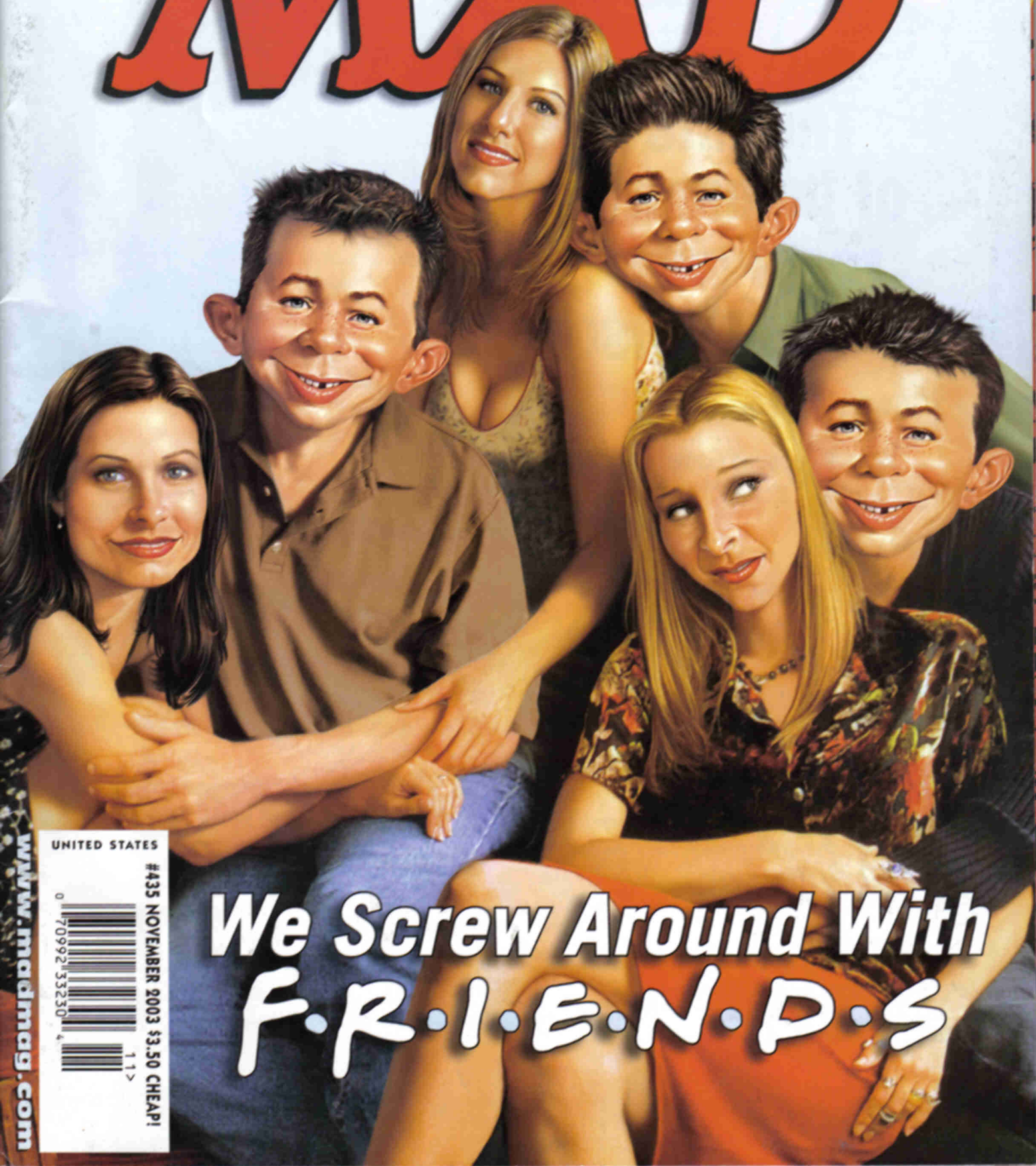


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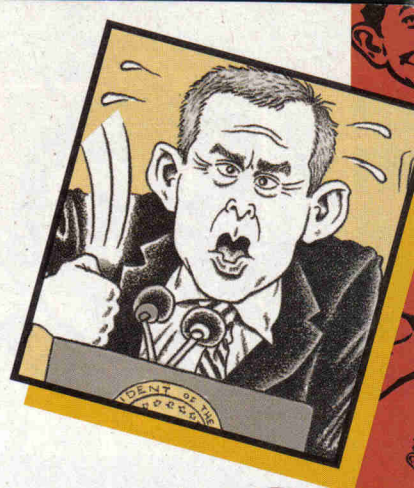
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Jesus

Starting a war in the name of peace is like poking a hole in a balloon to get more air into it!



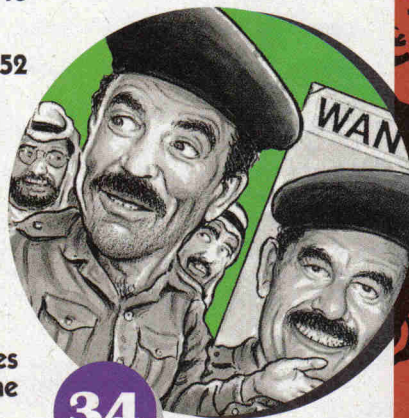
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FRONT COVER ARTIST:
MARK FREDRICKSON



JAILHOUSE MOCK

You guys have really lost your perspective publishing letters from inmates in jail. Don't you get any interesting letters from anybody except convicts? Why do you care how many cigarettes an inmate gets to smoke? Do you really think prisoners are going to buy a subscription to *MAD XL* and *MAD Color Classics*? Who do you think these guys are, Warren Buffett and Bill Gates? You've stooped to a brand new level. Congratulations.

Mike Gidwitz, Chicago, IL

Mikey — Do we receive any interesting letters? I think you just answered your own question. Thanks for writing! —Ed.

I need your help! I noticed a picture of the SpongeBob SquarePants character in *MAD* #432. My 10-year-old is wild for the sponge guy, but I don't know anything about him! Could you tell me if there is a fan club or something? Would you be able to send me a few pictures of the 'ol SpongeBob? I might try to go to the extreme for my daughter and get the sponge thing tattooed on me. I love my kid, obviously. Anyway, I've been in prison since she was three, so I'm trying really hard to get to know her and being able to relate to one another through the sponge cake.

Joseph Snyder, T.R.C.I., Umatilla, OR

Joey Joe — As longtime readers of *MAD*'s Letters Page know, we love to help out those wrongly incarcerated. Unfortunately, we've looked high and low and we haven't been able to find any SpongeBob merchandise. As far as getting a tattoo of Spongy, we don't think that's such a hot idea, it will be just one more identifying mark that victims can use when picking you out of a line-up while pointing and screaming, "That's him, that's the S.O.B. who _____!" (Enter your criminal specialty here!) —Ed.



STANDARD G.I. ISSUES

I just wanted to say thank you for sending us some *MAD*s to read. They showed up at the perfect time, right before incoming mail slowed to a crawl, giving my soldiers something to read between the occasional letter. The issues you sent have given us a good laugh as they get passed around the company. Again, thank you for your support!

Eric J. Moore, Captain, U.S. Army

Captain Moore-gan — It is our pleasure to send you issues of *MAD*! If you and your buddies would like to return the favor, we would love, love, love a memento of the Iraqi war. Anything — one of those toppled Saddam statues, one of those looted artifacts from the Baghdad Museum or any title from Uday's reportedly extensive porn collection (no fetish stuff, please!) —Ed.

IDIOT WANNABE

My sister Rachel wants to be a comic book artist. So my dad told her to write you and ask what the credentials are, but since she doesn't want to be made fun of, I am asking you. What are the credentials of becoming a *MAD* artist? I don't care if you make fun of me or my sister!

Becca Ducker, Brighton, MI

Beckster — You can breathe a sigh of relief — aspiring to become a *MAD* artist is a noble desire and we salute your sister for her dream! There will be no making fun of either you or your sibling. To find out what it takes to become a *MAD* artist, we thought you'd like to hear it straight from the horse's mouth, or in this case, the horse's ass. So we called fan-favorite *MAD* artist Tom Richmond. Here's a verbatim transcript of his end of our phone conversation: "Who? How did you get this number? When am I going to get my checks for my last two jobs? What? I'm wearing jeans and a t-shirt, why do you ask? Oh my! I don't think I've been naughty! Then what would you do? Am I on a speaker phone? Oops, someone's coming, call me back later." We hope you found this tutorial helpful and inspiring. Tell your sister good luck in her artistic endeavors! —Ed.



MAD FAN-OF-THE-MONTH

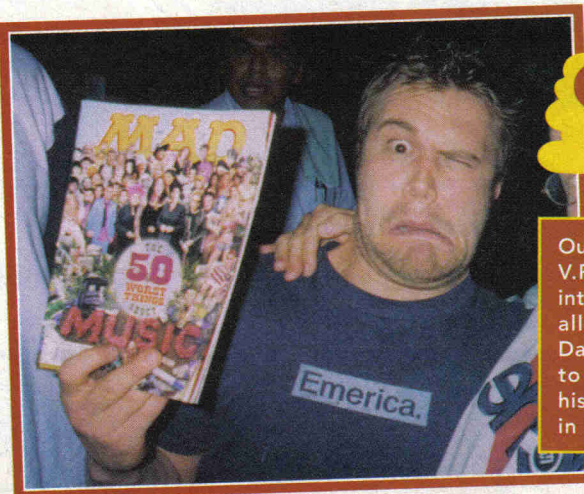
As a long-time fan of your fine publication, I finally found a way to spread the word — through needles and pain! Although my subject is the proud bearer of the tattoo, I hope that the likeness will earn me a spot on your letters page.

Eric Rignall, New York, NY

Eazy E — Thanks for the photo — but we haven't an inkling who it is supposed to be! Ha! —Ed.



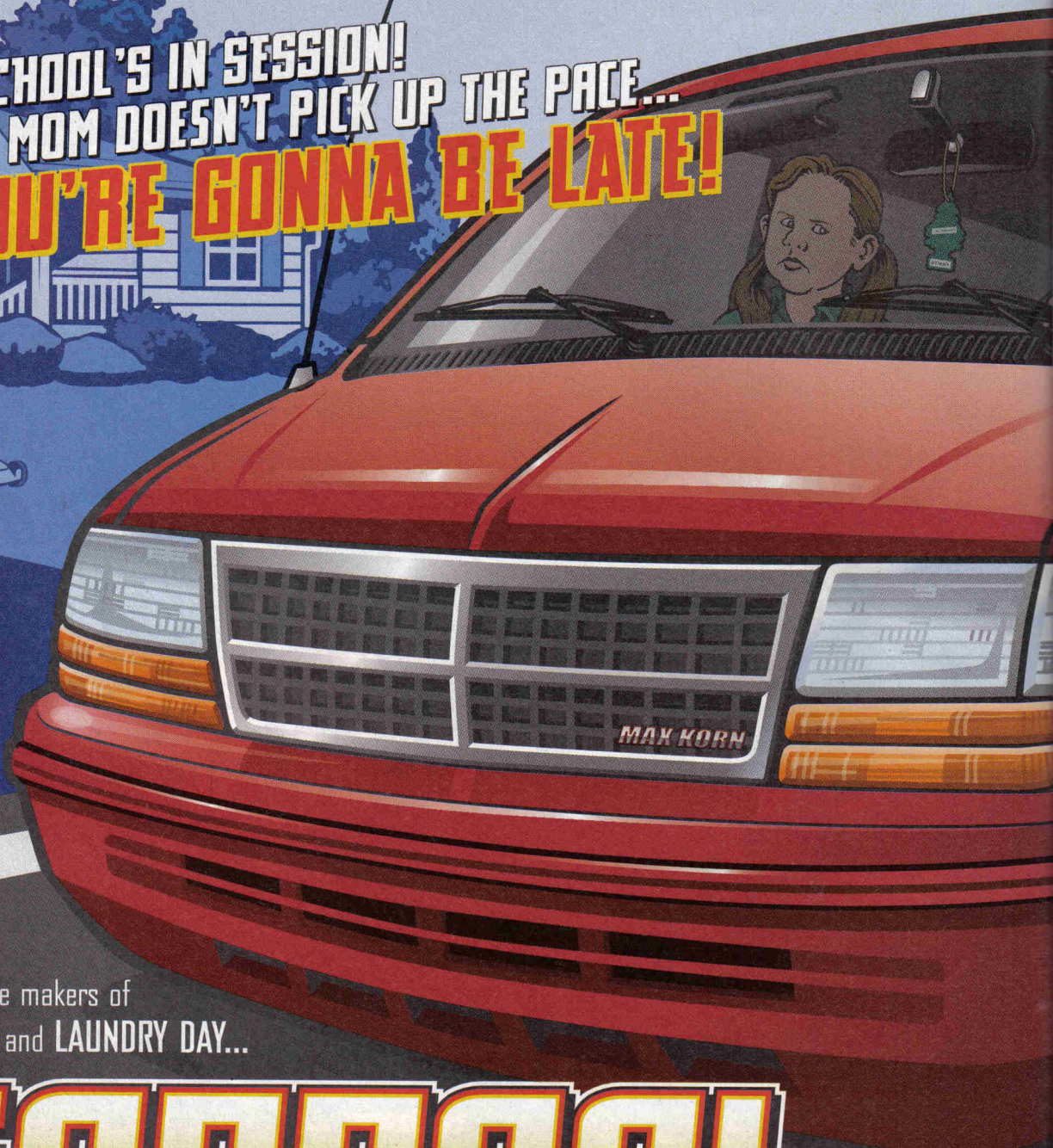
Eric Rignall bares all on someone's skin



MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

Our thanks to *MAD* Advertising V.P. Dave McKillips for this international Celebrity Snap of alleged U.K. pop sensation Daniel Bedingfield. According to Dan, he recorded much of his album *Gotta Get Thru This* in his underpants. Ewwwww!

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REVIEW!

Check out the Instant Replay as you idle patiently at an intersection, waiting for the crossing guard to let you go through!

TUNE!

Listen to your mom's favorite radio station — from Soft Rock to Oldies to NPR, you've got six presets in your AM-FM radio to choose from (as long as it's not too loud!)

Pick Radio Station



Soft Rock

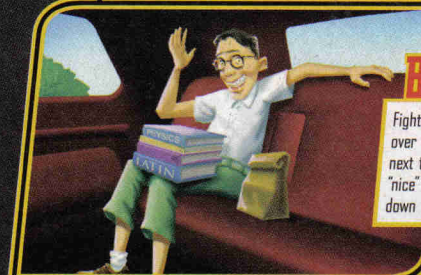
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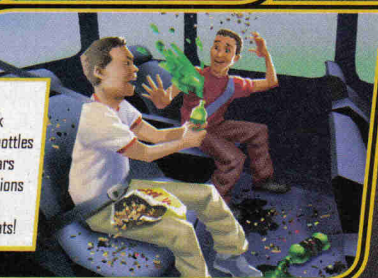


BICHER!

Fight with your brother over who has to sit next to Glenn, the "nice" dorky kid from down the street!

SPILL!

Drop six different kinds of snack food all over the back seat including: ultra-sticky bottles of Mountain Dew, Gummi Bears that'll be wedged in the cushions for years and Snack Mix that gets ground into the floor mats!



BONUS LEVELS!

Wait patiently as Mom drops off dry cleaning, runs into the supermarket for "a few things" and stops the car to investigate that "screechy" noise!

You'll swear it's your hellish daily trip to school right on screen when you hit the streets slow and steady as Mom conservatively drives you and your friends every morning! No speeding, no chases, no tire squeals! Just pulse-pounding, safe and sensible driving! Design and build your Mom's practical vehicle, sit tight as she picks up the kids in your carpool and you're off! Enjoy the ride as you go no faster than 25 mph in a 35 mph zone (that's how accidents are caused, you know)! Across Mill Stream Road, over to West End Avenue (to avoid traffic), across Boonton Lane (make sure that Mom signals!), down Honeywood Drive (it's so pretty this time of year) and — wheel! You've gone 0.7 miles — 22 minutes later you're at school, safe and sound. And you still have minutes to spare before first period!

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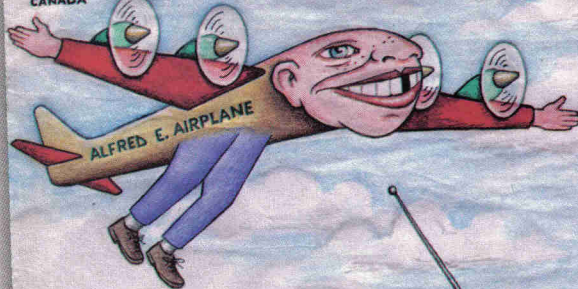
Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

I would like to make a wish for the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™*. I'd like the entire "Usual Gang of Idiots" to spend a few weeks in Egypt. You guys would be working your asses off trying to keep up with the crappy movies and talk shows we have here. You'd have plenty of material to make fun of, I assure you! I bet I am the only Egyptian subscriber you have!

Nada Nakhla, Alexandria, Egypt

Nada 'Nuff — We hate to burst your bubble, but you are far from being our only Egyptian subscriber. As you well know, Egyptians are renowned for their marvelous senses of humor. Behold the damning evidence: *A Different World* superstar Sinbad — Egyptian! Canadian funnyman Mike Myers — Egyptian! Mary-Kate Olsen of Olsen twins fame — Egyptian (the common misconception is that Ashley is the Egyptian one!) So while we pride ourselves at the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™* on making dumb wishes come true, we regret we can't make your dumb wish come true. Your wish wasn't so much dumb, as it was poor. —Ed.

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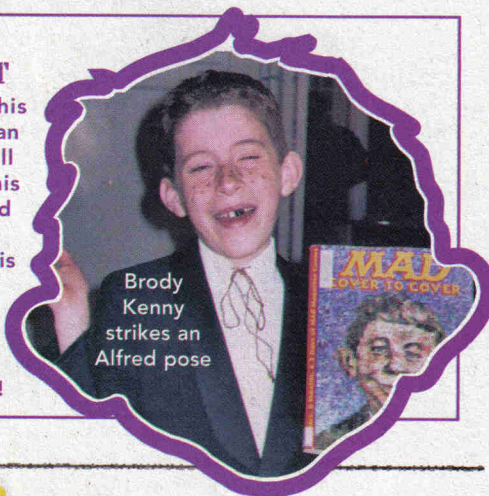
MAD ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

As long-time MAD Letters Page readers know, Jim Hutchings of Ontario, Canada is a frequent (some might say disturbingly frequent) Letters Page contributor. And yet, here we are running another one of his infamous "Envelopes of the Month." Is there no one who will end his unholy MAD Envelope of the Month reign of terror? You and you alone can end the heinous Hutchings' despotism stranglehold on this once-beloved Letters Page feature! Send your Envelopes of the Month to: Amy "No Stamp Required" Vozeolas c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019!



ALFRED E. NEUMAN LOOK-A-LIKE CONTEST

Brody Kenny of Lexington, KY is this issue's winner of the Alfred E. Neuman Look-A-Like contest. Some may call Brody a winner, but we question this terminology. Does resembling Alfred make you a winner? We think not! But hey, we still want entries for this contest! So if you or someone you know looks like our mascot, send a picture to Alfred E. Neuman Look-A-Like Contest, c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019!



Brody
Kenny
strikes an
Alfred pose

THE ANSWER MAD

Our latest installment of this fabulous feature involves a letter from the fabulous magazine *Entertainment Weekly!*



I look forward to receiving your magazine every week, but I am disappointed in the negative comments concerning Vin Diesel (*News & Notes*). I don't believe you give him enough credit. The man has some serious talent. Do you have nothing better to do than sit around and come up with snide and ridiculous comments about Vin?

C.B. Marietta, GA

C.B. — After reading your letter we've come to the conclusion that you must be A) Vin Diesel's mother or B) a close relative who relies on his \$20 million-a-picture to keep you in the chips, because it is obvious to even the most casual reader that you are unable to obtain gainful employment using your own talent, skills and wit!

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS



Displaying his flair for taking direction, a wayward-glancing John Travolta poses with MAD reader David Frye.

Recently I had the pleasure of meeting John Travolta at my job. During his visit he was kind enough to give us the opportunity of having an autograph and picture session. I was fortunate enough to have him autograph two of my vintage mint MAD magazines — #201 (*Saturday Night Fever*) and #205 (*Grease*)!

David Frye, Euless, TX

Frye Bread — Ok, ok you get the three-year subscription. Just one question — where the hell do you work that John Travolta drops by midday for an impromptu meet and greet? And they wonder why American business has fallen behind when valuable work hours are lost so slack-jawed employees can schmooze "celebs" and discuss the subtle nuances and plot intricacies of *Battlefield Earth*. We suspect you'll enjoy reading your MADs on the unemployment line! Thanks for the photo! —Ed.



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BORED CERTIFIED

I'm bored. I'm really, really bored. I'm so bored that I thought it would be a wonderful idea to send a letter to MAD magazine. Sleep deprivation can cause lapses in judgment. What to say? What to say? Perhaps I should thank you for corrupting my mind at a relatively young age. I am the second generation of my family to be afflicted. My father puns because of you! It's okay, though, I forgive you. Most of my friends like MAD magazine, in small doses at least. Well, except for those with no sense of humor and/or class. Of course, they and I are the sort of people who sing the *Red Dwarf* theme song for fun, so that might not be considered a compliment. Oh well, that didn't stall the tedium much, but every little bit counts!

Amber Goss, Gig Harbor, WA

Osh Kosh B' Goss — Congratulations! not only are you bored, but now, so is every reader of the MAD Letters Page. Except perhaps, the most die-hard, pathetic MAD readers — you know, like envelope boy Jim Hutchings and inmate Joseph Snyder! Normally, we sign off letters telling the author "thanks for writing," but in your case, we're making an exception! —Ed.

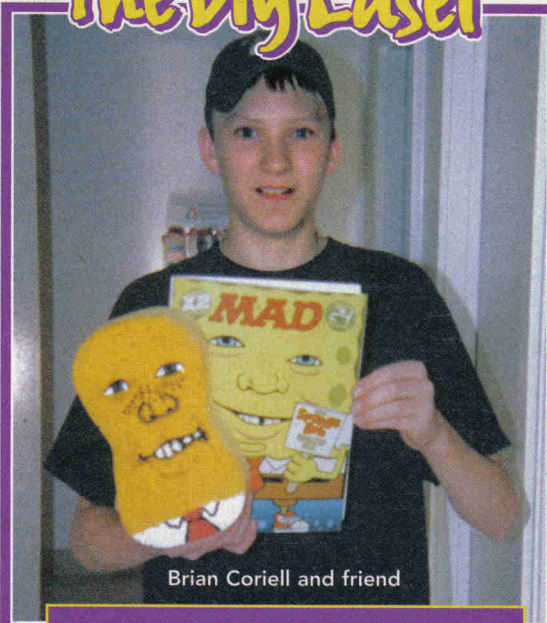


ATTENTION READERS

Included in MAD XL #24 is a Monroe stencil to create even scarier pumpkins than usual this Halloween! Make sure you pick it up (it's on sale now)! Also, be sure you take a picture of your Monroe-O-Lantern — we'll print them in a future issue of MAD! Send them to: Amy "The Big Pumpkin" c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019!



The Big Easel



Brian Coriell and friend

Brian Coriell of Island Park, ID sent in this Big Easel pic of his version of SpongeAlfred. Brian, you certainly soaked the competition! Congratulations! Remember, if you have anything laying around the house that you could use to assemble an Alfred portrait, send it to: Amy "The Big Easel," c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

AND NOW AN ABSURD FROM OUR SPONSOR

I am a 13-year-old kid. My dad races a car in drag racing. He races a '79 Chevy Malibu. He and I were wondering if you would sponsor us. I know you had a funny car that you sponsored. If you are interested, that would be awesome. Here are the details of the car: it has a tub job (big back tires); a 355 small block engine; runs 14.55 sec. in a quarter mile at 95 MPH; its color is blue metal flake, and it is in need of a sponsor!

Mitchell Burnette, Indianapolis, IN

Mitchell-in Man — We would love, love, love to sponsor your dad's car! Unfortunately, we don't have any MAD stickers. But we *do* have an idea to surprise your dad. Rip off a cover of MAD and place it on your father's car. Now take your sharpest key and trace around our logo. Be sure to press hard. While the results won't be a colorful decal, we're sure your dad will be talking about it for years to come, probably to his fellow inmates when he is serving a lifetime sentence for brutally beating you to death with his 5/8-inch lug wrench. Good luck to you and your lead-foot pappy! —Ed.

