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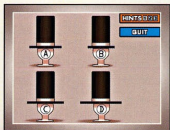


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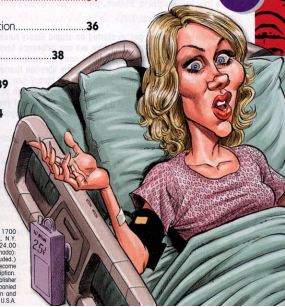
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Back in MAD #478, Mor Lurie wrote in to the MAKE A DUMB WISH FOUNDATION™ asking us to print a photo of her and her fiancé to present as a surprise wedding gift. Being suckers for romance (and cheap subscribers) we did print the photo, and then asked them to send us a photograph from their wedding day. Well, lo and behold, we opened up our e-mail and up popped 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



MOR AND PAZ ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY

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 MAD! Can you please explain to my daughter-in-law how cool it is to read MAD and not to get uptight with his grandpa — otherwise there'll be nothing when I pass away!

Ralph Marston, Abington, MA

Ralph Malph — Your letter left us with more questions than answers. The only thing that will be left when you pass away will be your MAD subscriptions? Perhaps *that's* what your daughter-in-law is really pissed about! That's not much of an inheritance, Ralph! Maybe stop forcing Sergio Aragones down their throats and buy them some saving bonds! But all in all, we appreciate you corrupting three generations of your family — see ya 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 sure she gets there safe, 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 it in the magazine and you'll get your free subscription! —Ed.

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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!



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

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.

And yet MAD is no ointment or cream, nor does it come in a tube. MAD is like the good hive of the fluttering bees, and requires no topical treatment whatsoever. It's a warm, safe cocoon in this world of hideous skin eruptions.

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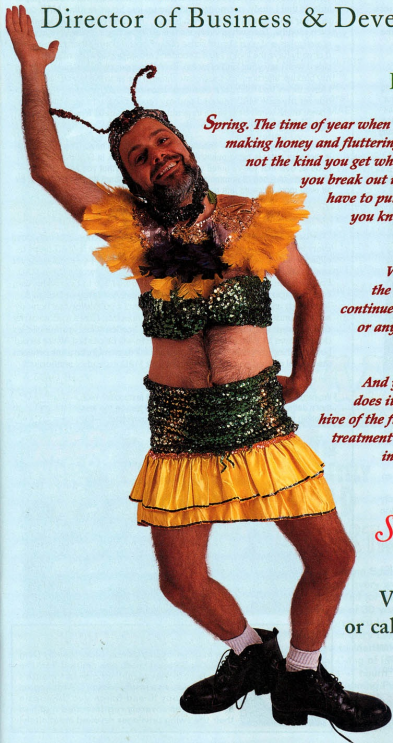
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MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

So the other night at Nordstrom at Tysons Corner Center, we had a chance to meet the Prince of Darkness (Ozzy Osbourne) himself! 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 at a mall in suburban Virginia! Was he summoning the Dark Lord while waiting in line at Cinnabon? Maybe he was consulting with Mephistopheles while trying on performance fleeces of Old Navy? Or maybe he felt his spirit while enjoying the massage chair at Brookstone? 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 apologize 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 outted yourself and admitted that you have all the cleverness of a bag of hamsters, 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 textbooks?

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 Institute! 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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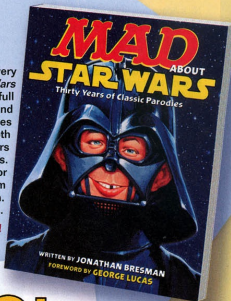
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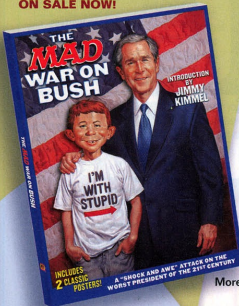
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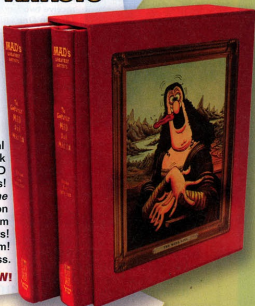
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THE BIG EASEL

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

Acquadro — 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.



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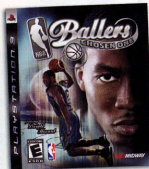
In a recent issue of *Entertainment Weekly*, director Mike Nichols revealed this little gem about MAD and his film *The Graduate*.

"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 obvious."



