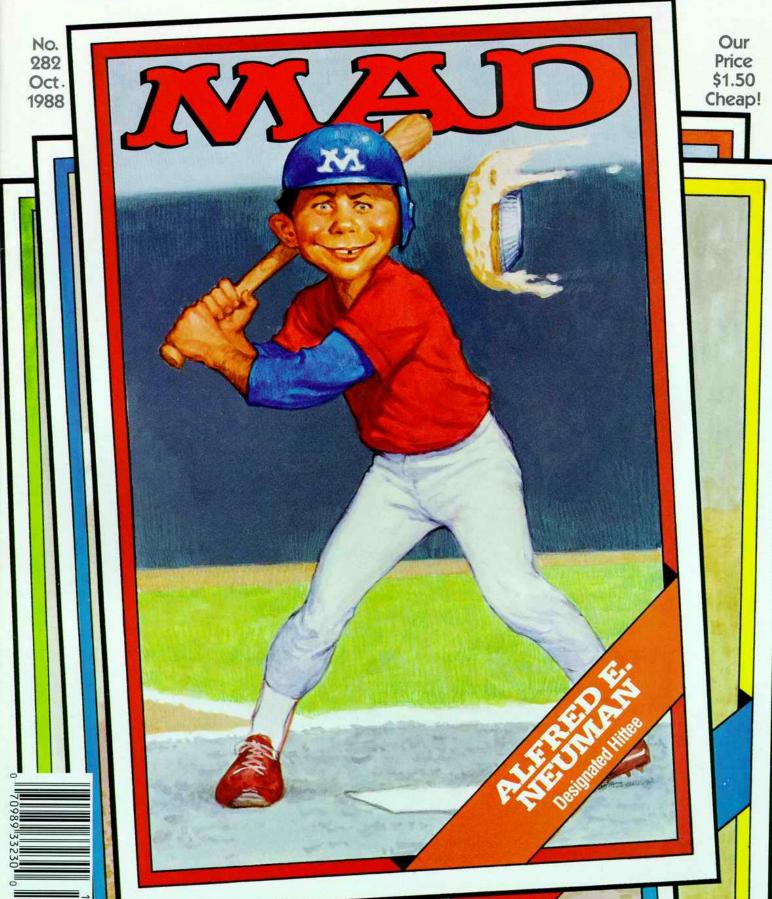
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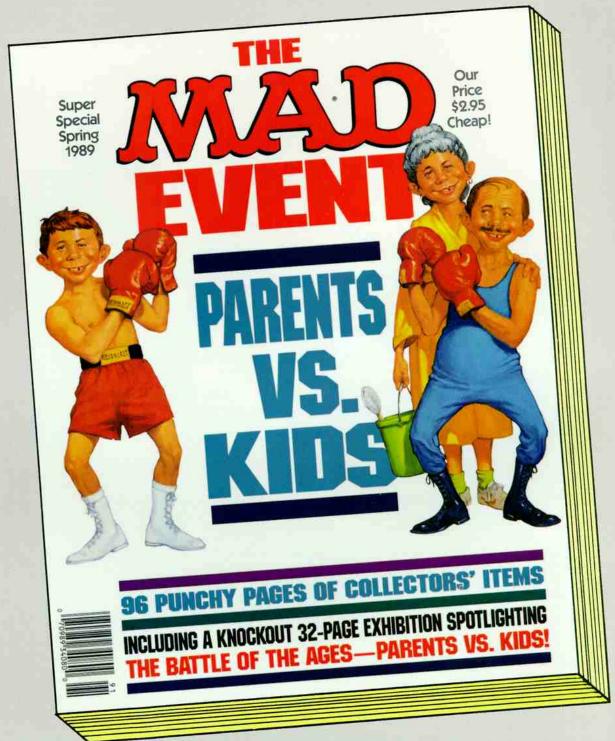
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-Alfred E. Neuman

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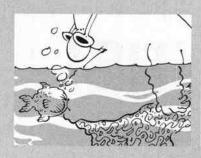
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WHAT'S MIME IS YOURS!



The Critics Still Rave...

"It makes a mute point!" ...That egotistical moron on "E.T."

"Accept no utter!"

...That babe with the bowtie on NBC

"The shhh hits the fan!"

... That bitchy guy who pals around with Bill Harris

"ON SALE NOW!"

... That fat slob publisher of MAD Magazine

LETTERS AND TOMATOES DEPT.



A BAD STREAK OF DUCK

I found "Duck Edwing Rushes into the Emergency Room" (#280) to be disgusting and very insensitive!

Katrina Jones Los Angeles, CA

Just goes to show you the Duck really puts him-self into his work! – Ed.

URINE TROUBLE

I have been a loyal MAD reader for over five years, but I have grown concerned. In issue #280's "Gary Hart Land" I was perfectly comfortable seeing excited men ogling large-breasted women, but I did not appreciate seeing a young boy excret-ing onto the floor of the amusement park right in front of everyone! I feel artist Al Jaffee is promoting widespread "park peeing." Clean up your act, and his.

Damien Reynolds Culver City, CA

We've been having trouble with Jaffee lately and your letter wasn't the first we've received. Yours proved to be the breaking point, however, and we had no alternative but to let him go.

ANOTHER MAD COVER-UP

I bet my kids that I could get their picture in MAD! Here's what it looks like to be buried in a complete collection of MAD paperbacks! If you don't print this picture I'll lose the bet and I'll have to spring for a candy bar. Cheap? Me? No

> Malcolm Smith Indianapolis, IN



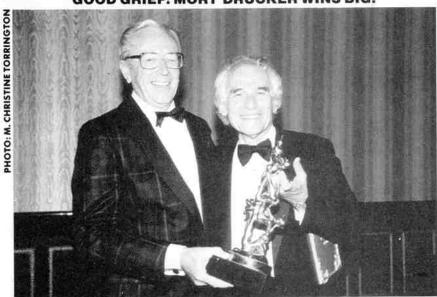
The Smith kids go under covers.

SORE LOSER

So, my name made your Alfred E. Neuman Tooth Contest "300 runnersup" list. Big deal! You could almost see it with a magnifying glass! What a rip-off! All your winners came from states close to New York. Maybe if you print my name bigger I'll feel better.



GOOD GRIEF! MORT DRUCKER WINS BIG!



Hooray! It would be an understatement to say we're proud of MAD Superartist Mort Drucker, who was recently named "Outstanding Cartoonist of the Year" by the National Cartoonist's Society! Mort (right) is shown here receiving the 1988 Reuben Award from "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz. In addition, Mort's "L.A. Law" cover (MAD #274) won the Special Features Category Award, the FIRST TIME an artist has won both awards in the same year! Then again, we've always known that Mort is the best!

"BEAUTY IS THE BEAST"

As I am an avid fan of "Beauty and the Beast" and also a glutton for punishment, I enjoyed your satire immensely. The show's actual plots may just be weak excuses for Catherine and Vincent to drool on one another for an hour, but your plot was abysmal. The sonnet on the last page was the only part that made sense. Maybe if you tried again and used a little more effort, none of it would make sense!

Susan Smith Cornish, ME

What doesn't make sense, Suserino, is what your weak excuse is for drooling all over your letter to us. (At least we think it's drool!) – Ed.

On the first page of your "Beauty is the Beast" satire you show a rat holding a barf bag. It's a scientific fact that rats are unable to vomit! That is what makes them vulnerable to rat poison! Check any reference book or even Trivial Pursuit, where I first discovered this!

Christopher Q. Comly Schenectady, NY

Chris – We've got news for you! We fed your letter to some rats and they haven't stopped barfing yet! Live and learn. - Ed.

SMOKE SCREAMS

In "New Cigarette Warning Labels You May Have Missed" (MAD #280), you said smoking causes Black Lung. It does not! Black Lung, more commonly known as Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanocaniosis, is caused by repeated exposure to coal dust. Check your facts!

> Brian Katcher St. Peters, MO

Technically, you're correct. Smoking doesn't cause Black Lung in humans, however it does cause Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanocaniosis in rats who can't barf it up! Live and

At a recent trial, the ex-Chairman of American Brands (parent company of U.S. Tobacco) made a statement that there is no proof that smoking has caused anyone any harm. He failed to mention. however, that American Brands also owns the Franklin Life Insurance Company, and that Franklin Life charges smokers much higher rates for life insurance. If there is no proof that smoking has caused anyone any harm, why does Franklin Life charge smokers much higher rates for insurance?

