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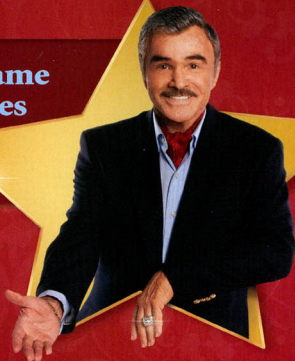
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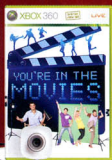


"The camera loves me—and now it's going to love you. It's a camera that films you while you're playing. Stand in front of it. I do. A lot. I love it. The camera's included with the game. I love that, too."

2



"I don't have to audition, but you're not me. No one is. Don't worry, though—you don't have to audition either. You're going to get in the movies by playing a few of these 45 crazy mini-games while the camera rolls."



3



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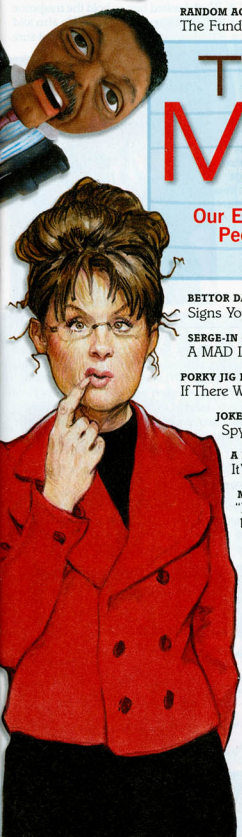
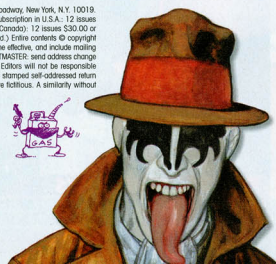
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## THE BRITISH ARE COMING (AND GOING)

Every three years I get to go to America on vacation, and when I do go, I try to buy as many MAD issues as I can. This year when I came over, I was really disheartened because I only got to buy two of your great issues. I was there for two months, so it's understandable, but I think you should publish MAD more often, like every two weeks. I mean, if newspapers can publish every day, why can't magazines? (And newspapers are boring anyway.) If you can't publish more often, at least bring MAD over to the UK, everyone will love it, I know I do. One of the issues I brought back managed to entertain my whole class through our really boring and long history lesson (our teacher's only got one eye — one's glass, it's weird). This letter won't get to you in a while, cause of the distance, but thanks for the summer issues, guys!

Matthew Priestly, Surrey, England

Judas Priestly — We like to help out our readers however we can. But the readers we like best are the ones that help themselves. Normally we'd be happy to alter our entire publishing schedule and double our workload for the entire year in order to please a fan, however, maybe (and once again, we're going out on a limb here) there's an easier solution to your problem. Perhaps you can just subscribe to MAD and have it delivered to you. There's about 14 subscription cards in this issue for that reason. You know, Matty, it's this "take take take" attitude of you Brits that led the Americans to kick some crumpets and haul ass out of Jolly 'Ol England to begin with! —Ed.

## MAD BLURBS

At the annual Alfred E. Smith dinner in New York City, then-Presidential candidate Barack Obama gave a shout out to MAD's own loser mascot Alfred E. Neuman. Astonishingly, Obama won — despite their shared physical deformity!

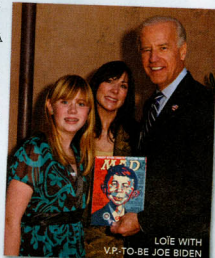


## MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS SPECIAL ELECTION EXTRAVAGANZA

Hey! I got this snap of Joe Biden at an Obama fundraiser in Piedmont, CA. When I asked him to hold the magazine he hesitated, making sure it wasn't *Playboy*. He also told me, and I quote, "No boys until you're 30." I'm not sure if he was kidding.

Loïe Plautz,  
San Francisco, CA

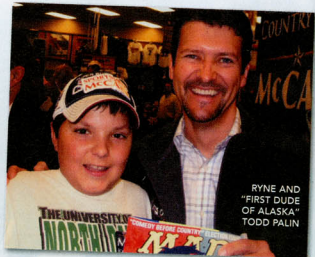
Burning Down The Plautz — "No boys until you're 30"? Huh. Too bad he didn't get a chance to offer that sage advice to Sarah "Grandma" Palin's daughter! —Ed.



When I heard that Alaskan Governor and Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin's husband, Todd Palin, was coming to a rally in Moorhead, MN, I just about crapped out a kitten! We don't get very many celebrities up in this neck of the woods, so I decided to bring a MAD to the rally. I am your biggest (and probably youngest) fan at the age of 12, and I was hoping to get a three-year subscription, so I can save my allowance for a big case of cheese for my dad's Christmas present.

Ryne Kisch, Barnesville, MN

Kisch Me Deadlly — Congratulations! Looks like your dad is getting some Christmas cheese this year! Unlike Todd, who's back to chowing down on blubber back home in Alaska! Enjoy your three-year subscription — you betcha! —Ed.



# TATTOO REGRET?

New & Advanced!

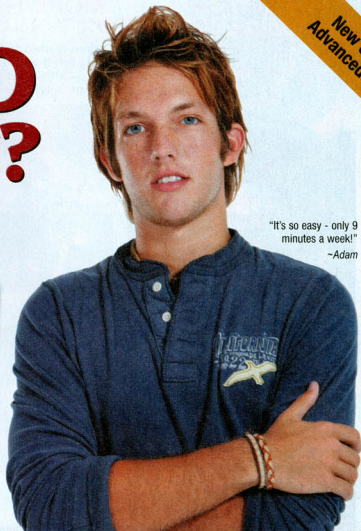


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## MORE HANG FOR YOUR BUCK

In MAD #495 we asked readers to hang the Alfred campaign poster anywhere they felt it would help garner Alfred votes! Fat lot of good it did — Alfred lost yet again! Below are some of the best we received (amazingly, no arrests resulted)!



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WILKES-BARRE, PA



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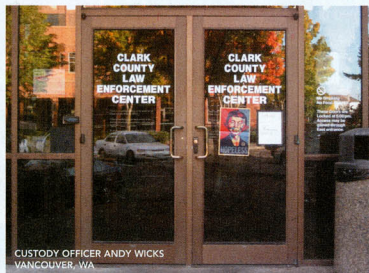
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## FAIREY TALES

Our pals at boingboing.net let us know that artist Shepard Fairey (creator of the iconic Obama image that we based the cover of MAD #495 on) gave us a big shout out on his website, obeygiant.com. Fairey wrote that the parody of his poster on our cover "is something I consider a high point in my career for pop culture recognition. I loved MAD as a kid. I think MAD's satire heightened my understanding of irony and hypocrisy. I'm very excited to be a part of MAD's history." That gives US hope!



PHOTO: ERNESTO YERENA FOR OBEY GIANT



## SPY VS. SPY FEATURED IN MAKE MAGAZINE!

Check out the current "spy tech" issue of Make Magazine! Our own Black Spy and White Spy make a very prominent appearance! Learn how to build and use tiny surveillance devices, and how to know if a spy is using them on you! From tiny video cameras to sneaky recorders, this issue of Make has enough cool stuff to catch the eye of both the Spies! Make is available at bookstores and newsstands, as well as at some electronics and hardware stores. You can also get it online at makezine.com or makershed.com.



## READER ALERT

Those of you who had your letters printed in this month's Letters Page will be the lucky recipients of two DVDs! The first is *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*, courtesy of our friends at Walt Disney Studios Home Video and the second is *The Flintstones: The Complete Series™* & © Hanna-Barbera, courtesy of our friends at Warner Home Video. They are both on sale now — yabba dabba doo!!!!



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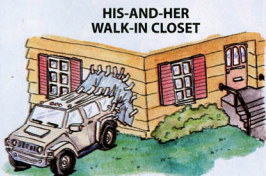
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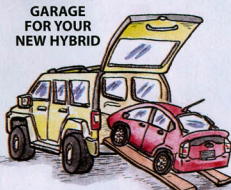
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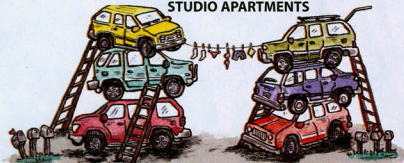


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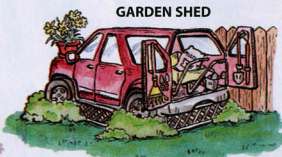


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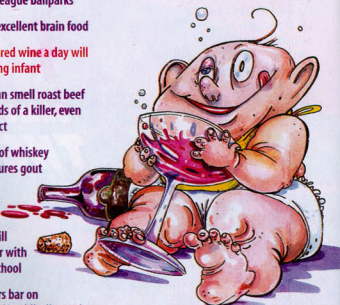
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... MTV Movie Awards.....	8:1
... Oscars.....	1,000,000:1

## FOOD MYTHS YOU JUST SHOULDN'T BELIEVE

- Chicken soup has shown some success in treating multiple personality disorder
- Cotton candy sold in American League ballparks has nearly twice the nutrients as that sold in National League ballparks
- Squid vomit is excellent brain food
- ▶ Two glasses of red wine a day will calm down a crying infant
- Bloodhounds can smell roast beef gray on the hands of a killer, even years after the fact
- Drinking a pint of whiskey before bedtime cures gout
- Bacon fat fights cellulite
- Eating celery will make you popular with the cool kids at school
- Eating a Snickers bar on Thursday violates Hassidic dietary law



## WHERE THE \$750 BILLION GOVERNMENT BAILOUT FUNDS ARE GOING

\$120 billion for a blue-ribbon panel to figure out where the \$750 billion should be spent

\$89 billion to buy Mega-Speed laser printers so the government can print money as fast as they're spending it

\$178 billion so banks can reprint their checks and business cards as they merge and change names on a weekly basis



\$197 billion to find ways to phase out useless government programs like Medicare, Social Security, Food Stamps, Educational Grants, etc. to free-up even more bailout money for corporations

\$68 billion to help financial institutions ferret out and punish whistle blowers

\$132 billion to underwrite mortgages for politicians' vacation properties as a signal to their constituents that they have confidence in the housing market

\$74 billion for toll booth on Alaskan Bridge to Nowhere

## WAY TO GO!



"At your age I was already paying my classmates to do my homework."

## BITTERMAN



Whadda ya want?

Good afternoon, sir. My name is Evan Chow, and I'm with Boy Scout Troop 224. I was coming by to ask you...

Let me stop you right there, kid.

The Boy Scouts is an organization that preys on the ignorance of youth and the sympathy of adults. They have you dress up in dorky uniforms and sell crappy overpriced candy door to door in order to fund their own creepy and sinister agendas.

The next time someone tries to talk you out of your money, do what I do -- tell 'em to take a hike and go buy yourself an iPod!

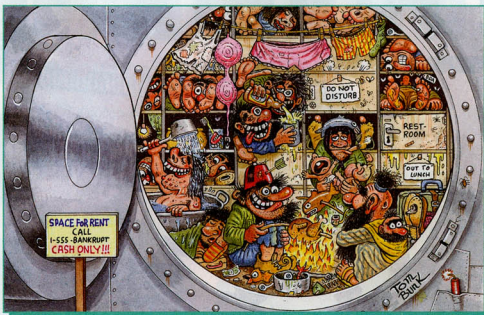
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What'd he say when you told him you found his wallet?

That we should use the money to buy an iPod!

## Signs your bank is in big trouble

- \$ Withdrawal slips require a 50-word essay on "Exactly why you want this money"
- \$ Online banking website says: "Closed for routine maintenance, check back in six months"
- \$ There's now a \$5 cover charge to enter the ATM's vestibule
- \$ They offer you an incredible 20% interest rate on a long term CD, provided you don't touch the money for 100 years
- \$ The homeless guy living in the ATM looks suspiciously like the bank manager
- \$ Your monthly statement is replaced with a hand-written I.O.U.
- \$ You catch the teller trying to pull the old "two tens for a five" routine on you



**\$ The bank's vault has now been converted into an illegal sub-let**

## VIDEO GAME REVIEW

### Guitar Tech Hero

If a video game series wants to remain popular, it has to adapt. Think *Mario Brothers* to *Mario Kart*, *Madden '08* to *Madden '09*, and *BurgerTime* to *BurgerTime 2: Zombie Apocalypse*.

And Craptivision's massively popular *Guitar Hero* is no different. Unlike previous versions where gamers got to just play along to guitar classics — players can now actually TUNE the guitars that play the guitar classics in the newest game, *Guitar Tech Hero*!

The competition starts with the "Tune-up Showdown," where gamers can repeatedly hit up to 12 notes, including A-flat and B-minor — the foundations of many of the hard-rocking classics available on the other *Guitar Hero* games!

Master that and you'll move to the "Maintenance Round," where you can change broken strings, tighten whammy bars, clean frets, and even polish the guitar's body!

In between stages there are bonus rounds — like identifying what the hell Slash got all over his axe at last night's after-party or figuring out how to zip Lenny Kravitz into his skin-tight leather pants. It's all in a day's work for a *Guitar Tech Hero*!

Just as sports games like *Madden* let you choose from different stadiums, *Guitar Tech Hero* offers a variety of rock venues to tune-up in! Unfortunately, wherever you pick, you only see the same two audiences — a pre-show group of disinterested sound engineers or a showtime crowd of furious, drunken concertgoers. (Their curse-filled jeers are what helped earn the game its "M for Mature" rating.)

