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When it comes to the lack of

cleanliness at public urinals. it's amazing what some guvs will stand for!



ALFRED E. NEUMAN





Places Around the Magazine







WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S NOT A WAY

I would like to tell you that for years I've been a faithful reader of MAD (I'm 56-years-old) and all that I've had to put up with over the years because of your magazine. I have a subscription and I also have one for my youngest son Scott, who is 35. When I'm done with my MAD, I have to sneak it over to my oldest son Robert's house (who's 37) and give it to my grandson, Ryan. But when his mother Theresa finds your magazine, she calls me up and gives me hell because she doesn't want her son to read all of the so-called sick sections of MADI Can you please explain to my daughteri-n-law how cool it is to read MAD and not to get uptight with his grandpa — otherwise there II be nothing when I pass away!

Ralph Marston, Abington, MA

Raiph Molph — Your letter left us with more questions than answers. The only thing that will be left when you poss away will be your MAD subsciptions? Perhaps that's what your daughter-in-law is really pissed about That's not much of an inheritance, Raiph Maybe stop forcing Sergio Anagones down their throats and buy them some soving bonds! But all in all, we appreciate you corrupting three generations of your family — see you in family court —Ed.

BOOK, LINE AND SINKER

I am so angry at the library right now. You see, my subscription to MAD ended a few months ago, so lately I've been going to my public library to borrow MAD. But now they have a dumb rule that you can't take out the latest issue, so I was really hoping I could get my letter in MAD and get a free subscription. Please, please, please and finally please.

Chris Behen, Danvers, MA

Big Behen — Oh don't get us started on stupid library rules! Our local library has a bunch of them! You can't take out any reference books! You can't take your shirt off while making copies! You can't eat nachos while reading the encyclopedia! And, apparently, following the librarian home just to make such sep ests there soler, though technically not a library rule, is still strongly discouraged by local authorities! Sorry, you don't get a free subscription just for having your letter printed. But If you send us a photo of yourself and the head librarian holding an issue of MAD, we'll put if in the magazine and you'll get your free subscription! —Ed.

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Bock in MAD #478, Mor Lurile wrote in to the MAXE A DUNA WISH FOUNDATION™ asking us to print a photo of her and her financé to present as a surprise wedding gift. Beling suckers for romance (and cheap subscribers) we did print the photo, and then asked them to send us a photograph from their wedding day, Well, Io and behold, we opened up our e-mail and up pooped the following:

As promised, here is our wedding picture with the guest of honor, MAD Magazine. As you can see, a good make-up artist and a smart photographer can make even freaky MAD-fans like us look normal (hee hee).

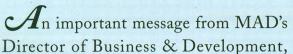
Mor and Paz Weinberger, Aviv, Israel



READER ALERT I

Whether you're a fan of Spy Vs. Spy, a fan of museums or a fan of museums that feature Spy Vs. Spy, be sure to check out the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.! The museum has exclusive Spy Vs. Spy apparel for sale in the gift shop as well as online! Check it out at www.spymuseum.org!







JEFFREY LOZENGE

Spring. The time of year when bees are busy pollinating the flowers, making honey and fluttering about their hives. The good hives—not the kind you get when you eat the wrong raspberries, and you break out in a painful rash and get all itchy and have to put that white ointment on your skin—you know, the stuff that sticks to the sheets.

Boy, that's uncomfortable.

Which brings me to MAD. Yes, MAD the magazine whose time is and was and continues to be—doesn't stick to skin, sheets or anything else. Which isn't to say it's not sticky. It's stuck around a long time.

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MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

So the other night at Nordstrom at Tysons Corner Center, we had a chance to meet the Prince of Darkness (Ozzy Osbourne) himselfl Just like bats, he decided to take a bite out of MAD. While he likes the taste, we like the content.

