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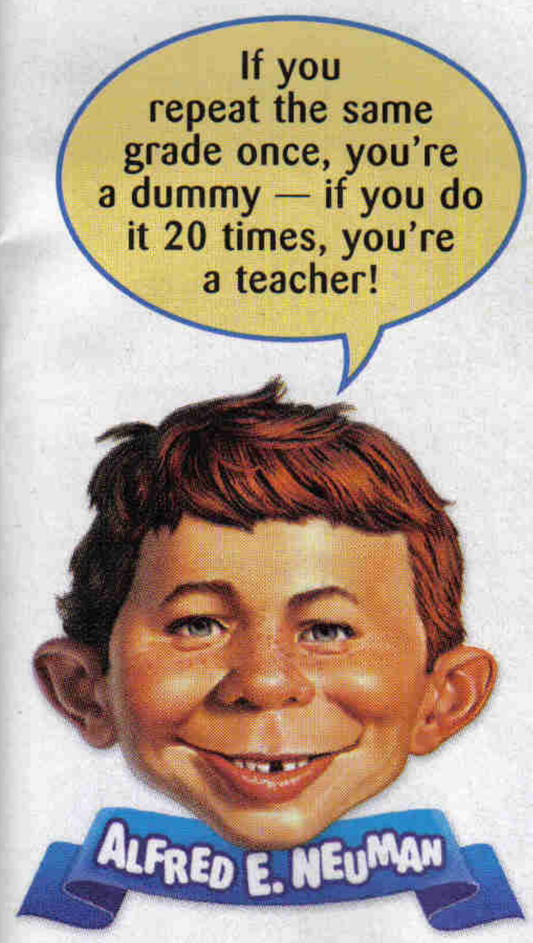

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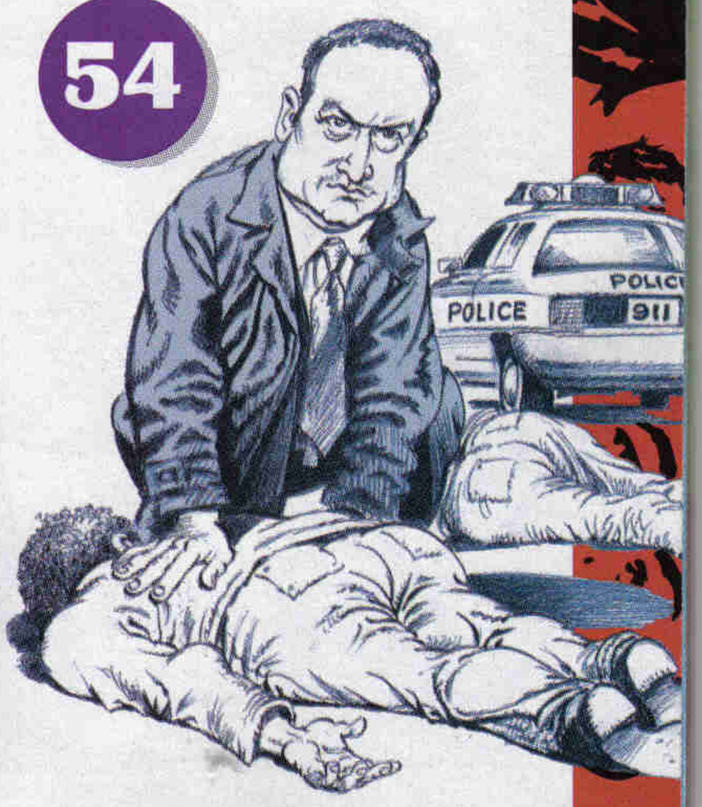

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READ IT AND CHEAP

It's an extremely disturbing thought knowing that I can save $1.50 each issue by subscribing to your magazine. When I go to buy it at the store the Fold-In has already been done or the pages are bent and torn. Please convince my mom to buy me a year's subscription.

Andrew U'ren, Portland, OR

Drewski — You claim to love our product, and yet, you want to take money out of our pockets by subscribing at the discounted price. We know it's tempting to save a few bucks, but understand that the staff has some necessary expenses and every little bit helps. For example, Editor John Ficarra needs to landscape his summer home, Senior Editor Joe Raiola has a couple of show dogs that require a full-time grooming staff, Associate Editor Amy Vozeolas needs to finish gold-plating her SUV and Associate Editor Dave Croatto is thiiiiiis close to completing his Fabergé Egg collection. Think of all those you hurt when you try to scrimp a little! —Ed.

AN INTERN FOR THE WORSE

We want to give a special shout out to our summer 2005 interns! Thanks to Carolyn Abram, Lisa Durr, Megan Ganz, John Gentile, Michael Lore, Tara Marks and Sumukh "Bob" Torgalkar. Our bathrooms have never been cleaner!

MAD CELEBRITY VISITS

We never know who is going to stop by the MAD offices. Just the other day, we were visited by Meinhardt Raabe, the coroner from *The Wizard of Oz*, in town to promote his book *Memories of a Munchkin: An Illustrated Walk Down the Yellow Brick Road*. It was a delightful afternoon, until Meinhardt (never one to break character) accidentally pronounced Production Artist Doug Thomson dead!

Meinhardt Raabe (he's the one holding the issue of MAD — duh!) and the staff of MAD

IN A BANNER OF SPEAKING

As if the steroid scandal hadn't done enough to tarnish the reputation of Major League Baseball, during an August 14th game between the Chicago White Sox and the New York Yankees, a fan held up a huge, less-than-inspirational banner. Amazingly, the White Sox managed to win anyway!

READER ALERT

Hey all you *Fantastic 4* fans out there (both of you!) go to www.madmag.com and check out our web-exclusive spoof of the movie poster! Feel free to pass it on to friends and loved ones — because if there's one thing people love, it's forwarded e-mails! After that, you can run out and buy it in MAD Classics #3 — on sale now!

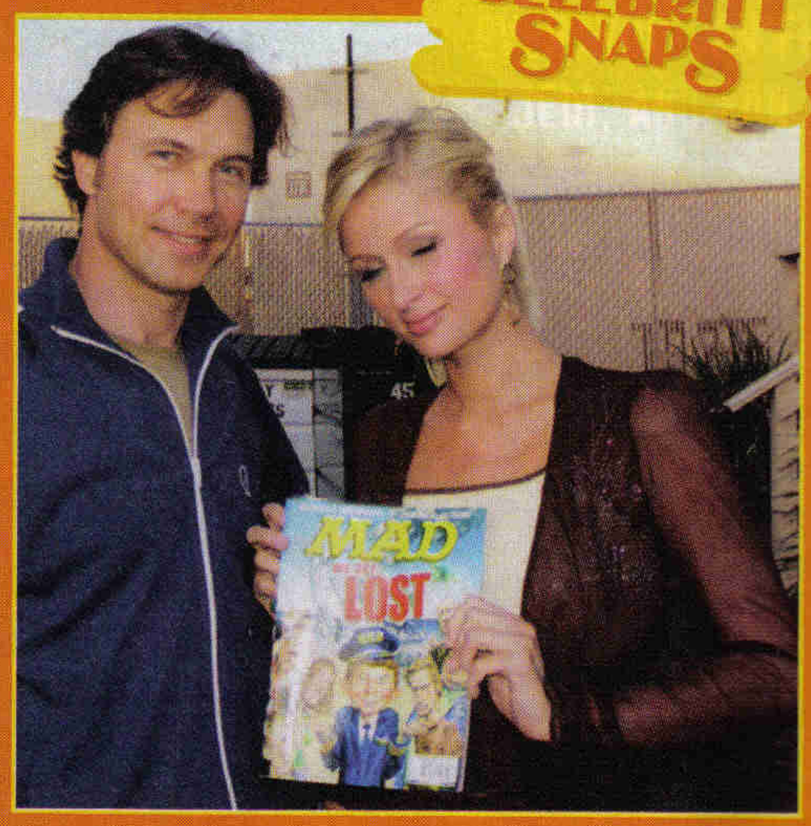
STAMP OF DISAPPROVAL

MAD fans unite! For nearly 10 years I've tried to convince the United States Postal Service to produce a stamp of Alfred E. Neuman, but to no avail. Now, as MAD approaches its 500th issue, scheduled for August 2008, it's time MAD fans everywhere, well, at least in the good ole USA, unite and bombard the USPS with letters suggesting a stamp of Alfred. Let's let them know that we need a stamp that says, "What, Me Worry" and "Cheap" under the denomination. What a collector's item! And with less and less people writing letters, they can use all the help they can get. The USPS needs three years lead time to produce a stamp, just a bit more time than needed to deliver a letter, so get moving! Send letters to: USPS, Stamp Services,1735 N. Lynn St., Suite 5013, Arlington, VA 22209-6432.

Dr. David Lubin, Tampa, FL

Lube Job — We haven't heard from you since issue #456! Where have you been? We applaud your Alfred stamp idea and urge everyone to get writing. But you raise another excellent point! People *are* writing fewer letters these days. Well, *most* people at least — catch our drift, Doc? —Ed.

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS



Please find my Celebrity Snap with the top celebrity from your Nifty Fifty list — Paris Hilton! I've been reading MAD ever since I learned how to read and stole my older brother's MAD. Recently I caught up with Paris after her press junket for the film *House of Wax*.

Edward Sartori, Los Angeles, CA

Better off Ed — First of all, you get major props for getting the notoriously camera-shy Paris Hilton to pose for a photograph! But answer us this one question, what kind of model can't keep her freakin' eyes open for one lousy picture? What, was she exhausted after a long day of doing nuthin'? Regardless, you're going to get something that Paris will never have: a free three-year subscription to MAD! —Ed.

MAD GETS WARPED

MAD was a sponsor at this year's Van's Warped Tour and, for some reason, they gave us access to the bands at the August 13th show on Randall's Island, NY — which just happened to be the hottest day of the year!

We took this as the perfect opportunity to have a marathon session of MAD's 2-Question Interviews with some of the bands!

Mike Herrera, bassist for MXPX

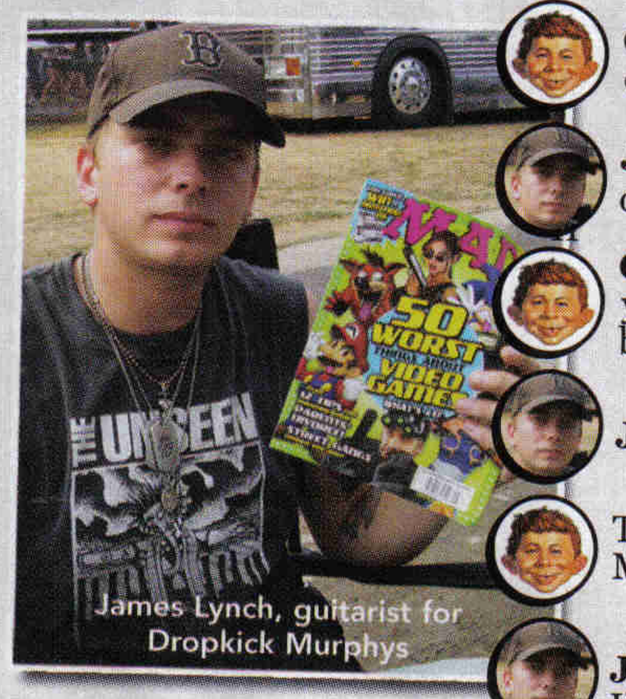
QUESTION ONE: What's the name of your latest CD?

MIKE: Panic — P-A-N-I-C.

QUESTION TWO: I'm sorry, can you repeat that please?

MIKE: Panic.

Thank you for taking part in MAD's 2-Question Interview!



James Lynch, guitarist for Dropkick Murphys

QUESTION ONE: What's the one question every journalist asks?

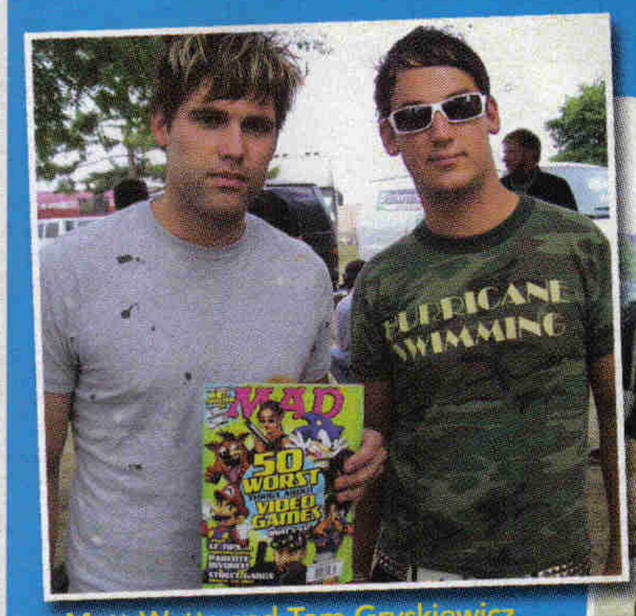
JAMES: Where did the name of the band come from?

QUESTION TWO: So aren't you glad the interview ended before we could ask it?

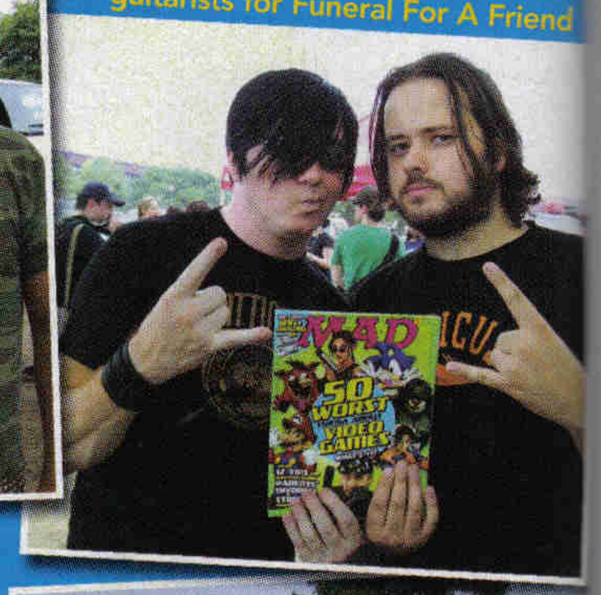
JAMES: Absolutely!

Thank you for taking part in MAD's 2-Question Interview!

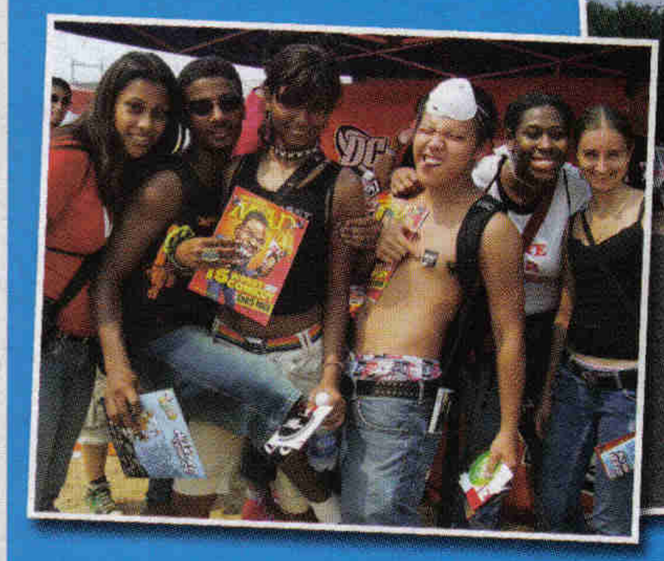
JAMES: It was the best interview I've ever done!

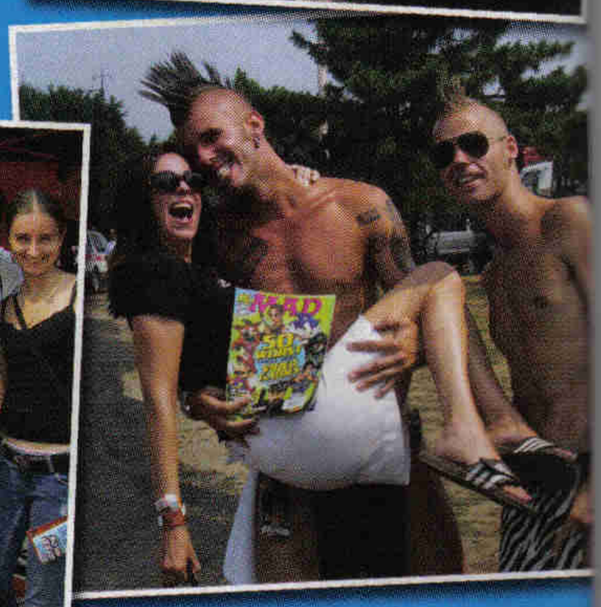


Matt Watts and Tom Gryskiewicz, guitarist and drummer for The Starting Line



Darran Smith and Kris Coombs-Rober guitarists for Funeral For A Friend





As we mentioned above, it was a sweltering day in NYC and it's possible we started having heatstroke, because we asked the same two questions of our last band!

Patrick Stump, lead singer and guitarist for Fall Out Boy

QUESTION ONE: What's the one question every journalist asks?

PATRICK: Where did you get your name!

QUESTION TWO: So aren't you glad the interview ended before we could ask it?

PATRICK: (laughs) Absolutely!

Thank you for taking part in MAD's 2-Question Interview!

Our last 2-Question interview took place with a nearby guitar amp:

QUESTION ONE: Excuse me, mister, c-c-c-ould you please give us some water?

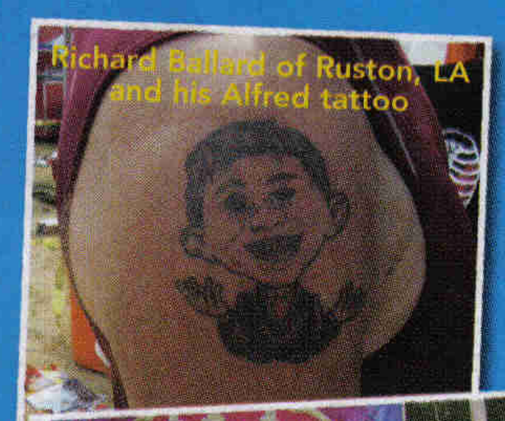
AMP: Silence

QUESTION TWO: Seriously, everything's fading to black. What kind of heartless monster are you, man?

AMP: Silence

We thank all of the bands for taking the time to participate in MAD's 2-Question Interview! And thanks for nothing, stupid unhelpful guitar amp!

Guarantee: MAD's 2-Question Interviews are genuine and presented verbatim!


Richard Ballard of Ruston, LA and his Alfred tattoo

MAD mud girls

Giant MAD banner

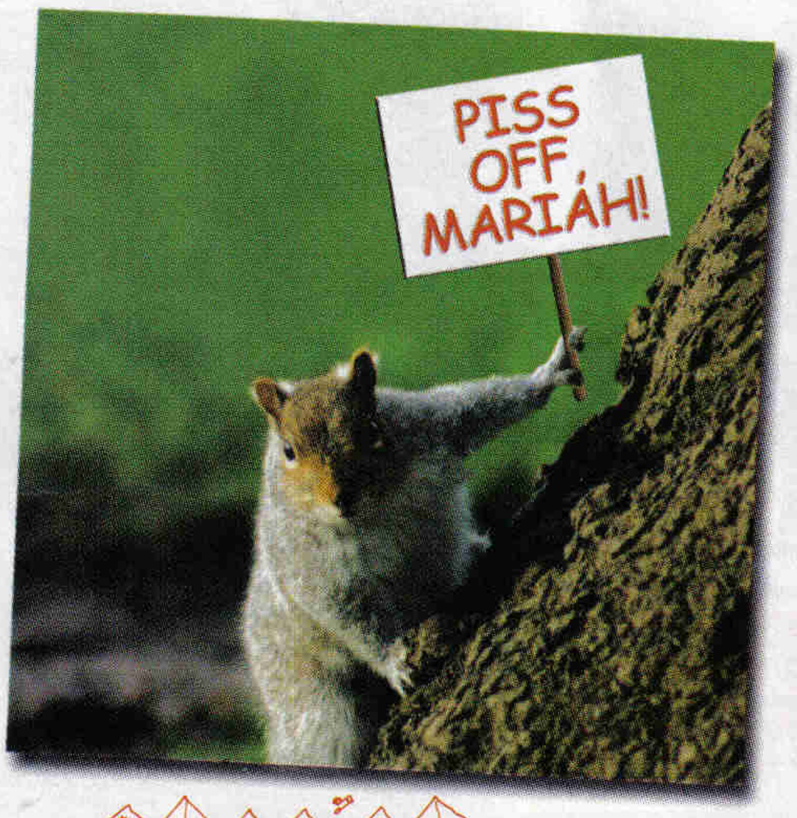
Steve Sullivan of Phoenix, AZ and his Alfred tattoo

Make a Dumb Wish Foundation

I have a request for the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation*™. All of my friends (yes, although I'm a MAD subscriber, I have friends) in my 8th grade class say I'm obsessed with squirrels. I would like the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation*™ to officially acknowledge my obsession and print a picture of a squirrel. This would give me top most bragging rights at school — although a teacher will probably take the magazine!

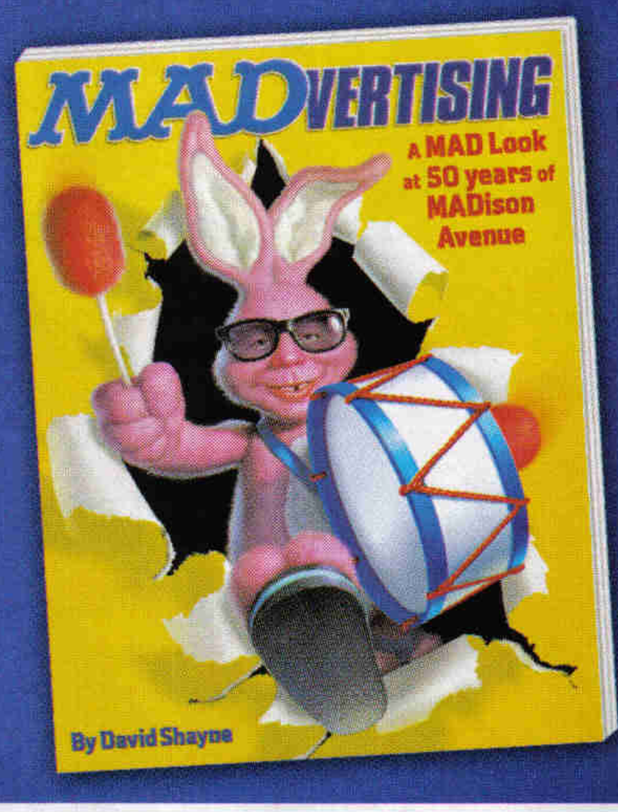
Mariah Emanuel, Jeannette, PA

Manny — We here at the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation*™ loved your request because it was so very dumb! But we wanted to do more than just grant your wish. So we sent our interns to find out what the squirrels thought of your obsession. Here's what they found! —Ed.



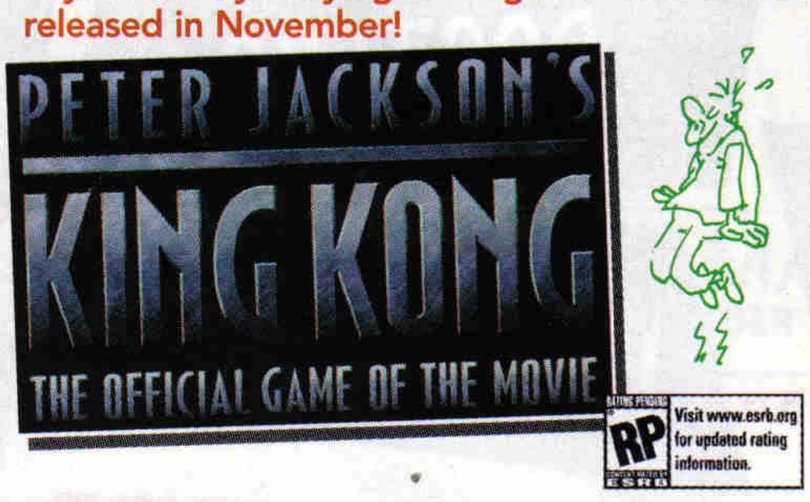
READER ALERT II

Isn't this ironic? An ad in MAD for a book about parodies of ads that ran in MAD! What? That isn't ironic? Look, just go out and buy the book *MADvertising*, published by Watson-Guptill — it's on sale now, wherever books are sold! Also, check out an exclusive 7-page sneak peek of the book in MAD Classics #3 — on sale now!



READER ALERT III

Every person whose letter was printed this month will receive a free copy of the new game, *Peter Jackson's King Kong* for PlayStation 2, courtesy of UbiSoft! Play as man. Play as Kong. Play *Peter Jackson's King Kong*. For all you losers who didn't get your letters printed, you can still enjoy Kong's monkeyshines by buying the game when it's released in November!



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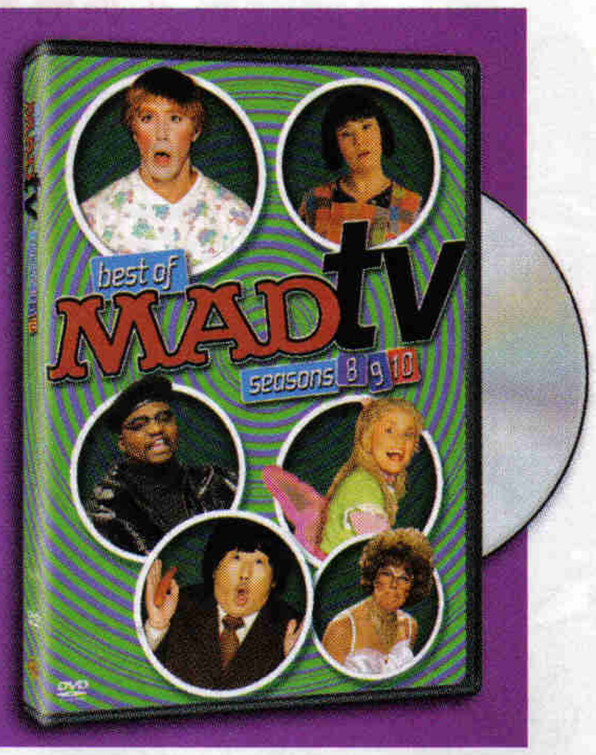
Would you like to win a DVD collection of the funniest sketch-comedy show on TV? No, not *Chappelle's Show*, think Saturday nights — no, not *Saturday Night Live* either — it's *The Best of MADtv: Seasons 8, 9, & 10* courtesy of our "friends" at Warner Home Video. Don't feel bad if you don't win one, the DVD will be available October 25! To enter, on a 3x5 card, hand print your name, complete address and e-mail address. Mail it to: MADTV DVD Sweepstakes c/o MAD Magazine, Dept. 459, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. Only one entry per person, NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. See official rules at www.madmag.com!



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THE FUNDAILIN

PRESCRIPTION DRUG OR GODZILLA FOE?

1. Anguirus
2. Ebirah
3. Mepron
4. Baragon
5. Ziagen
6. Kariva
7. Mothra
8. Kamacuras
9. Manda
10. Imuran
11. Hedorah
12. Gigan
13. Questran
14. Cedax
15. Cardura
16. Biollante
17. Climara
18. Moguera
19. Elmiron
20. Geodon

Answer: The following are Japanese movie monsters (The rest are prescription drugs): 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 16 and 18!

