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IRON MAN

Favreau's flick creates superhero perfection

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If there is one movie to recommend for early summer fun, it would be the new feature *Iron Man*. As a retelling of a comic serial, you may be discouraged by the premise. I would suggest you swallow all of the disappointment you may have stored from previous experience.

You may consider it a gamble, but *Iron Man* will never disappoint. I can attest that the movie takes the original Stan Lee comic and produces an amazing big-screen masterpiece.

Full of action, the movie dictates the life of Tony Stark—corporate playboy, experimental inventor, and arms dealer—and his reformation after realizing what destruction is caused by his inventions after he is taken hostage. He designs a suit, his final invention, to set a positive legacy and end the war which he and his company had been supplying. However, his life as a vigilante puts him in great jeopardy. When the secrets of his suit are stolen, he must

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DIRECTED BY: Jon Favreau

RATED: Rated PG-13 for some intense sequences of sci-fi action and violence and brief suggestive content.

GENRE: Action

STARRING: Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow

RELEASE DATE: May 2, 2008

OUR TAKE: ★★★★★

Image Courtesy of Marvel Studios

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Two Bits Man talks about his beef with Chick-fil-A and the disturbing cows

I'm almost positive the majority of you reading this will disagree with me and probably hate me right off the bat, but whatever. Why does everybody like Chick-fil-A anyways?

I'm going to let you in on a little secret: waffle fries suck. Why do you want to eat fries with holes in them? Ketchup drips down and gets all over my hairy chest. Luckily for me, I can just flex my pecs and the ketchup flies off and sprays the cashier; that's what he gets.

I will admit that the employees are usually friendlier than all other fast food restaurants (except maybe KFC, where one time I heard the two sentences "Hi, can I have your order?" and "We closed" literally within five seconds each other). Anyways, you can only do so much with good service, especially if everything else with your company is so wonky.

Here's secret number two: Chick-fil-A is not healthy. It comes to my understanding that everyone thinks eating there is better for you than anywhere else, but that's only true if

you get a grilled chicken sandwich. I'm pretty sure of two things: A) You don't go to fast food places to get grilled chicken sandwiches, and B) everywhere else has grilled

chicken sandwiches, too.

My next grievance: The

advertising campaign of Chick-fil-A. Now, I know many of your grandmothers might dislike me for saying this, but the cows are not funny. And it's getting pretty old.

The cows learned how to write and decided that in order to save themselves from being eaten they

"...Chick-fil-A is so disillusioned; they refer to the cows as though they actually exist."

should put these innocent chickens up for grabs.

What a bunch of jerks. If anything, that makes me want to eat more cow. Any kind of jerk face that would rather sacrifice a smaller animal deserves to be taken down a notch.

They don't need easels and paint; they don't need cop uniforms and radar guns, and they don't need

calendars. Calendars! Are you kidding me?! Making me look at these pictures of cows doing things everyday for 365 days of my lifetime is like torture.

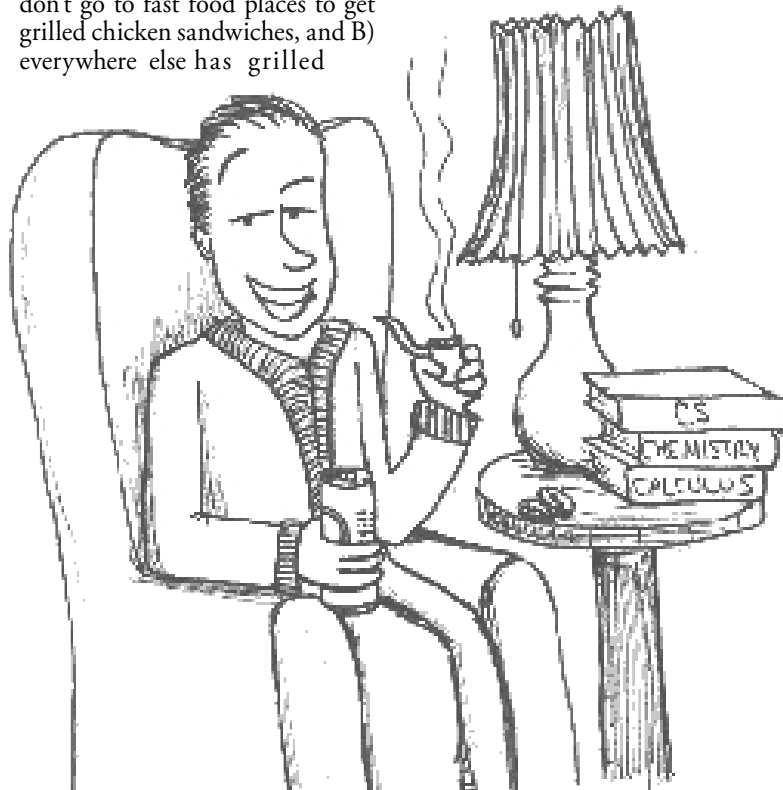
I know you're thinking, "Just don't look at the calendar, Two Bits Man," but what am I going to show the girls when they come over? It's bad enough that I have so much ketchup all over my body; I have to distract them with my adorable pictures of cows dancing or something.

