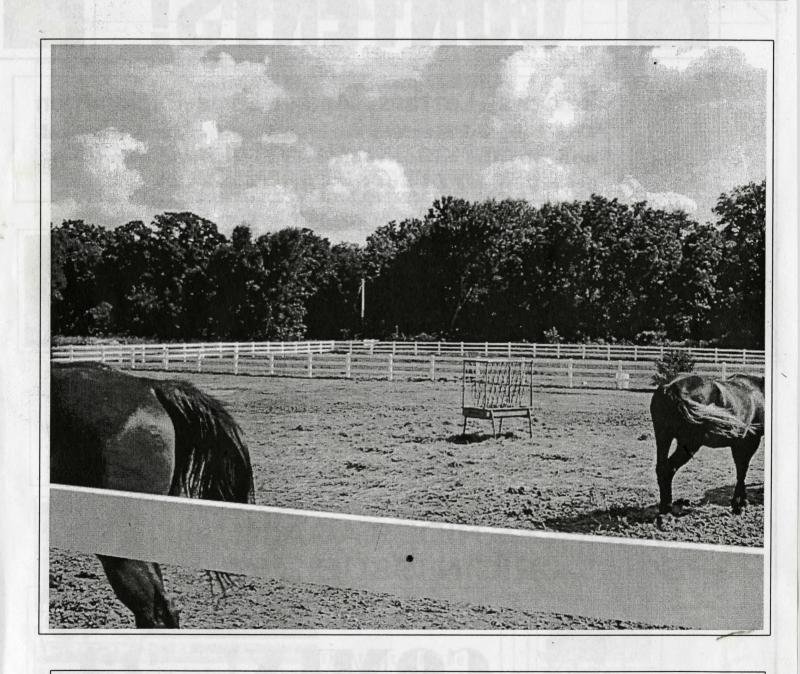
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What can I say? Life's hard when you're a steatopygous fertility figure with a build like a fucking
Brancusi sculpture. And you expect me to put out a
magazine? The editor didn't help matters either,
squatting on his lazy, corpulent demi-Hibernian
hindquarters defacing cartoons until such a huge pile
was amassed that even he realized something had to
be done. So here you are, after an eon of
procrastination: a new MFIA issue! You lucky ducky!

Rather than my usual shtick of simply reprinting every MFIA review I could get my hands on, this issue instead focuses on 'zines that have reviewed MFIA and deserve some attention in their own right. Please buy copies of each 'zine.



Punk Hardcore Rock'n'Roll
The best of the
European music 'zines. They've been consistent
fans of MFIA too, I think (my GI German is
admittedly rusty). Tons of reviews and
articles ABERNÜR AUF DEUTSCH. That's only in
German. Ox-Fanzine. Joachim Hiller, P.O. Box
10 22 25, 42766 Haan, Germany

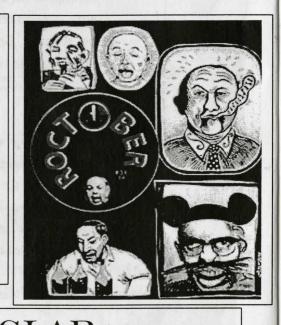


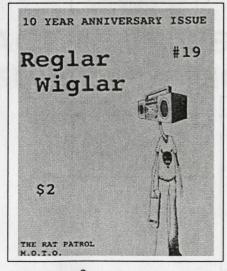
THE FREE PRESS DEATH SHIP-

This is one of the coolest 'zines I've ever seen. The title is taken in part from the B. Traven novel *The Death Ship*. He wrote *Treasure of the Sierra Madre* and is probably one of the great authors of the 20^{th} Century. The editor (really creator), Violet Jones, disdains computer publishing and ISBNs and makes a persuasive argument that the latter pose a real threat to freedom of the press. Each outsized issue is obviously a labor of love, replete with piratical illustrations and tons of articles and reviews. Highly recommended. P. O. Box 55336, Hayward, CA 94545

ROCTOBER MAGAZINE-

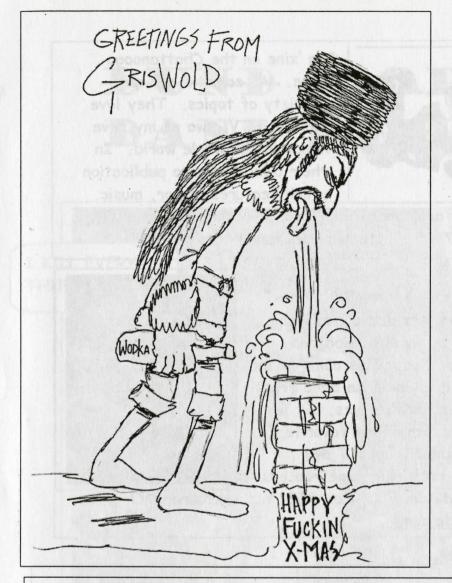
An old favorite of mine. This very professional publication, really more of a magazine than a 'zine, has covered the Chicago music scene for several years now. The resident reviewer, Flamin' Waymon Timbsdale, has reviewed *MFIA* several times now and has been almost complimentary at least twice. I especially like how Roctober stays true to its obsessions: black music, masked rock bands, monkeys, one man bands, and Sammy Davis, Jr. Again, highly recommended. 1507 E. 53rd Street, # 617, Chicago, IL 60615. www.roctober.com





REGLAR WIGLAR-Publication for ten years and counting make this a granddaddy 'zine. Band interviews and even more reviews, although more diverse than most 'zines, with restaurant reviews. The editor has been a consistent supporter of Tom Paigne which makes him or her aces in my book. Also importantly, they love and feature comics (Yay!). I find "Peg" particularly funny for some reason. 1658 N. Milwaukee, # 545, Chicago, IL 60647.

