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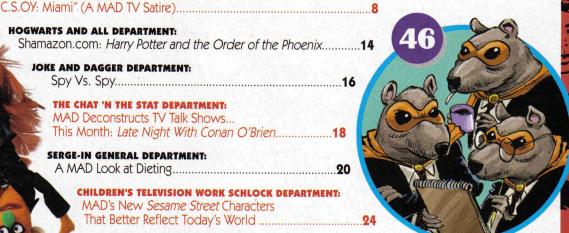
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MAD'S UNCOVER BOYS

What's wrong with you guys? This is the second time in a row you have put Alfred E. Neuman's naked body on the cover (#427 and #428). That's just nasty, c'mon. I don't even want to know what goes through your sick minds. First you have the bare hairy chest of a couple of fat men (MAD #421 and #422) and now this? I expect more from you guys. You usually give good stupid entertainment for good stupid people, but this?

Corey Raney, Nevada, MO

Soft-core — Thanks for your brutally honest note. But we have some bad news for you. If you hated all those covers, you're going to really hate this month's double covers, both of which feature giant naked *green* men. Oh my! Oh my! —Ed.

LORD OF THE ZINGS

I am writing to comment on the mistakes you made in making fun of The Two Towers. I am probably going to be dissed and you're going to make me look like a geek, but that's the price I pay for getting the privilege of getting my letter printed in MAD. First, Gollum is schizophrenic and is divided into Gollum and Sméagol. He calls himself "us," not "me." Also, in the intro you have Frodo and Sam sitting on the talking tree, but in the movie the two Hobbit brothers ride on the tree. And it was the twins that found Gandalf in the forest, not Aragorn, Gimli and Legolas. I love your magazine, even when it has visible flaws.

Zach DeVito, Weston, CT

Z — What the hell movie did you see? Did you buy the freakin' DVD off the street from one of those guys who sneaks a camcorder into the multiplex and shoots right off the screen? Or perhaps it is not Gollum who is schizo, but rather you. Yet another possibility is that it was you who was riding in a tree, fell out and landed on your freakin' head. Hmmm...let's put it to our readers. What do you think is wrong with Zach DeVito? You can choose from any of the ideas above or write in your own diagnosis. Don't worry, Zach, the MAD readers will get to the bottom of your problems. Send your responses to Amy "The Big Zach Wacker" c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

GALL IN THE FAMILY

I really like the issues that you make. My brother now doesn't like your magazine because you made fun of Lord of the Rings. When my brother gets an issue he is going to burn it or give it to my sister Annalise because she really likes your magazine. Oh, and my brother is writing a complaint about you. Don't put the complaint in your magazine. I wish you would always be in business.

Jaclyn Heuser, Blue Island, IL

Jackie — Thank you for your letter. If we can say only one thing to you that you'd remember for the rest of your life and beyond, into the great void of eternalicity, it is this: your brother is stupid! —Ed.



In MAD #428, after 35 years of reading your magazine, you finally printed my letter and name in "The Big Ballot" section on the Letters Page. It said: "I vote Zeb Williams for President! — Karen Garner, Sylvania, OH." I joyfully showed my very best friend, Donna Matthews and she said, "Big Deal!" And I said, "Do you know how many people read this magazine?" And she said, "Who? You and your Dad?" So could you guys please set her straight and tell her how many MAD magazines you sell each year? Then she can see what a kick-ass magazine you've got! Thanks!

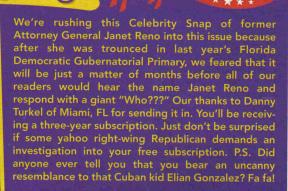
Karen Garner, Sylvania, OH

Karen — Thanks for your wonderful letter.
Unfortunately, when we called upstairs to that pencil-pushing geek Godfrey, he told us he doesn't have a clue as to how many magazines we palm off on a gullible public each year. So here's what that bumbling Godfrey suggested you do: go down to your newsstand and ask the guy how many issues he sells every month. Then times that by the number of newsstands in the country. For once, Godfrey appears to be partially on the ball.

We anxiously await your answer. —Ed.

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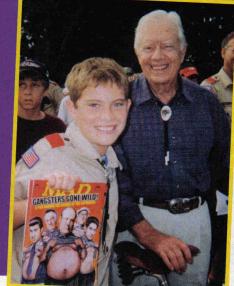
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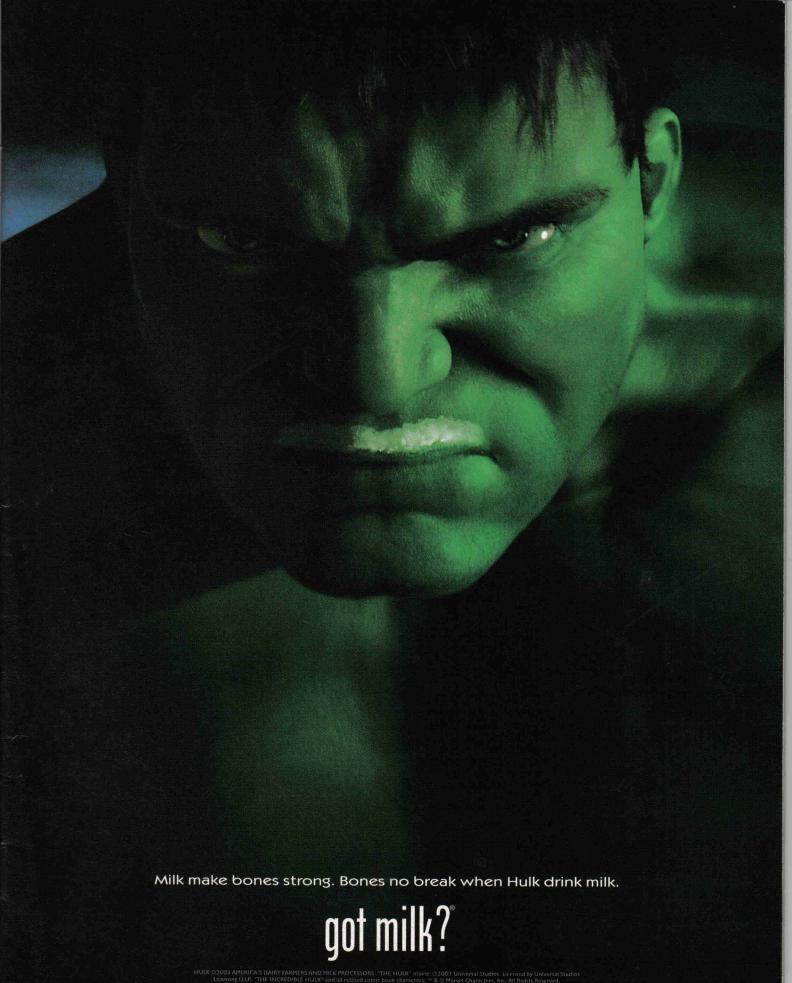


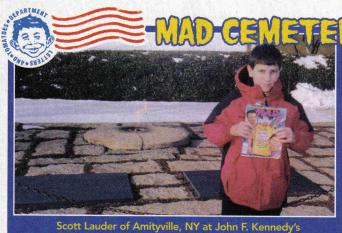
Although having a Nobel Peace Prize is an honor, I believe that having a celebrity shot in your magazine is a lifetime achievement that Jimmy Carter never thought he would receive. I risked life and limb by the Secret Service agents that were already embittered because of being stuck in Plains, GA to get this picture. After Jimmy found out that I took the picture, he forced me to make a million houses until my hands were raw and bloody. I think that I deserve a subscription after going through all that!

Tyler Keeton, Chesterfield, MI

Ty Bo — It's obvious you are "lusting in your heart" for a MAD subscription and so you shall have one. Congrats on your one-year subscription! —Ed.

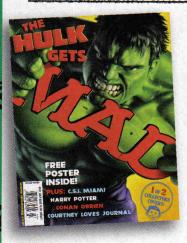






grave at Arlington National Cemetery

Scott — Thanks so much for your moving photo. It harkened us back to that day many years ago when the dashing young president held up a copy of our magazine and declared "Ich Bin Ein MAD Reader!" Thanks for writing and remember, ask not what MAD can do for you, rather what you can do for MAD. Congrats on your oneyear subscription! —Ed.



DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE

In a pathetic, thinly-veiled attempt to double our circulation in one month, we are once again slapping two different covers on the same issue of the magazine and calling both "Collector's Covers." We urge you to run right out and buy both issues immediately. Failure to do so could result in the firing of that bumbling Godfrey!





This essential compendium includes: the classic Hulk TV satire, rap CD warning labels, Condom Buying for Dummies and that freak Michael Jackson!

Don't miss next month's annual 50 WORST **ISSUE**

This year it's the 50 WORST
THINGS ABOUT
MOVIES!

