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WrestleMania Parties FOR DUMMIES

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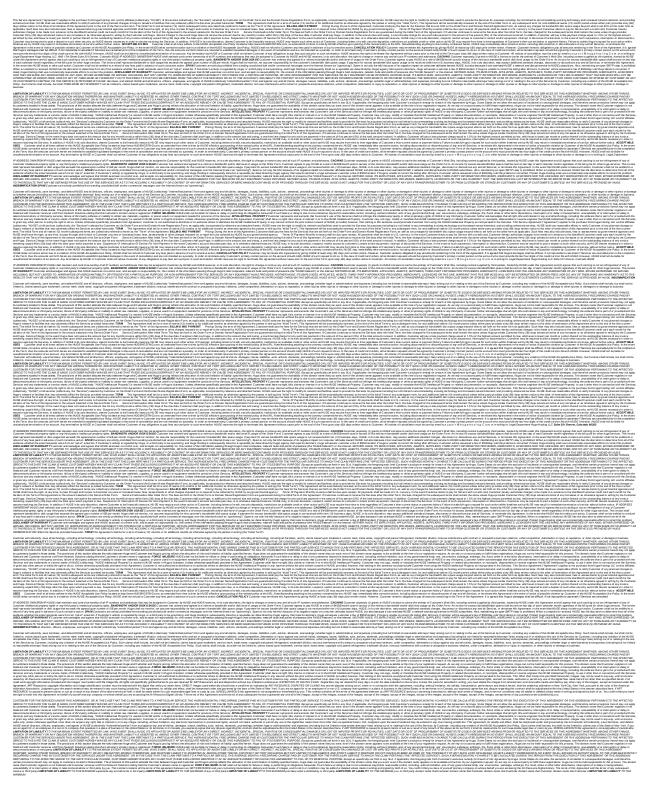
If you must read one book in your lifetime about WrestleMania parties, ask yourself, "How has my life gone so wrong?"

A Reference for the Rest of Us!"

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Chapter 1 Introduction

Welcome to *WrestleMania Parties For Dummies*! For a number of years, I have dreamed of writing the great American novel, an Oscar-winning screenplay, or a brilliant comedic monologue.

This book will show exactly why none of those things will ever happen.

Enjoy!

Who Needs This Book?

If you're like the many millions of Americans who have no idea that the annual WrestleMania party is one of the most sacred events on the Mayan calendar, this book is for you!

In it, you will find out so much information regarding WrestleMania parties that your head and at least 3 other body parts will be spinning! But the most important information that you learn here may be the simplest of all. Ergo, to wit, and (NOTE TO EDITOR: insert something else here – maybe Latin, French, or one of those other dead languages – that makes it seem like I'm really, really smart):

WrestleMania XIX Party Sunday, March 30, 2003 5:00 p.m.

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See, it's like Krishnamurti said, "Often the simplest knowledge is the most centered (and bold and italicized)."

How To Use This Book

We recommend that you use this book in one of three ways:

- If you want a crash course in WrestleMania parties, read it cover-to-cover. Reading the whole book will help to solidify major WrestleMania party concepts and will also get you thinking about WrestleMania parties in a more comprehensive (and dare we say, enlightened) way.
- If you want to learn about a specific topic such as Using Tourniquets To Make Soup or Just Why Are Miniature Horses Always Smiling?, you are in the wrong book. But if your interests run to topics such as Submission Holds Learned From Quakers or Guys, Why All The Anger?, you can just flip through the book and look for those topics (which are not there) quickly, easily, and with a minimum of deep paper cuts.
- As evidence in an upcoming sanity hearing.

WrestleMania Parties For Dummies is basic enough for a novice to get his or her arms and legs around the thorniest of WrestleMania party issues. But advanced readers will be challenged as well to think about WrestleMania parties in a new way and to identify areas for improvement (which the host will be more than happy to ignore if they involve any work on his part).

How This Book Is Organized

Like quite a few books, it is organized sequentially from the lowest numbered pages to the highest.

Icons Used In This Book



This icon indicates very important information that you really should pay attention to and perhaps even tattoo on your chest (backwards, of course, so you won't be confused when you see it in the mirror).