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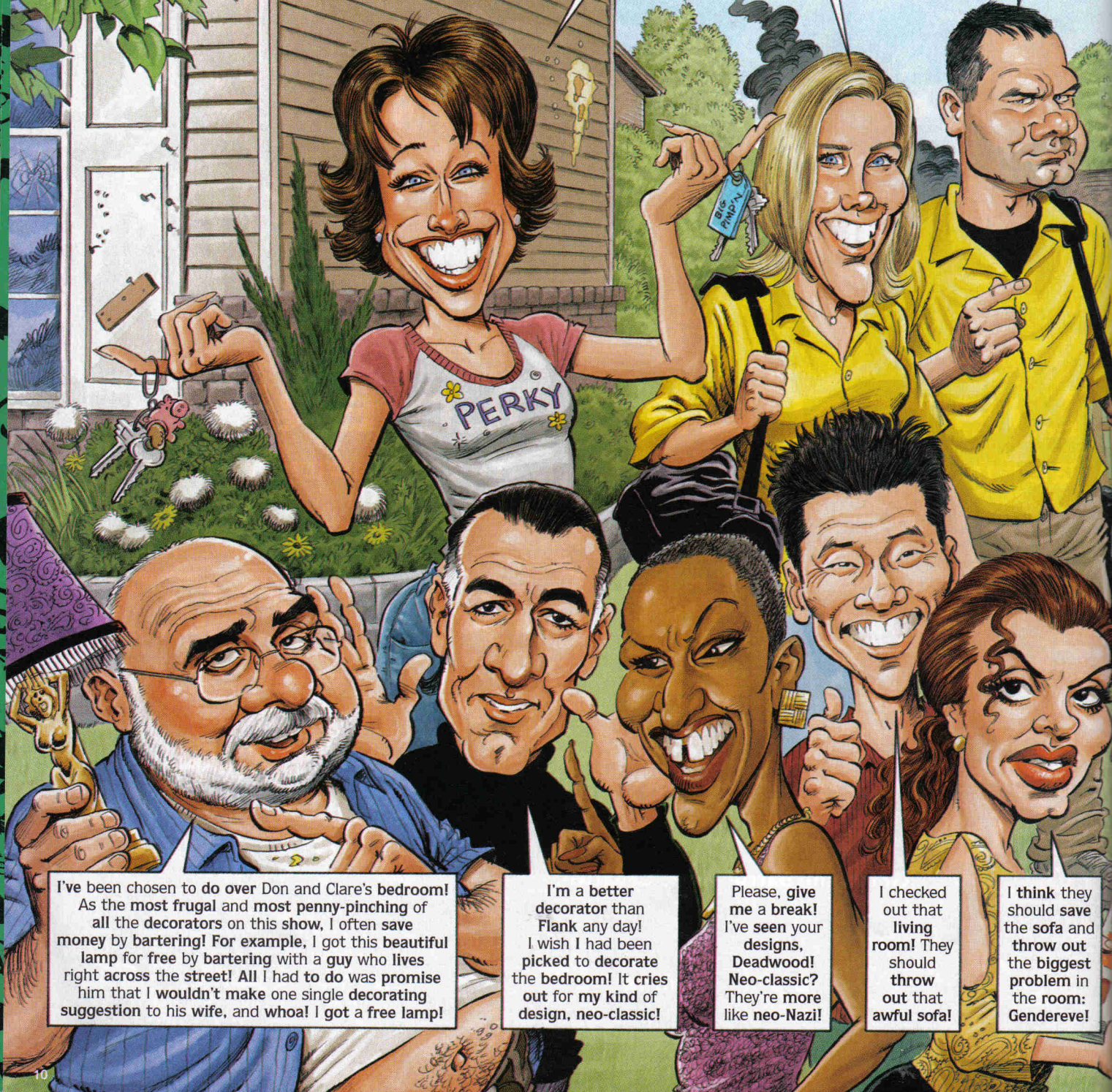
One carpenter...Two rooms...
Two designers...Four homeowners...
Two days...One bad concept!
It's all about...

Trashing Places

Hi, I'm Paging Diva, and these four nitwits, er, four neighbors have volunteered to remodel one room in each other's home! You guys know the ground rules, right?

Yes, we do! We spend the night in our neighbor's house, and we cannot go back to our home to see what's going on until the 48 hours are up!

And we've been warned that even if we see our most prized piece of heirloom furniture being dumped on the lawn in the rain by our neighbors, we still have to smile like idiots and pretend we're having fun!



I've been chosen to do over Don and Clare's bedroom! As the most frugal and most penny-pinching of all the decorators on this show, I often save money by bartering! For example, I got this beautiful lamp for free by bartering with a guy who lives right across the street! All I had to do was promise him that I wouldn't make one single decorating suggestion to his wife, and whoa! I got a free lamp!

I'm a better decorator than Flank any day! I wish I had been picked to decorate the bedroom! It cries out for my kind of design, neo-classic!

Please, give me a break! I've seen your designs, Deadwood! Neo-classic? They're more like neo-Nazi!

I checked out that living room! They should throw out that awful sofa!

I think they should save the sofa and throw out the biggest problem in the room: Gendereve!

As one of the more flamboyant decorators among an entire team of flamboyant decorators, I know that my job is to listen carefully to what sort of change the neighbors would like to see in their remodeled room! Then, I totally ignore that, and come up with some cockamamie design that will please just me! I mean, after all, I'm the designer! I must be pleased! It's no secret that I love a challenge! When it comes to my designs, a lot of people say, "It can't be done!" But I do it! Even more people say, "It shouldn't be done!" But screw 'em, I do it!

Oh my God, I prayed Gendereve wouldn't be the one picked as the designer we have to work with! She has horrible taste! Most of the rooms she's done make me want to barf! Oops! I have to be careful not to mention "barf" in her presence! I don't want to give her any "inspiration" for what to put on the walls!

I couldn't care less about remodeling my neighbor's living room! I volunteered to do it so I could get into their house and go through their closets! I lent that creep Hans my golf clubs, my lawn mower, my George Foreman grill and a dozen other things he never returned! I'll finally be able to go over there and take them all back!



God, I wish I were doing this room! I'd like to do one of my famous "all one theme" rooms! You know, all black, or maybe all white!

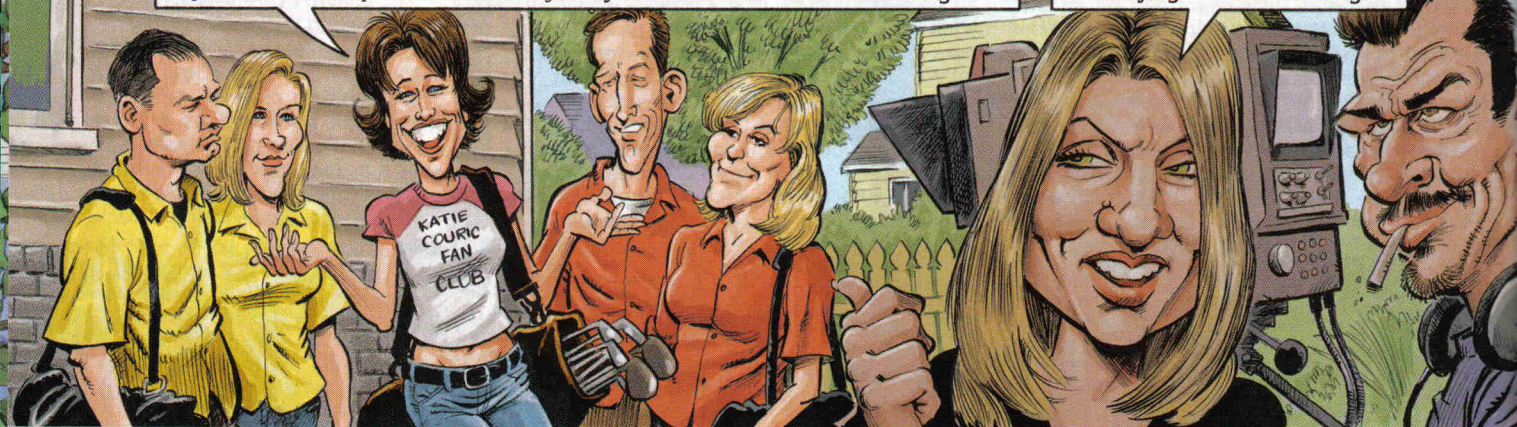
I've seen your theme rooms, Dung, and they're always the same theme... all bad!

Okay, Try, here's a list of all the unfinished furniture I bought at the lumber yard this morning! I'll give the list to the decorators and make sure they incorporate as much of it as possible into their design for this episode! Outside of cutting up some stuff and doing some nailing and screwing shots for the camera, you should be able to keep your work to a minimum!

We don't want them to use all new furniture! Don't forget, half the fun we carpenters have is getting the couples to screw up things when we give them power tools! I just finished bending the blade of this jigsaw! I'd like to see someone try to cut a straight line now! But that's our little secret!

It's time to begin! So let's see if this foursome can "sink a hole in one" as they try to find their neighbor's design sweet spot! Let's hope none of you are duffers who turn in an under par job. Today, Don and Clare, your handicap is being assigned Gendereve, the designer most likely to "tee off" the neighbors when they see her off-the-wall makeover! And Hans and Helen, your designer will be Flank, who is bound to provide you with handicaps and hazards as you try to execute his "oh-so-cute" designs!

My God, when Paging comes up with one of her "mini themes" to build the suspense on, she really runs it into the ground! This week's is especially annoying — I hate bowling!



If you guys are ready to Trash Places, then here's the key to each other's house!

Our door's not locked! And those aren't our keys!

Everything's been unlocked since the Trashing Places trucks and crew got here yesterday!

Work with me, folks! This is the third season of doing the same boring thing! We need to generate a little excitement! Let's try it again! We'll edit out this part!

Are you guys ready to Trash Places?

Ready? Just try and stop us!

Where are the keys? We want to get going!

Give us the keys, and the hammers, and the saws!

Now *there* are two couples who didn't need any prompting from me! They genuinely want to Trash Places! You can't fake that kind of enthusiasm!



What don't you like about this room that you'd like to see changed?

Well, that grand piano is an heirloom, but it's very big! We would love it if your designer could find a way for the piano to fit in more without commanding all the attention! And we'd like the room to be more open!

And maybe make the room a little more inviting! Less sterile! Less inhospitable! Less barren...

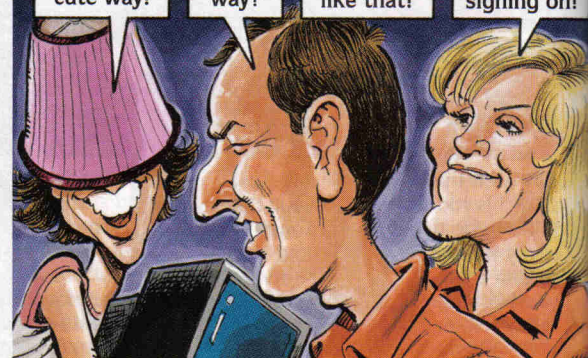
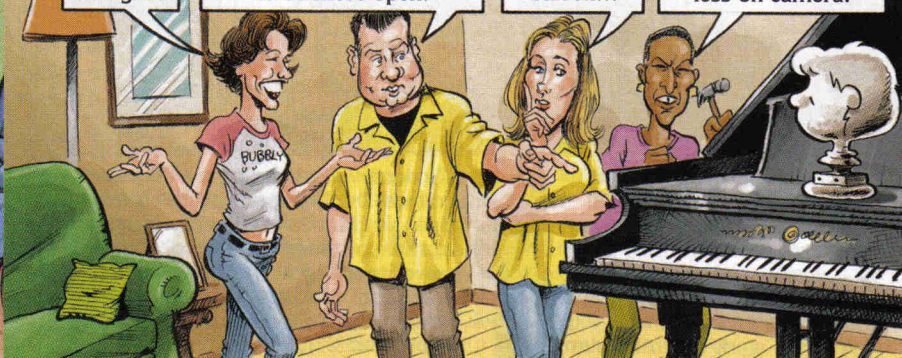
And maybe you could please some of us who work on the show by being less intolerable! Less obnoxiously cute! Less unbearably Kathie Lee-ish...And, most importantly, less on camera!

Okay, it's time to empty the rooms! Remember, clear out everything, but clear it out in a cute way!

How exactly do you clear out furniture in a cute way?

Oh, you know! When you take out the lamp, wear the lampshade on your head! Stuff like that!

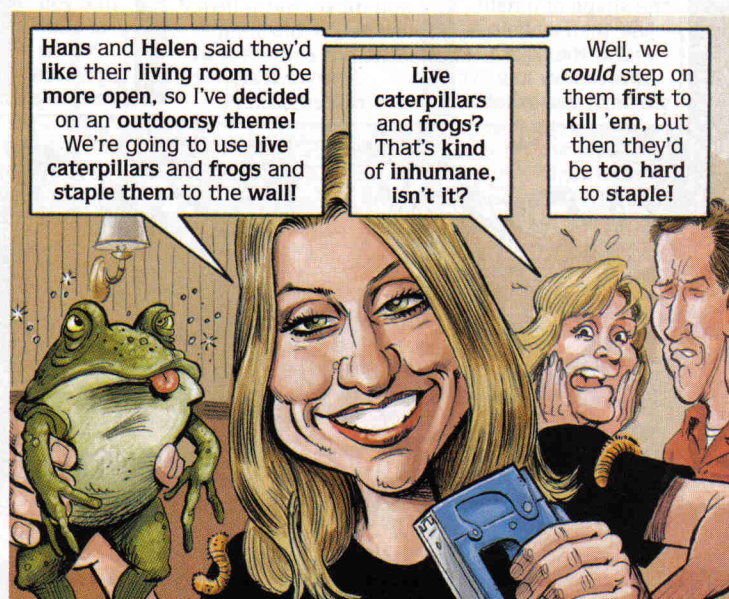
Oh, I get it! Gain a new room, lose our dignity! I guess I should have watched this show before signing on!





My God, look! Someone's throwing furniture out the second floor window! There goes a chest of drawers!

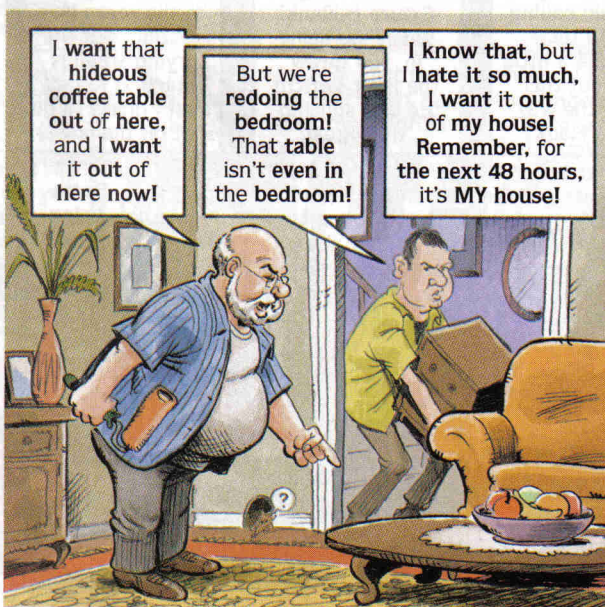
How do you think they empty those rooms so fast? Sure, we speed up the camera, but that only makes it *look* fast! Throwing stuff out the window is the real secret!



Hans and Helen said they'd like their living room to be more open, so I've decided on an outdoorsy theme! We're going to use live caterpillars and frogs and staple them to the wall!

Live caterpillars and frogs? That's kind of inhumane, isn't it?

Well, we *could* step on them first to kill 'em, but then they'd be too hard to staple!



I want that hideous coffee table out of here, and I want it out of here now!

But we're redoing the bedroom! That table isn't even in the bedroom!

I know that, but I hate it so much, I want it out of my house! Remember, for the next 48 hours, it's MY house!



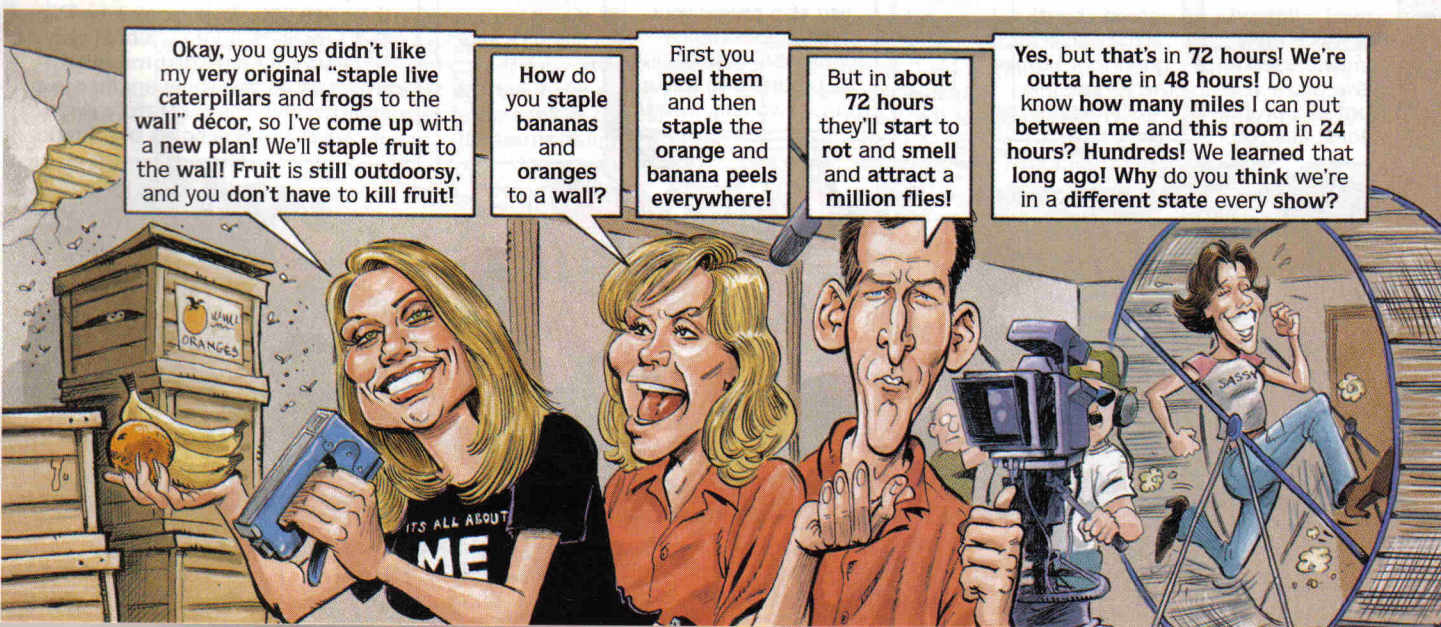
How are you guys doing?

That's too bad!

No! It's too bad you removed all the kitchen appliances, because you guys forgot your job is to remodel the bedroom! But no problem, just leave 'em in the yard! We can edit out this part too!

Great! So far we disconnected and removed all the kitchen appliances!

You're always complaining people don't work fast enough, and now you're complaining that we're working too fast?



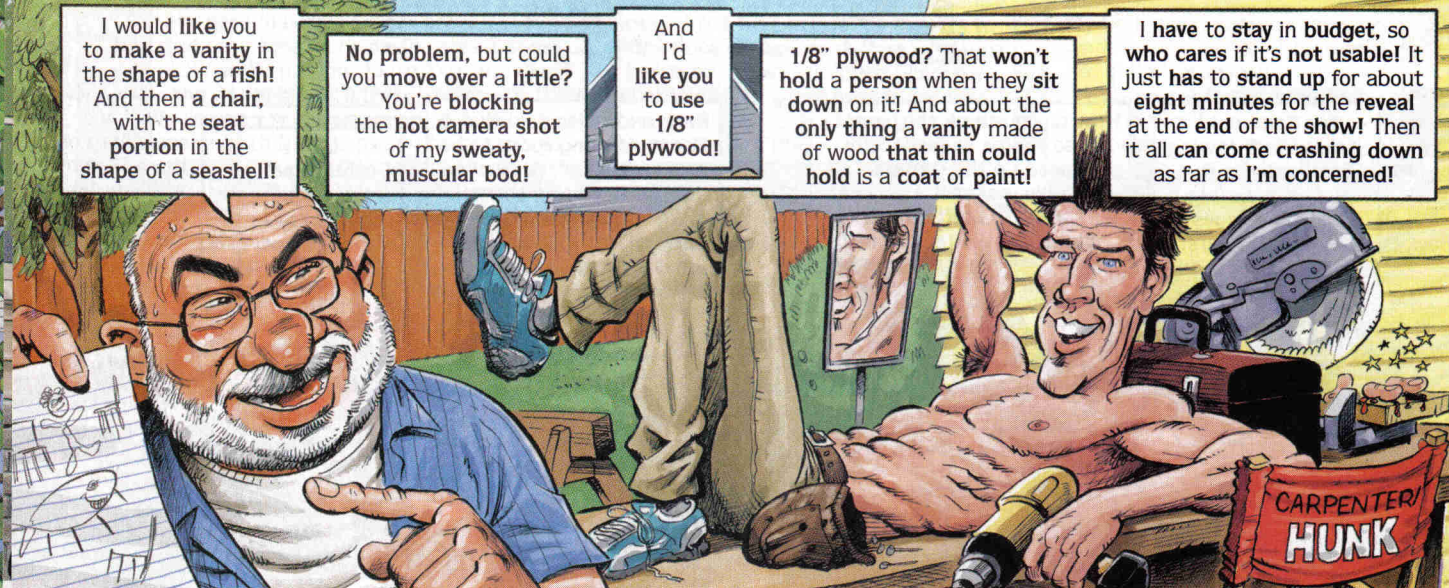
Okay, you guys didn't like my very original "staple live caterpillars and frogs to the wall" décor, so I've come up with a new plan! We'll staple fruit to the wall! Fruit is still outdoorsy, and you don't have to kill fruit!

How do you staple bananas and oranges to a wall?

First you peel them and then staple the orange and banana peels everywhere!

But in about 72 hours they'll start to rot and smell and attract a million flies!

Yes, but that's in 72 hours! We're outta here in 48 hours! Do you know how many miles I can put between me and this room in 24 hours? Hundreds! We learned that long ago! Why do you think we're in a different state every show?



I would like you to make a vanity in the shape of a fish! And then a chair, with the seat portion in the shape of a seashell!

No problem, but could you move over a little? You're blocking the hot camera shot of my sweaty, muscular bod!

And I'd like you to use 1/8" plywood!

1/8" plywood? That won't hold a person when they sit down on it! And about the only thing a vanity made of wood that thin could hold is a coat of paint!

I have to stay in budget, so who cares if it's not usable! It just has to stand up for about eight minutes for the reveal at the end of the show! Then it all can come crashing down as far as I'm concerned!

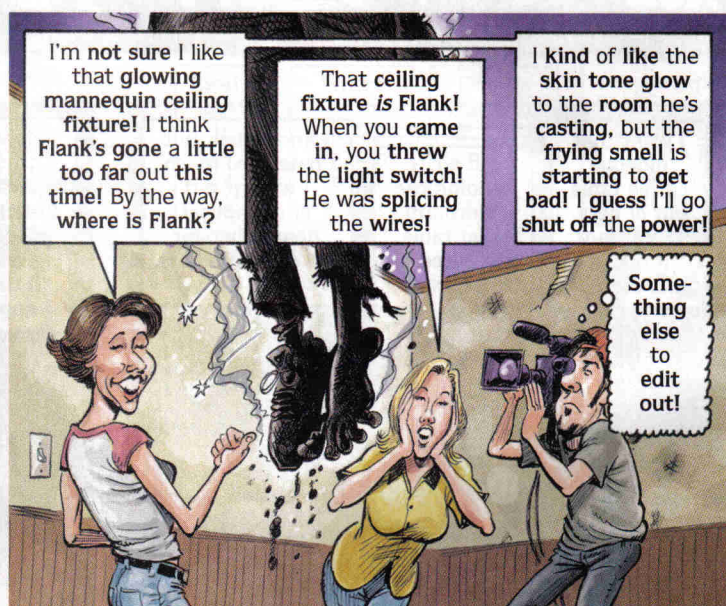


How do you select your "unusual" colors, Gendereve?

It's a gift I have! A gift of communication!

You, like, communicate with the structure and sense what color the walls *desire*?

No, I communicate with the manager of the paint store and find out what crap is on close-out, so I can get it cheap!

