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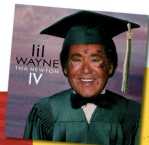
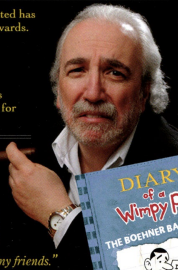
He alternates underarms
when perspiring.

He has his favorite sex acts
tattooed on his inner thigh for
his date's convenience.

"I don't always
drink beer, but when
I do, I always
make in my pants."



"STAY WASTED, my friends."



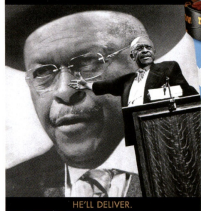
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smaller glass!



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Letters and Tomatoes

HIDE AND SNEAK

I have been a reader of your magazine for five years now, and I think your TV show is hilarious. Normally I would run up to my local grocery store and buy the magazine with no problems, but now MAD is hidden behind the other magazines, like they're embarrassed of you! How could this happen?

Jacob Wilhelm • Logansport, IN

Let's Jake a Deal — You've got it all wrong — we're hiding because WE'RE embarrassed! Who wants to be seen with all those covers showing the Kardashian wedding, Jennifer Lopez's divorce, and, worst of all, the new Land Rover Evoque (shame on you, *Autoweek*)! But keep digging and you're bound to find us. And if that fails, look for us in the frozen foods section! —Ed.

WHOOOPS!

At MAD, we pride ourselves on our accuracy and journalistic integrity. After all, we were among the first to alert the public about the specific warning signs of a ventriloquist going bad (MAD #510). Which is why we were mortified to learn that in MAD #511, we misidentified our Alfred E. Neuman look-alike as Barrett Buscher. Barrett sent in the pic, but the mascot-mugged individual was actually Alex Paris. Our deepest apologies to Barrett for the unfortunate mistake. And even deeper apologies to Alex for his unfortunate lot in life!



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It's time for us to give a huge thanks to our summer editorial interns, Jacob Thompson and James Grebey! They were hard-working, punctual, talented and professional. Suffice to say, they didn't fit in here at all! Sorry guys — maybe someday you'll find a workplace that actually values those qualities in a worker!



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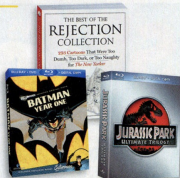
I, like everyone else, have noticed the special Spy vs. Spy figurines and I really like the ones done by Gavin Strange and Bill Amend and I was wondering if we would ever be able to get our hands on one of these?

Graeme Frelick • Toronto, Canada

Takes a Frellicking — Hold up — are you trying to "get your hands" on the toys...or on Gavin Strange and Bill Amend? You stay away from them, you sicko! Right now, there are no plans to make any of those toys available for sale — so either way, you'll just have to keep your hands to yourself! —Ed.

READER ALERT

If you had the EXTREMELY good fortune to have your letter printed, your good luck ain't over yet, pappy! You'll also be getting the *Jurassic Park Ultimate Trilogy* (on Blu-ray/DVD Oct. 25), courtesy of our friends at Universal Pictures, a *Batman: Year One* Combo Pack (including a Blu-ray, DVD AND digital copy) courtesy of our pals at Warner Home Video, *The Best of the Rejection Collection*: 293 Cartoons That Were Too Dumb, Too Dark, or Too Naughty for The New Yorker, from of our amigos at Workman Publishing; and from our chums at Cartoon Network, you'll get a DVD copy of *Adventure Time: My Two Favorite People* AND a Deluxe 10-inch Finn figure with changing faces! We're just too good to you! If you missed out, don't get your knickers in a twist, they're all on sale now (or soon after)!



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THE FAST FIVE REASONS YOU DIDN'T GET RAPTURED ON OCTOBER 21

- 1 Something to do with Obama imposing socialism or Sharia law or something
- 2 You were supposed to be in the church parking lot at noon. Don't you ever read your e-mail?
- 3 You keep publicly insisting that earthquakes are caused by tectonic plate activity
- 4 You weren't the 16th caller to 95.7 FM's Rayta Kansa Sweepstakes
- 5 A circuit court judge in Minnesota issued a stay



Plugged Nickel



"Edward, I think we've discovered why you have blood in your stool..."

WRITTEN BY JIMMY ADAMS ILLUSTRATED BY JIMMY ADAMS

The Cover We Didn't Use



Donnie the Douche's Guide to Slashing Your Veterinary Bills

- If one leg is injured, it's no big deal — just wrap it in gauze. Dogs and cats have four legs for a reason.
- Tiquana has several deep-discount clinics, but don't spend a lot on airfare to get there, or you'll negate the savings.
- If your pet says things like "Ouch!" or "Help," chances are he picked it up somewhere and is just repeating it.
- Always be aware that even one pill of human medicine, such as Tylenol, can kill a cat or dog. So, if your vet says you must make that and decides to euthanize, Tylenol's a pretty economical method.
- Kidney and liver disease are surprisingly common in pets, so treat them to one glass of wine a day.
- As with humans, exercise will help animals stave off illness. I recommend a rowing machine for most medium-sized pets.
- Pet care is often much cheaper at an animal shelter. And if they screw up, you can just pick up a replacement right then.

WRITTEN BY JIMMY ADAMS



Funeral Home Services You Probably Don't Want to Spring For



Open casket ceremony



Discount Maui Lin shroud



Video loop of the actual cremation



"Pony" the price-conscious pall bearer with a hand truck



The latest trend in creative embalming — styrofoam peanuts

THE FASTER FIVE THINGS WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO IF MICHELE BACHMANN BECOMES PRESIDENT

- 1 Horrifying on-air election night organs from the entire Fox News team.
- 2 A booming, revitalized economy — thanks to Treasury Secretary God.
- 3 A move to have The New York Times and Huffington Post classified as terrorist organizations.
- 4 America's first ever Muslim president since 2008.
- 5 Finally, a man in the White House who's at least with his feminine side.



