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Happy holidays and welcome to the 2004 edition of my newsletter. It's been two years since my last newsletter and a lot has happened since then.



## The House

I finally found that Tiger Eyes poster I mentioned in the 2002 newsletter. You remember that, right?



Sure, you just read it yesterday. Now the tiger-themed bedroom is complete. I also finally got the deck replaced. It was on the verge of collapse. Next on the agenda is adding a walk-in closet underneath the walkway, demolishing the existing walk-in closet that's taking up half the bedroom, and replacing and relocating the shower and sink. It may be a few years before I get to that...

## The Jobs

I last reported in 2002 my long period of unemployment - 1.5 years! During my unemployment I took classes and became certified as a "Project Management Professional" (PMP). This allowed me to get work again, albeit as a contractor. I have had three contracts since then. I spent 6 months at the State of Oregon, six months at Fujitsu, and now I'm on a 3-month contract at the City of Albany, Oregon. The Albany contract may be extended for a year.

## More Eyeballs

The Eyeball Museum™ had another record year. I still can't quit my day job, but there is a chance this year may actually be profitable! I got my largest order ever - 2350 eyeballs from a marketing company handing out gift bags at a Scooby Doo 2 preview screening. The number of different eyeballs for sale passed 200 this year, but is now down to 184 due to selling out of some discontinued "eye-tems". The Oregonian and the Tigard Times both did an article on the Eyeball Museum. Now if I can just get on Letterman...





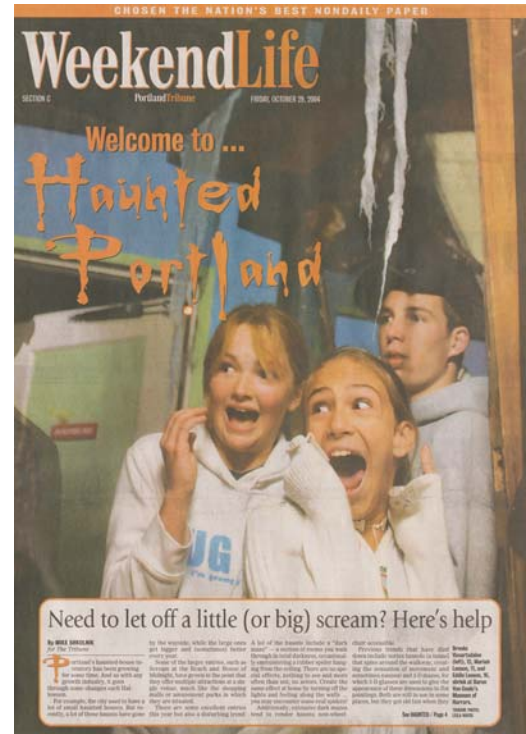


## Broccoli Man!

Broccoli Man is now making videos! Broccoli Man's first video short "Zombie Vegetarians" has screened at several film festivals including the New York Horror Film Festival. We are almost finished with Broccoli Man's second film "The Inedible Bulk" which chronicles Broccoli Man's transformation from humble broccoli farmer to Human vegetable. Another short is planned where Broccoli Man goes after evil meat packers. Ok, I'm not really married. That first-page photo is from "The Inedible Bulk".



Broccoli Man also appeared in a feature film documentary called "Behind The Mascot". It's a movie about people who wear mascot costumes. Details can be found at [www.mascotmovie.com](http://www.mascotmovie.com). I have yet to see it myself, but it debuted at the Toronto Film Festival.



## Halloween '04

The Oregonian turned me down this year after two years of a large spread with haunted house reviews and an article. I'm told new management wasn't interested. The Portland Tribune jumped on the opportunity and made my reviews the front cover of their Halloween insert!

## Reality Bites

After sending in videos three times, I have given up on Survivor. The show has degenerated into Jerry Springer on an island and no longer holds my interest to watch, let alone participate in. Am I ever glad I missed the deadline for Rebel Billionaire. That's the lamest one yet. I sent in a video for The Apprentice but it looks like they are only going for kids who have run highly successful businesses (ie not a 42-year-old selling eyeballs). I also sent a video in for a show on Discovery about "urban exploring" (steam tunnels and such, which I did in college) and another to VH1 on people with weird obsessions. I sent videos in for Broccoli Man and for the Eyeball Museum with not even a call back. I do have another I just sent in - I applied for my own cooking show on The Food Network. Dressed as Broccoli Man, of course. You can see the video on [www.broccoliman.com](http://www.broccoliman.com) under Cooking.





## Acting

I have done a lot more acting in the past two years. I was an extra in two major films - Thumbsucker (with Keanu Reeves, though he wasn't there that day) and Bigger Than The Sky (with Sean Astin and John Corbet). Both films come out next year. Look for me as a paparazzo in the dream sequence in Thumbsucker. I'm on a barstool across from Sean Astin in Bigger Than The Sky. I've had bigger parts in some shorts, including lead roles in "Innsmouth Legacy" and "ReCreation". You can see a sample from "ReCreation" on my acting site at [www.madmartian.com/acting](http://www.madmartian.com/acting). I now have my own page on the Internet Movie Database - [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com). I am listed under my stage name - Mad Martian. I also led a team in the 48-Hour Film Project, a national competition where teams make a film in 48 hours. A genre, character, line of dialog, and prop are drawn at random and then your finished film is turned in 48 hours later. We had the misfortune of picking "romance" as our genre - with a team of five guys. We did not win any awards.

## Faux Film Festival

While searching for film festivals to submit "Zombie Vegetarians" to, I discovered there was no festival or even category for "faux films" (faux trailers, faux commercials, mocumentaries, spoofs, etc), so I created my own! The Faux Film Festival will be held March 12 and 13. The first festival of its kind! Check [www.fauxfilmfestival.com](http://www.fauxfilmfestival.com) for updates.

## The Law Suit

I last reported getting sued by Monster Cable Products - the makers of audio cables found in many stereo stores - for registering the web site [www.monster.biz](http://www.monster.biz). They got so much bad publicity from the law suit that they dropped the suit and sent me a check! And I still own [www.monster.biz](http://www.monster.biz). See details at [www.madmartian.com/legal](http://www.madmartian.com/legal). Read my response to their apology - some of my best writing. But wait, there's more...

## Language Pirates

Since I left the web site up, I have been getting emails from a lot of other victims. I decided to make a documentary! I will soon start to interview victims and other folks for the film. I am going to make the film kind of in the style of a horror movie. The opening will mimic the opening from "House On Haunted Hill". This film could potentially be successful on the film festival circuit. Of course I could get sued again, but that would only help market the film. Check [www.languagepirates.com](http://www.languagepirates.com) for a teaser around mid-January.

## Closing

Let me know what you've been up to. If you received this via regular mail, that means I don't have your email address. Please drop me an email at [mike@madmartian.com](mailto:mike@madmartian.com) so I can update my records.

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