Back in MAD #428 we asked readers for their definition of the word Potrzebie. We got a furshlugginer number of responses! Here are some of the best:

potrzebie (po-tr-z'-bie) (n.)(v.)(adj.)(adv.):

The stage a booger is in between being in the nostril and being in the mouth.

— Gloria Tarantino, Cadillac, MI

One who sweats profusely at the sight of shellfish.

- Jason Renslow, Plymouth, MA

An Iraqi dog-based soup. - Karen Garner, Sylvania, OH

That thing that bounces. - Jerry Moore, Cerritos, CA

It's where your lap goes when you stand up.

- Theo Saurus, Eagle Rock, MO

An Afro sculpted into a swan. — Eric Swotinsky, Sudbry, MA

A crunchy dipping sauce created when the mosquito lamp was placed too close to the dip bowl.

— Andrew Goelz, Shorewood, WI

A necessity.

— Bob Gorley, Santa Ana, CA

Means the same thing as "No Schnoz Kapop" in a foreign language.

- Richard Van Deusen, Rockwood, PA

A mostly goulash dish, made by improvised mixing and cooking whatever leftovers are in your refrigerator.

— Robert Schreib, Toms River, NJ

A sound that establishes the existential borders of solipsism.

— Aron Weiner, East Lansing, MI

A state of severe mental confusion. - Christopher Boydston, Boulder, CO

People who read MAD and do not find it humorous.

Michael Piekutowski, Ont., Canada

A vomiting turtle.

- Anthony Siraguse, Lakewood, CO

A medical condition that results in sharp, severe pain in the stomach area. Symptoms tend to be worse after one reads a whole MAD magazine in one sitting.

Steve Kapschock, Bensalem, PA

The patron saint of thimble collectors.

- James Reyes, Chicago, IL

The feeling of being suspended in midair while eating corn flakes in a rusty suit of armor while your flea-bitten poodle runs amok.

— Siri Lynn German, Melbourne, FL





Jim "I have way too much time on my hands" Hutchings of Ontario, Canada once again darkens our offices with his "creativity," stretching the term "art" thinner than humanly possible by even the most learned of linguists. Jim's medium this month: assorted candies — including, but not limited to, Snickers, Kit Kats, Chiclets, Tootsie Rolls and what appears to be several chocolate bars (at least that's what we hope they are)! Jim, for God's sake, when are you going to get the help you so desperately need? Please, man, please call the hotline. Even a layman can see that each of your entries is a desperate, candy-coated plea for help. Thanks for writing!

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ON SALE

JULY

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Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

I would like to make a wish for the **Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™**. I wish you would alter the color of cranberries. I want them to be red from now on. I also wish you would alter everyone's memory so that the new red color seems perfectly normal to everyone.

Sean Bernard, Lafayette, LA

Bernie Mac — As you know, it is the mission of *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation*TM to grant as many dumb wishes as possible. That's why excitement always runs high at the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation*TM headquarters when a letter as dumb as yours comes in. From henceforth, all cranberries shall be maroon, oranges will remain orange and ditto blueberries — blue. We're still dickering with green beans, we'll get back to you. In the meantime, thanks for writing the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation*TM.—Ed.

TROUBLE JEOPARDY

In MAD #428, you have a letter entitled "We Lost On *Jeopardy*." One of the answers on page four was "on each cover you'll find a little IND next to the M in MAD and this five letter word after the price." The response written under the answer was "What is 'sucks'." Now I don't know who at your magazine wrote that, but it is incorrect. The correct response is "What is 'cheap'."

Matthew Clark, Holy Cross, KY

Matty — Oops! Our mistake! It isn't MAD that sucks, it's YOU! Thanks for writing! —Ed.

JUSTIN'S TIME

I would like to thank you for providing me with a year of entertainment. We really enjoy reading MAD and always look forward to next month's issue.

Justin Miler, Inverness, IL

Justy — Thank you for your nice, sweet letter. Whenever we receive a letter such as yours, it breaks our heart to have to make fun of you, but that is what we do. Hey, poopy pants Justin! —Ed.

This month's Envelope of the Month from Nathan Carroll of Ekalaka, MT has an international military flavor. It would be a classic Envelope of the Month, if not for the conspicuous absence of Uday and Qusay!

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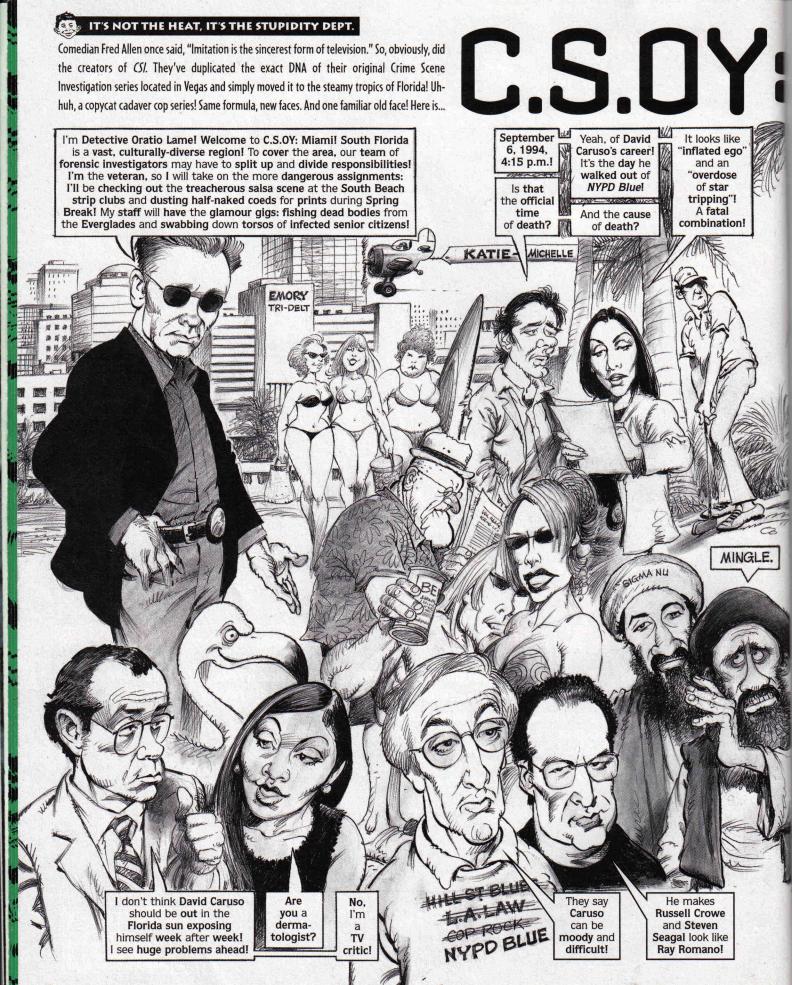
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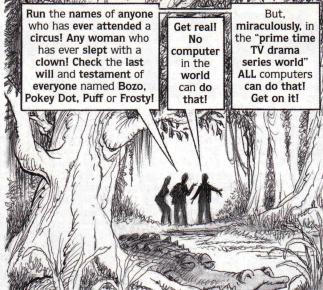
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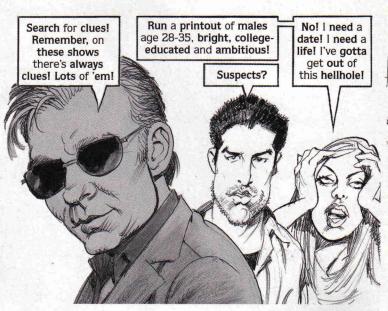


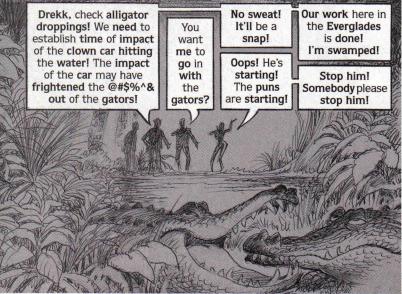
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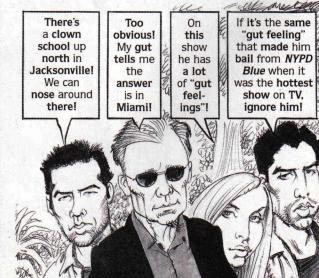




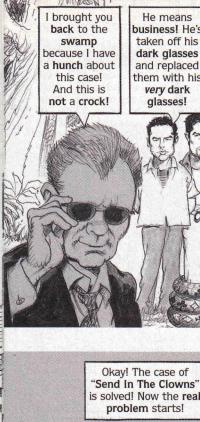












He means business! He's taken off his dark glasses and replaced them with his very dark glasses!

This clown car was leased November 1 in the year 2000! So maybe the clowns weren't the reason the car disappeared! I re-checked the trunk and found this ...

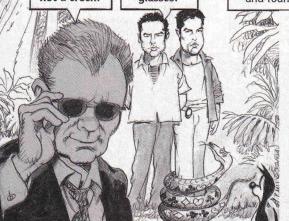
.missing Al Gore votes!