Pull My Cheney



"THE WARDEN LIKES TO BE 'BAROQUE'"

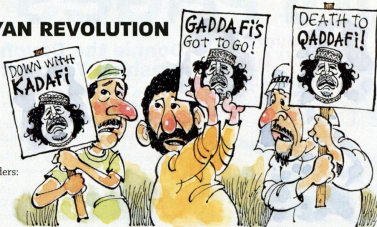
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THE FUNDalini Pages

THE FASTEST FIVE

REASONS FOR THE LIBYAN REVOLUTION

- 1 Finally realized that Kadafi, Gaddafi, and Qaddafi are the same person...and he's been in power waaaaay too long
- 2 Tired of hearing "Blame Israel" every time the cable service guy is late
- 3 After 40 years, even the quirkiest blood-soaked murderer gets to be a drag
- 4 High food prices, unemployment, indifferent leaders: the Mid-East is becoming too Americanized
- 5 Just a pathetic way of getting the attention of Pippa Middleton



Writer: Barry Lieberman
Artist: Paul Coker

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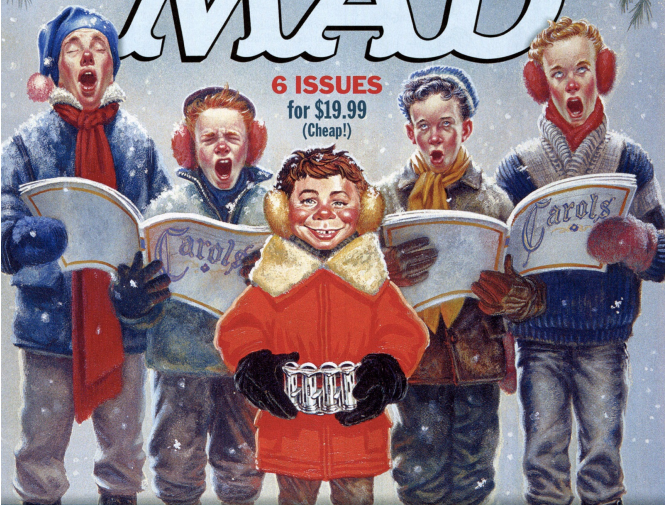
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The Fundalini Pages

THE FAST FOUR -1 REASONS BURGER KING IS RETIRING THE KING



- 1 Cripply, startling appearance of The King was causing even more heart attacks than their menu items
- 2 As the only employee to have ever worked at Burger King for more than six months, he was getting dangerously close to being eligible to collect a pension
- 3 The grumpy attitude, the ridiculously oversized headpiece, the blatin, floppy ears... Burger King once was afraid he was being mistaken for Lady Gaga
- 4 Although it hasn't been proven yet, there's a pretty good chance he got cooked up and killed Grimace
- 5 He's just another victim of this crappy economy

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Celebrity Cause-of-Death Betting Odds **KATE MIDDLETON**

- Most ending..... 1:1
- Dies of boredom while visiting the Queen..... 4:1
- Crown rash..... 8:1
- Royal wardrobe malfunctions (disables on a fascinator)..... 18:1
- Accidentally drowns during royal charity meal swimming event against her sister Pippa...**875,047,361:1**



Other Ways the U.S. Postal Service is Cutting Back



Cutting off the pension to Julia Rottenberger and Wayne Knight, since they only played postmen on TV

Only shooting the FBI's top five most wanted criminals

Switching from steak to hamburger to distract angry dogs

Carriers now only delivering staff that "looks important"

Encouraging unstable employees to "go postal" only on co-workers who are about to retire and begin collecting their pensions

You know how when you're in an incredibly long line, with only one teller on duty, and another teller comes from the back room and looks like she's going to open up another register, but she doesn't and goes into the back again? She's fired.

THE LAST FAST FIVE EARLY RUMORS ABOUT THE **DIRTY DANCING** REMAKE



- 1 To save money, Justin Timberlake will play both Johnny AND Baby
- 2 Due to pressure from conservative groups, any character considering an abortion will have to be shown fetal sonograms
- 3 The setting has been moved from the Catskills to a post-apocalyptic Australian outback
- 4 The cinematic dance scene was done entirely in Clapnetion
- 5 As a tip of the hat to the late Patrick Swayze, there's a scene where a ghost beats up a couple of guys at a roadside

WRITER: OFFSHORE ARTIST: TINA MALIN

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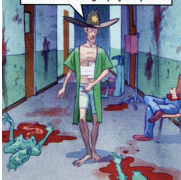
When the Going Gets Duff



"I've have something hilarious to say after the results of the caption contest come in."

Writer and Artist: J.J. Duffy

What a hellish situation! Corpses in the hallways! Blood on the walls! No doctors, no safety, no future! I KNEW they should never have passed Obamacare without the single payer option!



Look at that! It's horrific! All this death and decay is heart-breaking.

Yes, this zombie outbreak is a real tragedy.

Zombies? I'm talking about the lawn maintenance! Look at these lawns, brown and patchy. They haven't been watered or edged in weeks!

Son, we just found something worse than a zombie — a suburbanite! No matter. You bring him into the house. I'm going upstairs to aim this rifle and shoot your mother dead center in the forehead.

Now that she's a zombie, I guess it's the only thing left to do.

She's a zombie?



Let me fill you in about what's happened. **HEY, LOOK OUT FOR THE ZOMBIES!** Okay, now you know the whole story.

Thank God! I also know that my wife left this house alive! Before she left, she took her most precious possession!

Love letters? Engagement ring? Family photo albums?