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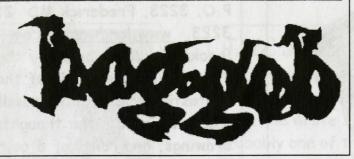


GOTHIX/LANDWASTER BOOKS P.O. 3223, Frederick MD 21705-3223. www.landwaster.com (Looks like Bad Santa, by the way.) This is a good example of the sheer fantastic variety that's possible in the 'zine world: the thoughts, drawings, and rants of a gay Goth with a strong interest in the ancient Gauls (as in the ones conquered by Julius Caesar). Although issue number 3 is currently out of print. there are other products available from the mail address or URL above that will introduce you to Griswold's distinctive viewpoint. Order a copy of Psychotix, a comic about a first century A.D. Gaulish chieftain and his Roman lover, Texus Separatus. Lots of strong opinions on drugs, gay love, the loathsomeness of the Christian religion (right on!), and any other subject that might come to the attention of his jaundiced eye.



Despite a slag review by Gary Hornberger, I still like this 'zine which reminds me of *Flipside* before it went out of business. Gary

apparently liked MFIA to the point where he prominently featured the cover of the last issue with an altered caption to make some sort of private joke that I don't get, but then again, why should I? Reviews, interviews, and articles, some of the last quite informative like the one discussing the internment of Japanese-Americans during WWII (one of the most disgraceful incidents in American history, at least until the present miserable era rolled along). I like the idea of music 'zines doing this since there are an awful lot of woefully uninformed Americans out there (cultural elitism). P.O. Box 42129, Los Angeles, CA 90042. www.razorcake.com Contact: retodded@razorcake.com



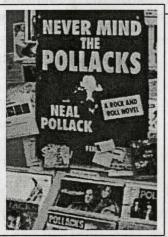
Fun 'zine on the Chattanooga scene. An eclectic mix on a variety of topics. They love comix and TV, two of my fave things in the whole world. In their own words: a publication which features humor, music,

movies, short stories and other adult material. R. H. Graphic Design, P.O. Box 4425, Chattanooga, TN 37405. http://members.aol.com/boggob

God. Notice the fat zit brewing just above God's chin. Order the CD OxDx the Album by Remi B. God and listen if you dare to the voice of God. This came in the mail and is one of the more rocking one-man band free CDs I've ever received. Qualified praise, yes, but let me go further and say he covers two of my favorite songs: the Stones' Happy and the Stooges' I Got Nothing. Scorching versions of both plus some raucous



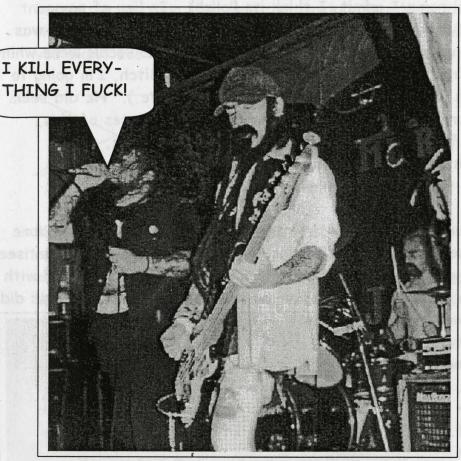
originals. Order from: godworldwide, P.O. Box 858, Warrensburg, MO 64093. URL: www.godworldwide.com



BOOK REVIEW- Picked up on a whim at the local library and my, what a happy, fortuitous choice it was! Neal Pollack, who I've never heard of before, is as crazy about rock'n'roll as I am with an even worse attitude. Reading this novel reminds me very much of the times when I'd spend a couple of hours on the latest issue of Creem, laughing and in awe at the sheer outrageousness of Lester Bangs or R. Meltzer. Pollack, at least if you believe the book (I do!), has been there for every key moment of

rock'n'roll from the moment Elvis ran over his father, earning Neal and his mom's eternal gratitude. A wild prose ride full of ridiculous, over-the-top action and brimming with scorn for corporate rock bullshit. Easily the funniest thing I've read in a couple of years. Any literate rock'n'roller (if there is such a thing) must read this! Harper Collins Publishers. ISBN 0-06-052790-0. \$23.95 hardbound. www.nealpollack.com

BUND (OOPS!) BAND REVIEWS!



