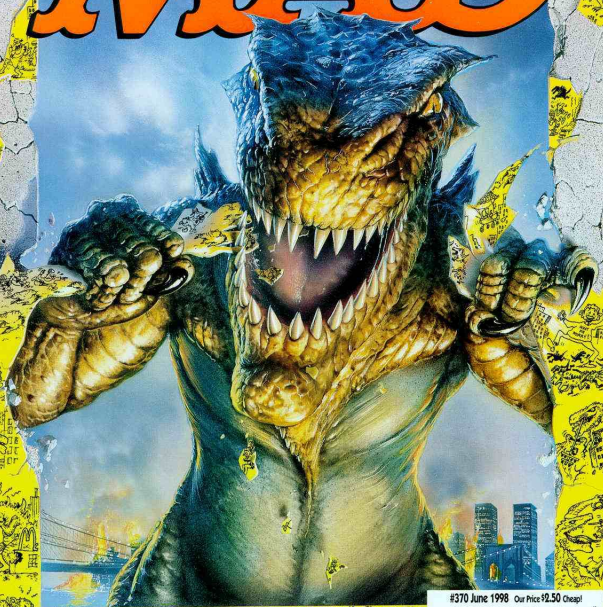




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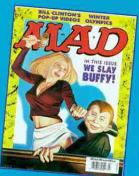
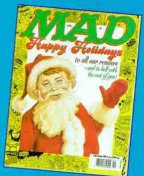
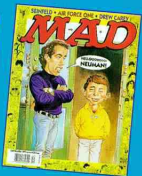
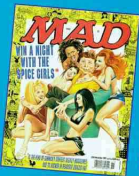
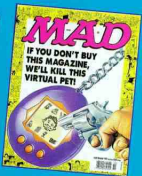
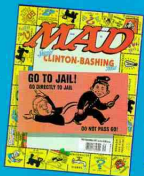
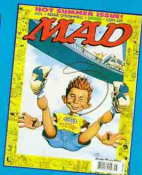
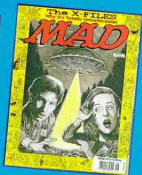
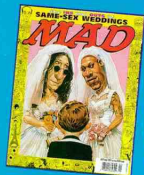
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ON SALE JUNE 23!

I'M WITH CUPID

Boy am I upset! On Valentine's Day I gave my sweetheart a MAD Magazine and she dumped me. Why?

Bob Shilling
Redmond, WA

Bobby — We sat around the office and asked ourselves why a copy of MAD would force her to give you the heave-ho!

1) She was so intimidated by your obvious appreciation of humor and satire that she couldn't possibly keep up with you intellectually! 2) Seeing MAD reminded her of an old boyfriend who had an appreciation of humor and satire! 3) From day one she could never get those stupid fold-ins to fold right, and by giving her a copy of MAD she thought you were mocking her ineptitude and clumsiness! 4) It had nothing to do with MAD at all — she'd just had it with those rows of golden kernels of corn you call teeth! Only you know which number is correct, Bobbo! —Ed.

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ALFRED E. GATES



As both subscribers of Upside magazine know, the November 1997 issue of this pesky publication featured a morph of Alfred E. Neuman and uber technogeek Bill Gates! Imagine the possibilities if such a person really existed — a man with the money of Bill Gates and the brains of Alfred — www.loser.com/fal

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My father, Dr. John B. Hession, becomes 75 on January 26, 1998. Being a loving, nurturing parent, he introduced his five children to MAD at an early age. He wanted to be sure we had a solid background for reading classic literature. It worked! We all read MAD. Now that Dad is 75, he gets his money's worth out of MAD magazine. He reads it twice before he remembers what he's read! Please print his name in your magazine. It's the cheapest gift I could think to get him.

Maeva Sanchez
Chesapeake City, MD

Maeva — Our pleasure: Happy Birthday Dr. John B. Hession! Happy Birthday Dr. John B. Hession! Hope you only had to read this once! —Ed.

NAG RACING

Apparently you guys don't watch drag racing very much because you screwed up a picture in your article "A MAD Look at Drag Racing" (Issue #366). You drew a picture of a drag racing driver waiting to start the race, but he can't because his door is locked. If you had any brains you would know that cars used in drag racing don't have doors, the body of the car lifts up. So why in the world is that moron trying to open the car door with a hanger? Maybe you guys should lay in the middle of a race track and get a first hand view. Or you could call up John Caldwell!

Matt Behnke
Warsaw, IN

Matt — We took your advice and called John Caldwell. Unfortunately, he is still feeling the effects of the head-on collision (See letters page #366). John says: "Huh, what? They still haven't stopped the bleeding, man." But not to worry — we managed to schedule an appointment for Caldwell with the renowned physician, Dr. John B. Hession. We hear he is excellent if you don't mind having to repeat your symptoms twice! —Ed.

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS



Gene Philip of Great Falls, VA sent in this very curious snapshot of himself, Miss Mia Farrow, two issues of MAD in which Miss Farrow appears on the covers and a big, burly bodyguard that Miss Farrow obviously hired to keep the likes of Gene the hell away from her! Although we may be mistaken, right after this photo was taken, it is rumored that Miss Farrow offered to adopt Gene. We don't know what was finally decided, but we do have a tip for Gene Farrow nee Philip: stay out of the attic with the Woodman! Congrats on your one-year subscription to MAD!

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CARREY PACKAGE

I am disgusted that in "The California Institute of Comedy Writing" (MAD #366) you did not mention Jim Carrey. I mean, you could have added something, anything!

Dan Dawson
Ontario, Canada

O Danny Boy — We didn't think that it was appropriate to mention Jim Carrey in an article about comedy. Having just seen snippets of *The Cable Guy* on HBO for the zillionth time, we stand behind our decision! —Ed.



ROUGH, TOUGH, AND IN THE BUFFY

It's about time you did a satire on my favorite TV show, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* (MAD #367). Torres and DeBartolo did their usual crummy job! Boy, that Sarah Michelle Gellar is a real cutie! Any chance you guys can find out her phone number so I can ask her out on a date? I'll be waiting for that with breathless anticipation!

Joe Fonseca
Ontario, Canada

Joey Joe — Obviously we can't give you Sarah's phone number. But we did call her up and we read her your heartfelt letter. After hearing it, Sarah had to fight off the urge to plunge a wooden stake into her own heart! We hate to be the bearer of bad news, but why would beautiful, sexy and talented Sarah go on a date with an über loser from Kitchener, Ontario? We suggest you start out your journey into the pleasures of the flesh with something easier and more attainable. You know, like the Spice Girls or Hanson! Good luck and thanks for writing from the Great White North! —Ed.

THE PET OFFENSIVE

I have read MAD Magazine for the longest time and I have never been so disgusted in my life! In issue #366's "Approaches to Avoid When Your Child's Pet Dies," I think that you should consider that children are affected by a death of their pet. So maybe you should take that attitude about animals and cram it!

Denise Mercado
Fort Stockton, TX

Denise — Why do we get the feeling that when you finally have to be "put to sleep," your dog/cat/goldfish/hamster is going to throw the biggest block party that Fort Stockton has ever seen! Meow! —Ed.

MAD BITES DOG! (AND CATS AND BIRDS AND FROGS...)

Slither Down To Your Newsstand And Adopt A
Copy Before We're Forced To Put Them To Sleep!

Captain,
dead
ahead!

I
know,
ice-
berg!!!

Sorry Captain,
we're in
tropical waters!
It looks like
some sort of
giant sea
monster!

Too bad! Icebergs
are big money
these days! If
we could make
1/50th of the
money *Titanic*
made,
we'd be rich!

If it's not an iceberg,
what did we strike?

We struck a rehash
of a 30-year-old
B-movie, hokey
Japanese
monster!

Hokey
Japanese
monster?
That
sounds
vaguely
interesting!

It was
interesting
at first,
Captain,
then it got
tedious, then
stupid, then it
just plain...

I'm Dr. Neck Tattoo, a biologist! I've been doing a three-year scientific study of Chernobyl earthworms! Because of radioactive contamination, these earthworms are much bigger than they were before! But don't worry, they taste about the same! I've earned the nickname "worm boy"! Oddly enough, it has nothing to do with my studying worms! It's the way I crawl in front of my boss! Hey, there's not much call for my line of work, so I do what I have to do to keep my job!

I'm Elsea Chapstick, a paleontologist and head of research at the National Institute of Paleontology and Advanced Sexual Positionology! I'm also a big flirt who's attracted to Dr. Tattoo, the "worm boy"! I hope to go out with him soon so I can find out if the radioactive soil he works with has made anything else grow bigger!

I'm Tawdry Timmids, and I want to be a TV news reporter! I came to New York because it's an ideal training ground! Then, when I'm good, I'll go to some place important, like Lawton, Nevada or Secaucus, New Jersey! Some of my accomplishments can already be seen on the air! I polished the shoes our anchorman, Charles Caveman, is wearing!

I'm Charles Caveman, self-important news anchor! News anchors are always portrayed as being vain and pompous in a very artificial way! But not me! I'm vain and pompous in a very real way! My assistant Tawdry says I'm a male chauvinist! But who would listen to her? She's only a woman, for God's sake!

I'm Manimal, a TV cameraman who'll risk anything to get a story on videotape! I've run into burning buildings, climbed into erupting volcanoes, and taken my equipment out into howling tornadoes! All of which has gotten me into the *Guinness Book of World Records*! Not for the footage I shot, but for destroying more video equipment than anyone else in the world!

I'm Phillipe Roach, a member of the French Secret Service! As my cover, I'm pretending to be a Frenchman who likes Americans! Boy, talk about your tough assignments! Of course, fooling the Americans should be easy! They're so stupid!

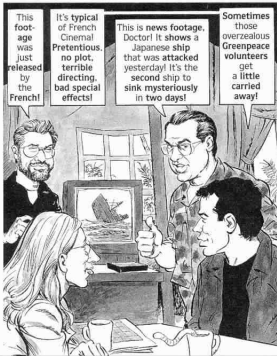
I'm Colonel Hicky! I make stupid decisions and don't listen to experts who really know what they're talking about! In other words, I'm your typical "movie" military officer, which, unfortunately, is typical of most real military officers!



IT WAS THE BEAST OF TIMES...DEPT.

GOTSILLY

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO



If we follow those X's on the map, we see that a huge, strange creature is heading to Australia!

Australia? Great! None of us live down there, so what's the big deal?

The big deal? You boneheads have the map upside down! It's heading straight for New York City!

My God! We must save the city! I have seats for Paul Simon's play, *The Capeman*, next week!

The Capeman? Maybe you'll luck out and the creature will destroy the theater before then!

Look at this, Elseal! Silvers of radioactive reptile that washed up on shore!

No thanks, I've had my lunch already!

They're from a Theropoda Xeroxius — a duplicate of the reptile which was thought to have died when the Japanese stopped making black and white horror films!



Run! Run for your lives! It's a 300-foot tall monster from under the seal

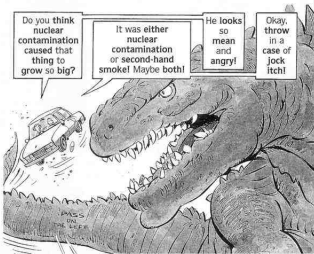
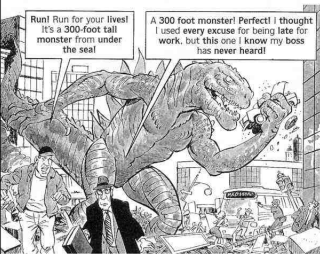
A 300 foot monster! Perfect! I thought I used every excuse for being late for work, but this one I know my boss has never heard!

Do you think nuclear contamination caused that thing to grow so big?

It was either nuclear contamination or second-hand smoke! Maybe both!

He looks so mean and angry!

Okay, throw in a case of jock itch!



This is the city! Potholes 15 feet deep! Crushed cars! People screaming, running in panic! Sidewalks littered with the wounded and dying! Imagine how much worse it will be when the monster comes to this block!

I want this beast out of New York City! And I want it done in a way that I can take credit for getting rid of it!

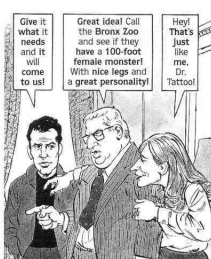
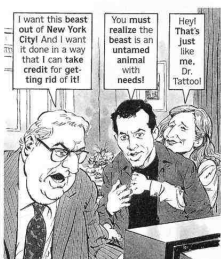
You must realize the beast is an untamed animal with needs!

Hey! That's just like me, Dr. Tattool

Give it what it needs and it will come to us!

Great ideal! Call the Bronx Zoo and see if they have a 100-foot female monster! With nice legs and a great personality!

Hey! That's just like me, Dr. Tattool!





The monster is probably hungry for fish!

This is New York City! You can't get last minute reservations at a good seafood restaurant!

We're dumping tons of fish into Flatiron Square! The monster has burrowed underground, so we'll open the manholes and let the stink of the fish waft down!

You can try it, but I'm warning you: the stink of the subway is only gonna waft up and overcome the stink of the fish!



The Chrysler Building has now been destroyed too!

Gotsilly has done hundreds of millions of dollars worth of damage!

No, he's only done a fraction of the damage! It's our own "smart bombs" that are leveling everything in sight! It's like the Gulf War all over again!



I have more bad news! My tests indicate he's pregnant!

If he's one of a kind, and he's a he, how can he be pregnant?

We think he's asexual! He can reproduce all by himself!

Impossible! Even Madonna couldn't do that!

Let's book Gotsilly on *Letterman*! Reproducing himself would be the greatest Stupid Pet Trick ever - but Leno would probably still beat Dave in the ratings!



Now we also have to worry about his eggs! He can lay up to a dozen at a time!

We better lure the monster into Central Park!

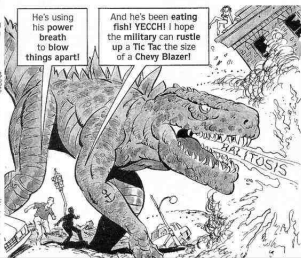
Great idea! It's an open area, and you won't injure people as you shoot at him!

Actually, I was thinking if we can get him into the park, he'll be mugged! Then we can capture him!

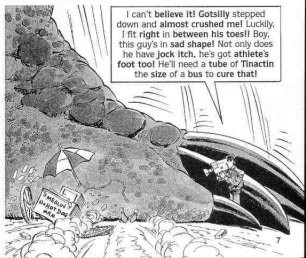


He's using his power breath to blow things apart!

And he's been eating fish! YECCHI! I hope the military can rustle up a Tic Tac the size of a Chevy Blazer!



I can't believe it! Gotsilly stepped down and almost crushed me! Luckily, I fit right in between his toes! Boy, this guy's in sad shape! Not only does he have jock itch, he's got athlete's foot too! He'll need a tube of Tinactin the size of a bus to cure that!



I've heard of hostile people, but these New Yorkers are unbelievable! Every time I stop, cars park on my tail! I've got two tickets for jaywalking!! I lost \$50 playing three card monte! I'm going back into the Hudson River where it's safe, even WITH all the raw sewage!

Look at all these eggs he laid here in Madison Square Garden! If these creatures multiply, there'll be more of them!

I know a lot about the monster! Allow me to help! I'm Phillippe Roach, from the French Secret Service! Here's my badge!

It's blank! Your badge has nothing on it!

That's how secret my service is! I would have helped sooner, but being French, I was drinking wine while preparing a seven course snack! I'll order an attack!

THE RANGERS LAID THIS EGG...

I'm reporting from outside Madison Square Garden! Listen to the destruction inside! Seats are being ripped out, walls are crumbling and the entire suspended ceiling is about to crash down! Then again, who can blame the fans for trashing the place with the way the Knicks and Rangers are playing these days!

I don't believe it! Gotsilly is climbing back out of the Hudson River! Will NOTHING stop this monster? Worse yet, will NOTHING end this movie?

Gotsilly doesn't give up easily! We've got to lure him to a bridge!

So we can get him trapped in the cables?

No, so we can wreck something other than buildings! That was done to death in Independence Day!

YECH!

WIDE LOAD

Luring Gotsilly to a bridge worked! He's trapped in the cables! He's a goner!

So's this bridge! Hmmm, if I don't repair it and cars keep falling into the East River, I can take credit for alleviating our over-crowded roadways!

Now we've got to blow up all the eggs in his nest so the city is safe again! Or at least as safe as New York City can be!

We destroyed all the eggs, but that one! Look, it's hatching!

Good grief! It looks like Bill Clinton! What does that mean?!

It means the monster must have worked as a White House intern before he came to New York City!

Well, Clinton does have a history of going after beastly things! Remember Paula Jones!

Uh-oh! Did Someone say Special Prosecutor?



VH-DUMB DEPT.

MAD POP OFF VIDEO

In the 1980s, she outraged clergy with her use of Catholic imagery. Then came her Kaballah Judaism phase.



If this album doesn't sell, she'll soon be shaking a tambourine at the airport.

MADONNA "FROZEN"



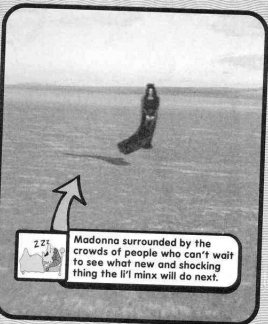
Watching Madonna embrace trip-hop electronica in 1998 is uncomfortably like watching Grandma shaking her artificial hip to "Whoom! There It Is!" at a wedding.



Madonna said that nothing, but nothing, would convince her to use her daughter in promotion.



The sales for *Bedtime Stories*, *Something to Remember* and *Evita* dipped close enough to "nothing but nothing" that she quickly taught Lourdes to say "cheese!"



Madonna surrounded by the crowds of people who can't wait to see what new and shocking thing the li'l minx will do next.



WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

Hot trends come and go. Today's navel ring is in and tomorrow it's out. (Or should we say it's innie and outie? Ha!) Currently, cigars are the hottest thing since ankle tattoos and caffeinated spring water. No supermodel worth her coked-up rock star boyfriend would dare be seen without one. How can you tell the Temporary Trendies from the dedicated Churchill Chompers? Simple! Just look for the symptoms illustrated in the following article we like to call...



...would use the word "draw," which is an upscale term meaning "suck."



...would drool over the naturally-wrapped Montecristo in a cigar advertisement rather than the naturally-unwrapped model hawking it.



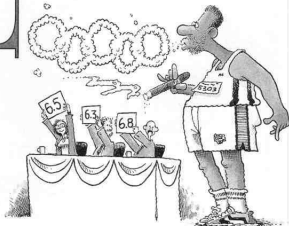
...could describe an odor similar to an arson fire at a condemned slaughterhouse as "a robust, enticing aroma that is both earthy and lingering."



...would spend an hour and a half selecting a tie that goes with his cigar band.

Only a True Cigar Lover...

ARTIST & WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL



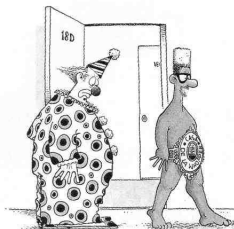
...would lobby to make smoke-ring blowing an Olympic event.



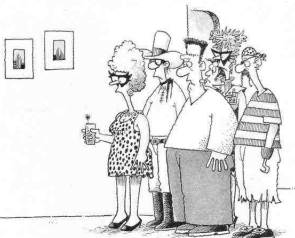
...would have her eye color listed on her driver's license as "Colorado Maduro."



...would describe a midwinter bout with hypothermia, brought on by a lengthy afternoon cigar break, as a "good smoke."



...would attend a costume party as a Honduran Double Corona.



...can fondly recall every detail of any of the numerous burn holes on his clothing



...would go to "drug mule" lengths to smuggle home a cache of Cuban Cheroots.





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Professor Hans Brickface

SEX AND COURTSHIP IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICA FROM A MALE PERSPECTIVE

From the day of his first "morning wood"¹ until well into his "sexy sixties,"² the American male spends most of his waking hours thinking about females, who have a certain "je ne sais quoi"³ that makes them so very, very different from us men⁴ (e.g.⁵ for every one woman who doesn't know about Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak,⁶ there are two men who do).

As first demonstrated in 1947 by the Kinsey Report,⁷ men are "attracted" to women "sexually." When none are available, they have been known to "take matters into their own hands," with, say, a copy of Glamour magazine,⁸ or even engage the reasonably-priced services of two (or more!) lesbians who actually enjoy "performing," while lonely straight guys watch.⁹

But how "to be or not to be"¹⁰ with a real, live

woman? Some men prefer the direct, straightforward pick-up line, i.e. ¹¹ walking up to a girl in a bar and just saying, "Yo baby, let's knock boots," ¹² which, okay, has an extremely low rate of success, but "hey, it's worth a try!" ¹³ Other men, such as rock superstars, prefer hitting on females they meet in the workplace (i.e. makeup artists just hired for a one-day video shoot ¹⁴). Fighting other males for a woman will often "win her over," ¹⁵ although sometimes this can backfire. ¹⁶ Another ploy that usually works is rescuing the woman from terrorists who have tied her up in an office tower somewhere. ¹⁷ (Boy, that must really get 'em hot, because Bruce Willis isn't all that good-looking! ¹⁸)

What do women themselves say they want in a man? Just as sure as $2+2=4$, ¹⁹ most of them claim that "Sense of humor is number one on my list," ²⁰ but in reality, this is a crock of bull! ²¹ Most find cigarette smokers unappealing, although interestingly enough, a few women say the smell of a good cigar "drives me wild!" ²² Almost all women are drawn to a man who shows a little of his feminine side, but not too much! ²³

¹ Butt-head, Beavis and Butt-head. MTV. January, 12, 1996.

² Gifford, Kathie Lee, Live with Regis and Kathie Lee. Channel 7. April 16, 1996.

³ LePew, Pepe, Warner Brothers Cartoon. 1958.

⁴ Infomercial for Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus. TBS, February 4, 1998, 3 a.m.

⁵ My roommate, who says put in a lot of "e.g.s"

⁶ Win Ben Stein's Money. Comedy Central. October 6, 1997.

⁷ Term Paper my friend Todd Smith bought last semester.

⁸ Costanza, George. Seinfeld. Must-See-TV. September 15, 1995.

⁹ www.HotDykes4-U.com

¹⁰ Shakespeare, William. Hamlet. A 1-o-o-o-o-o-ng time ago!

¹¹ My other roommate, who says put in a lot of "i.e.s"

¹² This Really Funny Black Dude. Def Comedy Jam. April 13, 1996.

¹³ My own opinion. March 6, 1998.

¹⁴ Pop-Up Video. VH1. January 22, 1998

¹⁵ "Duke Nukem 3D." Windows 95 Version.

¹⁶ Screech. Saved by the Bell. TBS. November 15, 1997.

¹⁷ Die Hard. Twentieth Century Fox. 1988.

¹⁸ Based on appearance on Late Show with David Letterman without toupee. May 30, 1997.

¹⁹ Schoolhouse Rock. ABC-TV. 1970s.

²⁰ Any Supermodel. Entertainment Tonight. Any year.

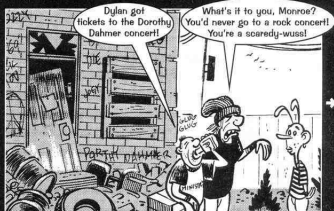
²¹ My personal experience.

²² Miss September. "Turn-ons and Turn-offs," Playboy Magazine. September, 1996.

²³ Simmons, Richard. Sweatin' to the Oldies. Vol. I, II, III.

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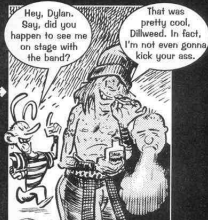
Do you want to rock? Well, light those lighters and get ready to scream yourself



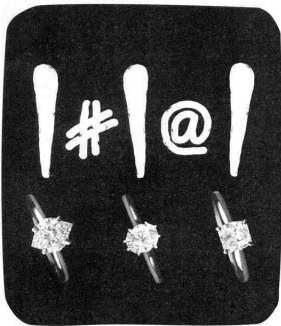
THE CONCERT

hoarse. But first make sure your mom will give you a ride to the show!





ARE YOU *one of the* TWO MILLION victims of ENGAGEMENT RING AD anxiety?



1. Relax. Most guys don't know about this stuff and that's exactly what the diamond industry is counting on when they run "friendly" ads like this one.

2. But you could be easily duped, so read on.

3. Spend wisely. It's tricky because, just like no two diamonds are alike, no two appraisals for the same diamond are alike. DeBores has over 100 years' experience in overvaluing diamonds and then mining the wallets of unsuspecting customers. They sort rough diamonds into over 5,000 grades before they go on to be cut, polished and endlessly marked up. So you're never quite sure exactly what you're buying.

4. Learn the jargon. Not that 4C's "Cut, Color, Clarity and Carat weight." That's *Crap*. Before stepping into any jewelry store, learn the 4H's. *How much? How come* you keep showing me rings I told you I can't afford? *How come*, if the ring is "appraised" at \$5,000, you're willing to sell it to me for half that amount? *How much* will you give me for the ring if this engagement blows up in my face and I want to resell it back to you?

5. Determine your price range. Most industry-sponsored

ads suggest the *two months' salary guideline*. Spend less, they say, and the relatives will talk. Spend more, and they'll rave. Spend the next ten years of your life paying off the damn thing and you'll be miserable, broke and resentful.

6. Watch her as you browse. But whatever you do, don't take your fiancée with you when you're prepared to buy! Women have been thinking, dreaming and scheming about a diamond from the first moment they drew breath on God's green Earth. What they want and what you can afford are always miles apart. In the months leading up to the purchase, continually cry poverty to her. That way she will be surprised and cherish the fact that you sprung for any ring at all.

7. Find a reputable jeweler. Good luck! And while you're at it, maybe you can help O.J. find the "real killer"! Once you've found a jeweler, ask questions like, "If you say you make 'almost nothing' on a ring sale, how can you afford to wear \$3,000 Armani suits and drive a Mercedes?"

8. *Learn more.* Ask whether any of your wisecrass friends have an uncle in the business who can get you "the exact same ring, GUAR-UN-TEED, for half of what you paid," *before* you buy.

9. Finally, think romance. Chances are if you don't break down and give her a ring, she's going to cut you off. So buying a diamond is an important occasion in your relationship. No ring, no sex. *Besides, it's not like you had anything important to do with two months' salary!*

Diamond Misinformation Center
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A diamond is an error.
DeBores



THERE'S A SOCCER BORN EVERY MINUTE DEPT.

Every weekend at sports fields around our great land, kids gather to play soccer. They quickly realize that it's a stupid game and move on to other, more productive time-wasting activities. But their hatred of soccer continues to grow, which is why professional soccer leagues in the U.S. go belly-up faster than a Club Med in Iraq! Still, professional leagues keep trying to make a go of it. And none seem more determined to succeed (yet destined to fail!) than the Obscure North American Soccer League (O.N.A.S.L.). Ever heard of it? Here's a glimpse into this fine sports organization.

O.N.A.S.L. 1998-1999 PREVIEW

"Exciting soccer action. It's not a contradiction in terms. Really!"

OAKLAND BITTER FREEAGENTS



1997-1998 Record: 12-20

Returning Stars: Gianni "The Illegal Immigrant" Verolli, Peg-leg Johnson Jr.

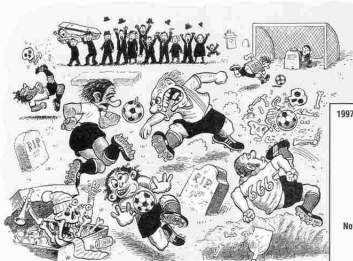
Head Coach: Peg-leg Johnson Sr.

Home Field: Alcatraz **Seating Capacity:** 450

Strengths: Trendy purple/teal uniforms

Weaknesses: Inability to run, kick or bounce ball off their heads.

Notes of Interest: This is the team's first full season in Oakland, after moving from Cincinnati during half-time of their tenth game last season.



ROSSELL INCIDENTS

1997-1998 Record: None (Expansion Team)

Stars: Jacques Ennui, Sabulitar, Heinrich Sturmudrang

Head Coach: Really-o Trujillo

Home Field: Sylan Hills Cemetery **Seating Capacity:** 750

Strengths: Forward Sabulitar has only four fingers on each hand, which slightly reduces his chances of getting called for illegally touching the ball.

Weaknesses: Defending the offside trap off the throw-in, whatever the hell that means.

Notes of Interest: The club's slogan, "Give the game you hate a chance," is one of the more unique slogans in pro sports, but has not stirred much interest in the area.

PHOENIX



BOOBIRDS

1997-1998 Record: 8-19

Returning Stars: Carl Gout, Pele's Father

Head Coach: Barry Switzer

Home Field: The Grand Canyon **Seating Capacity:** 200,000,000

Strengths: Found a way to mask illegal amphetamines in urine test results.

Weaknesses: Goalie is a dwarf.

Notes of Interest: Phoenix fans tried to start their own tradition, à la Detroit Red Wings fans, by throwing a whale carcass onto the playing field each time the Boobirds scored. Unfortunately, Phoenix was the highest scoring team in the league, and the tradition got really tedious.

OTTAWA OPPONENTS

1997-1998 Record: 20-17

Returning Stars: Sean O'Hooligan, Alberto Baguette

Head Coach: Wolfgang Schmalz

Home Field: None **Seating Capacity:** 0

Strengths: Players all wear different uniform combinations, thoroughly confusing players on the other side.

Weaknesses: They confuse themselves just as much.

Notes of Interest: Garnering fan support has been difficult for Ottawa since their games are broadcast on the Dog Network at a frequency humans cannot hear.



NEW JERSEY SOOT

1997 - 1998 Record: 3-17

Returning Stars: Hans Bricabrac, Vic Hitler

Head Coach: Ezekiel Grubford

Home Field: P.S. 36 Playground **Seating Capacity:** 100

Strengths: Players do not have to go into the season with the memory of a painful loss, since team did not make the playoffs last season.

Weaknesses: Stupid nickname that can't be pluralized.

Notes of Interest: The Soot begins '98 amidst controversy due to the pairing of Marv Albert and O.J. Simpson in the broadcast booth. Still, the furor shouldn't last that long since the team plans to fold right after their game on November 18 (which has been designated as "We're Folding Right After The Game Night").



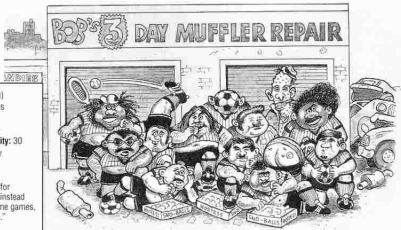
1997-1998 Record: 8-15 (As members of the Cement Surface Football League)
Returning Stars: Sir Nigel Bedfellow, Desmond, Phil Corpe
Head Coach: "Paps" Carruthers
Home Field: Portland Ice Rink **Seating Capacity:** 400
Strengths: The arena sound system plays music with subliminal messages urging the opposing team to play poorly.
Weaknesses: They're an indoor football team and know virtually nothing about soccer.
Notes of Interest: None



1997-1998 Record: 4-21
Returning Stars: That real intense guy who screams a lot, Tony Barbieri, Guy LeHowitzer
Head Coach: Niles Pretzel
Home Field: The Seattle Kingdom **Seating Capacity:** 66,000
Strengths: The fact that there will probably be fewer than 20 fans per game makes a riot highly unlikely.
Weaknesses: Jet lag.
Notes of Interest: Almost all of the Miami players hail from three nations in nearby Latin America. Unfortunately, Cuba, Panama and the Dominican Republic are baseball-mad countries where soccer skills are rarely taught.



1997-1998 Record: None (Another Expansion Team)
Stars: Jimbo McDimbo, Lucas Mucous
Head Coach: Abernatty "Pickles" Gunther
Home Field: Parking Lot of Bob's Three-Day Muffler Repair **Seating Capacity:** 30
Strengths: Team never scores, thus greatly reducing the possibility of a tie.
Weaknesses: Hostess Sno-balls
Notes of Interest: The team petitioned the league for permission to use a tennis ball instead of a soccer ball for all of its home games, just to "make things interesting." Their request was denied.





THE SCHMUCKS STOP HERE DEPT.

When you think of amusement parks, merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels and roller coasters all come to mind. They are three things that ultimately go nowhere and have the potential to make you want to puke! Sorta like our next installment of ...



Melvin & Jenkins'

GUIDE TO AMUSEMENT PARKS

Jenkins

Jenkins thinks shooting the clown's mouth until the balloon breaks is a great way to have fun and win prizes.



Melvin

Melvin thinks shooting the clown's mouth is a great way to have fun and avoid the long lines at the bathroom!



Jenkins

Jenkins minds the warning signs instructing fun-goers not to stand up while the ride is in motion.



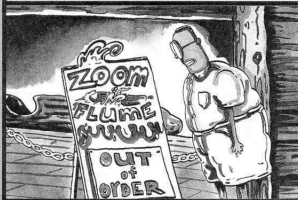
Melvin

The core of Melvin's lawsuit is that no one at the park specifically told him that he should not undo his seat-belt and jump onto the roller coaster coming in the opposite direction.



Jenkins

Jenkins is disappointed to see the "Out Of Order" sign on the water ride but knows that there are many more attractions to enjoy.



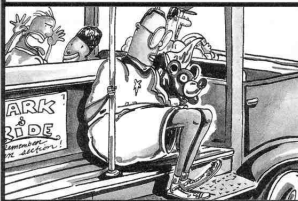
Melvin

Ever resourceful, Melvin creates his own flume ride by plugging up all eight toilets.



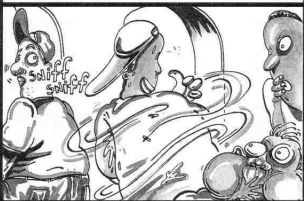
Jenkins

Jenkins goes home all sweaty, smelling of stale popcorn and with a little bit of vomit on his shoes - but happy.



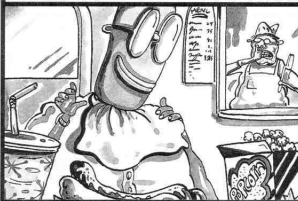
Melvin

Melvin usually arrives at the park that way.



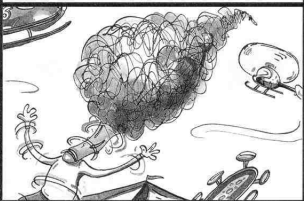
Jenkins

Jenkins never lets a trip to the amusement park go by without a delicious helping of carnival snacks.



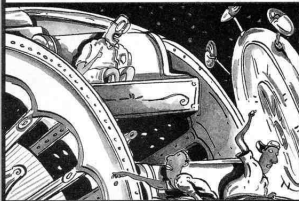
Melvin

Melvin swirls his own head inside the cotton candy machine to the point that the resulting grotesque shape is spotted by traffic copters.



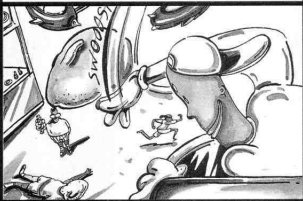
Jenkins

Jenkins instructs the kids throwing pennies off the ferris wheel to stop before they hurt someone.



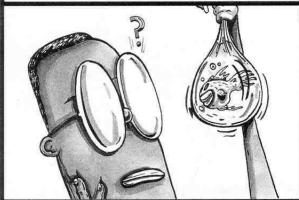
Melvin

Melvin knows from experience that they never think to pat you down for concealed frozen turkeys.



Jenkins

After winning one of the skill tests, Jenkins wonders exactly what he's going to do with a goldfish in a plastic bag of water.



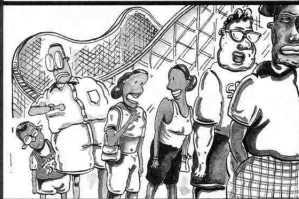
Melvin

Melvin decides on the way home that the toll booth coin basket could use a friend.



Jenkins

Jenkins is annoyed by the long lines for the most popular rides.



Melvin

Melvin feels it was well worth it to shave one side of his head and make up a phony "Project Wish" T-shirt.





A few issues ago we put a new twist on the Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon Game. You remember how to play — you name a celebrity (for example, Winona Ryder) and link her to Kevin Bacon. Gee, let's see, Winona Ryder was in *Bram Stoker's Dracula* with Gary Oldman who was in *Murder In The First* with yup, Kevin Bacon! Easy game, eh? Well that's child's play compared to our wacky version we like to call...

6 DEGREES OF SEP

can you link A METEOR CRATER to the WAYANS FAMILY?

A meteor crater



is something big and forgettable out west, as is...

Montana



which is full of right-wing gun nuts, as is...

The G.O.P.



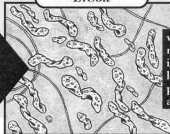
can you link A JUMBO JACK to the J.F.K. ASSASSINATION?

A Jumbo Jack



is served at Jack in the Box, as is...

E.Coli



which are nausea-inducing little pests, as is...

Hanson



can you link FEN-PHEN to AL GORE?

Fen-Phen



is a questionable dieting aid, as is...

Richard Simmons



who's "light in the loafers," as are...

Dr. Scholl's Foot Pads



can you link BJÖRK to THAT SYMBOL USED BY PRINCE?

Björk



is a squeaky little character the kids love, as is...

Mickey Mouse



who is property of the Disney Company, as is...

Times Square



RELATION BETWEEN ANYONE AND ANYTHING

Anna Nicole Smith

which
attracts
rich, old
white guys,
as does...



who is
always
undergoing
renova-
tions,
as is

Las Vegas



which is
a haven
for no-talent
comics,
as is...

The Wayans Family



The Mafia

who believe in "Family Values," as does...



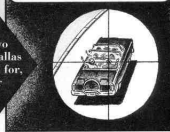
which is a criminal organization, as is...

The Dallas Cowboys



which is one of two things Dallas is known for, the other being...

The J.F.K. Assassination



Heavy Drinking

which
"cushion"
the shocks
of everyday
life, as
does...



which leads to massive headaches, as does...

A Tamagotchi



which is a simulated lifeform, as is...

Al Gore



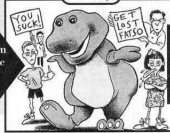
The Chicago Cubs

which is
where
they drop
the ball,
as do...



who are losers from prehistoric times, as is...

Barney



who is a
nauseating
purple
dinosaur,
as is...





SERGE-IN GENERAL DEPT.

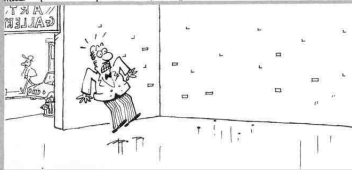
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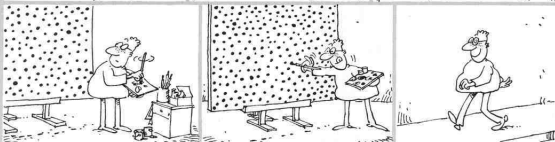


ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES



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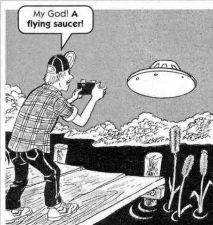


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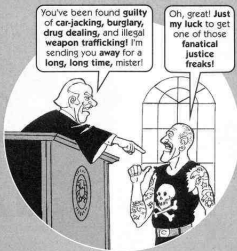
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF...



PHOTOGRAPHY



JUSTICE



ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG

TRAVEL



GAMBLING



THERAPY



RELATIONSHIPS



DRUGS



ROMANCE



ARMS



SLEEP



THE OFFICE

Listen up, gang! At closing time this evening we're going to have a brief meeting with the entire staff!

It concerns a notice about corporate downsizing that will affect some of you immediately!



That's it for now!

Have a nice day!



IDENTIFICATION

Hi, Josh! How about a nice, big hug?

We'll don't just stand there, Josh! Give your grandfather a hug!



Oh! I didn't recognize him without his camcorder in front of his face!



DOCTORS

Kaputnik, you're running up quite a large bill here! When are you planning to pay it?

I'm putting together some papers that should get me a large settlement!



It's a malpractice suit against you!



OPPORTUNITY

There's a glass ceiling in this company!

I'll say! A woman is limited here and can never be equal to men!

Equal to men? Why would anyone want to reduce themselves to that level?





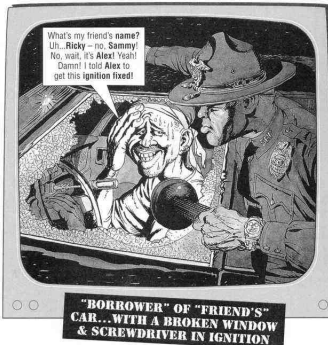
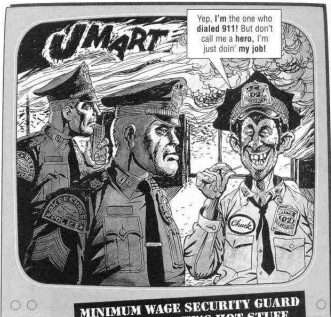
It's always been a mystery to us that TV viewers are obsessed with *Cops*, FOX's gritty, violent series about real cops arresting real criminals in America's cities. But if you watch the show for more than two episodes, you'll realize that it's the same four or five types of characters committing the same four or five types of crimes being arrested by the same four or five types of cops — only the locations seem to change! To prove our point, we'd like you to please sing the rest of this intro to the tune of the show's theme song, 'cause: *Bad boy, bad boy — whatcha gonna do? Whatcha gonna do when you read...*

MAD'S VIEWER'S GUIDE TO RECURRING PERSONALITY TYPES

ON FOX'S COPS

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER





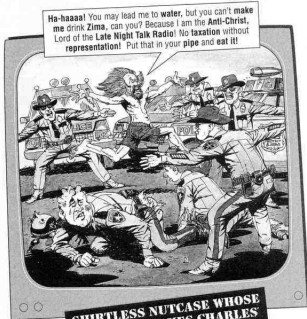
DRUNK DRIVER CONVINCED HE CAN OUTSMART FOUR SOBER COPS



MOM TOTALLY SURPRISED ABOUT ROLL OF \$100 BILLS & BAG OF CRACK IN BABY'S DIAPER

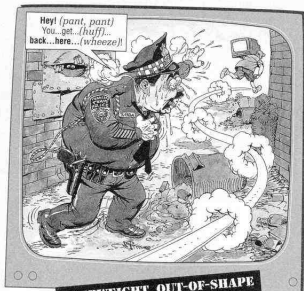


WIFE BEATEN TO A PULP WHO REFUSES TO PRESS CHARGES



SHIRTLESS NUTCASE WHOSE BABBLING MAKES CHARLES MANSON SEEM COHERENT

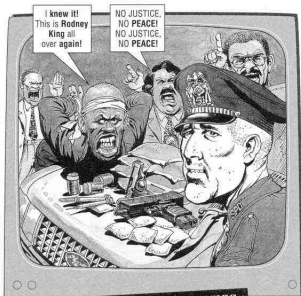




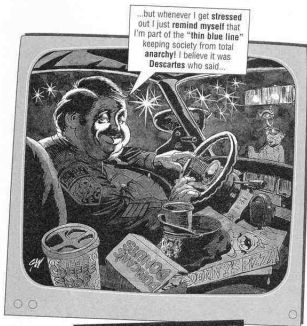
**OVERWEIGHT, OUT-OF-SHAPE
COP CHASING BAD GUY 20
YEARS YOUNGER THAN HIM**



**HANDCUFFED MORON BEATING
HIS HEAD AGAINST INSIDE
OF PATROL CAR WINDOW**



**HOMEBOY WITH DRUGS,
GUNS & STOLEN CAR
ACCUSING POLICE OF
HASSLING HIM "JUST
BECAUSE I'M BLACK!"**

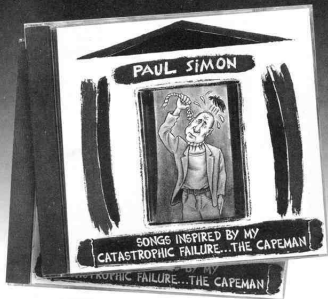


THE PHILOSOPHER COP

IN "GRACELAND"
HE "EVOKED" THE SOUNDS OF AFRICA!

IN "RHYTHM OF THE SAINTS"
HE "DREW UPON" THE SOUNDS OF SOUTH AMERICA!

NOW,
IN HIS BOLD NEW ALBUM, HE TRIES TO CASH
IN ON HIS LEGENDARY BROADWAY FLOP—



PAUL SIMON SONGS INSPIRED BY MY CATASTROPHIC FAILURE— THE CAPEMAN

FEATURING THESE
INSTANT CLASSICS...

NO ONE'S GOING TO SEE THE CAPEMAN

(SUNG TO: SCARBOROUGH FAIR
(PARLEY, SAGE, ROSEMARY AND THYME))

No one's coming to see my new play
Even Art refuses to go...
Theater parties — all stay away
My career has hit a new low!



"45 minutes of
musical self pity!"
— Billboard

50 WHYS TO SKIP THE CAPEMAN

(SUNG TO: FIFTY WAYS TO LEAVE YOUR LOVER)

The problem is all upon the stage,
she said to me
The lyrics, dialogue and the
choreography;
I could go on but it would be
redundancy...
There must be fifty whys to skip
The Capeman
Fifty whys to skip The Capeman

The whole show is a bomb, Tom
The music is bad, Tad
Even badder than "Cats," Fats
The plot's a pho-ny...
The show's a mistake, Jake
It's more fun at someone's
wake —
The songs are off key, Lee
Won't win a Tony!



"Like listening
to a mortally
wounded animal!"
— Drolling Stone

THE SOUND OF BOOING

(SUNG TO:
THE SOUND OF SILENCE)

Good-bye Capeman, my old friend
My Broadway gig is near the end
The New York Times called it a dud on stage
Ran the review on its obit page...
And the actors — said it was a living hell
The curtain fell...
A-midst the sound of booing!

"They said nothing could be worse
than the musical. They were wrong!"
— Entertain Me Weakly



ARTIST: RICK TULKA
WRITER: J. PRYDE

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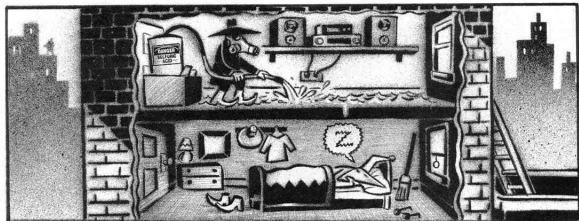
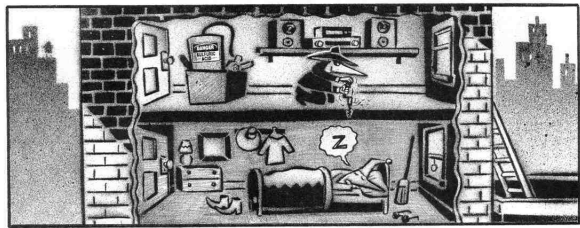
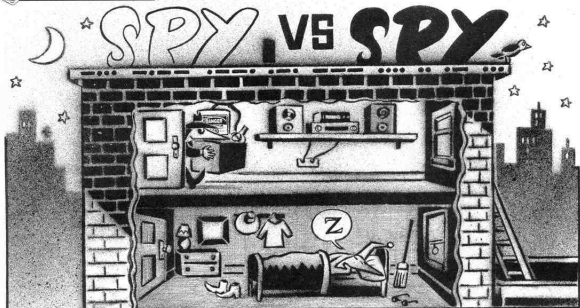


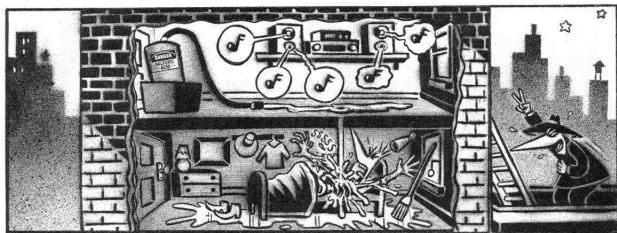
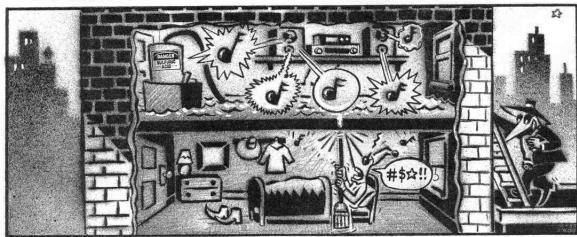
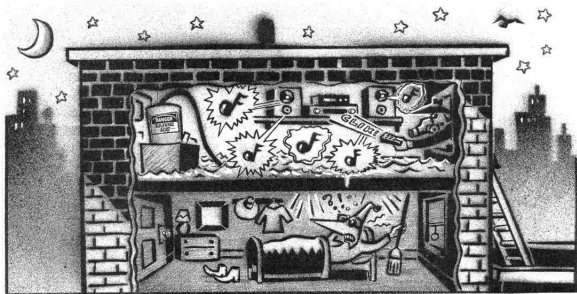
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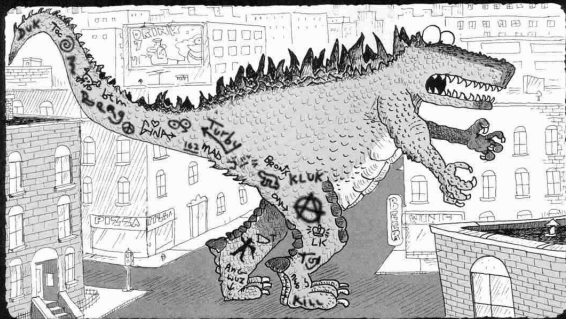


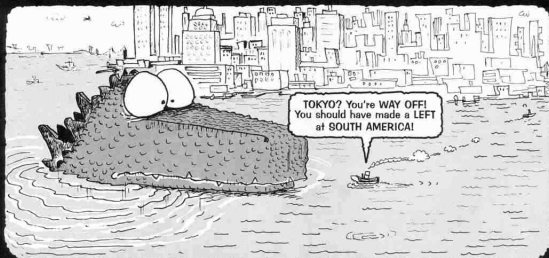
ALSO INCLUDING THESE GREAT SONGS!

- (The Audience Is) Slip Slidin' Away
- Still Stinking After All These Rehearsals
- For Emily, Who Wants Me To Refund Her
- The 59th Bad Review Song (Feelin' Wozy)
- I Am A Schlock













Ready for a spoof about TV's whiniest heroine? We're not either! But what the hell — we've got these five blank pages to fill, so we might as well fill them with a show that's hot! It's about a neurotic Boston lawyer who has a tendency to muse and fantasize. As she does, we have a tendency to doze and snore! Frankly, we don't get it! With a show this boring, there's no explanation for...

Good morning! Welcome to the Boston law offices of Quirkly, Offbeat and Whiny! We have an incredibly full schedule today! As usual, our firm will be knee deep in fantasies, voice-overs and fetishes! Occasionally, an actual legal procedure may slip in! Okay, Let's review your subplots and assignments this week!

Bully, you'll handle the Mumford bankruptcy trial! It's tricky, but you'll prevail because of your special skills!

My brilliance at contracts and tax law?

No! Your brilliance at trickery and deceit!

Thanks! I knew my "Loopholes" major in college would pay off someday!

Jugula, you've got the Kleckner alimony case! A Brookline stockbroker came home, found his wife in bed with two lobster fishermen, a TV weather girl and a small farm animal! Think you can handle it?

No problem! Been there! Done that!

Really? At Harvard Law School?

No! On *Melrose Place*! It was a "Very Special Valentine's Day Episode"!

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: JOSH GORDON

Good morning, Elate!

There's a rumor in the office that you're mentally unstable and are having a nervous breakdown!

Were you here to see who started that gossip?

No! I was out spreading the rumor!

Elate, you're unquestionably the snooziest, nosiest assistant in TV history!

Nonsense! By the way, you had an X-rated message, and your pharmacy said your Prozac and contraceptive jelly are ready!

Those were phone messages?

Don't be ridiculous! I logged on to your computer, broke the code, and peeked into your private E-mail!

Ally's Appeal

Ally McPeal, this week you'll be defending a client in a sexual harassment suit!

Who's the client?

You! One of our old foggy lawyers will grope you!

Again...?

Yes! The premise always works! As he grabs you, we grab that horny TV audience!

Wait! I'm confused! Is this show a comedy or a drama?

We're ALL confused! I guess you could call it a dramedy...or a comama!

You're David E. Krulley, the producer/creator of the show!

Yes!

Is it true you based the Ally character on your wife, Michelle Pfeiffer?

Well, she started out like Michelle Pfeiffer! In recent episodes she's behaving more like cartoonist Jules Feiffer! How's that for an esoteric reference?

I'M A LAWYER WITH CONNECTIONS THAT'S WHAT.

It's hard to believe this upscale lawyer show is on FOX, the same network that brings us *When Animals Attack!*

Actually, both shows are similar! The difference is, after a pack of wolves rips your heart out, they don't bill you!



Elate, how's my schedule today?

Jammed!

Really? What's my first appointment?

Your nine o'clock fantasy is here!

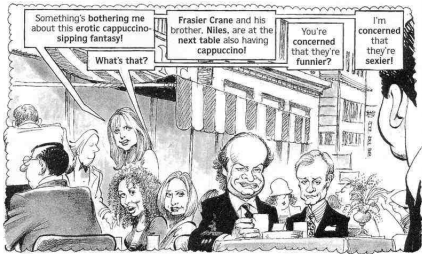
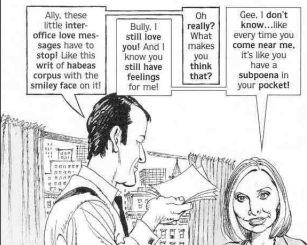
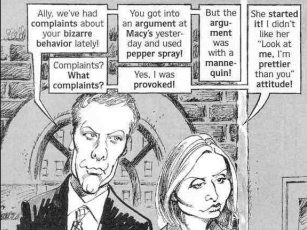
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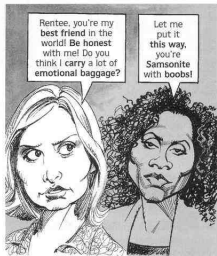
The one where I have larger breasts!

Wow! I thought I was screwed up!

I'm at a confusing time in my life! I don't know which Lee to be — E. Lee Bailey ...or Pamela Lee!

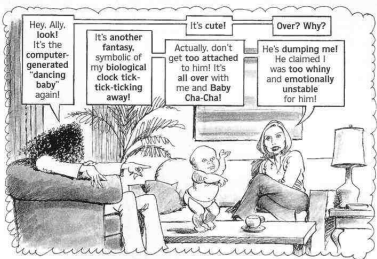






Rentee, you're my best friend in the world! Be honest with me! Do you think I carry a lot of emotional baggage?

Let me put it this way, you're Samsonite with boobs!



Hey, Ally, look! It's the computer-generated "dancing baby" again!

It's another fantasy, symbolic of my biological clock tick-tick-ticking away!

It's cute!

Actually, don't get too attached to him! It's all over with me and Baby Cha-Cha!

Over? Why?

He's dumping me! He claimed I was too whiny and emotionally unstable for him!



Why do we always end up at this piano bar?

Two reasons! One: Rooming with you I need lots of booze! Two: For viewers who can't follow the plot line, Vonda, the piano player, is your musel! She conveniently sings lyrics that underscore the story!

Don't be silly! Let's talk about real issues here!



Look, I realize the firm is an old boy's network but I refuse to be their patsy! I have to assert myself!

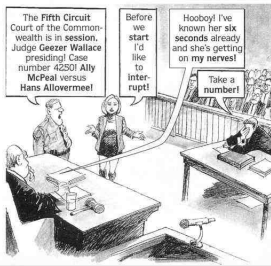
Sure, my career's important! But someday I'll find a guy and get married!

Some say I'm too emotional, but I'm quite normal!

I am woman, Hear me roar!

To dream...The Impossible Dream...

She's a maniac, maniac...



The Fifth Circuit Court of the Commonwealth is in session. Judge Geezer Wallace presiding! Case number 42501 Ally McPeal versus Hans Alllovermee!

Before we start I'd like to interrupt!

Hooboy! I've known her six seconds already and she's getting on my nerves!

Take a number!



Your Honor, I'd like a jury of my peers!

Impossible! Where are we going to find twelve whiny career women in micro-miniskirts?

Well, we can start with the cast of *Friends*! And then perhaps we can subpoena the Spice Girls!

I won't allow it! Mainly because you're not even on trial here! You're the plaintiff!

What is this?
What's going on?
Why isn't she speaking?

They do this a few times each show — just a close-up of Ally! She's waif-like and vulnerable! She doesn't have to speak! Her face speaks! Her face tells you so much!

Yeah, right now it's telling me to switch channels!



Your honor, I will prove that I was harassed and groped by this man!

And I will show that my client was provoked! Miss McPeal wears skirts that are provocative!

They are not provocative! I happen to be a prestigious Boston lawyer!

Yes, and when you bend over we can see all the way to Fenway Park!



May I present into evidence Exhibit A! Two thousand viewer letters protesting the length and inappropriate nature of Ms. McPeal's micro-miniskirts!

Undoubtedly these letters were all written by conservative Bible Belt groups!

No, these letters were all written by actress Téa Leoni!



So, tell me, what did the jury decide?

The jury decided that I was neurotic, self-destructive and my own worst enemy! They hit me with a penalty!

They penalized you?!

Yes! For the next year I'm not allowed within 100 yards of myself!



What now, Ally McPeal? What are your plans?

Here's the way I see it, Renteel! Yes, my character is whiny and emotional! But I'll have a chance to grow and change! This series is hot! It will go on for years and years!

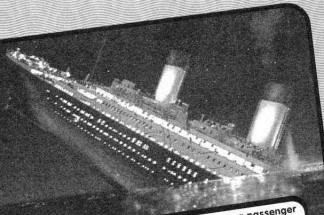
One more time! To dream... the Impossible Dream...





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If only Celine had really been a passenger on the Titanic! Then her screeching could have shattered the iceberg into tiny cubes and saved the ship from disaster!

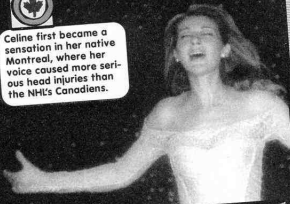
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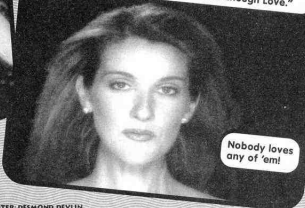
Sadly, Celine is more masculine a screen presence than Leonardo DiCaprio.



Celine first became a sensation in her native Montreal, where her voice caused more serious head injuries than the NHL's Canadians.



Celine's last four albums include the songs "Love is on the Way," "Just a Little Bit of Love," "I Hate You Then I Love You," "Where is the Love," "To Love You More," "Let's Talk About Love," "Because You Loved Me," "Declaration of Love," "I Love You," "Power of Love," "When I Fall in Love," "Love Doesn't Ask Why," "No Love," "Living Without Loving You," "The Colour of my Love," "Lovin' Proof," "Little Bit of Love," "I Love You, Goodbye," "Love Can Move Mountains," and "Did You Give Enough Love."



Nobody loves any of 'em!



GRIEVING LAS VEGAS DEPT.

MAD'S CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

Our team of crack oddsmakers gives you the latest Vegas line on how one of today's biggest stars will become tomorrow's obituary!

THIS MONTH'S BODY BAG FILLER TO BE:



Godzilla

CAUSE OF DEATH

ODDS

Deadly bacterial infection from wading up New York's East River

2:1

Mugged on way to New York premiere of his movie

3:1

Chokes while trying to swallow Rosie O'Donnell's head whole

5:1

Killed by Rodan & Mothra out of jealousy over
successful movie career comeback

13:1

Mysteriously dies while in New York City police custody

16:1

Gruesome failed attempt to "mate" with the Statue of Liberty

25:1



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