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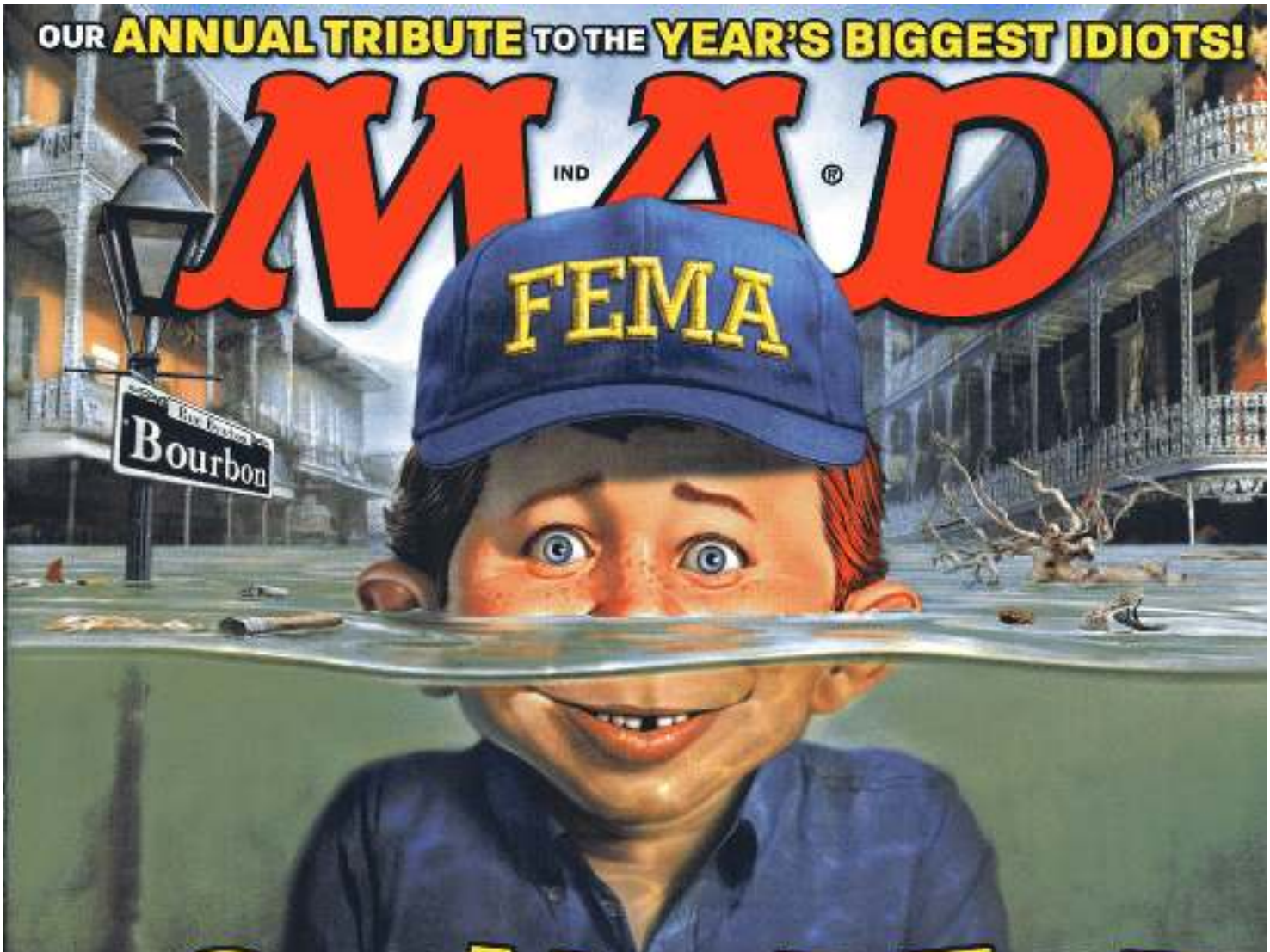

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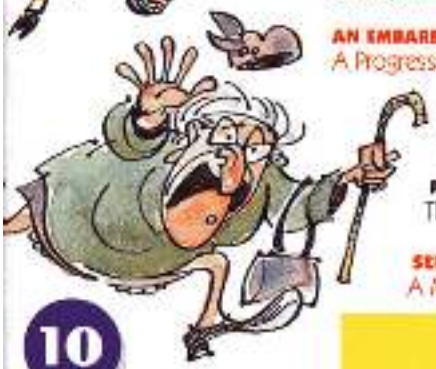

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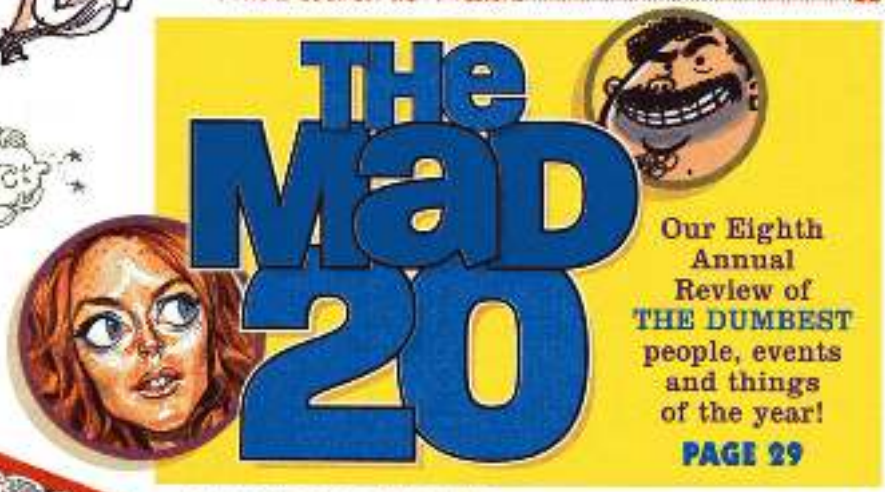

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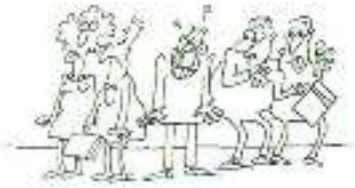

HOME ON DERANGED

I read your "High School Gentleman's Etiquette Guide for Dating Your Teacher" (MAD #459) with great interest. It was very informative. However, I was wondering whether the same rules of decorum would be apropos for those of us who are being home schooled. Just curious.

Steve Blumert, Staten Island, NY

Steve of Destruction — We have an inkling that in your case, you should take the dates wherever you can find them! But, we suggest you run it by your Dad first! Thanks for writing! —Ed.

The Big Easel

Being such a fan of MAD, I decided to make Alfred E. Neuman the subject of my first stained glass window. After I was finished, I concluded MAD motivates me to work with sharp glass, lead and hot irons. Like it, or I'll conclude you have no taste.

Katie Kempinski, Berwick, PA

Summer Kemp — You're working with sharp glass, lead and hot irons? Admit it, you're really a prison guard at Abu Ghraib! We're looking forward to getting a stained glass depiction of a bunch of naked prisoners arranged into the shape of Alfred's face! Bango! —Ed.

Katie and her stained glass Alfred.

MAD BLURBS

Actual quotes that prove the world is going MAD!
This Month: *Desperate Housewives* creator Marc Cherry

"Marc Cherry admits that the idea for the mysterious note Mary Alice received — 'I know what you did' — was lifted from the 1997 horror flick *I Know What You Did Last Summer*. Cherry gives propz to MAD magazine for catching him on this in a parody called 'Disparate No-Lives.'"

— excerpted from *TV Guide* Sept. 25-Oct. 1

TEACHER'S DRECK

In MAD #456, you asked for stories involving teachers and MAD. I doubt that you'll receive any letters as unique as mine. When I started as a new teacher at Downers Grove (IL) North High School in 1976, a veteran English teacher named Stan Steed kept a running subscription to MAD. Stan encouraged his students to read MAD, handing out issues to those clowns and jokers who finished tests early so they wouldn't disturb more earnest test-takers who needed to work in peace. When the great Mr. Steed retired in 1990, he left his collection of MADs to me. I am still the proud owner of these vintage mags, which date from about 1974 to 1978. Like Stan, I give my early bird test-finishers an old issue to peruse in silence. After their initial outburst of "Man, these are old!" otherwise unruly students silently chuckle over MAD standards such as "Spy Vs. Spy," "The Lighter Side Of" and the parodies of literature and movie classics such as *Star Wars*. Though my collection is no longer pristine (having been handled and folded hundreds of times), I suspect it may be valuable to a collector. However, since I'm not apt to retire for another five years, I won't be selling (or giving away) my collection any time soon!

Victoria Everitt, Aurora, IL

Vic of Nite — Thanks to your letter, we now have the conclusive and irrefutable proof why American students lag behind their foreign counterparts! You say you're not retiring for another five years, but we bet once the school board sees this letter, it's going to be a lot sooner than that! See you in homeroom! —Ed. P.S. Would it kill you to update your MAD collection for the kids? How funny can 25-year-old Jimmy Carter jokes be?

FOR BETTOR OR FOR WORSE

You guys are so immature. All you ever do is make stupid jokes in response to reader mail. Anybody can come up with tasteless "humor" like yours. I even bet my friend $100 that I could outwit you and leave you speechless. MAD Magazine is so dumb, it drives people MAD. In your face! Top that!

Brandon Zelman, Brooklyn, NY

Zelman's Mayonnaise — When we first read your letter, we thought we would ignore your insults and not sink to your level — you know, be "mature." But then we realized two things. One — it would mean you'd win 100 bucks from your friend, and two — it would mean passing up the opportunity to make fun of a pompous, boring, cocky-doody, wuss-face like yourself. So, it looks like you owe your friend $100 — and we hope that he gives a cut of that to us for having to read your stupid and pointless letter in the first place! —Ed.

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If my keyboard has a broken "M" key, how would I spell MAD? — ajn...Orano, while tasting cherry fresh, is not nearly as good as bleach, which has a watermelon/apple aftertaste — Deeznuts...Why does everyone always say "Oh, he's got a touch of the flu" when the flu is usually beating me senseless? — Dave the Almighty...I have a photographic memory, but I always leave the lens cap on — cyco-zombie...If you make a bread sandwich, does it take two or three slices of bread? — Dwarfzilla...I can swallow whole lava lamps, but only the pink ones! — Merrick Cohen.

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

Hi! My name is Lauren Hunter and I am 24 years old from Newtown, PA. I love your magazine, I'm a die-hard fan! I saw Bam Margera (of *Viva La Bam* fame) and I thought I would get his picture with the magazine because I always see people do this and I always wanted to take a picture with a famous person holding your magazine! So I did and he is holding MAD, and now I feel cool and privileged!

Lauren Hunter, Newtown, PA

Treasure Hunter — Congratulations on your Nifty Fifty™ Celebrity Snap! You'll not only get a three-year subscription to MAD, but you'll also get a copy of this issue signed by the entire MAD staff (whether you want it or not!) —Ed.

Lauren with Bam and (below) with Bam's ever patient parents

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If you love King Kong, love Peter Jackson, or just love production diaries, have we got the contest for you! Five lucky winners will receive a copy of King Kong — Peter Jackson's Production Diaries, courtesy of Universal Home Video, which includes a full-color, 50-page book, four art prints and two DVDs all on the making of the film! Don't feel bad if you don't win one, it's on sale now! To enter, on a 3x5 card, hand print your name, complete address and e-mail address. Mail it to: King Kong Diaries Sweepstakes c/o MAD Magazine, Dept. 461, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. Only one entry per person. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. See official rules at www.madmag.com

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It's the age of free games! Everyone that got their letter published in this month's Letters Page will receive a free copy of *Age of Empires®: The Age of Kings* for Nintendo DS courtesy of Majesco Entertainment! For those of you who didn't have their missives printed, don't worry — the game will be on sale January 20th!

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YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, MARIO!

How well do you know Mario Kart? Check out this timeline of everyone's favorite plumber and his many adventures behind the wheel and find out!

1992 SUPER MARIO KART

Super Mario Kart placed Mario, Luigi, Princess Peach, Yoshi, Donkey Kong Jr., Bowser, Toad, and Koopa Troopa in karts for the first time, kicking off a high-speed item-throwing craze that continue to this day.

1997 MARIO KART 64

Boasting more characters, more tracks, and the addition of saved ghost data that lets you compete against your best races, Mario Kart 64, in full 3D, truly shined in the multiplayer arena. You could really feel the banana peels and Koopa shells coming at you!

2001 MARIO KART SUPER CIRCUIT

The karts cruised off the television and into players' hands with Mario Kart: Super Circuit, the Game Boy Advance entry into the series. Everyone's favorite characters returned, and as always, each of them boasted specific attributes like good high speed or fine-tuned handling.

2003 MARIO KART Double Dash!!

The Nintendo GameCube installment of Mario Kart: Double Dash!! came with the most radical change yet — two players per kart! Grand Prix races and battle matches all looked amazing thanks to the Nintendo GameCube's power, but now players juggled a pair of racers as they tore around incredible new tracks in tricked-out custom karts.

2005 MARIO KART DS

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GUIDE TO OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS

Jenkins takes his pet to the veterinarian every six months for a check up, even if the animal seems just fine.

Melvin takes his brand new pet down to the hardware store, because he always wondered how straight a kitten would walk after a ride inside a paint mixer.

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Begging	Panhandling	

3 QUICK AND EASY THINGS KING KONG COULD DO TO IMPROVE HIS IMAGE

1 Go out of his way to show people his "fun" side

2 Check to be sure th about to hurl into full of third grader

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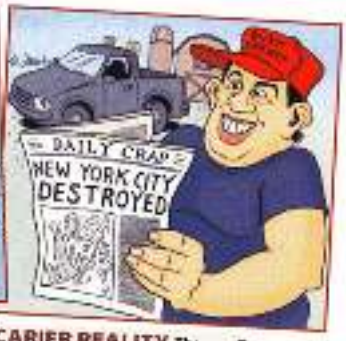
THE FAST 5 PBS' NEW CONSERVATIVE DIRECTION

1. *Sesame Street* will no longer teach words George Bush cannot pronounce.
2. Suze Ormond's financial lectures will be boiled down to three words: "Buy Halliburton stock!"
3. *Nova* will begin a new 363-part series on how global warming actually improves the environment.
4. Funding will be pulled from any education show that presents facts not found in the Bible.
5. In a truly patriotic display, Barney kills himself, so that his remains can become fossil fuel for future generations.

SCARY THREATS...SCARIER REALITIES



SCARY THREAT A North American Tsunami could devastate New York or Los Angeles.

SCARIER REALITY The "Red States" really wouldn't mind.

SCARY THREAT The recent players' fan confrontations will lead to a ban on alcohol in sports arenas.

SCARIER REALITY The worst fights are at Little League games anyway.

SCARY THREAT An upcoming military draft will send thousands of young people away for years at a time.

SCARIER REALITY Those years would've been spent unemployed at home.

SCARY THREAT The rates of sexually transmitted diseases will increase drastically over the next decade.

SCARIER REALITY You have nothing to worry about.

SCARY THREAT A diet of junk food can ruin a person's health in just one month.

SCARIER REALITY 87% of Americans know this from personal experience.

MONKEYS ARE ALWAYS FUNNY

3 Drop the standoffish sounding "King" and go by his real first name

MySpace by the Numbers

3: Number of years ago your "up-to-date" *MySpace* photo was taken.

12: Number of years difference between the age you've put on your profile and your actual age.

8: Number of personality traits you've listed on MySpace.

0: Amount of personality you actually have.

6: Number of people who grasp the irony of listing "outgoing" on a profile for a website used to avoid basic social contact.

5: Number of friend-to-friend links you went through to get to your sister's roommate's boyfriend's cousin's podiatrist you're convinced you'll have so much in common with (coincidentally, also the number of minutes it will take on your first date for you to realize this is not so).

21: Number of your old high school classmates who, to your surprise, have outed themselves via their listing under "Orientation."

2: Number of hours you spent shooting and reshooting your "candid" shots for your MySpace photo gallery.

1,043: The number of times a day you checked for new messages during the first week.

4,782: Number of times this week you've checked your ex's account to see if they are in a new relationship.

55 billion: The total number of unnecessary exclamation points used in the "Friends' Comments" section.

5 million: Number of pet pictures with the caption "Isn't she the cutest?"

0: Number of real friends you've actually made through *MySpace*.

7: Number of months *MySpace* has left before joining Friendster on the rubble heap of passing fads.

