

Ripley's 'strange mail' contest is back

The catch: you cannot use any packaging

By Joe Ruble



ORLANDO, Fla. — Last year, someone mailed a McDonald's meal taped to a plastic plate to the Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" headquarters in Orlando and won the first annual "Strange Mail" contest.

Its back!

"This contest is all about creativity and having some fun," said Edward Meyer, Ripley's VP of Exhibits and Archives.

"We even want the postal carriers to have some fun with this contest."

Ripley's has a long legacy of receiving unusual items through the mail. Robert Ripley once received more than a million letters in a single year, including letters written on wood, glass, rocks, bones and even a grain of rice.

Last year's contest produced 89 entries from 16 states, plus items sent from Russia and Ireland. Among them: a toilet seat, an inflatable monkey, a zucchini, a rubber skeleton, a bar of soap, a bowling ball and the winning entry.



Here's how the contest works:

You cannot use any form of packaging. That means no boxes, containers or envelopes.

The postage and address must be marked directly on the object.

Go to this website to fill out a winners form so you can be contacted.

Mail your entry to:
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