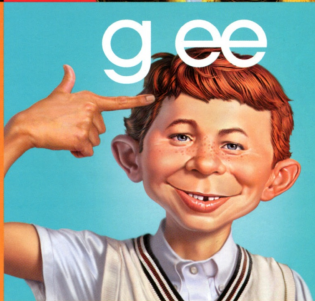
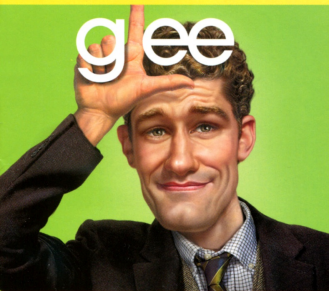


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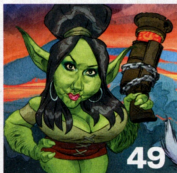
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READ 'EM AND CHEAP

I have been a steady reader of MAD since the 1950s, though rarely have I ever bothered to purchase an issue. I just run over to Barnes & Noble and read the magazine at my leisure. Lately, however, I have noticed the staff looking at me with a jaundiced eye. If possible, please explain what might have caused this attitude change.

Irving Reed • Miami, FL

Burn After Reading — We'd thank you for your years of support — but you haven't ever actually bought an issue...so thanks for nothing, Rockefeller! To answer your question, though, there are a couple of reasons that the staff is annoyed with you. 1) Instead of buying the magazine, you're reading it for free at "your leisure" (probably while wearing a slightly-open, silk bathrobe) and 2) the employees are clearly suffering from "Jaundiced Eye" — an ailment that's been crippling Barnes & Noble staff for months now. Have a little sympathy! How would you feel if they came to where YOU work and ate all the free ketchup while you were busy grilling Big Macs? —Ed.

BACK TO THE FUTURAMA

If you watched the recent episode of *Futurama* titled "Irreconcilable Ndn Differences," then you got to see the preserved noggin of none other than MAD artist and writer Sergio Aragonés! We can't wait to see what shows the rest of his body turns up on!



SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW-BROW

I have been a reader of your magazine since I was eight years old. For the past nine years I ran up to the nearest grocery store and bought an issue just about every month. Recently, I discovered that just about every store near my home stopped selling your magazine! How could this have happened? Your magazine is the best! I have looked in plenty of stores for your magazine and the only one that carried it was a store 20 miles from my house. This is terrible! Is there any way you could make it so that I do not have to go so far to enjoy MAD?

Dylan Ash • Kirtland, OH

Diaper Ash — Egads! Stores near you aren't selling MAD?!? This could mean only one thing — the "Jaundiced Eye" epidemic has spread from booksellers in Miami all the way to magazine vendors in Ohio! You have two options: organize a walkathon for Jaundiced Eye Awareness, use the proceeds to fund research to find a cure, and, simultaneously start a letter-writing campaign to get MAD carried at your local stores! Or, you can let those yellow-eyed freaks fend for themselves and just subscribe to MAD. We're not saying which option is easier, but we'd just call 1-800 4-MAD MAG or go to madmag.com and get those issues to come to you! —Ed.

SMALL TOWN ZEROES

I have a subscription to MAD but I think it's due to expire, so I'm hoping to get a free subscription. I live in Bennington, Vermont and have searched high and low but can find no celebrities. My physical therapist looks a lot like John Malkovich and my boyfriend has been told that he looks like Charles Laughton. Would a picture of both get me at least a year's free subscription? I await your answer.

Margaret McLoughlin • Bennington, VT

Lough Drops — Sadly, we can't give you a free sub — but it sounds like you've already been blessed! You have a physical therapist who looks like John Malkovich?!? And a boyfriend who looks like Charles Laughton?!?! Clearly, Bennington, Vermont is populated entirely by homely celebrity doppelgangers! Does the mayor look like Clint Howard? Is your mailman a Mickey Rourke lookalike? Is the butcher a dead ringer for Paul Giamatti? Sorry we can't help — but it sounds like you've got the makings of a reality show right under your nose: *The Real Fugly Fake-Celebs of Vermont*! —Ed.

BLEW-IT CARROLL

If you do a spoof on the movie *Alice in Wonderland*, please take it easy on Mia Wasoska. I know I spelled her last name wrong, but she is the young lady who played Alice. She was adorable. She's the reason I saw it three times.

Todd Duke • Hendersonville, TN

Duke-bag — Your letter came just in time! We were just about to print a special issue mercilessly mocking Mia Wasikowska (we spelled her name RIGHT!) But your chivalrous request changed our minds, and we stopped the presses! However, just so that all of our hard work wasn't for nothing, here are some of the jokes that we would have printed, if you hadn't heroically intervened:

- Mia Wasikowska's fans are so stupid, some of them actually spent money to see that terrible movie THREE TIMES!
- Mia Wasikowska's fans are so stupid, they don't even know how to spell her name — despite watching that terrible movie THREE TIMES!
- Mia Wasikowska's fans are so stupid, they're fans of Mia Wasikowska! —Ed.

MINIMUM WAGE... MAXIMUM FUN!

As the days get shorter and the air gets cooler, it means It's time for us to say goodbye to the last of our summer interns. A big thanks to art intern Cristina Vanko and editorial interns Joe Masterman and Andrew Spitzer. We'll never forget you — as long as we have this little write-up to remind us who you were!



Joe

Cristina

Andrew

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

What's sexier than cigarettes, scotch and demeaning female co-workers? How about the cast and creator of *Mad Men* reading *MAD*? From left to right: Jon Hamm, Matthew Weiner, John Slattery, Vincent Kartheiser and Bryan Batt.



