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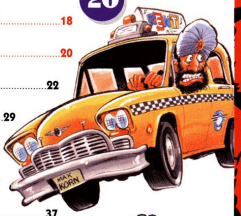
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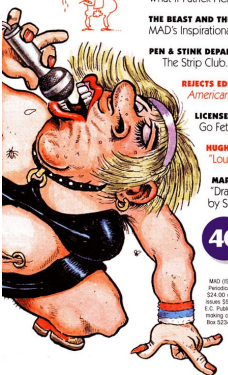
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It's funny how no one is ever so busy that they can't find the time to complain about how busy they are!





MAIL TO THE CHIEF

When I saw Ken McClelland's congratulatory card for Monroe's 100th episode, I actually remembered that I was President of Monroe's Fan Club! Therefore, to celebrate this absolutely underwhelming accomplishment, I've decide, as President, to officially begin activities. I have set up an e-mail account — MonroeFanClub@hotmail.com for anyone who wants to join. You can offer suggestions on more Fan Club activities, like the First Annual Convention, contests to declare what those two things on Monroe's head actually are, debating whether Monroe is funnier when you read across the crack of the magazine, or one page at a time. We will also organize our Monroe Look-a-Like Contest! Join Jake Bird and me online and we can create one of the biggest group of losers on the Internet!

Darryl Gonzalez, Severn, MD

Mr. President — Thanks for the heads up on the "exciting" bit of news. We're sure that just like us, all the Monroe readers will take note of your e-mail address and be sure to immediately click off "block all messages from this sender!" Stay out of the theatre, Mr. President! —Ed.

Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

I've only been reading your magazine for a couple of months and I love it, so I've decided to write to the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™*. My friends at school and I have a crush on Emma Watson (Hermione from *Harry Potter*) so my dumb wish is that Viktor Krum would die so Hermione would be in search of a 10-year-old muggle who lives in East Lansing, MI and goes to Denley School. I'd love her to pick me to marry and we'd live in a mansion in Bel Air.

No Name Given, East Lansing, MI

No Name — In an eerie coincidence, Miss Emma Watson herself stopped in to the MAD offices on the very same day we received your letter! It seems she's single and looking for our help to find a life partner. She had just come from a closing on her new mansion in Bel Air and her life was nearly complete — all she needed was a Midwesterner to settle down with. We were so excited to make a love connection...until you realized you didn't even give us your name! We'll gladly handle dumb wishes, but we can't handle dumb readers! Maybe you can try your luck with Professor McGonagall! See ya at Hogwarts! —Ed.



MAD'S BIG QUESTION OF THE ISSUE

It's not too late to cast your vote for the Big Question (first posed in MAD #460)!

This month, we ask:

Which celebrity's iPod would like to see cranked up to a dangerously high volume?

Send in your pick to Amy "The Big Question" Vozzeas, c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.



FIGHT FOR YOUR WRITE

Hey all you guys at MAD. You helped me at a hard time. On Thursday, I got into a fight with this moronic idiot. I was just sticking up for my friend and I got after-school detention. I went home and read your magazine and it cheered me up.

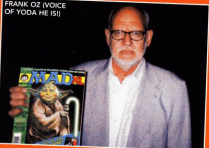
Colby Peterson, Prescott Valley, AZ

In Colb Blood — Wait a second, we're confused. Let's recap your day, shall we? You got into a fight because apparently you don't like "moronic idiots." Then when you went home, you were cheered up by reading MAD — the magazine made by and for moronic idiots! So technically, according to your logic, you should kick your own butt! Thanks for writing and don't go too easy on yourself! —Ed.

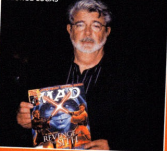
MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS SPECIAL STAR WARS EDITION

Not long ago at a fashion show not far away, some of the folks behind Star Wars were nice enough to pose with issues of MAD. They were all attending the event Dressing A Galaxy: The Costumes of Star Wars, held in New York City. Unfortunately, the photographs of Jabba the Hutt walking the runway in Daisy Duke shorts are unsuitable for reprinting in this magazine!

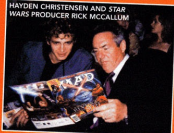
FRANK OZ (VOICE OF YODA HE IS!)



GEORGE LUCAS



HAYDEN CHRISTENSEN AND STAR WARS PRODUCER RICK MCCALLUM



NAME THAT TOON

Finally MAD has bothered to parody the most idiotic of channels — Adult Swim (MAD #458 "MAD's Fall TV Preview 2005"). As glad as I was to see *Family Guy* cavort in your issue along with *Aqua Teen Hunger Force*, or as Adult Swim calls it "ATHF." However, I was distressed to find that there was no *Inuyasha* spoof. Has MAD lost its edge? Are they unable to parody a show so riddled with plot holes that main villain Naraku's "power" is no matter how many times you blow the moron up, he keeps coming back? Hasn't this been covered in DBZ with Majin Buu? Please MAD, make an *Inuyasha* spoof! I look forward to the day when badly drawn *Inuyasha* figures appear in the well-worn copies of my MAD volumes!

Max Sher, Durham, NC

Sher and Sher Alike — What the hell are you talking about? What a moronic, idiotic letter. Colby P., you know what to do! —Ed.

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HALLOWEEN HALL-O-FAME

Nothing thrills us more than seeing the "creativity" of our readers on display for the entire trick-or-treating world to see. Something tells us there were more tricks than treats!

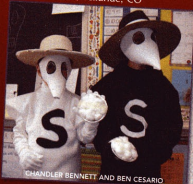
In the issue with the hottest Halloween costumes (MAD #459) I chose the highly overpriced gas pump and guess what? I won the best costume in my town's Halloween parade! Thank you for this great idea. You could buy Regular, Premium or Ultra. Regular was \$94.09, Premium was an arm and a leg and Ultra was your first born! Which one will you order?



Jackson Ganem, Allendale, NJ

These costumes were the brainchild of my son and his friend. Both are seven years old!

Scott Bennett, Telluride, CO



CHANDLER BENNETT AND BEN CESARIO

This year our readers found an unprecedented number of ways to destroy their pumpkins! Here's a look at the gourd, the bad and the ugly!

ADAM RUTKOWSKI, RACINE, WI



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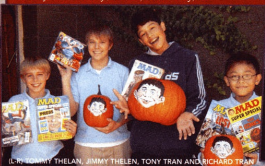
WIL MISIOREK, LYNNWOOD, WA

JOSH GUSTAFSON, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

GRANT JANIS, SHARON CENTER, OH

No, being from Iowa isn't the joke! My mom paints pumpkins (yeah, people pay her to paint vegetables) and our friends Tony and Richard struck a pose with us and our Alfred E. Neuman pumpkins. Please put us in your magazine, it will make us famous and easier to pick up chicks. Hey, what's cooler than guys posing with pumpkins their mommy painted? Oh, well, anyway, thanks!

Jimmy and Tommy Thelen, Sioux City, IA



ILIC, TOMMY THELEN, JIMMY THELEN, TONY TRAN AND RICHARD TRAN

My youngest son is one of your biggest fans. He recently won a Spy Vs. Spy video game for his Xbox from one of your contests. I wanted to share our Halloween pictures with you for obvious reasons!

Cynthia Corcoran, Lake Wylie, SC



CAMERON CORCORAN IN HIS COSTUME

For Halloween, our boys wanted to be Spy Vs. Spy. Unfortunately, we have three boys. So we made one of them gray! We hope you enjoy the pictures.

