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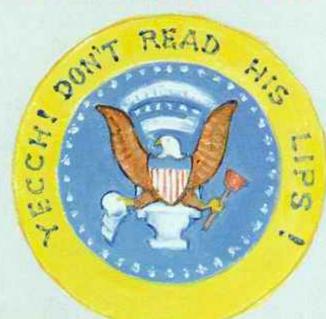
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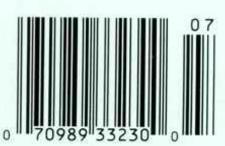
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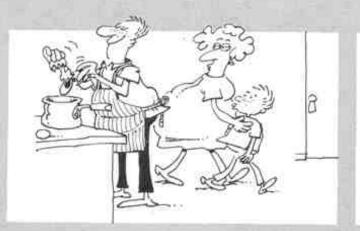




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TATTOO'S COMPANY

You nimrods!! In #310's "A MAD Commentary: Tattoos," you have a picture of a typist's hands with the letters "G" and "H" tattooed on her thumbs. I guess you never took a typing course! The thumbs operate the space bar and the "G" and "H" keys are operated by the index fingers! I hope you used more caution when you hired your secretaries!

Greg Smith Ballston Lake, NY

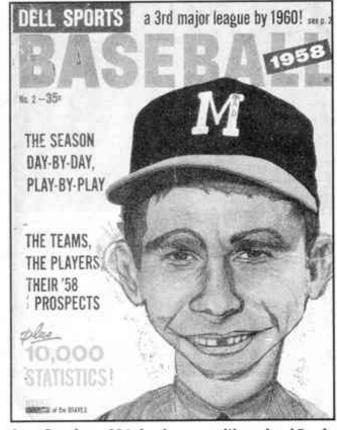
Smithy—Use more caution in hiring our secretaries? Of course! At MAD, we always practice "safe secs"!—Ed.

BEN AT WORK

Having just finished Maria Reidelbach's book Completely MAD, I am compelled to send you the enclosed—and only 34 years too late! It's something I came up with when I was in Amarillo, Texas in 1958, away from my home in Oakland. This is what I did to poor Lew Burdette of the Milwaukee Braves!

I went on to do some butchering on some other magazines—mainly at Rolling Stone, where I was a writer and editor from 1969 into the early 80s. But all that time, Id get the latest issue of MAD, note with admiration how the "usual gang of idiots" stayed together and, more importantly, stayed funny, and wish that I could be with them, working for a REAL magazine!

Ben Fong-Torres San Francisco, CA



Lew Burdette?? It looks more like a bad Rocky Colavito to us!—Ed.

DIAL-A-MAD-RIPOFF

Even your own Mom won't know it's you with the

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*But read this ad for an even better deal!

The Voice Changer is a "standard" touch-tone telephone featuring last number re-dial, pulse/tone switching and hearing aid capability. But it has another special feature: the ability to disguise you voice so that even your own Mom or your dearest friend won't be able to recognize you. You can pre-set the vocal pitch of your voice to any of 16 different characteristics - male and female. That can be a lot of fun, but it is also a first-line of defense for women or for children who are left home by themselves.





One press of a button instantly changes your voice into someone else's. Special fine tuning lets you re-create any voice perfectly. This device is invaluable for making authentic-sounding excuses in business, school and personal relationships.

When an idea appears in MAD and then later appears elsewhere, we call it a MAD ripoff. Look at this portion of a recent ad for a new telephone device, then look at this excerpt from "Future Phone Gimmicks" in the April, '87 MAD. When will we stop calling this phone a MAD ripoff? About the same time the first big royalty check arrives in our mailbox!



TRASH-Y ART

Fans of White Trash (some of whom may themselves be!) no doubt immediately realized that the cover art for the latest White Trash album was done by MAD's own Jack Davis (especially since Jack's signature was in the corner!) Hey, what's next, Dave Berg drawing the new Metallica album cover? We dare them!