OTHER SECRETS LEAKED TO THE PRESS BY WHITE HOUSE ADVISOR KARL ROVE

The crime-fighting alter-ego of Gotham City billionaire playboy Bruce Wayne

How many licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop

The foolproof method to always be the 95th caller in any radio station giveaway

Barbara Bush's recipe for eggplant casserole

The exact location of all the Easter Eggs in the annual White House Easter Egg hunt

Who let the dogs out

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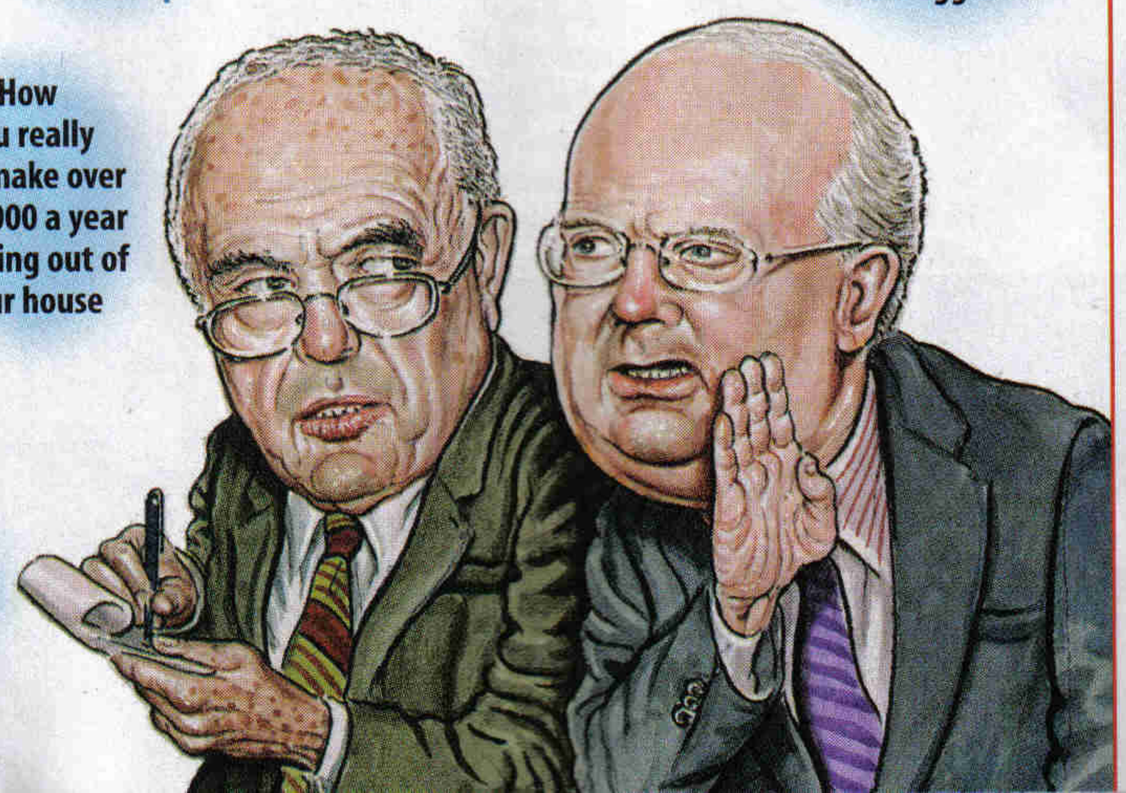
The link between Iraq and Al Qaeda, via the 6 Degrees of Kevin Bacon Game

How magician David Blaine revived the seemingly dead pigeon on his TV special



THE FAST 5

THE DOWNSIDES OF BEING BRITNEY & KEVIN'S BABY

1. It's even harder to learn how to speak when you're constantly hearing a mix of redneck-southern, ghetto Ebonics and "dumb blonde."
2. The unsavory taste of silicone when breast-feeding.
3. Every time mom sings you a lullaby, you have to pretend not to notice that she's lip-synching.
4. When your father is Kevin Federline, "Take Your Daughter to Work Day" means a day of sitting on the couch, hitting mom up for cash.
5. MTV keeps asking you to appear on the VMAs and kiss Madonna's baby.

THE PUZZLE NOOK

Which of the 5 choices best completes this phrase?

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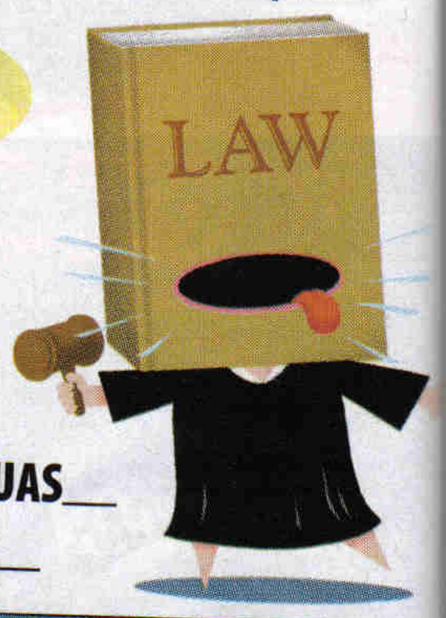

1. POSSESS__
2. JURY SELECT__
3. HAVING THE RIGHT CONNECT__
4. ONE'S RACIAL PERSUAS__
5. JUDGE JUDY'S OPIN__

PAGES

THE KITCHEN SINK

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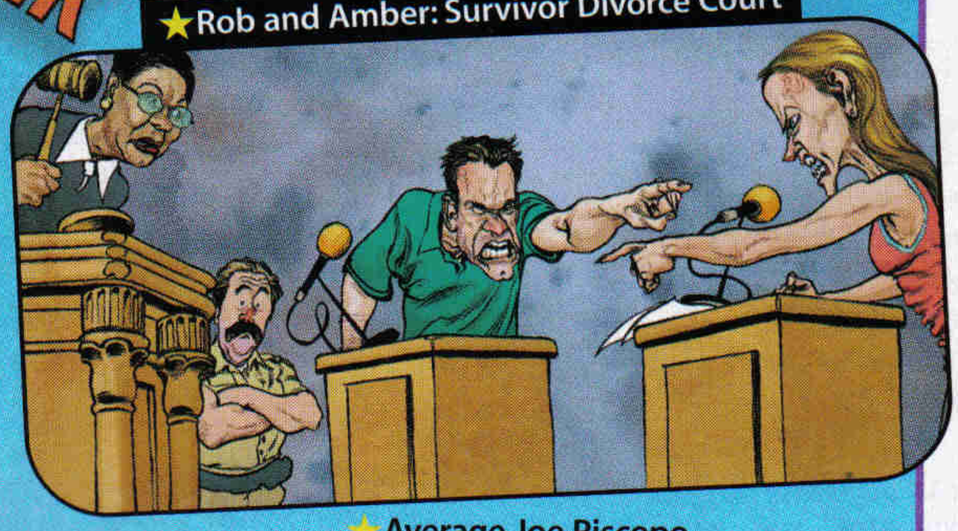
★Judge Heidi Fleiss
★Flava Flav and Brigitte Nielsen Teach Phonics
★America's Next Carrot Top
★Maury Povich's Straight Eye for the Transsexual Guy
★Rehab with the Stars
★Celebrity Loogie Hocking
★Trading Spouses: Scott Peterson Edition

★Rob and Amber: Survivor Divorce Court



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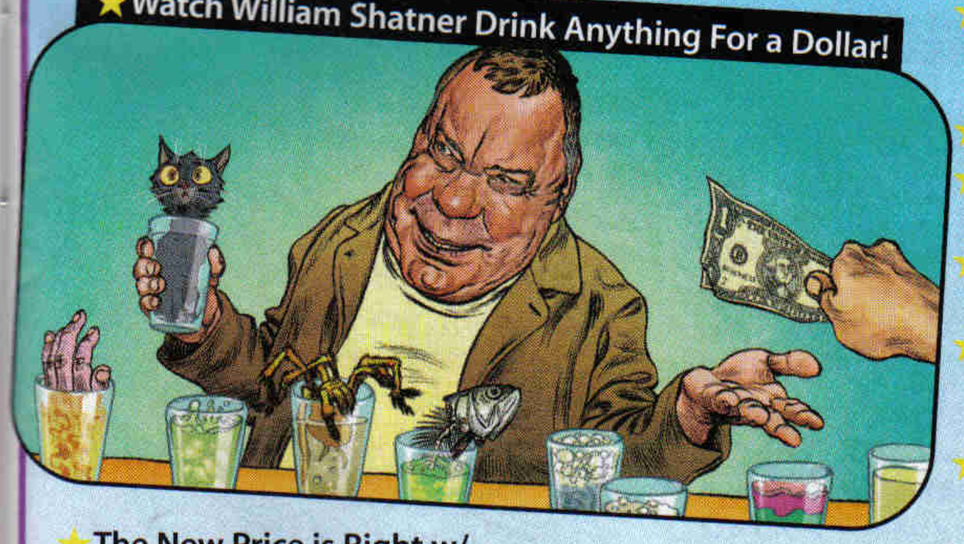
★World Roker Tour
★The Biggest Boozer
★The Pimple Life with Aaron Carter
★Outside the Actors' Studio

★Watch William Shatner Drink Anything For a Dollar!



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★WWE's Antique Wrestler's Road Show
★CSI: Death Row Records Headquarters
★The Jamie Farr Experiment
★The New Price is Right w/ Winona Ryder!
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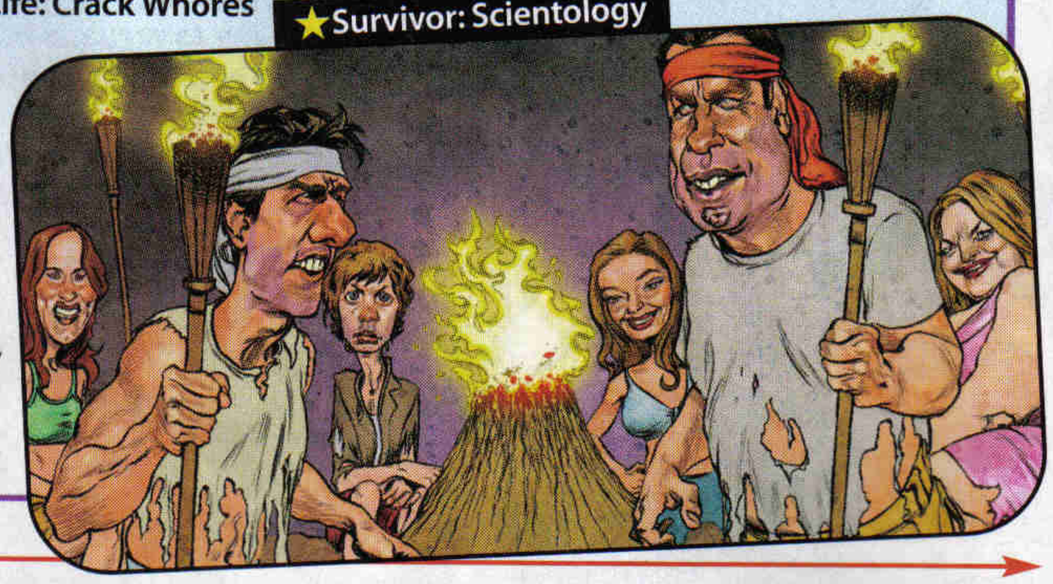
★Survivor: Scientology



CORRECTIONS

- There was an extra "." (period) in issue #444. Please erase it.
- The phrase "hat" was left out of issue #455. Insert it wherever you wish.
- The staples in issue #451 are reversed. The top staple should be in the bottom position and the bottom staple should be in the top position. Our printer has assured us this will not happen again.
- Due to an editing error, the captions and word balloons for Sergio Aragones' *A MAD Look at...* feature have been accidentally omitted for the past 30 years. We hope to have the problem corrected in time for our next issue.
- All of the above corrections were inadvertently omitted from the Fundalini Pages of MAD #458. We regret the inconvenience.

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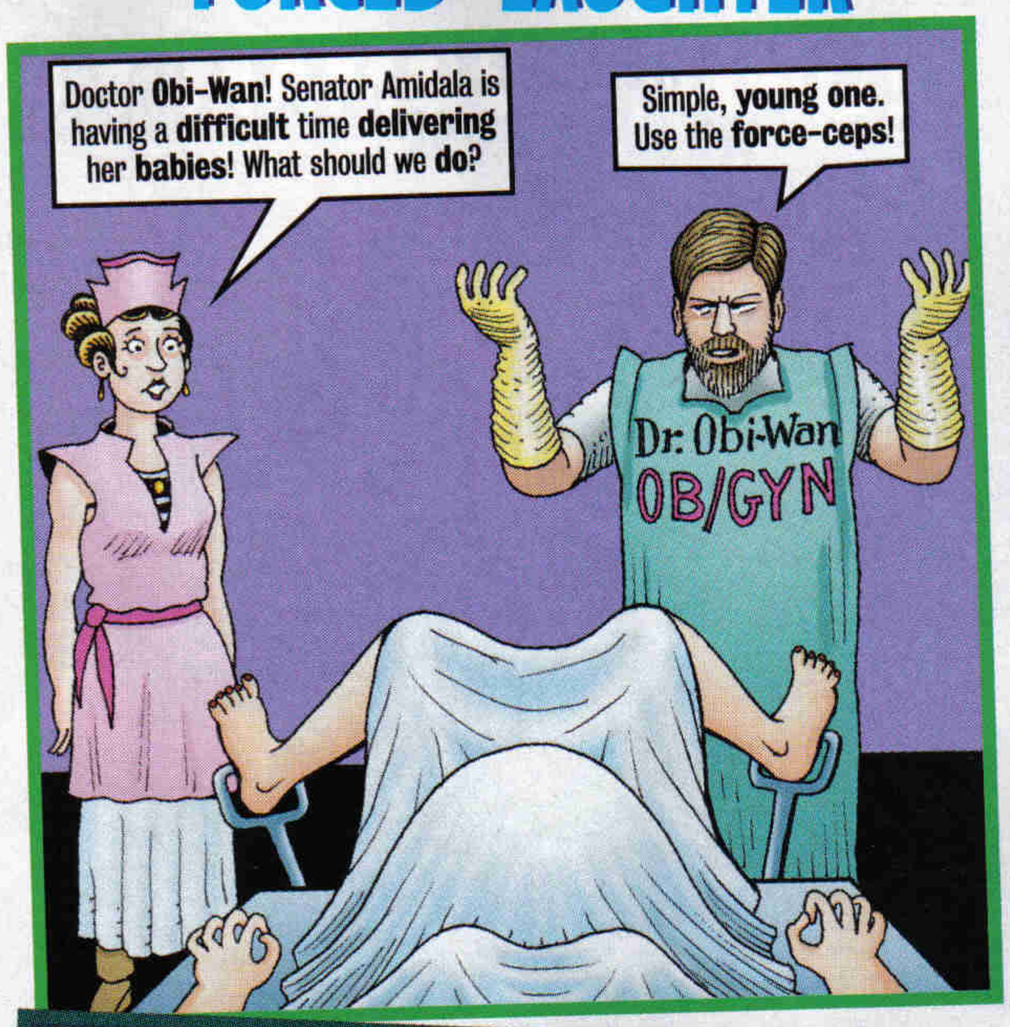
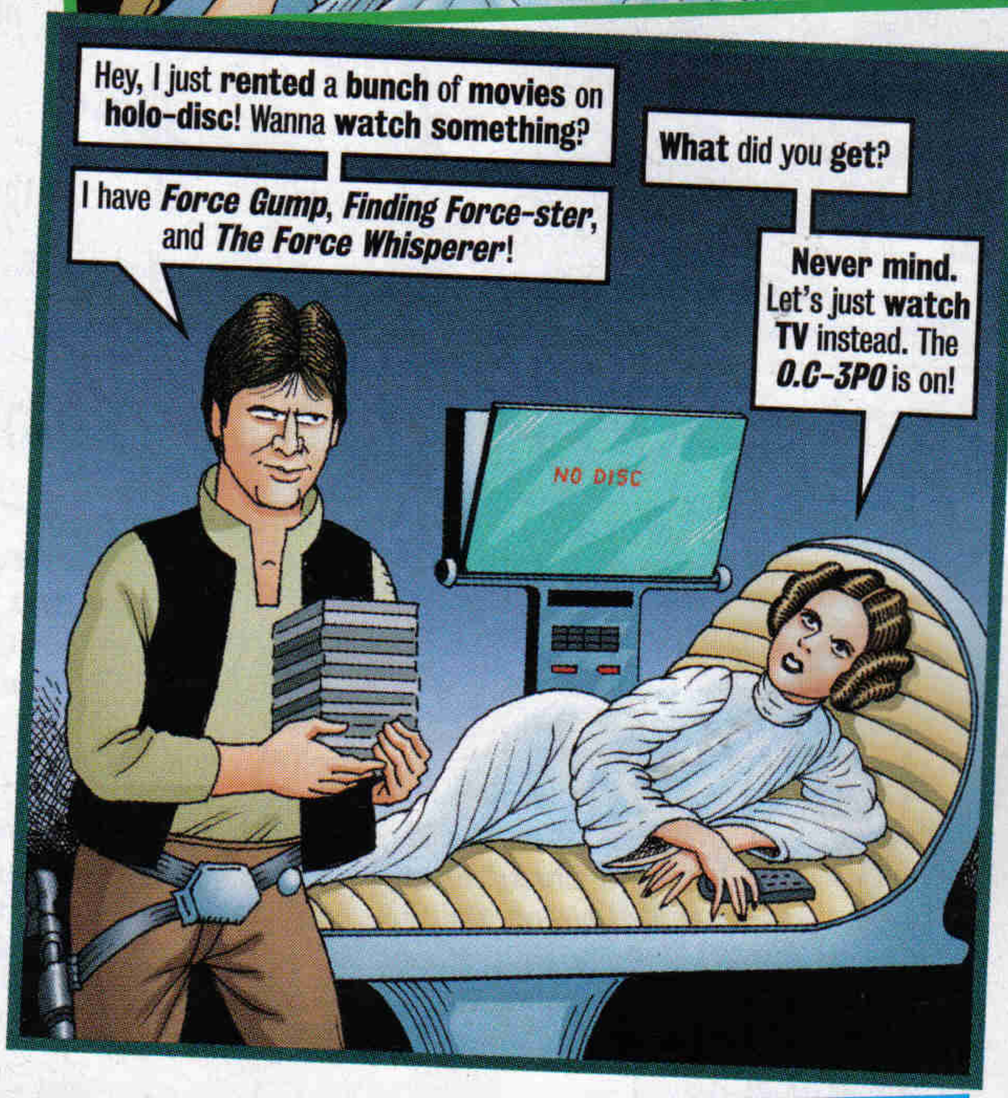




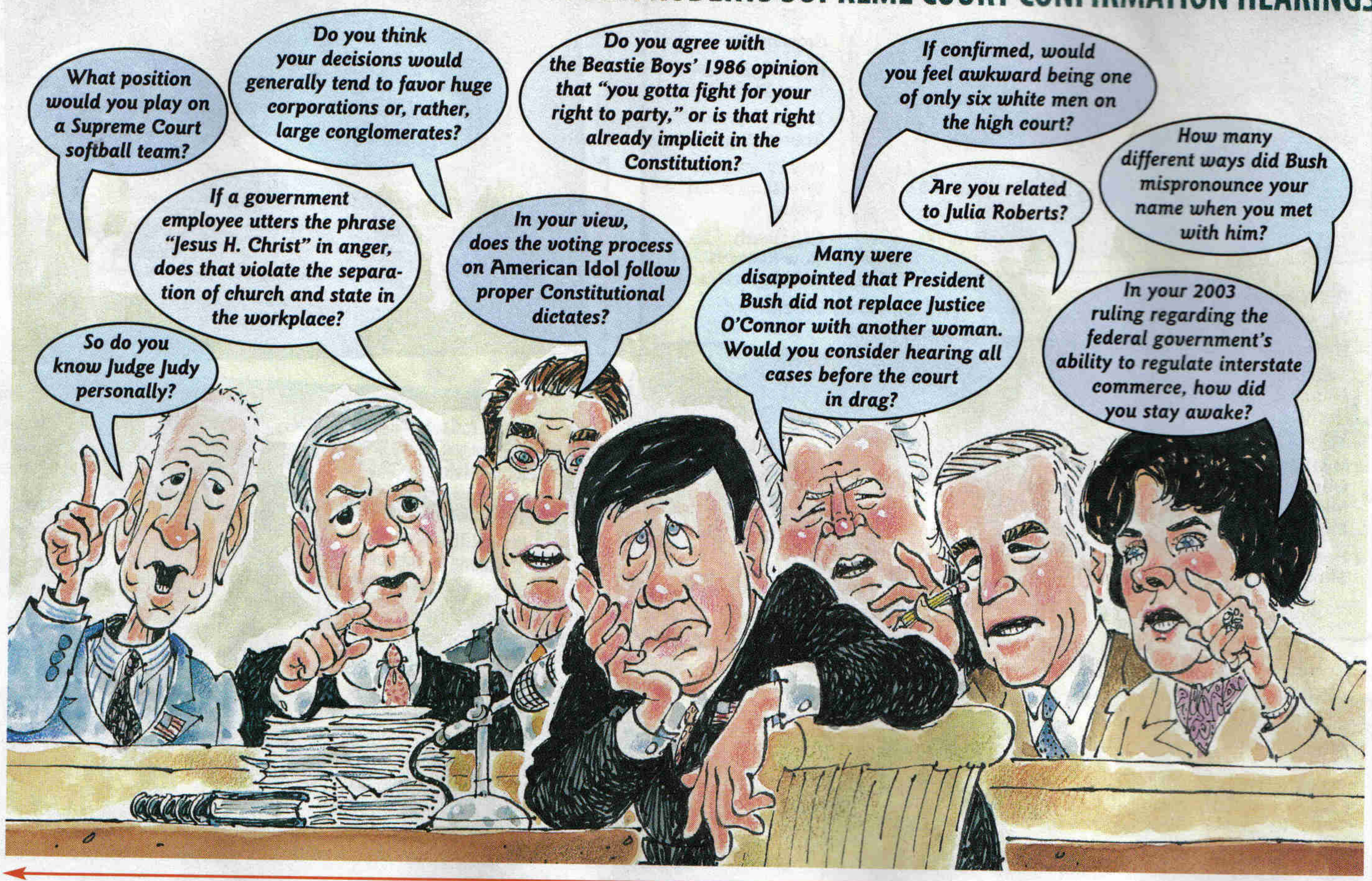
THE FUNDALINI PAGES

THE COVER WE *DIDN'T* USE

INNOVATIVE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE AGREEMENT

- Due to stricter immigration rules, Canadian players are not allowed to cross the Red Line without a passport.
- To make fights more interesting, players' gloves will now have "Wolverine" features.
- To increase attendance at games, all fans will receive a LeBron James Bobblehead.
- In order to promote racial diversity in the league, a black guy will now drive the Zamboni.
- Playoffs now include every NHL team plus a few "pickup squads" from the Ice Capades.

QUESTIONS WE WANTED TO HEAR IN THE JOHN ROBERTS SUPREME COURT CONFIRMATION HEARINGS



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COMING DETRACTIONS DEPT.

MAD's INSIDE SCOOP ON THIS YEAR'S Stupidest Holiday Movies

King KONG

The entire cast from the original 1933 production of *King Kong* makes cameos as the bones worn by tribesmen on Skull Island.

Jack Black unsuccessfully lobbied director Peter Jackson to alter the famous last line of the film to: "It was beauty killed the beast, *dude*!"

When it was announced that *Lord Of The Rings* director Peter Jackson would be doing a remake of the 1933 classic *King Kong*, aintitcoolnews.com behemoth Harry Knowles' orgasmic groan was detected by seismologists as far away as Honshu, Japan.

After King Kong destroys several New York City landmarks, President Bush — in a rare cameo — quickly blames Saddam Hussein.

Tom Cruise's lunatic couch-bouncing *Oprah* appearance was used by computer animators as the basis for one of Kong's rampages.

ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND
WRITERS: DESMOND DEVLIN AND SCOTT MAIKO

Harry Potter and the GOBLET OF FIRE

In order to adapt the 734-page book into a workable film script, the producers had to carefully decide which scenes could not be made into toys or video games, and were thus not integral to the story and could be easily omitted.

To save time in make-up, Daniel Radcliffe agreed to let the famous lightning bolt scar be permanently seared into his forehead with a red hot linoleum knife, having made peace with the notion that he will never be known for anything other than his role as boy wizard anyway.

Contract negotiations for the return of the entire main cast went particularly well once it was brought to the actors' attention that between continuing advances in CGI technology and the ease with which the late Richard Harris was replaced, everyone is expendable.

The only previous on-screen performer to have a "Goblet of Fire" was Jenna Jameson, but penicillin cleared that up.

Industry buzz is that *Goblet Of Fire* is a shoo-in to win the brand new Oscar category for 2006, "Best Motion Picture Featuring Kids Who Are Forced to Stick Together as They Battle Unexpected Perils in a Strange Land."

The RINGER

To prepare for his role, Johnny Knoxville spent 1971-2005 living as a retarded man.

BIG RACE TODAY

Johnny Knoxville grew so fond of his Special Olympics athlete co-stars that at the end of production, he actually felt bad when he said "We'll keep in touch," knowing that he had no intention of doing so.

Johnny Knoxville's previous film roles include a dumbass two-headed alien, an inbred hick and an idiot hitman. That's why he jumped at the chance to "stretch" his acting chops with his latest role as a mentally-challenged adult.

Producers Bobby and Peter Farrelly have now poked fun at the mentally challenged, the physically disabled, conjoined twins, albinos, amputees, Amish people, fat women, blind children and Red Sox fans — which means the only remaining easy targets are Holocaust victims and bedwetters.

When a call was issued for extras, the casting directors were surprised and thrilled to have over 20,000 mentally challenged people show up — until they realized they were there for the NASCAR event at the stadium next door.

The Chronicles of Narnia
THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

A severely confused Vin Diesel showed up on the set every day for the first two weeks of filming until producers managed to convince him that *The Chronicles of Narnia* was not a sequel to *The Chronicles of Riddick*.

To keep the production veiled in a shroud of secrecy and not arouse any interest from overzealous film fans and internet spies, while being shot, the movie went by the fake working title *The Cat In The Hat 2*.

In an inspired bit of product placement, the famous wardrobe used in the film is the Kløzhoalder storage unit, available at IKEA for $59.

Director Andrew Adamson decided to go with a cast of unknowns for this film because he felt "the source material is the star" and "I blew almost my entire budget on a talking lion."

Industry buzz is that *Narnia* is a shoo-in to win the brand new Oscar category for 2006, "Best Motion Picture Featuring Kids Who Are Forced to Stick Together as They Battle Unexpected Perils in a Strange Land."

Get Rich or DIE TRYIN'

50 Cent has said that he wanted this film to be a tribute to "those wonderful screwball comedies of the '30s and '40s as well as big budget musicals from Hollywood's golden age that I fell in love with as a child."