Let's just say it has five adjustable speeds!



Your late husband was my best friend too! But we're still alive, so let's live. I realize I can never measure up to him.

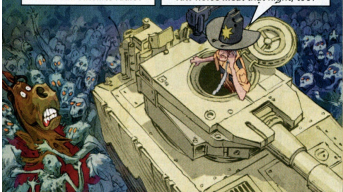
In more ways than one! Did you bring protection?

I have a rifle. Great! At least something here is capable of repeating!



Help! Is there anybody out there? Hello? Come in, over! This is hopeless! No one alive is listening to me. I might as well be hosting a show on Sirius-XM satellite radio!

It looks like I'm finished! I haven't seen an inhuman swarm of growling creatures behave this savagely since the \$7.99 all-you-can-eat buffet at the casino. I think they were serving raw horse meat that night, too!



Quickly! Follow me to the roof! The First Rule of Zombie Battle Strategy is, zombies can't climb up ladders!

Because of the First Rule of Network Programming! Never eat your entire cast in the second episode!

Okay, but why can't they?





Starting now, I'm giving the orders around here! You got that, boy?

Let me remind you that I'm still the law around here.

Law and order? Ha! In case you ain't heard, Mr. Cop, civilization is gone. Your rules don't matter! If a zombie catches you, he'll rip your arms off and throw them over THERE! He'll tear your legs out, and scatter them everywhere! Then what will you do?

I'll arrest him for littering!



The key to these handcuffs is lost, and those zombie bastards are just yards away! Who am I talking to? The only one here is this razor-sharp metal hacksaw. I must be going nuts, suffering from sunstroke, and crazed with thirst and hunger! Hacksaw. This hacksaw. Now I know what I must do. And it won't be easy! Have you ever tried eating a metal hacksaw?



You're, you're alive? But, how could you survive for weeks in an empty hospital? How could you survive in a coma without food, water, or care?

How did this show get renewed without any real characters or plot? Just go with the flow!

We were able to sneak past the zombies to retrieve these guns, but we were too late to rescue your brother! Thank goodness, though, 97% of him escaped!

It's him! The fingerprints are a match!



Why are you frantically digging a series of open graves? It's 100 degrees outside, under a blazing sun!

Oh, that's okay. I'm keeping cool in the obvious foreshadowing!



Why do zombies need to eat? If they don't eat, they still walk around anyway.

And how long can a zombie walk around, before its legs rot too much to keep moving?

Shouldn't they be rotting faster than this? We've already established that it's sweltering hot.

How come we're always so surprised when zombies show up? Their decaying smell should give away their position long before they reach us.

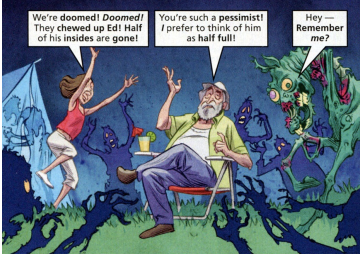
Why do we stay out here in the open, instead of finding an island? If zombies can't climb ladders, they probably can't swim!

Why wouldn't a hungry zombie eat another zombie?

If his brains and nervous system are destroyed, why would a zombie even feel hunger?

Sometimes we need to suspend disbelief. Sometimes we have to suspend it a lot. And sometimes we have to suspend it further than the Golden Gate Bridge!





We're doomed! Doomed! They chewed up Ed! Half of his insides are gone!

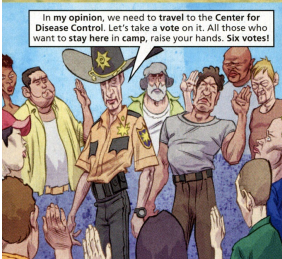
You're such a pessimist! I prefer to think of him as half full!

Hey — Remember me?

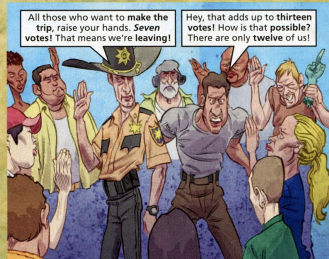


This isn't the way I wanted to celebrate my little sister's birthday — putting a bullet into her zombie-infected brain.

It's still way better than the year I got the complete Blu-Ray collection of "Spy Kids"!

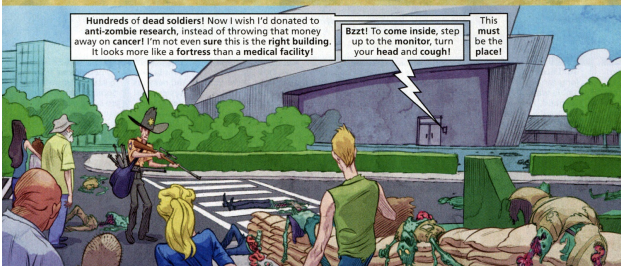


In my opinion, we need to travel to the Center for Disease Control. Let's take a vote on it. All those who want to stay here in camp, raise your hands. Six votes!



All those who want to make the trip, raise your hands. Seven votes! That means we're leaving!

Hey, that adds up to thirteen votes! How is that possible? There are only twelve of us!



Hundreds of dead soldiers! Now I wish I'd donated to anti-zombie research, instead of throwing that money away on cancer! I'm not even sure this is the right building. It looks more like a fortress than a medical facility!

Bzzt! To come inside, step up to the monitor, turn your head and cough!

This must be the place!

Dear God in heaven!
You can literally
see the brain tissue
decaying before
your eyes, minute
by minute! It's like
reading the ESPN.com
message boards!

Ehhhhh...
I think
we'll be
skipping
coffee and
dessert.

I also have a personal confession! Although I hate almost every race and creed, I'm strangely indifferent to Swedes!

Oh, the humanity!