CHEST NUT

Regarding the "tattoo" cover of MAD #310... Alfred's nipples appear to be uneven. I hope my noticing is not indicative of some larger problem.

Mike Holmes Hillsborough, NJ

A problem of Alfred's...or YOURS???-Ed.

NEWTON'S FLAW

The article "If Other Historical Eras Had Been As Lawsuit Happy As Ours Is Today" in MAD #309 is helping to perpetuate a myth. One of the cartoons shows Sir Isaac Newton sitting under a tree with an apple

falling on his head.

After the publication of Newton's Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica in 1687, another English physicist, Robert Hooke, expected due credit for having anticipated the inverse square law of force. Newton, wanting to ensure his own priority in the discovery of the law of universal gravitation, invented the story that he had tested the motion of the moon not at the time of the writing of the Principia, but twenty years earlier, in the 1660s! Newton also circulated the story that he had been set in this chain of reasoning by having observed a falling apple.

So, if anything, Hooke would have sued Newton for patent infringement!

Darío Castellanos Professor of Mathematics Universidad de Carabobo Valencia, Venezuela

Thanks for your intelligent (albeit longwinded, borderline pompous and exquisitely dull) letter! You know, if there's one thing we at MAD have learned over the years, it's that history repeats itself. In fact, we're willing to bet the farm that like Newton, you've taken some fruit upside your head too—perhaps a watermelon to the medulla, or a casaba to the cranium!—Ed.

MORON MAIL

If home is where the heart is, does that mean the lungs are in the garage?

Kevin Robinson Somewhere in America

Yes, and you don't want to know what's in the septic tank!—Ed.

MORE MORON MAIL

I'd like you guys to do something for me. The next time you drink orange juice, look at the pulp. Does it not look exactly like baby shrimp legs?

Susan Stagg Huntsville, AL

Ms. Stagger—Baby "Shrimp Legs" O'Toole just happens to have been one of the finest midget wrestlers ever to grace the squared circle! His 1954 championship match against Stumpy Wilkins is legendary, as was his tumultuous 10-year marriage to June Lockhart! We don't think it's proper to denigrate the Old Shrimpster or ANY professional midget wrestler on the MAD letters page. Shame on you!—Ed.

PIZZA SHUT

While conducting a routine food inspection at a pizza parlor, I observed a MAD magazine on a shelf in the kitchen. Needless to say, I immediately closed the facility, due to the kinds of vermin MAD attracts!

> Chris McCormick Warren County Health Dept. Washington, NJ

Notice: All MAD employees must wash hands after reading Chris McCormick's letter!
—William Gaines



MAD HELPS WIN DEBATE

The article "If Blondie Entered the Real Workplace" (MAD #310) was really good! We had a debate in school called "The Demands of a Working Woman Far Exceeds Those of a Working Man" in which we used your article as one of our examples. We won, which was really good because there was this schmuck on the other team!

Lynn Yeo Joan Rozario Grace Gwee Singapore

We'll pass along your praise to the article's artist, Angelo Torres, who, coincidentally, used to be a woman, but found it much too demanding!—Ed.



Joseph Valenti of Pittsford, NY sent us this absolutely lovely photo of himself spending a quiet evening at home. The place looks great, Joe, but we have just one question: Where'd you get that crappy wallpaper?

PLANE NONSENSE

Thought you'd enjoy this picture titled "Terror in the Skies." The other Midway Airlines passengers ran to the back of the plane when Burris Plummer and Judy and Sam Schwartz pulled out their favorite reading material! The flight attendant, Jo, even inflated her lifejacket expecting to jump!

Meryl Plummer Pennsauken, NJ



Meryl—Actually, we encourage people to read MAD at 50,000 feet—because there's always a barfbag within arm's reach! But when flying, remember: MAD cannot be used as a flotation device!—Ed.