Photo: Vic Arkoff

LADY AND THE CAMP

Recently, I brought my issue to a camp I used to go to, so as to show my camp teacher the funny stuff in the magazine. I left it with him, thinking that he would read it, and eventually give it back. Later on, we gave presentations to our parents as part of the camp's curriculum. It took place indoors and was extremely hot — no AC. So, I sit down with my friend in the back row, to listen to different presentations, when I see the lady sitting in front of me using the *MAD* as a fan! She was waving it, bending it, ripping it, just for her sweating needs! I don't know how she got it, but I was ticked off. I didn't know what actions to take, so I just sat there, staring at that poor magazine being disfigured. Now that it's all over, what actions should I have taken to retrieve my magazine? Should I have taken brutal force or kicked her in the shins?

Pearson McKenzie • Marysville, OH

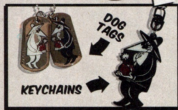
Pearson Pressure — Brutal force? Clearly, you're a man of action — as evidenced by the fact that you let a heavily-perspiring woman steal your magazine, then wrote to a humor publication for advice in planning your much-delayed revenge. Not the most bad-ass of plans, friendo. Here's what to do next time — just politely ask for your magazine back. Because, if things had gotten physical, let's just say we'd be putting our money on the sweaty lady! —Ed.



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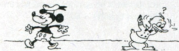


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ENVELOPES OF THE MONTH

This double-sized installment of "Envelope of the Month" comes from the eerily prescient Ed Meisinger of Mendota Heights, MNI. Amazingly, Ed illustrated on not one, but TWO subjects that are featured in this very letters page — Alice in Wonderland (easy now, Todd Dukel!) and Mad Men! How does he do it?!? Far be it from us to question the workings of a genius...or of Ed Meisinger of Mendota Heights, MNI.



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Beatriz Lopez • West Warwick, RI

B-Lo — You're welcome for making your dreams come true. And thanks for getting separate subscriptions — we love money! In fact, if you'd like to make OUR dreams come true, please have a bunch of children (we're talking about a Duggar-esque number of kids) and get each of THEM their own subscription, too. And for the love of God, buy them some toilet paper! —Ed.

THE BIG EASEL

Sam Irvin of Essex, Ontario sent in this stained glass Alfred head, made by Liz Semperger of Essex Stained Glass. Thanks, Sam! If we ever open a church, we promise to install it right next to the Spy Vs. Spy baptismal font!



SEVERE RETIRE DAMAGE

The youth camp at Cape Henlopen State Park gave a 32-MAD-salute to retiring pastor (and longtime MAD fan) Kent Smith (center, 1st row, in the blue shirt). Sorry Pastor Kent — maybe next time they'll spring for the gold watch!



GOING THROUGH AN AWKWARD PHRASE

In #503 on page 27, Jeffrey Lozenge says "Whoa Nelly!" Do people still say "Whoa Nelly!" in 2010? Doesn't this have something to do with stopping horses?

Daniel Weinberg • Gary, IN

Cheese and Weinberg — Are you kidding? That phrase has never been bigger! Why, you just used it twice! Thanks for spreading the word! —Ed.



READER ALERT

Hokay smokes, you lucky mama-babies! Everyone who had their letter published is getting a whole bunch of awesome stuff! You'll get V: *The Complete First Season* and *The Big Bang Theory: The Complete Third Season*, courtesy of our friends at Warner Home Video; *Despicable Me*, from our buddies at Universal Home Entertainment; *The Story of Island Records*, thanks to our amigos at Universe Publishing, *Al Jaffee's MAD Life*, from our compadres at It Books, *Racquet Sports* for the PS3, from our chums at Ubisoft, and *The Music of DC Comics: 75th Anniversary Collection*, courtesy of our pals at WaterTower Music! If you didn't get your letter printed, pep up, cubby — these goodies are all on sale now! Next time, maybe you'll just drop us a line and avoid this kind of heartbreak!



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TO GIVE ALL
THE GLORY TO
SENATOR JOHN
THANE OF SOUTH
DAKOTA.

LINDSAY LOHAN'S RECENTLY DISCOVERED PRISON TWEETS



Lilo

Ugh these prison uniforms don't show ANY cleavage!

Bad news: inmates here make wine in toilets. Good news: without my SCRAM bracelet I can drink all I want!

With all the drug dealers in prison, you think it would be easier to get some blow around here!!

My parents are so disappointed in me. This prison stint isn't making them nearly as much money as the thought it would.

My plan for breaking out: grind one of the walls to a fine powder and snort my way out!

Today I saw a bug in my cell. CROSS! Now I know what John McCain lived through as a POW.

Living with these poor women has really opened my eyes. Without childhood fame, I would be just a regular cokehead!

I hope one of my fans sends me a cake with a nail file and a Korean woman in it. I need a mani-pedi BAD.

They just expect me to show up in the meal room? Don't they know I charge \$25,000 an appearance?!

Phrases to Avoid On Your College Application Essay

- ✕ The best place of advice I ever received was from my father, who said, "Son, you should not be doing that with your sister."
- ✕ I've overcome much adversity in my life, but none more poignant than when, at the height of my career, I was laid off without any sort of benefitting for good.
- ✕ If I had to choose, I would say my best quality is definitely my highly functional sense of irony.
- ✕ Dear Admirable Officer: I have your son.
- ✕ I apologize in advance for any grammatical errors, as copying someone else's essay takes minutes.
- ✕ The greatest moment in my life was definitely my birth. Imagine my mother screaming in my hand as she struggles through her gaping pants. Blood and tears. I was crying. I was crying on the floor.
- ✕ I'm huge (pissed) almost by themselves – I was doing it, what I meant was I was finally performing "Swan Lake" by myself, wearing only socks.
- ✕ I used to read too go to college. Then I saw *Go Home With Co-Ed Edition*.
- ✕ And then there was the time my brother seemed to have a crush on me. Let's say, what else has happened to me...

