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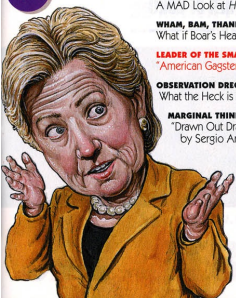
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A SIGHT FOR BORED EYES

I've been a MAD reader for about two years now and I just noticed the "What the Heck is the Difference?" section and thought to myself no one has commented on it yet, so I am here to say thanks for adding that extra hour of purposeless searching to my day!

Andrew Barsky, Palm Harbor, FL

Belly Up To The Barsky — We started "What the Heck is the Difference" way back in MAD #479 and you "just" noticed it?!? We appreciate the compliment, but we're going to go out on a limb and say maybe "observation" isn't your strong suit! —Ed.



A SWITCH IN TIME

While I was reading issue #483 two months ago during an indoor recess my student volunteer named Chris Connor took it and started reading it. He gave it to me at the end of recess and I asked him why did you take it? He didn't say anything and just walked away. The next month I brought in issue #484 and this time not only did he take it, he took it during math class. I mean how bad does he want to read MAD? I just got issue #485, should I bring it or not?

Eric Ruskoff, Ontario, Canada

Rusky Business — We have the perfect solution! Next time, just bring in the front cover of the new issue — but first, stick a copy of *Playboy* inside of it. Then after Chris makes his move, report him to the principal! Sure it won't win you any friends, but you won't be losing any more MADs! Just remember, any problem you ever have in life can be easily solved with pornography! —Ed.

FROWN FOR THE COUNT

I just read the January 2008 issue and was pleased as always. As I was reading the MAD 20 Dumbest People, Events, and Things of 2007, I noticed there should have been 22! You forgot to mention all the Idiots who write MAD magazine and the ones who subscribe, like me!

Donald Goodlin, Sacramento, CA

Don Baby Don — We're going to tell you something we're sure people have been telling you your entire life — you don't count! Thanks for writing and Happy New Year! —Ed.

WHAT THE DUCK?

I have a quick question. After being a reader of MAD Magazine for many years, I need to know what exactly is a Duck Edwing?

Stephen Curtis, Chapin, SC

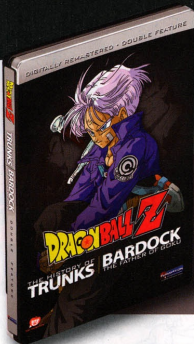
Don't Stop Be-Stephen — There are two answers to your question. The first is that Duck Edwing is a famous Chinese entrée in which you mix duck with snow peas, bok choy, hoisin sauce and Hamburger Helper. The other, less popular answer is that it is long-time MAD artist and writer Don "Duck" Edwing. Regardless, both cause severe nausea! —Ed.

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The Big Easel

I just thought that everyone at MAD would like to see my masterpiece. A six-foot-tall Alfred E. Neuman dancing robot made completely of free post office boxes and look what it's holding! Please print this in your magazine because after I managed to snap this picture, my brother tackled it, causing all of the crappy boxes to crush. Now I have no more cool Alfred E. Neuman dancing robot and the only thing that would make me feel better would be to see it immortalized forever in your magazine.

Erik Scheffer, East Meadow, NY

Top Scheffer — That's the trouble with dancing robots — they're just no damn good in a fight! Now, if your brother had challenged him to a game of *Dance Dance Revolution*, the robot would have been victorious and you two could be slow dancing right now (don't pretend you built him for any reason other than that)! Instead, you're left picking up the corrugated corpse of your fallen comrade. Let this be a lesson to you and all other would-be inventors — unless you're making a *killing* robot, it's just not worth your time! —Ed.



A PAIN IN THE CLASS

I love your magazine and I own a bunch of your issues. I guess you could say I have issues! But in high school, my issues of MAD are being shunned by my English teacher! Every Wednesday, we read an editorial article from the newspaper and write about it. Afterwards, we have to read the rest of the paper until the bell rings. Lately I have been bringing my good ol' MAD magazines and reading them instead, which my English teacher hates. What for? The Fundalini Pages are informational. So I made an agreement with my teacher: if I get this letter in MAD, then I can read MAD every Wednesday for the rest of the year! Please get me in there for, well, me!

Bo Lotti, Belmont, CA

Bo Better Blues — When we got your letter, our first impulse was to hold it and print it in our July issue — that way no one would win! Then we thought better of it, and said what the fudge — why not make Bo's high school hell a little easier? Don't brag about this too much — your teacher still has the power to flunk you! —Ed.



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Laura Gilbert, London, England

Natural Born Gilbert — If your search for Prince Charming starts by looking to MAD readers, you're in for a lot of disappointment. MAD readers tend to be posy, awkward and gawky — and if that's your type, it's hard to believe that you're having a hard time finding that in jolly of England! —Ed.

READER ALERT

Those lucky enough to have their missives printed on this month's Letters Page will receive *Family Guy: Blue Harvest* on DVD courtesy of our friends at Fox Home Video. For those not lucky enough, you don't have to go to a galaxy far, far away, it's on sale now!

