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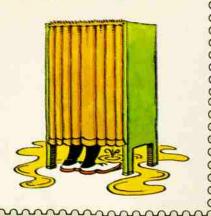
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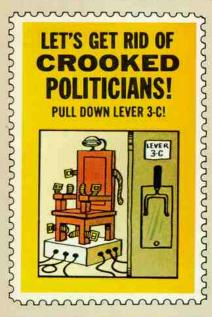
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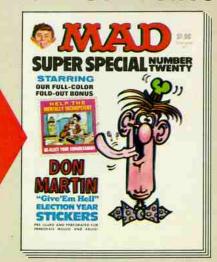


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ONE CUCKOO FLEW OVER THE REST

I'm grateful MAD decided to seek asylum. "Cuckoo's Nest" was a magnificent choice of a movie, as Jack Nicholson's deserved Oscar award indicates. I saw it here in Copenhagen, and while at school in Zurich. May I say that Mort Drucker organized the inmates even better than McGoofy did.

Merete Stensig Copenhagen, Denmark

Mort Drucker and Dick De Bartolo really committed themselves this time. Sabina D. Romine Grants Pass, Ore.

Drucker and De Bartolo feathered that "Cuckoo's Nest"!

> Tom Bayone Cedartown, Ga.

MARTIN AT THE WARSAW DIKE

My husband, being Polish, thoroughly enjoyed Don Martin's "Late One Afternoon At The Warsaw Dike." Oddly enough, he didn't see anything wrong when he first looked at it. I, on the other hand, am Bohemian, so I noticed right away that the water was on the wrong side of the dike.

Vicki Kluska Burlington, Iowa

"Late One Afternoon At The Warsaw Dike" proves that Don Martin is the best. It also proves that he's met my husband! Edith Kowalski Toronto, Ont. Canada

In "Warsaw Dike", Don Martin's little guy comes up for air and says "Kopf Gahuff Puff Kapf". I wonder if you guys realize what that means in Polish!?

Sara Jane Rowe Arkadelphia, Ark.

By his senseless use of the word "Warsaw," Mr. Martin has transformed a harmless cartoon into an inherently demeaning ethnic joke.

> Earl Divoky Arcola, Texas

Poland is nowhere near the sea! Don Martin is playing with a stacked dike! Caren Croland Glen Rock, N.J.

I fail to find anything funny about it! Irving Stanislavotowsky Porterville, Calif.

LAWSUITS WE'D LIKE TO SEE

Whereas the plaintiffs consist of the browsers of fine magazine stands who have had to endure a trashy magazine that costs 50c and calls itself "cheap" even though a daily newspaper can be used to swat flies at a fraction of the cost. Now, therefore, the plaintiffs accuse said magazine of newsstand pollution and demand that the writers be sentenced to holding their fingers in holes on the wrong side of the dike that holds back the residue from the National Long-Distance Spitting Contest for a period of at least ten years or any intervening dry spell.

John Stettler Lawrence, Kan.

MAD'S "NICE" GRAFFITI

"MAD's 'Nice' Graffiti," by Clarke and Siegel, was ... er ... a welcome change. Chris Marcheschi Muskego, Wis.

THE CREATURE FROM THE MARGINALS

I'm one who delves into the Marginals, before reading the rest of the magazine. When I finish them, it's like emerging from a very special little world!

Germaine Chomette Los Angeles, Calif.

DISASTER MAGAZINE

The only "Disaster Magazine" I know is MAD!

Matthew Meyer Fair Haven, N.J.

"Disaster Magazine" is as funny as a rubber fire escape!

> Dominick Piturro Bronx, N.Y.

...as funny as an usher in the Black Hole of Calcutta!

> Dennis Burke Norristown, Pa.

Paul Peter Porges and Jack Davis are MAD's excellent Grin Reapers! Cole Steiness

Marina Del Rey, Calif.



Paul Peter Porges's Idea of a Real Disaster!

BIG CITY PARKING PROBLEMS

This letter is to congratulate Al Jaffee on "MAD Solutions To Big City Parking Problems." With the possible exception of the helicopter bit, these are the most practical problem solvers since your idea of parking empty dump trucks, side by side, throughout the city during a snowstorm. The snow stops, the trucks drive away, clean streets the result, Seriously, Jaffee's parking gimmicks sound as though they might work.

Arthur Berman Rego Park, N.Y.

On Jaffee's Ferris Wheel Concept, how do the cars get turned around in their parking space? You show the car headed in and then on the exit it is headed out. Also, the Lazy Susan Facility shows cars nosed in to park but nosed out to exit. It's MADdening!

Royden G. Anderson Palmer, Mich.

Al Jaffee can't back out of that one!—Ed.

Thanks to Al Jaffee's "Parking Prob-lems," I solved my own. The only trouble is keeping the car from sliding off my roof.

Mark Berg San Antonio, Texas

ALFRED TREE-PLANTING COVER

I've always been intrigued by the work of Bob Jones, ever since I read of his humanizing animals, such as the Exxon tiger, in a book called "The Art Of Humorous Illustration." Hope Alfred doesn't get trampled in that dog dash.

Kathy Quail Waretown, N.J.

Hope the rest of the gang let that desperately "dancing" Dalmatian go first!

Vicki Herrick Glenview, Ill.

I'll bet Bob Jones is for the underdog! Greg Fawcett Medina, Ohio

TWO FINGER EXERCISE MINI-POSTER

Your Mini-Poster, "Let Your Fingers Do The Walk-(expletives)," was a real glitch.

> Bonnie Levy Washington Township, N.J.

Concerning your Mini-Poster on the back of July's issue, whatever happened to "link sausage"?

Holly Weissel San Mateo, Calif.

"Fingers" changed my mind about thumbing through MAD!

Roscoe Bunce Valley Stream, N.Y.

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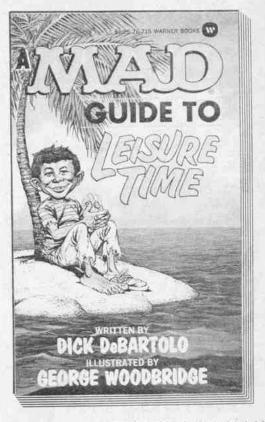
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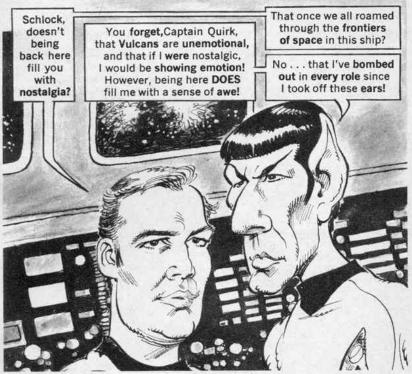
TV being the ridiculous industry it is, no one should be surprised that the hottest show around is one that folded eight years ago. We mean, of course, "Star Trek," which is being kept alive by tens of thousands of dedicated, fanatic "Trekkies." Considering "Star Trek's" popularity, it's only a matter of time before someone turns it into a Broadway Musical. So, before that happens, we'll do it first, with

THE MA

Captain's Log-Stardate: 10-5-76! Through an incredible time warp, the crew of the Starship "Improvise" has been



DN TREK" MUSICAL



ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

As long as we're all here, let's re-create what life was really like in space! The boredom between adventures! The disgust at seeing the same faces year after year!

The fact that most planets are incredibly dull!

As you wish!



WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

Captain's Log—Stardate 23-45-6-hike! We are cruising through space with a supply of tax forms for an Accountant on Starbase Omega! This may not seem exciting to YOU, but it was either that, or carry 75 Orthodontists to a Convention on Antares!



Look sharp, Mr. Sumu! Level off at Warp Five . . . and keep a steady course!

Listen to the way he orders us around! He's POWER-MAD! And keep an eye out for the Great White Whale!

Not to mention CRAZY!

Let's face it! Space is a DRAG . . .