You mean...? Florida! Famous for sun, sand. skin and election hankypanky!

But these papers are all soggy and crumbled! They may not be write-in-ballots! It could be clown confetti!

I'll put it to you this way have I ever been wrong before?

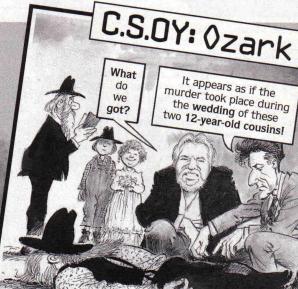
I'll put it back to you this way: Jade Michael Hayes, Hudson Hawk and Swirlee! You've agreed to be in some real turkeys!



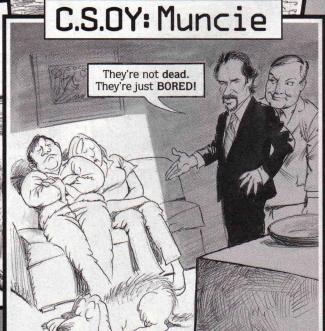
is solved! Now the real problem starts!

What's that?

The C.S.OY formula has been so lucrative it's gonna lead to countless more spin-offs! Next season it's gonna be "Send In The Clones!"



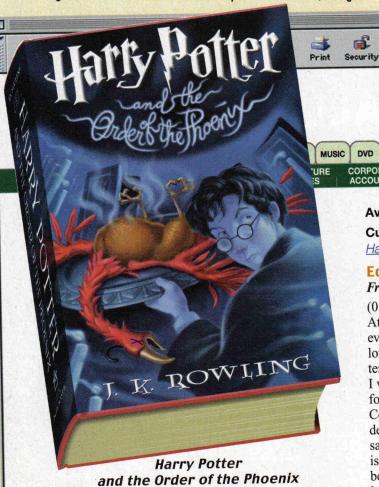
S.OY: Lancaster I think ye's dead!



The next Harry Potter book is the most hotly anticipated novel since...er...the last Harry Potter book. But given that a) there have already been four Potter novels, b) the last one ran over 700 pages and c) J.K. Rowling's writer's block delayed the new book's release for a full year, maybe there's just not that much left to say about the young wizard! Even so, as a service to our readers, we Googled and Yahooed our fingers raw searching for information about the new Harry Potter adventure, and guarantee the following to be the best, most accurate facts available online...

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by J.K. Rowling Book Description by Shamazon.com:

Due to J.K. Rowling's obsession with secrecy, nothing of substance is known about the plot of Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, so here are a few of the internet rumors that we at Shamazon.com have dug up regarding this book:

The Hogwarts students topple a statue of Lord Voldemort and beat it with their shoes

After finally acknowledging they share a love whose name hey dare not speak, Draco Malfoy's henchmen Crabbe & Goyle buy a white tiger and take their magic act to Picadilly Circus

It turns out Ron's pet rat Scabbers is a carrier for the SARS virus

Hagrid cuts himself while shaving...his shoulders

To the surprise of everyone at the Academy, Dumbledore returns from a "vacation" looking like an entirely different person

Harry is suspended from the Quidditch team when he's caught corking his broomstick

Even more details about Harry's parents are revealed, such as the fact that they really adored pudding

Bowing to pressure from fundamentalist Christians, the American edition of the book will have no mention of "house-elf nookie"

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Customers who bought this book also bought: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (well, DUH!)

Editorial Review

From Nickelodious Magazine

(0 out of 10,000 people found this review helpful): At 3,800 chapters and 255,000,000 words (many of them not even in any earthly tongue!), everyone said this book was too long. Well, I say it's not long enough! I was enraptured by the ten-page description of the various license plates on Privet Drive. I wanted to know MORE about Malfoy's dental records! Why, for example, did he NOT have that wisdom tooth taken out? Couldn't he have done so with his magic powers? These are the delicious details readers are simply clamoring for! To those who say the book's too lengthy, remember, the Brooklyn phone book is a mere page longer, and a much better read! This book's even better (and longer?) than the Bible, which has a few logic problems. I mean, really, Moses parting the Red Sea without the help of wizard magic? Puh-leeze! J.K. Rowling has written the Newer Testament! There, I said it! Take that, Bible!!!

Book Excerpt:

"Dumbledore lowered his hands and surveyed Harry through his half-moon glasses. 'It is time,' he said, 'for me to tell you what I should have told you five years ago, Harry. I am going to tell you everything."

'E-everything?' asked Harry, hoarsely.

'Everything,' Dumbledore repeated, authoritatively. Dumbledore leaned in close, his face lit dramatically by the brazier torch.

'THERE IS NO SANTA CLAUS,' he pronounced, gravely.

'That's just Hagrid dressed up in a red-and-white suit.'

A thunderclap sounded in the distance, punctuating the moment. Harry couldn't believe his own ears. 'NOOOOO!! W-what are you trying to say?' Harry stammered.

Dumbledore grew impatient. 'I'm trying to tell you EVERYTHING!' he shouted.

'But why does EVERYTHING have to be so terrible?' Harry protested, his face covered in tears. 'Next thing you'll tell me Biggie and Tupac aren't still alive and planning a reunion tour with Aaliyah's brain!'

'Er,...well, actually...' Dumbledore stammered, clearing his throat..."











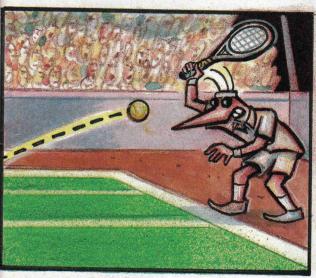




ARTIST AND WRITER: PETER KUPER













MAD now continues its award-avoiding series in which we learn that on those wild, impromptu TV talk shows, anything can happen and anything goes! As long as you redefine "anything" to mean "precisely what the staff and producers decided would happen, micromanaged down to the nanosecond." So, if you're looking for surprises, keep thumbing your clicker, and for that matter, don't bother reading...

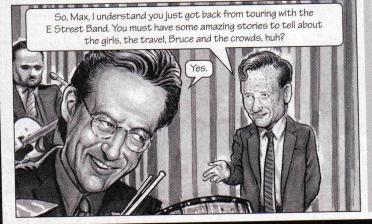
The show's introduction, featuring blaring music, fireworks and an over-enthused announcer howling with inappropriate excitement. It's almost enough to make you forget that tonight's guests are Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, Henry Winkler and music group Add N To (X).



Whenever one of the monologue jokes stiffs, Conan does one of his famous "saves" by launching into an awkward, gawky walk. (This is not to be confused with the awkward gawky physical motions Conan makes during the other 59 minutes.)



Conan briefly interacts with band leader Max Weinberg. Instantly, the audience comes to appreciate the brilliant comedy chops of Paul Shaffer.



A giant TV set lowers from the ceiling, and it's time for Conan's first comedy bit. It might be an interview with a talking photograph with moving lips. It might be a look at bizarre cable channels. It might be a faux "movie reviews" segment with doctored clips. Whatever it is, though, it's hard to avoid the conclusion that you're watching a guy on TV who's watching a TV, just like Ted Koppel does on Nightline. Only most nights, Koppel is funnier.



Conan interviews the first guest and — surprise! — they just so happen to be hosting this week's

Saturday Night Live. Or they just so happen to be a cast member of Saturday Night Live....the show Conan used to write for. Before Saturday Night Live producer Lorne Michaels gave Conan the talk show. Which Michaels also produces. In the same building. In show biz terms, this is known as "one degree of separation."



CONSTIUCTS

DOWS

THIS MONTH: Late Night
with
Conan O'Brien

Whenever the guest is a hot chick, Conan launches into his beloved growling, hissing, meowing, fingerwiggling, eyebrow-smoothing sexual harassment routine. We're not certain, but this may be the way that construction workers on the planet Jupiter like to annoy passing women. But to many guys watching the show, by themselves, at I a.m., in their lonely bed of pain, they're thinking "Hey...that could work."



The show's second comedy segment, which features the same three or four writers who always write themselves into the show. They're hoping that their speaking parts might whip up a little career buzz and rocket them out of late night hell and onto a staff job on Cedric The Entertainer. The actual content of the sketch is unimportant, and is usually determined by taking a few random words and slapping them together to create another "conceptual" character — The Hydrophobic Cowboy, or the Amish Superhero Bowling Team. Of course, whenever Conan decides he wants to play acoustic guitar and sing, all bets are off.



As the second guest chats mindlessly with Conan, ignore the happy talk. The real story can be seen in the guest's eyes. Look closely enough and you can actually see the terrible, terrible realization that haunts their innermost being: they're the second guest on Conan.



The musical segment, featuring a band that's never performed in front of more than 2,000 fans before. They are clearly thrilled at the chance to play to a viewing audience of almost four times as many people.



Nobody knows what might or might not occur from this point on. No one in the history of television has ever watched an episode of Late Night with Conan O'Brien all the way to the end.