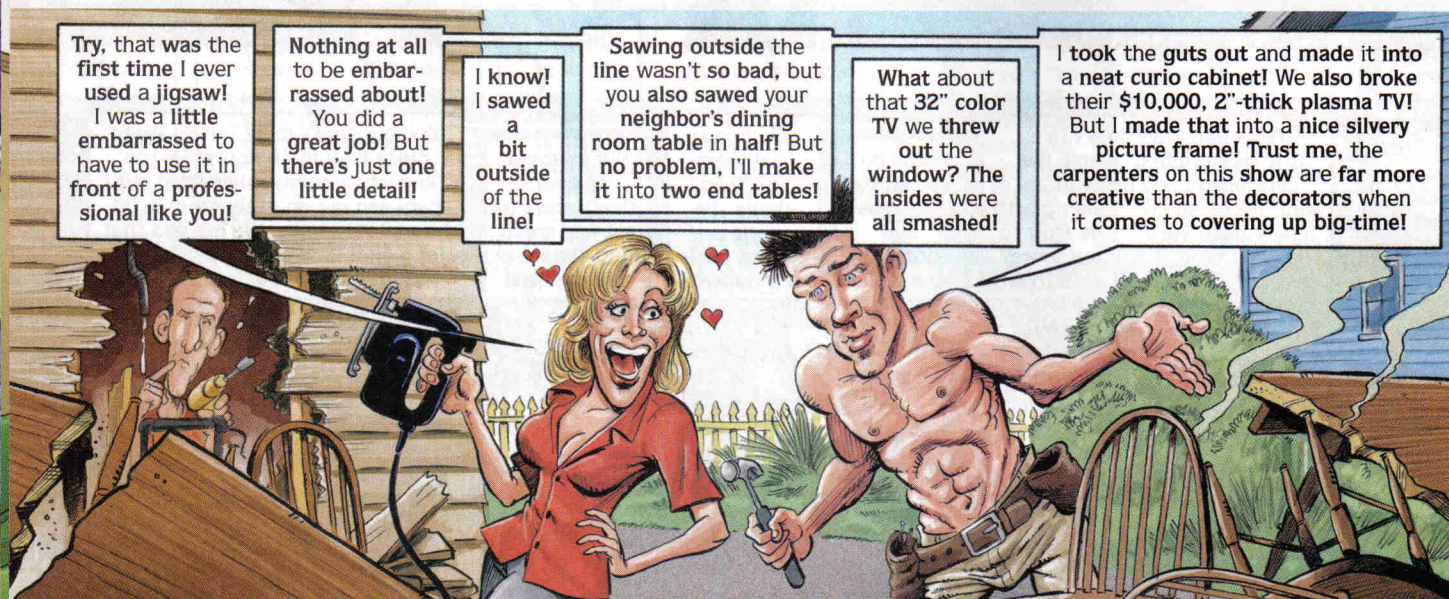


I'm not sure I like that glowing mannequin ceiling fixture! I think Flank's gone a little too far out this time! By the way, where is Flank?

That ceiling fixture *is* Flank! When you came in, you threw the light switch! He was splicing the wires!

I kind of like the skin tone glow to the room he's casting, but the frying smell is starting to get bad! I guess I'll go shut off the power!

Something else to edit out!



Try, that was the first time I ever used a jigsaw! I was a little embarrassed to have to use it in front of a professional like you!

Nothing at all to be embarrassed about! You did a great job! But there's just one little detail!

I know! I sawed a bit outside of the line!

Sawing outside the line wasn't so bad, but you also sawed your neighbor's dining room table in half! But no problem, I'll make it into two end tables!

What about that 32" color TV we threw out the window? The insides were all smashed!

I took the guts out and made it into a neat curio cabinet! We also broke their \$10,000, 2"-thick plasma TV! But I made that into a nice silvery picture frame! Trust me, the carpenters on this show are far more creative than the decorators when it comes to covering up big-time!



Now, it's time to assign your "homework." That's where we designers leave you guys a long list of things to do while we go to the hotel and make fun of you all off camera! I've picked denim to cover the sofa! Your homework will be to cut up these 80 pairs of jeans that I bought, and then sew all the pieces together, so we can make slippers in the morning when I come back!

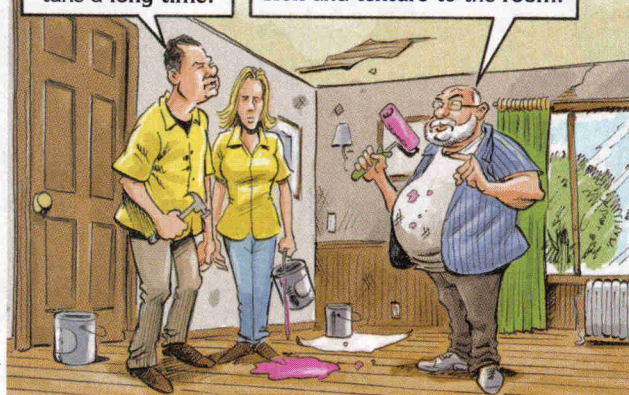
Wouldn't it have been easier and cheaper to just buy denim by the yard?

You can buy denim by the yard? I don't think so! Please, leave the designing to the professionals!

For your "homework," move the radiator and paint this entire room!

For the painting, use rollers! And I have a plan that will speed things up even more! Leave the pictures and the light fixtures on the wall, and just paint over them! The bulges will add a bit of dimension and texture to the room!

That's going to take a long time!



DAY 2

Flank, I built your cabinet, but it's at least a foot too long! Are you sure you measured accurately?

Yes, I did!

And it was exactly seven feet, one and one half inches?

Well I couldn't find a ruler, but I know it was exactly six hands, two fingers, and an elbow long! You must have screwed up. Try, when you used that stupid ruler! I mean, what are you going to trust when it comes to measurements? A steel ruler that rolls up into a little coil, or body parts that I've had my entire life?

Time is flying! How are you guys doing?

We're doing good! We're putting down the glue for the floor tiles!

Great! How far have you gotten?

Right up to the spot that you're standing on right now! And probably will *still* be standing on until Try comes in and chisels you loose!



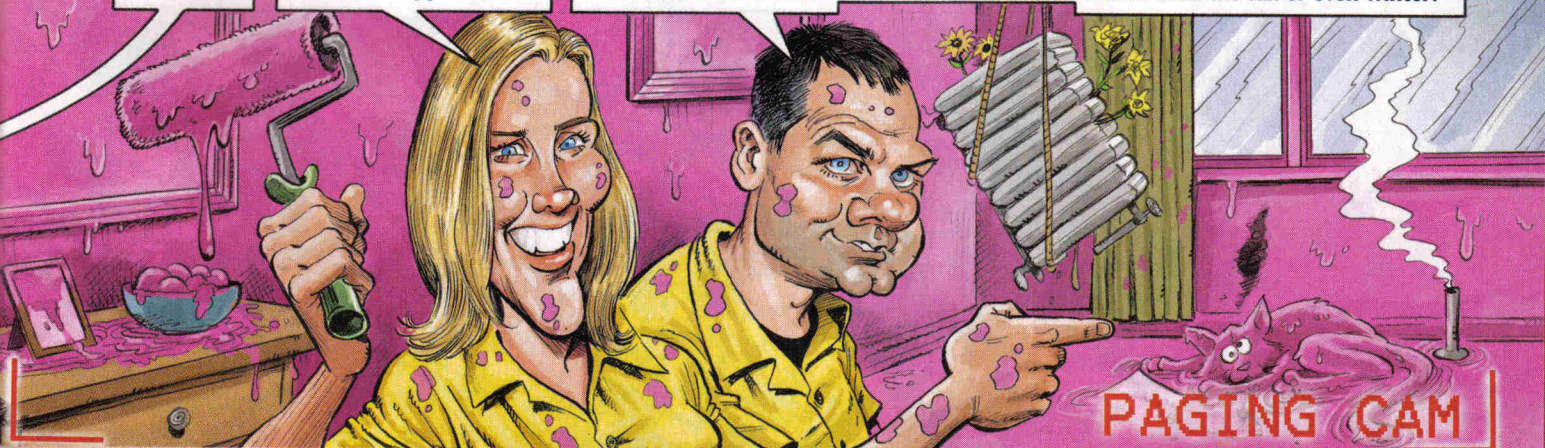
How did you guys do with your "homework"?

Great! We painted everything we were supposed to, and even a lot we weren't supposed to!

And Flank wanted us to move the radiator that was right in front of the window, and we did!

That's great! But wasn't it hard to reroute the steam pipes?

Flank told us not to bother to move the pipes! Sure, the radiator won't work now, but it's summer! He says Don and Clare won't miss the heat until the fall or even winter!



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I think that cabinet looks great, Flank! But didn't you say it was a foot too long?

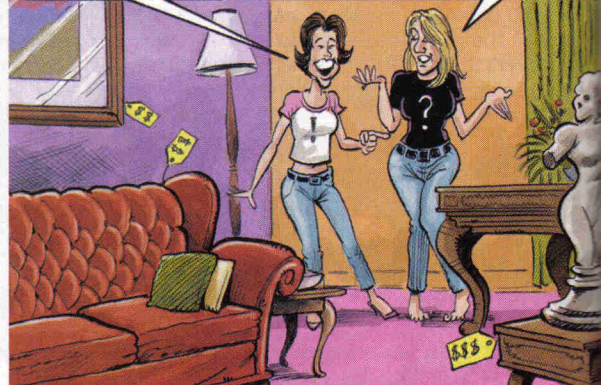
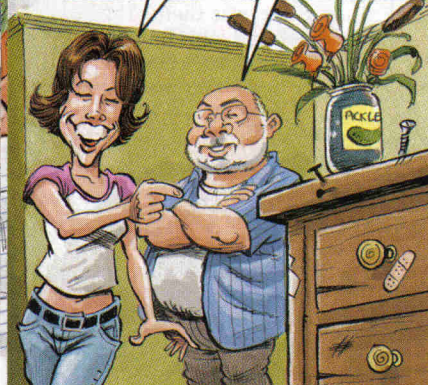
Well, it was, but I solved that problem with Try's help! And we didn't even have to cut the cabinet down!

Looks like a bomb might have gone off in that house! It blew part of that cabinet right through the wall!

Note to self: make sure no one sees that cabinet sticking through the wall on the final edit!

Gendereve, I must say the furniture in this room is great! How did you get gorgeous furniture like this and stay in budget?

Well, I cheated just a little! I bought \$7,500 worth of furniture and used \$750 of the budget for the 10% down payment...Hans and Helen will have a wonderful month before the first bill comes and they realize *they're* responsible for paying the other 90%!



Well this is the moment people at home have sat through at least 20 minutes of commercials and promos for other *Trashing Places* episodes to see! Open your eyes and look at your new living room!

Er, where's the piano?

Well, you both said you loved the piano but didn't want it to command all the attention! So Gendereve solved that problem!

I did! The piano is still in this room! I had Try saw it into 4" strips and put it in the fire-place! So it's there, but it commands no attention at all! Those decorative toothpicks are the piano bench!



Normally this would be the time for us to go over to see how Flank did remodeling! But, Flank, you finished decorating their room using dozens of blazing candles again!

Yes, I did! How did you know?

Oh, the flames, the sirens, the fire engines...

Hey, let's look on the bright side! I'm \$300 under budget! That's a record!



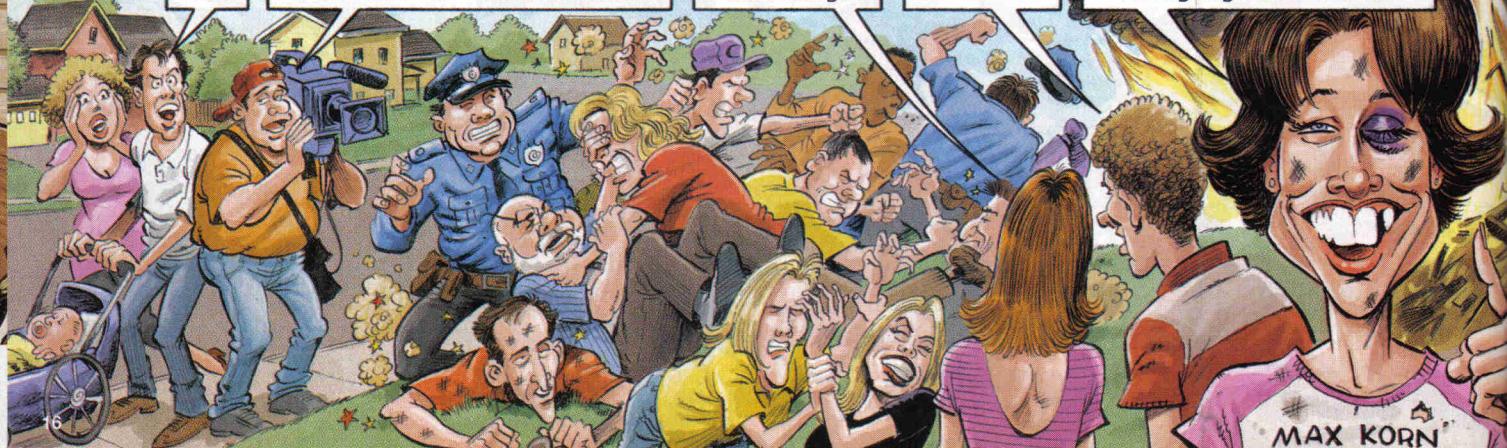
What the hell is going on?

I'll tell you! On the air, we only show "Day 1" and "Day 2"! What you're seeing here is a typical "Day 3"! Fist fights! Flaring tempers! Shattered friendships! Broken bones! Threats! Lawsuits! Blood! Guts!

If I were you, I'd drop "Day 1" and "Day 2" and just show this! At least this is interesting!

I'm not sure, but I think they're taping something for the WWE!

Next time on *Trashing Places*: two convicts, two jail cells, 200 dollars, one warden...be sure to watch *Trashing Places* as we continue to milk this designing idea to death!

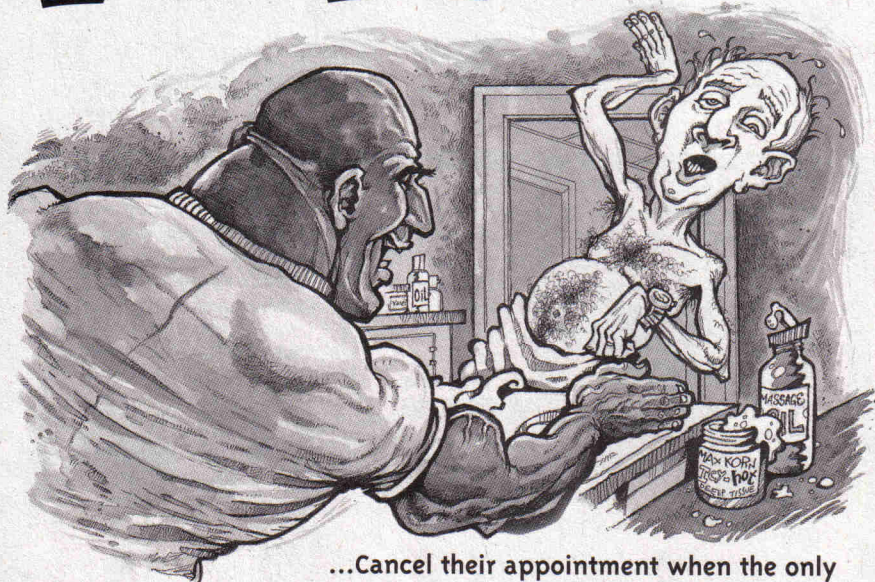




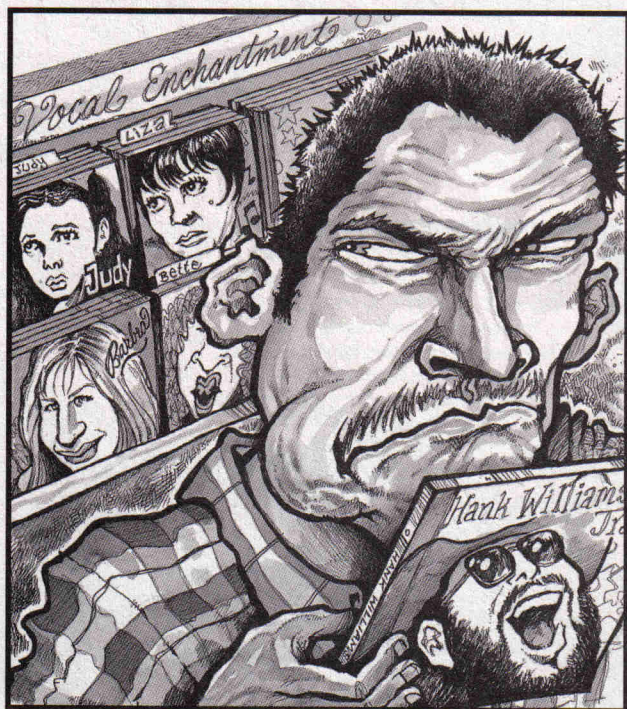
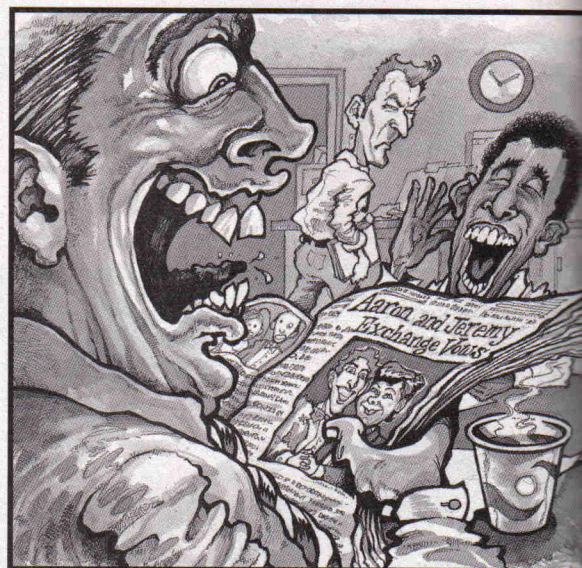
A homophobe hates others simply because of their sexual orientation. You can usually spot them mouthing off about "deviant lifestyles" and how same-sex couples shouldn't be granted the same rights that hetero couples enjoy. Not a fun bunch! But there is an even more insidious group, those who are too cowardly to admit their narrow-minded prejudices, or worse, aren't even aware that they have them! Use these examples to "out" some...

CLOSET HOMOPHOBES...

...Read same-sex commitment ceremony announcements in the paper out loud for comedic entertainment.



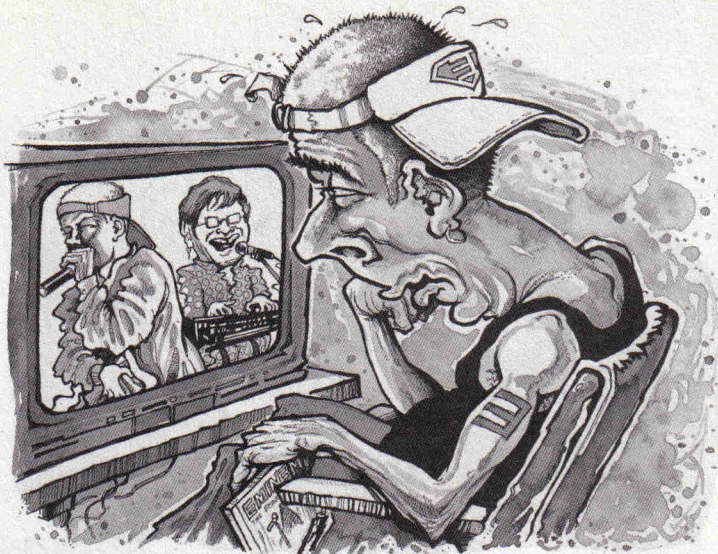
...Cancel their appointment when the only masseuse left is of the same sex.



...Wouldn't be caught dead with an album by Barbra, Bette, Judy or Liza.

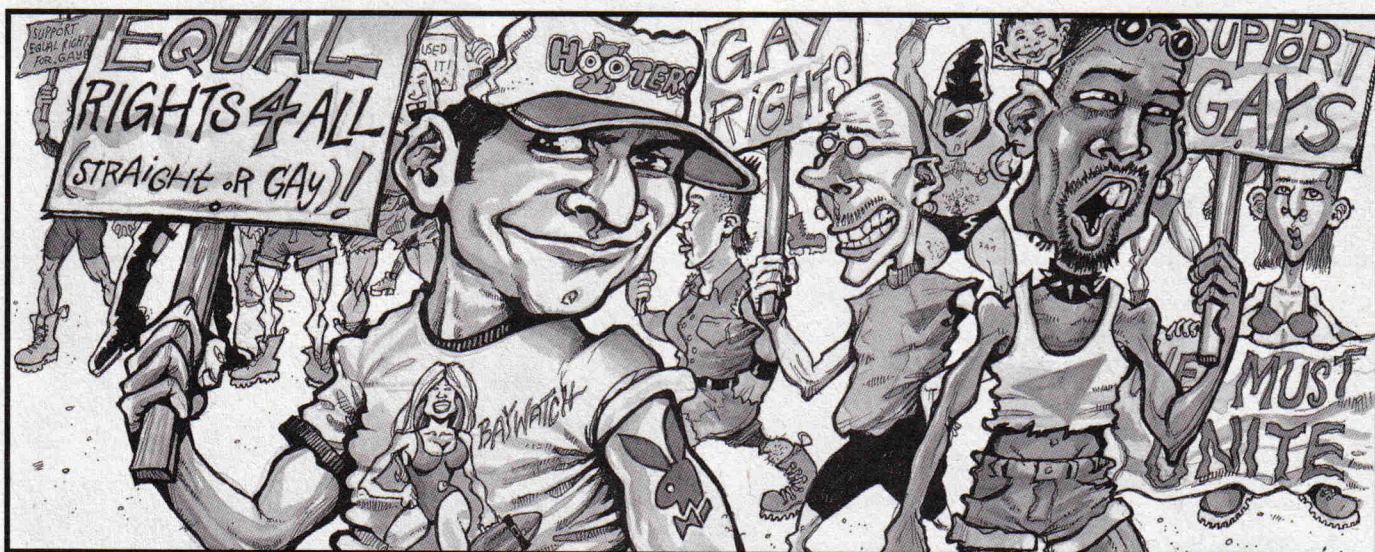


...Are huge Tom Hanks fans who "never got around to seeing" Philadelphia.



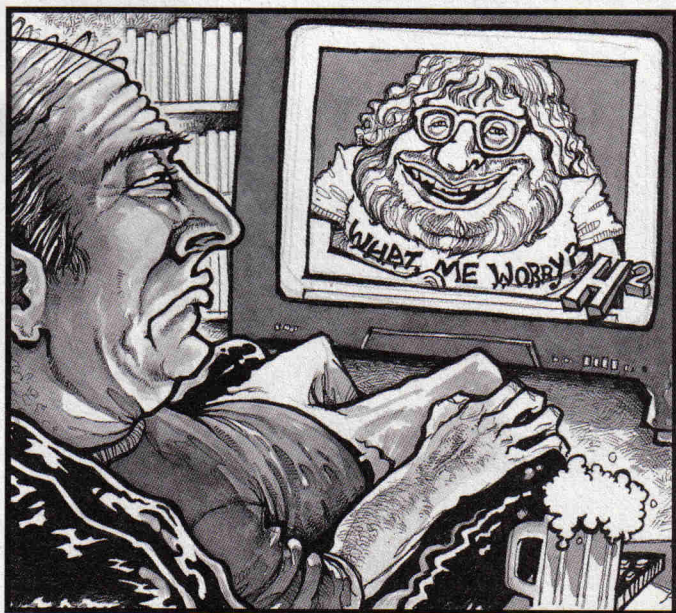
...Lost more respect for Eminem doing a duet with Elton John than for Elton John doing a duet with Eminem.

...Insist they never liked Ellen DeGeneres or Rosie O'Donnell solely because they weren't funny.



...Are pro gay rights, as long as everyone knows they're straight.

...Never laughed at anything Bruce Vilanch ever said on *Hollywood Squares*.



...Always "have a cold" when the time comes to shake a gay man's hand.

CLOSET HOMOPHOBES...

...Always go to Los Angeles, never go to San Francisco.