This nerd (I AM NOT A NERD! Oops, sorry, knee-jerk reaction there.) appears beside discussions that aren't critical if you just want to learn basic concepts and get answers to your WrestleMania party questions. (Admit it – you DO have questions!) These sections aren't mandatory reading, but they will deepen and enhance your WrestleMania party knowledge. And isn't that what life is really all about?



This classy symbol indicates information that will make you have to leave the main WrestleMania party area and walk out into the host's backyard to clear your head.



This target flags strategy recommendations for making the most of your WrestleMania party experience (such as, *don't sit next to that one creepy guy*).



This icon indicates that you are about to read something that will blow your mind so much that you will swear on a stack of pancakes that you're seeing a pig doing an impression of The Fonz.



This icon is a friendly reminder of WrestleMania party information discussed elsewhere in the book, or something that you'll definitely want to remember (such as, *never attend a WrestleMania party again*).



These people running away indicate that you are about to read an excuse that the host will believe as to why you can't make the party or have to leave early. (NOTE: Saying in the first five minutes, "I didn't think this was REALLY going to be a party to observe WrestleMania" is no longer considered a valid excuse.)



This icon points out items to avoid and common mistakes people make when attending WrestleMania parties. It can also indicate that a YUPPY is about to embarrass himself by pretending to be street smart and calling something "da bomb!"



Let's face it; attending a WrestleMania party is not for the weak of heart, stomach, soul, or chin. So when you see this icon, or the actions that it speaks of, this would probably be a really good time to, as the Surgeon General calls it, "get funky like a monkey." And if your party neighbors look a little squeamish, feel free to slip a little something in their bloodstream, too.



This icon alerts you to scams and scoundrels that prey on the unsuspecting at WrestleMania parties. The author strongly suggests that to avoid any possible problems, you immediately hand all of your valuables over to the WrestleMania party host as soon as you arrive. He will take care of them for you, and they will be returned to you promptly at the next year's party.



When you read the message hidden between the lines associated with this halfman/half-horse icon, believe me, you don't want to know what's going on. So just step back away from the book and wash your hands and eyes with scalding isopropyl alcohol 6 or 8 times.



When you see this sign, you know that you are about to read something so pathetic and embarrassing that it causes "Star Trek" fans to say, "Golly, people who follow pro wrestling are really dorks!"

Where Do I Go From Here?

I know that your just chomping at the bit to point out that I should have used the contraction "you're" instead of the word "your" at the beginning of this sentence. However, that really isn't the point of this section.

The point of this section is that you are now armed with all of the information that you need to start in on *WrestleMania Parties For Dummies*. I am physically excited for you in a way that is better left unexpressed here, but just know that you are about to embark on a roller coaster ride of emotions. And after the ride, some people will immediately want to take it again and again, while others will immediately want to be taken to their health care practitioners or lawyers.

So go on and take a big bite out of this sampler of WrestleMania party knowledge; I promise that you will love the chewy nougat center!

Chapter 2

The Glorious History Of Wrestling And WrestleMania Parties

The History Of Professional Wrestling



If the "USA Today" newspaper has shown us anything, it's that we as intelligent, hungryfor-knowledge individuals are always fascinated by trivial information in charts and timelines. So here's a combination of both that is sure to please even the most discriminating eye and intellect.

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WrestleMania Parties Throughout The Years



This year's WrestleMania party will be the 13th one that Mike has hosted – his 10th party in San Francisco after 3 triumphant bashes in Boston. Prior to that, believe it or not, there is no record anywhere of anyone ever having thrown a WrestleMania party! In fact, in some history books, Mike is actually credited with inventing this genre of party. And while he appreciates his part in the development of this art form, Mike really is just content with the knowledge that he helped to fill a gap in what was once a WrestleMania-related void. As he says, "I'm just doing it for the children."

While it would take too long to review all of the legal paperwork regarding Mike's previous parties, we would be remiss if we didn't take ourselves to task for referring to ourselves in the plural. We would also be remiss if we failed to take a moment to celebrate a few of the more memorable events in Mike's WrestleMania party history.