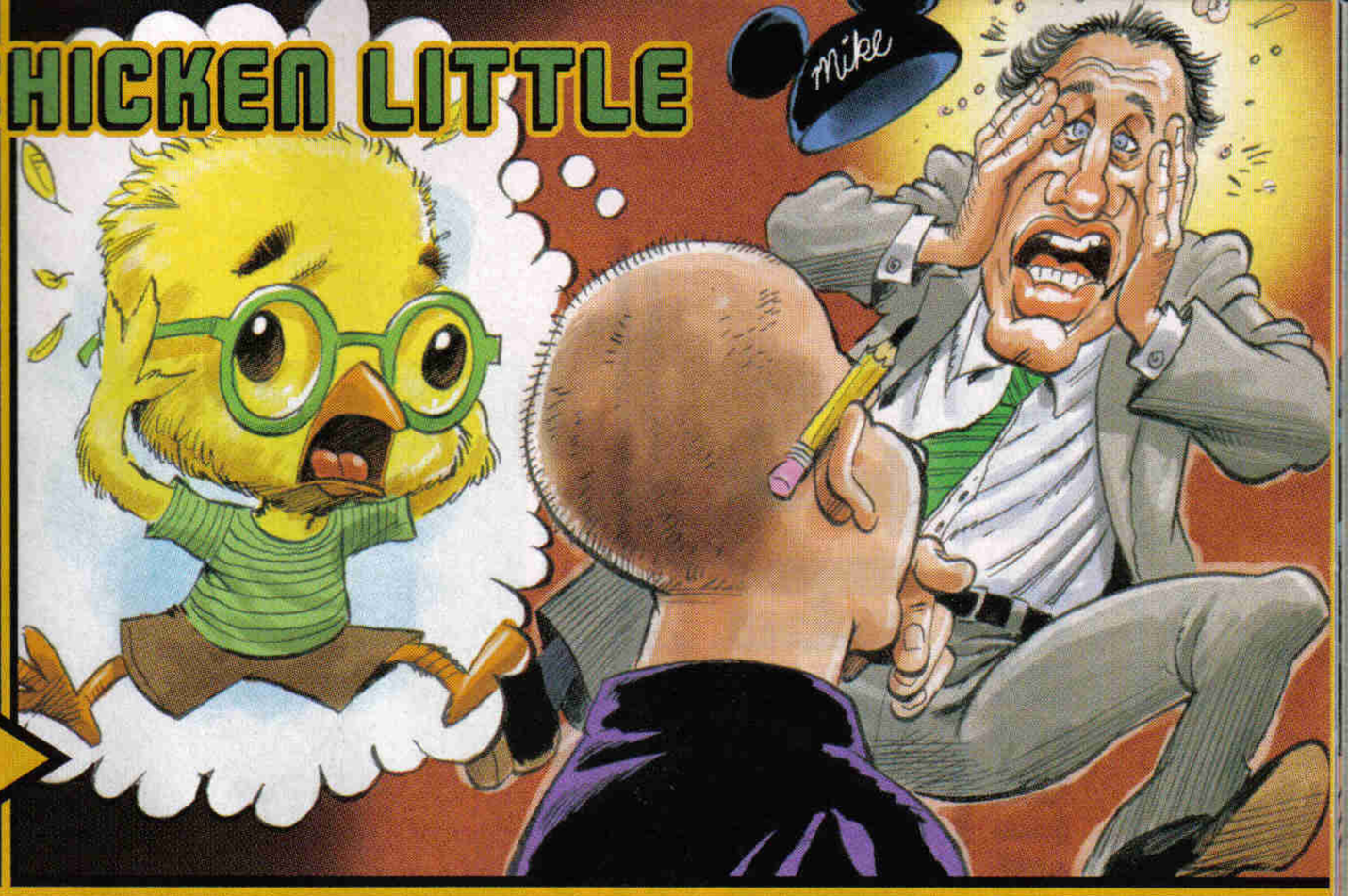
The film was originally to be released in 3-D, but producers changed their minds when it was thought that audiences might become confused by the real bullets that will likely be flying around in theatres during its showings.

In this, his first major movie role, 50 Cent had trouble remembering his lines. To jog his memory, he had them tattooed on his co-stars.

50 Cent decided the time was right for him to star in a movie about his own life, fearing that he could be shot dead at any time and some wanksta like Nick Cannon might end up playing him in a biopic.

Stick around after the credits for a hilarious outtake of 50 Cent and his posse beating a hapless production assistant to within an inch of his life.

CHICKEN LITTLE

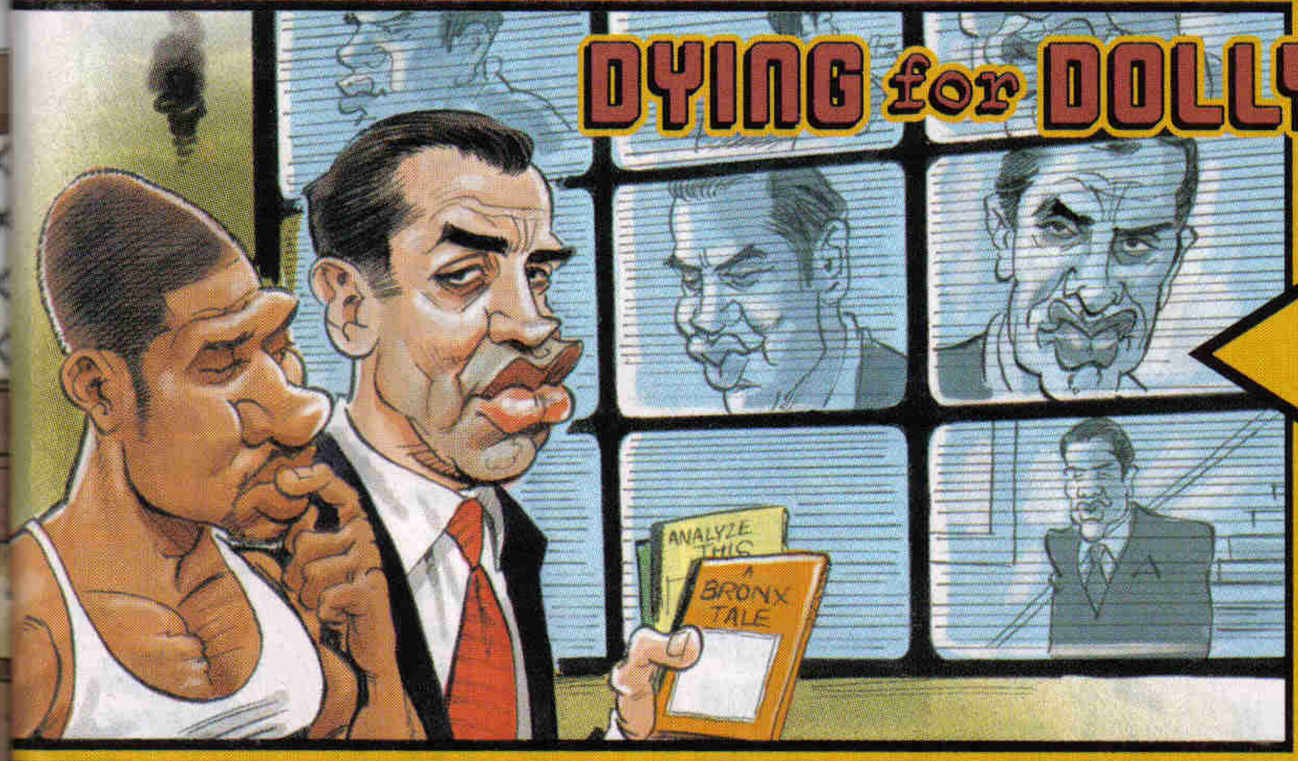


For each frame of film she appears in, every one of the 20,000+ hairs covering Foxy Loxy's body had to be digitally rendered individually. Conversely, only one of out every 20,000+ people will find this piece of trivia interesting, since Disney has issued a variation on the same dull factoid for every computer animation movie they've released since *Toy Story*.

Disney wisely rethought a *Chicken Little* promotion with KFC, fearing that children might think the title character was being cooked in the chicken restaurant's deep fryers. Instead, they opted for McDonald's, whose signature McNuggets are unrecognizable as chicken in look, texture and taste.

The animators based Chicken Little's sense of helpless panic on what they witnessed walking through the studio hallways the day Disney's deal with Pixar ran out.

DYING for DOLLY

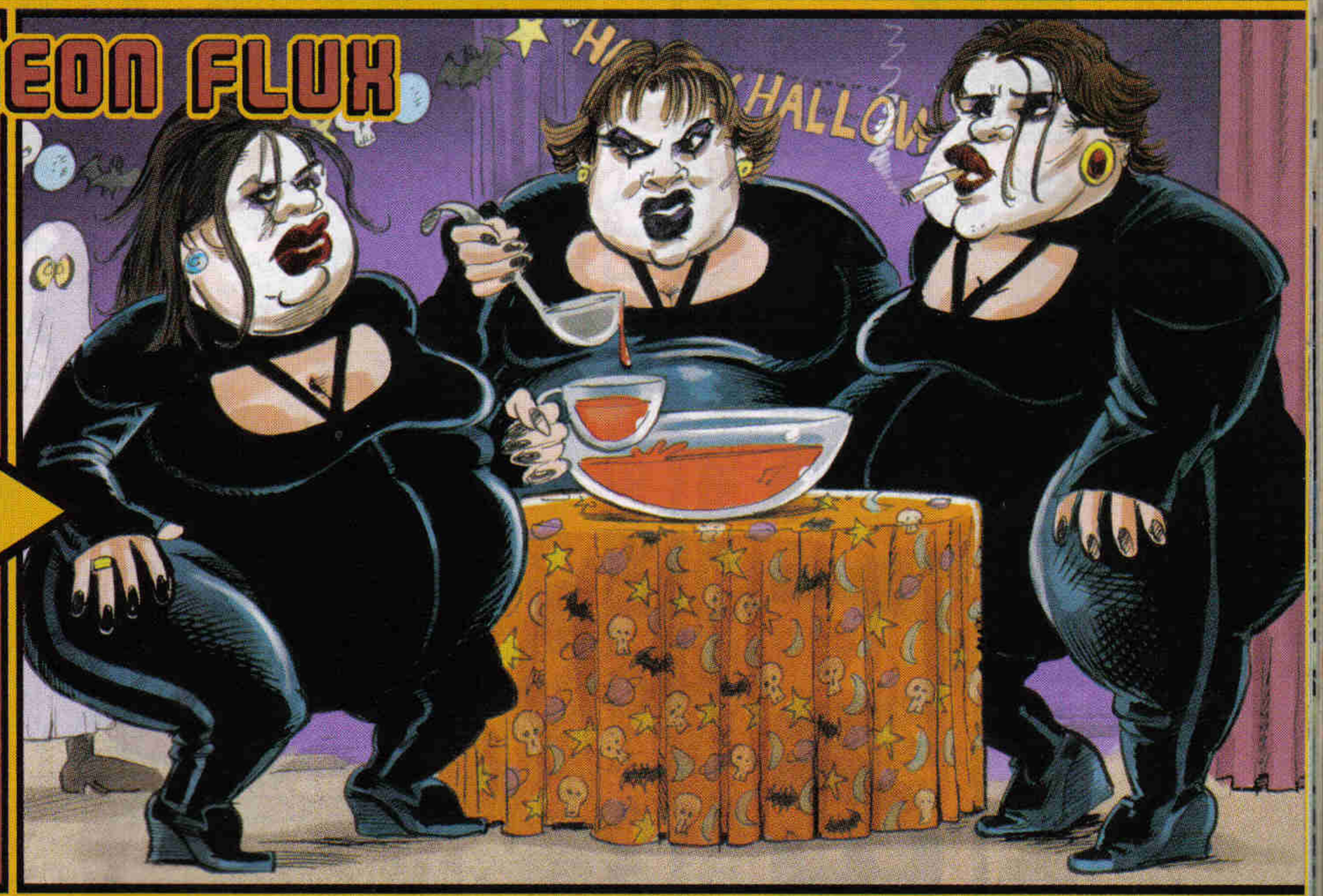


While Usher's tattoos have been digitally concealed throughout the film, a team of special effects experts were unable to similarly conceal his inability to act.

In order to research his role as a mob boss, Chazz Palminteri watched all his other films where he plays a mob boss.

Director Ron Underwood's other recent projects were the Vegas gangster biopic *Stealing Sinatra* and the mobsters-in-space fiasco *The Adventures of Pluto Nash*. Since 2002, Underwood's inflicted more damage on the Mafia than the U.S. Justice Department.

AEON FLUX

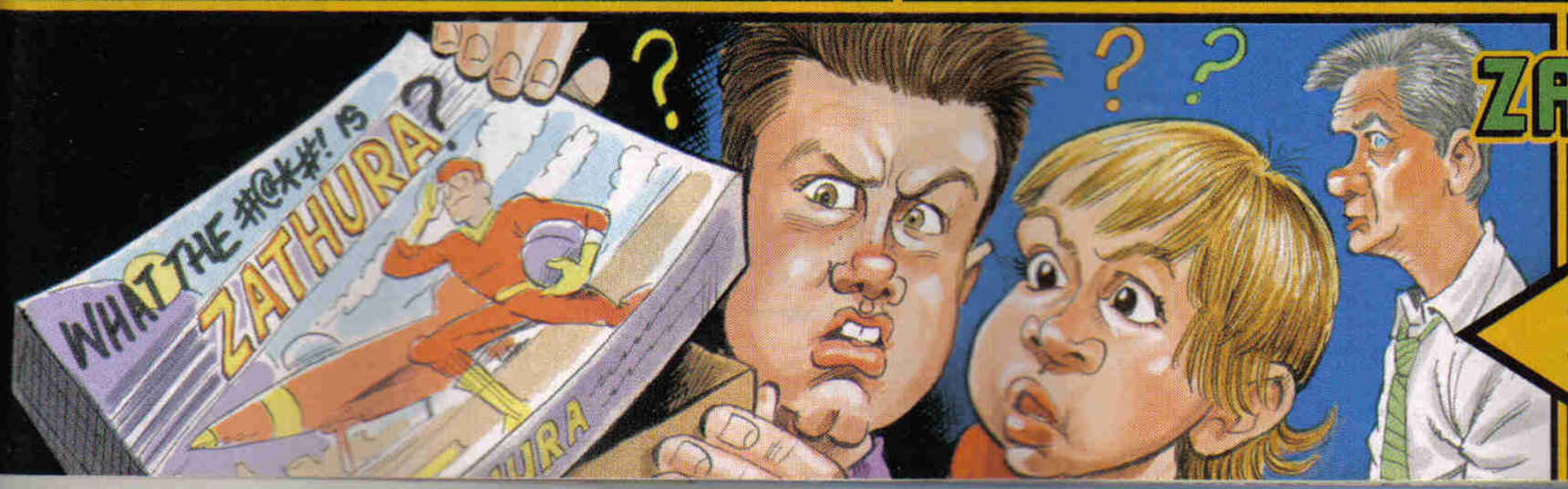


Though Charlize Theron suffered a severe neck injury while performing a complicated stunt, she maintains that the most frightening aspect of doing the film was appearing at science fiction and comic book conventions promoting it.

Fans of the original series may complain that Aeon Flux now wears a more modest outfit than her animated counterpart's black leather straps and boots, but producers insist the change wasn't made to avoid an NC-17 rating — they claim the new costume is based solely on a sense of decency towards everyone who'll have to see all the fat Goth chicks wearing it come next Halloween.

The film takes place 400 years from now in a disturbing future where — judging by Charlize Theron's stringy, greasy locks — civilization has lost the scientific formula for shampoo.

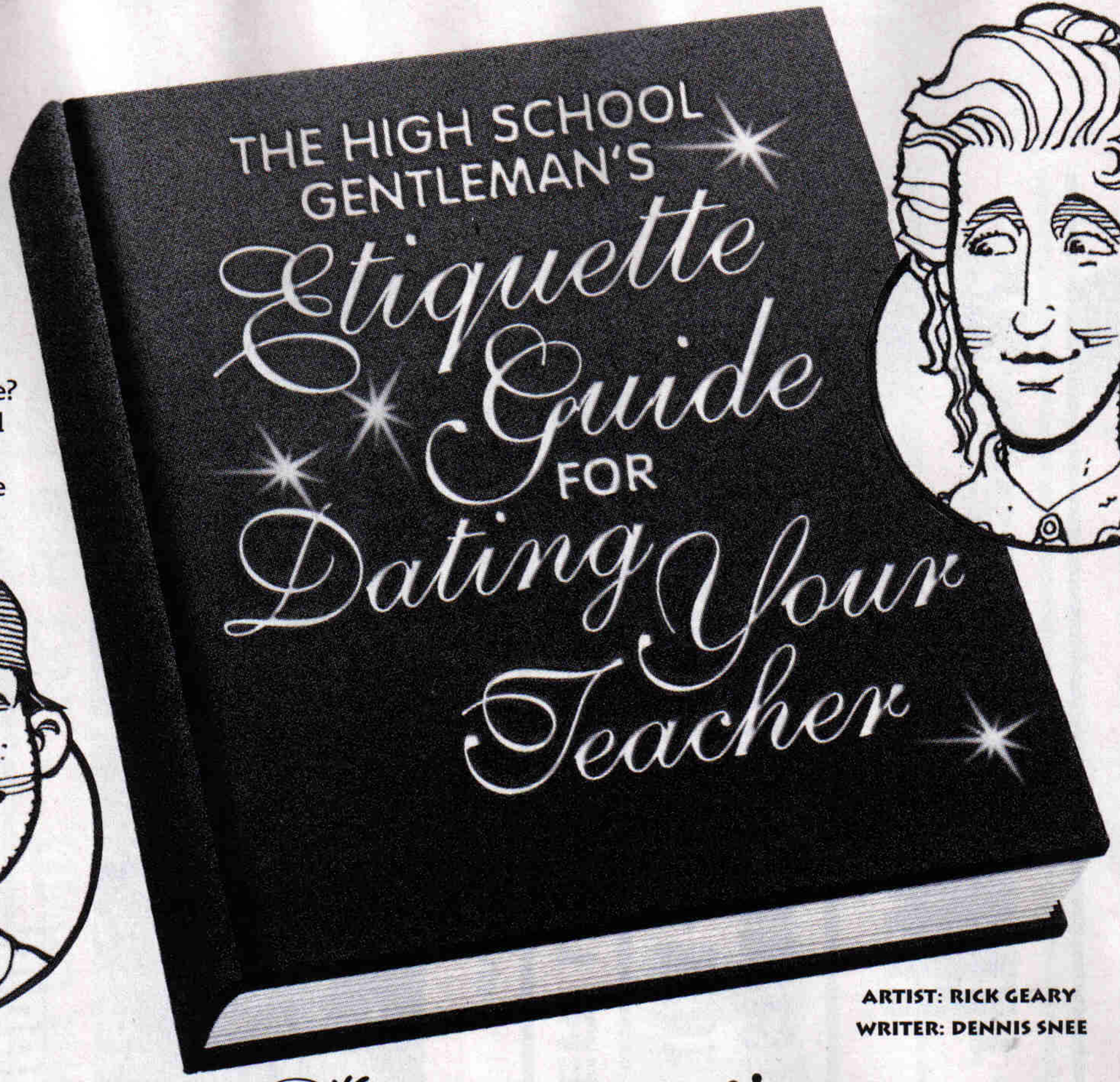
ZATHURA



Industry buzz is that *Zathura* is a shoo-in to win the brand new Oscar category for 2006, "Best Motion Picture Featuring Kids Who Are Forced to Stick Together as They Battle Unexpected Perils in a Strange Land."

XXX-TRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES DEPT.

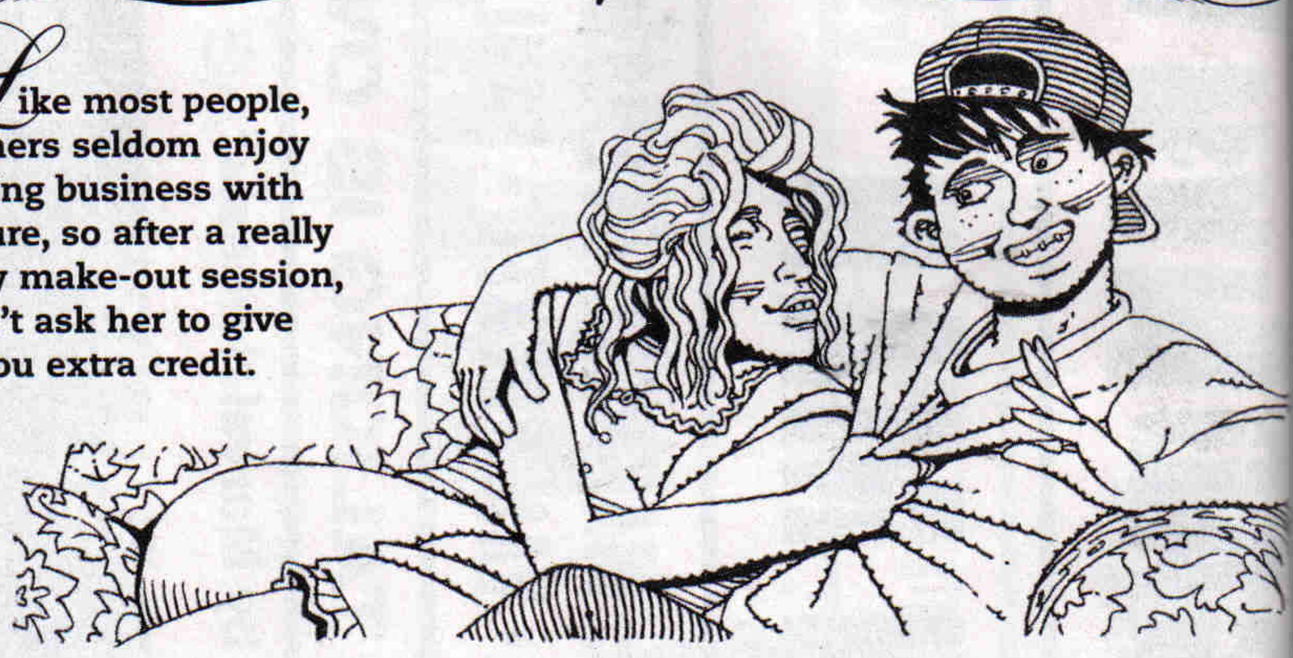
It seems like every other week there's a story in the news about a female high school teacher having an affair with one of her male students. What's wrong with these women? Where are their morals? And where were they when WE were in high school, pimply, drooling and desperate? But enough questions. For high school lads treading the tricky, turbulent waters of teenager-teacher trysts, here are some answers in the form of...



ARTIST: RICK GEARY
WRITER: DENNIS SNEE

When going to the movies, the gentleman always pays for his date, especially if he can use a student discount.

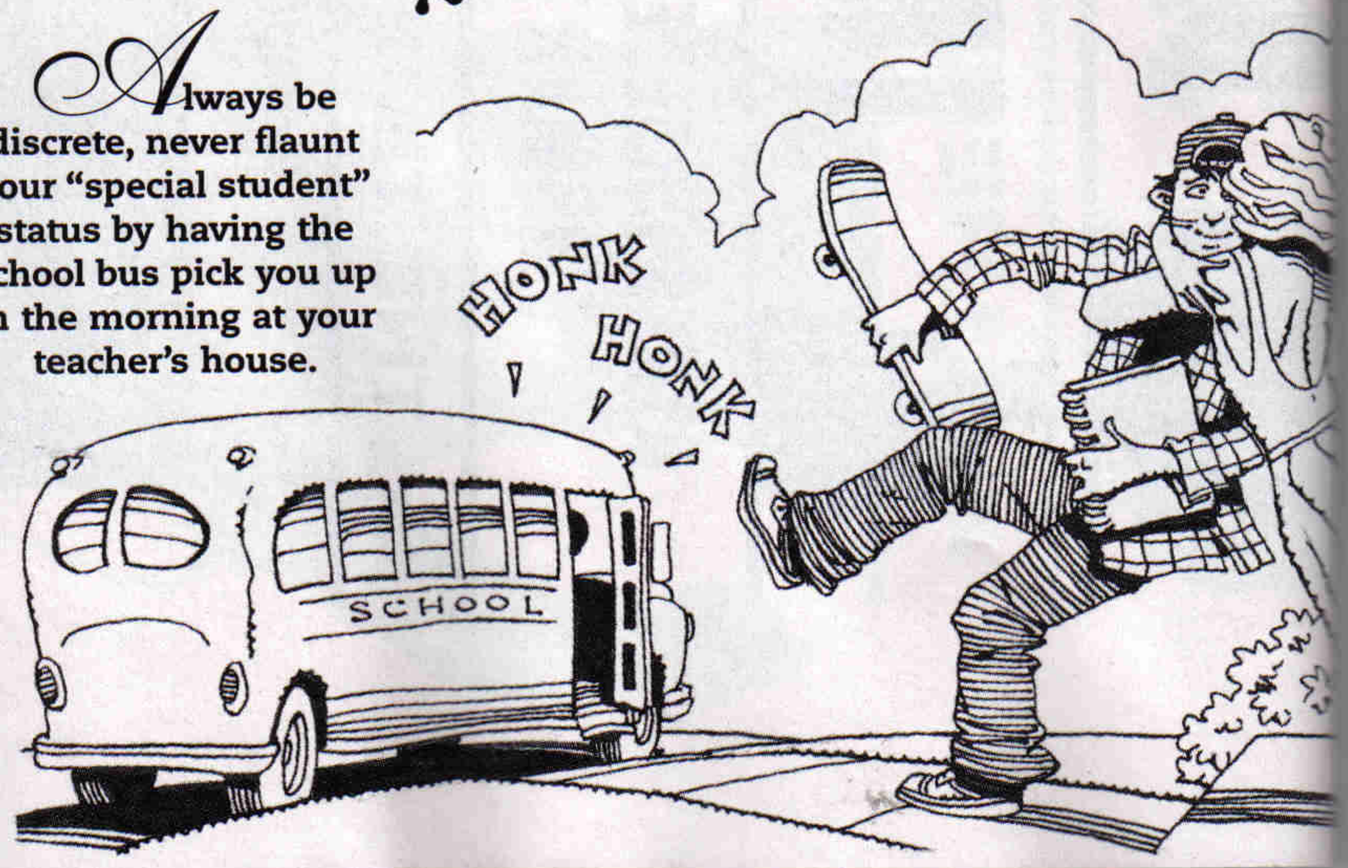
Like most people, teachers seldom enjoy mixing business with pleasure, so after a really steamy make-out session, don't ask her to give you extra credit.



"Todd, you are such a good kisser..."

"Thanks — any chance I could get credit for what we just did in our 'Modern Communications' class...?"

