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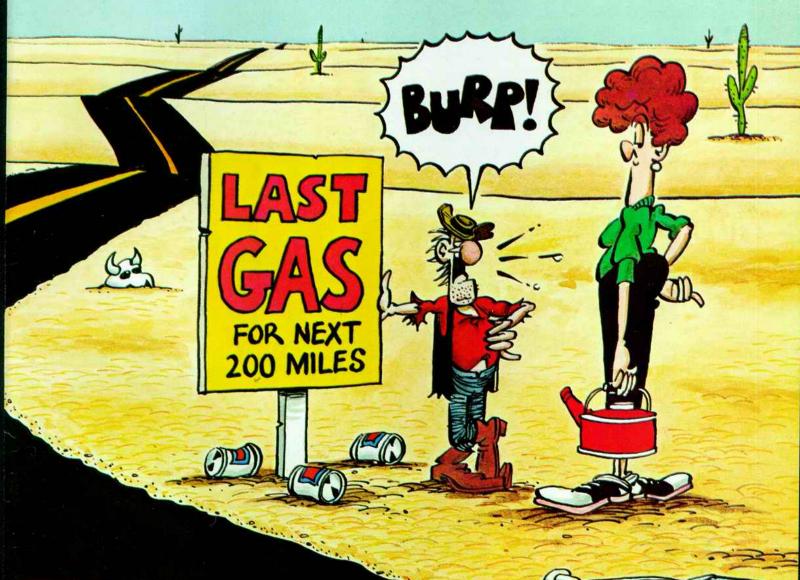
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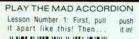
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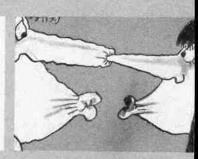
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"ARBOR DAY" HORROR

I just finished reading "Arbor Day" in MAD #227 and I couldn't be more pleased! These shallow gore feasts have festered in darkened theatres too long. I'm glad someone of intelligence is pricking their blood-saturated balloon. The return of the maniac, the knives and chain saws, the sexy stupid girls, the dumb shock ending, you've captured it all, with Jack Davis rekindling the E.C. mood. Destined to be a classic, it's great writing. Thanks!

Kerry Lucarelli Duluth, MN

Though I've been accused of editing the nation's most gore-drenched film magazine, I felt your "Ultimate Horror Movie" should have been rated "R"-for repulsive! Thanks to "Arbor Day" the movies we cover are starting to look good!

Bob Martin, Editor "Fangoria" Magazine New York, NY

Where is the nearest "Mom's Pizza Parlor"?!?

Steve Natkin Jackson Heights, NY

The human pizzas in "Arbor Day" were sickening! Next time, use Alfred in them.

Todd Kelly Toronto, CANADA

"ECCHCALIBER"

I thought Don Martin did an excellent job on "Don Martin's Version Of A Movie Of Ecchealiber"! You should knight him!

John Silcock Hudson, NY

In Mad #227 you had 17 swords all throughout the issue. How come?

Mark Keehn Hillsboro, MO

We don't know what you're talking about.—Ed.

If I had the sword "Ecchcaliber," I'd use it on you!

Troy Rubright Shoey, PA

Your head is probably pointy enough to do the job!—Ed.

"CAREERS FOR THE SLOW AND LAZY"

Being slow and lazy, I thoroughly enjoyed "MAD'S Careers For The Slow and Lazy". However, I think "Gas Station Attendant" deserved at least an honorable mention!

Richard Schilf Glendale, CA

For the really slow and lazy, how about a dentist for Alfred E.?

Jim Bruce Roseville, CA

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Greg Neale Port Charlotte, FL

COVER CHARGES

Have you ever been so hungry that you would gladly eat the cover of MAD #227?

Larry Bogartz Los Angeles, CA

You guys keep coming up with covers like the one on MAD #227 and you're going to run me out of business!

Mike Robertson Robby's Pizza and Subs Elmira, NY

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You're feeling lazy and stupid because you watch a lot of TV and movies, but you never read. So you start reading the newspaper.

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HOWEVER... you've already seen the movies based on the majority of books you read, so you find the books boring. So you switch to MAD Magazine.

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HOWEVER...you're soon back in the same old routine of watching a lot of TV and movies, but never reading, and feeling lazy and stupid about it. (Which is right where you began...)

Katic Smith Yuma, AZ

"MAGNUMB P.U."

I thought your version of "Magnum P.I." was very funny, just like the series.

Tom Salvador Somewhere, USA

Hmmm... no one was credited for writing "Magnum PU.". This means, of course, that no hate mail will reach the guy's desk, plus he retains his self-respect and dignity since nobody can castigate him for creating such drivel. I guess MAD is giving out Christmas bonuses early this year!

Marty Aaronson Houston, TX

How come you forgot to mention the writer of "Magnum PU."? Am I correct in assuming it was my favorite writer, Lou Silverstone? Had to be. It was definitely his style and really funny!

Mike Stanley
Westfield, NJ

Right you are! Lou wrote the script while Mort Drucker did the art. Both men, however, would probably deny any involvement in the mess.—Ed.

PUTTING THEM ON-THE MAP!

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Venice Chamber of Commerce, I have been authorized and directed to compliment you on your fine Winter Edirion and the valuable and useful MAD Map of the U.S.A. We were particularly delighted at the inclusion of Venice, California on the detailed map of Los Angeles. The nearby Marina Del Rey is equally delighted they were not included.

Richard J. Stall Jr. Los Angeles, CA

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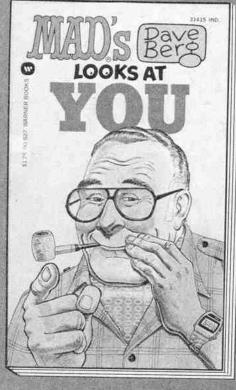
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ONE MOORE TIME DEPT.

Why do millions of movie-goers flock to see all the "James Bomb" films? Is it the jazzy cars...? The spectacular stunts...? The master villains ...? Could be, but we doubt it! We think it's the promise of SEX...implied by provocative "Movie Posters" like this one:



Yep, film fans rushed like crazy down to their local movie houses to see this latest James Bomb epic-

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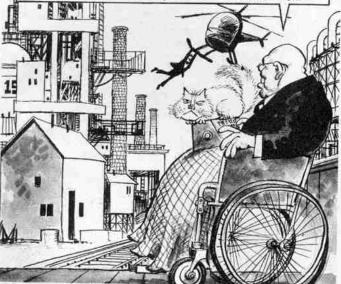


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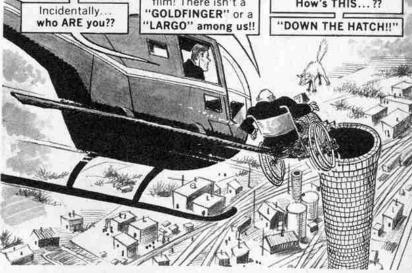
WRITER: ARNIE KOGEN

Good afternoon, Mr. Bomb! Welcome to "Remote Control Airways"! You are about to lose your luggage and your life! But not necessarily in that order!...heh-heh!



My LIFE, I don't care about! But NOBODY threatens my LUGGAGE!!

I am the first of the second-rate villains you'll meet in this film! There isn't a "GOLDFINGER" or a Okay... here's the first of the secondrate QUIPS you'll hear in this film! How's THIS...??



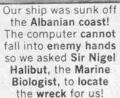


Double-O-Seven... I want to talk to you about a British wreck!

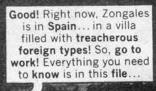
You mean Miss Pennymoney!! Perhaps a good plastic surgeon, Sir! They're doing wonderful things with silicone these days! Not THAT wreck!! Last week, our spy ship was sunk in the Ionian Sea! She was ATAC equipped! Are you aware of our ATAC system, Bomb...? ATAC?! That's the computer with the uncanny ability to launch BOTH ballistic missiles AND unbelievable movie premises!!







But he and his wife were killed by a Cuban hit-man, Heckler Zongales! Zongales was identified by Marlina, Halibut's beautifully-built daughter! Your job is to isolate Zongales! Do you BUY this premise, Bomb? For a million bucks plus a percentage of the gross... which is what I'm getting for this film... I'd buy Santa Claus kidnapping Barbara Walters as a premise!