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 PS3s courtesy 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 courtesy 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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PITCHES MADE IN HOLLYWOOD NOW THAT THE WRITERS' STRIKE IS OVER

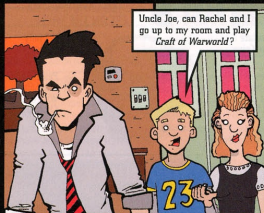
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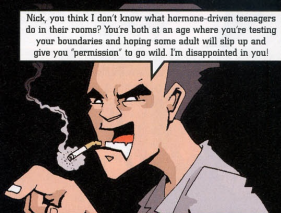
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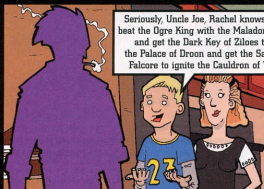
XXX-rated remake of
The Elephant Man. Catchy
title: *The Elephantitis Man*.
Possibly in daymation.



Uncle Joe, can Rachel and I
go up to my room and play
Craft of Warworld?



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 Hammer
and get the Dark Key of Ziloes to enter
the Palace of Droon and get the Sapphire of
Falcure to ignite the Cauldron of Wisdom!




Now I'm REALLY
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in you!



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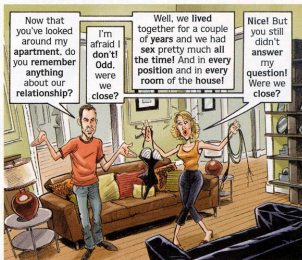
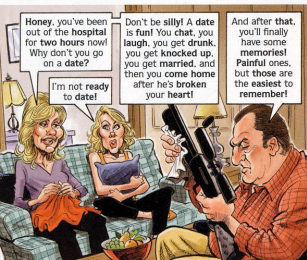
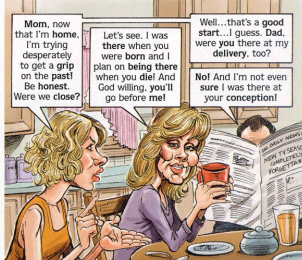
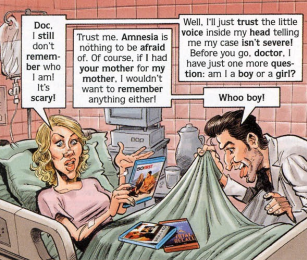
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ANSWERS: 1) The issue number has changed. 2) On the letter "A" in MAD, the hole has been filled in. 3) In the upper right, broken text has been asked to be said. 4) The "Home Sweet Homeless" sign has an extra flower design. 5) "amazon.com" has been removed. 6) On the right side of the sidewalk, a crack has been added. 7) The LFO symbol is missing lines.







That wasn't even from this show! What kind of flashback do you call that?

I call that a good one! Married with Children ran for ten years!

But I played a young, shallow, stupid character! I've changed as an actress!

True, you're not young anymore!



Odd, do you think we should try dating again?

No way! I only wish I had been hit by a car so I could suffer from amnesia rather than remember our past! You could be one nasty bit—

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 you see now is the new...

Please stop! I'm sick of those "old me/new me" rants every week. Just once I'd to hear you do "old me/new joke!"



Flank, I know I normally just come out here and ask you to call me a cab, but not today!

That's good, because I'm not working today! I'm on my way to a convention!

Yeah, whatever. I just wanted to tell you that I've changed! The old me was totally self-centered, but now I care about people! I observe everyone and listen to what they have to say! I'm looking at the new me! Now I'm paying full attention! And I'm seeing something I never noticed before! You got a haircut?

And I'm seeing something I noticed a million times before—you're dumber than a sock monkey!



Do you remember this, Sam? This is your office!

And I worked here?

Work? No, it was your office! You played here! You know. Lunchtime quickies, morning break quickies, afternoon break quickies. Don't you remember anything?

I don't remember, but it explains why my secretary asked if I needed more paper, staples, scotch tape, condoms or zippered leather hoods!



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

We were making money! All the sub-prime loan money we sunk into condos and new homes are now going into foreclosures!

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

Did you have amnesia, or a lobotomy?





Demeana, I must apologize for all the disgusting things I did back in school! I know I used to call you a fat pig! That was awful!

No, that was good! You were looking out for my health!

And in your yearbook I was the one who wrote you were "most likely to enter show business: as the circus fat lady!" That must have made you very angry!

It did! But I got even with you! For three days I only lit half the candles in the "Slomantha Shrine" I created in your honor! But they're all lit now!

