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LETTERS DEPT.



KING KORN

"King Korn" was a bouncing success. You can depend on De Bartolo and North to come up with a "biggie"!

Peter Crewe Montreal, Quebec Canada

I went ape over the North-De Bartolo gorilla tactics!

Brett Steindl Scottsdale, Ariz.

"King Korn" has an edifice complex!

D. L. Nelson
Salt Lake City, Utah

In show biz lingo, De Bartolo and North should "break a leg" on a two hundred pound banana peel!

John Barrett Cupertino, Calif.

"King Korn" was really HAIRY!
Russ Ovans
Chilliwack, B.C.
Canada

"King Korn" really had me in its grip!
Damon Gill
Oakley, Calif.

A MAD LOOK AT KING KONG

"King Korn" played Second Ape to Sergio Aragonés's funnier "A MAD Look At King Kong"!

Dan Harris College Station, Tex.



Aragonés Gets Well-Deserved Hand (Foot?) From "Kong"

I hope we haven't seen the last of Aragones's "Kong", and that was just an APE-itizer!

> Dick Walker Des Moines, Iowa

JONES' KONGCUPISCENCE COVER

That's some dumb ape Bob Jones painted! I guess he never was told about the birds, the bees and the baboons.

Bob Langhus Beloit, Wisc.



What'll they call the kid, "Prince Kong"?

Frankie Russo Wayne, N.J.

I understand that King Kong's brother saw Bob Jones's cover to your July issue and said, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" John Fohrman Glencoe, Ill.

A MAD LOOK AT CB RADIO

"A MAD Look At CB Radio" gave a true view of the craze that's bleeping the country. It was worth waiting three issues to see you blast all those "good buddies"!

Al Stroupe Ripley, Miss.

While drinking my battery acid, I read your "MAD Look At CB Radio." It was as funny as green go-go girls in Georgia overdrive!

> Kenny "Cars" Lasky Troy, New York

This is "Lucky Hunter" going 10-77's (negative contact) on the MAD CB static. We got a big 10-1 with poor modulation for sure, good buddies!

Dan Metz Perryville, Mo.

Your CB coverage was a big 10-192*!
(*Yecch!)

Kena Massey Fontana, Calif.

CB-TYPE CODE LANGUAGE IN OTHER WALKS OF LIFE

Upon orbing your "CB-Type Code Language In Other Walks Of Life," my fuel box flapjacked and I had to do a Speedy Gonzalez to the sluice chamber! Rich Feltz

Crystal Lake, Ill.

Although you guys finally quit ignoring CB radio, I decided to keep up the tradition by ignoring your CB articles!

Peter Callas Fullerton, Calif.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF MORNINGS

Dave Berg's "The Lighter Side Of Mornings" got an early rise out of me! Andy Hanas Baltimore, Md.

There was no mention of morning sickness. After reading it in bed, that's what I got the following morning.

Susan Rand Toledo, Ohio

ONE DAY IN PHILADELPHIA

For non-smokers like myself, Don Martin's "One Day In Philadelphia" had a happy vending!

Jacob J. Kramer Birmingham, Mich.

Don Martin's "Stop Smoking Instantly" method is a flush in the pan! Teddy Khoury Brigantine, N.J.

NUTWORK

Stan Hart and Mort Drucker have given us a sublime synthesis of the Unscrupulous Broadcasting System that will long be regarded as a classic jab at "Network" and the networks. Screenwriter Paddy Chayefsky may level his sights at a satire magazine next, in retaliation!

Gordon Duerbauer Baltimore, Md.

"Nutwork" turned me off! Kelly A. O'Brien Owasso, Okla.

ONE NIGHT IN THE BIG CITY

Al Jaffee's genie in "One Night In The Big City" had a very good punch line! David Chadwick Oakton, Va.



Jaffee's Very Good Punch Line

I guess that's what you'd call a shot of jinn!

Elaine Schmidt Langhorne, Pa.

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For years, Hollywood made movies about the Fight Game that were loaded with clichés. Recently, however, instead of bringing back another one of those "Joe Palooka" pictures, they made a brand new type movie about the Fight Game...loaded with brand new clichés. You'll see what we mean in this version of

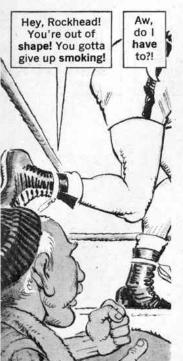
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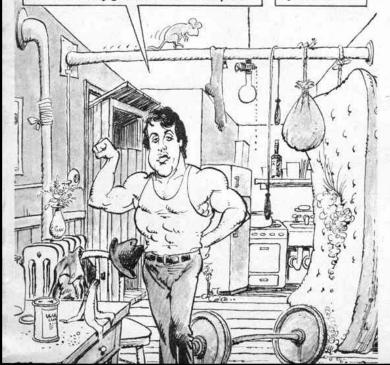


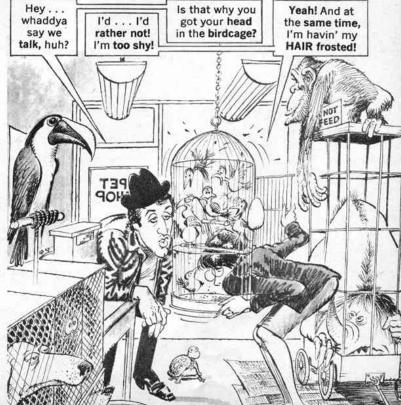




Gee, I'm lonely! . . . I had visitors walkin' in an' outta here all the time! But the place got so filthy, they don' come no more! They got too much self-respect!

Can you imagine . . .?! Bein' snubbed by ROACHES?!











Hold still! Let me take off your glasses! Oh, that's such a cliché! You wanna see if I'm pretty!

No, I **DON'T** want you to see where my **hands** are going! Please! Don't start anything! I have a confession to make! I'm 30 years old and still a virgin!

That must be tough!

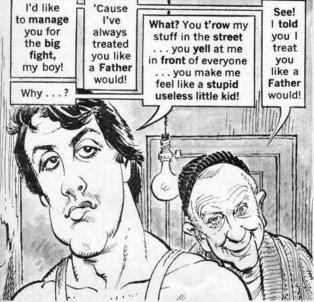
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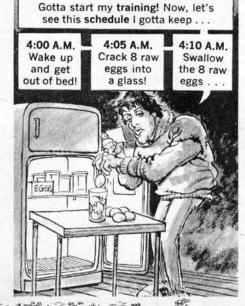




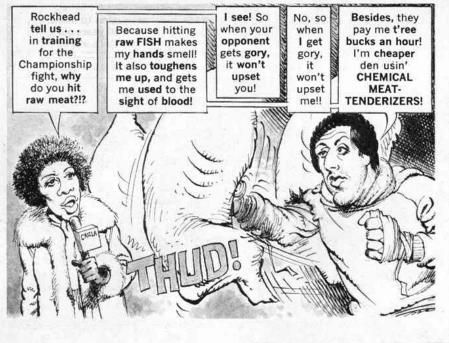


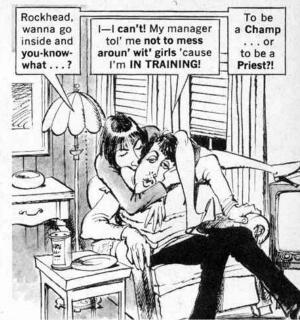




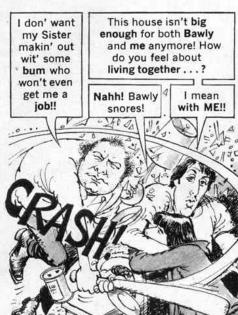




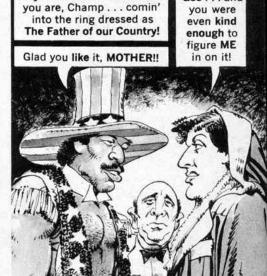




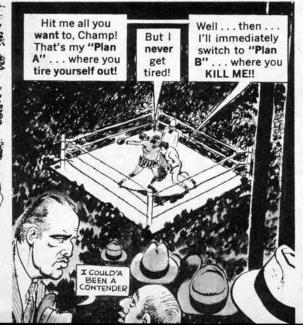
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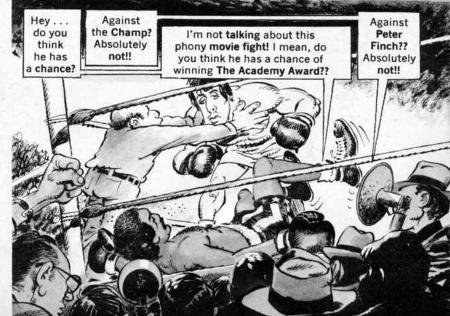