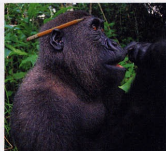


E. ROBOT

Not to be outdone by Erik Scheffer, Tommy Thelen of Sioux City, IA sent in his own dancing Alfred robot. We were absolutely amazed that in one month we received TWO dancing Alfred robot depictions! Will this be the hot new fad of 2008? The trendsetters and tastemakers all agree — no, it won't! However, we invite all readers to send in their own rendition of the dancing Alfred robot — we'll print the best ones in an upcoming issue! Send it via e-mail (letters@madmagazine.com) or via snail mail to: Amy "The Big Robot" c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.



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While David Wells never tested positive for steroids, he frequently had abnormally high levels of glazed ham in his system.

That flurry of taps and kisses Sammy Sosa would flash after every home run was actually his method of placing steroid orders with his dealer.

It may be nothing, but the San Diego Chicken started his career as the San Diego Cornish Game Hen.

The reason for Roger Clemens' corpulent appearance in recent years is that he would frequently eat key witnesses in the steroid case against him.



Don't be fooled by those midges that swarmed all over Yankee players during their playoff series with Cleveland this year — their bites were actually a clever and sophisticated method of steroid injection.

Mitchell actually recommends that people take drugs if they're planning to slog through Ken Burns' 18-hour *Baseball* documentary.



Oddly, Mr. Met's giant head is not due to excessive use of Human Growth Hormone. Go figure!

Remember that Cubs fan who interfered with a foul ball and cost his team a shot at the World Series? Even *he* was on steroids.

The Mets' historic collapse at the end of last season had nothing to do with steroids — the players just lost focus once *Gossip Girl* debuted on The CW.

Mark McGwire's nads shrank so much, they were invisible to the naked eye.

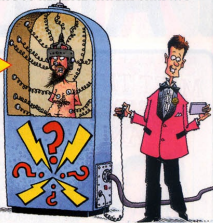
Pete Rose tried to bet Senator Mitchell on who would be named in the report.



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THE YECCH-MEH DEPT.

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ZEROES

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ABSTRACT: This study investigated the

Gender divides itself into two paths. For some, fate dictates that they take action. And yet others are chosen to go on and on and on, babbling and babbling, always trying to sound deep and philosophical while actually accomplishing nothing of substance and boring the pants off everyone around them. Guess which side of the coin landed "heads" for me.

I am Longwindy Smersh, and while continuing my father's research, I traveled to India to learn his secrets and acquire his database. Yes, even superheroes have been outfoxed! My father spent his life tracking a bunch of confused, abnormal mutants and corraling them all into one master computer file. It was the original MySpace.

No one knows where these abilities come from. Some believe that they are a gift from God. Others think they're the cutting edge of evolution. For me, I think it's just a reaction to bad claims.

Natsu Deekaraman's power is incredible. He can take a single second of time and make it seem like 12 hours. It's a rare gift shared only by the contestants on *Game Comic Standing!*

Nabob Portwelly is an ambitious, steaks wife dumped his family. Then he tried to exploit a ghastly attack in downtown Manhattan to reinvent his career and consolidate his political power. An unimaginably absurd scenario that gives him a really clever cover and an ambitious third wife, one he could be Presidential timber!

Nabuto's brother, Putter, isn't nearly as fluffy, but he's tough. He's plunged off a roof and died, gotten a fatal chunk of glass impaled in his skull, and was at the epicenter of a nuclear explosion. And all he got was a nasty headache. But when he's bothering him, he roars and snarls like a sensitive little bitch. That's what scores for character nuance around here.

Sickl and her husband B.S. had a mild marriage. He walks through walls, and she talks to them! Periodically, Sickl lapses into a dual personality who shoots, stabs, strangles or destroys everything in her path. Kind of like Whitney Spears.

Fatt Porkman is a mind reader, but a lousy cop. The only part of police work that he's mastered are the disout man! But he's overcome his very limitations! Perhaps his great achievement was making his cheating pregnant wife from Season One vanish without a trace in Season Two. Hey, not every subplot is a winner.

I'm always able to tell what someone is thinking. Except for the time I tried to get inside Paula Abdul's brain. I kept getting a "404 Error" message!

This is Stacey Bennett, who has the power of spontaneous regeneration. Simply put, she can recover from any injury. So they can kick the ever-loving crap out of her, wait for her to heal, and then kick her ass some more. On the plus side, she's a conservative's dream girl. She can lose her virginity over and over again.

After adopting Stars, I deliberately hid my daughter's true past from her, fired my family's nervous systems to cover my tracks, and bailed on my original plan to turn her over to The Company for medical experimentation. I guess I should probably give this book

Before, you were evil. But now you're good. Just like a
no weather, but not quite as emotionally rich! Now that
we're working together, you've told me all the sneaky
ways that The Company treats its own employees. No one
can escape their sights. But the fear of us will protect
little Moppet here. Hmmm, I just had a thought. If you
maybe I should rethink keeping The Company's #1
kidnapping target as a guest right here in my apartment?
Or at the very least, get a second look. For the don't

You're not the only one who's a strategic wizard. Knowing that the Company would search the four corners of the world to find me, I hid from them. At my house in Haiti. Shrewd, huh?