Tobacco companies continue to place profit over health. This life insurance discrepancy is at worst an embarrassment, and at best, proof of their knowledge that cigarettes are deadly.

Joseph W. Cherner New York, NY

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Editor's note: Now it can be revealed... "MAD's Plan For Improving Movie Theatres" (#280) was the idea of Steve Joseph. Fal

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STATE OF THE NEXT DEGRADATION 'm Linoleum Wiper! Though I'm I'm Counselor Nirvana Floy, Half human and half alien! second in command, Captain Retard insists on calling me I'm into psychic phenomena 'Number One"! Then again, at and ESP, which in my case stands for Extra-Sensual-I'm Barf, a Klinkon! I may seem breakfast this morning, he ordered a V-9 Vegetable Juice! Proportions! I can't explain unattractive to you, but back it, but I feel things no home I'm considered a hunk! In What can I say? The captain is great at space exploration one else feels, especially the old, war-filled days, I'd in crowded elevators! have been vicious and merciless, but lousy with numbers! but now I'm a mere toadie taking orders from inferior Earthlings! Boy, give peace a chance and it will bust your chops! BRIDGE I'm Lt. Gorgy La Farce! This visual aid I'm wearing may make me look like an intergalactic Stevie Wonder, but it lets me detect images that conventional eyes can't see! While the others are looking for space freighters, I'm grooving on X-rated mutant flicks and "Star Wars" videos! ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

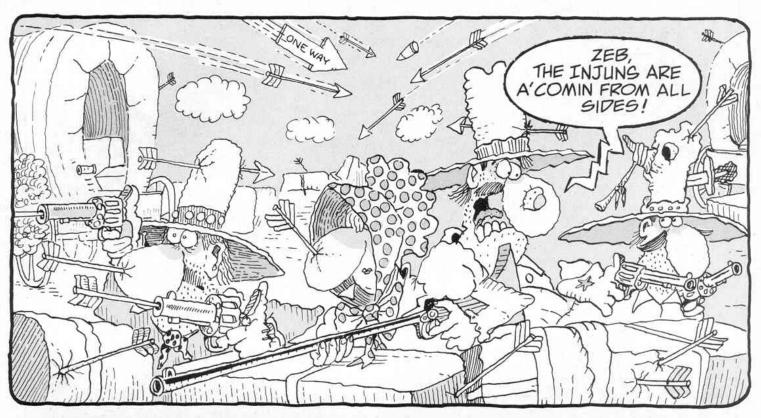


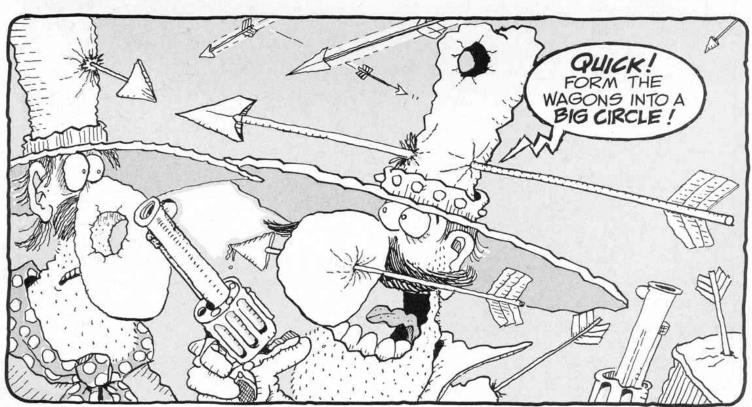


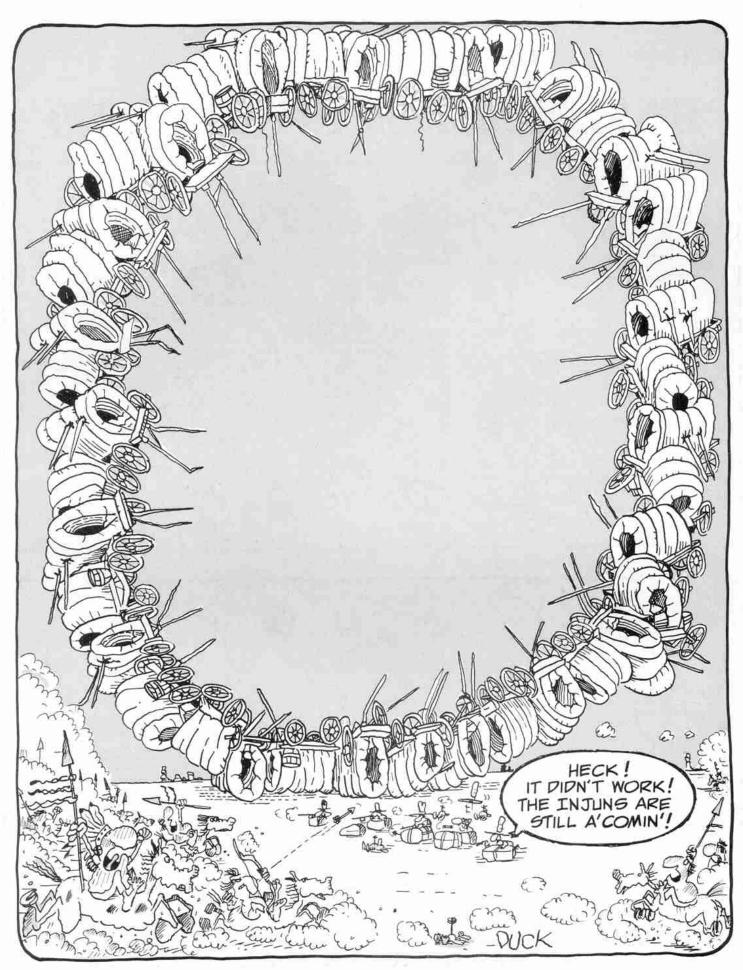




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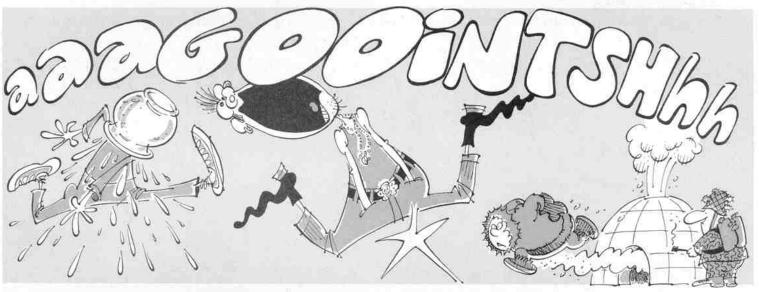
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And now, as a public service to all you would-be artists out there, MAD Magazine, in cooperation with the Famous Artists' School of Wammelsdorf, now proudly presents...



ARTIST: PAUL COKER

WRITER: DUCK EDWING

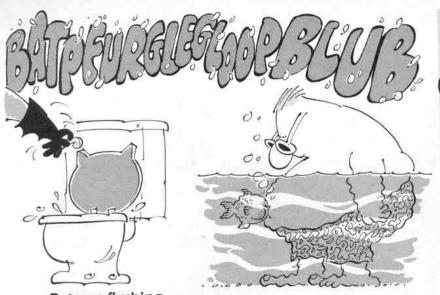


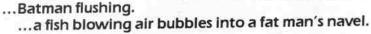
... someone sneezing with a spittoon over his head. ... a push button switchblade accidentally opening in a punk's front pocket. ...someone using a flamethrower to flush an Eskimo from his igloo.

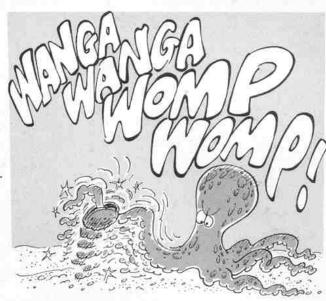


...an elephant experiencing relief.

...a skydiver getting caught in a plane's propeller.







...a killer clam attacking a sunburnt octopus.