Using the same technology as *Halo*, players can also go online to battle "tekies" around the world and see who rocks sound-check the hardest! (So far there have been no takers.)

Like past versions of *Guitar Hero*, the newest installment lets you face off against real guitar gods! The new "Legends" mode lets you play against legendary axe-men like Jimi Hendrix and Duane Allman — well, not them, but their drugged up, long-gone techies.

It's far from Craptivision's best offer, but hopes are still high for their other big release for 2008 — *NBA Live: The Ballboys*.



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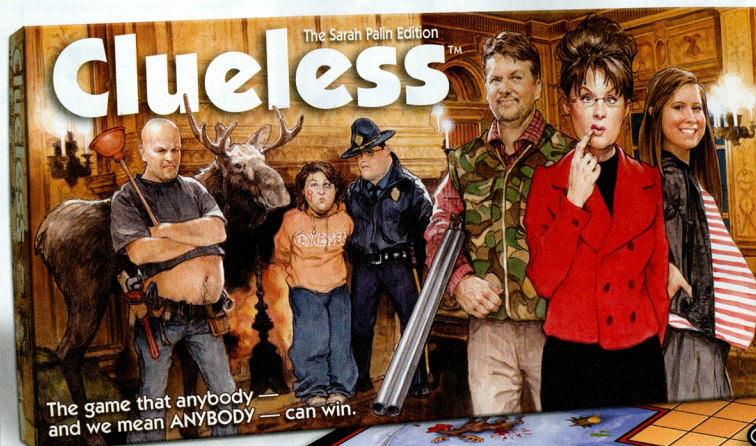
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Sarah Palin couldn't name a newspaper she read. She couldn't name two Supreme Court decisions she disagreed with. She thought being able to see Russia from Alaska (possible, by the way, only from the tiny Alaskan island of St. Lawrence, inhabited by native Yupiks) qualified as foreign policy experience. She didn't even know what a Vice President does, but that didn't stop her from seeking the job. And she tried compensating for this lack of knowledge by frequently winking at us and flashing her vapid beauty contest grin. Despite her mental thinness, Republicans say she's the future of their party. MAD Editors say she's the future of the MAD 20!



# Clueless™ *Go ahead! Roll the dice!*

To be prepared from Move One, it's important to be readin' the instructions when they're put in front of ya. But it's also good to be a reformer who doesn't "play by the old rules."

## RULES OF THE GAME:

Here's what folks need to understand. Joe the Plumber is a victim of foul play at the hands of someone who doesn't share the values of good real Americans like yourselves. You need to hunt down this predatory individual like a moose in the wild and also determine where, and with which weapon the terrorist used, of which there are many of his choosing, to make sure that nothing like this ever happens again on U.S. soil.

Begin by holding your baby in one arm and rolling the dice with the other. Let's say you roll a 5 if you should be so privileged to do that. Move your game piece five spaces in the direction of a room. You may not be in the room yet, but that's ok. You'll be close enough to see it, which is important. Once inside a room, look your opponent straight in the eye and tell them to come clean and show you a card. With God's blessing, you'll get a sneak peek.

Then it's your turn to answer questions from your opponents, because a message needs to be sent. And if you don't have the card they're lookin' for in your hand, you can just wink and say "Thanks, but no thanks...I'll have to get back to ya!"

Before you're anywhere close to ready, be a true maverick and make an official victory Accusation. It doesn't matter if it's wild and unsubstantiated by the facts. Just go with your Main Street common sense gut and name a Suspect, a Weapon and a Room. Then reach across the table in a bipartisan fashion and look inside the envelope. If it's wrong, just keep playing, making more and more wild accusations. Eventually, one will stick and you win!



## CHINA'S POISONED PRODUCTS: There's Something About Dairy

# 2

It's almost cliché now that everything you buy these days is made in China. But the new cliché is that everything made in China just might kill you. Even if you avoided 2007's tainted toys, toothpaste and pet food, you now have to watch out for dairy products, eggs, and even edible sex toys (no joke!) spiked with the hazardous chemical melamine. It seems like China still needs to learn one of the basics of economics — don't kill your customers. Unless, of course, coffins are also made in China, in which case this might just be part of a giant, diabolical business plan.

"Quality control" isn't a phrase  
you hear much in my country.

No, China is a country  
best known for hazardous toys,  
tainted pet foods and, most recently,  
poisonous dairy products.

Hey, when you've got  
1.3 billion people, what's a  
few babies with kidney failure?



CHINESE  
got^milk?

# THE MASSACHUSETTS TEEN PREGNANCY PACT: An Expanding Student Body

# 3

High school is a time when students set serious goals. They save up for their first car. Or work to get into their dream college. Or make a pact with their friends agreeing that they'll all get pregnant. At least that's what happened in Gloucester, MA, where 17 girls (many of them younger than 16) all ditched homeroom for the delivery room. It's unclear why they wanted to get stretch marks before they even got their final marks, but at this rate they'll be achieving a new goal — being the only great-grandmothers at their 10-year reunion.

17 IDIOT  
GIRLS

THE GLOUCESTER HIGH  
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A 24-YEAR-OLD  
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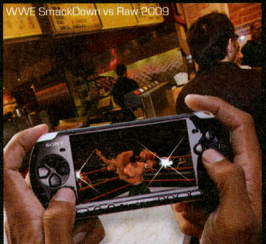
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# THE PREGNANT MAN: What Not to Expect When You're Expecting

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This year we learned of the world's first pregnant man. After what had to be rather delicate gender reassignment surgery, Tracy Lagondino legally became Thomas Beatie. But Tracy must have had lousy medical coverage, because even after the operation, he still had Tracy's plumbing. Using a syringe from a vet, Thomas and his/her wife, Nancy, used donor sperm to get himself/herself pregnant. (We'll pause now, to give you a chance to go "eww!") Now dad is mom — or is mom, dad? And we won't even venture to guess what the poor kid would call the anonymous donor should they ever meet up! We're sure a second pregnant man is just around the corner. And we're equally sure it's just a matter of time before Hallmark launches another line of specialty cards!



To dearest Mom  
Or is it Dad?  
I guess you're both  
And that's not bad.  
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Right from wrong,  
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You have a schlong.

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The truth be told, I'm awful proud  
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And something even bigger  
Than those guys down at the dock.  
It's really quite impressive, mom —  
Your giant, throbbing heart.

Artists:  
Charles Akins  
Teresa Burns Parkhurst

## O.J. SIMPSON: Man of Steal

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O.J. Simpson has had a long and interesting career. He's been a professional football player, a commercial pitchman, even a movie actor. But of course, the thing he's BEST known for is being a criminal defendant! So it was only a matter of time before he reprised that role! This time, he was on trial for kidnapping, burglary and assault with a deadly weapon — all in an attempt to get back some sports memorabilia. (Geez — hasn't he ever heard of eBay?) Now that he's facing life in prison, O.J. is tackling a new role — inmate. Many would say it's the part he was born to play.

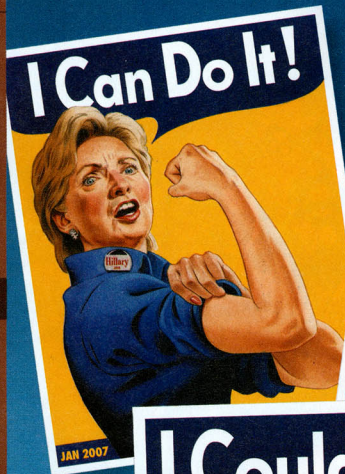


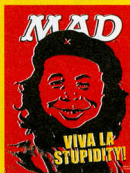
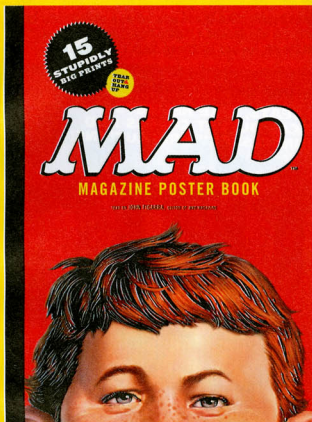
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## HILLARY'S CAMPAIGN FOR THE WHITE HOUSE: Thar She Blows It

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Going into the 2008 presidential campaign, the only thing bigger than Hillary Clinton's ambition was her grating sense of entitlement to the Democratic nomination for President. More heavily favored than the Patriots were in the last Super Bowl, Hil found a way to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory just like the losers from New England. But at least they had the sense to stop playing when the game was over. Confusing determination with delusion, Madame Clinton pressed on in the primaries until the awful truth finally sank in: Monica Lewinsky was no longer the only one in Bill's life who "blew it"!





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**Z** Celebrity parents — aren't they the best? Sharon Stone wanted to inject botox into her son's feet to fight foot odor. Stupid, right? But is it any more stupid than starring in *Basic Instinct 2*? Billy Ray Cyrus happily stood by and watched as a photographer took creepily erotic photos of his 15-year-old daughter. Why not! He's the same guy who decided a frosted-tipped mullet and a soul patch was a good look! In Hollywood you have to audition before you get the job. Too bad Tinseltown doesn't have that same requirement for being a parent.

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# Bad Parenting

**BILLY  
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**HOW I TOOK BACK MY CAREER  
 BY GIVING UP MY KIDS!**

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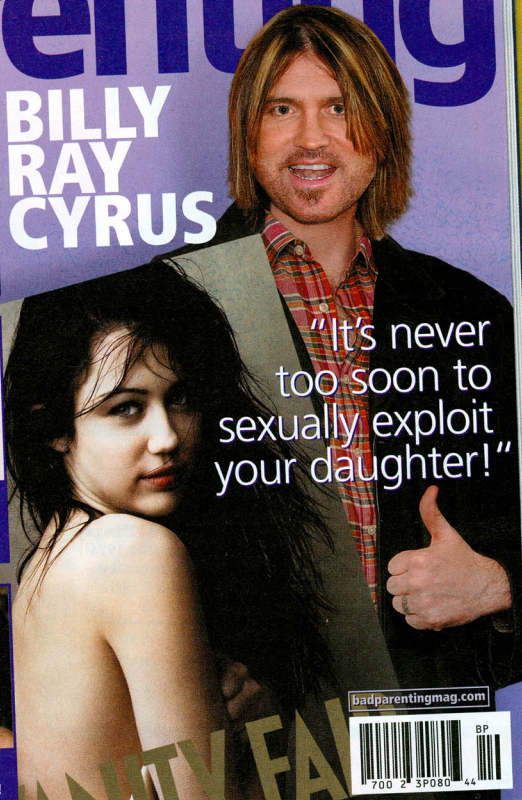
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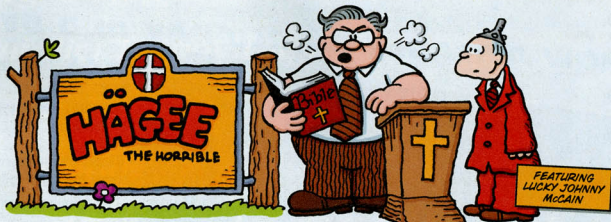
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# REV. JOHN HAGEE: Madman of the Cloth

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Call us crazy, but when we think of clergymen we think of individuals of outstanding moral caliber who, taking a page from the Good Book, never speak ill of others. Like we said: call us crazy. But definitely not as crazy as the hate-spewing, anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic and anti-gay Reverend John Hagee. So deluded is this "holy man" that he actually thought his endorsement would help John McCain. For a while, McCain was deluded enough to think that too. And by the time he got around to renouncing Hagee's support, his candidacy had already gone to hell!



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# THE ECONOMIC COLLAPSE: Saved by the Bail

# 19

It is a period of financial crisis. Subprime mortgages have been defaulted on throughout the land, wreaking havoc on the American empire. During the horrific downturn in the market, Congress, the President, the Fed, the SEC and the Treasury Department all managed to show poor leadership before finally settling on the ultimate least-of-all-evils, a \$700 BILLION BAILOUT PACKAGE — enough money to do little more than provide pork for select Congressional districts as the Dow still roller-coastered and corporate executives continued to live the high life. Scorned by an increasingly outraged public, Ben Bernanke, Henry Paulson, Nancy Pelosi, Barney Frank, and President Bush, the supposed custodians of the economy, incompetently scramble to point fingers and salvage their reputations as the financial catastrophe continues to spread, and citizens' savings go up in flames...