This incredibly cheap plot device is the Hatties, who can enter people's memories and selectively erase them. Recently, he was near death. He almost killed himself trying to make 14 million viewers forget that tragic Season One finale!

Our first adventure was about a mysterious stranger trying to kill all the heroes. Our second was about a mysterious stranger trying to kill all the heroes' parents. At this rate, next season we'll be gunning for the grandfolds! Now, Moppet is helping us search for a mysterious stranger known only as the Bad Guy!

What is it, Moppet? What do you see?

There are more like us out there. *Reaper!* *Chuck!* *Pushing Daisies* and *Journeymen!* When viewers get overloaded with Xeroxed copycat shows, we could ALL be dead meat!



My friend can travel through time! He can freeze the motion of the Earth! Most impressively, he has the power to make captions float in the air. Kind of like any TV ad for prescription medication!

Well, that would explain the constipated face!

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しなさい!

I'd better call my doctor! I'm experiencing an erection lasting more than four centuries!



Is Mr. Mutto a good boy? Does him wuv his mommy? Yes, he does! Mr. Mutto is a little darling cupcake, that's what Mr. Mutto is!

Sometimes I think Mom loves that stupid dog more than her own family.

SOMETimes? Mr. Mutto is the only dog in America who doesn't have to lick himself!



Mom, Dad, I'm starting to suspect that something's not normal about this family.

Nonsense, dear. It's your imagination, running wild.

Now, take your allowance in gold kruggerands from our black ops budget, and treat yourself to a movie. Go alone, speak to no one!



The Bad Guy had better not mess with me. I can move things with my mind. I have super-strength. I can manipulate radiation. The only thing I can't do is fix these funky eyebrows!



I see the Bad Guy! But I can't use my power to track him. Not yet!

Why not?

Pretty much the same reason Neato Geekarama doesn't just freeze the bad guys and bonk them in the head. And the same reason it takes everyone time to "learn" how to control their powers. And the same reason why all the parents leave cryptic hints that almost get their kids killed, instead of just telling them what the hell's going on. We've got a 23-episode commitment to pad here, schmuck!



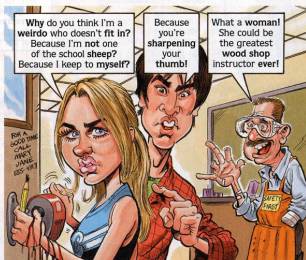
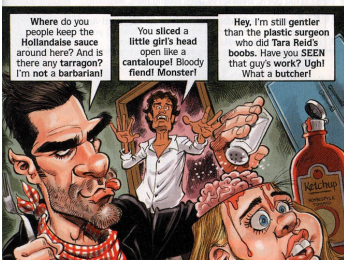
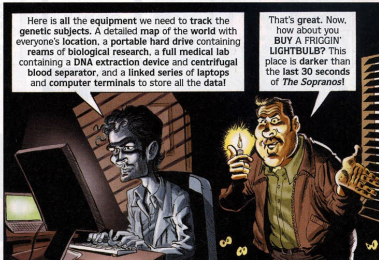
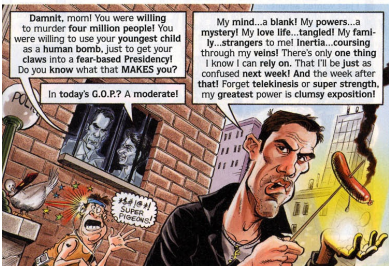
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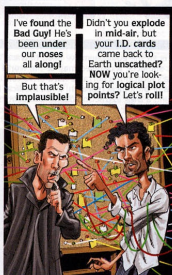
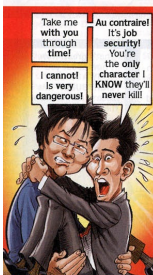
Thank you, Mocha. It's beautiful! I love you so much!

Now, what about drawing something for ME, you selfish little brat?

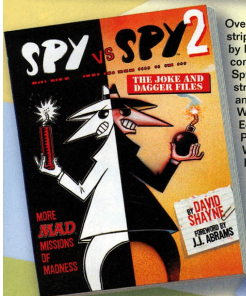
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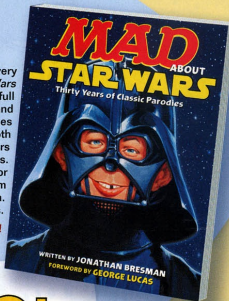


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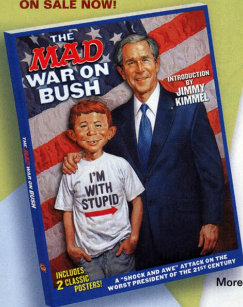


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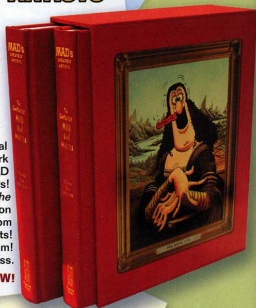
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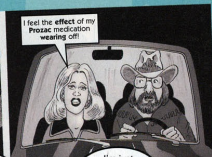