I'd rather join the un-em-ployed Than cir-cle some stu-pid ast-er-oid! Watchin' some stupid planet dyin' Somewhere out there in East Orion!



*Sung to the tune of "I'll Never Fall In Love Again"

What do you eat when you fly through space?
Those heat-n-serve meals from Starbase Alpha,
Tasting like hunks of dried alfalfa—
I-I'll...never fly through space again-n-n—
I'll never fly through space again!



What do you do when you fly through space?
You twiddle your thumbs and you count the hours;
Then when you're through, you take cold showers—
I-I'll...never fly through space again-n-n—
I'll never fly through space again!



Captain, I've been checking our roster! Of 480 crewmen aboard, 475 DO NOTHING!

They only seem to do nothing, Mr. Schlock! Actually, each is a minor actor who will shortly appear in an episode . . . and be KILLED!! Without THEM, WE couldn't survive! See

*As your ship...goes through the gal-ax-y
To distant worlds...way past Mars—
Make sure...that your ad-ven-tures
Do...not...kill...off...your...stars!

And you can do it with A crew that's dispensible— A crew that's dispensible— Dis-pens-i-ble! Dis-pens-i-ble!



*Sung to the tune of "The Age Of Aquarius"



There's only ONE THING I love better than a space disease, and that's baiting Mr. Schlock!

Why does a Vulcan have pointed ears?

I . . . I don't know! Why . . . ?

So he can count to twelve!

ANOTHER "Vulcan Joke"!
How long must I put up
with this mockery?! If
only these clods knew
how a Vulcan really feels!

*It's having pointed ears and hearing crewmen telling Vulcan jokes on ship;

And it's always playing straight-man to McGoy, who thinks I'm something of a freak;

And it's chatting with computers and discovering I bore them and they're only chatting back just to be kind; And it's reaching the conclusion that I'm looked on as a weirdo and a Vulcan's life is nothing but a grind!



It's having blood that's green and with your stomach situated 'bove your heart; And it's knowing how to paralyze a Romulon by

fingering his neck; And it's working here with Quirk and all his Earthlings

who compared to me are morons of the least developed kind; And it's reaching the conclusion that they've cast me as a "token" and a Vulcan's life is nothing but a grind!



It's mastering telepathy and knowing what the other crewmen think;

And finding out there's nothing on their minds but sex and making out in space;

And it's having no emotions so I really have no inkling of what "making out" means to the human mind; And it's reaching the conclusion that I must be missing something and a Vulcan's life is nothing but a grind!



*Sung to the tune of "Gentle On My Mind"

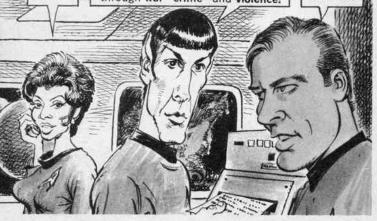


Sir, I'm picking up faint signals from Planet Pinkus!

Any life forms there, Mr. Schlock?

The computer print-out indicates a rapidly-increasing population existing in a polluted environment in which people settle differences through war—crime—and violence!

You idiot! You're reading the printout for Planet EARTH!!



I'm getting SINGING COMMERCIALS from three different Pinkus Tourist Bureaus . . . ! Quick! Switch on the Deep-Scanning Video Screen!

*What good is sitting
Up there in your ship
When you could be
Our guest?
Beam down to Pinkus West,
My friends!
Beam down to Pinkus West!



*Sung (briefly) to the tune of "Cabaret"









SMELLY FEATS DEPT.

We have always been intrigued with The Guiness Book Of World Records, which lists feats and undertakings that are greater, taller, faster, smaller or older than any others. Recently, MAD began compiling its own set of World Records. And—you know what we found out? We found out that many famous World Records have led to Lesser-Known Follow-Up Records that are even more amazing and stupefying. To show you what we mean, here are excerpts from...

THE FAMOUS OFFICIAL WORLD RECORD



The World Record for Eating Chocolate Bars was set by Lydia Ann Snavely, of Skroon City, Idaho, who consumed 187 6-ounce Hershey Milk Chocolate Bars in 37 minutes on December 20, 1974.

THE LESSER-KNOWN FOLLOW-UP RECORD



The World Record for Acne was set by Lydia Ann Snavely, of Skroon City, Idaho, who suffered 911 eruptions of facial pimples, hickeys and blemishes between December 20 and 26, 1974.







THE NEUMAN BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS

...THAT LED TO
LESSER-KNOWN
FOLLOW-UP

ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

WRITER: FRANK JACOB

THE FAMOUS OFFICIAL WORLD RECORD



The Largest Diamond Ever Discovered was found by Mervyn X. Waxbush, who uncovered a stone that weighed 455 carats in a field outside of Pretoria, South Africa, March 13, 1922. The diamond was valued, before cutting, at nearly \$5,000,000.

THE LESSER-KNOWN FOLLOW-UP RECORD



The World Record For Marriage Proposals Received By A Man was held by Mervyn X. Waxbush of Pretoria, South Africa, who received 958 proposals of marriage from women between Mar., 1922, and his death from physical exhaustion in August, 1925.

THE FAMOUS OFFICIAL WORLD RECORD



The First Pay Telephone was installed in New York City on November 1, 1888.

THE FAMOUS OFFICIAL WORLD RECORD



The record for The Fastest Removal Of An Appendix is held by Dr. Ed Greber of Boston, who, working quickly on the morning of June 1, 1955, removed the appendix from a patient in 55 seconds.

THE LESSER-KNOWN FOLLOW-UP RECORD



The record for Most Fingers Accidentally Cut Off During An Operation belongs to Interne Myron Klutz, who had four fingers sliced off while assisting Dr. Ed Greber in Boston on June 1, 1955.

THE LESSER-KNOWN FOLLOW-UP RECORD



The First Pay Telephone To Go Out Of order occured in New York City on Nov. 1, 1888, and was reported by Elmo Jay Finsterhoff. Elmo, incidentally, also became The First Person To Ever Lose Money In A Pay Telephone on that date.

THE FAMOUS OFFICIAL WORLD RECORD



The record for Water Consumption is held by tourist Elmo Yancy, who, on April 10, 1955, drank three gallons in the village of Carramba, Mexico, after he'd crossed the Baja on foot.

THE LESSER-KNOWN FOLLOW-UP RECORD



The record for Kaopectate Consumption is held by Elmo Yancey, who, during a seige of "Montezuma's Revenge," drank the contents of thirty-four 12-ounce bottles from April 10th to 15th, 1966.

THE FAMOUS OFFICIAL WORLD RECORD



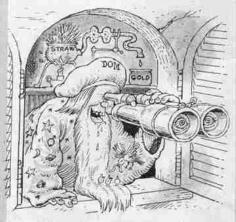
The First Golf Course was completed on August 15, 1644 in a field outside the village of Tavish, Scotland, by Angus MacPherson after 7 years of hard work.

THE LESSER-KNOWN FOLLOW-UP RECORD



The First Golfer To Break A Club In Disgust was Angus MacPherson, after playing three holes of a course near Tavish, Scotland on August 15, 1644.

THE FAMOUS OFFICIAL WORLD RECORD



The First Practical Set of Binoculars was invented in 1657 by Antonio Della Scappini, an Italian scientist, who lived in the crowded city of Gronza.

THE FAMOUS OFFICIAL WORLD RECORD



The World Record for the Greatest Age Difference In A Married Couple was set when Leonard Skaggs, age 112, married Phoebe Weebey, age 16, in a ceremony in Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 3, 1933.

THE LESSER-KNOWN FOLLOW-UP RECORD



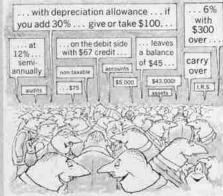
The Shortest Honeymoon On Record took place in Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 3, 1933, when Leonard and Phoebe Skaggs checked into the Bridal Suite of the Grand Plaza Hotel at 9:45 P.M., and then checked out 17 minutes later to fly to Reno and file for a divorce.