MURDER JUNKIES 10-YEAR REUNION TOUR

(Firehouse Grill, Fairfax, VA
October 20, 2003)
Jesus, can it really be 10 years
since GG Allin, Mr. Rock'n'Roll, left
this mortal coil? I guess so,
showing once more what a tyrant
and a drag time is. The only way I
learned about this gig was by
chance when I visited Smash!
Records (free plug-about the only
hip record store left in the DC
area) and spotted a tiny flyer billing
the show on what's basically a frat
boy hangout on a Monday night.

Urrgh. Aging hipsters pushing 50 don't like Monday nights out, not when they have to work the next

day. But for GG's memory, sacrifices must be made. I never saw the Sophisticated One live thus missing an opportunity to dodge the shit, spit, blood, chairs, and other sundry stuff he was fond of tossing at the audience. I have seen several videotapes of him in action, however, including HATED, the definitive film made shortly before his OD. GG took what Iggy Pop started which, naïve boob that I was in my youth, I figured was the ultimate in rock'n'roll excess, and pushed it far beyond any logical or human extreme, abusing himself and his audience to the point where you had to ask if it was entertainment or an act of collective masochism.

Anyway, I got to the joint way too early and sat at the bar for awhile wondering when the bands were going to play. As opposed to my usual experience on nights out, rather

than being stolidly ignored, I actually struck up a conversation with a nice fellow named Tom Jonas, bass player for the Others. Order their CD from www. lumberjack-online.com. After an hour plus cooling my heels, an act came on, an event which I immediately regretted.

I neglected to mention that the MJ show was put on under the auspices of Mr. Randy Buttsex (an unusual name I admit, I think its Polish). In lieu of payment for this good deed, Mr. Buttsex got to sing for his supper, so to speak. It was just him with a miked acoustic guitar which he couldn't play. His vocals were whiny and the lyrics to his original "songs" were jejune, to be kind ("Bitch, I'm going to fuck you in the ass, Bitch, I'm going to fuck you in the ass," etc.). He did seem like a nice guy though, for a fucking pervert. After about 20 minutes of this, Tom fucked off home to return later. After about 10 minutes more, feeling like I was in purgatory and appreciating just how long an unpleasant experience could seem, I followed his example.

Greatly refreshed, I returned about an hour later to find that Buttsex was done and that I'd missed the second act. The Junkies came on. Jeff Clayton of Antiseen subbed for GG, a hulking good ol' boy with an enormous crop of hair, covered with tattoos and a voice like a garbage disposal (I mean it as a compliment). Merle did

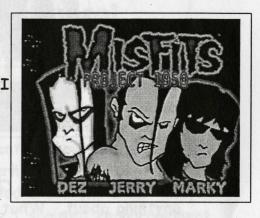
his hair and beard in dreadlocks that reached down to his waist, wore cowboy boots with skulls on the shanks, and a beanie cap with Murder Junkies embroidered on it. Bill Weber has the tiniest hands of any guitarist that I've ever seen and deserves an award for being able to chain-smoke continuously while playing. Dino the wild man drummer dyed his hair yellow and his moustache flame red. He mercifully spared us the full Monty, stripping down instead to his BVDs and then pulling them up so the cheeks



of his ass were bare (the throne chafes, you know!). In between vague, rambling diatribes about Britney Spears, he demonstrated his skin-pounding mastery (even a lunatic can get good after 20 years of practice!). The MJs did an approximately 45 minute set of Stooges-level intensity, throwing out one specimen after another of raw, degenerate, pounding sludge, black pearls from the ass of GG like Anal Cunt, Leader of the Pack, and I Kill Everything I Fuck. There was none of the filth and human degradation that was the stock-in-trade of the Junkies when GG still strode the land, but I and the tiny crowd of about 20 certainly got our money's worth. If you didn't see them, I guess that's just your "Tough Fucking Shit!" to quote the Gige.

Misfits at Jaxx

November 2, 2003, Jaxx, Springfield, VA. While I enjoyed the Misfits' tunes when I heard them in the early '80's, they're one of those back in the day bands I must confess to not having seen back in the day, unlike the Ramones who I caught multiple times in the '70's (no brag, just fact, as they say in Texas). Here was a chance to see what the fuss was all about. I liked the idea of punk covers of old '50's rock'n'roll chestnuts too.



Darn it, just can't seem to time these things properly. I arrived at this little fun fest late and missed Agent Orange, another bunch of punk dinosaurs on tour (and I suspect a much better, hotter band than the Misfits). The 'fits were in full swing when I walked into the showroom from the lounge (one of Jaxx's little known good points: if the band playing is just too hideous, there is a lounge to hide in and even get some booze to kill the pain). Their audience was having the time of their lives. Primarily third-generation high-school age punks from Burke, they worked themselves into a frenzy, no doubt in their own minds ginning up as much intensity as in '78 or Revolution Summer '85. Their version of slam dancing basically consisted of going up to someone, giving the slightest, gentlest push possible with an open palm on his or her shoulder, and then furiously backpedaling away.