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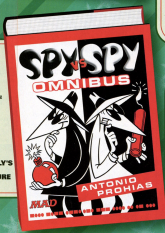
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With this issue, *HEAD* begins a new section devoted to the names of MJO subscribers and other noteworthy death poets who recently passed. Because of the volume of people who check out every day, reader submissions of deceased loved ones' obituaries for this section cannot be accepted.

THE MAD OBITUARY PAGES

Jebosephat Frye, 47, Dead

Jebosephat Frye, who gained fame by winning the Coke & Mentos Challenge in 2005, as well as the Kraft Cheddar Stab Open earlier this year, was found dead in his bathroom last night, surrounded by Freights.

Frye had very few interests aside from eating, and trained up to 16 hours a day. In a 2008 interview, Frye listed his favorite foods as chili, bologna, mud chicken, and vodka.

Cause of death is unknown, though "heart failure" is a pretty good bet. He was 47, and, shockingly, unmarried. His parents request that you not make fun of his death, even though it was kind of humorous.

Sargon McGibbet, 59

Sargon McGibbet, the controversial (and/or puzzle creator for the *New York Times*) died at his domicile at the age of 59 from (improperly) prepared fags.

McGibbet gained notoriety in 1996 for giving the clue "Beri to millions," to which the answer was "Lactate." His book, *I'm Smarter Than Jeopards*, did well on the *Midwest Bestseller List*, but not any other papers.



He is survived by his wife Terpsichore, son Chaitzbroocher, and daughter Agonomical.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you just send cash, preferably in tens and twenties. The wake/funeral will be held Sunday at Big Life's Soap Men & Chapel. Fondly remember; everything must go!

Serendipity Wong, 45

Serendipity Wong, the wealthy, socially-conscious socialist, has died.

Throughout her short life, Wong was a tireless campaigner for women's rights to vote, which, considering she lived in the U.S. during the second half of the 20th Century, was considered a complete waste of time. Her wealthy, non-scalable upbringing compelled her to help those less fortunate than the sea, leading to numerous arrests while protesting various obscure causes, like increased musical coverage for transgender guano farmers in Bolivia.



Wong, who was never married, had life-long commitments of premature burial, so you might want to check every now and then at Greenish Acres cemetery, starting this Saturday. She was also an organ donor, so free organs, free signed.

Unidentified Headless Torso

Casualty made between 25-30. He will be deeply missed.



Vlad Gzhmlsdzecz, 90

Vlad Gzhmlsdzecz, the eccentric newspaper designer who ruled the small Baltic state of Gzhmlsdzecz from 1937-1969 is dead.

Gzhmlsdzecz made news during World War II by siding with the Nazis on odd-numbered days and with the Allies on even-numbered ones. In the following decades, he angered Gzhmlsdzecs by officially shutting down all media outlets except the ones he ran, a period he dubbed "The Great Progression of Freedom."



Gzhmlsdzecz's reign came to an abrupt end when he was overthrown by the "You're old grandpa of a political trial. He spent the rest of his days in exile.

He was never married and produced no children, so draw your own conclusions. Gzhmlsdzecs certainly did. Gzhmlsdzecs are expected to last through the weekend, and Gzhmlsdzecs can view the funeral at radiofreeslavia.com (Must have RealPlayer 7 or higher).

Sir Henry Northwestforshireham, 78

Sir Henry Northwestforshireham, the interested English mystery author who created the suspicious Pizzazzilly series, has died at the age of 78 — unless it was actually his twin brother.

Sir Henry died with a dagger in his back, in a locked room, holding a white chem rock in his right hand, his left hand pointing to a host of Julius Caesar.

He is survived by Allice, his unmarried wife who lived here; Clive, the younger brother who would inherit a fortune; and Reginald, the brother.

If you have any information on the death, be at Hyde Park on mid-right on the 26th. Come alone.



WRITTEN: GUY ROSS

ARTIST: JAMES WAGNOLA

Kitty Byrd-Braine, 43

The non-violent community host a friend on Thursday, as the longtime animal rights activist and nature photographer Kitty Byrd-Braine was found dead by a lion on safari in Kenya.

Byrd-Braine's friends remember the 45-year-old as being "basically a good person, but really overbearing and violent on the whole animal rights thing." Finally, at the time of her death, she was busy translating the Bible into dolphin sign language, but only got as far as Deuteronomy. Ironically, the lion that attacked her died eating Byrd-Braine.

Byrd-Braine's funeral arrangements have still not been announced, although the lion's have been.



Finbar Phloggs, 86



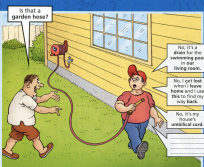
Finbar Phloggs died a few days ago. Phloggs was the newly-hired obituary writer for this magazine. Now we'll have to get another.

TO PLACE
AN OBITUARY,
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1-555 DEAD GUY

Is this another installment of Al Jaffee's popular, long-running feature? Why yes, yes it is.

Thank you for asking!

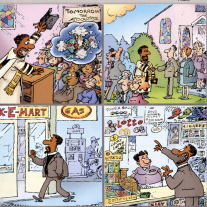
SNAPPY ANSWERS TO STUPID QUESTIONS



SEIGE IN GENERAL DUFF

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Presents

A MAD LOOK AT THE APOCALYPSE



WRITER AND ARTIST: SEIGE DRAGONS

COLORING: ROB LEE AND GAIL PETERSON



MAD 60th ANNIVERSARY 2012 CALENDAR

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Another ridiculous issue of MAD on sale today!

PLANET TAD!!!!!!

ABOUT ME NAME: TAD AGE: 4417 DAYS HEIGHT: 7 SMURFS HIGH



November 4, 2011

Who's the first guy who came up with the idea of juggling? Like, was there some caveman who once picked up a hot potato and started throwing it back and forth between his hands, and everyone was like, "Hey, do that again!?"



