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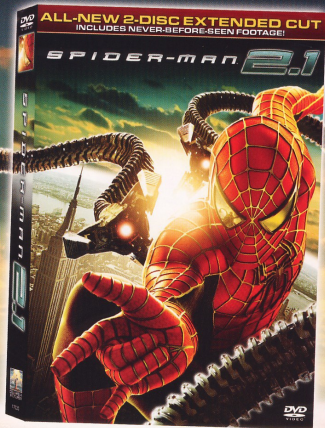


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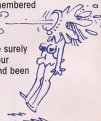


THANKS FOR THE MEMORY

I am a freshman in high school and I love your magazine. I have noticed a few letters about how MAD got people in trouble at school, so I thought maybe if I told you about how MAD actually helped me in school, then you would print my letter. Anyway, one night I was reading MAD #474, which I had just gotten in the mail, when I came across the word "impugn." I was quick to recognize that this was one of my vocabulary words in my honors English class (yes, I am an honors student and I read MAD) and remembered that I had vocabulary homework to do. If it had not been for MAD I surely would have forgotten my homework and gotten a disappointing zero. So, although I do not recall what the word impugn actually means, I thank you, MAD magazine, for reminding me to do my homework.

Jared Naimark, Phoenix, AZ

Naimark My Words — What a weird coincidence! We were reading your letter when we suddenly remembered that we had an issue to put out! If it hadn't been for your letter, we surely would have forgotten our publishing schedule and been out of a job! —Ed.



IT'S A CARD KNOCK LIFE

I'm tired of all those dumb readers who keep complaining about getting the subscription slips inside your magazine despite having subscriptions. So for all of you, here's a laundry list of things you can do with them:

- T.P.
- Erotic Origami (avoid paper cuts)
- Hand it out like flyers to the people passing by
- Carpet for you bladder-weak dog
- Construct the first paper skyscraper
- Subscribe to MAD again for some reason

Adrian Ofman, Philadelphia, PA

Yo Adrian — That list also applies to things readers can do to this very page that your missive appears on. We will say this, though — it's a lot of fun to say "paper skyscraper" over and over! Thanks for writing! —Ed.

SHOW AND SMELL

I love your magazine. I love it so much I did an informative speech in my public speaking class about it. I talked about your history and your articles. I even made a poster! But the thing is I got a "B" on it. Do you think my teacher is prejudiced against a MAD fan?

Matt Burket, Xenia, OH

Mattman — No, we don't think your teacher is prejudiced against MAD readers. She's probably just prejudiced against boring, useless and idiotic presentations! Don't worry about it, we're sure you'll do better next year when you're repeating the grade! —Ed.

THE ED'S NIFTY FIFTY™

Oooo Grandpappy! It's time for another edition of the Nifty Fifty™ — the gold standard for MAD's Celebrity Snaps! Below is a list of the celebrities we most want to see gracing the Letters Page holding a copy of MAD. Here's what you do! Send in the photographs (sorry pictures can't be returned) via snail mail or to our e-mail address (letters@madmagazine.com — put Nifty Fifty in subject line) and if we print it, you will receive a three-year MAD subscription. Remember, we also want Celebrity Snaps of people not appearing on this list. So get out there and start hassling stars!

- 30-Minute Moron Rachael Ray
- Britney "Baldy" Spears
- America's Housekeeper Nancy Pelosi
- Barack "Don't Call Me Osama" Obama
- Sharp-Tongued Hottie Sarah Silverman
- Reformed Homosexual Ted Haggert
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- Office weirdo Rainn Wilson
- Lying Homophobe Isaiah Washington
- Honest Homophobe Tim Hardaway
- Legendary NBA Ball Handler, John Amaechi
- British Bossman Ricky Gervais
- Golden Girl Kim Kardashian
- Anyone from the cast of *Heroes*
- Drunk In A Box Andy Samberg
- Pedophile Stalker Chris Hansen
- Gossip Monger Perez Hilton

- Oscar Loser Abigail Breslin
- Musician/Nudist Pete Wentz
- Dwyane "That's Not A Typo" Wade
- Swinging Superhero Tobey Maguire
- Oscar Sore Loser Eddie Murphy
- Phil "Man Boobs" Mickelson
- The Hills Ingénue Lauren Conrad
- Eroding Stone Mick Jagger
- Anyone from the cast of *The Knights of Prosperity*
- American Idol Hottie Katharine McPhee
- Queen-In-Training Kate Middleton
- Improv Imbecile Michael Richards
- Anyone from the Astronaut Love Triangle
- Sasha Baron Cohen as Borat
- Boy Band Refugee Justin Timberlake
- Irish Meddler Bono
- Crazy Outwalker Tyra Banks

- Botched Has-Been Axl Rose
- David "The Hoff" Hasselhoff
- AARP Sexpot Angela Lansbury
- 24 Badass Kiefer Sutherland
- The Mac and PC guys
- Katie Couric's Seat Filler Meredith Vieira
- Brat Packer Molly Ringwald
- Maxim Galsend Jessica Alba
- Mr. Beyonce — Jay-Z
- Anna Nicole Smith Trifecta Howard K. Stern
- Judge Larry Selidin or Larry Birkhead
- DC Comics VP Pinup Bob Wayne
- Chelsea "Thank God I Don't Have My Mother's Cankles" Clinton
- Lefty Loose Cannon Maureen Dowd
- Pie-Faced Pundit Chris Matthews
- Choking Victim Alex Rodriguez



MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS



RILEY AND JIM (WITHOUT THE BEARD COME-ON)

I'm a long-time reader and a first time letter writer. Two weeks ago I went to see comedian Jim Gaffigan in concert. After the show I was leaving and I saw him sitting in the lobby of the theatre. And then I thought to myself, "what a good opportunity this is for a free subscription." Luckily, I always keep a trusty issue of MAD with me and when I asked him if I could have a picture taken with him holding up the issue, he said "yes."

Riley Moore, Madison, WI

Moore, Moore, Moore — Jim was just sitting in the lobby? What, was he waiting for his ride? Anyway, enjoy your three-year subscription for your snap of the funny man, Sierra Mist pitchman and *My Boys* co-star! —Ed.