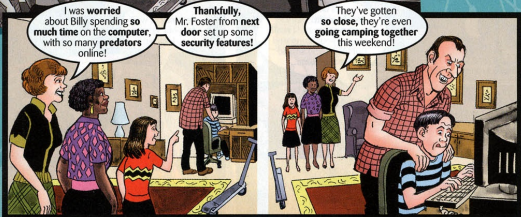
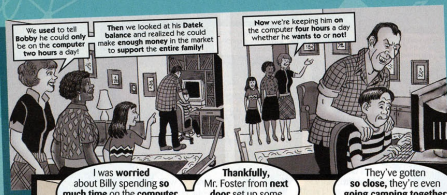
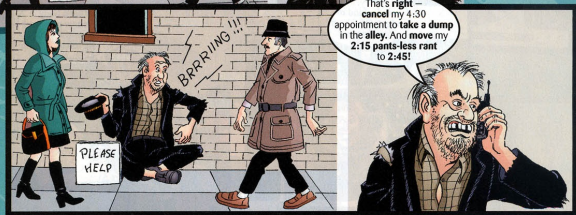
THE DARKER SIDE OF THE LIGHTER SIDE



We tamper with classic Dave Berg strips, even though nobody asked us to — especially not Dave!







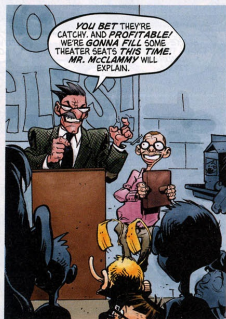
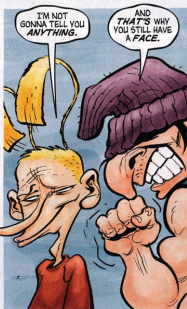


Sounds a little
off key, but...

MONROE

and...

High School Musical





OPENING NIGHT...

GREAT NEWS!
I DID IT!

YOU
GOT A NEW
LEAD?

NOPE.
BETTER. I GOT
THE SHOW SHUT
DOWN!

HUH?

THAT'S
FIXING IT?
WE NEEDED A
HIT?

WHAT
HAPPENED?

FORGET
TO CROSS A "T"
AND THE DISNEY
LAWYERS PULL
THE PLUG LIKE
THAT.

AWESOME!
WE DON'T HAVE TO
DO THIS LAME
PLAY.

BUT THE
AUDIENCE IS STILL
OUT THERE WAITING.
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE
TO BE HEARD! THOSE
PEOPLE OUT THERE
WANT HIGH SCHOOL
MUSICAL!

THEY'RE
IDIOTS.



THEY'RE NOT
IDIOTS. THEY'RE FANS!
AND YOU OWE THEM!
IF HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
TAUGHT US ALL
ANYTHING, IT'S THAT
THE SHOW MUST
GO ON!



FOR ONCE
IN YOUR LIFE,
DON'T SCREW
THIS UP!

SING,
YOU IDIOT!

GULP...
uh...

THIS COULD
BE THE START
OF SOMETHING
NEW

IT FEELS
SO RIGHT
TO BE HERE WITH
YOOOOO-OOO-
OOOOOOOOO-
WUWUWU!!

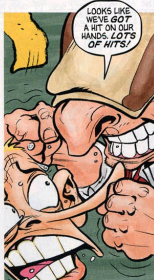
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AMERICA'S FAVORITE
SOUNDTRACK!!
GET HIM!!



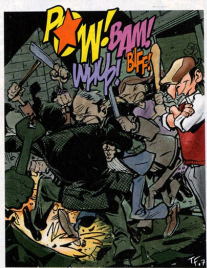
WAIT!
I THOUGHT THIS
SHOW WAS SUPPOSED
TO HAVE A HAPPY
ENDING.

THIS WORKS
FOR ME,
EVERYONE?

YEAH!



LOOKS LIKE
WE'VE GOT
A HIT ON OUR
HANDS. LOTS
OF HITS!

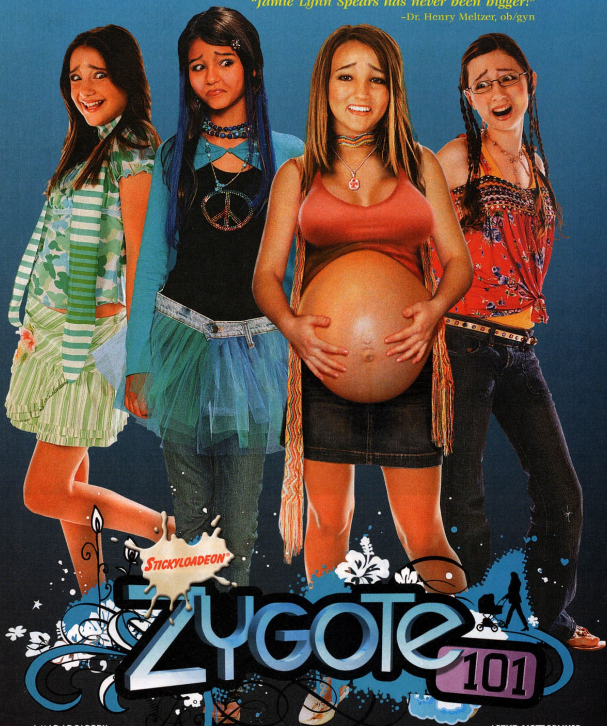


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Planet TAD!!!!