November 5, 2011

I feel like, now that they've made three "Paranormal Activity" movies, they shouldn't be calling them "Paranormal Activity" anymore. If something's happened three times, it's just "Normal Activity."



November 6, 2011

So, I really like this girl in my class, Chelsea Hamilton. She's the editor of the school newspaper, and really cool, and she looks sort of like Reese Witherspoon. If Reese Witherspoon were in the seventh grade. And I've been trying and trying to talk to her, so I can ask her to the Pilgrimage Dance later this month, but she doesn't even notice me. Like, literally, doesn't notice me. We were assigned as lab partners in biology last week, and she turned to me and said, "So, did you just transfer to this school?" And I said, "No. We've gone to school together for the past seven years." And she said, "Ha ha, very funny, I think I'd remember that. So, where did you transfer from?" And I said, "Ohio." It just seemed less embarrassing for both of us.

November 7, 2011

This morning in homeroom, the captain of our wrestling team, Scott Scanlon, showed up with glasses — he said that he got them over the weekend. "My parents think I've never done so good in school 'cause I can't see the blackboard, so they sent me to an optometrist to get my eyes checked, and now I can see more goodly." (I think that sentence may help to explain why I don't think Scott's eyesight is why he hasn't done well in school. Unless maybe his optometrist also has a really positive outlook on life.) Then later in the lunchroom, I overheard Chelsea talking to her friends about Scott, and how much she liked his new glasses, because they make him look so smart. If they can make Scott look smart, I bet glasses would make me look like a genius!

Now I just need to figure out how to get myself some glasses. Ugh, I wish my eyesight were worse. Scott's so lucky to have crappy eyes.

November 8, 2011

So, last night, I started trying to get my parents to get me glasses. I told them I thought my eyesight was bad, and my mom said, "Well, what are you having trouble seeing?" And I said, "Everything." And my dad said, "It can't be everything. Are you nearsighted, or farsighted? Are you having trouble seeing stuff that's close to you, like your textbooks? Or far away, like the TV?" And I said, "Which is the one where I can watch TV, but can't read my school books?" And he said, "That's farsighted." And I said, "That's what I am." My parents looked a little suspicious, but they made me an appointment with the eye doctor anyway.

November 9, 2011

Went to the eye doctor today. He started trying different lenses for each of my eyes, and each time, he'd say, "Better, worse, same?" And I was answering at random until he said, "A minute ago, you said that lens was better, and now you say it's worse." Which seemed uncool of him, to pull a trick question like that. But from then on out, I said every single lens was better than the one before it, until he finally said, "Well, these are the strongest lenses we have." And I said, "Awesome!" I bet Chelsea Hamilton will be really impressed when I tell her my prescription's way stronger than Scott's.

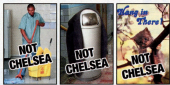
November 13, 2011

We picked up my new glasses at LensCrafters today. I don't know why that place is called LensCrafters. To me, "craft" means you made something with, like, glue and felt and paper mache. Like, if they made your glasses out of pipe cleaners and googly eyes, then they'd be LensCrafting. They're just LensMakers.

Anyway, I got home with the glasses and put them on. I'm not sure how I look in them, because I can't see myself in the mirror when I'm wearing them. I showed them to my little sister Sophie, though, and she said, "Whoa! Cool!" And I said, "They look good!" And she said, "They make your eyes look so huge! You're like an anime character!" Which is probably good, right?

November 14, 2011

I wore my glasses to school for the first time today. I walked right up to Chelsea and said, "Hey, Chelsea! Notice anything different about me?" And she said, "I notice that you're late for class, but if you hurry, I won't write you up for it." And then I took my glasses off and discovered that the blurry thing I thought was Chelsea was actually Mrs. Plimpton, our vice-principal. (And by the way: these are some pretty impressive glasses if they can make Mrs. Plimpton look like anything but Mrs. Plimpton.) As the morning went on, I also mistook our school janitor, a trash can, and a motivational poster of a kitten hanging from a branch for Chelsea.



Finally, at lunch, my friend Chuck pointed me in Chelsea's direction, and I walked over to say hi to her. And I was halfway there when I walked right into an eighth grader's tray full of Sloppy Joes. Man, they call those things "sloppy" for a reason — they go everywhere. Later in the day, my friend Brian ran up to Chuck and me in the hallway and said, "Hey, did you hear? Some dorky new kid from Ohio totally embarrassed himself in the cafeteria today! Hey — what happened to your shirt?"

November 17, 2011

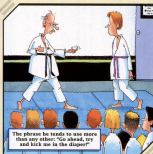
Chelsea Hamilton and Scott Scanlon are officially dating, and they're going to the dance tomorrow night. Chuck tried to comfort me by saying, "Look: You did everything you could. But maybe it's not the glasses that Chelsea likes. Maybe it's the fact that he's got a huge neck and sort of looks like that guy from 'Captain America'. So, you know...you never had a chance." I hate it when Chuck tries to comfort me.

To make things worse, I needed to figure out a way to explain to my parents that I won't be wearing my glasses anymore. So tonight at dinner, I announced that I didn't need my glasses anymore: "My vision's suddenly fine again! It's a miracle!" And my parents looked at me for a long moment, and then my dad said, "So, what was her name?" And I said, "Chelsea." And he said, "Did it work?" And I said, "No." And he said, "Well, tell you what: It's a shame to let a nice, expensive pair of glasses like that go to waste. So how about you get a little more wear out of them — say, anytime you want to watch TV for the next three weeks or so?"

So, if you'll excuse me, I should get going. A new "Big Bang Theory" is on, and I can't wait to hear it.