This campaign has also been going on way too long. As long as I can remember Chick-fil-A, I remember these disturbing animals acting human.

Do you know what Chick-fil-A says about the campaign? According to Chick-fil-A's advertising strategies, "the cows have united in an effort to reform American food, in an effort to reduce the amount of beef which is eaten."

First of all, Chick-fil-A is so disillusioned; they refer to the cows

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By Robert Zimmerman
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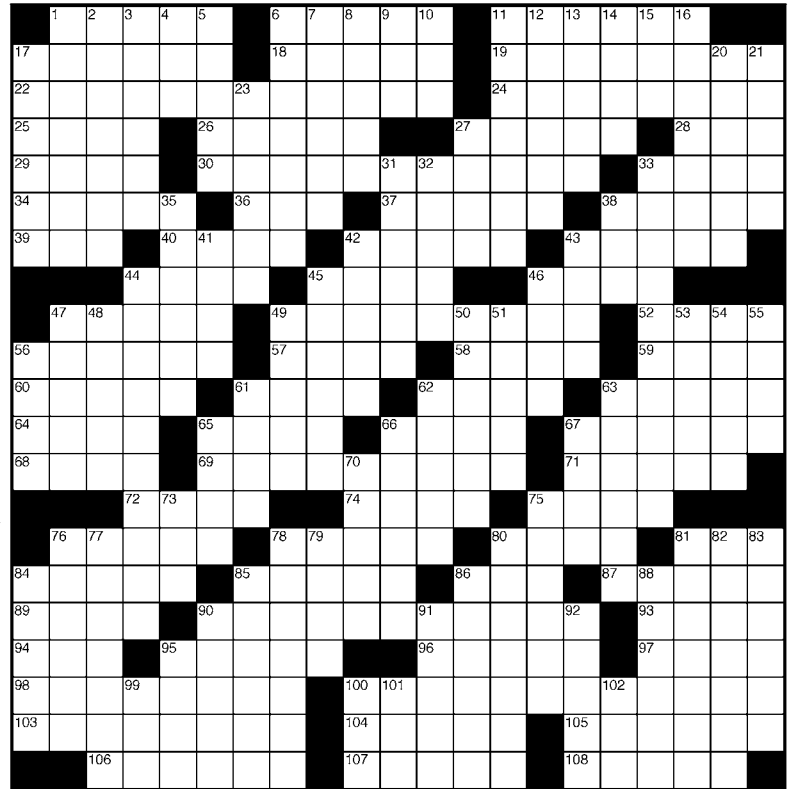
1. Poke into
6. Vegas attractions
11. Moved, with effort
17. Actor Wynn
18. External
19. The works
22. La. site of 'Steel Magnolias' film
24. 'Malcolm X' director
25. Continent of the Himalayas
26. Schwarzenegger to his pals
27. Inscribed stone
28. Highland topper
29. Poet Sandburg
30. Site of North Idaho College
33. Buddhist shrine
34. Prepared to pray
36. WWII spy org.
37. Chicago film critic
38. Hank of many homers
39. They may intersect aves.
40. Ecstatic
42. Hymns of praise
43. Mete out
44. Companions of aahs
45. Sci-fi carriers
46. Over 6 ft.
47. Half a magician's catchword
49. Okla. capital of the Cherokee Nation
52. Medicinal plant
56. Spanish explorer
57. Fay of 1933 'King Kong'
58. Home-plate VIPs
59. Juno, to the Greeks
60. Claude of 'Notorious'
61. Came into being

62. Maui garlands
63. Spud
64. Spread
65. Ta-ta
66. Singer Turner
67. Wound
68. Salon service
69. Michigan city named for a French soldier
71. Last words
72. Kimono ties
74. Beehive state
75. Cry of pain
76. 'Laugh-In' partner
78. Tapestry
80. St. John's _
81. Lingerie item
84. Grabber
85. Pre-diesel locomotive power
86. Schwarz inits.
87. Swagger
89. Rock pioneers
90. Earliest state capital of Ohio
93. Unthinking
94. Research agcy.
95. Fretful
96. Scarf
97. Dull pain
98. Grinding, as teeth
100. "Pleasant Valley" in the language of a Pa. tribe
103. Watchman
104. Loosen
105. Fills in a blank
106. Oust a big shot
107. Handyman's burden
108. Takes it easy