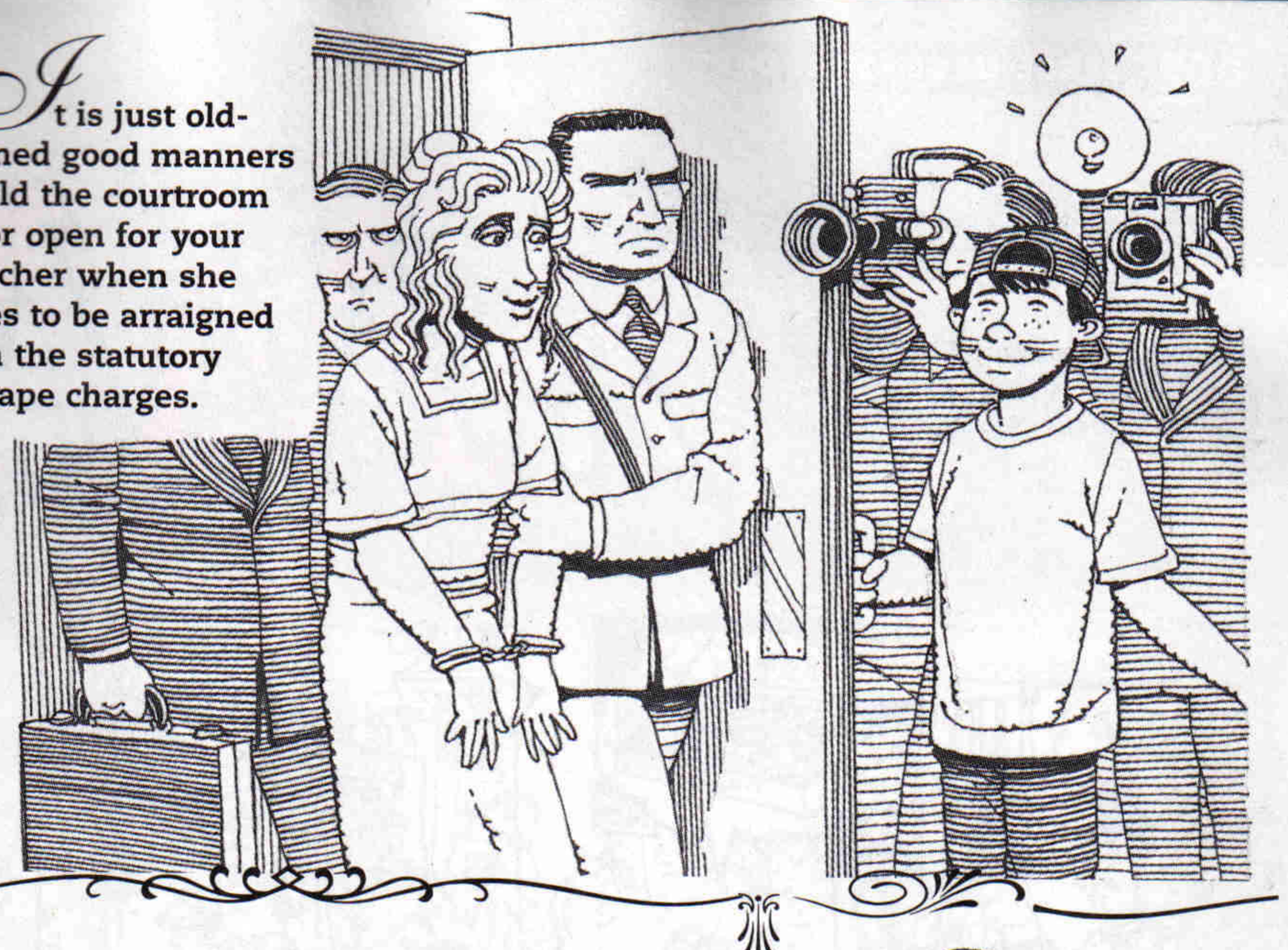
Always be discrete, never flaunt your "special student" status by having the school bus pick you up in the morning at your teacher's house.



It is perfectly acceptable to ask your teacher for an extension on your book report if your deadline was missed because you went away together for the weekend.

"Take all the time you want, Todd. And if you need help, you know where I live, hee-hee!"

It is just old-fashioned good manners to hold the courtroom door open for your teacher when she arrives to be arraigned on the statutory rape charges.

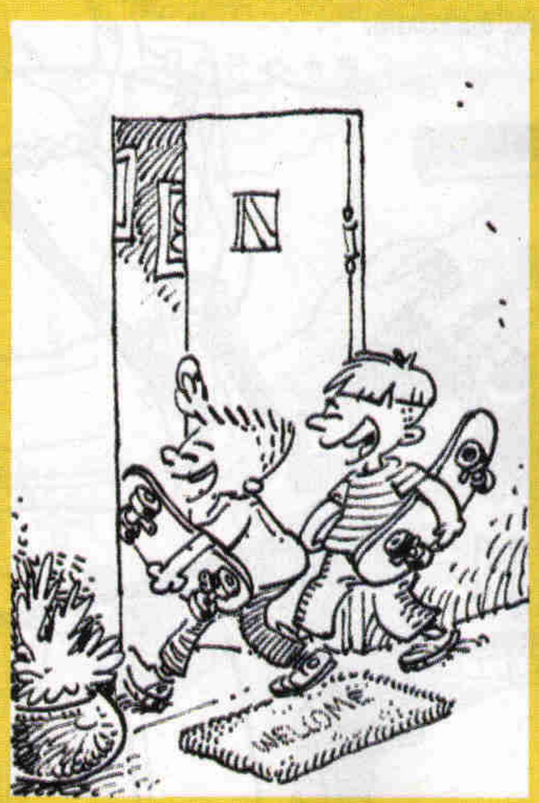


It is not good form to ask your school PTA to hold a bake sale to help pay your teacher's legal expenses.

While it's perfectly appropriate for you to ask your teacher to write a letter of recommendation for colleges, discourage her from citing your personal qualities, such as, "Todd would make an excellent roommate because he doesn't snore."

While your teacher is "away" as a result of your affair, it is considerate to send her letters—but it would be imposing to include papers for her to proofread or critique in her "spare time."

sergio ARAGONÉS presents A MAD LOOK



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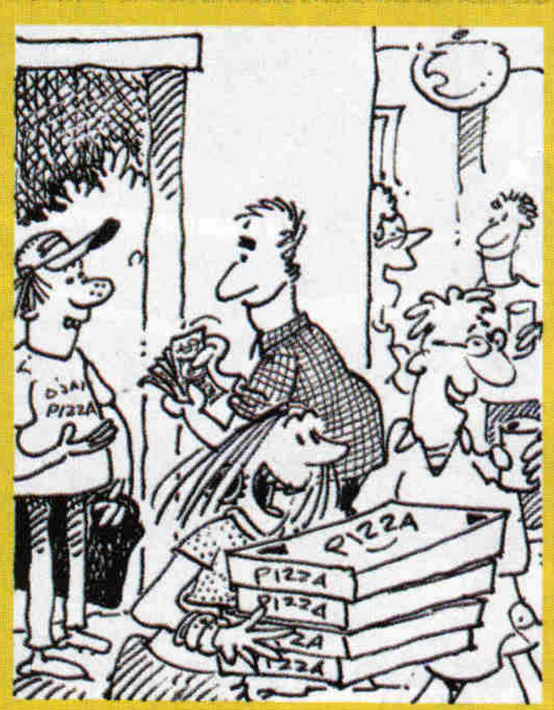
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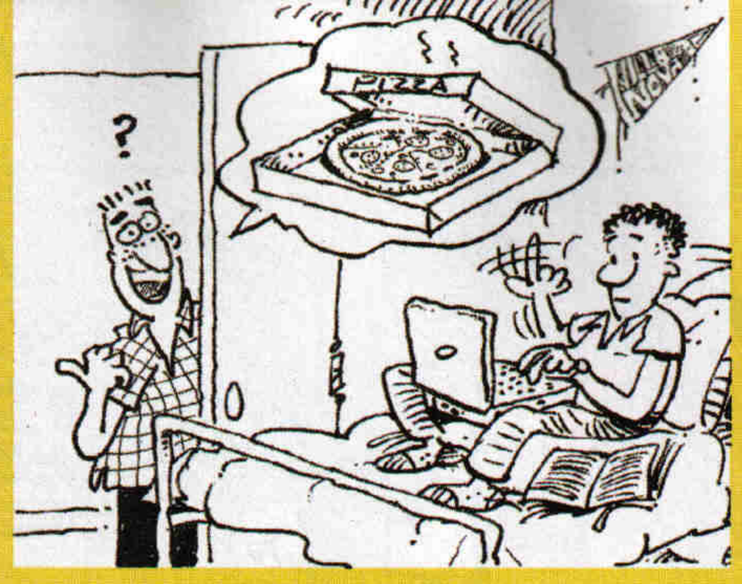
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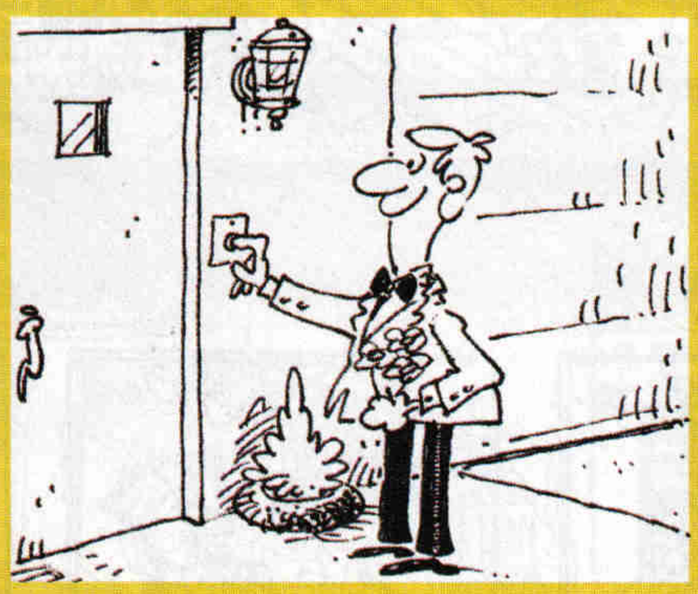

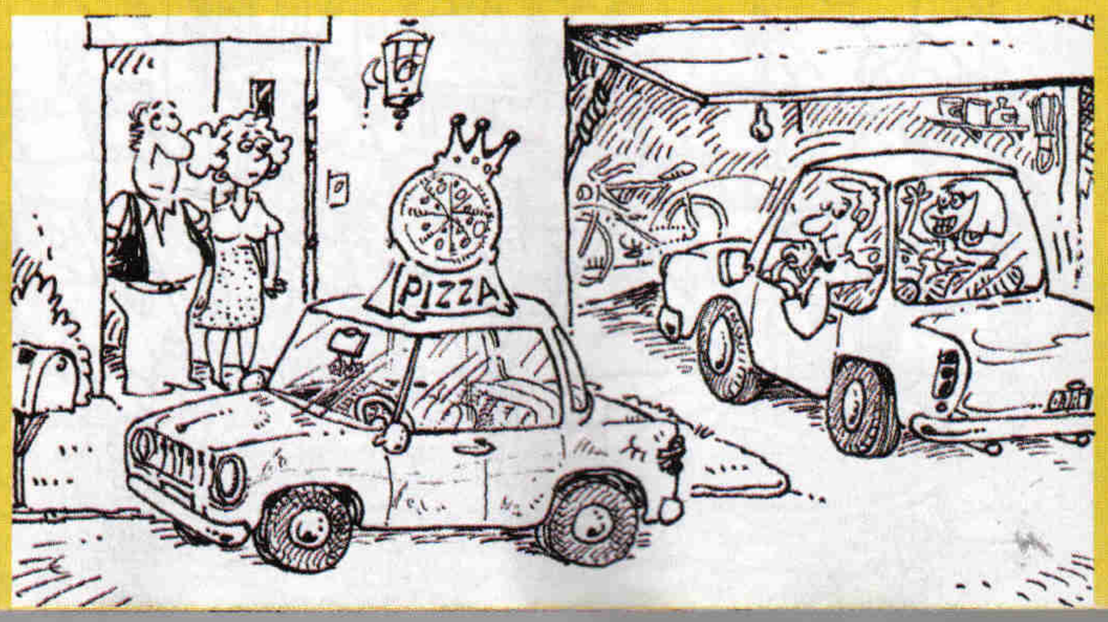
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[16 October|**11:33am**]

[**mood**| whatever]

Chet and I went to the movies last night and saw Flightplan, that new movie about how Jodie Foster loses her daughter on an airplane.

* * * * Spoiler Alert!!!!!! * * * * *

It sucks.

[17 October|**03:14pm**]

D.J., the driver of my school bus, is a big fan of the Tasmanian Devil. He's got Tasmanian Devil shirts, and hats, and has a Tasmanian Devil tattooed on his arm. He acts like it makes him cool, but who really cares about the Tasmanian Devil once they're older than like eight years old? If I got a tattoo, it would have to be something I really knew I was going to care about forever, like Natalie Portman.

[19 October|**07:54pm**]

I've got a social studies test tomorrow that I have to study for. My social studies textbook is hard to read because it's all about how important it is to participate in democracy and be proud of your country, but it's really old — like, from the '70s — and it's been illustrated with photos like this one:

These are the worst spokespeople for voting ever. As my friend Darren put it, "It looks like the people of Doucheville are getting a new mayor."

[20 October|**04:03pm**]

[**mood**| psyched]

A while ago, Chet and Darren and I started playing poker at lunch, using all the tricks we've learned from watching Celebrity Poker Showdown. (I'm kind of a Brad Garrett-type player. Chet's more of a Jason Alexander. Darren said he was a Bonnie Hunt-type player, but then we started calling him "Bonnie" and he denied he'd ever said it.) We don't play for money or anything — just for packets of ketchup and mustard. We used to just play for ketchup, but then we started playing "no-limits", and so we decided that mustard packets are worth five ketchup packets. But lately Chet's been betting big, and we're thinking of making relish worth five mustards.

Anyway, Billy Otis, who's a senior, came over and watched for a few minutes. He said that we're all really good players, and that we should come to the game he hosts with his friends every Friday night in his basement. So we're going to get a chance to play for real. I'm pretty psyched, because I generally tend to clean up with the ketchup packets, and I figure if I do well tomorrow, I can take the $50 I've been saving for the new Madden game for my PS2 and turn it into enough to buy an Xbox 360, Game Boy Micro AND the new Madden game.

[22 October|**10:26am**]

[**mood**| bummed]

Too depressed to blog.

[22 October|**02:17pm**]

[**mood**| totally bummed]

Still too depressed to blog. But if you want to buy a PlayStation 2 on eBay, there's one for sale here.

Also, there's a bunch of PlayStation games for sale here.

Also, a whole lot of near-mint-condition comic books for sale here.

And a bike here.

Please bid high. I need to make $300 by Friday.

[25 October|**03:49pm**]

Does anyone know how to mail a bike?

ARTIST: BRIAN DURNIAK PHOTO: AP/WIDEWORLD PHOTOS WRITER: TIM CARVELL

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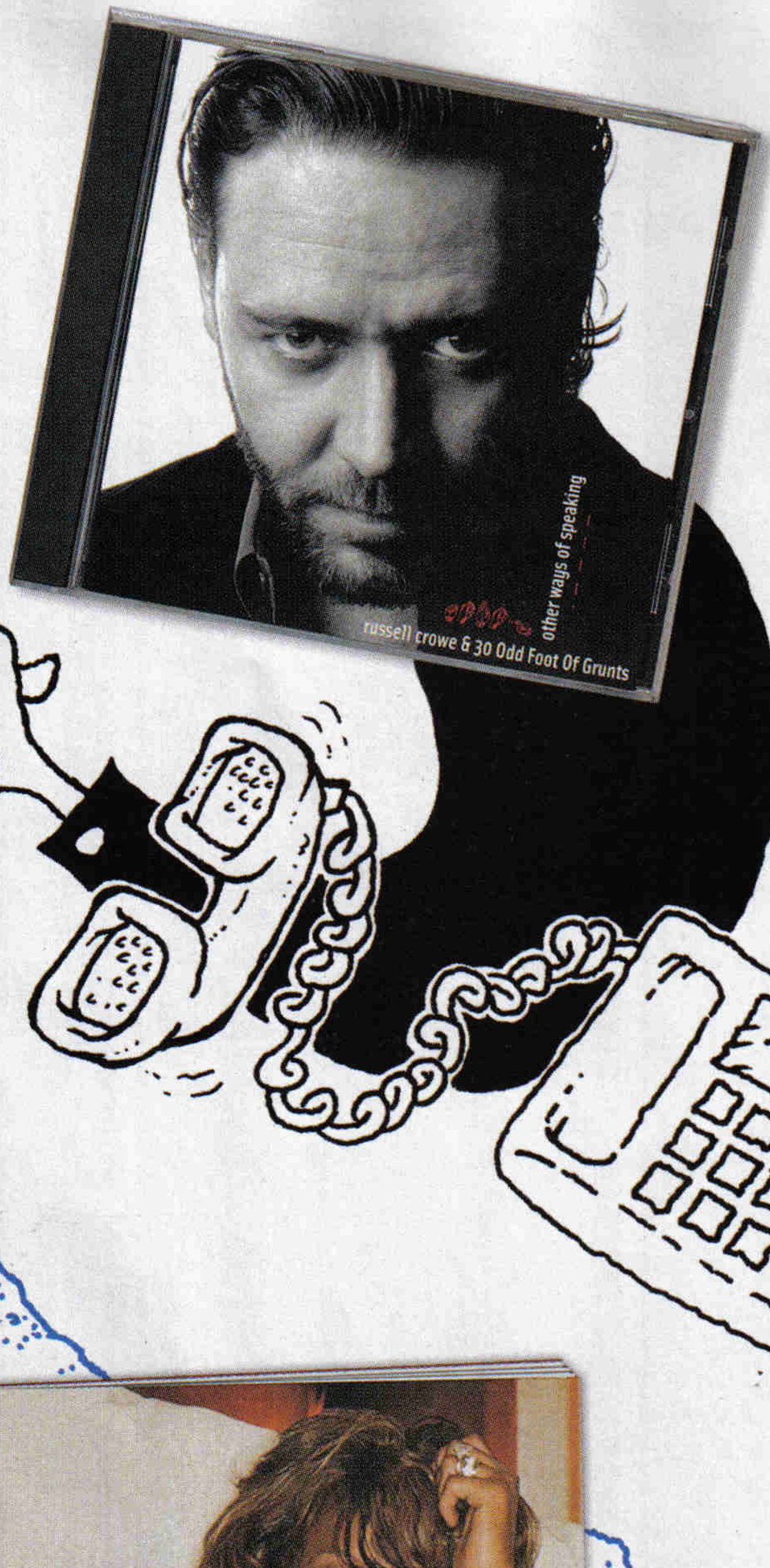

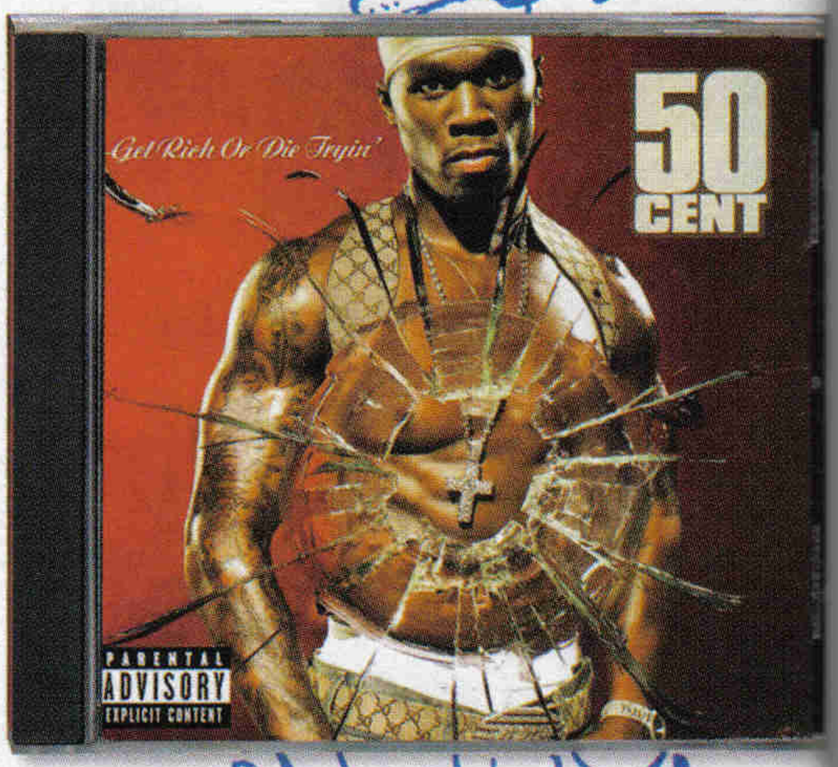

ARTIST AND WRITER: RUSS COOPER

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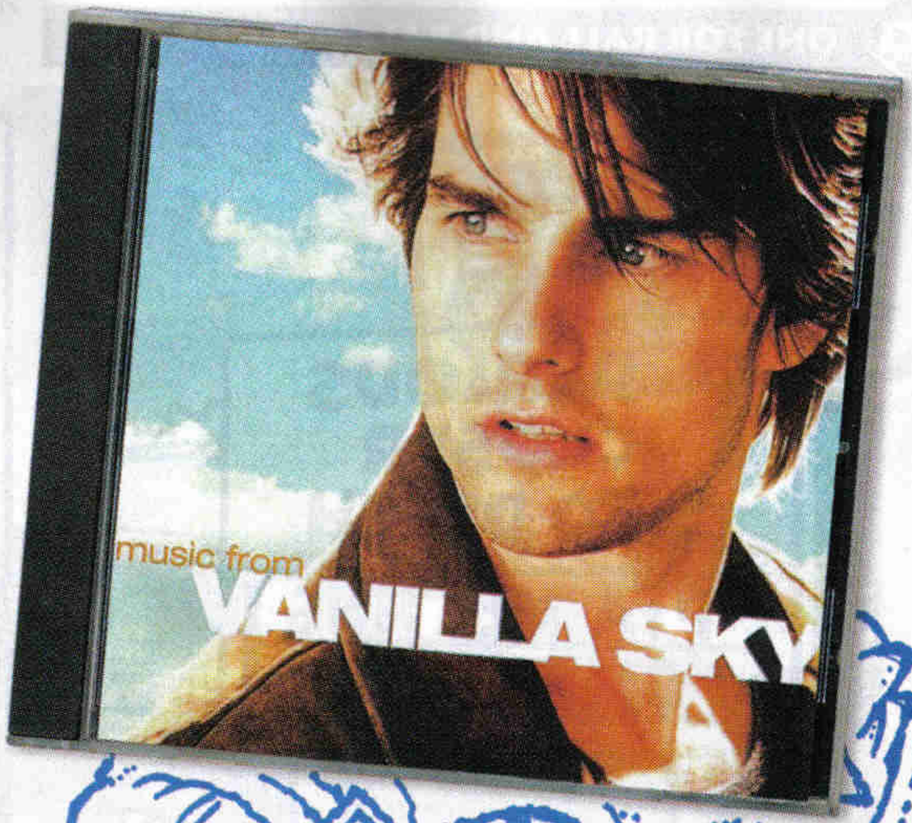

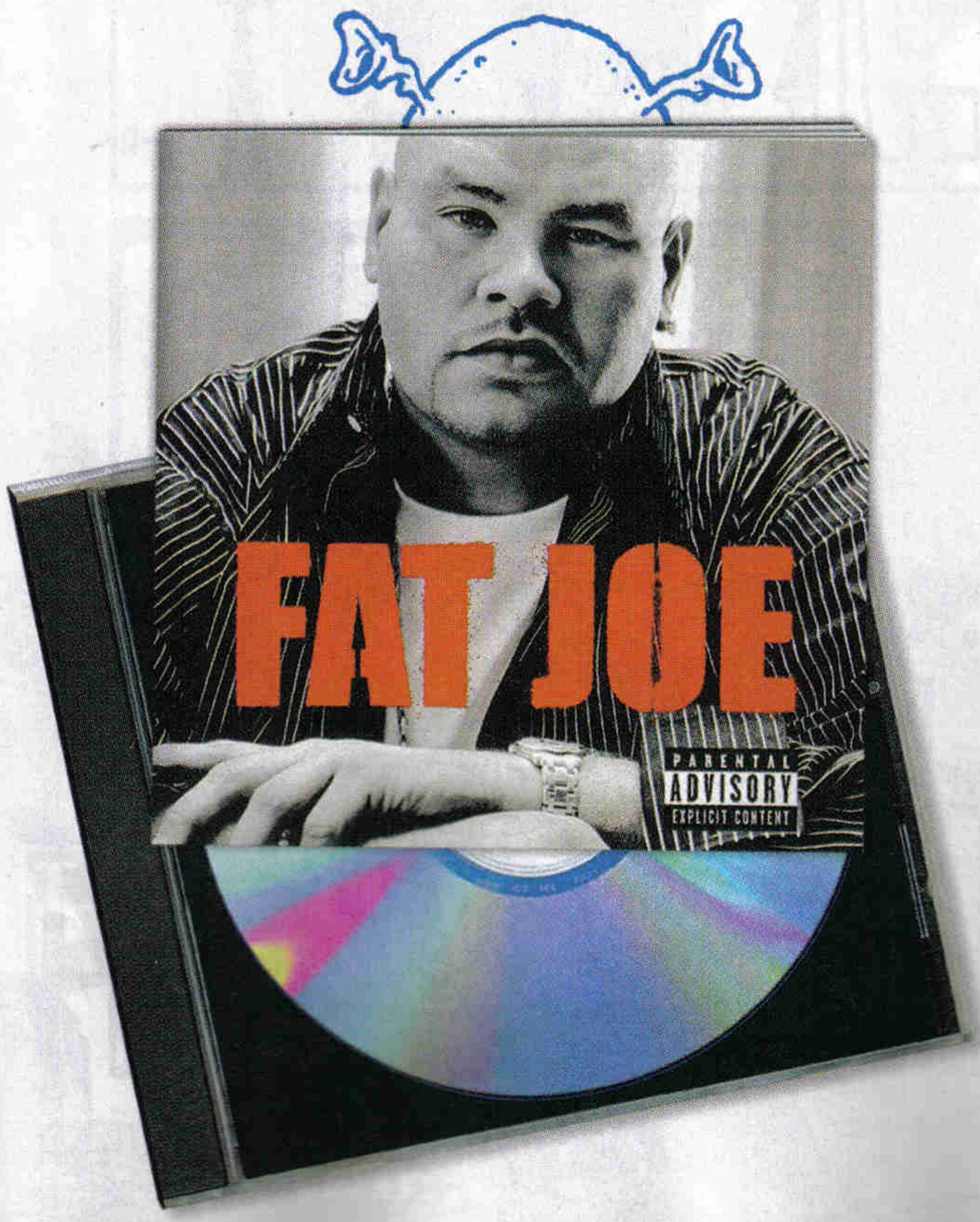

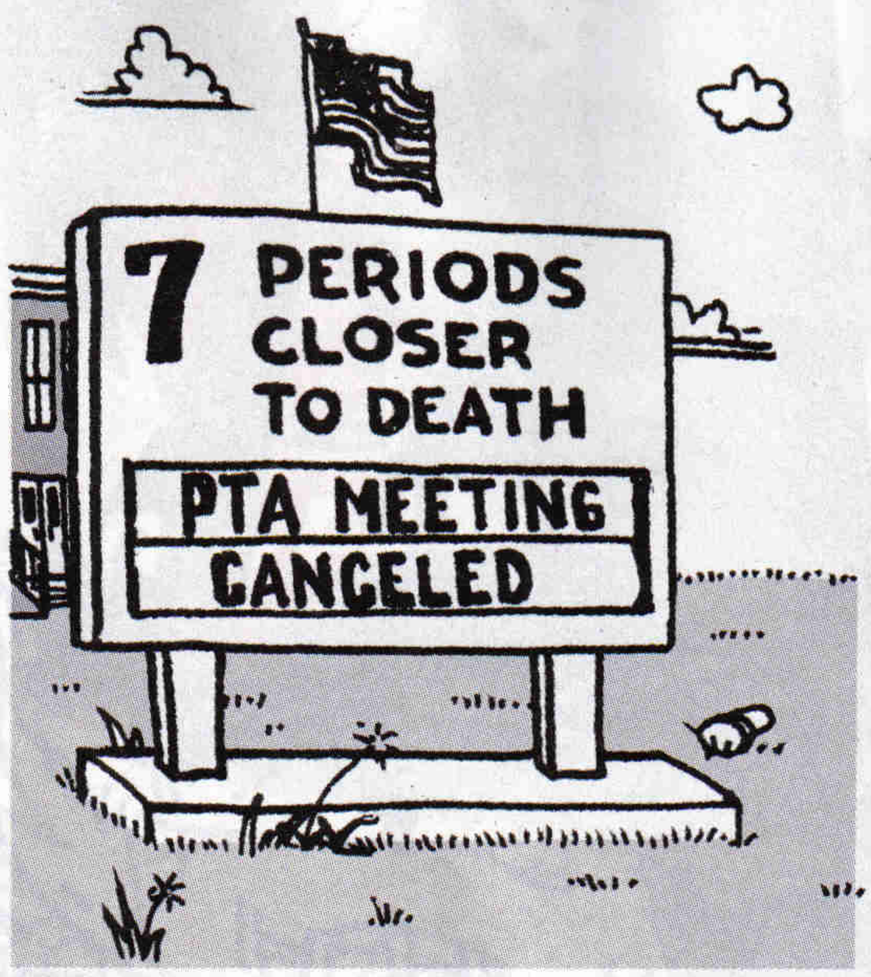
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HERE'S YOUR PACK BACK.
SECURITY CHECK
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COME ON, MAN—THEY'RE SEARCHING OUR LOCKERS!
BRITNEY SUCKS

CAN THEY DO THAT? WHAT ABOUT OUR PRIVACY?
THEY CAN. THE SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THAT SCHOOLS CAN SEARCH LOCKERS WITHOUT A WARRANT.
BRITNEY SUCKS

BUT NEVER MIND THAT. YOU CAN'T WEAR THAT T-SHIRT IN SCHOOL. GO CHANGE.