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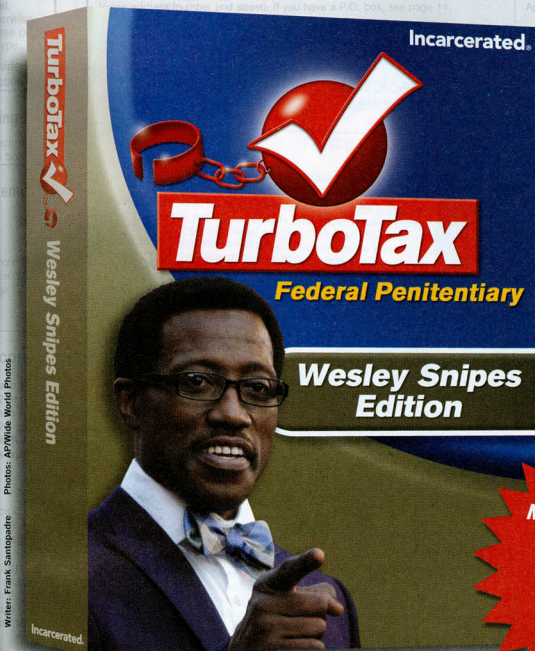
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# WESLEY SNIPES' I.R.S. TROUBLES: Defiling Taxes

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There are three things common in life: death, taxes, and tax-evaders. Enter Wesley Snipes: for years, the C-level actor thought he could get away without paying taxes. When he was indicted by the IRS, his inventive defense was that he was a "non-resident alien." It didn't fly. And so, at a sentencing hearing, Snipes pled for mercy by declaring that he was "an idealistic, naive, passionate, truth-seeking, spiritually-motivated artist, unschooled in the science of law and finance." In other words, he was a scam-artist celeb who got caught and now "Passenger 57" has a one-way ticket to three years in prison!

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# AMY WINEHOUSE: Junkie See, Junkie Do

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This past year, everyone's favorite strung-out songstress, Amy Winehouse, took time off from being creative to focus, instead, on being destructive. And, boy, was she prolific! She assaulted a man, attempted to bribe her husband's way out of prison, got caught on camera smoking crack (allegedly) and was filmed singing an offensive ditty about minorities, homosexuals and the disabled (at least it wasn't "Rehab" for the billionth freakin' time). It makes us wonder if her next full-house appearance will be at a funeral home.

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AMY WINEHOUSE  
BACK TO CRACK



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By Britney S. (Malibu, CA/Kentwood, LA)  
— See all my lady parts as I exit a car

★★★★★ I LOVE YOU, YOU BLOODY WANKER!

Cor! This bloody incarceration is drivin' me bonkers! I want a bloody divorce, you filthy dirty skank!...Aw, c'mon, luv. It's only the bleedin' prison heroin makin' me talk so. You know I'll never let you go...I'll never let you go until I choke the bloody life out of you, you stupid twit!...Now you know I didn't mean that, sweetie. It's just that this place is the bollocks and I'm bloody sick of the way these cheap knickers itch me bum! It makes me so mad I want to help you cut yourself, you bloody sot!...Blimey! I didn't mean that, of course. I miss your wams so much and I...

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By B. Fielder-Civil (Pentonville Prison, London)  
— See all my track marks

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# JOHN MCCAIN'S UGLY CAMPAIGN: Smear, There and Everywhere

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It couldn't have been easy for the McCain/Palin campaign to keep coming up with new mud to sling at Barack Obama when their previous mud failed to stick: "Barack HUSSEIN Obama!" "He's different!" "He doesn't share our values!" "He pals around with terrorists!" "He wants to teach sex education to kindergarteners!" "He's a Socialist!" "He's a Muslim!" Soon, supporters at GOP rallies were shouting, "He's a terrorist!" and "Kill him!" Even though the scare tactics didn't work and McCain lost by a wide electoral margin, in his concession speech the Arizona Senator said he was "proud of his campaign." That may have been the scariest thing of all!

## JOHN MCCAIN SARAH PALIN A BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA SMEAR



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# TEXAS POLYGAMY WIVES: The Joy of Sects

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The Mormon Church renounced polygamy over a century ago, but Warren Jeffs and his cult of misogynist wackos kick it "old school." Jeffs and over 50 of his deranged pals took 133 wives and spawned about 400 children. After a 16-year-old girl called the cops claiming that she was being abused by her "husband," over-zealous authorities, swept in and took the kids into custody, only to be ordered by a judge to send them back to the crazy compound soon afterwards. Now, the sect is doing a brisk business selling their handmade, schoolmarm-like fashions online (seriously!) and our guess is that it won't be long before they expand into the toy market.

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Call us crazy (again!), but when we think of clergymen we think of individuals of outstanding moral caliber who, taking a page from the Good Book, never speak ill of others. Like we said: call us crazy. But definitely not as crazy as the hate-spewing, anti-American Reverend Jeremiah Wright. So deluded is this "holy man" that he thought it was okay to shout "God damn America!" from the pulpit and blame the 9/11 terrorist attacks on, well, us. After spending over 20 years in Wright's church, Barack Obama responded to this by staunchly defending his "spiritual advisor" ...until it became politically inconvenient. Then suddenly it was "time for change" — from "God Bless Reverend Wright!" to "God Damn Reverend Wright!"

# PULPIT FRICTION

**You know what I say? Not God Bless America - I say God DAMN America!"**

**Why's that?**

**This country didn't care nothing about bombing Hiroshima and Nagasaki. And you KNOW the government lied about creating H.I.V.! And European-American culture has historically held black culture to be deficient.**

**What do you know about Europe?**

**Plenty. man. I was just in Paris. You know what they call a Quarter Pounder with Cheese over there? They call it a "Royale with Cheese."**

**"Royale with Cheese."**

**That's right.**

**You know what I call you supporting my campaign?**

**What's that?**

**A ROYALE pain in the ass.**



# BRETT FAVRE UNRETIRES: Hate the Player, Not the Game

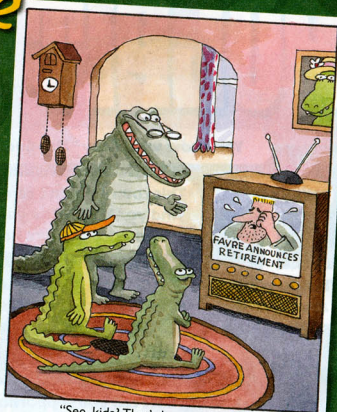
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To understand Brett Favre's bizarre retirement game plan, you need John Madden's magic pen and board — and a psychologist specializing in ego management. Soon after the wrinkled quarterback cried his eyes out at a press conference, he decided that he had more key interceptions to throw and insisted on playing. When Packers coach Mike McCarthy balked because he'd made a commitment to a player who actually has a future, Brett cried like a weasel that he was being mistreated. It remains a mystery why a man of Favre's "stature" would opt for a winter of getting sacked repeatedly over the thrill of playing chicken with a tractor and hunting squirrels.

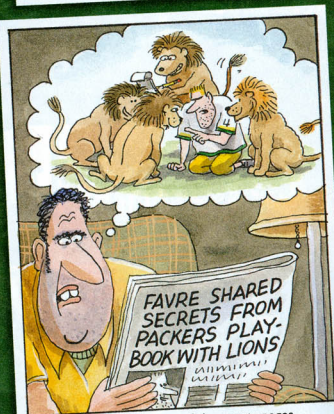
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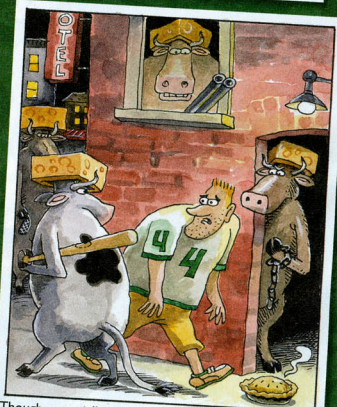
Brett Favre's first pass interception, 1977



"See, kids? That's how you do it — THOSE are crocodile tears!"



The subtle nuances of the sports pages were often lost on Bob.



Though essentially happy with his "retirement" from the Packers, Brett never truly felt safe in Green Bay again.

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JESSE JACKSON RANTS ON OBAMA: Getting Testes

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Call us crazy (yet again!), but when we think of clergymen we think of individuals of outstanding moral caliber who, taking a page from the Good Book, never speak ill of others. Like we said: call us crazy. In a presidential campaign with no shortage of "cutting remarks," Jesse Jackson set the standard for crudeness, rudeness and jealousy when he let slip his desire to cut off Barack Obama's nuts. That got us to wondering: now that Obama is President, would Secret Service agents be willing to "take a castration" for him?



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Earlier this year, Dunkin' Donuts hired the cartoonish TV cook Rachael Ray to promote their products. When the ad appeared, Conservative FOX News blatherer Michelle Malkin went ballistic, but not because Ray was hawkling overpriced, trans-fat-soaked, artery-clogging donuts (which would have made perfect sense). No, Malkin's gripe was that the scarf Ray was given to wear by a stylist looked vaguely like a mideast Keffiyeh, a native Arab scarf dating back hundreds of years. According to Malkin's paranoid, xenophobic way of thinking, the scarf was a clear signal that Ray and Dunkin' Donuts were palling around with terrorists. Fearing a far-right Fatwa, (Read: consumer boycott of crullers) Dunkin Donuts removed the "offending" ad. Once again, fear-mongering, finger-pointing and guilt-by-association worked well for Conservatives, only this time, instead of politics, it was in the murky world of fried dough.

# SCARF FARCE

In the spring of 2008, Dunkin' Donuts produced a commercial starring TV chef Rachael Ray. She wore a scarf in it.

Some conservatives felt that it looked too "Arab"... that she was promoting "murderous Palestinian jihad" instead of frozen coffee drinks. The ad was pulled.

Dunkin' Donuts called the whole thing a "misunderstanding." But the world will remember this ridiculous affair by another name ... SCARF FARCE.

They caved to the wackos of the American right wing. With a vengeance.



A DUNKIN' DONUTS  
PRODUCTION

A RACHAEL RAY  
COMMERCIAL

RACHAEL RAY  
"SCARF FARCE"

SCREENPLAY BY  
MICHELLE MALKIN

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GEORGE W. BUSH  
AND DICK CHENEY

ASSISTANCE BY  
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Caught in the heart of a ludicrous deception and used by some hucksters gone wild, a run-of-the-mill gorilla suit finds itself stuffed with animal guts, frozen in ice and supposedly transformed into Bigfoot. Exposed as a fraud and completely discredited in the eyes of the public, the allegedly 7-foot-7, 550-pound "Sasquatch" is now known simply as...





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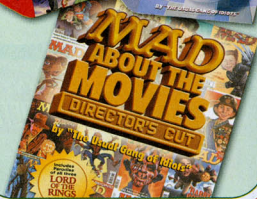
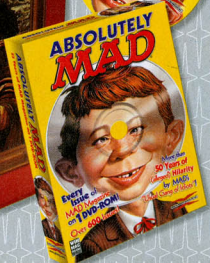
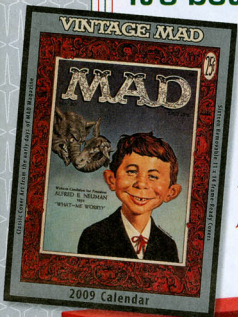
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# CELEBRITY SEX SCANDALS: Adultery Swim

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It all begins with the collective delusion of a handful of would-be heroes — that their sins will go unnoticed and the price will never have to be paid. Are they deluded, or have they in fact figured out a way to have secret extramarital sex? Oops, turns out they're deluded! Dodging their wives and the press, these fallen heroes desperately try to maintain their reputations while still getting their rocks off. Instead, they are all caught with their capes down, shocking their families to their core and changing the way the world looks at them forever! Follow these seven sex-obsessed celebrities from Hollywood to Detroit to Staten Island in this vow-breaking story of cosmically stupid infidelity — the story of... The Crotchmen!

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ELIOT SPITZER IS  
DR. MAN-CHEATIN'!**

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CONGRESSMAN  
VITO  
FOSSELLA  
IS  
THE  
CHAMELEON!**

**CHRISTIE BRINKLEY'S  
CHEATING HUSBY  
PETER COOK IS  
DZYLECHEROUS!**

**PRETTY BOY  
PHILANDERER  
JOHN  
EDWARDS  
IS  
THE SICK  
SPECTACLE!**

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DAVID DUCHOVNY IS  
CAPTAIN SEX-ADDICTUS!**

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IS**

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**ADULTEROUS  
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KWAME  
KILPATRICK  
IS  
INDICT-DWL!**

## STUNT DAY IN THE PARK WITH BLAINE: An Upsidedown Fake

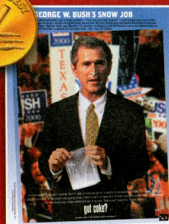
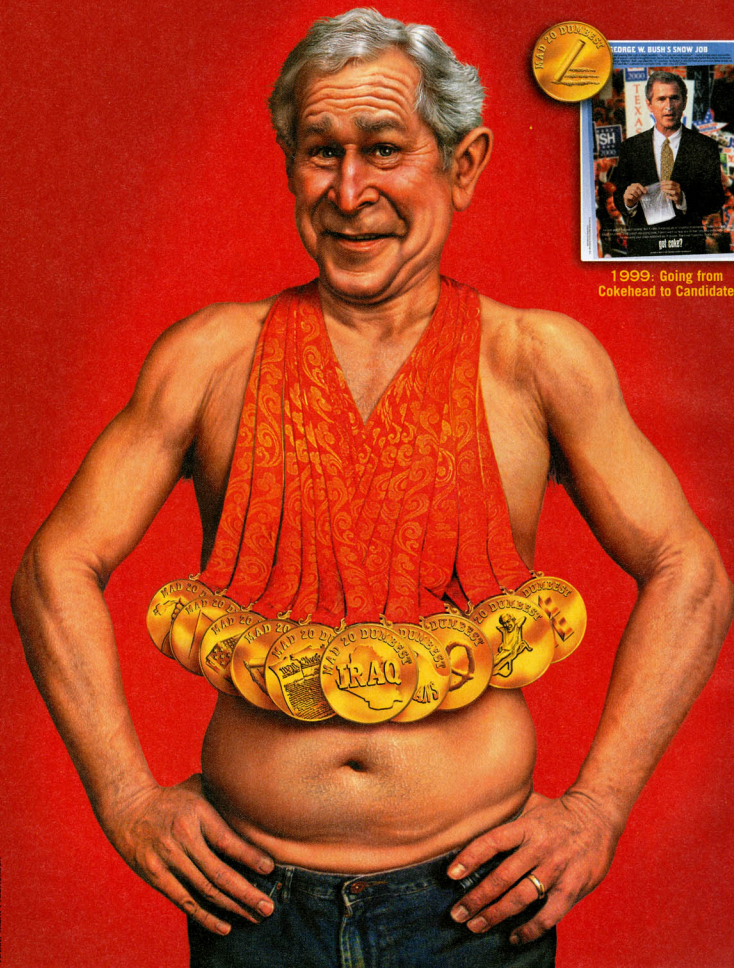
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When is David Blaine going to realize how insufferable he's become? This big-headed blowhard keeps managing to make his "tricks" more ridiculously unappealing. During his illustriously pathetic career, he has been "buried alive," "frozen in ice," "sealed inside a Plexiglas box" and "drowned alive." This year's debacle — shilled by egomaniacal blowiator, Donald Trump — featured him hanging by his feet high above Central Park for 60 straight hours. Things began to look sketchy when Blaine was spotted taking a ten minute break every hour. Hey Davey, here's an idea for your next scam: make an audience appear that still gives a crap about what you're doing!