- 1990 The first ever WrestleMania party guests straggle in off the street knowing only that there is an open door, and that something inside smells vaguely like soup. They will soon become a piece of WrestleMania party legend, as one year later, all four original guests are still unaccounted for, and eventually all are declared legally "had an affair with a married Congressman" missing.
- 1994 There's not a dry eye or seat in the house as all party guests share a hug and a Burl Ives song after The Macho Man Randy Savage finally breaks down and admits that Adam Bomb has the longer inseam.
- 1997 Pure joy, bliss, rapture, tranquility, delight, ecstasy, and serenity are bestowed upon those who eat the mystery mushroom appetizers.
- 2000 14 guests come down with temporary color blindness for reasons that to this day baffle the medical experts
- 2002 Good friends, good food, good frolic, good fantasies, good other "f" words. It was like Carnival in Rio de Janeiro, Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and Salisbury Steak night at Folsom Prison all rolled into one!

Chapter 3

This Year's WrestleMania XIX Party



As mentioned earlier in this book, Mike McNulty is hosting a WrestleMania XIX party on Sunday, March 30th at 5:00 p.m. His address is 98.6 Averagetemperature Street in San Francisco, and his phone number is 109-901-6969. So if I already told you this once, why did I repeat it again here? Mostly just to hear myself type, as I find that the "click, click, click" sound is one of the most soothing ones around (next to "Today we're going to loosen these straps a little and see if you're okay with that").

This chapter will let you in on the "insider's" secrets about how the professional WrestleMania party-goers and party-throwers live the high life. Follow these tips, and you too will be the envy of all who spoon-feed you.

Arrival Time



This is one of the most overlooked aspects of being a WrestleMania party guest. The first match starts at 5:00, and the last match is expected to end around 9:00. But since the host is usually still picking out just which mauve outfit to wear right up until the last moment, arriving any earlier than, say, 4:45 really puts his bacon in a bind (whatever that means). However, if you arrive early with an expensive gift, his bacon unbinds and blossoms for the rest of the night. And who wouldn't want to see Mike's bacon unblossomed? (Oh yeah?! Well you're in the minority, I assure you!)



So since you now know that the party goes from about 5:00 until 9:00, you would think that you have a good 4-hour cushion of when you could show up? Right? WRONG! For if experience has shown us anything, it is that you have already stopped reading this invitation by now, and also that by one hour into the party, not only are all the choice seats and floor spaces by the television already taken, but so are the counter spaces and most of the bedroom, porch, and kitchen standing room areas as well. In fact, for some odd reason, more of the non-television-viewing area is usually filled up first. And along with floor space, the eats and drinks are usually all pawed over almost immediately, too.

So what is the solution? Arrive around 5:30 at the latest, thereby fulfilling the professional WrestleMania party guest manifesto of being fashionably late, but also assuring yourself a shot at some eating and drinking. And while it has never happened at a WrestleMania party before, there's always a first time that you can even assure yourself a shot at some merrying.

But if you must arrive later (or earlier), of course you will be graciously welcomed and pointed at just like everyone else.

Should I Bring Anything?

Mike always has enough beer, wine, soda, munchies, veggies, desserts, fishes, and loaves on hand to feed the masses. But it his self-proclaimed "world-famous jambalaya" that he is most proud of. And after living for 47 years, to be most proud of that really says something about how he's lived his life, don't you think?



So you are under absolutely no obligation at all to bring anything, and if you don't, there will still be plenty at the party for you and others to enjoy. In fact, every year, Mike ends up sneaking food and drink into guests' clothes as they leave. After all, even a WrestleMania party host can only eat and drink so many leftovers over the next year. So you really do not have to go out of your way to bring anything edible, other than a smile on your lips and a song in your heart!

But if you feel that you just MUST bring something, please make it this – bring a friend! I can't tell you how warm it makes me feel to know that somebody is at the party being exposed to WrestleMania for the first time. I mean, I could tell you – I know the words – but having been sent to "sensitivity training" classes because of using those words in front of strangers, I now prefer not to. But it really is a goose in the heart to watch someone see WrestleMania for the first time. So please do think about bringing some sheltered friend whose sad excuse for "culture" prior to this has only consisted of the ballet, opera, and theatre.

