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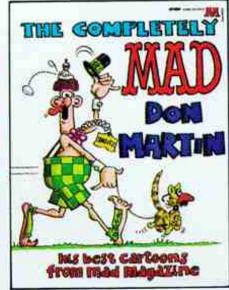


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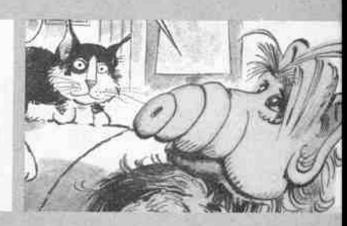
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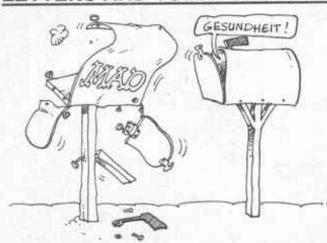
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"Jumbled Joke Flash" was @#\$%¢*! great!

Adam Cassidy Ontario, Canada

RUSSIAN TO CONCLUSIONS

Not content with corrupting the morals of our young people, MAD is now showing signs of subversive Russian influence (People Even Lonelier than the Maytag Repairman, MAD #270). How else would artist Paul Coker know that Cana on the Chernobyl vegetable stand is pronounced "sale"?!

Robert Erck Lombard, IL

Simple. Paul's been using Russian dressing on his vegetables for years! —Ed.

MORON MAIL

What does MAD stand for, anyway?
Devin Hesse
Chester, VT

Good Question! MAD stands for the right of Americans to put whatever they want in a microwave oven. The belief that no matter what your race, religion or nationality, you can still be tracked down by a collection agency. The freedom to question why Lucille Ball ever tried to make a comeback on network TV. But mostly, MAD stands for these silly paragraphs we write in response to stupid letters like yours! —Ed.

MIAMI WRITES

I've been on the cover of magazines of all kinds, from *Time* to *Rolling Stone* to the *Star* (who's counting??). But I must say that being featured on the cover of MAD was a thrill unlike the others. THE BIG TIME!

Don Johnson Miami, FL



A LOTTO LETTERS

Your "Realistic State Lottery Scratch-Off games" in MAD #270 are just like real lotteries: Unwinnable!

> M. Roplex St. James, NY

MAD's "Realistic State Lottery Scratch-Off games" are pretty clever, but you forgot the most obvious one: Scratch off three funny articles in MAD and win! Irvin Schonbrun

Vancouver, Canada

...Or how about: Try to scratch-off one funny letter from anyone in Vancouver (the Bayonne of the Great White North)!

—Ed.

Help! I can't get the MAD Fold-In in issue #270 to come out right! Every time I crease the page, little pieces of silver flake off! What am I doing wrong?

Jon Slobins Damascus, MD

Do we look like doctors? Obviously your problem is not really with the Fold-In. So you see "little flakes of silver," do you? What do you see when you turn the other pages of MAD? Did you find a live chicken on page 37, hmmm? We beg you to seek professional help.—Ed.

"CELEBRITY MADBALLS"

We have one more "Celebrity Madball" that you forgot to include in MAD #269.

Adam Cousins Alex Bajoris Ridgefield, CT



Bruised Springsteen



Miami Vice's Don Johnson reads our spoof of his show in MAD #261...and reacts!

ART DEPRECIATION

Using my computer, I have solved one of the great mysteries in the history of art. I can now bravely assert that the model for da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" was none other than Alfred E. Neuman! When juxtaposed, their nose, mouth, chin, eyes and forehead match to an amazing degree! This is certain to set off tremors in the art world.

Tony Power Grand Falls, Newfoundland



Mona E. Lisa? You decide.

LET US PRAISE?

MAD is one of the greatest magazines around. Anyone referring to MAD as a vehicle for Satan is grossly misinformed. Now that I have complimented your magazine and mentioned Satan, I guess I will get my letter published.

Gerry Downs -Jeffersontown, KY

I hadn't read MAD in 13 years, but as a teenager in the early 70's Alfred E. Neuman was my idol and MAD was my bible (much to my parents' dismay)! I recently bought a copy and I was delighted to see that none of the sting has gone out of the biting wit and merciless satire that I remember so well. I have donated a copy of MAD to a time capsule being assembled here in Ontario.

Kathryn Kurschinski Ontario, Canada

Kathryn, you had no taste then, either!
—Ed





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BESTOF THE MILLENIUM

(1000 A.D.-2000 A.D.)

READER'S POLL

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

- 1. Best Century
- 2. Best political revolution
- 3. Best recording of "Long, Tall Sally"
- 4. Best solar eclipse
- 5. Best wife of Henry VIII
- 6. Best book by Jackie Collins
- 7. Best chicken joke
- 8. Best geological erosion
- 9. Best man-made ecological disaster (will be held open for last-minute nominations)
- 10. Best battle of the Hundred Years War
- 11. Best plague
- 12. Best male vocalist (Pop/Rock)
- 13. Best female vocalist (Pop/Rock)
- 14. Best neuter vocalist (Gregorian Chanting)
- 15. Best Lite Beer commercial
- 16. Best-pillaged village
- 17. Best invention
- 18. Best-worded question of the Spanish Inquisition
- 19. Best historical trend
- 20. Best moat
- 21. Best funny caption for Rodin's "The Thinker"
- 22. Best Pope
- 23. Best Crusade
- 24. Best hoagie
- 25. Best gothic cathedral
- 26. Best suburban shopping mall
- 27. Best English translation (Greek drama)
- 28. Best English translation (German opera)
- 29. Best English translation
 (American Pop/Rock lyrics)

- 30. Best Prussian general
- 31. Best Polish joke
- 32. Best "exit line" by a religious martyr
- 33. Best dungeon
- 34. Best NBA Playoff series
- 35. Best broken treaty
- 36. Best way to lure the Spanish Armada into a trap
- 37. Best Bob Hope special
- 38. Best dictator
- 39. Best monarch
- 40. Best Navajo medicine-man
- 41. Best pastry named after a European ruler
- 42. Best TV mini-series
- 43. Best appearance of Halley's Comet
- 44. Best appearance of Bill Haley and the Comets
- 45. Best appearance of Josephine the Plumber in a commercial for Comet cleanser
- 46. Best guillotine maker
- 47. Best serf
- 48. Best Pointer sister
- 49. Best Serbo-Croation fashion designer
- 50. Best weight-loss diet (voluntary)
- 51. Best mobile home park
- 52. Best disease brought by Europeans to the New World
- 53. Best dancer (Broadway)
- 54. Best dancer (African fertility rite)
- 55. Best Aztec virgin-sacrifice altar
- 56. Best smurf
- 57. Best rumor about Richard the Lion-Hearted
- 58. Best recipe for bread-and-gruel
- 59. Best production of "Cats"

- 60. Best reform of the Reformation
- 61. Best argument against Galileo's theory that the Earth revolves around the Sun
- 62. Best voyage of Magellan
- 63. Best episode of "The Love Boat"
- 64. Best incorrect explanation of "E=mc2"
- 65. Best-sounding excuse for the invasion of Grenada
- 66. Best sculpture (Italian Renaissance)
- 67. Best painting (French Impressionist)
- 68. Best graffiti (Brooklyn Restroom)
- 69. Best medical breakthrough
- 70. Best Japanese auto
- 71. Best Godzilla movie
- 72. Best merchandising spin-off of "Garfield"
- 73. Best dentist (pre-Novocain)
- 74. Best vintage of Chateau Mouton-Rothschild
- 75. Best flavor of Kool-Aid
- 76. Best coronation
- 77. Best date
- 78. Best silly non-sequitur in a 'Best of the Millenium' poll

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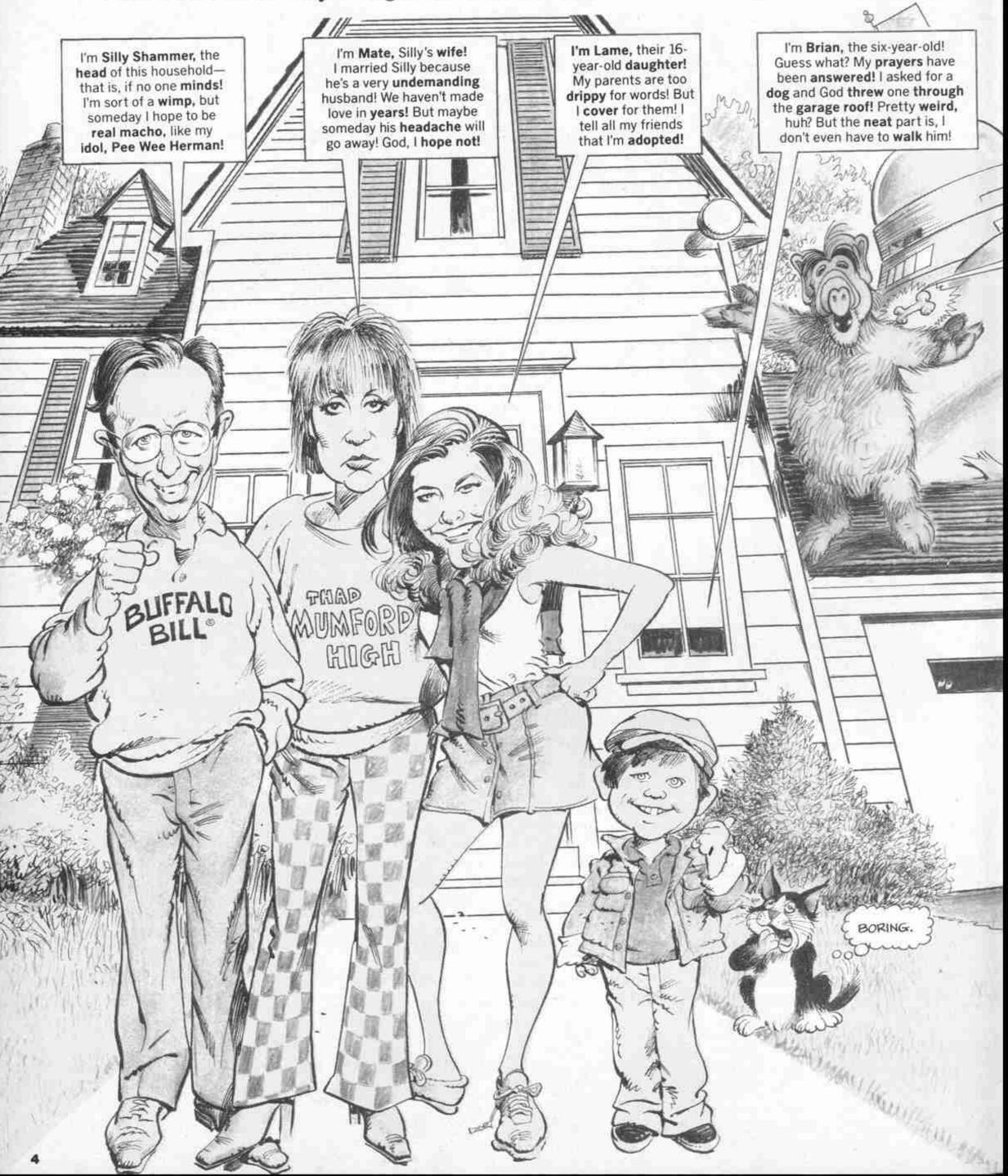
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ALIEN LIFE FARCE DEPT.

Ah, just what the TV world was waiting for! A new sitcom about a dull family with wise-cracking kids! What will they think of next? In this new series, some viewers like what they thought of next! Frankly, we find this dog of a show simply...