Writer: Jacob Lambert Artist: James Warhola

# HALL OF FAME



1999: Going from  
Cokehead to Candidate



2000: The Election's  
Recount Debacle



2002: His Near-Fatal  
Pretzel Choking



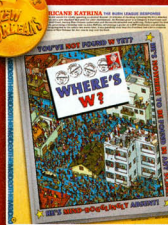
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"Mission Accomplished"



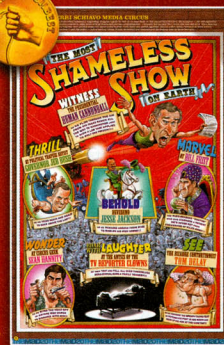
2003: Speaking Out  
Against Gay Rights



2004: Joking About  
Not Finding WMDs



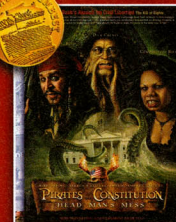
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Around to Katrina



2005: Intervening in the Terri Schiavo Case



2006: The Ongoing Quagmire in Iraq



2006: Slashing  
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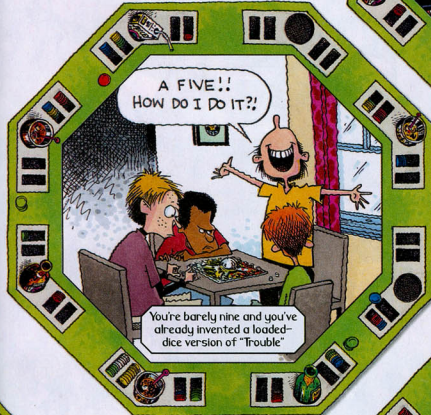
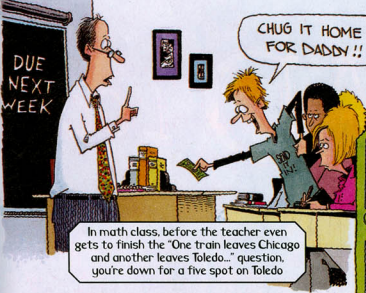
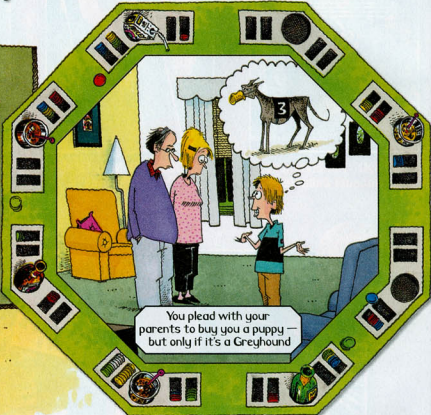


2007: Breaking the Record  
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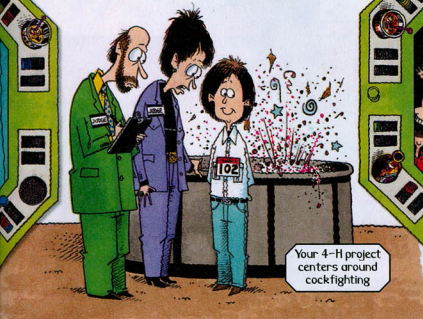


It has been said that the first stringings of talent and greatness in athletics, the arts and science can be observed in someone when they are very young. Likewise, those destined for a life filled with bookie joints, pawn shops and flophouses also exhibit unquestionable signs during their formative years. For a list of these "tells," you need look no further than...

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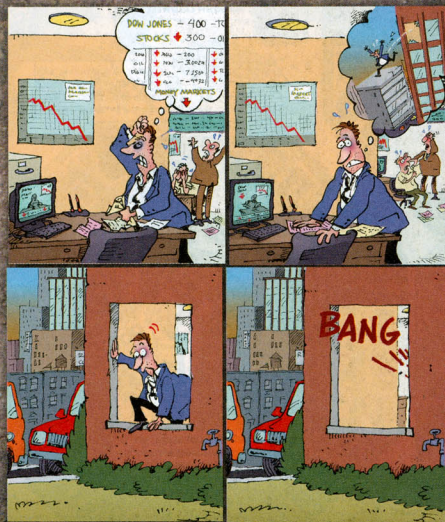
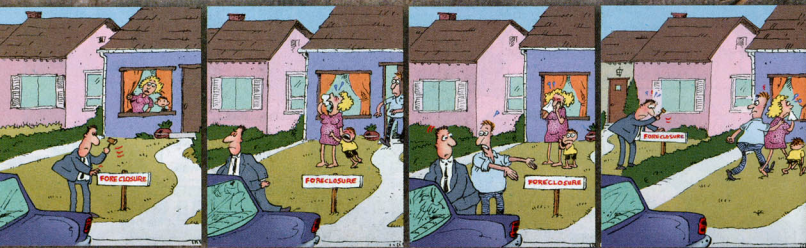


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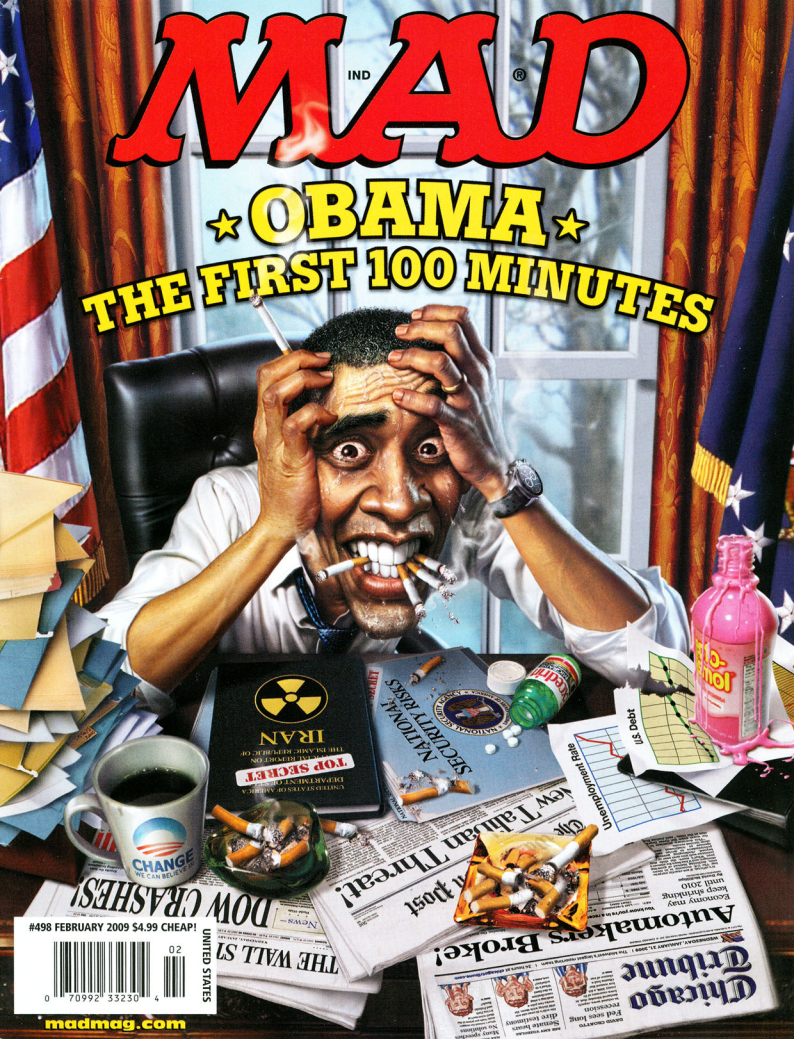


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There are two kinds of people in the world: those who think there are two kinds of people and those who don't!

ALFRED E. NEYMAN

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## STOP, BOOK AND LISTEN

I went to my local library today and decided to get a few MAD magazines since I was saving some money to get presents for Christmas. I went over to the magazine section and the magazines were gone! I went to the front desk and asked the librarian what happened to them and she said, "What do you mean?" She walked over to the section and looked around but there was only the new issue of MAD on the rack. She said "I'm not sure where they went" and walked back to the front desk. I was depressed that I wouldn't get my daily dose of MAD(ness) so I started looking at other magazines. I found a small box labeled "U.S. history" in the corner and when I checked inside I found the magazines! I never realized MAD was so influential! Hopefully if you post this I can have a piece of U.S. history for myself.

Tad Becker, Ottawa, IL

Tad To The Bone — Yeah, that IS a weird place for MAD to be, and yet, oddly enough, that's exactly where it should be, according to the Dewey Decimal system. That's why you'll find MAD Kids in the "Automotive Repair" section and MAD Classics in "Gay/Lesbian Studies." You don't want to know where they keep Al Jaffee's *Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions* books! —Ed.

## WEDDED DISS

For our wedding invitation, we used art fashioned after MAD's Fold-in. We thought the staff would enjoy seeing it — our best to Al Jaffee!

Cindy Hodgson and Barry Halkin, Havertown, PA

Cindy and Jones and Barry the Cable Guy — Congratulations on your wedding! We can't wait to see your Spy Vs. Spy-themed divorce announcement! —Ed.

## SHUT THE PUCK UP

As you know, hockey season has begun, and I'm nuts for hockey. There isn't a thing in the world I'd do without it. But my question is, when are you going to have any funny comic strips or something that relate to hockey? You guys always seem to come up with other things that relate to movies and the hottest things on the market, not to mention the presidential election. But I'm getting so sick and tired of hearing about it! My favor to ask from you guys is, could you please put some hockey comics or print some hockey jokes?

Travis Mathe, Plover, Wisconsin

Mathe Lab — Here's a hockey joke for you:

Knock Knock!

Who's there?

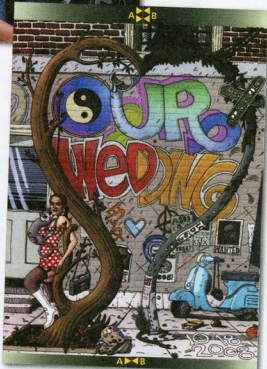
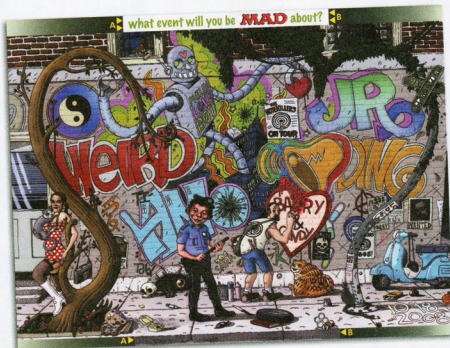
Hockey!

Hockey Who?

Hockey is a terrible sport. Maybe that's why MAD never does any articles on it! —Ed.



THE HAPPY COUPLE



ARTWORK BY: TRISTAN WRIGHT

## STUDY AS SHE GOES

I am in the 5th grade and in Hebrew school. Could you please please please help by giving me an excuse to stop Hebrew school or regular school for that matter? P.S. Mazel tov!

Zach Segal, Palo Alto, CA

**Zach Of All Trades — That's easy!**  
For regular school, just say "My dog ate my homework."  
For Hebrew school, try "My dog nosed on my homework!"  
Enjoy the free time! —Ed.



## ALFRED E. LOOK-A-LIKE

Allow me to introduce my cousin Jed. He has been ridiculed by his extended family for the past 10 years for his resemblance to your illustrious mascot. Hopefully getting his mug in the Letters and Tomatoes department will earn him the place in history he deserves.

Curtis Cook,  
Ontario, Canada

**Common Curtisy —**  
We're almost positive getting his mug printed here will keep him pretty much unknown and unpopular, which is the place in history he deserves! —Ed.