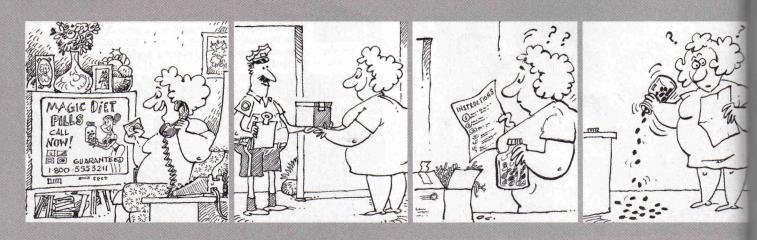


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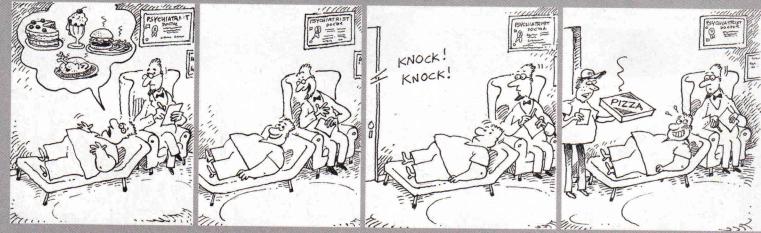






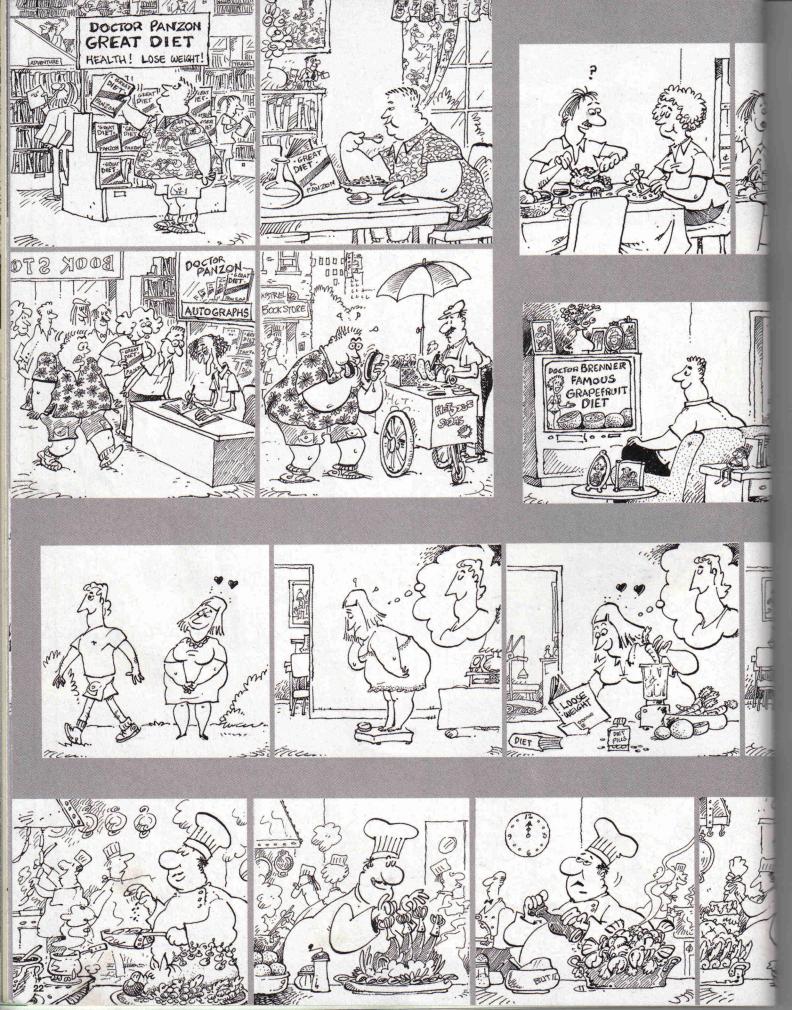
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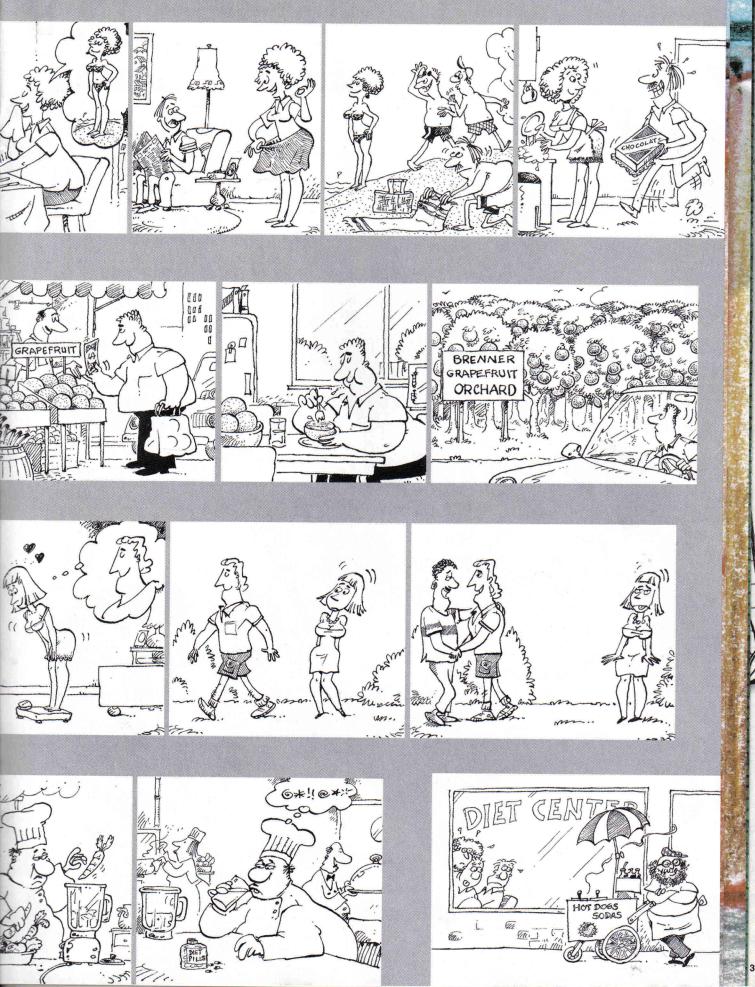