SAYS WHO ?!
SAYS THE U.S. SUPREME COURT. IN "TINKER V. DES MOINES" (1969) THEY RULED THAT "DISRUPTIVE" CLOTHES CAN BE BANNED.
BRITNEY SUCKS

A 2003 DECISION GRANTED AN EXCEPTION FOR "POLITICAL EXPRESSION," BUT "BRITNEY SUCKS" DOESN'T QUALIFY. TAKE IT OFF.

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BEHOLD: "POLITICAL EXPRESSION," YES?
YES. GET LOST AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.
YOU CAN'T SAY "GOD" IN SCHOOL, DUDE!
SEARCHED
BUSH SUCKS

Forget giving your tired, poor and huddled masses. How about giving the kid a break? It's...

MONROE and... IMMIGRATION

OKAY, SO YOU START OUT AS "STEWARDESSES" FOR AROUND FIFTY DOLLARS A MONTH, BUT YOU'LL SOON BE RAKING IT IN AS "PILOTS." NOW, EVERYONE GETS AN ALLOWANCE, RIGHT?

MONROE, I SPECIFICALLY TOLD YOU I DIDN'T WANT ANOTHER OF YOUR FATHER'S PYRAMID SCHEMES ON CAREER DAY.

IT'S WHAT HE DOES.

DAD CAREERDAY

I'LL CATCH UP TO YOU KIDS IN THE PARKING LOT. REMEMBER, CASH ONLY!

ALL RIGHT, NEXT UP IS PAUL'S DAD, MR. RAFF.

CLASS, FORGET ABOUT WHAT I DO FOR A LIVING. I'M GOING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT I DO FOR LIFE! I SERVICE LADY LIBERTY. I'M A MINUTEMAN?

I USED TO HAVE THAT PROBLEM. TRY THINKING ABOUT BASEBALL AND KIRSTIE ALLEY.

KIDS, AMERICA IS BEING EATEN ALIVE BY A SWARM OF BROWN LOCUSTS CALLED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

KICK ASS, DAD!

WHOA! WHOA! THIS IS NOT A FORUM FOR XENOPHOBIC LATINO-BASHING. AND, PAUL, I'M SURPRISED AT YOU.

YEAH, DUDE! WITHOUT MEXICANS WE WOULDN'T HAVE J.LO OR CHILE PICANTE CORN NUTS®.

IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THE MINUTEMEN ARE JUST A BUNCH OF VIGILANTES WORKING OUTSIDE THE LAW.

HOLD ON. THE MINUTEMEN PROTECT THE BORDERS FROM ILLEGAL MIGRATION. WE ARE DOING A VOLUNTARY SERVICE.

LOOK, IF YOU WANT TO SIT STILL WHILE A MILLION GEORGE LOPEZES MOVE IN AND STEAL OUR KIDNEYS AND OUR HEARTS WITH THEIR UNIQUE BRAND OF SPANISH HIJINX, GOD HELP YOU. BUT NOT THIS PROUD AMERICAN BIRD! WHO'S WITH ME?

OKAY, THIS IS RIDIC--

MR. RAFF, PLEASE SIT DOWN. KIDS, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT MR. RAFF JUST SHOWED US: INTOLERANCE. WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT THAT MEANS?

YOU'RE "INTOLERANT" OF MR. RAFF?

YES, WALTER. I MEAN, NO! LOOK, WE SHOULD ALL CONSIDER THE PLIGHT OF THE MODERN LATIN AMERICAN IMMIGRANT. MONROE, PAUL, YOU BOTH HAVE OPINIONS. I'M PUTTING IT TO YOU TWO.

CAN'T WE JUST GO TO TACO BELL?

NOT QUITE. I THINK I HAVE A BETTER IDEA.

ARTIST: BILL WRAY WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI

THIS HAS GOT TO BE BINES' DUMBEST IDEA EVER — MAKING US BECOME ILLEGAL ALIEN DAY LABORERS SO WE CAN WRITE A REPORT ON THE "PLIGHT OF THE IMMIGRANT"!

HIYA, FELLAS. SO... UM... YOU SEEN THAT NEW SHAKIRA VIDEO?

STAY OFFA GUILLERMO'S CORNER OR GUILLERMO CUT YOU, GRINGO.

I'M GUESSING YOU'RE GUILLERMO?

SI!

WOW. THIS IS LATIN LOSERVILLE.

I'M SURPRISED YOUR DAD LET YOU COME.

SORTA. THERE HE IS, COME ON.

HOME DEPOT

I WASN'T GOING TO LET YOU BOYS DEAL WITH THESE ILLEGALS UNSUPERVISED.

THAT'S NOT REALLY THE ASSIGNMENT, MR. RAFF. WE WERE SUPPOSED TO WORK SIDE BY SIDE WITH THEM.

WELL, KNOCK YOURSELF OUT.

TERRIFIC.

COME ON, SON. I CAN'T STAND TO SEE THOSE PEOPLE STEAL AMERICAN WORK. LET'S GET LUNCH.

AMIGO, CAN I ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS FOR MY REPORT? IS IT TRUE YOU GUYS CAN'T FIND ANY GOOD JOBS?

SI. IS FUNNY. WE SNEAK INTO ESTADOS UNIDOS JUST AS THE JOBS WERE SNEAKING OUT TO INDIA.

HA! HE'S KIDDING. UH... WOW, THAT'S SOME SMELL.

COLONEL RAFF, YOU ARE OUT OF THE MINUTEMEN!

NO!!! IT'S ALL I GOT!

AND YOU UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS GO BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM!

THE HOME DEPOT?

I SAID BEAT IT!!

WE NEVER EVEN GET PAY FOR WORK.

BUMMER, DUDES. LOOKS LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO MADE OUT. THIS REPORT IS GONNA KICK ASS.

SOUND LIKE YOU SHOULD PAY FOR US.

OKAY, I NEED *FOUR*, WHAT DO YOU CALL EM, *HOMBRES*. **CUATRO!** YOU, YOU, YOU AND YOU.

HEY, DAD.

HI, MR. RAFF. WHAT'S UP?

JUST GET IN THE *CAR*, KID.

NO WAY! I'M *NOT* FALLING FOR THAT ONE AGAIN! I STILL HAVE **NIGHTMARES!**

YOU STEAL *GUILLERMO'S* JOB! I *GUT YOU* LIKE A **CHIMICHANGA!**

VAMANOS, MR. RAFF!

SO *NOW* WE DO THE THINGS *NOBODY* ELSE WANTS TO.

WELCOME TO *MY* WORLD, AMIGO.

WHAT DO WE GOT *HERE?* WHERE'S *COLONEL RAFF?*

HE WENT TO *LUNCH*. WE'RE HIS *CREW* OF **UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS.**

WHAT IN GOOD HELL?!?

FELLAS! I CAN *EXPLAIN!* IT WAS A *SCHOOL PROJECT*, SEE? NOT FOR *ME!*

I FINISH *DREDGING* YOUR **CESSPOOL.** WE GET *PAY* NOW?

BUT, *FELLAS*, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING *ON ME.*

AMIGO, YOU HAVE *SOMETHING* ON YOU.

uh oh.

HOME DEPOT

WELL, AT LEAST I *REALLY* LEARNED ABOUT BEING AN *IMMIGRANT.*

YOU LEARN *NOTHING*, **GRINGO.** BUT *GUILLERMO* TEACH YOU LESSON YOU *NEVER* FORGET!

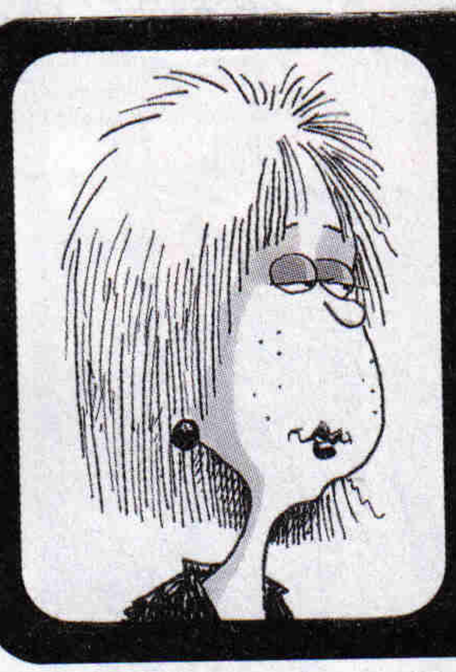
BW + TB

ROTTEN MEET DEPT.

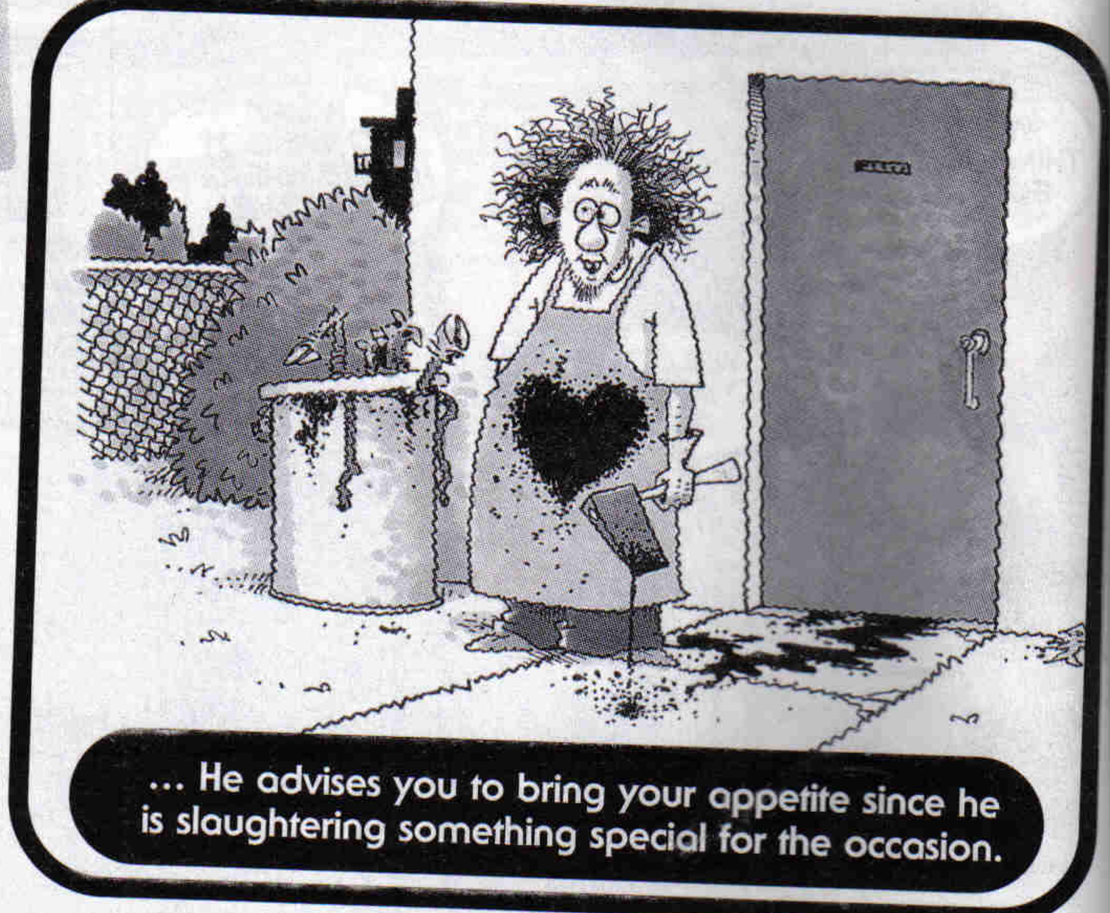
Sure, online dating is popular. But how can you be sure that the delightful person you've been I.M.ing with for the past three months isn't a deranged lunatic who will tear out your throat and jump rope with your intestines the first time you meet them? It's not easy. The best you can do is be on the lookout for subtle signs of potential trouble before your first encounter. For instance, the signs mentioned in...

JOHN CALDWELL's

YOU MAY WANT TO CALL OFF THE "FACE TO FACE" IF...



...Her instructions are: "Meet me in front of the transgender clinic. I'll be the tall blonde with the nice rack and five o'clock shadow."

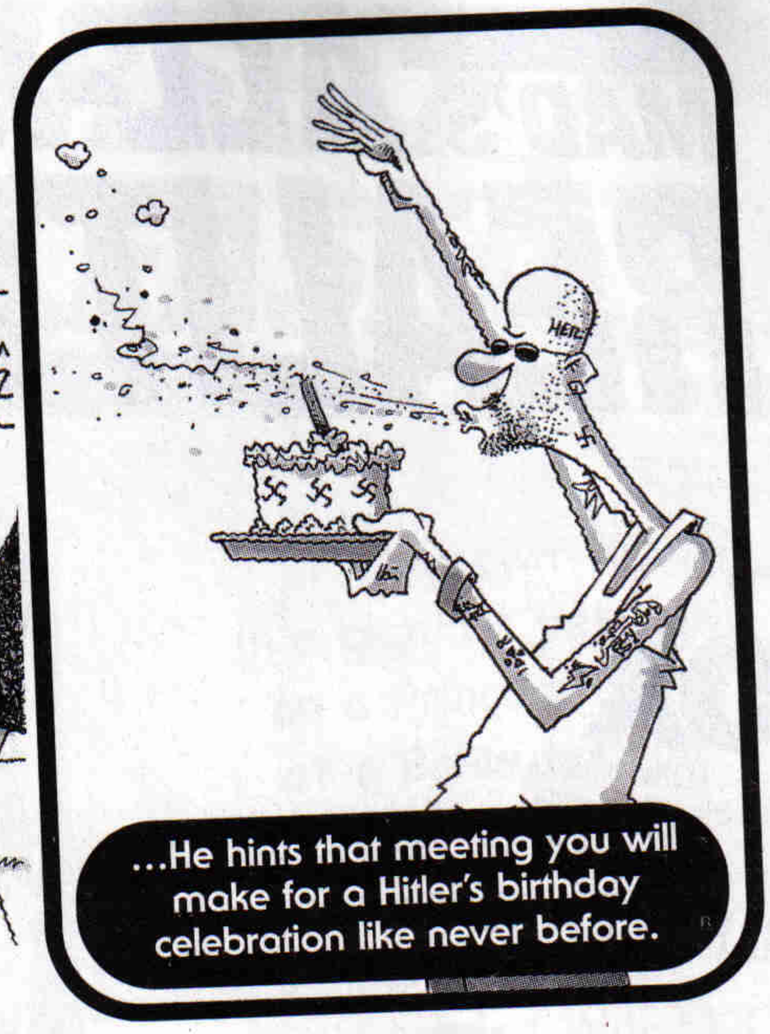


... He advises you to bring your appetite since he is slaughtering something special for the occasion.

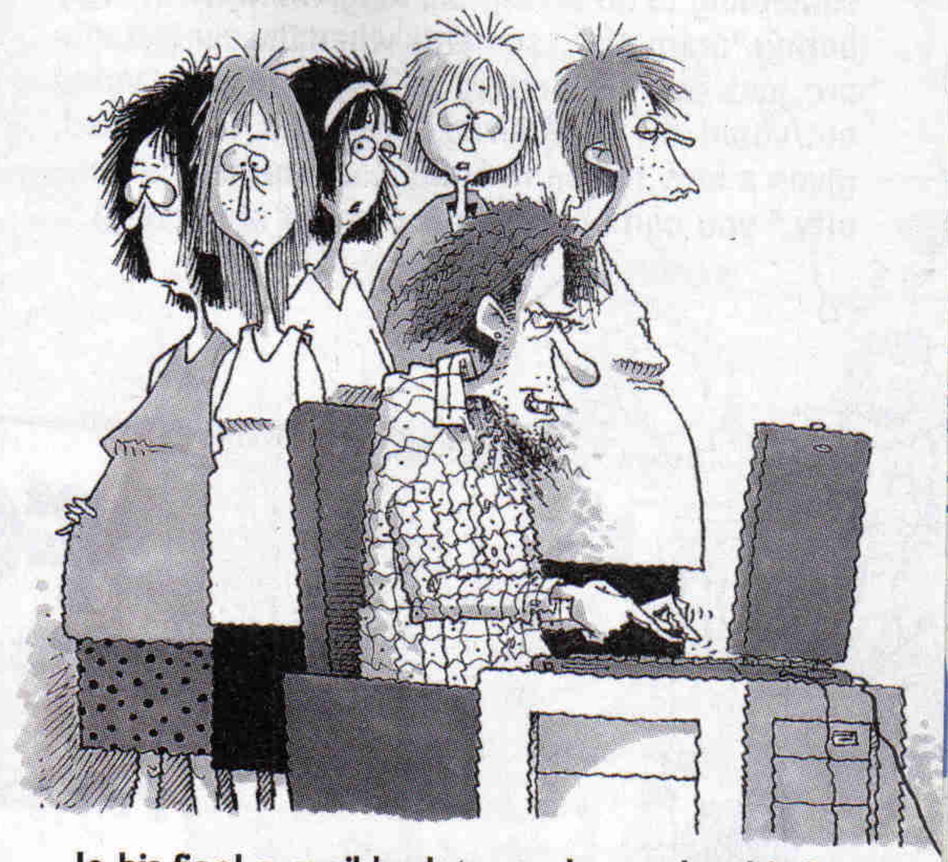
... He lets you know he won't have any trouble recognizing you, what with all the night vision photographs he's been shooting from the roof of the building across the street.

...She suggests you meet by the dumpster behind the Radio Shack and not the one at the bus station as she's not one to mix business with pleasure.

...How will you be able to find him in a crowd? His answer is, "Just follow the sound of the accordion."

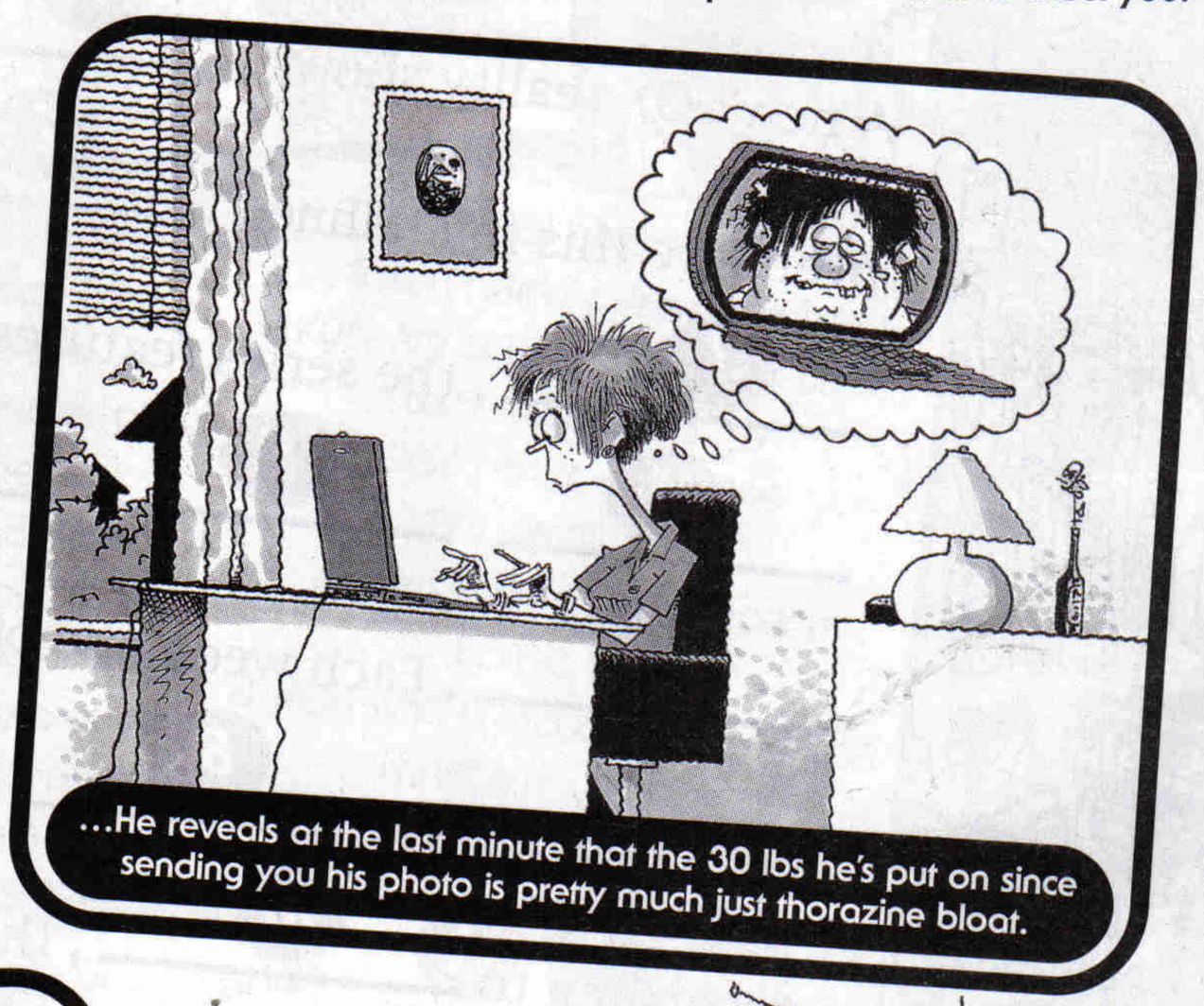


...He hints that meeting you will make for a Hitler's birthday celebration like never before.

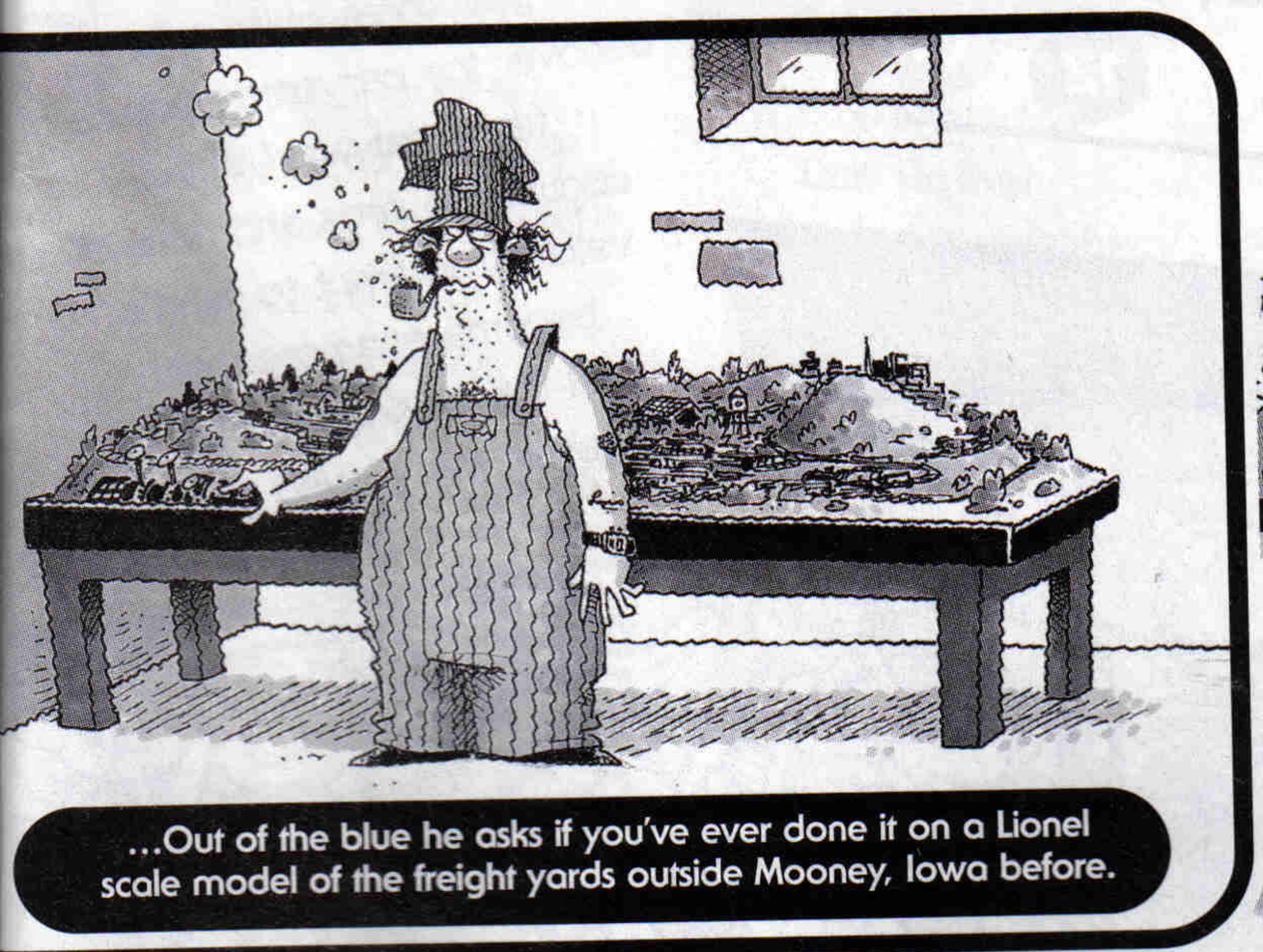


...In his final e-mail he lets you know that his five wives at the compound can't wait to meet you.