It's a story as old as dirty white. Some sit proud watching gets fed up with being pushed around, so he goes down to a local strip mall and signs up to learn some martial arts. Sadly, none of these dojos are top-of-the-line. So before you and your lack balance get taken down, keep your defenses up and study these...

SIGNS YOUR TAE KWON DO INSTRUCTOR MAY BE OVER THE HILL



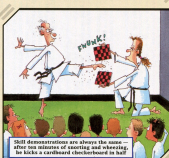
The phrases he tends to use more than any other: "Go ahead, try and kick me in the diaper!"



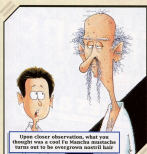
Blocking his punches is usually the last of your problems.



His eyes are taking breaks here with his mementos.



Still demonstrations are always the same—after ten minutes of exerting and wheezing, he kicks a cardboard checkerboard in half.



These closer observation, what you thought was a cool Fu Manchu mustache turns out to be an overgrown nostril hair.



He tends to be a tad forgetful, wardrobe-wise.



His black belt comes with a funny pock full of inactive and ataxic.



At least once every class, he ends up activating his stupid Life Alert product.



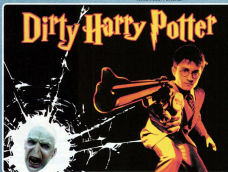
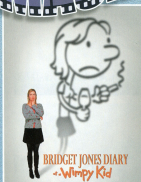
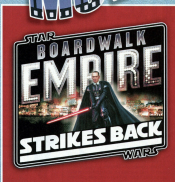
His most deadly move—running over your toes with his flowerpot.

BIRTH OF A COMBINATION: DEPT.

Sometimes it seems as if Hollywood doesn't make original movies any more, they just make sequels. Then, instead of sequels, they don't even get to make sequels. Return to the future? Well, if their streak of uninspired creativity continues, how long before the film industry starts combining hit movies in an effort to make every last cent out of a franchise? Well, we here at MAD are also known for our lack of originality, so we're creating "Facebook Wars" at their own game with the following two-page salute.

MOVIE MASHUPS

WE'D HATE TO SEE





One Day on the Hudson River

(What Really Happened)

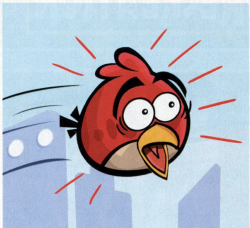
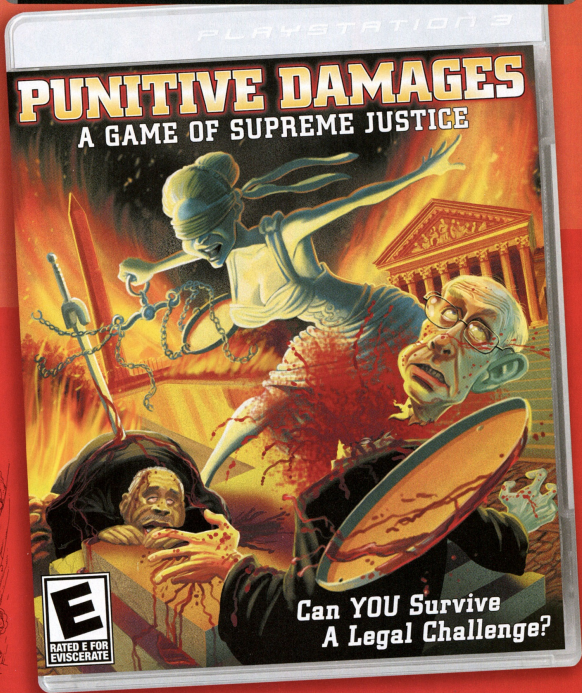


Photo: Steven Day, AP/WideWorld/Photo



Recently, the Supreme Court invalidated a California law intended to regulate the sale of violent video games to children. They went so far as to classify video games as art, and afforded it the same first amendment protections as books, plays, movies and music, no matter how sick, violent or vulgar the game is. This got our sick, violent, vulgar, yet very artistic minds wondering: how would the Supreme Court like it if THEY were the victim in a violent videogame? We're sure it's just what the Justices had in mind! Here's a walkthrough of the game we call...



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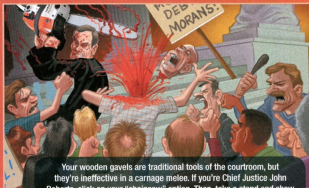
First Monday in October

There are 33 steps leading up to the marble hall of justice that defines and protects our nation's liberty. That means there are 33 places to die. Get safely into the courthouse building by navigating the nine Justices past roving bands of Gitmo protesters, Death Penalty protesters, Birthers, Truthers, and one guy who's still ticked off about *Marbury v. Madison*.

Oops! Your colleague Justice Stephen Breyer got separated from the pack! He's being aborted, in his 269th trimester! His gushing blood and entrails are turning the courthouse steps into a literal slippery slope!



From the far right comes a swarm of the "God Hates Gays" lunatics! They're jamming their picket signs into Sonia Sotomayor's eye sockets! Now justice really IS blind!



Your wooden gavels are traditional tools of the courtroom, but they're ineffective in a carnage melee. If you're Chief Justice John Roberts, click on your "chainsaw" option. Then, take a stand and show that you believe in the fundamental separation of head and spine!

LEVEL TWO

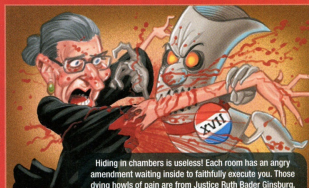
Law of the Jungle

The genius of our Constitution is that it is a living, breathing document. But after 200 years of being battered, abused and misinterpreted, it's hungry — for judicial blood!

This Constitution wants to insure anything EXCEPT domestic tranquility! Using expendable Supreme Court Clerks to block the document's progress is useless — its power is unimpeachable!