A THOUSAND POINTS OF BLIGHT

I have collected your magazines for the last two years now. I have enjoyed every single one and they have been hilarious. My last purchase was MAD Collector's Series #3. I was very disturbed about the postcard "MAD Salutes George Bush, The #1 Environmental President" on page 32. That postcard was obscene and uncalled for. My parents will not let me purchase another one of your magazines until this postcard is apologized for.

Patrick Thomas South Jordan, UT

Regarding the environment, we think it's George Bush who owes the American people an apology! Besides, you were holding the postcard the wrong way! The finger was actually pointing down!—Ed.

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MAD welcomes reader submissions. Manuscripts will not be returned or acknowledged, however, unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope or a note congratulating Bill and Anne on their 5th Anniversary! Here's a great idea: Take the life of a notorious gangster and bring it to the screen starring a smooth, Hollywood actor. Great idea? NOT! Maybe we're just sick of mob movies that turn killers into loveable good guys. Maybe we're just sick of Warren Beatty. Or maybe we're just sick from the jumbo popcorn and Goobers we ate while watching it! But whatever the reason, when we left this movie, we were feeling a touch off...a bit nauseous...a bit lightheaded...a bit queasy...a bit...

BUGGY



Listen, turd-

brain, don't

think you can

sexually harass

me and get away

with it! I said

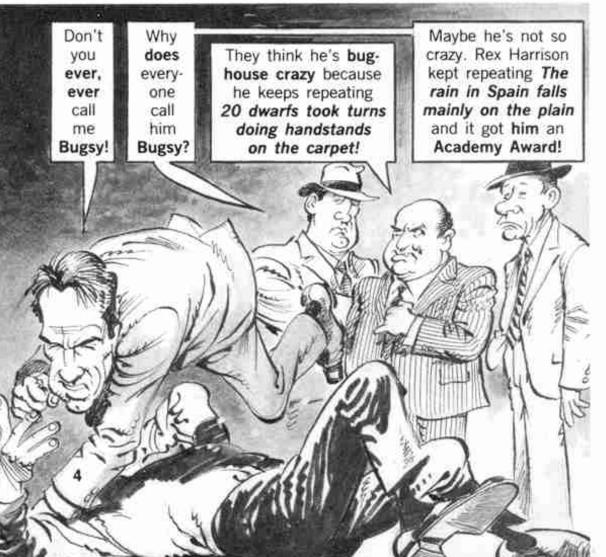
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Hill, not Anita Hill!