ARTUR

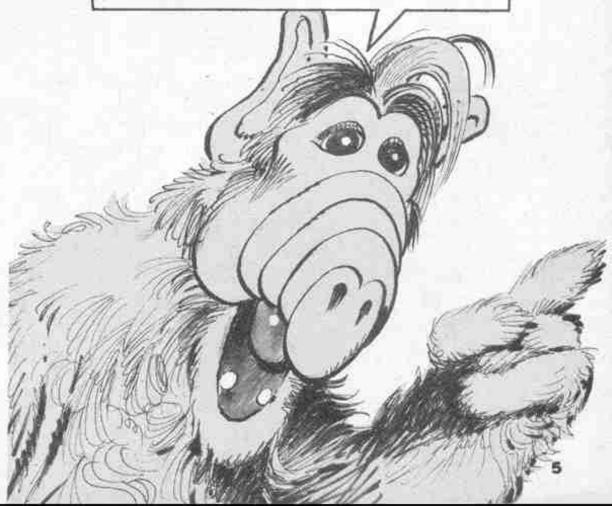
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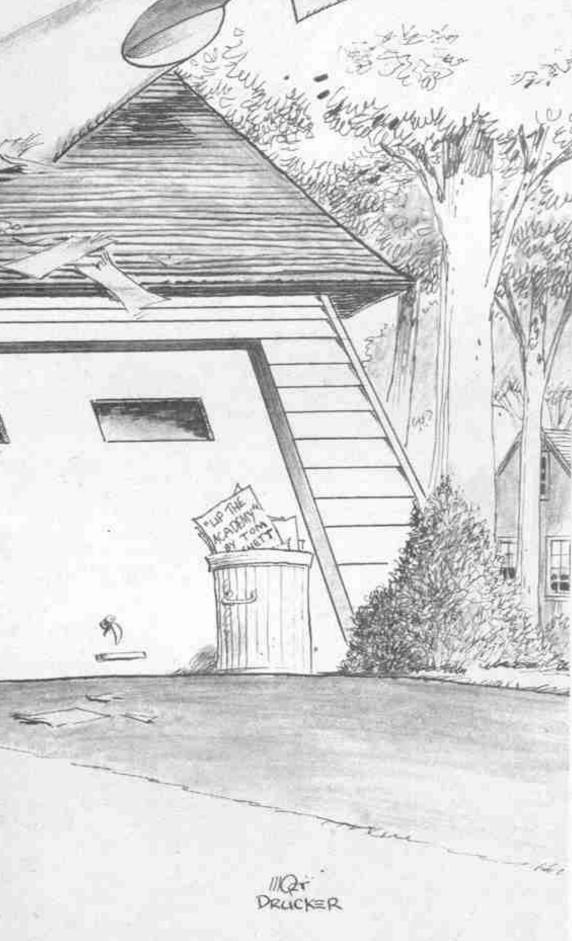
Hey! Up here! It's me, Arf! You want to know what's really weird? I just came crashing through this garage roof at the speed of light and not one of their neighbors came out to see what all the noise and excitement was about! You'd think this was downtown Beirut or something! Actually, they should thank me!

I just installed a space-age skylight in their garage roof for free! Ha! No problem!



Hey, folks, simmer down! Let me explain why you shouldn't get rid of me! If you were a black family with wise-cracking black kids, they'd say you were ripping off the "Cosby Show." If you were a white family with wise-cracking white kids, they'd say you were ripping off "Family Ties." White family, black kid, "Webster"! But a white family with an ORANGE kid—Bingo! It's never been done before!





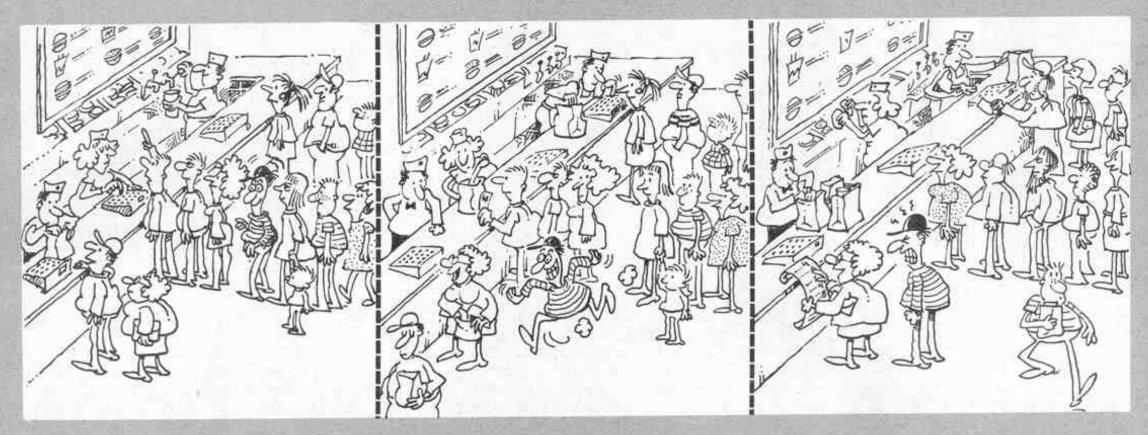




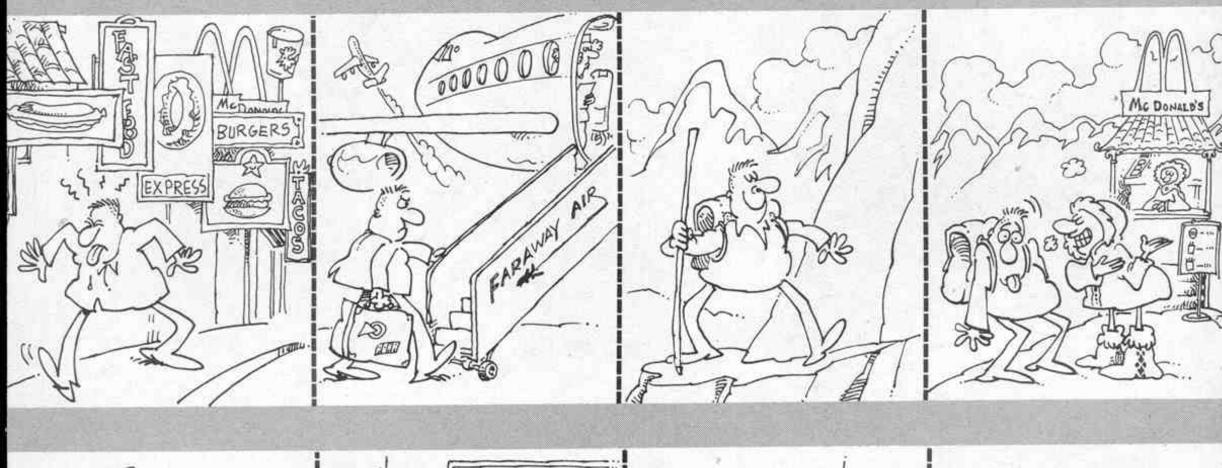




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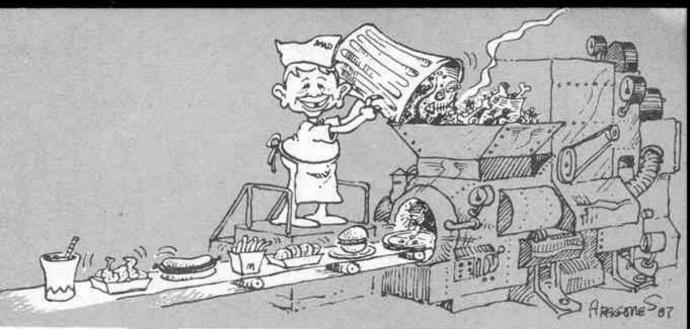




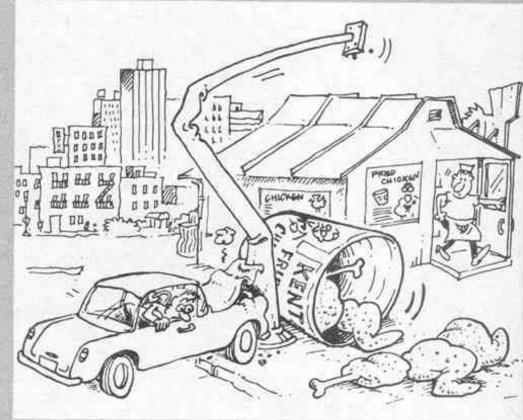












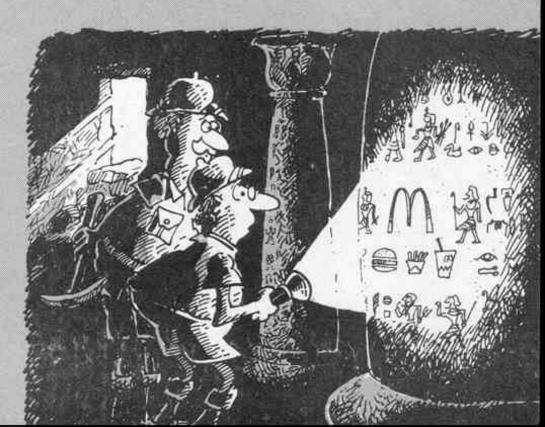
SERGIO ARAGONES











A SERVING OF SPARE FIBS DEPT.

We all do idiotic, embarrassing things. Then we try to blab our way out with excuses that are even more idiotic. Why? Because when you wait till the last minute, you concoct lousy

MAD'S ALIBIS FO



ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

WRITER: TOM KOCH



TO COACHES



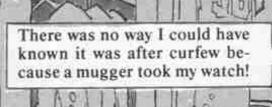
TO EMPLOYERS



lies! So we say, "Be prepared!" Memorize some good alibis! But don't be caught reading this article—because we won't be able to help you! That kind of goof-up is not covered in...

RALL OCCASIONS

TO PARENTS



I purposely left my clothes on the floor to help insulate the room and cut your heating bill.

A prowler must have broken in and left all those copies of Penthouse on my closet floor.



TO SWEETHEARTS



I know we made a commitment to each other, and all the rest of the people I date respect that.

Normally I wouldn't ask you to pay, but my credit's so good at most places I don't carry cash.

The lipstick stains are from a female paramedic who goes around saving lives with free demonstrations of artificial respiration.

TO TEACHERS

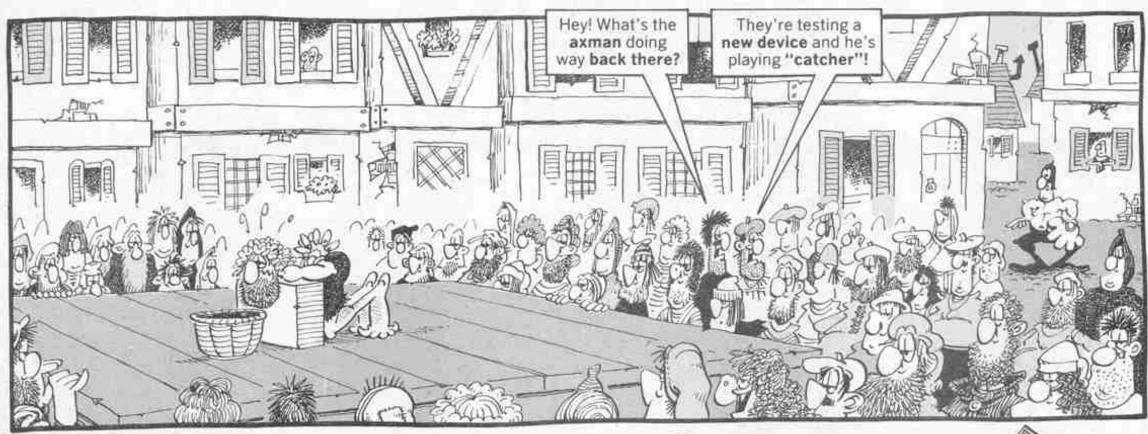
I did not write that term paper for fear it would be so good I'd set a standard that I couldn't live up to.