... She lets you know that this is her first date in quite a while that wasn't technically labeled a conjugal visit.



...He reveals at the last minute that the 30 lbs he's put on since sending you his photo is pretty much just thorazine bloat.



...Out of the blue he asks if you've ever done it on a Lionel scale model of the freight yards outside Mooney, Iowa before.

...He tells you that he'll stand out from the other Elvis impersonators because of the sequined eye patch.

ARTIST AND WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL IDEA: BUTCH D'AMBROSIO

FUNNY IN THE BLANK DEPT.

MAD'S ALL-INCLUSIVE REALITY SHOW

If you watch a lot of reality TV shows but need something to do during the long, mind-numbingly boring "dramatic" segments when the contestants are just waiting around to see who gets voted out/voted in, fired/hired, proposed to/dumped, given a new house/new face, or granted "immunity," you can create your own hit show with...

FOX

FOX BROADCASTING CO. BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90213

PRESS RELEASE

A new FOX reality show, (1) _____ will premiere this fall. Filmed (2) _____ (3) _____, the series features (4) _____ (5) _____ (6) _____ (7) _____. Each week one of the participants will (8) _____ (9) _____. According to (10) _____, the show will appeal to (11) _____ (12) _____.

1. "Cheating CPAs"
"The Real Hogan's Heroes"
"The Littlest Carjacker"
"Dumpster Decorating"
"Extreme Comb-Overs"
"Trading Proctologists"
"Nude Championship Poker"
"Awesome Scumbags"
"Meet Your New Cellmate"
"Albanian Idol"

2. cross-dressing
toothless
Atkins-friendly
godless
iPod-loving
right-wing
young, buxom
filth-mongering
nubile
poorly-animated, dancing

8. savor the experience of
give three cheers for
discover the perverse pleasure
feel "that way" about
discuss the pros and cons of
valiantly attempt to fend off
become enamored with
feel the physical effects of
get all misty-eyed about
come to grips with

ARTIST: EVAN DORKIN
WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

DO-IT-YOURSELF PRESS RELEASE

1
on location
underwater
during a transsexual pep rally
by scabs
on a $62.95 budget
by a dwarf who calls himself "Mr. Big"
without vision or foresight
on a super-8
without proper permits
by outsourced Indian workers

2
in downtown Tulsa
in a gigantic petri dish
on a Princess cruise
at a Balco test lab
in the cutest little Akron café
in a Nevada brothel
in a time-space continuum
in a Baghdad Wal-Mart
in front of the *Today Show* window
at the Neverland Ranch's
ice cream parlor

3
couples
Barry Bonds apologists
nomads
vegetarians
Ecstasy addicts
Bush haters
bounty hunters
psychotics
Robert Blake fans
illiterates

4
slandering
shaking down
shaving the backs of
lusting over
breaking wind with
"pimping out"
playing Texas Hold 'Em with
sharing bootleg Vioxx with
selling their children to
looking to score with

5
a renowned cheese importer
a surprisingly sexy zombie
Kofi Annan's little black book
duct tape sniffers
acid reflux sufferers
very small people
William Hung's vocal coach
Bernie Mac
a man who pretends to be Balboa
itinerant yodelers

6
a lingering death
unspeakable torture
an uncooked chicken
the Pitt-Aniston breakup
man's inhumanity to man
utter boredom
adultery in Altoona
molting
a rude Chinese waiter
marmot worship

7
a Fox executive
Dan Rather
a Nostradamus prophecy
some a-hole's blog
The DaVinci Code
an Iowa mystic named Roy
an unnamed dominatrix
an Albany sicko
a Don King truism
Babylonian graffiti

8
adult
under-achieving
disturbingly thin
easily-entertained
sadistic
persnickety
salivating
blue state
hallucinating
love-starved

9
viewers
teenagers
orthodontists
Ken Jennings groupies
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Sun worshippers
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Howard Dean backers
cliff dwellers

SPY
VS
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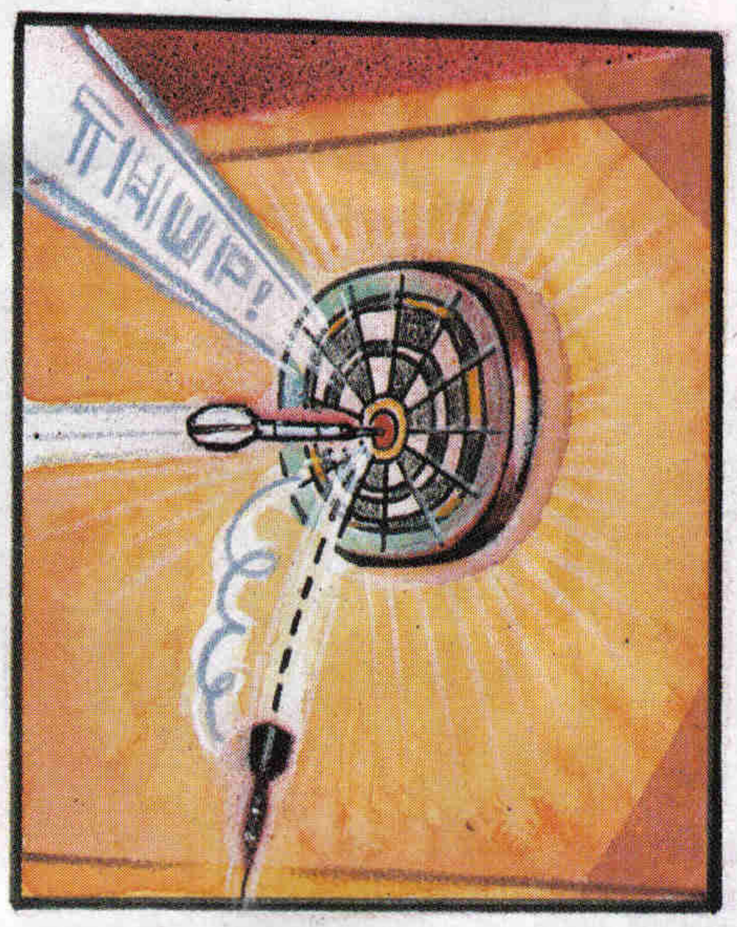
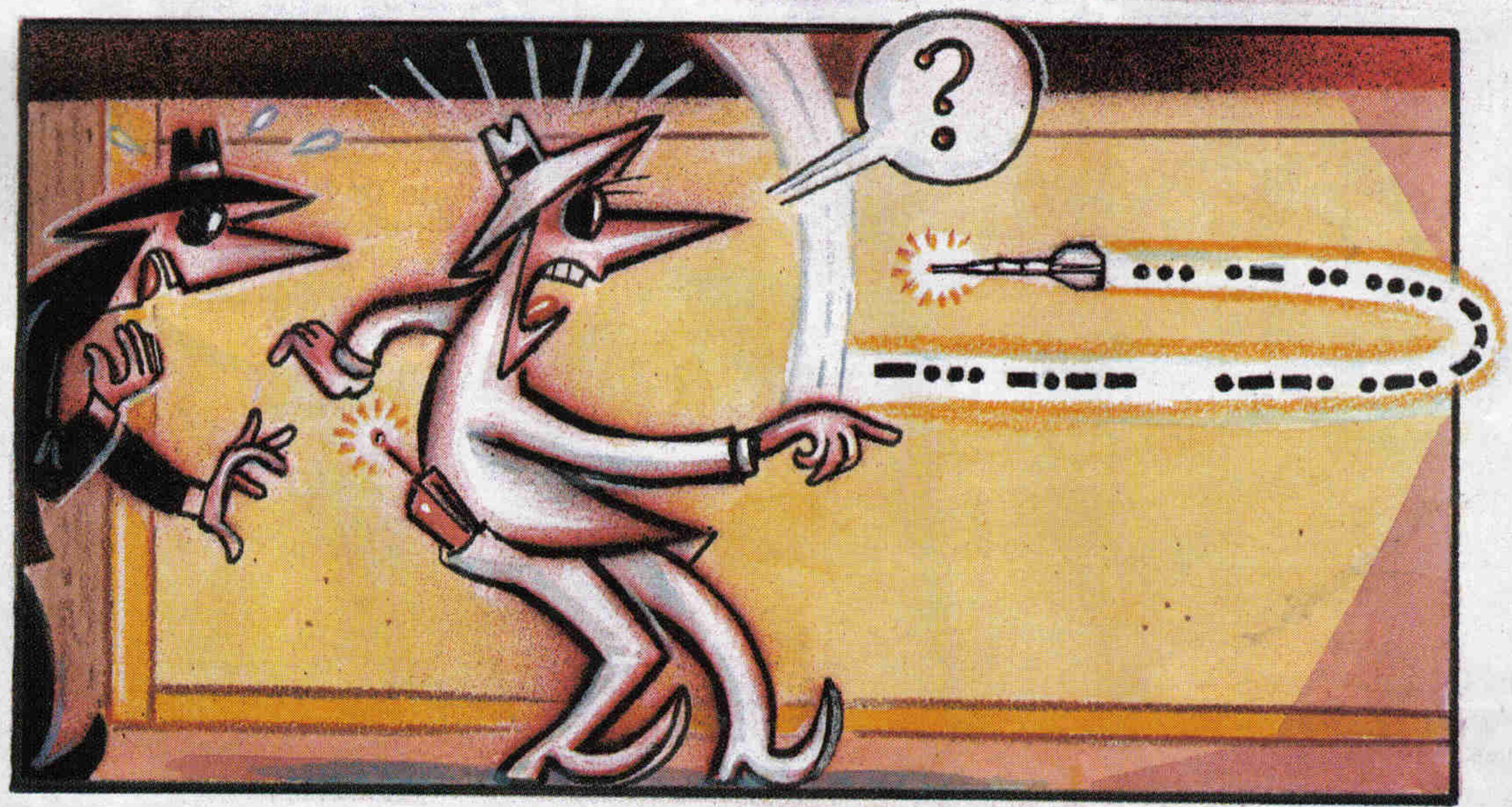
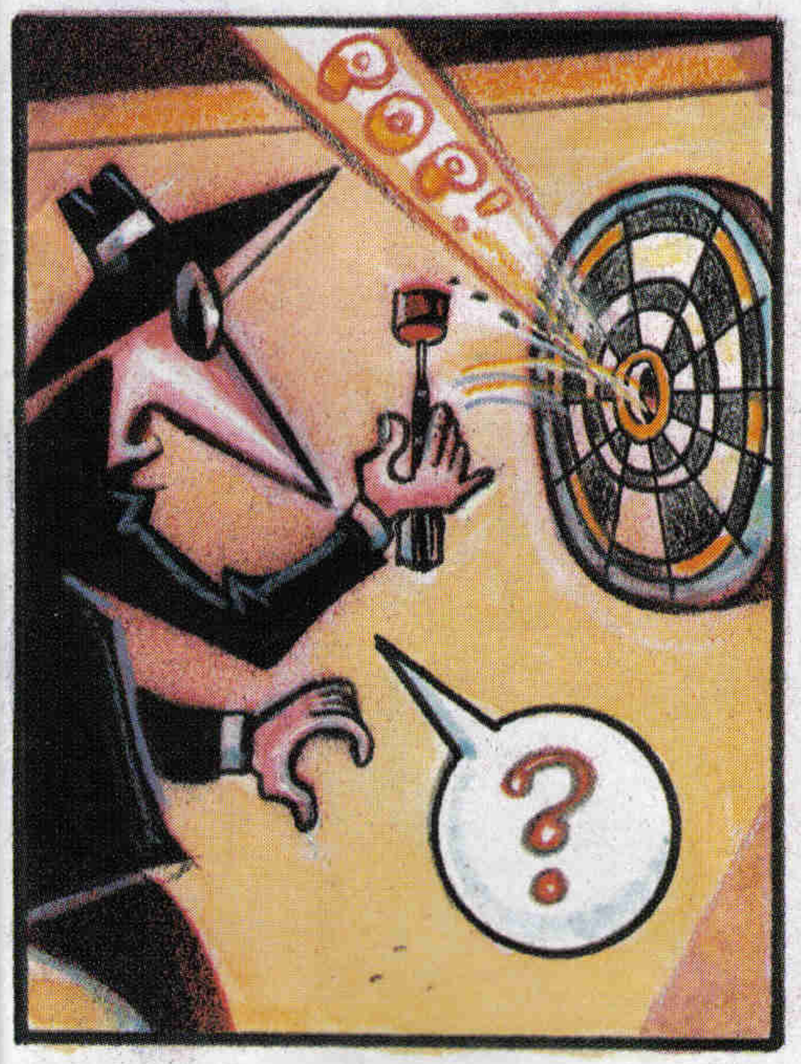
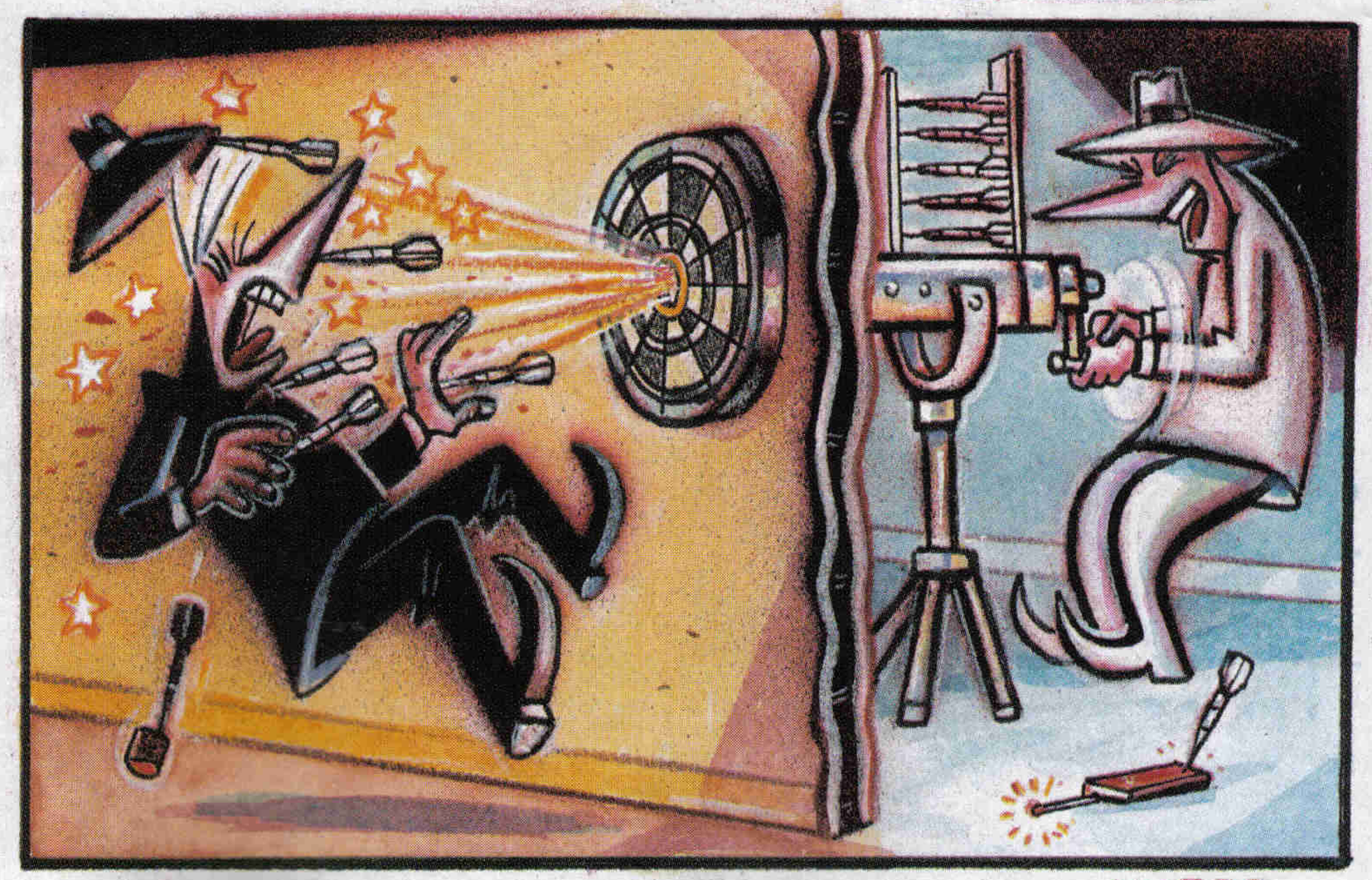
THUP!









KUPER

MAD's HORRENDOUS HOLIDAY MOVIE OUTTAKES

GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN'

I– I– I'm dying... You know, I wouldn't mind so much, but I wasn't even *trying* to get rich.

The judge gave me five years for illegally downloading music — let this be a lesson, kids!

Oh man, Dr. Dre's at the buffet table now — when he gets through with it, there won't be a bite of food left for any of us!

KING KONG

I can't look, it's too hideous — please let me know when Jack Black puts his shirt back on!

I don't care if it's not in the script — now's the perfect time for me to rock out with a Tenacious D song!

Shh! Do you hear that loud growling noise? Of course, it could just be Peter Jackson's stomach!

the Ringer

Harry Potter AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE

THE STRIP CLUB

KEITH KNIGHT

RICH MOYER

The EDUCA-FUN PAGE

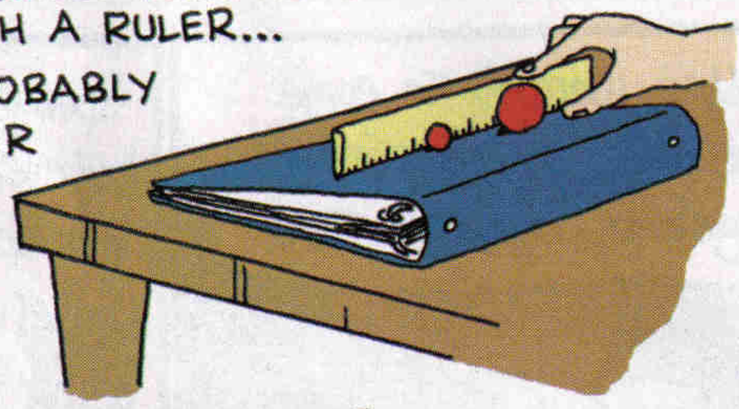
"Where EDUCATION meets FUN, without the TION!"

TODAY WE LEARN THE **FUN**-DAMENTALS ABOUT... **GRAVITY**

by RUBEN BOLLING, Ph.D., Ed., F.

IF YOU HOLD TWO BALLS OF VARIOUS WEIGHTS AGAINST YOUR NOTE-BOOK WITH A RULER...

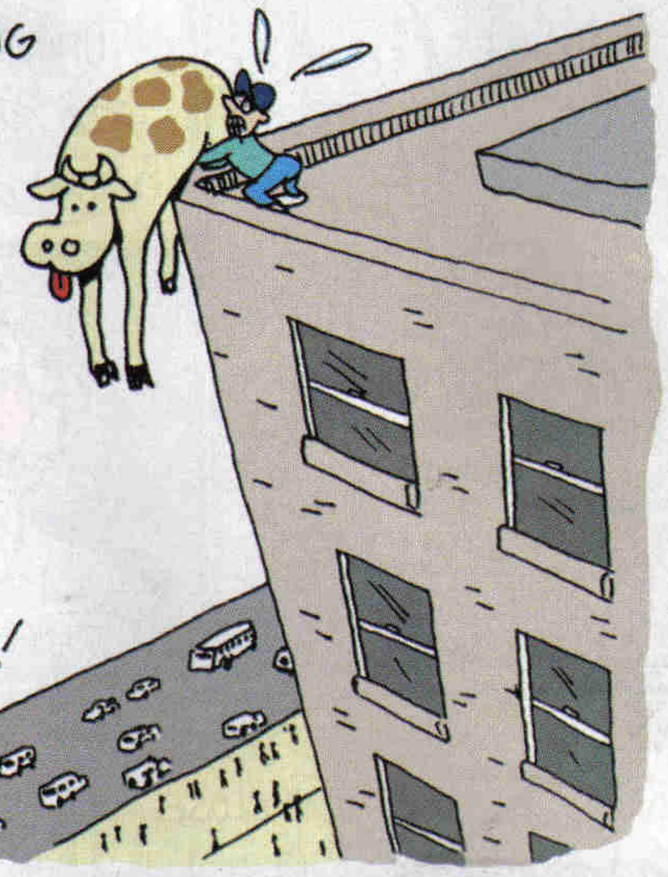
THEN YOU'RE PROBABLY SOME KIND OF LOSER WHO WILL SPEND YOUR SENIOR PROM NIGHT WATCHING "LAW & ORDER" WITH YOUR PARENTS.



DON'T BELIEVE IN GRAVITY?

HERE'S AN EXPERIMENT.

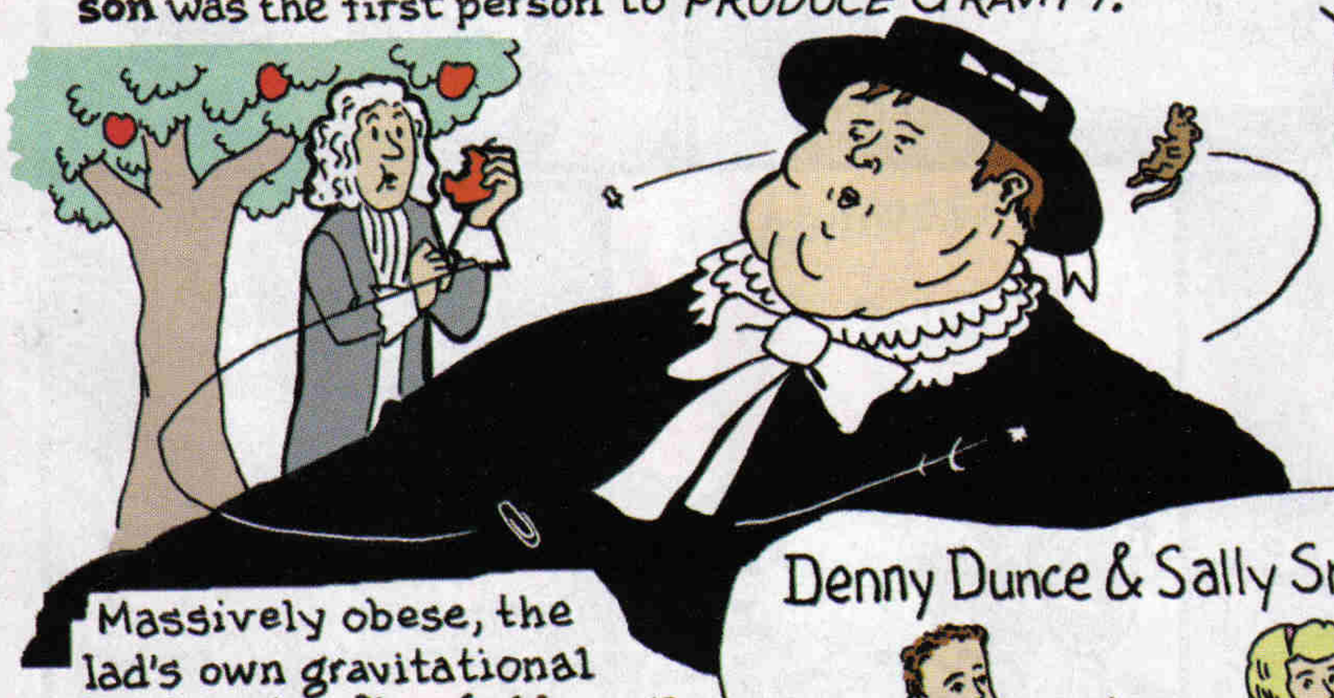
TRY DANGLING A COW OVER THE EDGE OF A SKYSCRAPER.



COULDN'T HOLD YOUR GRIP? *GRAVITY!*

ISAAC NEWTON

is known as the *FATHER OF GRAVITY* because his son was the first person to *PRODUCE GRAVITY!*



Massively obese, the lad's own gravitational field would often hold small items such as apple cores and cookie crumbs in orbit around him.

Celeb Corner

THINK GRAVITY IS BORING? Well, the Universal Principles of all Matter that cause gravity...

also provide the necessary conditions for the existence of pop sensation HILARY DUFF!

Denny Dunce & Sally Smart

Denny asks, "What's the difference between weight and mass?"

Sally knows to keep her mouth shut.

MR. RAD

THE TEACHER WHO'S **HIP** TO TODAY'S **SCENE** SEZ:

YO! THIS AIN'T YOUR GRAMPA'S GRAVITY!

SPELL IT "GRAVI-T" AND USE IT 4 SK8BOARDIN' AND YOU'RE ALL GRAVITIZZLE!

The EDU-CLOWN BET!

IF YOU WENT TO MARS, YOU WOULD WEIGH 38 POUNDS AND YOUR NAME WOULD BE GUNTHER.

Send $5 to Educa-Fun, Inc., P.O. Box 9834

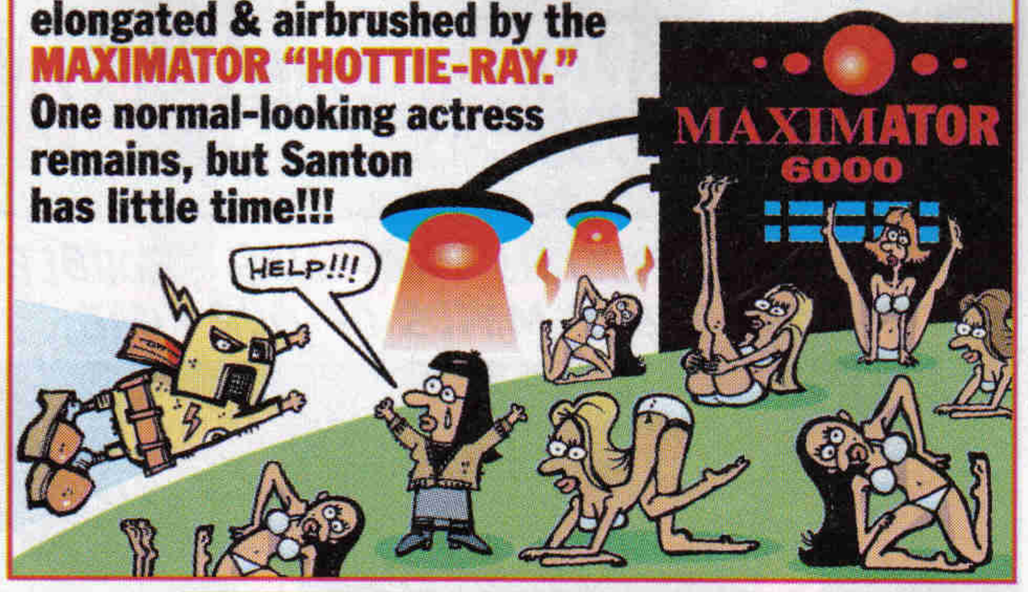
YOUR ONLY DEFENSE AGAINST THE ZEITGEIST!

THE HERO SANTON!®

"MAXIMATOR"

Santon is viewing hilarious "MacGyver" Season 3 outtakes when a disturbing NEWS REPORT interrupts his joy!