THE BIG CURSE

I am responding to your question "Could there be a curse of MAD?" I would like to state for the record that there most definitely IS a curse of MAD. I have been reading MAD since it was a little EC comic book and I was a bright but naive youngster. The curse of MAD followed me throughout my teen and college years and on into adulthood as a professional journalist. It seemed I could not escape its thrall. It was always there, lurking in the background, through the turbulence of the 1960s, the crisis of Watergate, the agony of Vietnam, the insipid Reagan years, the deceit of two Bushes, continuing conflicts in the Middle East, scandals and outrages, wars and rumors of wars and general malfeasance in the corporate world and even sports. It was the curse of MAD that taught me to look behind the headlines and the corporate and political spin and crapola. It forced me to think for myself and to look for the irony and truth in life. The curse of MAD taught me to always question authority and never take life too seriously. Yes, the curse of MAD does indeed exist and I have been blessed with it all my life.

Jim Marrs, Springtown, TX

30 Seconds to Marrs — Please, there's no need to thank us...largely because it sounds like we've made you into a thoroughly miserable human being — sorry to ruin your life! Thanks for writing! —Ed.

P.S. If you have a story about how MAD has cursed your life, e-mail it to letters@madmagazine.com (put in "The Big Curse" in the subject line) or mail it to: Amy "The Big Curse" Vozealos, c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, NY, NY 10019.

ANTIQUES FREAKSHOW WITH HANS BRICKFACE

A few days ago, I was at a rummage sale and spotted this relic that was obviously from the Gilligan Dynasty. I was barely able to conceal my excitement as I paid my dollar to the fools who knew not what treasure was slipping between their fingers. Somehow the Smithsonian got wind of it and has been bugging me, but I say, do you want to call Sotheby's or should I?

Corey Case, Clinton, IL

Cold Case — Thank you for sending in your "antique" to be evaluated by our own King of Collectibles, Hans Brickface. We tracked him down at the Staten Island Hotel (ironically located in Darien, CT) where he was attending a national symposium on tchotchkes, knick-knacks and trinkets. Here is his assessment:

Well frost my strudel! Although this is a recently created collectible, and not an antique, it is highly sought after and extremely valuable just the same. Look at the crude, child-like craftsmanship! Observe the figure's round head, blank expression and stringy wig-like hair! Clearly, this is a coconut depiction of Britney Spears! But here is where it gets exciting! It's actually a self-portrait carved by Britney herself in arts and crafts class during one of her many stints in rehab! Although it's nothing special, it shows more creativity than any of her albums! Enjoy it while you can, because apparently Kevin Federline is looking to take custody of it!



MAD BLURBS

On his website danecook.com, the comedian reacted to his appearance on the cover of MAD #475:



I am featured on the cover of MAD magazine this month. It is quite an incredible accomplishment. This is a magazine that I collected as a boy and now Alfred E. Neuman is doing my SU-FI on the cover. 1952 is when this magazine first hit newsstands. I'm just blown away looking at this picture. Haaaaa.

MAD is known for their brutal roast like agenda and I love that about them. It's not the real deal facts with sources and substance. Noooooo. This rag runs with the nasty rumor mill media created character pov. It's an honor to be chopped up and spit out in here. Second to being mocked and impersonated on SNL I feel. They could call me a baby seal rapist with a stutter and I would curse with glee.

From the caricature on the cover to the rapidly drawn comic strips inside its all validation. I am now a part of pop lexicon and I don't mind saying this. IT FEELS F&A%\$% RITECHOUS. I'm hangin' with SPY vs. SPY my all time favorite.

Honored to join the likes of Tom Cruise, Superman, John F. Kennedy, Star Wars, Jaws, The Godfather, King Kong, David Letterman, Madonna, The Incredibles, Chris Rock, Shrek, Eminem, Adam Sandler, Seinfeld, Will Smith, iPod and The Terminator as we get our asses handed to us!!!!!!!

"What, me worry?"

Don't feel bad if you couldn't get through all of Dane's drivel, we couldn't either! Dane, thanks for the kind words! —Ed.



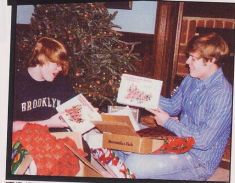


BORED GAMES

My younger brother, Jeff and I knew that our mom, separated and underemployed, would not be able to find, nor afford to buy the Wii or PlayStation 3 that we wanted for Christmas. We thought this would be a bleak holiday, with not much to entertain us over the winter break. I would be able to deal with the disappointment, knowing that when I returned to school at the University of Georgia, my roommate would have the coveted Wii to entertain and amuse us. But my younger brother, a middle school student living at home with our mom, would not be so lucky. However, thanks to your fine magazine, our Christmas was filled with the joy and laughter possible only through superior gaming. Imagine our surprise when we opened our gift boxes to find a game rarer and more fun than Wii and PlayStation 3 combined: Iraqi Quagmire Chess sets!

Steven Griffin, Roswell, GA

Griffindor — Christmas couldn't have been so bad if Donald Trump himself stopped by to open gifts under the tree with you! Oh sorry, it's just come to our attention that that is not the Donald, but it's just your younger brother! Our bad! We guess Christmas really *did* suck for you this year! —Ed.



"THE JEFFERY" AND STEVEN CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

THE BIG QUESTION

This month we ask:

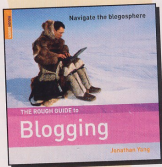
What celebrity would you most like to see gunned down by paintballers?

- "N-word" spewing comic Michael "Kramer" Richards
- Drunk driving skeleton Nicole Richie
- Morning talk show loudmouth Rosie O'Donnell
- American Idol mophead Taylor Hicks

Send your votes by e-mail (letters@madmagazine.com) and make sure you put "The Big Question" in the subject line, or via snail mail to Amy "The Big Question" Vozelzas, MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

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If you were lucky enough to have your missive printed on this month's letters page then you will receive a copy of *The Rough Guide to Blogging*, courtesy of our friends at Rough Guides. If your letter didn't make it in, don't throw your computers out the window — it's on sale now!