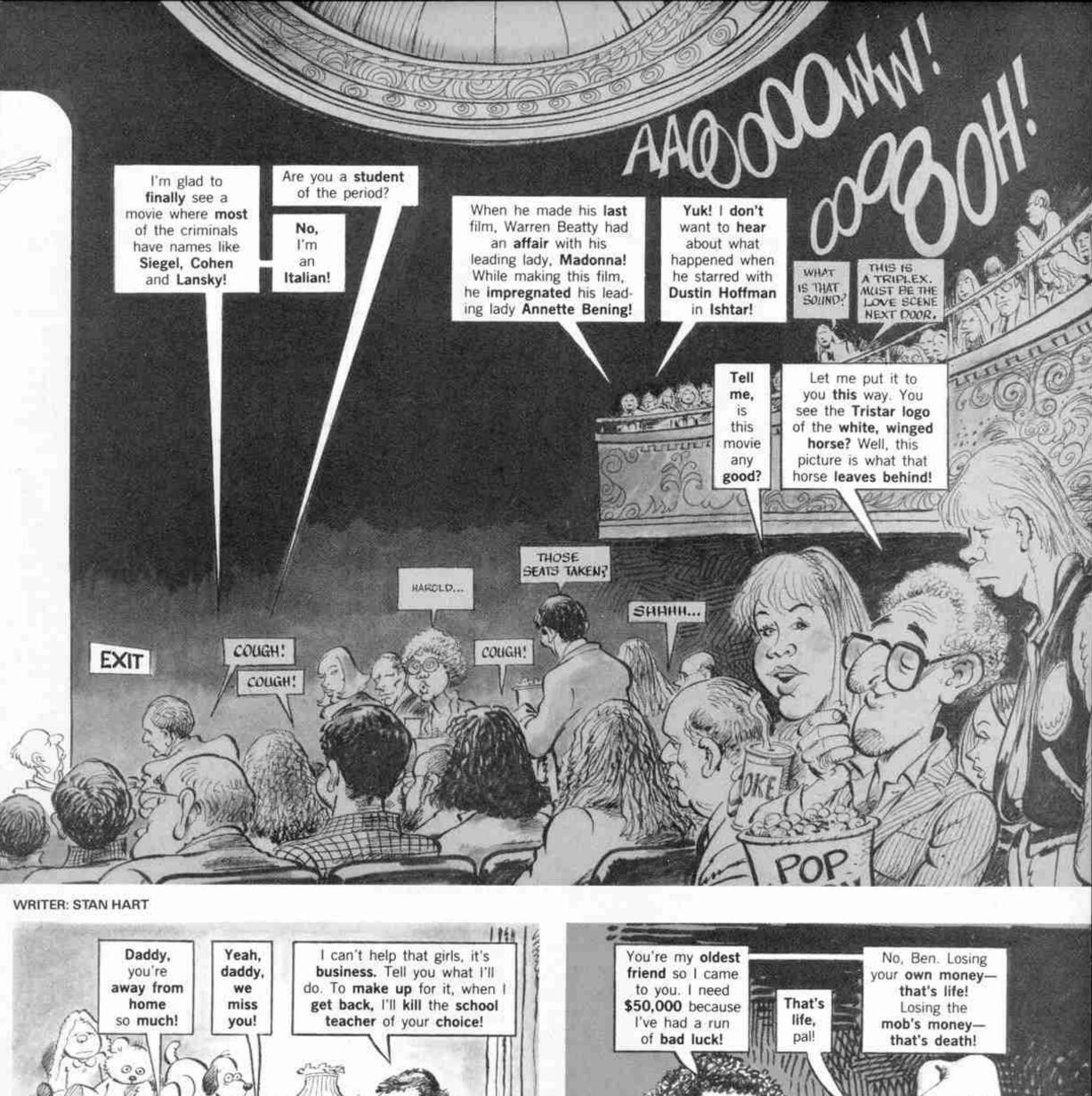
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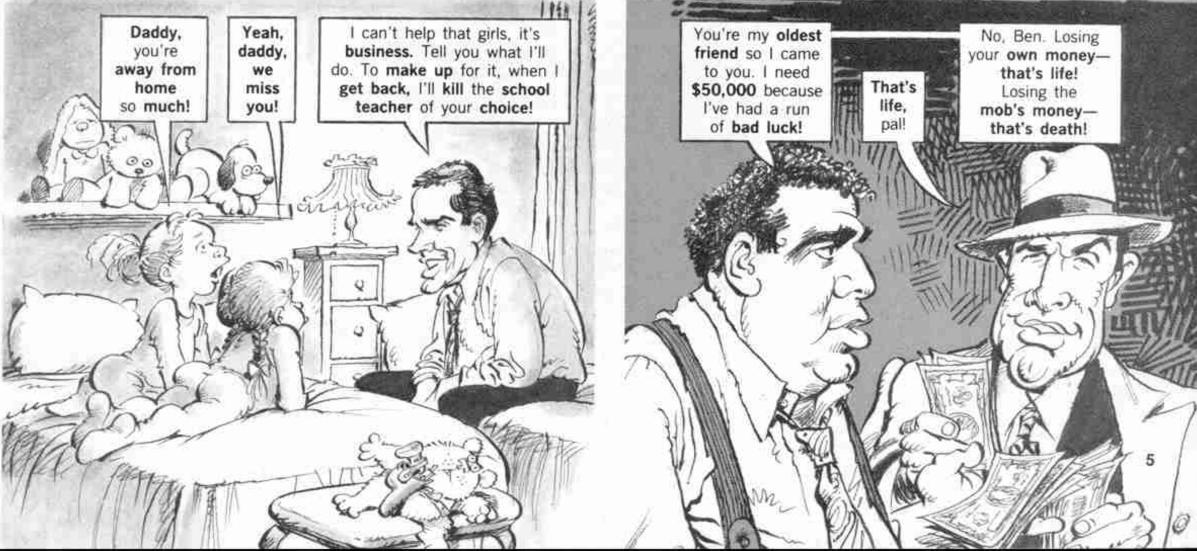
I'm Annette I'm Joe Mantegna! I play Really? Then I'm Warren Beatty! In this Hey Bening! | 1940's movie star George tell me, Ben, film I make a hero out of Virginia, portray Raft and it's the most why do millions gangster Bugsy Siegel-a how about Virginia Hill, difficult role I've ever of people watch cold-blooded killer! Why you and me Bugsy's sexy, tackled. It's the first "It's a Wonderful did I make him a hero? Bedoing wise-cracking, time a good actor like Life" over and cause nobody wants to see you-knowfun-loving me has to portray a a film about an ordinary over again girlfriend! what ...? lousy actor like him! man of decency and morality! every year?