The music didn't do much for me, however. I couldn't understand why their versions of Misfits and Ramones tunes sounded so lame, untogether and slack. Marky Ramone has been a more than competent rock drummer for about a thousand years and Greg Ginn wouldn't have allowed Dez Cadena in Black Flag unless he was hot. Then the answer hit me. Jerry Only, after more than 25 years in the music business, simply

Can not play the bass. He tried to compensate for this basic lack by turning the bass up way loud and by covering the stage with various monster movie props, but you can only do so much with window dressing. He and his fans were having a blast, however. Virtually every kid in the crowd got up on stage at one point or another to share singing chores with Jerry. What can I say? They're not out murdering people and it's probably about as close to good, clean fun as kids get nowadays. Still, the Misfits blew or at least the 2003 version that I saw did.



November 6, 2003. Club U-turn, DC. This is one of the few newer bands I know anything about. What do I know?: that they fucking ROCK! Since I first witnessed their fury at the Royal Lee in the summer of 2002, I've caught them every time they're in town, six shows so far. Each and every one has been a barn-burner, the two back-to-back shows at Renzo's in Silver Spring being particular standouts. Probably what I like best about the Creeps is that they're not cemented into the stereotyped hardcore style and sound. They remind me more of original punk bands, loud and fast, but not at the metronome on amphetamine hardcore tempo that for me gets very tired very soon. At their best, they recall the Dead Boys or other bands of that ilk and era when you'd go to a show having absolutely no idea what was going to happen for good or ill. They are amazingly raw live. Hurricane Jenny, their redoubtable lead singer/front, is a commanding presence, a trim Teutonic tootsie with a voice like an air raid siren.

A wet and nasty weekday night found me fighting traffic and poor visibility to the U Street corridor to see the Creeps. The Club U-turn is a hole in the wall local joint

with delusions of rock club grandeur. Bands perform on the incredibly small upper level. Anything over 60 people in the whole place is undoubtedly a fire hazard and probably in violation of DC municipal code. I sat at the bar below, knocked down beers, and waited for the Creeps to come on. One preliminary band, I think the Screws, was pretty good. The Creeps came on stage and ripped into their set, spitting out scorchers like "I Can't Get A Ride". The lead singer, Hurricane Jenny, finished a song and casually observed, looking me dead in the eye:



Shut the fuck up in the back! Especially you, you fucking square!

Gracious! What could have I said or done to so upset a sweet, gentle young woman like Hurricane Jenny? Perhaps it was the dorky yellow raincoat wadded under one arm? Maybe it was the corny way I shouted encouragement

as they tore the roof off the place? Or maybe it's the fact that I was almost undoubtedly the oldest fucking fart in the joint (with the possible exception of Larry aka Captain Purple, about whom the less said the better)? Quien sabe? In

any event, the Creeps are a goddamn shit-hot band and if they're ever in your town, you definitely should check them out since this is always the rarest of commodities. Visit their website at: www.midnightcreeps.com

Letters



HEY MARK-

THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME
"MY FAT IRISH ASS!" #-4! FAMIL
CIRCUS" + HOME-MADE CAPTIONS
ALWAYS FUNNY!

KEEP IT UP!

Johnny R

The immortal Johnny
Ryan was kind enough to
send a letter. JR does
Angry Youth Comics, one
of the funniest comix to
be had in this era or any
other. Visit Johnny's
own web-site at
www.johnnyr.com
to buy original art or
www.fantagraphics.com
to buy his comix.



My FAT I Pish Ass

SISTER SLAIN SAYSI

A short but sweet summation by Mr. Grant Schreiber, editor & sole proprietor of the Judas Goat Quarterly, a journal of contemporary politics, except lively, not, insanely boring. \$10 for a year's subscription to: Grant Schreiber, 1223 W. Granville, #2N, Chicago, IL 60660



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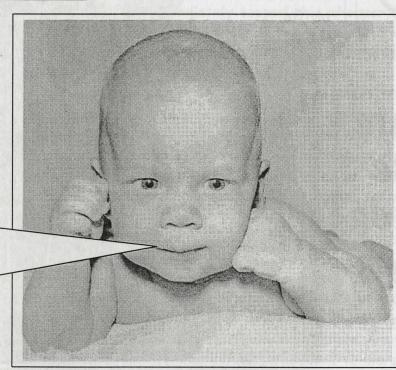
My Homework 0 Army buddy & fellow Work debauchee "Mackie" McIntosh is now a school teacher of all things! Mackie sends us this impressionistic rendition of his class. Remember, Mackie, strict discipline and relentless academic commitment got George W. Bush into the White The H House! 16M0i kileipi abouticoM



BLESS YOU, LORD!



I just
can't wait
to grow
up and be
a drug
addict!



Good News Dept .: After going through hell, getting kicked out of his house, reduced to sleeping in the park, and then finally kicked out of the tent, Tom Paigne, hero of MFIA - 3, mascot, and all around Everyman, has finally taken the cure, gotten on the wagon, learned that "Tee" stands for

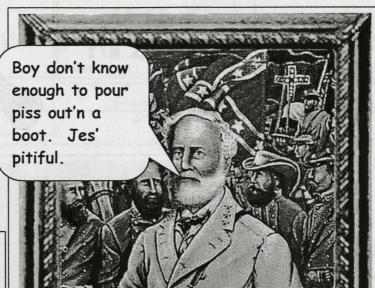
total, that lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine. In other words, folks:

HE QUIT DRINKING

We at MFIA are proud of Tom that he faced up to his weakness and scorned demon rum. Tom is gainfully employed and pulling his life together. Loyal MFIA readers will be glad to hear the news. Best wishes, gifts, cards, and thoughtful notes may be sent c/o MFIA, P.O. Box 65391, Washington, DC 20035. Cruel wags who derive pleasure from destroying personal human progress by mailing booze to those who've reformed needn't even bother (I'll just drink the stuff myself!).