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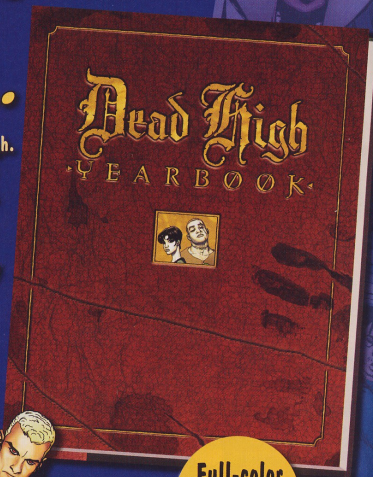
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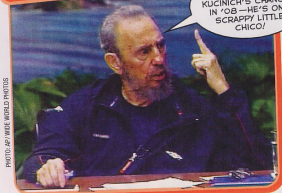
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Old Yeller's practical joker backfires.

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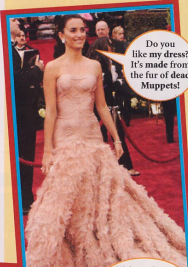
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- 4 You're feeling nostalgic for the time you got your first computer and couldn't figure out what the hell you were doing — and are looking to recapture that magic
- 5 It will put you one step closer to switching to Linux



FUNDALINI FOTO NEWS: FUNDALINI GOES TO THE OSCARS



Do you like my dress? It's made from the fur of dead Muppets!



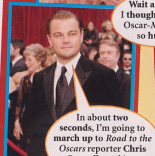
Sure, it's an awkward fit, but that's what happens when you order the red AIDS ribbon in Extra Large!



Hmm...I wonder if RuPaul will need a ride home later...



Just remember, son — that Abigail Breslin is nothing but a ten-year-old gold digger!



Wait a minute, I thought I won an Oscar-Mayer! I'm so hungry!



In about two seconds, I'm going to march up to *Road to the Oscars* reporter Chris Connelly and just cold-cock him!



The material? One hundred percent grape Fruit Roll-Ups!



Britney Spears looks so funny with her head shaved — oh, wait, that's Jack Nicholson!

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It Takes Brains to Control the Mindless

Chaos Drive – At the beginning of your spawn phase, roll an initiative die. Move this creature one cell forward (on a 1-2), right (3-4), or left (5-6).

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THE BIGGEST LARDASS

Hurry up, the show's starting! Grab your Pizza-Licious-flavored Pringles ready? Your fudge-on-top cookies? That two-liter bottle of Coke? Good job? Good. Now, plop down on your sectioned couch and stay there for the next hour, watching...

I'm Dan Lipa, the better trader for the real World. This game is a cross between Extreme Makeover: Home Edition and Free Wheelin' (but the most exciting part is that the competition really could come down to a few pounds). But for ABC, the most important ten pounds of the show are my two big, bouncy ratings objectives! If I'm not there and neither thing squeals through, the network thinks the match would be the lovely-shaped camera cut back!

Each of us represents our life state, and I've been on both of them! In reality, I live in New York City, and I'm a subject exactly the British.

I'm Dwight, and I've had a serious weight problem ever since I realized you could drink champagne! I can pinpoint the exact moment I knew I had to do something about it: he had said "nappies, when I was disappointed to a client (please).

I'm Caroline Wright, the normal, fit-on-the-beat for "The Biggest Loser." When I was eating meals again at this age on Saturday The Penelope Mitche, my job was all about eye of meat and tongue of hair! Now I'm dealing with jaws of veins and beams of hatred!

People have asked me how someone who's eaten so much "fat" could possibly be so fit. The Department would have the same to say as a show that's about the obese but that's about it's no different than a great MMA coach, or a bald barber, or Donald Trump saying "No! I don't want to be an unattractive bodyguard!"

Our contestants are divided into two teams, like in America. They have to do random events and sometimes random tasks, like on Survivor! Then they have to vote and somebody has to leave the show, like on Survivor! The main difference between our reality show and Survivor is that we don't try to kill the contestants for a remote island! Finally, we don't think there's a plane in the world that would make it off the ground!

As the process goes on, we face an emotional bond with our contestants! We help them make their self-esteem, in a sense, a sense of deep sensitivity and elegant courage. And now, get a load of this season's best of Suburb!

Couch Bob (the host) here! My players are assembled in a separate group, or band! And they vote like a band! To tell them "The New Year's" (which if you want, but it's not a band, it's a band! It's considered an unattractive band!)

As the Blue Team's Walter, I'm here to build a nurturing atmosphere of camaraderie, trust and support! Otherwise, the show won't be nearly as dramatic after, when I can make sure nobody stands each other in the back to win!

My expert guidance helps guide the contestants physically, spiritually and emotionally! Well, it splits them spiritually and emotionally, anyway! To split my time physically, I'd have to meet a contestant!

As right, always! I just as the moment I'll run on a treadmill! Just STOP playing that horrible, frenzied theme song!

Do it today! Yeah! Never too late! Yeah! We need a change! Yeah! Time to feel proud! Yeah! Generic phrases! Yeah! Empty inspiration! Yeah! Aimless self-help gibberish! Yeah!

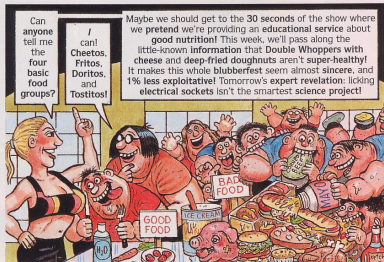
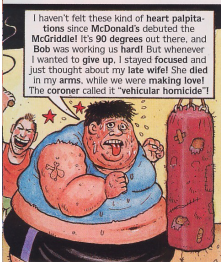
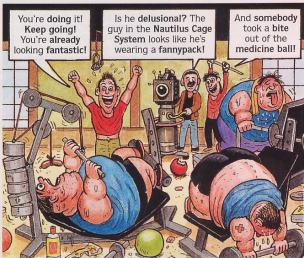
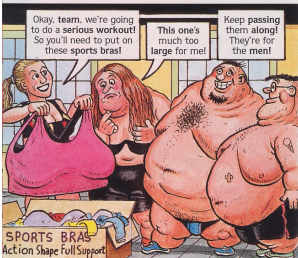
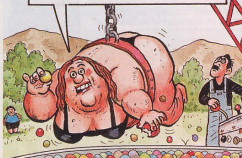


Behold, the optional "Temptation" round! This is a giant vat of plastic spheres, like a child's ball pit! Buried somewhere underneath are twelve golden balls! If you decide to take a chance, you'll have to strip down to a thong, coat your body with Fruit Roll-Ups, jump into the pit, and roll around! As soon as one of the 12 golden balls sticks to your writhing miasma of human flesh, it's yours! Inside one of those golden balls is this week's immunity!