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If this is your first WrestleMania party, here are a few suggestions that may make your party-going experience even more pleasurable. And for those of you who have attended in the past, a refresher course never hurts, now does it? (At least, that's what I'm told every month by my Anger Management Seminar counselor.) Because let's face it; the last thing you want to do is be caught in a WrestleMania party social faux pas that ensures that you will not be invited to the post-WrestleMania Party Formal Cotillion Ball.

So please pay attention to these suggestions. For if we can't act civilized at a WrestleMania party, we're no more than common animals. And not the cute animals like rats and warthogs, either, but those creepy animals like kitties and bunnies.

- Adhere to the same standards of behavior interacting with WrestleMania party guests as you would with normal people.
- > All tea cozies can and should be worn as hats that's funny.
- Never make direct eye contact with other party guests.
- > Eat and drink as much as your internal valves will allow.
- > Those cheering for Hulk Hogan should be pitied, not scorned.
- > Never ask other party guests what they're in for.
- If you must sing and dance when you see The Undertaker, nobody will think the lesser of you.
- > The washing of most body parts should be done BEFORE arriving at the party.
- Immediately following the steel cage, barbed wire, flaming turnbuckles match, introduce yourself to a stranger during the Handshake of Peace and Harmony ceremony.
- Never rat on another party guest.
- Take a moment to explain to someone how the referee could have possibly missed seeing one wrestler hitting the other with an Oldsmobile.
- \succ Have fun.

Hosting A WrestleMania Party



Experienced WrestleMania party hosts realize that, behind the appearance of sophistication, panache, and omnipotence that naturally associates itself with such an esteemed position, there is always something new to learn. For that reason, here are some tips to keep in mind when hosting a WrestleMania party.

And these tips are not only for the chosen few hosts of today, but also for the lucky few guests who will one day graduate into the upper echelon of society and host their own Grande Dame of Sports Entertainment parties. Remember, today a WrestleMania party guest; tomorrow a WrestleMania party host; the day after tomorrow, a member of the Federal Witness Relocation Program.

- > In California, it is not a felony to "inadvertently" add too much grain alcohol to the punch.
- Raining or not, it's perfectly acceptable to ask someone you don't really like to walk down to the store and get a bag of chips you don't really need.
- As host, it is expected by the guests that when you take their coat, you will take something out of their pocket and keep it. It is their inconspicuous way of giving you a thank you gift in a manner that won't embarrass either of you.

> Most importantly, realize that it is perfectly natural to cry for hours after everyone leaves.

Scheduled Matches

On the next two pages is the official WrestleMania XIX Program, suitable for framing.

Special Souvenir Program Collect And Trade With Your Imaginary Friends

WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS WRESTLEMANIA XIX SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2003, @ 5:00 P.M. **SmackDown! World Championship Match Brock Lesnar** Kurt Angle vs. World Champion Challenger **RAW World Championship Match Booker T** HHH VS. World Champion Challenger SmackDown! World Tag Team Championship Match **Chris Benoit Eddie Guerrero Charlie Haas** vs. VS. & & & **Shelton Benjamin** Rhyno **Chavo Guerrero** Challengers Challengers World Champions **RAW World Tag Team Championship Match Bubba Ray Dudley** Lance Storm VS. & & **D-Von Dudley** William Regal Challengers World Champions _____

Special Souvenir Program Collect And Trade With Your Imaginary Friends

WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS WRESTLEMANIA XIX SmackDown! World Cruiserweight Championship Match **Rey Mysterio** Matt Hardy, VS. Version 1.0 Challenger World Champion **RAW Women's World Championship Match Trish Stratus** Jazz Victoria vs. VS. Challenger Challenger World Champion **Tag Team Match Big Show** Undertaker VS. & & **Nathan Jones A-Train PLUS Stone Cold Steve Austin** The Rock VS. The Texas Rattlesnake People's Champion **Mr. Vince McMahon Hulk Hogan** VS. **Evil Owner** Icon **Shawn Michaels Chris Jericho** VS. King of the World The Heartbreak Kid

Chapter 4 The Aftermath



To paraphrase Yogi Berra's famous quote (no, not the "Fifty dollars, and you're just using your hand?!" quote – the other one), the WrestleMania party experience ain't over when it's over. Moments after you walk out that front door after the final match of WrestleMania XIX, you will suddenly be hit with a chilling thought: "It's all over! I can't believe it, but it's all over!" Some people tell tales of experiencing weak knees, watery eyes, upset stomachs, hysterical pregnancies, and WMPPTSS (WrestleMania Party Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome) for weeks and even months afterwards. This is perfectly normal and should be expected after the

emotional events that a large majority of party guests have just lived through. But there are ways

Visits To Your "Friend"

to make the ensuing days easier to endure.