Michelle R., Heather P. and Judy C., Santa Clara, CA

AARON (BLACK SPY), DOMINIC (GRAY SPY) AND CHRISTIAN (WHITE SPY)



My son and his best friend were so impressed with the Spy Vs. Spy characters that they wanted to be them for Halloween. We were unable to find anything in the stores or costume companies, so my wife pulled out her sewing machine and took a hike all over the copyright trail. I hope you don't mind!

Terry Tincher, Address Withheld



READER ALERT!

Everyone that had their letter published in this month's Letters Page will receive a copy of *Doom* on DVD, rated PG-13, courtesy of Universal Home Video. For those who couldn't be bothered to write us a letter, *Doom* will be on sale in stores February 7, 2006!



ANTIQUES FREAKSHOW WITH HANS BRICKFACE

One day while pretending I cared about being in snobby Waverly Home, the snooty "decorating" store, I came across this thing. It was 90% off so I knew I had to have it. No one in the store knew what it was, but the place did go out of business shortly after I purchased it. Any suggestions?



Carole Traster-Wilk, Little Neck, NY

Wilk on the Wild Side — We too are at a loss, but we're sure that resident antiques guru, Hans Brickface, can fill in all the blanks for you!

People write to me because, as an antiques expert, I have a wealth of knowledge and experience in this particular field, and my help is needed to guide novice collectors. However, you don't have to be an expert to determine that if you bought something at a chain store a few years ago for 90% off, it's probably not a priceless antique. That said, it appears as though you have been the victim of a churlish prank carried out by the staff of Waverly Home! From the looks of it, those rascals have sold you a sphere of their half-eaten, petrified marshmallows! So, there is no market value, but the joke they played at your expense is absolutely priceless! And please don't bother to write in when you buy a moldy Hot Pocket from the stock boy at Pier 1 Imports!

MAD BLURBS

Actual quotes that prove the world is going MAD!
This Month: Director John Woo

In the new book *John Woo Interviews* edited by Robert K. Elder, John Woo talks about the bizarre link between MAD and his work. After reading this quote from the book, we can't believe that taking inspiration from our pages didn't kill his career immediately!



Q: ...How did you come up with the style to use Mexican stand-offs? — Almost like "Infinite Ammo" flips and slides or when people fly across the room shooting at them in your films?

JW: I think the ideas came on the set because I never knew it's called a Mexican standoff. I just wanted to make a fun moment. [In] *The Killer* I tried to find a way to emphasize the friend and enemy [dichotomy] and I tried to create a fun moment. Maybe I have [read] too many comics and at that time my favorite comic was MAD magazine's *Spy* vs. *Spy* — the black and white bird that catch each other and actually they are pretty good friends. That gave me the idea to create the scene.



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MELVIN & JENKINS' GUIDE TO CHARITY WORK



Jenkins donates one day of his weekend helping the local Meals on Wheels program deliver food to the elderly.



Melvin donates his time, too, but after weeks of complaint calls, they discover him holed up in his apartment surrounded by 6,000 single servings of lime Jell-O.

12 WAYS TO KNOW YOU'RE FLYING ON A BANKRUPT AIRLINE

- ✶ Your New York to Los Angeles flight terminates in Duluth and they bus you the rest of the way.
- ✶ They conveniently "forget" to return the loose change you place in the tray before going through the X-ray machine.
- ✶ If you need to use the restroom, you need four quarters.
- ✶ To increase the number of paying customers per flight they introduce a new seating class - Overhead Bin.
- ✶ During check-in, each passenger is given their boarding pass and a condom filled with a white powder to swallow.
- ✶ Costly airport runway fees have been foregone in favor of a barter arrangement permitting landings in Blockbuster video parking lots.
- ✶ Frequent flyer program has been scaled back so now you only get mileage credit for taxiing on the runway.
- ✶ Flight attendants are now offering lapdances.
- ✶ The computerized reservation system has been scrapped in favor of one of those "Rainman" type guys with a really good memory.
- ✶ On the way to your destination your flight flies low to dust crops.
- ✶ The barf bag reads, "If you throw up during the flight, please be considerate and leave room in the bag for the next passenger."
- ✶ Travel vouchers for delayed flights can only be redeemed for a different delayed flight.

THE FAST 5 PHRASES YOU'LL NEVER HEAR ON AN INFOMERCIAL



- 1 "People ask me if this product is for real, and I tell them no, of course not. Don't be stupid."
- 2 "You won't find it in stores, since they don't want to be implicated in all the lawsuits."
- 3 "If this product is not everything you thought it would be, simply lower your expectations to the point where it is!"
- 4 "Listen carefully, because we're only going to give out the phone number one time."
- 5 "Call within the next 15 minutes and get the exact same deal as those who call later."



KING KLUTZ



PAGES

BITTERMAN



These crappy novelty stores symbolize the decline of society. It's just a filthy display of cheap, perverted sex novelties and lame, 60s-inspired drug paraphernalia. Look around at the people in that place, Zoe — it's a congregation of Goth freaks and trailer trash, all stopping by to get a cheap laugh over phallic hand soap and battery-operated fart machines. Every fake preteen "punk" can get a nipple ring while daddy ogles Carmen Electra posters. It's a den of illiteracy, immorality and ignorance.



If you're a keen teen lookin' for awesome advice, then just...

Ask Lynne Cheney

...wife of our beloved Vice President. For candid counseling on sensitive subjects, Mrs. Cheney always has your best interests at heart.

Dear Mrs. Cheney,

My parents recently got divorced and I'm feeling pretty bad. I still love them both. Sometimes I get the feeling it was my fault. My counselor at school says I shouldn't blame myself. Why do I blame myself? Why do I feel so bad?

— Puzzled

Dear Puzzled:

It's a sad and confusing time. And at other times, it probably makes you angry and you just want to break something or smash something. Or, yes, even shoot at something if you had your own automatic weapon. It's a perfectly natural teen reaction. But where in today's society can you fire an automatic weapon or blow up something because you feel like it? Is there a place where all that is perfectly legal? A place where you can really let your anger out and do some good at the same time? A place where you can blow up an entire building by pushing one button in a spanking new Bradley Fighting Vehicle? Mmmmm, I wonder... And don't for a minute believe those lies in the media that the Bradley doesn't have "decent" armor plating. The media is such a liar. It gets me furious! The nice man at your Army Recruiting office will have many ideas to help you through this difficult time.

Remember! If you're an angst-ridden adolescent with a prickly problem, don't hesitate to ASK LYNNE CHENEY.

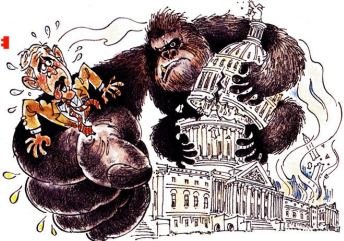


"DORIS COULDN'T MAKE IT BUT SHE WANTED YOU TO SEE HER NEW SKIRT."