LeLievre and Let LeLievre



*One of you shall betray me.
Four of you shall get back deals.*

WHAT'S ON MEL GIBSON'S NIGHTSTAND?



THE LOST IPHONE COMMERCIAL



Writer: Jeff Guss
From: Patrick & Sarah Ryan

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THE EGREGIOUS EIGHT

THE REAL REASONS LEBRON JAMES SIGNED WITH MIAMI

- 1 If Miami was good enough for Bea Arthur, Rue McClanahan and Betty White, then it's certainly good enough for him
- 2 Couldn't miss the chance to play for up-and-coming Coach "What's-his-name"
- 3 The Miami Symphony Orchestra's exquisite rendition of Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A major (which is also why Chris Bosh signed there)
- 4 An encouraging fortune cookie at the Panda Express in Coral Gables sealed the deal ►
- 5 Is amused by the antics of the Heat mascot Burnie, who, like LeBron, also doesn't have to pay state income taxes
- 6 Feels a responsibility to raise his family in an atmosphere with gigantic insects
- 7 Wanted a beautiful lakefront home to spend the lockout of 2011
- 8 The move gives him the best chance at winning an NBA title, just as soon as Kobe Bryant, Paul Pierce, and Dwight Howard retire



Writer: Jeff Krue Artist: Bob Suckale

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Writer and Artist: Todd Clark

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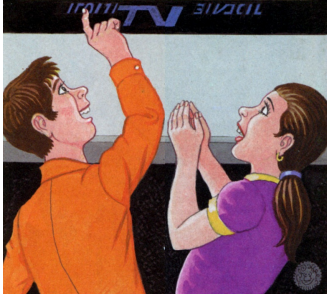


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Plugged Nickel



"My opinion about current politics?"
I would happily go Glenn Beck!"

Possible Last Lines from the Kids on How I Met Your Mother



INSANE THEORIES FROM GLENN BECK TO WATCH FOR THIS FALL

Democrats are behind the plot to dewater and release
nukes and into America. First person shooter video
games, so kids will lose interest in real guns and not notice when their
"right to bear arms" is regulated.

In 1940, Barack Obama's then 4-year-old father made a secret deal with Hitler that
the Nazis would commit unspeakable atrocities against humanity in order for his future
son's agenda to look good in comparison when he seized power in 2008.

A little-known part of the proposed Immigration Reform Bill requires every American citizen
to perform 80 hours of community service doing yard work, minor construction jobs, and
providing nanny services for an undocumented Mexican family living illegally in the U.S.

The government is secretly mining data from Facebook about its top Farmville players
to see which Americans are ideally suited to be forced into slave labor on Obama's
coming Socialist work farms.

Administration-directed environmentalists secretly blow up the BP offshore rig
so oil would fill the Gulf of Mexico and eventually flow to Cuba, providing free
petroleum to the despotic Communist regime Obama so loves.

"ObamaCare" wants to fund nutritious and wellness programs solely because people
who lose health care more active lifestyle probably won't live on their own
insurance for four hours of my daily radio and TV shows.

Illustration: Glenn Beck, Glenn Beck, Glenn Beck, Glenn Beck, Glenn Beck



Illustration: Dave Coverly

OTHER PROBLEMS WITH THE iPhone 4

- No matter what you put into the GPS, it gives you directions to an Apple store.
- Built-in calculator often shows out when you're computing your range-monthly cell phone bill.
- Screen is always obscured by fingerprints, so no matter whom you're video conferencing with, they look like Abe Vigoda.
- Over 200,000 apps in the app store means you'll need to cough up at least another four hundred bucks before the damn thing does anything.
- It's nearly impossible to call and complain about the crappy AT&T service on a phone that only works on crappy AT&T service.

Celebrity Cause-of-Death Betting Odds

LADY GAGA

- Massive blood loss from accidental
bro-bullet wound.....4:1
- Catastrophic chafing from constant penis-tucking.....6:1
- Impaled on cone-shaped bus worn by
"unknown assailant".....8:1
- Someone uses a pitchfork to pop-pipple her face.....10:1
- Dies on impact after death-leap from her 15-foot
platform boots.....12:1
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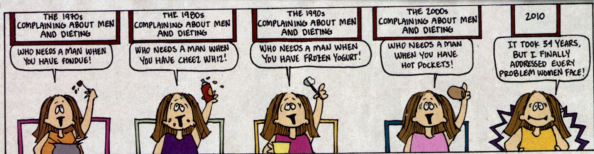
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- Like Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown, Levi has posed naked in a national magazine.
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- Like former President Bill Clinton, he's become a national punch line for every hacky water-cooler comedian.
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- Like President Obama, Sarah Palin haaaaates him.
- Like Senator John McCain, Levi haaaaates Sarah Palin.
- Like former Governor Rod Blagojevich, he'll whore himself in any way to stay in the spotlight.
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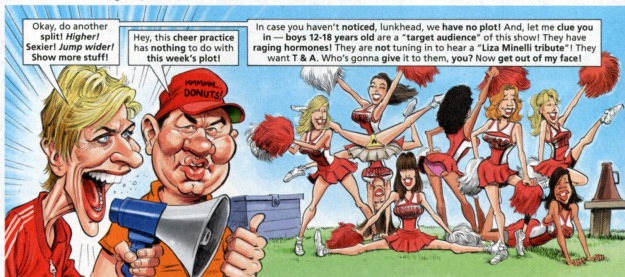
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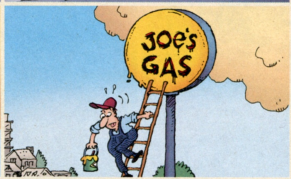
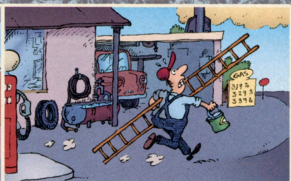