I'm in! I think this could be the first step towards reclaiming my dignity!

One of the golden balls gives you immunity! And that's huge! Because if you can't get voted out, then you don't have to leave! I hope I find that ball! As opposed to someone else! It is strategically preferable for the reason that I have previously enunciated! Okay, I've given you the weekly "master of the 'n obvious" interview, can I go now?

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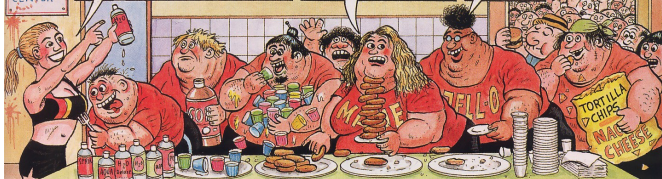


Now, for a healthy meal! We'll begin with cool, refreshing Penta Water...taste and feel the difference! Then, some delicious Jell-O Brand Gelatin! Every diet needs a little wiggle room! And for the main course, a succulent Jennie-O turkey burger! It takes dinner from drab to fab!

What plug whores! This isn't like having product placement on the show, this is like show placement in between the products! Are there any advertisers who didn't pay for a network mention?

Just Goodyear! They figured the whole show is already like a free infomercial for their blimps!

DIET CENTER



Time for the weekly challenge! We have 14 stationary bikes suspended in the air, and connected in pairs! The players who can pedal their meaty little legs fast enough to pull their opponent's bike past the orange flag will win!

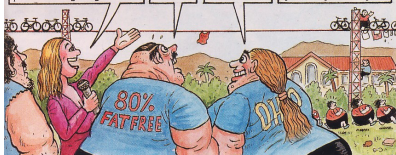
Oh my gosh! I've never done anything like this before!

Um, hello? No one in the world has! It's a contrived challenge, on a gimmicky freak show!

This will help you learn how to keep up a healthy exercise regimen after you're back home! Assuming you happen to have a gigantic three-story winch and pulley system in your backyard!

And here's the really exciting news! The winners will get to see their families overnight, for a revolting conjugal visit!

My family! Oh, my God! Amazing! It's the shocking reunion with outside family members! That only happens in every other episode!



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Er, didn't we just do this?

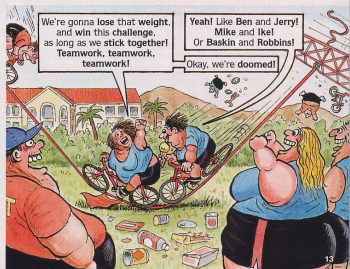
Yeah, but if the producers didn't incessantly reuse the exact same footage twice in a row, before and after every commercial break, this would be a 35-minute-long show!



We're gonna lose that weight, and win this challenge, as long as we stick together! Teamwork, teamwork, teamwork!

Yeah! Like Ben and Jerry! Mike and Ike! Or Baskin and Robbins!

Okay, we're doomed!



As a winning team member, Lucas gets to have a heart-warming reunion with his family!

Lucas, look at you! You're so much thinner!

Oy! And you're all so heavy! What happened?

Your vacation happened, Dad! Since you left, it's the first chance I've ever had to get at the family food!

Soooo, how'd we do? Should I be making my fake leathery sad face, or my fake leathery happy face?

We lost! The Red Team members are with their families right now! We're so bummed!

I miss seeing both of them! I miss seeing them so much!

Your kids?

My feet!

Boom! We're mixing up the teams! No, wait, it's men vs. women! Later, we'll bring back eliminated contestants from past episodes! Then, it's every contestant for themselves! Any twist to distract from the fact that there's absolutely nothing to this show except those five minutes we load you wide rides onto the cattle sled!

Gaspl! This is the part where we express fake shock over arbitrary changes to an artificial format!

These spandex outfits sure put the "maximus" in gluteus maximus!

A hit show like ours could set back acceptance of high-definition television by ten years!

It's really embarrassing to wear something this form-fitting! They say the camera adds ten pounds!

From the looks of things, you must have eaten nine cameras!

The team that lost the greatest percentage of its previous week's body weight will be safe from elimination! For example, a 235-pound contestant who lost 6 pounds would be at 2.97%! Whereas a 350-pound contestant who lost 10 pounds would only be at 2.85%, even though he lost more total poundage than the first contestant! The amazing thing is that you tubbos have no problem calculating these complicated fractions, but you never did the 1,400-calorie math for a Hardee's Monster Thickburger breakfast!

Ohmrigosh! Gideon just keeled over while he was weighing himself! He's dead!

And it looks like the Red Team just lost 300 pounds! Which means the Blue Team has lost the weigh-in!

One of the Blue Team members must go home! Katie, tell us who you voted against!

The person I voted for is such a wonderful friend, a strong player and an exceptional person! They're a winner in every possible way! I love them very much, but in the end, I had to vote out...Noah!

Thanks for the compliment! Now I know how Donald Rumsfeld must have felt!



Noah, I'm afraid you received the most votes! It would have been unanimous, except Gustavo ate his ballot!

I love you, you, and you! We'll be friends forever! I'll never forget you!

We'll miss you, too!

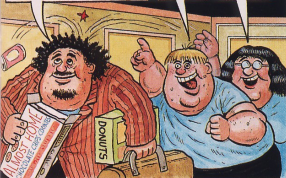
I was talking to the vending machines!



At least I'll get to see my darling ones again...Jimmy Dean, Lorna Doone, Sara Lee, and Little Debby! But this experience has changed my life! I couldn't be part of this game without the support of my teammates!

News flash: you're not a part of this game anymore! Get out!