I took yesterday off because I thought nobody cared. But now that I know you missed me, it was completely worth it.

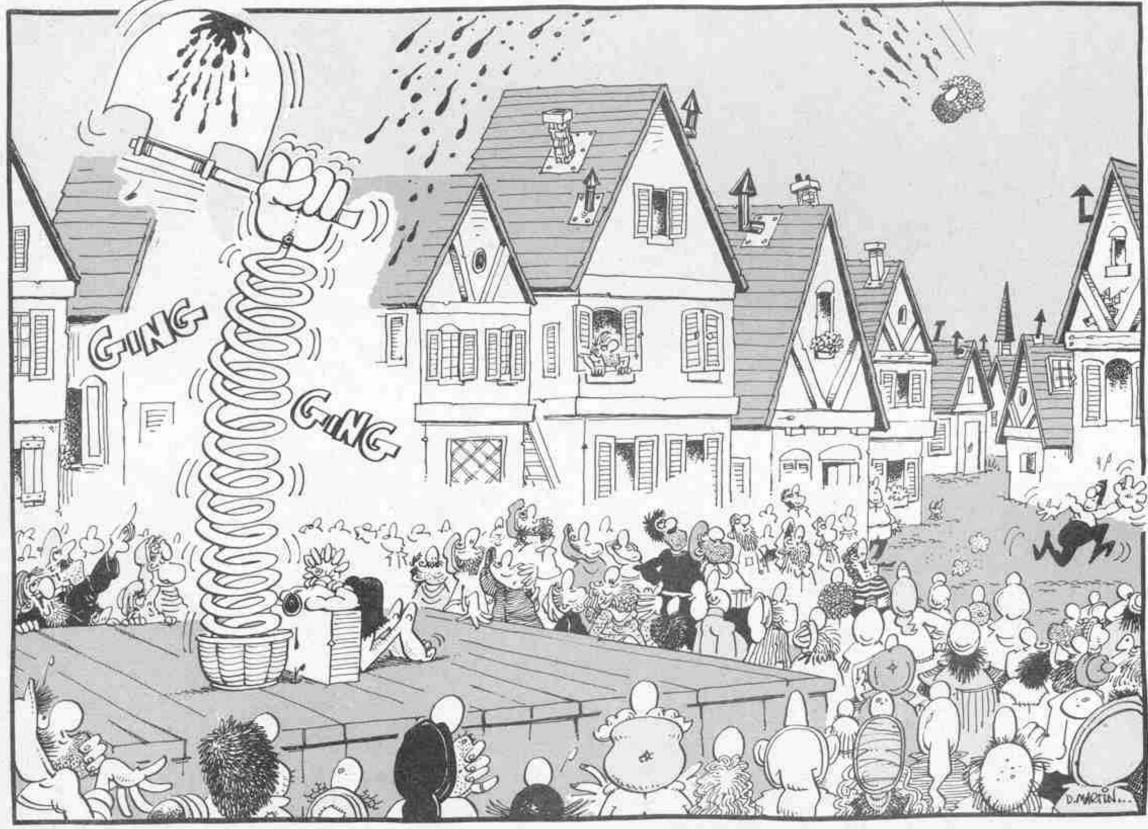
That excuse note doesn't look like my mother's handwriting because she's sick in bed with exactly the same thing I had.



ONE FINE DAY IN NORTH CALAMARI



SPORGACIONS



Did you really think that video store owners get to be the way they are all by themselves? Naw... They need help! And help comes their way via a trade magazine like...



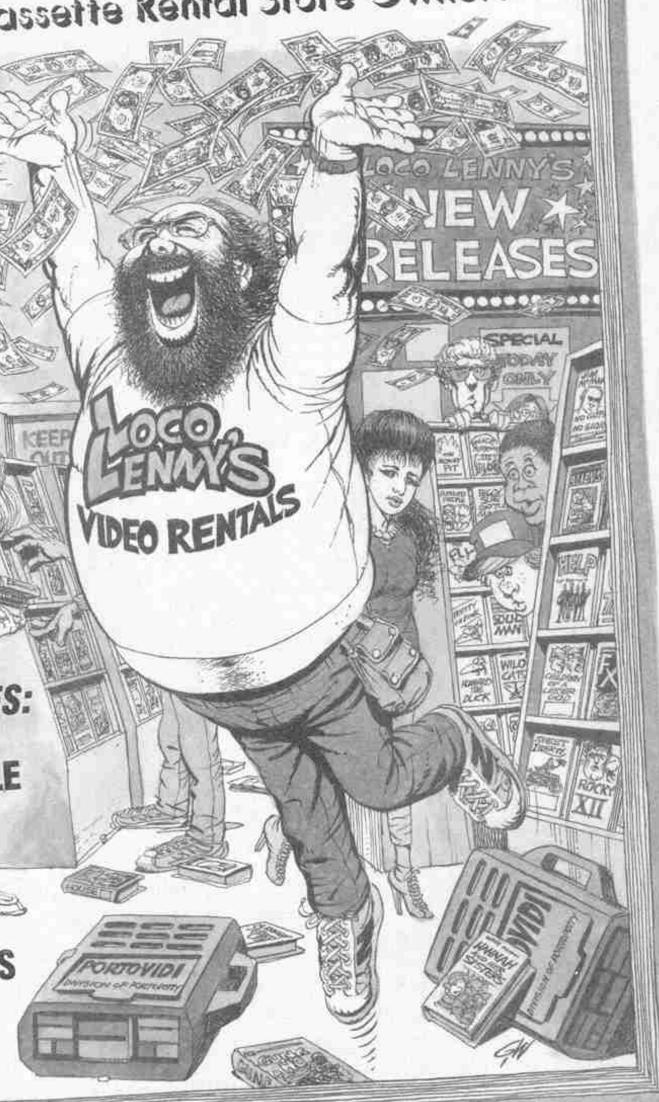
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HOW TO UTILIZE THEM
IN YOUR BILLING PROGRAM
FOR EXTRA PROFITS

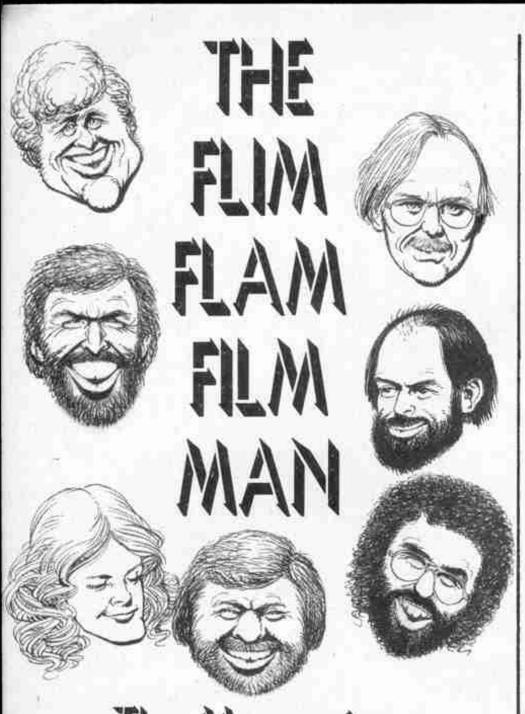
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A CUSTOMER WRITES,
"I GOT THE CASSETTE I
RESERVED"—THIS MONTH'S
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The Magazine for Videocassette Rental Store Owners

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VIDEO RENTAL CONTRACT OF THE MONTH



Each month the Flim Flam Film Man prints a contract that we think best demonstrates what a video rental agreement is supposed to do: confuse and mislead customers without promising anything on the part of the store! This month's contract was sent in to us by Fred Vague of Vague Video in Omaha, Nebraska.

Video Rental Agreement

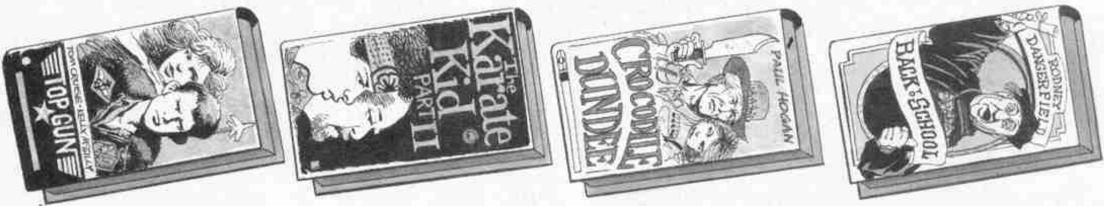
It is agreed that this store is not responsible for any damage our cassettes may do to your VCR. However, the customer is responsible for any damage, real or imagined, as determined by us, that has been done to any cassette you rent, or handle in the store, or look at, or even think about when away from the premises.

We have the right to cancel this contract whenever and for whatever reason we so determine without refunding any part of the video club membership fee. In addition, the customer agrees not to read this contract before signing it or else incur a 50% penalty.

Signature

Date

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How can we bring you these top-grossing box office giants for only \$10 a shot? Simple—we sell you the cardboard sleeves, not the videocassettes! You can put any tape you want into the sleeve—like "The Joys of Calculus" into the sleeve for "Top Gun." Your customers won't know until they get home! Then, if they return to complain, you can accuse them of switching tapes themselves, tell them it's a criminal offense and threaten to call in the F.B.I. unless they pay up! Either way, you win!!

ORDER TODAY

Send a list of the movies you want empty boxes for along with \$10 for each to:

> Void Video, Inc. P.O. Box 3000 Empty, Wisconsin

VIDEOCASSETTE REVIEWS

(TURN MOVIE AWFULS INTO CASH DRAWERFULLS!)

By Video Vic



Hey, video store owner guys! As you all know, movies that looked like rigor mortis in theatres just a few months ago can be real hot rentals for you IF you know what to say to your customers about them. So, put these new cassette releases on your shelf, start repeating some of the lines we've provided for you, and the idiots'll gobble them up!

Vic's Review

What To Tell Your Customers

SHANGHAI SURPRISE

Putting Madonna and Sean Penn in the same film is like multiplying zeroes. The only notable thing about this stifferoo is that Madonna finally wears her undies beneath her clothes! This film should go a long way in establishing Penn as next year's top trivia question.

Unquestionably, one of the best films made in the last 10 years. If you don't take it, I'll watch it tonight—again!

THE MONEY PIT

This flick stinks so much it should have been called "The Arm Pit." What Shelly Long lacks in charm, so does Tom Hanks. If you want to sleep, watch this dog.

Steven Spielberg was the Executive Producer. Need I say more? It's the best!

POLICE ACADEMY 3

This may be the last in the series of "Police Academy" films. After watching it, I don't think that the child-ish producers can count any higher. A real bow-wow.

I couldn't stop laughing. My sides ached. The guys who made this film succeed where Woody Allen fails!

HOWARD THE DUCK

"Howard the Yuck" is an example of an idea whose time will never come. George Lucas made this film, but he won't have to worry about his reputation. After all, how much bad word of mouth can 500 people generate?

Incredible, terrific space fantasy from the George Lucas Studio. He made Star Wars, so how can you miss? Rent it!

SHORT CIRCUIT

Fun-seeking teenagers play with a robot who seems to have more facial expressions than they do. This bomberoo stars Ally Sheedy, whose name sounds more like an Arabian curse than an American actress.