DOWN

1. Farm worker of yore
2. Hangs it up
3. Ready if needed

4. 'Nuts!'
5. PC ancestor
6. With the least delay
7. Gen. Clay
8. Not this one
9. Plumber's joint
10. 12th graders: abbr.
11. Annoys
12. Set free
13. Steps in a fence
14. Travel on foot
15. Middle of a palindrome
16. Oscar winner for 'Traffic' (2000)
17. Natural abilities
20. 'A tempest in a _'
21. Country on the Gulf of Aden
23. Soldiers
27. 'Rosebud' was one
31. Lethal
32. Mistreatment
33. 56 Across spent a Florida winter here in 1538-1539
35. Rainbow and speckled
38. Rinso rival
41. Charlie Chan expression
42. Actress Lindsay
43. Sounds of satisfaction
44. Wisconsin lakeside city once known as the Newport of the West
45. Repeat word for word
46. Opens a keg
47. Positive Thinking preacher
48. Basketry supply
49. Middle of the night
50. Put out a fire
51. Eskimo boat
53. Admit
54. Popular snacks
55. Make a living
56. Decline



61. Prejudice
62. Beans
63. Lures
65. Beard's anchor
66. Japanese mat
67. Den
70. In the country
73. Prohibit
75. Hey there!
76. 'Phedre' playwright
77. Real pro
78. On pins and needles
79. Depend on
80. Bulovas, et al.
81. Shelf support

82. Sorority members, at times
83. 2004 Olympics site
84. Sharp tastes
85. Glows
86. Fuel type
88. Developer's assets
90. Coarse cloth
91. Poetic division
92. OR supply
95. Congressional party leader
99. Sault _ Marie
100. Director's call
101. Yoko
102. Smallest whole number

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turn on those he thought closest to him to prevent the proliferation of his powers for evil causes.

Jon Favreau does a wonderful job balancing realism and the supernatural while maintaining humor, story, and most certainly the fantastic action.

The movie flows smoothly from this perfect balance, and clearly surpasses all of the former comic book movies. I would go so far as to call it a tour de force.

Another leading factor determining this film's quality, the actors' performances reflect their amazing talent and make this film a lasting mark on entertainment. Robert

Downey Jr. portrays a very magnetic Tony Stark. His talents lend well to the morality and lifestyle changes developing in his character through the film.

The other characters also advance their characters profiles. Jeff Bridges renders the vision of an industrial warmonger extraordinarily well in *Iron Man*, portraying a truly evil being willing to never stop short to achieving his goals.

The production value of the movie is also top rate. The camera captures everything and focuses on the very well managed computer-generated imagery (CGI) that allow the supernatural action blend phenomenally with the real action. Every instance of computer graphics was a superb job of superior technique. Indeed,

the actual suit of Iron Man was a produced and tastefully enhanced by CGI to produce a suit that looks incredible and functional.

Overall, I have no complaints about this movie. The film was absolutely astounding; for all of the 126 minutes there were to enjoy of *Iron Man*, I was glued to the screen with such intensity that I had not felt in a theater for the past 6 months.

Iron Man has set the bar wonderfully high and establishes a new standard for all future comic serial movies that Marvel may produce. I believe even with the amazing features that will soon be coming to theaters, *Iron Man* has won a seat as one the best movies of summer and will be a landmark for all films of 2008.

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as if they actually exist.

So not only does Chick-fil-A think that these cows are cooperating, they believe these COWardly bovines (LOL) really care about American food.

This brings up another interesting point, if Chick-fil-A's founder S. Truett Cathy is so set on reducing the amount of beef that is eaten in America, why did he open Truett's Grill?

For those of you unfamiliar with this physical representation of hypocrisy, Truett's Grill is a restaurant associated with the Chick-fil-A name that serves - wait for it - beef. I'm looking at the

menu right now and they serve Chick-fil-A chicken as well as a Big T Burger platter and a Ribeye Steak Platter.

Next point about Chick-fil-A: Sundays. Really? Closed on Sundays? What kind of a fast food place is this?

One odd thing that I've found about Chick-fil-A and myself is the fact that whenever I do feel like eating there (the rare occasion), it's always on a Sunday, and of course they're closed, which makes me hate them even more.

So now I'm left here with ketchup on my body on a Sunday afternoon with nothing to eat, and I'm sitting in the dark alone looking at a picture of this cow playing guitar and rocking out.

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Panel 2: "IF WE DON'T SPEND IT, WE MIGHT LOSE IT OR GET LESS MONEY NEXT TIME."

Panel 3: "SO, IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU NEED TO BUY, NO MATTER HOW TRIVIAL, NON-URGENT OR UNNECESSARY, NOW IS THE TIME TO GET IT."

Panel 4: "CAN I GET A RAISE?" "I SAID SPEND THE MONEY, NOT WASTE IT."

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- Everybody else**

oh, uh, I thought (Golden Boy) was here.

