

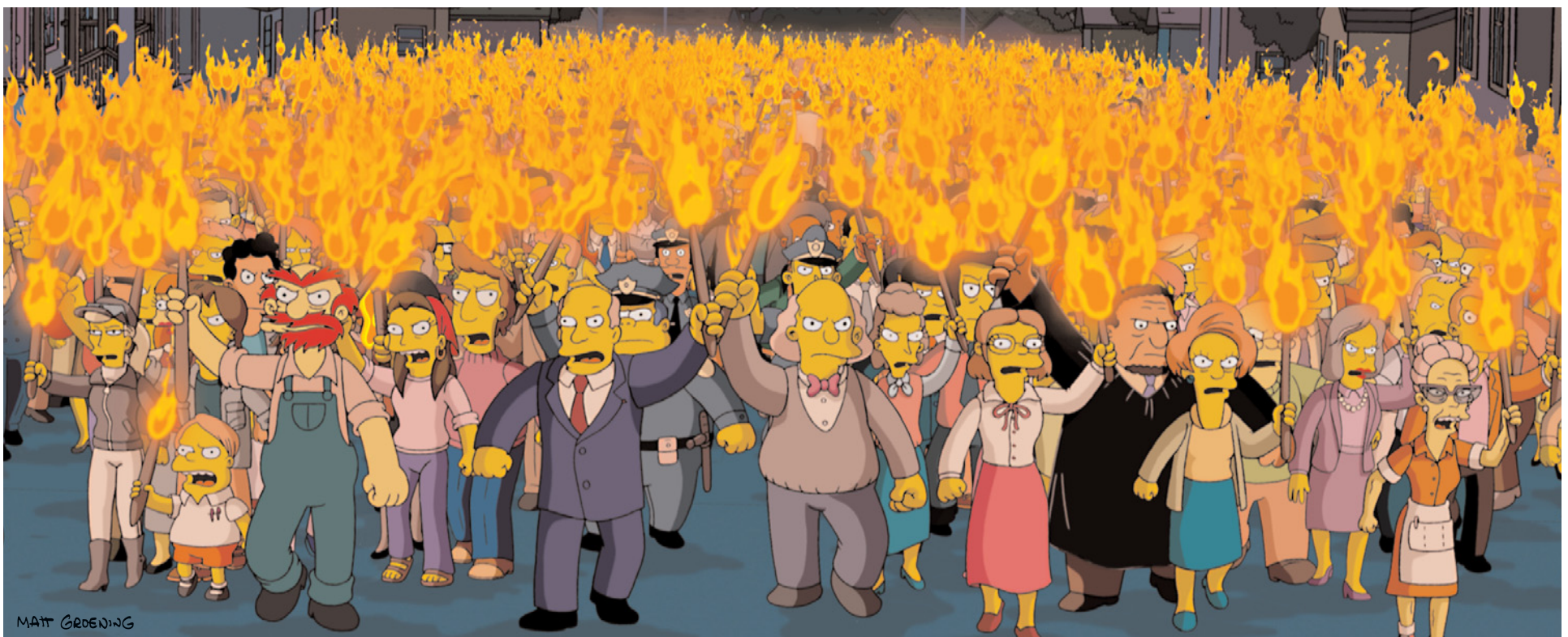
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SPRINGFIELD CELEBRATES ITS ANGRIEST MOB EVER!



AT THE MOVIES:

Homer Simpson offers his latest film review in "The Critic's Corner". PAGE 5

Congratulations, Springfield! Mayor Quimby has declared the crowd that tore through downtown last week to be our angriest mob ever!

The announcement came at a dignified town hall ceremony during which the mayor gave Homer Simpson, the focus of the mob's fury, a golden statue to commemorate his participation.

"I can't accept this just for myself," said the tearful Mr. Simpson. "This whole thing wouldn't have happened if people weren't chasing me. So I accept this honor on behalf of those little people. Many of whom are still in jail for smashing stuff and knocking over junk."

When asked how she felt, his wife, Marge, was confused. "Obviously, I'm not so proud of why he won it," she said. "But the mayor did give Homer a

golden statue. So I guess I feel proud and ashamed, which is like feeling neutral but with wild extremes."