Why this film didn't sweep the Academy Awards is beyond me...it's stupendous! Ally Sheedy is charming!

UNDER THE CHERRY MOON

"Under the Cherry Bomb" is more like it. Prince starred in and directed this film. It is an homage to something larger than life—his ego. Robert DeNiro couldn't wash this guy's socks! What an actor! What a film! Rent it!

JO JO DANCER YOUR LIFE IS CALLING

This turkey could have been titled "Richard Pryor, Your Career Is Dying." Pryor directed and starred in this picture that showcases his many talents. Unfortunately, it also showcases the limits of those talents—one of which is his inability to direct a film that makes sense.

This picture is so good I was going to charge \$2.00 more for the rental, but since you appreciate good films I'll give it to you for the regular price!

BEGINNER'S CORNER

This feature is presented in each issue of the Flim Flam Film Man to help new video store owners make bigger profits without having to provide better service. Use these handy tips and cash in big!

STORE HOURS



Never open your video store before 10 AM. If you open up any earlier than that, people who rented movies from you the night before will be able to easily drop them off on their way to work. This way, if your customers have to work late, or are too tired when they get home, or just plain forget they have to return the videotape, you'll be able to charge them late fees! It doesn't take much to see how a \$2 rental can become \$4 or \$6 in no time!

FILING TITLES



Misfiling videocassettes is not an accident, it's an art. If you file correctly, your customer will go right to the title, take it and be gone. Don't let him off so easy! If you misfile, he'll browse through all your cassettes looking for his selection. After investing all that time, he won't want to come up empty-handed and will wind up renting any piece of trash you have on your shelf! The better you file your cassettes, the sooner you file for bankruptcy!

RENTAL SPECIALS



Every week, check your local TV Guide to see if any movies you have in stock are being shown on TV. Then, a couple of days before they're broadcast, make those movies "rental specials" and rent them for half price. Your customers won't be able to resist a deal like that and you'll be squeezing a few last dollars out of the cassette, since no one rents a tape that's been on TV!

MEMBERSHIP CARDS



Print your tape rental club membership cards on the flimsiest cardboard you can locate. They'll disintegrate much faster that way and then you'll have a chance to charge your customers high "lost card replacement" fees. Better yet, you can claim they never joined the club at all and force them to join again!

UPCOMING VIDEO RELEASES

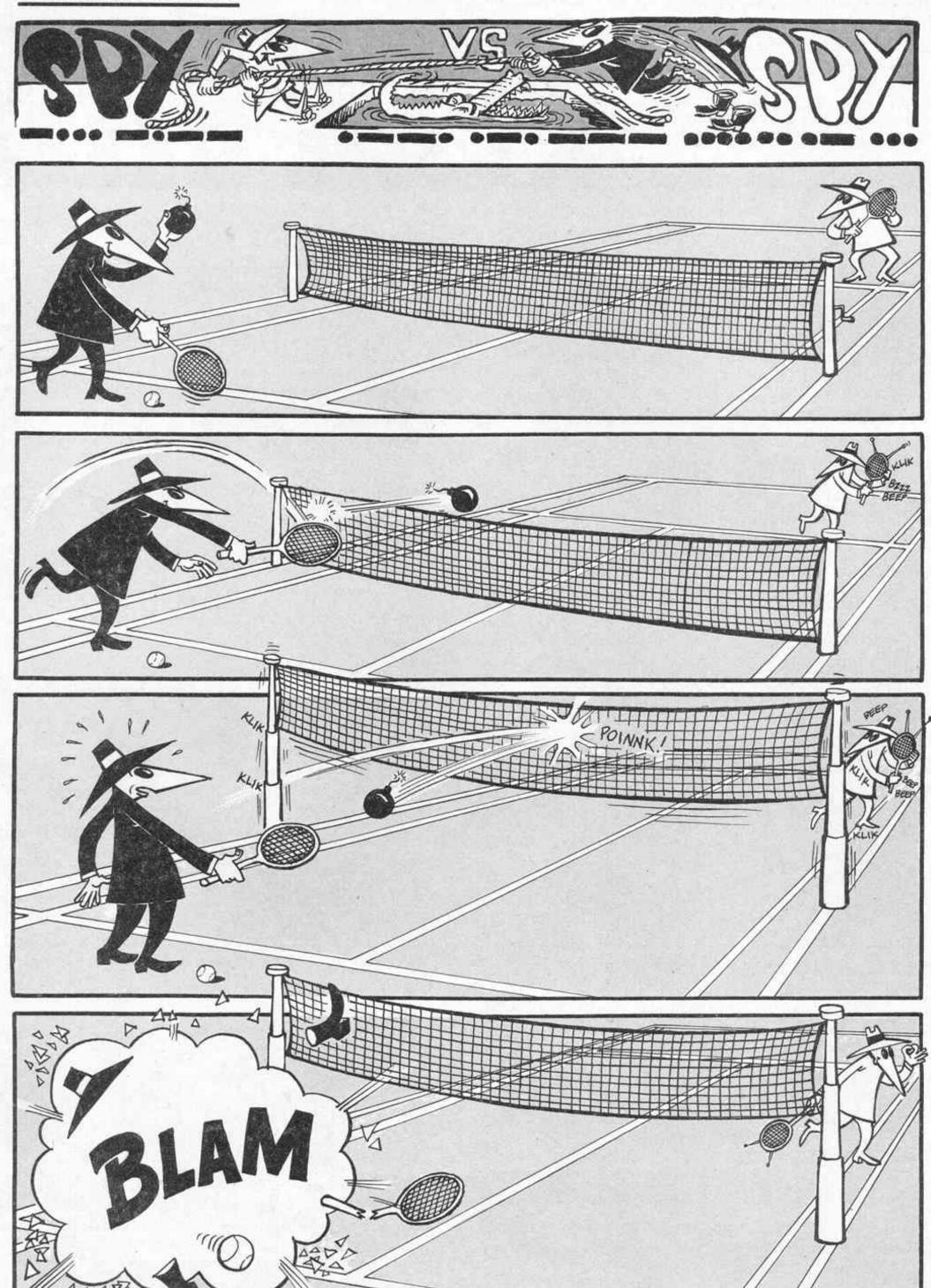


When you want to take a break from the pressures of running your store, nothing could be more relaxing and fun than playing "make believe" with your bulletin board. Just think of a movie that is currently a big hit and put the title on the board. Of course, since that movie hasn't been released on video yet, you don't have it in stock, but your customers don't know that! You then put their names on a waiting list, roll the list into a ball and toss it in the trash!

PHONE RESERVATIONS



If a customer calls and wants a popular film that's currently being rented by someone else, tell them you'll put their name on your reservation list and hold it for them when it's returned. Then forget about it! If they come in, just tell them the film hasn't been returned yet and they'll rent something else. If the customer doesn't show up, tell them you were holding the film for them and now you're going to have to charge them for it just the same!



THE SHADOW STILL DOESN'T KNOW DEPT.

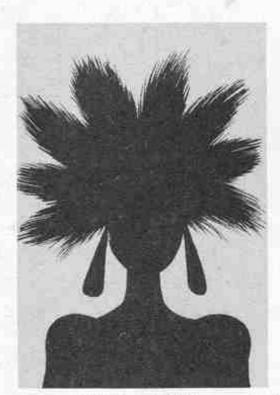
Once upon a time in a magazine far, far away (actually it was MAD #257!), there was a thought provoking article (in fact, it was just plain silly!) that was the talk of everyone everywhere (our staff discussed it!). Due to overwhelming demand (one irate letter!) it was decided to do a sequel (we're desperate for new ideas!) and so, after much ado, here's...

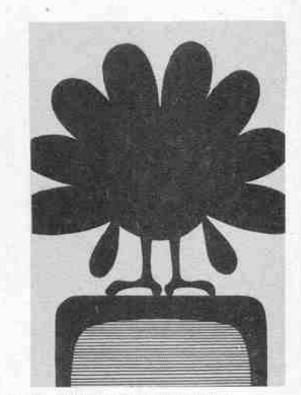
ARTIST: BOB CLARKE





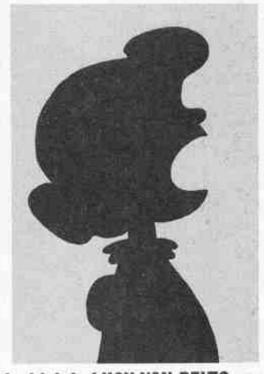
Which is SGT, SLAUGHTER... and which is SMOKEY THE BEAR?



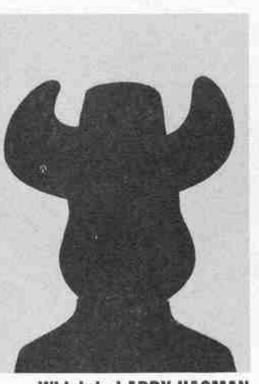


Which is CHER...and which is THE NBC PEACOCK?

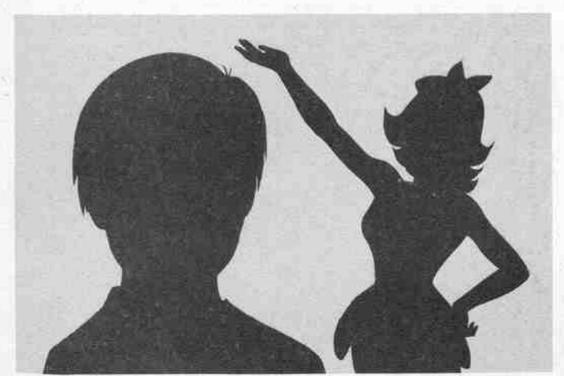




Which is JOHN McENROE ... and which is LUCY VAN PELT?







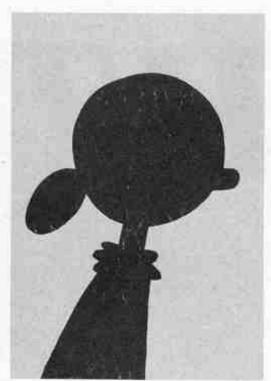


Which is PAT SAJAK and VANNA WHITE... and which is BARNEY and BETTY RUBBLE?

RIV SILIUTIES

WRITER: RURIK TYLER



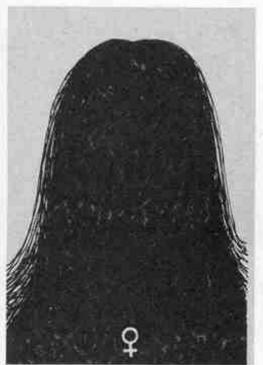


Which is SADE...and which is OLIVE OYL?





Which is WHOOPI GOLDBERG... and which is RAGGEDY ANN?





Which is GLORIA STEINEM...and which is CATHY?



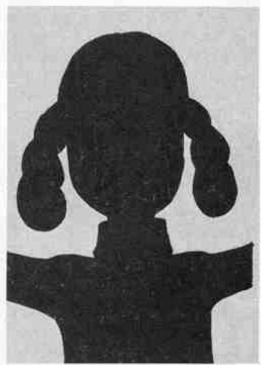


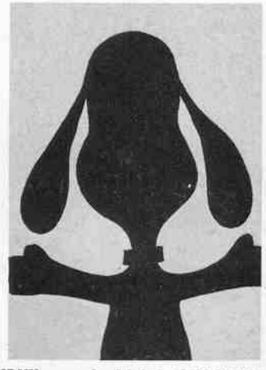
Which is DAVID BRENNER... and which is OPUS?