Temperance Forever!







THE TALE
OF THE
CRACKER
SLACKER
OR

THE
SOUTH'S
GONNA DO
'ER AGAIN
(BORE THE
LIVING ASS
OFF OF US,
YOU MEAN!).

Longtime readers know my wife is a saint. The proof is the fact that she's put up with me for so long. Even this old reprobate feels guilty and thinks he should accommodate his better half, make concessions. The trouble is, every time I give way to a stray altruistic impulse and do what my wife asks, it results in a world of shit.

Richard the cracker slacker is an example of this. We planned to go to New York for Thanksgiving to visit my wife's relations. Rather than hire a dog-sitter, Irene proposed that Richard, an illustrator for an on-line romantic book publisher for which Irene works, house sit for us, thus allowing Richard to "sort through personal problems". So, like a big sap although feeling like the Samaritan King, I said yes.

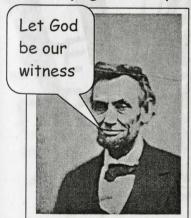
I should have known something was wrong when Richard arrived on a train THREE DAYS before we left for New York (some bullshit story about the only arrangement that was convenient). Things initially didn't seem bad. He was at least housebroken and, at the beginning, made some effort to mind his manners. Soon, however, the superficial impression wore off and was replaced by a deeper understanding. It wasn't pretty.

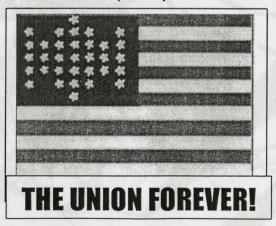
32 years old at this juncture with no prospects, about the only real experience that Richard had in life was a brief stint in the Navy as a medic. Actually, he reminded me of guys I'd known in the service in that he was a miserable, needy, mooching pain-in-the-ass with an unfortunate tendency to aggrandize himself by telling ridiculous tall tales. My favorite was the evening he solemnly informed us about the time he was in Saudi Arabia with a Marine patrol and had to be clubbed unconscious by a gunnery sergeant to prevent Richard from interfering with the outdoor circumcision of a 9-year old Muslim girl. He immediately topped this whopper, however, by getting choked up and confessing how he'd been raped while in the Navy which according to him has a standard policy of covering up homosexual assaults. Jesus, what horseshit!

Richard had other grievous flaws. He was a crap artist, someone who takes trivial bullshit like comic books or Japanese monster movies and raises it to the level of academic study. This grown man wasted his precious time on role playing games, comic books, and Westerns. Mainly, however, he did cheesy drawings of fantasy characters, chief among them various absurdly romanticized Western gunslingers. He gave me an amateurish depiction of MYSELF as a gunslinger, an embarrassing moment. I burned it the second he was gone. An example of his artwork is on the next page (full disclosure: it has been improved by that little old Swiss wine-guzzler me).

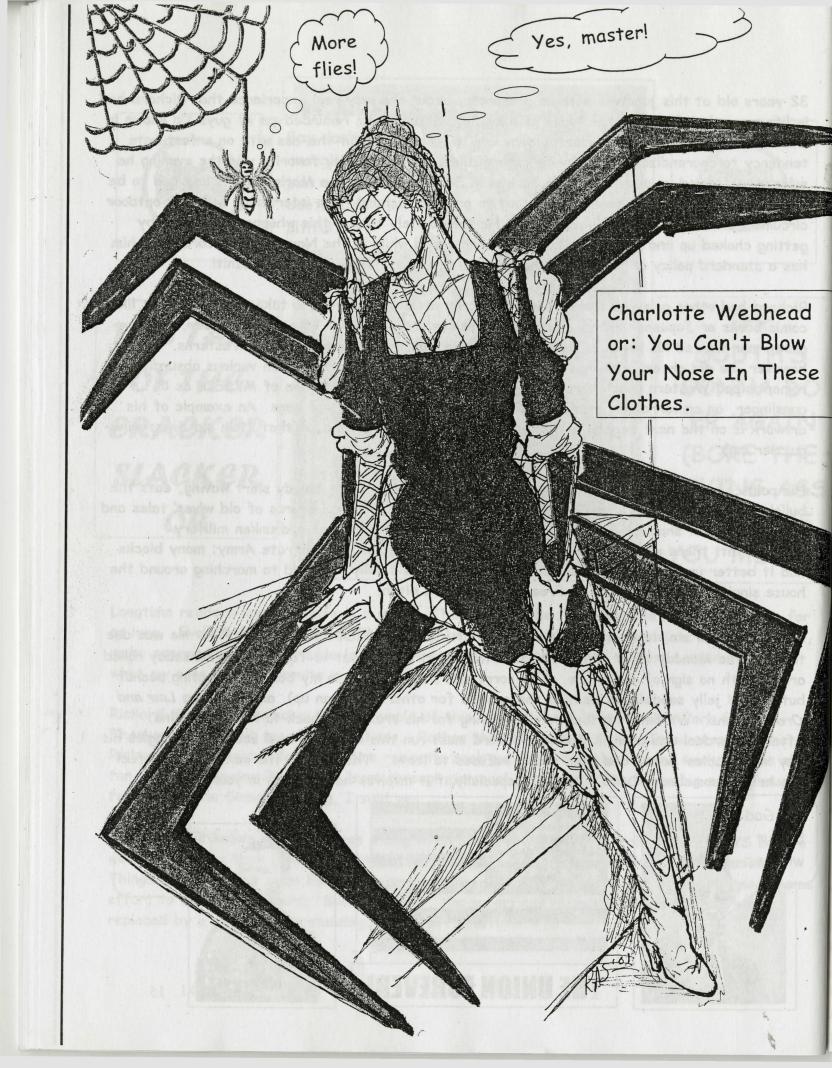
His politics were worse, however. Richard is an unreconstructed, bloody shirt waving, eats the bullshit up with a shovel Neo-Confederate, a tireless but tiresome source of old wives' tales and shibboleths that should have been buried a century ago: Grant was a drunken military incompetent; there were two regiments of black troops in the Confederate Army; many blacks had it better under slavery; etc. It was so annoying I finally resorted to marching around the house singing "The Battle Cry of Freedom" loud as a bitch.