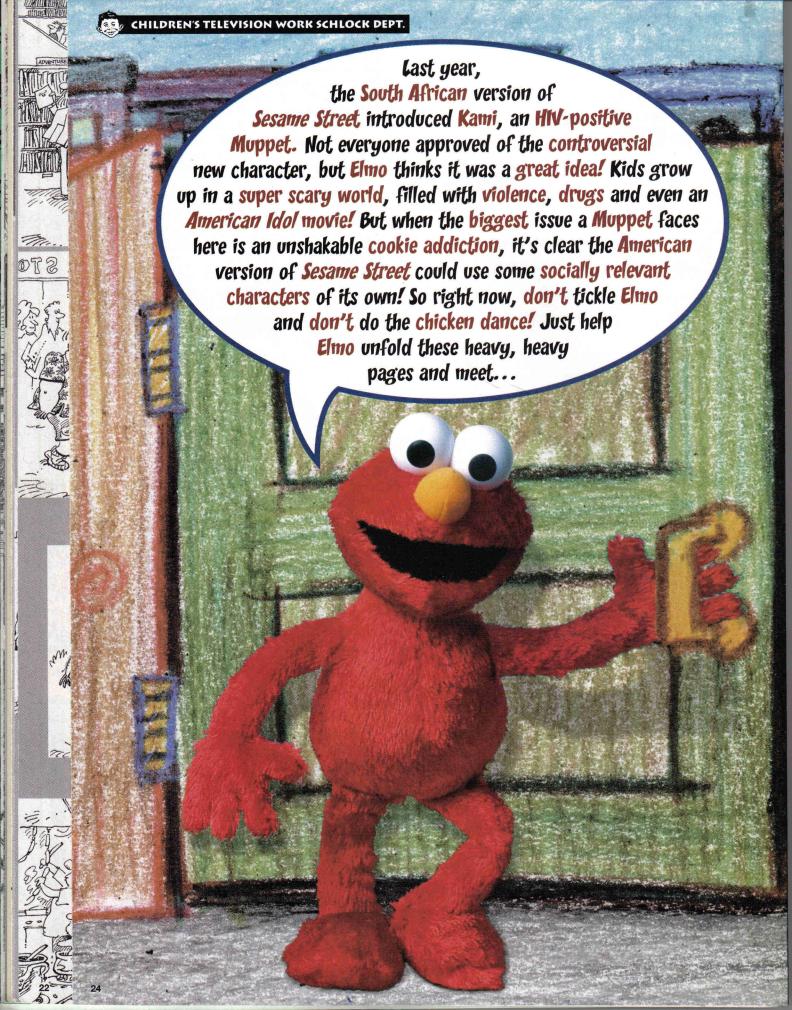


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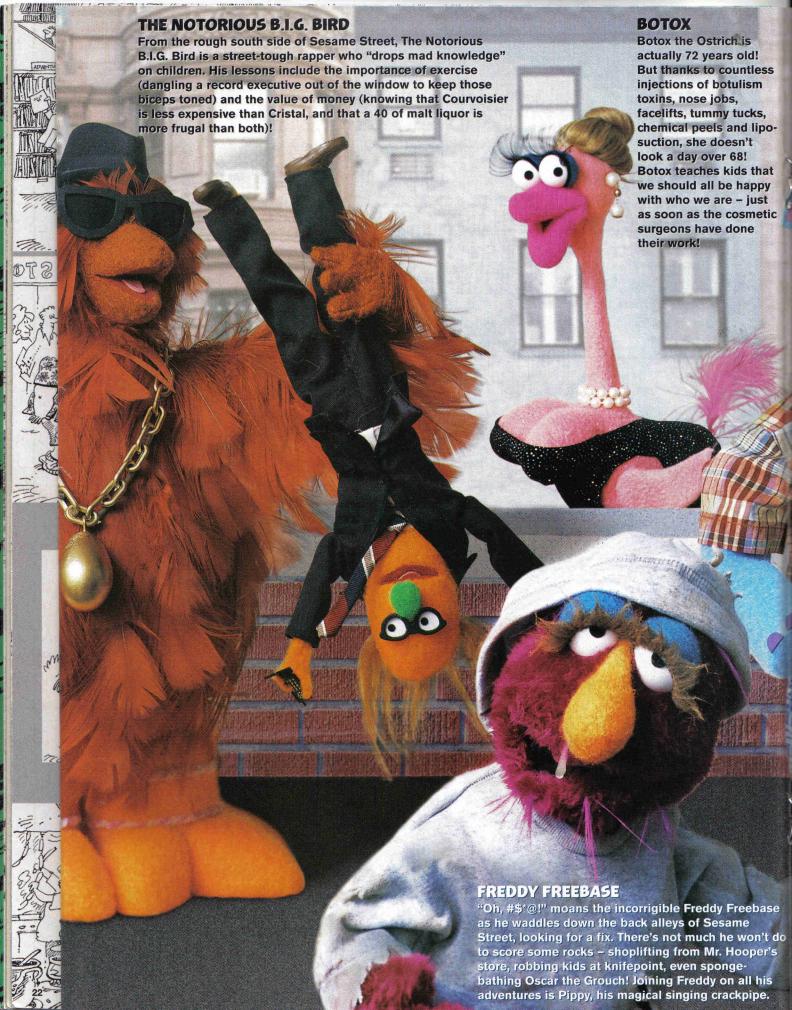


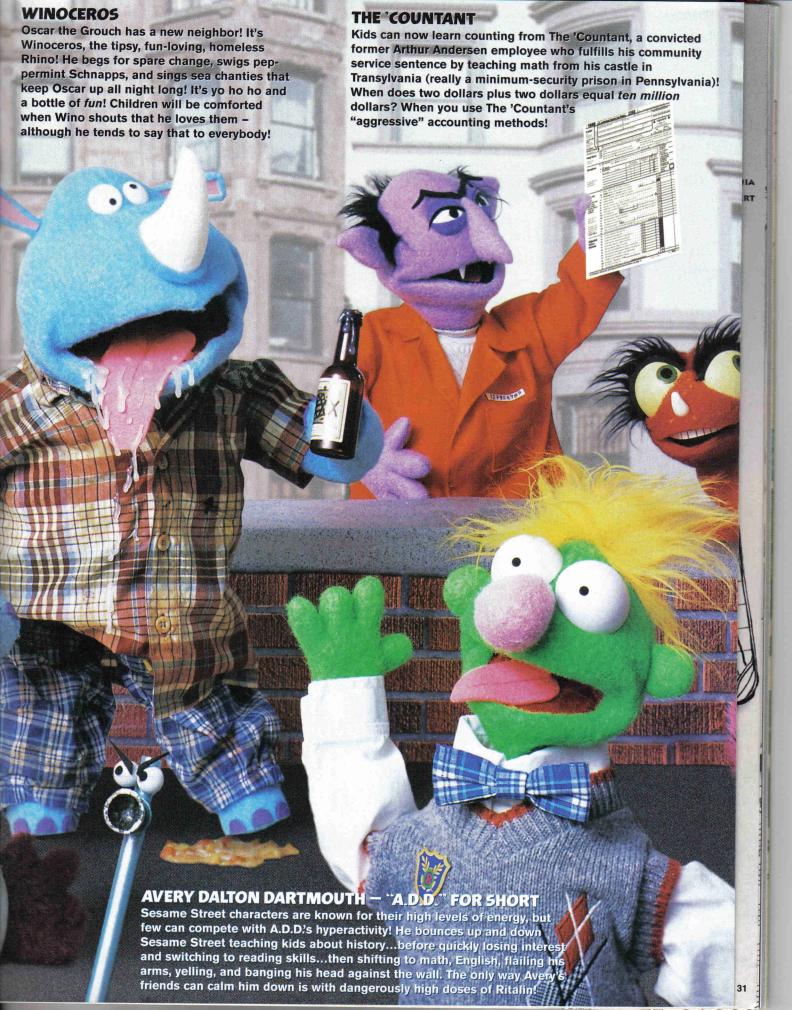


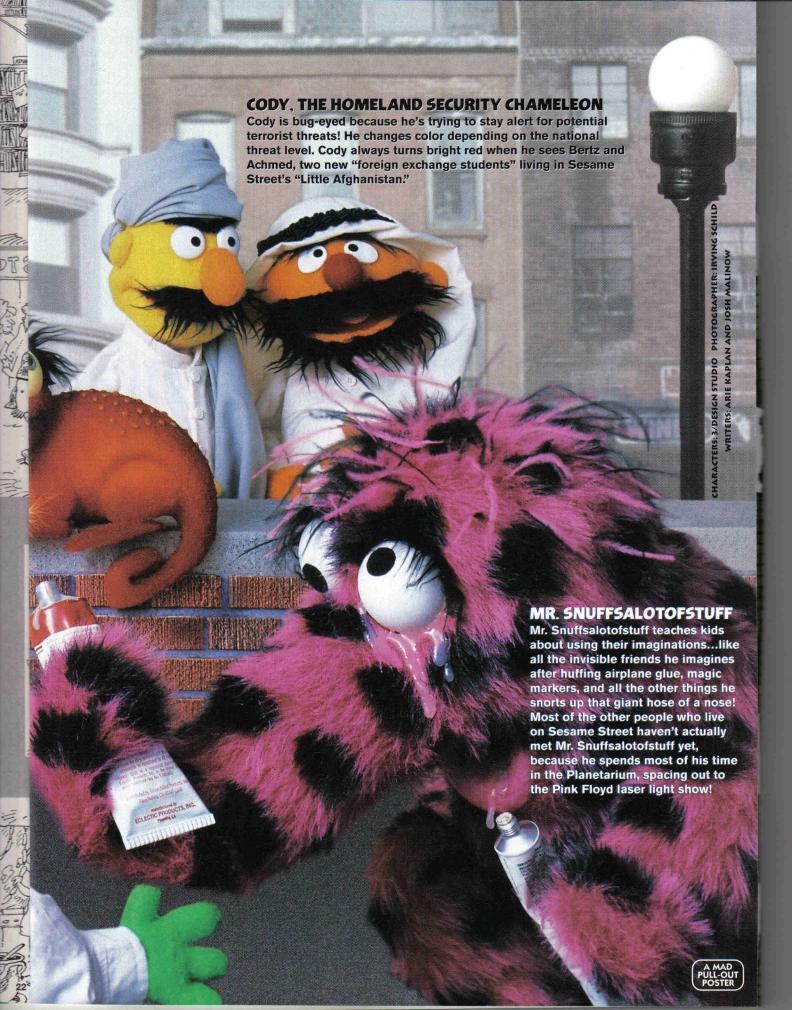






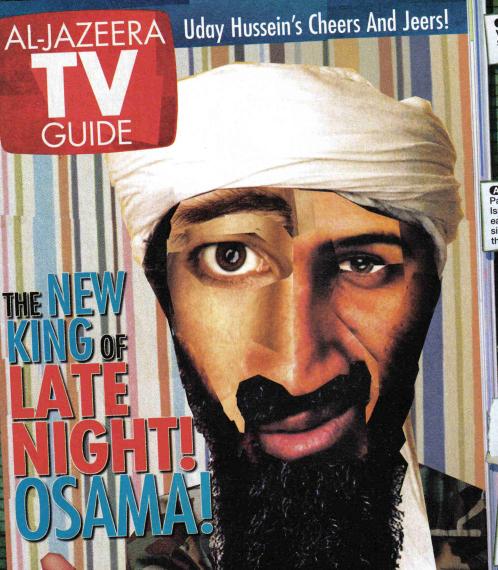








Al-Jazeera — the Arab equivalent of FOX News (without the fancy graphics and Shepherd Smith!) — was virtually unknown in the United States until it started broadcasting Osama bin Laden's video rants. And now, with American military forces in Iraq, Al-Jazeera gets a ton of free publicity on all three U.S. networks. But hey, the war can't last forever, and sooner or later the network is going to have to develop some original programming. With that in mind, we present an advance look at the inevitable...