The Simpsons were asked to leave when Mr. Simpson broke a pen set on the mayor's desk.

While the origins of last week's chase remain murky, the mob left a path of destruction in its wake and gathered in size as it crossed the city.

"Everyone around here has something against Homer, so when people saw an angry mob chasing him, I guess they just started to pile on," said Homer's friend Lenny Leonard. "I know that's why I did!"

Even some elementary kids got into the act. A group of fourth graders on a mandatory field trip joined the mob as it passed the waste processing plant they were touring. Their teacher,

Mrs. Edna Krabappel, said she "figured it was okay because all of their parents were in the mob. It wasn't like I was letting them go unsupervised."

Police Chief Clancy Wiggum, still reeling from the event, said, "We've had fifty mob actions this year alone, but this one was a real show-stopper. Everyone turned out with weapons: rocks, sticks, knives, angry cats... whatever was at hand. But the police brought the real firepower."

"The police shouldn't have participated," admitted an otherwise proud Mayor Quimby, on his way to an extramarital liaison with an unidentified assistant.

As to why Springfield is so prone to mob violence, there are many theories. Chief Wiggum speculated that "rioting gives people a sense of community. And isn't that what we're all seeking in this age of computers and global warming?"

New Superhero in Town: "The Yellow Skateboarder"!

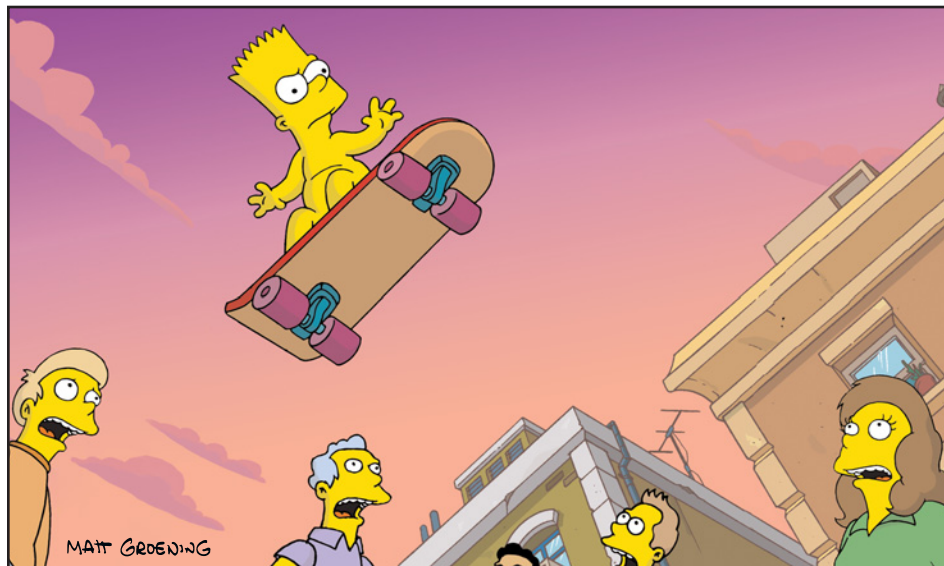


Photo: J. Olsen

Springfield residents were astounded by the sight of a small humanoid flying through town on a skateboard and wearing what is assumed to be a body-tight yellow suit. The mysterious visitor was quickly dubbed "The Yellow Skateboarder."

Chief Wiggum was quick to squelch any suggestions that the superhero was simply a kid riding around naked on a skateboard, commenting, "Shut up! A superhero is way more cool! And besides, there's no way I'm retyping that report. The keys make my fingers puffy."

Police have called in scientists and comic book experts to analyze the Yellow Skateboarder's abilities. Professor Frink theorized that the skateboarder has many useful powers, "like X-ray vision that can reveal why women won't go out with you."

The origin of the Yellow Skateboarder is still unknown. His repeated cries of "Eat my shorts, losers!" coupled with his lack of shorts have led comic book fan Milhouse Van Houten to imagine that an evildoer once ate the Yellow Skateboarder's shorts, causing him to become a crime-fighter.

"It's as plausible as any origin story I've ever read," noted Jeff "Comic Book Guy" Albertson, in a snarky fashion. "Although I'd like it if there was some radioactivity component to it as well."