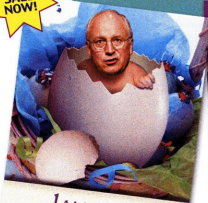
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HOW THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION YOU HONOR AN ATTACK BY KING KONG

- ◆ Have Homeland Security advisory system raised to 'red' anytime a gorilla escapes from a zoo
- ◆ Let the President go on vacation and have the Humane Society take care of it
- ◆ Blame it on Al Qaeda and start wars in countries that contain jungles
- ◆ Amend the Patriot Act so the FBI can tap the phones of anyone who's bought bananas
- ◆ Cite Godzilla and Mothra as part of the "axis of evil"
- ◆ Accuse anyone who watches old *Magilla Gorilla* cartoons as giving aid and comfort to the enemy
- ◆ Give massive tax cuts to the rich



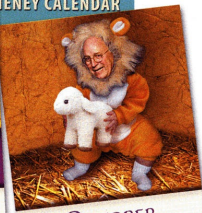
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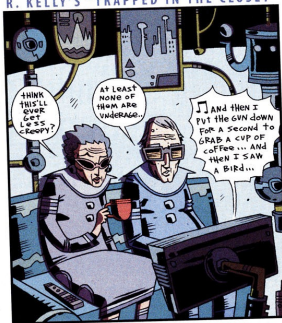


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After several seasons as *American Idol* judges, Randy, Paula and Simon have run out of things to say. They just spout off the same lines over and over, like a mynah bird or the cast of *Saturday Night Live*. Hey guys, if we wanted useless feedback, we'd go to a Slipknot concert! This ghastly trio needs to add a little variety to their responses. We recommend...

MAD'S DO-IT-YOURSELF *Amer*



"Yo, yo, yo! What's
I gotta give ya , because
you definitely did . You
were a little
so it didn't blow

up, dawg
on second
new, Pussycat,
whoa-whoa-whoa-oh
for lunch
in your wallet

props
an atomic wedge
the finger
a flu shot
the name of a
good therapist

your thing
a porno or two
wonders for
my career
drugs
Paula

pitchy
gassy
light in the loafers
teapot, short
and stout
bit drunk last night

me away
out my stomach staples
more than a
category 2 storm
the whistle on
our fixed voting
the cover of any
CIA operatives



ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN
WRITER: DARREN JOHNSON

American Idol JUDGES' CRITIQUES

"You looked

like a star
Nick Nolte's mugshot
you were constipated
me, when I still had
a legitimate career
Randy in drag

up there.

You had me

in tears
at "Hello"
back on the sauce
wetting my pants
hoping this is a dream
sequence from *Lost*

Maybe not your best choice

of song
medical coverage
wireless plans
mouthwash
appetizers
, but you
made

it your own
up the lyrics
William Hung sound
like Josh Grobin
this trip for nothing
me nauseous

Great

job
Caesar's ghost
ass
balls of fire
news: I just saved
a ton of money on
my car insurance

"I can sum up that

performance in two words:

absolutely dreadful
check, please
Alcoholics Anonymous
Got Milk?
Justin Guarini

That was like listening to

at a hillbilly wedding
translated into Pig Latin
played through
a Kazoo
over an airport PA
mashed-up with
50 Cent

I could release that tomorrow

and . In my opinion,

we're going to see you

drunken karaoke
a Bill Maher monologue
Terrell Owen's apology
a "Jesus, Take the Wheel" ringtone
"Seacrest, out!" for the thousandth time

have a hit record
you won't see a dime

Diddy will have sampled
it before noon

use it to torture Gitmo detainees

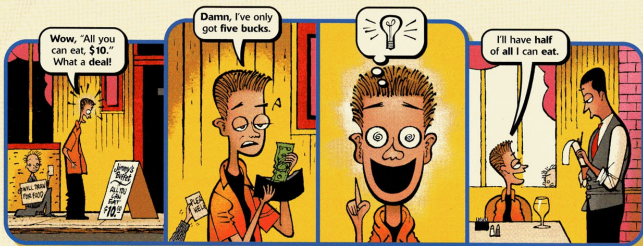
let Ashlee Simpson
lip-synch to it

make it big
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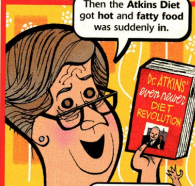


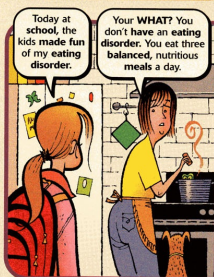


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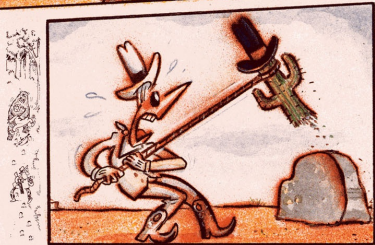
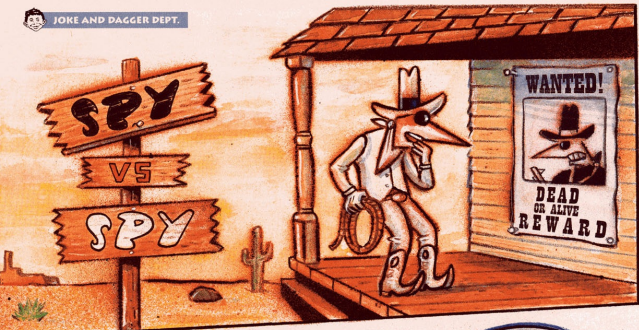
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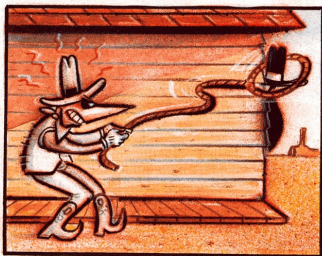
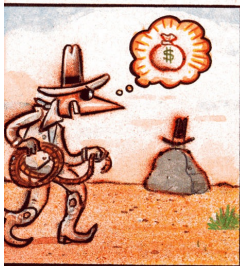
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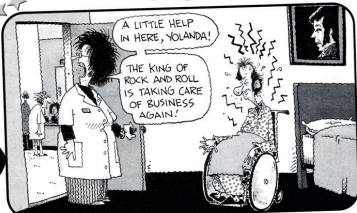


In the great circle of life, as one thing dies, another is born to take its place. And so it was with the great rock and roller Elvis Presley. Almost immediately after his death, a bevy of Elvis impersonators were born to fill our primal need to watch a sweaty, gyrating guy in a sequined jumpsuit. Sadly, many of these impersonators are now a bit past their prime and are suffering the slings and arrows that frequently accompany old age. Many of these hardworking performers have simply been forgotten, cast off to the dustbin of showbiz. But you'll remember, when MAD exposes...