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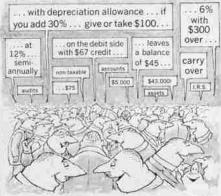


The First Roll-Down Window Shade was invented in 1657 by Rosa Rizzoto, an artists model, for her bedroom window in the crowded Italian city of Gronza.

THE FAMOUS OFFICIAL WORLD RECORD



The Largest Convention in the United States was held May 14th through 19th, 1967, when 14,572 Certified Public Accountants met in the Hilton Hotel in Chicago for their annual meeting.



THE LESSER-KNOWN FOLLOW-UP RECORD



The World Record for Continuous Yawning was held by Wilbur Farquahr, who was a Bellhop in the Hilton Hotel in Chicago, and who yawned without stopping from May 14th to May 18th, 1967.

THE FAMOUS OFFICIAL WORLD RECORD



The Loudest Sound emitted by a mammal is the early Spring mating call of the Spotted Moose of the Northern Yukon, a species that is now near extinction.



The Deafest Mammal in the World is the female Spotted Moose of the Northern Yukon, according to scientific testswhich may explain its near extinction.

THE FAMOUS OFFICIAL WORLD RECORD



The Most Ridiculous Magazine Article Ever Published was an idiotic piece called "The Neuman Book Of World Records That Led To Lesser-Known Follow-Up Records! which appeared in issue # 186 of MAD Magazine on Aug. 17, 1976.

THE LESSER-KNOWN FOLLOW-UP RECORD



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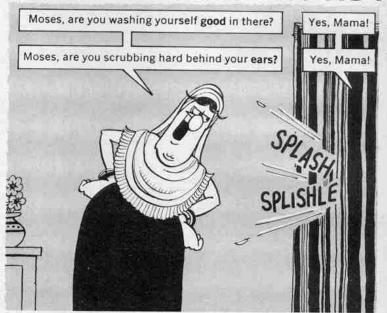
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Eat up all your soup, dear... so you can see the smiling bunny rabbit at the bottom of your bowl!

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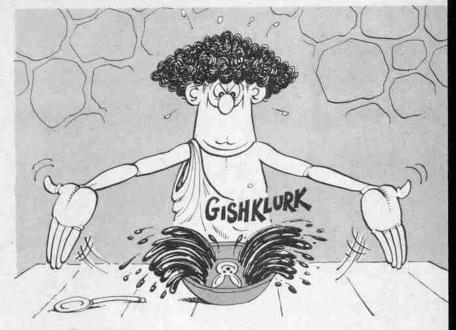


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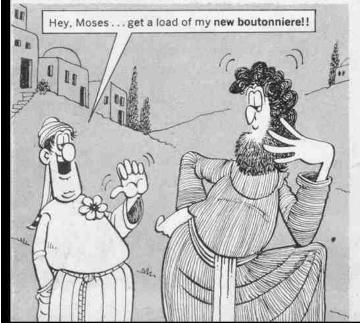


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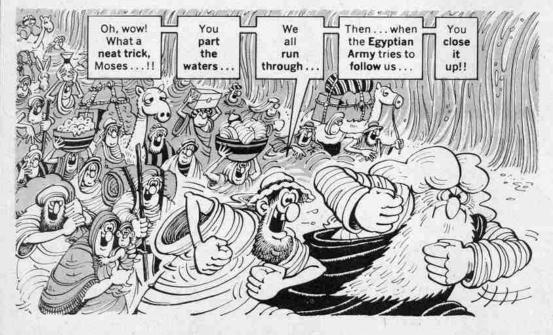


PART IV-MOSES AS AN OLD MAN











Since his death, so many Wills supposedly written by Howard Hughes have appeared that we have lost count. Obviously, they all can't be real. But with an estate valued in excess of two billion dollars, who can blame anyone for trying to grab a piece and become a millionaire? In fact, we here at MAD feel very strongly that you, Dear Reader, should not be left out! So enter your name in the proper space provided in the attached "official" and "authorized" Document, rush down to your Post Office (remembering that old cliché: "First come, first probated.") and mail in your copy of

March 3, 1976

9, Howard R. Hughes, being of sound mind and body (sound mind and body for me, at least 1), hereby declare this to be my LAST "official" and "authorized" Will:

All of the uncensored and unretouched photographs I personally took of Jane Russell and her unique constructions, 9 bequeath to Frank Sinatra,

who should appreciate Them.

My famous wooden airplane, tastelessly nicknamed "The Spruce Goose," I bequeath to Hugh Hefner, who recently was forced to give up his own flying self-indulgence.

all of my beautiful women, regardless of their current condition, 9 bequeath to Burt Reynolds, regardless of his current condition. That top-secret CIA Russian Submarine Recovery Ship, which costs

about \$18,000 a day to maintain, I bequeath to the Sea Scouts of america. So

sella lot of cookies, Kids!

-give or take a few million -- 9 bequeath to because NOT ONCE during my lifetime did this person ever touch me, bother me, help me, or even try to contact me!!

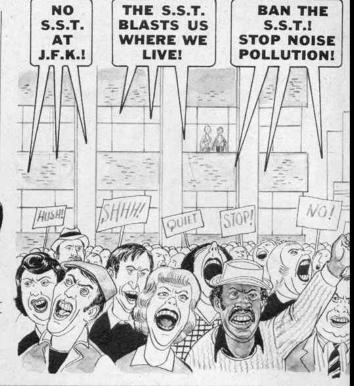
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BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF...





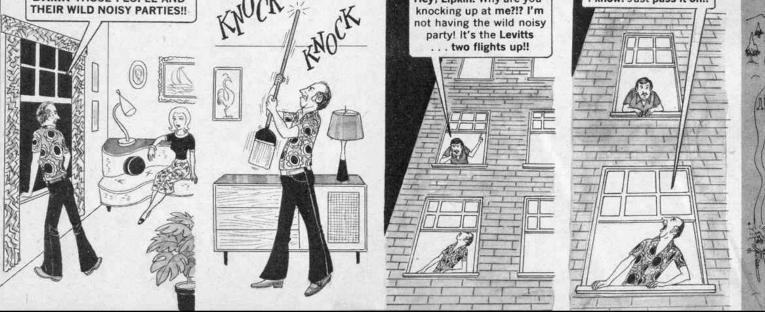




DAVID BERG







Wouldn't you know it!?! I go to a nice quiet restaurant . . . and a couple comes in with a baby and picks the next table! Now the brat will start to cry and scream and ruin my meal!



Just keep your eye on your watch! In thirty seconds, the little monster is gonna start howling! It never fails!!



See?! What did I tell you! Boy, some people are so inconsiderate!!



Sir, could I ask you to stop smoking that cigar! It's so inconsiderate of you! It's ruining our meal, and the smell is making our baby cry!





Good God, what's going on here? You've got a radio and a TV on! AND you're running your vacuum cleaner . . . AND your mix-master! What kind of craziness is that?! Living alone is a real bummer! I turn all those things on so it won't seem quite so lonely! I'll switch them off . . .



If you're THAT lonely, why don't you get married, or get a roommate!?



I don't

think that

would

work out!

I wouldn't know how to switch off a PERSON!





Neither did I!! They don't MAKE alarm clocks the way they USED to! It was supposed to go off at seven, but it didn't!



Actually, Man has always had that primitive ability! It's known as our "Circadian Rhythm"!

You

mean

you

have a

built-in

If that's so, then WHY do people need manufactured alarm clocks!? Because they don't make PEOPLE the way they used to!





BANG! BANG! BANG!



What is it with that kid!?! Guns! Guns! Guns! That's all he plays with is guns!! He should have some other interests!!



HERE! Take this **BAT AND** BALL and go play outside!!



BANG! BANG!



I'm trying to watch the movie . . . and those two chatterboxes behind us keep distracting me!



yourself! If their talking bothers you, tell them to shut up!

