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Well, howdy there, gang — get a
load...of...me —

I'm the res-i-dent id-i-ot,
Al-fred E!

MAD's' looking for suckers
who'll spend...their...cash
On this latest assortment of
mind-less...trash!

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then have...no...fear —
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are...here!

This cover, you'll note,
is a tot-al...flop,
Guar-an-tee'd to make our
circ-u-lat-ion drop!

Check the movies we spoof —
you'll get...no...yuks;
"Dirty Dancing's" a dud, and
"Stake-out" sucks!

And if you need...more...
proof why hu-mor's...
died,

Take a heav-y...look at
"The Light-er...
Side"!

You should know...that...
'MAD' serves no
vi-tal... need;

Heck, the "Yel-low Pages" are
more fun...to...read!

So better wise...up, gang, and
save...your...bucks,

And you won't...wind...up
among the wimps...and... schmucks!

But if you should blow it and
you crave... the...worst —

Just remember one thing — WE WARNED YOU FIRST!



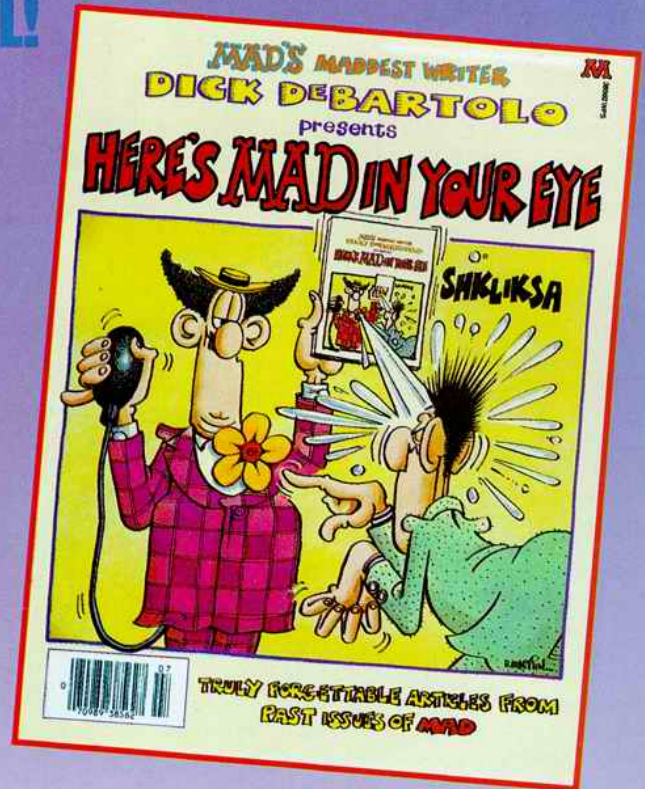
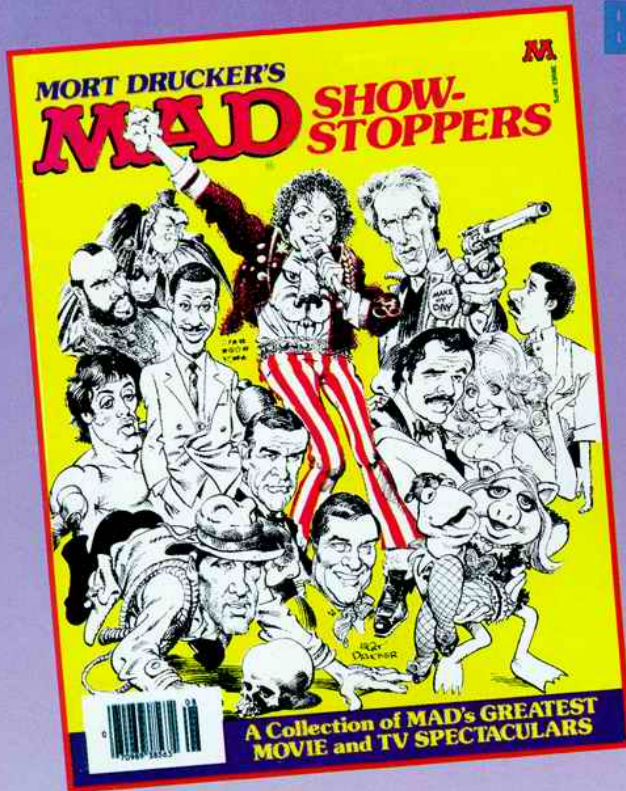
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— Alfred E. Neuman

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THIS IS THE WHEEL THING!!!



We've reached into our *trunk* and pulled out some *good, rich* laughs from many a *good year!*

Guaranteed to *jack-up* your spirits and *inflate* your *flat* life! You'll never *tire* of reading...

THE SPARE MAD

"Brought To You By Those Luggable Nuts At Mad!"

LETTERS AND TOMATOES DEPT.



IT'S REALLY SCARY...

It's really SCARY to think that... MAD has plagued us for 278 issues and shows no signs of letting up!

Matthew Bennett
University of Miami
Coral Gables, FL

No Matthew, what's REALLY scary is that someone from the University of Miami would send us such a moronic, infantile letter...unless you're a faculty member, which would explain it! -Ed.

"WRETCHES OF ECCHFlick"

For years I thought your magazine to be the work of Satan. Now, your movie satire "The Wretches of Ecchflick" proves it! I was going to write a scathing, critical letter, but suddenly something POSSESSED me to tell you how good it was instead!

Bob Cardinale
Maspeth, NY

But just what the HELL is your point? -Ed.



"UPDATED CHILDREN'S BOOKS"

I read "MAD's Updated Children's Books" in issue #276, and it really made me feel glad that I'm illiterate!

Dana Rodman
Boston, MA

Thanks! You're just the kind of reader we're looking to attract! -Ed.

MORON MAIL

I'm a high school senior who is failing Government class. My teacher said he would give me 25 points extra credit if I got a letter published in a major publication. Just wondered if you knew of any.

Andy Toth
East Lansing, MI

Sure, we know plenty of major publications, but since 25 extra credit points will only raise your grade to 57 (still far below a passing grade), why bother? See you in summer school! -Ed.

Most people send in asking for an autographed picture of Alfred, but not me. Enclosed is an autographed picture of myself!



Chad Allen
Redding, CA

Chad Allen

Chad, thanks for the photo. Glad to see your job at the thrift shop is working out. P.S.: Your hair seems to have grown in nicely since the operation! Stay in touch. -Ed.

DE NIRO DROPS IN



We idiots up here at MAD were recently honored by a visit from Academy-Award winning actor Robert De Niro and his son, Raphael. We showed him our satire of his film "The Untouchables," and we're all relieved that he didn't bring a baseball bat! Pictured from left to right are MAD Editors John Ficarra and Nick Meglin, Robert and Raphael, Art Director Len Brenner and tired Associate Editors Sara Fowler and Charlie Kadau.

A REAL "CRASS" ACT



The cast of ABC's "Head of the Class" contort their faces in pain. Either they've been reading our spoof of their show in MAD #275 or they've just been stuck from behind with pins. Just where is Howard Hesseman, anyway?

DENTALLY DISTURBED

Don't you think it's time that Alfred E. Neuman gets his front tooth taken care of? I mean, doesn't the poor guy receive any dental benefits from your company?

Eric Huber
Valley Stream, NY

You fool, you fool, you FOOL! Alfred DID have his tooth repaired! In fact, MAD will award a free one-year subscription to the first six people whose letters correctly identify the regular issue number and situation in which Alfred's tooth was fixed! The decision of the judges is arbitrary and final. Employees of MAD, E.C. Publications and Warner Communications and their families have a much better chance of winning than you do! — Ed.

PARDON OUR FRENCH

I felt very disappointed reading MAD #275. How can a magazine of such cultural quality print wrong translations of foreign phrases? In "MAD's Home Version of Jeopardy," the correct translation of "Screw the Americans! Give the terrorists whatever they want!" is: "Aux chiottes les Amerloques, donnons aux terroristes a quib veulent." I hope you'll continue to promote the French language in your publication.

Alain Pradot
Reims, France

Le choke on it! — Ed.

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

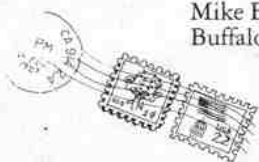


Steve Orsatti of Clovis, NM, got so sick of receiving envelopes with Ed McMahon's picture on them that he decided to send us one with Bill Gaines's picture on it! Thanks for your sketch, Steve!! Have we won something??

ORNAMENT TORMENT

I thought of one "Commemorative Christmas Ornament" (MAD #276) that you missed.

Mike Bogdan
Buffalo, NY



A memorial to the money wasted in the last year buying MAD.

MAD ABOUT SIXTY MINUTES



Last September 20, CBS's 60 Minutes aired a segment on MAD. Here are some letters we've gotten in response:

I recently saw you on 60 Minutes and then and there decided to subscribe. My wife has been buying MAD for me for 11 years, so I am not a new reader. Although Benton, Illinois, is not an island paradise like Haiti, I would welcome all of your smiling faces at my door when it's time to renew!

Curtis H. Settlemoir
Benton, IL

Thanks for the cash! — Ed.

I saw the 60 Minutes story on MAD and loved it! I used to read my big brother's MADs when I was a kid. I picked one up today on my way to work. I enjoyed it more at age 38 than I did at 12. I'm sending in for a subscription for my son. Hopefully, he will enjoy it as much as I have over the years, plus I will get to read his old issues!

Donna Norman
Battle Creek, MI

Thanks for the cash! — Ed.

I saw the feature about your magazine and staff last night and thought it was great! It also reminded me how much my brother always liked MAD, so I want to order him a gift subscription. While I'm at it, I think I'll subscribe myself!

Sandra Erzel
Moline, IL

Thanks for the cash! Thanks for the cash! — Ed. Ed.

I saw you on 60 Minutes and you were exactly the morons I thought you would be.

Derek Will
Fairfax, VA

Thanks for the bash! — Ed.

Some of the other Morley Safer groupies who wrote in to tell us they enjoyed (?) seeing MAD on 60 Minutes include:

Bill Looker, Bradford, PA; Clark Hosmer, Shalimar, FL; Robin Fromson, Massachusetts, USA; Vic Miller, Sherman Oaks, CA; Roger Lindsay, Chicago, IL; Elizabeth Beale, New Martinsville, WV; Meredith Chaidze, Keaou, HI; Bryan Alford, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA; Judith A. Carolla, Reynoldsburg, OH; Carl F. Decker Jr., Southfield, MI; Dorcia Salcedo, Galveston, TX; Vicki Kleinman, Santa Clara, CA; Wayne W. Smith, Idyllwild, CA; Otis Seals, Jr., Omaha, NE.

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HOLLYWOOD AND GRIND DEPT.



Remember the movie "Saturday Night Fever" starring What's-his-name? It was about dancing! No? Hmm...

How about "Flashdance," that movie about dancing starring that girl who wasn't a good dancer so they had to use a stand-in for her? You remember that, don't you?

Ah hah! A glimmer of recognition flickers in your otherwise dull, uncomprehending eyes! Well, you can bet your twine collection the people who made this movie remember!

DORK

It's so nice to go to a place where they serve you three meals a day!

Not if they're served at the same time!

Our socially conscious daughter thinks we should send this food to starving Asians!

We'd also have to send the Marines to make them eat it!

I think the folks baby you too much!

Yeah! But it's getting better! Last week I was finally taken off breast feeding!

What do you get with the breakfast special?

Gas!

This is such a corny, 1940-ish type picture!



ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

What are you doing here? Guests aren't allowed at staff parties! Get lost!

Just who do you think you're talking to?

Judging by your profile, I'd say Barbra Streisand's daughter!

STAFF INFECTION ONLY



CLICHÉ!: Rich girl meets boy from the wrong side of the tracks...

Bubbie, you have to concentrate on the music! That's all that matters! You have to feel the music and nothing else!

Not even your hand on my tush?

Not if you want to lose your inhibitions!

I think I'm going to lose more than my inhibitions before this dance is over!



CLICHÉ!: Repressed virgin discovers her sexuality...

Well, folks, that does it for my **opening monologue!** In the actual movie, my voice-over begins the film, then **leaves and never returns!** If the audience was smart, it would do the **same thing!** Mad readers have the same option — keep reading or pass right by...

4 Dancing



That's why it's back in the 60's! That way the picture is only **20 years** out of date! If it was in the 1980's it would've been **40 years** out of date!

The waiters here are all college men! That one is studying to be a lawyer and that one is studying to be an engineer...

You need a
fork? **Call
my service!**
I don't
make **table
calls!**

Hmmm, it's obvious what this one's studying to be!

It's your job to fool the guests into believing they're having a **good time!** Dance with their ugly wives and daughters, or else you're **fired!**

Gee,
Max
makes
me
feel
good!

Really?
Are
you
an
employee?

No-
an
anti-
semitite!



WRITER: STAN HART

Johnny,
what am
I going
to do?
I'm
pregnant!

Don't worry,
Pinhead!
I wouldn't
let **anything**
bad happen
to you!

I think
you're a
little
late
with that
promise!



Bubbie, if I go for an **abortion**, I won't be able to dance with Johnny in the big **dance exhibition** next Saturday!

I
can
take
your
place!

No, I think I'd better go for the abortion myself!

I mean the
dance
exhibition,
dummy!

Oh,
yeah!



CLICHÉ!: The kindness of the less fortunate working class towards one another...

CLICHÉ!: Amateur steps in to perform for the ailing professional...

The first thing we need is the right footwear — dancing slippers for you, industrial steel-toe safety shoes for me!



CLICHÉ!: Sequences showing klutzy student struggling to learn...

You must learn to rotate your hips slowly, move your body up and down sensuously, and grab my back with both hands, passionately...

Gee, I don't know if I can dance like that, Jawclench!

Who's talking about dancing?



CLICHÉ!: Student falls in love with teacher...

If I do well in the dance exhibition, what's next for me?

The "Wet Tee-Shirt Competition!"



CLICHÉ!: Klutz miraculously turns into graceful dancer overnight...

Jawclench, I don't want anyone to recognize me! If someone tells my parents, I'm as good as dead!

Well, no one is going to recognize you in that disguise, especially that big, phony nose!

What phony nose?

Oh, sorry...



CLICHÉ!: Tension — will she succeed?



CLICHÉ!: Stand-in makes good...

I know I should be happy, but I'm worried, Jawclench!

We just had the climax of this picture and we're only half way through it! What are we supposed to do for the second half?

No! I'm saving that for the man I marry!

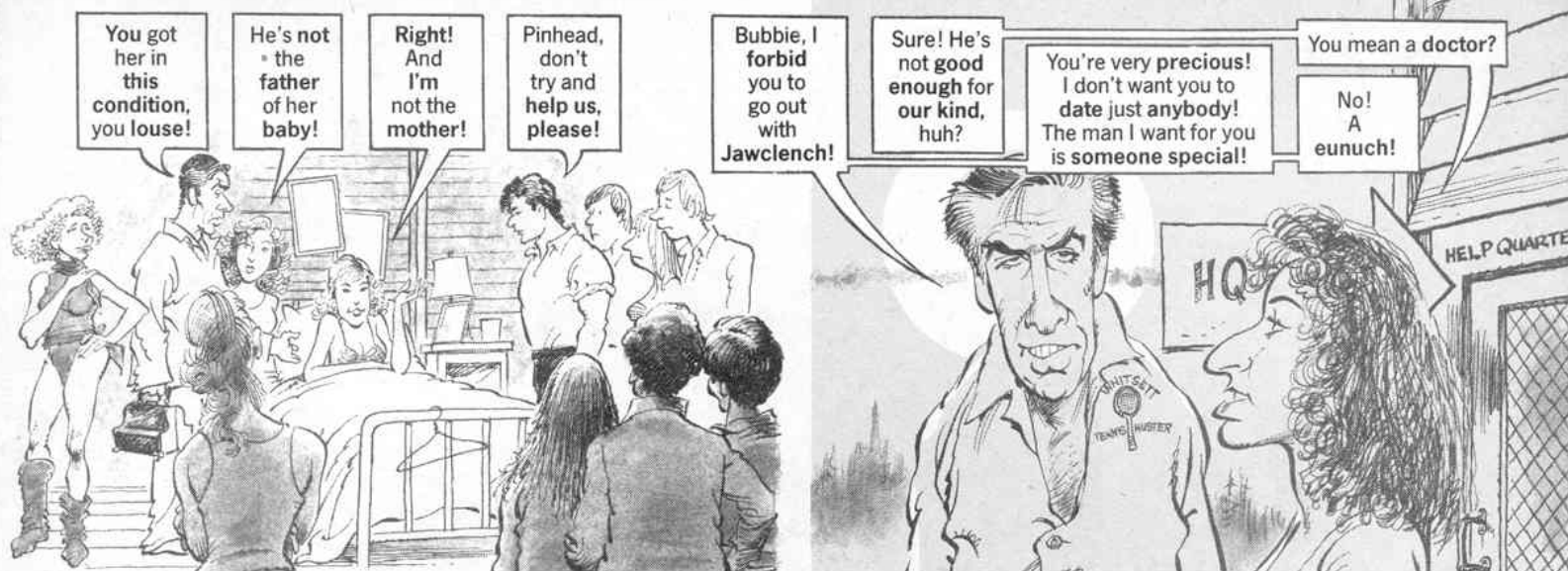
About what?

Fake it!

I don't think we're talking about the same thing, Bubbie!



CLICHÉ!: The guy senses that he's fallen in love with the girl without knowing it...



CLICHÉ!: Hero accused unfairly...

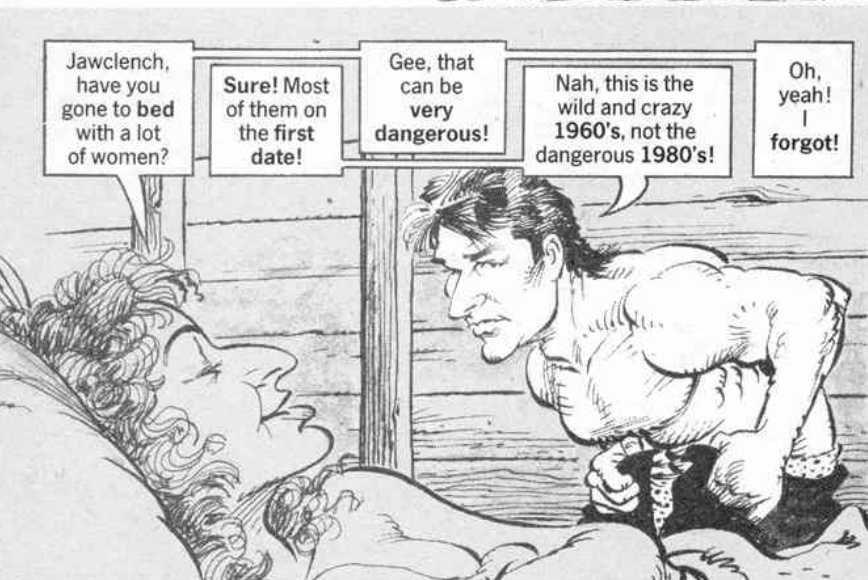
CLICHÉ!: No guy is good enough for Daddy's little girl...



CLICHÉ!: Dancing as foreplay...