JED E. NEUMAN

## MAGNUM POEM LAUDE

### MAD ABOUT MAD MAGAZINE

When folks ask me what is my favorite magazine? I turn and run away. For if I told them the awful truth, they would think I was surely deranged!

For I am a 62-year-old lady who recently graduated from a well-known college. I should have better taste after four years of knowledge!

But I'm mad for MAD Magazine and will always be.

So keep it coming because your number #1 fan since 1956 is me!

Irene Brodsky, Proud 62-year-old recent graduate, Brooklyn College, Class of 2007

**It Ain't Easy Being Irene —** You should be very proud of yourself, but we're going to guess that your major wasn't in poetry! See ya on the unemployment line! —Ed.



## MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

Here is a photo of our recent encounter with John Hodgman ("PC" in the Mac ads). He was signing his book, *More Information Than You Require*, in an Atlanta bookstore. Imagine his horror as I explained to him how he made the top spot on your list of "50 Worst Things About Advertising" (MAD #482).

James Klausmeyer,  
Roswell, GA

**Santa Klausmeyer —**  
Looking at your picture, he isn't as annoying without that gooball Mac guy from the commercials standing next to him. We'd write more, but our PC keeps freezing! Congratulations on your three-year subscription! —Ed.



JOHN AND JAMES CONTEMPLATING THE WORST THINGS ABOUT ADVERTISING

## A REAL ROB STORY

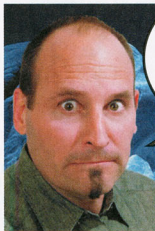
My mom's (AND MY!!!!) car got stolen. Two days later, I got my first MAD magazine. It made me laugh so hard I forgot that I had to use my rental or bike if I wanted to get around. Keep being hated by everyone who isn't funny.

Nick Papajcik, Edwardsville, IL

**Big Papa —** Wait, we're confused. Your car got stolen and then you got an issue of MAD? Was that part of your insurance settlement? You may want to look into Geico — they probably would have gotten you an issue of MAD Classics as well! Thanks for writing and happy biking! —Ed.

## MAD BLURBS

You wouldn't suspect it from his success as an adult, but award-winning children's book author Jon Scieszka read MAD when he was a kid! In his new book, *Knucklehead*, he shares stories about growing up — including trying to explain what MAD is to the displeased nuns who taught him in grade school...



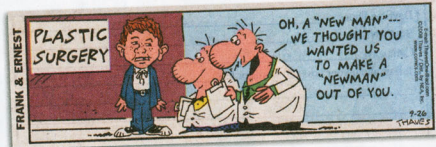
Well, the other character in our book is also kind of like the spies in "Spy vs. Spy." They are always tricking each other by — yes, Sister? No, Sister. It's not a TV show. No, Sister. It's not a cartoon. They are little stories without any words. Yes, Sister. In a magazine. MAD magazine. I see, Sister. Probably sinful, too. So. Um. Well. Ahhh. The characters in this book...aren't like anything else I know.

So I learned not to mention TV or MAD magazine or cartoons in school ever again. But I still think they were some of the best and funniest and craziest stories around.



## STRIP TEASED

Sharon Helms-Dulin of Reidsville, NC sent us this hilarious, yet poorly spell-checked, comic strip about our mascot Alfred E. NEUMAN. You know, we'd expect this kind of sloppiness from "Funky Winkerbean," but not you, "Frank & Ernest"...not you.

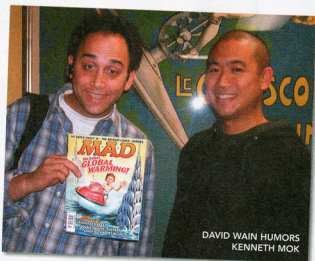


## MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS II

David Wain (Stella, *Role Models* and *The State*) dropped by my previous workplace while editing his movie trailer for *The Ten*. Although Mr. Wain was ready to bounce to his next A-List, Hollywood meeting, he had time to pose with MAD.

Kenneth Mok, Burbank, CA

Mok It To Me—Is that a Blue-tooth on his ear? Wow! He really is a big mover and shaker! And by the by, why is it your "previous workplace"? Did you get fired for constantly harassing celebrities to take pictures with you and your MAD? Congrats on your three-year subscription! —Ed.



## READER ALERT

Readers who had their letters printed in this month's issue will receive the game 20Q The Simpsons courtesy of our friends at Radica Games. For those of you who weren't so lucky, don't have a cow man, it's on sale now!



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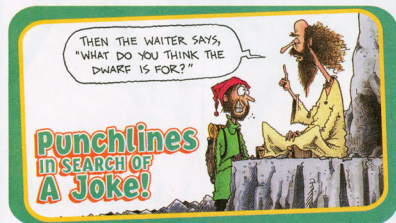
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# THE FUNDALINI PAGES

## POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE ECONOMIC MELTDOWN

- 1. Your excuse to mooching beggars that you don't have any money will, for once, be believable.
- 2. You can take your credit cards on a no-holds-barred, take-no-prisoners shopping spree, secure in the knowledge that by the time the bills are due, most of the stores will have gone out of business.
- 3. Just the sight of pompous stock brokers on the unemployment line is worth a dozen Depressions.
- 4. Your suggestion to your parents that they should have Angelina Jolie adopt your kid brother will at last be given serious consideration.
- 5. Your cash-strapped parents won't be so argumentative when you tell them you want to drop out of college.



## LELIEVRE AND LET DIE



### CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

This Month  
**TYRA BANKS**

Cannibalized by starving America's Next Top Model contestants.....2:1

Mauled to death after mistaking a live badger for one of her many, many wigs.....4:1

Fatal dehydration from all the crocodile tears shed for guests.....8:1

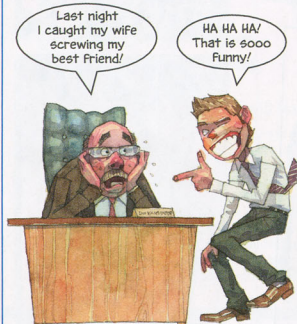
Mysteriously crushed to death after referring to herself as "the female Oprah" .....12:1

Suicide after one too many people mistake her for RuPaul.....20:1

Succumbs to emotion after a heated debate with Henry Kissinger over post-Soviet U.S. policy on episode of Tyra.....765,000,000:1

## Ways to Make Sure You Don't Lose Your Job in These Tough Times!

1. Stress to your boss that you're a team player. Be sure to point out other employees who are not team players and who should be let go immediately.
2. Be agreeable. Laugh at everything your boss says. Be sure to listen carefully, though, just in case.

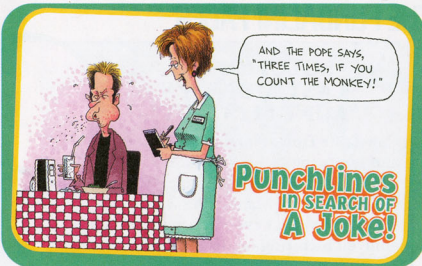


3. Loudly comment, "I don't know what I'd do if I lost this job. I'd probably come back with a shotgun and blow off the head of every freakin' person who works here!"

4. Always be conscious of your boss' needs. In the men's room, hand your boss a paper towel and brush off any lint you might see on his jacket. This shows respect and it's excellent practice if you get fired and have to get a job as a men's room attendant!

5. Being part of a professional organization can raise your profile and increase your stature in a company. Joining the mafia, however, is never a good idea.

6. Since budgets will be scrutinized much more carefully, embezzle less.



## MELVIN & JENKINS' GUIDE TO COLD SYMPTOMS



**Jenkins** starts taking plenty of fluids and vitamin C at the first sign of a head cold.

**Melvin** is just one flu season away from completing his boogersnot "Mona Lisa."

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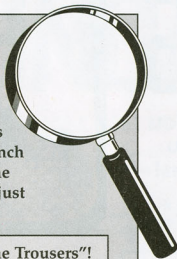


# THE FUNDALINI PAGES

## SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S "MINI-MYSTERY"

Constable Dowd pondered the clues and the suspected killer. Soon he was picturing Yvette, the tall, shapely French maid of Morley Manor. She wasn't the killer; she wasn't even a suspect. He just enjoyed picturing her in his head.

NEXT MONTH: "The Snake in the Trousers"!



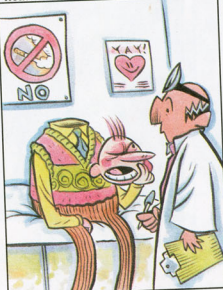
## REJECTED COMIC STRIPS

Parakeet Vomit

Hey, Zack, what's going down?  
I don't know, but I do  
know what's coming up!

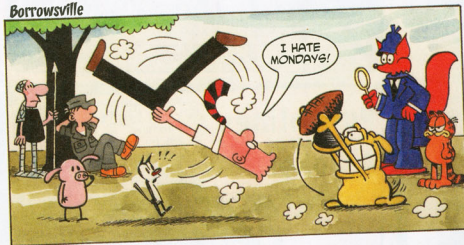


Headless Honcho

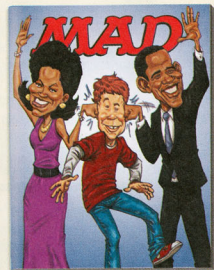
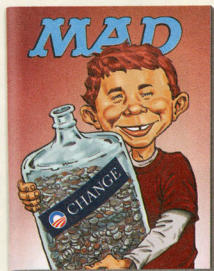
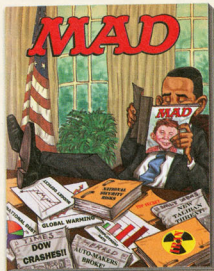


"Oh yeah? Well I believe I'll get a 739th opinion!"

Borrowsville

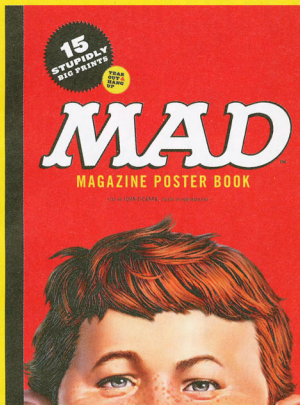


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Sure there was drama, sure there was controversy, sure there was history in the making, but in Election '08, for one thing there was more of than anything else was statistics — dull, dry, mind-numbingly unnecessary statistics! The news channels' efforts to get into the minds of the voting public (and fill hundreds of hours of airtime) led to a landslide of...

# LAME ATTEMPTS BY TV TO EXPLAIN THE 2008 PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

## AMONG PEOPLE WHO VOTED FOR OBAMA/BIDEN...

**12%** TV viewers who thought the black President on 24 did a pretty good job.

**8%** Job seekers who had huge gaps on their résumés and hope that with Obama as President, a lack of experience will become fashionable.

**22%** FOX News Channel viewers who were hoping an Obama victory would give Colmes the courage to finally punch out Hannity.

## AMONG PEOPLE WHO VOTED AGAINST OBAMA/BIDEN...

**26%** Churchgoers who couldn't understand how Obama could pal around with a minister who hates all of America instead of just its gays, feminists and liberals.

**31%** People who claimed that they aren't voting against Obama because he's black, but who voted against Obama because he's black.

**9%** Sensitive souls who felt uncomfortable voting against a man because he's part African-American, but who felt totally comfortable voting against him because he's totally Muslim.

**4%** Guilt-ridden Republicans who wanted to make amends for George W. Bush.

**11%** *Oprah* viewers hoping to make her so insanely happy she might give everyone in America a new car.

**.0000003%**  
Undecided voters persuaded by Barbra Streisand's endorsement.

**5%** Traditionalists who questioned Obama's judgment for not stepping aside in favor of someone closer to core Democratic principles, like John "I can't keep it in my pants" Edwards or Hillary "My husband can't keep it in his pants" Clinton.

**2%** D.C. cabbies who feared the most powerful person in the world might be that nice, well-dressed black man they refused to pick up so many times.

**14%** TV viewers annoyed at Biden for not having the guts to appear in a crappy *SNL* sketch like the other candidates.

## AMONG PEOPLE WHO VOTED FOR MCCAIN/PALIN...

**8%** Deluded debate watchers who still think that Sarah Palin was winking only at them.

**13%** Homeless people who hoped that once McCain was in the White House they could move into one of the multitude of houses he forgot he owns.

**21%** Schizophrenics who could relate to someone who's an "experienced insider" one day and a "maverick" the next.

**17%** Sitcom lovers, already used to watching the exploits of a dumpy, bumbling schlub paired up with a foxy-looking mate.

## AMONG PEOPLE WHO VOTED AGAINST MCCAIN/PALIN...

**17%** Pissed-off Ohio homeowners who didn't like that their plumber was hanging around with McCain instead of snaking their clogged toilets.

**28%** Late night talk show fans who didn't want to suffer through four years of old-age jokes.

**32%** Voters who entered the voting booth intending to pull the lever for Tina Fey and Darrell Hammond, but when they didn't see their names, voted for Obama.

**4%** Southerners all tingly with nostalgia when they heard Palin's husband is part of a group that wants Alaska to secede from the United States.