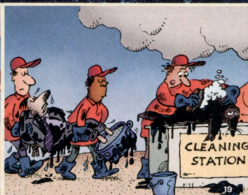
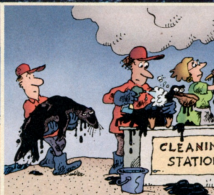
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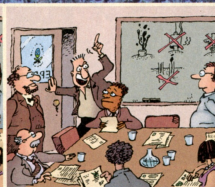
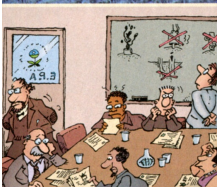


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I just need a little space at this time.

I'm gonna bury you in the f#@%ing rose garden, but b\$&w me first.

No.

Your logic sucks because you're a f#@%ing mentally deprived idiot.

Have a nice day.

If you get raped by a pack of n%#@&s, it'll be your fault, all right?

You're so beautiful.

You look like a f#@%ing bitch in heat.

Good morning.

I should have f#@%ing woken you up and said b\$&w me.

In Level II, you'll gain the confidence to talk about your environment, such as giving and getting directions, dining out, shopping, and enjoying basic social interactions:

I'm sorry.

You f#@%ing deserved it.

Check, please.

I waste so much g@ddamn money on you!

See you later.

LEAVE, c^^t-bitch-gold-digger-c^*^t-whore.*

Pass the salt.

B\$&w me, bitch.

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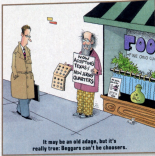
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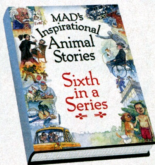
With the economy on the support and gas disappearing quicker than Lady Gaga's fashion ensemble at a Macy's event, many once-spendthrift citizens are taking to the street to turn a little survival money. Asking for a handout, however, is not quite as simple as it seems. There's a right way and a wrong way. And, since reading through this little introduction means you're doubt have more time than cash, you might want to take a long, hard look at...

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO A MORE PROSPEROUS

CAREER IN PANHANDLING

WRITER AND ARTIST: JOHN CARROLL





Some Serious Monkey Business



It was always my dream to work alongside great scientific minds at a top-secret laboratory of a leading pharmaceutical company, finding cures for all the newest childhood diseases.

Well, it *was*, until I found out I had to work with monkeys.

You see, I have a real problem with monkeys.

Both my parents were attacked by a pack of wild monkeys and I've never forgiven them. The monkeys, I mean, I've never forgiven the monkeys. It was at a drive-thru animal park. They dragged my parents from our car, slapped them senseless, jumped up and down on them, took their clothes and then stole the car with me still in my car seat. Like a latter-day Tarzan, the monkeys tried to raise me as their own, but one day I managed to escape with the help of the guy who drove the Mr. Softee truck.

But that's all in the past and if I ever wanted to attain my dream, I realized I had better overcome my deep dislike of monkeys. I would repeat over and over: "*Not all monkeys are bad monkeys.*"

I worked in the Cure Division, which was across the hall from the Plague Division, where they'd create the new diseases for us to combat.

We were all assigned a lab monkey. My monkey's name was Mr. Aims. He was called that, I guess, because he'd point and then urinate in that direction. But sometimes he'd fool you and point in one direction then suddenly turn and urinate in a different direction. His other stunt was — and this was the one that got him in trouble — he'd reach into the back of his diaper and take out a handful of you-know-what and throw it at the neck of whoever wasn't looking.



Now, having been partially raised by monkeys, I learned that when a monkey throws its feces at your neck, it's saying one of two things: "Let's play tag and you're it!" or, "I don't respect you." Actually, there is a third, "Happy Birthday," but I don't think that applies here.

He got me a couple of times, but when he hit Dr. Charmers, who was the head of the whole Plague Division, with a handful, I thought to myself, "Oops, bad career move, Mr. Aims."

And sure enough, Dr. Charmers was pretty cheesed off and ordered me to inject Mr. Aims with every epidemic, virus and disease we had on hand. And we had a lot. There was Fat Tongue, Loopy Eye, Numb Hand, Lazy Mouth, the Vertical Vomits, Stuttering Eyelids, the Jimmy Shakes, Garnotica's Palsy, the Rapid Twirlies, and a bunch more that didn't have names yet.

One of the first things you learn if you ever want to be a success in science is always do what your supervisor tells you. So I went to the Plague Division and got petri dish samples of every sickness they had and returned to my station. But then I thought, "Wait, is this right? Is this good science? Is this monkey being punished for doing what is, after all, the monkey way of life?"

As I slowly deliberated on this ethical dilemma, I failed to notice Mr. Aims take out another handful of you-know-what, dip it into all the different diseases, and fling it across the lab, again hitting Dr. Charmers, this time on the side of the head.

Dr. Charmers blamed the entire mess on me. He was pretty upset and it looked like he was going to fire me on the spot, and



probably would have but for all the raging bacteria invading his system so rapidly. In less than a minute he became a twitching, vomiting, numb-handed, drooling, cock-eyed, fat-tongued man. The good news is, in trying (but ultimately failing) to help Dr. Charmers get better, we discovered a cure for hiccups.