I never should have made fun of your weight! It's your lack of brains that I should have been putting down all those years!

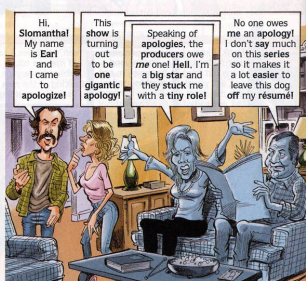


It's great we're going to have dinner together, but this wasn't a good restaurant to pick!

Don't tell me I made trouble with the waiters here!

The waiters yes, but more than the waiters, you pissed off the owner!

Not you!! Please, please, please leave! Eat in any other &*&ing restaurant in the city and send me the bill! It's my treat! I used to think I was #&^ing mean, but next to you, they call me Chef Pussycat!

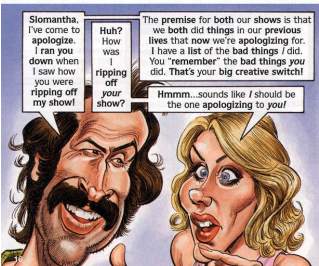


Hi, Slomantha! My name is Earl and I came to apologize!

This show is turning out to be one gigantic apology!

Speaking of apologies, the producers owe me one! Hell, I'm a big star and they stuck me with a tiny role!

No one owes me an apology! I don't say much on this series so it makes it a lot easier to leave this dog off my résumé!

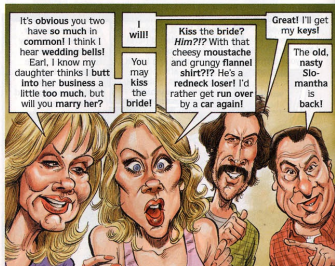


Slomantha, I've come to apologize. I ran you down when I saw how you were ripping off my show!

Huh? How was I ripping off your show?

The premise for both our shows is that we both did things in our previous lives that now we're apologizing for. I have a list of the bad things I did. You "remember" the bad things you did. That's your big creative switch!

Hmmm...sounds like I should be the one apologizing to you!



It's obvious you two have so much in common! I think I hear wedding bells! Earl, I know my daughter thinks I butt into her business a little too much, but will you marry her?

I will! You may kiss the bride!

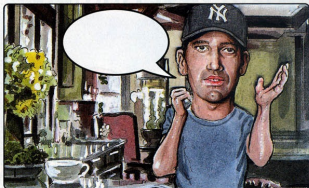
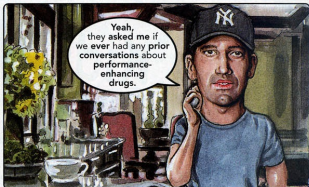
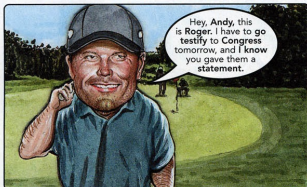
Kiss the bride? Him?!? With that cheesy moustache and grungy flannel shirt?!? He's a redneck loser! I'd rather get run over by a car again!

Great! I'll get my keys!

The old, nasty Slomantha is back!



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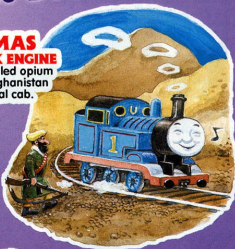


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was born out of wedlock, and the younger one was adopted.



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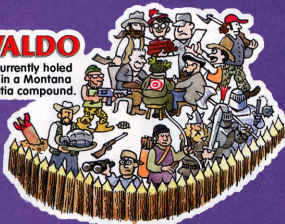


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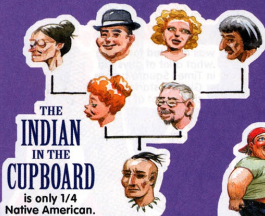
WALDO

is currently holed up in a Montana militia compound.



CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS

lied on his résumé, and never passed the rank of corporal.



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is only 1/4
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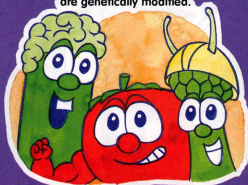
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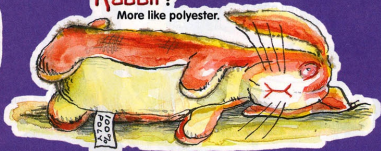
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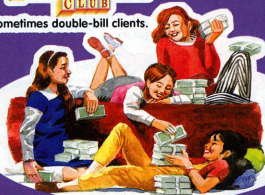


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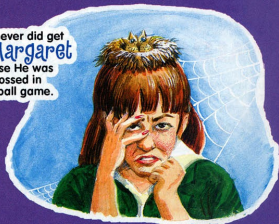
More like polyester.