Mike and Cyndi Parker, Reston, VA

Meet the Parkers — Is it really accurate to still call Ozzy the "Prince of Darkness"? I mean, really, the guy is hanging out or a mail in suburban Virginial Was he summonling the Dark Lord while waiting in line at Clinabon? Maybe he was consulting with Mephistopheles while trying on performance fleeces at Old Novy? Or maybe he felt his spriit while enjoying the massage chair at Brookshore? Thanks for the snap anyway, you can look forward to receiving your one-year subscription to MAD! —Ed.



FATS ALL, FOLKS!

I have been reading MAD magazine since I was a kid. It was only a couple of years ago when I finally decided to subscribe to home delivery, but your February issue (#486) has made me reconsider my subscription. I was appalled by John Caldwell's piece entitled "When the Morbidly Obese Go Bad" (labeled "When Fatties Go Bad" on your cover). It was not only extraordinarily offensive, but put down an entire 30% of the population of the United States. Come on, guys. I appreciate a good fat joke once in awhile, but printing an entire two pages of aggressively abhorrent (and rather dumb) fat jokes is not okay. Stick to what you're good at. MAD...making fun of popular culture, celebrities, politics and people's names. Now that I've had my say, I'm going to do what I've never done before...throw away one of my issues of MAD.

Andi Person, Gaithersburg, MD

Randi Andi — It was never our intention to offend 30% of America. We apploagize and promise in the future to try harder to offend a much larger percentage! Remember, the obese may only make up 30% of the population, but they take up at least 60% of the land! —Ed.

HEART OF CLASS

I am a relatively recent subscriber to MAD and I couldn't contain my enthusiasm any longer (or that this is an assignment I need published for an English class). I'm a freshman in high school, weigh 85 pounds and am short with a handsome face, in an Alfred E. Neuman sort of way. Since reading your magazine I have become um...well...only the most popular guy in school (and no. I'm not home schooled!) The reason for this sudden popularity is that I study, memorize and stay up late hours reading MAD cover to cover in the privacy of my own home. This may go on days, weeks or even months. Then when everyone is least expecting it, I take your sophisticated jokes and your absurd sense of humor and portray them as my own (I already have the look). All of a sudden I am getting all sorts of looks from girls (I won't say what kind of looks). Even the upper classman have become my buddies affectionately tossing me through the air to the nearest dumpster. I have never had this much attention! I am desperately watching the mail box for my new MAD material and my report card with an A in English. I hope there won't be a glitch in getting me published. What, me worry? Derek Parks Wichita KS

Parks! Who Goes There? — There's good news and bad news. The good news is that your letter is being published, so you'll get that A in English. The bad news is, now that you've outled yourself and admitted that you have all the cleverness of a bag of hammers, look to spend additional time in the dumpster as even more students turn on you! —Ed.

TO TEACH HIS OWN

I've been reading MAD since I was a kid and still subscribe. Not only does every issue continue to be just as good as the one before it, MAD helps us older guys be smarter dads. My friend George told his 14-year-old daughter she could get a tattoo only if, in 40 years from now, it works like a MAD Fold-in because she's going to have the additional flab to deal with. Also, I teach magazine production at the International Academy of Design & Technology and always use MAD as an example of a publication that honestly and truly understands its readers and never disappoints. Here's a photo of my class cramming for a final. Bad news is, the Academy just announced it's closing down its Toronto campus so next term will be our last. We're all sad but something just occurred to me. Do you think there might be a link between the school closing and the fact that we use MAD instead of retxbooks?

Peter Carter, Ontario, Canada

Welcome Back Carter — Using MADs instead of textbooks? Yeah, that's definitely part of the problem. Or it could just be the lousy teaching at the Institutel Good luck with unemployment! —Ed.





CORRECTION!

Due to gross incompetence, Dick "Stompy Ding Dong" DeBartolo's credit was omitted from the Friends of Monkey-Lini listing in last month's Monkey issue. As a result, editors T. Worthington Snoots, Goopy III and Baron von Whoopsie have all been severely reprimanded and had their tire swing privileges revoked indefinitely!