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Panel 2: "NOW..." "THERE'S A BEST OF CABLE NEWS AND BLOGGING?" "WELL... GOALS ARE EASIER TO REACH WHEN YOU CAN STEP OVER A LOWERED BAR"

Panel 3: "SO WHERE'S THE NOOZTUBE STUDIO, JOE?" "THAT'S THE BEST PART, BOB... I DO IT FROM HOME ON A WEBCAM FOR THE INTERNET..." "...THEN THE TV STUDIO IN NEW YORK TAKES THE STREAM TO AIR ON THEIR CABLE STATION!" "SO YOU'RE PRODUCING THE SHOW ALONE?"

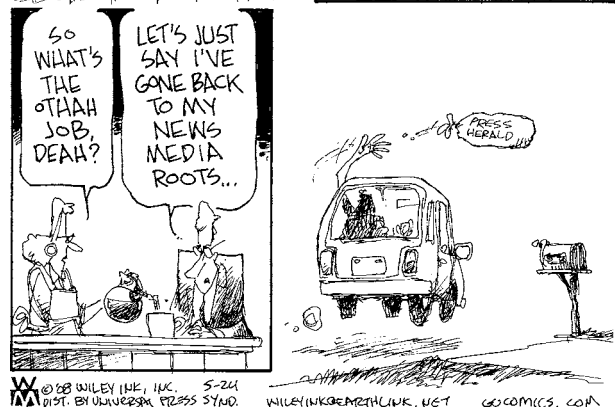
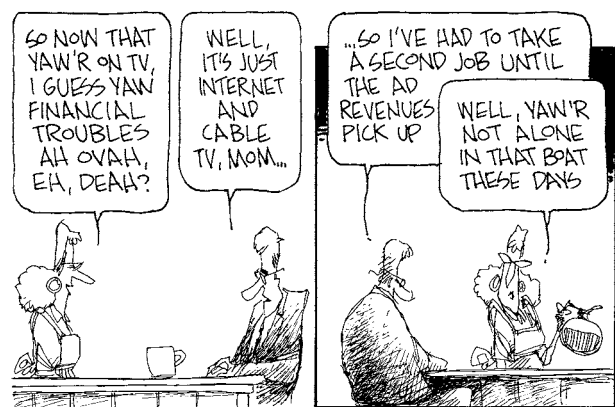
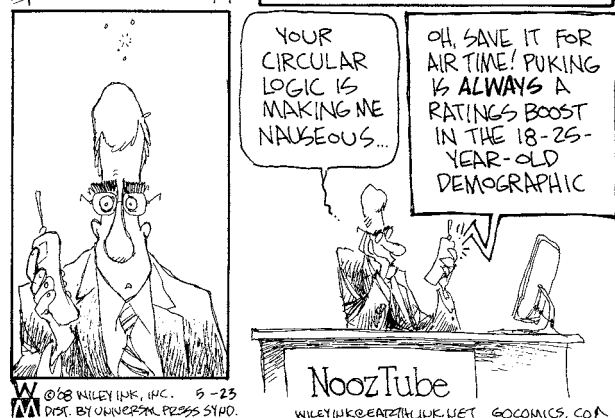
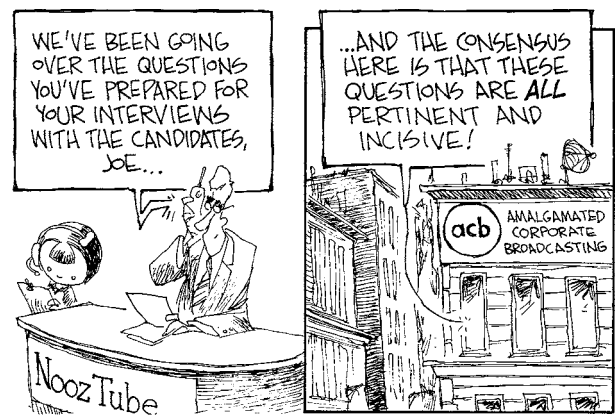
Panel 4: "WELL... NOT EXACTLY..." "OK, WHERE'S THE TALENT? WE'VE GOT A RUN-THROUGH TO DO!!" "PLEASE DON'T CALL DADDY THAT, DANA. IT HURTS MY BRAIN..."

Panel 5: "YES, HE'S IN, BUT HE'S PREPARING FOR HIS BROADCAST... MAY I ASK WHO'S CALLING?" "UH-HUH... HOLD ON..." "IT'S SOME CLUELESS NETWORK SUIT, DADDY. HE WANTS TO GO OVER THE QUESTIONS FOR YOUR INTERVIEWS WITH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES"

Panel 6: "A-HEM" "THE SECRET TO SUCCESS IN BROADCASTING CAN BE SUMMED UP IN TWO WORDS, DANA... MUTE BUTTON!" "WELL, NOW IT'S WHAT-EVER"

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