One... the guy who's flashing all the money is Zongales! Two... the guy he's flashing it TO is even MORE evil than HE is!! And three... with all those half-naked GIRLS flashing what THEY'RE flashing, nobody CARES about the other two!! That ARROW saved my life!! Who... who ARE you...?! And please, don't tell me, "Cupid"!

We can't talk HERE!! Not NOW!! Not like THIS!! You're right!! Let's go some place where we can chat comfortably!





Much better! Now let's be casual and witty while being chased by goons at 180 m.p.h.! Incidentally, I'm not used to cars like this! Mine are usually equipped with ejector seats and rocket-firing headlights!

Absolutely nothing in this car is equipped!

Can you look me in the eye and honestly tell me that NOTHING in this car is equipped?

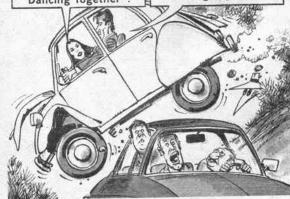
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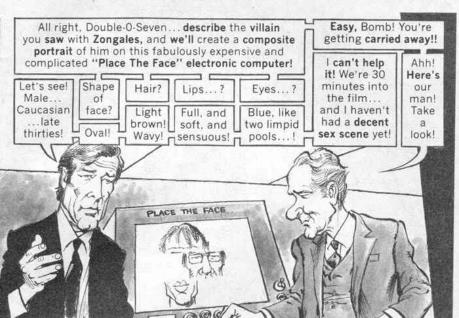
Now... who ARE you?!? T You are, of course,

l am Marlina! Zongales killed my parents! I am Greek! My hobbies are: "Revenge," "Archery," and "Cutting In When Two Greek Men Are Dancing Together"! You are, of course, incredible looking!!
But, once again, the Producers have saddled me with a leading lady whose acting ability ranges somewhere between Eric Estrada and a gravy ladle!!







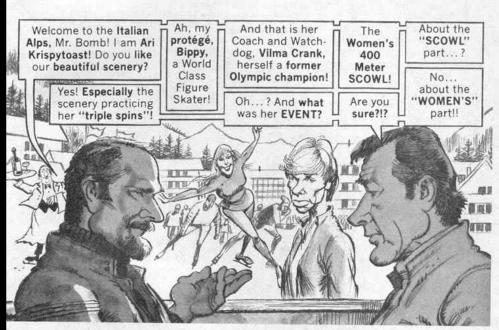




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Cortina?! That's in Northern Italy! Get there as soon as possible, Double-0-Seven!

I'll try to be there by the next panel...!!









He was too

Oh.,



The bad guys



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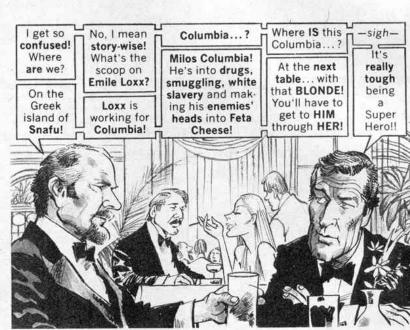
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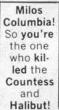












Wrong, Bomb! Krispytoast is the one you really want! He's a double agent working for Russia!!

Sure, I smuggle some gold and some pistachio nuts! But never any heroin! In fact...I can hardly make ends meet!!

But one day the money will start rolling in! One day I'll be wealthy!! Oh, I keep thinking...

If I Were A Rich Man... deedle deedle deedle dum-

CUT THAT OUT!! You **DID** that in "Fiddler"!

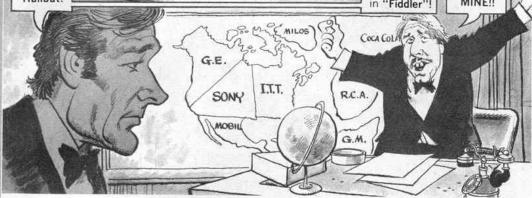
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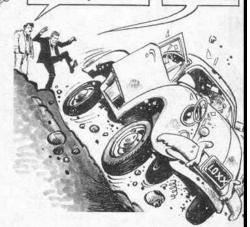
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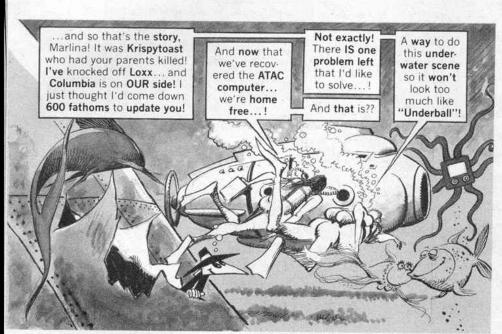
There goes ANOTHER one! What a WASTE!! In a few more scenes we'll have none left!

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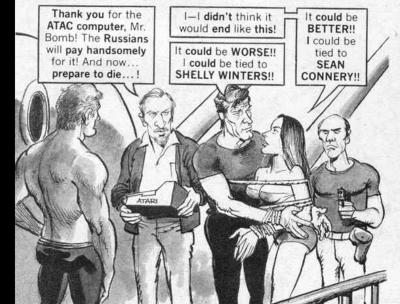
CARS?! I'm not worried about CARS!! It's VIL-LAINS! We're running out of VILLAINS!











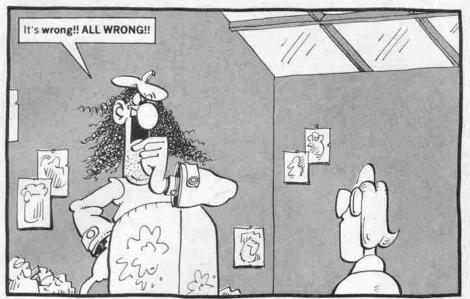
Don't count THIS James Bomb out yet! I still have a few tricks up my sleeve... like using the sharp coral when we turn to cut these ropes!!

Not TOO quickly! The Director wants his cameras to linger on these Greek temple ruins that he ordered built underwater for a few million dollars... so be patient while they slosh us





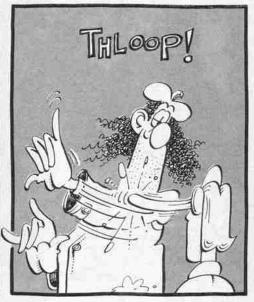
ONE DAY IN A SCULPTOR'S STUDIO















According to Webster, "progress" means "...a forward movement, and a gradual betterment." Well, we think it's time to take another look at how far we've

AMAD REPORT



Once upon a time, people did their baking and roasting in a gas or electric oven. They had to pay close attention, or whatever they were making would be burned or undercooked.



Today, we have the microwave oven. Everything is programmed. Nothing is left to chance. Whatever you're making is done to perfection. Nothing is burned, unless you happen to be exposed to the rays that a microwave oven gives off.



In the old days, when you had to cut the grass, you used a lawn mower that you had to push around. That's right! It had no motor! It was propelled by muscle power! Yours!



The modern lawn mower is powered by a gasoline engine. It cuts the grass with practically no effort at all! And it's a good thing, too! Because by the time you get the damned thing started you're too exhausted to push a mower around.



Remember when roller skates were adjustable, and one size fit forever, no matter how big your feet got? They were a bother, though. Like, you always had to have a skate key to fasten them to your shoes every time you went skating!



Today, skates come with the shoes attached, they fit perfectly, and you don't need a skate key. But they cost a bit more. About 100 bucks more! And if your feet should happen to grow, they won't fit and you'll need a new pair. moved ahead, and how much better things are. Yep, this is the third article we've done like this, which shows you how much progress we've made! Here is

ON PROGRESS

ARTIST: HARRY NORTH

WRITER: LOU SILVERSTONE



In the good old days, soda used to come in glass deposit bottles that were used over and over again. But when you finished the soda, you had to take the empty bottle back to the store to get your deposit, which was a real drag.



Today, soda comes in handy throw-away bottles. No deposit to worry about! No schlepping empties to the store. Just drink the soda and throw away the bottle. Of course, the landscape gets a bit messy, but look at the time saved!



Old style jeans were comfortable, but they were shapeless, baggy things that always looked like you'd slept in them.