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THE BIG EASEL

I was reading all of my past MADs when a completely random idea popped into my mind. Why not make a giant Alfred E. Neuman out of

poker chips? I even went into the trouble of adding "What, Me Worry" in playing cards!

Nick Acquadro, Ridgefield, CT

Acquaman — Thanks for sending us your entry for The Big Easel. We're printing it, but we're going out on a limb here and guess that you're the type of guy who plays an awful lot of solitaire — catch our drift, Maverick? —Ed.





MAD BLURBS

In a recent issue of Entertainment Weekly, director Mike Nichols revealed this little gem about MAD and his film The Graduate.

"My unconscious was making this movie," he says. It took me years before I got what I had been doing all along — that I had been turning Benjamin into a Jew. I didn't get it until I saw this hilarious issue of MAD magazine after the movie came out, in which the caricature of Dustin says to the caricature of Elizabeth Wilson, Mom. how come I'm Jewish and you and Dad aren't? And I asked myself the same question, and the answer was fairly embarrassing and fairly ovious."



READER ALERT II

For those of you who were lucky enough to have their letters printed in this month's Letters Page, you will receive two fantastic prizes! First up, the NBA Ballers. Chosen One videogame for your PSs courtey of our friends at Midway — the game is on sale April 21. For more information go to www.nbaballers.com. Next up is the "I Hate You" Stamp Kit courtey of our friends at Chronicle Books. For those who didn't make it in, don't worry — you can get the stuff in stores!







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LESS POPULAR CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Yeshiya University the Israeli government and Mort's Deli in Milwaukee are all run by the Jews

The Weekly World News was forced to fold by the European banking community when the paper got too close to blowing the lid off of an International Monetary Fund scandal run by the Loch Ness Monster.



Paul McCartney actually did die in the Sixties and was replaced by a lookalike. thereby explaining some of the awful songs he sang after going solo.

> Those U.S. attorneys were fired by the Bush Administration because they knew too much about The Sopranos finale and threatened to tell.

> > Traffic lights are really a government program to control drivers by means of electronic devices.

The logo on the Underwood Deviled Ham can is satanic.

Ulysses S. Grant was really America's first woman president, a fact that bigoted portraitists have successfully hidden over the years, though there are clues on the \$50 bil



Al Gore actually fixed the Florida vote count against himself, because he couldn't bear to host the hated Red Sox at the White House, (Yes, of course the 2004 World Series was fixed well in advance. You didn't know?)

Buddy Holly actually survived his plane crash, got plastic surgery and resurfaced as John Denver (then, tragically, actually did die in a plane crash many years later)

You've never seen a photograph of Dick Cheney standing alongside Idi Amin, and with good reason: they faked the Apollo moon landing together.





LEAST-LISTED ITEMS ON THE AVERAGE AMERICAN'S "BUCKET LIST"

1. Attend a WNBA exhibition game

- 2. Meet the entire cast of a.k.a. Pablo
- 3. Rent the director's cut DVD of The Bucket List
- 4. Eat an actual frozen faux-Philly cheesesteak sandwich from Hot Pockets

EDITOR'S NOTE THE WRITER DIED BEFORE COMPLETING THIS LIST. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

DEFENSES TO USE WHEN YOU'RE SUED BY THE MUSIC INDUSTRY FOR ILLEGAL DOWNLOADING



SINCE I VOLUNTARIL DOWNLOADED A DAUGHTRY SONG, I MUST BE LEGALLY

> YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND - M SPANDMOTHED WAS THE ONE WHO DOWNLOADED ALL THOSE OL' DIRTY BASTARD

OUT OF MONEY?

CAUSED BY THE LAST

THREE WEEZER

MELVIN & JENKINS'



Jenkins might grumble a bit, but he always gets up to give the dog its early-morning walk.