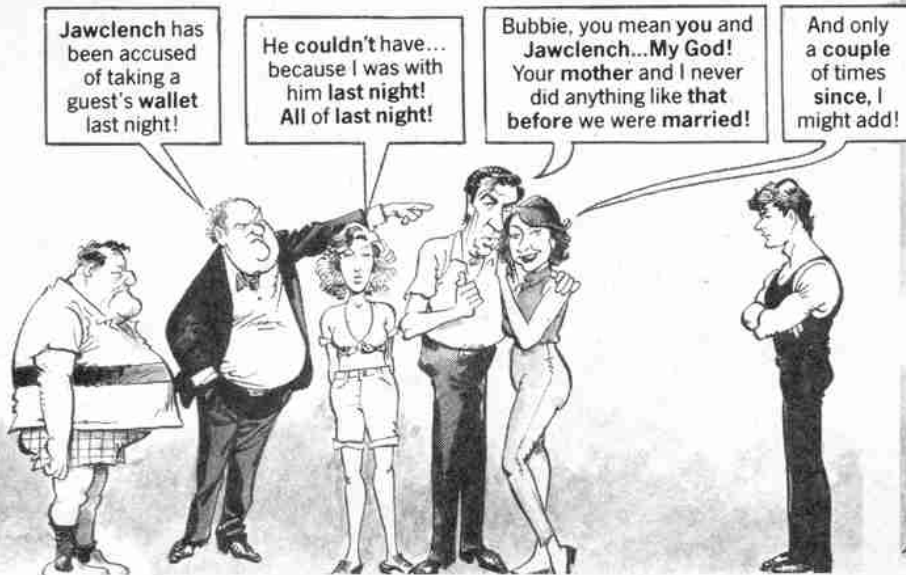
CLICHÉ!: Typical sex scene with music, groping, and little else...



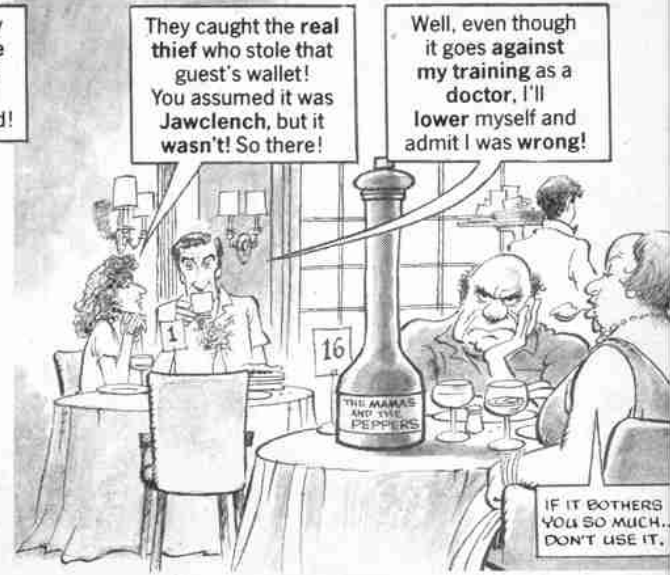
CLICHÉ!: Sheltered, rich girl learns about life from street-wise, poor hero...



CLICHÉ!: Boy learns to have faith in himself...



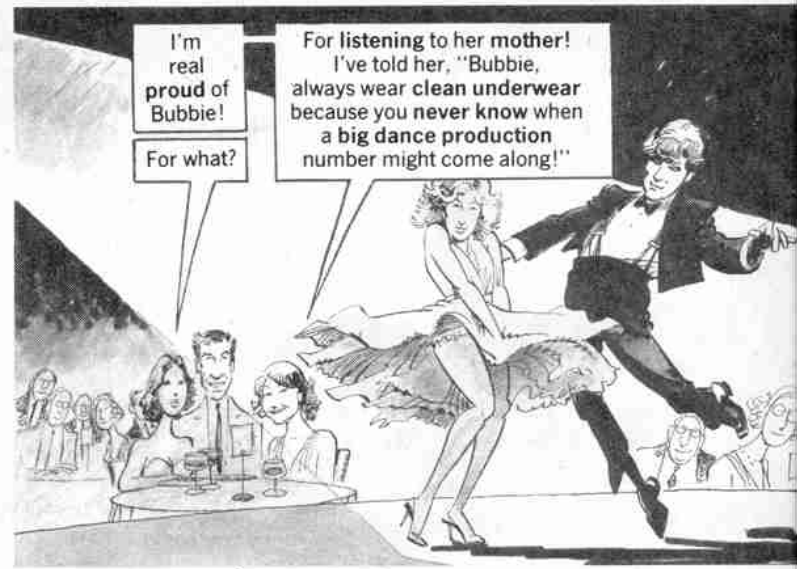
CLICHÉ!: Girl stands up for her man at the cost of her reputation...



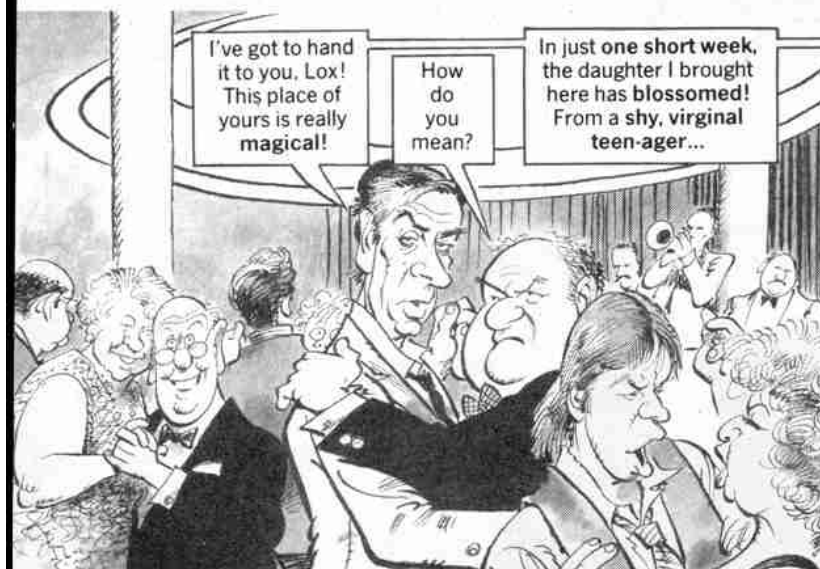
CLICHÉ!: The self-righteous, pompous ass displays a trace of humility...



CLICHÉ!: Father realizes his daughter is no longer a little girl...



CLICHÉ!: Impromptu dance turns into a slick, choreographed production...

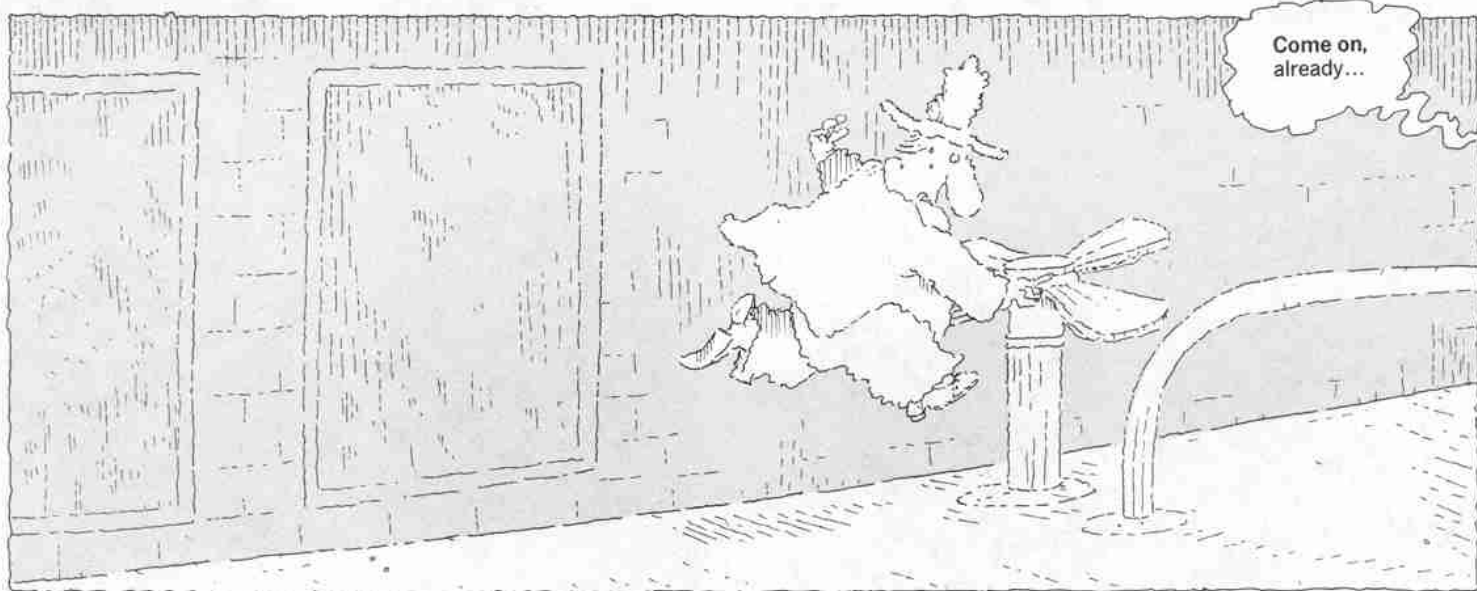
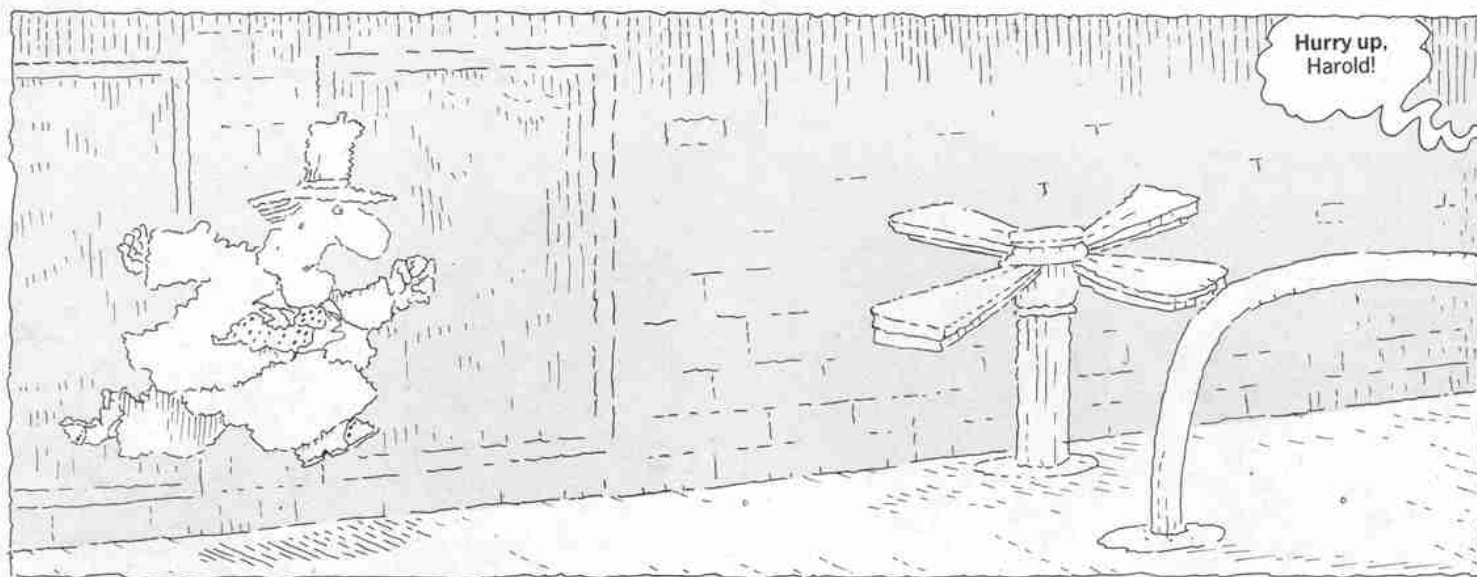


CLICHÉ!: The old folks feel the rhythm and join in with the kids...



CLICHÉ!: Leave the ending vague enough so that if this bomb makes it, there can always be a sequel!

THE TERRIFYING TERMINAL TRAGEDY



ARTIST AND WRITER: DUCK EDWING



THE SHADOW STILL DOESN'T KNOW DEPT.

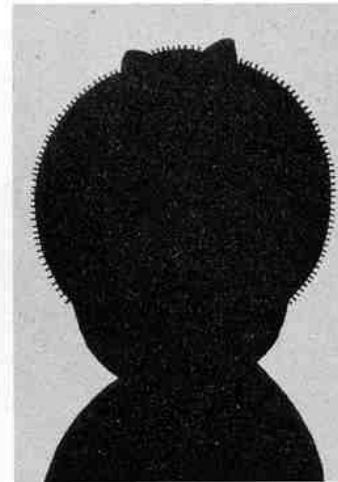
Readers of a certain article and its sequel (MADs #257 & #272) were beginning to feel that we'd left them in the dark! So our concerned editors set out to shed some light on the subject...and came up with

STILL MORE CELEBRITY

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE



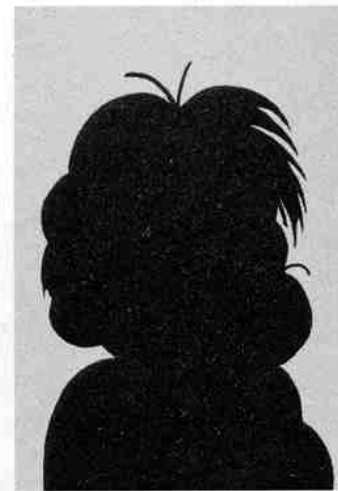
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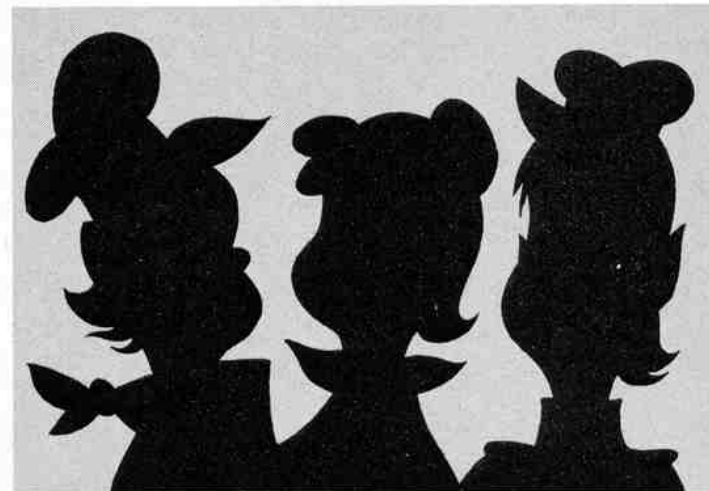
Which is KADDAFI...and which is NANCY?



Which is DON JOHNSON...and which is MAX HEADROOM?



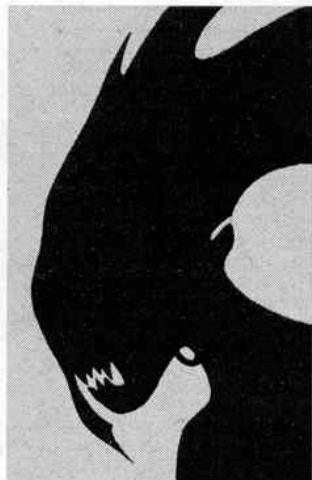
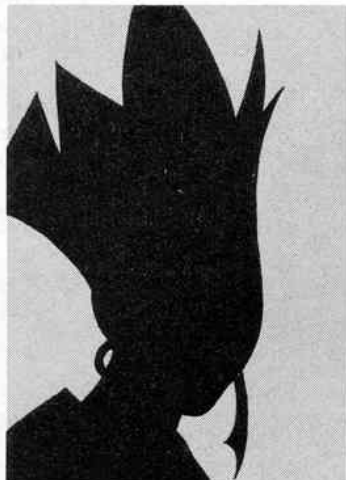
Which is ROGER EBERT? ...and which is MARVIN



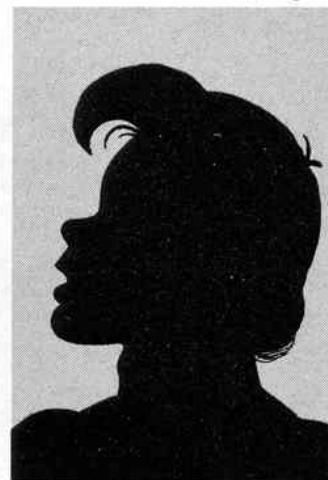
Which is NEWHART'S LARRY, DARRYL & DARRYL... and which is SNAP, CRACKLE & POP?

ITY SILHOUETTES

WRITER: RURIK TYLER



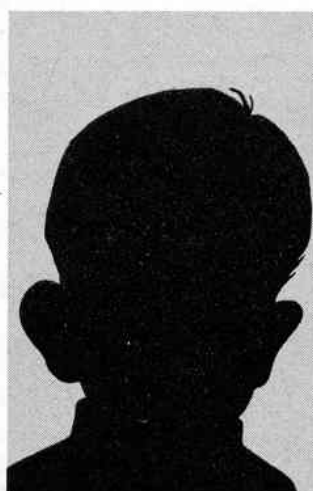
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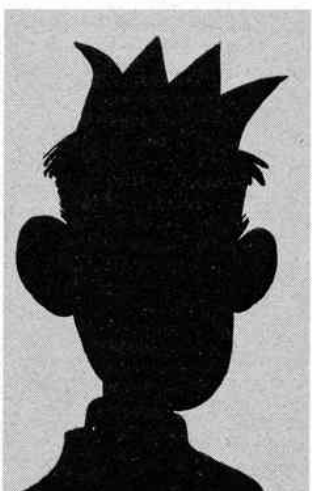
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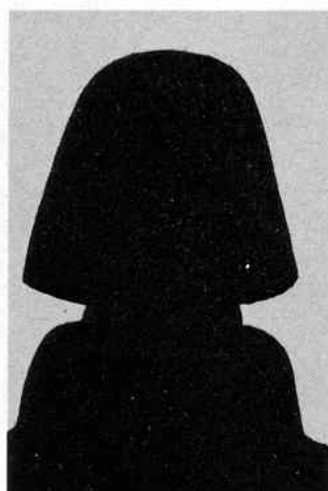
Which is DON KING...and which is THE WISHNIK TROLL?



Which is FERDINAND MARCOS...and which is DONDI?



Which is PRINCE CHARLES...and which is JUGHEAD?



Which is LINDA EVANS...and which is THE SPHINX?



ALL JAFFEE DEPT.