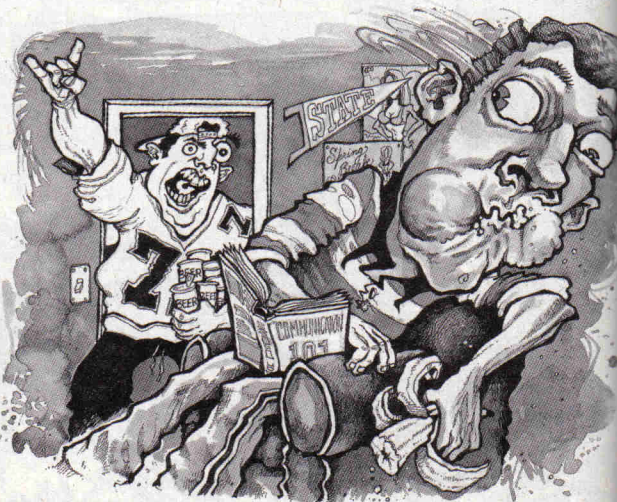


...Secretly breathe a sigh of relief after finding a copy of *Playboy* under their son's mattress.

...Try to discourage their daughter from attending WNBA games.



...Don't appreciate being referred to as "graceful."

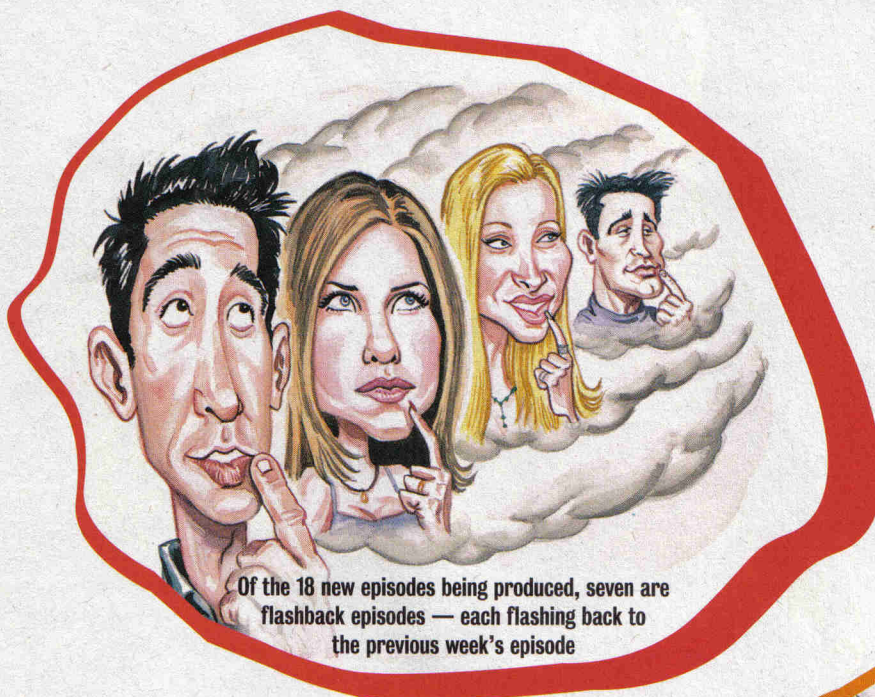


...Won't eat a banana if someone else is in the room.



You've heard the rumors about *Friends* for years — no, not that Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt are huge potheads — that the show will be going off the air! And now, after more false retirements than Oprah and Michael Jordan put together, the sitcom about six twentysomething...er, late-thirtysomething...pals who live in spacious apartments and all sleep with each other is finally going off the air for good. But with so much success already under their belts, are the lame duck cast and crew really going to give their best effort this season? Keep an eye out for these...

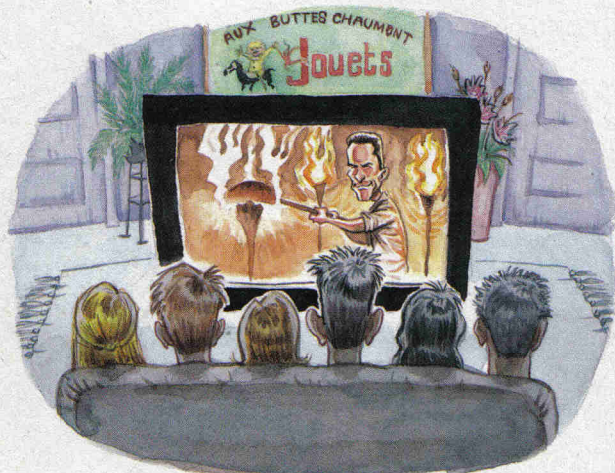
Signs That F.R.I.E.N.D.S Just Doesn't GIVE



Of the 18 new episodes being produced, seven are flashback episodes — each flashing back to the previous week's episode



Airings of Courtney Cox Arquette's Coca-Cola commercial now count towards each episode's running time



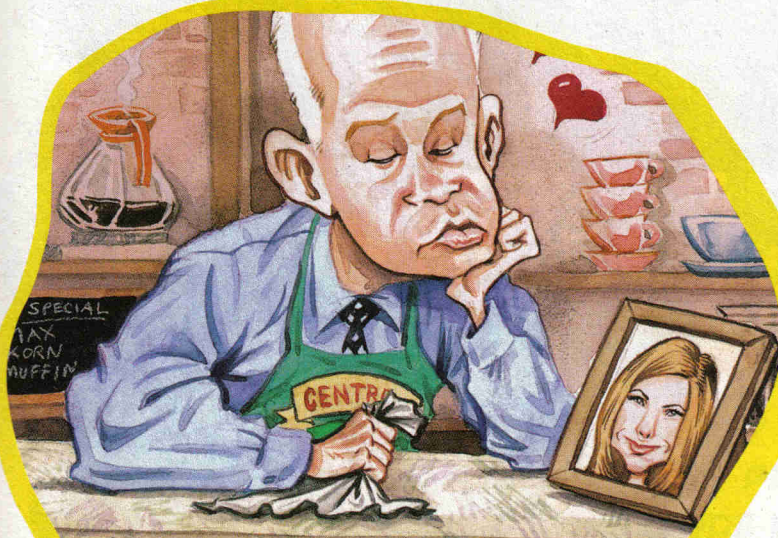
A "special" one-hour episode turns out to be nothing more than the cast sitting around Central Perk watching that night's *Survivor*



A "Meet the Crew" episode focuses on Bob the cameraman, Al in lighting and Fred G., the show's official "Matthew Perry wrangler"



A. DAMN Anymore



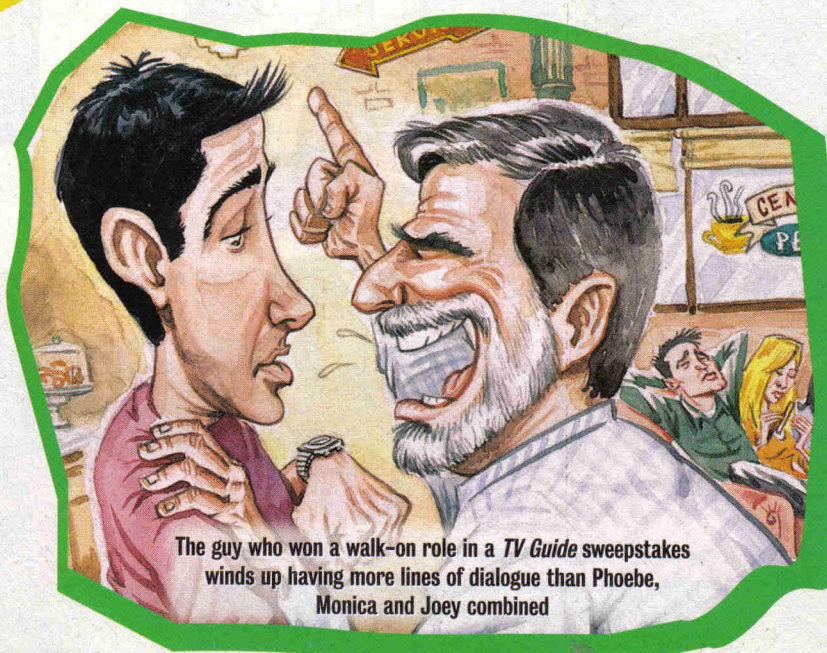
The main characters all go on "vacation," making for a very Gunther-centric three-episode story-arc



In addition to performing the theme song, The Rembrandts pad out an episode with four additional singles



An episode goes to commercial break, and never comes back

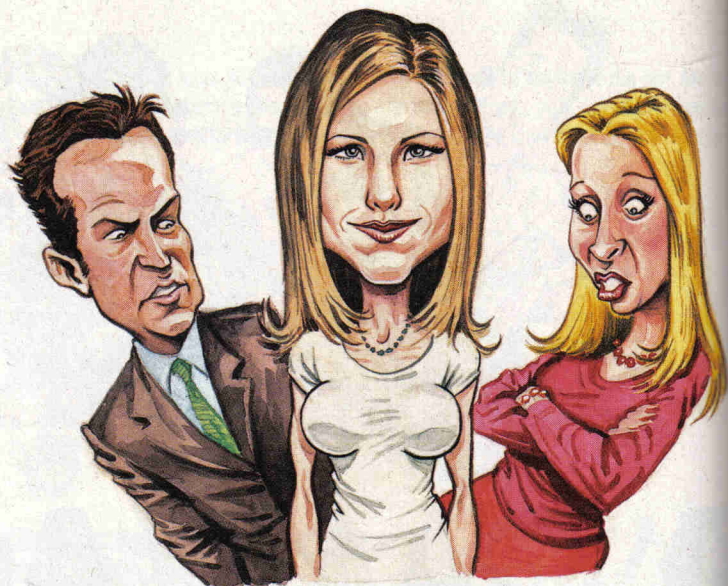


The guy who won a walk-on role in a *TV Guide* sweepstakes winds up having more lines of dialogue than Phoebe, Monica and Joey combined

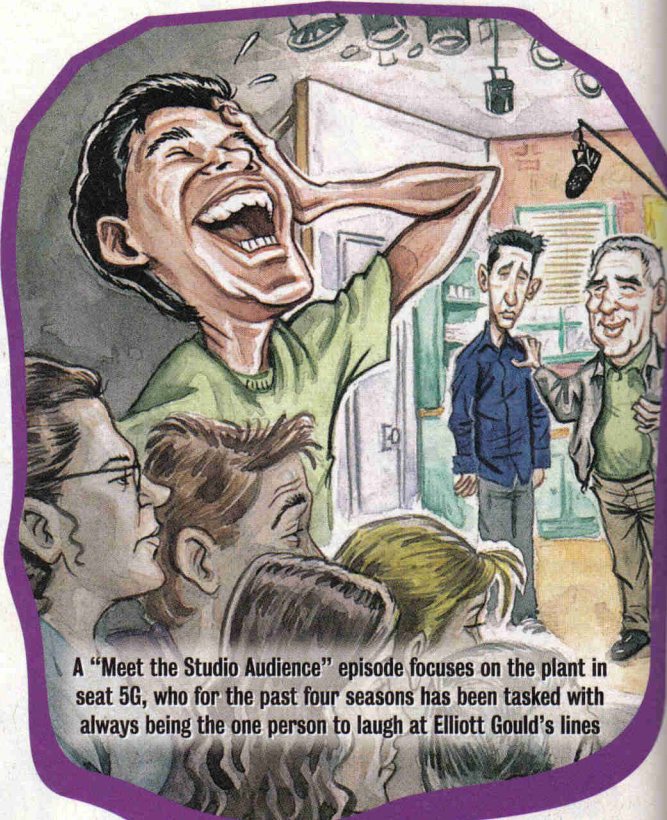
Signs That F.R.I.E.N.D.S Just Doesn't GIVE A DAMN Anymore



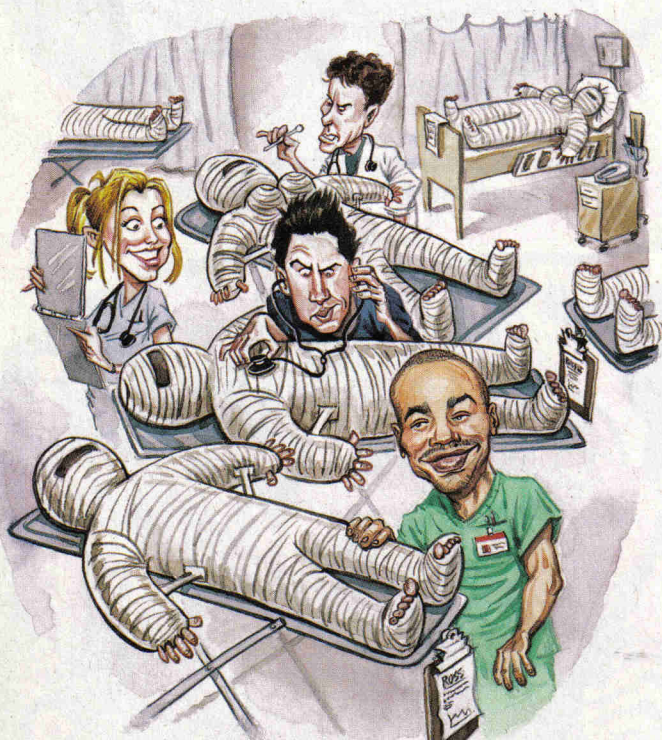
One episode is simply the soundtrack of the classic "On a Break" episode acted out by the puppets from *Crank Yankers*



Jennifer Aniston's nipples are never hard anymore



A "Meet the Studio Audience" episode focuses on the plant in seat 5C, who for the past four seasons has been tasked with always being the one person to laugh at Elliott Gould's lines



For the series finale, a freakish coal-mining accident finds who they want us to believe are all six friends in full body casts as they're tended to by the hospital staff of *Scrubs*

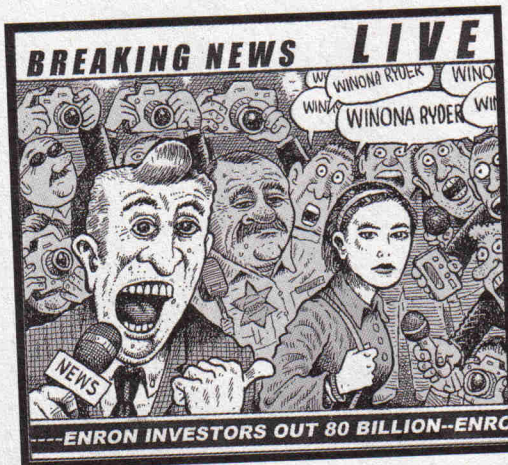




People are always figuring out how much they can get away with, whether it's a huge corporation trying to screw you out of a few more bucks, a politician continuing to lie through his teeth, or a girl scout trying to sell you more boxes of cookies than you want! And we're just supposed to roll with the punches! Well, no more! It's time to fight back (um...except those cookies are right tasty)! It's high time (again) to stand up and shout...

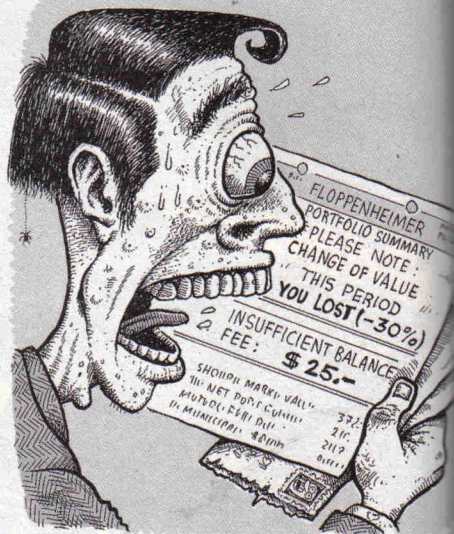


Where does the post office get off charging you extra to confirm that your mail was actually delivered, when that's all they're supposed to do in the first place — deliver mail?



Where do TV news shows get off devoting more time to some movie star's trial for a petty shoplifting charge than they do to huge corporations like Enron bilking the public out of billions of dollars?

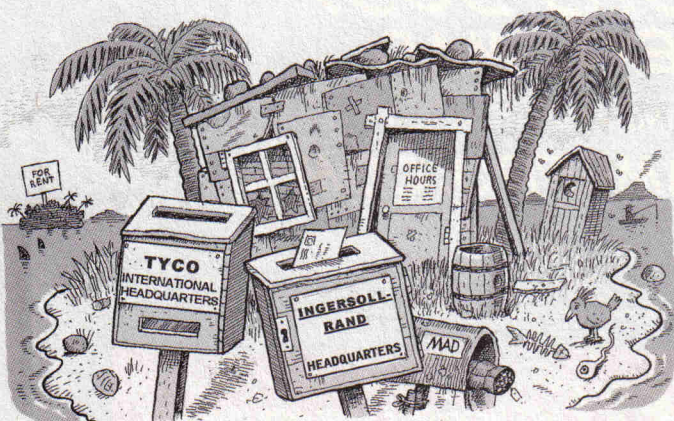
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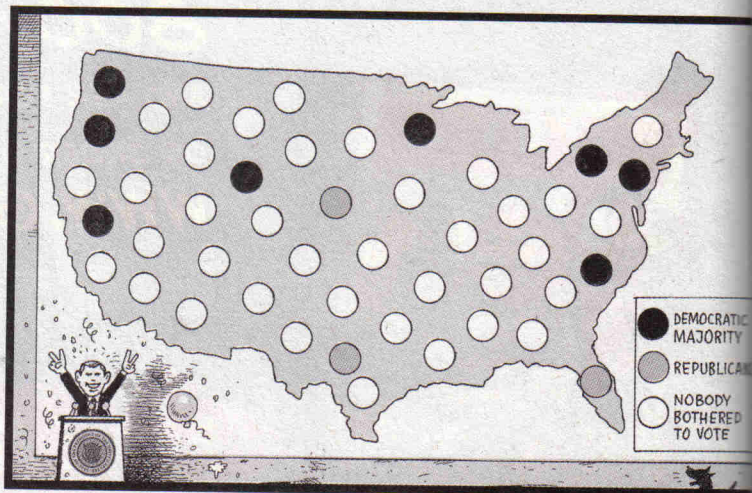
Where do mutual funds get off charging you for having a low balance — when the reason you have a low balance is because THEY lost all your money in bad investments?



Where do musicians whose songs are full of profanity, demeaning references to women and violence get off thanking God when they win a Grammy?



Where do corporations get off setting up bogus offshore headquarters outside of the U.S. so they can avoid paying taxes — and then lobbying the government for lucrative contracts?

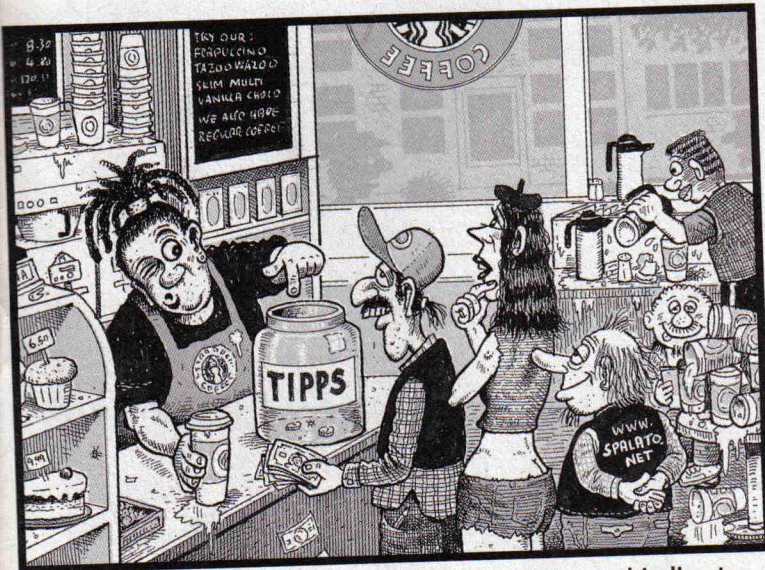


Where do politicians get off telling us that they represent "the majority" — when only 40% of all people even bother to vote — and they got only slightly more than half of THAT?

DO THEY OFF? VOL. II



Where does the Republican Party get off suddenly acting surprised and outraged about the racially insensitive remarks of one of its leaders — when they elected him leader knowing full well what his views were?



Where do Starbucks workers get off making us stand in line to order, add our own milk and sugar, find our own table and even clean up after ourselves — and then leave a cup out for tips?



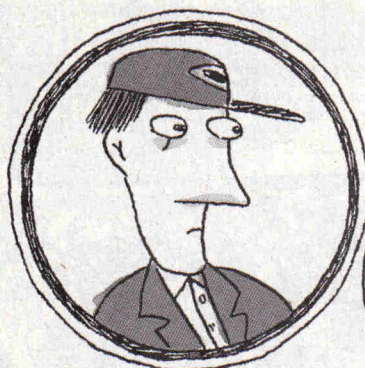
Where do video game masters get off acting like they're cooler than you — when the only reason they're "masters" is because they don't have anything else going on in their pathetic lives?



Where does the Bush Administration get off characterizing toppling a foreign government as an innocent-sounding "regime change" when if another country tried to do the same thing to us, they'd call it a "coup d'etat"?

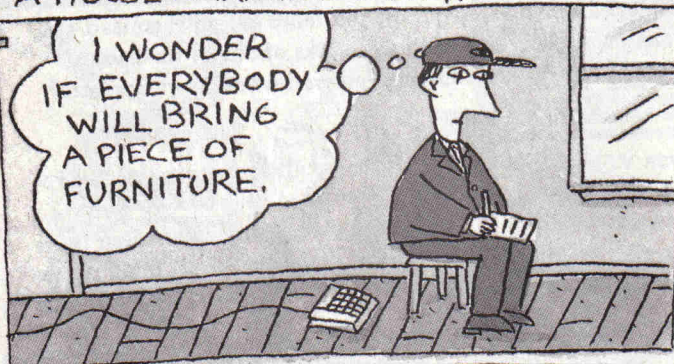


Where does MAD magazine get off publishing "Vol. II" of an article nobody liked the first time around?



Duke Bissell's TALES OF UNDISPUTED INTEREST

I HAD JUST MOVED INTO MY NEW APARTMENT SO I DECIDED TO HAVE A HOUSEWARMING PARTY.



AS IT TURNED OUT THERE WAS A BUS LEAVING FOR PARTS UNKNOWN THAT DAY SO I MADE SURE I WAS ON IT.



SHORTLY AFTER SENDING OUT THE INVITATIONS I GOT A CALL FROM MY TAX ATTORNEY.

YOUR ACCOUNTANT REALLY SCREWED UP. YOU BETTER LEAVE TOWN FOR PARTS UNKNOWN.



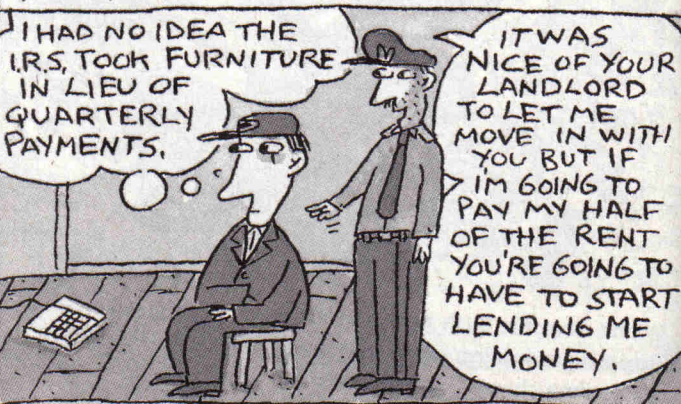
LUCKILY THE BUS DRIVER COLLAPSED AT THE WHEEL AND I WAS ABLE TO STEER THE BUS INTO A BRICK WALL WITH A MINIMUM OF INJURIES.



EVENTUALLY THE AGONIZING PAIN SUBSIDED AND I WAS ABLE TO BEEP INTO MY ANSWERING MACHINE.



IN THE END I WORKED A DEAL WITH BOTH THE I.R.S. AND MY LANDLORD AND EVERYTHING TURNED OUT OK.