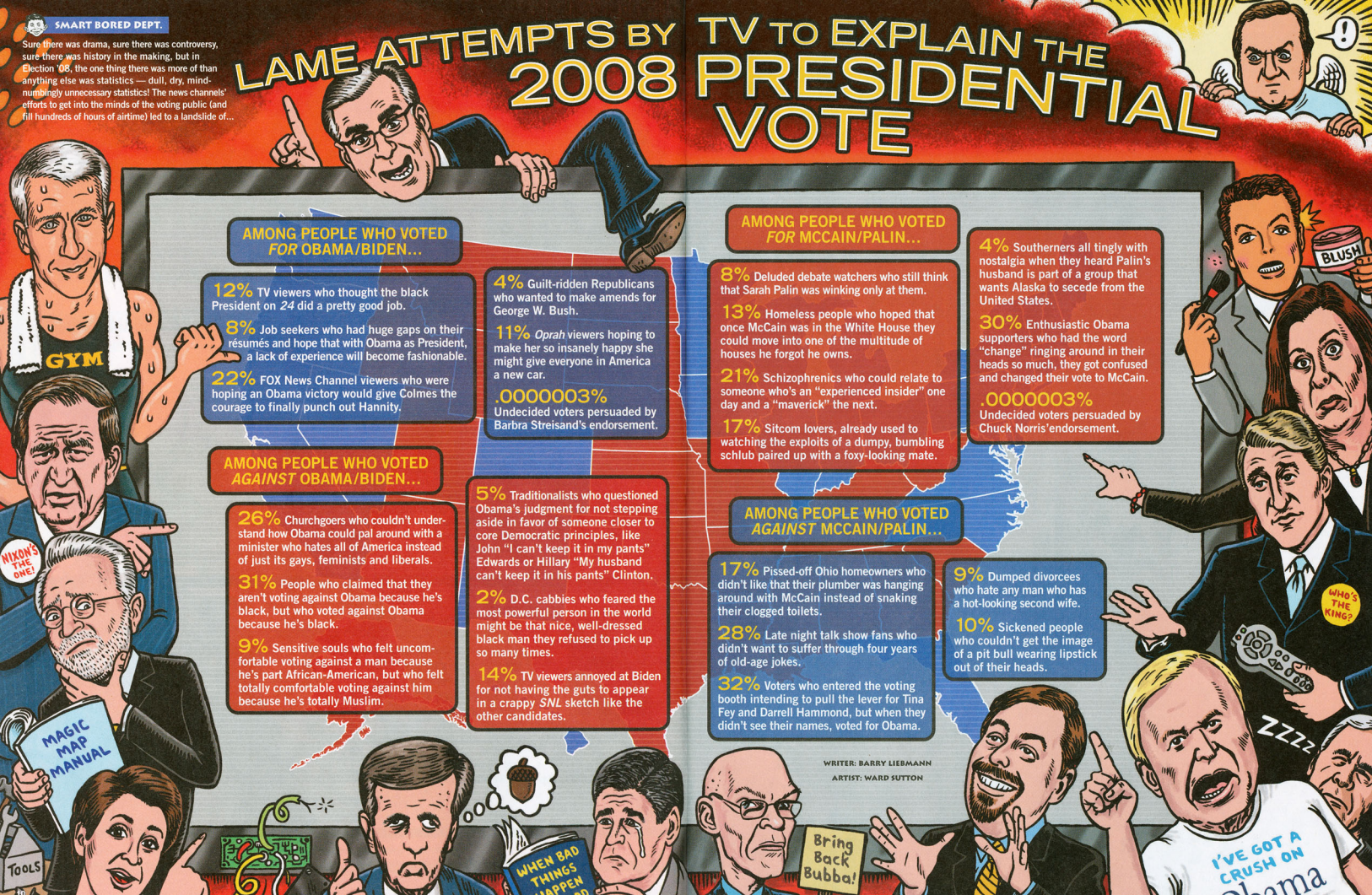
**30%** Enthusiastic Obama supporters who had the word "change" ringing around in their heads so much, they got confused and changed their vote to McCain.

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Undecided voters persuaded by Chuck Norris' endorsement.

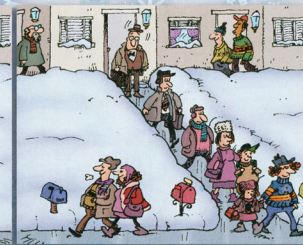
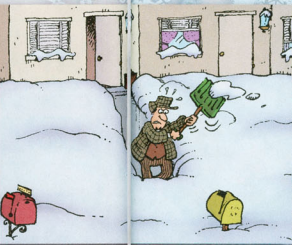
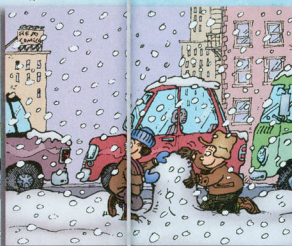
**9%** Dumped divorcees who hate any man who has a hot-looking second wife.

**10%** Sickened people who couldn't get the image of a pit bull wearing lipstick out of their heads.

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# A MAD LOOK AT SNOW



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**"9.5/10"** – Official Xbox Magazine

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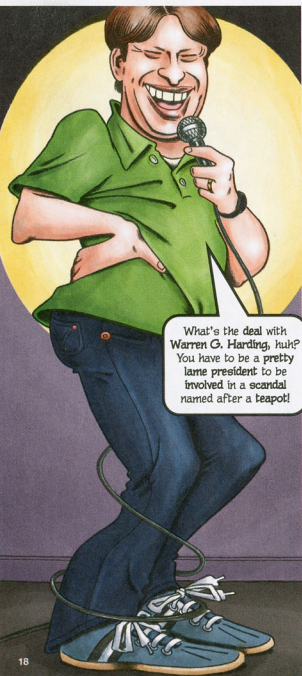


Comedy is a tough business. Take it from us — as a comedy magazine, we know a thing or two about comedy! Actually, we know just a thing about comedy — that it's a tough business. We also know that stand-up comedy is *particularly* tough! Okay, so technically, we know roughly one-and-a-half things about comedy. Still, in an effort to learn more, we fully intend to read...

# MAD'S 12 SUREFIRE TIPS FOR STAND-UP COMICS

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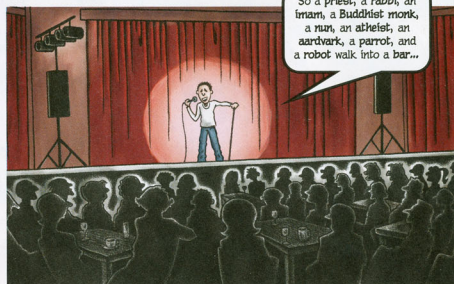
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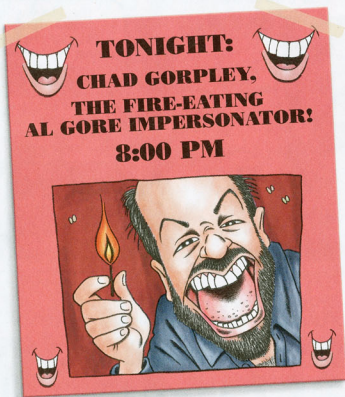
## 2 Observational humor only works when it hasn't been observed 73 trillion times before.



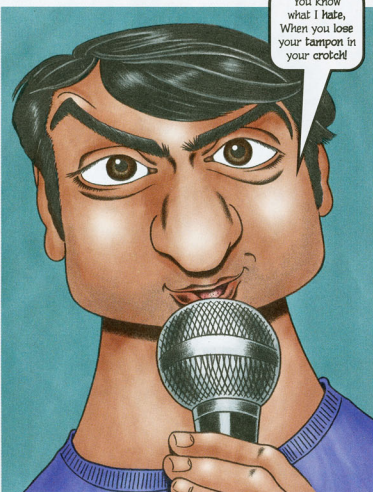
## 3 Remember the cardinal rule of comedy: "Brevity is the soul of wit."



**4** Carve out a unique niche for yourself that no one else has tried.



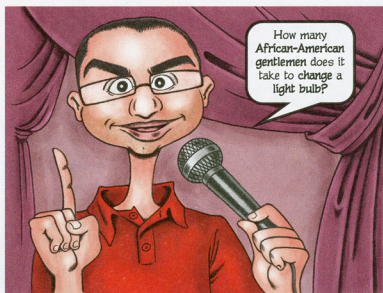
**5** Leave the feminine comedy to women.



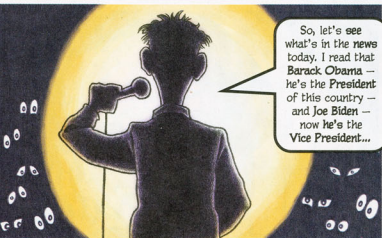
**6** It's possible to be too creative



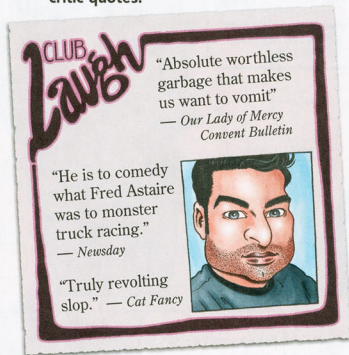
**7** Racial jokes are racial jokes, no matter how you try to soften them.



**8** Don't underestimate your audience's intelligence.



**9** When advertising for your show, it's generally best to only include positive critic quotes.



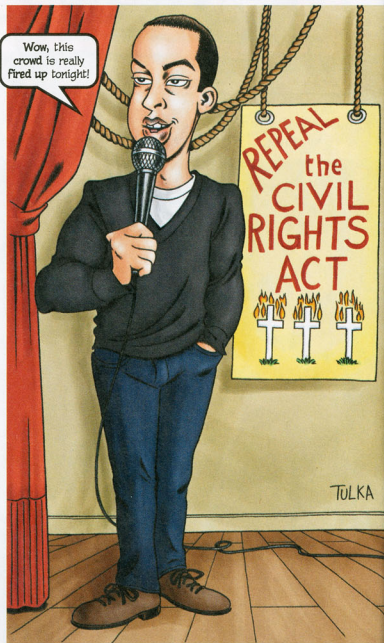
**10** Simply throwing out pop culture references with no context isn't going to work.

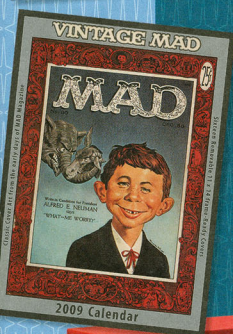
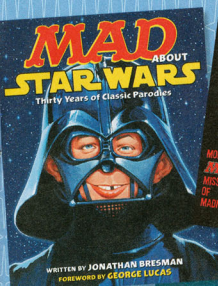


**11** Self-deprecating humor is usually successful, but don't go overboard with it.



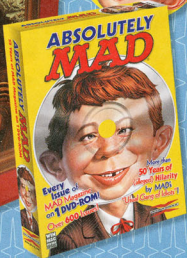
**12** Doing comedy for a cause is great, but choose the cause carefully.



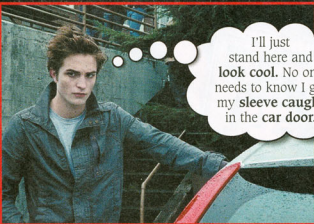


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# MAD's Sucky twilight Outtakes



I'll just stand here and look cool. No one needs to know I got my sleeve caught in the car door.



If he does that stupid "coin behind the ear" trick one more time, I'm gonna shove a stake through his heart!



Dude, I'm over here. You need to face facts — the laser eye surgery didn't work!



Mmmm — there's nothin' like peeing outdoors!



Geez — these American-made cars are so crappy, you can't even smash a mosquito on them!



Stupid white fog! Vampire farts are the worst!



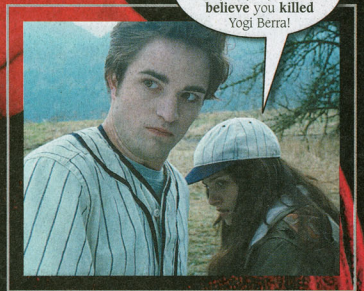
My...car...keys!  
Noooooooooooo!



Wow — we have so much in common. We both love "Rear Defrost"!



It's not your fangs that frighten me — it's those freakishly large eyebrows!



Look. I love my new hat — and you look great in the jersey. I just can't believe you killed Yogi Berra!



Yeah, yeah this would *also* be a great spot for a treehouse... Now can you please just take me home?