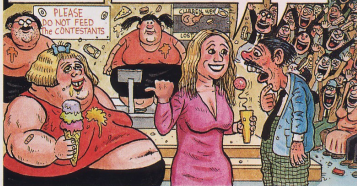
And don't let the door hit you on your slightly narrower ass!



Through the miracle of deceptive reality TV editing, we're at the live finale! It's like a monster truck rally, if the trucks could talk!

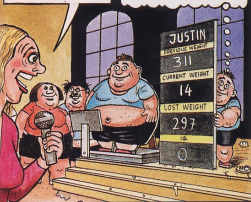
We're down to the final four! The bad news is, Marissa has to drop out of the last weigh-in! The good news is, it's because she's almost four months pregnant! Woo-hoooo! As her husband, you must be so excited and proud!

Not quite! She left home for the weight loss ranch five months ago!



Justin, your final number is...14 POUNDS! Unbelievable! You lost 95.6% of your body weight! You're this season's winner!

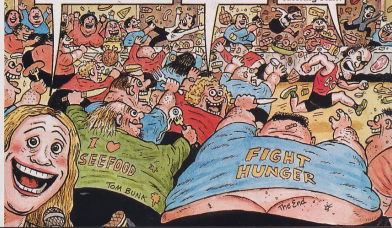
Heh heh heh! Those idiots don't realize they're weighing the life-size cardboard cutout that the show makes for each contestant!



Our contestants lost a final total of 1,008 pounds, or 3.19 Oprahs! And that's a wrap for another successful season!

Finally! I couldn't stand it one more stupid week! To the buffet table!

My God...the Red Team just ate the catering staff!





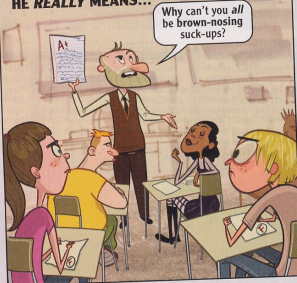
Your teachers talk, talk, talk. All day long, they drone on about denominators and zygotes and hidden meanings in *A Separate Peace*. It's enough to make you feel good that you never listen to a word they say! But, in the unlikely event that you actually pay attention for a second or two, well, then you should be able to understand them! That's why you absolutely need...

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When a teacher says...

"You should all use *her* as an example."

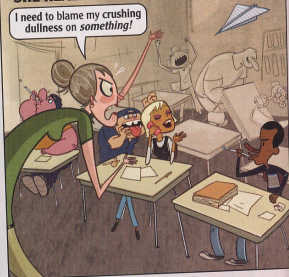
HE REALLY MEANS...



When a teacher says...

"Students today just don't concentrate."

SHE REALLY MEANS...



When a teacher says...

"Hmm... I disagree with you, but we don't really have the time to get into it."

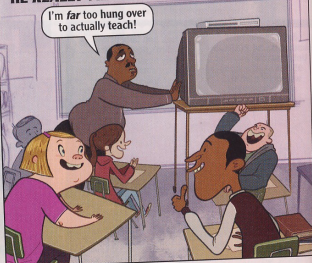
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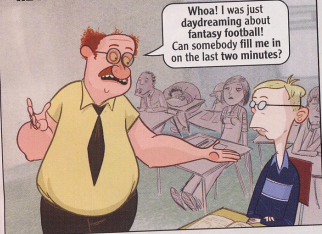
"We'll be watching a movie in class today."

HE REALLY MEANS...



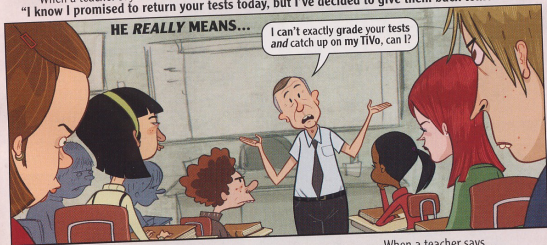
When a teacher says...
"Would anyone like to elaborate on what she just said?"

HE REALLY MEANS...



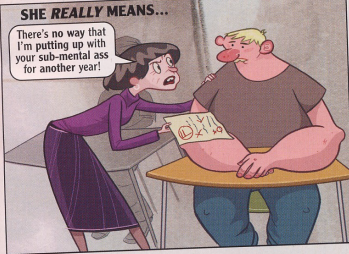
When a teacher says...
"I know I promised to return your tests today, but I've decided to give them back tomorrow."

HE REALLY MEANS...



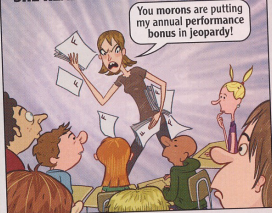
When a teacher says...
"I don't usually do this, but I'm going to let you re-take the final."

SHE REALLY MEANS...



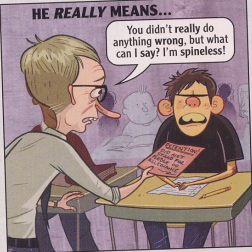
When a teacher says...
"I'm getting sick and tired of these constant failing test grades!"

SHE REALLY MEANS...



When a teacher says...
"I'm sorry, but the rules are the rules."

HE REALLY MEANS...





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the violent acid
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very funny.

...is probably not the
best description for
endless reruns of "Becker"
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My life.  My card.

My God, look at this bill!

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you only the tip of the melting iceberg in explaining how this meteorological phenomenon will, even born yet. So, for just one moment, put aside your better hatred of Al Gore and read...

HOW GLOBAL WARMING IS AFFECTING VARIOUS PEOPLE

DONALD TRUMP

Currently working on continuing plans to convert Trump Tower into "the world's grandest and most spectacular underwater condominium."

HILLARY CLINTON

Refusing with her advisors deciding how best to mitigate the issue.

KIM JONG IL

Ran his entire country properly but global warming doesn't quit the end of civilization before he can start World War II.

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE

Working on a new video: "It's so in the box."

ISAIAH WASHINGTON

Involved in a heated time war argument with Mel Gibson and Michael Richards over whether to blame the climate change on the "Yaguas," the "Anies" or the "B-ggers."

WACH-JOB ASTRONAUT LISA NOWAK

Currently achieving the worst type of global warming-related heat in NASA history.