So be a man and assert

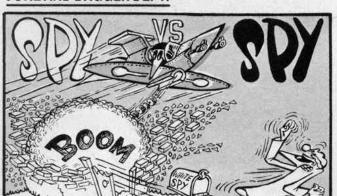
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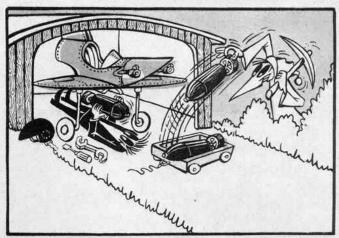


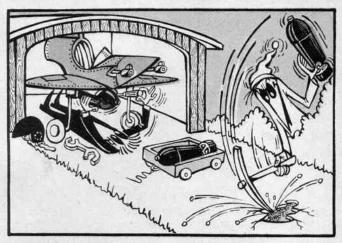
Er-pardon me, ladies but with all your YACKETY-YAKKING, I can't hear ONE WORD!

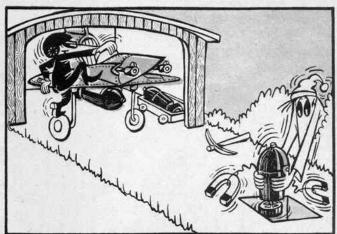
LISTEN, FELLAH! WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!!

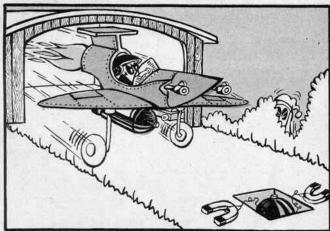


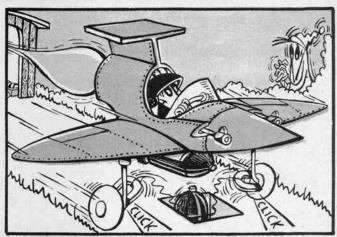


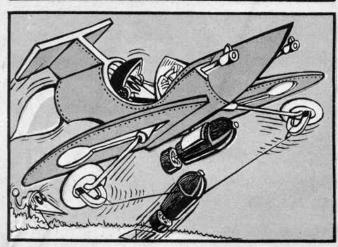


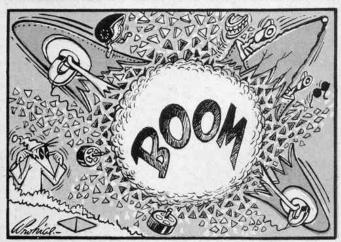








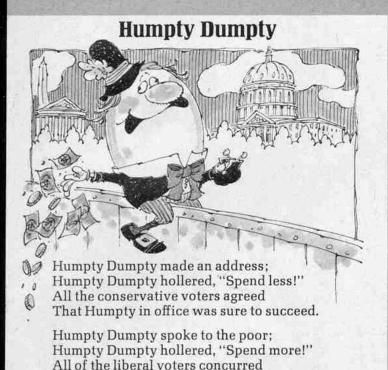




VERSE OF THE PEOPLE DEPT.

What's going on in Nursery Land these days? Well, Tom, Tom the Piper's Son is stuffing ballot boxes, and Jack and Mrs. Sprat are splitting their votes between the Democrats and G.O.P. In other words, it's voting time for Solomon Grundy and his friends, which is our way of introducing . . .

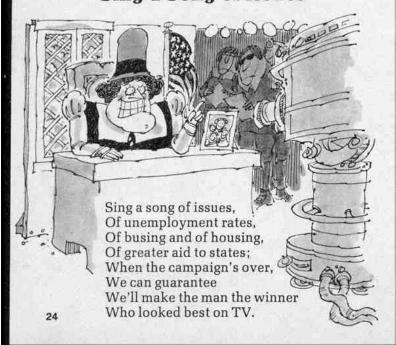
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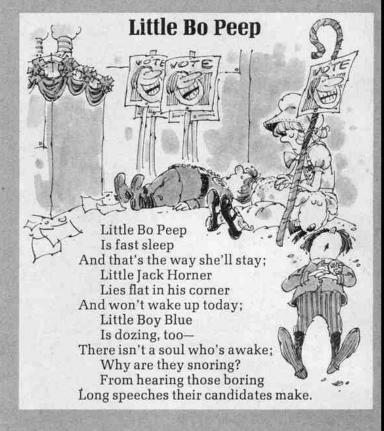


That Humpty by far was the one they preferred. Humpty Dumpty stays on the fence; Humpty Dumpty knows this makes sense; He'll win all the voters up North and down South

Sing a Song of Issues

By making full use of both sides of his mouth.





The Crooked Man



There was a crooked man, And he had a crooked laugh, And he ran a crooked office, And he hired a crooked staff.

He served a crooked term, And he did a crooked job, And he rammed through crooked bills For a crooked local mob.

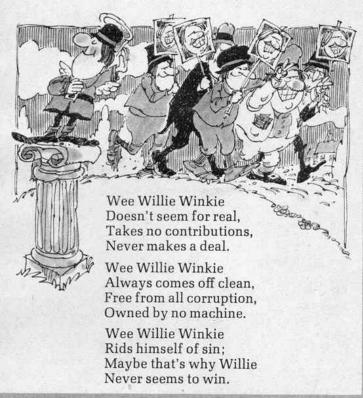
Why back the crooked man When his crooked ways you see? Because the rival candidate Is crookeder than he.

ELECTION-YEAR MOTHER GOOSE

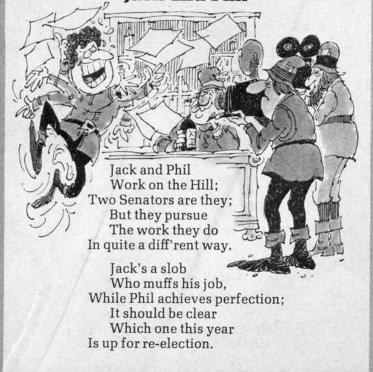
ARTIST: PAUL COKER, JR

VRITER: FRANK JACORS

Wee Willie Winkie







Harry is a Congressman



Harry is a Congressman In Washington, D.C., And in his spacious office there You'll meet his fam-i-ly.

His brother is his right-hand man (he's never worked before); His father gets 12 grand a year (he's paid to shut the door).

His wife works as his filing clerk (she cannot read or write); His daughter mans the telephone (a chimp is twice as bright).

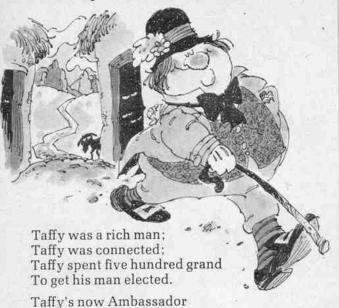
Today when unemployment's high And folks can't pay their rents, How nice to know one fam-i-ly's Found work—at our expense.

The Other Day Upon the Stair



The other day upon the stair I saw a man who wasn't there; He wasn't there again today; I think he's from the C.I.A.

Taffy Was a Rich Man

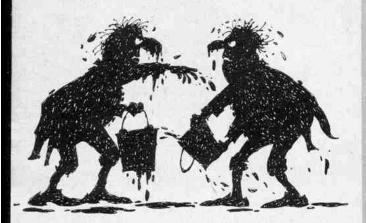


Tweedledum and Tweedledee

Why don't you spend five hundred grand

And struts around with pride;

And you'll be qualified.



Tweedledum and Tweedledee Were running for the House, When Tweedledum smeared Tweedledee By calling him a louse.

Tweedledee said Tweedledum Had caused a vicious stink, Then spread the word that Tweedledum Was going to a "Shrink."

Tweedledum said Tweedledee Was'vile and full of bunk; "The problem is," said Tweedledum, "That Tweedledee's a drunk."

Tweedledee said Tweedledum Was wrong in ev'ry way, Then whispered to a columnist That Tweedledum was gay.

