

## ... bill maher q & a /1/ (cont'd)

**What's always with him:** A briefcase. It has my wallet, my car keys, my **lip balm**, **small change**, **Kleenex**, a comb, sunglasses, papers and pens.

**What he wanted to be when he was 5:** 6. I **was never meant to be** a child. I'm a **control freak**, and children have no control **over things**. I was **scared** all the time. But I was **pretty sure** I wanted to be a comedian **by** the age of 10.

**Workout routine:** I run **up** a hill **in the back of** my house. I jump on a trampoline, **which** is good for the lymph nodes. I play basketball and **use** the gym. **The whole thing takes** less than an hour.

**Bathing routine:** This house has a great big sunken tub, **the kind I always pictured Joan Collins in**. I never thought I'd be the kind of person who **luxuriates** in the tub. But I don't **consider** a day complete **until I've spent** thirty minutes in hot water.

**Favorite item in house:** The German bayonet my mother **brought** back from World War II. I **keep** it on a table in my office. When I was little I **was fascinated by** it, and Mom said I could **have** it **when I was** 13. I **remember thinking**, I'll never be 13.