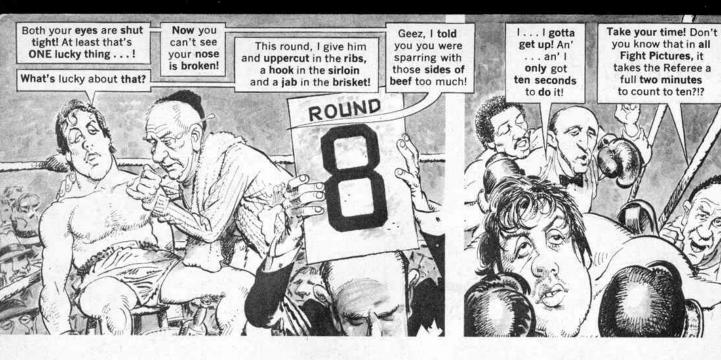


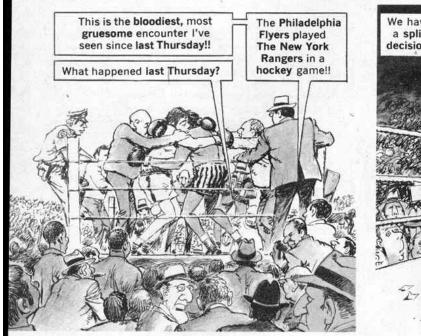


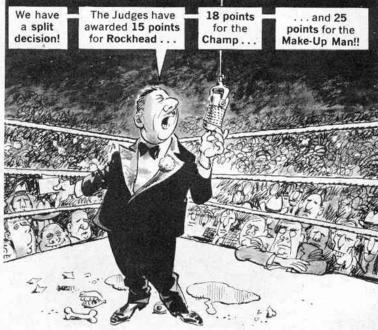
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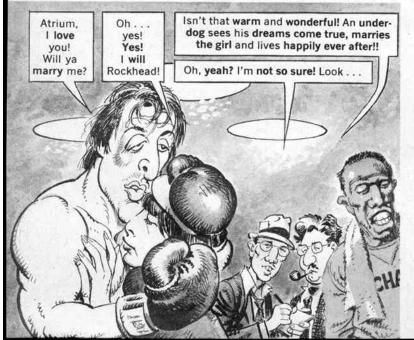






Stand up. Rockhead! Don't slouch!

Stop mumbling when you talk! Tie





Hey, le'me get MY

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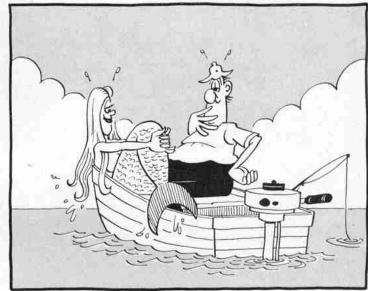
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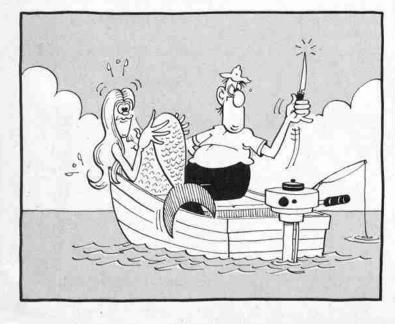
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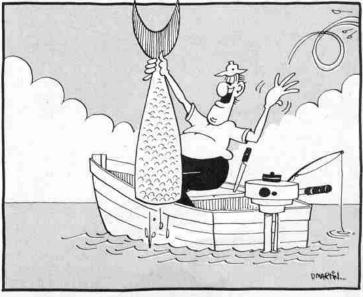












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THE DAIL

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

VAST BLAST FROM GRAY'S BLAZE DOUSES HOUSES, SOAKS FOLKS

Goof of Daughter Spreads to Water, Causes Slaughter



By Melvin Spelvin

A raging blaze swept through today
The residence of Quincy Gray
Who lives at 24 - 0 - 2
South Lackawanna Avenue.
The house went up when
Gray's young daughter
Mistook turpentine for water,
After which the fire spread
To Gray's adjoining backyard shed,
Igniting sticks of dynamite
Which filled the air with
Gray's son, Dwight.

Lloyd Destroyed

The blast brought down a power line,
Electrocuting Lloyd T. Fein,
And then ripped through a water main,
Which flooded homes on Yulvey Lane
And swept three cars and
one old flivver
Straight into the Chumbee River,

Very Hairy on Ferry

There they went downstream afloat Until they struck a ferryboat, Which sank in seconds in the sound And left some 37 drowned, Whose families assert that they Will now be suing Quincy Gray, Who's fully covered, if you please, With large insurance policies, Except, "The Rhyme" learned late today, His premiums he didn't pay.

You Shouldn't Miss A Scoop Like This

This story in "The Daily Rhyme" Confirms a piece in this week's "Time,"

Based on a rumor NBC
Got wind of Monday from AP,
Who picked it up from CBS,
Who read it in the foreign press.
It seems this famous millionaire...
But face it, do you really care?



By Murray Fox

GM's off 3,
And so's GE
While Exxon's down to 81.
Pan Am has slipped,
Gulf Oil has dipped
Because of news from Washington.
The steels are weak,
Down from their peak,
And Polaroid's begun to fall.
It's very clear
A crash is near,
So sell before you blow it all!

DAKOTA TOYOTA IN RASH CRASH

Runs Into Datsun Of Oliver Watson

By Chester Fester

Young Philo Freen of North Dakota Late last night in his Toyota Crashed into the light-blue Datsun Occupied by C. T. Watson, Then bounced off a red Polara Driven by John J. O'Hara, Sending five folks straight to heaven Three miles west on Highway 7.

Freen Not Clean

State Police out at the scene
Have thrown the book at driver Freen.
"It's clear the creep was
stoned on grass,"
Declared patrolman Walter Kass,
"Or high on speed or smashed on junk—
"If not, then he was driving drunk."
"In any case, he's one bad punk
"And what he did—it really stunk."

Marshal Is Partial

Said County Marshal Elmer Yost,
"It's punks like Freen
I hate the most."
"I'd like to see the rat get jailed
"And whipped and clubbed
and stoned and flailed
"Or, failing that, tied in a sack
"And stretched upon a torture rack."
"I'd never let the punk go free—

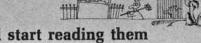
"Too bad that he died instantly."

GAY LIB PANTHER HAS THE ANTHWER

The Cleveland Zoo announced today a panther there named Ralph is gay. Two weeks ago he left his mate and moved in with a chimp named Nate.

PUBLIC NOTICE FROM EDWIN OTIS

My wife has left my bed and board; Should anyone find her, there's no reward.