Springfielders generally applauded the arrival of the new superhero. "I like change," enthused local beer drinker Carl Carlson, "although I hope it doesn't change anything."

Kwik-E-Mart owner Apu Nahasapeemapieton hoped that the Yellow Skateboarder would do something about the teenagers that "hang around my parking lot, giggling to each other. I did not come to your country to be mocked."

But bar owner Moe Szyslak disagreed, saying the town "don't need no super-cops snooping around for black-market cigarette deliveries behind my bar between the hours of two and four AM this Thursday."

Local contrarian Lisa Simpson claims that the mysterious skateboarder is, in fact, her brother Bart. When asked how so many people could be wrong about the sighting, Lisa explained that Springfield was "the dumbest town on the dumbest planet in the dumbest universe!"

Bart Simpson denies his stupid sister's allegation and told reporters that he is the Yellow Skateboarder's best friend, although they've never been seen together. He went on to promise that the town would be "seeing a lot more of my friend's mellow yellow butt."

For the sake of our town, we hope we will.

SPRINGFIELD NUCLEAR POWER PLANT NOW SAFER THAN EVER

The Springfield Nuclear Power Plant has announced a new record of 14 straight accident-free days, shattering the plant's old record of ten days.

The previous string of accident-free days ended when the plant's safety inspector, Homer J. Simpson, accidentally leaned on a fire alarm, setting it off.

The old record was set during the blizzard of February 1997, when most workers were unable to dig out of their homes. The string was broken on Day 11 by Simpson, who dropped a mitten into Cooling Tank 17.

It's been a glowing week for the plant's workers. "We've set our sights on the three-week mark," said spokesperson W. Smithers. "From there, the sky's the limit!"



Safety inspector, Homer J. Simpson (File Photo)

CRIME WATCH POLICE BLOTTER

Monday 3 a.m. Report of armed assailant wearing orange jumpsuit and brown ski mask entering Kwik-E-Mart and leaving with \$236 in cash, three Jerkie Boys beef jerkies, quart of milk.

Monday 6:30 a.m. Mrs. Adele Crouch, 683 St. Frank's Pkwy., reported small man throwing an object at her house. Investigation revealed the small man to be a new paperboy whom she didn't recognize.

Tuesday 4:30 p.m. Patrol officer observed two 9-year-old youths relieving 8-year-old playmate of his Mr. Gummy® brand bubble gum. Suspects were persuaded to return unchewed portion under threat of reform school.

Wednesday 3 a.m. Kwik-E-Mart robbed of \$124, Li'l Ms. Muffin, coffee, black, two sugars. Suspect reported wearing orange jumpsuit and brown ski mask.

Thursday 12:47 a.m. Mrs. Adele Crouch, 683 St. Frank's Pkwy., reported ghostly figure peeping through her windows. Investigation revealed peeper to be Mrs. Crouch's own reflection.

Friday 3 a.m. Armed robber at Kwik-E-Mart. Man in orange jumpsuit and brown ski mask reportedly escaped with \$192, case of Duff Beer, bag of Cheez Weedles. Wished proprietor a nice weekend.

Friday 3:48 p.m. Springfield Nuclear Power Plant called to say it may have misplaced "between five and 30" plutonium rods. Rods should be returned for proper disposal if found. Described as three to four feet long, luminescent and warm to the touch.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

- Affordable Arms Collectibles for the newly P.O.'d gun hobbyist. Vintage Saturday Night Specials from the early '80s, perfect for the novice collector. Antique Vietnam-era weapons, stripped down and ready for collecting. Firing pins available for most makes and models. Survivalist gear our specialty. Herman's Military Antiques on Main. Don't wait for Armageddon. Arm yourself today!

- Bootleg Krusty the Clown T-shirts in all your favorite designs: Rasta Krusty, South Park Krusty, Spongebob Krustypants, and more. At Hank's Traveling Trailer T-shirt Boutique on a street corner near you soon. We cut out the licensing fees and pass the savings on to you!