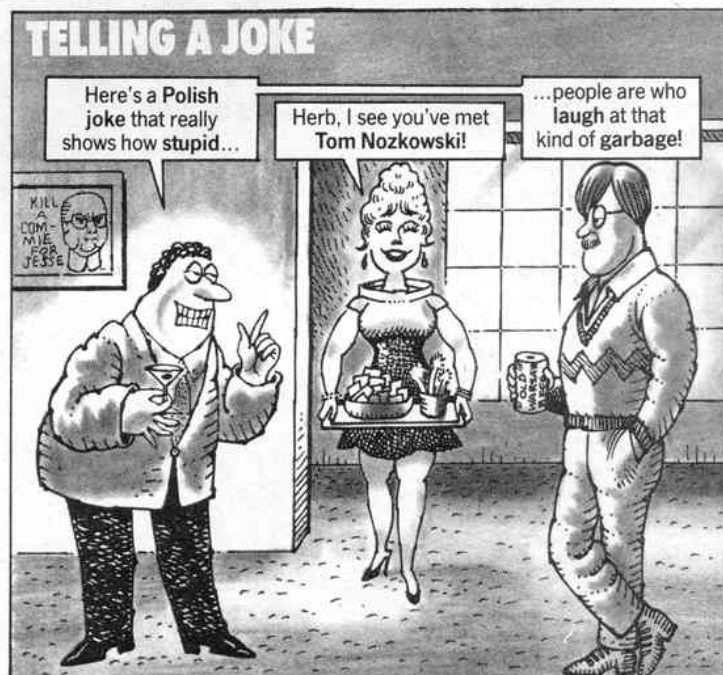
Embarrassing situations can happen at any time. Like right now—this article. Mostly, however, they happen when you put your big foot

QUICK RECC EMBARRASSIN

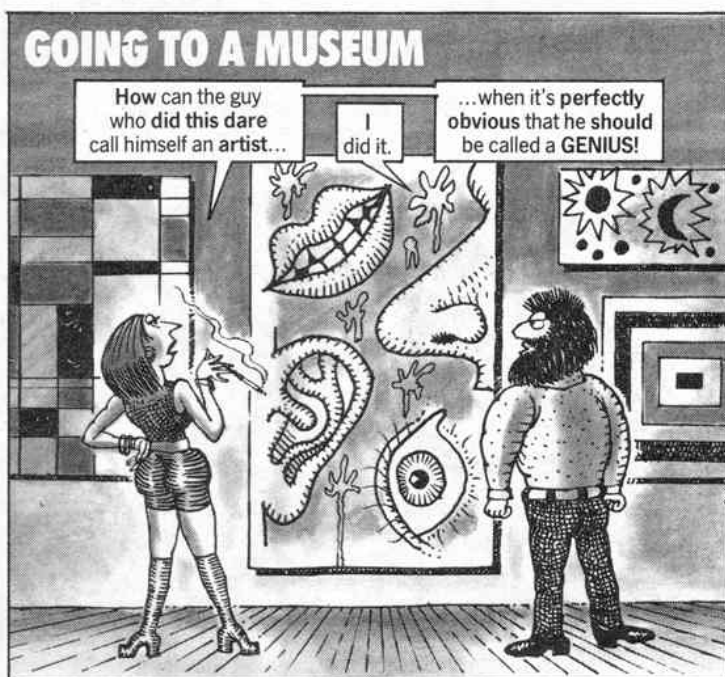
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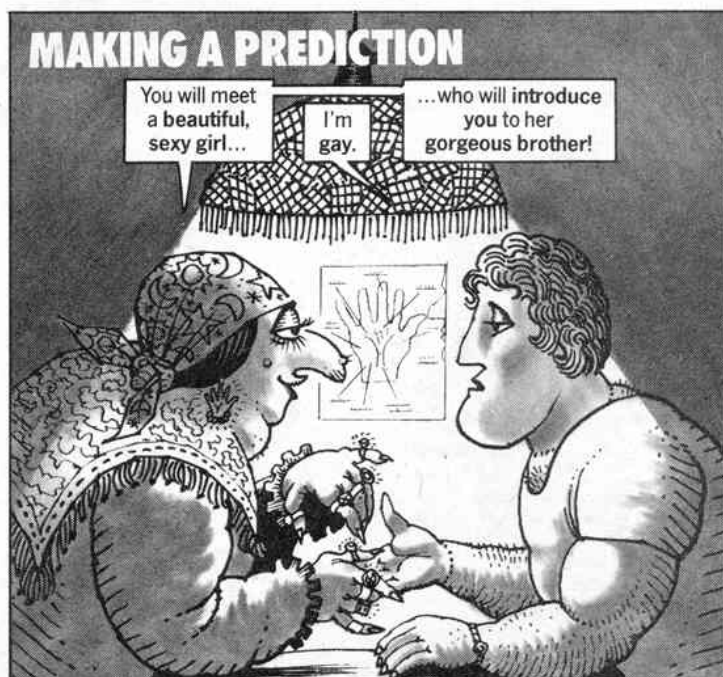
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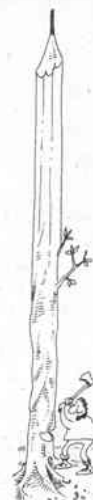
MAKING A PREDICTION



firmly into your big mouth. But there is a way out. All you have to do is study the examples shown here and you'll learn to make...

OVERIES FOR BIG SITUATIONS

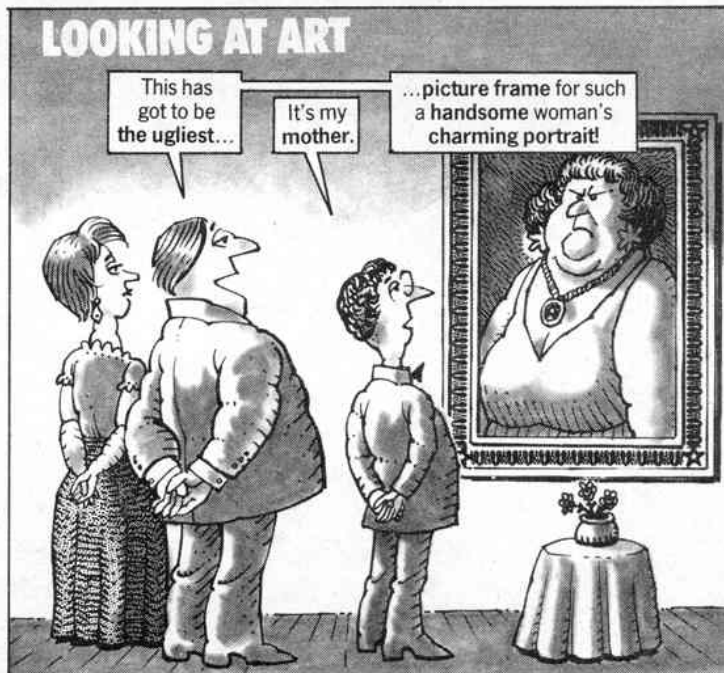
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WATCHING HOME MOVIES



LOOKING AT ART



LUSTING AFTER WOMEN



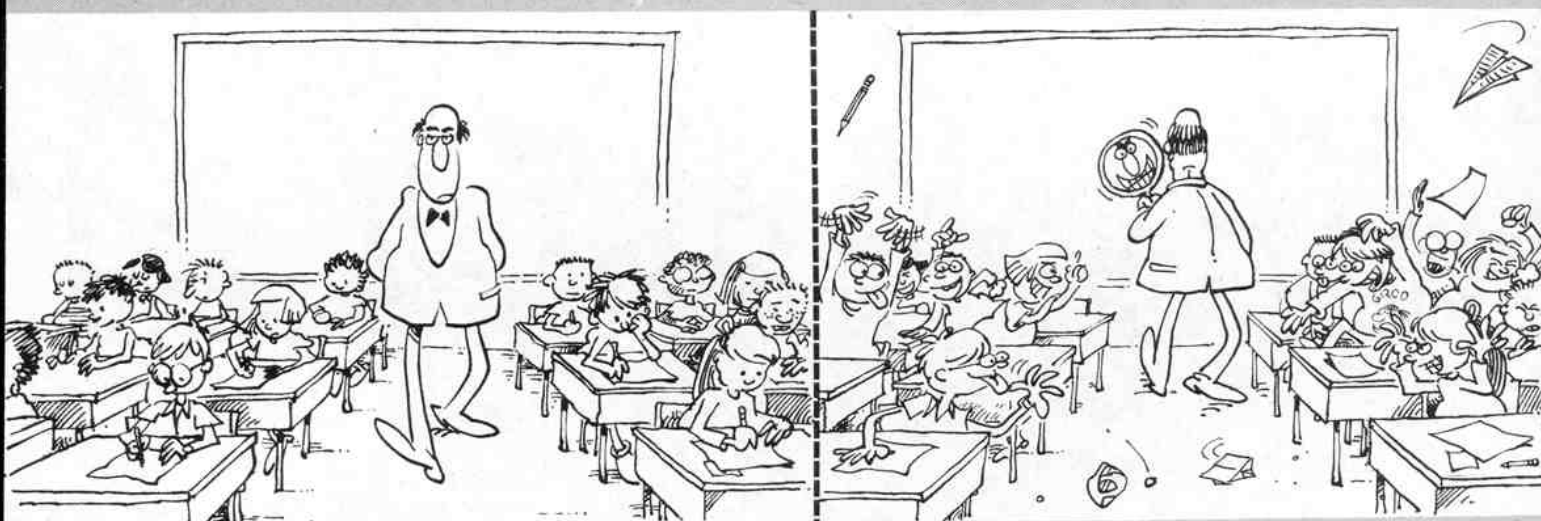
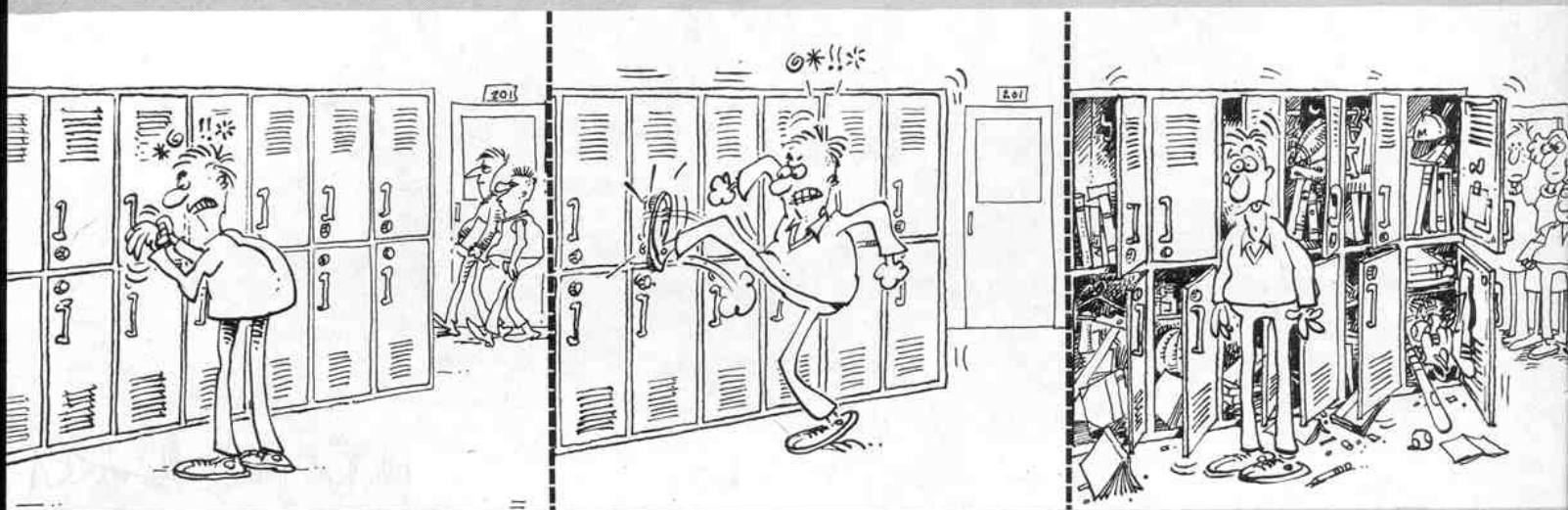
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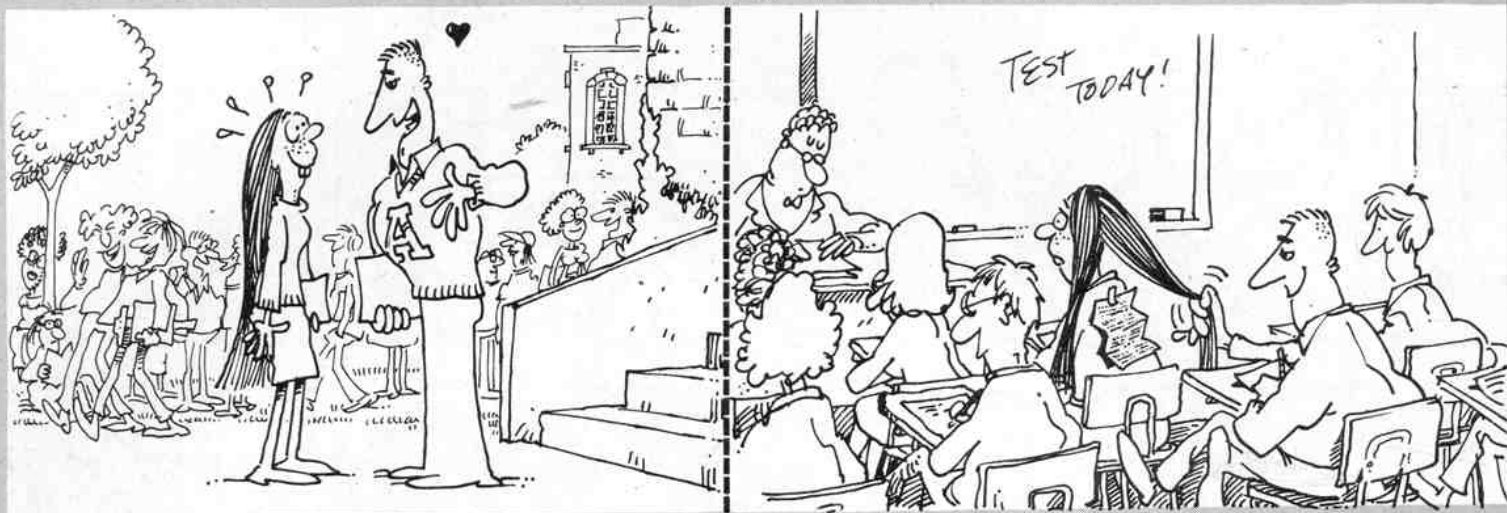
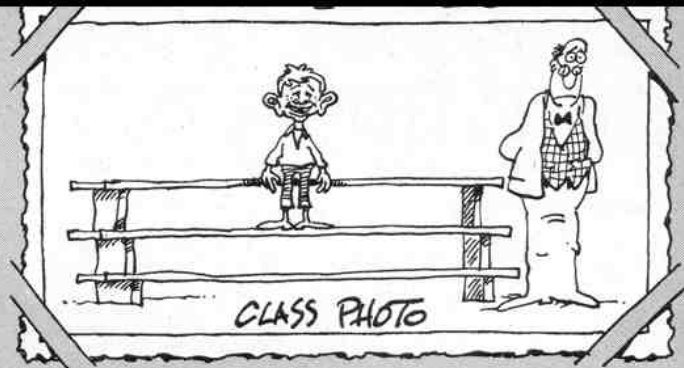
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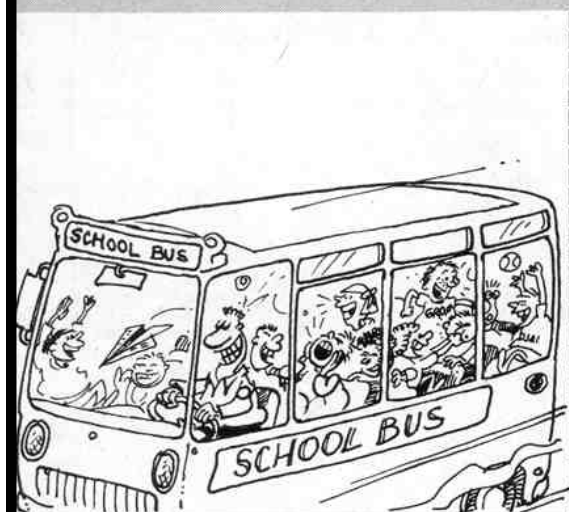
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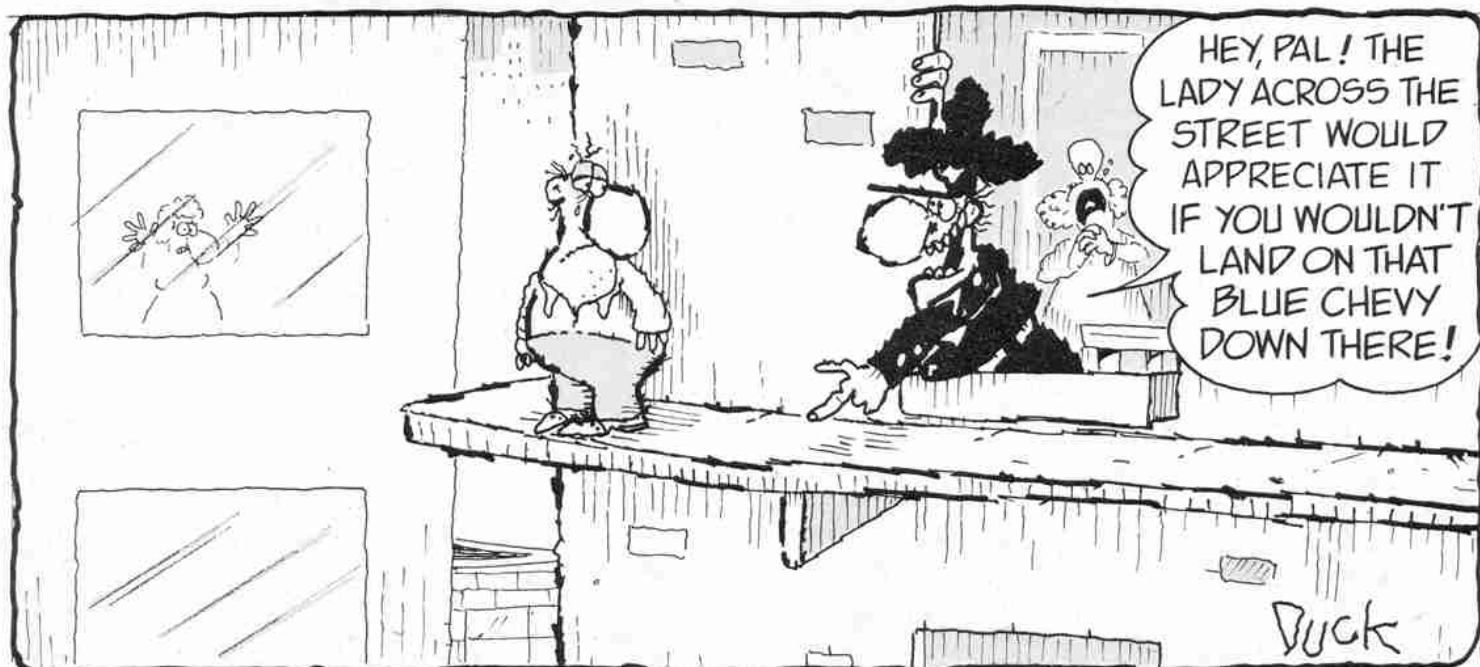
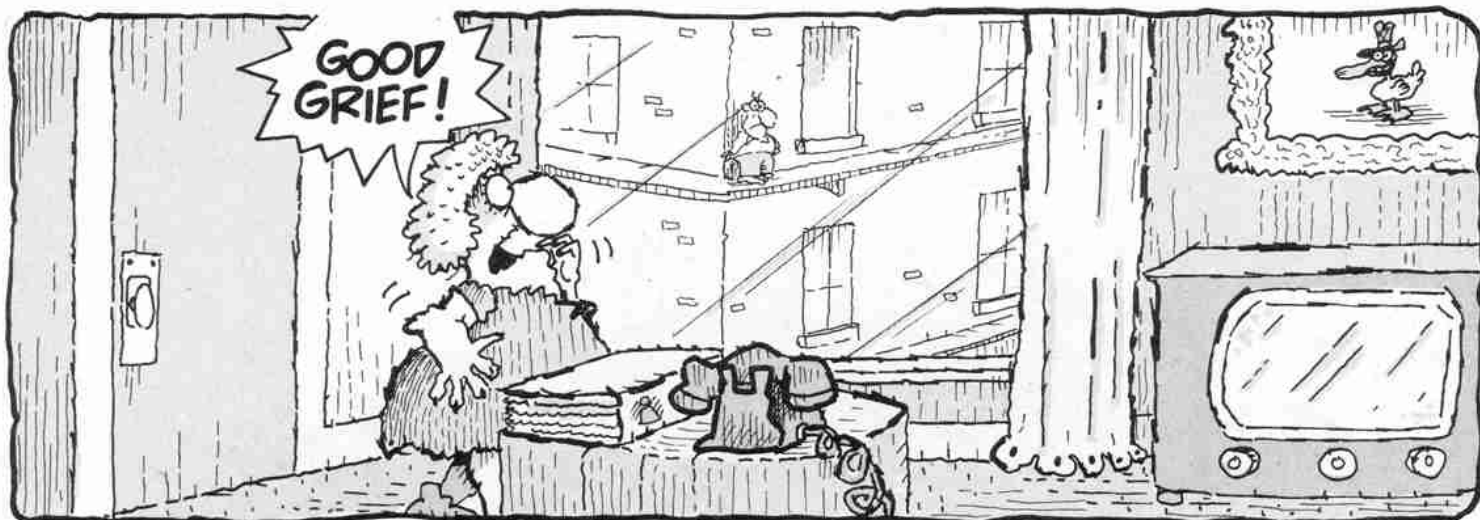
SCHOOL



ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES



THE STUPEFYING SUICIDE SITUATION



Duck

ALONG THE SNIDE LINES DEPT.