Melvin believes that's one of the beauties of living in a high-rise building

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE POPE'S **VISIT TO YANKEE STADIUM**

The swinging incense bowl comes in awfully handy when His Holiness enters one of Yankee Stadium's funky men's rooms

• The Holy Father blesses the water used to water down the beer

· Five of the elderly Italian Cardinals are mistaken for the Yankees' starting rotation

> The entire Yankee infield is absolved of all errors, be they of commission or omission

A skeptical Derek Jeter listens politely to the Pope's advice on celibacy

· Fans remember it as the best Cap Day ever!



EASTER CANDIES STILL LEFT ON THE SHELF

Chocolate Judas Coins

Cadhury Egg With Rea Hard-Boiled Yolk Center

K-Y Jelly

Pastel-Colored M&M Shells With No Chocolate Center

Sauerkraut Peeps

TELIEVRE AND LET LELIEVRE



"There it is again...some kind of weird disembodied voice describing our every move."



REVELATIONS LEFT OUT OF THE TELL-ALL TOM CRUISE BIOGRAPHY Bought a 7-bedroom mansion in , *His online rant was nominated for

order to accommodate Katie and Suri, plus all his different personalities.

Once got into a heated argument with Mel Gibson over who is the Flying Spaghetti Monster before "Sexiest Lunatic Alive." reaffirming his faith in Scientology.

a YouTube Video Award, but narrowly lost out to a karaoke-singing dog. · Briefly flirted with the Church of the

·In addition to opposing antidepressants, he is also violently against chewable vitamins.

· He's threatened a lawsuit against anyone reading this list right now.

THEFUNDALINIPAGES

HOW TO TELL A TERRORIST FROM A REGULAR SCHMOE

If he's got a huge beard and gushes about bin Laden's bravery...HE'S A TERRORIST.
If he's got a huge beard and gushes about Phish's profundity...HE'S A REGULAR SCHMOE.

If he thinks Jose Padilla was an intrepid soldier in a just war...HE'S A TERRORIST.

If he thinks Jose Padilla is a shortstop for the Pittsburch Pirates...HE'S A REGULAR SCHMOE.

If he dreams of driving all Americans out of the Mideast... **HE'S A TERRORIST.**

If he dreams of driving all Mexicans out of the Midwest...

HE'S A REGULAR SCHMOE.

If he fears his scheme will be outed by the Patriot Act...**HE'S A TERRORIST.**

If he fears his team will be routed by the Patriots...HE'S A REGULAR SCHMOE.

If he uses the internet to find dirty bomb materials...HE'S A TERRORIST.

If he uses the internet to find dirty material...HE'S A REGULAR SCHMOE.



PITCHES MADE IN HOLLYWOOD NOW THAT THE WRITERS' STRIKE IS OVER

TV special: Raccoon autopsy performed live!

Sweeping Civil War miniseries. Working title: They Saved Lincoln's Brain.

Movie: A genie grants the wish of a 90-year-old who wishes he were 85 again.

Inspirational movie about a painter who creates beautiful pictures with his teeth, even though there's nothing wrong with his hands.

XXX-rated remake of The Elephant Man. Catchy title: The Elephantitis Man. Possibly in claymation.



BITTERMAN



Nick, you think I don't know what hormone-driven teenagers do in their rooms? You're both at an age where you're testing your boundaries and hoping some adult will slip up and give you "permission" to go wild. I'm disappointed in you!



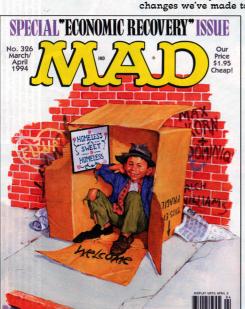
Seriously, Uncle Joe, Rachel knows a way to beat the Ogre King with the Maladorn Hamus and get the Dark Kye of Ziloes to enter the Palace of Droon and get the Sapphire of Falcore to ignite the Cauldron of Wisdom!

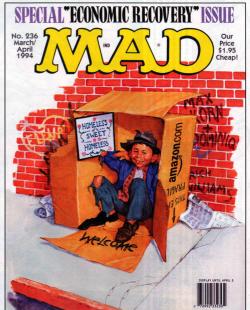




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Can you find the idiotic changes we've made to this magazine cover?