P.C. VEY

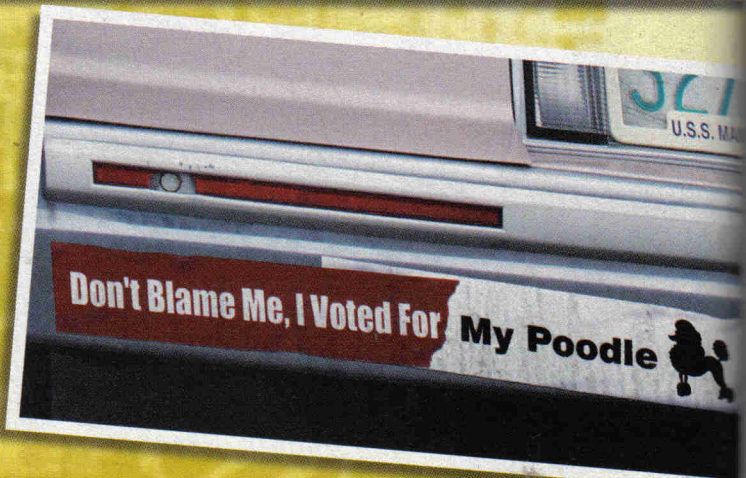
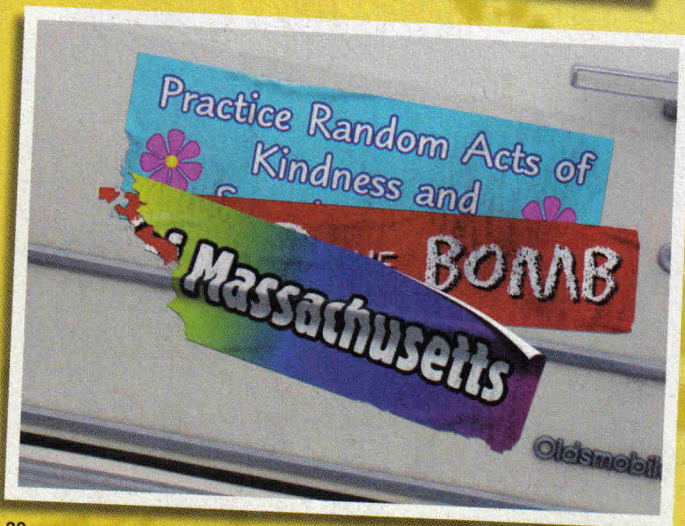
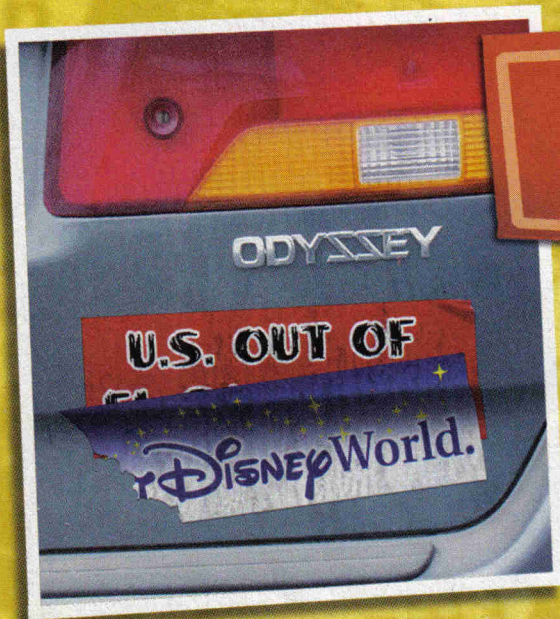


As a driver, bumper stickers were a fantastic innovation! After all, they let you share your feelings and beliefs with all your fellow drivers (assuming that hand gestures alone didn't suffice)! But despite this noble intention, things can still go wrong (in addition to the looming threat of paper cuts)! Mainly, that the stickers start to peel, fade and get covered with other bumper stickers, leaving you with...

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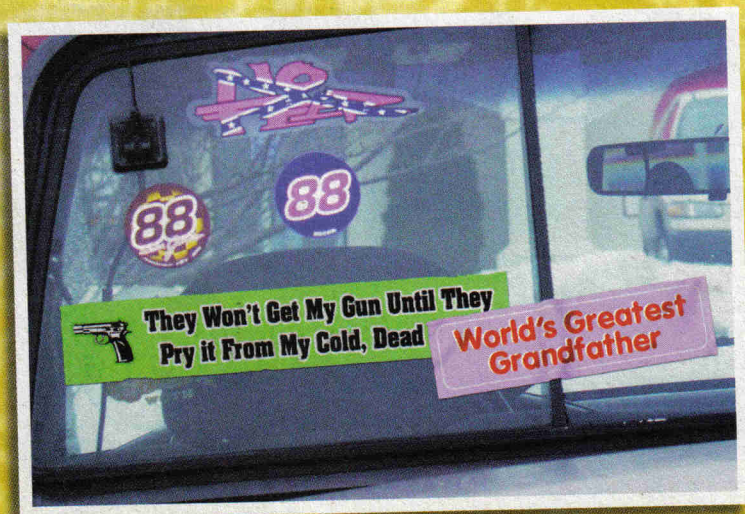
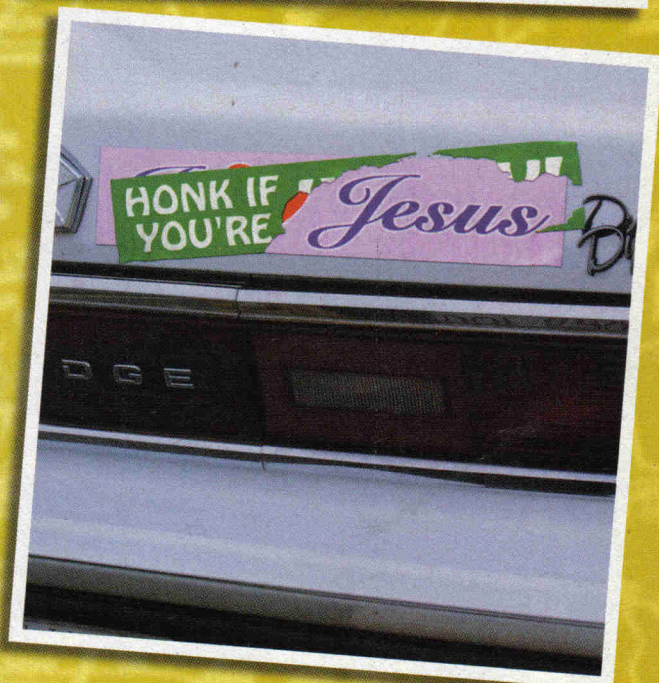
BUMPER

WRITER: JEFF KRE...



INTENDED MESSAGES

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With longtime hit *Friends* going off the air soon (and *Who Wants to Marry My Dad?* not exactly a worthy replacement), it's no wonder NBC signed up Matt LeBlanc for a spinoff series based on his Joey Tribbiani character. And since the other five *Friends* cast members' movies haven't held up well compared to, say, *Gigli*, we're pretty sure they'll quickly come crawling back to the Peacock network too! Which is why you should brace yourself for...

MORE RIDICULOUS F.R.I.E.N.D.S SPINOFFS WE'RE SURE TO SEE...

LAW & ORDER

CHANDLER BING UNIT

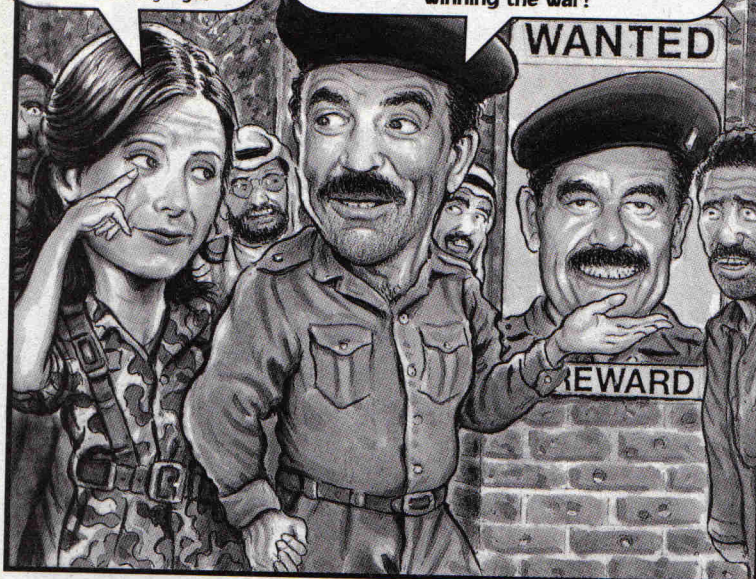
NBC has finally figured out the key to ratings success: just slap the name *Law & Order* in front of a show! This latest version finds Chandler Bing, long dissatisfied with his job as a data processor, joining the force and quickly rising through the ranks due to a "wacky" clerical error. In the series pilot, Sergeant Bing finally cracks down on former neighbor and lewd pervert Ugly Naked Guy. Bruce Willis guest stars as a narcoleptic loose cannon cop with a vaguely Spanish accent.

★ MONICA'S MESS ★

Determined to take an active role in the war on terrorism, Monica enlists in the army and is shipped to Iraq, where she's assigned to the finest mess hall in downtown Tikrit. She soon concocts delicious baba ganoush and falafel. But daily sandstorms and ubiquitous camel droppings cause neat freak Monica to sink into depression and embark on an ill-advised shish kebob binge. A visit from ex-boyfriend Richard (Tom Selleck) starts to cheer her up — until his bushy mustache gets him mistaken for Saddam and he's shot to death.

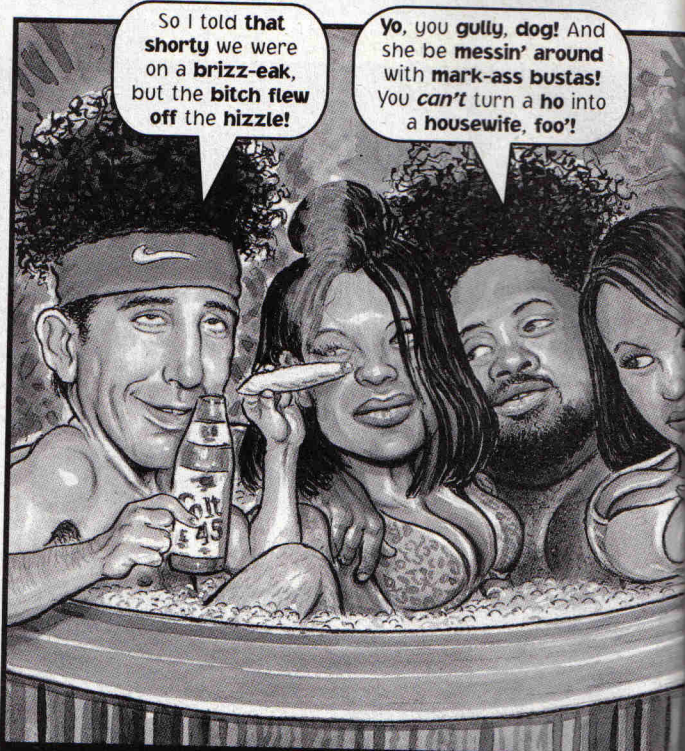
I'm so lucky to have an ophthalmologist come visit me! I think I've got a million grains of sand in my eye!

It's great to see a friendly face! Everyone in town seemed really frightened by me — except that former Information Minister, who congratulated me on winning the war!



So I told that shorty we were on a brizz-eak, but the bitch flew off the hizzle!

Yo, you gully, dog! And she be messin' around with mark-ass bustas! You can't turn a ho into a housewife, foo'!



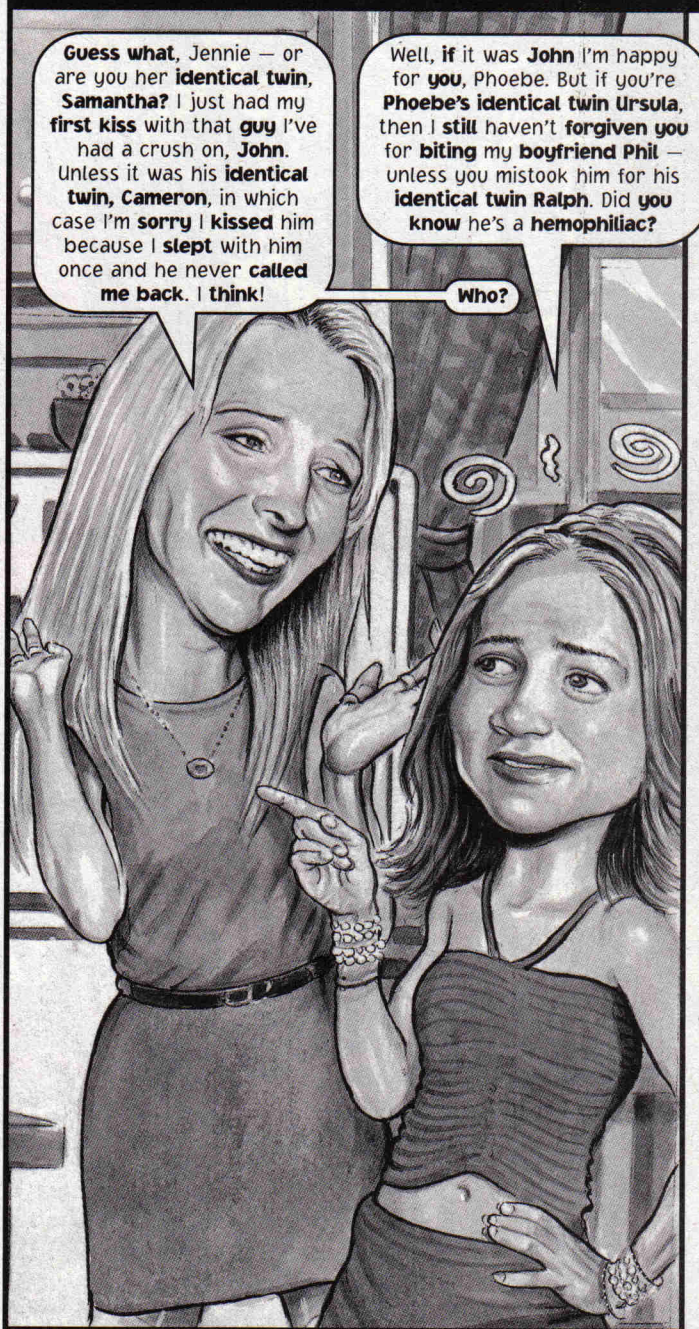
Snoop Rossy Ross & His Frizz-ends

Finally responding to a decade of criticism that *Friends* rarely featured any black characters, NBC has created this "hip-hop" spinoff which finds David Schwimmer's Ross moving to Harlem and declaring himself "the funk doctor of paleontology." Now, Dr. Geller (aka Snoop Rossy Ross) not only works with bones, he smokes them. Snoop Ross rolls with a brand new posse of "frizz-ends," but keeps it real by giving shout-outs to his homies Chandler Bling-Bling and Phoebezzle Buffizzle. Co-starring Bone Crusher as rival West Coast paleontologist Dr. Mo Cheddah.



PHOEBE OR **NOT** PHOEBE?

Lisa Kudrow reprises her role as the loveably flaky masseuse, Phoebe. Or does she? That's the question you'll be asking during this unabashedly gimmicky sitcom in which viewers don't know until the end of each episode — and sometimes not even then — whether they've been watching Phoebe or her identical twin sister, Ursula. All of the other characters are identical twins too, so it's never clear exactly who's saying what to whom, or why they're saying it — if in fact they are. Special guest stars include the Olsen twins, *Antiques Roadshow*'s Keno brothers and NFL stars Tiki and Rhonde Barber.



The Tom and Rachel Green Show

When Rachel helps MTV personality Tom Green pull off a pashmina-related prank on her boss Ralph Lauren, he offers her a co-hosting gig. The duo's new show is a hit thanks to stunts like Rachel forcing her baby to breast-feed from a cow's udder, and Tom tricking Gunther into drinking coffee he brewed using Emma's soiled diaper as a filter. In a very special episode, Rachel accidentally runs over Ross's old pet Marcel while pretending to lose control of a Segway scooter in Central Perk. After Tom taunts her with the roadkill, she cleverly proposes a new "Dead Monkey Boa" to Ralph Lauren, and the two become filthy rich!



**It's
piracy
on the
high
C: Drive...**

MonTrøse and... THE DOWNLOADS



Monroe

THERE ARE ANY NUMBER OF LEGAL ISSUES MANIFEST IN THE ABDUCTION OF MONROE'S COMPUTER. WHO CAN TELL ME SOME? WALTER?

IT'S A BREACH OF HIS CIVIL LIBERTIES, BUT I'D LIKE TO HEAR WHAT THE DARK, BROODING NEW KID IN CLASS THINKS.

VERY GOOD, WALTER. YOU, THE NEW STUDENT— CAN YOU IDENTIFY AN INJUSTICE WITHIN THIS HOTBED TOPIC?

I'M NEW HERE SO I DON'T REALLY KNOW MONROE. I WOULD GUESS THAT IF HE WERE INDEED DOWNLOADING THINGS LIKE MUSIC FILES OR EVEN PICTURES OF, SAY, OLDER NUDE FILIPINO MEN SHOWERING TOGETHER, THAT'S HIS BUSINESS.

WAIT, OLDER WHO...? I DIDN'T...

ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO WITH THAT! "OLDER FILIPINO MEN..."

MONROE DOES OLDER NUDE MEN SHOWERING

TWO DAYS LATER...

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN DOWNLOADING MUSIC FILES, YOUNG MAN?

I HAVEN'T DOWNLOADED ANY MUSIC FILES!

TAKE THE FIFTH, SON! AND GET A FIFTH FOR ME, TOO! OF VODKA!

SORRY, YOUR HONOR! LIKE I SAID, HE THINKS HE'S STILL "GOT IT."

JUST A MOMENT! I'LL DEFEND THIS KID AGAINST YOU FAT CAT CORPORATE SUITS!

WHOA! FRED DURST?!? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

OK, TRY THIS ONE: WITH ALL THE CORRUPTION IN THE WORLD, WHY HIM?

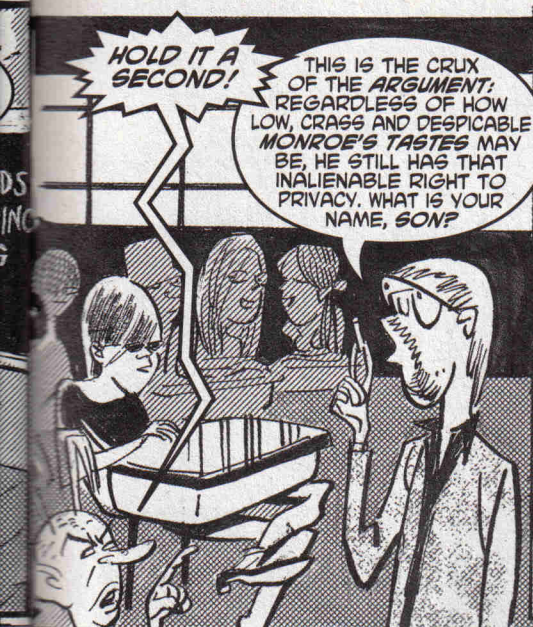
YEAH, WHY ME?

WE CAN'T POSSIBLY PROSECUTE EVERYONE. WE JUST PULL A NAME OUT OF EVERY COUPLE MILLION TO GET AN EXAMPLE. YOU'RE JUST LUCKY, I GUESS.

PERFECT.

MUSIC DOWNLOADS ARE THE REASON THE MUSIC INDUSTRY IS SUFFERING! I PERSONALLY KNOW RECORDING EXECUTIVES WHO HAVE HAD TO GIVE UP THEIR ASPEN SKI CHALETTS, LEASE INSTEAD OF BUY THEIR STRETCH HUMMERS AND CUT THEIR DRUG CONSUMPTION BY ALMOST A THIRD! SHARING ILLEGAL MP3 FILES IS THE ONLY REASON PEOPLE AREN'T PONYING UP \$16.99 FOR NEW CDS BY SUCH DYNAMIC ARTISTS AS JUSTIN GUARINI, AARON CARTER AND LISA MARIE PRESLEY!

OBJECTION!



HOLD IT A SECOND!

THIS IS THE CRUX OF THE ARGUMENT: REGARDLESS OF HOW LOW, CRASS AND DESPICABLE MONROE'S TASTES MAY BE, HE STILL HAS THAT INALIENABLE RIGHT TO PRIVACY. WHAT IS YOUR NAME, SON?

STEVE PAGNOTTA, SIR.

WELL DONE, MR. PAGNOTTA!

MAN, I HATE THAT STEVE PAGNOTTA ALREADY.

HE SEEMS LIKE A GOOD GUY. HE DID DEFEND YOUR RIGHT TO HAVE THOSE NAKED FILIPINO...



I DIDN'T DOWNLOAD ANY FILIPINO MEN AND I DIDN'T DOWNLOAD ANY MP3s! GEEZ! I NEED TO CONCENTRATE ON MY TRIAL! IT'S IN TWO DAYS!



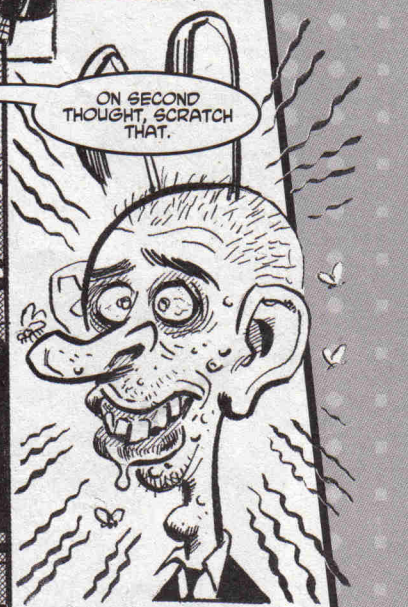
I SAW YOUR CASE ON MTV NEWS AND I'M WAY INTO PEER-TO-PEER SHARING!

COOL.

BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE I DIDN'T HAVE ANY FREE TIME, YA KNOW?



YOUR HONOR, DUDES OF THE JURY, ASSWIPE ATTORNEYS, FELLOW CITIZENS -- YOU CALL MY CLIENT A "PIRATE." YEAH, HE'S A PIRATE ALL RIGHT. A KICK-ASS COOL ONE LIKE JOHNNY DEPP IN THAT MOVIE! JUST LOOK AT THAT FACE...



ON SECOND THOUGHT, SCRATCH THAT.



ON WHAT GROUNDS?

IT JUST SOUNDS TOTALLY COOL TO SAY IT. OKAY, SO MAYBE MY CLIENT DOES DOWNLOAD TONS OF MUSIC...

NO, I DON'T!

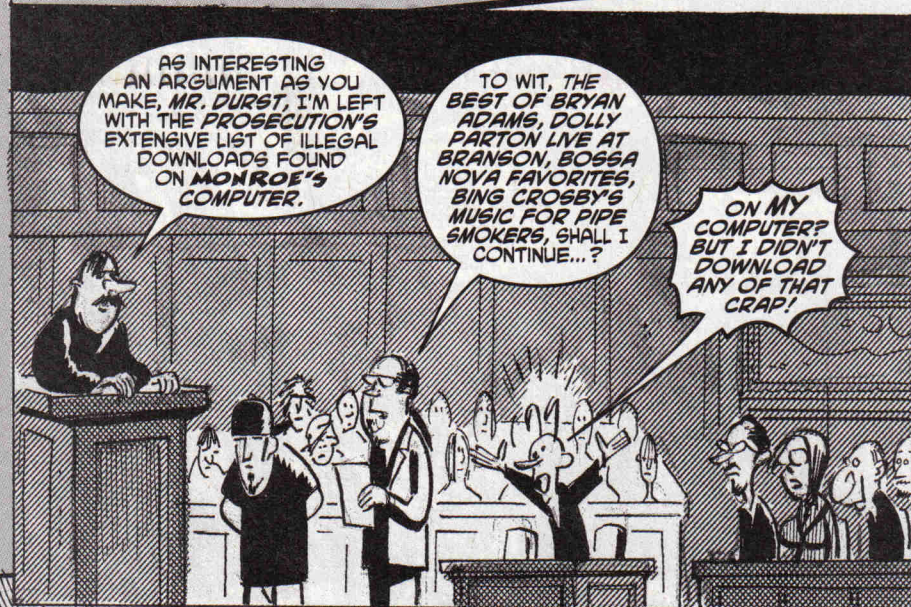


AND SO WHAT IF HE'S A COMPULSIVE LIAR? HE SHARED, MAN! REMEMBER WHEN SHARING WAS CARING?

YOU'RE LOSING ME.



LOOK, WHO IS THE MUSIC INDUSTRY TO ACCUSE KIDS OF STEALING MUSIC? IF IT WASN'T FOR A BORROWED SONG HERE OR A SAMPLED TRACK THERE, KIDS WOULDN'T KNOW WHO TO GO SEE IN CONCERT, AND CONCERTS ARE WHERE I MAKE MY MONEY! THE DEFENSE RESTS!



AS INTERESTING AN ARGUMENT AS YOU MAKE, MR. DURST, I'M LEFT WITH THE PROSECUTION'S EXTENSIVE LIST OF ILLEGAL DOWNLOADS FOUND ON MONROE'S COMPUTER.

