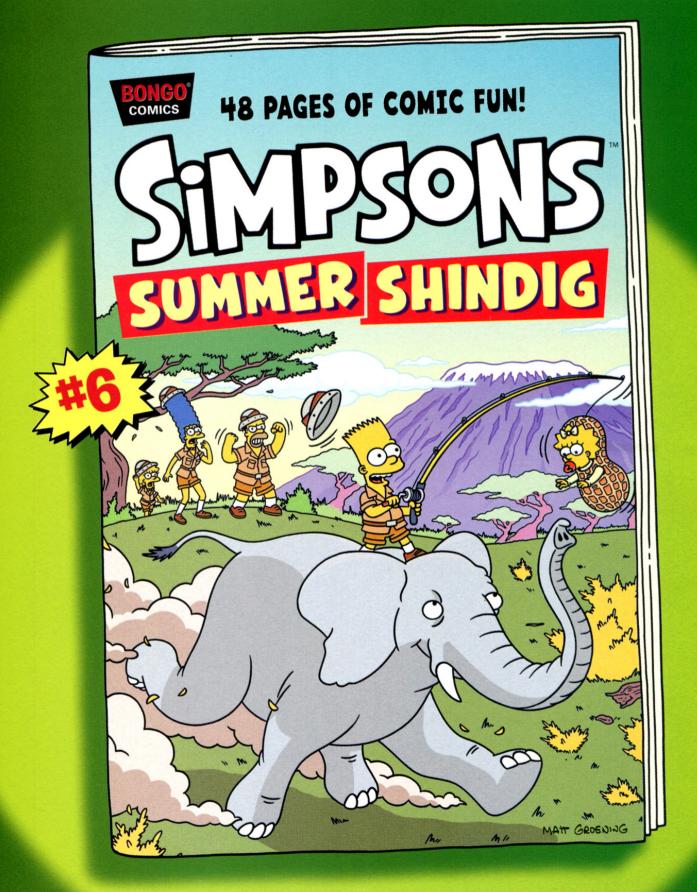
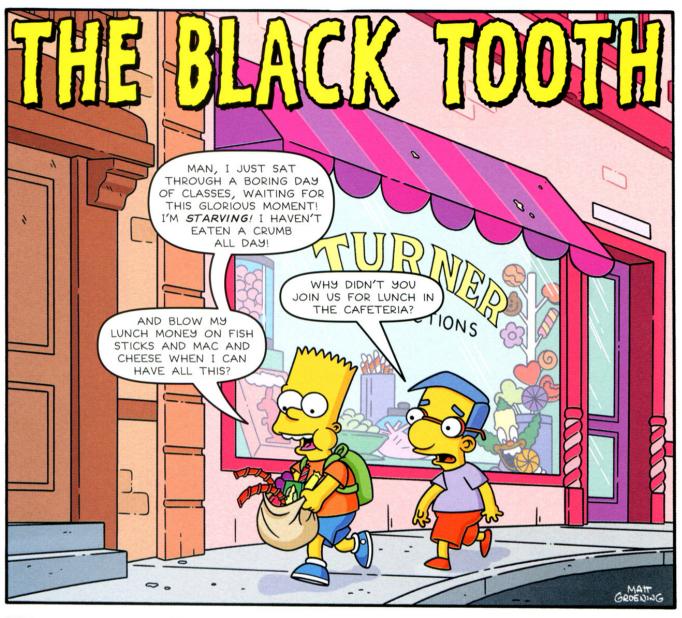


A SUMMER STAMPEDE!



ON SALE IN MAY!

BONGO°







MICHAEL AUSHENKER STORY

JAMES LLOYD PENCILS MIKE ROTE INKS ART VILLANUEVA COLORS KAREN BATES LETTERS BILL MORRISON EDITOR











...MALNUTRITION, HYPERACTIVITY, FOLLOWED BY SLUGGISHNESS, CAUSED BY AN INCREASE IN TRANS FATS, WHICH WILL MAKE YOU OVERWEIGHT, WHICH COULD LEAD TO OBESITY, WHICH COULD LEAD TO JUVENILE DIABETES, WHICH COULD LEAD TO MYRIAD DISEASES RESULTING IN A SHORTENED LIFE SPAN AND--