You need to preserve, protect and defend your butt! It'll take speed, reflexes, and...oh no! The Constitution has taken a gruesome chop out of Clarence Thomas, and now he really IS 3/5ths of a person!



Hiding in chambers is useless! Each room has an angry amendment waiting inside to faithfully execute you. Those dying howls of pain are from Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, as the 17th Amendment tears her into 17 pieces!

LEVEL THREE Changeable Chad Challenge

Following the 2000 election, the Supreme Court controversially stepped in and ended the Florida recount, handing the Presidency to George W. Bush. But today, it's time for gore, gore, gore! Escape the Supreme Court Building by leaping from the roof and onto an aerial path of rickety Florida Butterfly Ballots!

What Republican election official designed these shaky paper platforms? Step on a loose trapdoor chad, and splat! Wave bye-bye to your lifetime appointment, Justice Elena Kagan!



When a dangling chad breaks loose from overhead, Antonin Scalia also meets a cruel and unusual fate! His jowly head becomes fatally wedged in one of the little square spaces. It's a hanging chad for a hanging judge!



Finally, come face to face with "loser" Al Gore! Gore won the popular vote but wasn't given the Oval Office. His angry, laser-heated gaze is hotter than any Global Climate Change yet recorded! Justice Anthony Kennedy discovers he has probable cause to crap his pants!

LEVEL FOUR Our Fiending Fathers

Any still-surviving Justices may have escaped the court building, but there's plenty more action on the D.C. Mau!! A responsible Supreme Court Justice always seeks to divine the Founding Fathers' original intent. But 235 years later, their only intent is a gnawing zombie desire for legal flesh!

Zombie George Washington is first. Again. He still seeks to win the hearts of his countrymen, starting with unlucky Chief Justice John Roberts! Roberts' still-beating heart is easily hacked from his chest plate by George's trusty hatchet, and the President's snapping wooden teeth do the rest!



Next comes Zombie Ben Franklin, then Zombie Thomas Jefferson, and for some reason, New Hampshire patriot Zombie William Whipple. Their now-zombified colonial minds aren't as sharp, which is bad news for George W. Bush's ill-fated lightweight Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers, who is devoured in the bloody confusion!



As usual, the Chambers of the Supreme Court are filled with old, rotting flesh, but this time it's much worse. Justice Elena Kagan graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, which only means she has a big, juicy, delicious brain!

FINAL SCREEN

With eight habeus corpses, just one Justice survives: the honorable Samuel Alito. It's been a long, bloody road. But the good news is that we'll be getting a lot of unanimous decisions!



REPLAY

Nowadays, no legal outcome is considered final. Start the game over and try again until it comes out the way you want! Of course, since you've just suffered an 88% fatality score, you'll be needing a mostly new Supreme Court. Go back to the opening screen, and click "Fill Vacated Seats" to have the President nominate as many qualified candidates as you need to dish out another full court press!



WHAT NATURE NEVER TORTOISE DEPT.

**MAD SALUTES ONE OF OUR
UNSUNG HOUSEHOLD PETS:**

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PAUL COKER

WRITER:
PAUL PETER FORGES

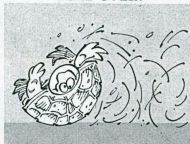
THE TURTLE

EXCITING TRICKS TURTLES CAN DO...

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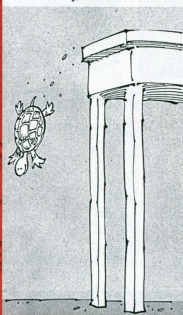
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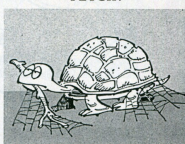
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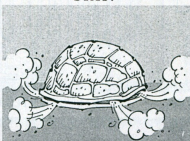
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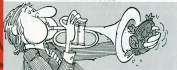


HIDE!



TURTLES ARE GREAT TO HAVE AROUND THE HOUSE

TRUMPET MUTES



SINK STOPPERS



HOCKEY PUCKS



DECORATIVE COASTERS



NON-SLIP SKULL CAPS



DOOR STOPS



BECAUSE THEY'RE VERY USEFUL AS

MUD SCRAPERS



BENT NAIL REMOVERS



MATCH STRIKERS



BABY SITTERS



PRACTICE GOLF TEES



FLOATING SOAP DISHES



TURTLES ARE ECONOMICAL TO OWN BECAUSE

THEY DON'T NEED EXPENSIVE ACCESSORIES



TURTLE'S SUMMER HOME



TURTLE'S WINTER HOME



TURTLE FEEDER



TURTLE DRINKING FOUNTAIN



TURTLE EXERCISER



TURTLE SWIMMING POOL

TURTLES MAKE GREAT PETS BECAUSE



They don't make any noise if you accidentally step on them!



They don't run away ... and if they do, they're so slow, they don't get very far!



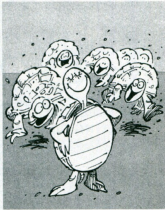
They don't dig holes in your neighbors' lawns!



They don't beg for food when you eat!



They don't choke on hairballs



They don't need to be spayed!



They don't need to be walked outdoors in rotten weather!



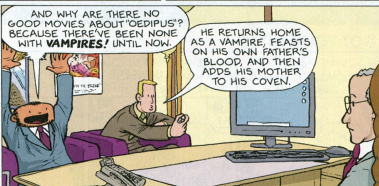
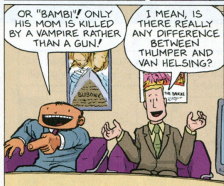
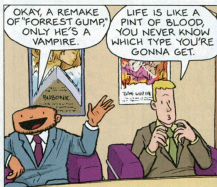
They don't jump in your lap, or rub against your leg in a horny fashion.