Looking back, I realize that if Mr. Aims hadn't dipped his you-know-what in all those diseases before throwing it, I would have lost my job that day. And twice since then, through similar behavior, he has probably helped me get important promotions. I'm now the Assistant Director of the whole Plague Division, and I have finally made my peace with all monkeys. They have taught me an important lesson: yes, there are bad monkeys and good monkeys, but also unique monkeys that can be helpful career partners.

I have to go now because the new director, who was just appointed, is going to be inspecting the labs today.

I'm sure he's going to want to meet Mr. Aims. My special number two man.

— Dr. Barry Coleman, age 35



A GRAVE KNOTS MOVEMENT DEPT.

We're not sure what to think about the Tea Party Movement. On the surface, they're loud, profanity-driven, and have a questionable grasp of history. But on the other hand, there are the very same things we love about our favorite politicians. Michael Moore is the only one who doesn't really matter what we think — it's much more interesting what THEY think. Which is why we're so eager to explain...

Tea Party LOGIC

Teabaggers fear that America is becoming an oppressive, totalitarian government...



...and are in favor of Arizona forcing people to show their papers, just like in an oppressive, totalitarian government!

Teabaggers condemn fiscal irresponsibility...



...then shell out \$100,000 to a speaker who needs to write cash notes on the hand...

Teabaggers compare their cause to the Civil Rights movement...



...and then display the same kind of racist, hostile image towards that made the Civil Rights movement necessary!

Teabaggers exercise their rights of free speech, lawful assembly and to bear arms...



...all while holding a rally about how their rights are being 'taken away'!

Teabaggers complain that they're being unfairly characterized and misrepresented...



...as they hold up protest signs that show Obama as Hitler, the Joker, or Hitler...

Teabaggers laugh the Health Care Insurance Reform bill to protect the elderly from the imaginary threat of "death panels"...



...insuring them exposed to the very real threat of death from not having health care insurance!

Teabaggers defend the free speech of people who regularly hold up drunkenness, hatred, and belittlement signs at their rallies...



...then indignantly demand an apology for a military critical panel from a Marine Captain America comic book!

Teabaggers deny government rules and regulations that interfere with America's businesses, but also keep screaming about how the banks screwed us...



...which happened because there wasn't enough government rules and regulations!

Teabaggers usually dismiss the 9,500,000 scientific reports about Obama being born in Kenya! That's an awfully low...



...but an uncorroborated, unsubstantiated blog posting about Obama being born in Kenya! That's an awfully low...

WRITER: BARRY JEREMIAN | ARTIST: PAUL COOPER

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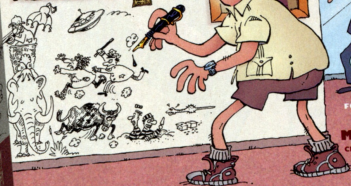


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Any book published usually goes through several drafts and revisions before making it to the bookstore. When someone like George W. Bush writes a book, you KNOW there are going to be drafts and revisions! (Censoring for spelling and grammar seems probably book number) But only that, not if it's

Bush writes with the same eye for detail, accuracy, truth and transparency that he brought to his eight years in Washington, some of the material may be deemed "too sensitive" and have to be removed for matters of national security (read: embarrassing to Bush). It's the sort of stuff we present here on...

DELETED PASSAGES FROM GEORGE W. BUSH'S NEW BOOK

As the 300 guests at the Royal Dinner in Buckingham Palace raised their glasses, I stood and began to speak. "Your Highness, on behalf of the American people, I am honored to present you with my new nickname for you — Queen Slappy Cheeks."

So Dick Cheney explained to me how we could start a war just so we could funnel billions of dollars in no-bid contracts to his company, Halliburton, and realize obscene, windfall profits off the increased stock price. I said to him, "Dick, are the Press and American people going to stand for something like that?" And he just laughed and laughed and laughed, and pretty soon, I was laughing, too...

As I walked out of the Kremlin, I held my head high; for now, Vladimir Putin knew, without question, what my 20 favorite SpongeBob episodes were. And that list was NON-negotiable.

Sure, I had signed off on the executions of more prisoners than any other Governor in modern times (150 or so — I forget the exact number), but this one was different. I was up half the night, tooting and turning, reviewing the pros and cons over and over. A fevered sweat covered me as I plumbied my soul for an answer. I turned to the Lord, and then I was calmed, knowing the right thing to do. The next day, that Thanksgiving turkey was pardoned!

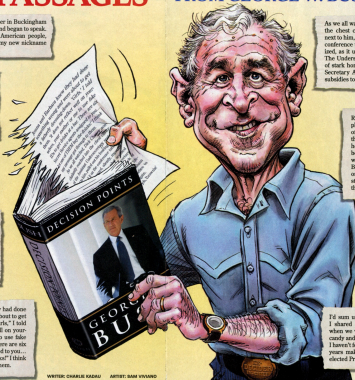
Jenna and Barbara knew they had done something wrong and were about to get a fatberly dressing-down. "Girls," I told them, "it does not reflect well on yourselves, your mother or me to use false IDs to get drinks at a bar. There are six Secret Service agents assigned to you... let one of THEM buy the drinks!" I think my message got through to them.

As we all watched, Dick Cheney nonchalantly reached into the chest cavity of the Assistant Undersecretary seated next to him, pulled out his beating heart and placed it on the conference table in front of us. We gasped, silently, remembering, as it unfolded for what seemed like a solid minute. The Undersecretary had slumped over in his chair, a look of stark horror forever frozen on his bleached face. Energy Secretary Abraham never brought up the idea of cutting subsidies to the petroleum industry ever again.