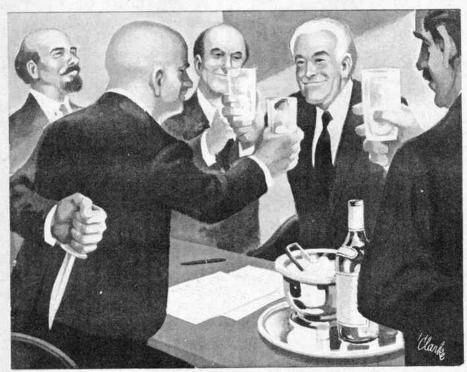
newspapers. Mainly—make them more entertaining, and folks will start reading them again! You're asking, "How?" Well, first of all, we'd get rid of the dull, everyday writing and replace it with something better—or verse! We'd then wind up with...

YRHYME

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

... if you've got the money, then we've got the rhyme!

U.S., RUSSIANS, END DISCUSSIONS WITH A TREATY THAT'S A SWEETIE



Just moments after both sides signed this pact for all posterity The diplomats exchanged a toast to show their deep sincerity.

NO SURPRISE AS TAXES RISE TO THE SKIES

By Irwin Kerwin

The City Council said today
That citizens will have to pay
New taxes on their diamond rings,
On Dairy Queens and Burger Kings,
On first-born girls and red-haired sons,
On basset hounds who get the runs,
On Hershey bars and cigarettes,
On losses by the New York Mets,
On trousers that are cleaned and pressed,
On people who have gone through EST,
On anyone who's name is Fred,
On being born and dropping dead.
Said Council leader Quincy Blair,
"We think these taxes are quite fair.
"We need them all, because today
"We gave ourselves a raise in pay."

QUICK REVIEWS OF MAJOR NEWS

A plane hijacked by terrorists is heading for Damascus.

The leader says, "We'd like to land, but no one's thought to ask us."

Sextuplet girls were born today to Bessie Kaye of San Jose. Their names are Fay and Kay and Maythe rest she hopes will go away.

In Santa Fe, a man named Ware has made a St. Bernard his heir. In Jacksonville, a man named Brock has willed his fortune to a rock.

By Milton Stilton

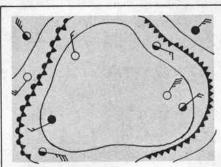
The U.S. and the Soviets
Have signed a guarantee
That neither side will lose its cool
In case of World War III.
No matter which side starts the war,
There is a special clause
Outlawing H-bombs and the like
Unless there's some good cause.

Test is Stressed

Should either side get so upset
It has to use its warheads,
The other nation has the right
To call them silly soreheads.
The day before the war begins
Both sides will get the chance
To test their bombs by blowing up
Rumania or France.

Less Trouble with Rubble

Should either side be laid to waste
With very few left living,
The loser has to sign a pledge
That he will be forgiving.
The signers of the treaty say
The pact should now increase
The chance that they'll be given this
year's Nobel Prize for Peace.



Today there's rain,
but don't complain
or waste your tears of sorrow.
If you can wait,
we'll have a great
big hurricane tomorrow!

The Stars And You

ARIFS

Today a Libra friend you'll see Who'll prove to be your enemy, And then you'll meet a Capricorn Who'll make you wish you'd not been born.



TAURUS

The planets bring
great pleasure to
Most everyone today
but you;
The future's rotten
down the line;
Too bad that you
can't change your sign.

GEMINI

Although this day dawns clear and bright With all your lifelong goals in sight, Before you shout and dance and sing, Remember you're a ding-a-ling.



CANCER



'Round 10 a.m.
you're sure to feel
Like signing some
big business deal;
Should this take place,
we have no doubt
'Round 2:15
you'll be wiped out.

PATTER 'N CHATTER By I

Hi out there, it's time that you Found out who's doing what with who... The biggest item deals with Liz Who's going in the TV biz; She'll get a million bucks a year Replacing Cronkite, so we hear...



We're told Sinatra toured the South And punched a possum in the mouth...

The word is out that Tommy Smothers May team with the Osmond Brothers; Should the deal go through, prepare For brother Dick to team with Cher, Which means that Sonny will be free To start his Shakespeare company...

Don't be surprised if Bob Goulet Will film the life of Turhan Bey...



We're told Sinatra toured Duluth And punched a hamster in the tooth...

Seen 'round town are Phyllis Diller, Johnny Miller, Jerry Stiller, Arte Johnson, Charles Bronson, Gloria Swanson and Stan Bahnson, Lauren Bacall and Lucille Ball, Monte Hall back from Nepal, Barbara Bain, MacArthur Lane, Joan Fontaine and Michael Caine, Bobby Orr, Daniel Schorr, Don DeFore and many more...



We hear while touring overseas Sinatra punched a Pekingese...

Although there's lots more I could say, I'll write 'em down another day; It's not that I don't have the time; It's just that I can't make 'em rhyme.

Believe/t or/eave/t/



SIX YEARS AGO,

RAURH WENGLEY

GUATEMALA.

LAST WEEK HE
FOUND IT IN
DETROIT
WHILE EATING
VEAL MARSALA!

PINE NUTS

KICK THE FOOTBALL, VI THINK YOU'RE CHARLIE BROWN!
I PROMISE I WON'T LET YOU DOWN!

ASTRAY!

ADVICE TO THE NEEDY

By Edie McReedy

Dear Edie:

I'm engaged to a girl with a twitch, And each time I touch her, I itch; She walks on all fours, Never goes out-of-doors, And on weekends turns into a witch. Upset

Dear Upset:

It's clear from your girl you are shook And would like to be let off the hook; Although you can't face her, Before you replace her, Find out if she is a good cook.

Dear Edie:

My boy-friend is handsome and kind
And he's blessed with a beautiful mind;
He never ignores me
And always adores me;
No happier girl you can find.
Joyful

Dear Joyful:

What kind of a loony would think
That her love-life was rosy and pink?
You must be psychotic
Or on some narcotic;
I'll send you the name of my shrink.

ON THE SCREEN

With Chauncey Green

I think that I shall never see

A movie done so terribly

As something called "The Swollen Gland,"

Which now is playing at the Strand.

It stars George Segal as a cop,

Who, staking out a barber shop,

Observes a Fresno CPA

Attempt to kill Faye Dunaway,

₩ Which leads into a torrid scene

With Goldie Hawn and Steve McQueen,

Who, on the lam with Robert Shaw,

Get lost in downtown Wichita.

Before it ends, James Caan is slain

And Michael Caine, declared insane,

Climbs thirty flights and takes a leap—

Don't ask me why, I fell asleep.



I SWEAR I'M NOT, SO KICK AWAY!



by Sharly Schuts



A STAR IS SHORN DEPT.

Have you ever taken a real good look at some of today's big "glamorous sex symbol" stars? Many of them aren't really that "glamorous" or "sexy."

IF TODAY'S SEX SYMBOLS

THE WAY IT IS ...



THE WAY IT WOULD BE...







THE WAY IT IS ...

Oooh, that Paul Williams is such a living doll!! He's so cute, I could just pick him up and cuddle him!



THE WAY IT WOULD BE...

Look at that little creep heading your way! I hope he doesn't ask me to dance!! Me, either! I hate dancing with midgets!



THE WAY IT IS ...

That bathtub scene really got to me! Streisand is one sexy lady!

TONIGHT

A STAR 18

BORN

Actually, they're merely products of their various Studios' or Networks' Publicity Departments. Which got us to wondering what it would be like

WEREN'T IN SHOW BIZ HARRY NORTH, ESQ. WRITER: LOU SILVERSTONE

HARRY NORTH, ESQ.

THE WAY IT WOULD BE...

In the future, Mrs. Allman . . . please wear a top that covers your navel! Our customers are losing their appetites!