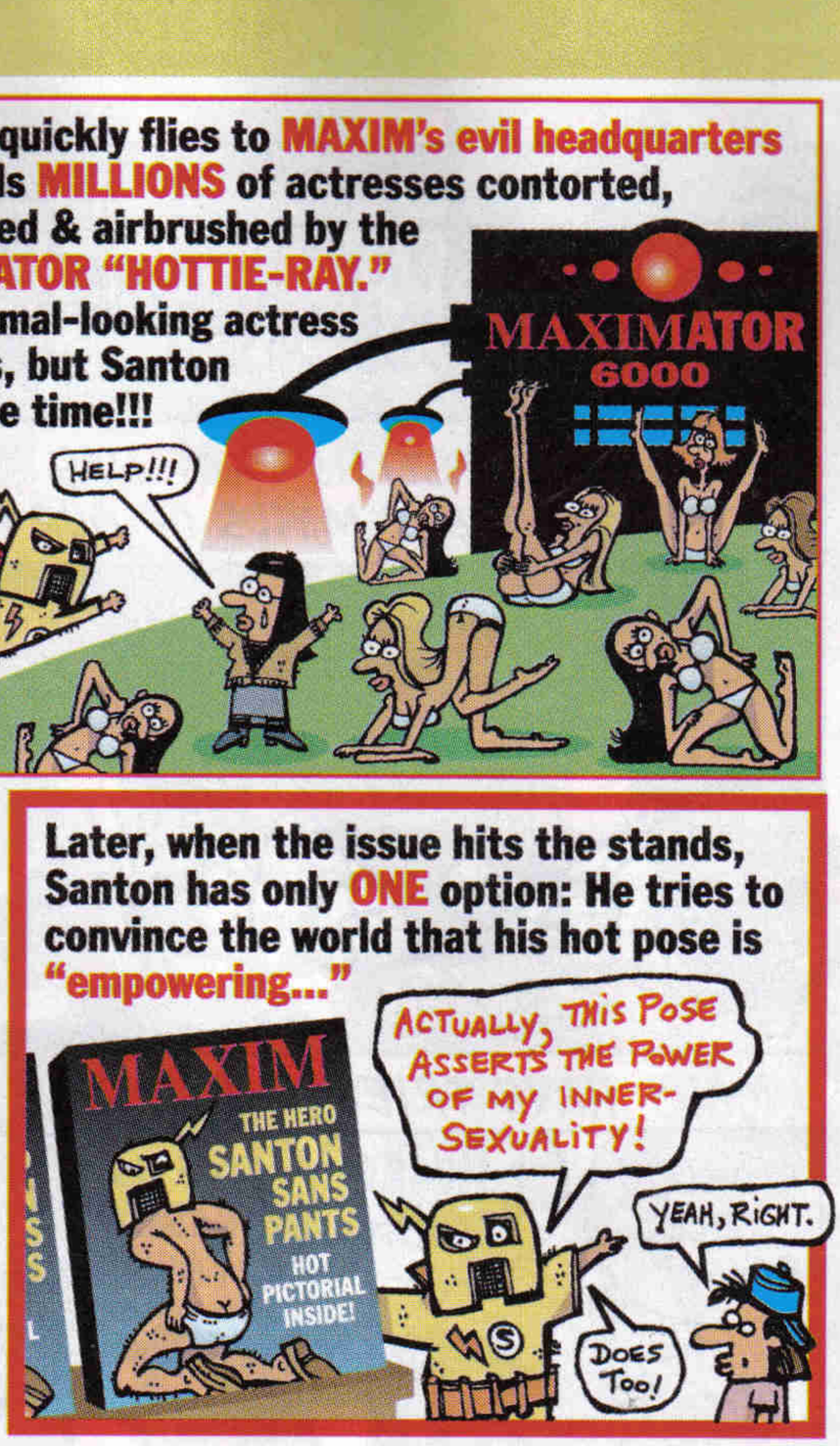
Santon quickly flies to **MAXIM's evil headquarters** and finds **MILLIONS** of actresses contorted, elongated & airbrushed by the **MAXIMATOR "HOTTIE-RAY."** One normal-looking actress remains, but Santon has little time!!!



In order to save the only normal-looking actress left on the Earth, Santon flies directly into the **HOTTIE-RAY** himself!

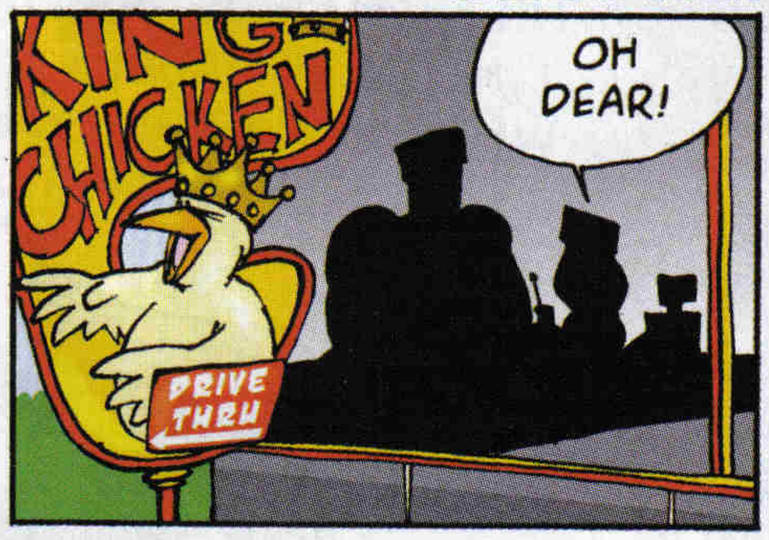
Although he saves the actress, Santon is not so lucky, **finding himself frozen in a particularly suggestive MAXIM pose*** (*playfully tugging at his bathing suit bottom to reveal butt cleavage).

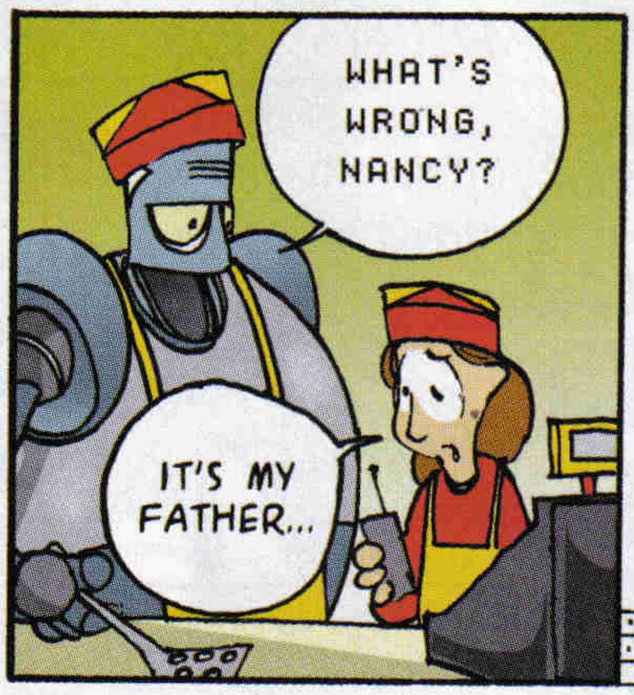
Later, when the issue hits the stands, Santon has only **ONE** option: He tries to convince the world that his hot pose is **"empowering..."**

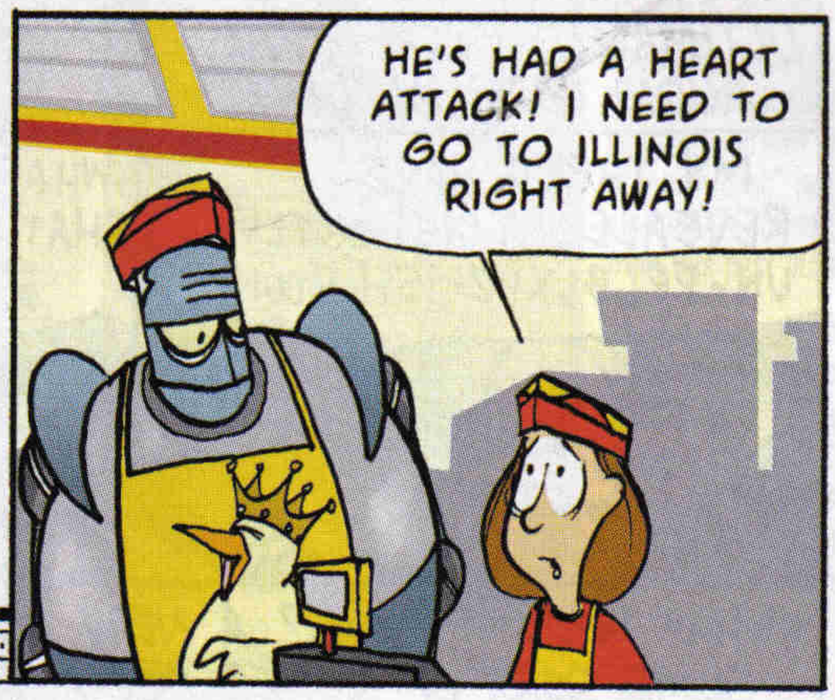


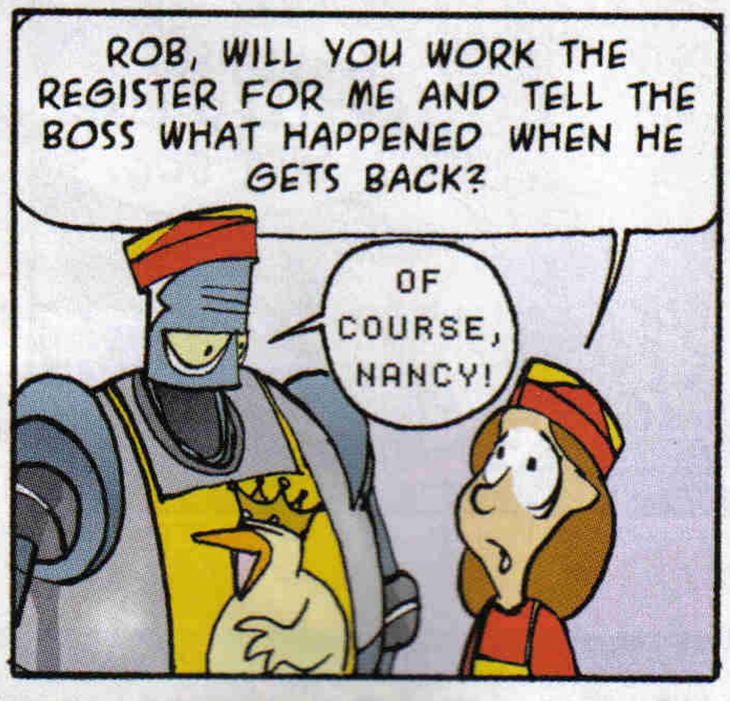
DON ASMUSSEN

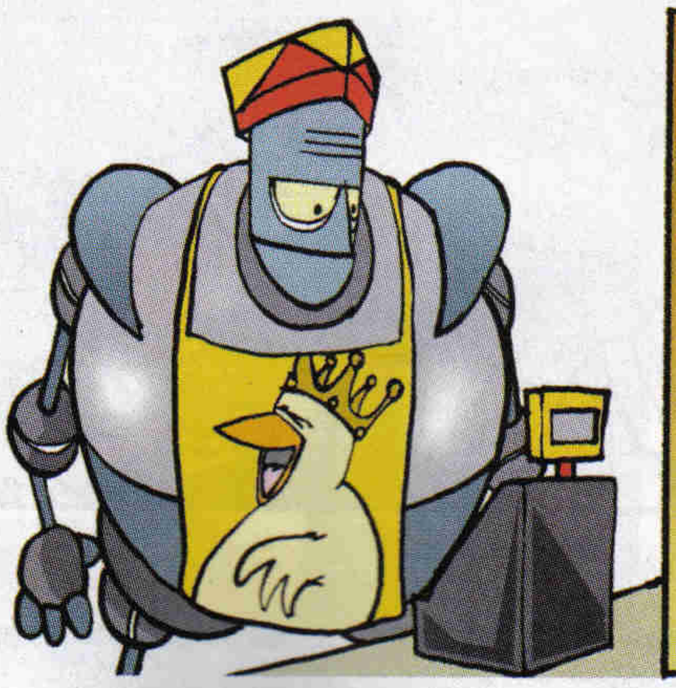
ROB THE EVIL, BACKSTABBING ROBOT TEMP

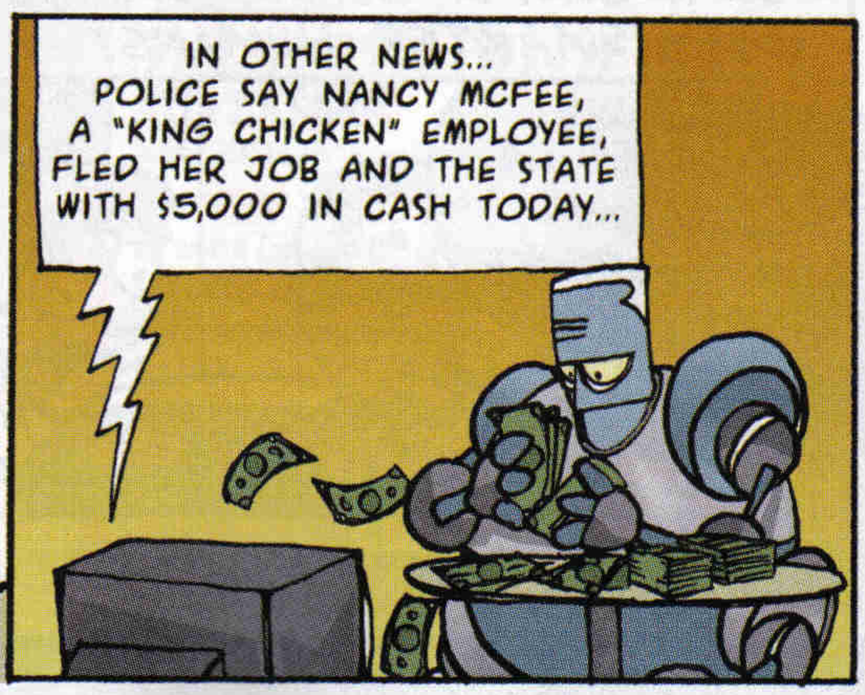








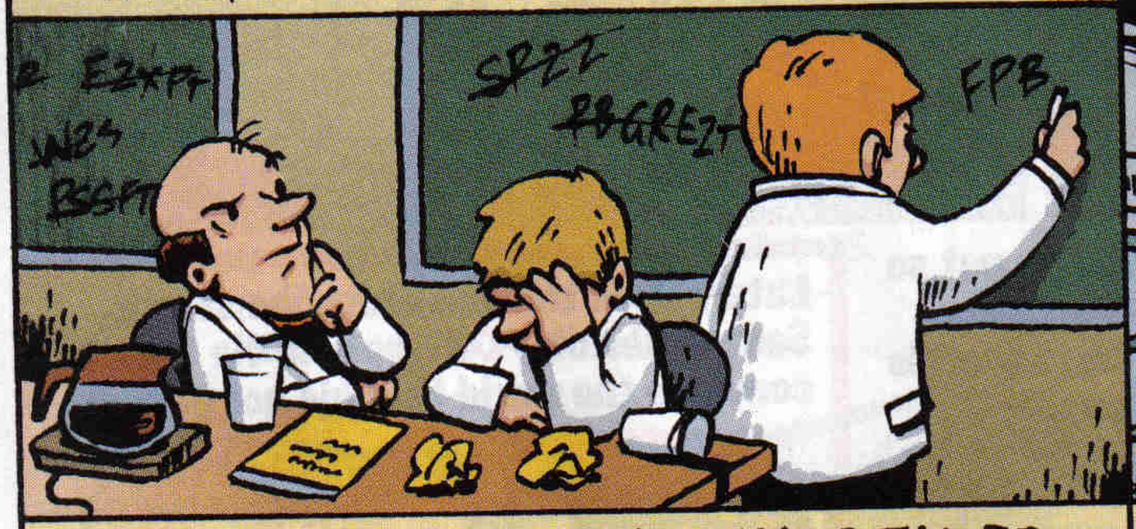




COREY PANDOLPH

PONDERING THE REALLY MEANINGFUL STUFF

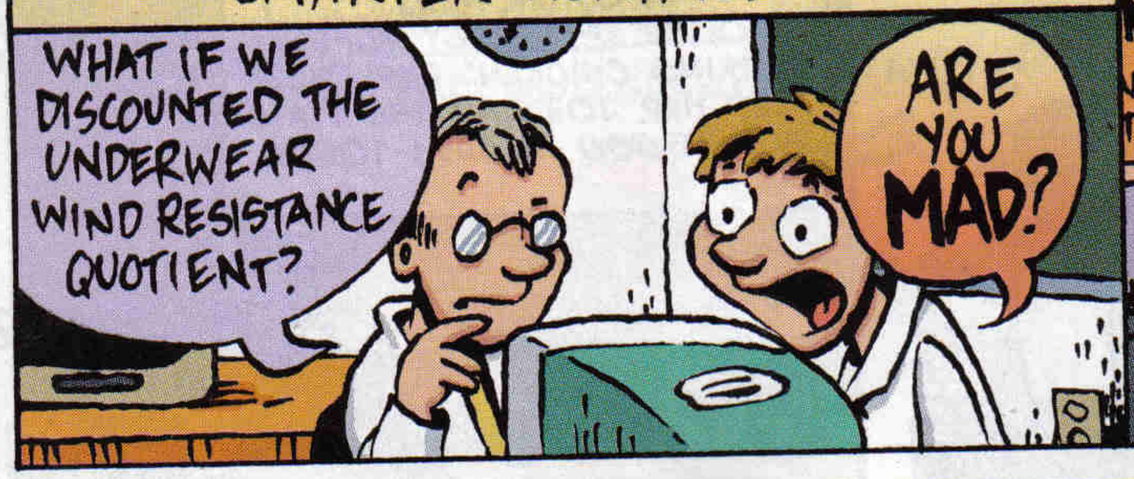
IT IS A QUESTION THAT HAS TROUBLED THE GREATEST MINDS OF OUR TIME...



MANY HAVE TRIED... ALL HAVE FAILED.

...BUT HIS "FPLBLXPZ THEOREM" WAS ULTIMATELY PROVEN FALSE BY A STANFORD AUDIO TECH IN LATE 1969.

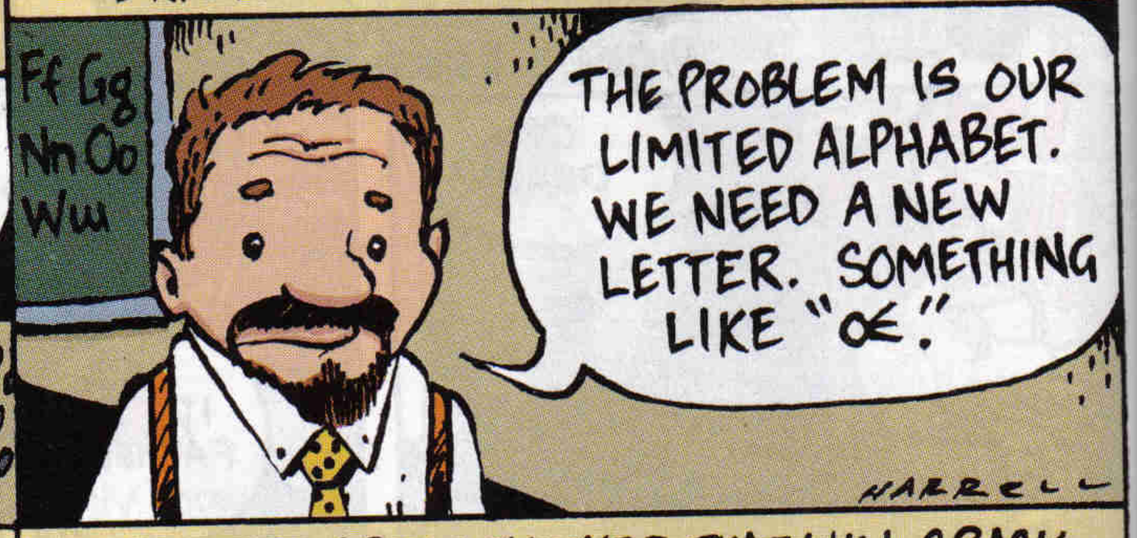
WHAT WILL IT TAKE? A NEW ALPHABET? SOME SORT OF SUPER COMPUTER? SMARTER HUMANS?



HOW DOES ONE **SPELL** THE SOUND OF A FART?

IN THE LATE FIFTIES, A CARTOONIST NAMED ALVIN JOHNSON CAME CLOSE...

ONOMATOPOEIA EXPERT PIP BINGBONG EXPLAINS THE DILEMMA.



COULD THE GREAT THINKER THAT WILL CRACK THIS SPHINXIAN RIDDLE BE... **YOU?**

A NEW MONTHLY READER SERVICE SECTION

GO FETCH!

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

ARTIST: NATHAN FOX

DVD

STAR WARS: EPISODE III—REVENGE OF THE SITH

FOX Home Entertainment • November 1

The Hype: The epic intergalactic adventure of the *Star Wars* saga is finally complete. This two-disc set includes a brand-new, full-length documentary, two new featurettes and a 15-part collection of "web documentaries."

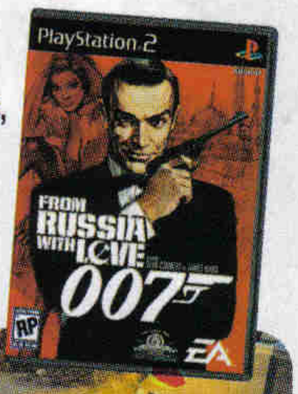
The Snipe: *The special feature we were* really *hoping for was that Internet footage of the chubby kid having a lightsaber battle all by himself.*

GAME

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Electronic Arts • PS2, Xbox, GameCube • November

The Hype: Set in the original 60s Bond era, the game features movie-based missions as well as original, action-intensive sequences, a broad and deep variety of gameplay, fully-integrated vehicles, social multiplayer experiences, gorgeous women and classic, upgradeable weapons and gadgetry with modern mechanics.



The Snipe: *Now that MGM has sacked him, buying this game is the only way Pierce Brosnan will ever play Bond again.*

MUSIC

ORAL FIXATION 2

SHAKIRA

Epic Records • November 15

The Hype: The Latin sexpot releases the English language version of "Fijacion Oral," her all-Spanish album from this past June.

The Snipe: *It's nice that she's translated the album to English and all, but it won't make any difference to the 15-year-old boys who watch her videos on mute anyway.*

BOOK

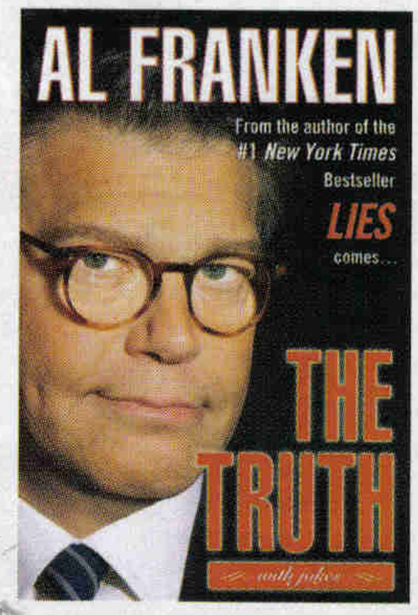
THE TRUTH (WITH JOKES)

AL FRANKEN

Dutton • $25.95 • 336 pages • October

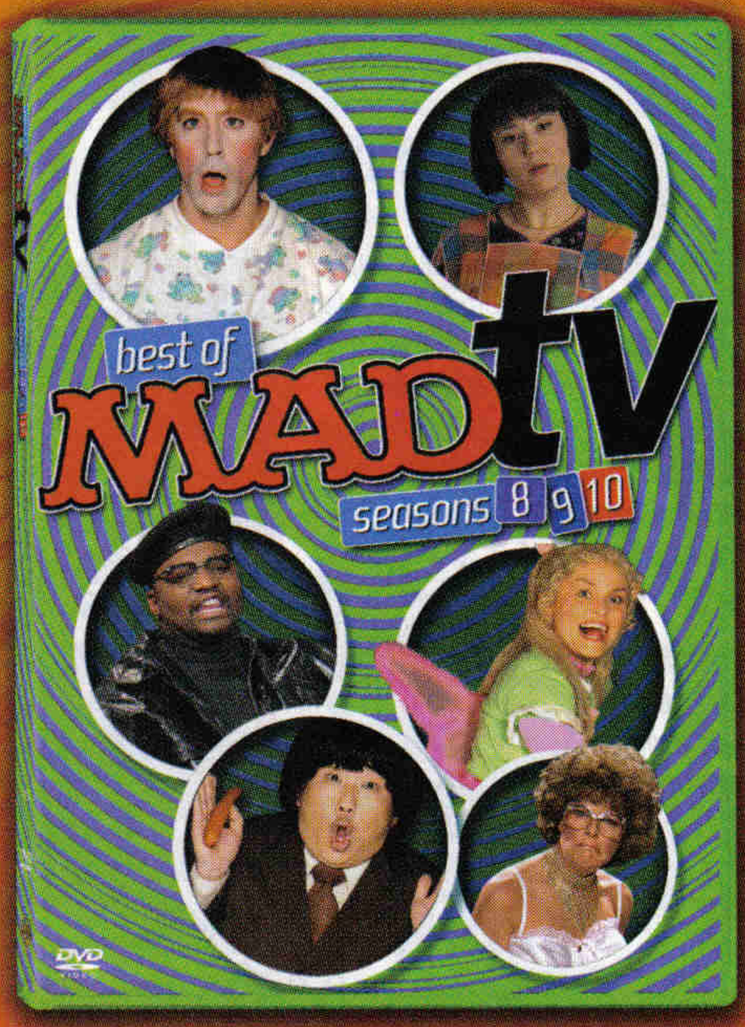
The Hype: This book picks up where *Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them* leaves off. Franken takes on the second Bush administration and their right-wing compadres with facts, research and comedy!