O.J. SIMPSON

Almost finished writing new book, "I Did Cause Global Warming, Now I Don't Want Your Case."

BRITNEY SPEARS

As planet heats up, melting her "melting head and so underwear" pants makes her look like a genius.

HIRSTIE ALLEY

Off Jerry Seinfeld and ending like a home again since the entire planet's thermal energy.

THE PHILLY PHANATIC

Several more parades in his show before they won't finish the damn National Anthem.

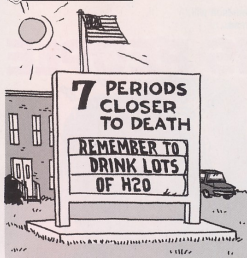
JUDGE JUDY

Has dropped into the conference of smearing any justice since her flaming black judge's robe.

AL GORE

Enough Gore!

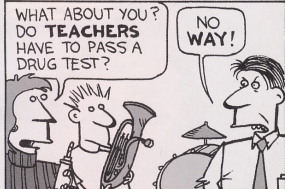
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HIGH SCHOOLS AROUND THE NATION REQUIRE KIDS TO PASS RANDOM DRUG TESTS FOR THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.



SOME STUDENTS, HOWEVER, ARE ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE POLICY.



WE'RE REPRESENTED BY A UNION THAT INSISTS WE BE TREATED WITH RESPECT! DRUG TESTS WOULD BE AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL INVASION OF PRIVACY!



MY BUS DRIVER HAS TO TAKE THEM.

HE HAS A LOUSY UNION!



JUST BE HAPPY WE DON'T MAKE YOU PEE IN FRONT OF THE CLASS.



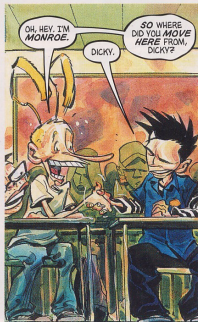
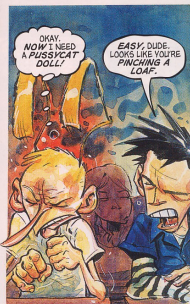
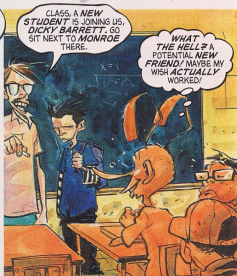


Friends to the bitter end. And we mean BITTER. It's...

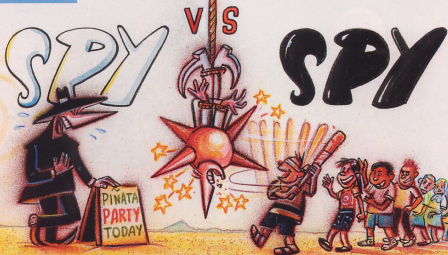
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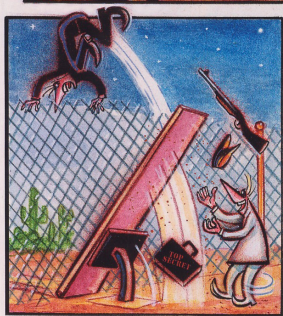
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The New Kid









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An important message from MAD's
Director of Business & Development,

**JEFFREY
LOZENGE**



Consider a lobster. Or a man in a lobster suit. Or a lobster in a man's suit (not shown). Either way, it's obvious to even the most casual of lobster observers that lobsters don't give a damn. That's where I come in.

And that's where MAD comes in. Yes, MAD — the magazine whose time is and was and continues to be — gives a damn about what you consider, whether you consider it or not. This includes not just crustaceans but other sea creatures (also not shown) and even creatures that aren't sea creatures. (Sorry, no room to show them, either.)

The important thing to remember is that it's important to remember important things, even things that don't seem important, like MAD, which is very important — at least when compared with a lobster. Except perhaps at a lobster dinner, which, like subscribing to MAD, is a good idea for you, but not a lobster.

That's why I don the lobster suit and risk the scalding hot kettle and the drawn butter sauce. Because I give a damn about what's important, even though lobsters don't.

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Al: Spring! The snow has melted, the birds are singing and the flowers are blooming! It's the time of year when a young man finally turns to romance! Even if that young man happens to be a deluded, obsessive, socially-shunted workaholic! Yes, the magic of Spring effects us all, as you'll see in...

JOHN CALDWELL'S

SIGNS YOUR STALKER HAS Spring Fever



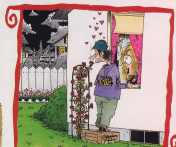
Every morning, the hallway outside your apartment is ankle deep with "Loves Me/Loves Me Not" bushy petals.



You notice that he's moved his pathetic little shrine to you outdoors to his gazebo.



Nowadays, his "heavy breathing" calls are ridden with hay fever wheeze.



He takes the time to stop and smell the roses blooming on the trellis outside your bedroom window.



These rambling 1-2-page death threats to you just seem to rhyme themselves.



These haunting apparitions of his long-deceased mother barling orders continue like clockwork. Only now she's wearing her bright yellow taffeta apron.



He feels a crazy urge to freshen up his trunk with heart-shaped pillows, fragrant pelicans and festive dust buge.



These days you notice a certain extra little bounce in his perp walk.



You spend three hours at the police station before they finally determine that offering to "give your climatic" is not a veiled threat.

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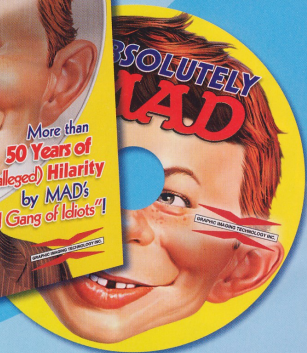
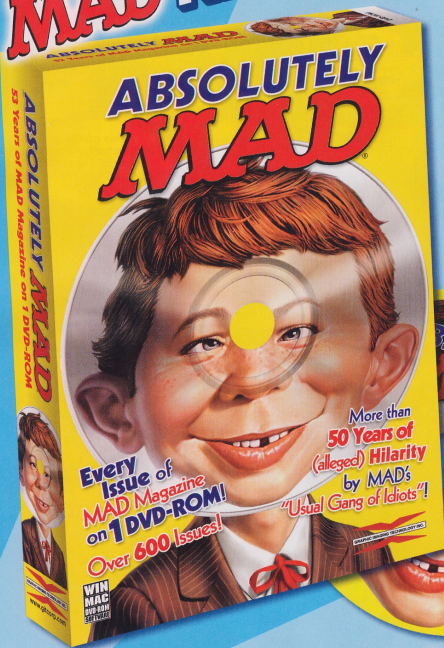
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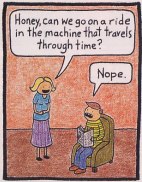
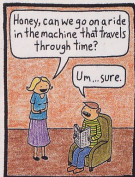


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SO, WE'RE STUCK IN THIS SHACK THEN.