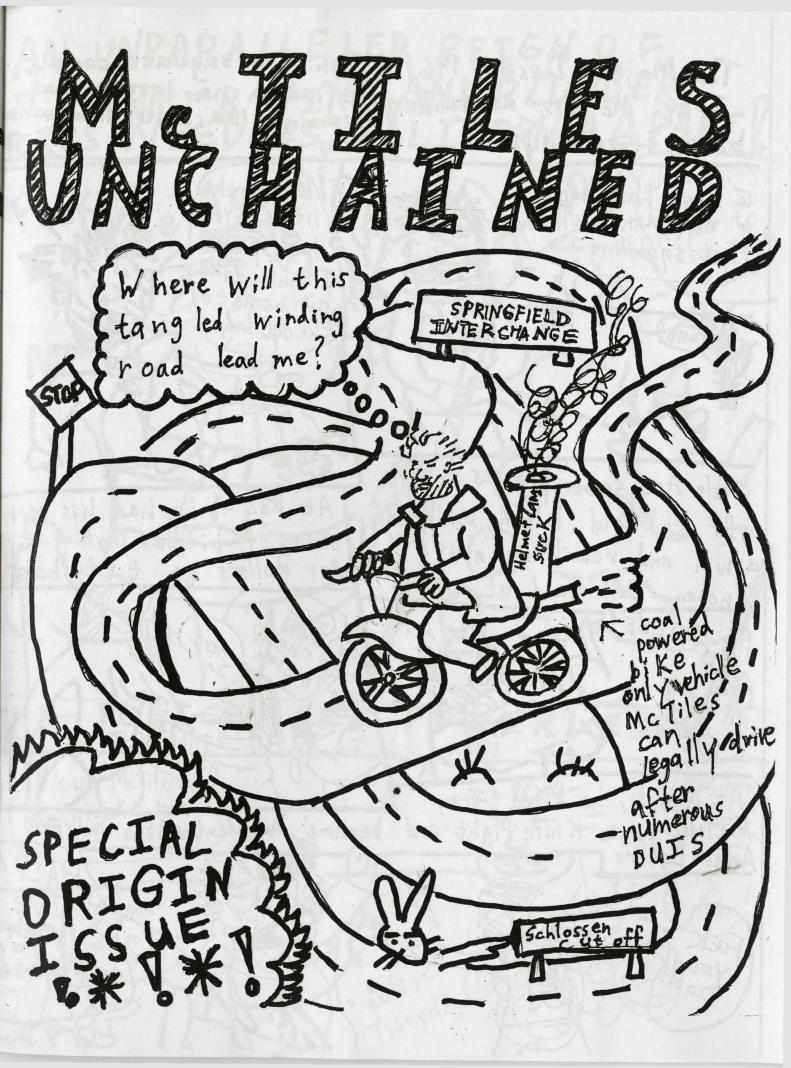
Richard's worst sin, however, was the fact that HE WOULDN'T GO AWAY! He was due to leave the Monday after we returned. This got stretched out to Tuesday. Wednesday rolled around with no sign of departure. The sorry shit's camped out in my basement, eating pleanut butter and jelly sandwiches (leaving the crumbs for others to clean up), and watching Law and Order reruns. We finally bribed him by paying for his train fare back to North Carolina. After the ordeal was over, I decided Richard must run this as a low-level scam. He wiggles his way into peoples' homes and then simply refuses to leave. The moral: the next time you feel like helping somebody, DON'T DO IT, especially if it involves having them in your house.