TO WIT, THE BEST OF BRYAN ADAMS, DOLLY PARTON LIVE AT BRANSON, BOSSA NOVA FAVORITES, BING CROSBY'S MUSIC FOR PIPE SMOKERS, SHALL I CONTINUE...?

ON MY COMPUTER? BUT I DIDN'T DOWNLOAD ANY OF THAT CRAP!



WAIT A SECOND - DON'T TELL ME...!

IT WAS JUST A COUPLE DOZEN TIMES.

I DOWNLOAD EVERYTHING BRYAN ADAMS DOES. HE'S GREAT LAPDANCE MUSIC.

THE BING CROSBY WAS MINE.



HUH?

THAT'S RIGHT! I LEARNED HOW TO DOWNLOAD AT MY AARP CLASS!



WELL, EVEN THOUGH ILLEGAL MP3 SHARING DID OCCUR, MONROE IS THE ONLY PERSON NAMED IN THE SUBPOENA, SO I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DECLARE THIS CASE DISMISSED!

I DEFENDED YOU FOR BRYAN ADAMS? YOU DO SUCK, DUDE!

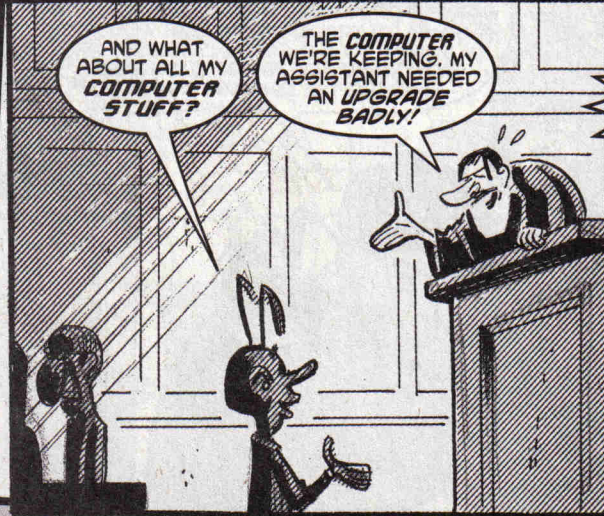


WACK!

THAT EVENING...

AND WHAT ABOUT ALL MY COMPUTER STUFF?

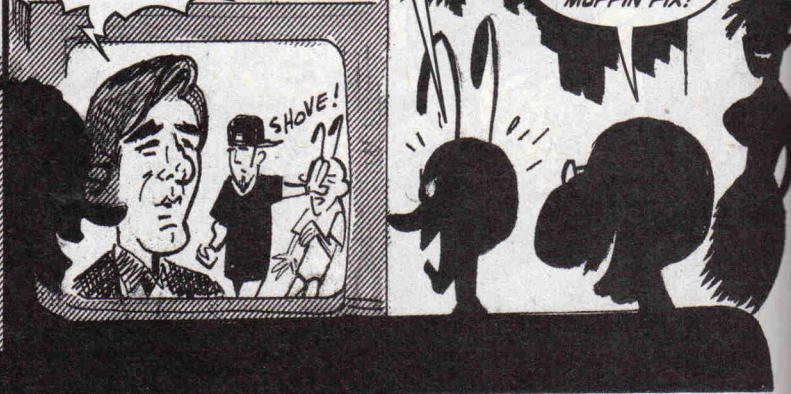
THE COMPUTER WE'RE KEEPING. MY ASSISTANT NEEDED AN UPGRADE BADLY!



THIS PATHETIC SCENE PLAYED OUT ON THE COURTROOM STEPS EARLIER TODAY.

BUT I'M NOT INTO BRYAN ADAMS! I LIKE LIMP BIZKIT!

BISCUIT? THAT REMINDS ME, I STILL WANT THAT ENGLISH MUFFIN FIX!

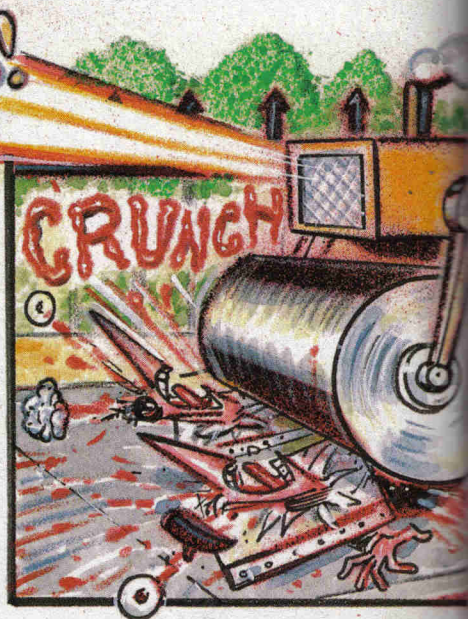
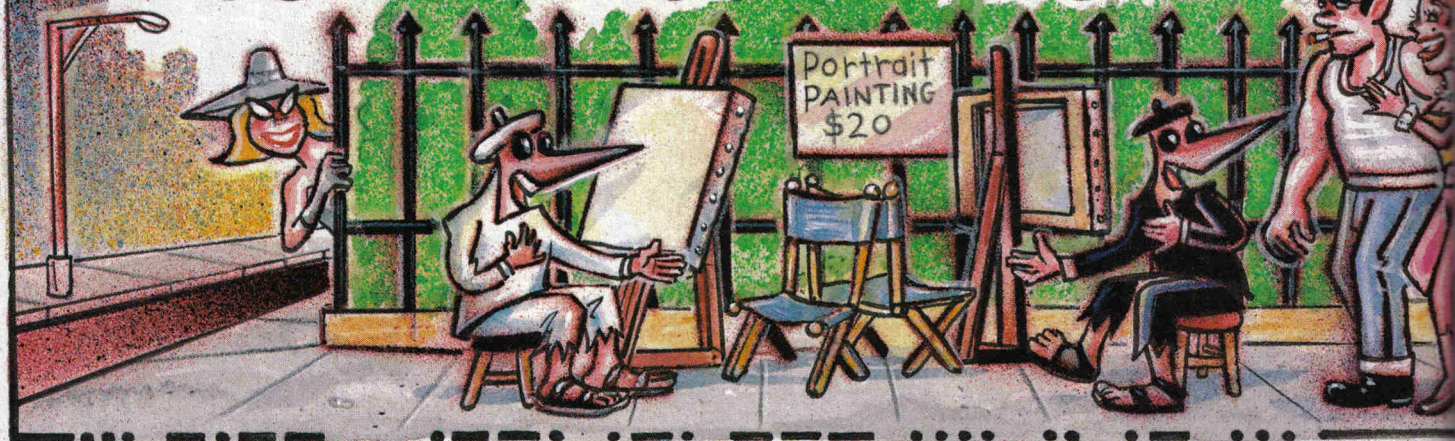


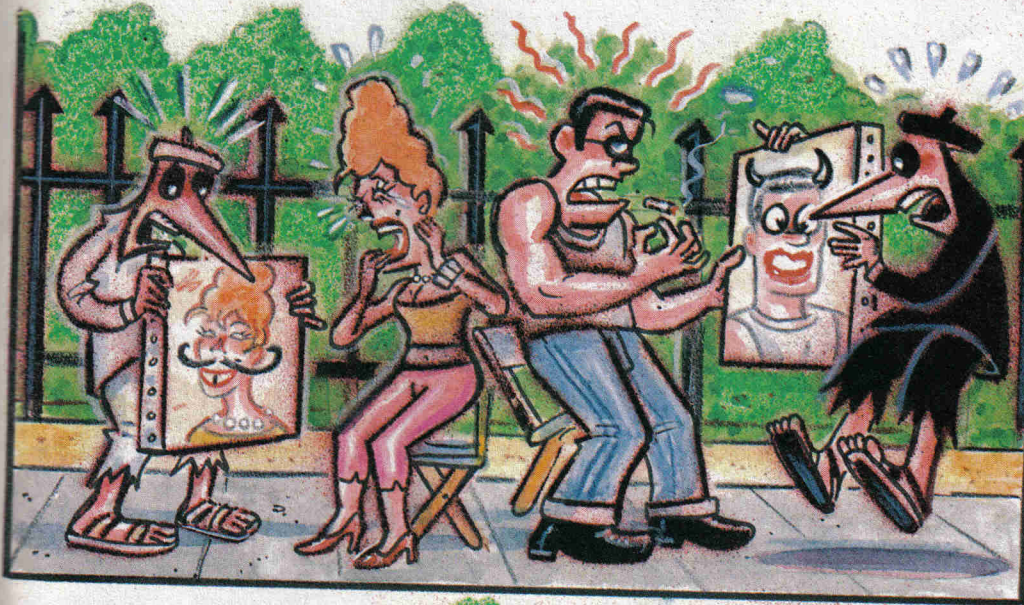
SHOVE!

Bill Watt
Tony B.



SPY VS SPY VS SPY







Summer has ended — which means you'll have to wait a whole year for the next wave of soulless sequels. Or *will* you? Thanks to this handy storyboard, you can crank out *countless* brain-dead blockbusters! Here's...

MAD's MAKE YOUR OWN MOVIE SEQUEL

pick one from each row as you read down



Wolverine



Neo



The Terminator



Spiderman



Lara Croft



James Bond



Daredevil



Charlie's Angels

...BATTLES...



An angry God



An Army of Ninjas



Waxy Buildup



Male Pattern Baldness



Cocaine Addiction



Hemorrhoids



Low Ticket Sales



The Olsen Twins

...AND AN OUT OF CONTROL...



Sasquatch



Nuclear Sub



Giant Robot



Wheat Thresher



Bladder



Al Sharpton



Bichon Frise



Pilates Instructor

...AND TRIES TO SAVE...



The President



The Cast of *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*



An "Embedded" Geraldo Rivera



A Remorseful Kobe Bryant



The Osbournes



Hilary Duff's Career



"It Boy" Ashton Kutcher



Triumph, The Insult Comic Dog

...FROM...



A Nuclear Holocaust



Monkeypox



"Shock and Awe"



Acid Reflux



Spike TV



Pesky Telemarketers



The French



A Body Cavity Search

...WHILE...



Bill Gates



An Effervescent Justin Guarini



General Tommy Franks



Mei Xiang



The Estate of Uday Hussein



A Pissed-off Harvey Pekar



Strom Thurmond's Reanimated Corpse



Ab-Master John Basedow

...EMBARKS ON A QUEST FOR...



World Peace



True Love



A Sperm Donor



A New Wonderbra



Cheap Liposuction



"Bling Bling"



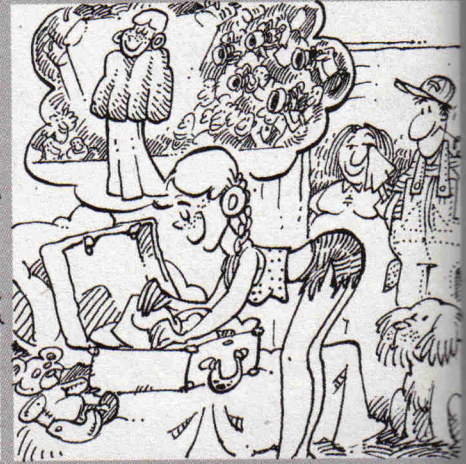
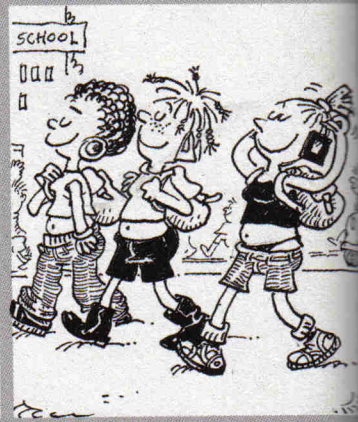
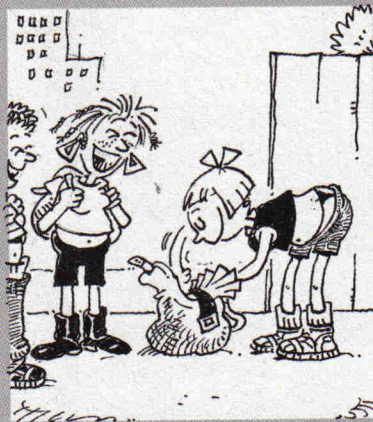
Mark Wahlberg's Third Nipple



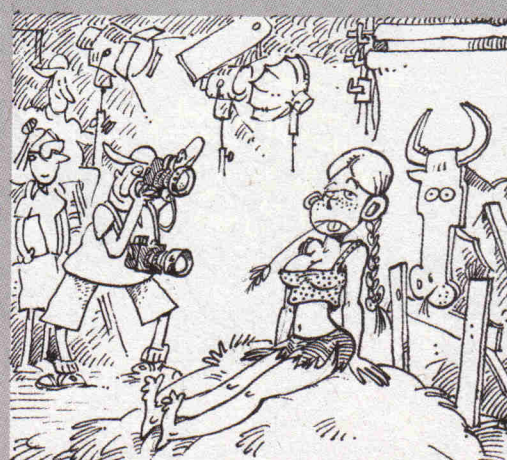
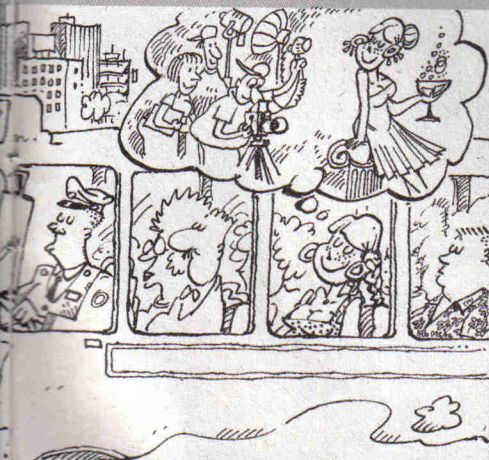
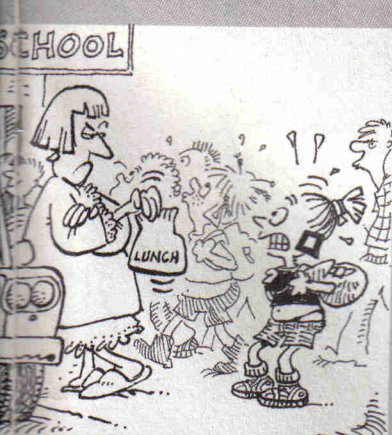
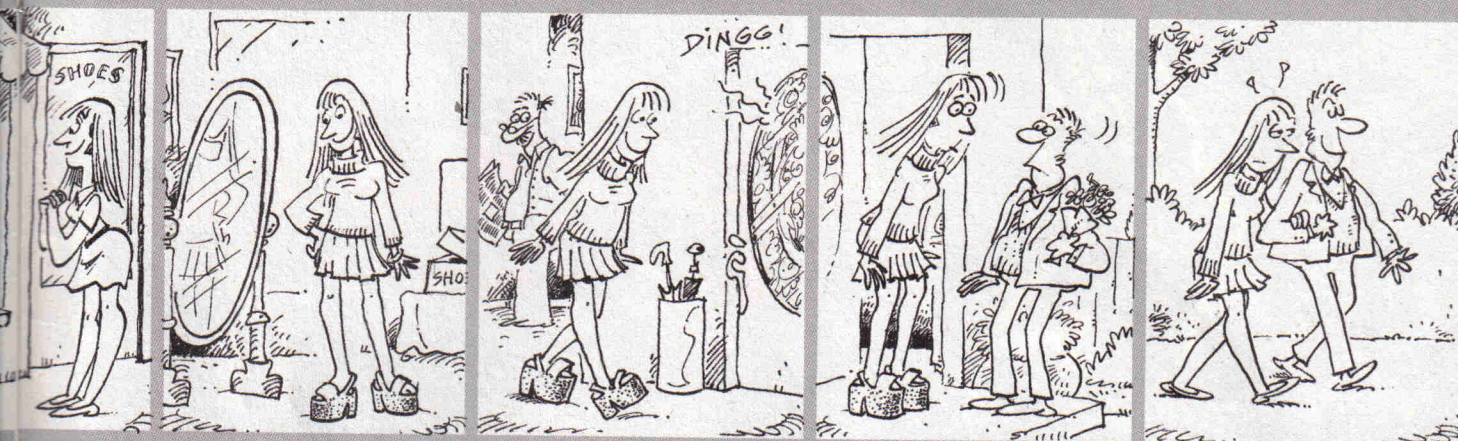
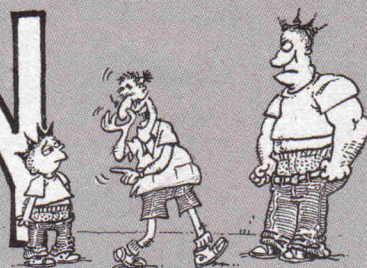
A Better Movie Franchise

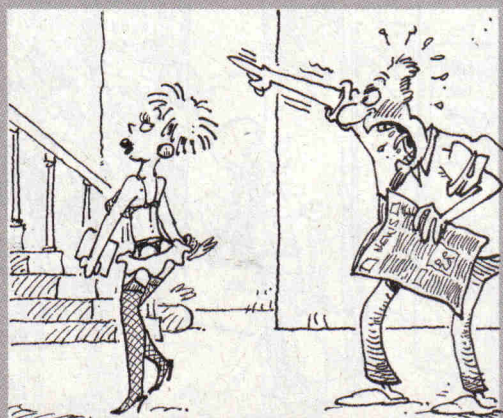
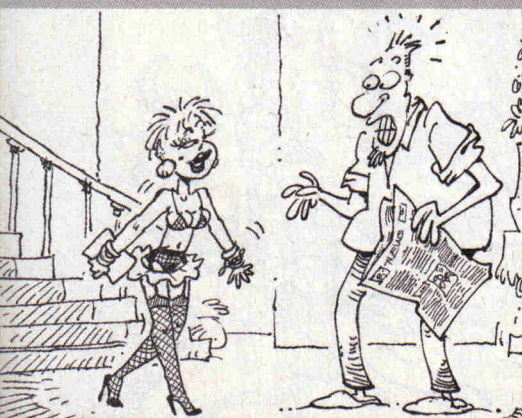
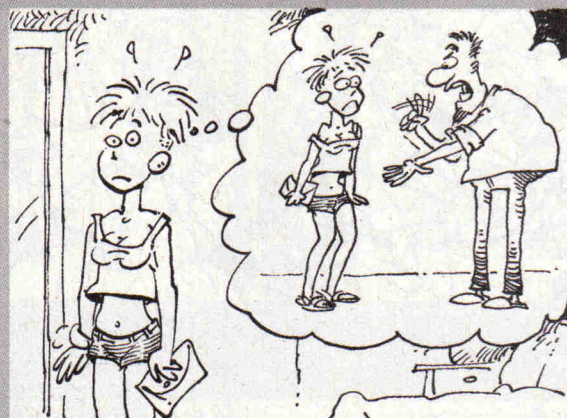
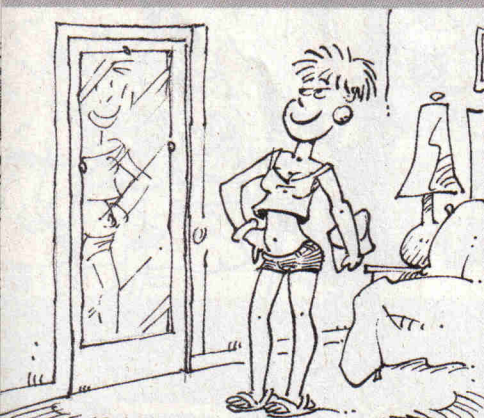
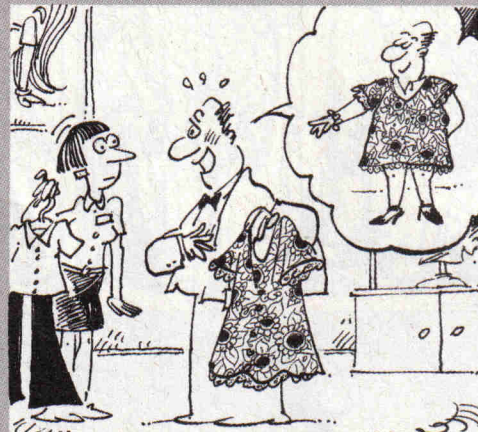


SERGIO ARAGONE PRESENTS A MAD LOOK



AT FASHION





FRAGNÉZ



Duke Bissell's TALES OF UNDISPUTED INTEREST

I HADN'T BEEN TO THE DOCTOR IN A COUPLE OF YEARS SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD MAKE MYSELF AN APPOINTMENT.

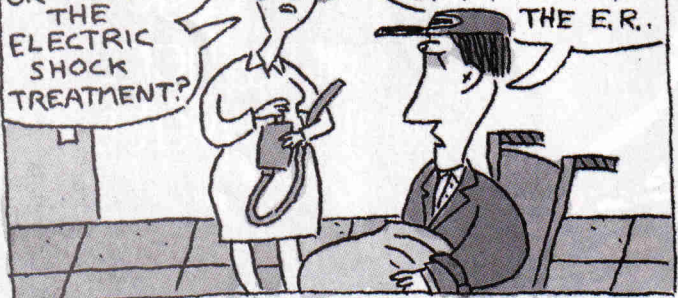
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING SOONER THAN FOUR YEARS FROM NOW, CAN YOU AT LEAST MAKE IT LATER IN THE MORNING?



IN THE E.R. THEY MISDIAGNOSED ME AND I WAS SENT TO A "HOME" FOR REST.

DO YOU WANT YOUR ENEMA NOW OR AFTER THE ELECTRIC SHOCK TREATMENT?

DO YOU HAVE ANY ASPIRIN? YOU KNOW THEY DROPPED ME ON MY HEAD IN THE E.R.



EVENTUALLY I WAS SENT TO ANOTHER "HOME" FOR RELAXING AND AFTER SOME DRUG THERAPY, RELEASED ON MY OWN RECOGNIZANCE.

BYE, SORRY ABOUT THE ANAL PROBES AND DON'T FORGET TO WRITE.

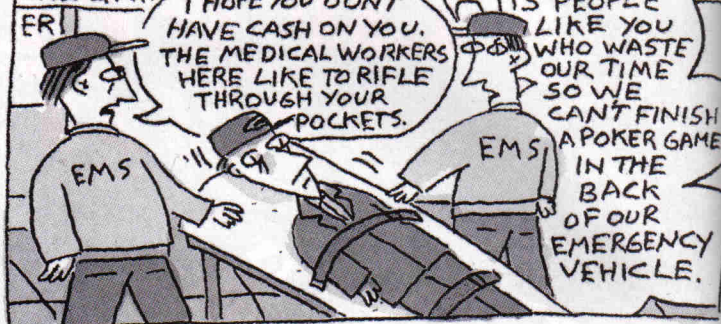
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY ASPIRIN IN THERE.



UNFORTUNATELY I WAS OVERCOME WITH A CREEPING ILLNESS JUST THREE YEARS BEFORE MY APPOINTMENT AND HAD TO BE RUSHED TO THE E.R.

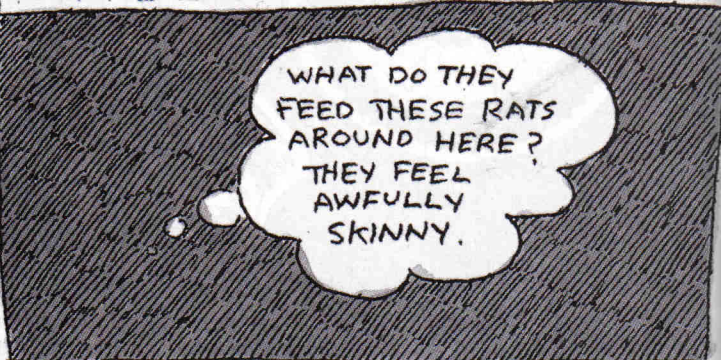
I HOPE YOU DON'T HAVE CASH ON YOU. THE MEDICAL WORKERS HERE LIKE TO RIFLE THROUGH YOUR POCKETS.

IT'S PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO WASTE OUR TIME SO WE CAN'T FINISH A POKER GAME IN THE BACK OF OUR EMERGENCY VEHICLE.