Today, we have "designer" jeans. They're skin-tight, they don't wrinkle and they look great. Unfortunately, they're uncomfortable to walk in, and impossible to sit down in! But you look fantastic in them if you just stand around!



In the old days, people didn't go out much! They stayed home and watched rotten movies on television for free!



Today, we have Cable TV. Which means you no longer sit home and watch rotten movies on television for free! Now, when you sit home, watching rotten movies on TV, you have to pay for them! And that, gang, is PROGRESS!

How do you let potential buyers know about your product or service? You advertise, that's how! But there are some people who can't advertise their products or ser-

IFTHE UNDERW WERE ALLOWED

RTIST: JACK RICKARD



















vices . . . namely crooks, mobsters and other creeps who operate outside the law! So let's take a look (and this is how MAD creates a premise) at what we'd have . . .

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Driven Less Than 10,000 Miles	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Respectable First Owner	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
AM-FM Radio	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO

Ten Thousand Satisfied Customers Can't Be Wrong! Why is Wally Number One? Because He Steals Only The Best And Passes Up The Rest!

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Some Lawyers Offer Promises

MURRAY THE MOUTHPIECE GETS RESULTS!

Charge: Assault and Armed Robbery for hijacking a 197car freight train across state lines.

Verdict: Suspended sentence for disorderly conduct.

Lawyer: Murray the Mouthpiece.



Tailpipe Izzie



Charge: 1st-Degree Murder for wiping out a family of four. Verdict: \$50 fine for loitering. Lawyer: Murray the Mouthpiece.

Rocco the Gimp

Charge: Manslaughter for clubbing a crippled newsdealer after guning him down in a stolen car.

Verdict: Loss of driver's license for one year.

Lawyer: Murray the Mouthpiece.



Weasel Wally

When There's A Loophole In The Law, MURRAY FINDS IT!

MURRAY

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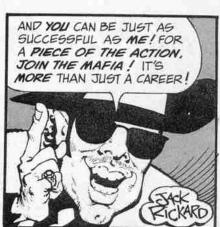












UNDERWORLD CLASSIFIED

Help Wanted

Experienced fence needed to help dispose of 850 cases of Pampers, hijacked from truck mistakenly thought to contain Sony TVs. Box B89.

Situations Wanted

Willie Spumoni, alias Willie the Wart, now at liberty following parole from San Quentin and looking for special position with potential, would like to join respected, established family as pusher. Box F13.

Gun-moll, bleached hair, gumchewing, appropriately cheaplooking, looking to hang out with flashily dressed mobster in hideout of his own choosing. Box C45.

Aging mobster, too old for such strenuous jobs as enforcer and contract specialist, looking for position with West Coast gang as senile toady or groveling bootlicker. BoxA31.

Personals

Criminal Court Judge Waldo P. Culpepper, having been returned to office for a second six-year term, is once more available for bribes, gifts and other favors. No personal checks please.

Augie the Shiv having left my family on his own volition, I am no longer responsible for his debts, obligations, or his ability to walk after my boys get through with him. Don Vito Minestrone. Have you made YOUR contribution to the Old Mobsters Home?

Propositions

Mob boss will trade two drivers and one lookout even up for one left-handed hitman and a 3rdround draft choice, Box Z76.

Lost and Found

Lost. Brass knuckles, around 10 p.m., July 3, in vicinity of crumpled body of Herbert "Rat" Muncrief on Pier 53. Sentimental Value, Reward, Box D44.











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OUR SPECIALTY

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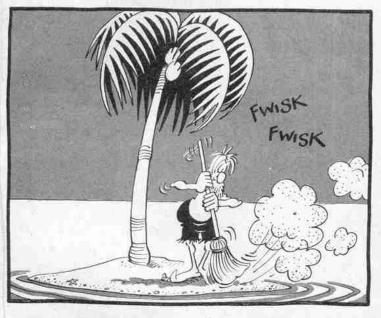
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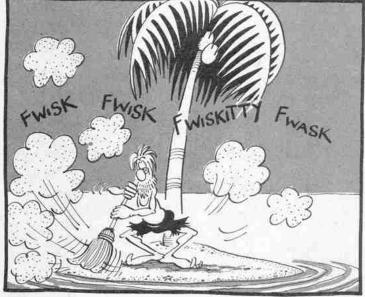
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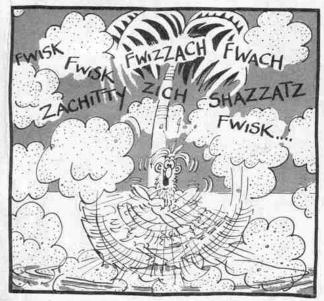
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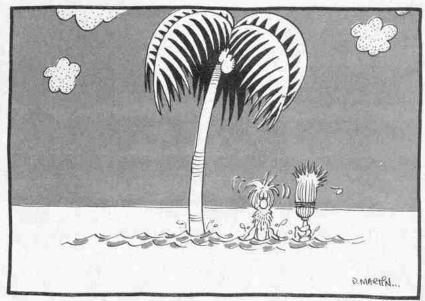












DOCTORS

I've examined you thoroughly ... read all the lab reports ... analyzed your tests and your X-rays... and I've come to this conclusion...





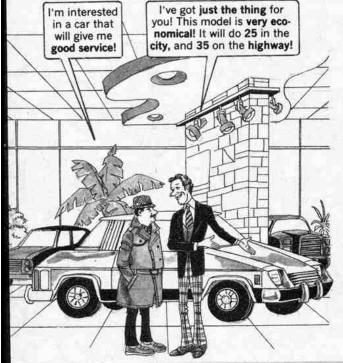




BERG's-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THELIGHTE

AUTOMOBILES







CRIME



I was so frightened about all the muggings, I decided to do something about it! So I bought myself a tear gas spray can for protection!



Sure enough, a short time later. I was attacked by a mugger!!

Oh, my goodness! What



He grabbed my purse!!

Did you use the tear gas on him?



I couldn't! It was in my purse!



ARTIST & WRITER: DAVE BERG

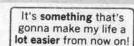
THE PAST

Daddy!! I was rummaging through an old trunk in the attic, and I found a priceless treasure!!



Don't tell me you came across a valuable old coin?!?







Tell me A batch of your what ...? old report cards!! WHAT?!?



SHOPPING



Well... we have just the thing! It's a black silk nighty, fringed in lace, with a matching dressing gown! It's very sexy, and you'll love her in it!!



that

case,

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Here you are, Sir, all giftwrapped for your lucky lady! And here's your sales slip! Be sure not to lose that!!



She'll NEED it when she comes back for an exchange!



EATING



KIDS

That kid of mine kept losing his mittens... so I finally PINNED his gloves to the sleeves of his jacket!!

And did it work...?



MARRIAGE

So tell me! This Howard you dated last night? Are there, maybe, WEDDING BELLS in the future?



I'd consider marrying Howard if he made a better living! And if he was taller! And if he wasn't so bald! And if he was better looking!



And if he was better educated! And if he came from a richer family! And if he had finer manners! And if he had a keener sense of humor!



And if he ASKED me!!



COMMUNICATING

People never confide in me! And I don't know why! On the other hand, people are always telling you their troubles! What is it about you...??



I don't know! Maybe it's because I have compassion! Maybe it's because I care!



But mostly, I think it's because when people talk to me, I give them my full attention and just listen!



Uh... sorry! What did you just say ... ??



MESSAGES

No!! He lost his JACKET!!



Hey, look! Our neighbor who owns that French "Le Car" auto has a flat tire! We'd better tell him...!



We haven't the time!



SPORTS

Listen, men! We're in the big time, now! We're Champs of the South Side, and this is the All-City Championship!



So, men... I want you to go out there and win, win, WIN!

Now... I don't want any of you men striking out!!



And I don't want any of you men missing any easy pop flies! And I don't want any of you men making any errors! And if, by some freak chance. we should lose this game ...



... I don't want any of you men busting out crying like a bunch of little kids!!



FINANCES







Good

How about that!?! For ONCE, the bank and I agree to the PENNY!!



Now, if it was only that way with the DOLLARS ... !



TRANSPORTATION



So I could save time getting to school in the mornings, and thereby sleep a little later!



Well, I manage So how's



... if I get up real early!



LITTLE KIDS



It's no big deal! Here's a book of Fairy Tales! Just read him a story!