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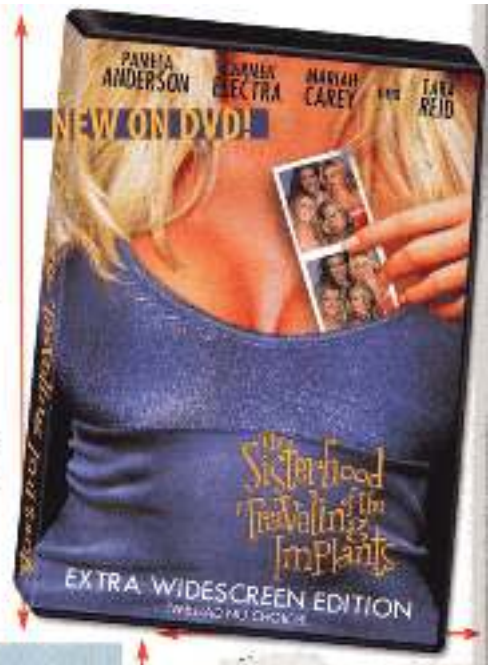

GRAPHIC NOVEL REVIEW

THE THOROUGHLY UPDATED, ALL-INCLUSIVE HANDBOOK TO THE MARVEL UNIVERSE
$39.95, Marvel Comics, 400 pages

Over the years, Marvel and DC have periodically compiled "handbooks" of their various heroes and villains. They provide a kind of encyclopedic repository of repetitive power fantasies and repercussion-free violence.

These handbooks have answered nagging questions, organized their fantastical worlds of wonder and, most importantly, suckered their anal fanbase into buying and bagging 12-part series that look very much like comic books, but in reality contain no story whatsoever. Get some unpaid intern to write down a few secret identities and powers, pull a few illos, alphabetize 'em, and hey now! A 40-dollar series that every completist geek feels obliged to buy!

To be fair, the process is a little more complicated than that. Marvel's rabid, increasingly senile readers are more attentive to the detail in Dr. Strange's boots than they are to their own wardrobe or hygiene. There's not much you can tell the fans about their favorite heroes and villains that they haven't already known for years. And they demand total, absolute accuracy. They want alphabetical handbooks that determine every character's maximum rate of speed, to the precise made-up digit.

Small wonder that *The Thoroughly Updated, All-Inclusive Handbook to the Marvel Universe* became the #1 comic in the United States, reportedly selling more than 14,000 copies per month. Now those issues have been compiled into a softcover edition, which will be sold to the same people who already bought the issues.

The attention to pointless minutiae is astonishing. You may know about Spider-Man's powers and origin, but did you know that the spider who bit Peter Parker was left-handed? That Professor X used to collect ViewMaster reels? Or that the Beyonder caught Moon in college? None of these things are important. In fact, they have never impacted a Marvel Comics storyline in any way. And yet they've been collected in this unrelenting encyclopedia of pain.

For the kids out there who are reading superhero comics for the first time, and are just into the stories, a collection like this will seem dull. But for the other 98% of Marvel's readership, this book is a must-collect! Mastery of trivial factoids help nurture the illusion in one's mind that you have any control over the unfeeling ramlessness of life. And as your failures mount, and your bitterness boils like magma, at least you know you can name all the original members of the Sinister Six. Plus, there's a hot drawing of the Scarlet Witch on page 336 that looks like she likes you.

THE VULTURE
Real Name: Adrian Toomes
First appearance: *The Amazing Spider-Man #2*
Powers: Superhuman-level strength, vitality and athleticism. Wears harness with built-in electromagnetic anti-gravitron generator and attached bird wings. Can fly at speeds of up to 95.2 MPH for up to 6 hours, with pinpoint maneuverability. Can attain maximum altitude of 17,010 feet.
Place of birth: Staten Island, New York
Height/Weight: 5' 11", 175 pounds
Eyes: Hazel
Allergies: Shellfish, dander
Dresses to the: Left
Favorite WNBA team: Mana

FICO Score: 740
Make of refrigerator: Kenmore
Preferred juice: Cranapple
Identifying marks: Mole on left hip
Ramones albums owned: *Rocket to Russia, Ramones Mania*
Date his i's with: Oats
Health plan: Aetna
Emotional state at Christmas time: Unchanged
Voted for: Ba Bice
Least favorite Muppet: Sliney
Sneaker of choice: Reebok
AIM chat name: bEaKyMaN24
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YULE BE SORRY DEPT.

Each year, MAD presents the "50 Worst Things...," usually around July. But this whack-doodle timing prevents us from focusing on one annual subject that deserves a list of its own. So now, in the spirit of the date Christmas falls on, we present...

The 25 WORST THINGS about CHRISTMAS

ARTIST: PAUL COKER WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

1 *Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer.* Oh yeah, it's really funny to constantly play a "novelty" song about a helpless old lady who gets stomped to death by a 500-lb. hoofed animal.

4 That worthless fake "snow" under the tree, whose sole purpose it would appear is to cause allergic reactions and skin rashes amongst holiday revelers.

5 TV weathermen who "report" that National Weather Service radar has picked up what appears to be a "tiny sleigh pulled by eight reindeer" approaching from the North Pole. That's great, Orson Welles, now tell us if it's gonna frickin' rain tomorrow or not.

8 Chirpy, saccharine airheads who haven't gotten the word that the rest of us are getting pretty tired of political correctness.

9 The bizarre line in the song *Winter Wonderland* that goes, "In the meadow we can build a snowman. Then pretend that he is Parson Brown...". In light of the recent church sex scandals, is this really an image we want to put into our minds, let alone the minds of impressionable children everywhere?

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13 Sorry-ass Salvation Army carolers who expect you to cough up a donation for their lousy renditions of songs you can hear on the radio for free.

14 Right-wingers who go apoplectic at the mere thought that anyone would say something other than "Merry Christmas."

2 Phony-baloney, mass-produced holiday cards sent by your weasel congressman — at your expense — wishing you, among other things, prosperity.

3 Mentally-addled Christmas tree salesmen who gouge you for a Charlie Brown-sized Bonsai, possibly to make up for the fact that they can't find work the other eleven months.

6 Cretins you haven't spoken with for ages sending you a card that arrives on the 24th, which guilt-trips you into having to send them a card back, which embarrassingly arrives the next week.

7 The endless fuss over the annual Rockefeller Center Christmas tree lighting. If Al Roker hadn't dropped 200 pounds, NBC could show the same special from 1995 and no one would be any the wiser.

Effeminate men in excruciatingly painful skin-tight leotards solemnly prancing onstage to the appropriately titled "Nutcracker."

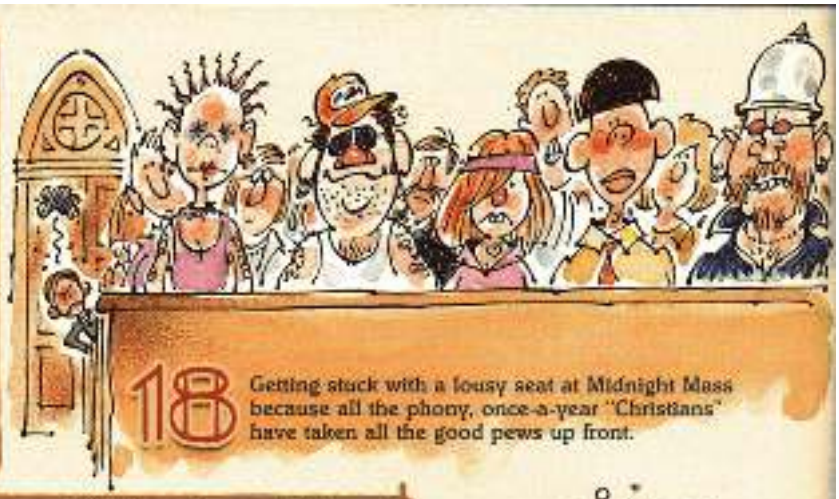
11 Getting egg dye all over your hands when...wait, hold on. Wrong holiday. (But it still sucks.)

12 Luxury car dealers who casually advertise their late December sales as though a $50,000 automobile is some sort of last-minute stocking stuffer for the majority of Americans.

15 David Letterman's tiresome, predictable holiday monologue jokes about his drunken uncle, weird mother, Santa being mugged on the New York subway, and squirrels painting their nuts red and green.

16 Trying to feign enthusiasm for howlingly bad grade school nativity plays where distracted 10-year-olds routinely get out-acted by the Mattell doll being used as Baby Jesus.

17 Fast food places that get all excited over the fact that they've managed to add artificial eggnog flavor to their shake machines. Big McDeal!



18 Getting stuck with a lousy seat at Midnight Mass because all the phony, once-a-year "Christians" have taken all the good pews up front.

19 The latest paint-by-numbers bastardization of the Scrooge story.

20 The annual *Playboy* cartoons depicting buxom babes ready to give horny old Santa an "alternative" to his usual snack of milk and cookies.

21 The ungodly, reddish blend of chemicals known as Pepsi Spice, which tastes like it should be racked with the insecticides.

22 The ACLU, who act as if the entire foundation of American law will immediately come tumbling to the ground if there's a three-foot Nativity scene in a public park in Sandusky, Ohio.

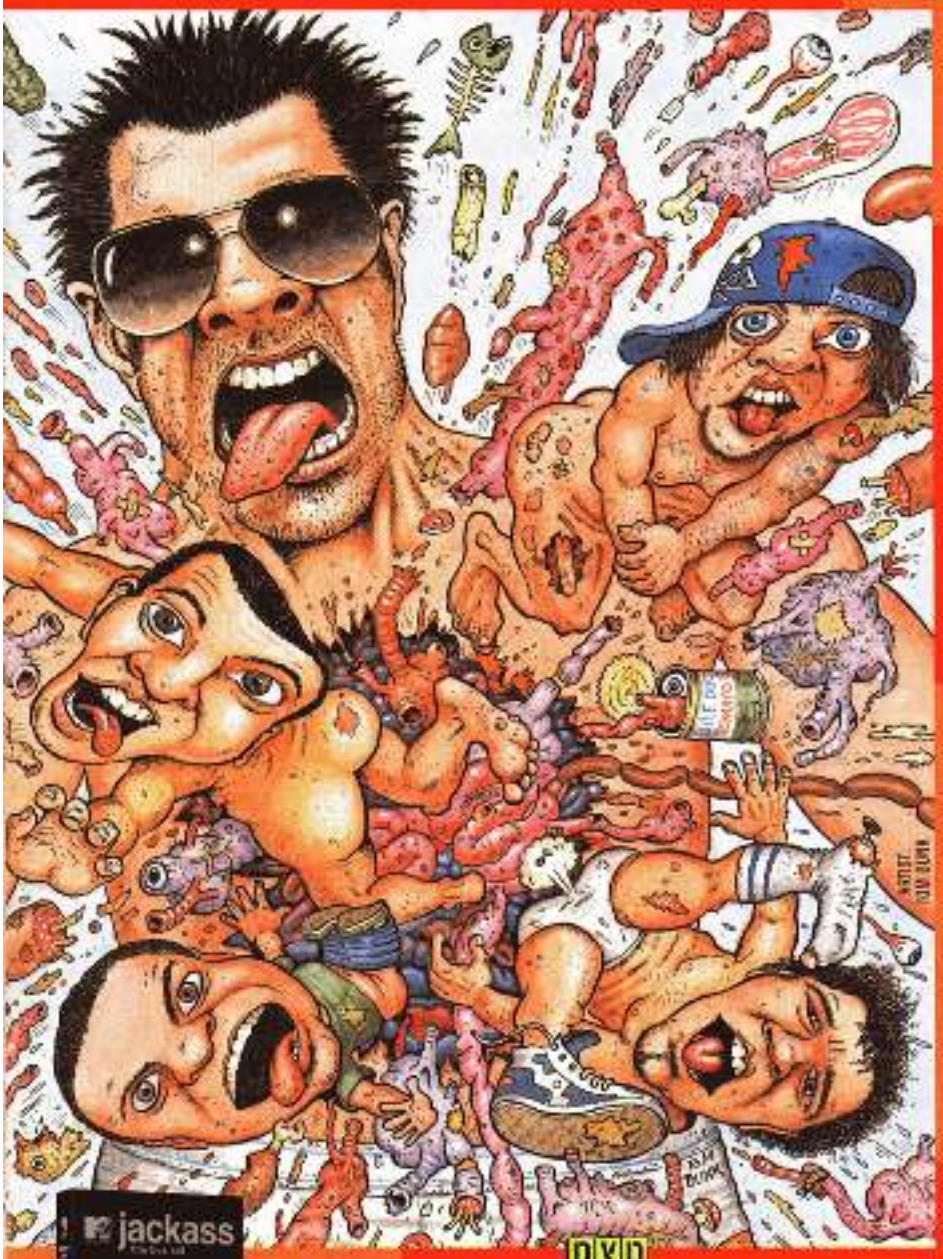
23 So-called professional "comedians" who score cheap and easy points with hackneyed, decades-old lines about how fruitcakes aren't exactly the tastiest holiday treat.

24 Catalogs who insist on tying their products into Christmas, no matter how inappropriate their product line.

25 Parents who don't understand that the words "educational" and "toy" rarely go together.

GO FETCH!

THE LATEST STUFF YOU MAY (OR MAY NOT) WANT TO CHASE DOWN!



DVD

JACKASS THE BOX SET

Paramount Home Entertainment • December 5

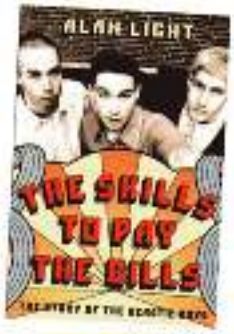
The Hype: Join in-your-face, do-anything-to-shock daredevil Johnny Knoxville and his team of never-do-wells — including Steve-O, Bam Margera and Wee Man — as they terrorize bystanders, store owners and parking lots across an unsuspecting nation.

The Snipe: *Surprisingly, the "Where Are They Now?" bonus feature does not take place entirely inside a rehabilitation hospital.*

BOOK

THE SKILLS TO PAY THE BILLS
THE STORY OF THE BEASTIE BOYS
ALAN LIGHT

Three Rivers Press Original • $14.00 • 368 pages • January



The Hype: This book provides a comprehensive history of the Beastie Boys and their influence on music and pop culture.

The Snipe: *They made it cool to be a white rapper, only to see all their hard work undone by the likes of Vanilla Ice, Sasam, Fred Durst, Aaron Carter and Marky Mark Wahlberg!*

GAME

NEED FOR SPEED MOST WANTED

Electronic Arts • Xbox 360, PS3, Xbox, GameCube, PC, PSP, DS, GBA

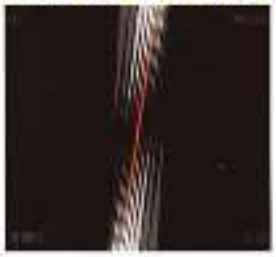
The Hype: Rule the streets as the most notorious street racer in various regions that include edgy industrial and urban environments. *Need for Speed Most Wanted* combines illicit street racing and tuner customization with the intensity of strategic police pursuit that surpasses any Hollywood-style chase scene.

The Snipe: *Think of this game as training for all the carpeolers you'll be seeing as police helicopter on the next four seasons of Cops.*

MUSIC

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF EARTH
THE STROKES

RCA Records • January 3



The Hype: Rock and roll's supposed saviors put out their third studio release. However, the album has been hampered by having several of its songs leaked onto the internet months ahead of schedule.

The Snipe: *Music illegally available online? We're shocked by this news! Just shocked!*

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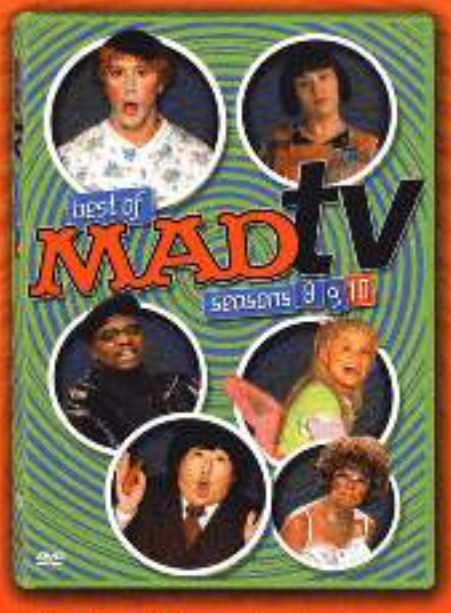
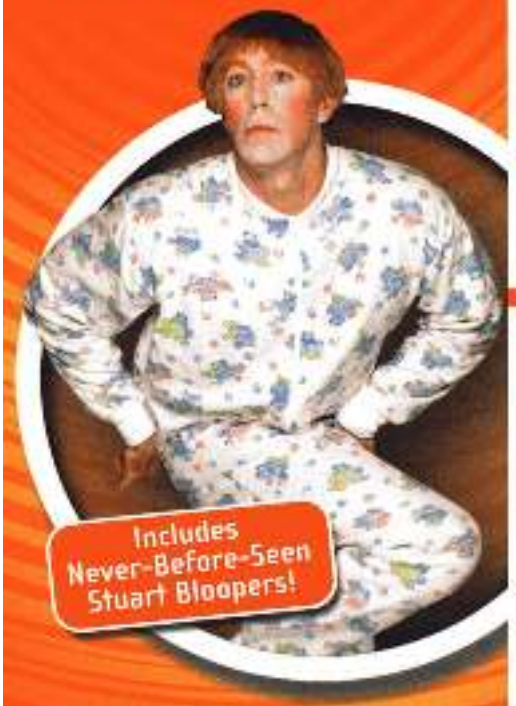


The funniest, most outrageous sketches from seasons 8, 9 and 10 in a 3-hour Special Edition DVD.