...a Ubangi deep-lipping an entire pizza with anchovies. ...Superman landing directly in doggie-doo. ...a fast zipper-upper catching himself on his denim fly.



...a guy sticking his head inside a lawn mower to see if he can get it started.



...a tennis player snagging on the net he tried to jump. ...a suicide jumper hitting the 9th floor flagpole.



...an Italian ship being christened with a pizza.



...an elderly crocodile gumming a frantic native.



...a Col. Sanders look-a-like visiting a chicken farm.
...a teenager accidentally knocking his radio into the bathtub.
...an apprentice tie salesman tying a Windsor knot for his first customer.



...a horsefly landing in a bowl of semi-cooled Jello.



...a man with three fingers cracking his knuckles. ...a doctor trying to jump-start a pacemaker.

ROCK TO THE FUTURE DEPT.

Because we're two pages short of material this issue, we're forced to run the following article, which wasn't supposed to run until April 2001, issue #382 of MAD...

HOT ALBUMS THE

ARTIST: RICK TULKA

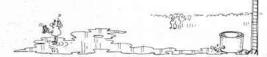
WRITER: RUSS COOPER

MONKEES 1999 - "THE REUNION REUNION CONCERT"



(Released 1999) After the surprising, unexplainable, success of the original Monkees Reunion Tour back in the 1980s, the group (minus Mike Nesmith) had a falling out over the proposed title of their new television series and so, once again, they went their separate ways. After fifteen years, though, another nostalgia craze swept the country, and

the band (minus Mike Nesmith) re-reformed (minus Davey Jones and Mickey Dolenz) for the Monkees Reunion Reunion Concert, with live, exciting performances by Peter Tork and Davy's tambourine. The music was still pretty goofy, but at least there were two fewer "musicians" playing it—and Pete was willing to sweep up after the shows.



GARFUNKEL AND OATES - "PARTNERS WITHOUT PARTNERS"



(Released 1998) After years of continuing alone, and putting out an endless series of flop solo albums, both Art Garfunkel (formerly of Simon and Garfunkel) and John Oates (formerly of Hall and Oates) actually considered giving up the music business altogether. Then one fateful day they met at a PWP meeting (Partners Without Paychecks), and

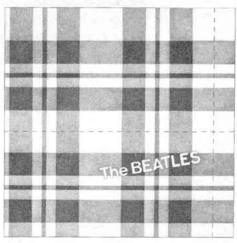
decided to put their frizzy heads together and collaborate on a new album. Actually, neither of the two wrote, sang, or played any instruments on this release, so it didn't sell real well, but critics agreed that the album cover made a heck of a coaster.

PHIL COLLINS — "NO HAIRPIECE REQUIRED"



(Released 1997) Phil Collins has always been a mainstay of the music world, even though no one can name any of his songs or albums except "Sussudio" (a song he wrote, of course, in his stustudio). This album was more of the same, but it's notable for being his last album before he retired and became a Cabbage Patch Doll.

THE BEATLES PLAID ALBUM



(Released 1992) This was actually the same album released in 1968 (then known as the "White Album"), and it sold quite well through the years; but when Capitol Records was taken over by Ted Turner's great-grandson, he decided to increase sales. So he had it colorized.

1990°S...A LOOK BACK



PINK FLOYD —
"DARK SIDE OF UNEMPLOYMENT"

(Released 1999) Despite the loss of founding member Roger Waters, and most of the original group, the remaining members and their descendants continued to cash in on the group's past successes with this epic 4-record set. While it didn't contain any of the trademark musicianship, artistic experimentation or creative integrity of the early days, it did have "Pink Floyd" printed on it in real big letters.

OSMONDS — "THE BREEDING CONTINUES"

(Released 1998) Musical fads come and go, but one thing never changes in the world of popular music—Osmond spawning. Yes, the family that began with Donny and Marie continues to multiply, with just over 437 generations of married Osmonds (at last count). And that made 1998 a



bumper crop year for Osmond reproduction and album releases. While no Osmond record ever gets a good review, they are still considered one of the safest financial risks in the music business, because of their incredibly huge and loyal built-in record buying audience—namely, their relatives.



APOLLONIA, VANITY, AND SHEILA E. — "LOS BIMBOS"

(Released 1992) Former protégés of rock star Prince, these three girls decided to produce and record an album on their own, to show that they were talented individual musicians, and not just sleazy sex puppets for Prince. While nobody bought their album for the music, the album cover itself topped the charts for over 10 years.



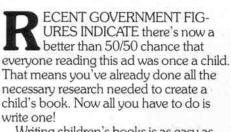
OZZY VAN ZZ LED DEAD DEF ZEPPARD BON WHITESNAKE

(Released 1992) Responding to criticism that all heavy metal bands look and sound the same, all of them got together on this album, hoping their respective differences and individual talents would be uniquely showcased. The album sold well but, unfortunately, none of them could return to their original groups, because no one could tell who belonged to what band.



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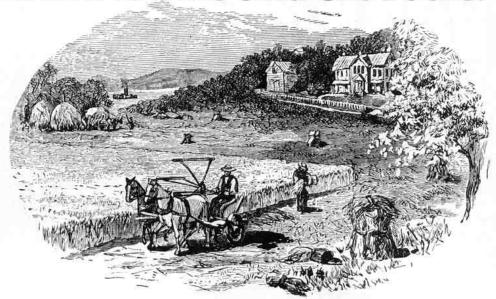
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WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

ALONG THE SNIDE LINES DEPT.

Over the years, we here at MAD have discovered that nastiness is actually therapeutic. There's just something about hurling insults at self-satisfied celebrities and foolish fads that soothes the heart and cleanses the soul. No wonder we gleefully look forward to this dangerous moment when we relieve ourselves (mentally, that is) by spewing out...

COMPAD CRASSITY FILE ARTIST: GERRY GERSTEN WRITER: TOM KOCH



HULK HOGAN



- ...enables us to show the Iranians that our country can produce raving lunatics, too.
- ...markets a Hulk Hogan Doll that's an exact replica of himself except it's smarter.
- ...made wrestling his career because he was afraid to take his chances in a competitive sport.

DAVID LETTERMAN



- ...avoids putting viewers to sleep by coming on the air after they're already asleep.
- ...may be the funniest man to come from Indianapolis since John Dillinger.
- ...smokes big, smelly cigars, but relies chiefly on his personality to drive people away.

"60 MINUTES"



- ...voices strong suspicions of anyone who isn't eager to be humiliated on camera by Mike Wallace.
- ...enabled Andy Rooney to progress all the way from "cute and cuddly" to "repetitious and boring."
- ...proved conclusively just how low they can sink when they ran a 13 ½-minute segment on MAD.

BRUCE WILLIS



- ...has topped such notable actors as Sir Laurence Olivier, who never got arrested even once for throwing a loud Hollywood party.
- ...wears his hair mussed up so fans won't notice that his entire head is becoming one large bald spot.
- ...was hired to endorse wine coolers because he has the personality of Bartles and Jaymes and the looks of Spuds MacKenzie.

DR. RUTH WESTHEIMER



- ...became a sex expert by remaining short enough to peek through keyholes without being noticed.
- ...gets away with making X-rated suggestions because it's obvious that no man will ever take her up on them.
- ...is the first woman to make big money from sex without standing on a street corner whistling at sailors.

BOB UECKER



- ...should be a funnier comedian than Rodney Dangerfield because he has a lot more reasons for getting no respect.
- ...needs to memorize only 800 more pointless sports stories to become as entertaining as Joe Garagiola.
- ...batted .203 in the National League, and a lot lower than that in his own situation comedy.

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PAT SAJAK



- ...is the only person in show business who is consistently upstaged by a woman who never says anything.
- ...has already achieved immortality by becoming the patron saint of nerds.
- ... has such electricity he makes Orville Redenbacher look wild by comparison.