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sometimes double-bill clients.



God never did get
back to Margaret
because He was
engrossed in
a football game.



The Little Prince

originally
took power
in a bloody
palace coup.



The Berenstain Bears

parents stopped loving
each other years ago,
and are only staying
together for the cubs.

The Cricket
in Times Square

was arrested for doing
what a lot of guys did
in Times Square before
Giuliani started to
clean a lot of it up.



**The Very
Hungry
Caterpillar**
eventually was
cured after a
gastric bypass.



TEE
HEE

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Let's just say
that, unlike
Dumbledore,
the **Lion**
isn't ready to
come out of the
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quite yet.



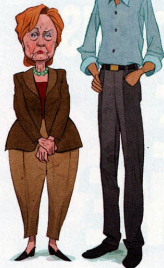
Hello, I'm Barack.

And I'm H.C.



Why so glum, H.C.?

My front-runner lead is blown. And after a year and a half of campaigning, I've won only 16 states.



Really? I've won 26.

And I'm behind in the delegate count, too. You know how it is.



Well, actually, I don't. I'm leading in the delegate count. Have you considered withdrawing?

Withdrawing?



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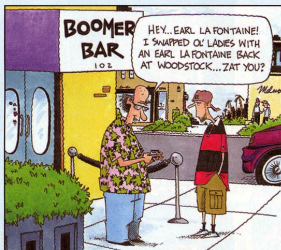
I heard you're a Muslim.





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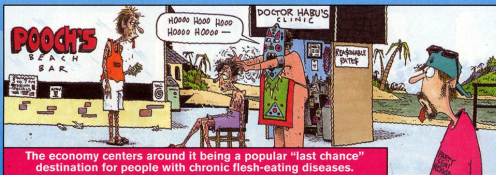
Spring Break is a time to cut loose, get wild and have the time of your life. Unfortunately, every Spring Break also includes some bad decisions. But what if the first bad decision you make is in picking your vacation spot! Oh no, Chester, you're in for worse than just a sunburn if you notice...



The local black market on fake I.D.s centers mainly around bogus A.A.R.P. cards.

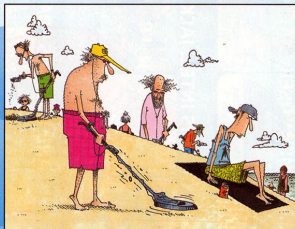


By a show of hands, you discover you're the only one in the bar not violating his parole.



The economy centers around it being a popular "last chance" destination for people with chronic flesh-eating diseases.

JOHN CALDWELL'S Signs you've chosen the Wrong Spring Break destination



On the beach, the ratio of metal detectors to Frisbees? About 35 to 1.



The only wet t-shirt events in town are baptism related.



Unfortunately, when surf's up... so's the medical waste.



In those parts, "Girls Gone Wild" is synonymous with "Bingo."



Instead of an MTV crew there to capture all the beach action, you see the guy from the *Dirty Jobs* TV show disemboweling a beached walrus.

The Dumbest, Lamest, Most Idiotic Spring Break Mementos Ever!



The beach photo keychain of you doing muscle poses which you bought 30¢ because the girl selling them was so hot.



A scrapbook full of citations for public urination.



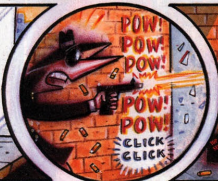
A corny, unoriginal T-shirt that announces to the whole universe that you spent Spring Break someplace really stupid.



A poorly produced CD by some atrocious local band that, after about four Jägermeisters, you thought was awesome.

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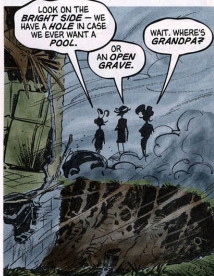
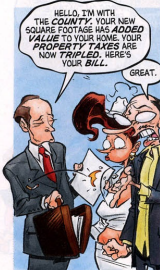
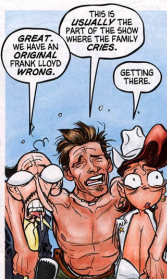
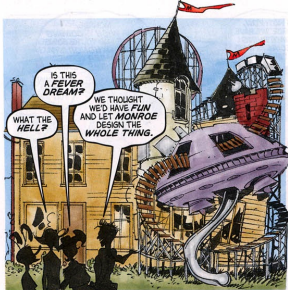
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Hello, I'm Barack.