Well?! How'd you

Okay!

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try!



But the little stinker keeps FALLING ASLEEP!!





TOUR MOD OROGODO

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY:

Loved ones are grateful if you try not to spit while blowing out the candles on your cake.

ARIES March 21—April 19

A strange shifting in the stars may cause you to experience some pleasure while viewing a rerun of Sheriff Lobo. Do not worry. This is only an illusion, and will pass, like a cheap meal. Do not treat lovemaking as a hobby or you could do permanent damage to yourself with wrongful applications of model airplane glue.

MOON CHILDREN June 22—July 22

The position of your stars is identical to those of Aquarius, Capricorn and Sagittarius. How this can be, we don't know. (But it does go a long way in explaining your lack of originality in life!) We suggest that from now on you read those three horoscopes and then pick out any advice you think looks good to you.

LIBRA

September 23—October 23
The position of Yank, the main star influencing your destiny, advises that now is an excellent time for a torrid romantic fling. However, the position of the Moral Majority condemns a torrid romantic fling as a no-no. The choice is yours. Either be bored out of your skull on earth, or burn for all eternity in hell!

CAPRICORN

December 22—January 19
Take a chance on a new co-worker.
They're only a dollar each and, who knows, you may just win her!
The AM may seem horrible today, however, it will begin to look better and better once you see what the PM has in store for you.
An unexpected raise and promotion at work enables you to pay for your emergency brain surgery.

TAURUS April 20—May 20

Your enthusiasm is contagious and so is your rash, so lay off the romantic entanglements. Complete one project before begining a second. However, it is not necessary to complete one project if you're planning to move directly on to a third. Your grades can improve overnight, providing you write legibly on your arm.

LEO

July 23—August 22

Your main stars have shifted in such a way that, when connected by straight lines, they strongly resemble either a profile of Alexander Haig or an aerial view of New Jersey. (This is open to artistic interpretation.) Such a configuration strongly suggests that you will soon be overtaken by a desire to invade Secaucus.

SCORPIO

October 24—November 21 A good day! An annoying neighbor will cease to bother you as you are evicted in the AM. Improve your personal ties by throwing out the very wide ones with the polka dot prints. Nobody has been wearing them for years! Look for your mailbox to be flooded with letters as someone pours an entire can of alphabet soup in it.

AQUARIUS

January 20—February 18
Your Moon has very quietly moved
from the House of Leo to the Condominium of Stanley. (Tax Purposes.) This signals a dramatic
upheaval in your emotional state.
Warm thoughts will singe your
brain. Because Uranus and your
piles are one, you could be in
big danger! Beware of fools, envious of your many shortcomings.

GEMINI May 21—June 21

After years of diligent brownnosing, you rise to the upper echelons of corporate power. Too bad your company is about to go under! This is typical of the way your luck has been running recently and will continue to run for some time. Do not fret! You still have a lot of drive left in you. Take a trip to Detroit!

VIRGO

August 23—September 22
Give a hand at home. Get ahead at work. Give a passing stranger the eye, and a passing motorist the finger. Lose an arm and a leg at the track. Get something off your chest. Lend your ears to fellow countrymen. Stick your nose in other people's business. Get your ass in a sling. Put your foot in your mouth. Hang loose.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22—December 21 A study of your stars has failed to uncover any information about your future. This could mean that you have no future. In fact, it's quite possible that you recently passed away, and your loved ones have been derelict in making the proper arrangements. Seek the advice of an expert, however, before having yourself cremated.

PISCES

February 19—March 20
A sensational day! An unexpected romance blooms out of a chance encounter at a local vigilante meeting. Be frank with your boss. That way, when you screw up, he will fire Frank and not you! Put your priorities in alphabetical order and stop accepting second best. It's much too good for you!

WRITER: JOHN FICARRA

You've probably seen on TV how Professional Athletes do everything possible to gain a physical or psychological edge over their opponents. This is because the Pros are

virtually perfect at what they do, and even the smallest bit of gamesmanship can spell the difference between victory and defeat. You've probably also noticed that, late-

A MAD LOOK AT THE I ATHLETES WHO IMI



It's common for Pros coming out of a game to drink one or two cups of "Gatorade" to restore lost body fluids. It's equally common for Little Leaguers who never get into a game to copy their heroes by drinking so much "Gatorade" they can't even wait till halftime to go to the bathroom.



Watching the Pros teaches young players the importance of consistently (and illegally) elbowing opponents out of the way for rebounds. Unfortunately, it doesn't teach them that said opponents will probably wait for them in the alley after the game to inflict massive retaliation.



The young basketballer who invests in sweatbands for his wrists and forehead so he can imitate what the Pros wear obviously hasn't checked first to learn that his team is probably playing in an unheated basement gym where he'd look much less ridiculous wearing mittens and earmuffs.



The Pro's ritual of stamping his foot and clenching his fists in frustration after failing to catch an easy pass becomes a hollow gesture when copied by a youthful klutz who has proven repeatedly that he can't even carry his books down the school corridor without dropping them all.

ly, klutzy young amateurs are using the same tactics on neighborhood sandlots. That's because young athletes are addicted to watchdog sports on TV and they're naturally

adapting all the mannerisms and strange rituals of their television sports heroes. Except that on them, it looks ridiculous! We'll show you what we mean as we now take-

DIOCY OF YOUNG TATE THE PROS ON TV



Although forming a "T" with both hands is the Pro's way of calling time out, it's the novice's way of looking idiotic for two reasons: (1) his game has no referee to stop play, and (2) his team has no Coach to advise them how to avoid getting their asses beat even if they could take time out.



Despite a burning desire to act like a Pro, no amateur Quarterback has any logical reason for calling a play numbered higher than 2, since the only options are (A) having everyone rush straight ahead for a run play, or (B) having everyone rush down the sidelines for a pass.



Any young girl is in for a shock if she shows up at a Park Department Swim Meet dressed in a one-piece competition suit like those worn by her Olympic heroines. She'll quickly find that the outfit won't speed up her time, but it will certainly slow down her social life.



The Big League "pick-off play" is often imitated by amateurs but with unsuccessful results. It seldom catches a runner off base, and usually allows him to score all the way from first while the entire opposing team searches for the ball in the border shrubbery, where their pitcher accidentally threw it.



Spiking the ball after a touchdown is the Pro's gesture of triumph that loses all meaning when an amateur scorer really has not triumphed over anybody except one defensive back who stood there, picking his nose, through the whole play.



When breaking out new balls, Tennis Pros always display their expertise by testing them for trueness of bounce, etc. This act becomes meaningless when imitated by penniless amateurs who play with the same balls all Summer.



The "high five hand slap," which the Pros developed to congratulate each other after a tremendously brilliant play, looks utterly ridiculous when it is mimicked on a school yard basketball court, where there has never, ever in all history been a tremendously brilliant play.



In the N.F.L., team captains who win the coin toss almost always elect to receive, but youngsters who stupidly mimic this practice apparently forget that the players in their league fumble kick-off returns at least 95% of the time.



Many young kickers have eagerly aped the Pros in seeking greater accuracy by booting the football "soccer style," but this seems rather brainless when kids usually play on fields that don't have any goal posts or sideline markers.



There is something fundamentally preposterous about kids who confer at the mound on how to handle the next batter, when they all know that their pitcher will be lucky if he can even get the ball over the plate on the first bounce.



By imitating the Pros who use "batting gloves" to insure better grips when making contact with the ball, the amateur who makes little contact with the ball, only benefits from using a glove by reducing the chill factor when he swings and misses.



TV teaches young fighters how to celebrate a knockout by raising both arms in triumph. But it does not teach them that different rules apply in the streets, where a defeated opponent can get up again and do severe damage while you're standing there like an idiot with your arms raised.



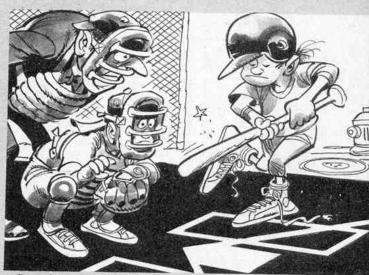
Slowing down to drink a cup of water passed along to you by a friend may be brilliant strategy if you're a big-time runner competing in the Marathon, but it's absurd strategy when you're an 8th grader competing in the 100-yard dash.