Let's face it; you've just barely survived a frighteningly emotional experience that may well leave you scarred for the rest of your shortened life. You had better get your fractured psyche and soul some psychiatric help ASAP!!!!! (NOTE FROM EDITOR: No doubt that's all true, but it may be slightly harsh for an introductory sentence. How about if you rewrite it like this? "The party is finally over. Don't you want to share the joys you've just experienced with highly educated professional people? Sure you do!")



Some people swear that seeing a psychiatrist has really helped them overcome their WMPPTSS so much that they totally forget how bad it is and return year after year for more WrestleMania party shenanigans. Good for them (and the mood-blocking drugs they are obviously on), but be aware that seeing a psychiatrist is not for everyone. Those of us (I

mean, those of you) who have been under constant psychiatric watch for years can testify to the fact that not only is discussing what happened behind Mike's closed doors too ugly and painful to dredge up, but you know that the shrink just goes out and laughs at you with his buddies at the bowling alley over a dozen Budweisers. So as is true for seeing psychiatrists for any reason, it is much better to not tell them the real truth. Why should YOU pay to entertain THEM?!

If you still do decide to seek professional help, you will be happy (and that word is defined at such a lower level for you now) to know that most insurance plans will cover this ailment. But you must tell them that you're being treated for "fatigue." And when you say "fatigue," be sure to make finger quotes in the air, because even if they don't understand the veiled reference to WMPPTSS, hopefully they'll put you into a psych ward for using those annoying finger quotes.

Long Showers

Some guests have found that they can wash "the thoughts" away by showering over and over and over again, using a concentrated mixture of 60 parts Borax, 30 parts lye, and 1 part boiling water. Along with that, the recommendation here is to take these long showers at a hotel room costing less than \$22.95 a day rather than in your own home, as "the thoughts" seem to seep into the grout and revisit you every morning as you shower before work. Medical journals report that after months and months of this course of action, a number of WrestleMania party guest have up to a 4% success rate.

Unfortunately, other guests scrub and scrub and scrub, but they just never feel clean.

The Dreams Won't Stop!

Ironically, the slogan of WrestleMania XIX is "Dare To Dream". I say "Ironically" because I wanted to start this paragraph with an adverb beginning with an "I", and I did.

Now be aware that after having witnessed what you did at the WrestleMania party, that not only will your dreams frighten you forever in ways that you will never be able to reconcile deep down in the darkest recesses of your soul, but they will also \ldots no, that's it – they'll just frighten you forever in ways that you will never be able to reconcile deep down in the darkest recesses of your soul. But Geez Louise, isn't that enough?



Sadly, there seems to be nothing that can be done about exterminating these dreams from your sleeping moments, but many WrestleMania party guests have come up with a solution by thinking outside the box. (And many have also lived outside in the box, but who are we to judge?) Quite a large number have reported great results with just never, ever falling asleep again! If you'd like to find out more about this course of action, go up to any one of the "Waking Dead Walkers" (as their cult is called) during the party (slowly, from the front, and waving something shiny) and ask them about it. But if you do ask, be ready to listen to a stream-of-consciousness answer that can last for days on end.

