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There are some who would argue that the internet is the most important technological development of the last 100 years... that it has altered the very way we think, act and communicate... that it has led to an information revolution that will empower us and make us better citizens in the New Millennium! And it's pretty obvious that those people have never been to OUR website, because believe it or not, at madmag.com we consider this...

What — me worry? — Alfred E. Neuman

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THE MAD POLLING BOOTH JANUARY 23, 2002

Boxers, by nature, are a fairly violent breed, so a certain amount of troublemaking comes with the territory. But the ongoing antics of Mike Tyson are even more embarrassing to the sport than that Will Smith *Ali* biopic! Tyson's latest outburst was an attack on Lennox Lewis at a press conference to announce their upcoming fight. Critics charge the whole incident was staged just to drum up publicity, to which we respond — it worked! But given the bruises, bleeding and bite marks of several bystanders, we're not buying that it was all phony. And so we ask...

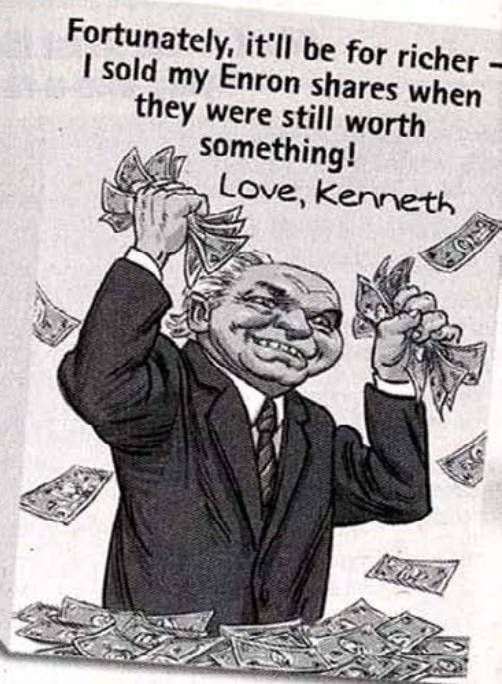
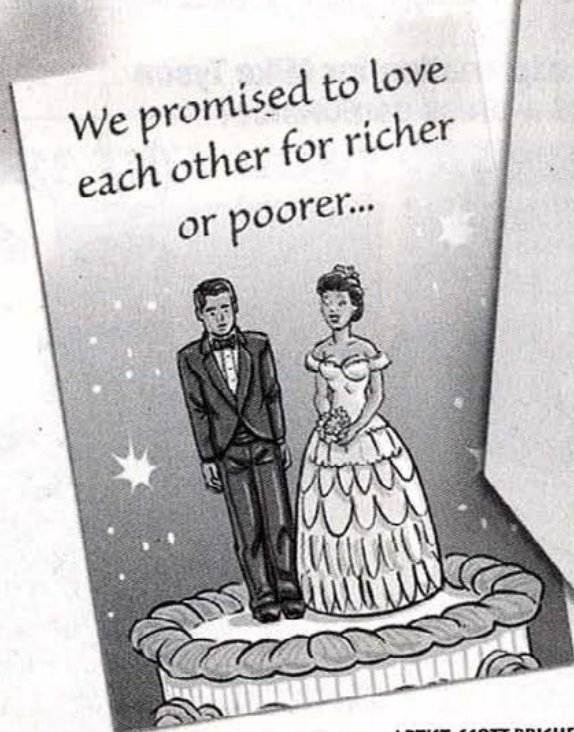
What is the most likely explanation for Mike Tyson flying into a rage at a press conference?