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JOHN CALDWELL

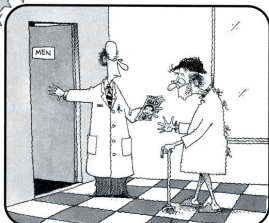
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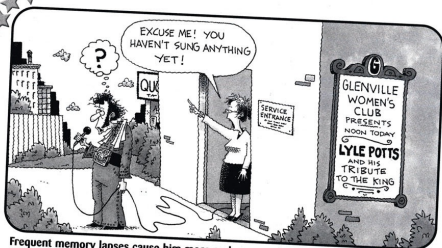
Elvis' trademark motto "T.C.B." has, sadly, become just another everyday nursing home staff code word



Few, if any, health care plans provide for the nearly bi-monthly hip replacements they require



There are currently no provisions to allow aging Elvis impersonators to die with dignity, on their own toilet



Frequent memory lapses cause him more and more to forget why he "left the building"



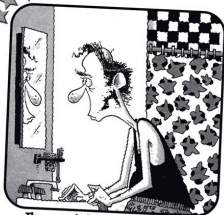
The classic Elvis lip curl now causes previously unforeseen problems



A society conditioned to choose between "Skinny Elvis" and "Fat Elvis" is simply unprepared to add "Dementia-Addled Elvis" to the mix



There is woefully inadequate funding to provide grilled peanut butter, banana and bacon sandwiches in the Meals on Wheels program



The overwhelming depression that sometimes accompanies Male Pattern Sideburn Baldness

COHOES SENIOR CENTER TALENT XTRAVAGANZA



The lines of the classic Elvis jumpsuit simply cannot stand up to the rigors of a fully-loaded, heavy-duty Depends

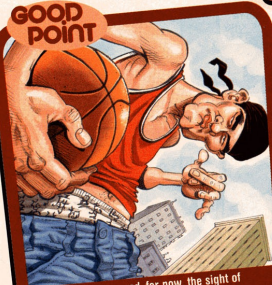




Recently, the NBA enstated a dress code requiring all players to "wear Business Casual attire whenever they are engaged in team or league business." What's next? Are they going to have the players wear some kind of uniform? (Wait...nevermind.) As we say goodbye to velour jump suits, sunglasses and bling, and wave a big hello to khakis, turtlenecks and blazers, we present...

THE GOOD AND BAD POINTS

GOOD POINT



We'll be spared, for now, the sight of a 7'6" Chinese man in a do-rag

BAD POINT

Man, now I gotta get this \$100 dry cleaned!



Now, when fans throw soda and popcorn at the players, the stains are much more expensive to remove

GOOD POINT

Players can now go from their press conferences to their assault trials without having to change

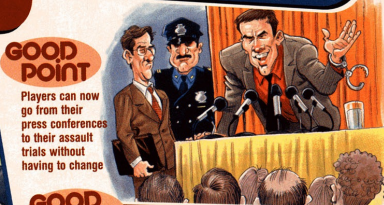
GOOD POINT



Marv Albert may finally find the perfect foil in his new color man — Isaac Mizrahi



Even dressed up in 3-piece suits, players still won't exude the same raw sexual energy as NBA Commissioner David Stern



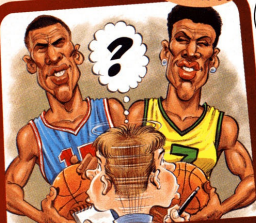
OF THE new NBA DRESS CODE

GOOD POINT

Players now 50% less likely to be passed up by cab drivers



GOOD POINT



Without earrings, it'll be easier to tell the NBA players from the WNBA players

Oh, oh! It's Steven Marbury! Last time I saw pants that long, they were on a guy wearing stilts!

My name's Stephon. And aren't you dead yet?

BAD POINT



It's only a matter of time before the Pre-Game show is replaced by "red carpet" coverage with Joan and Melissa Rivers.

BAD POINT



Press conferences delayed for hours as players make sure their trouser pleats are juuuuuust right

BAD POINT

Untucking the dress shirt, undoing a tie, removing the sportscoat — all take away from time that could be spent impregnating groupies



BAD POINT

The launch of LeBron James' new shoe is just not as cool when it's a Bruno Magli wingtip



GOOD POINT

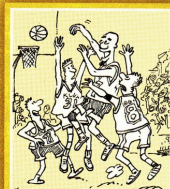
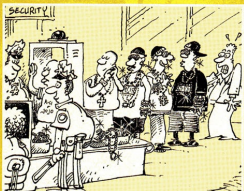
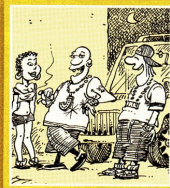
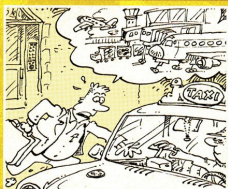


The new policy will mean classier hand-me-downs for the stars' illegitimate children

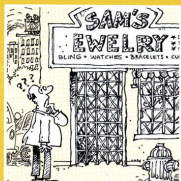
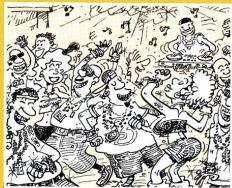


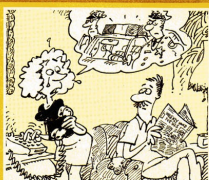
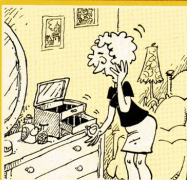
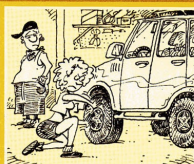
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Sergio Aragones presents A MAD Look



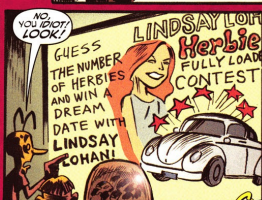
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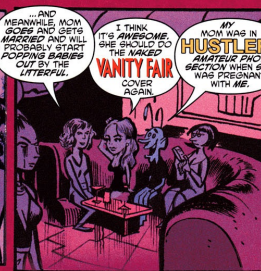
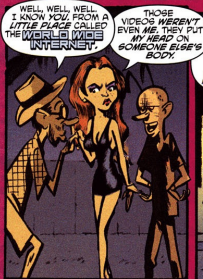


It'll be a blind date — after she gouges her eyes out. It's...

MONROE and... The DREAM DATE



2 WEEKS LATER...



DAMN IT, ASHTON! IF THIS IS YOU SCREWING WITH ME! THIS GUY'S A

FREAK!

Err... MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO CALL IN PRIVATE?

I HAVEN'T BEEN "punkd" MY BAD, GOTTA GO.

HI THERE, LITTLE FELLA. SO YOU WON THE DATE WITH ME, HUNK? WAS THIS A MAKE-A-WISH KINDA DEALY? YOU DYING?

I DUNNO ABOUT HIM, BUT I SURE AS HELL AM DYING FOR YOU! **JA JA VOOM!**



YIKES! SERIOUSLY, LINDSAY, I HAD NO IDEA. I MEAN, LOOK AT THIS KID, HOW ABOUT WE GET YOU TWO SOMEWHERE REALLY DARK, LIKE A CLUB.



LINDSAY! OVER HERE!

AWESOME! THE **PAPARAZI!**

LINDSAY! WHO'S THE GEEK?

HE'S A CIVILIAN. LEAVE HIM ALONE.



IS HE ONE OF THOSE DYING WISH KIDS? WHADDAYA GOT, KID?

WHY DOES EVERYONE THINK...?

JUST MOVE A LITTLE TO THE LEFT. **SICKY.** THANKS.

YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU DON'T WANT HIM. YOU DON'T GET ME. BYE!



L, THERE'S SOME DEODORANT PEOPLE HERE THAT WANT TO KNOW IF YOU'LL ENDORSE SOME OF THEIR **TEEN SPRAY.**

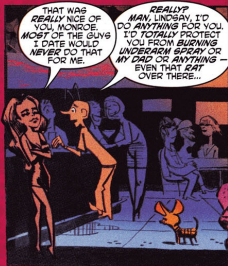
SAM! YOU KNOW MY SKIN IS MOODY! HERE, YOU TRY IT.

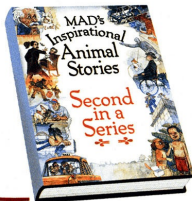
WHY NOT? THIS DATE IS GIVING ME **NOVELTY SWEAT.**

AMHHH! IT BURNS LIKE FIRE ANTS!