JAY LENO

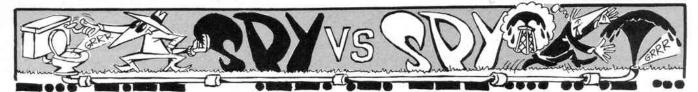


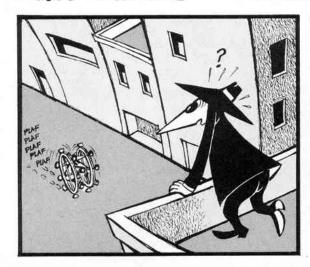
- ...owes his unusual jaw structure to an orthodontist who made him wear a horseshoe as a retainer brace.
- ...is especially well received in comedy clubs, where the drunks make so much noise that nobody can hear his jokes.
- ...was Johnny Carson's choice as a vacation replacement because of his knack for making viewers overjoyed to see Johnny return.

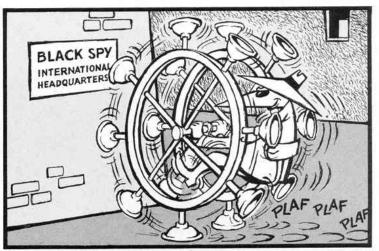
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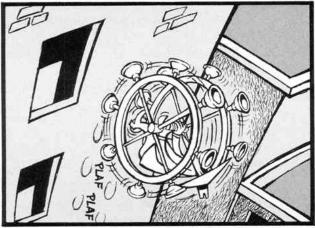


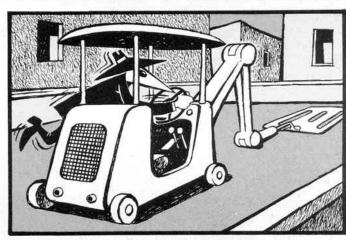
- ...is the only person in Hollywood who could have made Ted Danson look like a great actor by comparison.
- ...reminds many high school drop-outs of the teacher who inspired them to drop out.
- ...retired from TV on her proceeds from "Cheers," collected mostly from other cast members who bribed her to quit.

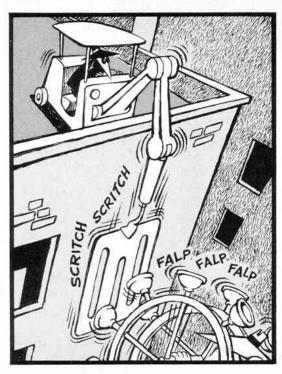


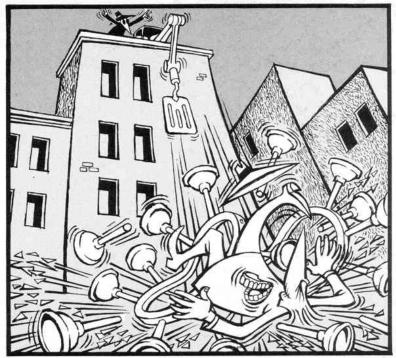












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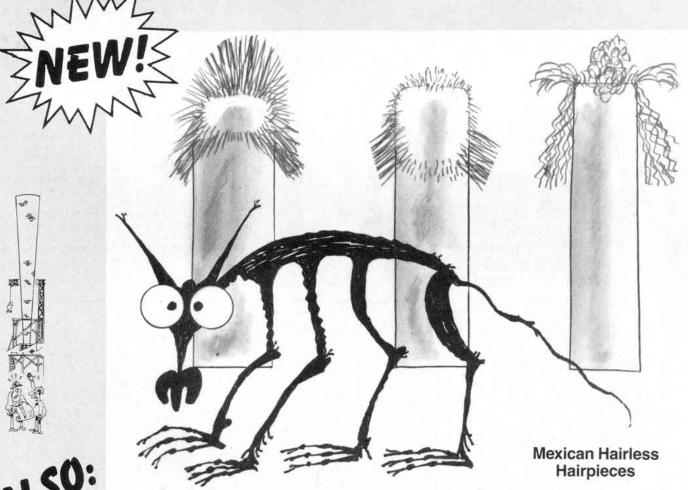
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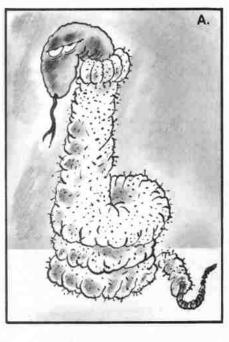
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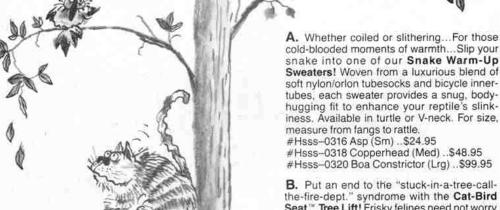
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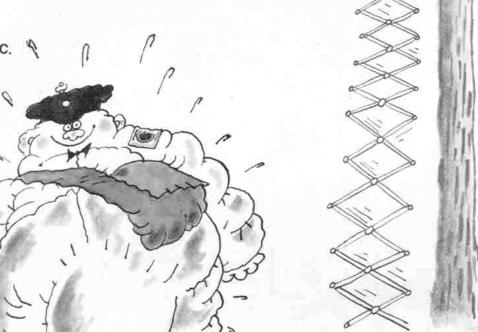




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D. At last, real relief for your Sheepdog, St. Bernard, Doberman or other heavy-legged canine with the Leg-Support Hydrant. At the first sign of "moisture" an ingenious microprocessor-driven gear system is set in motion, providing much needed balance and support to your otherwise three-legged friend! Easy to carry, this durable, rustproof hydrant comes in either fire engine red or dayglo yellow. Never needs oiling! #PP-1314 ..\$125.75



E. Attention, water-shy sport dog owners! Now your beloved setters and retrievers can point without getting their paws muddy and wet with our Portable Pointers™ Hunting Set! No more standing frozen on three legs with their tails in the air...water resistant polystyrene signs do all the work! Easy-to-carry arrows are emblazoned with large typefaces for nearsighted hunters. Available in three sets of six signs each. #Dcoy-1010 Waterfowl ..\$79.99

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Here's what you get: Jan: Imported Himalayan Yak Bones Feb: Choice Selection of Bullfight Losers Mar: Glorious Bouquet of Spring Bones Hickory-smoked Ham Bones Apr: Bones of All Nations

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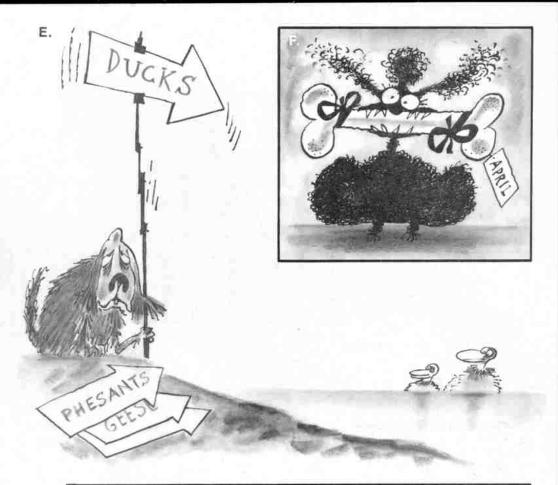
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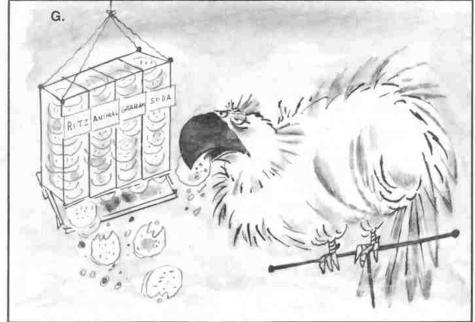
G. Give polly a break with our Automatic Cracker Dispenser! Your majestic bird will love you when he no longer has to perform cute tricks or beg just to get a lousy cracker. With this handy device, Polly can pick his own cracker from a variety of choices just a beak's reach away. Posh! Easy ceiling mount included.