HELP WANTED

- Again seeking clerks for the Kwik-E-Mart on Main. Must be industrious hard workers who enjoy yelling at kids and are quick on the draw. Free mouthful of Squishee for each new applicant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Springfield's Poet Laureate, Theodore Cox III, will read from his latest volume of verse, "Field of Springs," next Monday evening at the Springfield Public Library Cultural Room, immediately following an encore showing of "The Incredible Mr. Limpet." Warning: Many of Mr. Cox's poems do not rhyme.

- Springy Singles will hold its monthly progressive dinner date next Friday as follows: 6-7:15 p.m. Cocktails and nachos at El Beer y Burro; 7:30-8:45 p.m. Dinner and drinks at McCrabbish's Scotch 'n' Seafood; 9-10:45 p.m. Dessert and postprandial toasts at Here's Pie in Your Eye!; 1 p.m.-? Nightcap at your place or theirs. Springy Singles Love Bus is still out of commission, so participating singles will have to drive their own cars. Please choose designated drivers.

Our Proud Heritage

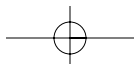
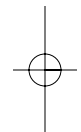
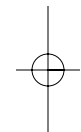
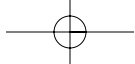
THIS WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD HISTORY:
FIFTY-ONE YEARS AGO

1956: Bing Crosby's limousine breaks down while passing through town. The beloved crooner spends the afternoon playing mini-golf at Sir Putt-A-Lott's, while his car's Johnson rod is replaced.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



The Annual Springfield Gorge Jump-A-Thon, as viewed by Channel 6 copter pilot and amateur shutterbug, Arnie Pie.



CALENDAR



CRITIC'S CORNER

By Homer Simpson

Okay, we all know that I have fallen behind in my reviews for this paper. I'm sorry. When I left off, I was just about to review *Star Wars*, so here goes...

I was late to the movie theater because my car at the time was an old, rusty piece of junk. I still have it, but at least now it has some sweet dice hanging from the mirror.

So when I got to the theater, the only seat was between two fat guys. How come that always happens to us regular folks? I barely had any room to put my extra-large popcorn, foot-long hot dog, and supreme nachos.

But then the movie started, and I was swept off of Earth to Tatooine, a distant planet that looks like New Mexico. For those of you who aren't familiar with *Star Wars*, it's a parody of *Spaceballs*.

Lots of story stuff happens, and I'm not sure who was what and which guy was who. I do know that there's this "Death Star," which Darth Vader is having a hard time trying to get built. Lousy contractors! I tried to make that joke to Darth, but he couldn't hear me.

Later, I saw Barney, and we had a few beers in the parking lot. I was a little tipsy at that point, so I had trouble finding the theater again. When I walked in, the movie had changed a lot. Some guy called "Indiana Jones" was being chased by the biggest rock I ever saw! It was amazing! This concludes my review of *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.

Next week: *Star Wars*

Today's TV Highlights

6AM **HYDROGEN** - **Lawn Order** (Crime Drama) 60 min. Police hunt for a serial weed killer.

7AM **E=MCTV** - **That's Scientrific!** 60 min. (Hyper-educational) Kids apply the ideas of quantum mechanics to string theory physics then take a nap.

8AM **PUBLIC NUISANCE** - **Mister Nosey's Neighborhood Watch** 30 min. (Docu Drama) Mister Nosey blows the whistle on a kitchen remodel done without a building permit.

8:30AM **THE CHICK CHANNEL** - **Just Us Gals** 30 min. (Gabfest) Actress Jennifer Smythe-Parker divulges her secret for beautiful armpits.

9AM **GAVELTV** - **Judge Mental** (Accusatory) 60 min. A woman sues herself for eating too much and getting fat.

10AM **YE OLDE NEWS NETWORK** - **Yesterday's News Today** (Rehash) 30 min.

10:30AM **EMPTY VEE** - **Videots** (Piffle) 30 min. Countdown of the top 10,000 music videos of the last 25 years.

11AM **PUBLIC EXCESS** - **Springfield Road Trip** (Adventure) 30 min. Join host Kent Brockman as he sets off on a tour of Springfield's off ramps.

11:30AM **C-SPIN** - **Screaming Heads** (Discussion) 30 min. Political punditry for the hearing impaired.

12PM **THE PROMO CHANNEL** - **In Front of the Scenes** (Special) 15 min. A look at the watching of this week's top movies.