TELL THEM I'LL PASS.







The Dog That Played Football for Notre Dame



It's the dream of a lot of boys to grow up and play football for Notre Dame. But could you say the same thing about a dog? You could if its name was Mr. Muffles. He was an NCAA legend that left his mark on that university located at South Bend, Indiana.

It all began one fall afternoon when I was headed back to my dorm. This big dog came out of nowhere and started chasing me. He sounded angry and dangerous. I scampered up a tree.

Sometimes people are cruel to dogs and the dogs turn mean. But it's not the dog's fault. This dog's attempt to attack me was, in fact, a cry for help.

I happened to have a sandwich in my bag that I gave to the

dog. While he ate, I climbed down, thinking, "What can I do for this dog?"

I decided to name him Mr. Muffles, a gentle name, and I took him back to live in my dorm room.

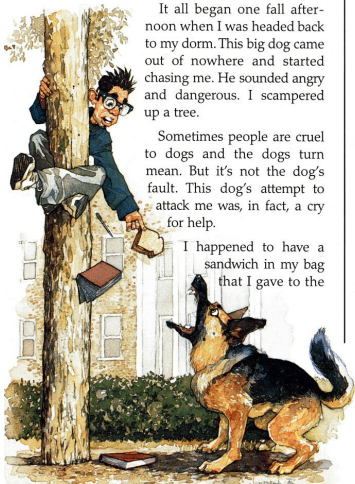
My roommate was the All-American wide receiver, Walter Washington. He was as strong as he was big and fast.

I wasn't there when Walter and Mr. Muffles first met. But something special must've happened between them — a magic bond of some kind.

They'd love to roughhouse. Someone who didn't know better might think they were trying to hurt each other. Like the time Walter hit Mr. Muffles over the head with a wrench while the dog was taking a nap. Then, Mr. Muffles bit Walter so deep it exposed his thighbone. But I knew they were only playing.

One time, Walter hog-tied Mr. Muffles and threw him in the closet. This was probably a test to see how fast Mr. Muffles could free himself. They both loved testing each other, although Walter never really explained why. For some reason, a few weeks earlier he stopped talking to me altogether.

It didn't take Mr. Muffles long to chew through that rope and break down the closet door. Walter had been leaning out a window talking to a teammate below. Mr.



Muffles ran at Walter, no doubt to show off how quickly he had freed himself, but this time their horseplay went too far, and he accidentally pushed Walter out of our third-story window.

Walter's fall to the cement court below broke his collarbone, three ribs and his wrist.

Mr. Muffles tried sneaking into the infirmary that night, most likely to show Walter how sorry he was, but the staff prevented it.

Walter's recovery went better than expected. His body was healing nicely and he was ready to play some football. There was only one game left in the season and it was against their archrivals, the University of Southern California.

Little time remained in that game, and Notre Dame was trailing when the coach decided to send in Walter.

They threw a pass to Walter, who made a terrific catch, but he was hit hard by three USC defenders. He punctured a lung and re-broke two of his three previously-broken ribs.

They carefully put him on the gurney, strapped him in and pushed him over to the sidelines, where they waited for the ambulance.

Then, out of nowhere, came Mr. Muffles. Perhaps he sensed there was a broken play about to happen. He ran as fast as he could to the gurney and pushed Walter back out onto the field near the end-zone just as the ball landed right in Walter's lap!

Before the referee could call this strange play, the USC defenders pounced on Walter, collapsing the gurney and breaking three more of his ribs. But the momentum of the USC players pushed the collapsed gurney across the goal line. "Touchdown! Notre Dame!" yelled the referee.

The hometown fans couldn't contain their jubilation! If it weren't for that amazing, quick thinking, football-loving dog, Notre Dame would have lost by the totally lopsided score of 54 to 3 instead of the far more respectable 54 to 9.

Hail, hail to you, Mr. Muffles — the dog that played football for Notre Dame and "won" everyone's love.

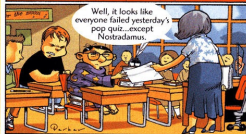
—Tom White, age 37



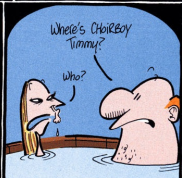
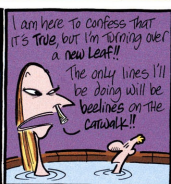
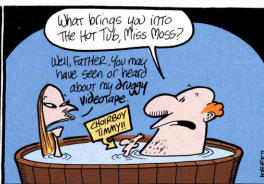
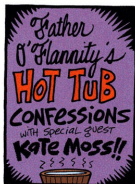


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"POKER 'POCALYPSE!"

Excited over USA Network's "Matlock" marathon, Santon is stunned to find it pre-empted by a new POKER show!



Affleck playing POKER NEXT!

Santon is shaken. The idea of watching celebrities play poker instead of playing it yourself is deeply disturbing. Communal games like poker are meant to keep society **INTERACTING** with each other. **TELEVIEWED CELEBRITY POKER** would rip us apart!

Dude, play poker with YOUR FRIENDS, don't watch it on TV! STOP IT!!!



Shhhhhhhhh!!! Ben Affleck and Skeet Ulrich ARE my friends, dude!

As Santon tries to convince folks that they aren't actually playing poker with Affleck, **EVIL TV EXECUTIVES** try to up the ante!!!

How 'bout "**CELEBRITY COOKOUT!**"? Why have your own cookout, when you can watch a **COOKOUT** on TV that has **CELEBRITIES**?!!!



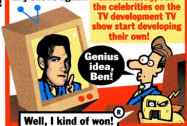
With televised poker and televised cookouts **threatening to END ALL SOCIAL INTERACTION**, Santon must beat 'em at their OWN GAME!

Dude, why have YOUR OWN TV development meeting when you can watch a TV development meeting on TV that has **CELEBRITIES**?!



The evil TV executive is quickly mesmerized, and **NEVER** develops any shows again!

Unfortunately, now the celebrities on the TV development TV show start developing their own!

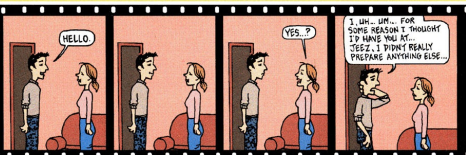


Well, I kind of won!

DON AMASSEN

JUMP CUT

JERRY MAGUIRE



PAUL GILLIGAN

THE ONE SUPERHERO WHO
SIMPLY CANNOT BE BEATEN...
MEET

FANTABULAMAN

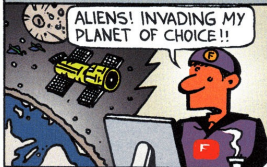
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PEOPLE
STILL TRY,
THOUGH.



EARTH'S WOULD-BE SUPERVILLAINS,
COWED AND DETERRED BY
FANTABULAMAN'S FAMED UNDEFEAT-
ABILITY, HAVE STOPPED EVEN TRYING
TO CARRY OUT ANY NEFARIOUS SCHEMES.



AS PIPED-IN IMAGES FROM THE
HUBBLE TELESCOPE ATTEST,
HOWEVER, EXTRATERRESTRIALS
HAVEN'T GOTTEN THE MESSAGE!



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APPLYING HIS POWER OF MENTAL
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THE ALIEN FLEET, LOCKED INTO
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HITS THE SUN.



NEXT: BRING IN THE CLONES!