And I'm H.C.
I'm the next President
of the United States.

Whoa, whoa, hold on there,
H.C. — I believe I've gotten
more votes than you.

Yes, but votes don't
matter. It's all about
Super Delegates.

Ignoring the primary voter doesn't
sound very democratic. If you get the
most votes, you should win.

In Presidential elections,
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the most votes loses.
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So, by being ahead
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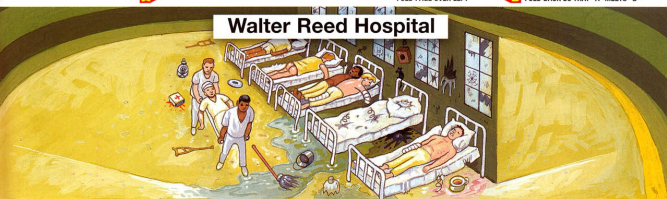


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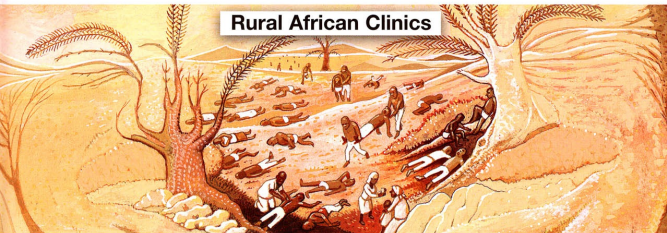
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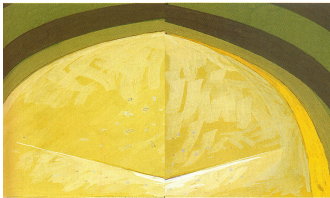
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WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD?

LEWIS BLACK

I saw the other day — and I did you rat — a chicken trying to cross the road. It may have, in fact, been a great time for road crossing... if you were a f---in' cat! And a chicken? A f---in' chicken??? Are you f---in' kidding me? What is this chicken doing now a road? How did this happen? When did chickens decide to travel by road? Shouldn't they be traveling — oh, I don't know... meat the dirt? The next time I see a chicken trying to cross the road, I'm going to take a s--- and shove it in my eye! Because at least that would actually make sense!

ELLEN DEGENERES

So the other day I saw this, this chicken, just standing in the middle of nowhere. Which was 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 chick 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 about things, this, this bird is standing right next to a road and it's gawking with its foot — in it, it's a crack! — whatever this, it's heading into the street, and I can't even see it's feet! I can't see it! What? When did this chicken come here? 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 getting the deposit back on that getting this they're not.

DANE COOK

Why did the chicken cross the road? I mean, what was the bird doing trying to cross the street? For what reason was this much-to-be-a-MP-skin-head crossing a busy intersection filled with vehicles? You know what makes sense? — at 6:50, so I beg to tell it — this 6:50 trying to transverse the street, reading part, if you will, and no one knows why. Thank you!

JAY LENO

No, 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 not home in an act of love play. Thank you, thank you, but the real trouble began when the chicken couldn't get out, because the road ego had already been liquidated. Kevin knows what I'm talking about!

WALTER WARREN GREENBUSH
ARTIST: JASON HILLER

LARRY THE CABLE GUY

I ain't told nobody 'bout this yet, but I got this chicken back home. I like to name my pets after the places I talked for them to go, so I call this little cat, "Baby." Nah, nah, his name is "Baby." That's not right, I don't laugh of that... so I've been tried to escape one day and I catch her trying to get a ride from some stranger. Fortunately, I had just eaten chicken fingers the other day, so she didn't have nothing to dislike with! I ain't kidding for that — that's not right... but I ain't to always trying to cross the road, so I just named a MTC across the street — scared him right back into the coop! GET-A-DONE!

BILL MAHER

How rare, then, now, is, if chickens want to cross the road, at least make it challenging. My brave boyfriend Frank, I dare you to try to cross a road in Iraq. If you can find a way to get around all of the chicken casualties, destroyed infrastructure, and dead American soldiers, then the Republicans may just have a job for you.