Today I heard that Tweedledee Was spotted at an orgy; To hell with both—Election Day I'll write in Georgie Porgie!

As I Was Watching NBC



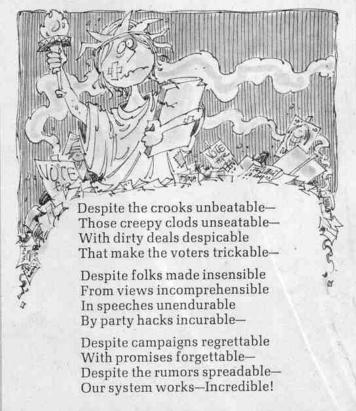
As I was watching NBC, I heard a newsman telling me Although returns were barely in That A would lose and B would win.

As I was watching CBS, I heard an analyst profess That his computer could foresee That C should now concede to D.

As I was watching ABC, I heard that F would unseat E, And, from 12 votes in Tennessee, That H would wind up beating G.

As I turned off my set, I swore, "What good are voters anymore? "We might as well get rid of them "And leave the vote to IBM."

Despite the Crooks Unbeatable



Hi! I'm Julie Eisonpower with another in-depth interview for MAD Magazine! Why me? I don't know, either! They said they needed somebody who was "close to deception," but I don't know what that has to do with me! I don't know anyone like that, except for my interviewee, Mr. Alan Caveat-Emptor...

MAD'S PACKAGER OF THE YEAR

Thank you, Miss Eisonpower! First, in answer to your question, "What is packaging?", let me say . . .

See, I'm not only good at my job, I'm good at your job too! To continue, take, for example, this recently-solved problem for a candy company. He wanted to sell this amount of chocolate for 15 cents!

No, the cost of the client's yacht and triplex apartment is very high! So, we designed Circle-Quirks-The Chocolate Chain! And put it in this nice, large wrapper! A bargain at 15 cents, no?

flavor is in the center of

Really?

What

But I didn't ask you that question yet! 15 cents?! Wow, the price of chocolate must be very high!

-No! Who's going to buy a product that's mostly air?

Life Savers, sweetie?



ARTIST: JACK RICKARD

WRITER: STAN HART

Don't you feel guilty about treating America's youngsters so unfairly...? Kid, we're saints compared to some!

Listen, there's ONE outfit that takes OLD GARBAGE . . . puts a fancy new wrapper around it . . . and sells it to the suckers for a BUCK!!

What company is that awful?!?

The one that sent you on this interview! Ever study MAD Magazine "Special"?!

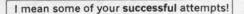


Have you made any Yeah, but don't advances in she always understand this area! says "no"!"

Neither do I! How can she resist a face like mine? This wavy hair, this winning smile?







Well, our work with the razor blade people has been sharp! Only one blade can be used at a time, but how many can be bought at a time? Five, ten, twenty . . . welcome to the Wonderful World of Multi-Pak!



It appears to be an advantage to the consumer!

Appears is my middle name! The Multi-Pak allows us to sandwich second-rate blades between the first-rate blades! If the first and last shaves are smooth, the consumer forgets everything in-between!



I think it's just dreadful that you channel all your energies...

Energy! That's where it's at today! Everything is battery operated! Profit, thy name is Multi-Pak! Look at this winner—our best-selling 3-pak!

Is it the best deal for the money?

The worst! Most gadgets that operate on this sized battery need either 2 or 4 batteries to run it! By packaging them only in sets of three, well, you can see what it means!

They can save the extra and . . .

Dead before they ever get to use it! It's "3-pak time" again! Another miracle of modern packaging, the blister pak!
Let's watch that man try to open one . . ,





You sound as if you're pleased... Of course! It was my idea! The customer gets so frustrated, he has to buy aspirin! And you just happen to package that, too!

Considering who you are, you're pretty smart! Yes, aspirin is another winner for me! The "child proof" protection cap was an inspiration!

You mean because children can't open it?

I take back what I said, dummy! No, because adults can't open it, either! More headaches! Which means, of course more sales! l take back what I just took back!







Welcome to the Wonderful World of Disposables! When you don't need it anymoreyou get rid of it!

How did you arrive at that idea?

By observing how people in ad agencies treat their business associates!

Chauvinistically speaking, packaging for men is small potatoes! Packaging for women-that's where the fun is! See that woman looking at those steaks?

She seems to like what she sees . . .

It's what she doesn't see that brings in the profits!

You think they're gonna show the side with all the fat, gristle and greenish







Isn't there some talk that feeding meat wrapped in this kind of plastic causes cancer in rats?

If you're rich enough to feed your rats meat, you're rich enough not to worry about what happens to them!



Why are those women squeezing those rolls of toilet paper?

Because of the big ad campaign telling them not to! It's the old "forbidden fruit" game! And the sales

Don't be a ninny! guess people Tissue is prefer tissue! Anything softer that's wound toilet loosely is tissue! gonna feel



Another example of where the public is buying air?

Exactly! And if they don't like it, they know what they can do with it! Come to think of it, that's what they do do with it whether they like it or not!



How about that woman weighing those packages of paper towels! One obviously weighs more than the other! Is that another case of "air"?

No, one really does weigh more than the

Well, I'm glad to see one case of honest . .

Honest, shmonest! The cardboard tube in the center



Look at this beautiful package. Doesn't that dish look scrumptious?

Is that what's on the inside of the package? How old are you? What's in the package is a clump of soggy vegetables held together by ice! The picture only suggests what to do with the contents! I see! In other words, the housewife can use the vegetables as the basic ingredients in a gourmet dish! Sure, if she also happens to be a French Chef!





Snack food is a tribute to modern packaging!

How

We take surplus corn, potatoes and cheese that sells for 25c a pound, package it, and sell it for 95c a half pound! Then we pump so many chemicals into these things that kids can either eat them or use them for experiments!



I see what you mean! Look at this list of preservatives! It can't possibly be good for people! Not now, perhaps, but later it saves them big money! Figuring on an average of two of these packages a week, by the time the consumer dies, he'll have enough preservatives in his body to make the expensive embalming procedures unnecessary!



Seasonal packaging also plays a big part in high profits.

Candy manufacturers, for example, use the opportunity to dump a lot of stale stuff that didn't sell the rest of the year by dressing it up in "Trick or Treat Paks" at Halloween!



How do they get away with that? Easy—the adults think it must be fresh 'cause it says "Special for Halloween," and they give it out as treats! Once the kids taste the stuff, they think it's a trick! It's all in keeping wih the Halloween spirit!



Part of the fun in this business is finding additional uses for products! Like this baking soda! We tell people to place an open box in their refrigerators!

Oh, I've seen those ads. The baking soda is supposed to guard against bad odors!

Right! And when they want to bake, they end up buying two boxes!



Correct! No American housewife ever knows what's in her refrigerator! Besides, even if she does remember, who's gonna use that stuff for baking after it's trapped all those lousy smells.



And now, the coup de grace! Le gran finale! The spray can! The wonderful, beautiful, glorious spray can!



But isn't the gas used in spray cans harmful? Scientists claim it will affect the atmospheric layers that protect us from the sun's rays and . . .

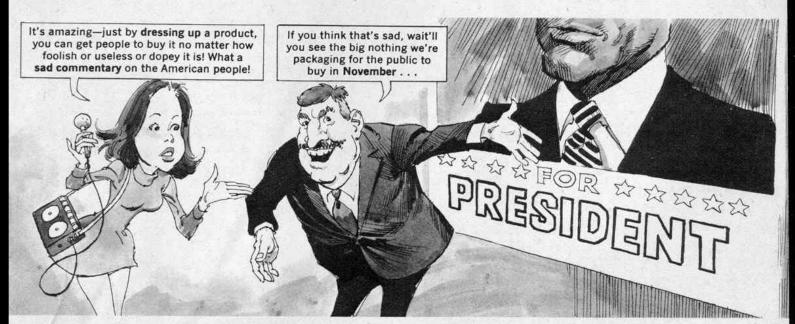




If they can change their minds about the world, they can change their minds about spray cans!