AMERICAN IDOL ALSO RANS: Where Are They Now?

For every Kelly, Ruben, and the other two who gained fame and/or fortune on *American Idol*, there are countless thousands who did not.

SEASON 3, HONOLULU AUDITION

UNIQUE GIMMICK: Lip synching to Ashlee Simpson albums, which he unsuccessfully claimed was "an ironic commentary on the state of modern music."

NAIL IN HIS COFFIN: The large "Death to Simon" tattoo on his exposed chest

POST-AUDITION QUOTE: "Anybody got \$1.25 for the bus ride home?"

PAULA'S COMMENT: "Good God, that sucked...in a nice, uplifting way."

FAVORITE MUSICAL MEMENTO: A temporary restraining order

signed by Kelly Clarkson herself

VALUABLE LESSON LEARNED: Scat yodeling isn't as popular as it used to be

**DeTangelo
Grendel**



**Slash
Bamford**

SEASON 4, SAN FRANCISCO AUDITION

UNIQUE GIMMICK: Openly boasted about being 75 pounds heavier than Ruben Studdard

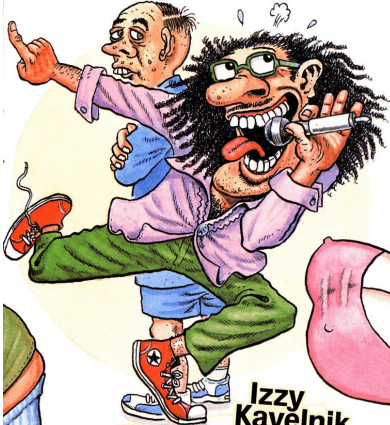
DOWNFALL: Insisted on performing love songs he wrote himself, all of which contain the words "thumbscrew," "retaliate" and "scabies"

PAULA'S OPINION: "That was just so wonderful. I loved it."

POST-AUDITION QUOTE: "Can I have my Bowie knife back now?"

WHERE IS HE NOW?: Personal assistant to UN Ambassador John Bolton

VALUABLE LESSON LEARNED: Ingesting helium before each number hurts more than it helps



Izzy Kavelnik

SEASON 1, LOS ANGELES AUDITION

CLAIM TO FAME: Considered "The Weird Al Yankovic of 18th Century German Operas."

DOWNFALL: Spent 10 minutes arguing the virtues of Roe Vs. Wade, before discovering they weren't those kinds of judges

FUN FACT: He's technically not part of a duo, since his conjoined twin doesn't sing

RANDY'S OPINION: "As a Grammy winner myself, let me just say that there are so many categories that everyone in this industry eventually wins one."

WHERE IS HE NOW?: Lead triangle player for The Bangshees, a William Hung tribute band

VALUABLE LESSON LEARNED: Just about anyone can do Ryan Seacrest's job

SEASON 3, ATLANTA AUDITION

SIGNATURE TUNE: "Whoops, I Did It Once More"

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: 360D bra size

POST-AUDITION QUOTE: "Some people wait a lifetime for a moment like this...hey, that's a good line. Let me write that down."

SIMON SAYS: "Absolutely, without doubt, the most unoriginal, derivative act we've ever seen."

WHERE IS SHE NOW?: About to sign an 8-figure recording deal

VALUABLE LESSON LEARNED: None

Britannia Spikes



Herb Gherkin

SEASON 2, CHICAGO AUDITION

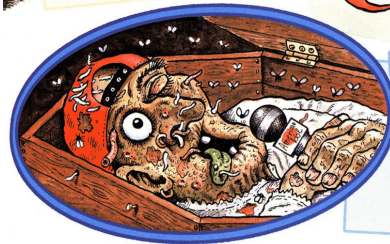
UNIQUE GIMMICK: The oldest contestant at 86, though he claimed to be 23

POST-AUDITION QUOTE: "Well, at least I didn't get gonged, so that's a positive."

SIMON SAYS: "Absolutely fantastic, which I mean in the most negative sense."

WHERE IS HE NOW?: Dead

VALUABLE LESSON LEARNED: Given the number of contestants, there weren't nearly enough bathrooms at this venue



Bernice Gravlox



SEASON 3, HOUSTON AUDITION

UNIQUE GIMMICK: Half-hour rant about how the CIA had both John Lennon and Tupac Shakur killed, all to the accompaniment of calypso music

ATTITUDE PROBLEM: Kept insisting her name is actually pronounced "Beyoncé!"

SIGNATURE TUNE: She crooned a slow, soulful version of "99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall." But only the even-numbered verses

RANDY'S OPINION: "I'm sorry, I was on my cell phone. Could you do the whole thing again?"

WHERE IS SHE NOW?: Somehow ended up on the Arizona Diamondbacks as a result of the Manny Ramirez trade, though the logistics are still unclear

VALUABLE LESSON LEARNED: If you're going to bribe a judge, don't do it when the cameras are rolling

Klaus Fleugheuevel

SEASON 3, NEW YORK AUDITION

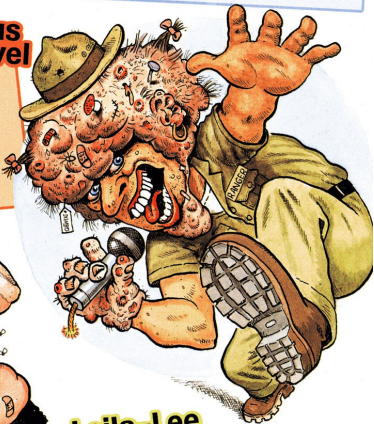
UNIQUE GIMMICK: Considered himself an honorary Village Person — which sort of explained the forest ranger outfit, though not the rubber Elephant Man mask

BIG DISAPPOINTMENT: Didn't get the expected sympathy vote from his recent tracheotomy

PAULA'S OPINION: "If you think I'm sleeping with you, you're crazy."

POST-AUDITION QUOTE: "I liked Ed McMahon on Star Search a lot better than you jerks."

VALUABLE LESSON LEARNED: Having all your friends call up and vote for you doesn't work unless you make it onto the show itself



Leila-Lee Lee

SEASON 5, DENVER AUDITION

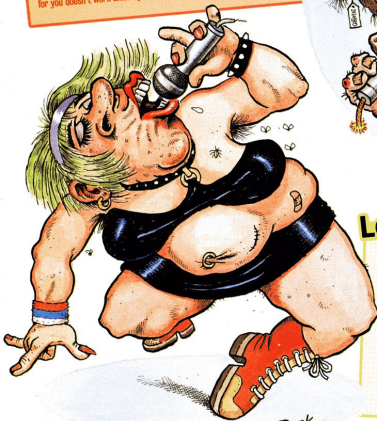
SHOW PREP: Lacing the drinks of competitors with crushed sleeping pills in the green room

SIGNATURE TUNE: "The 12 Days of Christmas," the lines of which she kept forgetting, adding things like "8 yaks a-feeding" and "11 guys with lupus."

POST-AUDITION QUOTE: "I'm glad I took this risk. The worst that can happen is that my dreams are crushed and my life completely ruined."

SIMON'S COMMENT: "If we wanted to hear a middle-aged, shrieking bimbo, then Paula would be a contestant and not a judge."

WHERE IS SHE NOW?: Singing at Guantanamo Bay, which the U.S. military hopes will get detainees to talk, or she'll just keep on singing



Tom Bunk

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The Snipe: Twist his ears? Press his belly? What happens if you just kick him in the 'nads?