Young athletes who try to act like N.B.A. champs by cutting down the nets after winning a three-on-three school yard game not only look foolish, but also run the risk of getting arrested for committing vandalism.

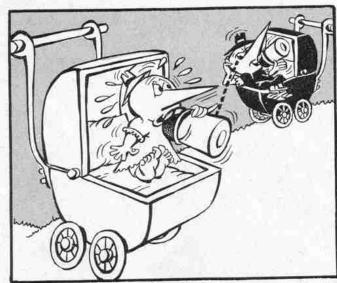


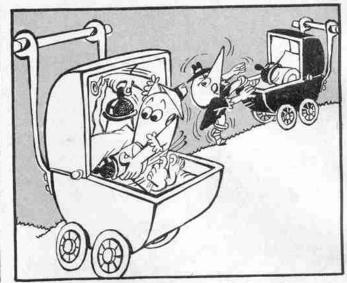
The Big Leaguer's habit of perpetually spitting becomes even more yecchy when imitated by a kid who's unable to get enough distance to even clear the end of his chin.



Stepping out of the batter's box to knock the dirt from his spikes is a favorite diversion of Major League Pros that loses its effectiveness when practiced by amateurs who are usually wearing sneakers and playing on asphalt.

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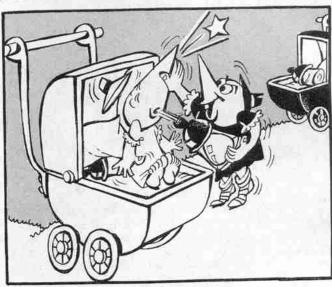






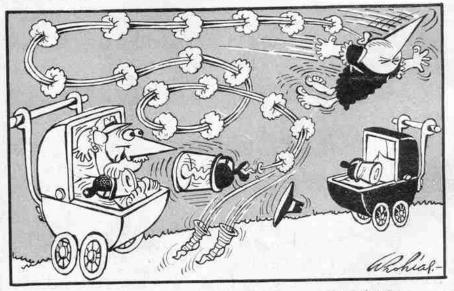










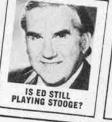


A NEW WRINKLE DEPT.

The big craze these days is nostalgia, with many books being written about famous people of the past and what has finally become of them. Well, in twenty-five years or so, the famous people of today will be written about in the "trivia" of tomorrow. So with this in mind, let's leap ahead in time and peek at one of these books we'll all be reading ... namely ...

















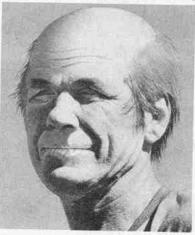


CHARLES BRONSON

After years of being a Hollywood tough guy, Charles Bronson gave up films in 1987 to open his own Shakespeare theater. He made his debut in "Hamlet," lit-

erally bringing down the house when, caught up in an emotional scene, he demolished the scenery, ripped down the curtain and laid out two supporting actors. In his next role as Romeo,

he crushed the ribs of seven successive "Juliets" while being carried away in love scenes. Ensuing lawsuits, plus fear of working with him, forced Mr. Bronson to retire. Now 84, he lives in Oregon with his pet rhino.



RONA BARRETT

Once the queen of the gossip columnists, Rona Barrett lost most of her newspapers and TV following after reporting in 1988 that Edward Kennedy would marry Brooke Shields, that Warren Beatty planned

to become a Monk, and that John Denver was plotting to overthrow the U.S. Government. Lawsuits piled up, and the final blow came in 1991, when the National Enquirer, her only re-



maining paper, fired her for "being too sensational." Now 70. she writes a weekly senior citizen gossip sheet, and is fighting a libel suit by a 91-year-old man who she accused of using shuffleboard courts for immoral purposes.

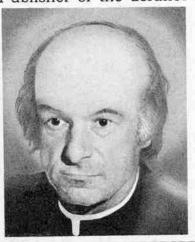


HUGH HEFNER

Now 80 and married, Hugh Hefner lives in a mobile home on the outskirts of Fresno. After selling his interest in "Playboy" in 1988, he became a bornagain Christian, taking

an active role in the Church of the Devine Gospel. As a traveling spokesman, he persuaded thousands to join the Church, among them Bob Guccione (once Publisher of the defunct

"Penthouse") and Gay Telese (a former sex writer). Hefner, who years ago gave away his millions for religious research, now publishes "Prayboy", a newsletter which each month features a centerfold of a converted heathen.



VANESSA REDGRAVE

Once a leading film star, Vanessa has not appeared in movies since 1986 when she renounced the "Zionist Imperialists of Show Business" and vanished. Known for her outspoken pro-Arab



leanings, she suddenly turned up in Seria in 1991 with a new name, Fatima Mustafa, and a new husband, none other than ex-PLO leader Yasir Arafat (now 77, and a Camel Trader).



Her crusade in 1998 to liberate Arab women failed miserably, and she is currently a typical Arab wife. She now makes her home in a Bedouin camp, walks ten paces behind her husband and has adapted well to desert harem life.



BILLY CARTER

After dropping out of sight when his brother Jimmy was defeated for re-election in 1980, Billy Carter emerged again in 1988 with a plan to make gasoline out of peanut oil. The scheme, a fail-

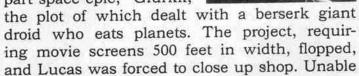
ure, wiped out investors and bankrupted the brothers. In 1993, Billy was hired as a goodwill ambassador by the Beer Industry, which hoped he could convince Middle East Moslems

to relax their ban on alcoholic beverages. He failed, touching off riots that led to the Mid-East War of 1995. Today, at 69, he and Jimmy raise possums in Plains, and add to their incomes by posing for photos with tourists.



GEORGE LUCAS

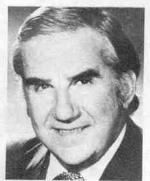
In 1992, after completing his 12th "Star Wars" film ("Darth Vader Rusts Out"), George Lucas sunk his entire fortune of \$350 million into his 96-hour, 32part space epic, "Glurkk,"





to obtain financing for future projects, he is now "frozen" in a time capsule, planning to wake up in 2091 when, as his instructions state, "the world will be a lot more receptive to my incredibly fantastic movie ideas!"



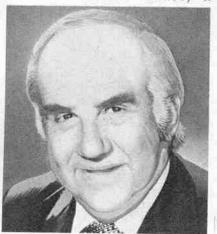


ED McMAHON

When Johnny Carson left the "Tonight" show in 1987, Ed McMahon, unwanted in television, was forced to find a new spot for his talents. He worked briefly as a hired laugher at roasts and ban-

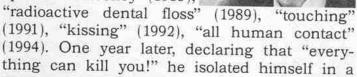
quets, then wrote a self-help book, "Be A Yes-Man and Live!" and an autobiography, "Call Me Today!" In 1992, he campaigned unsuccessfully for Vice President of the United States, a

job he described as "...perfect for a man of my gifts!" Today, at 83, he spends his days on a bench outside a Philadelphia, Pa., courthouse, chuckling over the jokes of pensioners and retired postmen.



RALPH NADER

Nader, who first gained fame fighting unsafe cars, moved on to new targets in the '80's, launching crusades against "radiation from telephones" (1983), "polluted currency" (1985), "radioactive dental floss"





lead-walled, sterilized cave in West Virginia. He is now hard at work on what he calls his "most important project"—research exposing the pollution and poor safety standards we can expect "in the Hereafter!"



BILLY MARTIN

This baseball veteran, who holds the record for "Number of Teams Managed" (24 in 29 years), left the Major Leagues in 1994 after punching out a crew of Umpires at San Diego Stadium.

Banned from the game by new Commissioner of Baseball George Steinbrenner, Martin briefly managed a Minor League club in Japan and a Little League team in Taiwan, then served as

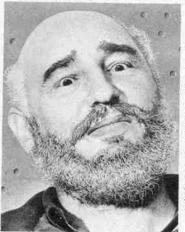
a Third Base Coach for the Fargo, N.D., Fillies, a woman's semi-pro softball team. Still chipper at 78 and a bouncer in a downtown Las Vegas tavern, Billy feels "certain" he will return one day as Yankee Manager.