Which is ORVILLE REDENBACHER... and which is THE JOKER?





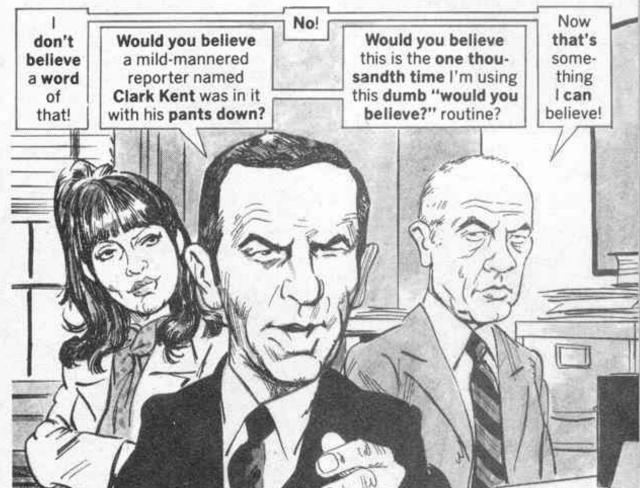
Which is THE COSBY SHOW'S "RUDY"... and which is SNOOPY?

Try as you may, when it comes to great spies of the past, it's an impossible mission to...

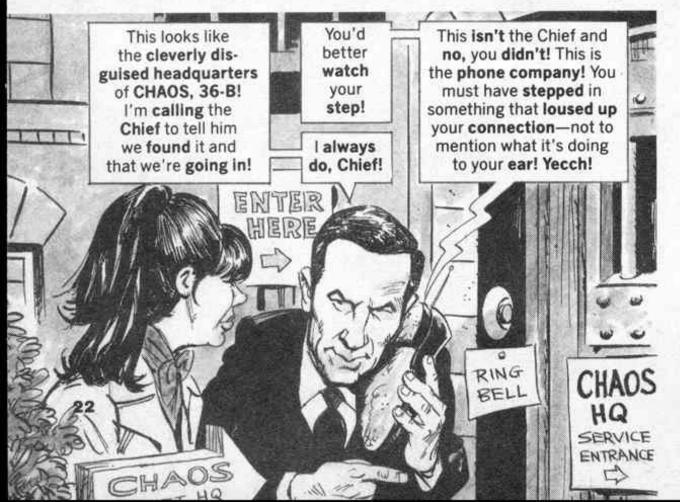
FORGET SIVARI







ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES





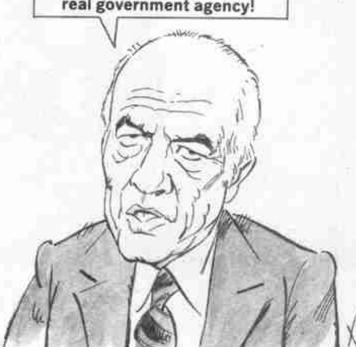
I'm Muxwall Smart, Agent 98.6, but don't let my number fool you-I'm definitely not normal! I used to be agent 86, but with the way inflation has been these last few years ... Well anyway, 98.6 is still just a pseudonym for my real number which is so secret it's unlisted!



I'm Agent 36-B! Mux thinks of me as his right-hand man! Now if can only get him to think of me as his righthand woman, we could all have a little more fun!



I'm the Chief here at the fake government agency we call KONTROL! Here we waste incredible amounts of time and money, so on that score, we're just like a real government agency!





Attention KONTROL! CHAOS has developed the largest laser-powered ink eradicator in the world! We demand six billion dollars by 11 PM or we will aim it at IRS headquarters and erase America's tax records!



How about Find just mine? them, Mux! We Mux!! can't let America's Okay, mine tax records be and yours, Chief! destroyed!

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO



Mux, your blundering has saved the

What

you

do-

ing

Chief! I just got a call from Pres. Johnson. He's so tied up with Vietnam that he needs someone to look after some other countries for him. He's promoting

The old laser-powered

ink eradicator to erase

America's tax records

trick! I'd like to see

them try, Chief! In

fact, I'd like to see

them succeed! I think

Great, Chief! Just give me 20 years and by 1987 you'll be **proud** of what I've done! What countries will I be in charge of spy operations for?



(with apologies to Joyce Kilmer)

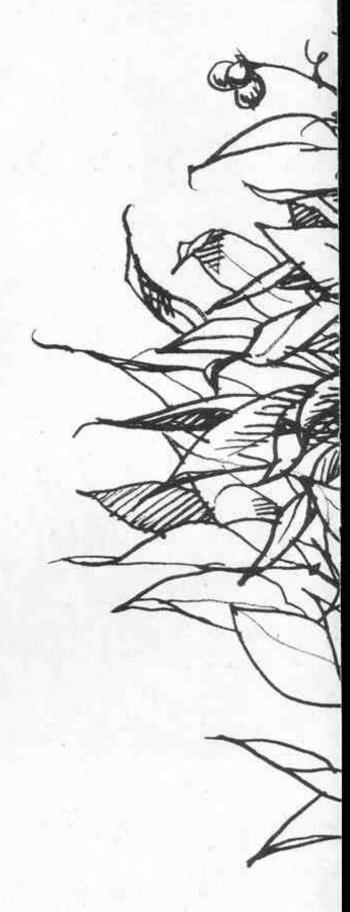
I think that I shall never see A candidate who is a tree; However, I would bet my tush I'm seeing one who is a Bush;

A Bush so nondescript and small We're seldom sure he's there at all; For whom we have but little need And, left alone, would turn to seed;

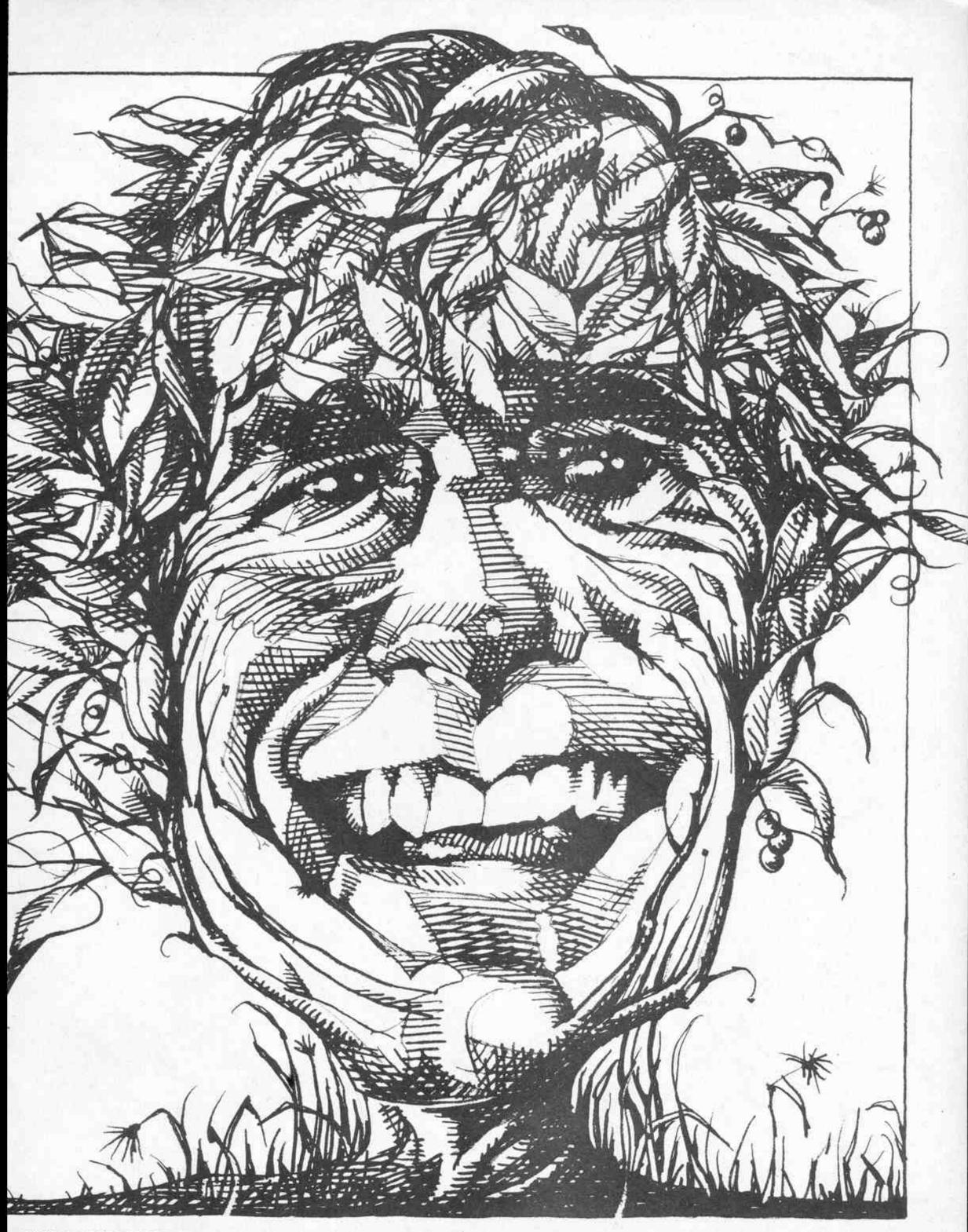
A Bush we overlook and snub,
Who may grow up to be a shrub;
Whose branches waver to and fro,
Whichever way the wind may blow;

A Bush, who serving as VP, Excels as a non-entity, Reminding voters more and more Of Fritz, who bombed in '84;

And if, by chance, he muddles through And gets endorsed by you-know-who, Regardless of that White House push, Not even Ron can save a Bush.



(Gersten)



FASHION

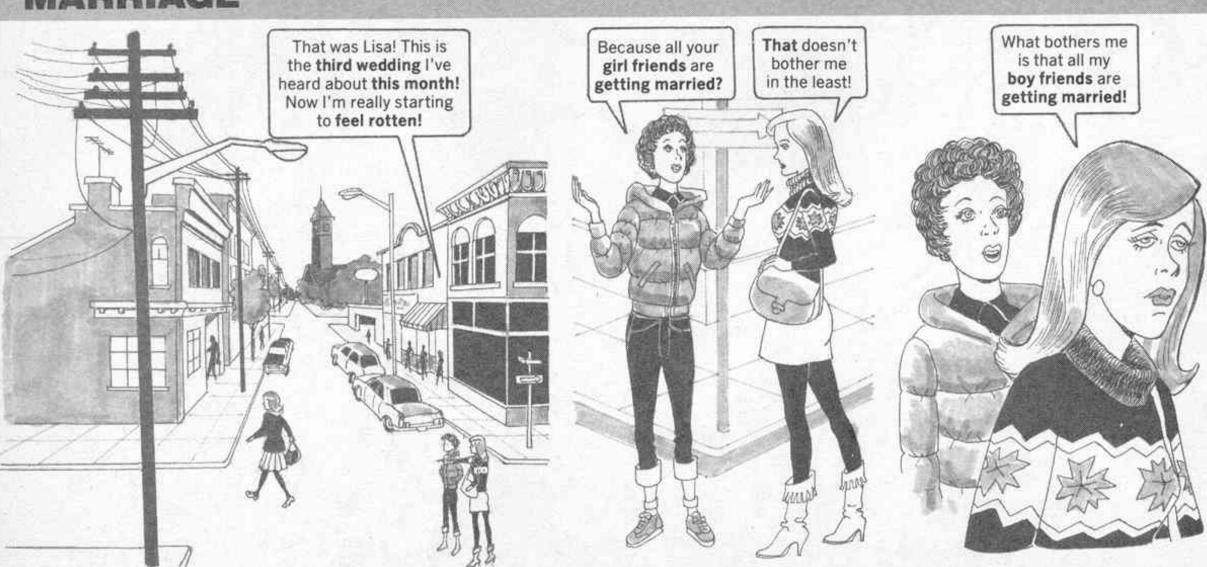




BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

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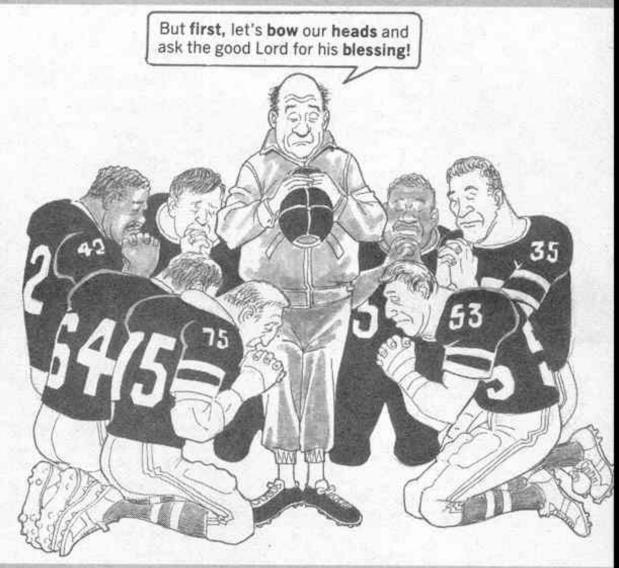
MARRIAGE



WINNING

I want you to go out there and chop them up into little pieces! I want to see their guts strewn all over the field! Tear their heads off so they'll never forget that today they faced a death machine!