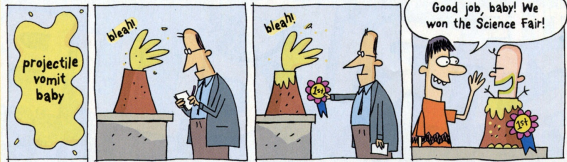


They don't have to sleep in bed with you during a thunderstorm!

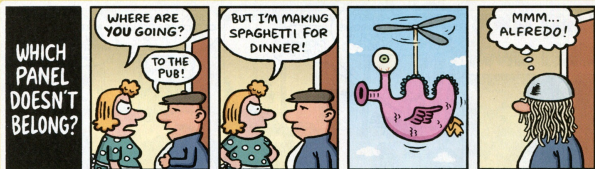
THE STRIP CLUB

IT ONLY HURTS
WHEN I LAUGH





SCOTT NICKLE



S.A. JOHNSEN & JEN SORESEN

GOT YOUR NOSE



JACOB LAMBERT

Hi, boys and girls!
Come with me as I get
some porridge!

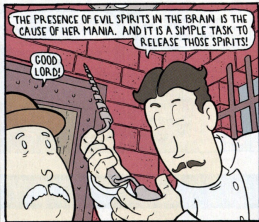
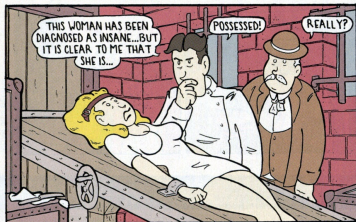
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You see those wavy lines?
That means it's HOT!

Hum-Those lines aren't
moving.

AAAAHHH!!



JUST BELOW THE SURFACE



Recycling — it's everybody's job!

(And almost nobody does it.)



empty soda or beer bottles

fill them with water from the hose and hand them to people jogging by, they'll grab them and keep running.



plastic bags

fold neatly and put in a plastic bag. (when you get a lot of them, put them in a larger paper bag and hide between old newspapers.)



old phone books

using a magic marker, write "famous people who live in this town" on the cover. drop them off at a nursing home for the old folks to enjoy.



wire hangers

put all the wire hangers you don't want in a shopping bag, go out to the airport and walk through the metal detector with them. the TSA will take them away from you.



broken glass

place under the tires of that creep who keeps parking in your parking space.



batteries

remove the batteries from a new pack you just bought. put your old, dead batteries in the package and return to the store. show them the receipt for the new batteries and tell them you were sold dead batteries. demand replacement.



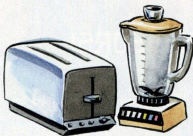
personal electronics

bring to any lost and found. say you found it.



old furniture & large appliances

store in basement or garage until you see someone new moving in on your block. quietly mix in your unwanted items among their possessions. the moving men will bring all of it inside. it's their problem now.



small appliances

put a bow and ribbon on them and leave in the open trunk of your car. they'll be gone in minutes.



old clothing

mens — donate to goodwill, salvation army, or homeless shelter.

womens — give to weird aunt edna (or weirder uncle jake).



air conditioners

leave on curb (in front of neighbor's house).



dead body

put in the river. use one or two used air conditioners for weight.

A MAD
"GREEN"
POSTER

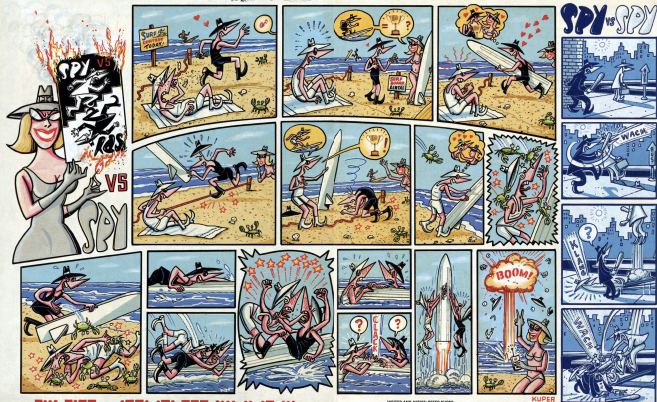
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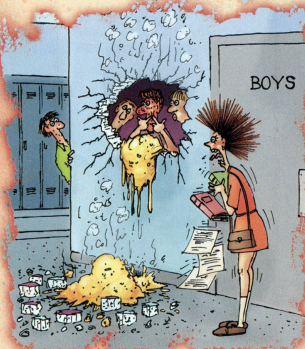
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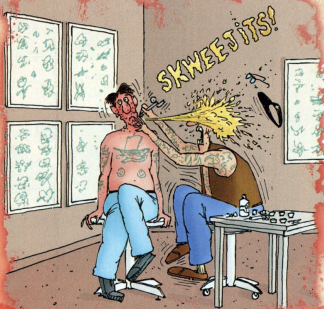
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Can popping your larger pimples result in property damage?



Have you ever had to wear a "zit bra" to keep your larger blemishes from jiggling while you walk?



Have your pimples ever been the direct cause of an embarrassing tattooing accident?



Are your pimples large enough to get caught in things?

**WHICH UNION
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HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

Ever since there've been unions, there's been "union-busting." But lately, Republicans have been gunning for one union in particular. The union's supporters claim to be fighting for what's right, but Republicans say their unreasonable demands threaten the entire nation! Maybe Republicans will come around — after all, politics makes for strange bedfellows! To find out what union has been under attack, fold page in as shown.



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FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"



**REPUBLICANS WANT DEMOCRATS TO STOP
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ONCE UNIONS ARE SMASHED, EVERYONE'S TAXES
WILL DECLINE WHILE STRIKES DISAPPEAR.**

WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

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**GAY
ONES**



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