FIDEL CASTRO

After nearly three decades as the most powerful Communist leader in the Americas, Mr. Castro gave it all up in 1987, telling his people that "Marxism is a big bore!"

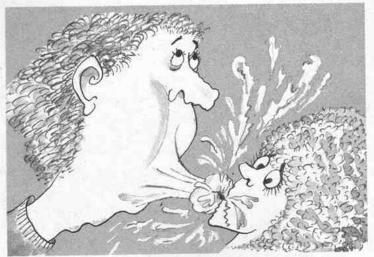
With that, he brought back tourism and casinos to Havana, and by 1994, controlled all of the gambling in the Caribbean. Today, 79 and a dapper dresser, he entertains high-rollers at his



Club Castro, denies any connection to organized crime and remains a bachelor, hobnobbing with show business celebrities. Recently he has been linked romantically with Farrah Fawcett (now 59 and separated from her 6th husband, Donny Osmond).



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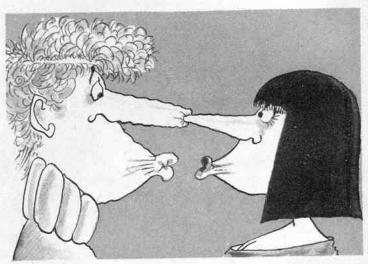
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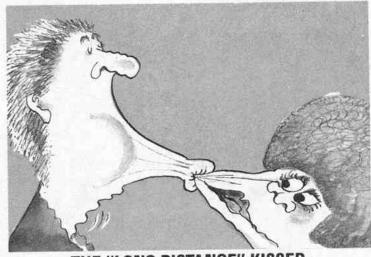
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THE "IT'S MY FIRST TIME, TOO!" KISSER



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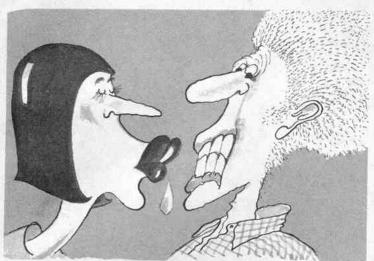
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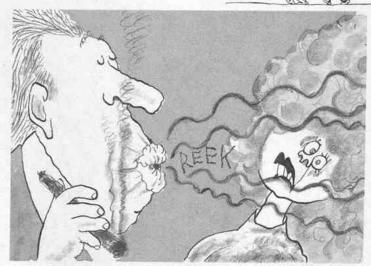
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LOUSY KISSERS

ARTIST & WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGE



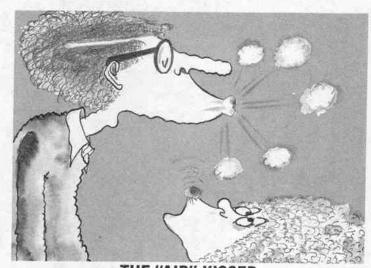
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THE "AIR" KISSER

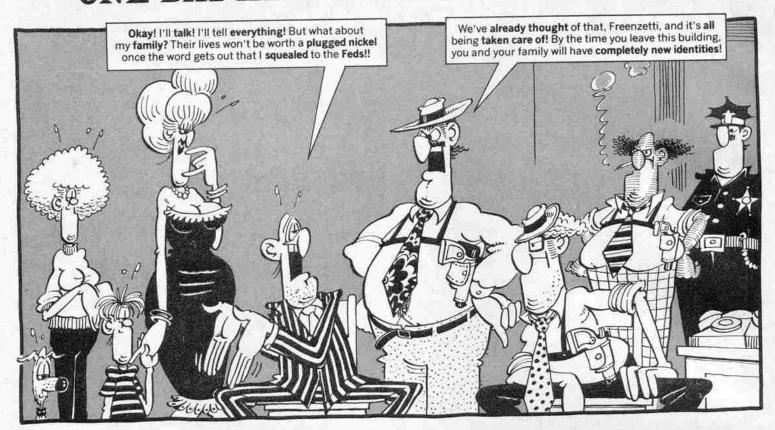


THE "MACHO" KISSER



THE "STATIC ELECTRICITY" KISSER

ONE DAY AT THE FEDERAL BUILDING





There's an old saying that swears: "Statistics don't lie!" Well, maybe they don't—but they sure can be made to fib a lot! If you don't believe us, just check out...

A MAD GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING STATISTICS

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

WRITER: DICK DE BARTOLO

HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW STATISTICS CAN BE BLOWN WAY OUT OF PROPORTION

Here is the ad they ran...



And here is what the place looked like in reality...





STATISTICS CAN ALSO BE DISTORTED AND SLANTED BY WHERE A SURVEY IS TAKEN

For example...first study this ad...



And now look where the survey was taken...



IS IT POSSIBLE THAT TWO SURVEYS CAN SHOW TWO TOTALLY DIFFERENT ANSWERS?

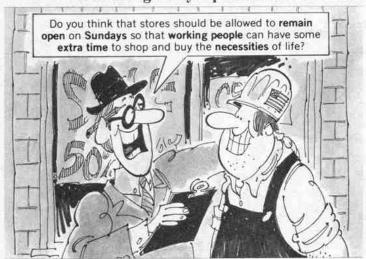
Of course! In answer to the question, "Are you planning to get married?", one survey showed that 91% of those asked said "Yes!"...and another survey showed that 91% of those asked said "No!" How could this be? Again, it was where the question was asked!





HOW A QUESTION IS PHRASED HAS A LOT TO DO WITH THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY

For example...wouldn't you be tempted to answer "Yes!" to both of these questions—even though they represented diametrically opposing views of the very same issue...?





AND, OF COURSE, WHO IS ASKED A QUESTION CAN ALSO SLANT A SURVEY RESULT

For example...if you wanted a high percentage of "Yes!" answers to the question, "Are you going to buy a Video Recorder this year?" which of these groups would you* survey?

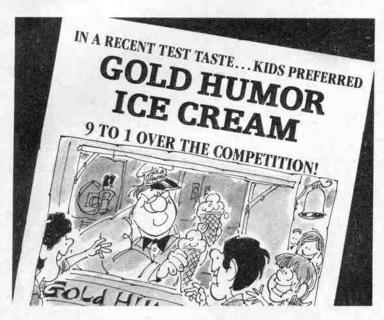




IT'S PRETTY EASY TO ALTER THE ODDS OF A SURVEY TO GET THE ANSWER WANTED

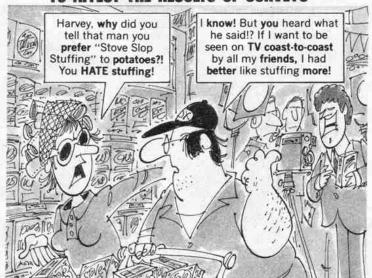








AND THERE ARE OTHER SNEAKY WAYS TO AFFECT THE RESULTS OF SURVEYS



AND FINALLY, LITTLE "GIFTS" CAN HELP SLANT THE SURVEY'S RESULTS

Madam, if we were to send ten free cases of "Jeer Laundry Detergent" to your home, do you think you'd like to join the 99% of housewives who have switched to "New Jeer"...?

PUT YOUR FUNNY IN THE BLANK DEPT.

Most clods think they could become successful comedians if only they had the chance. They're all convinced that just one thing stands between them and national acclaim:

the vast sum of \$50 needed to hire a top comedy writer to prepare material for them. We think this adds up to discrimination against the poor, so we've assigned one of

Good evening, ladies and A very funny thing
happened to me on my way over here from 2 A bum came
up and asked me to call him a taxi, so
friends, I just arrived in your fine city after three wonderful weeks of play-
ing(4) During that engagement, I ran into an old high
school classmate who(5)
Speaking of that, what do you think about ? Believe
me, when I was younger, nobody would even dream of(7)
As you may know, I grew up in I'll never forget the
first girl I dated. She was so(9) Now, as I've grown a little
older, I'm just thankful(10)
Say-here's a joke for you. A fella goes to a psychiatrist and says, "Doc,
I imagine I'm a rabbit." So the psychiatrist says, (11) How
come nobody's laughing at this material?(12)
Incidentally, before I finish my act, I've been asked by several of you
to But what I'd really like to do is leave you with a bit
of wisdom that was passed on to me by When I told him
I was going into show business, he just smiled and said,
I hope you'll remember that as I have. Thank you, and Gawd bless.