12:15PM **FLOX** - **The Patriot's Pulpit** (Bombast) 15 min. Self-aggrandizing windbagery.

12:30PM **THE CHICK CHANNEL** - **Afterschool Drama** (Drama) 60 min. Corey Garrett stars in "The Boy Who Cried 'Hey! Look Out!!'"

1:30PM **ABCDEFG** - **The News Report** (News) 15 min. A report on the top news stories in the news and a look at why we are saying this is news.

1:45PM **C-SPIN** - **Softball Q&A** (Public affairs) 15 min. Mayor Quimby pleads the fifth.

2PM **NERDS-AT-NITE** - **Geektrex** (Sci-Fi) 30 min. Geekdate 0632.7: The Geekship is intercepted by a

ratings-driven life-force bent on spinning Doctor Sprockett off into his own series.

2:30PM **PUBLIC EXCESS** - **Theatre of Masterpieces** (In English) 2 hrs. The Vicar's Cheese Part XXVI: After Lady Dredful puts the cheese in the cupboard, Tulk Heffinghorn, the Vicar's scheming solicitor, seeks to uncover it.

4:30PM **NOTHING BUT NEWS NETWORK** - **News Rodeo** (News) 30 min. Yet another round up of today's news and a sneak peak at tomorrow's top headlines.

5PM **JCTV** - **Hour of Guilt and Shame** (Religion) 60 min.

6PM **MORE-ON TV** - **The Terrible Toons** (Animated) 30 min. Incredibly bad writing finds its match with poorly drawn characters and backgrounds.

6:30PM **C-SPIN** - **Who Cut the Cheese?** (Discussion) 30 min.

7PM **KIDS' SHOPPING CHANNEL** - **Buy Me That!** (Product Placement) 30 min.

7:30PM **BAD B O** - **Hollywood Has-beens Strip Poker Showdown** (Pathetic) 30 min. Obscure celebrities and former sit-com stars vie for your attention.

8PM **TOTAL BSTV** - **Poverty Factor** (Reality) 30 min.

Poor folks go head to head in extreme competition for food and shelter.

8:30PM **STUPIDSTATION** - **Underwater Nun** (Religious Comedy) 15 min. Sister Aquanetta prays for surf.

8:45PM **BLAH CHANNEL** - **The Bundy Bunch** (Dramedy) 30 min. Ted gets into hot water with the sheriff.

9:15PM **RERUNLAND** - **Kiss & Huggs** (Crime Drama) 45 min. Detectives Kiss and Huggs become ensnared in a bad plotline when they go undercover as a pair of crooked cops to uncover a pair of crooked undercover cops.

10PM **STUPIDSTATION** - **Mopman and Underpants** (Animated) 30 min. Mopman finds that nothing goes right when your whiteys are too tighty.

10:30PM **BOX** - **America's Zaniest Store Surveillance Videos** (Utter Tedium) 30 min.

11PM **RERUNLAND** - **Mudrer, She Typed** (Mystery) 30 min. Jessica whites-out a typo. First of two parts.

11:30PM **CHIXFLIX** - **Movie "My Sister Married a Nutjob"** (Sentimental Claptrap) 2 hrs. Based on a shocking true story overheard at the nail salon.