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MILKING AMNESIA DEPT.

It's an old rule of writing: Write what you know! And the producers of Christina Applegate's new show have really taken this to heart. They're writing about annesis, something they must really know! It's obvious they've totally forgotten about cleverness, wit and, heck anything at all to do with good comedy writing. It's no wonder that after watching just one episode, most viewers have been heard to exclaim...

Flomantha? WHO CARES.

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO
ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

They tell me I'm Slomantha, but who knows?!? I went into a coma after a hit and run accident and now I'm suffering from annesial Or am I? I just told you, I can't remember anything! No, I'm pretty sure I am! I asked the doctor how long my amnesia will last and he told me probably one season. But he said if I millk it for all it's worth, maybe two seasons! He said three seasons would be a miracle of Biblical proportions!

I'm Dr. Derek Shepherd, a.k.a McDreamy from Grey's Anatomy, I should add one other critical thing to Slomantha's diagnosis. If she thinks she's the only one with ammesia, just wat! Now that Dancing with the Stars is over and no longer her lead-in. I'm betting thousands or viewers are going to suffer mass ammesia about her and this show in no time! Now I'm leaving — I only stopped in to give a second opinion! My first opinion? This show sucks!

Before her accident, my daughter, Slomantha, was a backstabbing, hard-drinking, potty-mouthed, ruthless bitch! Don't get me wrong, she didn't totally take after mel She had bad qualities, too! We were not very close, but the car accident brought us together. I mean, as soon as I heard she was involved in a hit and run, I came right to the hospital! I would feel awful if she passed on without my saying, "Honey, slon this Last Willi and Testament I wrote up on the way over here!" I'm Slomantha's dad! I'm not one for words, which is a good thing! Between my big-mouth wife and Slomantha! I rarely can get a word in edge-wise anywa! But instead of getting annoyed. I just take my gun and go out into the woods! Sure, sitting in a damp tent, eating beans out of a can while! I fight off bugs isn't the most pleasant thing in the world! But trust me—it's a hell of a lot better than staying home with those two nut loss!

I'm the doorman at the upscale Chicago apartment building where Slomantha used to live. A lot of people treated me like just a doorman! But Slomantha was different! She treated me like a doormat! She was a snotty, obnoxious brat who ignored me and never tipped! But since her amnesia she now treats me like her best friend and confidant! To be honest, I liked it better the other way! Who needs to listen to all her problems! Who does she

think I am. Dr. Phil with epaulets? She still doesn't tip, though!

I was Somantha's neighbor and childhood friend for years and years. In the seventif grade we started to drift apart. It was little things, like Slomantha telling me I was fat and ugly and that she never wanted to talk to me, ever again! As a kid, those innocent things can be hurtful! Hoperfully Slomantha's amnesia wiped out all those negative thoughts and I can rekindle our old friendship! Once that's done, well, it will be time for me to try and run her down! This time, for good! Revenge is sweety

I'm Odd. Slomantha's long-suffering ex-boyfriend I can't believe a hit and run acident left Slomantha with no memory of our rocky relationship and its excruciating endl But being a nice guy. Hope she pulls through! But if she does, I also hope she doesn't remember all the great clothes and jewelry she left at my apartment! Giving her stuff away as gifts to my new girlfriends has been the only good thing to come out of our relationship!

As Slomantha's best friend, this is a tragic turn of events! Slomantha doesn't remember that we worked together! Even worse, she doesn't remember we were best club-hopping tramps together! couldn't stand to lose her friendship!! don't know where else I could find a shallow, mega-bitch like her! She's everthing I admire in a friend!





Let's see. I was there when you were born and I plan on being there when you die! And God willing, you'll go before me!

Well...that's a good start...I guess. Dad, were you there at my delivery, too? 1117

No! And I'm not even sure I was there at your conception!





on a date?

I'm not ready

Don't be silly! A date is fun! You chat, you laugh, you get drunk, you get knocked up, you get married, and then you come home after he's broken your heart!