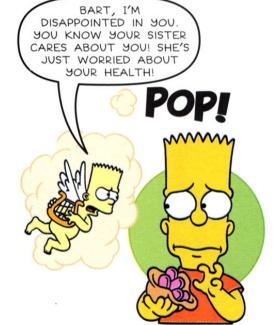


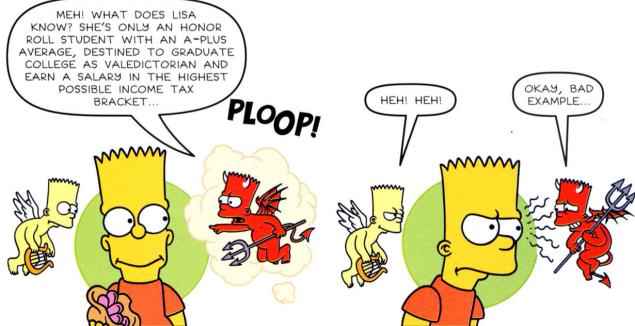


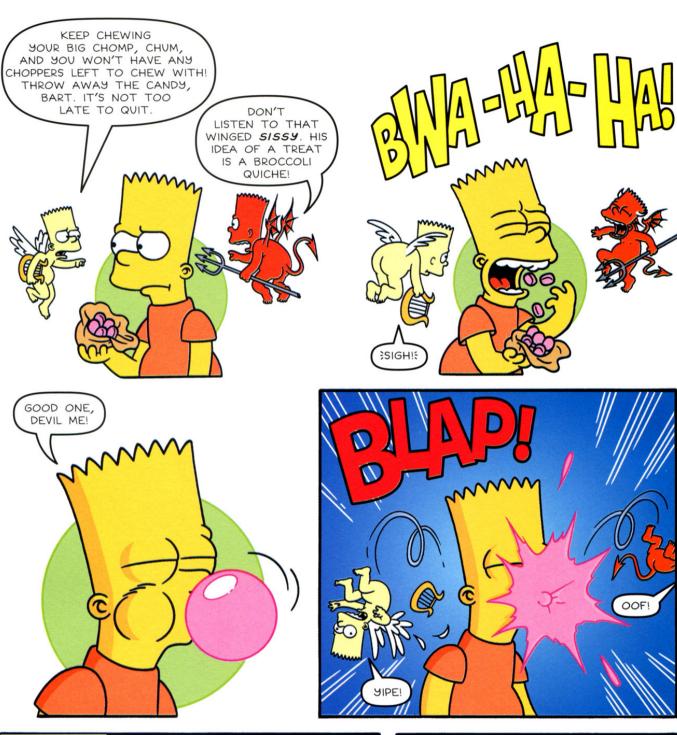














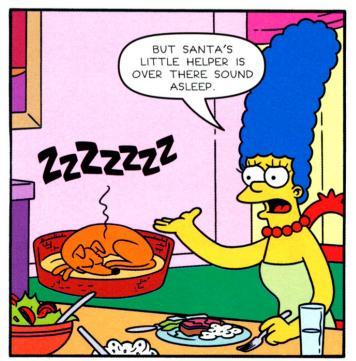




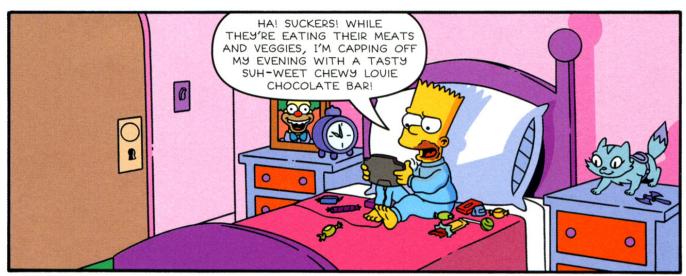
























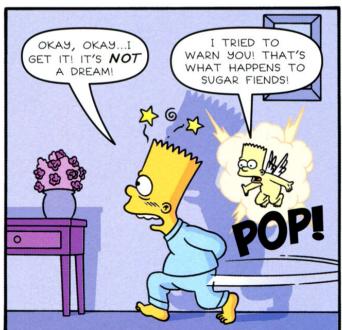




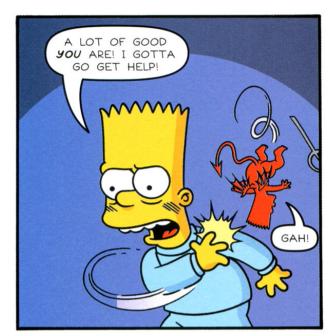




























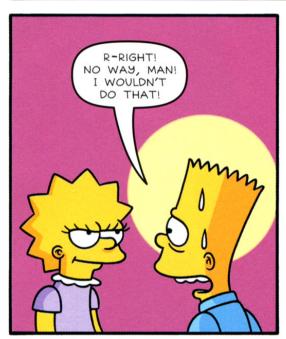














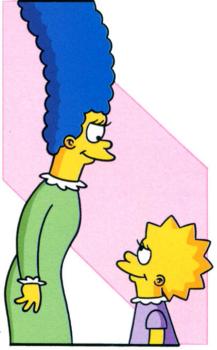








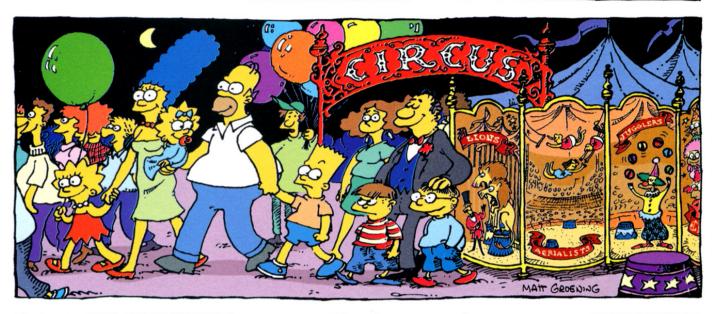






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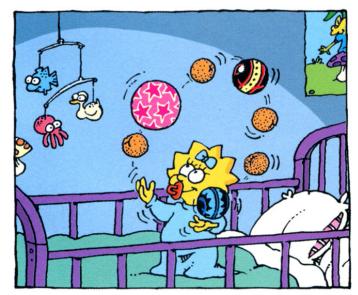