FILL BLANK #4 FROM THIS GROUP

- A. in Las Vegas—on the upper floors of a sorority house.
- B. solitaire in the drunk tank of a small southern jail.
- C. second fiddle to a trained seal in a carnival side show.
- around with my neighbor's wife while he was in Chicago.



FILL BLANK #8 FROM THIS GROUP

- A. Brooklyn. Anybody else out there from Brooklyn?
- B. a tough Italian neighborhood. Any other Paisanos out there?
- C. a family of sanitary engineers. Any other garbage men out there?
- D. a closet hiding from evil spirits. Any other psychotics out there?



FILL BLANK #12 FROM THIS GROUP

- A. I know you're out there because I hear you breathing.
- B. Just raise your hand if you want me to explain the jokes.
- C. There are hungry children in Asia who would gladly trade places with you.
- D. I'm sure the Man Upstairs has put me on Earth to spread happiness.



FILL BLANK #5 FROM THIS GROUP

- A. told me a great joke in dialect, but I forget the punchline.
- B. passed along that gag about Jackie Onassis that I'm sure you've heard.
- C. had a funny story about the Pope meeting Bo Derek on a train.
- D. praised me for endorsing Brotherhood Week, even though I'm not Jewish.



FILL BLANK #9 FROM THIS GROUP

- A. buck-toothed that she ate corn on the cob through a picket fence.
- B. fat that in our graduation picture, she was the whole front row.
- C. talented that she grew up to be my close friend, Liza Minelli.
- D. desperate that she married me, so let's give her a big hand.



FILL BLANK #13 FROM THIS GROUP

- A. hurry up and finish it already.
- B. sing five songs I recently had the privilege to record.
- C. add a little class to this routine by doing some Gay Polish jokes.
- D. set off an alarm clock so everybody can wake up and go home.



our own top \$50 writers to whip together a monologue of the type that has launched many of today's comedians on the path to fame and fortune. Since MAD cannot promise

MAD'S
DO-ITYOURSELF
COMEDY
ROUTINE

FILL BLANK #6 FROM THIS GROUP

WRITER: TOM KOCH

- A. all those sex change operations?
- B. motels that show X-rated movies?
- C. the way the girls jiggle on "Charlie's Angels?"
- D. the way I switch to off-color material when nothing else gets a laugh?



FILL BLANK #10 FROM THIS GROUP

- A. that Alan King hasn't sued me for stealing this monologue.
- B. to have two lovely children who are both out on parole tonight.
- C. for all the awards I've received when others were almost as deserving.
- D. that I didn't live in an era when lousy comedians were put to death.



FILL BLANK #14 FROM THIS GROUP

- A. Sammy Davis, Senior.
- B. Kermit the Frog.
- C. the last commissioner of the World Football League.
- D. my father, just before he was arrested as a flasher.



success if every aspiring comic uses the same material, we've included enough multiple choice jokes for you to fill in the numbered blanks and thereby personalize . . .

FILL BLANK #1 FROM THIS GROUP

- A. germs
- B. jerks.
- C. all you other women out there.
- D. my parents, who just celebrated their 60th anniversary, Lord love 'em.



FILL BLANK #2 FROM THIS GROUP

- A. Anaheim, Azusa and Cucamonga.
- B. my hotel room, which is so small the mice are humpbacked.
- C. the store where I just bought this suit made out of recycled lint.
- D. a charity telethon where I worked for 23 hours, but please don't applaud.



FILL BLANK #3 FROM THIS GROUP

- A. I bit him
- B. I said, "Take my wife-please!"
- C. I told him my girl went topless for a week and nobody noticed.
- D. I did my impression of Richard Nixon, which goes something like this.



FILL BLANK #7 FROM THIS GROUP

- wearing pink leotards to a Teamsters' convention.
- B. showing up at a girl's house naked on the first date.
- C. Charging people money to hear a comedy routine like this one.
- D. refusing to die for his country, and I mean that sincerely.



FILL BLANK #11 FROM THIS GROUP

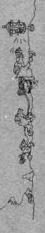
- A. "That's nothing. My wife ran off with our marriage counselor."
- B. "I wasn't signaling for a turn. I was just drying my nail polish."
- C. "You wouldn't think this was a onehorse town if you had my job."
- D. "Know where my gorilla sleeps? Anyplace he wants to."



FILL BLANK #15 FROM THIS GROUP

- A. "You can't tell a jackal by the color of his socks."
- B. "The higher the fewer."
- C. "The devil may wear many coats, but all of them need mending."
- D. "Don't rub your greasy hands all over the door knob."





FROM LOS ANGELES. CALIFORNIA... IT'S THE FINSTER FAMILY, HOWARD, KAREN, ANDY, LORRAINE AND JAYWALKER...

AND ALSO FROM LOS ANGELES -BECAUSE WE'RE CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO GIVE THEM THE MONEY AND AIRFARE-IT'S THE DOE FAMILY ... JOHNBOY, LING, VITO, RUBY AND SVEN!

AND THIS IS THE TV **GAME SHOW** THAT MAKES THEM ALL INTO...

Listen... I'm the **HEAD** of this dumb family, so I keep all the money we win!!

It was MY idea to try out for so I keep all the money!!

Oh, yeah?!? Unless I get half the winnings, I'll tell America what a rotten Father

I wet my And pants!! that's when

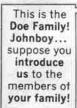
And now, here's the Fools"

Hi, and welcome to "Family Fools"! And speaking of family fools, will someone please tell the Finster Family to stop fighting! They're supposed to fight with the OTHER family



IILY FOOLS





Sure! This is my Sister, Ling Wong ... my Brother, Vito DiAngelo... my Mother, Ruby Jackson... and my Dad, Sven Svensen! Johnboy, are you sure this is your family?

Well, it's my family for the next half hour! Actually, we met while picking up tickets for the show!



ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

It's a BOMB!! And if

we WIN, then we'll

tell you how to defuse

it! But if we LOSE ...

WRITER: DICK BIC

Richard, we watch the show at home all the time, and we know that people are always bringing you gifts! So, we want you to have this one! It's homemade!!



Okay, it's time to play "Family Fools"! The first team to reach 200 points plays for the \$10,000 jackpot! We take the first player of each team first! And the first one to hit the buzzer first goes first and answers the first question! But if his answer isn't on the board in the first place, the other party has a shot at seeing if his answer is first! And if it IS first, then that team goes first, understand?

Yes... but only because we had a six hour briefing before we came out here!











Oh,

shoot!

You





Jaywalker, you only need

one answer to "Name some-

Sorry, you didn't answer in time! That's strike two! One more strike and the Doe Family will have a free try! Look at them there, in a deep huddle, deciding on an answer! Oh ... our Stage Manager tells me they're NOT in a deep huddle ... they're in a DEEP SLEEP ... !!





Sorry!

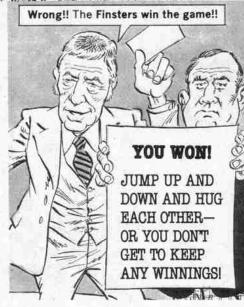
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SYRUP

Well, Finsters... you have three strikes, so the Doe Family has a shot at winning the game! They're dying to give their answer, and—Uh!... will someone please wake up the Doe Family so they can start dying to give their answer...?!!







Now comes the part of our show that makes the demand for tickets to be in our studio audience so huge...

It's "Audience Participation" time!

This is the place where we reveal the unguessed answers on the board, and everyone reads them out loud! Okay, here we go! "Something made in Japan"!

RADIOS!

WATCHES!

CAMERAS!



By the way! Be sure to check your local record shop for the new "Family Fools Album"! It contains 12 hit bands of 12 different audiences reading unguessed answers out loud!

Sir, I appreciate the fact that you brought Rosalyn and Amy and Billy and Miss Lillian... and I know that you're out of work and that \$10,000 is a lot of money... but that's it!!

ALL families MUST be interviewed before they can be on the program!



Okay, it's time for the Finster Family to play for the \$10,000! Howard is out here with us, and Karen is backstage where she can't hear a thing!

That's right, Richard! I can't hear a THING!!

Will someone please check to make sure that Karen is in a sound-proof... and preferably an AIR-PROOF booth...!?!