Right after the "Hock of a job, Brownie" photo up and the TV cameras were turned off, I took a look around, and realized that the whole barricade-struck region was a hellhole. I felt I was going to be remembered as the President who did nothing while Americans suffered. But in 2010, the BP Gulf of Mexico oil disaster made everyone forget Katrina ever happened. What a stroke of good luck for me! It's true when they say God works in mysterious ways.

I saw the way President Obama responded to the Gulf Oil spill and he got it all wrong, you know? MY first response would have been an invasion of oil-rich Venezuela — I'm sure there'd be some way we could pin the blame on Hugo Chavez...

I'd sum up my Presidency with these words I shared with my brother: "Jeb, remember when we were kids and you used to steal my candy and switch on me to mom and dad? Well I haven't forgotten. I've just spent the last eight years making sure no Bush would ever get elected President again. You've been punk'd!"



WRITER: CHARLIE KADRU ARTIST: SAN YOUNG

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FROM
Harry Potter
AND THE
DEATHLY
HALLOWS



JOKE AND DANGER DEPT.

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WRITER AND ARTIST: PETER KUPER

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IROS
INTERNATIONAL ROOMS
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Discotheque Factory
Quality Room

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LADY RAMPAGE

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THE BRONZE MONGOOSE

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Buy One, Get One Free

Carvel

Offer placed by the concrete heads of confections without being their franchisees — who are seeing the coupons for the first time when you attempt to pay, and subsequently have absolutely no idea how to process them.

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Buy One, Get One Free

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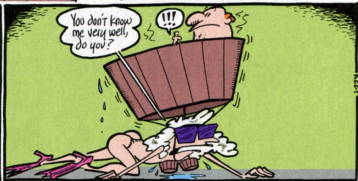
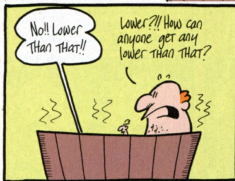
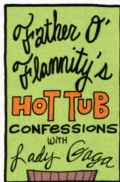
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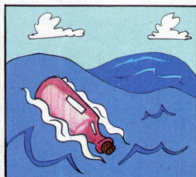
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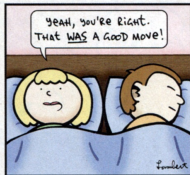
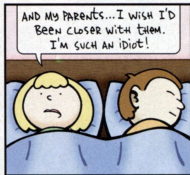
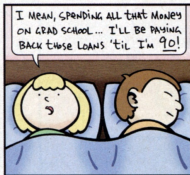
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GOT YOUR NOSE



JACOB LAMBERT

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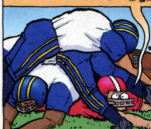


WE SHOULD HANG OUT MORE OFTEN!



JASON YUNGBLUTH

IT ONLY HURTS WHEN I LAUGH



HEY, I WANNA SIGN UP FOR FOOTBALL! I'M READY TO START HITTING THINGS!



FOOTBALL'S MORE THAN JUST HITTING THINGS YOU KNOW.

IT REQUIRES FINESSE... DEXTERITY!

NO IT DOESN'T.

YOU GOTTA BE BUILT LIKE A BRICK WALL, BUT YOU **ALSO** GOTTA SOAR LIKE AN EAGLE.



SCREW YOUR EAGLE, MAN. AN OFFENSIVE TACKLER JUST NEEDS TO HIT.



THEN **YOU** TELL ME WHAT ELSE THERE IS.



WHAT IS FOOTBALL WITHOUT POETRY, FOR INSTANCE?

THE QUARTERBACK WILL MAKE THE THROW, UP THROUGH THE BLUE THE BALL DOES GO, OR ON FOURTH DOWN UPON THE TOE, HE LETS-



THANKS FOR COVERING BOTH OUR TABLES WHILE I GOT A SODA, RICHIE.

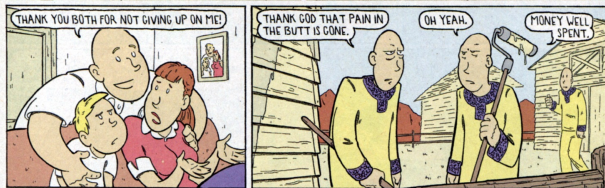
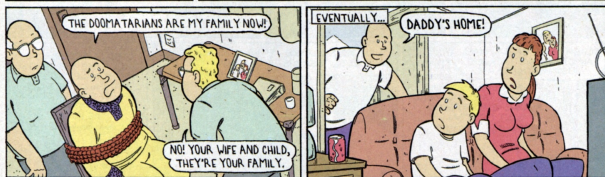
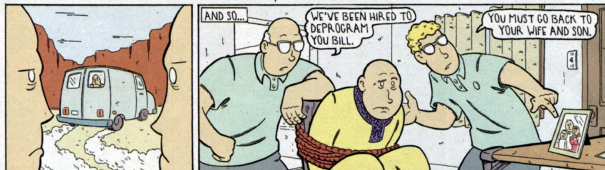


I THINK... I GOT... YOU A... NEW RECRUIT...



CHRISTOPHER BALDWIN

JUST BELOW THE SURFACE



Introduced in 2004, *World of Warcraft* has become the most successful MMORPG ever. Set in a world of hot flowing lava, ancient evils, mythical creatures and endless bloody conflicts, to the casual observer WoW may seem like nothing more than a cheesy attempt to exploit the empty lives of downtrodden individuals by catering to their blood-lust fantasies at a fee of \$15 per month. But it's more – much, much more. And if you give us enough time, we'll figure out what that "more" is and get back to you. In the meantime, if you've ever wondered what 12 million-plus people are doing every night on their computers besides looking at porn, here's...

MAD'S HANDY QUICK PRIMER TO OF WORLD WARCRAFT™

WoW: THE BACKSTORY!