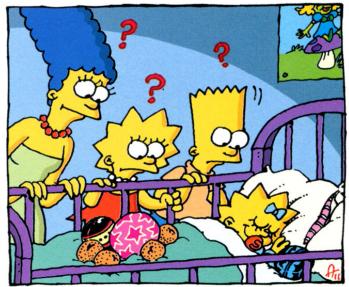










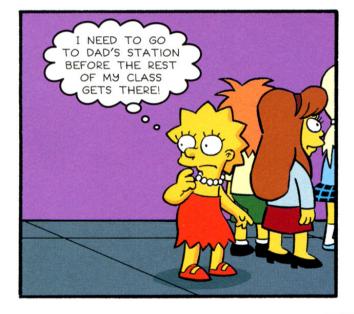


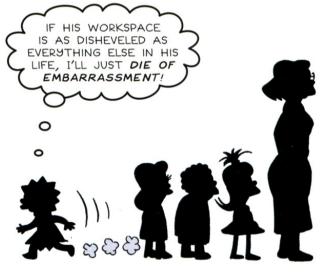
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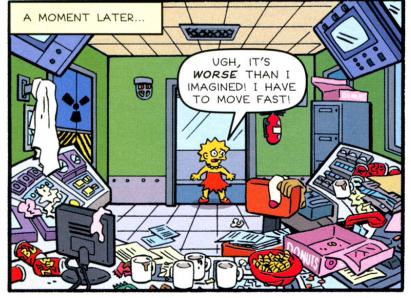


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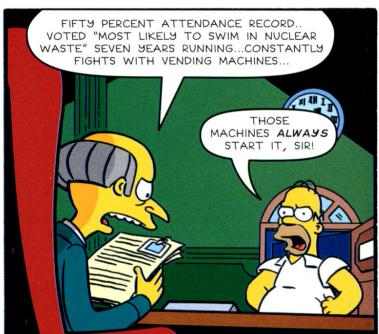




















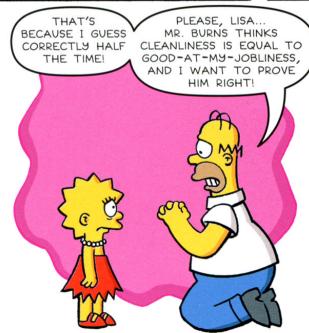


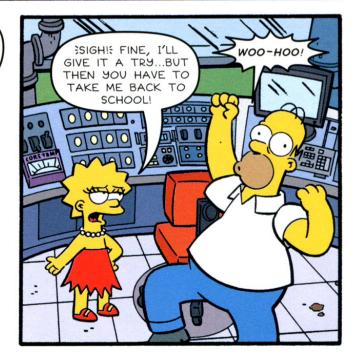












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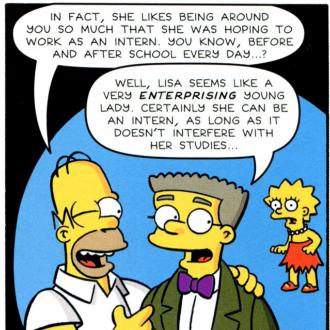
