I'm going to ask you five questions! However, since NBC is in last place in the ratings again, and it is in big financial trouble, we've made it just a little harder to win the \$10,000! So instead of 15 seconds, you'll only have 3 seconds to answer! And instead of my reading you the questions, I'll let you FEEL them... because they're written in Braille! Okay, ready? GO...

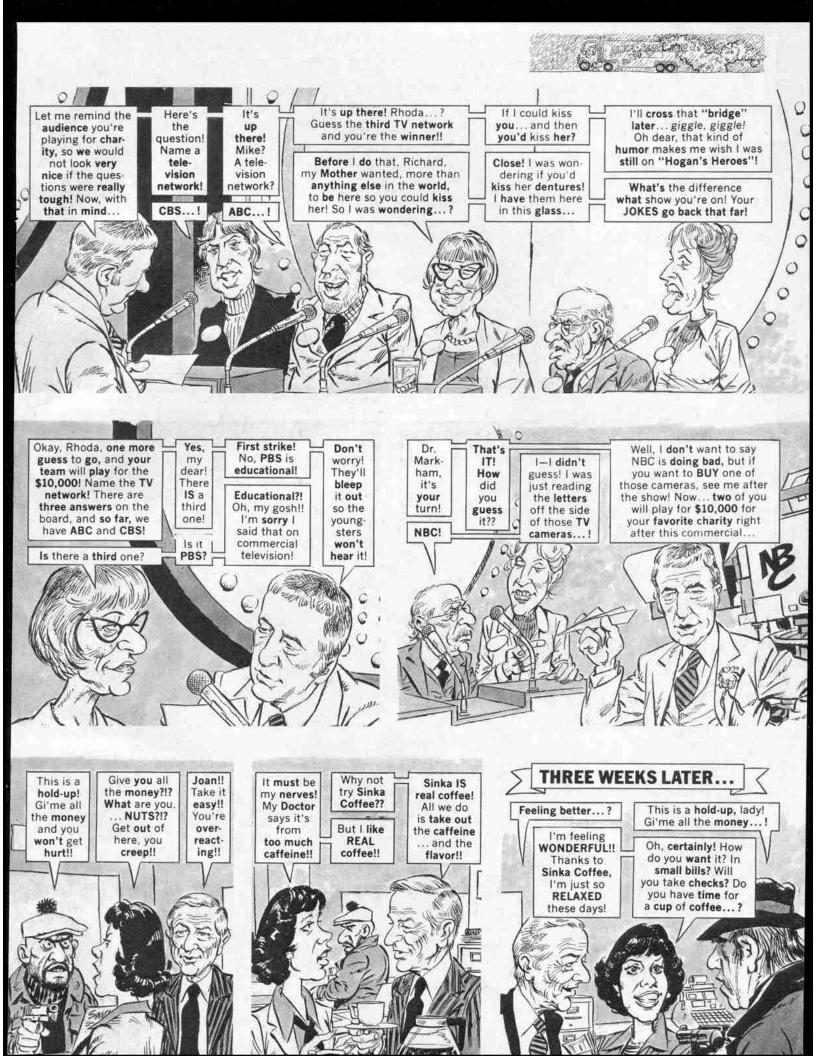
Oh, I'm sorry!
Time's up! I'm
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means you don't
win the \$10,000
... but it does
mean that the
staff will get
paid this week!











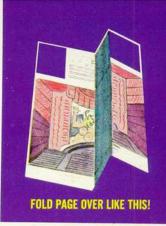


WHAT KIND OF OBSCENITY MAKES PARENTS HATE SENDING THEIR KIDS TO THE MOVIES?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

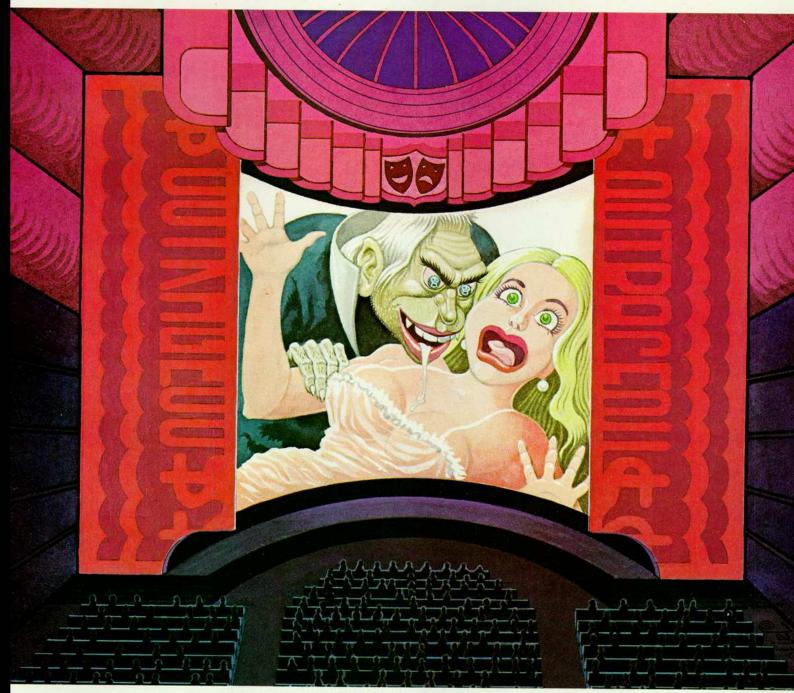
The Movie Business is changing all the time, and some aspects of it have become rather offensive lately. But there is one particularly objectionable item that has parents really aroused. To see what it is... fold in page as shown at the right.



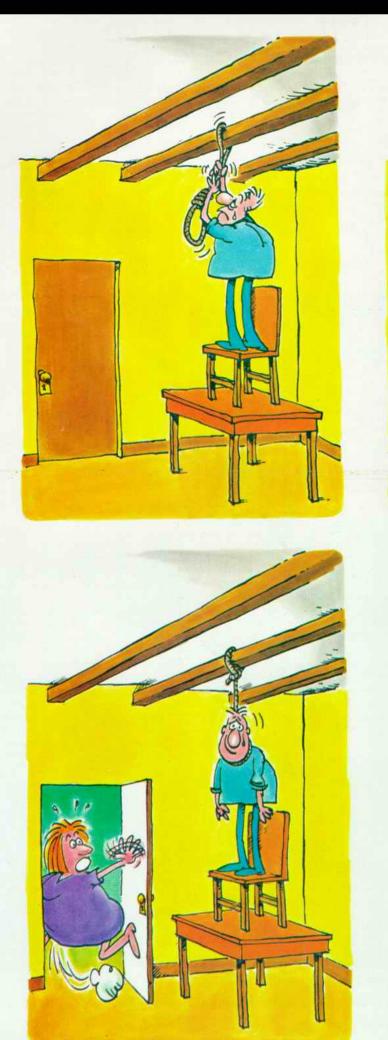
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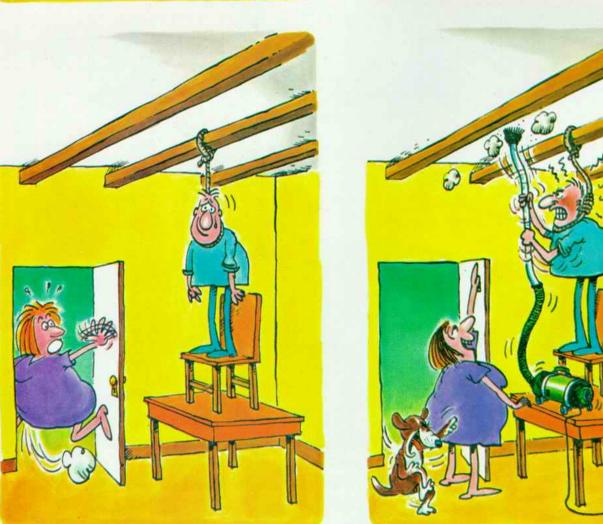
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ARTIST & WRITER: AL JAFFEE LATELY, MANY ANGRY PARENTS HAVE BECOME SICK AND
TIRED OF THE MOVIE INDUSTRY. THEY FEEL THAT IT'S A RACKET
PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO TURNING THEATERS INTO "PORN" PALACES
AN







ARTIST & WRITER SERGIO ARAGONES