

# Joe Bob

drive-in in the East Bay area. Remember, without eternal vigilance it could happen here. To discuss the meaning of life with Joe Bob, or to get the "We Are the Weird" newsletter and free junk, write Joe Bob Briggs, P.O. Box 2002, Dallas, TX 75221. Yuppies may avail themselves of Joe Bob's Fax number: 214-368-2310.

Mr. Joe Bob Briggs:  
I would like to comment on your article "Redneck Takes on Killer Terrorists."

I am a second generation Mexican-American born and raised here in San Francisco. I would like to state that I find your reference to "us" as "Meskin" as totally ignorant and outdated.

Listen, buddy, it's 1989 and while this may be the "norm" in Texas, it certainly isn't that way in California. I think you need some consciousness raising.

Better save your use of "Meskin" in the future or you'll never amount to anything as a writer because all it shows is a low intelligence level. I'm disgusted that you are even allowed to contribute articles to the Chronicle. After reading your "Redneck Takes on Killer Terrorists" article, I have come to the conclusion that you must be related to someone in the Chronicle newspaper that they would allow such mediocre writing to be printed.

I'm sick of people like you referring to us as Meskins. I consider myself American just as much as you consider yourself American. Your ancestors didn't come from here either originally buddy-o. They probably came from Scotland, Ireland, England, etc. etc. and that too, is considered "foreign."

So shut up your brain about Meskins unless sometime in the future someone will call you "Oakie."

As an afterthought, I mean, do you really think that Mexican people are so "unsavory" that they deserve to be referred to as Meskin and to be targeted as Meskins with open sores on their faces? Are we really so despicable as a people to Texans??

I'm sorely disappointed in you Joe Bob. I never think of other races in that context.  
Thumbs down to you!

Jovita Martinez  
San Francisco

Dear Jovita:  
I write the way we talk. In Texas it's pronounced "Meskin." It means a citizen of Mexico. You're the one that assumed it meant Mexican-American.

I would suggest you come to Texas where we have both Mexican-Americans and pure-dee Mexicans. We call em Meskins. So far you're the only Californian I've found who's this prejudiced about people that talk dif-

ferent.

Dear Joe Bob:  
I saw you on a late-night talk show and you are really one hot kind of stud.  
Elvis is living with me.

Christy Clifton  
Dallas

Dear Christy:  
You just wrote that to me so he'll slap you around tonight, didn't you?

Dear Mr. Briggs,  
The Islamic Republic of Iran is about to cut off their major export to us: rude convenience store managers.

I would have gotten this report to you sooner, but a group of fanatic Unitarians has burned a question mark on my lawn.

Etaoin Shrdlu  
Burlingame, Calif.

Dear Etaoin:  
Bermuda or St. Augustine?

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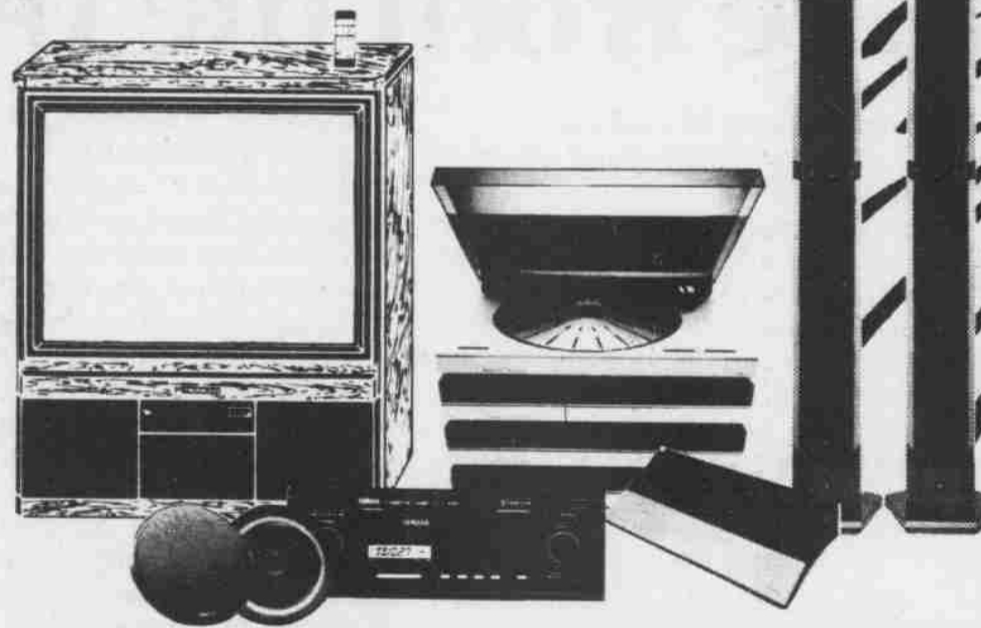
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