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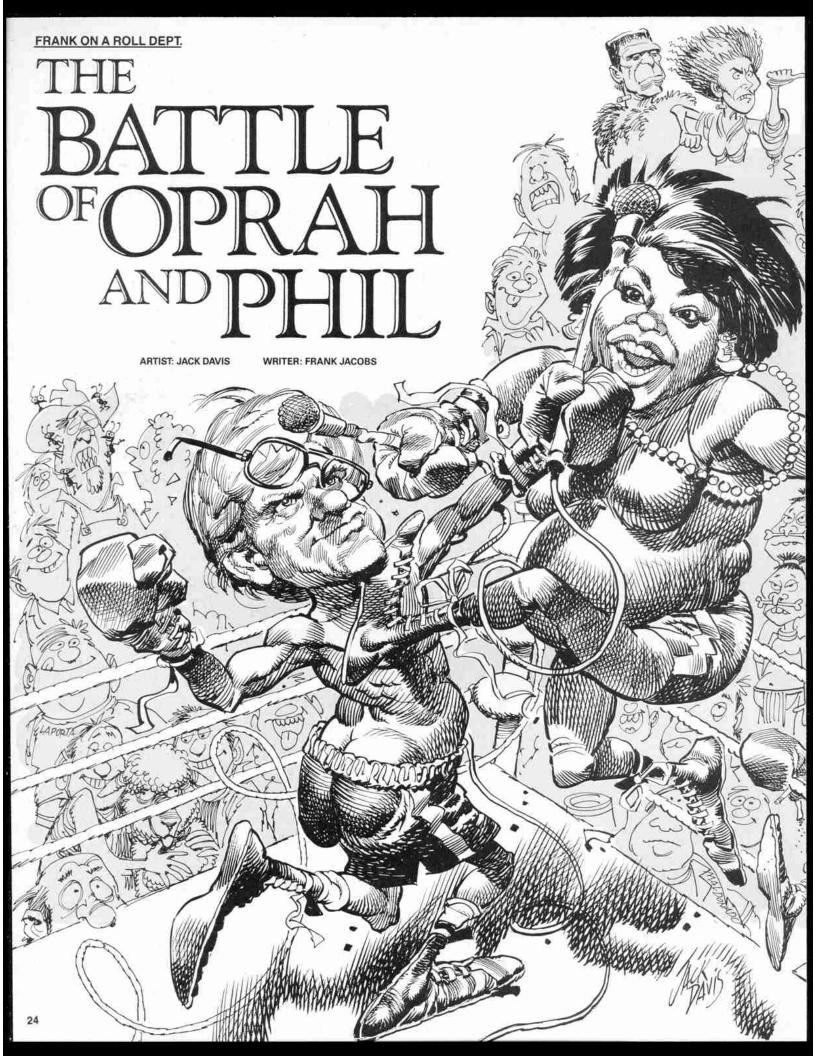
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The stars that you see ev'ry day on TV May provide an occasional thrill, But the zaniest pair that you'll find on the air Are the gabby ones, Oprah and Phil.

It was Donahue first who came on with a burst, Though, back then, competition was nil; Even so, it was clear from his very first year That great fortune was waiting for Phil.

Any day you might see a condemned maître d' Or a lost tribe of dwarfs from Brazil; Soon acclaimed on both coasts as the lord of the hosts Was the afternoon wonder called Phil.

Through his drive to succeed, it was mainly agreed There was no one to rival his skill; And yet someone came, Oprah Winfrey by name, With one aim, to do battle with Phil.

She could fill up a screen like no emcee you've seen, And her mouth very seldom was still; Like a geyser she'd gush, turning hearts into mush, Which, of course, was distressing to Phil.

He was taken aback by her fearless attack, As if pierced by a porcupine's quill; And his ratings did slip as they fought lip to lip In the Battle of Oprah and Phil.

Now it's war ev'ry day as they prattle away For the right to be king of the hill; Almost anything goes on their loony-tune shows In the Battle of Oprah and Phil.

You will hear from MDs who are curing disease With an ancient Peruvian pill, Or two brothers who sleep with a born-again sheep When you tune in to Oprah or Phil.

Hear a housewife who swears Satan lives 'neath her stairs; See a Jack now rebuilt as a Jill; Meet a farmer who chants while he's tortured by ants; They're all yakking with Oprah or Phil.

Full of fury they fight, with their tongues at full might, Each one hoping the other to kill;
Let us pray both succeed; only then we'll be freed
From the Battle of Oprah and Phil!



SERGE-IN GENERAL DEPT.

A AWARD STAY















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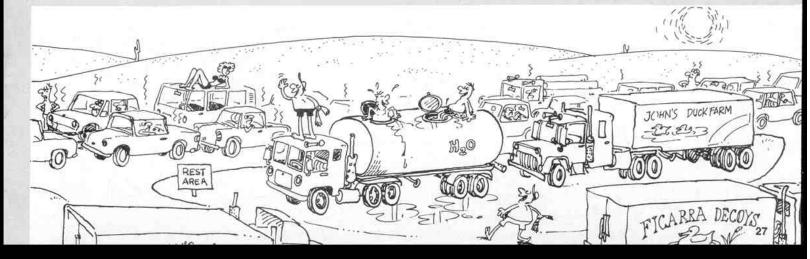