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

**JEFFREY  
LOZENGE**

*It was once said, "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes." It was also once said, "Don't shoot!" And it was also once said, "Please pass the chicken gravy."*

*My point is that people say a lot of things. And I say a lot of things too, for example, everything I just said. Which brings me to **MAD** — yes, **MAD** — the magazine whose time is and was and continues to be — also says a lot of things. But the less said about that the better.*

*Someone else who wasn't me once said, "Give me liberty or give me death." Whoa Nellie! (This is me talking again, not that other guy who wasn't me.) Who wouldn't choose liberty over death? That's a no-brainer!*

*"Give me liberty or give me **MAD**!" That's a tougher one. But thanks to the brave soldiers of the American Revolution you don't have to decide!*

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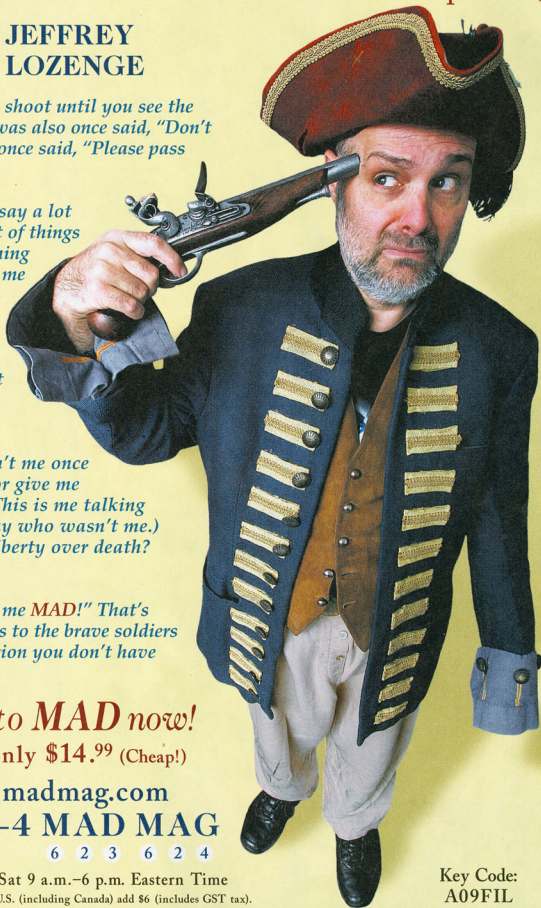
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Inauguration Day in Washington, D.C. — a time for democracy to renew itself. A time for hope, optimism and change. And also a time for simmering rivalries, past slights and petty disagreements to fester in one's mind, creating bitterness, hatred, and, in some cases, the seeds for the next presidential election. Eh, you don't have to be a mind reader to see where this introduction is going...

# MAD EXPOSES WHO'S THINKING WHAT AT THE OBAMA INAUGURATION



Mmmm... Michelle, you sleek little Nubian princess!

This is truly a great day for minorities in America! A man with hair plugs is now Vice President of the United States!

To think that this all started with a five dollar bar bet...

I can't wait to start crushing this liberal bastard's progressive agenda with a 5-4 Supreme Court decision!

So we're getting a puppy. Looks like Barack and I are BOTH going to spend the next few years getting barked at and cleaning up horrible messes!

There's ten seconds left before he's sworn in. I still have time to capture Bin Laden!

If Bill comes within 20 feet of Sarah Palin, I'm gonna get Jesse Jackson to cut his nuts off!

You know, I've softened. I don't want to cut off his nuts any more. I'd be happy just to give him a wedgie!

Look at him — the second most powerful African-American in the country!

I can't believe this guy is succeeding me as President!

WRITERS:  
DESMOND DEVLIN, JEFF KRUSE,  
JACOB LAMBERT, FRANK SANTOPADRE  
AND DENNIS SNEE

ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND



Wow, who knew all you had to do to get elected was have presence, charisma and a personality?

Oh no! It's the Green Goblin! Oh, wait...it's just Harriet Miers.

I hate to be cynical, but I still see a way the GOP could steal this one!

He still hasn't said how he'd tax my non-existent fantasy business!

Maybe I should have gotten this dress cleaned before I wore it again!

One black guy, all alone and dominating 500 white guys? Been there, done that!

Wait, which one is Obama again?

I got cochlear implants for this? Oh, Christ, when will the OxyContin kick in?!

They may have the White House and the House, but that's still nine fewer houses than we have!

Big deal! This can't hold a candle to the 1923 Coolidge inauguration!

I can't believe a terrorist from the country of Africa is President!

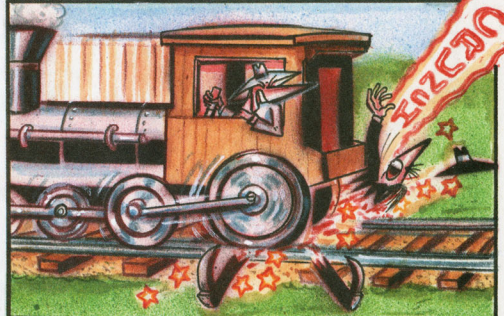
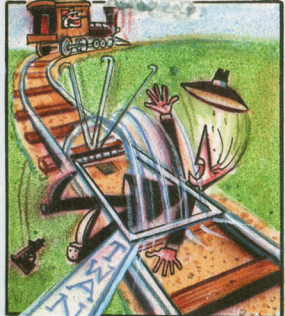
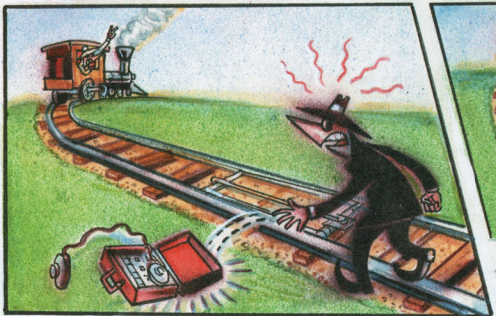
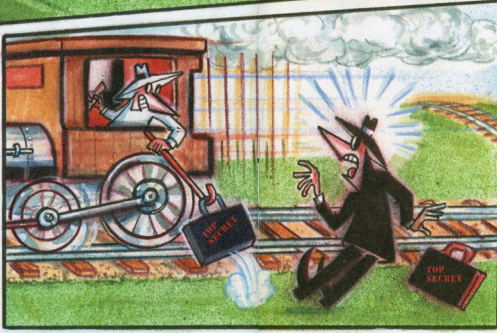
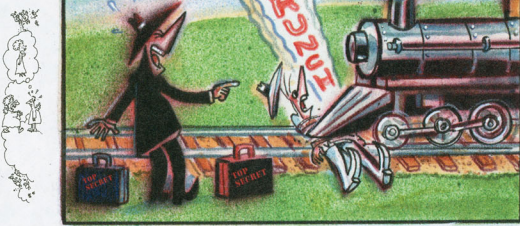
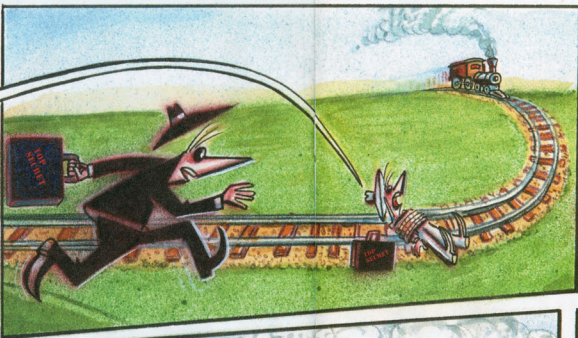
What a moment! To use an appropriate metaphor, it's as historic as a blind wolverine trying to win the big go-cart race!

Goddamn nice of the RNC to get us tickets to this!

Wow, what a crowd. If only this many people watched 30 Rock...

I just hope that putz Biden doesn't ask me to stand up!

# SPY VS SPY





When you say or do stuff that adults don't like or understand (which, let's face it, is all the time) they're quick to criticize and let you know how much more "evolved" they were back when they were "your age." The truth, of course, is that they were far more moronic than you ever were or will be — and you'd be doing them a BIG favor by pointing that out! So remember:

# When Adults Say...

# Remind Them...

WRITER: JACOB LAMBERT  
ARTIST: PETER BAGGE

## When Adults Say...

I respected my elders when I was your age...



## Remind Them...

...Back then, it was still okay to whip the living crap out of kids.

## When Adults Say...

When I was young we didn't sit around all night and play video games...



## Remind Them...

... They had to stand around all night and play video games.

## When Adults Say...

You don't appreciate all that our generation has done for yours...

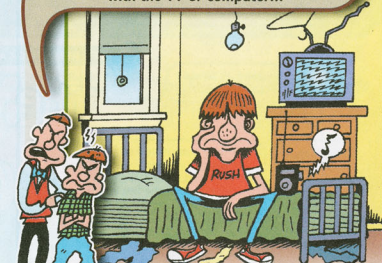


## Remind Them...

...You would, but you're not sure that global warming, war and crushing student loans are actually good things.

## When Adults Say...

In the old days we didn't spend all our time holed up in our room with the TV or computer...



## Remind Them...

...Their bedroom "entertainment system" consisted of a 14-inch black and white television and a transistor radio with an earpiece.

## When Adults Say...

In my day we didn't wear our pants around our butts...

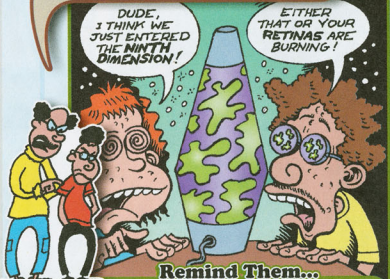


## Remind Them...

... That's because it would've interfered with the noble sweep of their bellbottoms.

## When Adults Say...

Years ago we didn't waste our nights staring at "the MTV"...

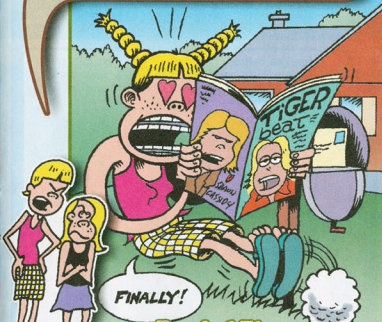


## Remind Them...

... They were too busy wasting time staring at the "multiverse" in their lava lamps.

## When Adults Say...

We didn't spend every single night reading about stupid celebrities...

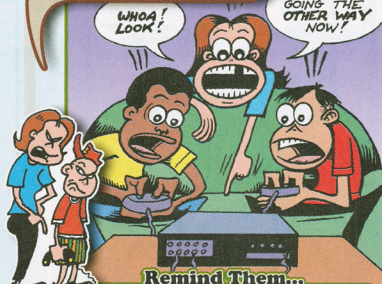


## Remind Them...

...Tiger Beat came out just once a month.

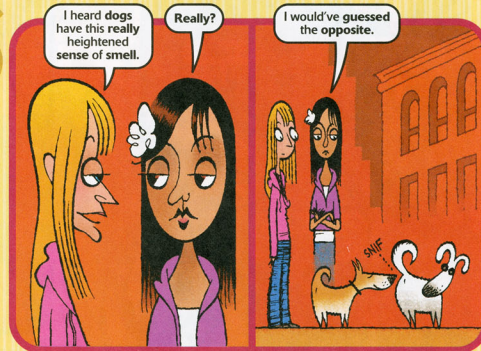
## When Adults Say...

Today's video games are pointless and dumb...



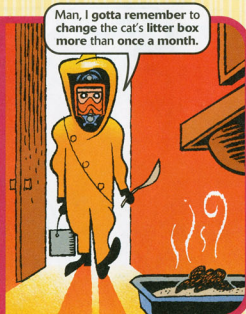
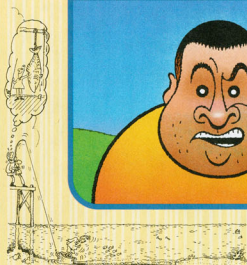
## Remind Them...

...They spent two years of their life absorbed by the hair-raising thrill of Pong.



ARTIST: MARC HEMPEL







you are no longer  
free to move  
about. It's....

# MONROE

and...

# The Plane Trip



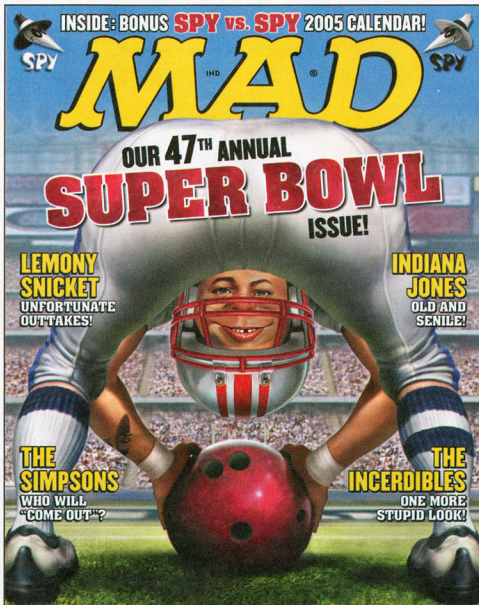
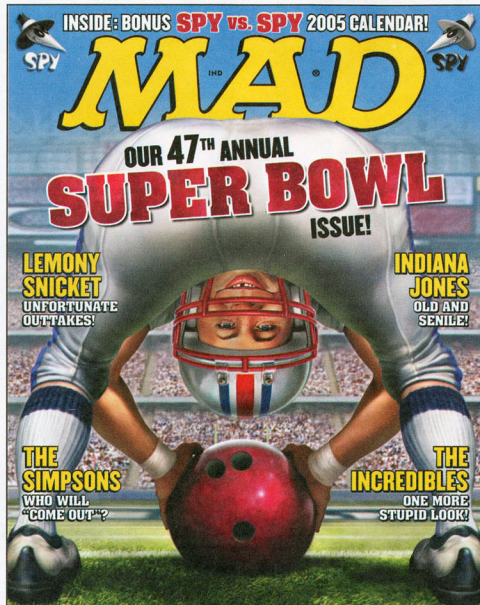






# WHAT THE HECK IS THE DIFFERENCE?

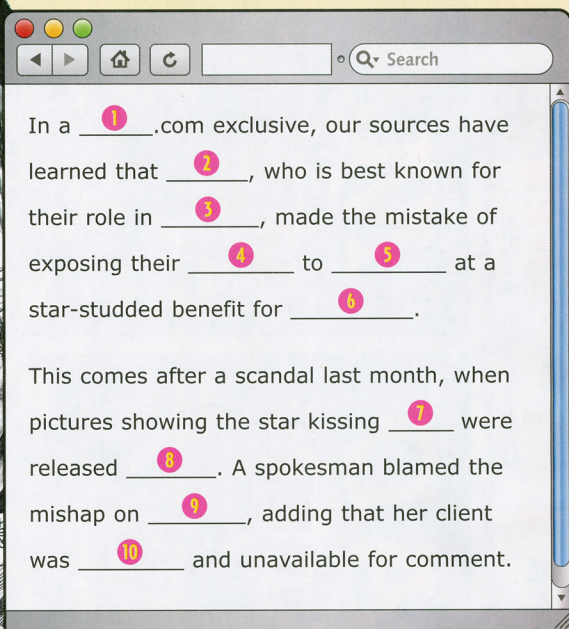
Can you find the 9 idiotic changes we've made to this magazine cover?