CARLOS MENCIA

There was this heavier chicken, man, who was always trying to cross the road. So one, if this chicken was a M. Mexican, he'd have crossed the road in a car filled with 30 other Mexican chickens! But this heavier chicken couldn't cross the road because this farmer, see, he put a huge of fence blocking my way. What a f----on-thee! I mean, everyone knows that chicken is a big fence to cross the Mexican — even the chickens.

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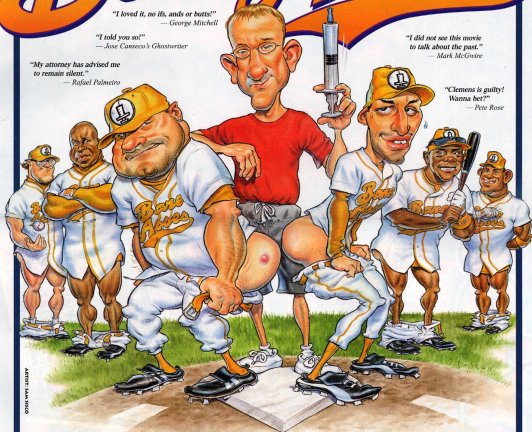
"I loved it, no ifs, ands or butts!"
— George Mitchell

"I told you so!"
— Jose Canseco's Ghostwriter

"My attorney has advised me
to remain silent."
— Rafael Palmeiro

"I did not see this movie
to talk about the past."
— Mark McGwire

"Clemens is guilty!
Wanna bet?"
— Pete Rose



ARTIST: IAN SHIO

Baseball has rules. Not that these a-holes care.

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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 tried 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.

So I said yes.

I think I got blackmailed by a teacher. I didn't even know they were allowed to do that.

[8 April|06:17pm]

[mood] [anxious]

So, today, I had my audition for the play. It's called *Our Town*, and we all did a scene as the main character, George. The play's about how George falls in love with a girl named Emily, and she dies. Spoiler alert. Sorry.

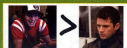
To get a small part, I tried to act as bad as I could, so I pretended I was *Ashton Kutcher*. But three of the other guys also didn't want to be there, so they did even worse. Ben Irvin pretended he didn't understand how scripts work, so he kept reading his character name at the beginning of his lines, saying things like "George hello" 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.

The cast list goes up tomorrow. I really want to just be, "Townsperson Number Two," but really, just so long as I'm not George, I'll be happy.

[9 April|03:03pm]

Well, the list is up, and I'm George.

Crap. I knew I should've acted like *Ryan Phillippe*.



Meanwhile, one of the three guys who actually wanted to be in the play was so angry that I got the part that he quit. Miss Engel said that was OK — she'll just recast his part with a girl, so the townsperson named Sam is now called Samantha.

[11 April|04:27pm]

[mood] [scared]

Today, Jay Shepard, who's a huge senior and the captain of the lacrosse team, came 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 Abigail. She always smells like onions, 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 Abigail didn't want to kiss me, either, because of doing it, she just said, "Mwah!"

Meanwhile, Mike Fine slipped on the ice and broke his collarbone. Miss Engel gave his part to another one of the girls, so the character of Joe is now Josephine.

[17 April|08:55pm]

The good news is, I figured out that if you just focus on Abigail's right eye, it's almost as if she's looking right at you.

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 played George's father, can't be in it because he has to go to his Grandpa's funeral. And Eddie Lee, who played Emily's father, fell off the stage and broke his leg. So Miss Engel 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 tried to complain, but Miss Engel looked really frantic, so they kept their mouths shut.

I'm the last boy left in the play. Miss Engel told me to be very, very careful for the next few days. I didn't tell her that there's a 50/50 chance I'll be impaled on a lacrosse stick before opening night.

[22 April|09:22pm]

[mood] [sleepless]

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]

Whoa! 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]

[mood] [puking]

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. Abigail 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 nothing but puking. Miss Engel tried to make me come in and appear in the play — she said they'd put buckets at both sides of the stage for me — but my 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 Abigail read all my lines, preceded by, "If George were here, I bet he'd say this right now:"

Chuck said it actually made the whole thing a little more interesting, actually.

A MAD LOOK AT DOCTORS



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BASED ON THIS INTEL, JACK ASKS CHLOE



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Good news!
I found something
to help us make sense
of this series!

A POINT IN THE LEE DEPT.

With Barry Bonds, people are of two mindsets — they either hate him for disgracing baseball, or they're idiots who won't

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