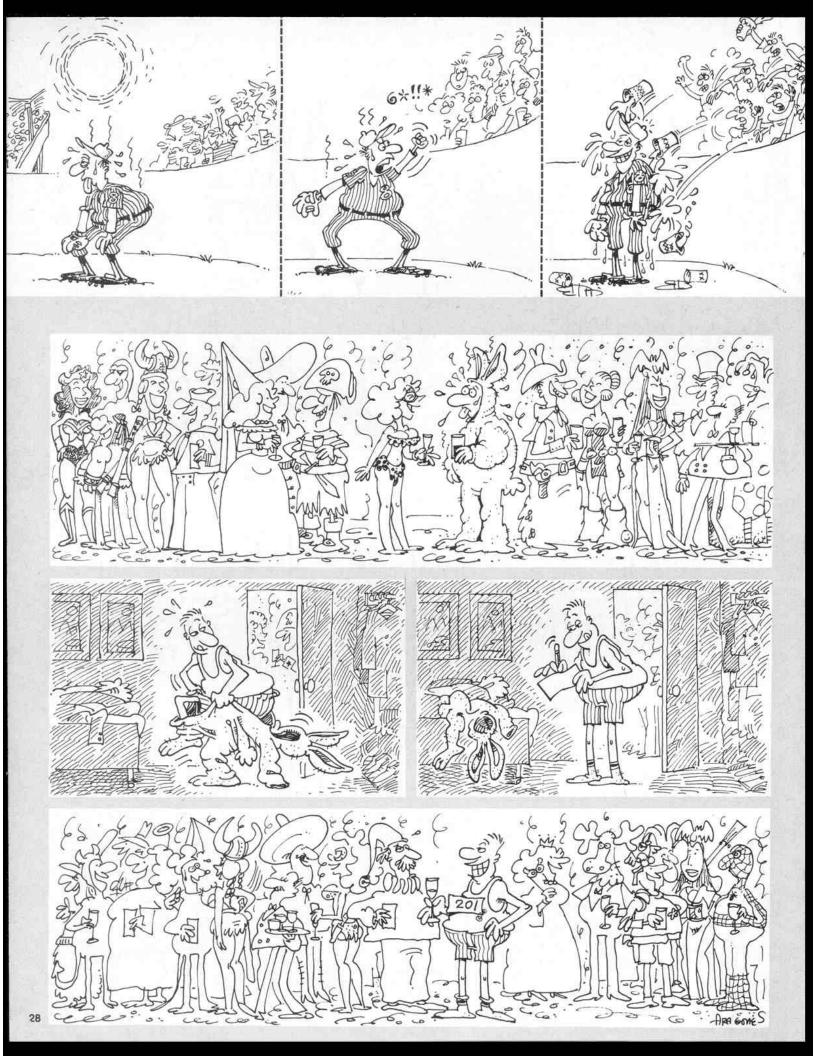


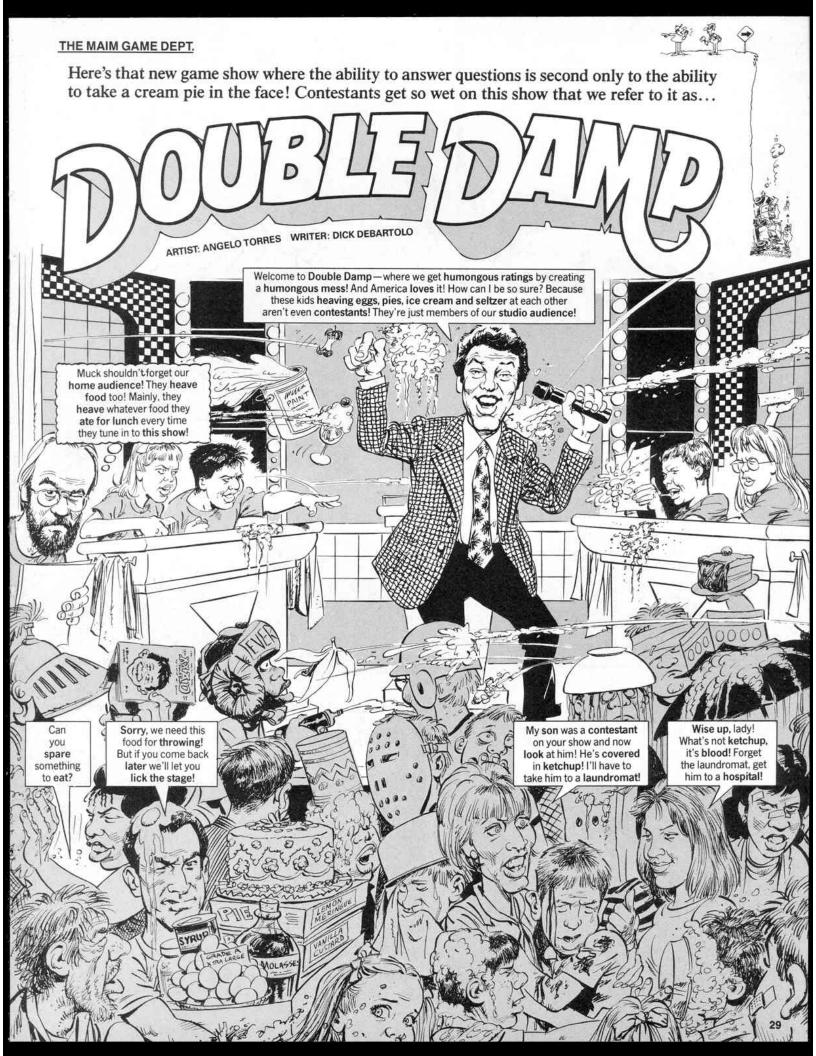




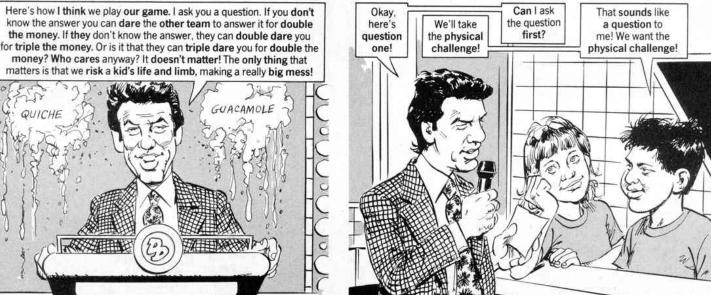
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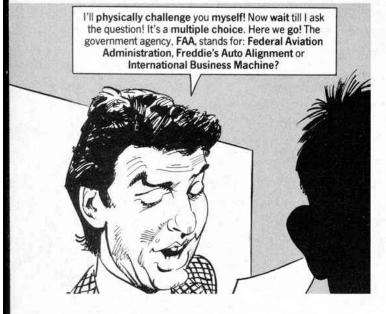














Neat! I like

to see young

people get

into some-

thing that

will really

help them

when they

grow up!







TALES FROM THE DUCK SIDE DEPT.

THE TERRIBLE TOILET TRAUMA





ARTIST AND WRITER: DUCK EDWING



CATCHING THEM OFF GOD DEPT.

To Fundamentalist zealots, some sins are a lot worse than others. Apparently, some sins

THE MAD "FORGIVABLE" AND



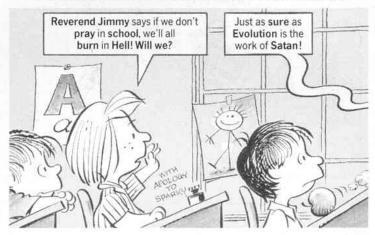
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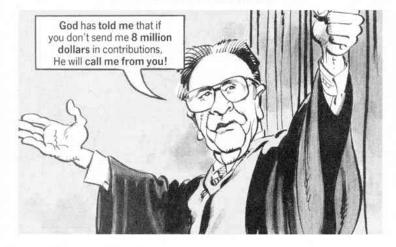
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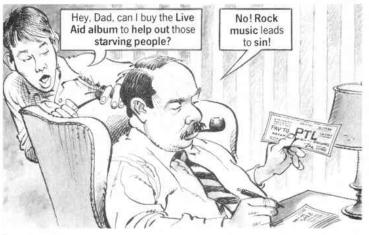
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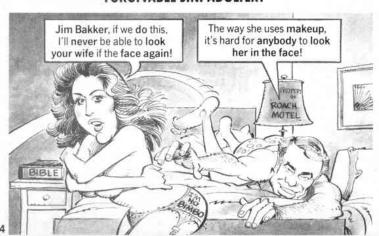
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UNFORGIVABLE SIN: ROCK MUSIC



FORGIVABLE SIN: ADULTERY



UNFORGIVABLE SIN: FREEDOM TO CHOOSE ABORTION



are forgivable and others are unforgivable. To make it clear which is which, we present

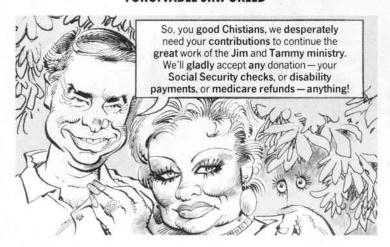
"UNFORGIVABLE" SINS

Fundamentalists)

WRITER: STAN HART

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UNFORGIVABLE SIN: HAVING DIFFERENT BELIEFS



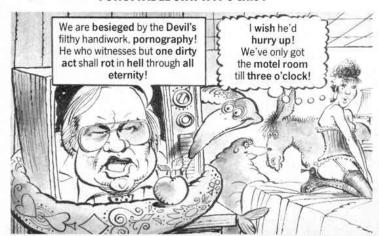
FORGIVABLE SIN: FORNICATION



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FORGIVABLE SIN: HYPOCRISY



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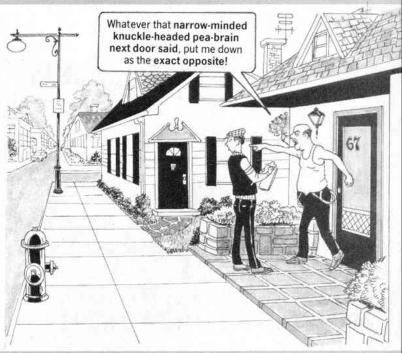
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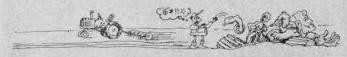
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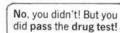


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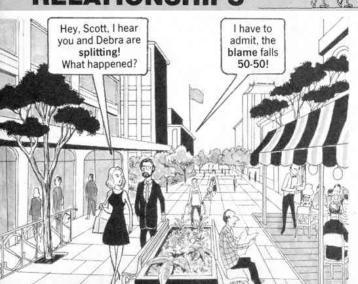


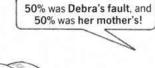


GROWING UP



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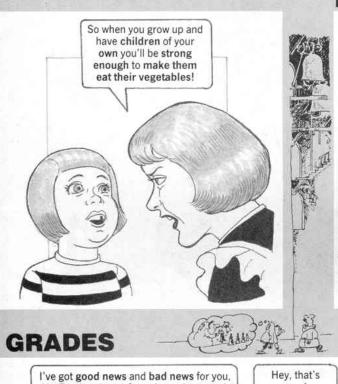




TOYS



INFLATION



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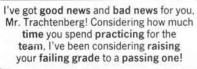


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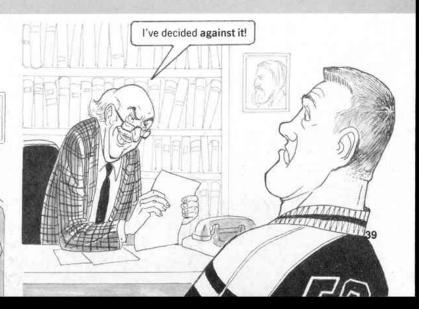
It's the first time I forgot to bring my credit cards!