THE WAY IT IS...

And now, Oh, Hey! Is there a doctor around? my God! Yiii!



THE WAY IT WOULD BE...

Daddy, you gotta help me! My blind date just showed up! I can't go out with that weirdo! Tell him I'm sick or something!!



THE WAY IT WOULD BE...



THE WAY IT IS...

Who cares about

the show?!? I

just want to see

The Fonz! Ooooh,

How can you watch that dumb show? Why don't you turn on something else?



THE WAY IT WOULD BE...

I hate getting gas here! I can't stand that creep mechanic with the greasy hair who thinks he's a great lover!



It's after two o'clock, and she's STILL not home from her date! Maybe she was in an auto accident! Maybe she was mugged . . . or murdered . . . or raped . . . or worse!



Dear God, please bring my daughter home safely to me! If you do, I promise I'll live an exemplary life . . . showing love, kindness and understanding to all people!



She's here! She's home, safe! Oh, thank you, God! Thank you!



DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS, YOU ROTTEN KID?! I COULD MURDER YOU!!



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF...



Please, darling! Don't talk so loud! I have a splitting headache!





Oh, well . . . as long as you're talking to the Good Lord, ask Him to make my headache better!



...and Dear God, please make my Daddy's headache go away! He was boozing it up all day . . . and now he's terribly hung over!



Why'd you tell Him THAT for?! Why couldn't you just say I had a toothache or something?!





10-4, Good Buddy! This is Night Rider saying "Happy numbers to you!" and going 10-7!

MUST you play with that toy every time we go for an evening drive?!? Toy? TOY? This is an expensive, high-technology CB Radio . . . not a plaything! It's a modern method of communicating messages between moving vehicles that was originally developed by professional drivers, but has now come into general use!

What, may I ask, do you do for a living? You know very well that I'm a Harvard graduate, that I'm a Corporate Lawyer earning an income in six figures!! So WHY are you playing at being a TRUCK DRIVER?!







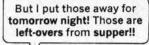


IGHTS

WRITER & ARTIST: DAVID BERG

What are you doing?

I'm having a Midnight snack! And, boy, is it ever delicious!





Am I glad that I'm eating them tonight!



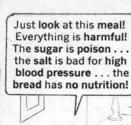












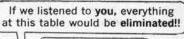


Yeah! Knock it off and let us eat!

The milk has radiation fall-out . . . the butter, eggs and meat have artery-clogging cholesterol . . . the fruits and vegetables are poisoned by chemical sprays . . . the fish has traces of mercury-





















Oh, God!

I wish





What's slowing you

Inever

know when

I'm going

to need

something!



In fact, you've





Oh, darn!





Now, don't get

excited! The

matter was

WHAT?!? Can't

you keep a

simple checking

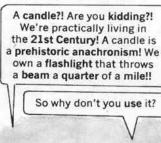


I sent the bank a check

for the overdrawn amount!



Better to light one

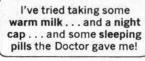














None

of them worked!



Hummmm! That's strange!









DON MARTIN DEPT. PART II

ONE AFTERNOON IN THE POST OFFICE







FOOL'S PARADOX DEPT.

As every rational, intelligent person knows, we live in a time when most everyday occurrences are bad, and all of them are due to get a whole lot worse. Therefore, it stands to reason that only a complete idiot could remain optimistic in the modern world. MAD is aware that the complete idiots who read this magazine

YOU'RE AN ETERN

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF . . .



. . . you assume that you'll get your flat tire changed in a jiffy, now that a whole motorcycle gang has stopped to lend you a helping hand.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF . . .



. . . you scan the movie ads, expecting to find something to take the whole family to.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF ...



... you can't imagine why your Doctor would call in four Specialists for consultation, unless he needs their help to tell you how well you're progressing.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF ...



... you think you've found a garage sale where a millionaire art collector is disposing of genuine art masterpieces at five bucks apiece.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF ...



...you can hardly wait for some newlyelected politician to take office so he 24 can start keeping his campaign promises.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF . . .



. . . you ask your Dentist if it's going to hurt, and he says, "No!" . . . and you really believe him.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF .



. . . you think your new after-shave lotion will make women find you irresistible when they never even found you tolerable before.



are constantly in fear of being exposed as complete idiots. But actually, you're giving your secret away by stupid optimism you don't even know you're exhibit-

ing. So there isn't a moment to lose in comparing your own behavior with these MAD examples. Because if you display any of these symptoms, it's a sure sign that—

IAL OPTIMIST IF...

WRITER: TOM KOCH WITH JACK KENT

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF . . .



...you assume there's nothing to hang-gliding that you can't teach yourself as you go along.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF .



. . . you figure that arriving at the airport ten minutes late is close enough because they'll hold the plane until you get there.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF ...



...you expect anything you order from a mail order house to look even half as good as the picture in the catalogue.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF ..



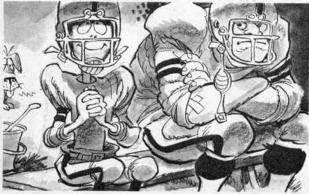
... you assume every girl you've ever dated is free tonight, and just waiting by the phone in hopes you'll call.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF . . .



... you buy a catalogue that describes valuable coins on the assumption that your pocket change is worth a fortune.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF ...



. . . being allowed to suit up for Junior College football prompts you to start planning your illustrious career in the N.F.L.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF . . .



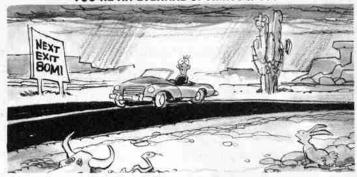
. . . you have complete faith in those old adages that barking dogs never bite . . . and bees never sting if you just leave them alone . . . and lightning never strikes twice in the same place.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF ...



. . . you assume you'll be able to see and hear everything perfectly from the \$2.00 seats at a Neil Diamond concert.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF . . .



. . . you think that, even though your gas gauge reads empty, you have enough to make it to the next station.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF . . .



. . . you decide to wait for the next bus because this one is already too crowded.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF .



... you buy a "new, improved" product and expect it to be new and improved.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF . . .



. . . you really expect the other driver to yield the right of way.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF ...



...you take your kids to the zoo...thinking that you're finally getting them away from all that sex and violence.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF . . .



... you expect to look like the model looked when you buy the dress in your size that she just wore.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF ...

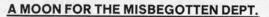


... you expect your new 1978 car to perform as well as that old Studebaker you're trading in.

YOU'RE AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST IF . . .



... you don't foresee any problems in hitchiking around the world because you're sure that all foreigners love American tourists.



Recently, there has been an alarming upsurge of weird behavior among a group of our young people! We mean real funky stuff, like being polite and getting short haircuts and wearing clean, neat clothes! Naturally the parents of these youngsters are worried! And so, as a public service, MAD now investigates the man who is responsible for this freaky behavior, the head of The Loonatication Church, the Reverend Sun Set Loony, who has been named . . .

MAD'S "RELIGIOUS CULT LEADER" OF THE YEAR

Reverend Loony .. I'm Mike Malice ... for MAD Magazine! They've asked me to conduct an "In-Depth Interview" with you, so-

Say, this is some fantastic place you have here! What do you call it . . . SAN SIMEON EAST??

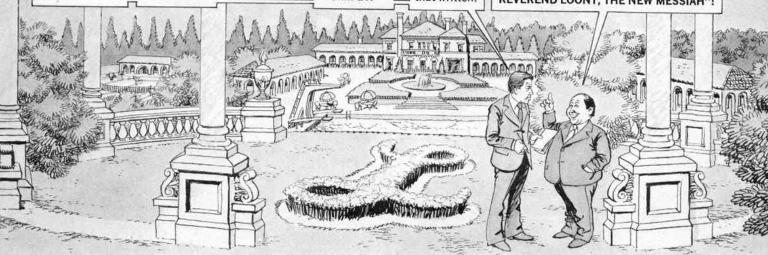
I call it "THE GARDEN OF EDEN"! Would you care for an apple?