HAS ANYBODY EVE

PHOTO RESEARCH BY: JERRY DE FUCCIO

A DRUNK IN A NIGHTCLUB TELL THEM TO



OR A RAGGED BEGGER

INTO A ROOM AND SAY



OR A BARTENDER SHOUT



OR AN UNSUCCESSFUL INVENTOR SAY



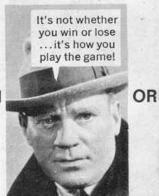
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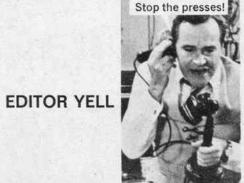
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OR A GUY COME ON WITH



OR A MUGGER WITH A GUN SAY



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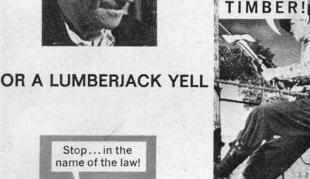
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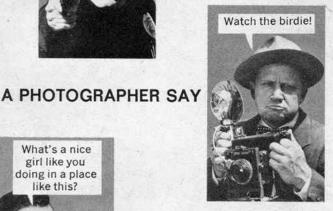
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OR A TRAINED PARROT SQUAWK



OR A CHINESE



OR A STAR IN A FLOP SAY

OOH-LA-LA!



OR A NEWSPAPER

girl like you doing in a place



What's a nice

OR A SEXY FRENCH LADY SHOUT





SOMEONE SAY TO A C. B DRIVER

THE ERA OF OUR WAYS DEPT.

In the beginning, Adam and Eve had two sons, Cain and Abel . . . and thus formed the world's first family. And from them, Mankind received a wonderful Legacy and a Code of Living that has served families for generations, namely: (a) Don't talk to snakes! . . . and (b) If your brother bugs you, hit him with a rock! But if some things remain the same, others changeparticularly in the U.S. in the 20th century. So join us now as MAD Magazine examines . . .

THE CHANGING ATTITUDES OF THE AMERICAN FAMILY

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE WRITER: LARRY SIEGEL



FROM THE 34 EARLY 1900'S

... THROUGH THE MIDDLE 1900'S

... RIGHT ON **UP TO TODAY**

SEX

1900'S

During this period, hardly anyone in the family ever discussed the subject of Sex.



Then, people talked about Sex. There was only one problem: They had it all wrong!

But all along, I thought the STORK brings the baby, and that's it!

God, are you stupid! Didn't you ever hear of SEX?!? First of all, the man . . . bzzzz bzzzz . . . And then the woman . . . bzzz bzzz . . And then the two of them . . . bzzz bzzzzbzzzz bzzz bzzzz.

Really?! No kidding? And then what?!?

And THEN the Stork brings the baby!!



...AND TODAY

Nowadays, of course, everybody talks about Sex, everybody knows about it, and practically everybody's doing it.

Mom and I are proud of you, Ann! We heard that you and Steve were the only students in the history of your college who didn't go to bed together on your first date!

That's true, Dad! But we DID make out on a couch, on the floor, on a beach, and on a set of trapezes in the school gymnasium!



RELIGION

EARLY 1900'S During this period, just about everybody went to Church...



MIDDLE 1900'S Then, people weren't going to Church quite as often as before. And even when they DID go, some weird things were happening...



...AND Today If you can believe it...nowadays, even WEIRDER things are happening!



RESPECT

EARLY 1900'S In this period, the Family was ruled by a dictatorial, powerfully built, strong masculine presence—the American Father.



MIDDLE 1900'S With a growing permissiveness and independence within the Family structure, the Father, in an effort to be fair, no longer commanded. Now, he asked. The only trouble was...nobody answered.

Hey, gang! What say we visit Granny in New Jersey? Okay, scratch that! What say she visits us from New Jersey? Okay, then it's settled! We'll meet her half-way, like in the middle of the Lincoln Tunnel, and wave!

Now, what say I buy her a car first . . . so she doesn't get killed?!?



...AND TODAY Nowadays, in a sense, we have returned to some old fashioned values. Once again, the Family is ruled by a dictatorial, powerfully built, strong masculine presence, mainly the American Mother!



MENTAL PROBLEMS

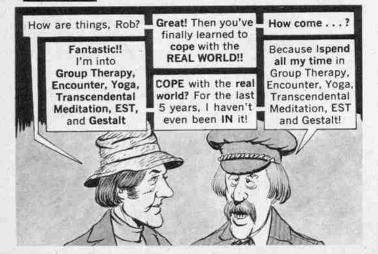
EARLY 1900'S During this period, there was a very simple way to treat mental problems.



MIDDLE 1900'S Folks were more realistic about Mental Health. Psychoanalysis was popular, and people were a lot richer for it. Mainly, the Psychiatrists.



...AND TODAY Nowadays, Psychiatry is gradually being phased out. Because people are better adjusted now?!? You gotta be kidding!!



PROFANITY

EARLY 1900'S In those days, very few kids used Profanity. And if they ever did, the roof would fall in.



MIDDLE 1900'S Then, ALL kids were using Profanity, except they'd never dare use it around the house...



...AND TODAY

Nowadays, it isn't even worth discussing...



LEISURE TIME

EARLY 1900'S In this period, families used to gather together in the living room and have all kinds of fun among themselves...



MIDDLE 1900's With the advent of television, families gathered in the living room, but they were so engrossed in the tiny 7-inch screen that they hardly paid any attention to each other...or anything else.



...AND TODAY Once again, as in the good old days, families are gathering in living rooms and having fun among themselves. There's only one problem: Sometimes, the families are a little mixed up.



CAREERS

EARLY 1900'S In those days, most boys' Careers were planned long in advance...usually by their Fathers...



MIDDLE 1900'S With the GI Bill of Rights after World War II, and a booming economy, many boys were able to go to college and to choose their own Careers.

Well, Son! What big plans have you got in mind, now that I've invested my life's savings ... putting you through college?

First of all, I'm going to check the pages and pages of Want Ads in the N.Y. Times for all the employers eagerly looking for college graduates who majored in "Basket Weaving" and "Medieval Plumbing"...

And then I'm going to get a job . . . working for you at the Post Office!

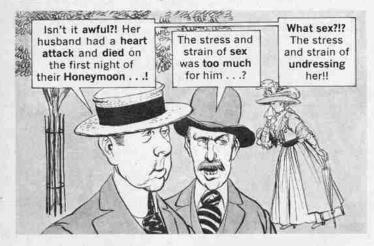


...AND TODAY With the Rock Music Industry where it is today, many young people have no problem at all with their Careers. But hiring good help is tough.

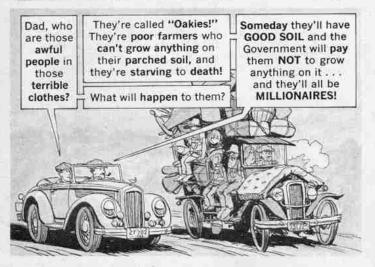


DRESS

EARLY 1900'S In those days, most people dressed very fancy and wore tons of clothes. For instance, women wore corsets and girdles and eight petticoats and three hoop skirts and God knows what else.



MIDDLE 1900'S In the Great Depression, most people couldn't afford fancy clothes even if they wanted them. In fact, one third of the nation was in rags.



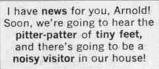
...AND TODAY We've got problems today, but there's still a lot of affluence in the land. So how come now everybody dresses like "Oakies" all the time?!



PREGNANCY



In keeping with the Victorian approach toward sex, whenever a woman learned that she was Pregnant, she'd never come right out and say it. Instead, she'd throw little hints around.



Hmmm! Let's see! I already caught that mouse! And your Mother is with your Sister in Kansas City! So I guess I'll go out and buy a crib!