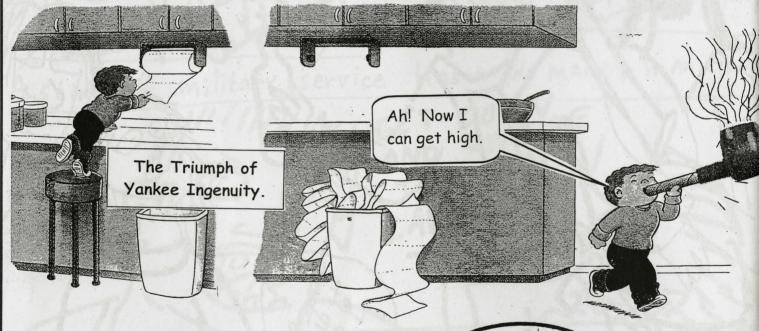


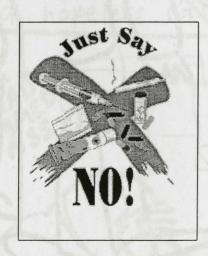


COMIX

SUBSTANCE ABUSE...

IT AFFECTS YOU, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR CO-WORKERS.







"Swing low, sweet Oxycontin..."



"I was thinkin' I wish I had a dime bag."



"Grandma and I have fun just nodding out together."



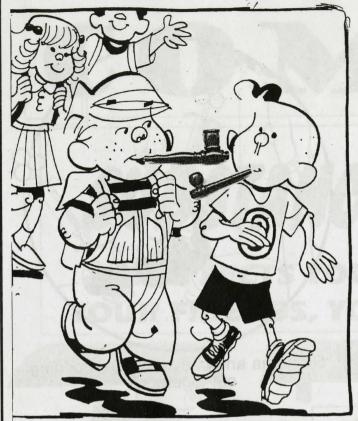
IT AIN'T NOTHING BUT A PARTY!



"I'M GONNA NEED SOME LSD AND HEROIN AND A LOT OF GLUE UP HERE!"



"That's why the sky is green and the grass is blue."



"THE COOLEST PART OF SCHOOL, JOEY, IS GETTING HIGH OUT BACK!"



"I've Looked, but I can't find Mr. Wilson's HEROI IN ANY OF HIS USUAL HIDING PLACES."





"The best things in life are drugs."



"I'm sorry — I'm tryin' hard to quit smoking



Li'l Gangstaz

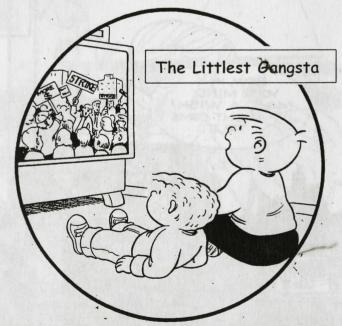




"SIT STILL, MR. WILSON OR I'LL BLOW YOUR FUCKING HEAD OFF!"

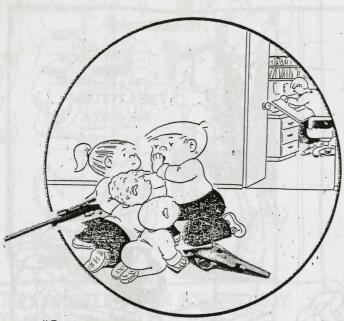


"I'M GLAD YOU FINALLY CAME TO THE DOOR.
I WAS ABOUT TO KICK THE FUCKING THING IN."

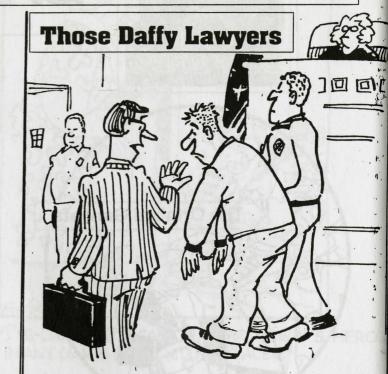


"Striking for more money? When I need more money I just mug Grandma."

General Dysfunction



"So we all march in there together and shoot Dad full of holes."



"I just wish you could have paid me before they kill you."







Honor Your Elders!



"Most of these pictures of you were taken before you looked like shit, Grandma."





"WHEN MR. WILSON WAS A BOY, DID SOMEONE DROP HIM ON HIS HEAD?"



"I must be getting old. People keep screaming and running away at the sight of me."

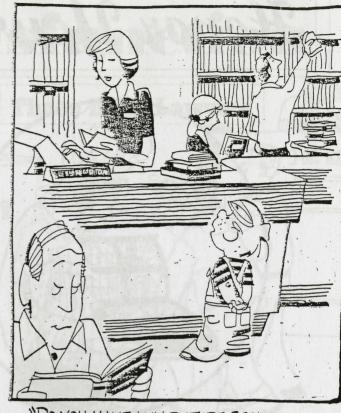


"MY MOM SAYS YOU HAVE A BEAUTY MARK, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE CANCER TO ME."