And after that. you'll finally have some memories! Painful ones, but those are the easiest to

Now that vou've looked around my apartment, do vou remember anything about our relationship?

I'm afraid I don't! Odd. were We close?

Well, we lived together for a couple of years and we had sex pretty much all the time! And in every position and in every room of the house!

Nice! But you still didn't answer my question!

Were we close?





No. not very close! You weren't very nice! We were supposed to be a couple, and you kept

That's not good! Did I. like. sneak out and

No, that would have been bearable! You used to - well. wait a minute! This is the perfect place for a flashback! That's what they do to try to keep the show moving, so









young, shallow. stupid character! I've changed as an actress!

young anymore!

True, you're not

think We should

I had been hit by a car so I could suffer from amnesia rather than remember our past! You could be

Nasty? No, that's not me! Well, that's not the new me, which I am now. See? New! Me! Nasty may have been the old me, which I'm not now! Old me, gone! New me, now! What Please stop! I'm sick of those "old me/new me" rants every week. Just once I'd to hear you do "old me/









I do remember that we're in the real estate husinessI So that means we're taking in tons of money!

We were making money! All the subprime loan money we sunk into condos and new homes are now going

Before my accident I remember that foreclosures were not a good thing! Does that still hold?

Did you have amnesia, or a lobotomy?





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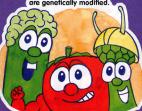
WRITER: JEFF KRUSE















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A joke's a joke, right? Wrong! Even with the same joke, different comedians will bring different tone, timing, and delivery to it! Of course, that doesn't mean it's ever funny — as you'll see with...

Why did the chicken cross the road? I mean, what

was this fowl doing trying to cross the street? For

what reason was this soon-to-be-in-a-KFC-value-meal

crossing a busy intersection filled with vehicles? You

have gallus gallus domesticus — or GGD, as I like to

call it — this GGD trying to transverse the street

meeting point, if you will, and no one knows why.

Thank you!

F DIFFERENT COMEDIANS TOLD THE SAME JOKE

WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD?

LEWIS BLAC

I saw the other day — and I kid you not — a *chicken* trying to cross the road. It may have, in fact, been a great time for road crossing. If you were a "*kini' carb But a *chicken*? A !"*kini' *chicken*?!? Are you !"*kin' kidding me? What is this chicken doing *near* a road? How did this happen? When did chickens decide to travel by *road*? Shouldn't they be traveling — oh. I don't know. .near the *farm*?!? The next time I see a chicken trying to cross the road, I'm going to take a *spoon* and shove it in my *cye!*

ELLEN DEGENERES

So the other day I saw this, this chicken, just standing in the middle of nowhere. Which was a, a little weird. And the first thing I thought was, "Why is there a chicken?" Because here's this chicken, but it could have been a turkey or a duck or a Canadian goose or something, but it's a chicken and it looks like it's about to cross. And as I'm thinking all these things, this, this bird is standing right next to a road and it's gesturing with its foot — or is, it a claw? — whatever it is, it's heading into the street, so I carefully scoop it up. And I get to thinking, "Where did this chicken come from?" These things aren't from the suburbs. That's when I realize that not only is my little neighbor's birthday party not going well, but his parents aren't detiin the deposit back on that petting zoo they rented.

JAY LENO

Hey, this is a good one. I don't know if you guys heard, but the other day a *chicken* was spotted crossing the *road*. The cops, after capturing the stray chicken, said that the chicken was set loose in an act of *fowl play*. Thank you, thank you... but the real trouble began when the chicken couldn't set ball, because his *nest* egg mad already been *liquidated*. Kevin knows what I'm talking about!