- 1) Alfred's head is right-side-up. 2) His face mask is tipped around. 3) All three stripes on the helmet are now red. 4) There's an extra hole in the bowling ball. 5) There's an extra seam in the middle of Alfred's pants. 6) Alfred has a Spy tattoo on his left arm. 7) There's an extra seam in the middle of Alfred's pants. 8) The closest yard marker is missing on the field. 9) "The IncREDIBLEs" is misspelled.



# MAD'S ALL-INCLUSIVE CELEBRITY SCANDAL



# DO-IT-YOURSELF BLOG POSTING

**1** TMZ  
 Perezhilton  
 Gawker  
 TheSuperficial  
 Netflix  
 Wikipedia  
 aljazeera  
 TrannyGranny  
 CindyMcCain  
 VirtualColonoscopy

**2** Amy Winehouse  
 Kim Kardashian  
 Bristol Palin  
 the tennis-loving Geico Caveman  
 Rachael Ray's prep cook  
 Jerry "The King" Lawler  
 Alan Greenspan  
 Reverend Jeremiah Wright  
 Naruto  
 some YouTube douche-nozzle

**3** Ocean's 13: The Musical!  
 outing Neil Patrick Harris  
 O.J.'s Vegas trial  
 a doomed McLaughlin Group spin-off  
 the "4Girls and 2Cups" video  
 their own family's home movies  
 the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy  
 those Head-On commercials  
 Pamela Anderson's hepatitis contraction  
 the Hamas takeover of Gaza

**4** bank account  
 PIN number  
 giant, fake boobs  
 love of Webkinz  
 Ignorance of the  
 Sino-Russian War  
 tattoo of K-Fed  
 complete lack of shame  
 pair of Spanx  
 film negatives  
 desire to fist-bump  
 Michelle Obama  
 theory about Lost

**5** paparazzi  
 nearby orphans  
 disinterested silence  
 the non-singing  
 Pussycat Dolls  
 courtroom sketch artists  
 gamma radiation  
 Dateline's Chris Hansen  
 the buttery taste of  
 Fleischmann's margarine  
 the concept of evolution  
 Larry King's  
 suspender wrangler

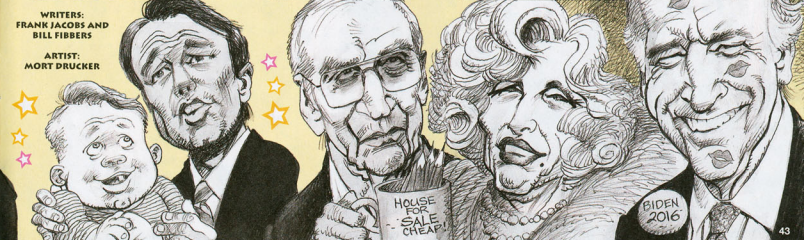
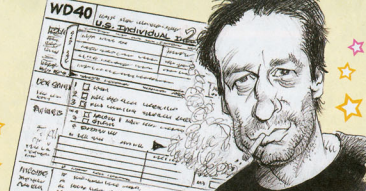
**6** Mr. Kite  
 Flavor Flav's  
 favorite shortie  
 restless leg syndrome  
 a homeless Ed McMahon  
 Doctors Without  
 Barnes and Noble  
 Jews for Jesus Alou  
 Hillary Clinton's cankles  
 Chronic priapism  
 John Edwards'  
 love child  
 bovine psoriasis

**7** Paris Hilton  
 Brody Jenner  
 the ass of some  
 record executive  
 the pinkie ring of Don Anthony  
 "The Gooch" Casapedini  
 Rudy Giuliani in drag  
 an empty bottle of tequila  
 Oprah's gal-pal Gayle  
 Joe Biden  
 Teamsters for 5 Bucks a pop  
 their pathetic little  
 career goodbyes

**8** into the wild  
 as a free download on iTunes  
 to members of their online fan club  
 in specially marked boxes of Cheerios  
 after a humiliating game of Simon Says  
 at an undisclosed location  
 rectally  
 via parachute  
 direct to DVD  
 into the custody of Dina Lohan

**9** exhaustion  
 big tobacco  
 the bad influence of Gossip Girl  
 the late Estelle Getty  
 bad weed  
 home schooling  
 a Nancy Grace trade  
 McDonald's dollar menu  
 searing gas pain  
 the Hadron supercollider

**10** entering rehab  
 practicing Zumba  
 vomiting like there's no tomorrow  
 undergoing a tax audit  
 upgrading a cell phone plan  
 sponsoring a highway  
 denying the Holocaust  
 dating David Duchovny  
 inked to be in the new Batman  
 no longer her client



WRITERS:  
 FRANK JACOBS AND  
 BILL FIBBERS  
 ARTIST:  
 MORT DRUCKER



When picking a psychic, you have to be careful. If you rush into things, you might end up with a phoney baloney fortune teller that's completely full of crap! But if you do your research, you'll wind up with a phoney baloney fortune teller who's just *mostly* full of crap! It's a delicate science to pick the frauds from the superfrauds, and MAD is happy to provide these:

... um, then Your big brother, Mike, thinks about starting a band, but Your kooky neighbor, um, I can't remember his name—but it's NOT Mr. Roper—he causes a stink, and then...



He predicts what you know, for a fact, to be an entire episode of *Growing Pains*.

Gosh, I wonder if that's Aunt Helen coming through?



His trance state involves a lot of snoring.

# TELL-TALE SIGNS THAT YOU'VE GOT A REALLY BAD PSYCHIC



You notice the crystal ball has 3 holes in it and a "Bowlaroo" logo.



Your lucky numbers are sensed through the energy your credit card emits.

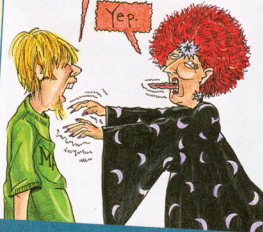
...oh Yes, and take comfort in knowing she's experiencing absolutely zero static cling!



An article of clothing from your missing cousin reveals she is somewhere Downy fresh.

Wow. So I'm gonna have to pee soon, huh?

Yep.



She can only predict twenty minutes into the future.

I don't know where it comes from-I just know-I'm talking four, five bucks a gallon.



She keeps getting a strong image of you paying more at the pump.

hugnngh... graaack... guhhhcka... hutah...



All the dead people you want to contact mysteriously "have laryngitis."

Oook Not good. You just pulled yourself a Giancarlo Alvarado... GASP!!! with a Taylor Teagarden Rising!



Your reading is done with baseball cards instead of Tarot cards.

The news media typically reviews a new President's performance after his first 100 days in office, using it as a barometer to measure the Commander-in-Chief's effectiveness. We say pshaw! (And that's not so easy to say!) MAD believes we can find out everything we'll need to know about Barack by reviewing...

# The First 100 Minutes of the Obama Presidency

WRITERS: BILL FIBBERS AND FRANK SANTOPADRE

ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN

## 00: Finish up inaugural address

01-02: Round up Michelle and kids, give finger to Bush and Cheney, head to Oval Office



## 03: Remove stupid flag pin from lapel

## 04: Rescind order that all White House TVs be set to FOX News

## 05-06: Send thank you note to George Bush for helping me get elected

## 07: Schedule weekly brunch with Bill Ayers

## 08: Submit Keith Olbermann's name for Presidential Medal of Freedom

## 09: Fill out change of address forms

## 10-13: Sneak out to Rose Garden for a quick smoke



## 14-16: Watch trailer for new Star Trek movie

## 17-19: Begin fundraising for 2012 campaign

## 20: Reject request for exclusive interview with Black President magazine

## 21-22: Pressure Harry Reid to appoint Jeremiah Wright new Chaplain of the Senate

## 23-24: Scrape eight years worth of chewing gum off the bottom of the Oval Office desk



## 25: Go on Facebook; put out a friend request to Ahmadinejad (with no preconditions)

## 26: Remind Biden to "shut his f\*cking cakehole"

## 27: Check Amazon's ranking of The Audacity of Hope

## 28-30: Organize pick-up basketball game with Supreme Court: Robes vs. Skins



## 31-34: Sneak out to Rose Garden for a quick smoke

## 35: Decline Barney Frank's invitation to Sex and the City marathon

## 36-37: Make some calls; arrange for Cheney to be put up at Walter Reed after his next heart attack

## 38: Screw with Secret Service agents by shouting out, "Hey, it's almost prayer time, which way is Mecca?!"

## 39: Send mash note to Doris Kearns Goodwin

## 40-41: Line new puppy cage with worthless GM stock



42: Call Oprah, put her on hold just to mess with her



43: Send mother-in-law packing to an "undisclosed location"

44: Turn down Ed McMahon's bailout request

45-48: Sneak out to Rose Garden for a quick smoke

49-51: Give *SNL*'s Fred Armisen some pointers on his lame Obama impression

52: Tell Rahm Emanuel to hold off sending dead fish to Joe Lieberman

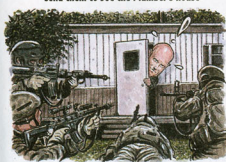


53-57: Send note to every girl who rejected him in high school on stationery marked "Office of the President of the United States"

58: Order I.R.S. super-audit of Sean Hannity

59-60: Look into getting discount on that Obama Presidential Coin Set

61-62: Pull CIA Black Ops forces out of Iraq; send them to Joe the Plumber's house



63-64: Turn down Bush's request to donate to his "Presidential Library"

65-67: Delete "private" Scarlett Johansson photos before surrendering Blackberry to Secret Service

68: Plan first extended Camp David vacation to coincide with March Madness

69-72: Try to break 70 on Guitar Hero



73: Go on Facebook; poke Hugo Chavez

74: Have FBI investigate rumor that Henry Paulson spent two billion of bailout money on lottery scratch-off tickets

75-78: Sneak out to Rose Garden for a quick smoke



79: Deny Bill Clinton's request for round-the-clock Lincoln Bedroom access

80: Submit Tom Daschle's name as a contestant on *Deal or No Deal* as way of helping balance budget

81-82: Get Michelle to ditch J. Crew and start dressing more like Beyoncé



83: Sign executive order authorizing Delta Force to cut off Jesse Jackson's nuts

84: Just to be different, appoint staff members based on intellect and competence

85: Rescind Bush order to drill for oil in Arlington National Cemetery

86: Send *Dreams From My Father* screenplay to Denzel Washington

87: Set alarm for 3 a.m. in order to crank call Hillary



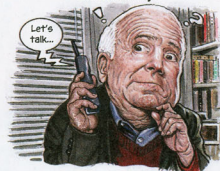
88: Politely decline Xzibit's offer to "Pimp My Presidential Ride" by adding spinning rims

89: Remove dunking stool, iron maiden and other "conversation pieces" from Cheney's office

90: Pardon Mike Myers for *The Love Guru*

91-99: Do a little blow

100: Call John McCain, see if he's still interested in the job



# TATTOO REGRET?

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-Adam

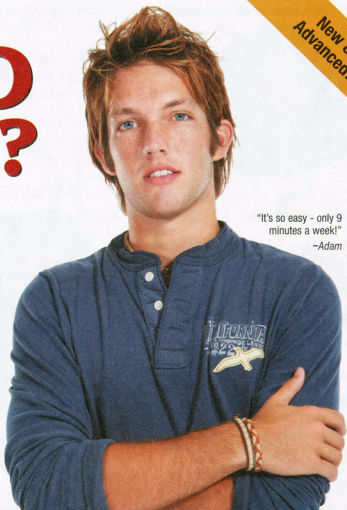


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After



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**WHAT TRANSITION  
OF POWER ARE  
MANY AMERICANS  
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UNEASY ABOUT?**

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

In the coming months, there will be a shift in leadership that has some hopeful, but many concerned. Although change can be good, if it's not handled well, then it is certainly no laughing matter. To find what conversion has some people staying up late at night, fold page in as shown.



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**B**

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**LET'S GET USED TO THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO  
WAY TO STOP CHANGE. THE ONLY WAY TO  
CONTINUE IS FOR ALL TO DO THE BEST THEY CAN**

**A**

WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

**B**

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Star Wars: The Force Unleashed

LEGO Friends: The Video Game



Hot Shots Golf: Open Tee 2



FIFA 09



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