A-J Afghanistan's Funniest Home

Videos (CC)-Comedy Stinger missile kitchen mishap; donkey shenanigans; fun with burqas.

A-J This Old Safe House-Home and Garden Members of a Hamas sleeper cell hiding in the West Bank add a little flair to their hovel by building a palmwood paneled storage room for their suicide bombs.

Palestinian store owner Reza al-Mahim and Israeli cab driver Moshe Lichman redecorate each other's homes with gunfire and explosives, then accuse each other of destroying the peace process.

A-J Good Morning, Qatar! (CC) 1:00
Excerpts from Osama bin Laden's latest three-hour audio tirade in which he reveals the endings to the latest hot movies and makes suggestive comments about George W. Bush's mother. Also, Tariq Aziz makes goat-kabobs.

A-J 24 (CC)-Drama 1:00
Freedom-fighting Al Qaeda operatives living in Sheboygan, Wisconsin have just 24 hours to outwit godless American FBI agents.

A-J Survivor: Baghdad (CC) 1:00
High-ranking Iraqi officials must outsmart, outwit and outplay imperialist occupation forces or face an international war crimes tribunal.

A-J Where Are They Now?

(CC)-Biography 1:00
Taliban hardliners hiding in the mountains
of Afghanistan reflect on the "good old
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days" when their only enemy was the
beatable Soviet Union.

A-J Everybody Loves Ramadan

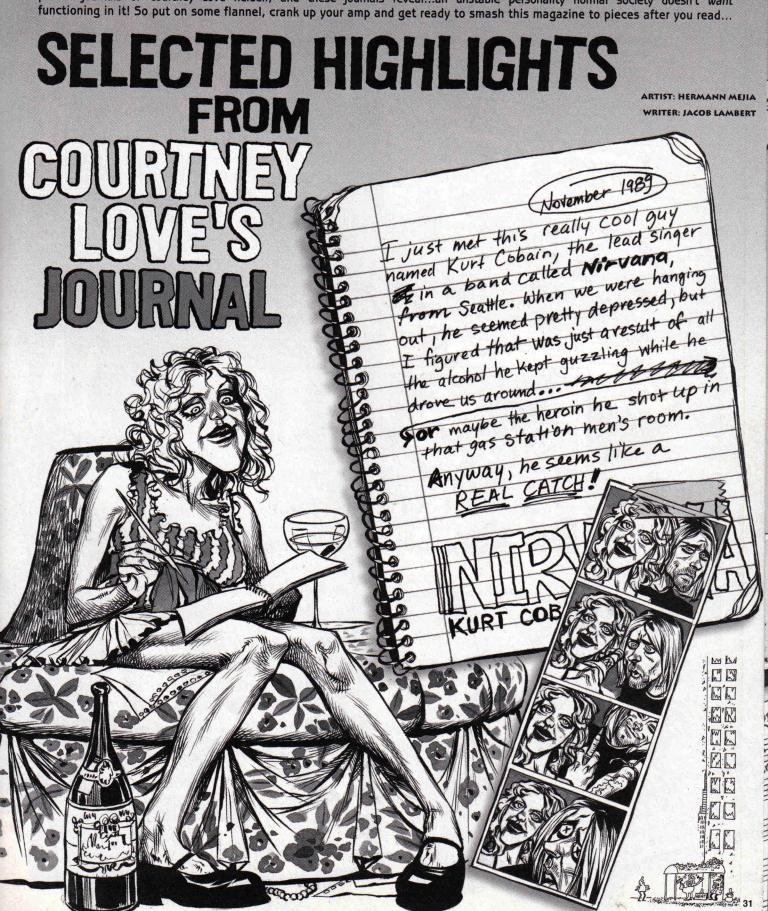
(CC)-Comedy
When Allied forces halt their attacks
during the Islamic high holiday, the endearingly-befuddled Sergeant Barak is able to
spend time with his zany family members.
But when Mohammed's mother boasts
that she makes a better Quabili Pilau than
his wife, he feels like he's back at the front
lines with the infidel coalition aggressors.

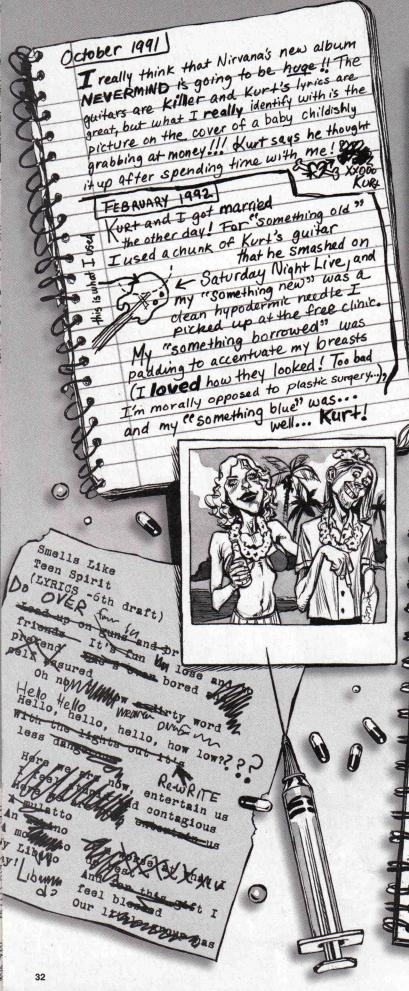
Four happy-go-lucky warlords wait for allied forces to hit the road so they can divvy up what's left of Kandahar. In the opening episode, Mr. Big shaves his mustache and is beaten silly by angry clerics.

A-J CSI: Kabul (CC)-Crime Drama 1:00
A magnifying glass, litmus paper and other high-tech tools are used to solve baffling crimes. This week: Who tried to assassinate Afghan President Hamid Karzai? Next week: Who tried to assassinate Afghan President Hamid Karzai?



When Kurt Cobain's widow, Courtney Love, cut a deal to publish his private journals last fall (against his stated wishes), the journals revealed an unstable personality struggling to function in normal society. Now, MAD has been granted exclusive access to the private journals of Courtney Love herself, and these journals reveal...an unstable personality normal society doesn't want functioning in it! So put on some flannel, crank up your amp and get ready to smash this magazine to pieces after you read...







