me hash and I smoked it. That was some trip!

Q: Where did you go to school?

A: In New York City, but that shouldn't be held against the school system.

Q: Did you have any notable classmates?

A: I certainly did, but I'll just mention some of the others. Harvey Kurtzman, Will Elder, John Severin, Al Feldstein and many more.

Q: Who's the most famous person you ever met?

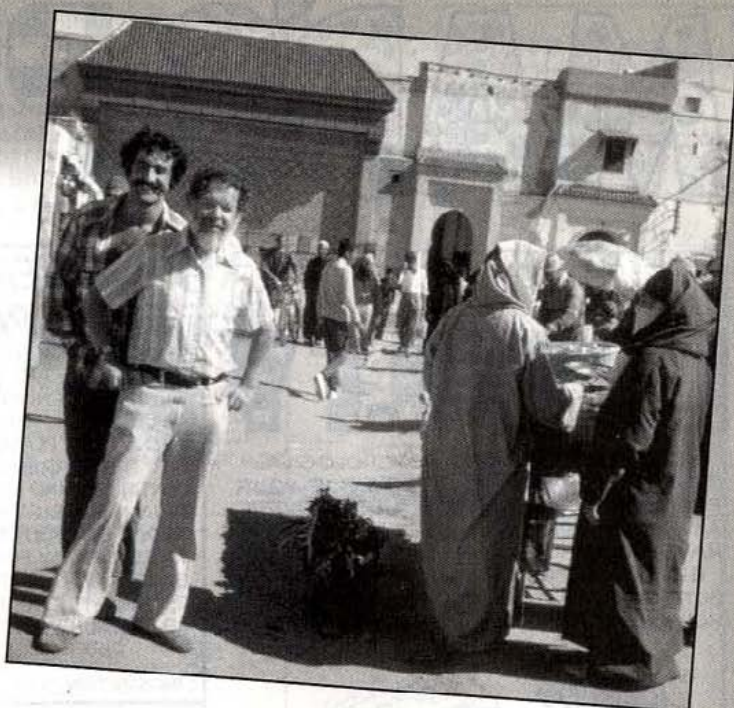
A: Mickey Mouse during a MAD trip to Disneyland.





▲ Circa 1939-1940: with MAD still far in their future, an unbalanced Al (left) and Will Elder enjoy a balanced lunch at the High School of Music and Art in New York City.

▶ MAD in Morocco: during a 1972 trip, Al (right) and Sergio Aragones gird themselves for a serious bout of haggling with local merchants. To this day, Al is still making monthly payments.



Q: Who is your favorite Stooge?

A: G.W. Bush.

Q: What was the last movie you viewed?

A: *Gladiator*. But I sure hope it's not the last one I see.

Q: If you were on *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*, who would be your phone-a-friend lifeline?

A: Nick Meglin.

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

A: My phone-a-friend lifeline.

Q: What's the secret of drawing funny, grossly obese women?

A: Take three or four normal women and mash them together. Also, draw their feet really, really small.

Q: Name some other magazines and advertisers you've drawn for.

A: *Playboy*, *Esquire*, *National Post*, *GQ*.

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

A: From the National Cartoonists Society, four category awards for "Special Features" (the MAD fold-in), "Advertising & Illustration," "Books" and something else.

Q: Bill Pullman or Bill Paxton?

A: Who?



◀ The Odd Squad. Sergio Aragones, MAD Founder Bill Gaines and Al Jaffee patrol a street in Germany during a 1980 MAD trip.

JAF STATS:

First Mad Article (as writer): "Baseball...Science or Skill?" MAD #25, August/September, 1955

First Mad Article (as artist/writer): "My Secret," MAD #26, October/November, 1955

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Number of MAD articles in this spotlight section: 7

(And don't miss Al's special Fold-In drawn just for you on the inside back cover!)

SALUD, AL!