NO, WE'RE NOT. BECAUSE YOU'RE GONNA GO OUT THERE. DONTCHA WANT TO BE A HERO?



NO. SORRY. THIS LAST BATTLE WHICH LEFT US STRANDED HERE HAS MADE ME REALIZE HOW MUCH I LOVE MY GIRLFRIEND.



SURE! ISN'T SHE BEAUTIFUL?



HOW CAN SOMEONE BE "TOO" BEAUTIFUL?



THAT'S NOT WHAT SHE WRITES IN HER LETTERS!



I... SHE... BUT...



YOU REALLY THINK SHE'S SEEING SOMEONE ELSE?



WELL... I GUESS I SHOULD GO OUT THEN. SINCE I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE... NOTHING TO LIVE FOR...

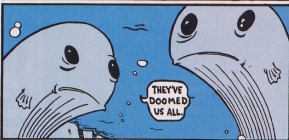
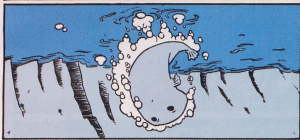
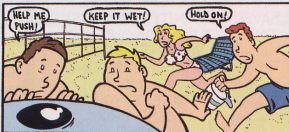
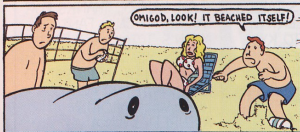
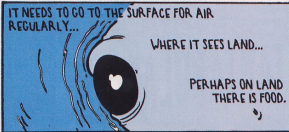


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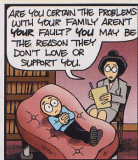
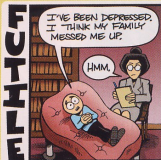


CHRISTOPHER BALDWIN

JUST BELOW THE SURFACE: A DARK MOMENT IN EVOLUTION



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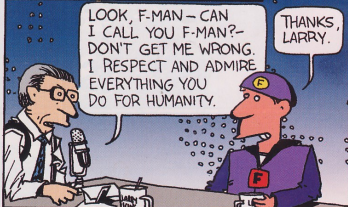
SEBASTIAN CONLEY

THE UNNERVINGLY
CONTINUOUS
ADVENTURES OF

FANTABULAMAN



FANTABULAMAN SITS DOWN
FOR A RARE INTERVIEW.



MANY PEOPLE SAY YOU'VE SAVED HUMANITY COUNTLESS TIMES. YOU'VE VANQUISHED HEINOUS VILLAINS. STILL, THERE'S SOMETHING MISSING, SOMETHING THAT PREVENTS YOUR LEGEND FROM ACHIEVING GREATNESS...



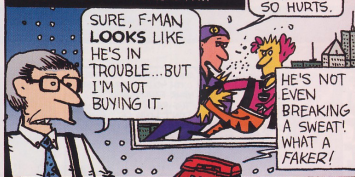
LET'S TAKE A CALLER. WE GO TO KYLE IN DES MOINES.



FINE... IF IT'S DRAMA THEY WANT, LARRY, IT'S DRAMA THEY'LL HAVE. WATCH **THIS!**



MINUTES LATER, OUTSIDE THE STUDIO WINDOW...



LIVE

F-MAN LOCKED IN "MORTAL" COMBAT

SECURITY COUNCIL WORRIED...PRESIDENT WORRIED...PANIC IN STREETS



A BITCH IN TIME DEPT.

There's a show on MTV that's all about spoiled, obnoxious, selfish douche bags. No, not *Laguna Beach*. Or *The Real World*. Or *Mau Fever*. Or *24/7 Party People*. Actually, we probably should've been more specific — this show focuses on 16th birthday parties. And if there was ever a bunch that truly deserved some birthday punches, it's the "stars" of...

My Stupid SPOILED 16

It's my party and money is no object! Mostly because it's not my money...

That's right — it's Erica's birthday and whatever she wants, she gets!

Ugh! This show is like the Make a Wish Foundation for hateful little bitches!

I need to get a rap star to perform at my party.

That's really expensive, honey — that's going to cost tens of thousands of dollars!

I don't care! People at my school are expecting it — I'll be an outcast! They'll never speak to me again!

Here's an idea — instead of trying to win them over with a big concert, how about I just give every person in your school 200 bucks to be your friend?



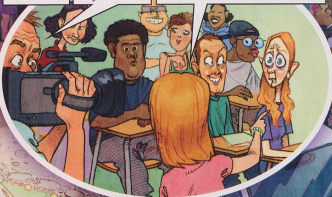
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ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA

Listen up — I'm going to be handing out my invitations, so pay attention!

Wouldn't mailing your invitations be an easier way to let people know they're invited?

Duh! The whole point is to let people know they're **NOT** invited! And this way, everyone can see how hurt and embarrassed those losers are! Ohhh — zoom in on that girl! I didn't invite — she was my lab partner and she thinks we're friends! Ha ha ha!



Look at this — rolling up in a Bentley, swarmed by photographers, everyone screaming my name! I'm a celebrity!

Are you retarded? You rented a luxury car, hired photographers, and invited all these people to come to a party that YOU threw for YOURSELF! That's like hiring two prostitutes, then bragging about having a threesome!



My Stupid SPOILED 16

My parents have given me everything I've ever wanted! I'm really lucky... because it means that in one special day, I can really ask for what I REALLY want, and they'll give it to me!