Not too long ago, we fired off a barrage of insults at every highly rated individual and well respected organization we could think of and called the entire mess "The MAD Nasty File." It was our insincere hope that by bursting every one of the world's over-inflated balloons we wouldn't need to vent our spleen in a similar fashion for a long time. But alas, much to our delightful dismay, we find there is already a new crop of celebrities and "institutions" that have yet to feel the sting of our pointed barbs! So, with no apologies, we petulantly present...

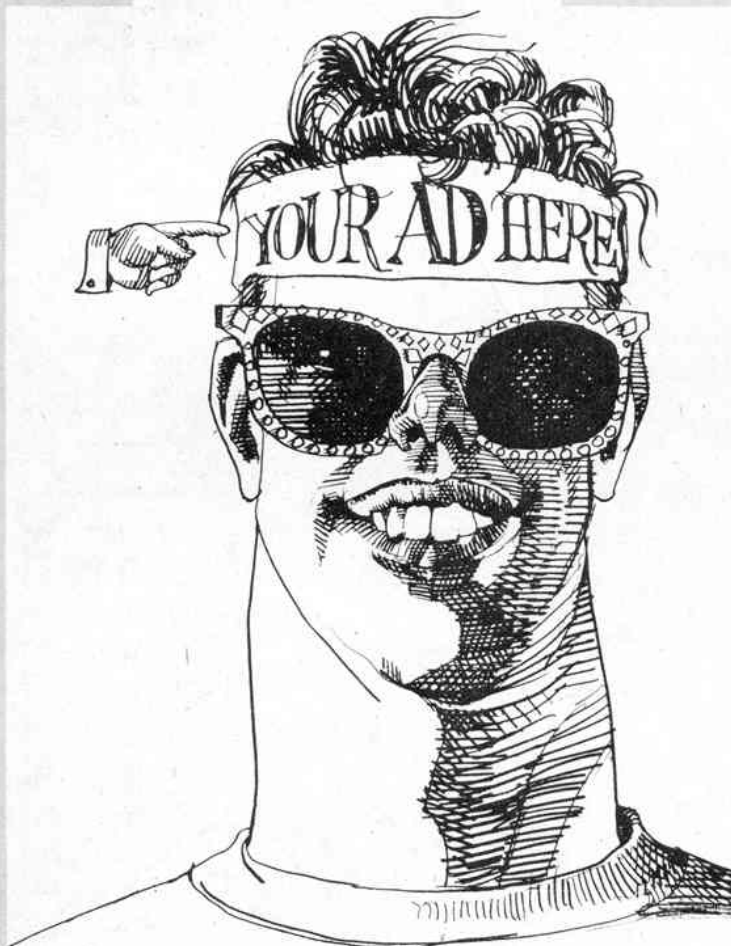
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ARTIST: GERRY GERSTEN

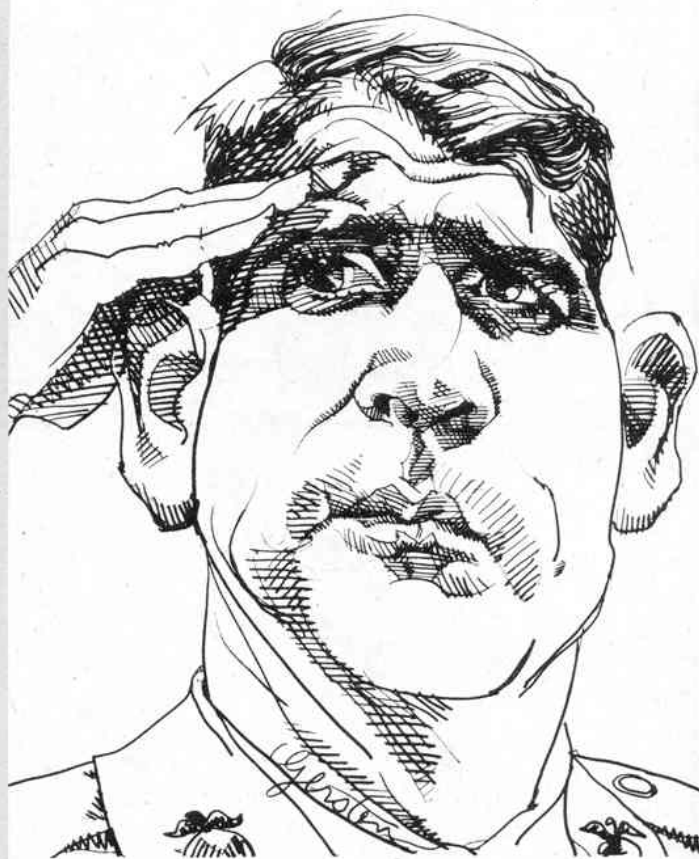
WRITER: TOM KOCH

JIM MCMAHON



- ...wears an elastic headband in the hope it will somehow keep his brain in place.
- ...became a hero in Chicago, the town that also has a warm feeling for the Cubs, Al Capone and stockyard aroma.
- ...proved that any quarterback can look good on a team that has a backfield with Walter Payton and a defense with Refrigerator Perry.

LT. COL. OLIVER NORTH



- ...picked a gorgeous model to be his secretary, which proves that his judgement isn't always bad.
- ...sincerely believes that the rank of Marine Colonel outranks the President of the United States.
- ...proved that the people of this country want to know what's really going on—with their favorite soaps, considering how many complained when they were pre-empted.

JACK NICHOLSON



- ...doesn't make horror movies intentionally — his romantic comedies just turn out that way.
- ...is noted for his portrayals of a psychopath, an astronaut and an underworld hit man — all played exactly alike.
- ...could do a great impersonation of a cobra, if only his smile had more warmth.

OPRAH WINFREY



- ...got her unusual first name because her baby brother couldn't pronounce "Obesity."
- ...proved that anyone can succeed in a field where the only real competition is Phil Donahue.
- ...tells all her guests she has the same problems they do, which is a little hard to believe when she has bulimiacs on the show.

"POLICE ACADEMY" MOVIES



- ...prove that even Bubba Smith can seem like a talented actor if he's surrounded by a cast that's sufficiently untalented.
- ...help children learn to show even less respect for law enforcement than they already do.
- ...consist of about 90 brief scenes that can be shown in any order without disturbing the plot — or helping it.

ICE HOCKEY



- ...is a convenient way for players to give blood without traveling all the way to Red Cross headquarters.
- ...gives people in Edmonton something more entertaining to do in the wintertime than listen to their frozen noses break off.
- ...is the only sport you can watch on TV for a lifetime without ever actually seeing a goal scored.

"JEOPARDY"



- ...keeps viewers happy with the promise that two of each day's insufferable smart alecks will lose.
- ...is the only place where a doctoral student in ancient history can hope to win part of his tuition money back.
- ...fills a need by giving people who know Herbert Hoover's middle name a place to show off their skill.

FERDINAND AND IMELDA MARCOS



- ...discovered that a whole country can be run the same way Jim and Tammy Bakker ran the PTL
- ...hope to return to the Philippines one day because the country still has \$14 left that they neglected to steal.
- ...insist they are innocent of wrongdoing, which is sort of like Danny DeVito insisting that he's really six-feet-four.

TOM CRUISE



- ...uses a stand-in for his billiard shooting and jet flying scenes, but unfortunately does the other stuff himself.
- ...received race driving lessons from Paul Newman when he should have been begging for acting lessons.
- ...is considered a wholesome type because he has pearly teeth, short hair and a better police record than Sean Penn.

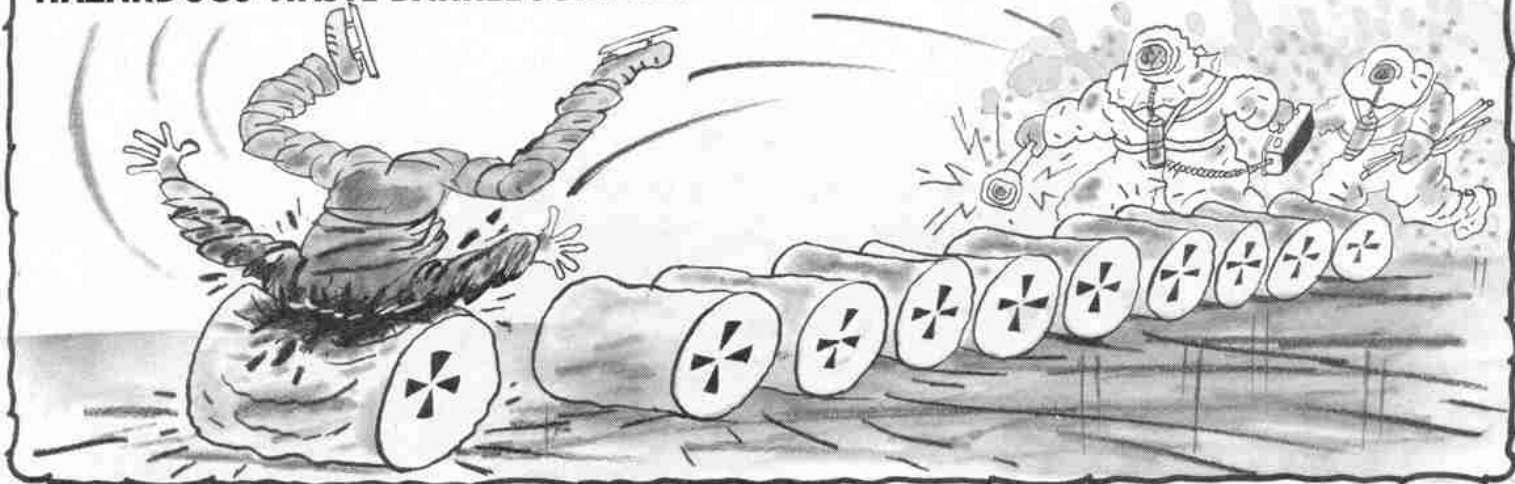
GARY HART



- ...tried to model his life after John Kennedy, but wound up in a scandal more reminiscent of Ted Kennedy.
- ...is the only politician who still owes campaign debts going back to his run for Sixth Grade Hall Monitor.
- ...now wishes he'd taken up the hobby of making model boats, rather than making models on boats.

DANGEROUS SPORTS

HAZARDOUS WASTE BARREL JUMPING

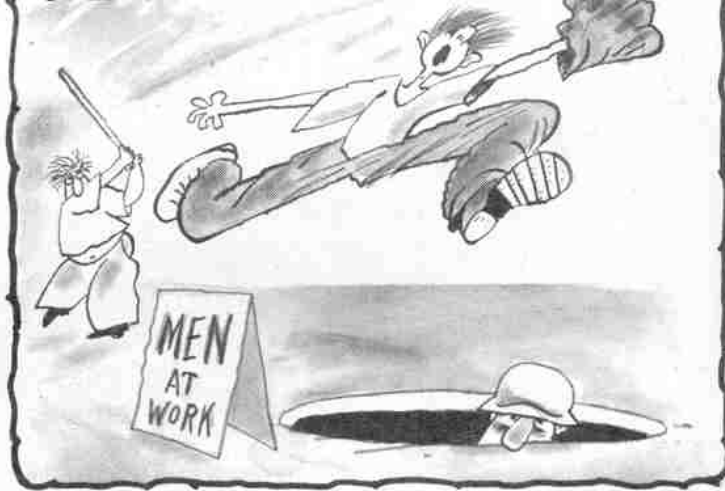


ARTIST AND WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES

OIL SLICK SURFING



OPEN SEWER STICKBALL



BACK ALLEY BOWLING

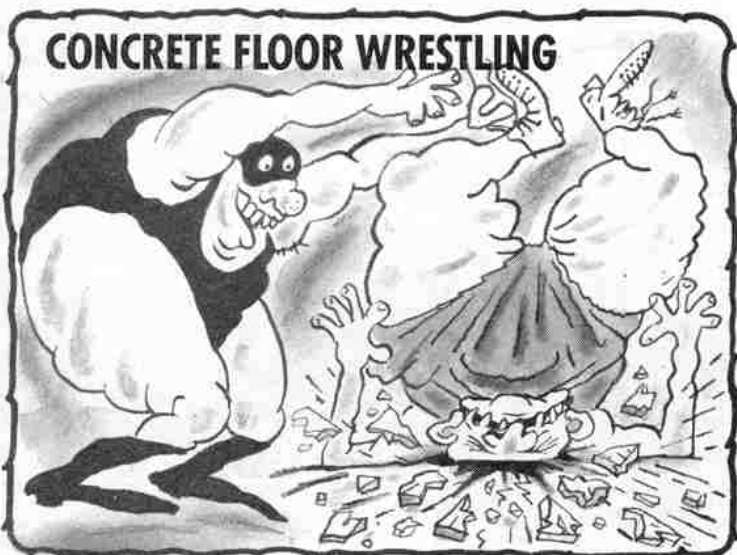


SPORTS FOR THE VERY DARING AND THE SUPER STUPID

TURNPIKE TENNIS



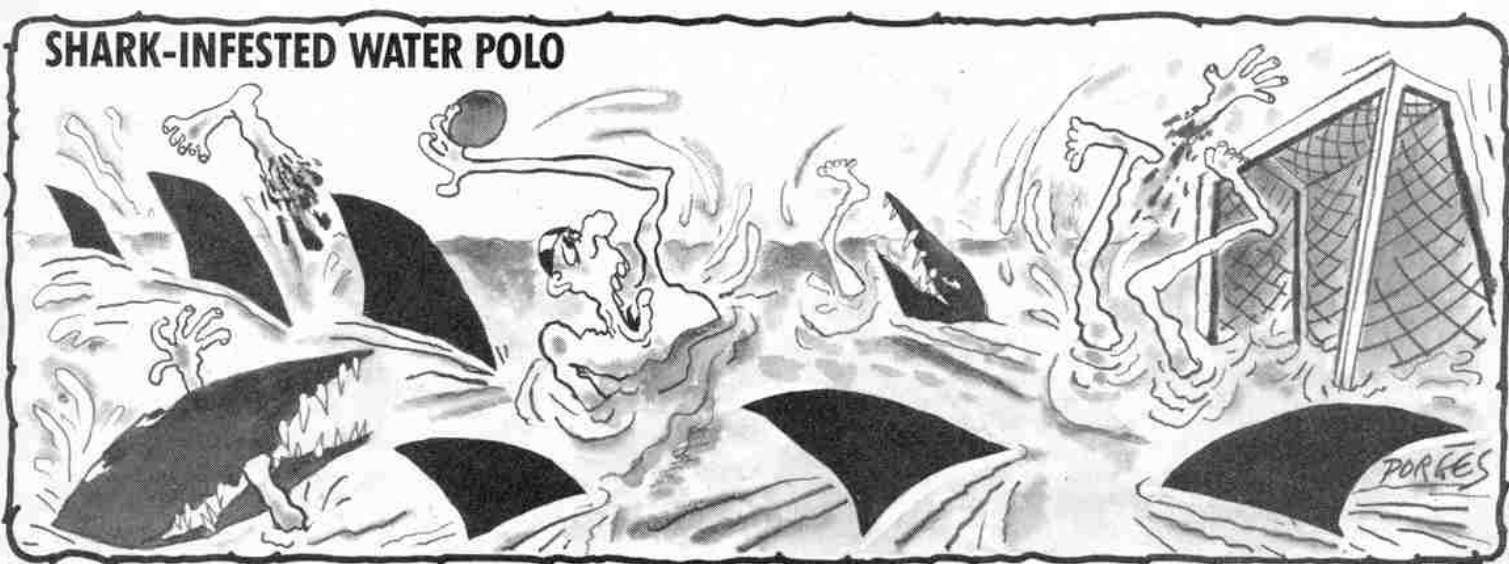
CONCRETE FLOOR WRESTLING



DEMOLITION RELAY RACE



SHARK-INFESTED WATER POLO



If you're a consumer (and who isn't?) you must have noticed that no matter which supermarket you go to, your shopping experience is pretty much the same: LOUSY! Why? Because all supermarkets follow secret, diabolical guidelines that store employees must swear to never reveal to the public. But we at MAD have discovered them, and expose them here for the first time:

SECRET SUP

ARTIST: PAUL COKER



Produce Department Rule #409:
At least 85% of all fruit and vegetable plastic bags shall not be openable at either end.



Shelf Stocking Rule #22.8: At least 33% of the shelves in every aisle shall be blocked by large, heavy boxes making merchandise impossible to reach.



Unit Pricing Rule #96.2: All products shall be marked in such a way so as to make comparative pricing impossible.



In-Store Announcements Rule #17.6:
The public address system shall be adjusted so that all announcements are blood-curdling, startlingly loud, yet totally garbled and distorted.



Computerized Cash Registers Rule #9.9: All checkout clerks shall be required to drag products over the UPC scanner a minimum of four (4) times before its price registers.



ERMARKET RULES

WRITER: CHARLIE KADAU



Meat Counter Rule #545.7: Each meat package shall contain *not less than six (6) ounces of red, sticky, smelly, dripping blood.*



Coupon Rule #666.2: For any store merchandise offered in conjunction with a newspaper coupon, supermarket management shall order stock in quantities that will fall far short of the anticipated customer demand.



Deli Department Rule #29.1: The egg, shrimp, chicken and potato salads in display cases shall each have a hardened, dried-out crust of *not less than 1/2-inch.*



Merchandise Displays Rule #818.2: Product displays shall be constructed in such a way so that the removal of any item shall cause the entire display to collapse.



Checkout Counter Scheduling Rule #744.9: During the store's busiest hours, the registers shall be operated by the slowest, clumsiest and most incompetent checkout clerks.