PENIS THE MENACE



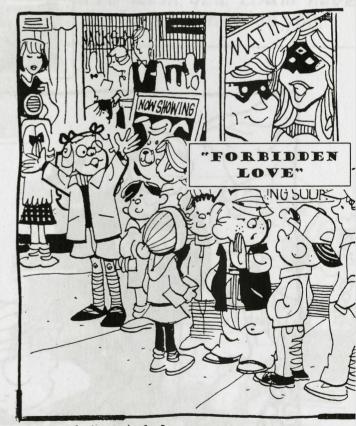
I"YOUR AFFAIR STARTED 30 MINUTES AGO AND THE MITCHELL KID HAS ALREADY WORN YOU TO A FRAZZLE?"



"DO YOU HAVE ANY PICTURE BOOKS ON 'HOW TO RAISE VICIOUS PIT BULLS?



*THEY'RE TAKING YOU TO BE CASTRATED, BUT DON'T LET THEM KNOW I TOLD YOU."



*OH, NO. IF MARGARET'S GOING TO SEE THIS MOVIE, THERE MUST BE A BUNCH OFROUGH SEX IN IT."

Now, I'm glad I'm screwing the shmuck's wife.



"Where are the Gas Masks? Dad says that youshit like a **Horse**."



"ME AND MARGARET GET ALONG WELL. AS LONG AS WE TAKE TURNS BEING DOMINANT."

THE FAMINE CERVIX



"Know which ladies I like best? The ones with money."



"I can't spell Mississippi, but I think I can spell FUCK OFF!"

Shut Up, Dolly!



"When Mommy got pregnant in college he gave her this maternity pin."

Make me!



"I love yourgossip, Grandma. It's always so vicious."



"This is when the stars come out to watch the sun die in pain."



"If I got a pony, I promise to ride him into the ground every day."

BILLY HOLDS FORTH!



"You're a real dick, Daddy."



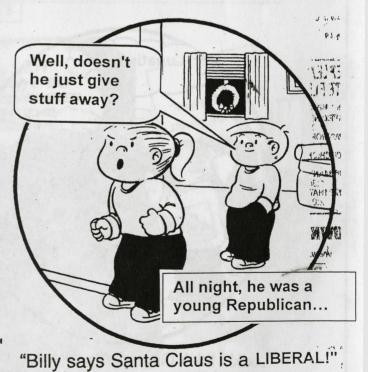
"Daddy, do Navy ships stop once in a while so everybody can piss?"



So? Have you got a fucking problem with that?



"Mommy! What was your breast size? They won't let me talk to Howard Stern unless I know it!"



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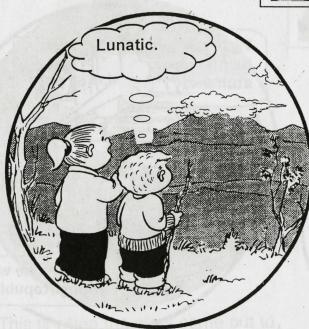


"It says 'Reward offered for return of my 3-foot Black Avenger vibrator."



"I know you were touching my stuff, It's got jelly on it."





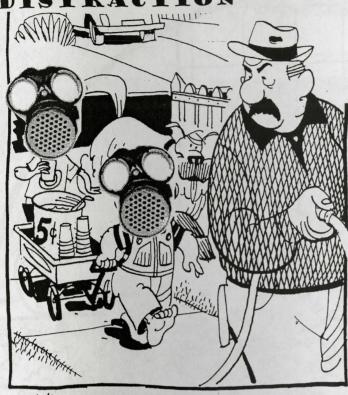
"Look! I think Granddad parked his cloud on that hilltop and he's comin' to visit us!"



"I wouldn't have slipped if I wasn't a clumsy fucking idiot."

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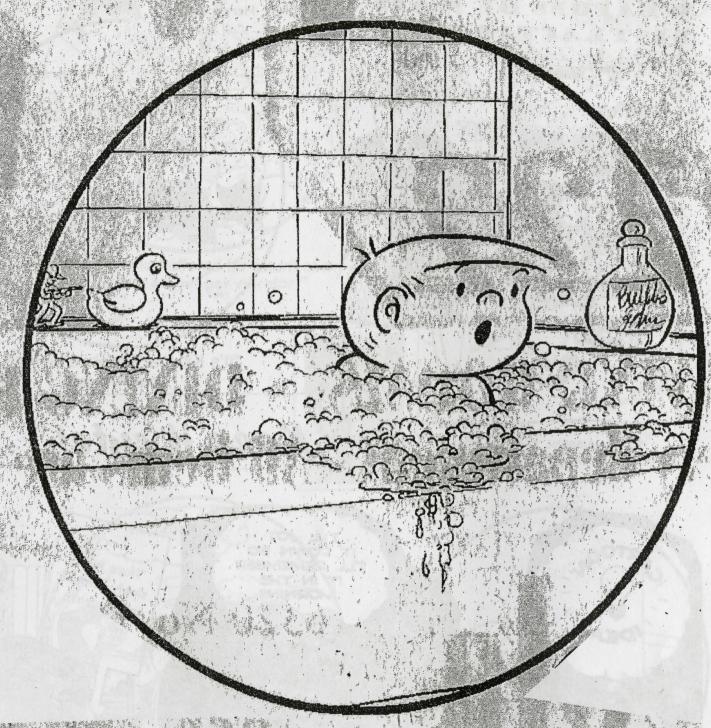


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I swear to God I didn't do a thing to this one!



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