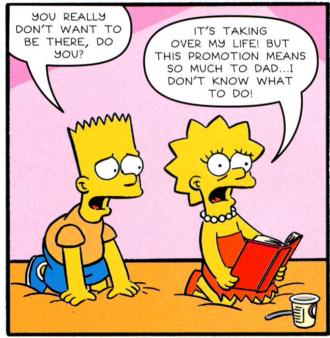


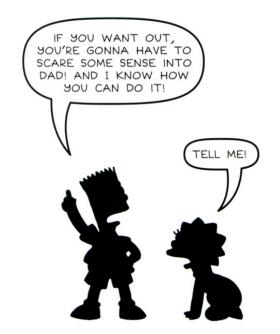




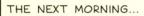


























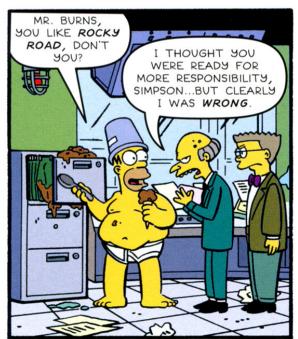
















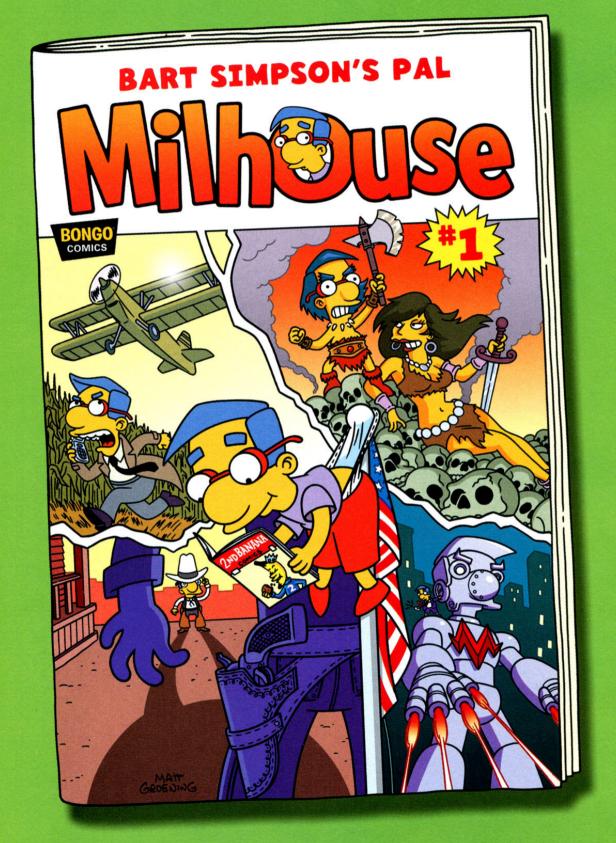








EVERYTHING'S COMING UP MILHOUSE!



ON SALE IN APRIL!

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THE BONGO BEAT

by Louis Lane

Baby, You're a

On Valentine's Day 2012, the world's love affair with "The Simpsons" culminated in a celebratory act of gratitude to cartoonist and show creator, Matt Groening. The noon sun shone down on Matt and his many fans as he was honored with his very own star (the 2,461st in history) on the world-famous Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The whole event can be summed up with the help of everyone's favorite Valentine confection...the conversation heart! The crowd was entertained by extremely large and disturbingly fuzzy costumed versions of Bart and Homer before the ceremony began (NO WAY). While fans gathered around barricades and tourists craned their necks to see what all the hoopla was about, the President/CEO of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Leron Gubler (TOP DOG) took to the dais and welcomed several "Simpsons" performers (ALL-STAR) to the stage: Nancy Cartwright, Yeardley Smith, and Hank Azaria, each of whom thanked and honored Matt for creating "The Simpsons" and hiring them on the show (CLASS ACT).