No, thanks! Y'know ... I always thought that Religious Leaders lived-er-SIMPLY!

You thought wrong! Why shouldn't I live as comfortably as a Rock Star or a crooked ex-President? Do you know that it is written: "The New Messiah shall come from Korea . . . he shall be five-foot-two-inches tall . . . have dark hair and eyes . . . and be born under the sign of Taurus The Bull . . . " which happens to be MY SIGN!?!

No. where is that written?

In my book, "THE WIT AND WISDOM OF REVEREND LOONY, THE NEW MESSIAH"!



ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

WRITER: LOU SILVERSTONE

You haven't read my book?! It usually sells for \$5.95, but we're having a SPECIAL SALE this week! For \$5.95. you get my book PLUS this Volume of Authentic Golden Oldie Korean Hymns including such favorites as "Let's All Gather At The Bank Vault"-PLUS "The Korean CIA Handbook On How To Buy Friends And Influence People" . . . AND this real collectors' item, the "Reverend Loony Superstar Tee Shirt"!

Reverend Loony ... if you ever decide to leave the Religion Business, you have a great future on Madison Avenue . .

Tell. I was in me. my garden sir! one day Why when I did received VOU a message! come

A Divine Message

No, it was a Mailgram from my Accountant! He explained that "Religious Organizations" do not have to pay TAXES in the U.S.! So I packed my carpetbag and here I am! And it's a good thing I CAME to your country!

there are so many dumb suckers who are willing to pay \$2.00 for a box of lousy candy that costs me 23 cents!

No, because



the Why? Because there are so many from God? Americans who need salvation?



Tell me, do you allow members of your Church to get married?

Of course! I perform the marriage myself! It's very very beautiful . . . especially the Bride-Purifying Ceremony . . . ! How does a Bride become PURIFIED?

How do YOU think?! She must...as you Americans say ... "make it" with a PURE MAN! I'll bet YOU are MR. PURE!

You better believe it! It's a fringe benefit of being a Messiah! Could you tell us some of the problems you've encountered since you came here to America?

My biggest problem is trying to eat Filet Mignon with CHOPSTICKS! Another Excedrin headache is American Parents! They hire these so-called DE-PROGRAMMERS to get their kids back!



And do these De-Programmers that they hire cause you much trouble??

They are the tools of the Devil!! They KIDNAP my slaves—uh—followers, and they turn them against me by telling them dirty vicious Communist lies! You mean they quote to them from MARX??

No, they quote to them from the BIBLE!! Reverend Loony... is it true that you own several companies in Korea? Yes, we manufacture many useful things ... like Ginseng Tea! I intend to make Ginseng Tea into America's National Drink!

If you're pushing Ginseng Tea, why are you drinking

COKE??

Just because I sell the stuff doesn't mean I gotta drink it!

Man . . . have you ever **TASTED** Ginseng Tea?!?





What else do your companies manufacture?

Rifles!

Isn't making guns a strange business for a Church to be involved in? If you were going to be killed, wouldn't you prefer to be wasted by a rifle that has my Holy Seal of Approval?!?



There are OTHER Koreans who ALSO claim they are the

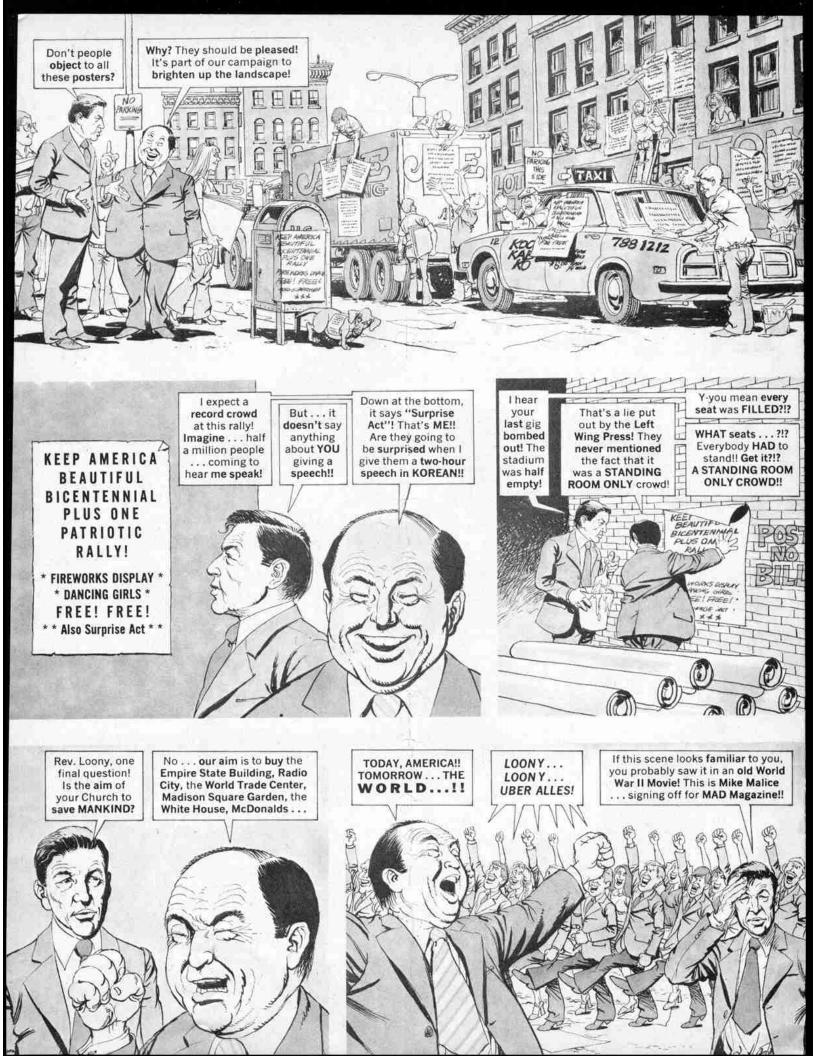
I am reminded of an old Korean saying: "Religion is a lot like Show Biz! When you finally get a good gimmick, everybody tries to steal your act!"

But how can we know you are the TRUE

Come! I must go forth into the evil city to see if my heavenly message is getting across!

Would I LIE ...?!





For many television viewers, the characters on their favorite TV shows are very real. Networks get many letters each year addressed to Steve Austin, Marcus Welby, Maude Findlay and the rest, which proves how true-to-life these characters are. Eventually, of course, even the most successful show runs its course, and after it's cancelled, the characters just disappear. This hardly seems right. After all, if they were lifelike to start with, they should die like the rest of us. Which explains the MAD logic behind these

OBITUARIES FOR TV SHOW CHARACTERS

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

DEA BY: BILLY DOHERTY

TED BAXTER FOUND DEAD

Ted Baxter, 45, a newscaster for station WJM-TV in Minneapolis, Minnesota, was found dead yesterday in his apartment.

According to the city coroner's report, Baxter had been dead for at least four days before his body was discovered.

Baxter's co-workers expressed mild surprise on hearing of his death.



MR. TED BAXTER

"We all wondered where Ted was these past few days," said Mary Richards, an associate producer. "Most of us figured he was staying away to give us all a free vacation."

"The first day he didn't show up, I became a little concerned," said station manager Lou Grant, "but the college kid we replaced him with did such a great job that I soon put Ted out of my mind."

In accordance with his wishes, Baxter will be given a lavish funeral, with recordings of his favorite news bulletins being played during the service. Baxter's co-workers have been trying to track down his friends who might wish to attend the funeral. So far, they have had no success.