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MVP 06 NCAA BASEBALL

PS2, Xbox • Electronic Arts



The Hype: MVP 06 NCAA Baseball features an exclusive NCAA Baseball license with 128 universities, the top conferences, plus 19 authentic ballparks including Rosenblatt Stadium, home of the NCAA College World Series in Omaha. The game also features a live ESPN ticker, as well as news from ESPN.com and updates from ESPN Radio Sportscenter.

The Snipe: So it's come to this: you're playing a game where the goal is to get to Omaha.



DVD

THE ARISTOCRATS

Think Film Company Inc. • January 24

The Hype: More than 100 comedians reminisce, analyze, deconstruct and deliver their own versions of the world's dirtiest joke, an old burlesque routine too extreme to be performed in public, called "The Aristocrats."

The Snipe: Thanks to the overwhelming success of this documentary, we can probably expect Disney to do kid-friendly ripoffs about "knock-knock" jokes and the riddle "What's black and white and red all over?"



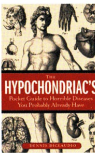
BOOK

THE HYPOCHONDRIAC'S POCKET GUIDE TO HORRIBLE DISEASES YOU PROBABLY ALREADY HAVE

DENNIS DICLAUDIO
Bloomsbury • \$14.95 • 208 pages • February

The Hype: Profiling many of the most disgusting, painful, life-threatening diseases like Ascariasis, Cancrum Oris, Schistosomiasis and Bejel that may be living in our bodies, this book will force everyone to become obsessive hand washers.

The Snipe: Sounds like the author has Tivo'd one too many episodes of House!



BOOK

DRAWING ACTION MANGA

KEITH SPARROW

CollinsDesign • \$19.95 • 96 pages • February

The Hype: Learn how to create the dynamic characters and sequences of Japanese comics. It gives you a list of needed materials, explains various techniques and offers 10 individual projects to practice with.

The Snipe: Given how every pimply-faced kid with a pencil and piece of paper wants to learn how to draw manga, we hope there's a chapter teaching them after mastering it how they can live on \$300 a year income!



MUSIC

VOICES MATCHBOOK ROMANCE

February 14 • Epitaph Records

The Hype: After touring locally and pushing their music over the internet, the Poughkeepsie-based punk band got the attention of Epitaph records, who are releasing their second full-length album.

The Snipe: We anxiously anticipate their latest offering — any band that's managed to dominate the punk scene in Poughkeepsie has got to be good!



GAME

KING KONG: THE OFFICIAL MOBILE GAME OF THE MOVIE

Gameclift • Mobile

The Hype: From the dense jungles of Skull Island to the magnificent skyscrapers of Manhattan, the adventure begins here. Incorporating the main characters from the film, the game takes you on a whirlwind adventure where Jack and Kong risk everything to protect Ann. Groundbreaking dual gameplay allows you to step into the role of Kong or Jack, filling both action and adventure needs.

The Snipe: Yeah. They sure say "adventure" a lot. Maybe they should have built a groundbreaking the-saurus into this thing.



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ARENA FOOTBALL GAME

PS2, Xbox • Electronic Arts

The Hype: Experience the intensity and passion of the indoor gridiron for the first time with EA SPORTS Arena Football. Build an AFL powerhouse and challenge the best players in the nation with head-to-head online play or take it to the promised land in "Season" mode.

The Snipe: "Take it to the promised land!" We want to be Bill Parcells, not frickin' Moses!



BOOK

THE BASEBALL GEEK'S BIBLE

DOUGLAS B. LYONS

MO Publications • \$14.95 • 160 pages • February

The Hype: This book pays tribute to the most memorable, awe-inspiring and surprising moments in the history of baseball. From the first World Series in 1903 and Roger Maris' 61st record-breaking home run to the Sosa/McGwire slugfest, you'll find all the key moments in the history of baseball covered!

The Snipe: We sure hope that Babe Ruth's boozing, Ty Cobb's blatant racism, Palmeiro's steroid abuse and the fact that Ted Williams' head is on ice are included as "key moments" in the history of the great American pastime!



GAME

SPLAT MAGAZINE RENEGADE PAINTBALL

PC, Xbox • Global Star Software, Inc.

The Hype: Prepare for the ultimate SPLAT test with adrenaline pumping Tournament, Fieldball and Arcade modes. From bunkering inside arenas to getting gogged in the great outdoors, it's time to break out in the most intense paintball experience yet.

The Snipe: Sadly, "getting gogged in the great outdoors" is not a euphemism for what you've been hoping to do with that girl who sits behind you in third period algebra. It means getting hit in the goggles. Which is probably what that girl would do to you if she knew what you were thinking.



DVD

WEDDING CRASHERS

Warner Home Video • January 3



The Hype: In this romantic comedy, Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson have perfected the art of wedding crashing. But when one of them actually falls in love, their sacred rule, "never leave a fellow crasher behind," may be broken.

The Snipe: You know what would really be funny? If Vince Vaughn and his new gal-pal Jennifer Aniston crashed the Brangelina wedding at George Clooney's Italian villa.

MUSIC

THE LIFE PURSUIT BELLE AND SEBASTIAN

Matador Records • February 7

The Hype: Recorded in California, the soft-spoken Scottish band's newest release provides an even sunnier mood and a shift back to the band's stripped-down sound.

The Snipe: We're hoping they start a feud with fellow Glasgow natives, Franz Ferdinand — if only because it would result in some very sensitive, very literate diss tracks.



GAME

FINAL FIGHT: STREETWISE

PS2, Xbox • Capcom

The Hype: Play as Kyle Travers, a streetwise underground pit fighter and brother of the infamous Cody from the classic *Final Fight* series. A seedy organization has kidnapped Cody, and you must try to solve his disappearance. Damage enemies at close range with hand-to-hand combat and finish them off with weapons, including pool cues, 2x4's, steel pipes, knives, grenades, shotguns and machine guns.

The Snipe: So, Cody's gone missing, eh? Have you tried any of those secret prisons the CIA's running in Eastern Europe?



THE MUST-HAVE!

VOLUSON 730 ULTRASOUND GE HEALTHCARE

The Hype: With Voluson 730, you can now acquire and construct volumetric images in real time — up to 40 volumes per second. Volume Ultrasound not only improves your 3D/4D capabilities, it enhances your 2D imaging as well, for even greater diagnostic confidence in your obstetrical, gynecologic, breast and general imaging studies.

The Snipe: Remember those X-Ray specs they used to sell in the back of comic books? Same thing.



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



The Fox network seems to be successful with two types of shows. One is teen-oriented series like *The OC* and *That '70's Show*. The other is shows featuring bitter middle-aged men. Simon Cowell on *American Idol* is one of them and this guy, who makes Simon look like the Pillsbury Doughboy, is another. He stars in a new medical mystery. He's angry, he's brooding, he's unshaven, meet...

L

You have a malignant, grade 4 liver cancer, Hepatitis B, and your lung has just collapsed! Besides that: you are fat, you have an obnoxious lifestyle, your SUV guzzles gas, and when you do have the strength to speak, you are boring! Frankly we don't need an anesthesiologist on staff, because you put all the other patients to sleep!

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have some injured nuns to insult and twin dying orphans to hit with some acidic put-downs!

Is he ALWAYS that way?

Not really. Today he's being warm and cuddly!