When Matt finally spoke, he was one (COOL CAT) and wasted no time in showing his appreciation to his family, friends, fans, and to his Bongo staffers (THANK YOU). Then, Los Angeles City Councilman Eric Garcetti (WHIZ KID) presented Matt with a commemorative city resolution, and it was time to unveil the star, which is located only a few feet from where The Simpsons were given a star of their own a mere twelve years earlier. (Matt's star is also located near two pioneers of cartooning and animation, Charles Schulz and Walt Disney.)

Then it was time for photos and interviews aplenty. Of course, a Matt Groening appearance wouldn't be complete without an impromptu autograph session. After acquiring a Sharpie marker from his loyal staff, Matt worked the barricade surging with well-wishers for almost an hour (COOL DUDE). He made sure to sign something for just about everyone. Of course, they all claimed to be his (#1 FAN).

So, the next time you find yourself in Los Angeles and in need of some pharmaceutical assistance, why not visit the CVS Drugs at Hollywood Blvd. and N. Sycamore Ave? And while you're there, glance down and check out Matt Groening's permanent pink and black marble

monument on the star-studded street corner.

(OH YOU KID!)



Matt with Hollywood Chamber President Leron Gubler. In the background. Homer anxiously awaits his turn to speak.

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D'OH! NUTS

Dear Bongo Comics,

I have read several Simpsons Comics and I'm wondering what Homer's favorite doughnut is?

> Carson Olofson Rockford, IL

Homer's favorite donut is the elusive "Everything Plus." It has sprinkles. Coconut flakes. Cocoa nibs. Powdered sugar. Cinnamon. It is triple glazed, and then dipped in chocolate, white chocolate, vanilla, dark chocolate, and double chocolate caramel fudge. The donut is then filled with three different creams, six different jellies. Due to the ingredients, the donut weighs over fifteen pounds and is banned in the lower 48 states.

Other than that, Homer's favorite donut is the one closest to him.

Louis Lane

MISSPELLIGNS? US?

Dear Citizens of Bongolia,

I found a misprint! On page 12 of "Bart Warlord," Bartman refers to the actor as "Ranier" Wolfcastle, even though his name is actually spelled "R-A-I-N-I-E-R." You dropped the first "I." What do I win?

Al Donahue Livonia, MI

Well, well, well. As the guy who got caught said to the other guy, "You got me." You are indeed correct about the spelling of Mr. Wolfcastle's first name. We apologize to our fans and the Wolfcastle family for any discomfort caused.

Your prize? Apart from the sense of self-satisfaction in pointing out a minor typographical error, you get to buy the next issue and see if there are any mistakes!

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THE BIG, BAD, BONGO CHECKLIST

ON SALE THIS MONTH!

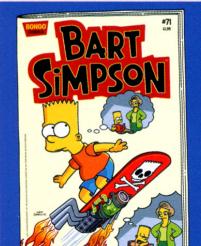


SIMPSONS COMICS #189

Maggie Simpson becomes a pop cultural prophet when her musings and missives hit the 'net in a Chatter account called "Poop My Baby Says." Who is pulling the strings behind the orally fixated oracle? When the world finds out, the poop will definitely hit the fan.

BONGO BONUS STAMP COLLECT THEM ALL!

(IT'S YOUR DESTINY!)