Ten thousand years before the First War between the orcs and the humans, the world of Azeroth was sundered, and a storm raged where the Well of Eternity once stood. The various races each pursued their own destinies in this perilous new realm. A great battle erupted to determine which sect would control the supply of unobtainium, and many Na'vi perished. Plankton failed in his quest to claim the recipe for the Krusty Krab burger. Hamlet avenged the murder of his father, but would not live to see the new era. Kelly Monaco claimed the crown with her natural grace, but was soon unseated by the ruthless Drew Lachey. Traversing distant lands, Edward and Bella were captured by the Volturi. Woody and Buzz nearly perished in the Great Furnace, and were only rescued through an uneasy alliance with the squeaky green aliens.



FUN FACT!

"MMORPG" STANDS FOR MASSIVE MULTI-PLAYER ONLINE ROLE PLAYING GAME. COINCIDENTALLY, IT'S ALSO THE SOUND A PLAYER MAKES WHILE EXTRACTING THEIR ASS FROM THEIR CHAIR, AFTER PLAYING FOR SEVEN HOURS STRAIGHT.

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA

CREATING YOUR CHARACTER!

With 10 types of Races, 10 different Classes, and 11 Primary Professions, there are over a thousand possibilities for your own unique character! Just try not to think about the existing 12 million subscribers out there, meaning that no matter how long you play or what you decide, there are already more than 12,000 duplicates of your "unique" character in the game. All with more experience than you.

FUN FACT!

Each character receives 1000 XP to customise their character. That's 1000 XP for each character. As you can see, there are a lot of unique characters in the game.



GAME PLAY!

The WoW experience is designed to be a true-to-life, intricate communal model with all the subtle nuances of a genuine working civilization, providing limitless avenues for your character to interact with the social strata, based entirely on your character's goals and choices. So think carefully: do you prefer picking people, or stabbing them?

FUN FACT!

Wow allows you to create your own character. You can choose from 10 different races and 10 different classes. You can also choose from 11 different professions. This means there are a lot of unique characters in the game.



FOLLOWING THE ACTION!

Everything you need to know is right on your screen! As any given time, you'll see text describing your character's position and actions, information about all stationary and mobile objects in the immediate vicinity, an on-screen threat meter, more maps with possible flight paths, a community-synthesized status bar, damage reports and attack results, quest logs, score for each of the items in your inventory and also for unlearned quest items, your totals of gold and mana, an on-screen auction which tracks prices for items you wish to sell or purchase, text messages from other characters, server statistics listing character's arrival and departures, as well as other advanced options.

Once you get the hang of game play, keeping an eye on this all-important information will become second nature!



You have joined the Bloodsight Guild!



JOINING A GUILD!

There's nothing like the personal satisfaction of being a valued part of a unified team. That way, you can hang back as your teammates rush into one of those impossible dragon-killing feuds, and let those other pseudonymous meekies absorb 95% of the damage! But every guild is different, so don't be afraid to try several of them out. You may not be satisfied with your first guild, or your second, or your tenth, but you can move on. It will take time, perhaps years, but just keep looking until you find the perfect match for you. Did we mention the \$10 monthly fee?

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SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE

After playing for two days, it's time to position yourself as expert to making our more powerful advice video and posting it on YouTube! Here's some tips to make your video the best one!

- Label your video "WORLD RECORD!!!" so make it stand out from the other 480,000 videos labelled "World Record".
- Always sound authoritative, even when you're offering insignificantly useless advice.
- Be sure to add a pounding hard rock song blasting in the background for the duration of your video. (To decide on the music, take a look at several hundred of the other videos, and then choose one of the five songs they all use.)
- Remember: if your video gets watched enough, you will have achieved the one thing every World of Warcraft player dreams of doing: being in new players' eyes every inept and clueless than yourself, so you can kill them.



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HOW "WORLD OF WARCRAFT" IS JUST LIKE BEING A BLOOD OR A CRIP

- EVERYBODY GETS A HICKAMIE.
- PLAYERS SPEND ALL THEIR TIME EITHER HANGING AROUND OR HUNTING.
- SLAININGS ARE CONSIDERED.
- BODY ARMOR OFFERS ONLY PARTIAL PROTECTION.
- YOU NEED TO JOIN A GUILD TO STAY ALIVE.
- A PLAYER'S STATUS IS DETERMINED BY HOW MUCH BLOOD THEY'VE GOT.
- MEMBERS ARE INCARCERATED INSIDE THEIR ROOMS/CELLS, DURING WHICH TIME THEY MUST REPETITIVE TALK.



BONUS FEATURE!

A LOOK AT THE NEWEST EDITION...



Everyone's talking about the newest, hottest, most sizzling destination in the world of video games. Unfortunately, it's *StarCraft II: Wings of Liberty*. Meanwhile, this is just another place with lava.

With the release of *World of Warcraft: Cataclysm*, the vistas of this amazing world open up at least another 1% or 2%. An update of this magnitude hasn't been seen since they stuck eyelashes and a hair ribbon on Pac-Man and called it a brand new game.



FEATURES OF WORLD OF WARCRAFT: CATAclysm!

- ★ Blizzard Entertainment game developers spent 5 years and \$3 million getting Kalimdor to look like a rock.
- ★ The Sunken City of Vash'jir has a surprisingly good school system.
- ★ Gamers can now play as goblins or werewolves — but WoW's limited graphics technology makes most players end up looking like Snooki or Russell Brand, respectively.
- ★ New in-game ballot initiative gives players a chance to sign a petition to change the name of Shadowfang Keep to "Happydale Glen."

HOT NEW GEAR!