ARCHIE BUNKER DIES; Noted Bigot Was 66

Archie Bunker is dead at 66.

The noted hard-hat and bigot collapsed of a heart attack last night after learning that his wife, Edith, was one-sixteenth Jewish. Bunker had been in ill health since May, when he developed a nervous disorder brought on by a Jamaican family moving into the house next door. Survivors include,



MR. ARCHIE BUNKER

in addition to his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Mike Stivic, and a grandson. Moments before he died, Bunker removed all of their names from his will. His estate, estimated at approximately \$900, will go to the

Council to Renounce, Eliminate and Eradicate Pinkos. (CREEP) A World War II veteran, Bunker was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and regional vice-president of Patriotic Right-Wingers Indicting Draft Evaders (PRIDE).

A memorial service for Bunker will be held tomorrow at Grogan's bar. The family requests that no one attend the funeral.

Steve Austin Dies at 55, A Victim of Obsolescence

Colonel Steve Austin, Government agent, former astronaut, and the world's first bionic man, died last night at 55. According to Austin's superior,

Oscar Goldman, death was caused by "bionic obsolescence". Six months ago, Austin suffered a fractured transistor, followed by a pulled hamstring wire and several short-circuited organs. No spare parts were available, so a wind-up key was inserted in Austin's back, which his body rejected. He was kept alive briefly by plugging his body into an electric generator, but last night the plug was



COL. STEVE AUSTIN

pulled because of rising utility costs. A native of Ojai, California, Austin entered the nation's space program in 1968, when NASA was testing its Fiasco rocket, officially known as Project Armageddon. Austin volunteered to test the rocket after 24 other spacemen had refused, affirming at the time his belief in "American know-how and superior technology." After the rocket exploded 15 seconds after launching, Austin, severely injured, was rebuilt completely with bionic parts, the operation costing \$6 million. Unable to pay the bill, Austin agreed to work it off in installments by destroying America's enemies at home and abroad.

Austin will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery next to the grave of Jaime Sommers, the first bionic woman, who died a year ago, a victim

of inadequate wiring.

J.J. Evans Dies at 17



Mr. "J.J." EVANS

J. J. Evans, 17, son of Florida, brother of Thelma, and older brother of Michael, died suddenly yesterday. He was working at his summer job as a warehouse assistant at the Acme Munitions Plant.

According to eyewitnesses, Evans absentmindedly lit a match to

get a closer look at a case of high power explosives. The last thing he said, before being blasted out of existence, was "Dy-no-MITE!"

"Mother" Jefferson Dies of Overdose

"Mother" Jefferson, 78, died today from an overdose of sleeping pills. According to a neighbor, Florida Evans, she had been suffering from a severe de-



pression brought on by an attack of laryngitis,

which prevented her from talking.

Neither her son, George, or her daughter-inlaw, Louise, were available for comment. On hearing the news of Mrs. Jefferson's death, they took off immediately for an extended holiday and celebration. Funeral services will not be held, there being no mourners.

Marcus Welby Dies Of Natural Causes

Dr. Marcus Welby, 72, died yesterday of natural causes. The prominent physician collapsed in his home late in the morning and was unable to persuade any of the city's doctors to make a housecall. He succumbed at about 4 p.m., his death coinciding with the arrival of the ambulance he had called five hours earlier.

Said Welby's colleague, Dr. Steven Kiley, "In the world of medicine, these are natural causes."

"I wish I could have saved him," Kiley added, "but he wasn't my patient and I could have been sued for malpractice."

"I knew he was ailing," said Dr. James Kildare of Blair General Hospital, "but I couldn't treat him until I was certain he was covered by Blue

Cross." "Welby left a message on my answering service," said Dr. Joe Gannon of Medical Center, "but I was tied up making rounds at the hospital. I'm sorry to hear of his death, but I hear it's going around."

Funeral services will be held tomorrow, at which time, in Welby's memory, mourners will take two aspirins and call each other in the morning.



DR. MARCUS WELBY

Space Hero James Kirk { Dies in NY Mugging {

Commander James Kirk, captain of the spaceship U.S.S. Enterprise, died to-day from injuries sustained in a mugging in New York's Central Park. The future galactic hero was 53.

According to a survivor, Mr. Spock, the Enterprise was caught in a time-warp, which brought it back to the planet Earth in 1977. Kirk and Spock beamed down to Central Park in mid-afternoon and were at once set upon by a gang of muggers.



Commander James Kirk, U.S.S.T.

"We drew our phasers," Mr. Spock recounted, referring to a future space weapon, "but the muggers were too quick for us. Before we knew it, they stripped us of our weapons and communicators and demanded our money."

According to Spock, the muggers were insulted when Kirk could only offer them a bundle of "Zandars," an outer-space currency used by future spacemen to buy souvenirs in other worlds.

"I recall one of the muggers shouting, 'Kill the mother,' which surprised me, as Captain Kirk, to my knowledge, had never bore children," Spock said.

Survivors of Kirk include a greatgreat-great-great-great-great grandfather, Amos Kirk, a Chicago dentist, and a great-great-greatgreat-great uncle, Marvin Kirk, now a 10-year-old student in Wichita.

Commander Kirk will be born in 2096.

Mary Hartman Dead at 44

Fernwood, Ohio. Mary Hartman, 44, a housewife and mother, died today of complications.

JOHN-BOY WALTON SLAYS OWN FAMILY, THEN KILLS SELF

John-Boy Walton, 25, murdered his father, mother, six brothers and sisters, and his grandparents today, then turned his revolver on himself.

Residents of Walton's Mountain were stunned after the mass slaying, Walton being described as "a model son," "a fine student and hard worker," and "as good a young man as you'll ever find."

According to Perry Mason, a retired investigator living nearby, young Walton's act was a classic example of "repressed hostility."

"It's the typical case of a goody-

"It's the typical case of a goody-goody kid always having to live up to his reputation," Mason said. "He bottles up all his aggression and frustration until, one day, everything explodes inside him and he turns psycho and goes crazy."



JOHN-BOY WALTON

A search of young Walton's personal belongings turned up several knives, a number of crime magazines, and other items too lurid to mention.

MAUDE FINDLAY DIES DURING GUN BATTLE



Ms. MAUDE FINDLAY

Maude Findlay, 63, was killed today after being caught in the middle of a running gun battle between local police and a homicidal maniac.

According to police at the scene, the homicidal maniac was spotted shortly after burglarizing the Findlay home, where he assaulted and brutally beat up Mrs. Findlay's husband, Walter.

The police were exchanging gunfire with the suspect when Mrs. Findlay appeared, shouting that the homicidal maniac was a "victim of society" and should be allowed his right "to do his own thing without being persecuted." Calling the police "Fascists" and "Brownshirts," she ran into the line of fire and was killed by a stray bullet.

Funeral services have not been arranged. According to Mr. Findlay, who is recovering from his beating in a local hospital, a seance will be held this evening in hopes of contacting Mrs. Findlay in the hereafter.

"I wouldn't dare pick the pallbearers," said Mr. Findlay, "without clearing them first with Maude."

Frank Cannon Dies at 55

Frank Cannon, 55, a local private investigator, died of nervous shock today after being told his favorite restaurant was out of cheesecake.

Cannon, who had just finished a double portion of roast beef and potatoes, and was midway through an immense helping of eggplant parmi-

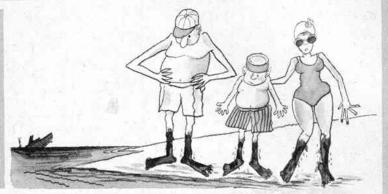
Theo Kojak, 62, Dies In Bowling Accident

Lieutenant Theo Kojak, 62, a New York City Police Detective, died under strange circumstances in a West Side bowling alley last night.