MIDDLE 1900'S Then, while a husband and wife were still coy about the subject of Pregnancy, at least they acknowledged what they were fumfering about.

Dear . . . I just came from the Doctor's office! I'm going to have a . . . you know!

Wow! Terrific! We're having a ... you know! Now, honey, take it easy! Lie down! I'll handle everything! Get plenty of rest and don't do a thing! But, Marvin! The baby's not due for six months!

Oh! Well, in that case, you wanna shovel off the driveway? The snow is getting deep, and I wanna pull in the car!



...AND TODAY There's very little hemming and hawing ... and everything is on the table...



MONEY

EARLY 1900'S In those days, there was only one thing to do with money: Save it.



MIDDLE 1900'S Well, the Son did exactly as his Father had advised and put the \$5000 in a bank! Then, 40 years later, on HIS Son's 18th birthday:

Son, 40 years ago, my Father gave me a check for \$5000 on my 18th birthday! I wanted to buy a Stutz Bearcat, but he advised me to put it in the bank, and I did! Now, that \$5000 has grown to \$13,000 . . . and I'd like to give that money to you on this, your 18th birthday!

Thanks, Dad! I think I'll buy a Rolls Royce!

Waste your money on a car? That's foolish and irresponsible, Son! Be thrifty! Save it!



...AND TODAY Well, the Son obeyed his Father's wishes and put the \$13,000 in the bank. Then, 26 years later, the Son told the story to HIS Son and gave him the money, now grown to \$20,000...

Here, Son, and there's a lesson in thrift you can learn from that original \$5000! Do you know what \$20,000 can buy today?

But if your Grandpa had bought a Stutz Bearcat instead of putting that \$5000 in the bank, what would you have now . . .? One thing I can't stand is a smartass

kid!!

Yeah! About what \$5000 could buy 65 years ago!

An antique automobile worth about \$45,000!!



DEATH



During this period, the subject of Death was avoided, and if it ever was discussed, it was treated like some beautiful, mysterious thing.

I have something to tell you all! Dear Grandpa has gone to his Reward! Yes, he's left this Vale of Tears, and he's gone to meet his Maker across the Great Divide! Say what you want . . . sounds like the of boy CROAKED to me!



MIDDLE 1900'S Then, people were more candid about Death. However, the results weren't much better.

Mom, I've got some terrible news . . . Grandma just died!

Oh, no!! Why her!? She was so young! She had so much to live for! Life is cruel! She was everything to me! She raised me as a gir!! She nursed me . . . fed meHold it, Mom . . .! Not YOUR Mother! DAD's Mother!!

Oh, well . . . when you gotta go, you gotta go!



...AND TODAY

Nowadays, things aren't as bad! They're worse!

Mom, it's Dad—at the airport! His flight just landed safely! There goes another \$300,000 insurance policy shot to hell!



A FLAG ON THE PLOY DEPT.

INFRACTIONS

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

THE INFRACTION:



THE CALL:



THE PENALTY:

Having To Listen To One's Own Drivel For A Whole Evening



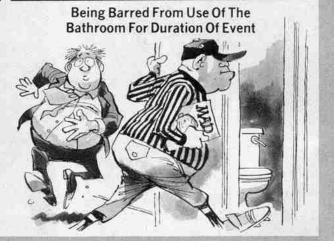
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WE'D LIKE TO SEE CALLED IN EVERYDAY LIFE



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THE INFRACTION:



THE CALL:

"Fouling"





THE PENALTY:

Enforced Exposure During Heat Of Summer



THE INFRACTION:



THE CALL:

"Passing To An Illegal Receiver Downfield"



THE PENALTY:



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THE CALL:

"Too Much Time In The Huddle"



THE PENALTY:



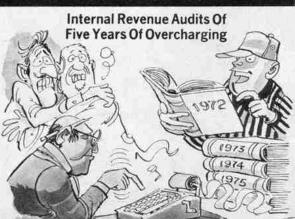
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THE CALL:



THE PENALTY:



MOORE OF THE SAME DEPT.

Hi, there! Remember me? That adorable nincompoop from "The Mary Tailor-Made Show"? Well, I have my own series these days! And, although it's hard to believe, I'm a bigger star now than I was before! I'm also a bigger nincompoop! Which, if you remember me from the old days, is even HARDER to believe! In fact, I'm downright

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Anyway . . . not long ago, my poor Husband ... Lard ... died! But if you think that it destroyed my overall will to live, you really inderestimate me!

I squared my shoulders, I dried my tears, and I did what any gutsy, liberated Widow would do under the same circumstances! I moved into a big house in San Francisco with my Husband's wealthy Parents! And if you believe THAT for a premise of A TV Series, come around! I want to sell you the Golden Gate Bridge!

Well, our episode is about to begin, so meet the only two people in the whole world who would tolerate a middle-aged idiot . mainly, two **ELDERLY** idiots!

Hello, everybody! Golly, I'm a lucky girl to be staying with you two wonderful people! You make me feel so good! You're the only ones I've ever met who are HAPPIER than I am!

You make US feel __ That's nice! good, too, dear!

How come?

You're the only one WE'VE ever met who is DUMBER than we are!



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What are you two going to talk about before we develop our customary weekly moronic problem?

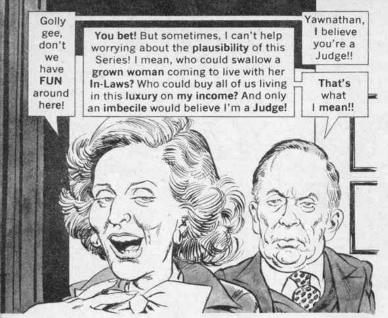
I've got it. Tawdry! Why don't we make some more of those cute little geriatric jokes about our sex life?

Good idea! Sex is a healthy subject . . . and too many elderly folks in our audience have not only given it up, but are revolted by it!

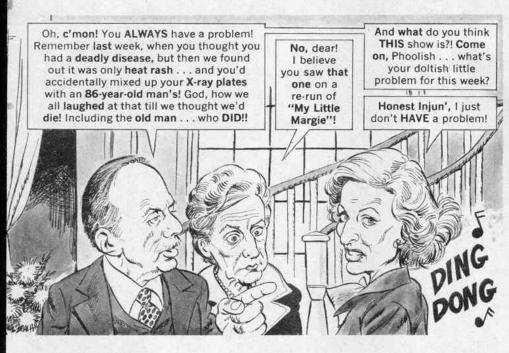
Since when have elderly folks been revolted by sex? 111

Since we started making those cute little jokes about it!

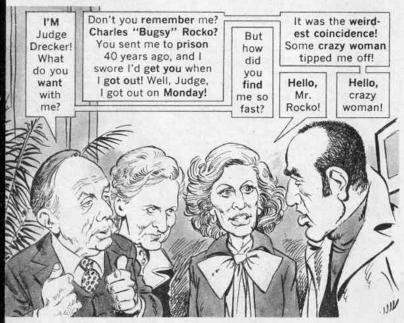


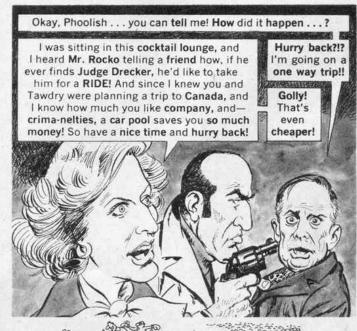


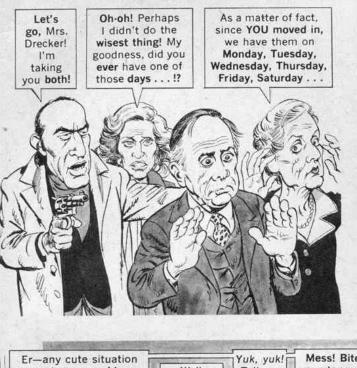




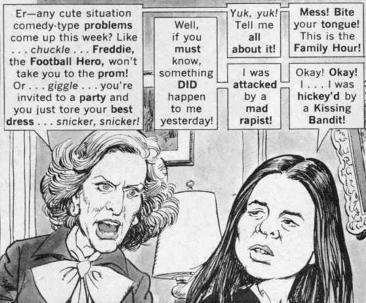












Mess, I'm really surprised at yousaying such . . See, what happened such icky was . . . things!