About Me

(Name) TAD
(Age) Older than Hannah, younger than Montana
(Least Favorite Color) Gangrene

[3 February 01:27pm]

(mood) confused

Last night, my little sister Sophie was watching *Lady and the Tramp*, and I watched a little of it with her. It got to the scene where the Tramp takes Lady to the restaurant, and the owner brings them the plate of spaghetti and meatballs, and sings a song on the accordion for them, and I started to wonder: What's the chef's story? How do you wind up running a restaurant that serves pasta to dogs? Is that his whole business? Or does he only do it as a sideline? Do the dogs pay him somehow? How does he stay in business? Is he mentally ill? And what about the other kitchen workers? Are they just humoring him? The dog stuff is nice — what with the nose-pushing of the meatball and everything — but it seems to me like there's a far more interesting movie going on behind them.



[3 February 08:44pm]

My dad's taking fish oil to lower his cholesterol. Whenever I see the bottle, it cracks me up, because I like to imagine it's supposed to be squirted into squeaky fish.



[4 February 04:30pm]

(mood) nervous

Today in health class, Mrs. Lewis told us that we needed to learn about what it would be like to be a parent. So she paired us off and gave every pair an egg to take care of, like it's a baby and we're its parents. Until Friday, one of us has to keep it with us at all times, and if it breaks, we get an "F" for the project. I got paired with Laurie Watson, who's the yearbook editor and co-captain of the field hockey team. It could've been worse — Chuck got paired up with Sam Turner, the defensive tackle for our football team. When they asked why, Mrs. Lewis said, "Families come in all different kinds. Plus, we have more boys than girls in this class."

After we got our egg, Laurie asked me what we should name the baby. She said she was thinking of maybe naming it Katherine, "but we'll call her Kate or Katie for short." I just stared at her and said, "Laurie, it's an egg." And she said, "Oh, okay. Fine. Be like that. But I'm calling it Katherine." And then she ignored me for the rest of class. I feel like our egg baby is going to have a lot of trouble at home.



Meanwhile, Chuck was fighting with Sam over their egg. Chuck wanted to name it Chuck, Jr., while Sam wanted to name it Sam, Jr. If they'd asked me, I would've suggested compromising and calling their baby Suck. It's probably a good thing they didn't ask me.

[5 February 03:57pm]

(mood) annoyed

Man. Only a day in to parenting this egg, and already, Laurie and I have had our first big fight. I took the egg home last night, because Laurie had field hockey practice, and I realized pretty quickly that it was going to be hard to keep the egg from breaking. So I had what I thought was a pretty good idea: I boiled it. I was kind of proud of myself, but when I gave it back to Laurie before homeroom, she said, "Something doesn't feel right about Katie." So I told her what I'd done, and she said, "You boiled our baby?!" so loud that everyone in the hallway turned and stared. I pointed out that at least I didn't *poach* or *scramble* our baby, but that didn't seem to make things any better.

Later, Laurie came up to me at lunch and said that she was thinking of asking Mrs. Lewis to let her have sole custody of the egg, with me only allowed supervised visits, but then she realized that that really wouldn't be much of a punishment for me, and besides, she needed me to look after the egg during her violin lessons.

[5 February 09:06pm]

Is Jabba a common name throughout the *Star Wars* universe? And does each planet have only one of them? Because it seems odd to me that you'd need to be Jabba the Hutt. It makes me wonder if he had one too many phone calls that went like:

"Hey, it's me, Jabba."
"Jabba the Ewok?"
"No, the other one."
"Jabba the Gungan?"
"No."
"Jabba the Bathan?"
"No. C'mon, man. It's me, Jabba!"
"Jabba the Hutt!"
"Oh! Jabba the HUTT! Why didn't you say?"



[6 February 05:46pm]

(mood) anxious

During health class today, Mrs. Lewis announced that, so far, four out of the 12 couples in our class have broken their egg babies. Then she said that any couple who kept their egg intact would get a bonus A for the semester, and Sam got so excited, he accidentally high-fived Chuck with his egg-holding hand and Sam, Jr. went everywhere. Chuck didn't seem too upset about it, though. He said that he and Sam had been fighting a lot about how to take care of the egg, and he was kind of glad to have that over with.