Let's see... I want to make my entrance on the Spirit of St. Louis! I want George Clooney to sit in a chair next to me, holding the original copy of the 7th Harry Potter book to all my friends! I want Prince William to come and propose to me so I can see him and be like, "Sweetie — but even if I want that, I want to come and see the London to meet I want Muhammad Ali to come out of retirement and fight a bear. No, wait! I'll find 99 — and get that Michaela Duff to be my girl!"

She's actually the former leader of... For the right price, he'll bend these dumb old crotchets!



Wow, check out the list! I can't believe how much I've asked for! I really got an MTV poster and her hand, my mind! It's perfect!

Yeah, what's up — that's actually her!



Do you want to do a goodie bag for your guests? Maybe a picture frame or something?

I want each person to get their own effort! I want the 200 people at my school to think I'm the coolest, hottest girl west!



What about the 2 million people who are going to see this show and decide that you're a more realistic, mature and greedy version of Paris Hilton?

Don't worry! I'll have them! I'll have them!



I'm NOT happy! This party has to be absolutely perfect and you are NOT my girl! I'm going to play the party planner! My reputation is on the line!

Well, seeing as your reputation is far from a winning, winning, winning, I think you're gonna be okay!



Wow, the party where we get to introduce the girls who are going to be my friends!

Take off your shirt! Show them your ass!

Oh my god! They're all in! HOT!



I have a special surprise! I had to put a lot of things, and it cost me \$40,000 — but I have to say to play of YOUR money. I love it!

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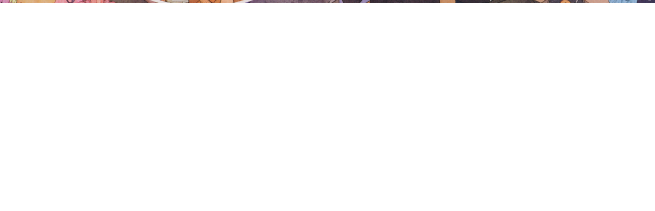
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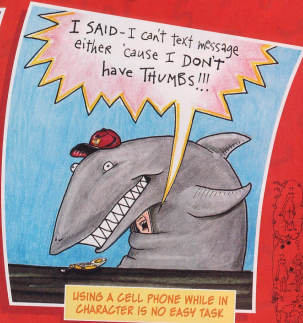
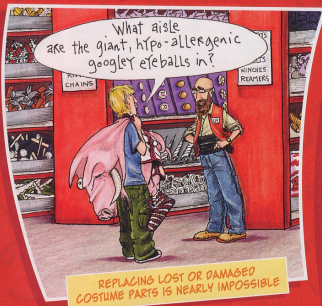
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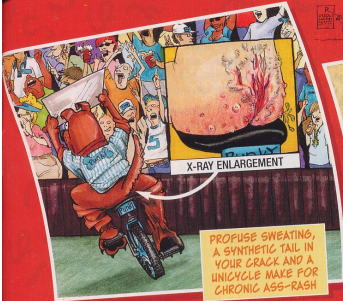


YOU SEE THEM CLOWNING, SCAMPERING AND CAVORTING AT ALL THE MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS — NO, NOT THE PEANUT VENDORS... ALTHOUGH THEY ARE CHURLISH IN THEIR OWN RIGHT! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TEAM MASCOTS! BUT THEIR LIFE IS NOT JUST MINI-TRAMPOLINES AND T-SHIRT SLINGSHOTS (THOUGH THAT IS A LARGE PART OF IT) — THERE'S A LOT OF PAIN AND HURT AS WELL. FOR EVERY GIANT PUZZY HEAD, THERE'S A TEAR-STREAKED FACE UNDERNEATH, AS YOU'LL SEE FROM...

THE UNKNOWN HARDSHIPS OF PROFESSIONAL MASCOTS



WRITER AND
ARTIST:
TERESA BURNS
PARKHURST



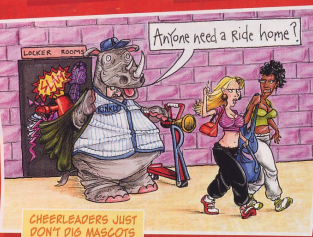
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A SYNTHETIC TAIL IN
YOUR CRACK AND A
UNICYCLE MAKE FOR
CHRONIC ASS-RASH



How the hell does a grown
man get urine stains all over
his latex barnacles?

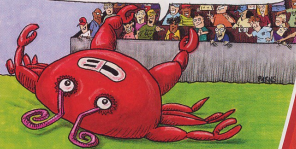


SMART ASS COMMENTS
FROM THE DRY CLEANERS



CHEERLEADERS JUST
DON'T DIG MASCOTS

Hey look! Crab-Boy is doing the
BUG-STUCK-ON-ITS-BACK gag!!
Ahh! That's awesome!!!



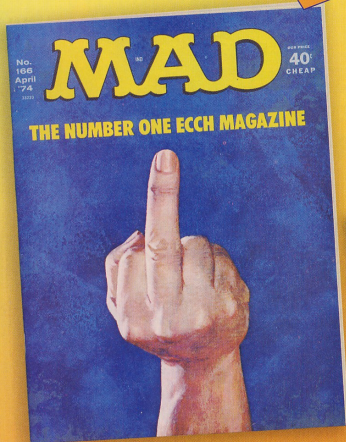
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FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"



A FIRST RULE OF SHOW BIZ IS YOU DON'T NEED
TWENTY-TWENTY VISION TO KNOW HOW TO SOLVE
STAGE-RELATED PROBLEMS. STARS MUST KEEP
PROVIDING THEMSELVES CONSTANTLY. IT IS AGG-
RAVATING, BUT IT'S WHAT'S EXPECTED OF THEM

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WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

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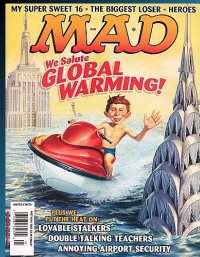
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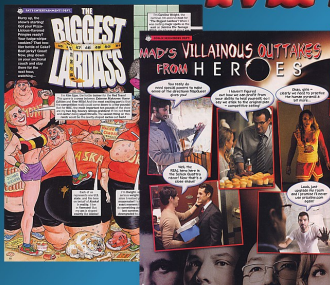
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