The Snipe: *Unless you're among the handful of people actually listening to Air America Radio, this book will be the only source for Franken's opinions!*

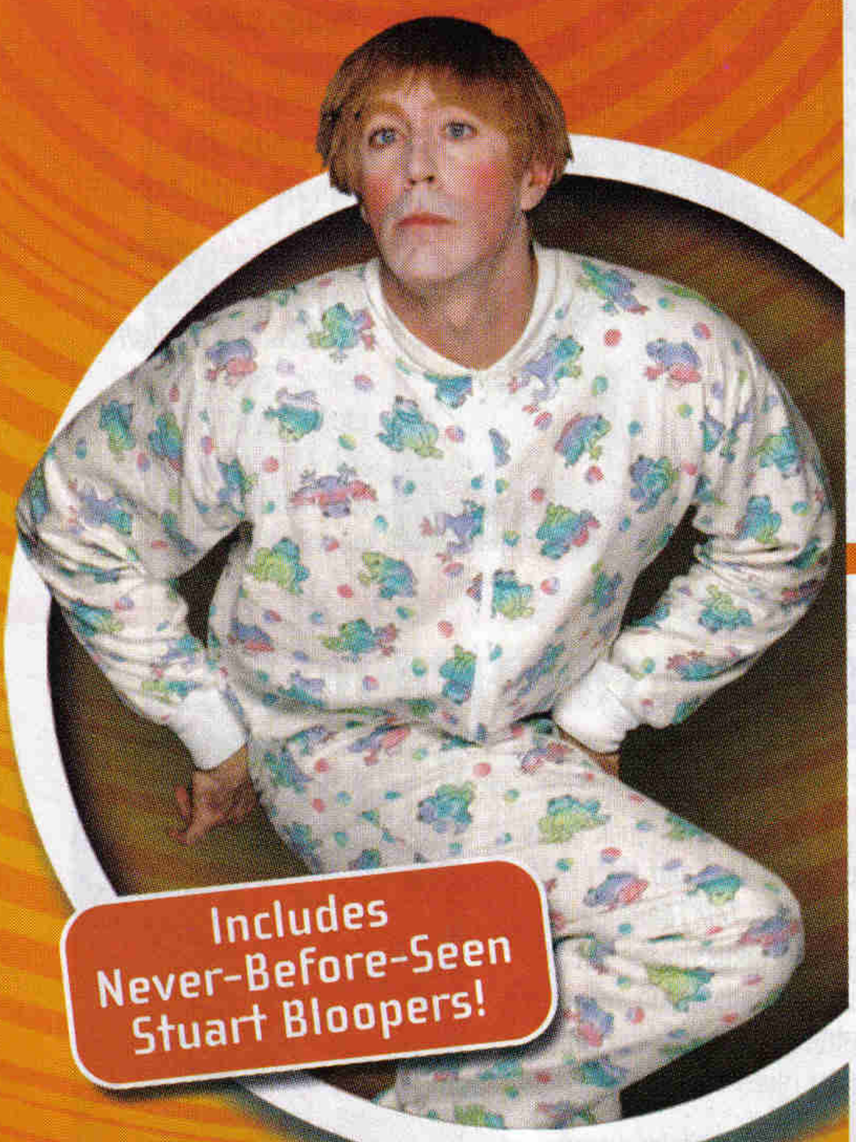


GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH! GO FETCH!

GO AHEAD. GET MAD!



The funniest, most outrageous sketches from seasons 8, 9 and 10 in a 3-hour Special Edition DVD.



Includes Never-Before-Seen Stuart Bloopers!

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GAME

THE MATRIX: PATH OF NEO

Atari • PS2, Xbox, PC • November

The Hype: Set in the *Matrix* film universe, *The Matrix: Path of Neo* will enable players to actually play as "Neo," the central character, and relive his most important and memorable scenarios from the complete film trilogy.

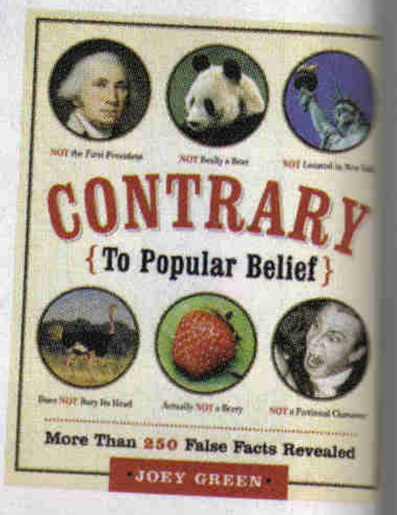
The Snipe: *Um, do you really have to relive scenarios from the* complete *trilogy? Because while the first movie was pretty good, the second two completely sucked.*

BOOK

CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF

JOEY GREEN

Broadway Books • $9.95 • 288 pages • October



The Hype: The author debunks things that we accept as fact. His revelations include: George Washington was not the first President of the United States and Thomas Edison didn't invent the light bulb.

The Snipe: *Edison didn't invent the light bulb? Yeah, right — then what the hell is shining in streetlights every night?*

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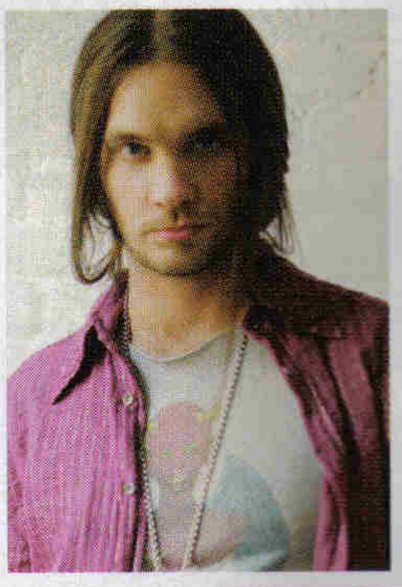


BO BICE'S DEBUT ALBUM

19 Recordings/RCA Records • Late November

The Hype: After topping the charts with a single, the rock & rolling *American Idol* runner-up releases his first full-length album.

The Snipe: *As long as Corey Clark keeps bragging about his "horizontal duet" with Paula Abdul, Bo won't be remembered as the season's biggest loser.*

BOOK

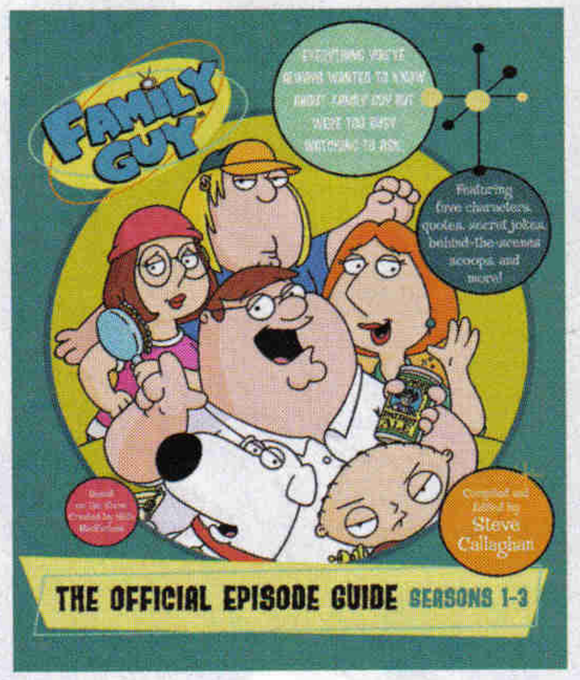
FAMILY GUY: THE OFFICIAL EPISODE GUIDE

STEVE CALLAGHAN

Harper • $18.95 • 224 pages • November

The Hype: The book features inside jokes, memorable moments, things you may have missed and commentary from the show's creator, animators and voice-over artists — it's so sweet!

The Snipe: *All that's missing from this book is a section explaining to fans that doing the same crappy impression of Stewie over and over again is not funny. At all.*



GAME

DRAGON BALL Z BUDOKAI: TENKAICHI

Atari • PlayStation 2 • November

The Hype: In the air, on the ground or underwater, this game gives players the ability to battle with unprecedented power and freedom, and to experience the intensity of Dragon Ball Z fighting in an all-new way by combining melee combat, energy attacks and 3D flight with third-person action in a fully interactive re-creation of the Dragon Ball universe.

The Snipe: *Still sounds safer than the space shuttle.*

DVD

ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT: SEASON TWO

FOX Home Entertainment • October 11

The Hype: The crazy Bluth clan is back for more adventures: George Sr. is on the lam, Gob is heading up the family company, Buster is in the army and long-suffering Michael is doing his best to keep them all in line.

The Snipe: *Although* technically *these episodes all aired on FOX, most industry insiders consider this a direct-to-video release because no one except TV critics ever watches the show.*

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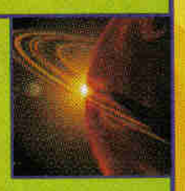

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GAME

TOM CLANCY'S GHOST RECON ADVANCED WARFIGHTER

UbiSoft • Xbox 360, PS2, Xbox, GameCube, PC • Winter

The Hype: Using a fully integrated combat system with cutting-edge weapons and revolutionary communication systems, gamers will embody the soldier of the future.

The Snipe: *Good thing it's the soldier of the future and not the soldier of the present, who's stuck in a quagmire with the army we've got, not the one we'd like to have.*

BOOK

COOL STUFF AND HOW IT WORKS

DK Publishing • $24.99 • 256 pages • November

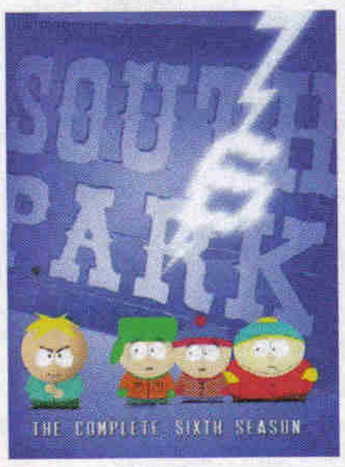
The Hype: From iPods and motorcycles to microchips, this book will enlighten readers on how today's most innovative inventions operate.

The Snipe: *Conspicuously missing — how the innovatively invented Tom Cruise/ Katie Holmes romance continues to work!*

DVD

SOUTH PARK: THE COMPLETE SIXTH SEASON

Paramount Home Video • October 11



The Hype: Join Stan, Kyle, Cartman and, replacing the finally-dead-for-good Kenny, their new friend Butters as these animated tykes take on *Lord of the Rings*, Russell Crowe and pedophile priests. For them, it's all part of growing up in South Park.

The Snipe: *Oh my God — they killed that repetitive gag where they say "Oh my God — they killed Kenny!" in every episode!*

BOOK

SNEAKER FREAKER

PARKE GODWIN

Riverhead Freestyle • $20.00 • 288 pages • November

The Hype: The ultimate handbook by, for and about the sneaker obsessed! Includes interviews with designers and enthusiasts and photograph upon photograph of the most popular kicks ever made!

The Snipe: *If this book is even remotely successful, watch this space for future tomes on "Lovin' Penny Loafers," "Fantasy Flip Flops" and "The Passion of the Hush Puppy!"*

MUSIC

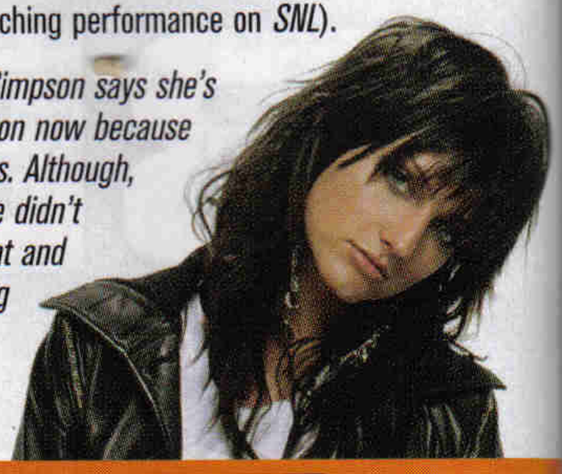
I AM ME

ASHLEE SIMPSON

Geffen Records • October 18

The Hype: Simpson releases her second album, following last year's smash hit debut (and backlash over her lip-synching performance on *SNL*).

The Snipe: *Simpson says she's a stronger person now because of the criticisms. Although, it's possible she didn't* actually *say that and was just moving her lips to a recording of it...*



GAME

STAR WARS BATTLEFRONT II

LucasArts • PS2, Xbox, PC, PSP • November

The Hype: The game's revamped single-player experience includes smarter artificial intelligence enemies and allies, plus a greater emphasis on story told through open-ended mission-based objectives.

The Snipe: *Yeah, yeah, yeah. Just point us at the frickin' Ewoks so we can start shooting, okay?*

THE MUST-HAVE!

DELUXE AUTO DIGITAL BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR

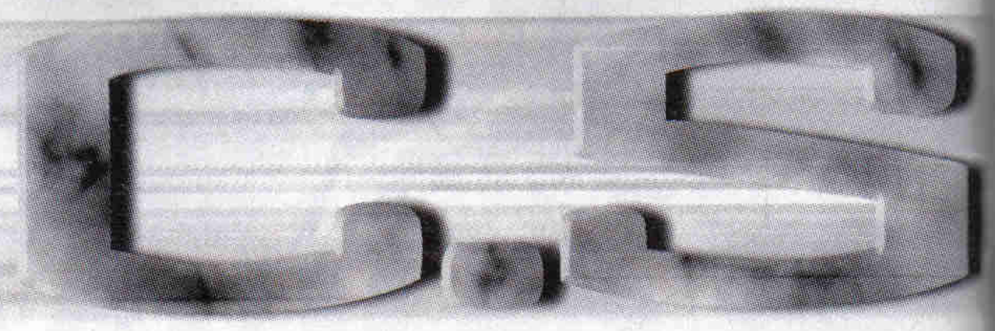
MARS MEDICAL PRODUCTS CO., LTD.

The Hype: This automatic digital blood pressure monitor is ideal for measuring systolic and diastolic blood pressure – as well as pulse! Features one-touch fuzzy logic for automatic inflation and deflation — at a price that's anything but inflated! This deluxe model also sports a three minute automatic power-off and a low-battery indicator!

The Snipe: *If your heart's not racing when you check out the specs for this bad boy, you* better *have your blood pressure checked!*

D.N.A-HOLES DEPT.

It used to be that once a show got popular, the other networks would come up with lame knock-offs. But no more! Now the lame knock-offs come from that popular show's *creators*! Whether it's one of the 18 *Law & Order* spin-offs or the newest suck-tacular C.S.OY show...



What do we **have here?**

We've got **six lifeless bodies.**

I only count **four.**

It's **six** if we're including **Mook** and **Smella!**

Look Smella, the **body** still has **goose bumps.** It was **frozen before** he **died!** From the **centimeter** of the **goose bump** I'd say he was sitting with the **audience** in the **Ed Sullivan Theatre** at **6:15** watching ***The Late Show with David Letterman.*** The **mustard smear** on his **chin** is from **Zabar's** on **81st!**

It's **cool** working **forensics** here. **New York** is the **city** that **never sleeps.**

Unfortunately, the same **can't** be **said** for our **audience!**

How does **this compare** to the **other *CSI* shows?**

This is the ***Matrix Revolutions*** of **forensic shows!**

So, **what's** the **story** with **Sinise** and **Kanakaredes?** Is there **chemistry?**

Unfortunately, the **only chemistry** you'll see in **this series** involves **beakers!**

CSI: NY

There's **horse droppings** on her **left heel**, Mook. It's from **Central Park**, the **86th Street exit**. I **know** the **horse!** From the **angle** of her **face** she was looking **UP** when she **died**. I'd say she was peering up **89-93 stories!** That puts her **staring up** at the **Empire State Building** at **time** of **death!**

Notice they throw in **New York references** whenever they can. That's so the **audience** can tell the **difference** between **our** shows, ***CSI*** and ***CSI: Miami***, and **this** one!

Yeah. That's **one way** to tell. The **other** way is that those **other two shows** are **better!**

MEDICARE

POLICE

"Qt..." DRUCKER

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER
WRITER: ARNIE KOGEN

Melina Kanakaredes has put on **20 pounds** since ***Providence***.

Really?! **Twenty pounds?!**

Yeah. **Too bad** it's **all hair!**

We're **taking you in!**

Hey, I'm just **standin' here** trying to sell some **hot dogs**. What's the **crime?**

Three bucks for a **dirty water dog!** If **THAT's** not a **crime**, **what is?**

You're @#$%&-ing me!

Forgive us, Mac. It's **season two**. We're **desperate** for **stories!**

MAX KORN

CLAMS SUSHI

Okay! We are the ***new C.S.OY*** kids on the block! Obviously, we're **not** like those **other two *C.S.OY* shows** since we don't have the **glitz** of **Vegas** nor are we the **Sunshine State!** We are **New York!** A gritty **metropolis** with a **million** unique **locations!**

Then how come **most** of this **show** is **filmed** in **LA?**

So were ***Seinfeld*** and ***Friends***, two alleged **"NYC shows"!**

They don't **count** — they were **comedy shows!**

And **this one *isn't?***

Here's what we have: another out-of-town couple **butchered** in **Central Park!** A **salsa dancer** was fished out of the **Hudson!** A **Harlem party** was crashed by a **teen gang** from the **Hamptons**, all wearing **tattoos** of **Ben Stiller!** Let's go back to **Central Park!**

Grisliest case?

Not really. But it is the **location** that lends itself to the most interesting **establishing shots**, **zoom camera angles** and **sultry soundtrack music!**

Tell me, **Mock**, how come you're always so **stoic** and **wooden?**

Well, it fits the **mold**. To **head up** a **Forensic unit** you don't exactly want **Carrot Top!**

Carrot Top? Do you mean that **obnoxious clown** or **David Caruso?**

Is there a **difference?**

We're **C.S.OY: NY**. What's the **delay?**

You're **third** in line! There's a crew from ***Law and Order: Criminal Intent*** and one from ***Cold Case*** before you!

Good God, it's **finally happened!** We've reached **TV-cop gridlock!**

COLD CASE FILES

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The **vic** was brutally stabbed **seven times** with a **World War II army bayonet!**

I only count **six** stab wounds!

Coincidentally we happen to have that **flashback** of that **7TH bayonet stab.** Let's check it out on our **"Bleeding Heart Cam!"**

Is it **really necessary** to show **weapons** piercing **vital organs every week?**

The **producers** have a **philosophy**: "When there's **no story**, go to **gory!"**

Uncovered **these**: a **severed hand** and a **stripper's pastie!**

The **hand** was **bitten off** by an **alligator** in the **Everglades** and the **pastie** is from a **strip club** in **Vegas!** These belong to ***C.S.OY*** and ***C.S.OY: Miami* episodes!**

It was **bound** to happen. The ***C.S.OY* franchise** is so **huge** the **Prop Departments** are getting all **confused!**

You're the most **dedicated forensic investigator** I've ever seen.

Thanks. But it's kinda **hurt** my **personal life.**

You have a **personal life?**

I **did**, once! But I took my **tools of the trade** with me on my **honeymoon!** I guess the **flashlight**, **evidence kit** and **DNA sequencer** kind of **weirded out** my **husband.**

On this ***C.S.OY***, the show **creators** promised to **explore** the **emotional side** of our **characters.**

So let's give them a **taste** and then get **back** to **business!** I'll ask you in a kind of **buddy-to-buddy** way, "So, **hey**, how ya **doin'?**"

I'm **glad** you asked! I'm doing **okay** for a **strong, confident forensic investigator!** And yet, I'm **fragile emotionally.**

Okay, enough ***Desperate Housewives*** crap! It's time for a **flashback** of a **bullet** going through a **major artery!**

On this show there are **more close-ups** of **bullets** hitting **spleens** than there are of **me!**

If **you** could shed your **clothes** as quickly as that **bullet** sheds its **casing**, the ***C.S.OY* camera** would be **all over you!**

Zoom in on the **salsa dancer** at the **convenience store!** Press the **enhance** button to get a clear, **high resolution image** of the **drifter** standing **behind** him!

Fire up the **"Killer Bees of North America"** software!

Let's **cross** all **left-handed owners** of **army bayonets** with all **dull white males** over **50** who live in **Peekskill!**

We can do **all this** — and yet we **still** can't **figure out** how **Netflix** works!

Okay, **Sullen**, what have you come up with?

The victim was **17½**. A **blade** transversed his **sub-cutaneous tissue!** The heavy **bruises** under his right **knee** indicate he was into **snowboarding!** His **nose ring** was the kind popular at **Avril Lavigne** concerts! The **puzzled expression** on his **face** indicates he recently viewed a **Dakota Fanning** movie! **Cause of death**: he was pummeled over the skull with an **iPod** playing tracks by **Green Day**.

Is all this **infor-mation vital** to the **case?**

Not really! **CBS** makes us toss in a few **semi-cool references** in a **desperate attempt** to grab some **younger viewers!**

Time to get **out** of here. We've stayed **too long** in this **scene!**

How can you **tell?**

I saw a dead body **yawning!**

Bad news, Smella. We have to **throw out** all the **evidence!**

All of the evidence is **tainted!** Your **mountain** of **hair** proved to be an **evidence-corruption-hazard** on **every crime scene!**

Why?

I'm **so sorry**, When you said to **"comb the area,"** I thought...

My fault. We should have **seen this coming.**

It's ***C.S.OY*** exec Producer, **Jerry Buckheimer!**

What?

Yes, I'm a **big-time producer** but I'm also an **impressionist!** Here's my **Donald Trump**: You're **fired!**

Sinise, You're **too soft!** This is not ***C.S.OY Duluth!*** This is **New York!** We need a guy who's **"street."** Who's **ballsy**, who's **out-spoken!** This show needs a **loose cannon!** I think we **found** our guy! He just left a **12 year gig** at **another** N.Y. precinct!

My name is **Sipowicz!** Okay, Here's the **deal**. I **aint** gonna be one of those **soft spoken a-holes** like this ***Forrest Gump*** **reject** over here or that whispering **ego job** down in **Miami** who keeps popping his **Foster Grants** on and off and looks like a **partner** I once had.

I'll be **frank!** I've seen this **C.S.OY team** at work. You're not **investigators**, you're **candy asses!** You couldn't find **Waldo**. Basically you're simply **good-looking people** who pick up stuff with **tweezers!** Now, **in time** you'll get used to **my style**. I have **two personalities**. I can be **growling and surly** or I can be **warm and cuddly!**

Show us your **warm and cuddly!**

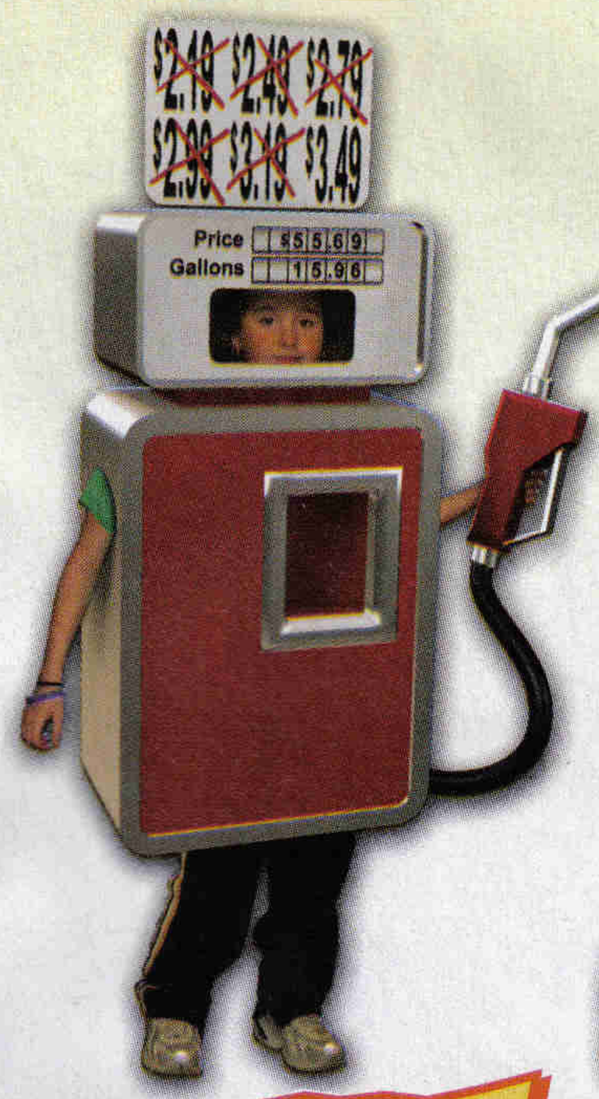
This **IS** my **warm and cuddly!**

Let's put in for **transfers.**

See if there's any **openings** on ***The Shield*!**

Halloween is supposed to be all about candy, good times and fun fun FUN! But, without the right costume, it's just gonna suck! Luckily, you have the spine-tingling fashionistas at MAD to help you chose from this year's...

HOTTEST HALLOWEEN COSTUMES



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FOR OBVIOUS REASONS.

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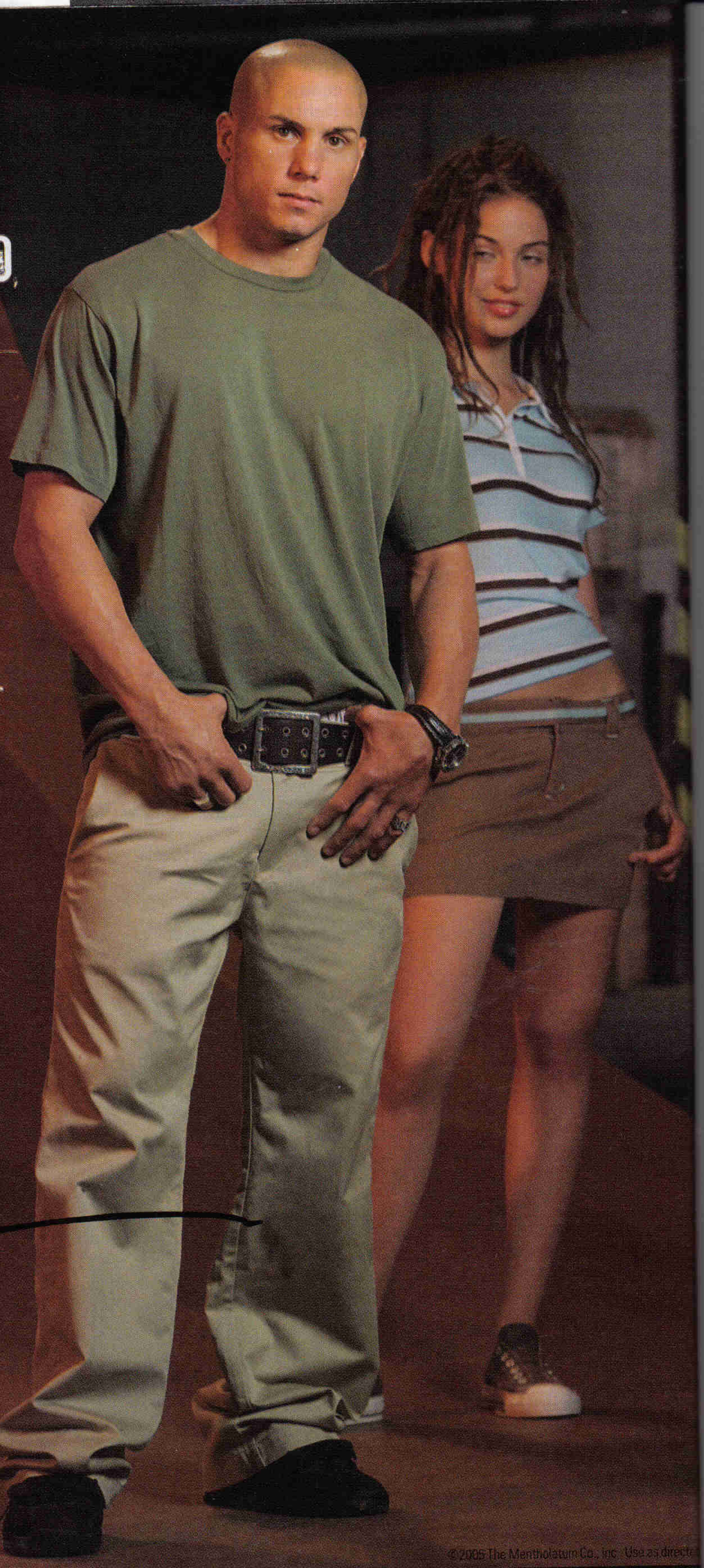

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MAD FOLD-IN

There is a real epidemic that has taken hold of America's youth. The stakes are high and kids are falling prey — they're risking it all for a big score. To find out what this compulsion is, fold page in as shown.

FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

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FOLD PAGE OVER LEFT

B FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"

THIS YEAR SAW A CERTAIN ADDICTION BECOME POPULAR ALL OVER. HOWEVER, THE REAL KICKER IS, NO ONE SEEMS TO CARE ABOUT THE POTENTIAL RISK INVOLVED IN THIS BEHAVIOR

A

ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE

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