[8 February 03:41pm]

(mood) surprised

Well, today was the final day for the egg-baby experiment, and I'm really glad, because I was sick of taking care of my stupid egg. In class, when it came time for us to give our eggs back to Mrs. Lewis, Laurie and I were one of only three couples who kept their eggs intact all week long, and she said she was very proud of us. Then she leaned over her desk a little, and our egg rolled off and fell on the floor. That's when Mrs. Lewis realized ours had been boiled. I thought we were totally busted, but Laurie turned to me and said, "You see? I told you the bath was a little too warm last night." Then she told Mrs. Lewis all about how we'd given our egg baths every single night, and read it stories before tucking it in, and Mrs. Lewis was so impressed, she gave both of us A-pluses.

Laurie's some sort of evil genius.



WRITER AND ARTIST: PETER KUPER

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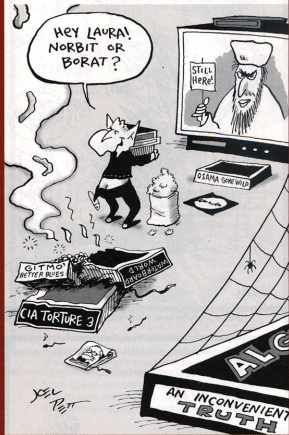


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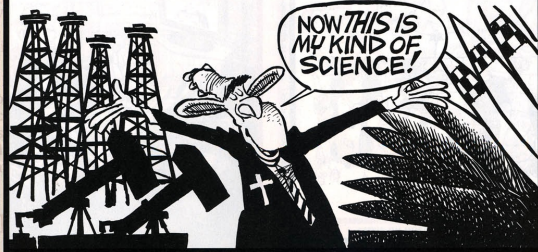
WRITER: JACOB LAMBERT

Netflix sent him *An Inconvenient Truth* a few months ago — but darn it if they haven't also kept sending other, more important movies.



ARTIST: JOEL PETT, LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER PULITZER PRIZE 2000

As a devout Christian, he's doubtful about science — except, of course, when it's in the name of oil exploration, bomb-making or using satellites to spy on Americans.



ARTIST: MIKE PETERS, DAYTON DAILY NEWS PULITZER PRIZE 1981

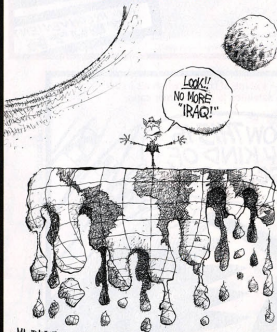
Karl Rove keeps telling him how much easier Republican wins in future elections will be without New York, Boston and San Francisco.



HIGGINS

ARTIST: JACK HIGGINS, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES PULITZER PRIZE 1989

Scientists' prediction of a total global meltdown a century from now is currently, unfortunately, his best solution for Iraq.



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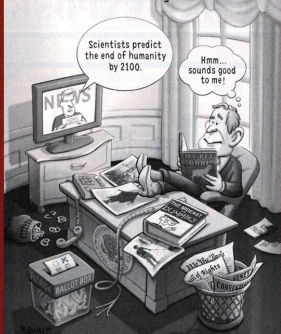
ARTIST: MATT DAVIES, JOURNAL NEWS PULITZER PRIZE 2004

When Texas eventually gets too hot for baseball, he can finally forget about the second-shoddiest leadership stint of his life.



ARTIST: DICK LOCHER, CHICAGO TRIBUNE PULITZER PRIZE 1993

His worries about how future generations will remember his presidency won't matter if there are no future generations.



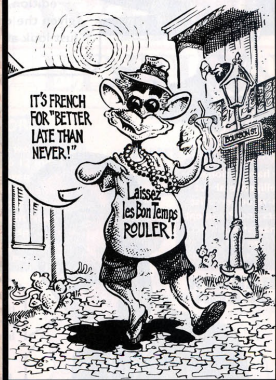
ARTIST: CLAY BENNETT, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR PULITZER PRIZE 2002

Just like that misleading, moronic, scam-filled Internet, he's always skeptical of stuff that Al Gore invented.



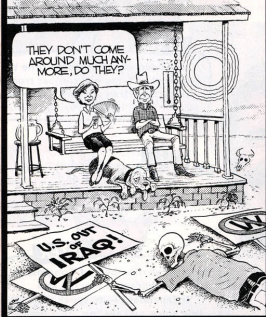
ARTIST: MICHAEL RAMIREZ, INVESTOR'S BUSINESS DAILY PULITZER PRIZE 1994

To his feeble mind, decades of hot, baking sun are just the thing to finally dry out New Orleans.



ARTIST: BEN SARGENT, AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN PULITZER PRIZE 1983

Those 130° Texas summers they're predicting should be just the thing to keep those annoying protestors off his back.



ARTIST: STEVE BREEN, SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE PULITZER PRIZE 1998

All those flabby, lumbering polar bears that activists want to save remind him just a little too much of his annoying arch-nemesis Michael Moore.



ARTIST: JIM MORIN, MIAMI HERALD PULITZER PRIZE 1996



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BEFORE

If we have actionable intelligence about high-value terrorist targets and President Musharraf won't act, we will.

August 1, 2007

BARACK OBAMA

BEFORE

One of the things we ought to be thinking about is some level of mandatory service to our country, so that everybody in America — not just the poor kids who get sent to war — are serving this country.