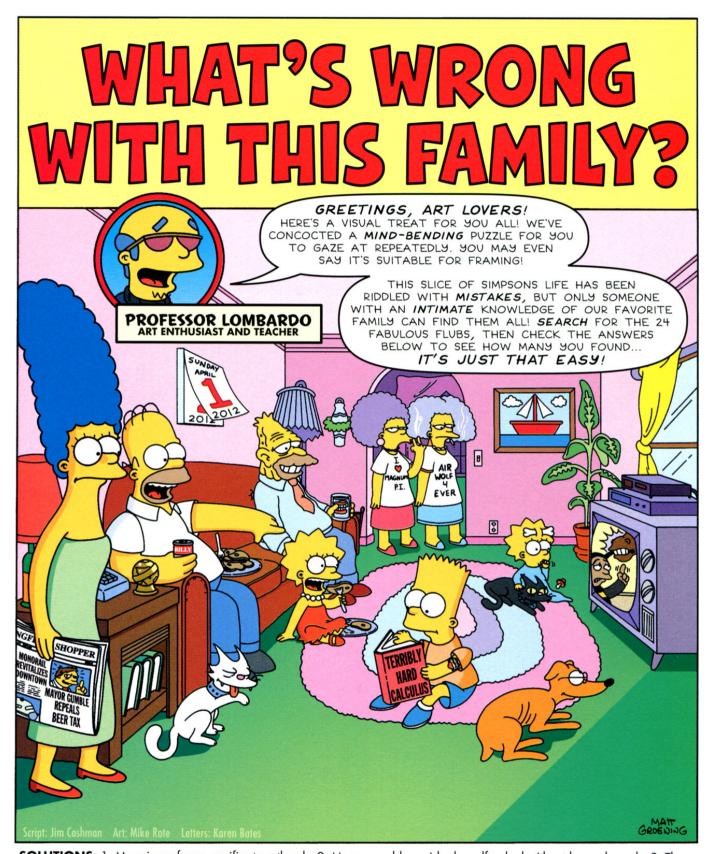


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BART SIMPSON #71

Bart gets his hands on a chemistry set and after a little experimentation he discovers...the need for speed! Then, Bart teams up with Nelson to win a contest by making the grossest and loudest video on the Internet. Plus, Sergio Aragonés sketches another episode of

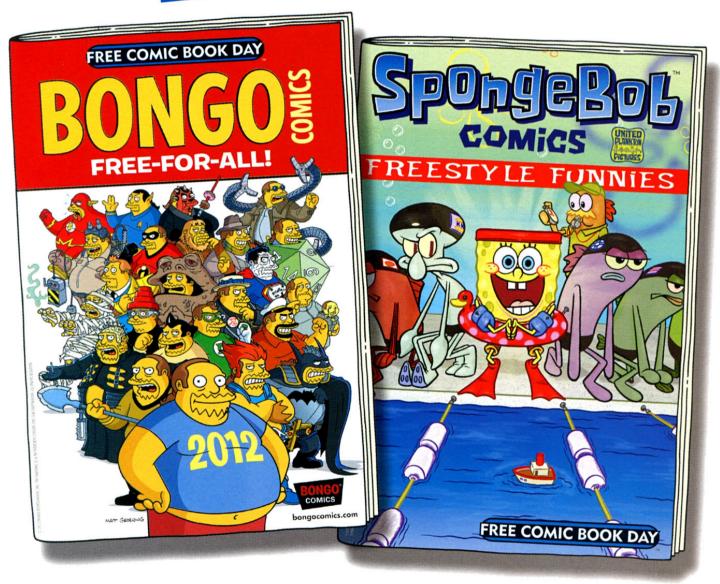




SOLUTIONS: 1. Maggie prefers a pacifier to a thumb. 2. Marge would consider herself naked without her red pearls. 3. Three hairs on the top of Homer's head instead of two? He wishes! That's almost a comb-over. 4. Even if Bart would read that book (which he wouldn't!), he wouldn't read it when he could be watching a bad Mexican sitcom on TV. 5. Those don't look like tofu pork chops on Lisa the vegetarian's plate. 6. Speaking of plates, the one next to Homer should be empty by now. Pork chops don't last long in his presence. 7. Bart should only have four fingers on each hand, like all normal people. 8. Snowball II is okay, but Snowball I has been dead and buried in the backyard for years. 9. Grampa prefers old-fashioned bolo ties to those new-fangled cloth jobbies. 10. Patty and Selma have switched earrings. (duh!) 11. Bart's tattoo was lasered off in the first episode...over 20 years ago, man! Get with it! 12. Bart keeps his Golden Globe in his room, not next to the couch. 13. If Grampa's teeth are in his mouth, whose are soaking in the glass? 14. Marge's exquisite painting of a sailboat should be above the couch (or in a fine museum). 15. The Simpsons don't have cable (well, not legally, anyway). 16 Santa's Little Helper has never been clipped...so he should have a longer tail. 17. That can of Billy Beer is older than Homer! 18. The calendar says it's Sunday, but Friday night is pork chop night in the Simpson house! 19. Barney Gumble is not the mayor of Springfield, for obvious reasons. 20. And the Springfield monorail didn't really revitalize as much as it did destroy downtown. 21. Santa's Little Helper is watching TV wearing Grampa's glasses, which is impossible because they have different prescriptions. 22. MacGyver is the only TV hero whose shirt Patty and Selma would wear.

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