ARTIST & WRITER: DAVE BERG

LOGIC

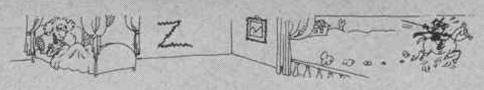




Last night I had a



CONVERSATION



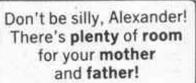






PARENTS







CARS

Ever since I bought this car from you it's been making noises! It rattles and groans and wheezes! There's only one part on this car that doesn't make a noise!



FINANCE



The first thing I did was slim down and become a blonde! Then I bought a whole new wardrobe and learned to ski! Now my husband wants to get together and remarry!



Personally, I think he's only after his money!



PARTIES



BABY SITTERS





SEGREGATION



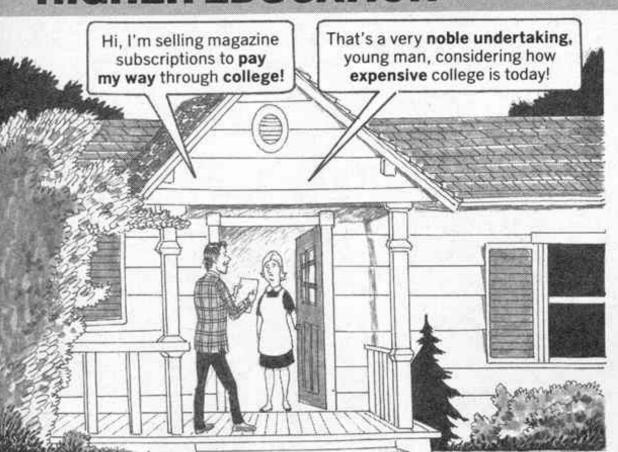


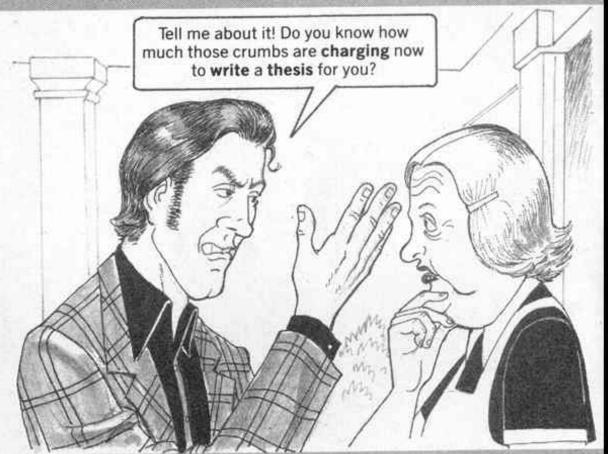
PHYSICAL FITNESS



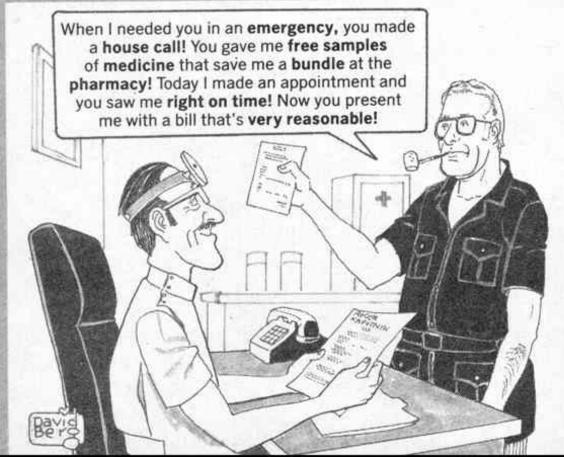


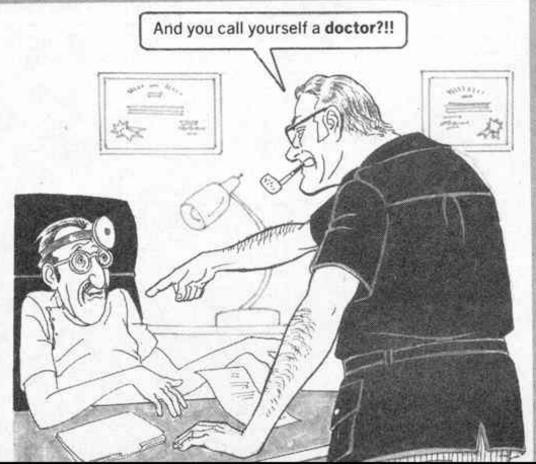
HIGHER EDUCATION





DOCTORS



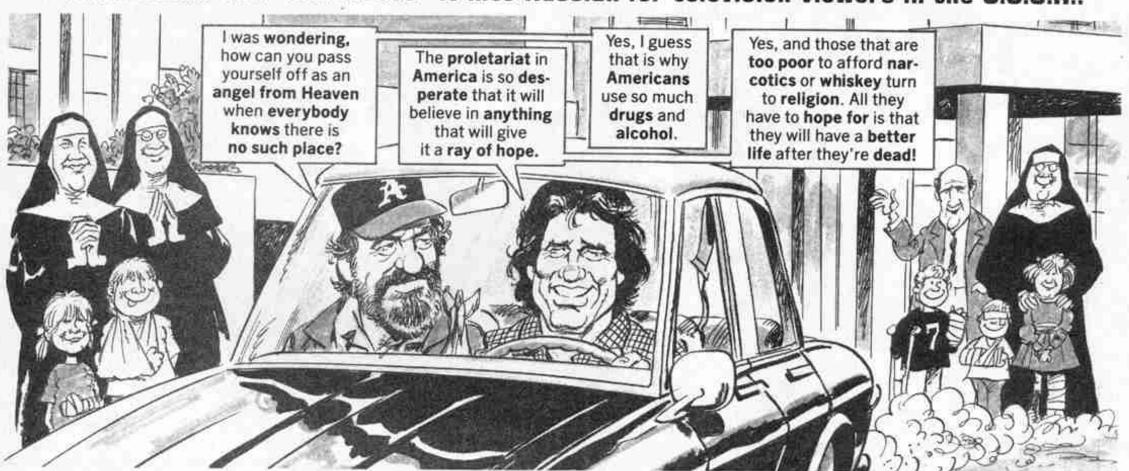


THE SAME OLD BOLSHEVIK DEPT.

When TV shows are successful in the United States, they're usually dubbed into other languages and shown in countries around the world. Sometimes, however, the foreign translation of the show doesn't exactly follow the original script! For instance, take a look at this typical scene from an innocent TV show like "Highway to Heaven":



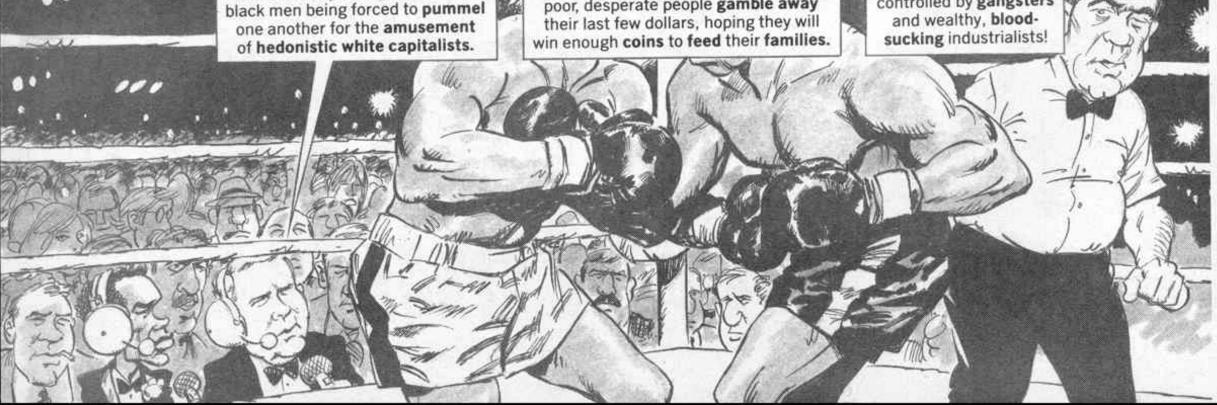
Pretty harmless, right? But watch what happens when the Soviet Government takes this same scene and "translates" it into Russian for television viewers in the U.S.S.R.:



That's right! By changing the dialogue, the show can be turned into a piece of propaganda advancing a particular government's point of view! Here's what we think it will be like...

WHEN AMERICAN TVPROGRAMS ARE SHOWN IN RUSSIA





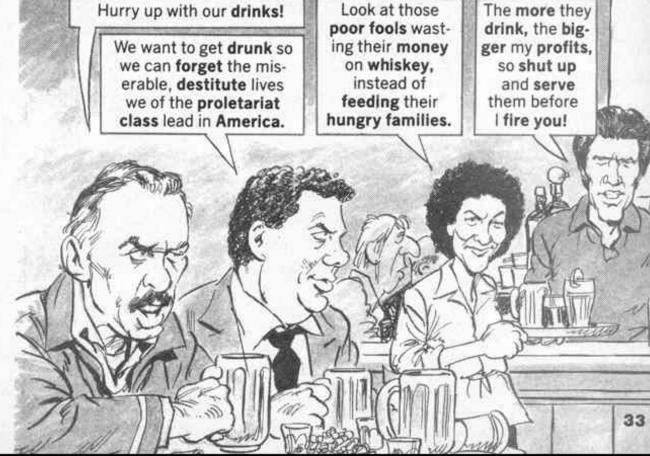
THE A-TEAM



PEANUTS



CHEERS



Look at those

GUIDETO

FOR AN ACTRESS

1 Year on a TV Sitcom means...



...you can be a celebrity contestant on any game show that you want.

2 Years on a TV Sitcom mean...



...you can talk about "grow-ing as an actress" without having people snicker at you.