ON TOP OF THAT, SOMEONE MISPLACED MY FILE, SO I WAS INADVERTENTLY TRANSFERRED TO A MAXIMUM SECURITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND SPENT TWO YEARS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

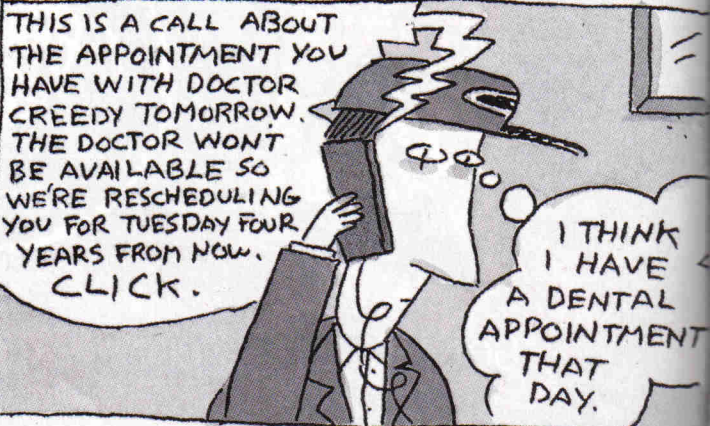
WHAT DO THEY FEED THESE RATS AROUND HERE? THEY FEEL AWFULLY SKINNY.



BY THE TIME I GOT HOME IT WAS JUST ABOUT TIME FOR MY REGULAR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT.

THIS IS A CALL ABOUT THE APPOINTMENT YOU HAVE WITH DOCTOR CREEDEY TOMORROW. THE DOCTOR WON'T BE AVAILABLE SO WE'RE RESCHEDULING YOU FOR TUESDAY FOUR YEARS FROM NOW. CLICK.

I THINK I HAVE A DENTAL APPOINTMENT THAT DAY.



R. C. VEY

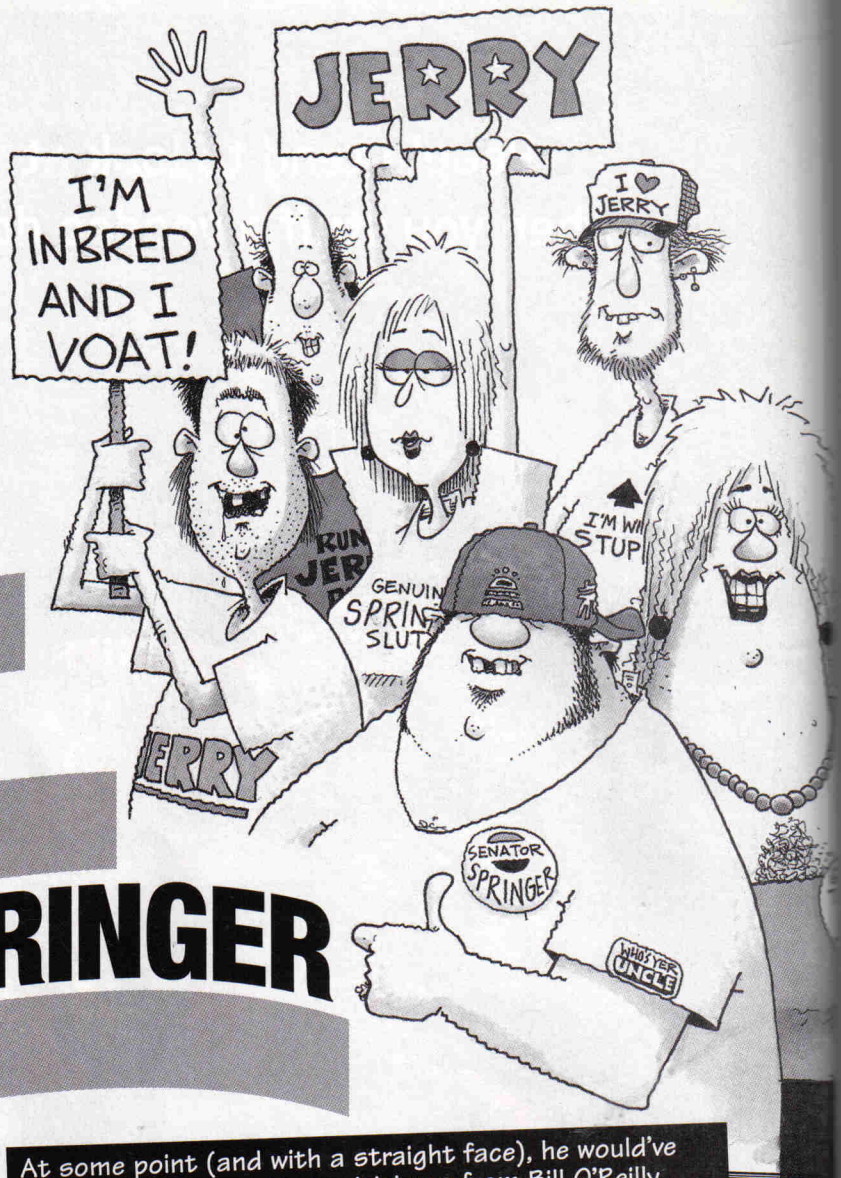
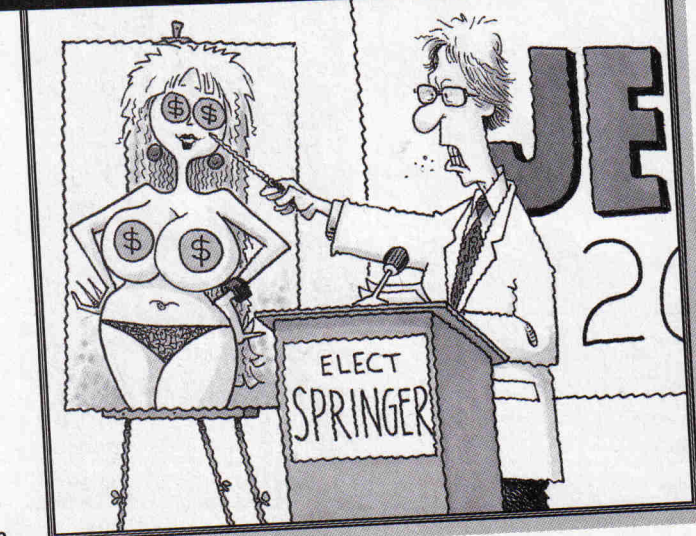


Earlier this year, Jerry Springer (Yes, that Jerry Springer) was considering running for an Ohio Senate seat. Believe it or not, that's not the most bizarre part of this story. Astoundingly, the "JER-RY! JER-RY! JER-RY!" we all know has run for — and won! — political office before (he was elected Mayor of Cincinnati in 1977 and served four years). Then again, after years of sharing a stage with transvestites, philanderers, neo-nazis, back stabbers, two-timers and sexual fetishists of all types (and don't say you don't know where we're going with this), he's uniquely qualified to work side-by-side with the current crop of Senators! Ultimately though, we're sorry he chose not to campaign simply for...

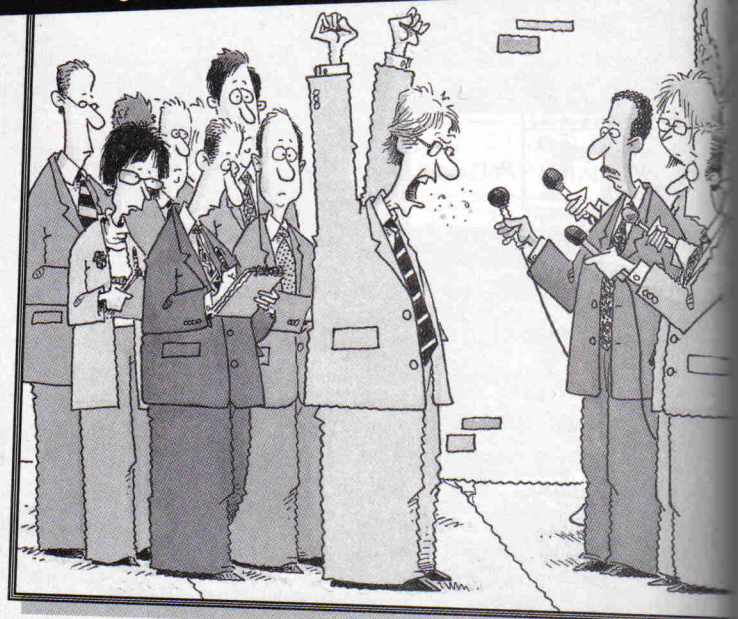
JOHN CALDWELL'S

★ THINGS WE ★ MIGHT HAVE ★ SEEN HAD ★ JERRY SPRINGER ★ RUN FOR THE ★ SENATE

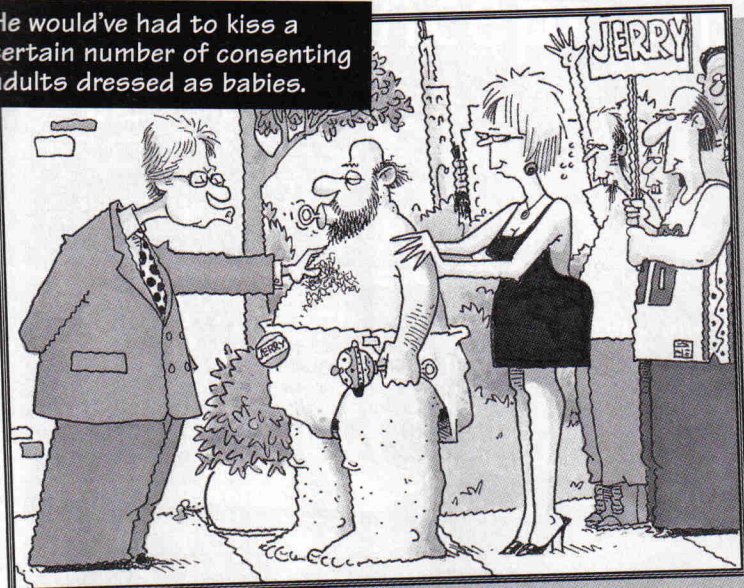
Springer would've been the only candidate to point out that the Bush tax cuts benefit only the wealthiest one percent of topless dancers.



At some point (and with a straight face), he would've griped to the press that criticisms from Bill O'Reilly, Chris Matthews and Joe Scarborough are just the hysterical rantings of out-of-control TV talk show hosts.



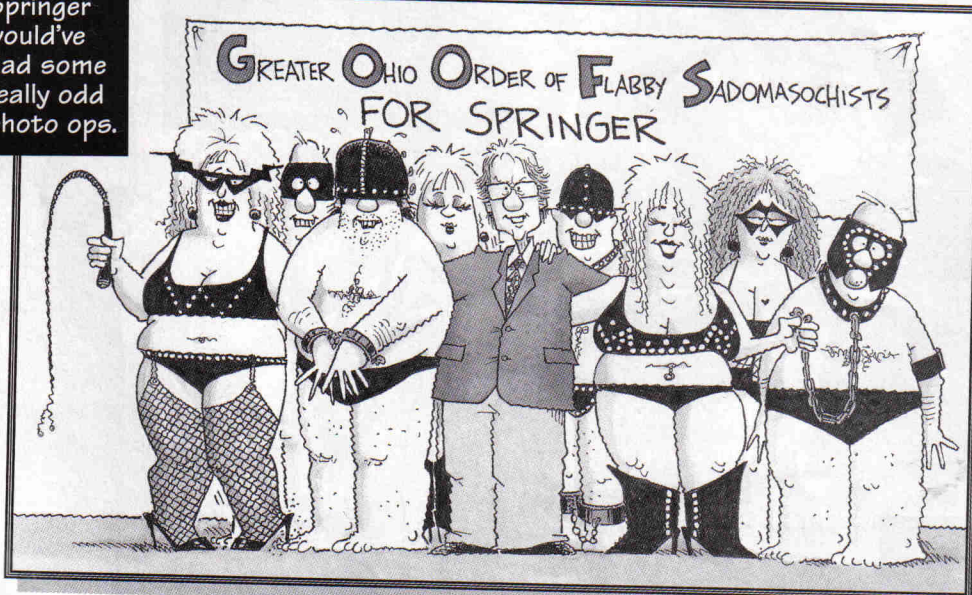
He would've had to kiss a certain number of consenting adults dressed as babies.



Rather than skillfully deflecting the tough questions like a seasoned politician, Jerry would've employed the "talk to the hand, bitch" technique.



Springer would've had some really odd photo ops.



His town hall forums would have covered some unusual issues.

ANYONE HAVE A QUESTION FOR DOCTOR RITA MAE?

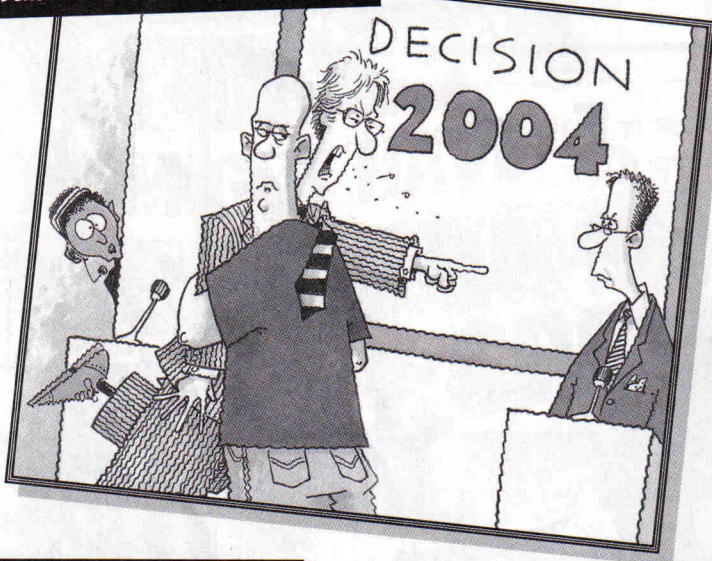
COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE FOR SKANKS



★ THINGS WE ★ MIGHT HAVE ★ SEEN HAD ★ JERRY SPRINGER ★ RUN FOR THE ★ SENATE

He would've used debate tactics centering around the little-used ploy of countering your opponent's point while being held back by a big bald-headed security guy.

His only major media endorsements would have come from supermarket tabloids.



He would've been caught flip-flopping on the issue of "whether or not hoochies who do their stepfathers should be accepted back by their bisexual roommates."

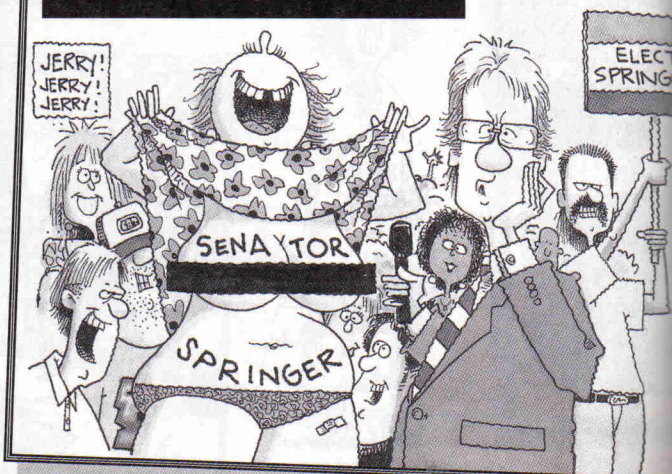
NOW LET'S PUT UP YOUR QUOTE OF MAY 9TH, WHERE IT APPEARS YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR POSITION...



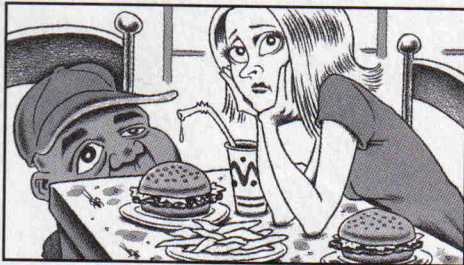
Candidate Springer would've been the only candidate regularly polling the skinhead demographic.



For every campaign commercial produced, there would have been a DVD "Too Hot for TV" version.

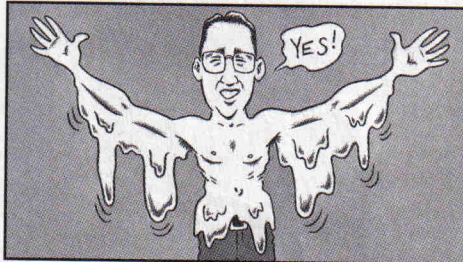


OVER/UNDER 5



The number of celebrity-themed reality shows Gary Coleman will have appeared on by the time the craze is over.

OVER/UNDER 50



The number of cubic yards of loose skin under his clothes that are hanging off Jared from Subway.

OVER/UNDER 19



The number of multi-syllabic words Keanu Reeves will utter in the next *Matrix* sequel.

OVER/UNDER \$200,000



How much money that fool from *Joe Millionaire* will be in debt by the end of the year.



OVER/UNDER 6



The number of wars George Bush will get us into if he serves two full terms.



THE BLIZZARD OF ODDS DEPT.

In football you can bet on whether the number of points scored in any particular game will be over or under a number set by Las Vegas odds-makers (or your slimy neighborhood bookie). For example, when the Packers and Bears square off, losers like you can place a wager on whether the teams will score higher or lower than a combined total of, say, 35 points. But we at MAD think you should be able to place foolish, self-destructive bets on other things too, like these...

NON-SPORTS OVER UNDER BETS

OVER/UNDER \$30 Million



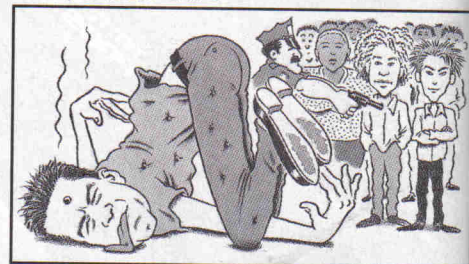
The combined box office gross of all future ethnic-family comedies that attempt to cash in on the success of *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*.

OVER/UNDER 4



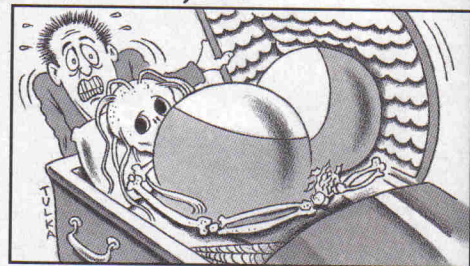
The number of months until the first non-Justin Timberlake member of *NSYNC files for personal bankruptcy.

OVER/UNDER 100



The number of suspects police will round up if Simon Cowell is ever murdered.

OVER/UNDER 7,000



The number of years after she's dead when Pamela Anderson's breasts will finally begin to disintegrate.

OVER/UNDER 3



The number of years until Britney Spears poses nude in *Playboy* to revive her career.

ARTIST:
RICK TULKA

WRITER:
MIKE MIKULA



IN AMERICA, HORSES ARE CONSIDERED MAJESTIC STEEDS WORTHY OF PRAISE AND ADMIRATION. IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, HORSES ARE EATEN. SO, DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU'RE FROM, WHEN YOU WATCH THIS MOVIE, YOU'LL EITHER SEE A CHAMPION THOROUGHBRED OR YOU'LL...

SEE

This movie is a longshot! It's breaking out of the gate strong! It has legs! It could finish ahead of the pack of car chase and explosion movies by a nose! If we missed any horseracing clichés, don't worry, we'll cover them in the rest of the movie! It's about three broken men and a broken horse that pulls them together. Let's meet those damaged men!

In the number one post position is the owner, Jowls Howeird, a millionaire with problems! He lost his son and his wife left him! But the worst of it was the stock market crash! Nothing is worse than Depression depression!

I've made millions selling automobiles! I like things that move quickly! That's why I'm not a big fan of the first half of this film! I've seen Schwinn bikes with flat tires move faster! I believe in the future!

The future! Ha! That's interesting, Jowls! 'Cause you're playing the same role you did in a nag of a film called Tucker! Let's move on to the number two position, the jockey, Bled Dullard...

If you think I was screwed up in Spider-Man, in this movie I'm worse — I'm a moody, conflicted, haunted guy! I've been abandoned, beaten up and blinded in one eye from boxing! And if that weren't enough, I have this ridiculous crimson hair! I look like the bizarre love child of Mike Tyson and Carrot Top!



ARTIST:
MORT DRUCKER

WRITER:
ARNIE KOGEN

BRISKET

Tobey Maguire is too tall to be a jockey!

I'll say! He must have really stepped in something to be lucky enough to land this role!

Let's face it — in this film, we *all* step in something!

In the next position we have *Tomb Stiff*, a grizzled, weather-beaten trainer...

I'm a man of few words. The words are "Clip clop," "whoa!" "easy big fella" and "let's put on the feedbag." This kind of hurts me in the dating area. I'm uncomfortable with women unless they pull up lame!

The three of them are vying for the big prize in this film!

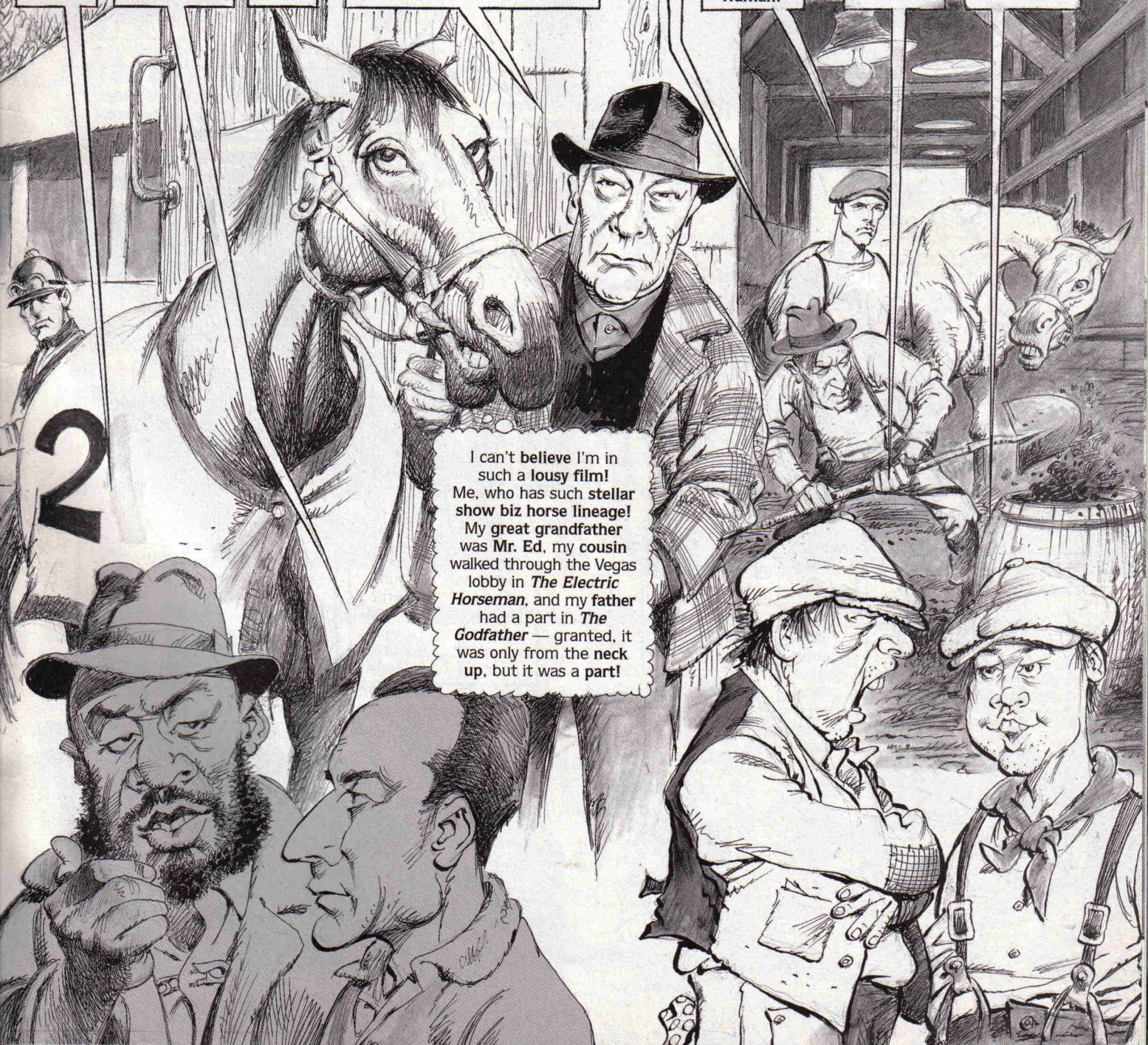
What's that?

Best Supporting Human!

They say that Seebrisket's part is played by ten different horses!