WRITER: HARRISON GREENBAUM

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ARTIST: JASON SEILER

LARRY THE CABLE GUY

I ain't told nobody 'bout this yet, but I gots this chicken back home. I like to name ma pets after the places I intend for them to go, so I call this little critter, "Belly." Nah, nah...his name is "Toilet." That's not right...don't laugh at that...so Toilet here tried to escape one day and I catch him trying to get a

escape one day and I catch him trying to get a ride from some stranger. Fortunately, I had just eaten chicken fingers the other day, so he didn't have nothing to hitchlike

with! Lord I apologize for that that's not right...but Toilet is always trying to cross the road, so I just opened a KFC across the street scared him right back into the coop! GIT-R-DONE!

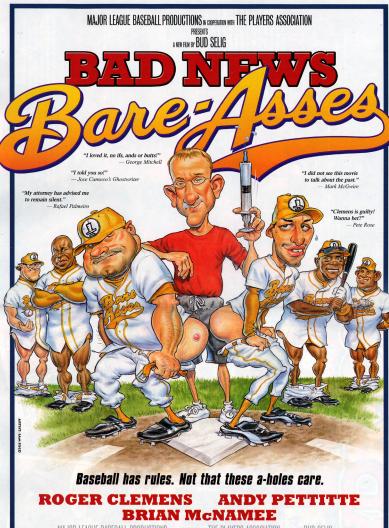
BILL MAHER

New rule: from now on, if chickens want to cross the road, at least make it challenging. My brave feathered friends, I dare you to try to cross a road in Iraq. If you can find a way to get around all of the civiling nasu

CARLOS MENCIA

There was this beaner chicken, man, who was always trying to cross the road.
'Course, if this chicken was a full Mexican, he'd have the crossed the road in a
car filled with 30 other Mexican chickens! But this beaner chicken couldn't
cross the road because this farmer, see, he put a huge of 'fence blocking
his way. What a DEE-dee-dee! I mean, everyone knows that climbing a
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*Portions of this joke were taken from the acts of Joe Rogan, George Lopez, Bill Cosby and others.



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[4 April|03:21pm]



[mood| annoyed]

After English class today, Miss Engel asked me to stay behind, She's in charge of the school play, and she said she thought I'd be perfect for it. I told her I wasn't really interested, and then she told me that only three boys have signed up for the play this year, and she needs at least four more. And then she pointed out that my grades this quarter have been pretty lousy, because I kind of skipped reading The Scarlet Letter and then thred to make up for it by watching the movie, but I accidentally rented The Scarlet Pimpernel instead, and there's a big difference between the two.





And then she said how much she'd hate to see me have to do summer school, and that my being in the play might make her feel like "accidentally" increasing my grade a little.

[8 April|06:17pm]

[mood| anxious]

To get a small part, I tried to act as bad as I could, so I pretended I was Ashton Kutches. But three of the other guys also didn't want to be there, so they did even worse. Ben I rivin pretended he didn't understand how scripts work, so he kept reading his character name at the beginning of his lines, saying things like "Goorge helot" and "George thank you." Mike Fine pretended he had a stutter for his whole audition. And Noah Simon whispered all his lines, which drove Miss Engel nuts.

[9 April|03:03pm]



[11 April|04:27pm]

[mood| acared]

Today, Jay Shepard, who's a huge senior and the captair of the lacrosse team, bumped into me in the hallway, twice. I couldn't figure it out, then I remembered that Jay's girlfriend, Abigail Wallace, is playing Emily. Who I kiss during the play.

So I guess Jay is jealous. The funny part is, I don't even like Abigali. She always smells like onlons, and she's got a lazy eye, so when you talk to her, it's like she's looking at someone who's behind and a little to the left of you. It's creepy.



[14 April|04:12pm]

[mood| scared-er]

Today we had the first read-through of the play, Jay Shepard sat in the audience staring at me the whole time and swinging his lacrosse stick, which kind of made it hard to concentrate on the play. I was really nervous when it came to the part where we're supposed to kiss, but I guess Abligall didn't want to kiss me, either, becaufinstead of doing it, she just said, "Mwah!"

[17 April|08:55pm]

The bad news is, Noah Simon and Fred Carter are both out of the play — Noah's family moved, and Fred got suspended for cheating, But Miss Engel says it's OK. She promoted two more girls, and the parts of Simon and Howie are now Simone and Holly.