TO ERR IS REAGAN; TO FORGIVE, A CRIME DEPARTMENT

The Official **MAD** Harden Of Ronald Reagan President Of The United States 1981-1989

WHEREAS Instead of proposing massive funding in the fight against AIDS, Ronald Reagan recommends abstinence because it works so well for his age group;

WHEREAS He has been strong on law and order everywhere—EXCEPT in the White House;

WHEREAS He calls hired killers TERRORISTS if they're on their side and FREEDOM FIGHTERS if they're on our side;

WHEREAS Ronald Reagan quickly fired Col. Oliver North when things looked bad and then called him a NATIONAL HERO when things looked good;

WHEREAS He sends troops to the Persian Gulf so they can get shot at with weapons he supplied to our enemies;

WHEREAS He appointed an Attorney General who's under more suspicion than the crooks he's supposed to catch;

WHEREAS Ronald Reagan recommends ketchup as a "vegetable" for the poor while millions of tons of food rot in government warehouses;

WHEREAS Ronald Reagan is known as the "Great Communicator," but only allows reporters to shout questions at him as he walks to and from his helicopter;

WHEREAS He urges Americans to be more competitive with Japanese businesses while cutting funds for the education Americans need to become more competitive with Japanese businesses;

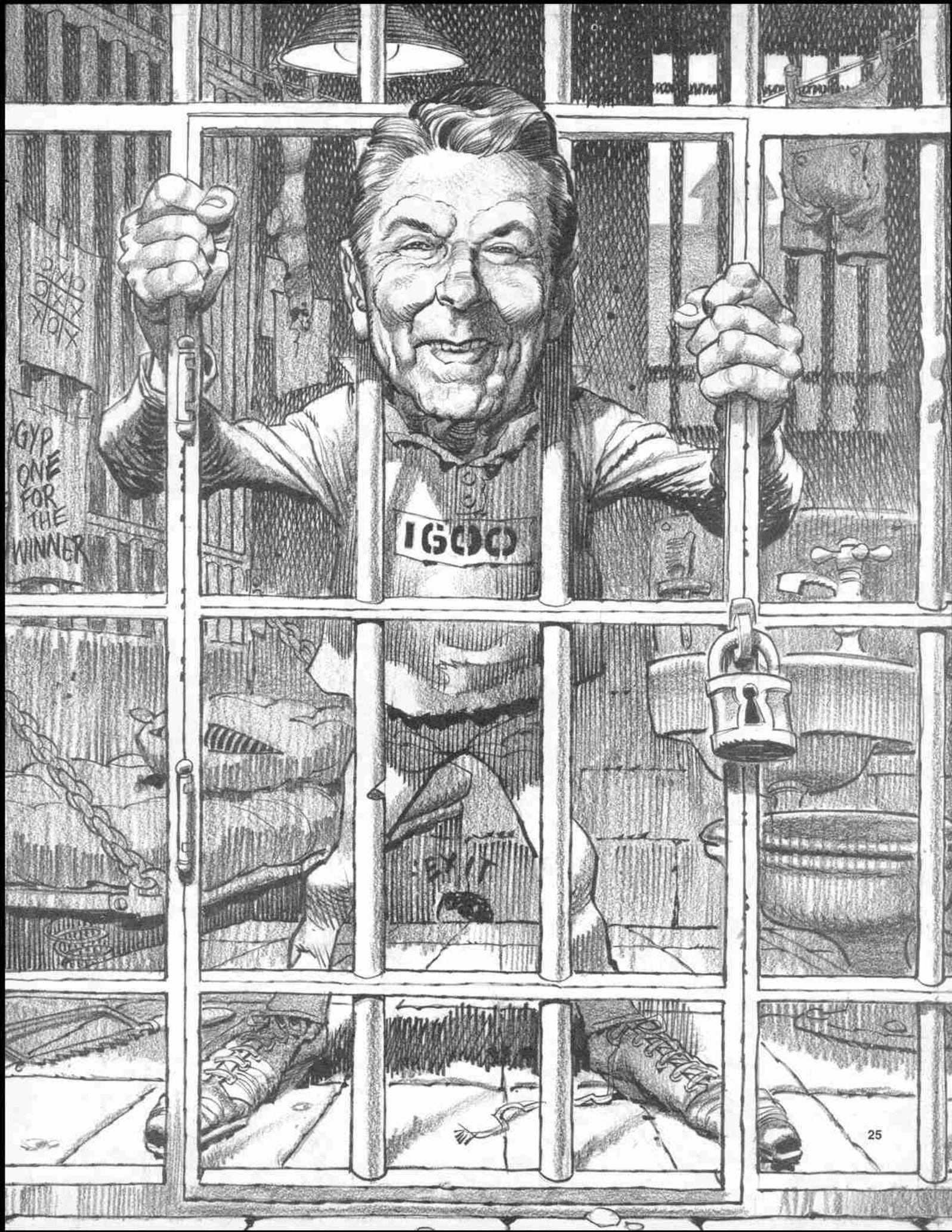
WHEREAS Ronald Reagan fights drugs with the slogan "JUST SAY NO!" and then uses the same slogan when the Drug Enforcement Agency asks for more funds to fight drugs;

SO BE IT RESOLVED that for these (and any as-of-yet undiscovered) misdeeds, MAD Magazine grants Ronald Wilson Reagan a full, complete and unconditional pardon...unfortunately for Reagan, nobody else in America does!

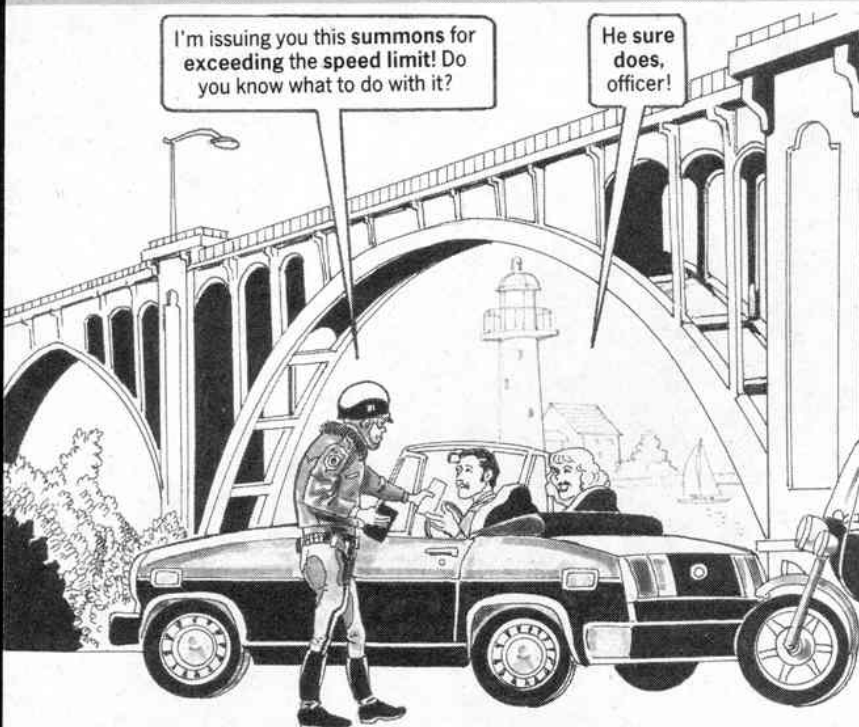
Alfred E. Newman



WRITER: AL JAFFEE



SPEEDING TICKETS



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTS

ATTRACTION



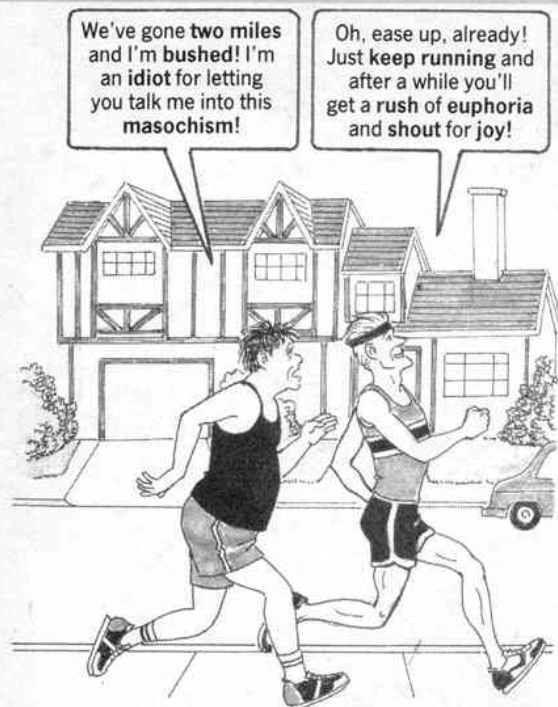
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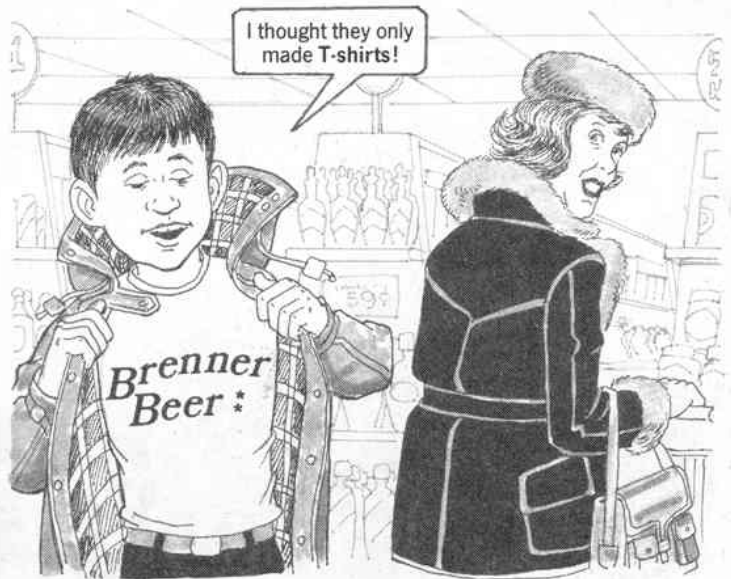
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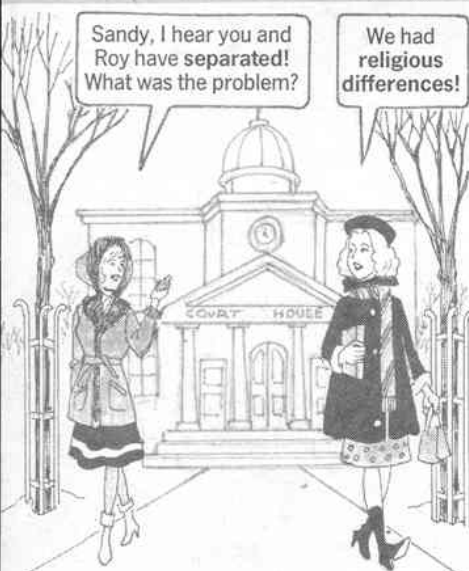
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RELATIONSHIPS



COMMUNICATION



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HOME DECORATION



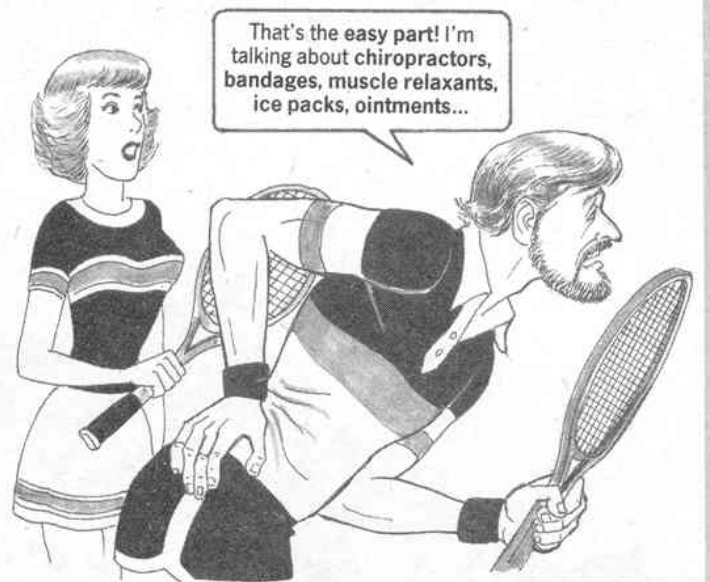
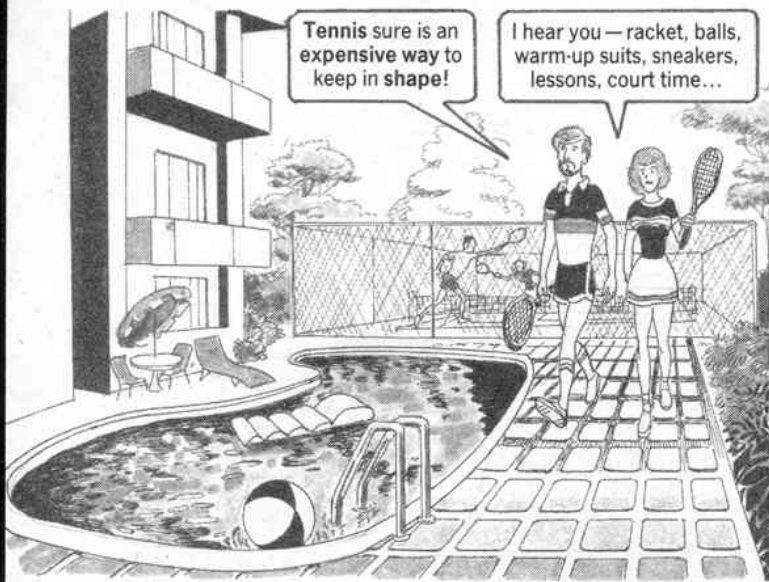
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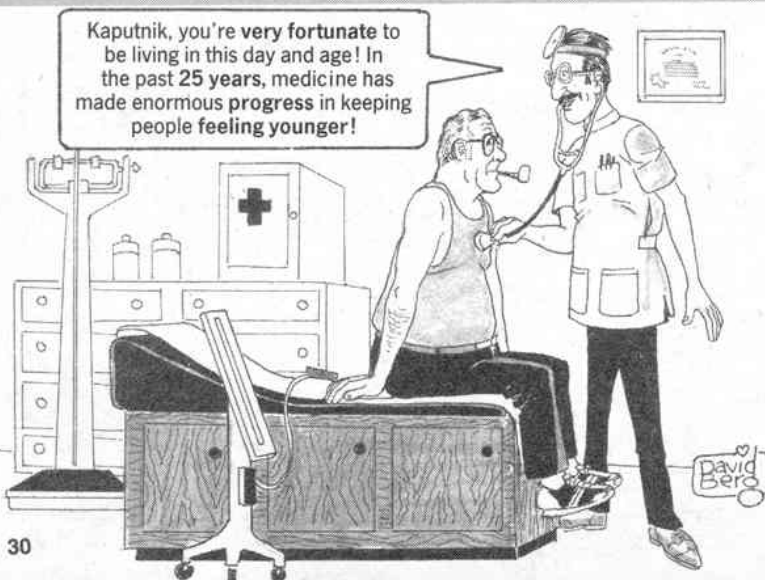
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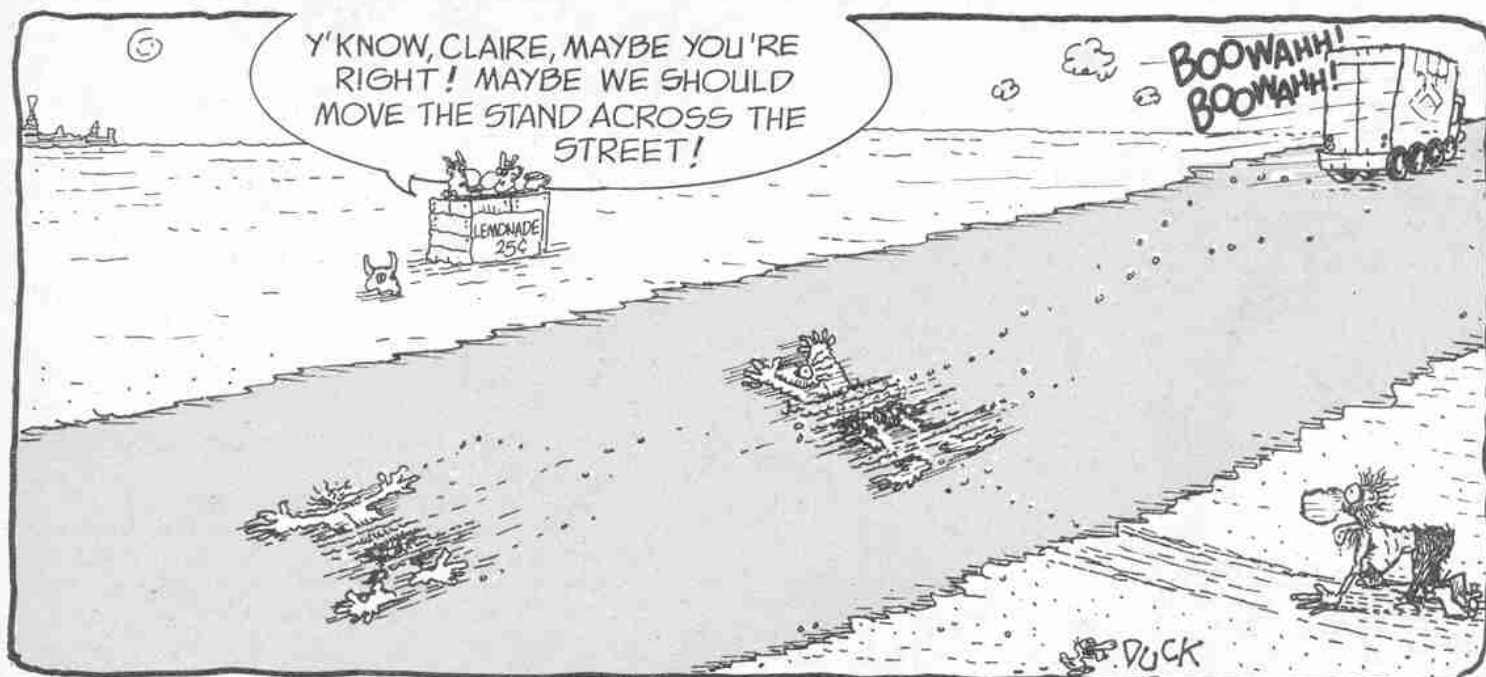
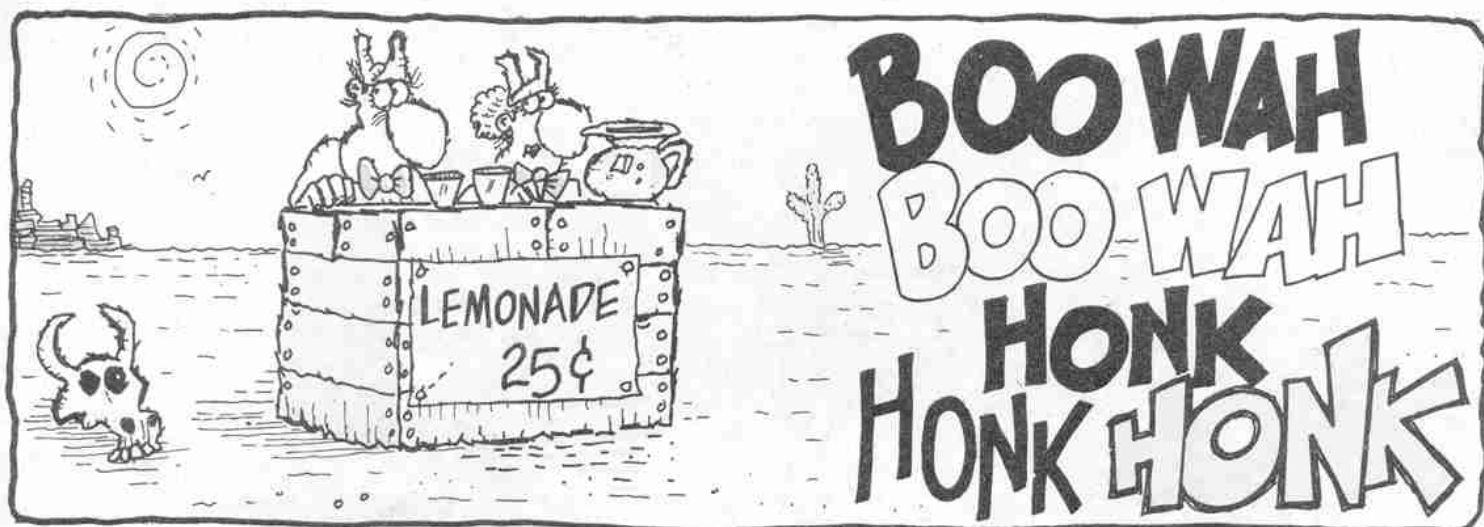
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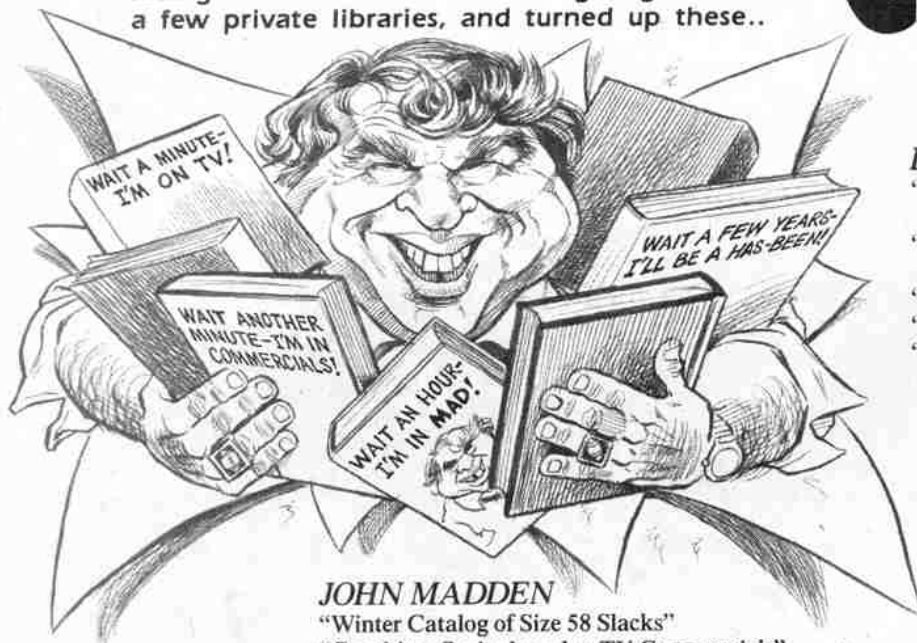
THE DISASTROUS DESERT DRAMA