3 Years on a TV Sitcom mean...



...you can go on tour with a nightclub act even if you look like Kermit the Frog. 4 Years on a TV Sitcom mean...



...you've been "typecast," "over-exposed," and therefore, are unemployable.

FOR A FILM DIRECTOR

1 Hit Movie means ...



... studio executives actually return your calls. 2 Hit Movies mean...



... studio executives actually call you first. 3 Hit Movies mean...



...critics find "symbolism" in your films that you never put there in the first place.

4 Hit Movies mean...



... Hollywood parents teach their kids to pray to you at night.

1 Bestseller means...



...people will stop asking what you "really" do for a living after you tell them that you're a writer. 2 Bestsellers mean...



... as many as three out of every 1,000 people may actually recognize your name. 3 Bestsellers mean...



... Hollywood will pay you big bucks for the rights to make films that bear no resemblance to your novels. 4 Bestsellers mean...



... an American Express television commercial.

317 SUSSES

FOR AN OPERA SINGER

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

1 Year at the Met means...



...a two-line mention on page 79 of the New York Times.

2 Years at the Met mean...



front with your picture on it.

3 Years at the Met mean...



... an appearance on The Tonight Show as a token cultural guest.

4 Years at the Met mean...



...a recording session with Julio Iglesias.

FOR A STAND-UP COMIC

1 Guest Shot on The Tonight Show means...



...\$457.98 plus a discount on an NBC tour.

2 Guest Shots on The Tonight Show mean...



...you're booked to play 537 dumpy nightclubs—all named "Vito's."

3 Guest Shots on The Tonight Show mean...



...a network sitcom, two pay television specials and millions of people mimicking a "catch phrase" from your act.

4 Guest Shots on The Tonight Show mean...



...Johnny finally invites you over to sit down with him.

FOR AN ACTOR

1 Action/Adventure Film means...



...you're recognized by macho jerks who want to see if you are as "tough" as the character you play in the movies.

2 Action/Adventure Films mean...



...you get hit with 3,897 paternity suits, 99.99% of which are totally groundless.

3 Action/Adventure Films mean...



...you can star in a musical comedy, make a jackass of yourself—and still get away with it.

4 Action/Adventure Films mean...



...people will no longer compare you to Clint and Sly.

AMERICAN BAND SLAM DEPT.

According to latest statistics, by the time you finish reading these two pages, five new rock groups will have formed, three old ones will have disbanded, and members of the disbanded groups will merge to form the next five new groups in the time it takes you to read these same two pages over again! With this in mind, MAD helpfully presents a random sampling of...

ROCK

Jack and the Crackpots



Fans went out of their minds over Jack's off-his-rocker rock renditions of "Does Paranoia Annoy Ya?" and "I Gotta Me a Lobotomy!" The group gave up their former "psycho-delic sound" for their "new rotic sound" and are currently in the studio repressing the depressing "I'm a Little Bitso Schizo Over You, Baby!" on both sides of the one-sided single.

Charlie and the Bonnie Princes



The Bonnies are back on top now that they've added their accountant, Charlie Turetsky, as lead singer. With no musical background or talent, Charlie concludes, "Music business, garment business—the key word here is business!" The group largely appeals to boring accountants, dentists, etc. who can relate to Charlie's endless "rap style" droning about audits, deductions, and IRA's recorded through a remote mike in his smelly cigar. Profits from their latest video singles, "I Dig Your Long Form, Baby" and "Debit Does Dallas" are already high on the IRS charts.

The Ram-bozos

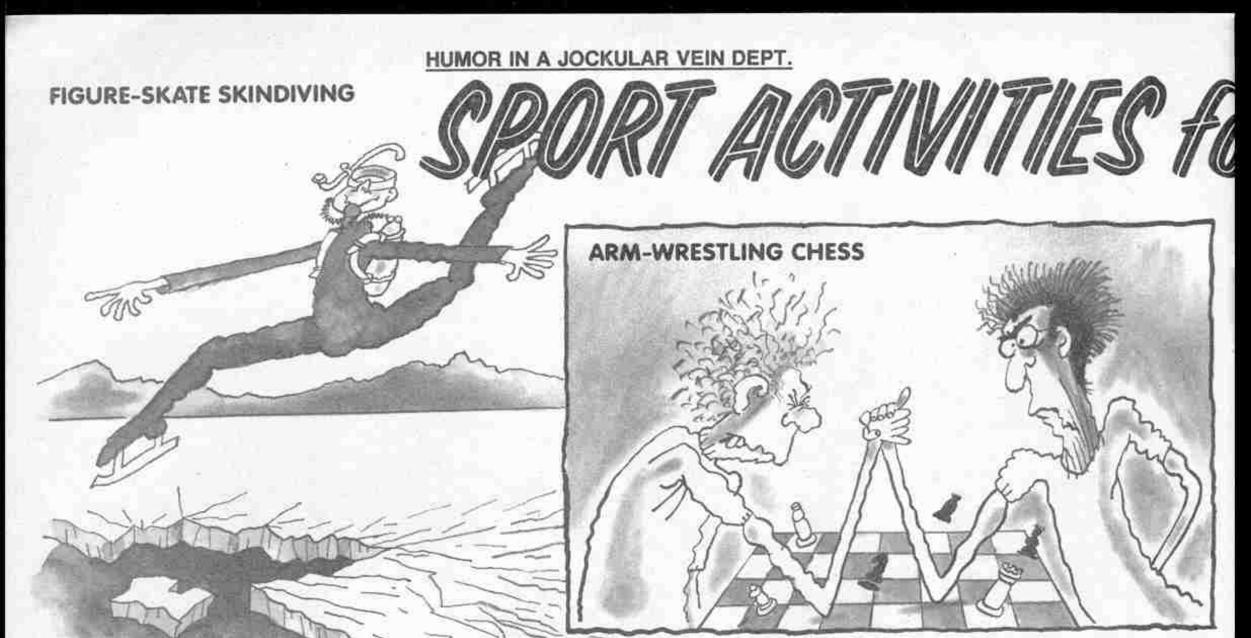


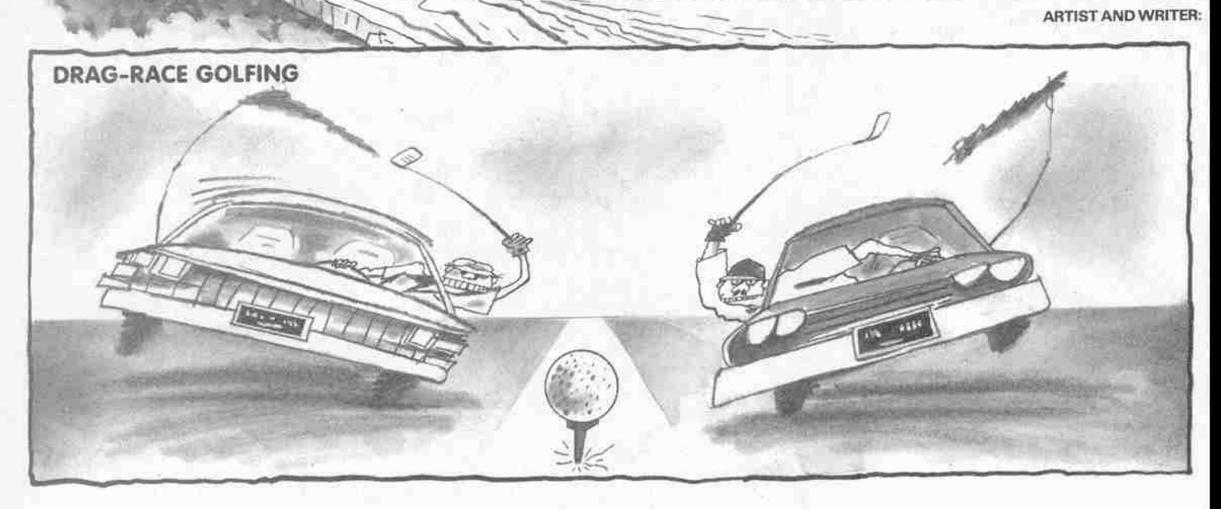
Their latest album, "Teen Rage Wasteland," hit the charts with bullets. The group stormed nostalgia rock beachheads with new renditions of old favorites, including "These GI Boots Were Made for Stomping!" and "I Want to Hold Your Hand Grenade." The lead duo, Cpl. Punishment and Milla Terry, are backed by a sound force of high calibre drums, guitar, brass, and M-16s!

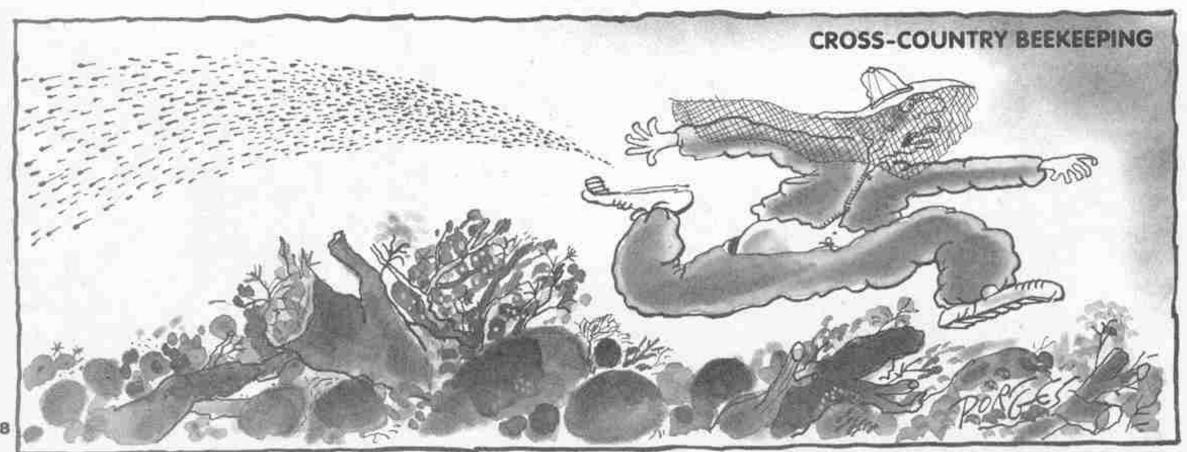
The Conquistadores



Three former members of the dis-banded Pillage People, Jake Cortez, Bernie Pizarro, and Harry Hun, have joined forces in their quest for solid gold! Their new album, "Montezuma's Revenge," has had runs on the charts with smash hits: "A Kick in the Aztec!," "Inca Dinka Doo-wop" and "We Killed This City with Rocks and Stones!"