[21 April|05:39pm]

[mood| 🎇 nervous]



OK, we're four days away from opening, and the play's getting a little weird now. Ben Irvin, who playde George's father, can't be in it because he has to go to his Grandma's funeral. And Eddie Lee, who played Emily's father, fel off the stage and broke his leg. 50 Miss Enged decided that both George and Emily's fathers are now dead, and assigned all their lines to their mothers. The girls who played their mothers thred to complain, but Miss Engel looked really frantic, so they kept their muther shut.

[22 April|09:22pm]



I don't know what I expected the first time I kissed a girl to be like, but I'm pretty sure it didn't involve doing it onstage, in front of an audience, including her angry boyfriend, while ignoring her lazy eye, in order to get a passing grade in English.

[23 April|03:14pm]

Whoo hoo! It's a miracle! Jay Shepard wasn't at rehearsal today! I don't know where he was, but I kissed Abigail, and it all went fine! (Except that she smelled like onions, which was gross.)



[27 April|11:53am]



Sorry I haven't written in a few days. I've been sick with stomach flu. I guess that's why Jay Shepard wasn't at rehearsal the other day — he was sick. Abgail didn't come down with it, but she managed to pass it on to me when we kissed. I spent the last few days doing the business of the stomach stomach stomach she was the said that the she was the said they'd put buckets at both sides of the stage for me — but ny parents told her no.

Chuck went to the play, and he said it was a little weird. Miss Engel came out at the beginning and announced, "This play is set in a town where all the men have been abducted by aliens," and Abgail read all my lines, preceded by, "If George were here, I bet he'd say this right now."

WRITER: TIM CARVELL



A MAD LOOK AT DOCTORS



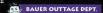




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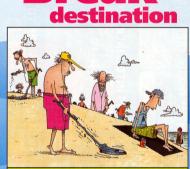


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No no no! I WILL NOT try out for The Biggest

Loser!





And then the mom says, "We forgot Kevin!" And Kevin is alone in the house and he goes "Aaahhhhhh!"... You've really never seen

this movie?

If I'm gonna sway the jury, I better undo a few buttons and reveal "Exhibits A and B"!

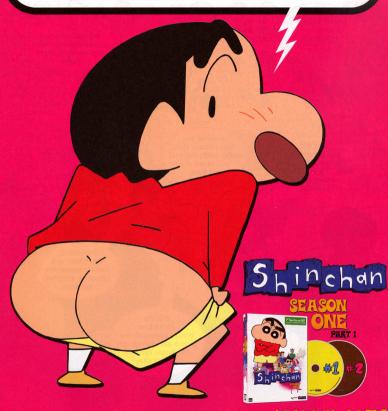








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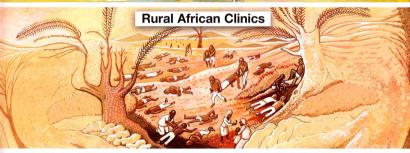
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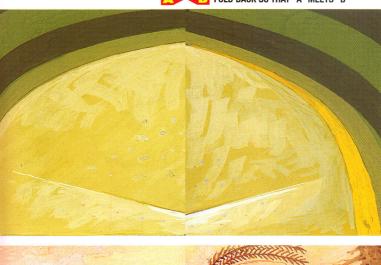
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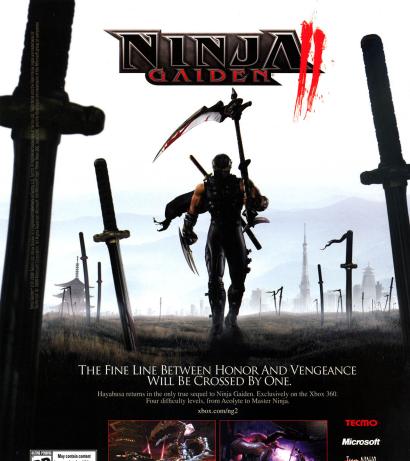




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