DR. HIBBERT

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PATIENT - SICK
DOCTOR - G. LOUSE

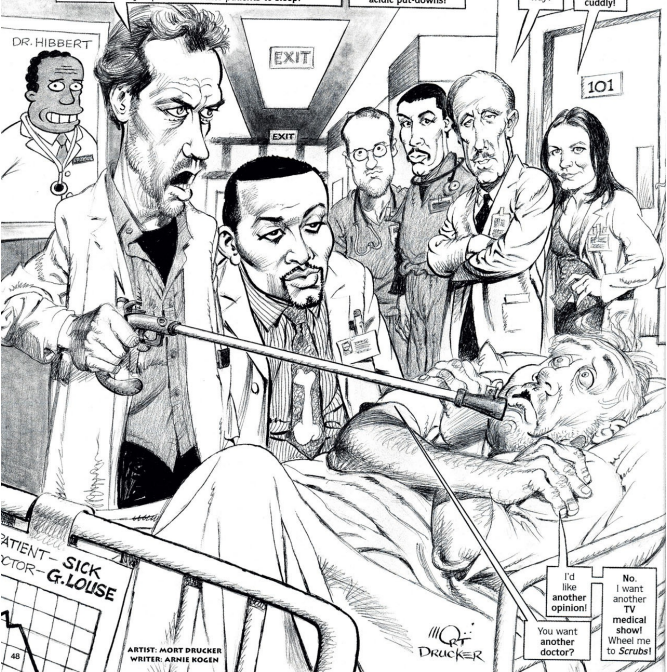
ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER
WRITER: ARNIE KOGEN

MR. DRUCKER

I'd like another opinion!

You want another doctor?

No. I want another TV medical show! Wheel me to Scrubs!



HOUSE

S.O.B.



Dr. Louse is off and ranting again! Call an exterminating proctologist!

What's that?

The only person who can treat a bad case of "bug up the ass"!

I understand the Walt Disney estate is suing the creators of this show?

Why is that?

For taking Doc and Grumpy and combining them into one human character!

Louse is a medical genius but the guy's a nutball! I left him after I saw his "bedside manner"!

Are you an ex-patient?

I'm his ex-wife!



Say what you will, Dr. Louse is a total original for prime-time TV! An edgy, cantankerous, outspoken doctor who walks with a cane!

Yeah, right! Like that's never been done before! Out of my way, you idiot!

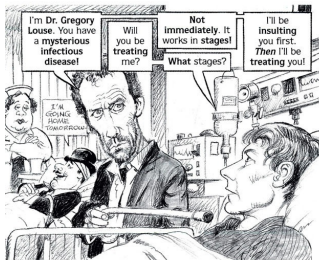
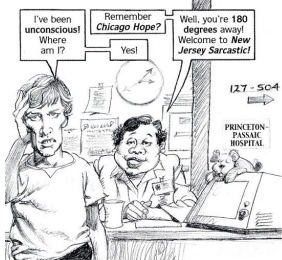
You don't belong here, Chaste. It seems you'd be better suited to one of those Fox teen series like *The OC*.

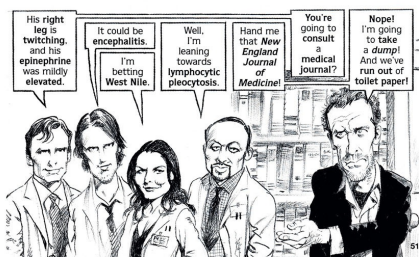
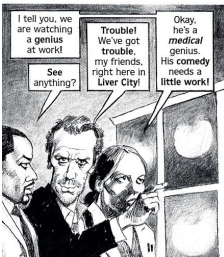
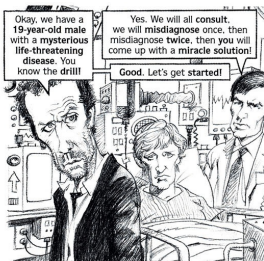
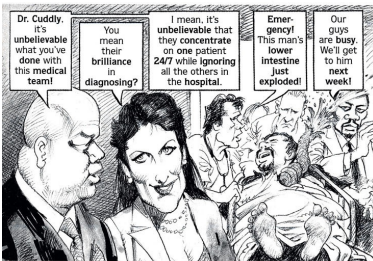
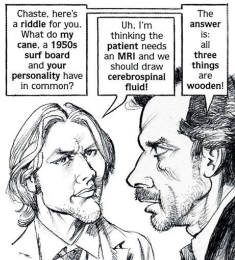
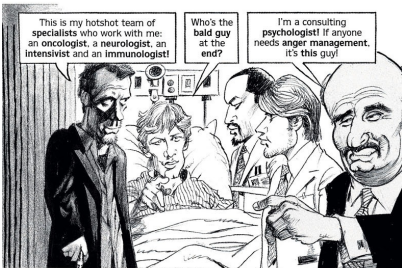
You mean because I'm a young hunk? Because of my surfer looks?

Because of your skills! You left a bottle of Evian in a patient!

Administer 12 cc's of valium, 90 mgs of percoctet, 40 mgs of Ativan and get a morphine drip going!

What patient is this for? It's for ME! I've got to deal with that manic Louse every week!





Yuck! Not another show that takes us on an icky voyage inside a human body cavity!

What is this, like the 82nd TV series to do this?

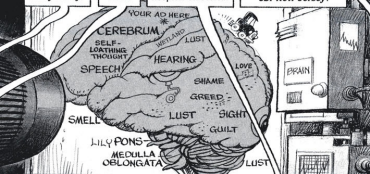
Great! A graphic trip through a guy's brain matter! Just what I needed after the meat-loaf lunch at the hospital cafeteria!

This show is like a detective drama! We analyze clues, we sift through evidence and we break into people's homes!

My God! We've become *CSI-New Jersey*!

Oh great, if my day wasn't going badly enough, now my beloved ex-wife shows up! What do you want?

I was going to ask you to treat my husband, but now, forget it! I hate you! You're the meanest, most egotistical bastard in the world! I should have known you were like this! During our wedding vows, I talked about love and feelings, you insulted the minister and told the bridesmaid she had chlamydia!



Louse, have you ever thought about a romantic involvement?

Not really. The only women I meet are infected!

Would you be interested in me?

Put on your sexiest outfit, catch a pox and we'll talk!



We've cured you! You had a rare viral infection passed on by pigeons in Peru. You can go home!

This is so abrupt!

Welcome to a thing called "strange story arc"!



We finally have a new patient being admitted that Louse can't be nasty to!

This I gotta see!

And even though it's a flesh wound...



...this was the closest hospital to my New Jersey home! Now here's the deal — I have a lot of friends who require medical attention! I can throw a lot a business your way, but if you screw up, I break your other leg! Are we clear, stubble face?

Yes, sir! Right away, sir!



**WHAT WAS
PRESIDENT BUSH
MOST UPSET
TO SEE DESTROYED
BY HURRICANE
KATRINA?**

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

There was no shortage of damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. And despite an initially apathetic response, there was one thing that the President was clearly upset to see demolished by the storm's wrath. To find out what this ruined thing is, fold page in as shown.



FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

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**HIT BY RECORD FLOODS, ALL OF NEW ORLEANS
APPROACHES COMPLETE RUIN. AN ATTEMPT AT REVIVAL
REQUIRES ENGINEERS CAPABLE OF REHABILITATING
AND BUILDING INDESTRUCTIBLE LEVEES**

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ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE

B

**WHAT WAS
PRESIDENT BUSH
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BY HURRICANE
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