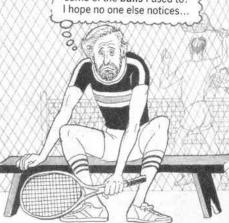




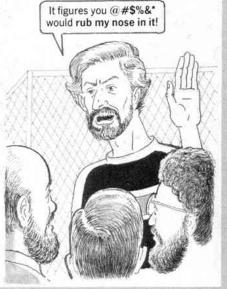
BIRTHDAYS



Another year gone by! A few more gray hairs, some new aches and pains, and worst of all — I'm not getting to some of the balls I used to! I hope no one else notices...







DINNER





DOCTORS



A NIGHT AT THE OPERATIVES DEPT.

After the Iran-Contra scandal, many people were wondering just what the heck was going on in our Intelligence Agency. One thing's for certain, it wasn't *intelligent* Intelligence! You'll see as

MAD VISITS THE CLA

THE LLIGENCE AGENCY

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

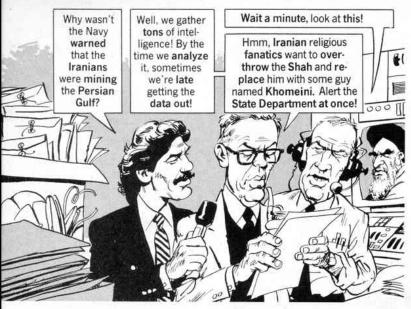
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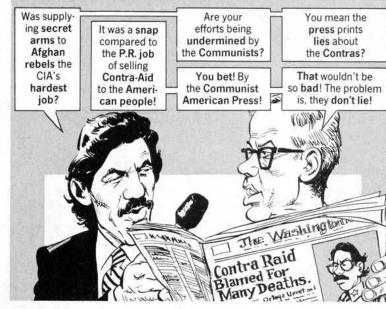
I'm Geraldope Ravera! Who better to tear away the curtain of secrecy that surrounds our intelligence community than me — the same man who uncovered Al Capone's empty deposit bottles in front of millions on national TV!

Sir, isn't it ironic that with a motto like this, the CIA constantly lies to Congress, the President and the American people?!?

That's only part of our motto! The sign painter left out a line! It's supposed to say, "except for Congress, the President and the American people!" Why wasn't President Reagan told that Ollie North was trading arms for hostages with Iranian terrorists?!? We're spies, not finks! Besides, we have a long and proud tradition of telling Presidents only what they want to hear! LBJ went to that big White House in the sky believing that we won the Viet Nam War! And the Gipper leaves the Oval Office thinking the Marines won in Beirut! Come to think of it, maybe our motto should be "And we shall know the truth, though we're not necessarily going to tell it to you!"



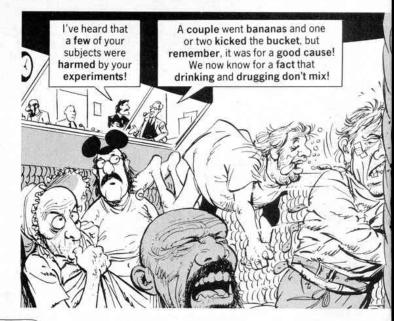


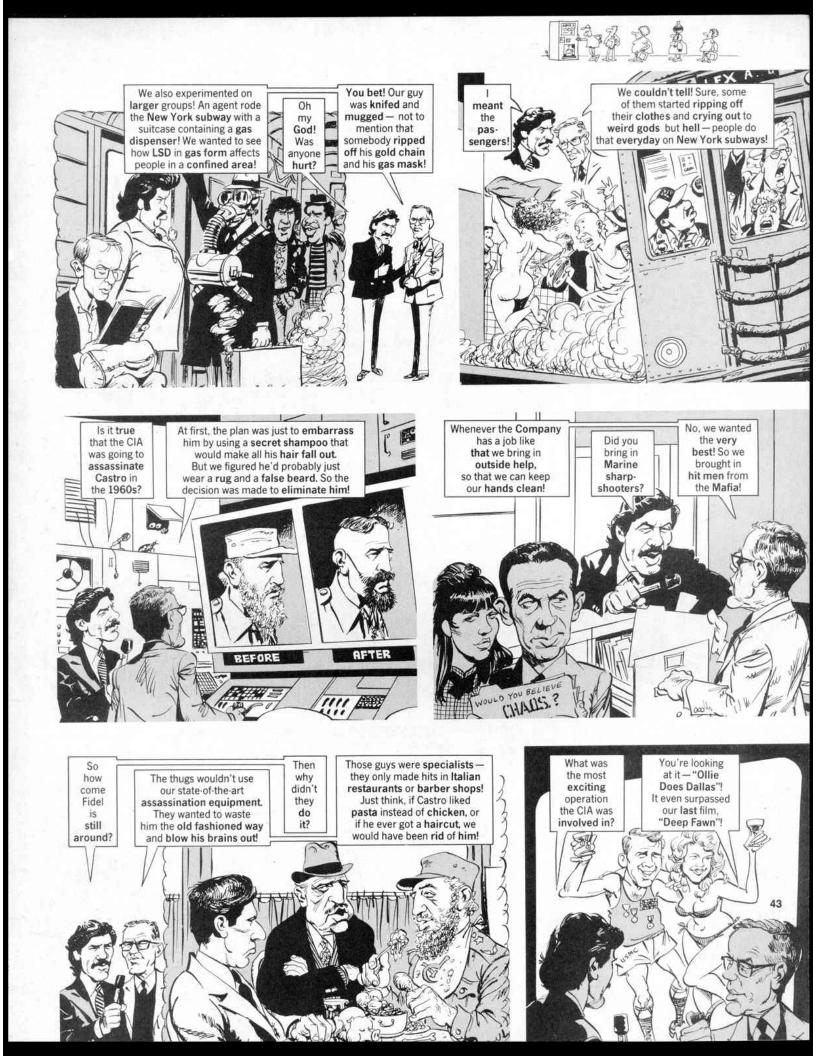










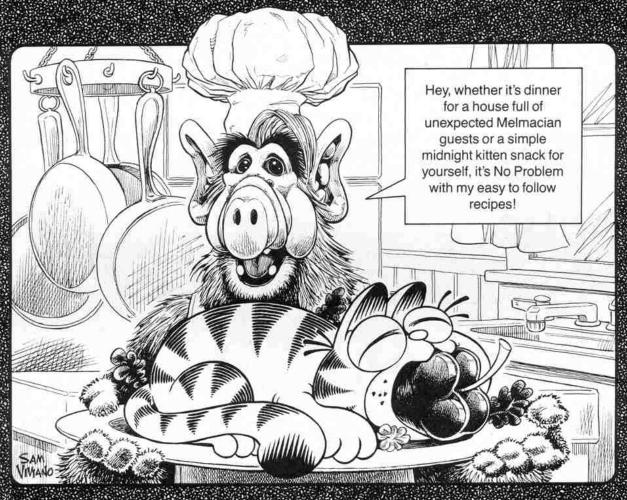






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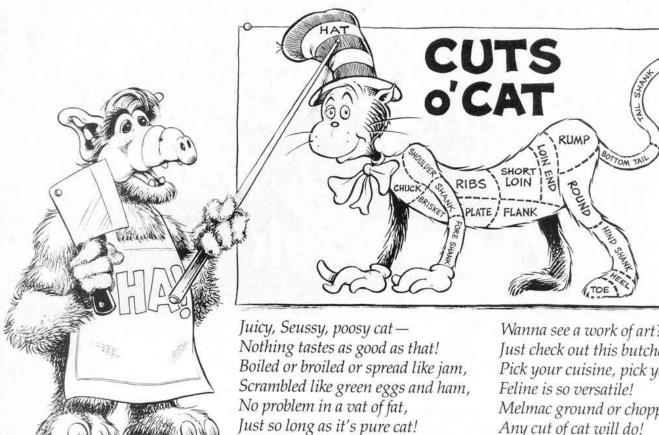
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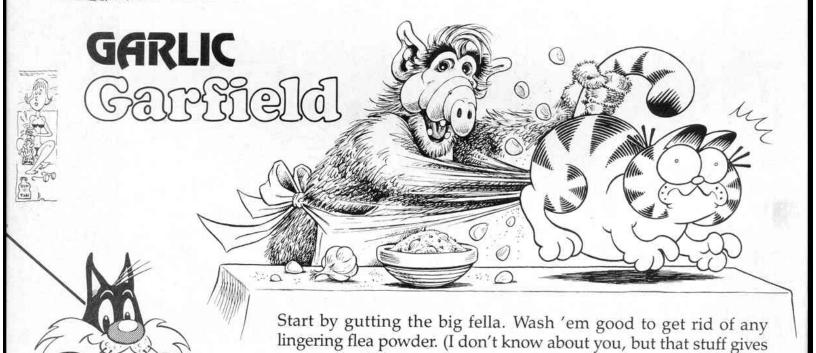
Fabrious Feine Feasts...

