Deaditors, We Salute You!

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And let’s not forget our favorite deaditors, as Tom Ace, the sole surviving creator of *Diseased Pariah News* famously dubbed his deceased colleagues, Tom Shearer and Beowulf Thorne (after allegedly mixing their ashes in the print ink). For 11 deliriously deadpan issues over a span of a decade, the zine set new lows for black comedy, which by pub’s demise in 1999, was synonymous with “AIDS humor.” Ever the bearer of bad news, Ace wrote, "This is the final issue of this journal (sniff, sniff). In the eternity since *DPN* #10 appeared, 66.67 percent of the editorial staff expired." We can’t begin to imagine the zine *DPN*’s skeletal staff is putting out from beyond the grave, but it’s one thing to look forward to on the other side.

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