Stop it! I don't want to hear it! Yech! Pooey! I can't believe you're my Daughter!

I was

trying

to tell

it like

it is!

But I'm trying to talk sense to you! I'm trying to express myself as an intelligent human being!

Which is WHY I can't believe you're my Daughter!

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But, jinkies! It's Nine O'clock! That's what time work begins . . . !

I know! I was just hoping you'd come late once in a while! Every moment without you around here is a lifetime of delirious joy!

Thanks, Droolie! It's sure swell to feel wanted!

Phoolish, did you develop the photos for the Schlock Ad Agency campaign?

Of course! Yesterday! But let me tell you what ELSE I did yesterday!

Later! Right now, I need those photos! The head of the Agency will be here any minute . . . and that's our most important account!

Droolie . . . ! Come quick!! We're in BIG TROUBLE!!





What is My God! We'll it, Leon? lose the account! And I'll lose my It's the business! What Schlock a DISASTER!! Ad Agency Phoolish . . . photos! how did this They're happen?!? What RUINED! did you DO?!?

Golly, I don't know! But remember how dull and drab this room used to be? Well, yesterady, I bought some Danish lamps, and I had some new fluorescent lighting put in, and I had a new picture window installed! Isn't it keen? You can see the whole city out there.

PHOOLISH! This is a DARK ROOM!!

Not any MORE it's not!

How silly! I thought this sort of thing only happened in Comic Strips! But I guess I was wrong!

and I thought YOUR SORT of thing only happened in Comic Strips! But I guess I was wrong!!



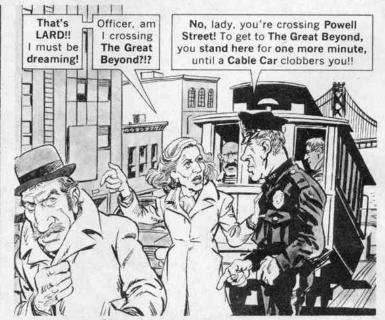


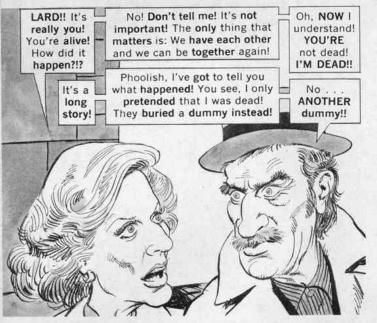
Goodness gracious, if it isn't one thing, it's another! It's certainly not easy being a Free-Lance Nitwit! Gosh, I'm all alone, now! And I feel so depressed! And usually, when I'm depressed, I think of the only one who ever loved me and really understood me, my late Husband, Lard! POWELL

But-sob-he's dead, and I'll never see him again! Not until I, too, cross The Great Beyond!

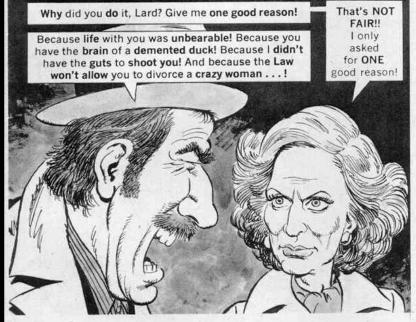
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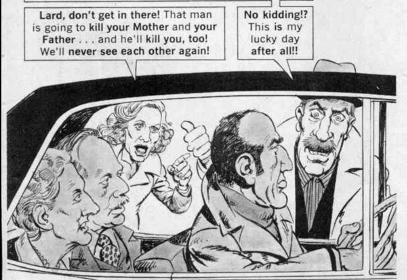










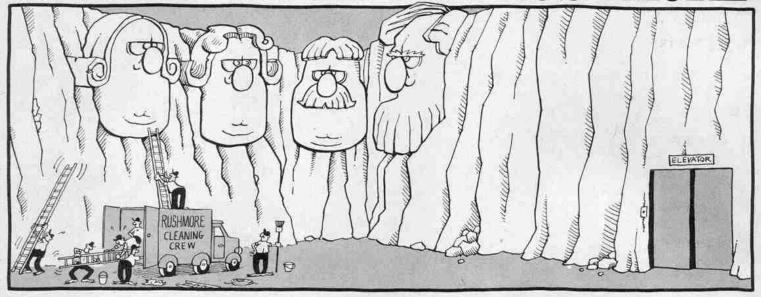


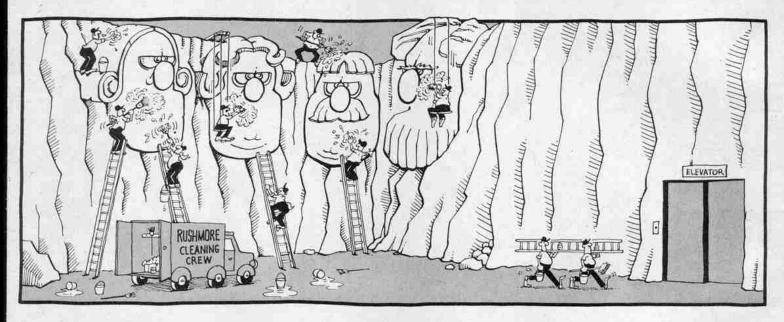
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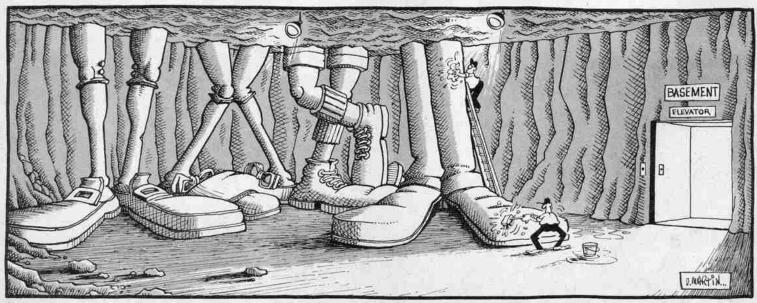


DON MARTIN DEPT. PART II

ONE DAY AT MOUNT RUSHMORE







WHAT
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POSITION
SHOULD YOU
TRAIN FOR?

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MAD FOLD-IN

Most of us are familiar with the typical corporate executive positions that exist in the world of big business. But one important position has come to light lately which offers a fantastic new area of advancement for ambitious young executive trainees. To learn this position, fold in the page as shown.



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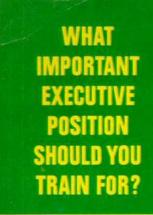
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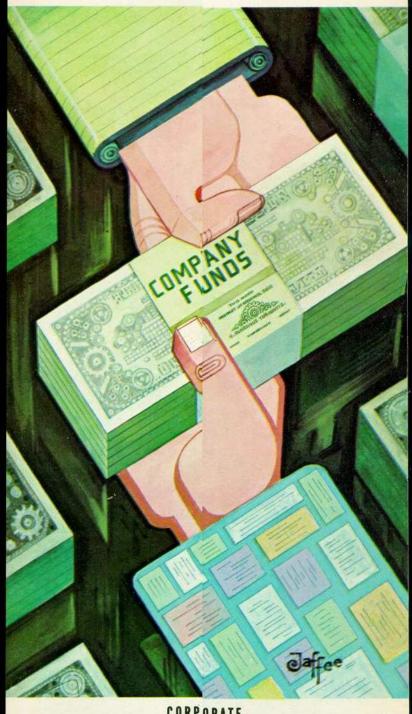
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