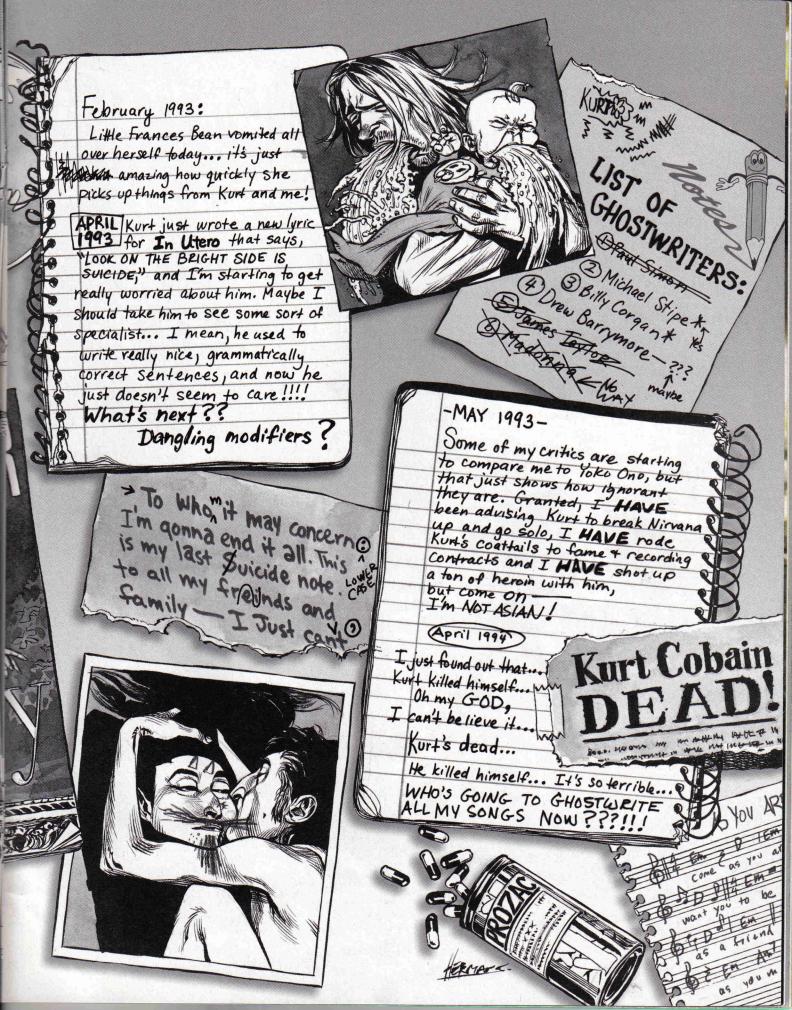
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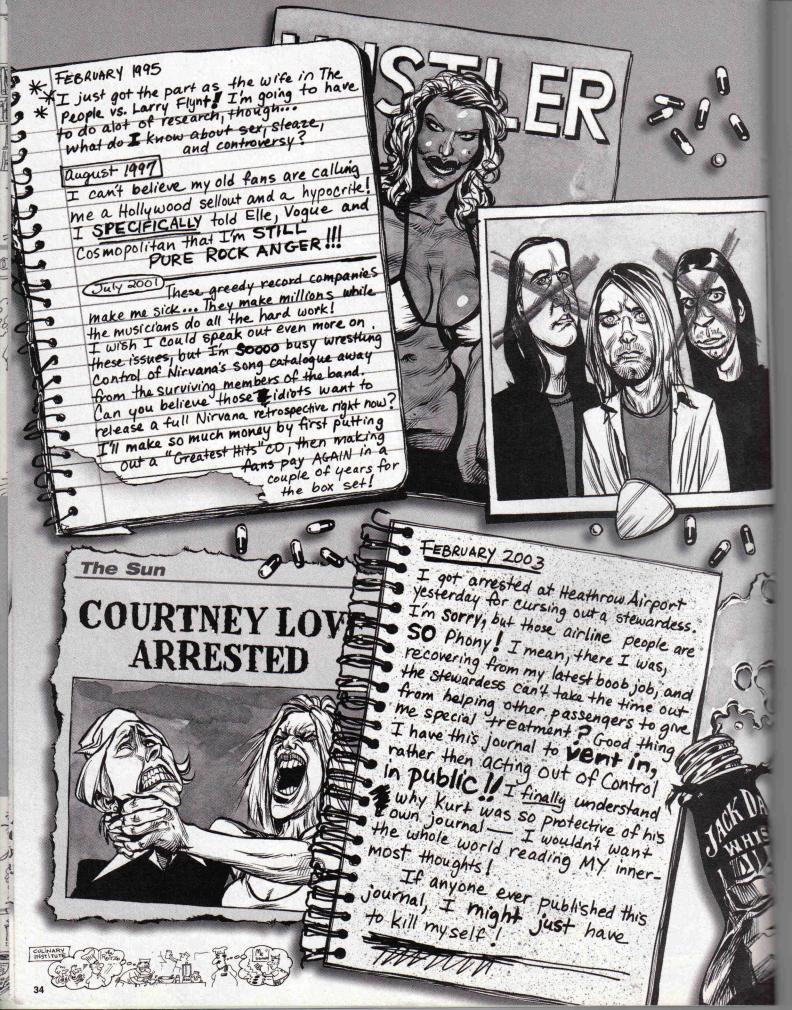
There's a new article in Vamity Fair that foolishly claims. Kurt and I aren't fit to be parents—Just because I've been shooting up during my pregnancy.

WHAT CAN I SAY? Some Pregnant women crave pickles and ice cream; I crave heroin!

AUGUST 1992 Mannie

I just gave birth to our new daughter Frances Bean the other day, and during the whole ordeal I was in EXCRUCIATIONS— pain! I kept Screaming at the top of my lungs for the hospital staff to come help, but they ignored me because they thought I was just rehearsing a new Song !!!





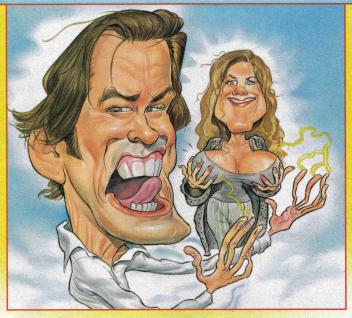
If there's one thing worse than the dimwitted blockbuster movies we're forced to endure every summer, it's the dimwitted media trying to guess which movie will make the most money. They don't have a clue, but, come to think of it, neither do we, so let's do what the dimwitted media does and explore...

What it has going for it:

After the huge box office successes of crap like The Grinch and the Ace Ventura series, audiences will have no trouble believing Jim Carrey is capable of pulling off miracles.

What it has going against it:

The hordes of moviegoers might be in the uncomfortable position of actually having to agree with **Rev. Jerry Falwell** when he calls it "ass-trocious trash."



Projected Demographics:

Horny males will love Jim Carrey's character since every one of them wants to give his girlfriend a magical boob job, too.

What it has going for it:

As best we can tell. absolutely nothing.





What it has going for it:

The directors already mined every tired sci-fi cliché in the last movie, so it's quite possible that they'll come up with something original for this one.



What it has going against it:

Now that audiences have seen the 360-degree mid-air fights in dozens of other movies, they'll have nothing left to hold their attention except Keany Reeves' ass-trocious acting.

Projected Demographics:

The story of slimy villains making a fraudulent world seem real to the public is relevant to anyone who's listened to their broker and invested heavily in tech stocks. Unfortunately, none of these people have any money left to see this film.

What it has going for it:

Audiences will do anything to make this series a success if it'll keep **Patrick Stewart** from making another ass-trocious Star Trek movie.

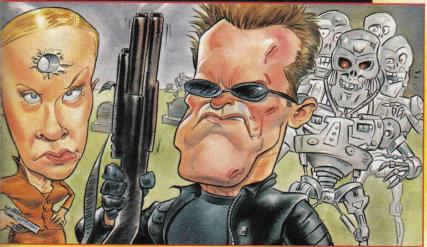
What it has going against It:

Between the impenetrable makeup and the endless carping about not fitting into society, this is like Marvel Comics' version of The Hours.



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TERMINATOR 3 RISE OF THE MACHINES

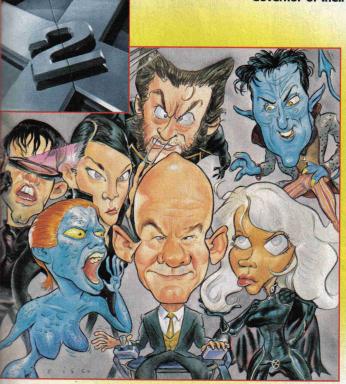


What it has going against it:

Thanks to Microsoft and AOL, the idea of evil computers taking over the world may hit a little too close to home for some moviegoers.

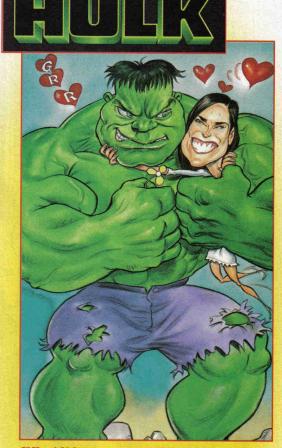
Projected Demographics:

Will do extremely well with Californians who know that if Arnold Schwarzenegger's acting career tanks, he'll make good on his threat to run for Governor of their state.



Projected Demographics:

Should do well with Conservatives, who like to see a wheelchair-bound character who doesn't need government handouts, and it should do equally well with Liberals, who can identify with a bunch of despised misfits who want to save a world that hates them.



What it has going for it:

The producers promise to reveal the secret of why, when he turns into The Hulk, Bruce Banner's shirt rips totally off his body... but not his pants.

What it has going against it:

This is not what minority groups mean when they say that they want to see more action heroes played by "men of color."

Projected Demographics:

The Hulk's dialogue of "Grrrr!" and "Hulk smash!" makes it perfect viewing for Ritalin-addled teens, NRA members and Vin Diesel fans.

ARTIST: SAM SISCO

WRITER: BARRY LIEBMANN

















Montage HE'S GOT A POINT. I'M NOT THE ONLY THING WE'RE DAMN IT!
IT HURTS MY
HEAD WHEN THE
LITTLE TURD
IS RIGHT! WAIT! WHAT IF IT'S WORTH EVEN MORE? OKAY. WHERE'S THE CLOGEST GONNA TAKE A COUPLE DAYS AND THINK ABOUT RIGHT AROUND THE OH DEAR. ALL
RIGHT, THE COMPANY
WILL GLADLY PUT YOU UP,
CONSIDERING WE ARE YOUR
GOLE AGENTS IN THIS
NEGOTIATION. LOWBALLED S BANK? S CORNER. THIS. HERE! WHAT? LET'S WE'RE DEFINITELY GONNA NEED SOME WALKING AROUND MONEY, ANG COLOR AH, NOW THAT'S THE NEW YORK MAFIOSOS WERE WHAT > E. GETTING PAID BETTER
TO WORK AS ACTORS
AND CONSULTANTS IN
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I'LL CATCH UP
TO YOU GUYS
@ LATER! @ VIEW IT'S BIE. TRL! I HAD THAT ONCE, A LITTLE G.I. SALVE TOOK CARE OF IT. ELBHDY'S BEEF OH YEAH. 40



Bigger isn't always better. Just look at tumors, gas-guzzling SUVs and The Hulk (a big-screen, big-budget movie that's nothing more than a big waste of time). For the most damning proof, however, look no further than the big batch of articles starting right on this very page! We call it...