Chapter 5

The Part Of Tens

Ten Wrestlers Who Never Really Made It Big

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- Ptomaniac Tony
- Rowdy Howdy Doody
- Stigmata Hari
- Mr. O'Brien, The Skeptical Assistant Principal
- Baron Narcolepsy
- The Romper Room Stomper Goon
- Mighty Hermaphroditee
- > The Buddhist Punk
- The Cold Sore Loser



Ten Quotes From Earlier WrestleMania Parties

- "You won't see a better kick to the groin if you live to be 100!"
- "Contrary to popular opinion, sheep don't really like to spoon."
- "Is it just me, or is Mike even weirder this year?"
- "Ric Flair is God!"
- "Oh, this guy doesn't have a chance in hell to win!" "Bill, that's Ray Charles he's singing the National Anthem."
- "Wait, wait, wait. So you're telling me that you don't believe that that guy is really a Mongolian midget vampire concert pianist with Tourette Syndrome? Now who's being naive?"
- ➤ "I always root for the one that I can best imagine smells like blue cheese."
- "Hey Gandhi would you mind leaving some dip for someone else for a change?!"
- ➢ "I'd avoid the bathroom for a few minutes if I were you. Bea Arthur just came out."
- "Who needs more Valium pâté?"

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Ten Jambalaya Ingredients

- ➢ Freshly squeezed drunken Irishman juice
- Just a hint of Pixie Dust (for roughage)
- Celine Dion jerky
- Bad intentions (the vegetarian jambalaya only)
- Love Potion Number 9.1
- Free range Bigfoot
- Leftover jambalaya from the original batch made in 1991
- Movie theatre seat organic scoopings
- A lonely chicken looking for a warm belly to reside in for an indeterminate amount of digestive time
- ➢ Half a baloney sammich

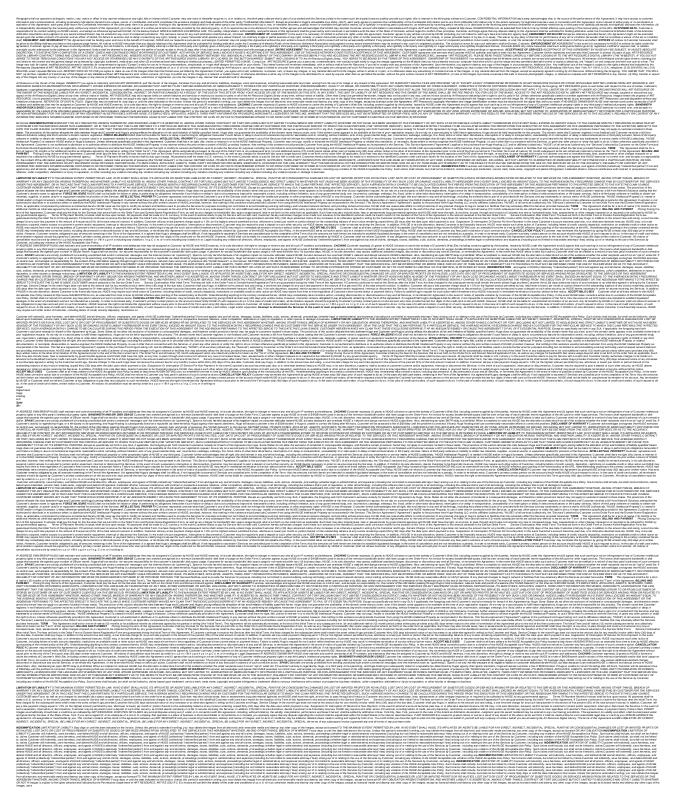


Ten Excuses To Get Out Of Attending Next Year's WrestleMania Party

- "I'm pretty sure I have something to do that day that won't give me the screaming heebie-jeebies."
- "Hey, look over there, is that something that will confuse you and make you forget what we're talking about?"
- "It's 12 months from now, right? Well, I'm having a baby that day."
- "There's no way you'll be back out on the streets by then, is there, Mike?"
- "If you can promise me that no more spawns of Satan will be attending, yes; otherwise, let's just say maybe."
- "Thanks for the invite, but I'd rather be watching it home alone in the comfort of my own bastings."
- "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me every single year, and I really need to visit Dr. Kevorkian that day."
- "Sorry, but I'm not insane."
- "I'd like to, but if I do, then the terrorists will have won. We still get to use that meaningless excuse to serve our every selfish need, right?"
- "Yes, I'll definitely be there! I'm really looking forward to it!" (This is only a valid comment if you live in California and always say "yes" when you have no intention of following through on a social engagement.)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(CONTINUED FROM INSIDE FRONT COVER)



"JUST WHEN YOU THINK YOU HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS,

I CHANGE ALL THE QUESTIONS!"