Although details of his death have as yet to be determined, it appears that the head of the celebrated crime-fighter was mistaken BEACH NUTS

AMAD LOOKA

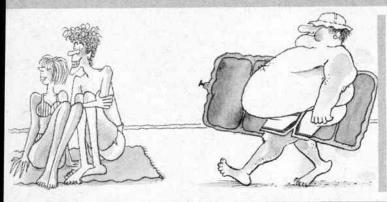




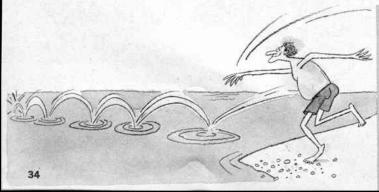
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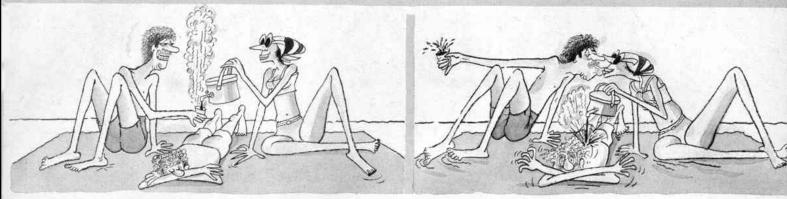




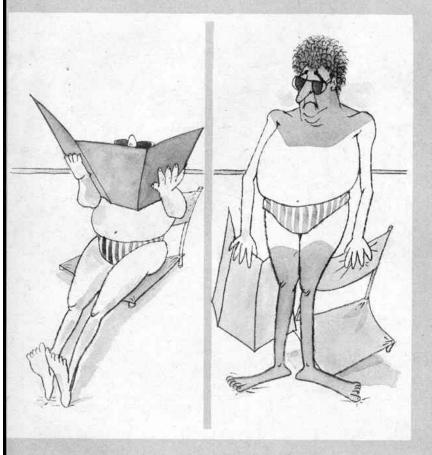




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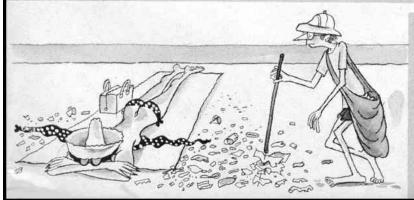


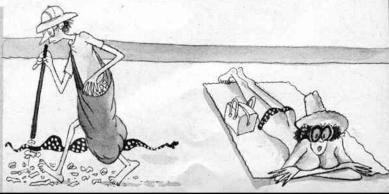
PAUL PETER PORGES











PUT YOUR FUNNY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS DEPT.

NOTE: A number of years ago, we ran a few articles entitled "MAD's Cliché Killers." Perhaps most of you were too young (or too smart) to read them, so we'll go over the premise again. But pay attention, it may be the last time!

PREMISE OF ARTICLE: Ahem! Have you noticed that most people talk in clichés? The worst part of a cliché is

MAD'S CLIC

ARTIST: PAUL COKER, JR.

COMING HOME LATE



VISITING A DOCTOR'S OFFICE



that it's not really conversation, since a cliché doesn't require an answer. What are you supposed to say when those morons ask, "Hot enough for you?" Are they really look-

ing for a response? Of course not! But now you can surprise them! Because here is some ammunition to fire right back at those insufferable cliché poppers. We call them . . .

HÉ KILLERS

WRITER: STAN HART

WORKING ON A JOB







SHOPPING IN A DEPARTMENT STORE



PLAYING IN LITTLE LEAGUE



GETTING ARRESTED



EARLY ONE EVENING IN THE COUNTRY

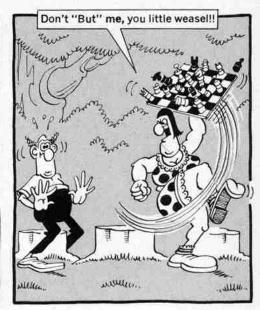




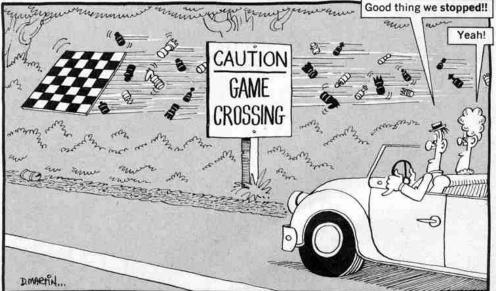












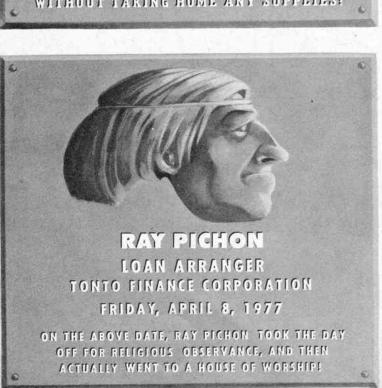
ON THE JOB, STRAINING DEPT.

There's a "Baseball Hall of Fame" and a "Football Hall of Fame" and a "Basketball Hall of Fame" and a "Hockey Hall of Fame." There's an "Aviation Hall of Fame" and

THE OFFICE WORKE

WRITER: DICK DE BARTOLO







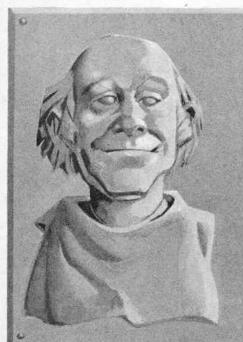




a "Great Americans Hall of Fame." But what about the everyday slobs that have to work from 9 to 5 in offices all across America? Why not honor their great feats in

RS'HALL OF FAME

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE



ROBERT NORDSKOG

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE AMALGAMATED RUST CORP., INC.

OCTOBER 19, 1976

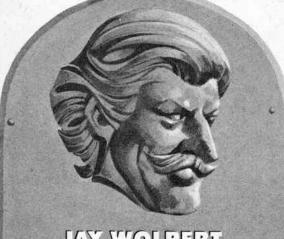
ON THIS DATE, ROBERT
NORDSKOG TOOK A
PROSPECTIVE CLIENT TO
DINNER AT HIS COMPANY'S
EXPENSE, AND HE DID NOT
ORDER THE MOST EXPENSIVE
ITEM ON THE MENU!
FURTHERMORE, HE ONLY
HAD ONE DRINK,
AND HE SKIPPED DESSERT!



ELLIOTT FELDMAN

MAIL ORDER CLERK SCHLOCK PRODUCTS, CORP. NOVEMBER 3, 1976

ON THE ABOVE DATE, ELLIOTT PUT A PERSONAL LETTER THROUGH THE POSTAGE MACHINE, AND THEN PAID PETTY CASH 13¢ FOR THE STAMP!



JAY WOLPERT ARCHITECT

TILT & SINK BUILDING CORP.
JUNE 2, 1276

ON THE ABOVE DATE, JAY WOLPERT ASKED HIS FINELY PROPORTIONED SECRETARY, WHOSE DIMENSIONS ARE 38-23-36, TO STAY AFTER FIVE SO THEY COULD "WORK LATE"...AND THEN THEY DID IN FACT WORK LATE!