MAD's Statistical Breakdown of The Hulk's **Opening Day Audience**

Real gammaradiation scientists, laughing their heads off

Dedicated Lou Ferrigno fans who have weathered his 20 years of unemployment, there for his "comeback" cameo

Nearsighted Jolly Green Giant" fans

1.25%

Nearsighted "Hulk Hogan" fans

U.S. Army strategists just there to see how our tank divisions do against the "angry radioactive superhero" threat

Comic book nerds, each armed with a laptop, documenting every single difference between the movie and the 30 years of Hulk storylines they've memorized.

MAD'S CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

Our team of crack oddsmakers gives you the latest Vegas line on how one of today's biggest stars will turn green from rotting in the grave!

THE HULK

CAUSE OF DEATH

Overdose of quack Internet cure for "Gamma Ray-Induced Angry Green Monsteritis" ODDS

Lung blowout from especially incredible grunt.....

Stabbed in the throat by scissors in brawl with barber who gave him that moronic haircut.....

Mistaken for body-painted New York Jets fanatic and beaten by a gang of drunken Raiders fans....

Infected papercut while stuffing Father's Day card into envelope200,000,000:1

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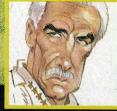


Why he agreed to take the role: ımm, tough one. Oh yeah, ld on. Maybe because he's



JENNIFER CONNELLY as BETTY ROSS Why she agreed to take the role: Since it only took her ten years to recover from the debacle of The Rocketeer, Ms. Connelly's finally ready to risk ruining her

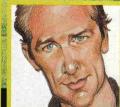
career forever with another moronic comic book movie.



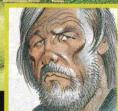
"THUNDERBOLT ROSS Why he agreed to take the role: Mr. Elliott courageously decided that every 50th movie he does should have nothing to do with



Why she agreed to take the role: Ms. Langton had a few years of "down time" to kill while wait-ing for the two-hour Melrose Place reunion show in 2009.

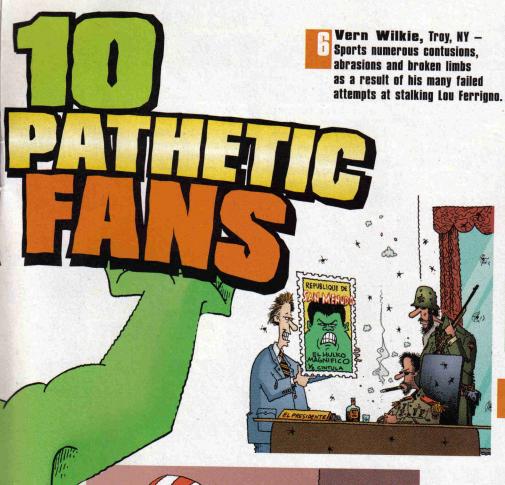


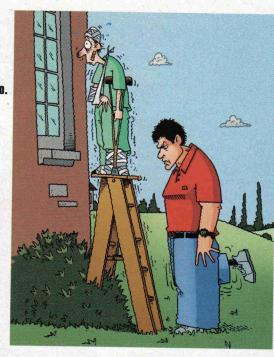
Why he agreed to take the role: After starring in Sweet Home Alabama, Mr. Lucas wanted to tackle a more realistic script for



Why he agreed to take the role: Mr. Nolte signed onto the project because the studio agreed to provide him with a car and designated driver.







Rev. Wayman G. Case (Ret.),
Poultney, VT — Currently somewhere
in Central America lobbying tinhorn
dictators for a special Hulk
commemorative postage stamp.

Herman Rigney,

Clovis, NM - Eats only

green food.

EXPIRED

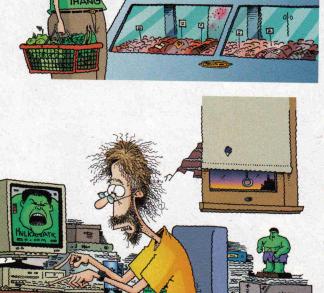
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BLOWOUT!



Boyd Flatley, Seattle, WA — Spends his days as a third-rate, greenfaced street mime, wandering the streets and throwing large, imaginary vehicles into Puget Sound.

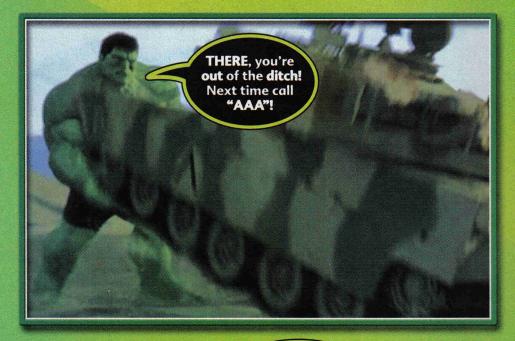


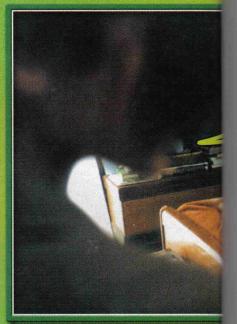






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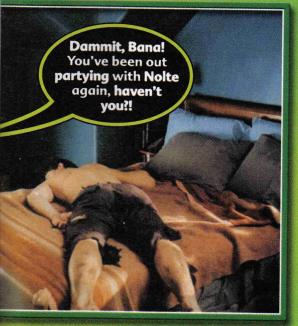




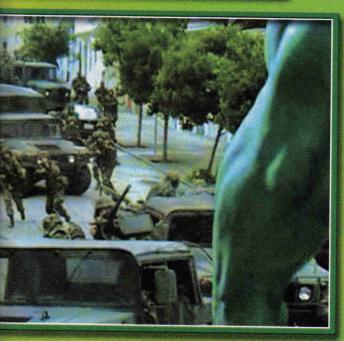


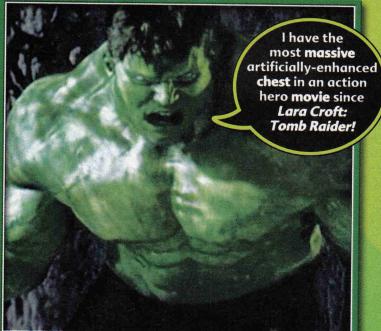








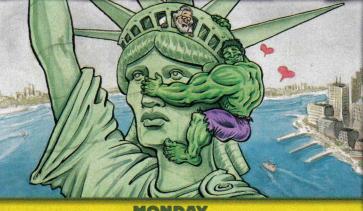




THE HULKHAS A BAD WEE



WHILST CHANGING INTO THE HULK, BRUCE BANNER'S **JOCKEY SHORTS CAUSE A DEBILITATING WEDGIE.**



MONDAY

HIS FEELINGS FOR THE MYSTERIOUS GREEN LADY IN NEW YORK HARBOR CONTINUE TO GO UNREQUITED.



HULKS ALLOWED!

HE UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTS TO DINE AT A NEW RESTAURANT.



WEDNESDAY

OFFICE GOSSIP STARTS AFTER THE CLEANING LADY FINDS A MAJOR CLUE THAT THE HULK MAY WORK AT THE LAB.



THURSDAY

THE MORNING AFTER A "HULK ATTACK," HE WAKES UP WITH ONE HULK OF A WOMAN SLEEPING NEXT TO HIM.



FRIDAY

HE LOSES THE SECURITY DEPOSIT ON YET ANOTHER APARTMENT.



BETTY ROSS STOPS BY WITH SOME NEWS.

WHAT INCREDIBLE **GREEN MARVEL ARE MANY EAGERLY WAITING TO SEE?**

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

People are waiting in droves for an upcoming event which they hope will bring them great glee. They've been looking foward to it for so long, it should come as no surprise that their anticipation is extraordinarily high. To find out what they're clamoring for, fold page in as shown.



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LEGENDS ARE CONSTANTLY CREATED. WE'VE IMMORTALIZED MEN, WOMEN, PETS, AND BUILT MANY WEIRDLY RADICAL MONUMENTS TO THESE THINGS. THIS CAUSES A VARI-ETY OF ARGUMENTS. GOOD STUFF AND PURE JUNK ARE PEDDLED AS FINE EXAMPLES OF AMERICANA



ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE