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DVD

THE 40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN

Universal Studios Home Entertainment • December 13

The Hype: Andy Stitzer has a nice apartment and a job stamping invoices at an electronics store. But at age 40, there's one thing Andy hasn't done: he's still a virgin. His friends make it their mission to change that, but Andy seems hopeless — until he meets single mom Trish.

The Snipe: *If you like films with a "happy ending," this is the movie for you!*

BOOK

THE MAKING OF A GRAPHIC NOVEL

PRENTIS ROLLINS

Watson-Guptill • $18.95 • 160 pages • January

The Hype: This book shows the creation of a graphic novel from beginning to end. The author explains how to conceive, write, draw, ink and finally letter a graphic novel. This process allows readers to look over the shoulder of an artist as he creates the final work.

The Snipe: *Alert: if you see someone reading this in a bookstore, whatever you do, don't look over their shoulder; that would be too weird!*

DVD

KING KONG: PETER JACKSON'S PRODUCTION DIARIES

Universal Studios Home Entertainment • December 13

The Hype: Director Peter Jackson takes fans on an unprecedented behind-the-scenes filmmaker's journey. This DVD set details an exclusive firsthand account of the intense eight-month production process of the epic film *King Kong*.

The Snipe: *Ironically, an "intense eight months" is also what it takes to view the entire "Platinum Series Special Extended DVD Edition" of Jackson's* Lord of the Rings *trilogy.*

GAME

AGE OF EMPIRES: THE AGE OF KINGS

Microsoft Entertainment • PC

The Hype: Boasting turn-based strategy gameplay, *Age of Empires: The Age of Kings* allows players to move from the Dark Ages through the Middle Ages with one goal in mind: domination of the known world.

The Snipe: *The Dark Ages? Don't that when they taught stuff like intelligent design?*

GAME

QUAKE 4

id Software • Xbox 360, PC

The Hype: You are Matthew Kane, a member of the Earth Defense Forces fighting the alien Strogg. After being captured on the planet Stroggos and converted into a Strogg, you become Earth's only hope for victory, as the horrifying modifications give you the ability to interface and manipulate the Strogg world in ways no human has ever been able to do before.

The Snipe: *Hey, we've got nothing against conversion, as long as the "horrifying modifications" don't involve a bib.*

MUSIC

WITH LOVE AND SQUALOR

WE ARE SCIENTISTS

Virgin Records • January 18

The Hype: Sounding like The Killers with a smirk, this three-man American band is already huge in England, but hopes to win over the home crowd with its debut album.

The Snipe: *Before you get too excited, here are some other things that are "huge in England": black pudding, useless royals, tiny convict cars, accents, cricket and Posh Spice.*

BOOK

NOSETALGIA: THE SMELLS THAT TAKE YOU BACK

MICHAEL GITTER, SYLVIA VACCARI AND CAROL BOBOLTS

Andrews McMeel Publishing • $14.95 • 95 pages • December

The Hype: There are full-color photos of a variety of items from the past — from Bumby to Franco-American spaghetti and meatballs. In addition, there are a number of scratch-and-sniff spots, including a baseball card and a hamster.

The Snipe: *Thank God they didn't include a scratch-and-sniff spot for a Frenchman!*

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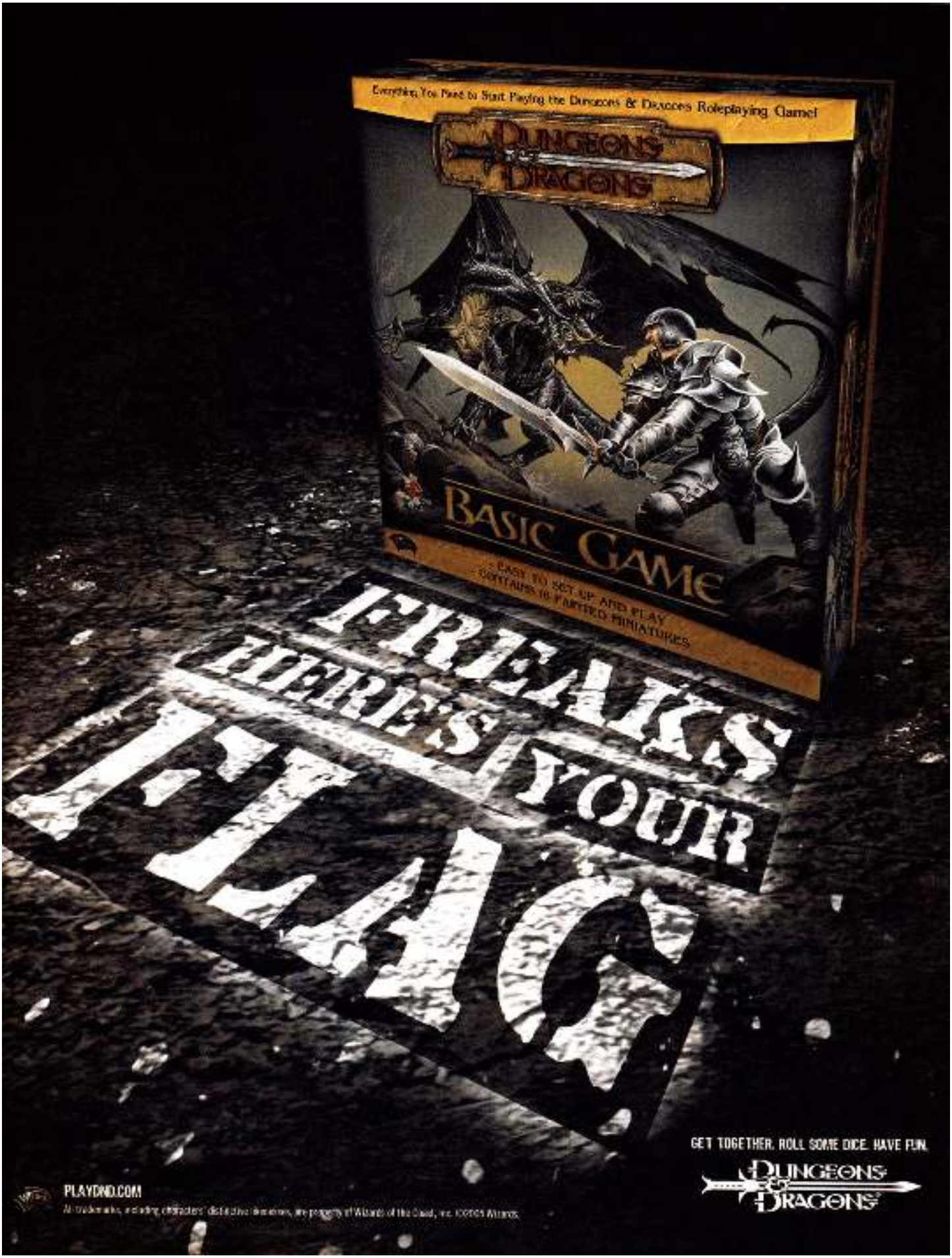
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FUGEES REUNION ALBUM

Sony Records • December 27

The Hype: After nearly a decade, and following various solo careers, countless side projects and rumored in-fighting, the Fugees finally get around to releasing the follow-up to their wildly successful album, *The Score*.

The Snipe: *The good news — after all this time, the Fugees get it together and are making music again! The bad news — it could give ideas to the Backstreet Boys.*

BOOK

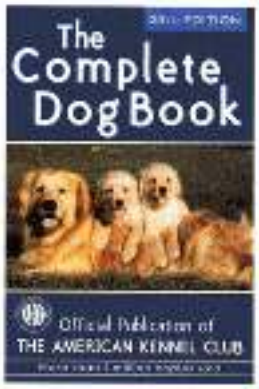
THE COMPLETE DOG BOOK

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Ballantine • $29.95 • 800 pages • January

The Hype: This edition contains updated histories, pictures of 158 breeds, a glossary, and a canine health and first aid section. This book will help in choosing, living with, and enjoying dogs!

The Snipe: *If you're torn between getting your child a Polish Lowland Sheepdog or a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, this book is for you!*



GAME

RESIDENT EVIL 4

Capcom • PS2

The Hype: Agent Leon S. Kennedy has been tasked to look into the abduction of the President's daughter and his investigation has led him to a mysterious location in Europe. As Leon encounters unimaginable horrors, he must find out who or what is behind everything.

The Snipe: *Unimaginable horrors in Europe, huh? Can't be any worse than the usual European horrors of bad British teeth and Eurotrashy.*

GAME

THE ELDER SCROLLS IV: OBLIVION

Bethesda Softworks/2K Games • Xbox 360, PC

The Hype: After the mysterious and untimely death of the Emperor of Tamriel, the gates of Oblivion open and demons march upon the land. To turn the tide of darkness, you must find the lost heir to the throne and unravel the sinister plot that threatens to destroy all of Tamriel. Voice talent includes Patrick Stewart, Sean Bean, Terence Stamp and Lynda Carter.

The Snipe: *Patrick Stewart, Sean Bean, Terence Stamp, and Lynda Carter?! Woo-woo! Now we can always a book more of the WonderCon autograph table!*

DVD

FANTASTIC FOUR

20th Century Fox Home Entertainment • December 6

The Hype: During a space voyage, four scientists are altered by cosmic rays: Reed Richards gains the ability to stretch his body; Sue Storm can become invisible and create force fields; Johnny Storm controls fire; and Ben Grimm is turned into a super-strong . . . thing!

The Snipe: *It's the most annoying team of four freakish losers since the cast of Hogan Knows Best!*

THE MUST-HAVE!

530 KNUCKLEBOOM LOADER

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The Hype: Built to withstand the side stresses of delimbing, the Timberjack 530 Knuckleboom Loader is ideal for high volume, large timber applications that smaller log loaders can't handle. Its powerful 240 hp diesel engine offers optimum lift through the boom range, and the 31 ft. 6 in. (9.6 m) main and stick booms — with rugged, lightweight box design and steel castings at pivot points — provide more lift capacity and swing torque than other loaders in its class.

The Snipe: *Free gift-wrapping not available at this time.*

On October 14 at Lowe's® Motor Speedway, Kasey Kahne and the No. 38 Great Clips Dodge team used "covert" track tactics during the NASCAR Busch Series race when they teamed up with Spy vs. Spy Jr. from MAD Kids magazine.

Starting this month, Spy vs. Spy Jr. will leap forth from the pages of MAD Kids in a continuing story of pint-sized enemies who fight their never-ending battle with cream pies, slingshots and water balloons. MAD Magazine featured the No. 38 Great Clips/Spy vs. Spy Jr. Dodge Charger to launch the new MAD Kids for children ages 6 to 11.

The No. 38 Great Clips/Spy vs. Spy Jr. Dodge Charger marks the second time Kahne has teamed with MAD Magazine for a paint scheme special. Last season, the original Spy vs. Spy made an appearance aboard the No. 9 Dodge at the NASCAR Cup Series race in Atlanta.

For information about Spy vs. Spy Jr./MAD Kids mini program, collectibles or other Kasey Kahne racing inspired merchandise, call or visit your preferred Action brand products dealer.

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Hurricanes Katrina and Rita clearly demonstrated how major storms can disrupt the distribution of the nation's fuel supplies. But be assured that no matter what Mother Nature throws in our path, from a monsoon to the terrifying intermittent drizzle we experienced last Tuesday, the challenge for us at **ExxonMonopoly** remains to overstate these disruptions while maximizing profits.

ExxonMonopoly is sparing no expense to rebuild our refineries, primarily since all costs will be passed on to you, our valued customers. In addition, all these rebuilding expenses will be taken as a tax deduction, and also as a business loss. That's the kind of sound corporate business policy we aspire to here at **ExxonMonopoly.**

Some critics have pointed out that after our recent merger we closed down half our refineries and laid off thousands of workers merely to cut costs and boost our profits. We'd like to offer a different reason, one that our brilliant PR firm just came up with: *We permanently closed down the refineries to protect them from hurricane damage!* If we hadn't exhibited such courageous foresight and taken these extraordinary measures, we would be faced today with the possibility of even *more* refineries damaged from future hurricanes. And that was a risk we just weren't willing to take. The fact that oil supplies would be plentiful and the price of gas would be significantly lower today is true, but of tremendous damage to our valued shareholders.

During this difficult time we urge consumers to use fuel wisely. We don't recommend that you drive less, or slower, or commute via hot, crowded, filthy public transportation. But when you fill up, you can do your part by trying not to spill too much.

For our part, we will do our best to restore production and distribution as fast and as cheaply as possible. Toward this end, we're asking the government to release more land for drilling, such as all the National Parks, protected wetlands, public landmarks and some suburban backyards.

We salute the efforts of President Bush, himself a former oil executive, who understands our difficult plight and has stood by us during this period of national tragedy and record-breaking profits. Be assured that we at **ExxonMonopoly** remain committed to shattering those records again and again in the coming months. That's our pledge to you, our valued customers.

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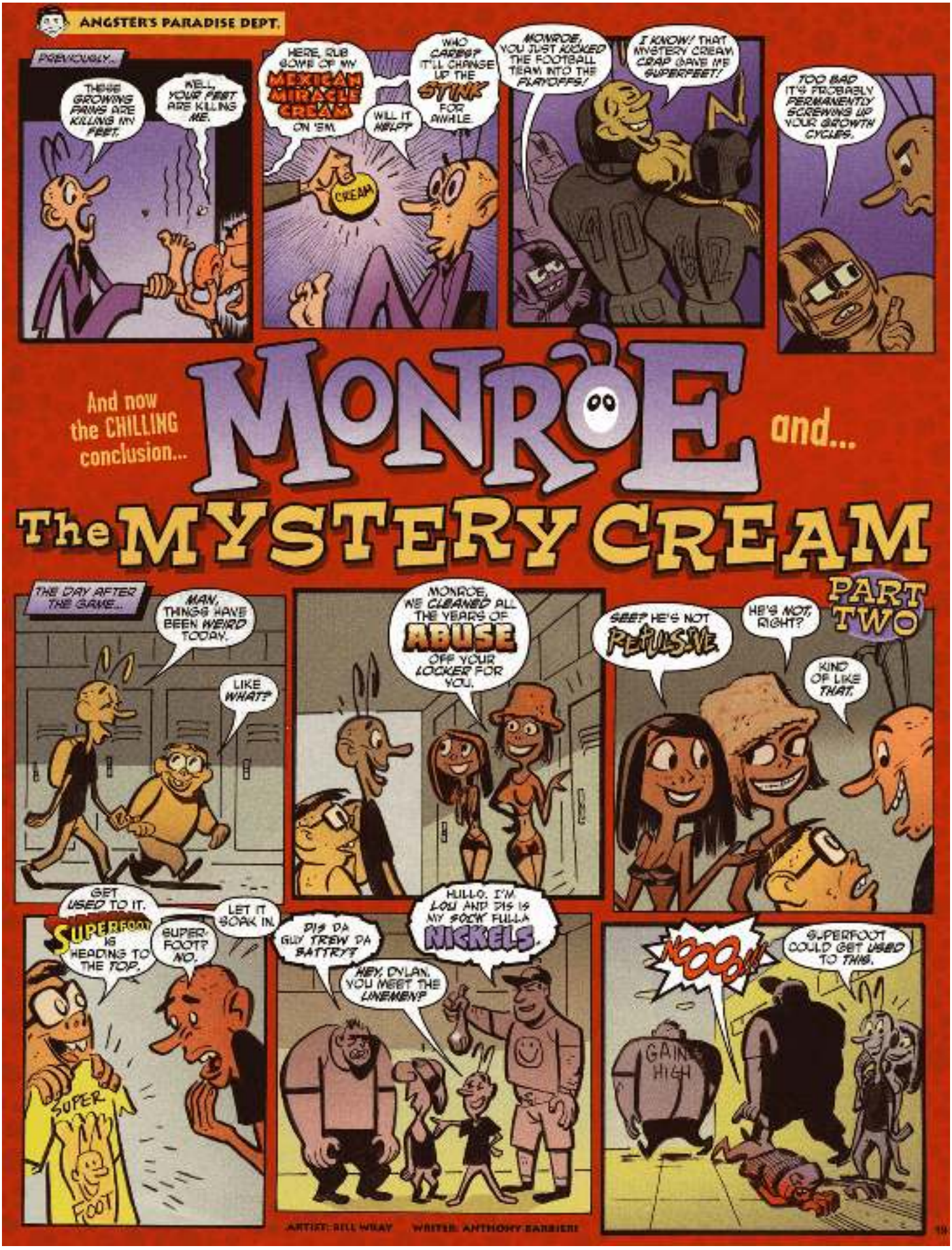

ARTIST: BILL WRAY WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI

SON! FOOTBALL IS VERY IMPORTANT IN THIS TOWN. YOU'RE GOING FOR THE PLAYOFFS TONIGHT!
I KNOW, POP.
RUB
RUB
JUST TELL ME ONE THING.
YEAH?
YOU THINK YOU COULD "ACCIDENTALLY" MISS ONE OR TWO FIELD GOALS? I COULD GET GREAT ODDS.
COME ON, HAVE A DRINK BEFORE YOU GO!
I GOTTA GO.
EXCUSE ME, SON, I'M FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD. I'M GONNA HAVE TO ASK YOU TO PEE IN THIS CUP.
MEXICAN MYSTERY CREAM IS A BANNED SUBSTANCE. IT CONTAINS STEROIDS, NOT TO MENTION PEANUTS AND GOAT SEMEN.
GREAT, SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW? AM I UNDER ARREST?
DON'T BE AN IDIOT, BOY. YOU'RE A STAR. YOU'RE THE REASON WE MADE THE PLAYOFFS! IN THIS TOWN, SUPERFOOT WOULD HAVE TO KILL SOMEONE TO GET ARRESTED.
COACH
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU CAN PLAY AS LONG AS YOU KEEP THIS LITTLE CONVERSATION BETWEEN US. YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO PLAY WITHOUT YOUR CREAM.
THERE GO THE PLAYOFFS!
IT'S HERO TIME, SUPERFOOT.
WHAT IF I CAN'T KICK WITHOUT THE MYSTERY CREAM?
WAKE UP, KID, YOU'RE A HERO!
WHAT HAPPENED, COACH, WAS MY KICK GOOD?
COACH
GOOD? HA! IT WENT FIVE FEET! BUT THE OTHER TEAM KNOCKED YOU UNCONSCIOUS! WE GOT A "ROUSING THE KICKER" CALL AND A FIRST DOWN! WE SCORED ON THE NEXT PLAY AND WON!
GREAT!
I'LL SAY! THE OTHER TEAM WAS SO INTO BEATING ON YOU, THEY DON'T EVEN CARE THAT THEY LOST. THEY'RE OVER THERE CELEBRATING, TOO.

FORGET IT! I'VE HAD A LIFETIME OF WEIRDOS LIKE YOU!
YOU IDIOT! I'M TESTING YOU FOR STEROIDS!
STEROIDS? I DON'T TAKE STEROIDS! WHAT IS THIS? A WITCH HUNT?
I'M SUPERFOOT! GET IT? AND SUPERFOOT DON'T PEE IN NO CUP!
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY. WE HAVE ALL THE PROOF WE NEED.
WHAT? THAT LITTLE BIT OF 'ROID RAGE DOESN'T PROVE ANYTHING.
NO, BUT THE CREAM HE KICKED OUT OF HIS LOCKER DOES.
OOPSY.
CREAM
THEN YOU SHOULD JUST STAY OUT THERE. FOREVER.
SO, IN OTHER WORDS, NO PRESSURE.
THERE'S THE KICK. IT'S SHORT, BY 45 YARDS!
UGH!
PUNT
AND THERE'S A LATE, UGLY HIT ON THE KICKER BY THE ENTIRE DEFENSE!
FORGET KICKING, KID. YOU GETTING HIT IS MY NEW GAME PLAN! IF YOU SURVIVE THE PLAYOFFS, YOU COULD TAKE US ALL THE WAY TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS!
SUPERFOOT! SUPERFOOT!
AND TO THINK, MONROE, ALL THOSE STEROIDS DID WAS WRECK YOUR LIVER AND SHRINK YOUR NADS.
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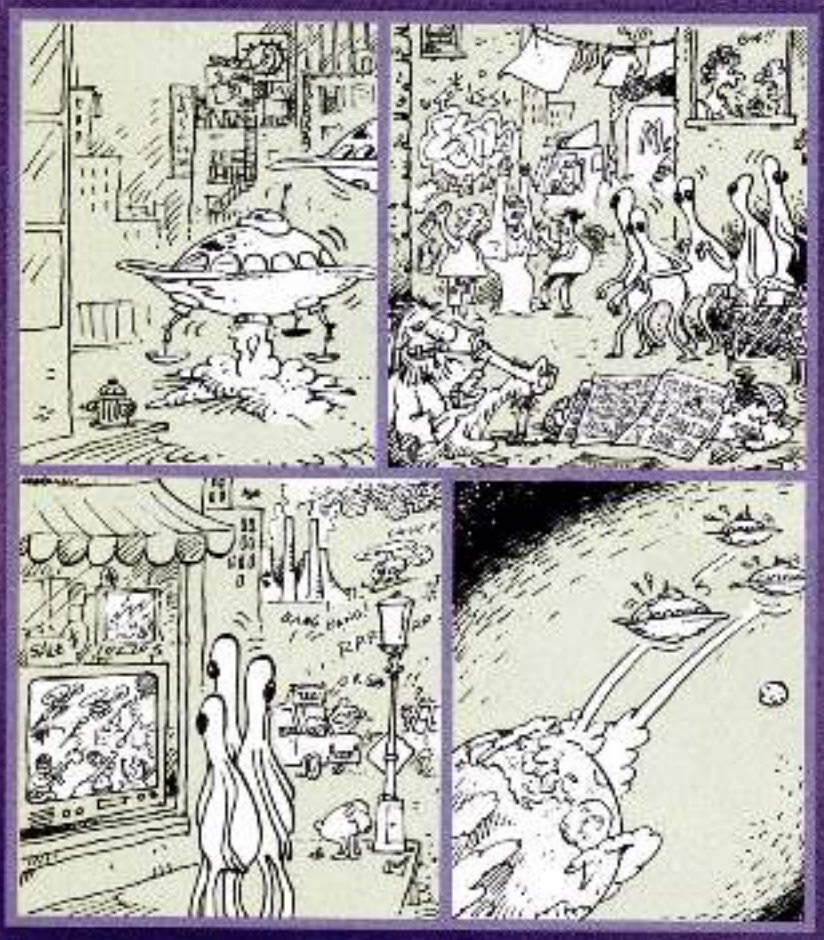

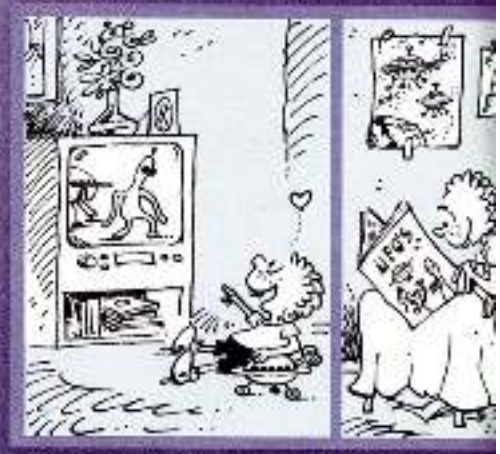

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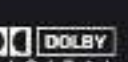

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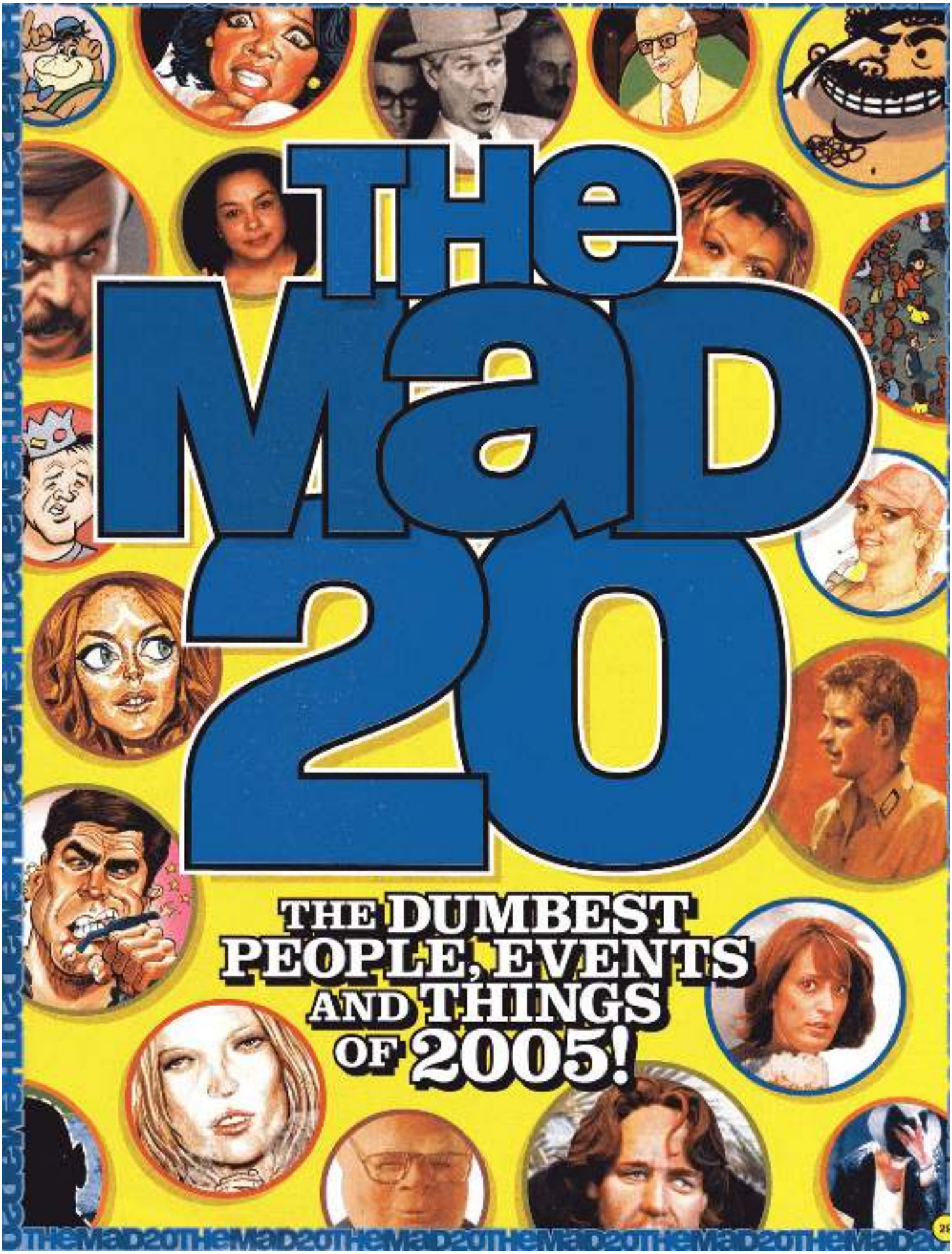
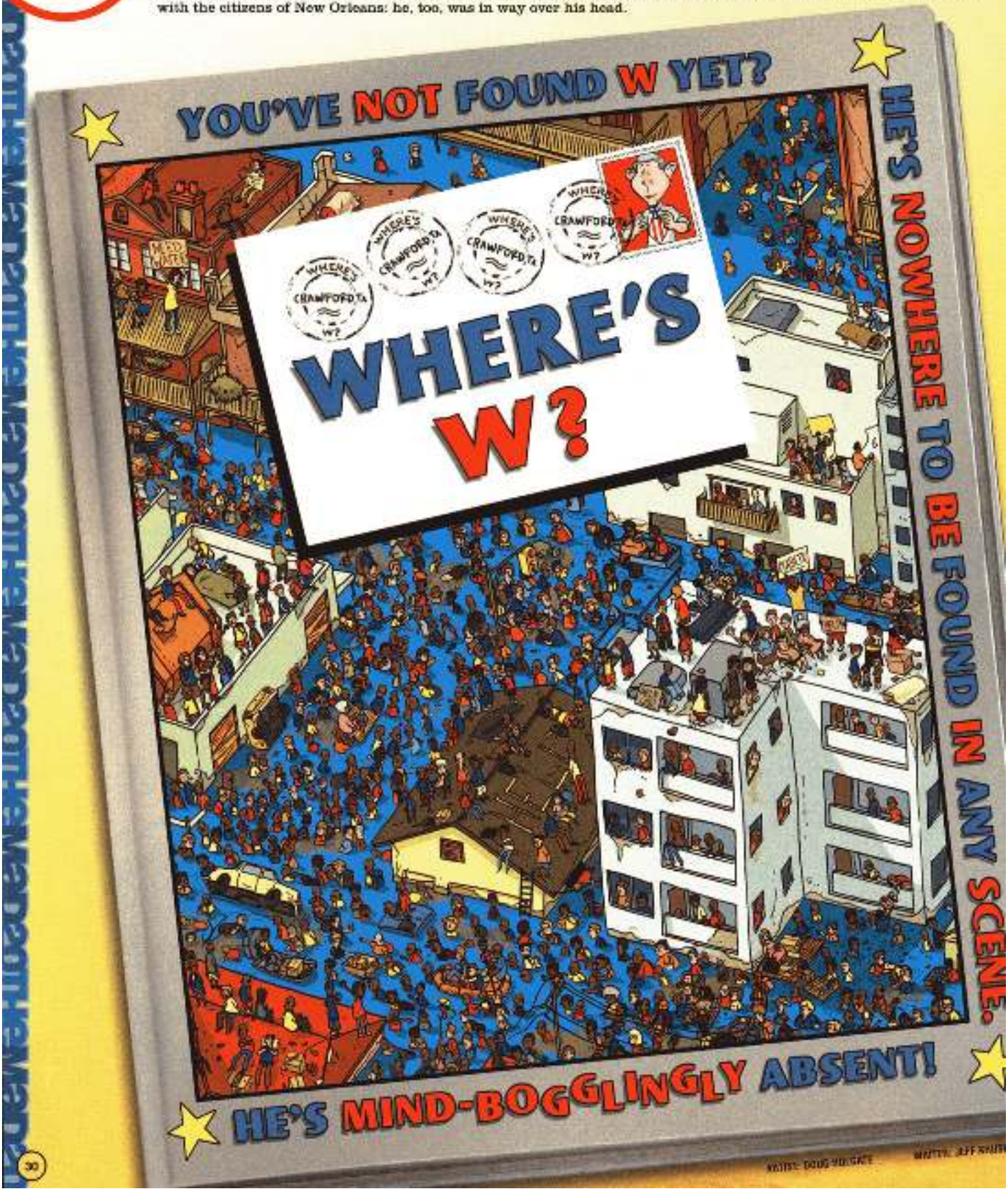


1 HURRICANE KATRINA THE BUSH LEAGUE RESPONSE

Shattering his old record for totally ignoring a national disaster (8 minutes of slacking following the 9/11 attacks), President Bush set a new standard this year for utter cluelessness. As Katrina grew to a Category 5 hurricane and smashed the Gulf Coast, leaving New Orleans underwater and thousands stranded and suffering, Dubya spent his time clearing brush, presenting a birthday cake to John McCain, strumming a guitar at a GOP fundraiser, and sleeping. By the time he apologized to the nation two weeks later, it was painfully clear that the President had a lot in common with the citizens of New Orleans: he, too, was in way over his head.



2 TOM CRUISE FROM PRETTY BOY TO "HOO BOY!"

As a Scientologist, Tom Cruise believes that all human suffering is caused by the galactic tyrant Xenu, who stacked billions of alien ghosts in volcanoes 75,000,000 years ago and then blew them up with his H-bombs. To us that sounds completely plausible, especially when compared to Tom's recent super crazy rants against psychotherapy and his wide-eyed, maniacal declarations of love for Katie Holmes. (Note to Katie: *Get out now!*) Damn that Xenu for making us all suffer through Cruise's weird, pathetic meltdown.

His mission, should he choose to accept it, is to convince the world that he really, really, really likes women, prescription drugs for mental illness are evil, and everyone must go see his new movie.

THIS MAN WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN FIVE SECONDS.

TOM CRUISE AS THE UNRAVELING MOVIE STAR AND AMATEUR PSYCHIATRIST

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MATT LAUER AS THE "GUID" MORNING ANCHOR

AND BROOKE SHIELDS AS THE LONG-SUFFERING, POSTPARTUM MOM WHO JUST NEEDS SOME EXERCISE AND A FEW VITAMINS

PRODUCED BY A GIGANTIC EGO

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

3

THERE GOES THE BRIDE

JENNIFER WILBANKS SAYS "ADIEU"

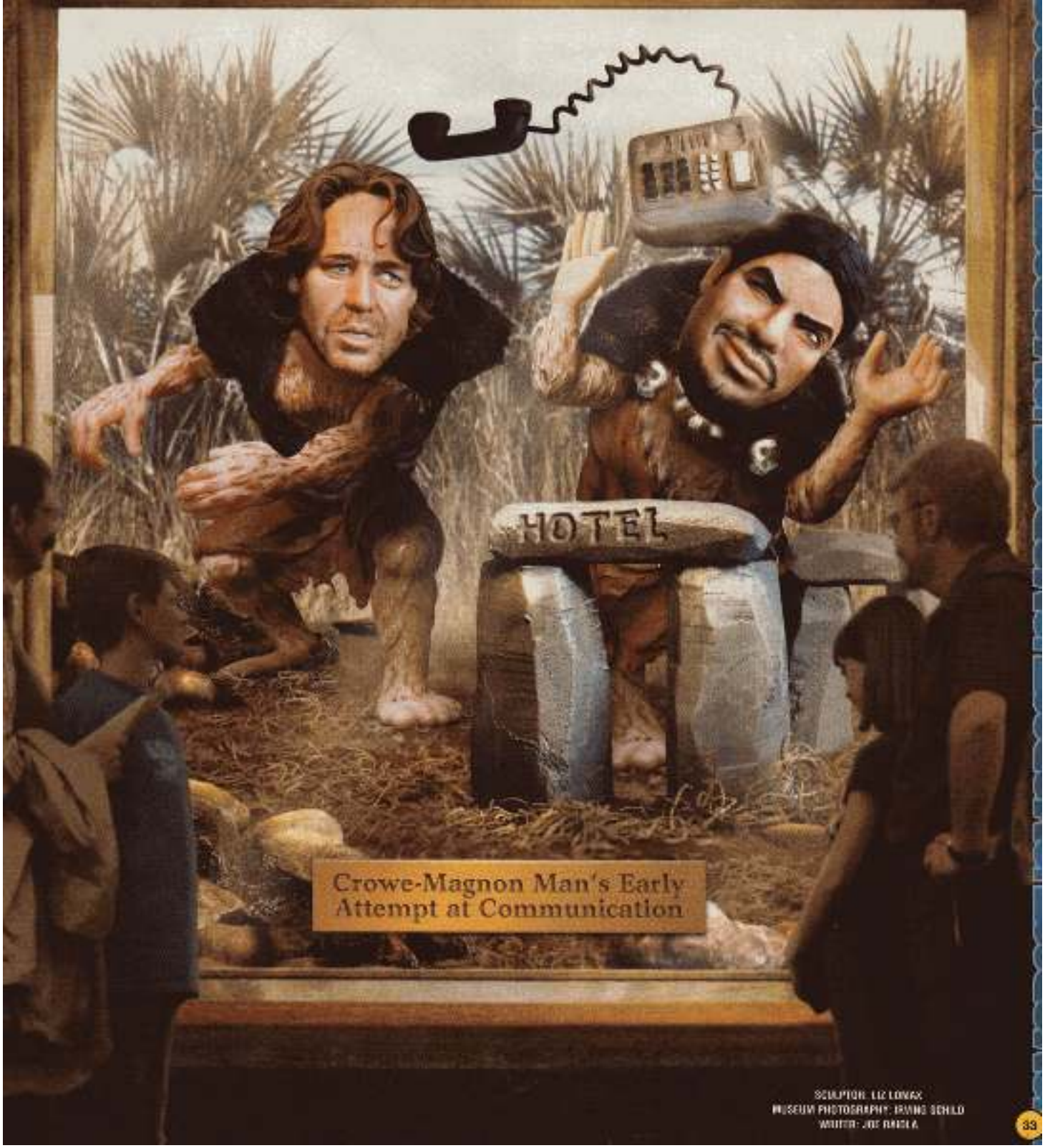
Here comes the bride, all dressed in...whoops, not so fast! Just days before her upcoming nuptials, spooked bride-to-be Jennifer Wilbanks faked being kidnapped by a "Hispanic man" to avoid tying the knot. After an entire police force and 150 volunteers spent days looking for her to the tune of $60,000, she admitted that the story of her abduction on the eve of marriage was even phonier than the story of Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey's happy marriage. But still, the most troubling and highly disturbing aspect of the whole story? Her freaky-ass bug-eyes!

ARTIST: SCOTT BRICHER WRITERS: CHARLIE KADAU AND JOE RAGOLA

4 RUSSELL CROWE'S TELEPHONE TANTRUM

DIAL "M" FOR MORON

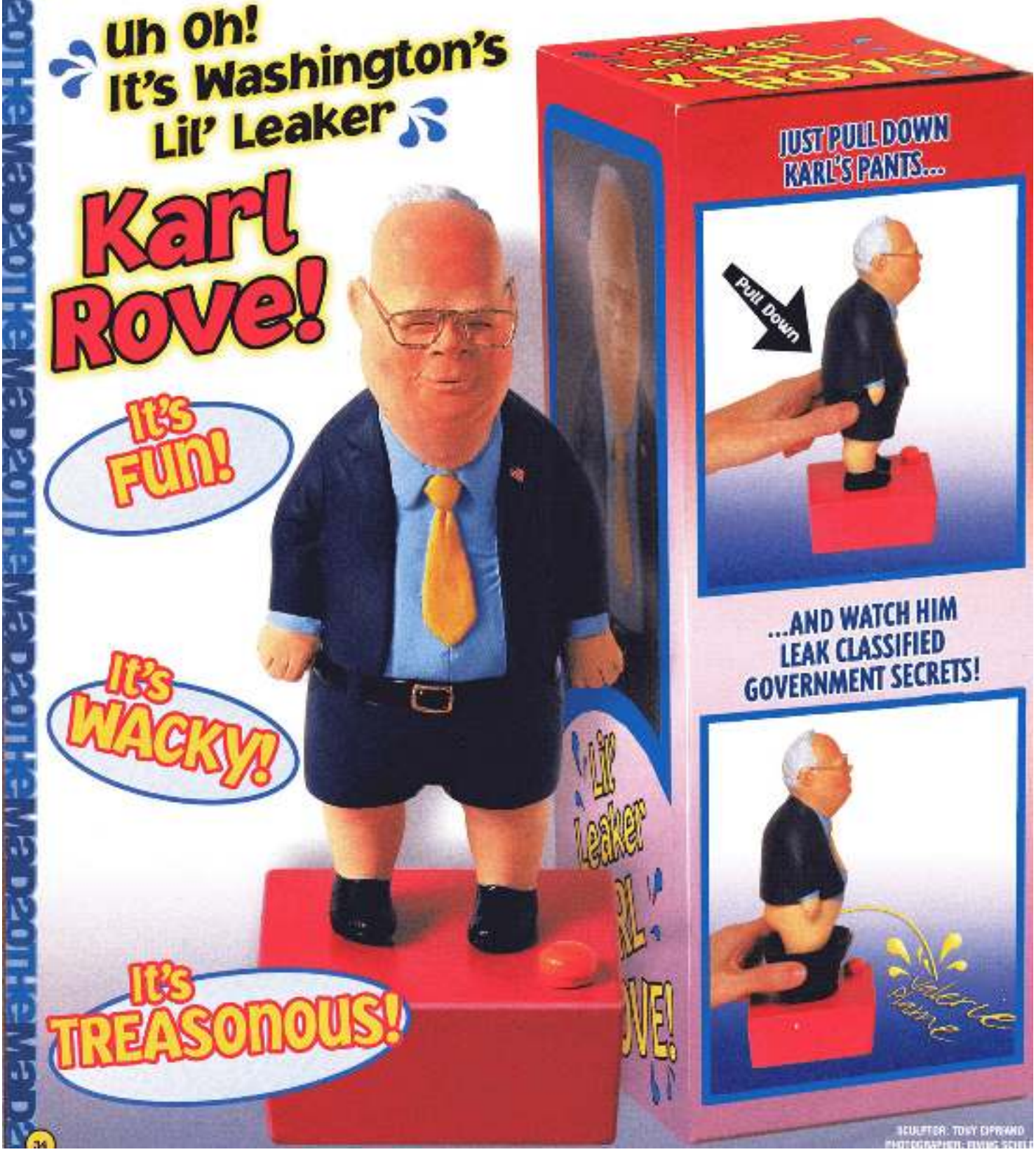
Russell Crowe may not get a Best Actor nomination for *Cinderella Man*, but if there was a category for Best Real Life Temper Tantrum Thrown By a Pampered, Spoiled Multi-Millionaire Crybaby, then he'd be a sure-fire winner. The only performance of Crowe's that anyone paid any attention to this year was his caveman-like hotel lobby hissy fit during which he chucked a malfunctioning telephone at the head of a hapless desk clerk. All we can say is, it's a good thing Russell wasn't having any problems with his toilet.



SCULPTOR: LIZ LONAX
MUSEUM PHOTOGRAPHY: IRVING SCHILD
WRITER: JOE RAGLA

5 KARL ROVE A MAN FOR ALL TREASONS

There's an old saying that goes, if you piss in the wind enough, sooner or later it's bound to come back and hit you in the face. And so it was with White House advisor and political smear-meister, Karl Rove. When Rove heard that former diplomat Robert Wilson was issuing a report debunking the Bush administration's main reason for invading Iraq, and unable to refute Wilson with the facts, Karl did the only thing he could do: attack Wilson by secretly leaking to the press that his wife, Valerie Plame, was an undercover CIA agent. There were only two problems with Karl's plan: 1) It's against the law, and 2) He got caught. Next thing Karl knew, he was in front of a federal grand jury probing his verbal incontinence. Bad boy, Karl. Bad boy!

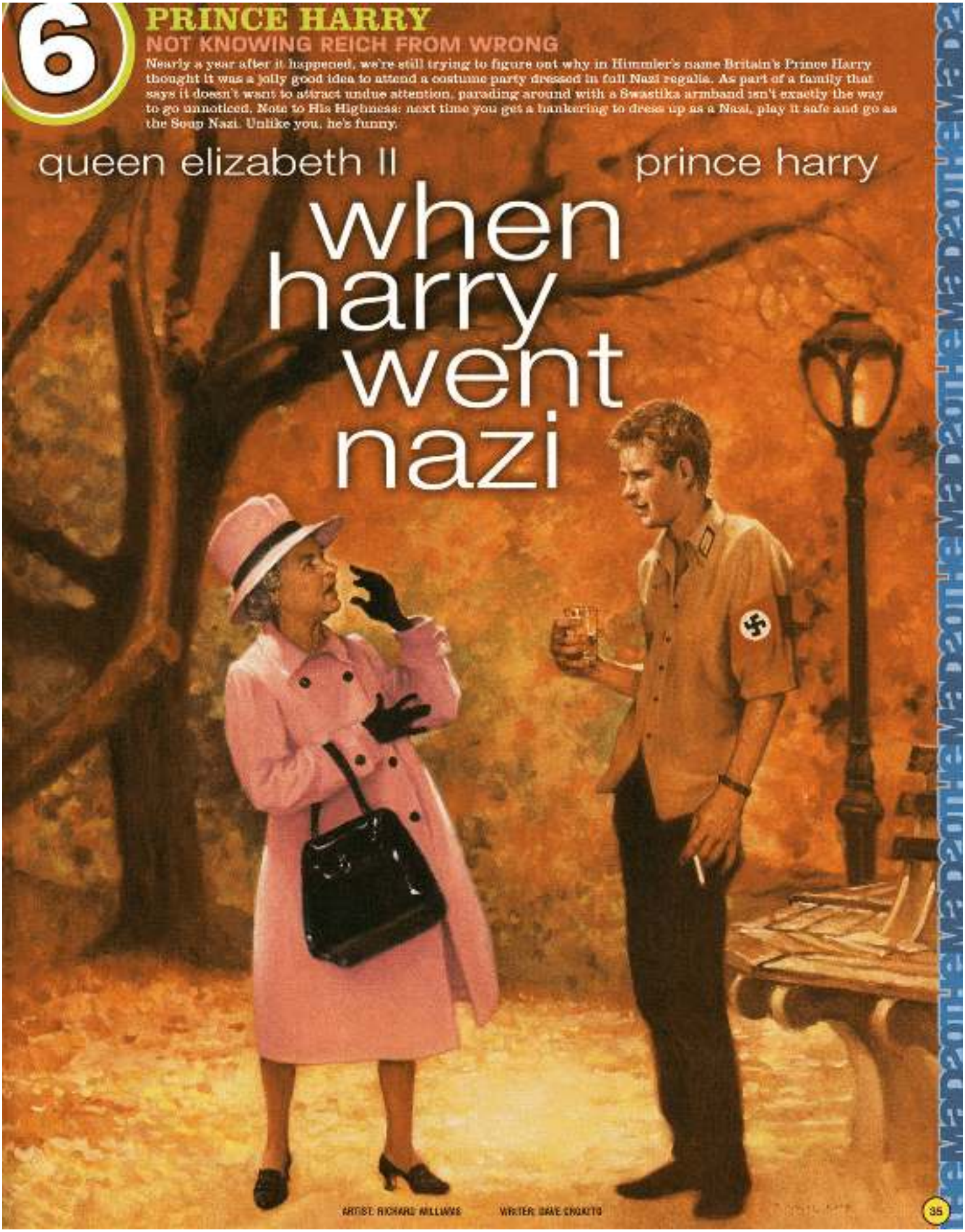


SCULPTOR: TONY DIPRIMO
PHOTOGRAPHED: DANIEL SOULE

6 PRINCE HARRY

NOT KNOWING REICH FROM WRONG

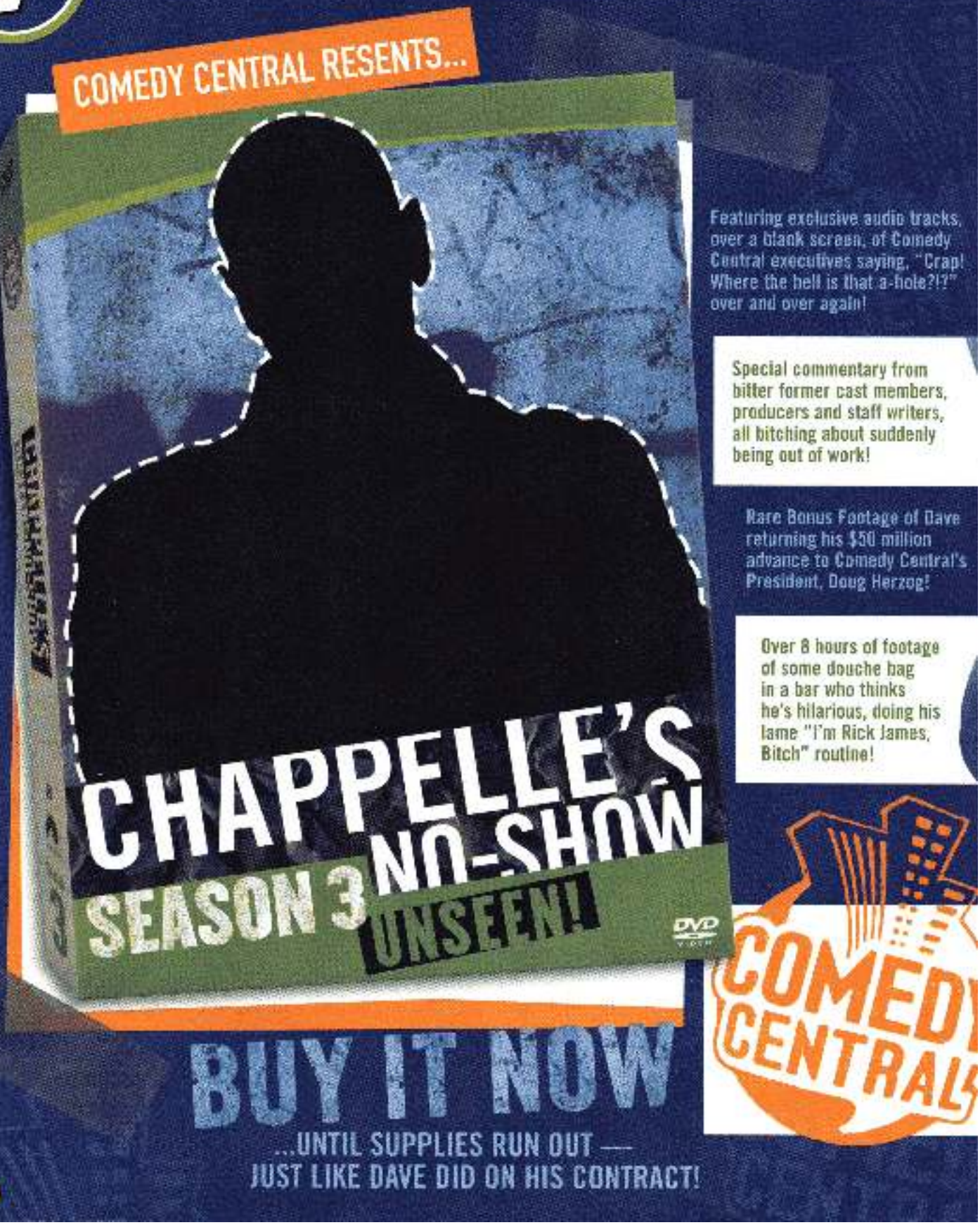
Nearly a year after it happened, we're still trying to figure out why in Himmler's name Britain's Prince Harry thought it was a jolly good idea to attend a costume party dressed in full Nazi regalia. As part of a family that says it doesn't want to attract undue attention, parading around with a Swastika armband isn't exactly the way to go unnoticed. Note to His Highness: next time you get a hankering to dress up as a Nazi, play it safe and go as the Soup Nazi. Unlike you, he's funny.



ARTIST: RICHARD WILLIAMS WRITER: DAVE CONRATH

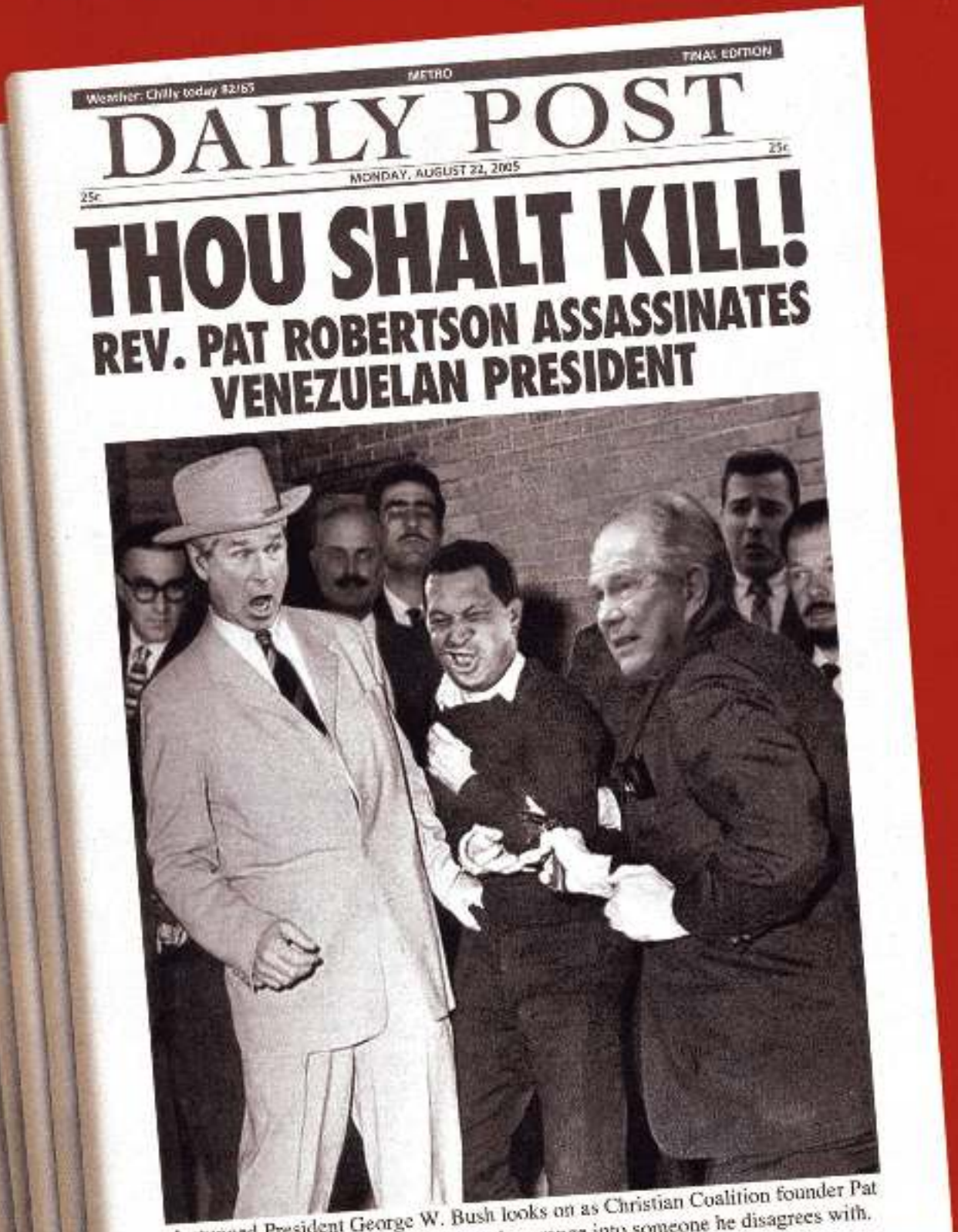
7 DAVE CHAPPELLE MUST FLEE TV

Everyone handles success differently. Some immediately embrace it, some slowly adapt to it and others panic, crap their pants and haul ass to South Africa. Just after signing a record-breaking $50 million contract with Comedy Central, guess which category Dave Chappelle fell into. Even though his impersonations of Lil John, Rick James and Prince made him a star, Dave is now most famous for a baffling new impression: Runaway Bride Jennifer Wilbanks (see number 8).



8 PAT ROBERTSON HITMAN OF THE CLOTH

Pat Robertson has long been respected and admired as a leading authority on sanctimonious, pea-brained, hateful ideas. This year, however, the Reverend's disturbing slide into advanced dementia reached a new low point when he called for the assassination of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. We're not Biblical scholars, but we missed the part in the Good Book where Jesus advocates killing. Perhaps Robertson's Bible includes The Gospel According To Jack (Ruby). We'd take issue with Pat more fervently, but honestly, we wouldn't want him to put a hit out on us, too.



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THOU SHALT KILL!

REV. PAT ROBERTSON ASSASSINATES VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT

A stunned President George W. Bush looks on as Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson pumps several rounds at close range into someone he disagrees with.

9 SCAM ARTIST GIVES WENDY'S THE FINGER

It was a fast food scam so stupid, it made the Hamburglar look like a criminal mastermind. Anna Ayala thought she had cooked up the perfect swindle — plant a severed digit in her Wendy's chili and just wait for that easy lawsuit money to come rolling in! Only one problem: for some crazy reason, Wendy's wanted to figure out exactly how "Chili con Fingertip" ended up on their menu. It didn't take much investigating before Ayala's Biggie lies were exposed and she and her husband were arrested — but not before her stunt cost Wendy's millions of bucks in lost business. Amazingly, in a story that involved a woman almost eating a severed human finger, Ayala's greedy, dumbass behavior managed to stand out as the most disgusting part.

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Anna Ayala
Convicted Spokescon

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- 1 tsp. temerity
- Assorted greedy relatives & lawyers (to flavor story)

1. Select large, successful fast-food chain.
2. Insert **Lawsuit Helper®** Severed Human Fingertip into mouth.
3. Casually mix into crowded, busy restaurant.
4. Combine fingertip with mouthful of food.
5. Spit mixture into napkin.
6. Cause scene.
7. Contact lawyer and media.
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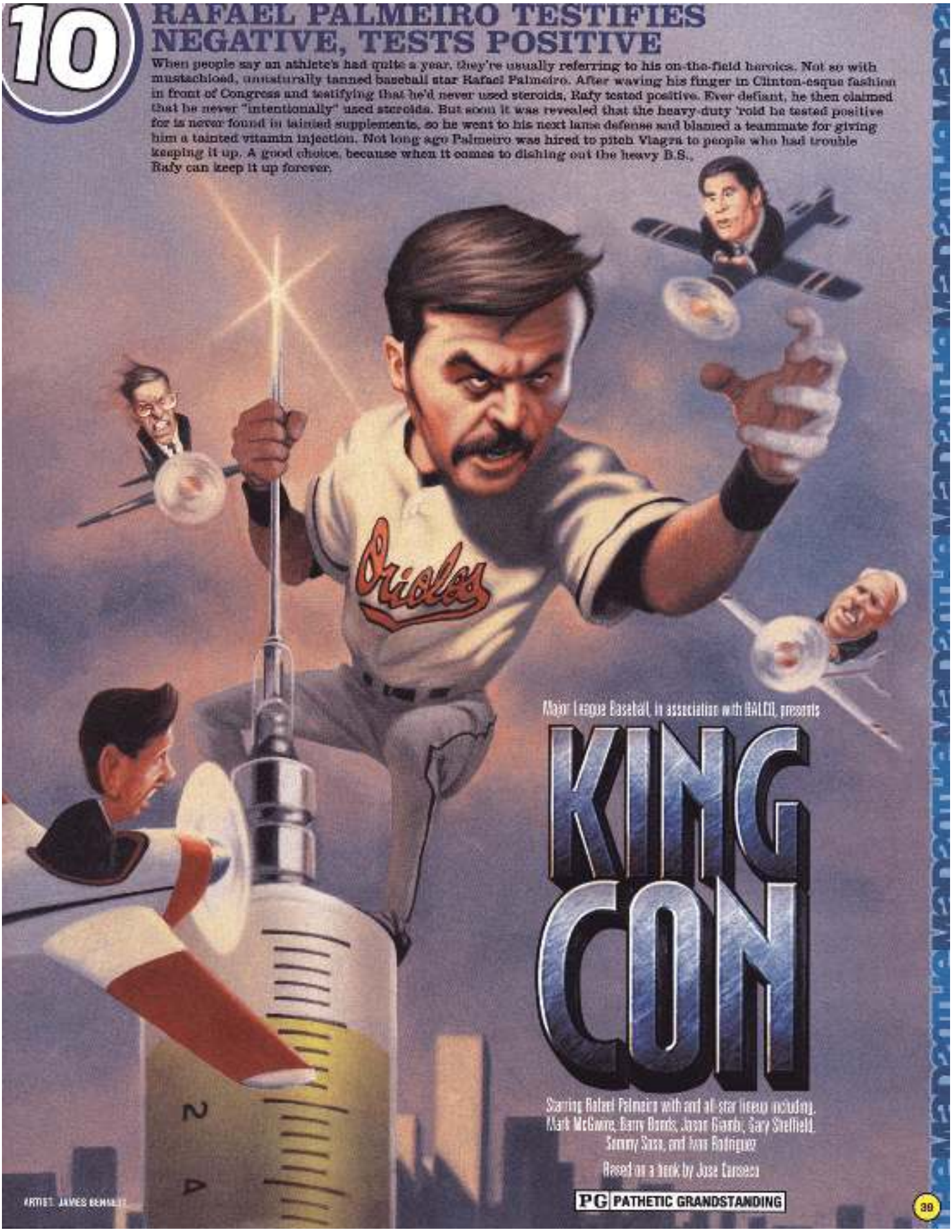
ARTIST: SCOTT MILLER

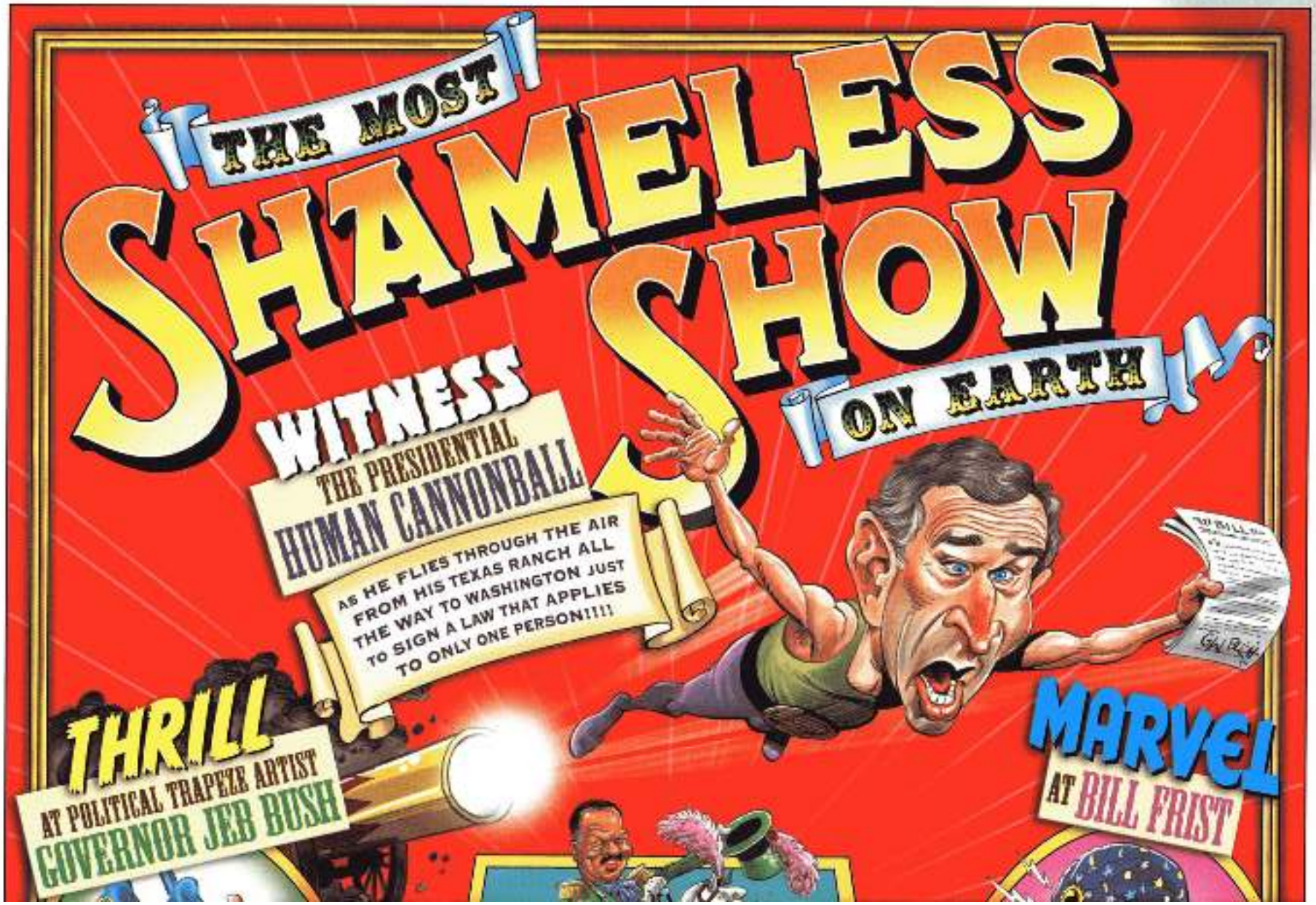
10 RAFAEL PALMEIRO TESTIFIES NEGATIVE, TESTS POSITIVE

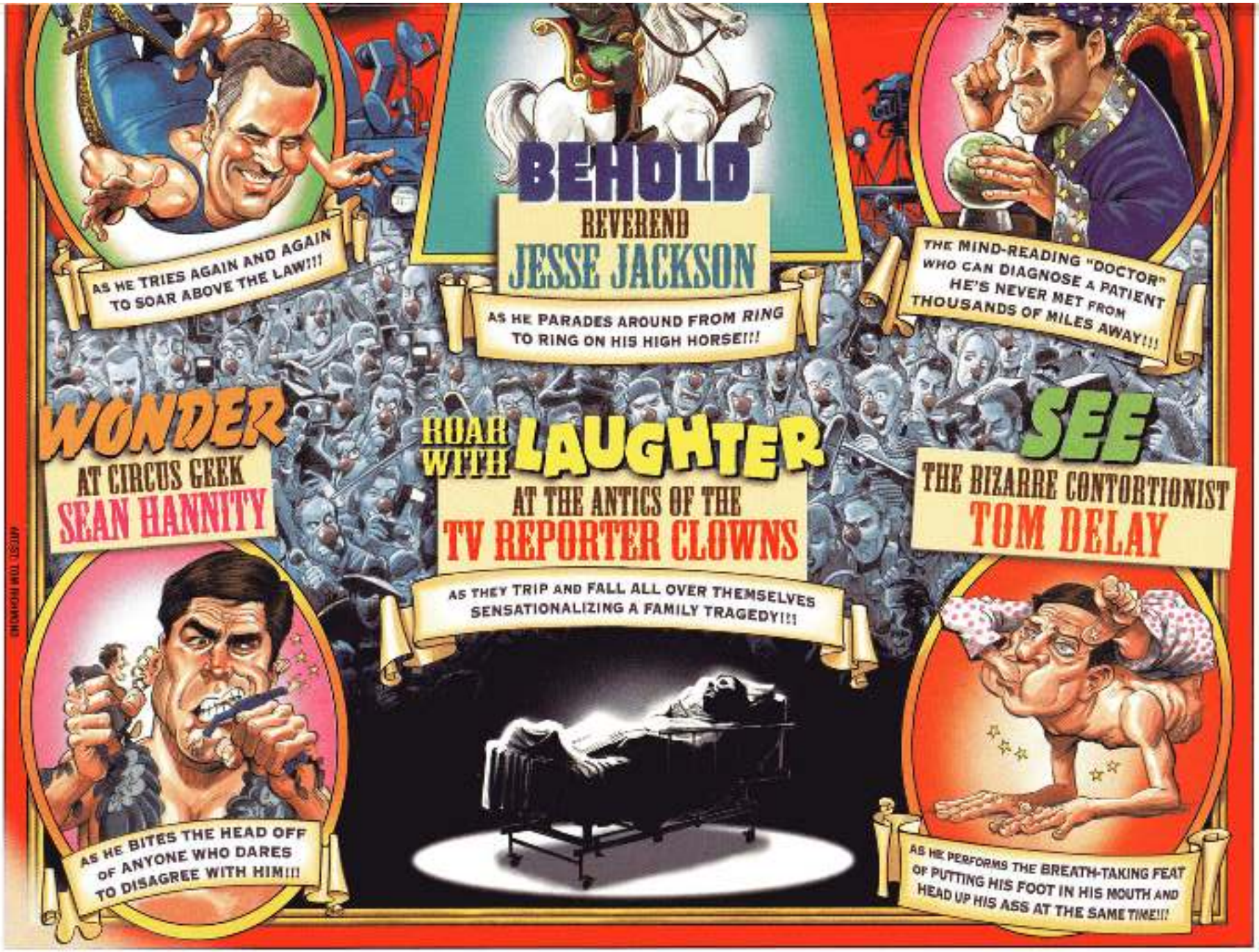
When people say an athlete's had quite a year, they're usually referring to his on-the-field heroics. Not so with mustachioed, unnaturally tanned baseball star Rafael Palmeiro. After waving his finger in Clinton-esque fashion in front of Congress and testifying that he'd never used steroids, Rafy tested positive. Ever defiant, he then claimed that he never "intentionally" used steroids. But soon it was revealed that the heavy-duty 'roid he tested positive for is never found in tainted supplements, so he went to his next lame defense and blamed a teammate for giving him a tainted vitamin injection. Not long ago Palmeiro was hired to pitch Viagra to people who had trouble keeping it up. A good choice, because when it comes to dishing out the heavy B.S., Rafy can keep it up forever.



11 THE TERRI SCHIAVO MEDIA CIRCUS

When a living creature perishes, eventually disgusting maggots appear to feed on its dead flesh. In the case of Terri Schiavo, the maggots — the self-righteous politicians, sanctimonious preachers, cable news talking heads and partisan grandstanders — actually fed on poor Terri while she was still alive. Upon hearing of this personal family tragedy, they quickly seized the opportunity to push forth their own selfish agendas. And an entire nation watched as these lowlife freaks whipped themselves — and the public — into a feeding frenzy. If only we could have disconnected the feeding tube on those bastards.

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JESSE JACKSON
AS HE PARADES AROUND FROM RING TO RING ON HIS HIGH HORSE!!!
AS HE TRIES AGAIN AND AGAIN TO SOAR ABOVE THE LAW!!!
THE MIND-READING "DOCTOR" WHO CAN DIAGNOSE A PATIENT HE'S NEVER MET FROM THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY!!!
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AT CIRCUS GEEK
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AS THEY TRIP AND FALL ALL OVER THEMSELVES SENSATIONALIZING A FAMILY TRAGEDY!!!
SEE
THE BIZARRE CONTORTIONIST
TOM DELAY
AS HE BITES THE HEAD OFF OF ANYONE WHO DARES TO DISAGREE WITH HIM!!!
AS HE PERFORMS THE BREATH-TAKING FEAT OF PUTTING HIS FOOT IN HIS MOUTH AND HEAD UP HIS ASS AT THE SAME TIME!!!
ARTIST: TOM MORAHAN

12 MICHAEL JACKSON'S TOUCHING TALE

Even after being acquitted on his latest round of boy-touching accusations, Michael Jackson's story was as full of unexplained holes as his kabuki face. But you'd never know it if you checked out the self-adoring celebration that erupted on his website. The King of Perv compared his "innocent" verdict to the birth of Martin Luther King, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the release of Nelson Mandela. It's good to see Michael finally gets it.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE KING OF POP

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AN OPEN LETTER TO MY BILLIONS OF FANS AND SUPPORTERS

Victory! Utter, transpicuous, compulescent victory! Calloohl Callay!

I stand before the world today, proud, free, and not a little medicated. I reached an "amicable agreement" with the kid in 1994, I've beaten the rap in 2005, and I'll win again in 2016!

Not only will I forever be your King of Pop, but I'm a living symbol of freedom just like Nelson Mandela! Of course, in his case, the world applauded his principled 30-year stand against an oppressive racist government, while everybody in the world forwarded lists of email jokes about me diddling 9-year-old boys. Otherwise, same basic concept.

Of course I won! The case was a malverminous tissue of lies! Nowhere in the California State Penal Code does it specifically prohibit bouncing on a waterbed while wearing nothing but a jack o'lantern with one's distinctively speckled dinky where the candle should be. And who among us can honestly say he's never used SpongeBob and Patrick walkie-talkies for naughty talk, in a breathy falsetto? Oh, wait, I'm supposed to deny that. Well, good, because I never did either of those things, or the Bottomless *Spy Kids* Watch-a-thon.

To my loyal fans in Szgrebya or Chexcyzistan, or whatever country it is that still buys my music, thank you for your support. I'm especially grateful to the rudimentary news services and telecommunications void in your backwater hellhole. You rubes think I just put out "Thriller"!

Thanks to my team of lawyers, who never once played the race card, primarily because they couldn't figure out which card it was. Hoo! Hoo! Hoo! Sha-mon!

To my good friend Jay Leno, bless you for testifying in the trial. And more than anything, thank you so much for March 8, 2005: the day you actually did a *Tonight Show* monologue with fewer than five Michael Jackson jokes.

To Macaulay Culkin... jeez, what did I ever see in THAT little freak? It's soooo weird, like running into your old high school girlfriend 20 years later. Still, Macaulay helped me and I'll always love him. It's such a shame that they have to grow up and get icky hairs.

However, I do NOT thank the devilish, unscrupulent media vultures. They're falsely reporting that I may lose my home at Neverland Ranch, or my Beatles song catalog, because of my huge legal costs. Don't believe the lies! I wish to state for the record that I am NOT a spendaholic and I have NO financial problems. However, I am currently accepting highly exclusive appearance fees for ethnic street fairs, Amway seminars, or dunking booths.

Sadly, I am leaving my Neverland Ranch forever. Never again will I use my home to fill a child with wonder (or anything else). In fact, I'm leaving the United States for the Persian Gulf. It's an inspiring, restful paradise, with weak extradition laws. Does anybody know how to say "let's play naked Quidditch" in Farsi?

In closing, let me just say that this trial has been the hardest thing I've ever had to endure, other than trying to write a hit song after 1995. But, to paraphrase the late, great trial attorney Johnnie Cochran, "If the sequined glove doesn't fit, you must acquit." Ee-hee-hee!

Michael

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

13 BRAJELINA THE LAME OF LOVE

Like a cockroach that you step on over and over that will not die, so it is with the Brad Pitt/Jennifer Aniston/Angelina Jolie love triangle. Supermarket tabloids, TV entertainment shows and gossip websites fulfilled their brain-dead audience's insatiable desire for the juicy details...the sordid confessions...the smoldering fury! (Even when they had to make it up.) So much money has been made by the parasitic media feeding off these three people's private lives, we figure it won't be long before the ever-greedy comic book business jumps on the bottom-feeder bandwagon.

14 TEEN QUEENS' EXTREME WEIGHT LOSS

INTO THIN ERR

Unhappy with their images as robust, beautiful and healthy young women, Lindsay Lohan, Jessica Simpson, Hilary Duff and Nicole Richie decided it was time for an extreme makeover and quickly transformed themselves into sickly, walking skeletons. They probably think they look drop dead gorgeous, but to us they look more like they're just about to drop dead.

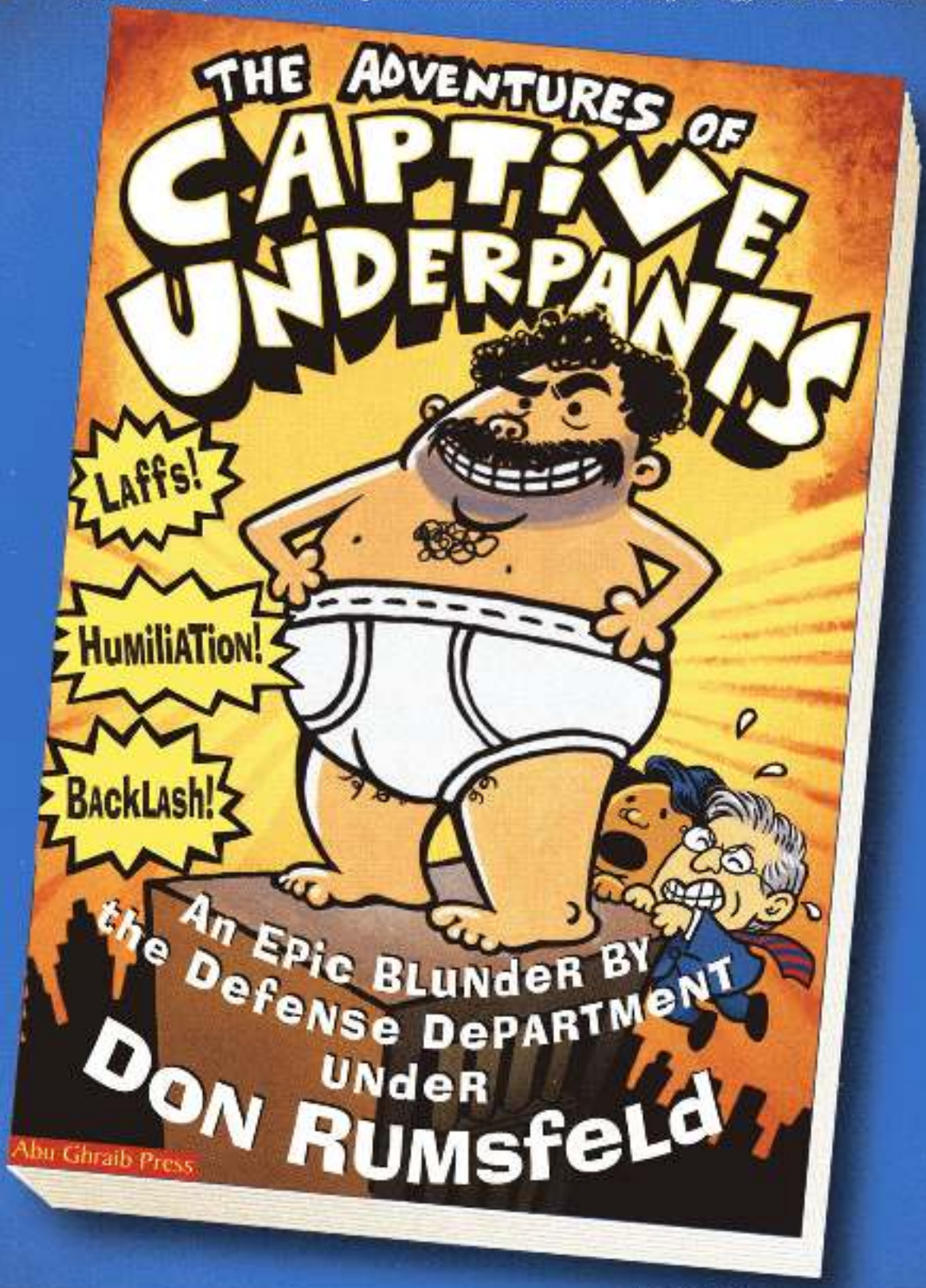
SEE THEM NOW BEFORE THEY'RE GONE

ARTIST: HERMANN RUIZ WRITER: PAUL DELLUNAS

15 SADDAM PHOTOGRAPHED IN JAIL

THE NEWS IN BRIEFS

We're continually being told that for America to be successful in Iraq we have to win the "hearts and minds" of the Arab people. Our first efforts got off to a somewhat shaky start. There was that whole Abu Ghraib naked prisoners on dog leashes thing, followed by the accidentally dropping and flushing the Koran down the toilet several times thing. This year we hit the trifecta when humiliating photos of the incarcerated Saddam Hussein, wearing nothing but tighte whities, were leaked to a British tabloid. The Pentagon, of course, promised to get to the bottom of their latest "crack" in security. Meanwhile, their public relations suffered another wedgie — bigger than any child could relate to.



WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

16 HOMO-NEUROTIC RIGHT-WING GROUP OUTS SPONGEBOB

Early this year, Focus On The Family founder Dr. James Dobson claimed there was a "sinister agenda" behind a children's video because it featured "pro-homosexual" cartoon characters, such as SpongeBob SquarePants, singing the 1979 Sister Sledge hit "We Are Family." We can't help thinking that Dr. J has actually lost *his* focus on the family — isn't it much more sinister that the video is trying to revive disco music? In any event, now that Dobson has SpongeBob under his belt (figuratively speaking, of course), we can't help but think the Doctor's zeal for finding "depravity" will cause him to turn his radical right fringe group's attention to other animated characters as well.

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PARENTS, DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO BE HARMED AND CORRUPTED BY

THE SINISTER HIDDEN AGENDAS OF TODAY'S CARTOON CHARACTERS

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THE HULK

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SNAGGLEPUSS

UNPROTECTED SEX

TOMMY PICKLES

COMMUNISM

JIMMY NEUTRON

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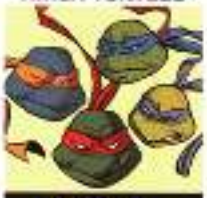

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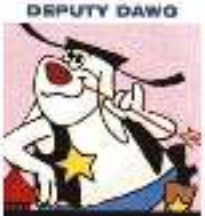

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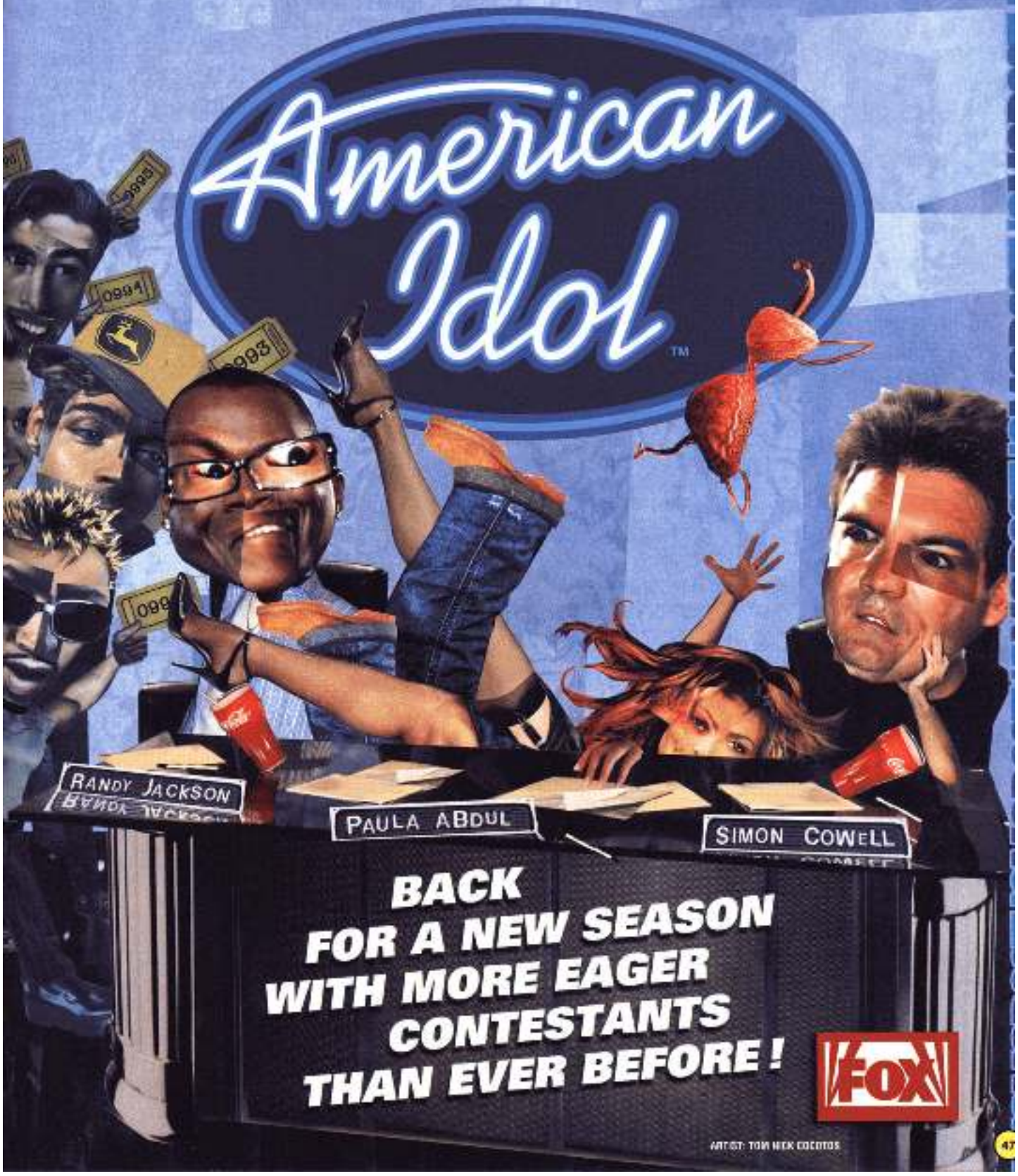
MAGILLA GORILLA

NOT WASHING HANDS AFTER DEFECATING

WRITER: ARIE KAPLAN

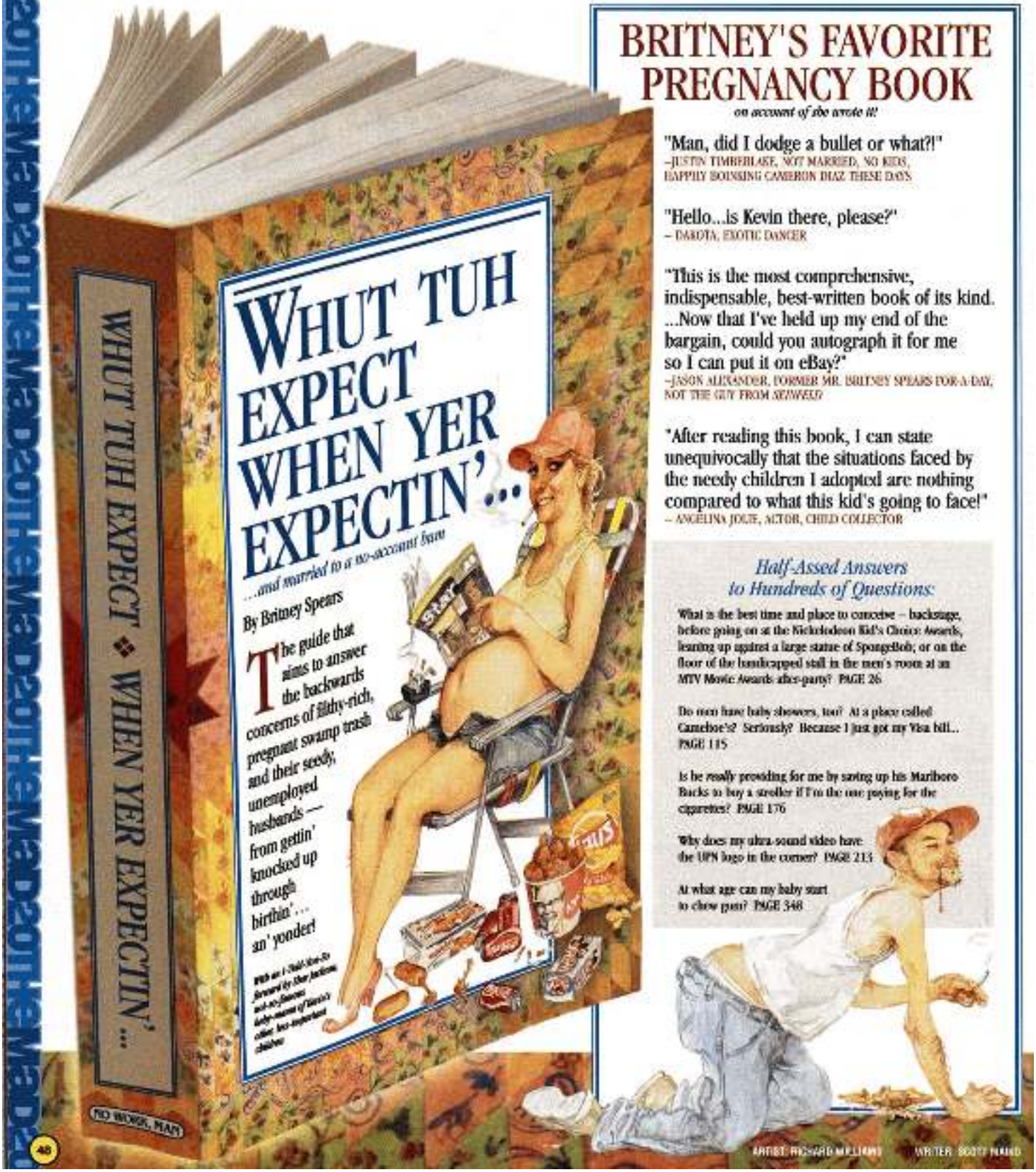
17 PAULA ABDUL JUDGE JUICY

We always knew that Paula Abdul was super-nice to *American Idol* contestants, but she apparently took it to the extreme with Season 2 contestant (and all-around loser) Corey Clark. Corey claimed that the once-sexy Abdul had an affair with him while he was on the show — and also that she secretly coached him, chose his songs, designed his new look and even paid for his wardrobe, hairstyling and cell phone. The former Laker babe was cleared of any wrong-doing by FOX. (Note: Given that FOX's new fall line-up included *The War At Home*, *Head Cases* and *So You Think You Can Dance*, they're clearly experts when it comes to wrong-doing!) Well, one thing's for sure: we'll never be able to look at Ruben Studdard again without wondering if maybe, just maybe...



18 KEVIN FEDERLINE FROM BEER TO PATERNITY

It was April 12th when *People Magazine's* editors and all its readers spontaneously wet themselves as Britney Spears announced that she and second husband, former dancer/current bum Kevin Federline were — Oh! My! God! — expecting. While makin' babies was sure to be a new experience for Spears, it was old hat for Federline, who had already fathered two kids — not even waiting around for the second one to be born before hooking up with Spears. A healthy baby boy was born on September 14 — and while Britney had cause to worry over Kevin's lack of employment, drinking, partying, gambling and forays to strip clubs, she might take comfort in the knowledge that all those lap dances he's been enjoying (and she's been paying for) are good practice for when he bounces little Sean Preston Spears Federline on his knee.



BRITNEY'S FAVORITE PREGNANCY BOOK

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"Man, did I dodge a bullet or what?!"
–JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE, NOT MARRIED, NO KIDS, HAPPILY BOUNCING CAMERON DIAZ THESE DAYS

"Hello...is Kevin there, please?"
– DAKOTA, EXOTIC DANCER

"This is the most comprehensive, indispensable, best-written book of its kind. ...Now that I've held up my end of the bargain, could you autograph it for me so I can put it on eBay?"
–JASON ALEXANDER, FORMER MR. BRITNEY SPEARS FOR A DAY, NOT THE GUY FROM *SEINFELD*

"After reading this book, I can state unequivocally that the situations faced by the needy children I adopted are nothing compared to what this kid's going to face!"
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What is the best time and place to conceive – backstage, before going on at the Kickelodeon Kid's Choice Awards, leaning up against a large statue of SpongeBob; or on the floor of the handicapped stall in the men's room at an MTV Movie Awards after-party? PAGE 26

Do men have baby showers, too? At a place called Cameloe's? Seriously? Because I just got my Visa bill... PAGE 115

Is he *really* providing for me by saving up his Marlboro Bucks to buy a stroller if I'm the one paying for the cigarettes? PAGE 176

Why does my ultra-sound video have the UPN logo in the corner? PAGE 213

At what age can my baby start to chew gum? PAGE 348

ARTIST: RICHARD MCLEMORE WRITER: SCOTT MAND

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WHAT CONTROVERSIAL RELATIONSHIPS ARE MANY TEACHERS NOW HAVING TO DENY?

HERE WE GO WITH A SPECIAL EDITION

MAD 20 FOLD-IN

In the heat of the moment, some teachers share more with their students than many would like them to. Protesting parents and other shocked parties think it's inappropriate and should be made illegal everywhere. To find out what relationship more and more teachers are being attacked over, fold page in as shown.

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THE SCHOOL CONTROVERSY TODAY INVOLVES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND OTHERS. THEY ALL MANAGE TO CREATE LOTS OF FIGHTING. THEY DEMAND MONSTROUS RULES THAT ARE OFTEN WAY OFF KEY

A ARTIST AND WRITER: W. JAFFEE B

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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MANAND MONKEY

20 WHAT SCREWS UP MUST COME DOWN

THE A-LIST OF A-HOLES

Lately, when someone does something really stupid, illegal or immoral, they're "punished" with a fat book contract or their own reality TV show. But that's not always the case. Occasionally there is a God. Someone does something wrong and there are repercussions. And so it was with a bunch of notorious lowlifes this year. In one way or another, from fraud to professional ethics gaffes to racist remarks, each of these once-esteemed people screwed up and lost. Some lost their freedom. Some lost their job. Some lost whatever credibility and respect they had. But they all found at least one thing: a place among this group of unquestionable morons.

THE BIGGEST LOSERS

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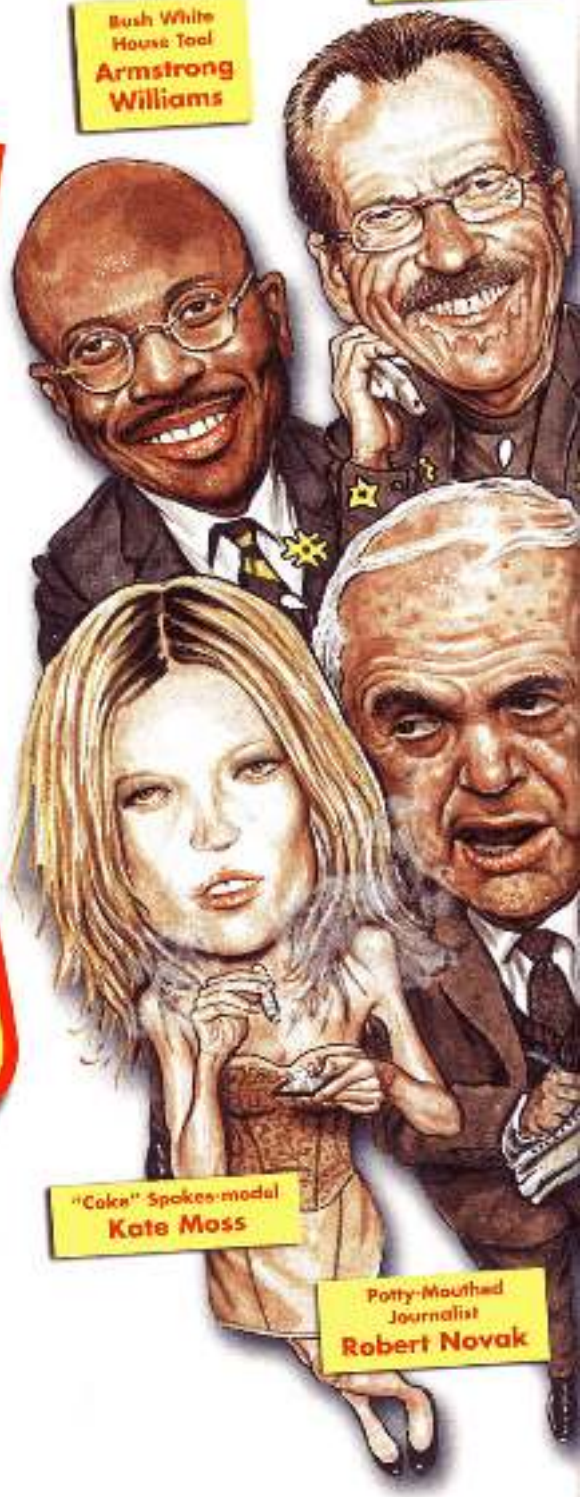

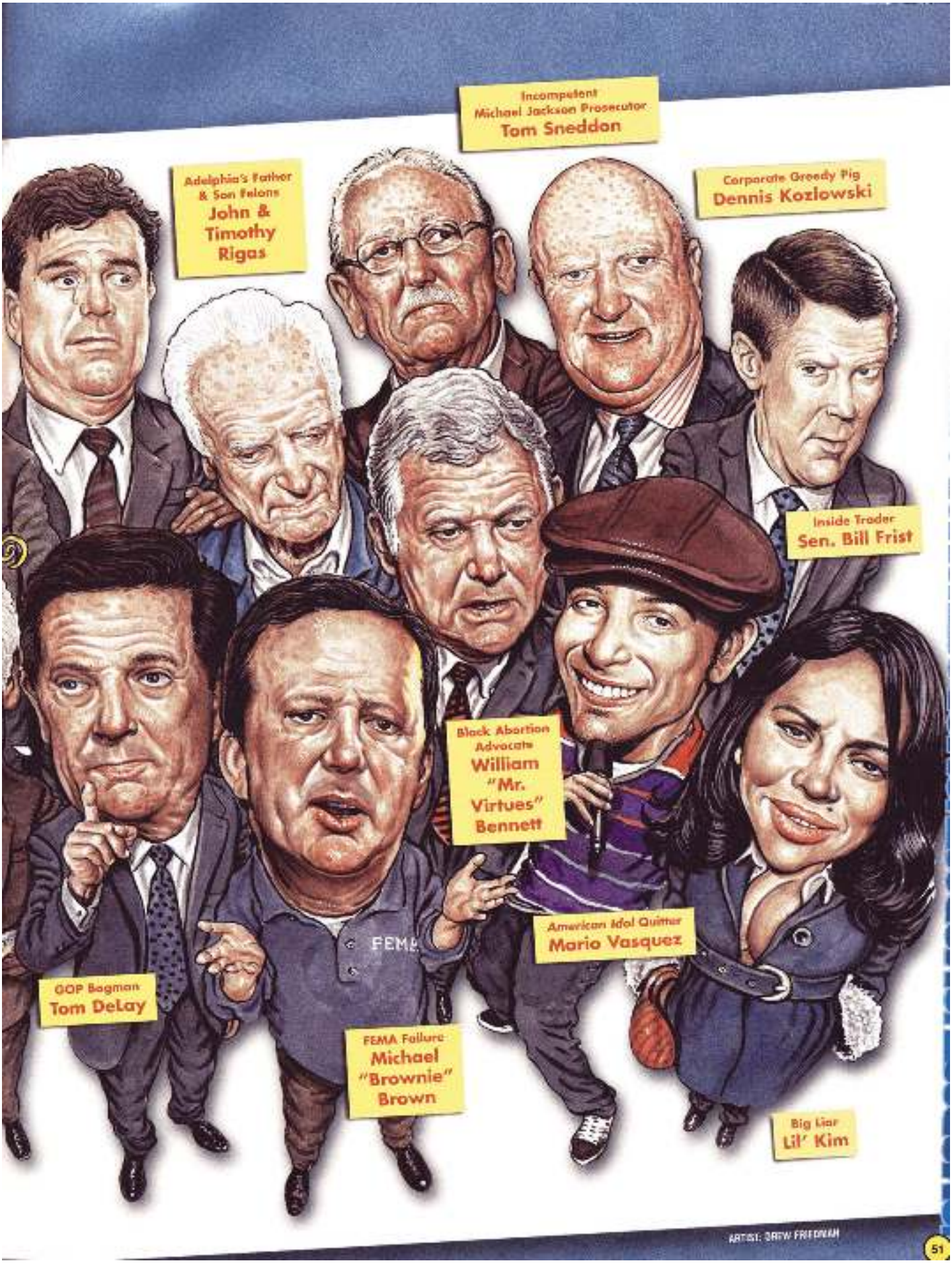

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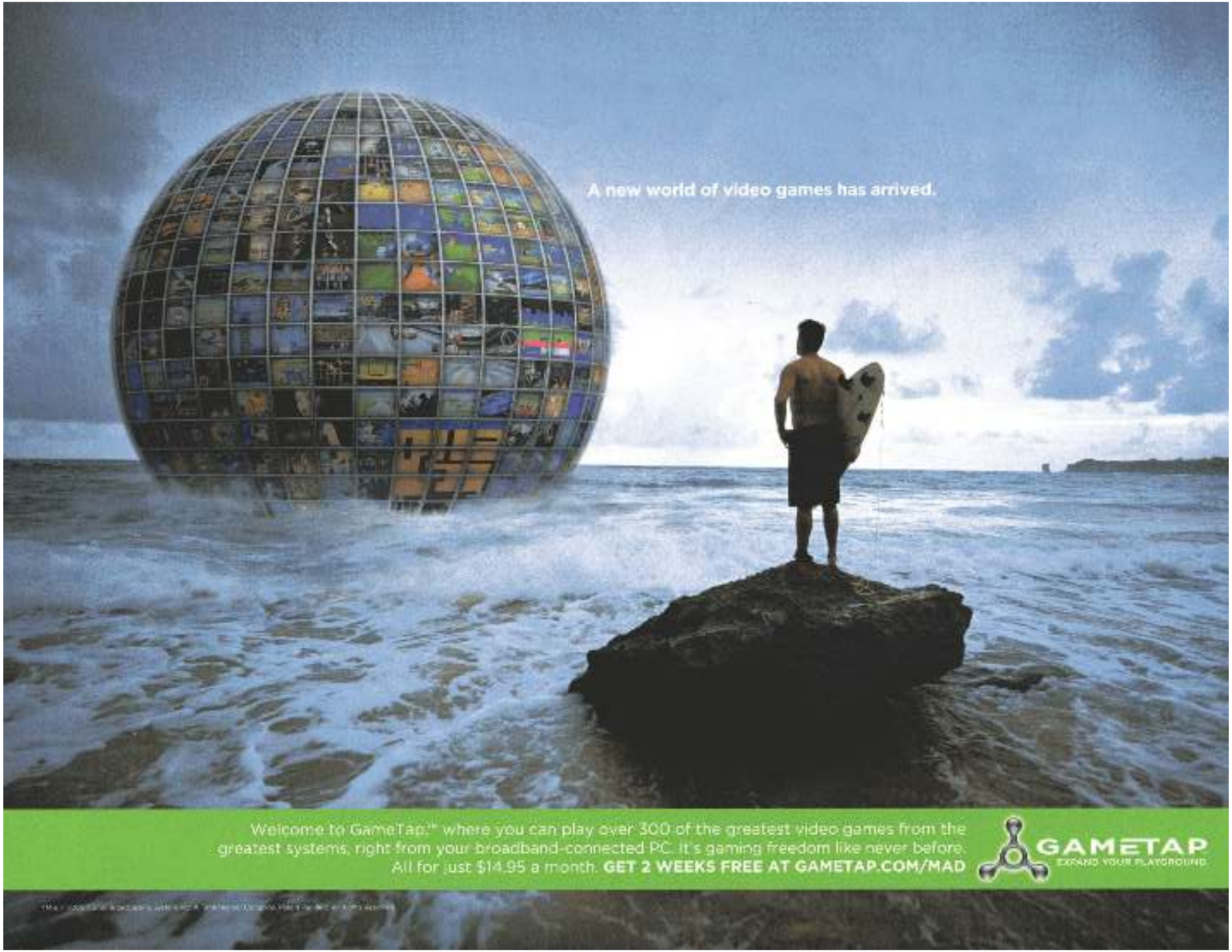
ARTIST AND WRITER: PETER KUPER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