.from America's Leading Cat Gourmet!

Hey, thanks for buying the ole Alfer's cookbook! Since most of you have only dreamed about savoring a nice, plump, succulent kitty, I thought I'd start by reciting a little ditty on cat anatomy that was a favorite of mine as an impressionable young Melmacian!



Wanna see a work of art? Just check out this butcher chart! Pick your cuisine, pick your style, Melmac ground or chopped for stew... Any cut of cat will do!



me cramps!)Next, stuff the Garster with sixty whole cloves of garlic mixed in with your favorite stuffing. (I recommend Siamese Stovetop Brand Stuffing.) Bake in a 350° oven for about two hours or until

his tail and ear-tips turn golden brown. This dish is the cat's meow!

Ha! Get it? The cat's meow! Sometimes, I just kill myself!

SYLVESTER

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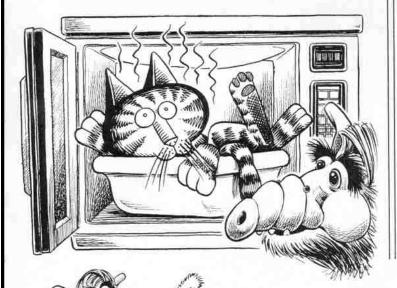
Whether you're eating a well-prepared Tabby, chocolate cake or left-over linoleum tiles, everything always tastes better when it's smothered in Cat-sup! Yeah! Especially when it's my homemade kind...

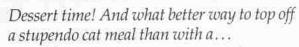
Felix the CAT-SUP

Just throw a couple of tomatoes, a basil leaf and Felix in the food processor and let it whiz on high. Within minutes you'll have the purr-fect topping for any dish!

THE KUGAN CAT-SEROLE

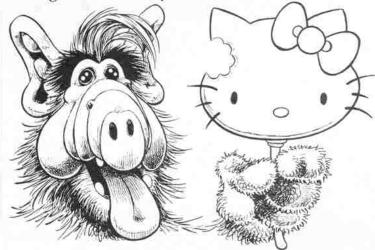
Here's a quick dish that's a big favorite among Melmacians who work part-time. Start by cutting the cat into several parts. Be sure to save any fur that falls out! It makes great soup! Season with a pinch of catnip and surround it with some potatoes and vegetables. Then nuke this baby in the microwave for 17 minutes. (Less if the cat was spayed.) Umm, umm, umm! Ya know, on earth, gluttony is a sin. But on Melmac, it's a gift!





CARMELIZED HELLO KITTY HEAD-ON-A-STICK

Lop off Hello Kitty's head. You can toss out the body. There's so little meat on it, it's not worth saving for stew. Bake in a pre-heated oven for about 10 minutes or until the Kitty's whiskers start to shrivel. Let it cool, then jab in a stick, dip the whole thing in hot melted caramel and that's it! Back on Melmac, kids love these, especially during those long, hot summer years!



REMEMBER! The best thing about all my recipes is that there's never any cleanup! Just do what I do and leave the dirty dishes for somebody else to wash! Ha! What a great idea! I tell ya, I'm a culinary genius!

D'S INDEX

WRITERS: MIKE SNIDER AND FRANK JACOBS

A potpourri of unrelated, page filling facts 'n figures bearing no resemblance to the sort of similar index in Harper's (the magazine we ripped-off this idea from)!



Average life expectancy (in seconds) of an enemy soldier in a Chuck Norris film: 4 Number of men who have written letters proposing marriage to Vanna White: 3,506

To Pat Sajak: 244

Difference, in laughs-per-minute, between NBC's "227" and the Iran-Iraq War : 0

Age most people stop believing in Santa Claus: 8

In politicians: 7

In Geraldo Rivera: 5

Number of chemical elements in the universe: 104

In a glass of New Jersey tap water: 98

Chance average male has of picking up hot-to-trot bimbo in singles bar : 1 in 14

Of picking up disturbing rash: 1 in 6

Number of "Yuppie-dramas" now being developed by the 3 major networks: thirtysomething Number of days into baseball season before Cleveland Indians are written off as pennant contenders: 5

Average powder base (in inches) on Aspen ski slope: 17

On Tammy Bakker: 1/4

Percentage of insomniacs who nightly fall asleep by taking sleeping pills: 31

By watching Fox Network shows: 47

Number of months in the year 1987: 12

In 1988: 12

Number of "w"s in the word "Israeli" : 0

When Tom Brokaw pronounces it : 2

Salary of the average Pro Wrestler: \$47,500/yr.

If Pro Wrestling didn't exist: \$3.35/hr.

Number of Monopoly games started in 1987 but never played to completion: 1,852,799

Number of things that annoy Andy Rooney : 2,000,000

Number of people annoyed by Andy Rooney : 23,000,000

Average miles per gallon you can expect if a car maker's ad says "39 mph, city": 23

Number of people who aren't doctors, but play them on TV: 57

Who aren't doctors, but play them in our nation's hospitals : 5,820

Number of Supreme Court Justices who wear nothing under their robes: 4

Water content of average "all natural" citrus fruit drink : 89%

Of average cup of beer sold at any baseball stadium: 89%

Number of people in the history of air travel who have been able

to get a \$99 Maxsaver fare to the coast: 2

Restrictions for that fare : 237

Percentage of the public who understand the new tax code: 11%

Percentage of accountants who understand it: 9%

Percentage of IRS employees who understand it : 6%

Number of people who work for the government: about half

Number of Americans who believe any of the statistics on this page are accurate : 2,487,644

Who believe TV Evangelists are trustworthy: 2,487,644

WHAT HURDLE
MUST ALL
OLYMPIC ATHLETES
PASS AS THEY
GO FOR THE
GOLD?

HERE WE GO AGAIN WITH ANOTHER MAD FOLD-IN

Athletes have always given a lot to achieve Olympic stardom. But today they are being asked to give even more. To find out what that is, fold in page as shown on the right.



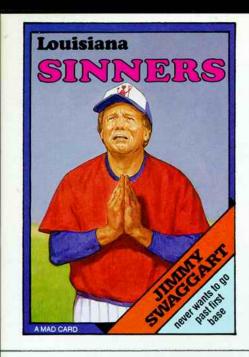
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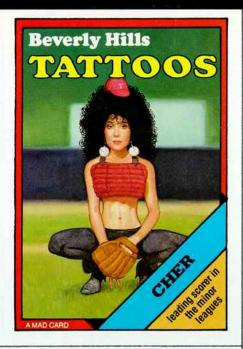
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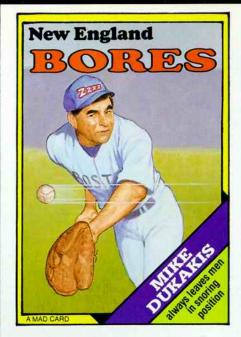
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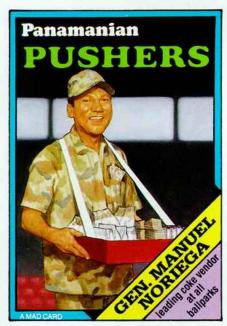


ATHLETES ENDURE MANY FRUSTRATIONS
DURING THEIR CAREERS. THEY OFTEN SHRUG
OFF PAIN AND SUFFERING TO PURSUE
THEIR SUPERDREAMS OF OLYMPIC CONQUESTS.









MAD'S ALL-STAR FLOPPS