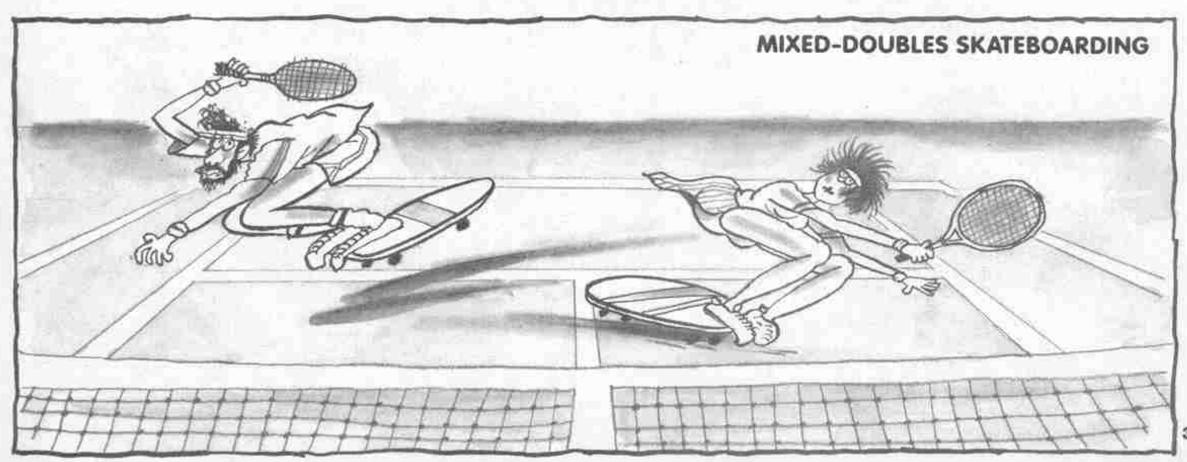






PAUL PETER PORGES





It's amazing how the U.S. Congress somehow spends more and more money each year. This mystery is one that every politician devotes his whole career to blaming on someone else. However, MAD researchers have finally dug up the truth. We've dis-

WHY THE USGOV ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE WRITER: TOM KOCH

April 21, 1964

FUNDS APPROVED FOR ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN

The U.S. Surgeon General's Office today received \$4,000,000 from Congress to publicize its recent findings that cigarette smoking can be fatal. A spokesman for the Surgeon General said that the money will be used to mount a long term campaign of health warnings about the risk of using tobacco.



September 14, 1984

FEDERAL AID VOTED FOR TOBACCO GROWERS

Congress today approved a \$575,000,000 subsidy program to aid the nation's struggling tobacco farmers. The assistance became necessary after sales of the crop declined for the eighteenth straight year, due to repeated health warnings about the hazards of smoking.



October 3, 1979

WINNING THIRD WORLD FRIENDS: A U.S. POWER PLANT FOR S. GUMBA

Citing the move as "an inexpensive way to win friends in the Third World," the U.S. today announced plans to build a \$5,000,000 electric power plant in the tiny, impoverished nation of South Gumba. South Gumba presently has no electricity, in addition to having no industry or agriculture.



May 16, 1984

N. GUMBA INVADES S. GUMBA; U.S. TO SEND MILITARY AID

Congress today voted \$240,000,000 in military aid to tiny, beleaguered South Gumba, following its invasion by well equipped forces from neighboring North Gumba. The North Gumbans attacked in the apparent hope of capturing South Gumba's new electric power plant, which is the country's only asset.



covered that Congressional spending is forever on the rise because almost every government appropriation creates a later need for a much bigger appropriation to undo the effects of the first appropriation. These clippings will clearly show—

ERNMENT SPENDS SO MUCH

November 23, 1967

\$80,000,000 VOTED FOR STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

Congress today approved legislation that will give \$80,000,000 in low interest loans to needy college students during the next ten years. Backers of the program said it will save money in the long run by educating those who might otherwise become lifelong welfare cases.



February 17, 1985

STARVING ANTHROPOLOGISTS TO GET GOVERNMENT AIN

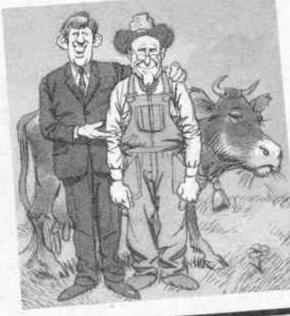
Congress today approved a \$950,000,000 aid package for the nation's 600,000 chronic unemployables who hold Ph.D. degrees in anthropology. Most of the destitute individuals were trained under the Student Loan Act of 1967.



June 29, 1983

EMERGENCY BAILOUT FOR DAIRY FARMERS

The Wisconsin congressional delegation today won approval for its standby program to have the Federal Government buy cheese from dairy farmers, in the event of a drastic fall in market prices. The plan will cost only \$100,000 a year to administrate because no actual government cheese purchases are anticipated in the foreseeable future.



October 6, 1957

SENATOR DEDICATES CHEESE WAREHOUSE

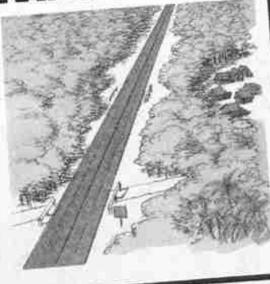
A billion-dollar ware-house, built solely to store government surplus cheese, was dedicated today by Wisconsin Senator Hans Gunthenfitzer. The building is twice as large as the Pentagon, and will house most of the nation's annual cheese production, which is now bought by the government under Federal price subsidy programs.



EW HIGHWAY TO CUT

FLORIDA DRIVING TIME

Work was today completed on a \$36,000,000 Federally funded project to eliminate several dangerous curves along a four-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 1 near Palm Beach, Florida. The modernization program is expected to reduce driving time between Jacksonville and Miami.



February 27, 1982

GOVERNMENT TO AID TOWN BYPASSED BY HIGHWAY

Almost \$83,000,000 in Federal emergency aid has been granted to the town of Sagging Springs, Florida, where employment at gas stations, restaurants and motels dropped 98 per-cent when a new highway that bypasses the community was opened last year.



January 15, 1983

END FORCED RETIREMENT CUTS SOCIAL SECURITY

The new law banning forced retirement in U.S. industry at age 65 is expected to slow the spiraling expense of the Social Security Department. The ban will cost only \$3,000,000 a year to enforce, but experts estimate that it will keep 750,000 older workers on the job.



April 5, 1984

PAYMENTS ZOOM AS OLD CLING TO JOBS

The government paid almost one-billion-dollars in unemployment benefits last year to recent high school and college graduates who were unable to enter the job market because older workers refused to quit.



August 20, 1974

FUNDS APPROVED FOR NEW WILDERNESS TRAIL

The President today signed legislation providing almost \$20,000,000 for construction of a Rocky Mountain Wilderness Trail that will wind through six National Parks in Colorado and Wyoming.



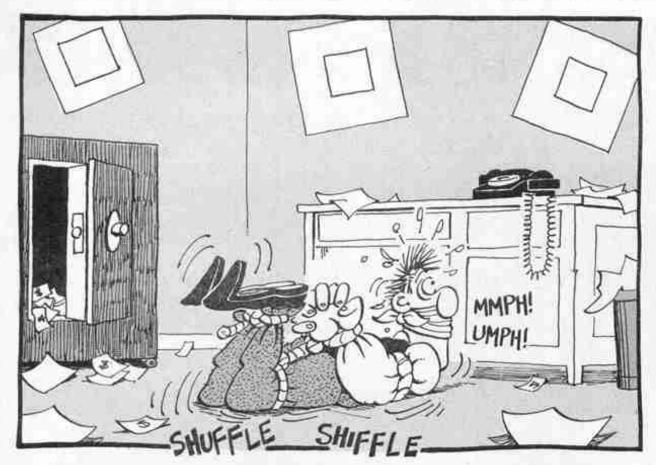
March 19, 1984

FENCE PLANNED TO KEEP ANIMALS IN WILDERNESS

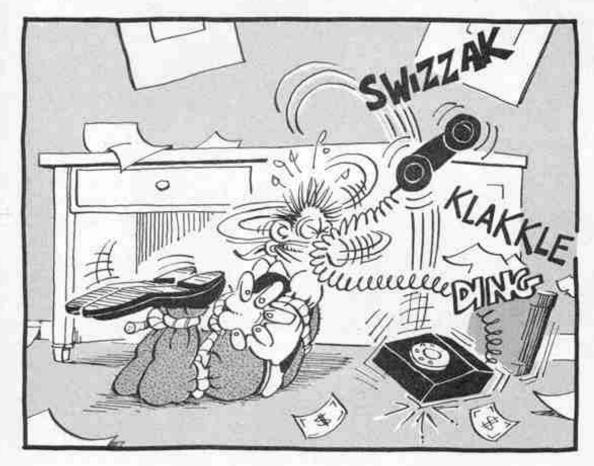
The President today signed legislation providing \$92,000,000 for construction of a long chain link fence that will prevent dangerous grizzly bears from leaving National Parks to take up residence in nearby cities.



ONE FINE DAY IN THE SOUTH BRONX













ARTIST: DON MARTIN

WRITER: DON EDWING



the next best thing to rasslin': pain, suffering and injury! The only place to find those things outside of a ring is at one of the hospitals or medical centers around the country that's doing experimental research and other gory things! So join us as...



an transplant hospital





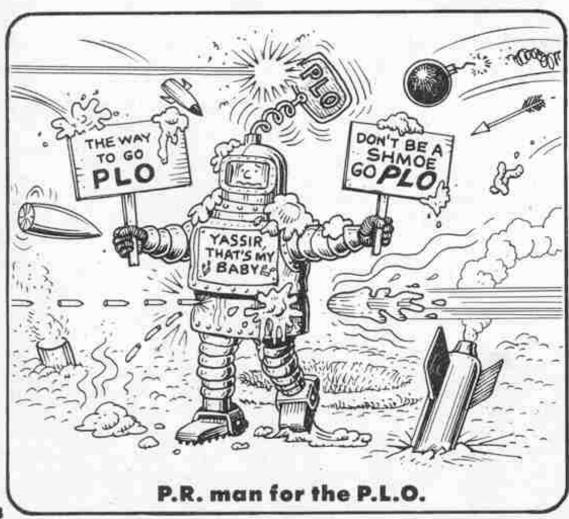


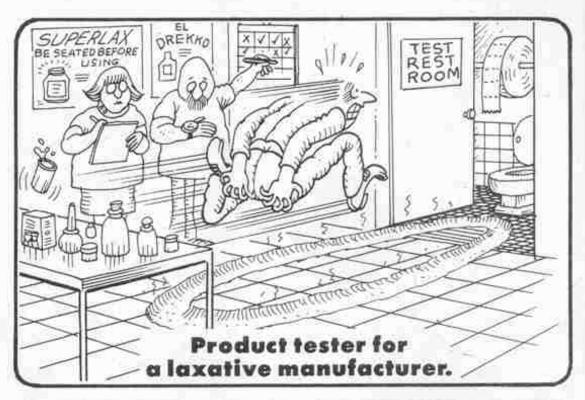
"...but somebody's gotta do it!"

ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

WRITER: JOHN ELLIS SECH

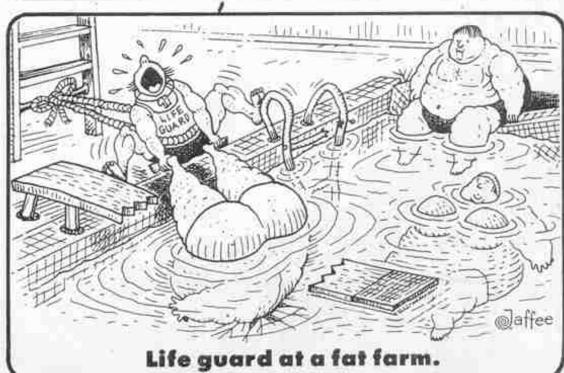












WHO CONDUCTED THE MOST EXHAUSTIVE WASHINGTON PROBE RECENTLY?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

A recent Washington probe received worldwide attention. To refresh your memory, fold in this page as shown.



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THE WILLESS WINDBAG WRESTLER'S FEDERATION

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IS HE BRAIN DEAD?

FULL COLOR X-RAYS INSIDE

FOR WWWF MERCHANDISE

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CONTEST: GUESS HOW MUCH HAIR GEORGE "THE ANIMAL" STEELE HAS ON HIS BACK

THE GREAT LEAD PIPE DEBATE:

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH JAKE "THE SNAKE"S" PYTHON AND KAMALA'S STOMACH

A MAD FAKE-OUT MAGAZINE GOVER