May, 2007

BEFORE

I don't think it's in the best interests of our troops or our country (to withdraw troops from Iraq).

2006 Take Back America Conference

AFTER

I did not say that we would immediately go in unilaterally. What I said was that we have to work with Musharraf.

August 7, 2007

HILLARY CLINTON

AFTER

I have been saying for some time that we need to bring our combat troops home from Iraq starting right now.

2007 Take Back America Conference

JOHN EDWARDS

AFTER

I call on all members of Congress — Republican, Democrat, and Independent — to speak with one voice, and say "no" to a draft.

August, 2007

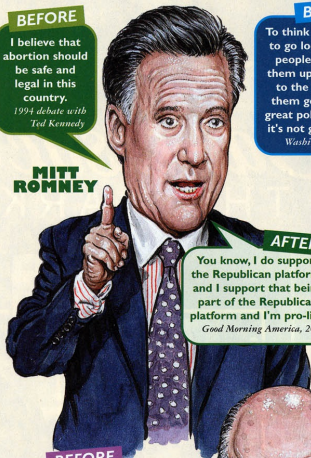
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BEFORE

I believe that abortion should be safe and legal in this country.

1994 debate with Ted Kennedy

MITT ROMNEY



AFTER

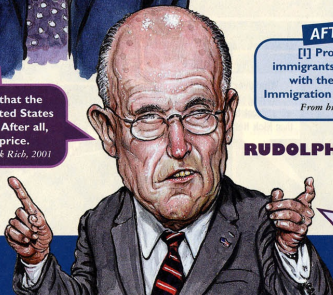
You know, I do support the Republican platform, and I support that being part of the Republican platform and I'm pro-life.

Good Morning America, 2007

BEFORE

Well, I'm shocked that the President of the United States would pardon him. After all, he never paid a price.

on Mark Rich, 2001

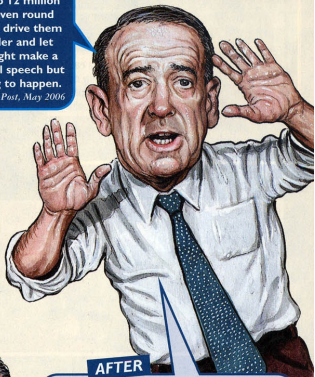


BEFORE

To think that we're going to go lock up 12 million people or even round them up and drive them to the border and let them go might make a great political speech but it's not going to happen.

Washington Post, May 2006

MIKE HUCKABEE



AFTER

[I] Propose to provide all illegal immigrants a 120-day window to register with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and leave the country.

From his "Secure America Plan" December 2007

RUDOLPH GIULIANI

AFTER

After evaluating the facts, the President came to a reasonable decision, and I believe the decision was correct.

on Scooter Libby, 2007

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN



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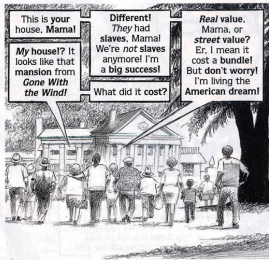
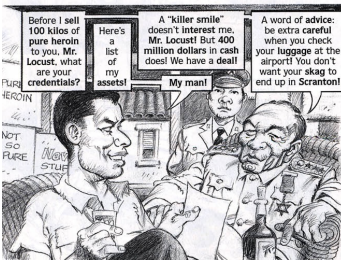
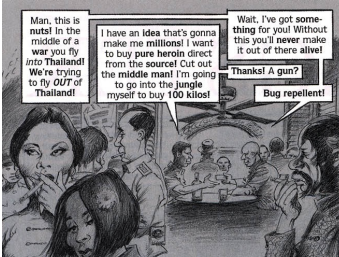
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Where's my money. Tempo?

What? You gonna shoot me in front of everybody? Don't make me laugh - arrgh - aarrgh - cough - gurgle...

Whew, that man is one badass dude!

He's like Shaft and Superfly!

I say it's amazing!

That he can be that bad? That no one called police? That he calmly shot a guy and got away with it?

That we're cutting away now to the duller "Itchy" story!

BLAM!

FILM RIP-OFF: THE GODFATHER, 1972

AN UP-AND-COMING MOBSTER NAMED MICHAEL CORLEONE (AL PACINO) PULLED OUT A GUN AND CALMLY SHOT A BAD GUY IN FRONT OF A CROWD OF WITNESSES. IT WAS AN ITALIAN RESTAURANT IN THE BRONX. THOSE CUSTOMERS THAT DIDN'T DIE OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS WENT DOWN WITH SCUNGILI POISONING!

I've been asked to track down a mystery drug lord! And pick my own team! You're it!

Why us?

Frankly, no other cops will come near me! You're the best I could scrape up!

Shouldn't our group have a name?

From the looks of everyone, how about "The Slump Squad"!

There's a name that will instill fear in the mob!