When TV shows visit the homes of famous people they show the pool, the sauna, the 50-foot kitchen. But you never see any books. Why not? Can't celebrities read? Sure they can! So what books are they hiding? We did a little MAD investigating, crashed a few private libraries, and turned up these..

CELEBRITY

ARTIST: SAM VIVIANO

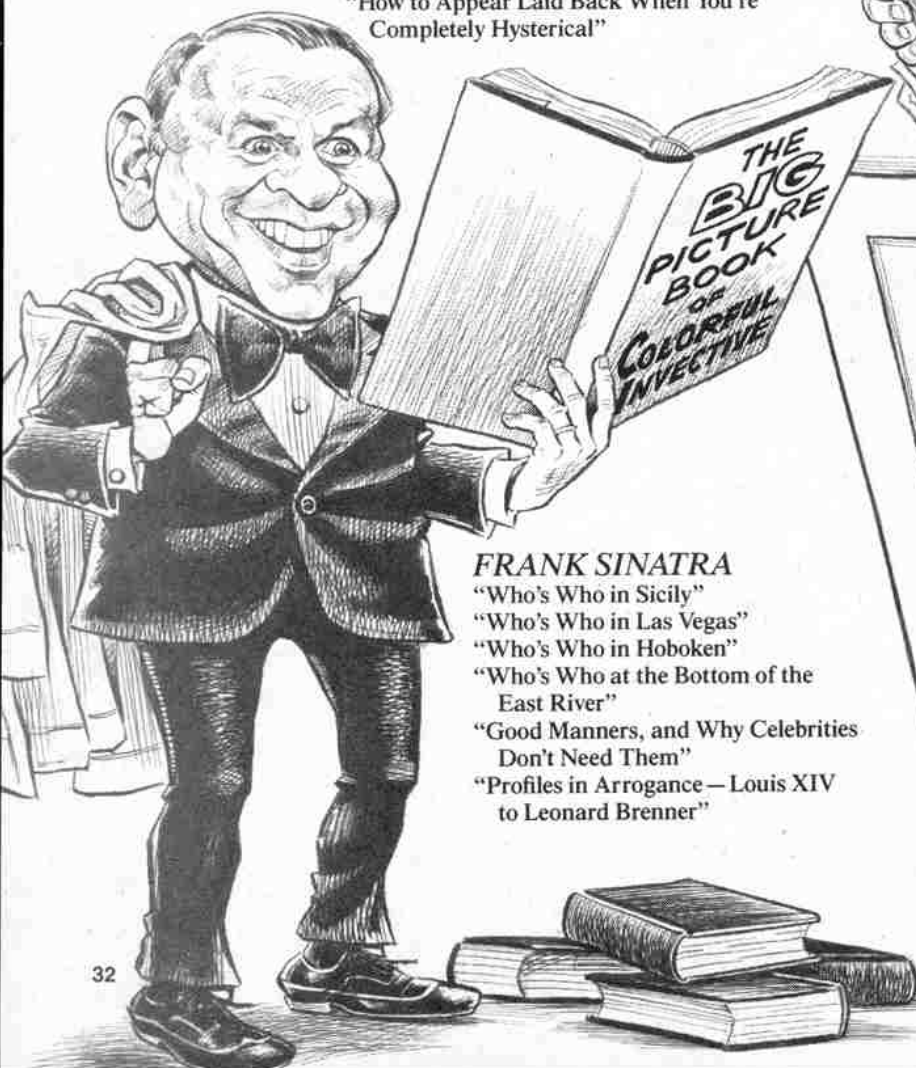
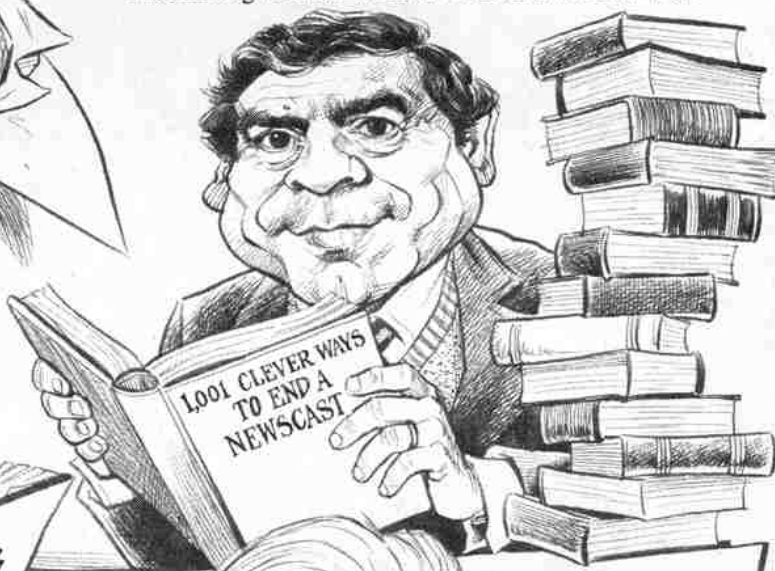


JOHN MADDEN

"Winter Catalog of Size 58 Slacks"
 "Coaching: Springboard to TV Commercials"
 "Dull Sports Anecdotes for All Occasions"
 "Cosell's Guide to Making Football Sound Complicated"
 "How to Appear Laid Back When You're Completely Hysterical"

DAN RATHER

"The Day Cronkite Retired
 (and Other Memorable Dates in History)"
 "Loni Anderson's E-Z Guide to Sex Appeal in Slipover Sweaters"
 "Libel Laws and Their Little-Known Loopholes"
 "The Barbara Walters Book of Pubwik Speaking & Ewocation"
 "Proclaiming Election Winners on the Basis of Two Votes"



FRANK SINATRA

"Who's Who in Sicily"
 "Who's Who in Las Vegas"
 "Who's Who in Hoboken"
 "Who's Who at the Bottom of the East River"
 "Good Manners, and Why Celebrities Don't Need Them"
 "Profiles in Arrogance—Louis XIV to Leonard Brenner"



JOAN RIVERS

"Good Taste, and How to Get Rich by Ignoring It"
 "Use Nervous Mannerisms to Drive Your Friends Bonkers"
 "Bette Midler's 101 Tips for Becoming a Classy Broad"
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 "How to Lose Old Friends and Use New Ones"

READING LISTS

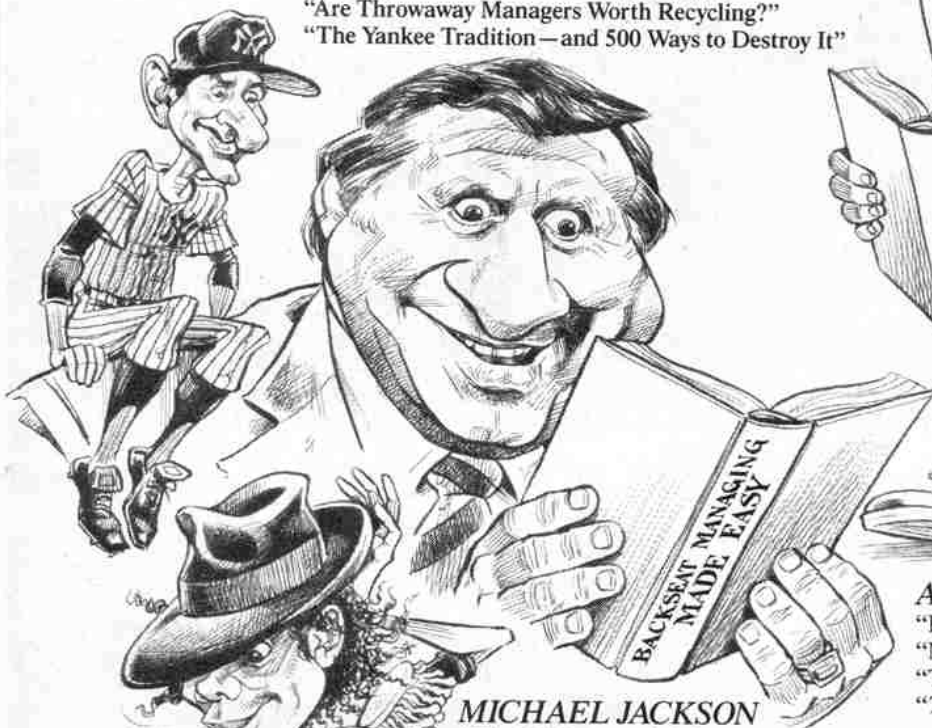
WRITER: TOM KOCH

BROOKE SHIELDS

- "Retaining Your Sex Appeal Beyond Puberty"
- "Actor's Guide to Unskilled Movie Directors"
- "Groucho Marx on Beauty for Bushy Eyebrows"
- "Speaking Lines You Don't Understand: The Method Actor's Bible"
- "How to Cut the Umbilical Cord by Age 50"

GEORGE STEINBRENNER

- "Build Your Self-Esteem by Owning Athletes"
- "Everything You Need to Know about Baseball, as Told by the Three Stooges"
- "Biographies of Famous Unlikable People"
- "Are Throwaway Managers Worth Recycling?"
- "The Yankee Tradition—and 500 Ways to Destroy It"

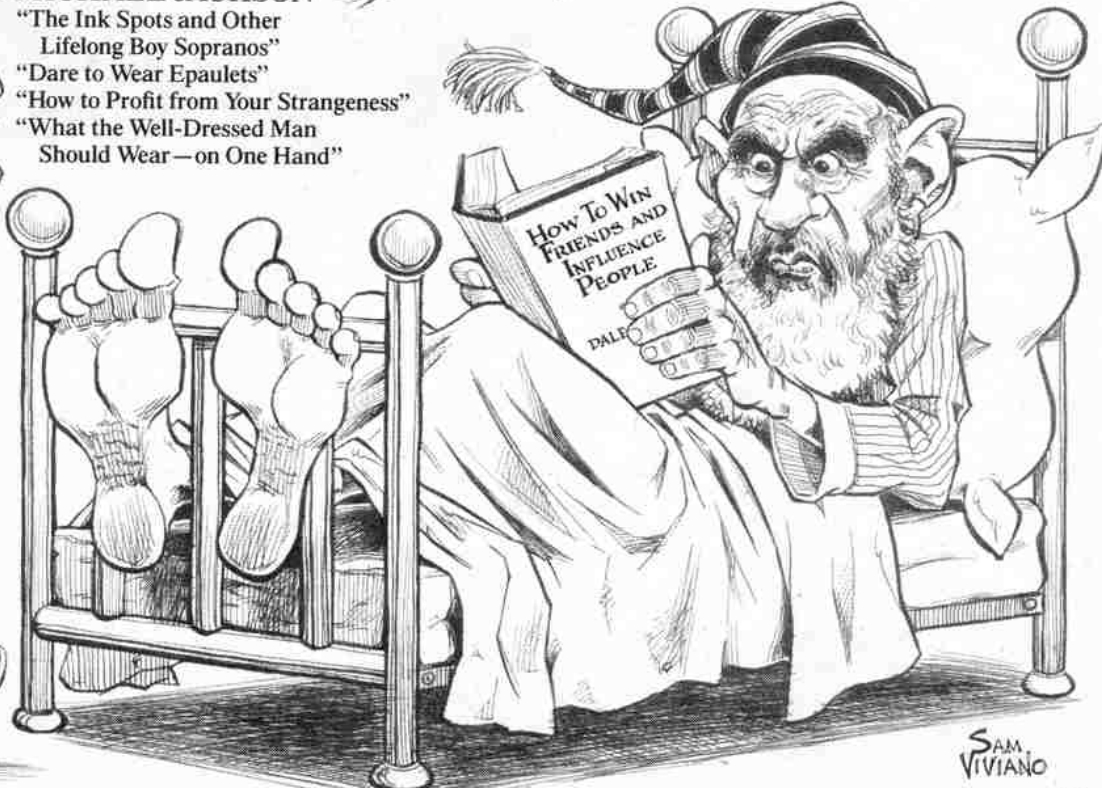


AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI

- "Burning the American Flag—and Other Party Games"
- "Mecca on Five Drachmas a Day"
- "The Beard Lice Breeder's Handbook"
- "The Pope Is Satan! and Other Bedtime Stories for Children"

MICHAEL JACKSON

- "The Ink Spots and Other Lifelong Boy Sopranos"
- "Dare to Wear Epaulets"
- "How to Profit from Your Strangeness"
- "What the Well-Dressed Man Should Wear—on One Hand"



SAM VIVIANO

A BAD CASE OF CONSTELLATION DEPT.

Every year, thousands of long-winded Astrology books are sold which describe the personalities

and habits of people born under the 12 Signs of the Zodiac. Well, now there's no need to wade

MAD'S INSTA ZODIAC

ARTIST: HARRY NORTH

ARIES

Aries people (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) are bold, fearless, rebellious and pioneering. You know this from the way they:



Tattoo their neighbors' children.

Punch out their UPS delivery men.

Jog underwater.

Train their parakeets to maim.

Put tabasco sauce on their ice cream.

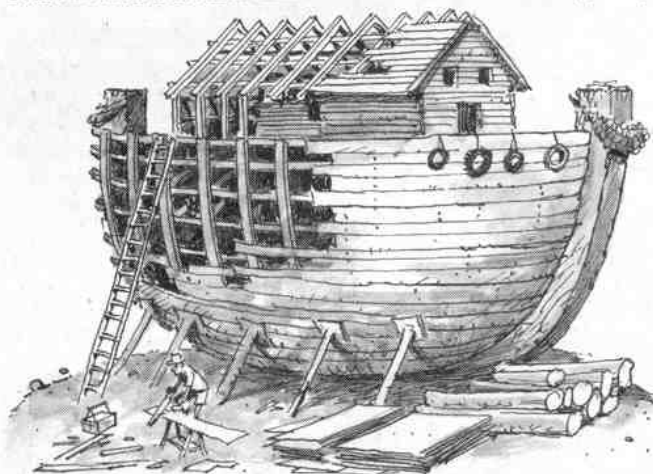
Turn over broiling barbecue steaks with their bare hands.

Act nonchalant after walking through plate glass windows.

Entertain guests with color slides of accident victims.

TAURUS

Taurus people (Apr. 21-May 21) are patient, practical, serious and solemn. This is evident from the way they:



Describe the 100-Years' War battle by battle.

Bore their computers.

Show a passionate interest in storage batteries.

Count cows while driving cross-country.

Are mistaken for mummies.

Frame Tommy Hearn's witticisms above their fireplaces.

Take long weekends in their cellars.

Turtle Wax their shoe trees.

through all those pages just to find out if your Aquarian sweetheart is the girl of your dreams,

or if your Capricorn brother is the schmuck you think he is. You can find out fast by using...

NT GUIDE TO C TYPES

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

GEMINI

Gemini people (May 22–June 21) are restless, versatile, quick-witted and inventive. You know it from the way they:



Carpet their floors with used toupees.	Are adept at juggling semi-soft cheeses.
Jump out of cakes at funerals.	Perform surgery while sky-diving.
Build giant sculptures out of hard-boiled egg yolks.	Serve Count Chocula at formal dinners.
Share their condominiums with live-in Pygmies.	Decorate their toenails with Smurf decals.

CANCER

Cancer people (June 22–July 23) are emotional, thrifty, nostalgic and home-loving. This is clear by the way they:



Cry during Mel Brooks movies.	Bronze their baby teeth.
Feel "that way" about fan belts.	Bathe with their sheepdogs.
Save old kitchen sponges for their sentimental value.	Feel their pulse racing at garage sales.
Inscribe inspirational sayings on toilet paper.	Join hands while watching Oprah Winfrey.

LEO

Leo people (July 24–Aug. 23) are regal, commanding, egotistical and gregarious. You know this from the way they:



Monogram their dentures.	Send mash-notes to themselves.
Are proud to park in spaces reserved for the handicapped.	Instruct their wives to address them as "Bwana."
Train their pit bulls to curtsy.	Demand tribute from their Street-Cleaners.
Show movies of their appendectomies on giant screens.	Wear designer hearing aids.

VIRGO

Virgo people (Aug. 24–Sept. 23) are proper, painstaking, fastidious and discriminating. You know from the way they:



Shower after shaking hands.	Slipcover their houses.
Exhibit collections of finely mounted gnats.	Videotape test patterns.
Save sunburn peelings.	Launder Kleenex before using.
Make love fully clothed.	Introduce themselves to their children.

SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius people (Nov. 23–Dec. 21) are adventurous, outspoken and unpredictable. You can see by the way they:



Decorate their Christmas trees with shrunken heads.	Make obscene phone calls to their Congressmen.
Throw up during soft drink commercials.	Housebreak ostriches.
Sleep on all fours.	Do warm-ups for terrorists.
Enjoy group sex in hammocks.	Catch Frisbees with their teeth.

CAPRICORN

Capricorn people (Dec. 22–Jan. 20) are traditional, set in their ways, loyal and solemn. You know by the way they:



Gargle in waltz time.	Still support Judge Bork.
Feel at home with bison.	Mourn the current lack of interest in Lincoln Logs.
Place fig leaves over pictures of Donald Duck.	Perspire freely while watching "The People's Court."
Molt after they reach 50.	Display the earwax of their ancestors in mason jars.

LIBRA

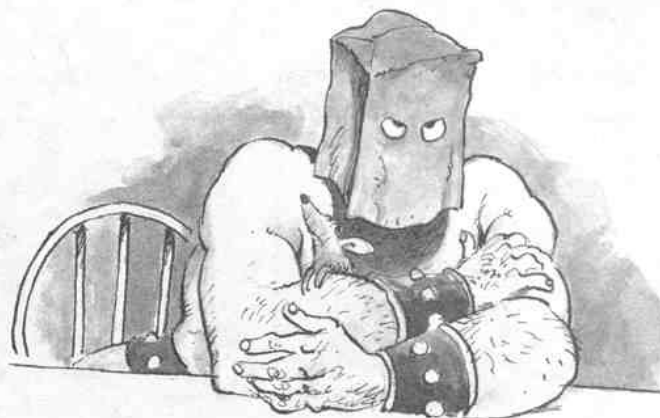
Libra people (Sept. 24–Oct. 23) are helpful, indecisive, undemanding and peace-loving. This is evident because they:



Get lost in closets.	Take the person who mugged them to lunch.
Dial "Weather" and are put on hold.	Turn themselves in for jaywalking.
Find momentary beauty in quicksand pools.	Are usually mistaken for large shrubs.
Grovel before busboys.	Floss the teeth of stray dogs.

SCORPIO

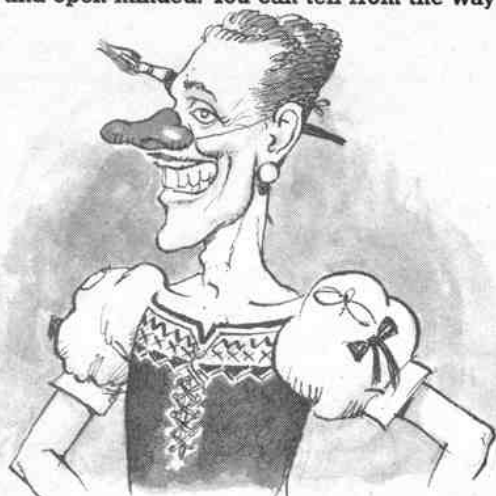
Scorpio people (Oct. 24–Nov. 22) are powerful, secretive, intense and possessive. You know from the way they:



Fingerprint their children.	Outstare killer whales.
Put out contracts on yodelers.	Mutter to "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."
Spoon-feed their cobras.	Run in marathons wearing jack-boots.
Crouch in swamps during the full moon.	Plant land mines in their front lawns.

AQUARIUS

Aquarius people (Jan. 21–Feb. 19) are unconventional, creative and open minded. You can tell from the way they:



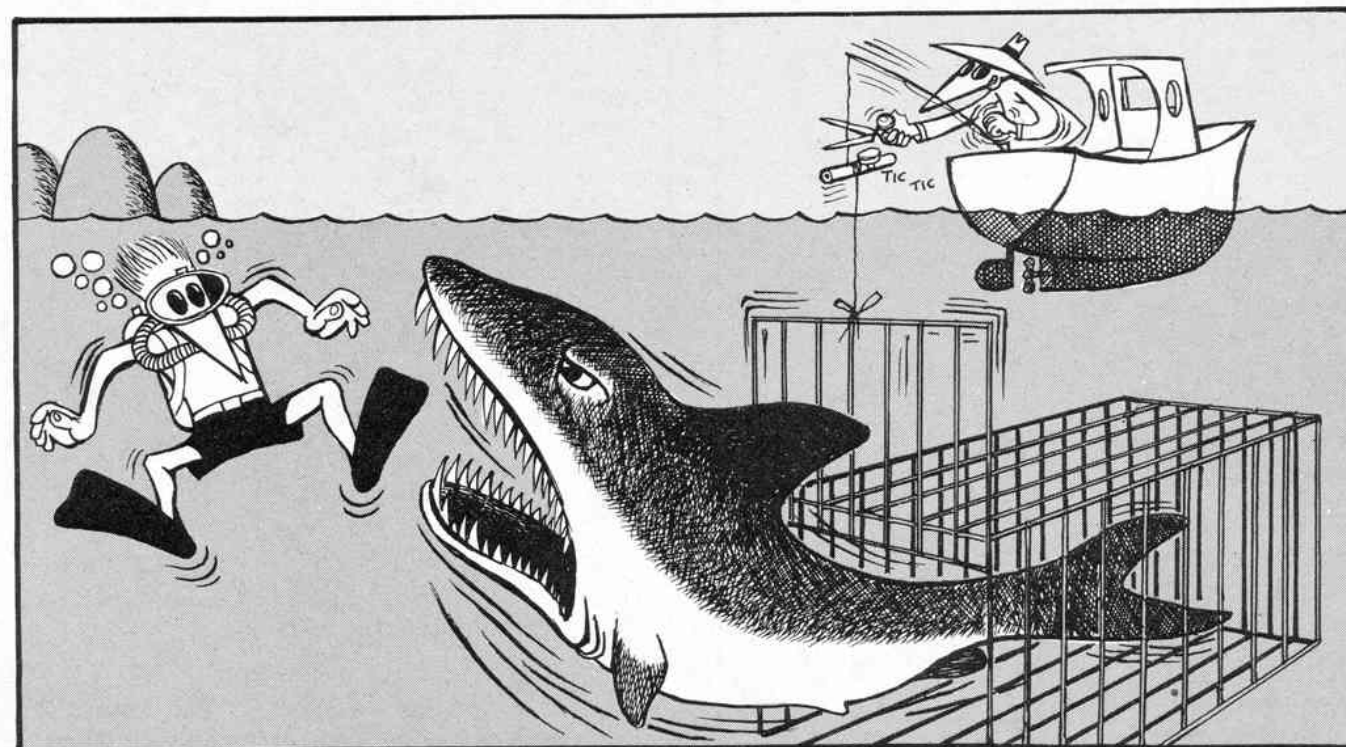
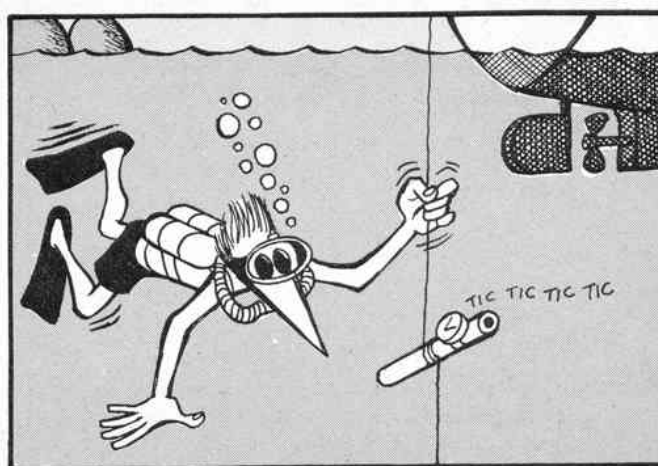
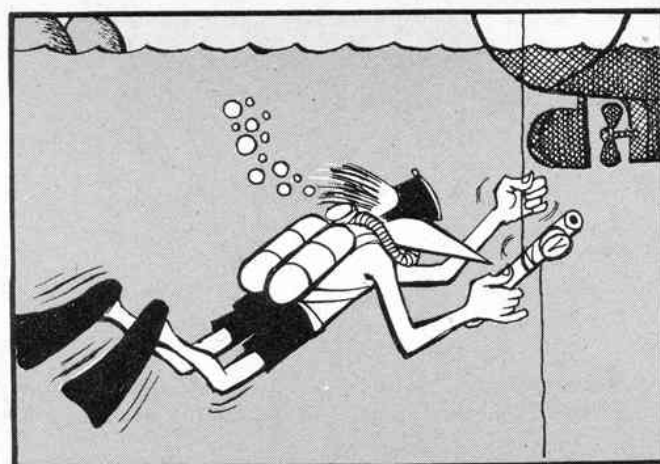
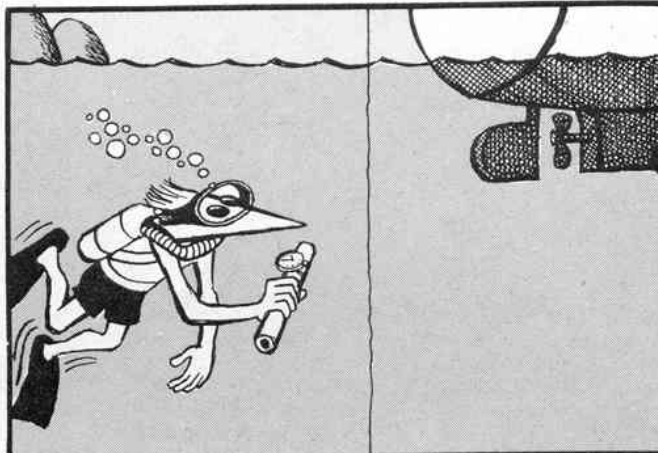
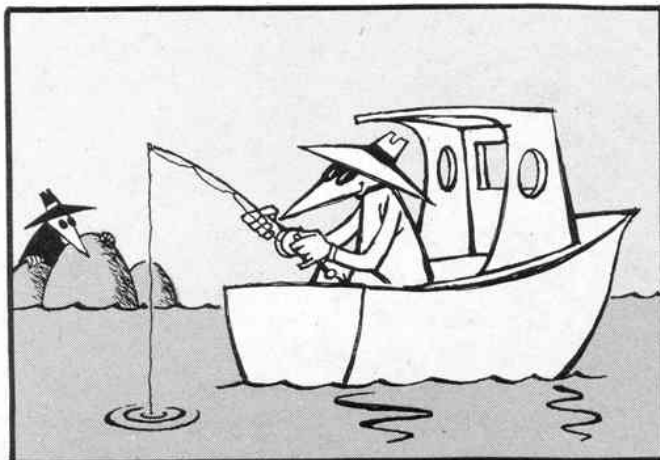
Watch "60 Minutes" naked.	Root for the werewolf in horror films.
Swallow billiard cues.	Ward off disease by wearing garlic Speedstick.
Have grandparents who are into leather.	Meet their lovers in the rear of Chinese laundries.
Fit out their giraffes with mesh stockings.	Vacation in wind tunnels.

PISCES

Pisces people (Feb. 20–Mar. 20) are dreamy, unambitious, mystical and vulnerable. This is evident by the way they:



Describe in detail their past lives as pigeons.	Get trampled on escalators.
Are used as surfboards by Scorpios.	Fail as derelicts.
Flavor their Big Macs with incense.	Pray in public bathrooms.
Keep warm in winter by covering themselves with topsoil.	Study to become human sacrifices.



...AND THEY DON'T HAVE A PLOT TO PEEK IN DEPT.

There's a movie out that shows how bumbling detectives spying on a beautiful girl (under the guise of trying to catch her villain boyfriend) almost break more laws than the villain himself! This movie contains a ton of bad slapstick, several pounds of lurid flesh and just about an ounce of logic. If you decide to waste your money on this flick, be warned: it's not the popcorn burning in the lobby that's making an awful smell, it's the movie's bad acting and weak plot that's causing such a...

STINKOUT

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

Bilk, will you quit goofing off!

Goofing off?!? We've been here only 25 minutes and I've already fired at six innocent bystanders, driven a forklift into the ocean and bungled an attempt to finally catch the creep we've been after! What have YOU done???

More than that! I've fallen into a tank of dead fish, fired at seven innocent bystanders and terrified a room full of sardine stuffers! So I'm at least two screw-ups ahead of you!

It sure would be nice if those two clown detectives were a little more concerned about catching crooks than seeing which one of them is the bigger screw-up!

I like 'em! They're the ones who lent me this gun I'm using to hold you up with!

These days, all cops seem to be bumbling idiots who act outside the law!

I know, ma'am, but that's just a passing trend in today's movies!

I don't mind it in the movies! I'm talking about so many of today's real cops bumbling outside the law!



Wretched Runtgomery broke out of jail today. Officials said prison guards should have been suspicious when a truck pulled into the high security facility to deliver diapers and then left with a 6-foot, 170 pound baby!

Gentlemen, this is Agent Lust of the FBI.

Runtgomery has a girlfriend here in Seattle. Her name is Marina McFire and he may try to visit her. If you spot him, disarm him, lock him up and call me. I'll handle the hard part!

Superior surveillance?

No, comic relief!

That escaped convict may come here to Seattle. Although the Bureau has thousands of agents, you can understand why we've come to a dinky police station like this to ask for help.

What's the hard part?

Looking intelligent on camera for the six o'clock news!

We rented an apartment across the street from Marina. I want it watched day and night!

Isn't watching an innocent girl in the privacy of her own home day and night lewd and immoral?

Well...yes.

Good! I just wanted to make sure I was taking on MY KIND of assignment!

Just look at this place! It's a wreck!

Well at least it's got running water.

Yeah, the water runs out of a broken pipe onto the floor!

You're right, it's gonna be hard filling water balloons to drop on people walking below. But no one said police work was easy!

Bilk, can you hear me? I'm cutting the wires to Marina's phone...

I can hear you fine. Just be sure to cut the right ones!

I know what I'm doing. There, it's done! Bilk...Bilk? Bilk? I cut the wrong wires! Good! That puts me one screw-up ahead of him for today!

Hi, I'm from the phone company.

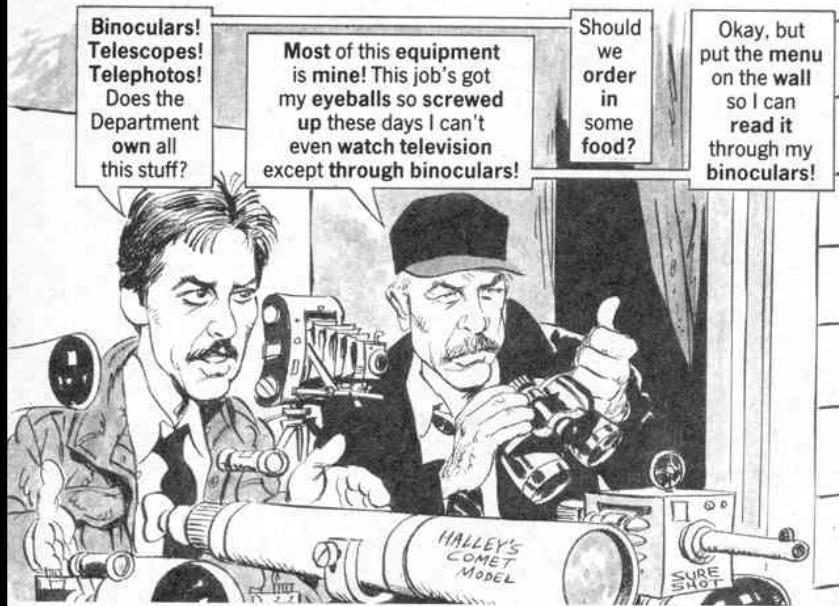
Is there a bug in my system?

Not yet, but give me a few minutes!

The bug's in place but I have to sneak back into Marina's apartment. There's something I have to check out!

Some letters in her dresser?

No, her body in the shower!

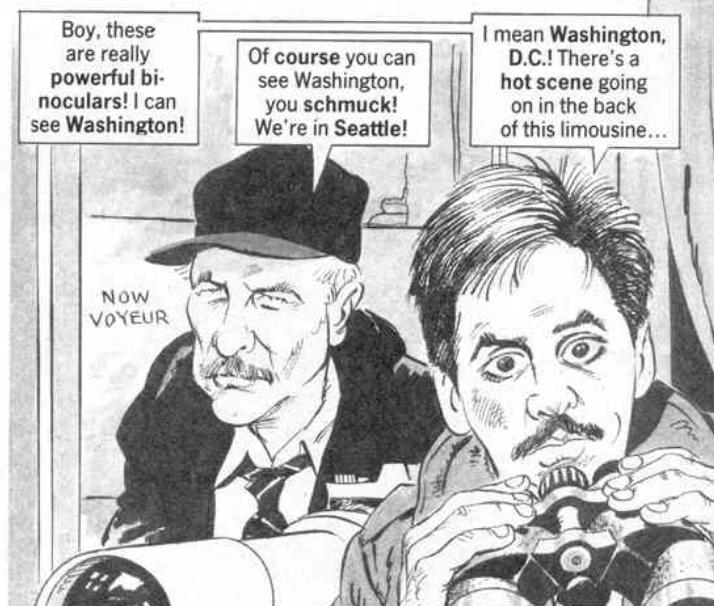


Binoculars!
Telescopes!
Telephotos!
Does the
Department
own all
this stuff?

Most of this equipment
is mine! This job's got
my eyeballs so screwed
up these days I can't
even watch television
except through binoculars!

Should
we
order
in
some
food?

Okay, but
put the menu
on the wall
so I can
read it
through my
binoculars!



Boy, these
are really
powerful bi-
noculars! I can
see Washington!

Of course you can
see Washington,
you schmuck!
We're in Seattle!

I mean Washington,
D.C.! There's a
hot scene going
on in the back
of this limousine...



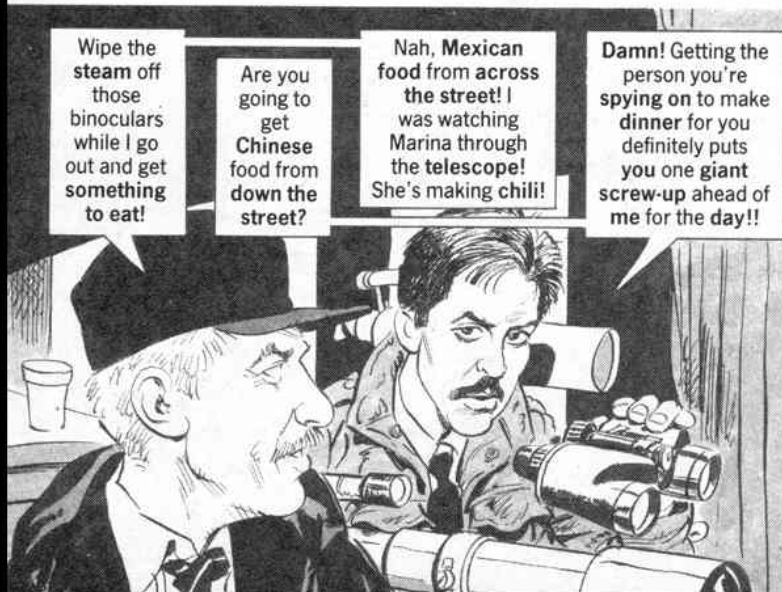
That's Lt. Farewell!
He gets into a
serious government
situation and there's
NO WAY OUT!!!

If I was in the
situation he's in
right now, I sure
would hope there
was NO WAY OUT!!!

So
what's
your
name?

Sorry, I don't
give out my name
on a first date!

That's okay,
you're giving
out every-
thing else!