There are only so many eldritch scrolls and enchanted elixirs you can buy before you feel like just another Glenn Beck viewer who's realized that hoarding gold is ultimately meaningless. Luckily, there are snazzy NEW items in the game to buy, which are limited only by how many of them there are!

- ★ A special three-handed axe. You'll never be able to use it!
- ★ A LeBron James Miami Heat jersey
- ★ Mystically unspoilable mayonnaise
- ★ Those crazy birthday candles that keep re-igniting
- ★ Extra apostrophes to make ordinary words seem more ex'otic
- ★ The chattering teeth — always funny!



THE MAD VAULT

1978



One Night in the City

Writer: Al Jaffee Artist: Jack Davis MAD 189



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Saturday Night Feeble Writer: Amie Kogen Artist: Mort Drucker MAD 201

NANCY

BLUGRAB, YOU MAY SCOOP, BUT I BELIEVE IN REINCARNATION-- THAT OUR SOULS SURVIVE, EVEN THOUGH OUR BODIES DIE.

THE BUDDHISTS AND THE HINDUS BELIEVE IN REINCARNATION-- SO DO THE ANCIENT GREEKS AND EGYPTIANS.

I HAVE COMPLETE FAITH THAT AFTER I DIE I'LL RETURN AT SOME FUTURE DATE TO LIVE ANOTHER LIFE ON EARTH.

I SURE HOPE YOU'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK!



When Those 'Old Line' Comic Strips Follow The New Wave, Cerebral 'Doonesbury' Trend

Writer: Frank Jacobs Artist: Jack Rickard MAD 200



Man...d'g that style! That great That form!

It's no contest! Not even close!

In the pocket! They won-- going away!

Is this the big dance contest?

No, it's the tryouts for the movie poster! The dance contest! start any minute!

Well, I've done it! All that's left for me now is to take a soul-searching ride on the subway, and think about where I am at and where I am going with my life!

There are a lot of questions to be answered... like why I'm so inarticulate... and why I resent my parents... and why the volume on this Bee Gees soundtrack song is louder than the rumble of the subway... and it's a soft ballad, yet!

The answer is clear! If I'm ever gonna get away from my old gang, and Brooklyn, I gotta hurry to that one girl... the girl that's the key to my whole future...

OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN!

"Cause if 'Grease' turns out to be a blockbuster, too, I can dump 'Kotter' and TV forever!





Dead Lobster

For the Sea Crude Lover In You

Surf's up on new catastrophic seafood creations!



**Come Celebrate Our
Gulf Coast Disaster Deals!**

America's favorite greasy, discount seafood restaurant just got a little greasier, and a whole lot cheaper! How can we bring you these irresistible entrées at such a low cost? It's all thanks to BP — Bargain Pricing! At Dead Lobster, our seafood is so plentiful, it's literally washing up on shore! Hurry in today! It's gonna be a BLOWOUT!



**New Orleans Blackened
Seafood Jumble-aya!**

A Creole-inspired blend of scallops, crab, sea turtle, and whatever else might be in there. Sautéed in the same oil they were dripping in when we caught them!

**Only
\$12.99!**



Battered & Bruised Shrimp

Get this home-style dish while you still can! Because, Gulf shrimp this big and non-deformed won't be around much longer. Served with garlic potatoes as thoroughly smashed as the surrounding wetlands!

**Only
\$8.99!**



Grilled Blackfin Tuna

Formerly Bluefin Tuna, this succulent dish will have you shouting "Grill, Baby, Grill!" The irresistible flavor explodes in your mouth like an oil rig that lacked any government oversight! Try pairing it with our new, refreshing Texas Tea!

**Only
\$9.99!**

**Try these
Signature Sides!**

Plum'n' Onion.....\$5.99
Jalapeno Tar Balls.....\$2.25
Potato Leak Soup.....\$1.99

All entrées come with a wilted marsh grass salad covered in oil and vinegar and MORE oil!

A MAD AD PARODY

WRITER: ANDY ROSS

PHOTOGRAPHY:
IRVING SCHILD

You won't find better seafood! Seriously, you won't...it's all dead.

**WHAT AMERICAN
ENTERPRISE IS
STILL WIDELY
REGARDED AS
TOO BIG TO FAIL?**

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

Our economic movers and shakers are falling behind. The rumpus in the business world has put millions in arrears. But there remains one prominent body which has continued to maintain its powerful backing. To find out exactly what it is, just fold the page as shown.



FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

FOLD PAGE OVER LEFT

FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"



**KISS HAPPINESS GOODBYE. WE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM
KILLER PROBLEMS. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE REWARD-
ING THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO INSTEAD OF BASH-
ING OUR BRAINS WORRYING. EVERY MAN AND WOMAN'S
JOB IS THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS, NOT MISERY.
BUT IN THE END, NO MATTER WHAT, WE WILL ALL BE HIT**



WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

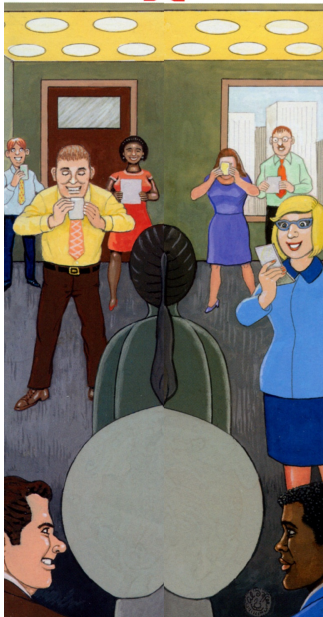


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TOGETHER WE ARE **INVINCIBLE**



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Yo Ho Ho, It's a Pirate's Life For Me