FILM RIP-OFF: THE UNTOUCHABLES, 1993

AN HONEST COP, ELLIOT NESS (KEVIN COSTNER), ASSEMBLES A SMALL, HAND-PICKED TEAM OF HONEST, UNCORRUPTIBLE COPS TO BRING DOWN A POWERFUL MOBSTER. THE MOBSTER WAS AL CAPONE. LIKE ITCHY'S GROUP, COSTNER'S GROUP DIDN'T TAKE BRIBES, THEY DIDN'T TAKE GRAFT. THE DIFFERENCE WAS COSTNER'S GROUP *DID* TAKE SHOWERS!

Hello there, handsome! I'm Miss Puerto Rico!

I don't know what that means, but I think I'm falling in love!

I'm Crank Locust! I own this club! And I own six other clubs! I have nine homes! I'm worth 200 million dollars! I have a smile that could melt the steel off the Chrysler building! If we get married, on the honeymoon night, I promise to cut out the middle man!

Uh, excuse me, corrupt cops! That 20 grand in shakedown money you're carrying — those are specially marked bills!

Well, lookee lookee... it's the idiot detective who gave back a million bucks!

What a weirdo sicko freako cop!

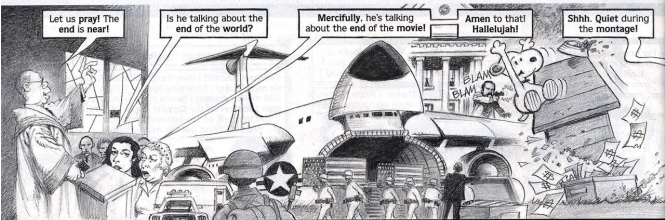
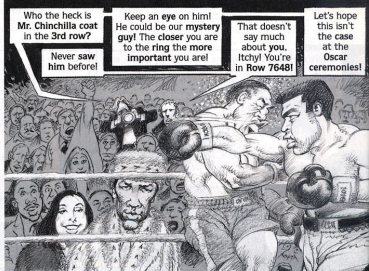
Tell me, choir boy, how do we know these bills are specially marked?

Two reasons: one, the serial numbers are consecutive and two, the face on the hundred dollar bill is Wayne Newton!

Crank, You've got the drug market cornered! But remember, I'm still the toughest mob boss on the east coast!

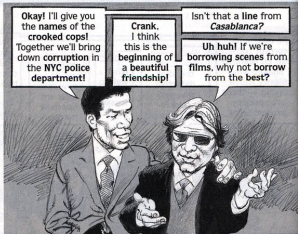
Just because you're skeet shooting clay targets?

Those aren't clay targets! Those are bookies who owe me!



FILM RIP-OFF: THE GODFATHER, 1972 (AGAIN!)

THE FINAL SCENES OF THE FILM HAD A RELIGION/RETRIBUTION MONTAGE SEQUENCE, WHILE MICHAEL CORLEONE WAS IN CHURCH WITH HIS FAMILY THERE WAS A MONTAGE OF KILLING AROUND HIM. WHILE CRANK LOCUST WAS IN CHURCH WITH FAMILY THERE WAS KILLING AROUND HIM. THE 11TH COMMANDMENT: "THOU SHALT NOT BORROW MONTAGE SEQUENCES"!



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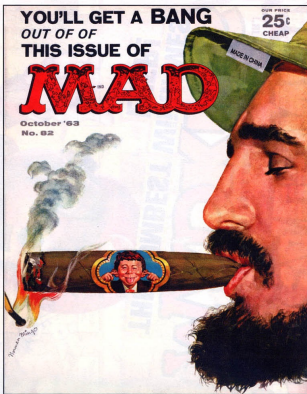
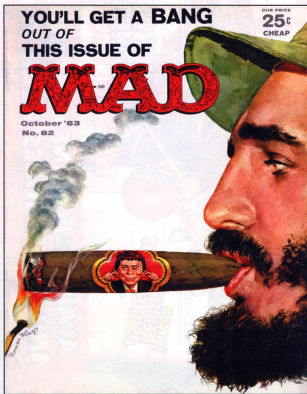
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WHAT MAJOR STAR HAS
RECENTLY ADMITTED
RECEIVING ILLEGAL
CAREER-DAMAGING
HUMAN GROWTH
INJECTIONS?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

There's been a lot of scrutiny of public figures and the drastic changes that their bodies have undergone in recent times. Some may lie and say it is an innocent "cream" that they're applying, but we know better! To find out which celebrity is fertile ground for suspicion, fold page in as shown.



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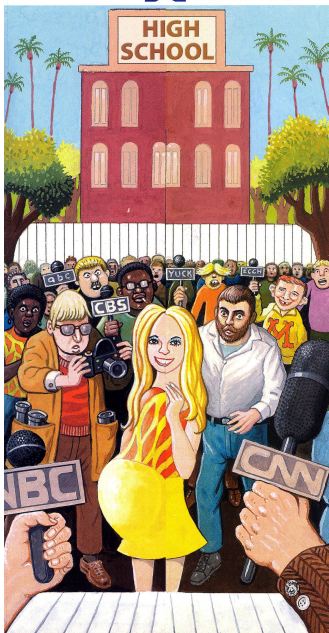
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