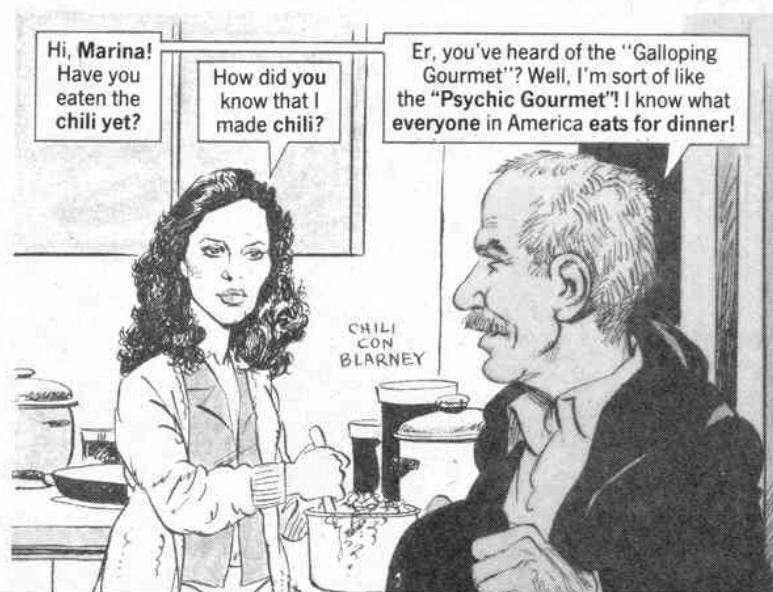


Wipe the
steam off
those
binoculars
while I go
out and get
something
to eat!

Are you
going to
get
Chinese
food from
down the
street?

Nah, Mexican
food from across
the street! I
was watching
Marina through
the telescope!
She's making chili!

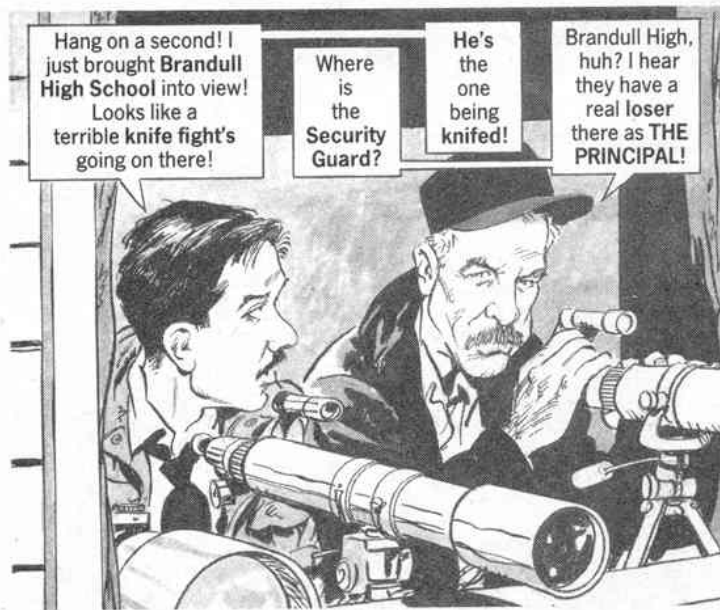
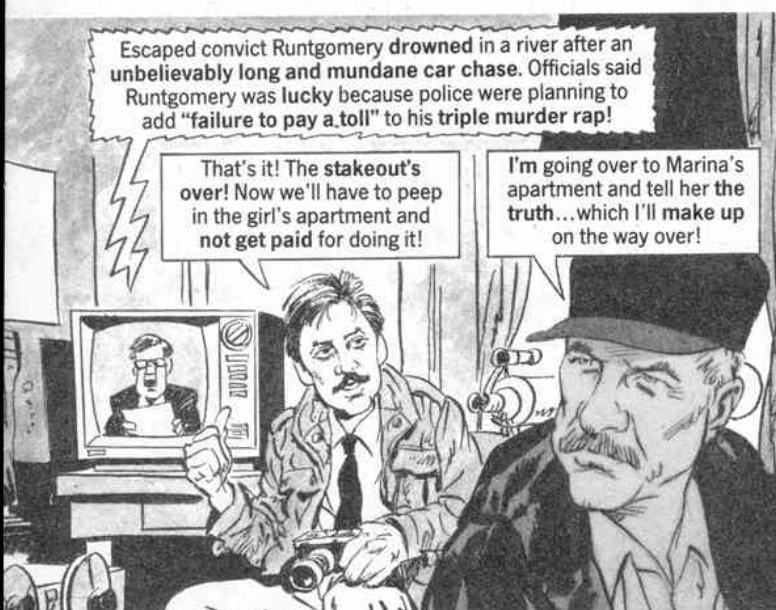
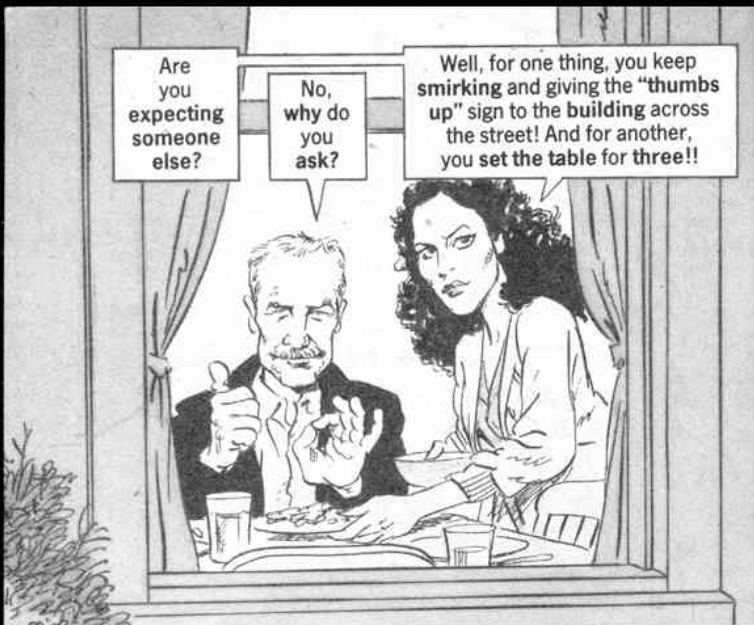
Damn! Getting the
person you're
spying on to make
dinner for you
definitely puts
you one giant
screw-up ahead of
me for the day!!



Hi, Marina!
Have you
eaten the
chili yet?

How did you
know that I
made chili?

Er, you've heard of the "Galloping
Gourmet"? Well, I'm sort of like
the "Psychic Gourmet"! I know what
everyone in America eats for dinner!





Sick, you get drunk, you get into bar fights and you can't even hold your marriage together! You're no longer fit to be a school teacher!

So the School Board is making you the new Principal of Brandull High!

BELCH!

Who cares about the Principal! Let's see if I can find the window to the girl's shower room for us to peek into!



I can't stand here all day and look at other movies! I've got to talk to Marina!

Just one more minute! Look through this telescope! It's Richie Valens singing "La Bamba!"

Wow, that telescope is more powerful than I realized! You're looking all the way back into the 1950's!!!

Listen, Marina, I don't work for the phone company! And I can't get you touch tone dialing and free long distance service. But everything else I told you is the truth!

Can I really believe that, Dave?

Oh, and my name isn't Dave!



Okay, I'll give you the whole ludicrous story! I'm a detective trying to track down your old boyfriend who just escaped from prison! For the past few days me and my bumbling partner have been in the building across the street looking into other movies, but mainly watching YOU through binoculars very carefully!

How carefully?

Well, let me put it to you this way... You won't be needing a physical for another year!

Get out of this house! And this time, leave in your own clothes! I suspected something was wrong from the start! Who ever heard of the phone company fixing a problem! You were just joking with me from the very beginning!

No, I wasn't! I never joke about love! But, if we are breaking up... can I have my squirting diamond ring back?



Well, well, Marina! Long time no see!

Runtgomery! So, you didn't drown in the river after all!!!

No! Now, who's the creep?

I'm...er...I'm a hood, like you! I violated my parole! I'm wanted for impersonating a detective! And impersonating a hood...and impersonating an actor...and...

If you were in prison did you know Mad Dog Mikey or Jack the Slasher?

Then who did you know?

Er...no!

Mighty Dog and Sylvester the Cat!

Wait a minute!! I hid \$100,000 in cash in this chair and now it's gone!!

Uh-oh! No wonder that decorator paid me to reupholster my furniture!

WHOSE KNIFE IS IT ANYWAY

C'mon! I'm taking you down to the lumber mill!!

Why the lumber mill?

I'm into creative killing and I love the great mood lighting down there! Besides Robocop already used the junkyard setting for his creative killing!

This gun fight in the mood lighting of a lumber yard isn't working out too well! I've fired two shots and hit myself both times!

No you didn't, sweetheart! One of those times you hit me!

Tell you what. I'm going to shoot myself! It's better that listening to you two!

Bilk, I captured Runtgomery! And guess what else? Marina and I are gonna get married!

Damn! That really puts you ahead in the screw-up competition! You already screwed up one relationship! Marina will be your second! Me, I'm still married! Hmmm... Maybe if I get a divorce I could get back into the competition! Hmmm...

BANG!

CLAUSE AND DEFECT DEPT.

Everybody has seen television commercials promoting some sort of "special offer"...

...and then heard the fast-spoken voice-over disclaimer at the tail end of the commercial.



Restrictions may apply based on supply, demand, location, traffic, phase of the moon, and the political and religious preference of customer.

Unfortunately, not all commercials have disclaimers, which is why consumers so often end up ripped-off and disgusted. And which is why MAD, ever eager to improve the world, presents...

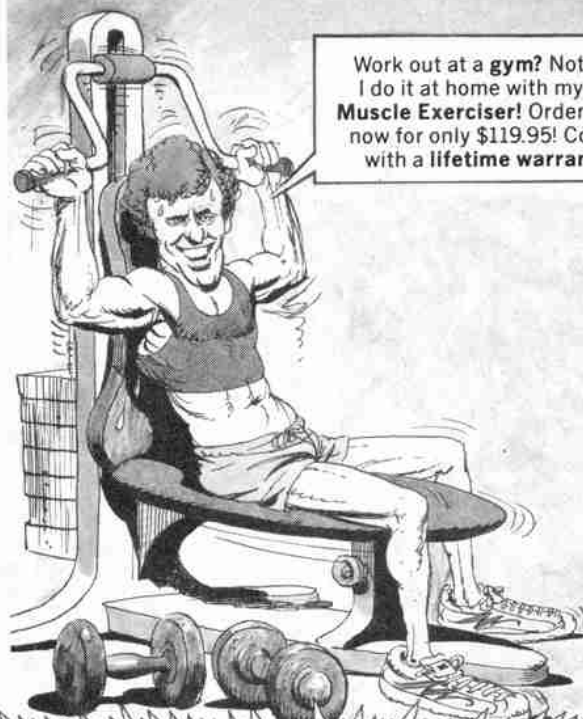
DISCLAIMERS FOR TV COMMERCIALS THAT DON'T HAVE DISCLAIMERS

I'll do anything when I'm close to a man who wears Ultra-Stud Aftershave!



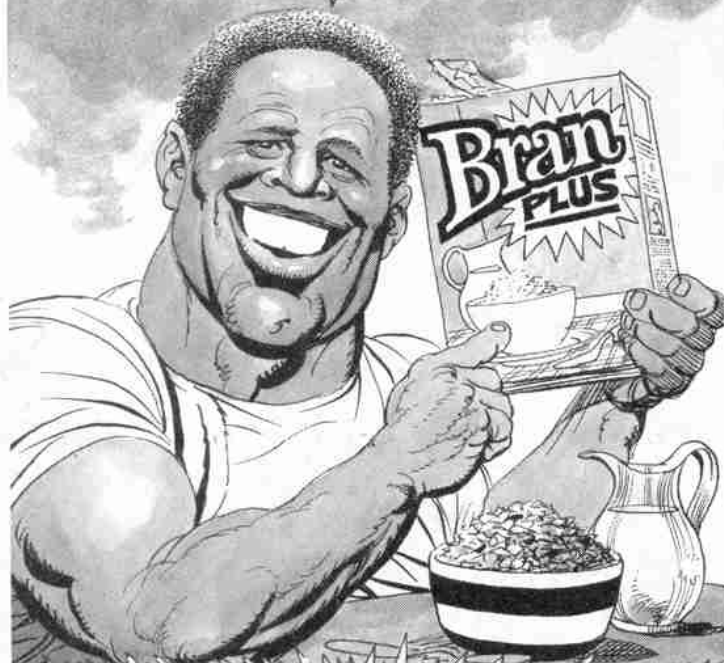
Use of this product does not guarantee making out. In real life, actress in commercial is married to a CPA and is the proud mother of three. Actor is gay.

Work out at a gym? Not me! I do it at home with my Mr. Muscle Exerciser! Order yours now for only \$119.95! Comes with a lifetime warranty!



Warranty does not cover parts which arrive damaged. Replacement parts available only from manufacturer in Karachi, Pakistan, requiring payments in Pakistani rupees. "Lifetime" refers to lifetime of the company, which is currently filing for bankruptcy.

Why do I start my day with Bran-Plus Cereal? Because Bran-Plus gives me twice the minimum daily requirements of vitamins, minerals and fibre!

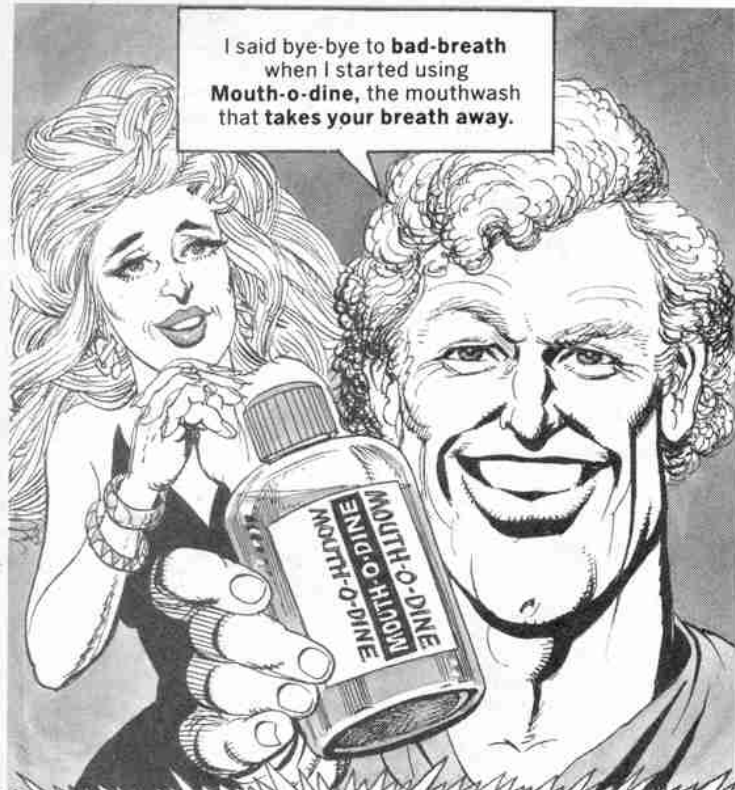


Minimum Daily Requirement is based on the nutritional needs of 100 fasting religious fanatics.

Right now you can get Wally's Breakfast Bonanza—two eggs, bacon, pancakes and hash browns—for only \$1.99. Look for a participating restaurant in your area!



This offer is not available weekends or during peak breakfast hours. 93% of the franchised restaurants have chosen to not participate, so look very hard!



I said bye-bye to **bad-breath** when I started using **Mouth-o-dine**, the mouthwash that takes your breath away.

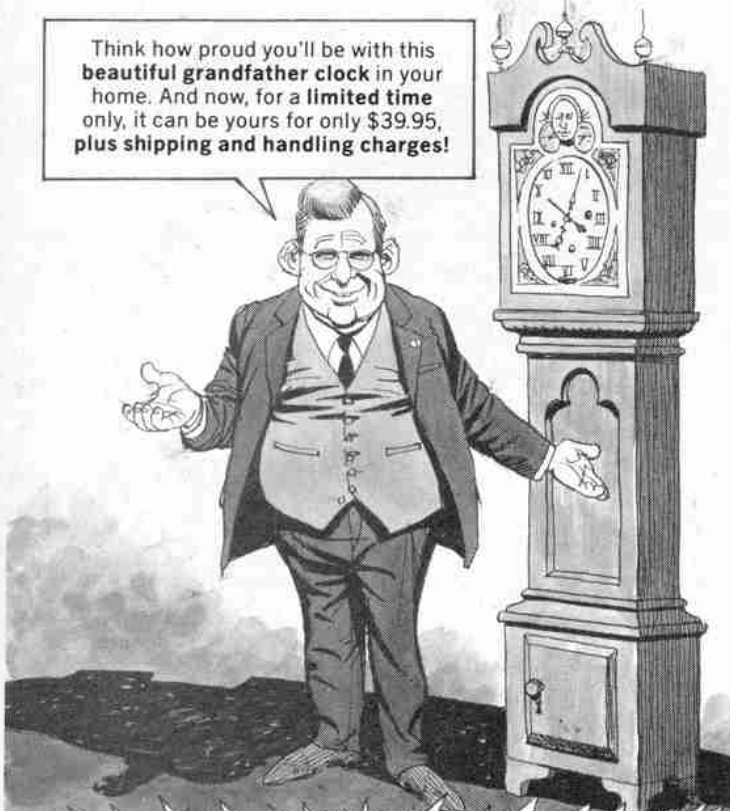
Provides temporary, occasional and minor relief only. Total, around-the-clock, odor-free breath calls for gargling thoroughly every 15 minutes and purchase of three large-size bottles daily.



Lines and wrinkles on your face **disappear** when you apply **Superba Formulated Face Cream**! Send only \$9.95 for a four-month supply! Comes with a **30-day money back guarantee**!

Supply lasts four months if used once every two weeks. 30 day money-back guarantee begins on the day we receive order. Allow 30 days for delivery.

Think how proud you'll be with this **beautiful grandfather clock** in your home. And now, for a **limited time** only, it can be yours for only \$39.95, **plus shipping and handling charges!**



Unit delivered unassembled. One year warranty will elapse before you can put clock together. Add \$129.50 for shipping and handling charges.

Just look at **Slug** devour that bowl of **Puppy Nosh**! Know why he loves it? Because of all those tasty, **nutritious chunks of lean beef!**



Slug also goes crazy for cole slaw, macaroni salad, pecan shells, stale Snickers bars, pancake batter, head cheese, watermelon rinds and month-old lard.

THE MACABRE MORTICIANS' MELODRAMA



**WHAT IS FAST
BECOMING THE
NUMBER ONE
CAUSE OF
DRINKING
AMONG TODAY'S
YOUTH?**

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

Young people today feel pressure from everywhere. To find out what's driving lots of them to drink lately, fold in page as shown.



FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

A▶

FOLD THIS SECTION OVER LEFT

◀B FOLD BACK SO "A" MEETS "B"



**MANY VERY YOUNG KIDS CAUGHT DRINKING SAY IT'S
BECAUSE THEY ARE PRESSURED INTO IT. THE MOST
FRIGHTENING QUESTION IS—WHERE WILL IT ALL END?**

A▶

◀B

Sports Initiate

SUPERMODEL

**ELLE MACPHERSON...
DELIGHTED SHE'S NOT
ON THIS COVER**

Our Annual Swimsuit Issue

sales figures indicate we'd make a lot more money if we could feature a sexy girl in a swimsuit on the cover of every

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