	POLL RESULTS
He didn't realize Lennox Lewis has a British accent and thought he was just making fun of Tyson's squeaky voice	7.3%
President Bush bribed him to distract the media from the growing Enron scandal	5.9%
He figured it was his best chance to actually land a punch on a superior boxer like Lewis.....	3.6%
There were no women present or him to sexually assault.....	11.5%
With all of Lewis' dreadlocks in the way, Tyson realized he'd never get a clean shot at biting off his ear	9.2%
He's owed a lot of money from Kmart endorsement deal	1.8%
Any excuse to start grabbing his crotch in public	6.4%
He's a \$#!#ing lunatic	53.9%

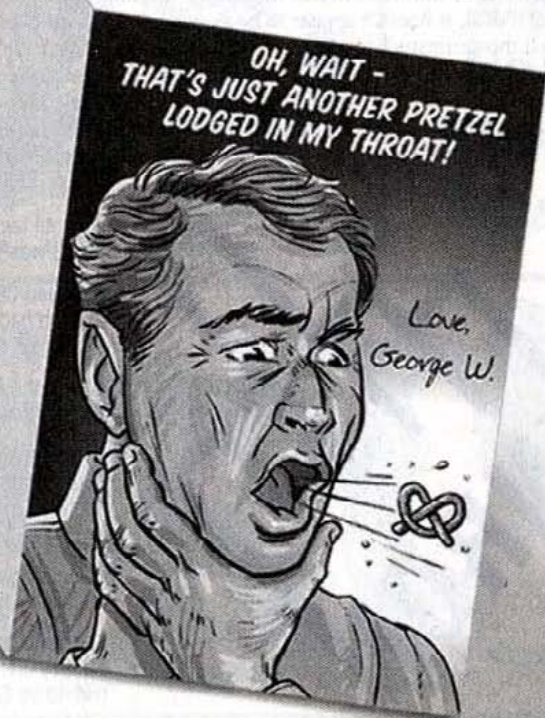


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There's a new reality TV series called *The Osbournes*, about the famously decadent heavy metal rocker Ozzy Osbourne and his family. Apparently, no law is on the books yet to prevent people like Ozzy from procreating, which means we'll all get to witness what goes on behind the closed doors of a man responsible for more mayhem than that corrupt French judge at the Olympics! As we brace ourselves for the series debut, we must ask...

What scene is most likely to appear on MTV's new "reality-based sitcom" *The Osbournes*?



POLL RESULTS	
Ozzy scolds his teenage daughter for binge drinking without inviting him along	12.6%
Ozzy thanks the family nanny for taking good care of the kids by having sex with her and her best friend	13.0%
Mrs. Osbourne finds drugs hidden in their son's room and wonders why Ozzy would keep his stash there	13.5%

POLL RESULTS	
Ozzy punishes the family dog for peeing in the house by biting its head off	26.6%
Ozzy arranges for his son Jack to lose his virginity to one of Ozzy's groupies	14.9%
The family sits down to dinner and says grace to Satan	19.1%

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Despite a number of Enron-affiliated politicians insisting the Enron scandal isn't that big a deal, it doesn't appear to be going away any quicker than Ted Kennedy. All the company's top executives are under heavy scrutiny, and allegations of their shady dealings threaten to overshadow the rampant corruption at the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics! We realize these white collar criminals will probably get away with everything, but that doesn't mean we won't at least learn a few details about how they screwed the rest of us over! And so we ask...

What shocking revelation is most likely to be unearthed during the Enron investigation?

POLL RESULTS	
Up until two weeks ago, President Bush thought Enron was the name of the son on <i>The Jetsons</i>	38.8%
Deposed CEO Kenneth Lay's personal finances are in such bad shape he can only afford satellite dishes for sixteen of his eighteen vacation homes	7.6%
One of the company's largest sources of revenue was its pay website <i>teenEnronsluts.com</i>	11.8%
Enron paid off 99 of the 100 U.S. Senators, figuring Strom Thurmond was much too senile to realize he'd been left out	12.5%
Among the tricks Enron used to avoid its debts was changing the subject to ask if anyone had seen that really funny episode of <i>Will & Grace</i> last night	4.8%
The "secure location" Vice President Cheney often retreats to? A Houston stripjoint owned by Enron's chief financial officer	24.3%

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