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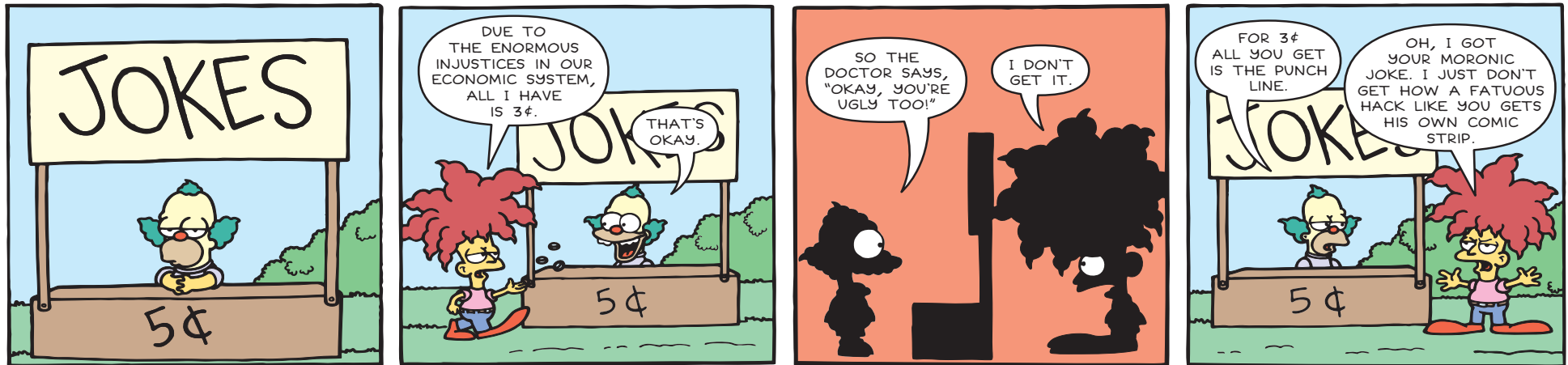
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SMILIN' JOE FISSION'S Fun Corner

CONSERVATION: PIE-IN-THE-SKY TOMFOOLERY OR DANGEROUS EXTREMISM?

In fact, it's both! Conservation is both impractical (after all, who wants less power?) and economically risky.

Remember, the more power you use, the more we make! That means jobs for many of our citizens—maybe even your parents—and toys, clothes, and allowances for children like you! So relax and enjoy, and leave the power to us!

UP 'N' ATOM, BOYS 'N' GIRLS!



TODAY'S NUCLEAR BRAIN TEASER

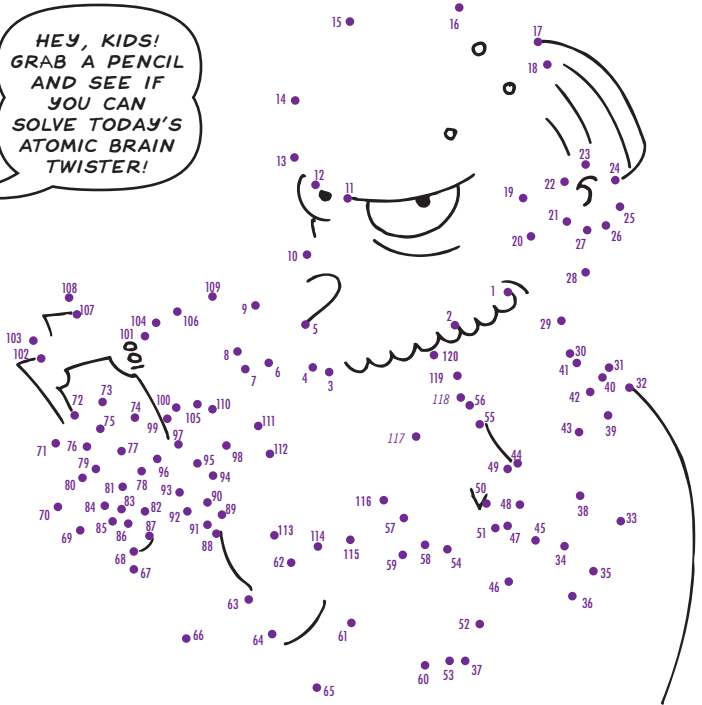
Q: Where do you safely dispose of high-level liquid and solid radioactive waste?

PLEASE contact the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ASAP!!!!
If ANYONE has an answer to today's quiz

YOU KNOW HOW YOU HATE TO TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOUR MOM NAGS YOU... WELL, HEH, HEH! WE GROWN-UPS ARE KINDA GETTING RID OF OUR NUCLEAR WASTE!

HERE IN SPRINGFIELD THE MANY BLESSINGS OF NUCLEAR POWER ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL, NO MATTER HOW LOWLY THEIR SOCIAL STATUS. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHO THE BIGGEST BENEFICIARY IS? CONNECT THE DOTS AND FIND OUT!

HEY, KIDS! GRAB A PENCIL AND SEE IF YOU CAN SOLVE TODAY'S ATOMIC BRAIN TWISTER!



MATT GROENING

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