They would have been better off using one horse and letting Tobey Maguire's part be played by ten different actors!

I can't believe I'm in such a lousy film! Me, who has such stellar show biz horse lineage! My great grandfather was Mr. Ed, my cousin walked through the Vegas lobby in *The Electric Horseman*, and my father had a part in *The Godfather* — granted, it was only from the neck up, but it was a part!

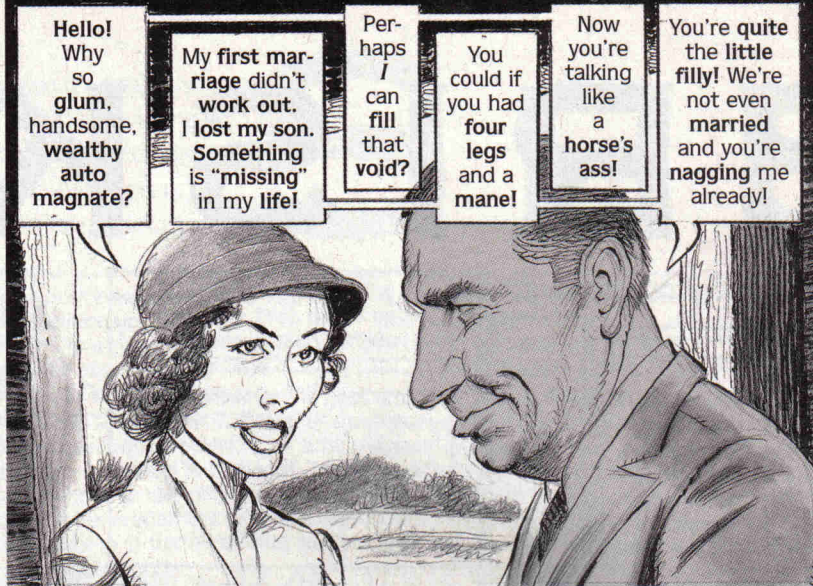




Times are tough around here. We're gonna have to cut loose one of the children. The dullest one goes. Bled, pack your bags!

This can't be happening! This was a happy home. You taught us Shakespeare!

Methinks thou dost protest too much. You're outta here!



Hello! Why so glum, handsome, wealthy auto magnate?

My first marriage didn't work out. I lost my son. Something is "missing" in my life!

Perhaps I can fill that void?

You could if you had four legs and a mane!

Now you're talking like a horse's ass!

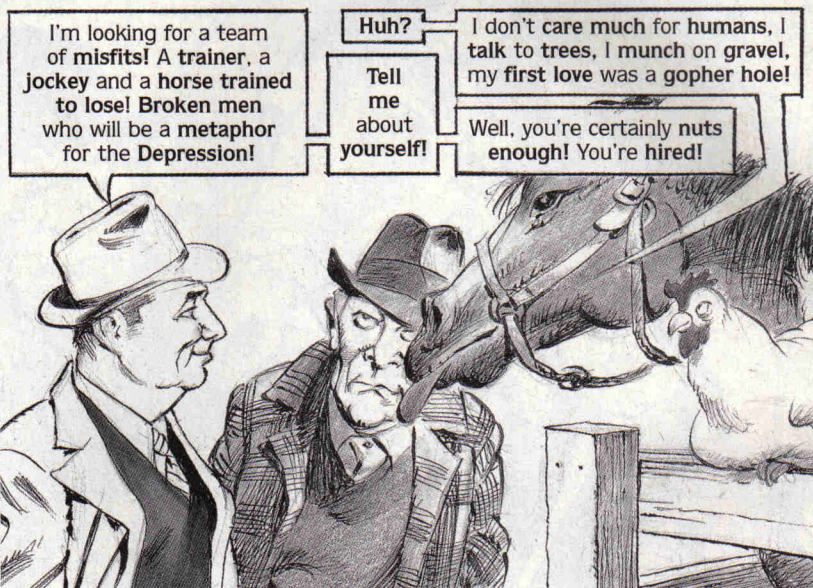
You're quite the little filly! We're not even married and you're nagging me already!



Do you, Marvella, take Jowls Howieird to be your lawfully-wedded husband? If "yes," stomp your foot once, if "no," stomp your foot twice!

Say, you're my kind of clergyman!

Is it too late to "scratch" this marriage?



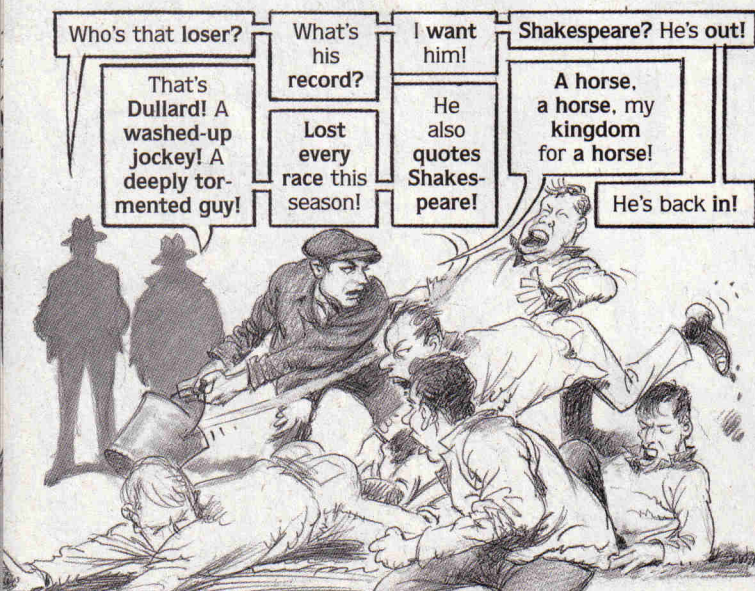
I'm looking for a team of misfits! A trainer, a jockey and a horse trained to lose! Broken men who will be a metaphor for the Depression!

Huh?

Tell me about yourself!

I don't care much for humans, I talk to trees, I munch on gravel, my first love was a gopher hole!

Well, you're certainly nuts enough! You're hired!



Who's that loser?

What's his record?

I want him!

Shakespeare? He's out!

That's Dullard! A washed-up jockey! A deeply tormented guy!

Lost every race this season!

He also quotes Shakespeare!

A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse!

He's back in!



His name is Seebrisket. He was trained to lose to other horses!

He's a runty little thing with knobby knees!

I had a prom date like that!

Your girl was runty and had knobby knees?

Said nothin' about a girl...I brought a horse to my prom!



Wow! Mr. Howeird, you've got yourself a race horse!

What was his time?

1:43 for the mile!

And is that fast?

Let's put it this way: the jockey is coming in at 1:45!

Tipp Topp McMuffin here — talking about "hope"! The buzz at the track today is about a runty longshot called Seebrisket! **WIZZ BANG WHEEE OOOGA OOGA!** I think this nag's got about as much chance of winning as Greta Garbo playing for the Chicago Bears! **WIZZ BANG WHEEE OOOGA OOGA!**

And talking about hope, the producers of this film hope that a motor-mouthed sports reporter with a dime-store mustache can save a sappy, sluggish, 20 minutes-too-long film by using slide whistles and Spike Jones sound effects! **WIZZ BANG WHEEE OOOGA OOGA! HONK HONK!**

Don't bet the Hooverville House on it! **ZINNG OOOGA OOGA! BOINGGG!**

This is Tipp Topp McMuffin signing off — to all the listeners in our broadcast range from Fargo to Pleasantville!

Seebrisket won again! That horse is lightning!

Yeah, Seebrisket's incredible, but his jockey has learned a few tricks too!

Taught to him by the trainer, Tomb Stiff?

Actually, I think he picked this trick up from one of his previous occupations!

Hey, get a horse!

One that doesn't pull ice wagons!

I think that we just broke the track record!

For jockey banter! Six pathetic exchanges during a mile and a quarter!

Hoo-wheel! Make that seven pathetic exchanges!

I have a horse!

Remember the mane!

For fastest time?

That record won't last furlong!

In this movie, have you noticed the horse has a love interest but the jockey doesn't?

Yeah, I reckon I've seen lawn jockeys with a more active sex life!

Mr. Dibbles, they say that you're a mean man!

Nonsense! I'm just a businessman!

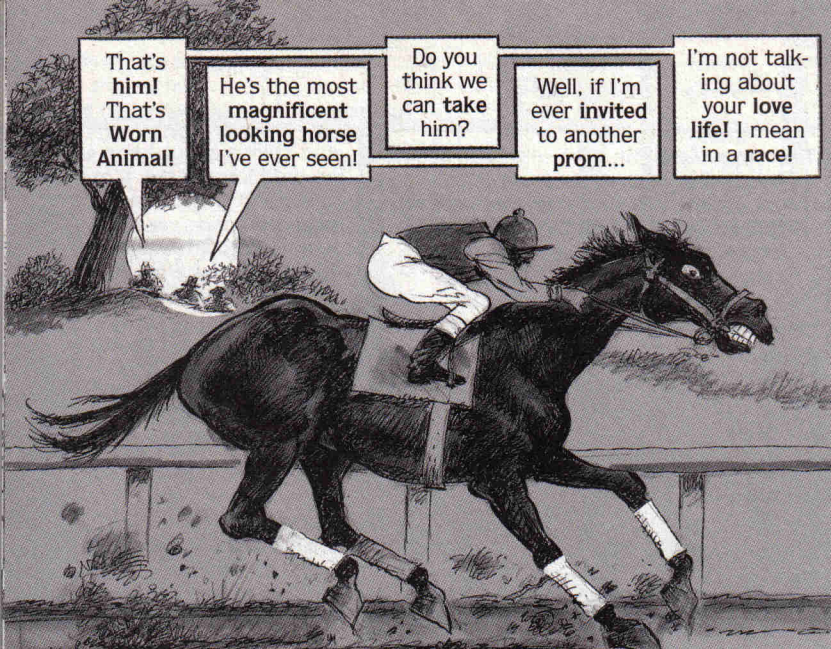
I'm proposing a match race between Seebrisket and your horse, Worn Animal!

Forget it! Worn Animal has won the Triple Crown! Your horse doesn't belong on the same planet as my horse!

This is more than a race! It'll help a demoralized America! It'll lift their spirits in their time of trouble!

Hey, here's an idea! Why don't we just feed Seebrisket to this hungry nation?

They were right! This guy IS a mean man!



That's him! That's Worn Animal!

He's the most magnificent looking horse I've ever seen!

Do you think we can take him?

Well, if I'm ever invited to another prom...

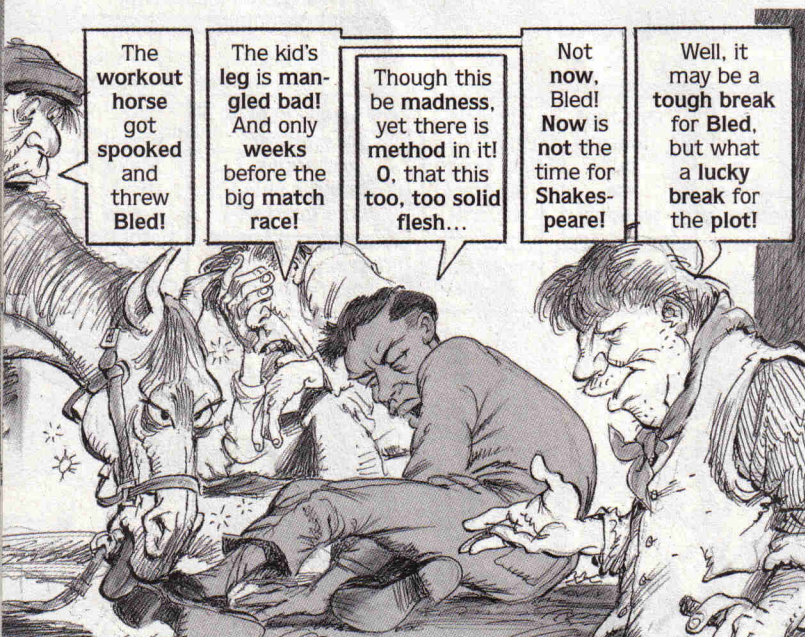
I'm not talking about your love life! I mean in a race!



I'll keep hitting the bell! That should do it!

Is this so we can beat Worn Animal without a starting gate?

That's later! At this point in the film, it's mainly to wake up the audience!



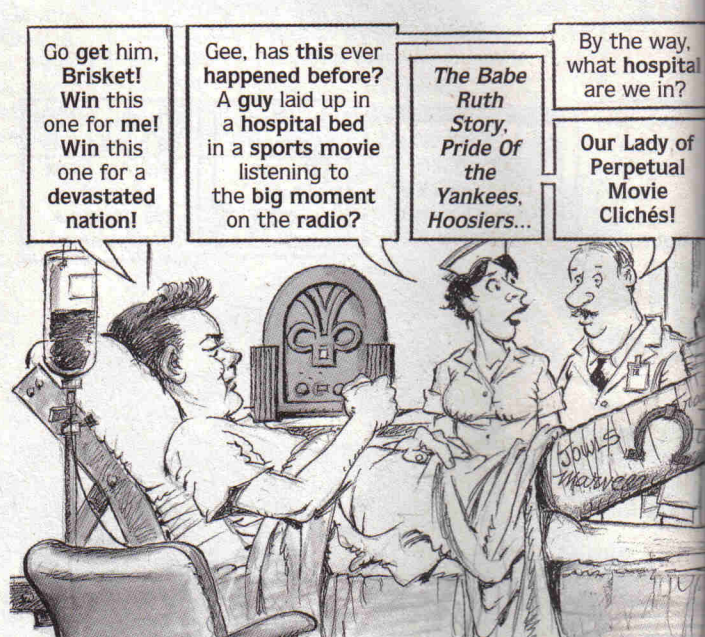
The workout horse got spooked and threw Bled!

The kid's leg is mangled bad! And only weeks before the big match race!

Though this be madness, yet there is method in it! O, that this too, too solid flesh...

Not now, Bled! Now is not the time for Shakespeare!

Well, it may be a tough break for Bled, but what a lucky break for the plot!



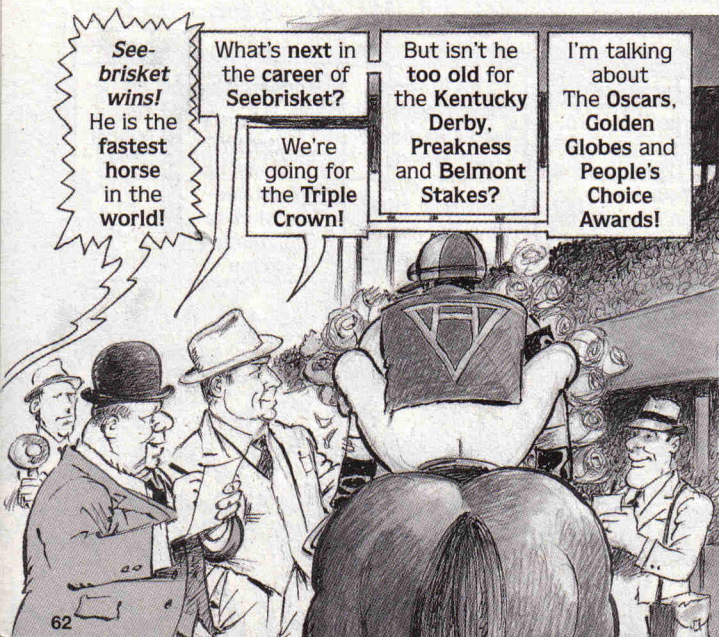
Go get him, Brisket! Win this one for me! Win this one for a devastated nation!

Gee, has this ever happened before? A guy laid up in a hospital bed in a sports movie listening to the big moment on the radio?

The Babe Ruth Story, Pride Of the Yankees, Hoosiers...

By the way, what hospital are we in?

Our Lady of Perpetual Movie Clichés!



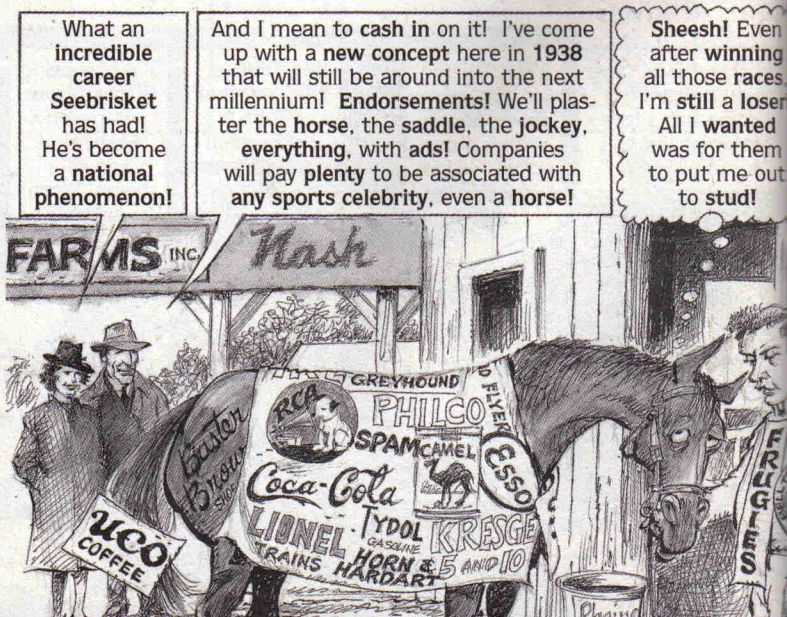
See-brisket wins! He is the fastest horse in the world!

What's next in the career of Seebrisket?

We're going for the Triple Crown!

But isn't he too old for the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes?

I'm talking about The Oscars, Golden Globes and People's Choice Awards!

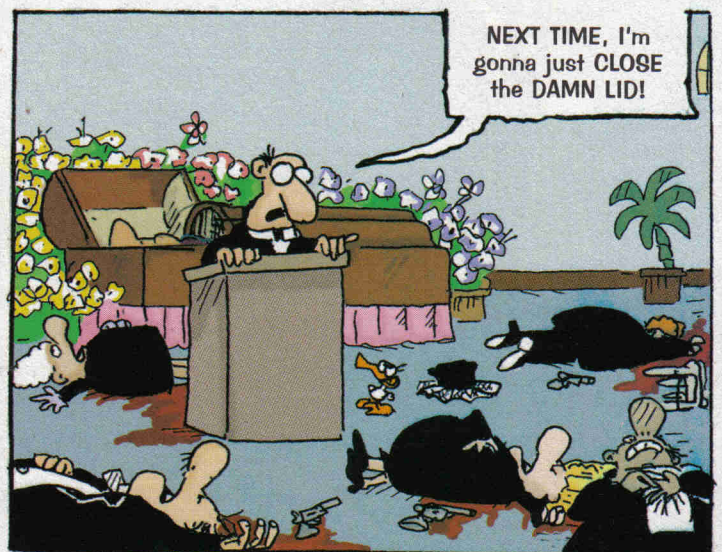
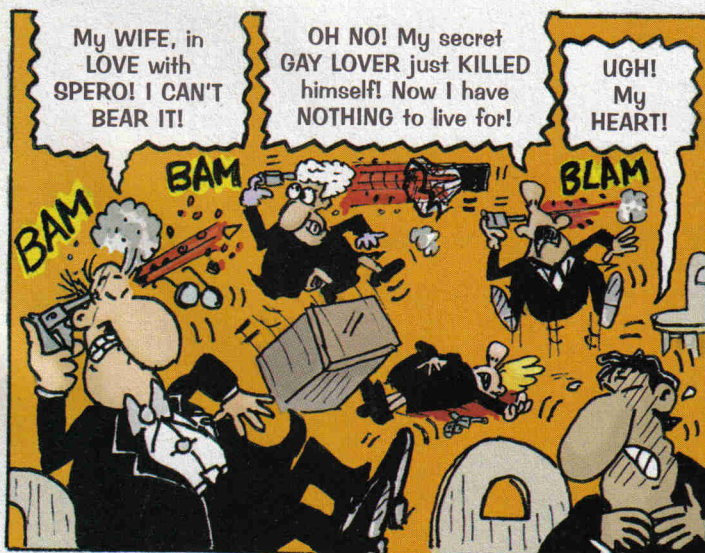
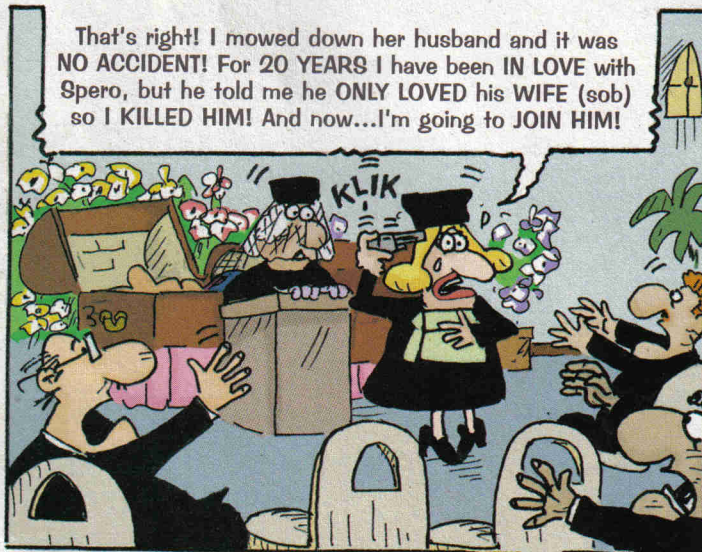
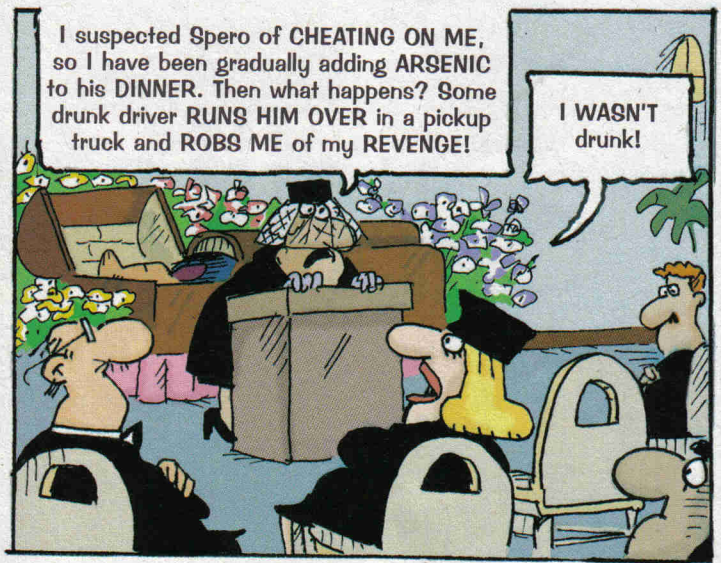
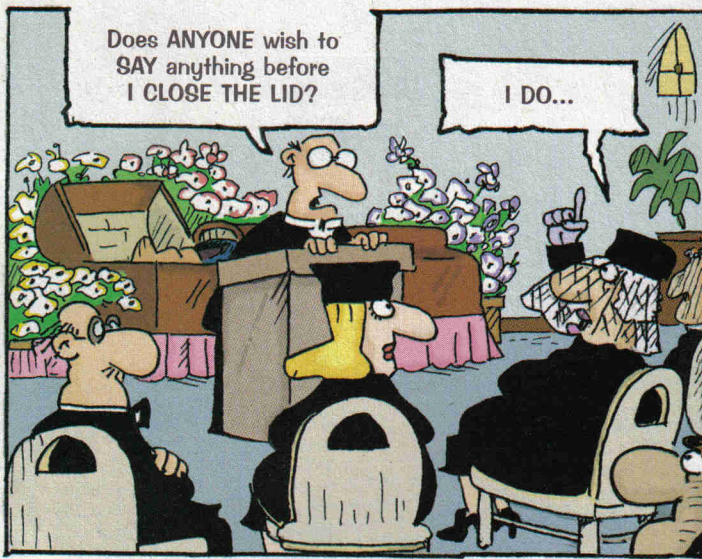


What an incredible career Seebrisket has had! He's become a national phenomenon!

And I mean to cash in on it! I've come up with a new concept here in 1938 that will still be around into the next millennium! Endorsements! We'll plaster the horse, the saddle, the jockey, everything, with ads! Companies will pay plenty to be associated with any sports celebrity, even a horse!

Sheesh! Even after winning all those races I'm still a loser! All I wanted was for them to put me out to stud!

SOME LIKE IT SHOT



WHAT FORM OF
TERRORISM DOES THE
DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY
APPEAR HELPLESS
TO PREVENT?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

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