DIANE JANEVER

SECRETARY-TYPIST

HUNT AND PECK PRODUCTS CORP. AUGUST 10, 1976

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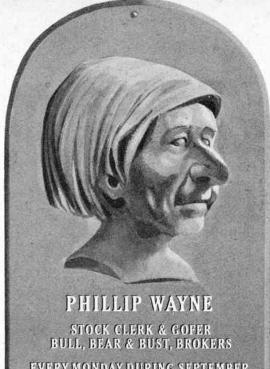
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HOWARD FELSHER

UNEMPLOYED OFFICE WORKER
JANUARY
FEBRUARY & MARCH, 1977

DURING THE MONTHS INDICATED,
HE COLLECTED UNEMPLOYMENT
BENEFITS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME,
HE WAS ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR
WORK, AND HE REALLY DID HAVE
JOB INTERVIEWS WITH ALL OF
THE PEOPLE HE'D LISTED ON HIS
UNEMPLOYMENT QUESTIONNAIRES!



EVERY MONDAY DURING SEPTEMBER OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1977

FOR HIS OUTSTANDING RESTRAINT,
THIS PLAQUE IS PRESENTED TO THE
ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR NEVER
HAVING MENTIONED ONE WORD ABOUT
WEEK-END FOOTBALL DURING NORMAL
BUSINESS HOURS



METRUEN EOL

XEROX MACHINE OPERATOR FINSTER, FINSTER AND FINSTER

JULY STH TO JULY STH, 1976

AT THE HEIGHT OF THE SUMMER SEASON, DURING THE ENTIRE WEEK CITED, JOE NEUSTEIN WORKED DILIGENTLY AT HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT FROM 9 TO 5 EVERY DAY, EVEN THOUGH HIS BOSS WAS ON VACATION!



ROBERT SHERMAN

HTTER, INC.
1817 1007
1817 1707
1817 1817
1817 1817

ON THIS DATE, ROBERT DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY FILING AN EXPENSE AGGOURT FOR THE EXACT AMOUNT OF HIS EXPENSES!



MIMI O'BRIEN

CLERK-TYPIST-RECEPTIONIST LOW PAYING INDUSTRIES, INC. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1976

ON THIS DATE, MIMI O'BRIEN, WHO
WAS RECEIVING THE MINIMUM WAGE,
CALLED THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT
TO INFORM THEM THAT SOMEONE HAD
ACCIDENTALLY OVERPAID HER \$10



BILL WENDELL

CIVIL ENGINEER

CIVIL TONGUE & GROOVE, INC.

JAN. 8, MARCH 5, AUGUST 29, OCTOBER 12 & 20, 1977

TO HONOR BILL WENDELL'S PHENOMERAL BEHAVIOR ON THE DATES LISTED, WHEN HE WENT TO THE DOCTOR ON HIS OWN TIME!!

BROAD HUMOR DEPT.

Today, there are women Governors, members of Congress, newscasters, executives, West Point cadets, etc. Women have a brand new image everywhere . . . except in the world of TV Sitcom Shows, where they apparently never heard of Women's Lib. There, women are still portrayed as sex symbols or brainless dolts or helpless clods or man-hungry idiots. This is especially true of the hit show about two female brewery workers who are all of the above . . . except sex symbols! Namely:

Lavoine Shoiley













I'll have some,

Squeegee! You

got a black one?





Boy, ain't

that just like

a dame, makin'



Uh . . . y'know

that offer

you made me





Gi'me one good

reason why I

should make a

fool of myself!

We GOTTA enter, Shoil!

I mean, I'm tired of

being a nothin'! Maybe

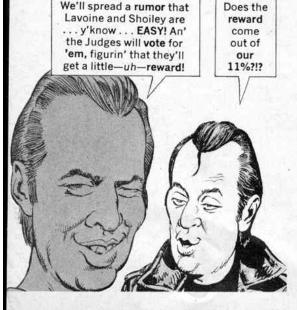
we would win! Then we

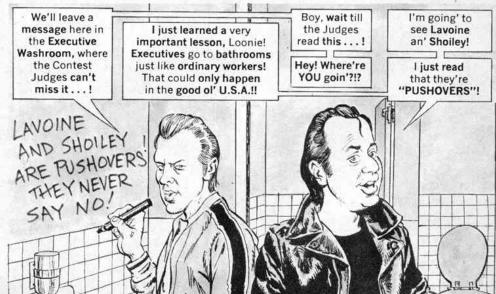
would BE somebody! We





















WHAT POPULAR
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HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

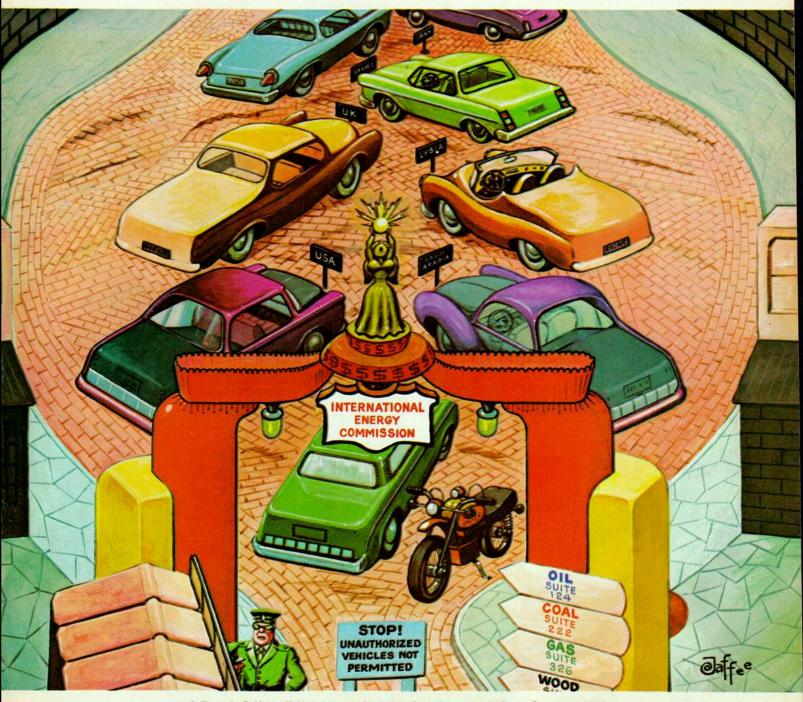
Finding sources of energy has become a major activity throughout the world. One source of energy is quite popular in this country, even though everyone knows it is not a long-range solution. To find out what it is, fold in page.



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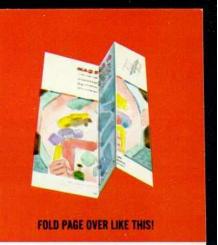


ARTIST & WRITER: AL JAFFEE JUST ABOUT EVERY AMERICAN TRIES TO THINK
UP WAYS TO PROVIDE NEEDED ENERGY
FOR CITIZENS FROM CALIFORNIA TO CAPE COD

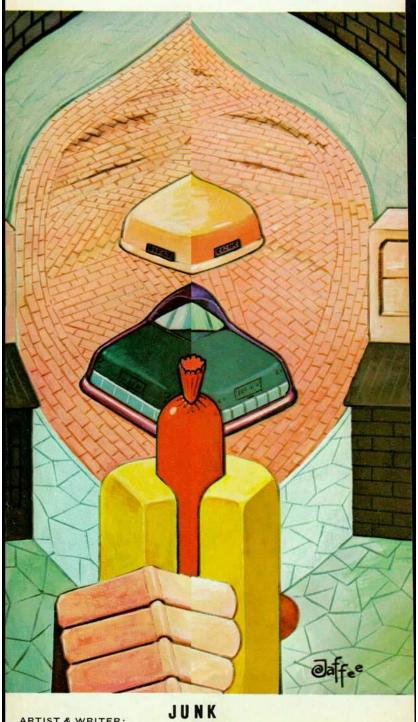
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ARTIST & WRITER: AL JAFFEE

FOOD

A P B

SCENES WE'D LIKE TO SEE

(THE FROG PRINCE)







ARTIST & WRITER: DON MARTIN