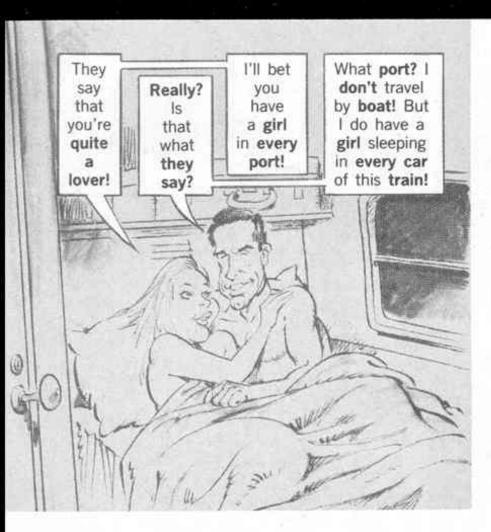
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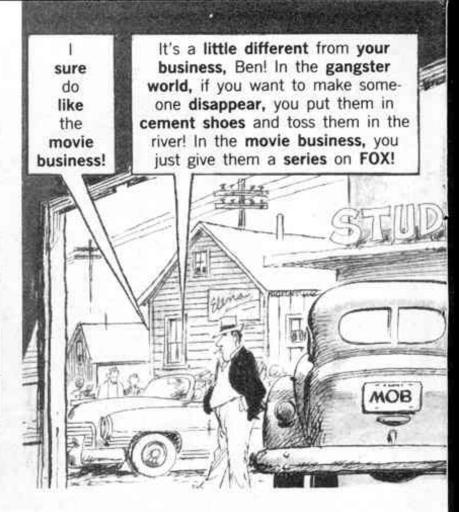


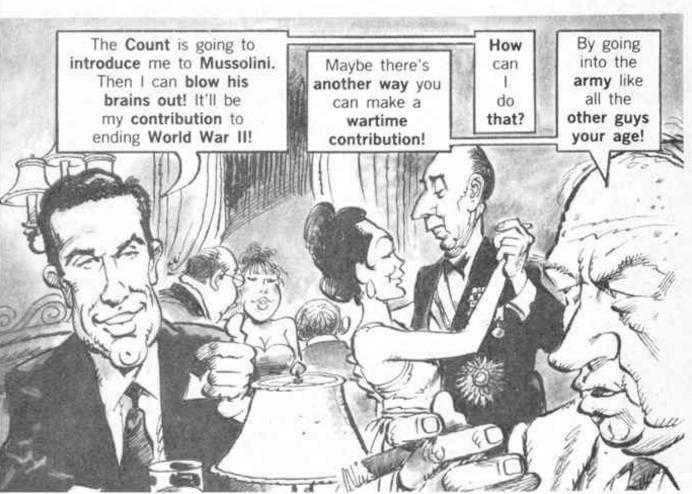














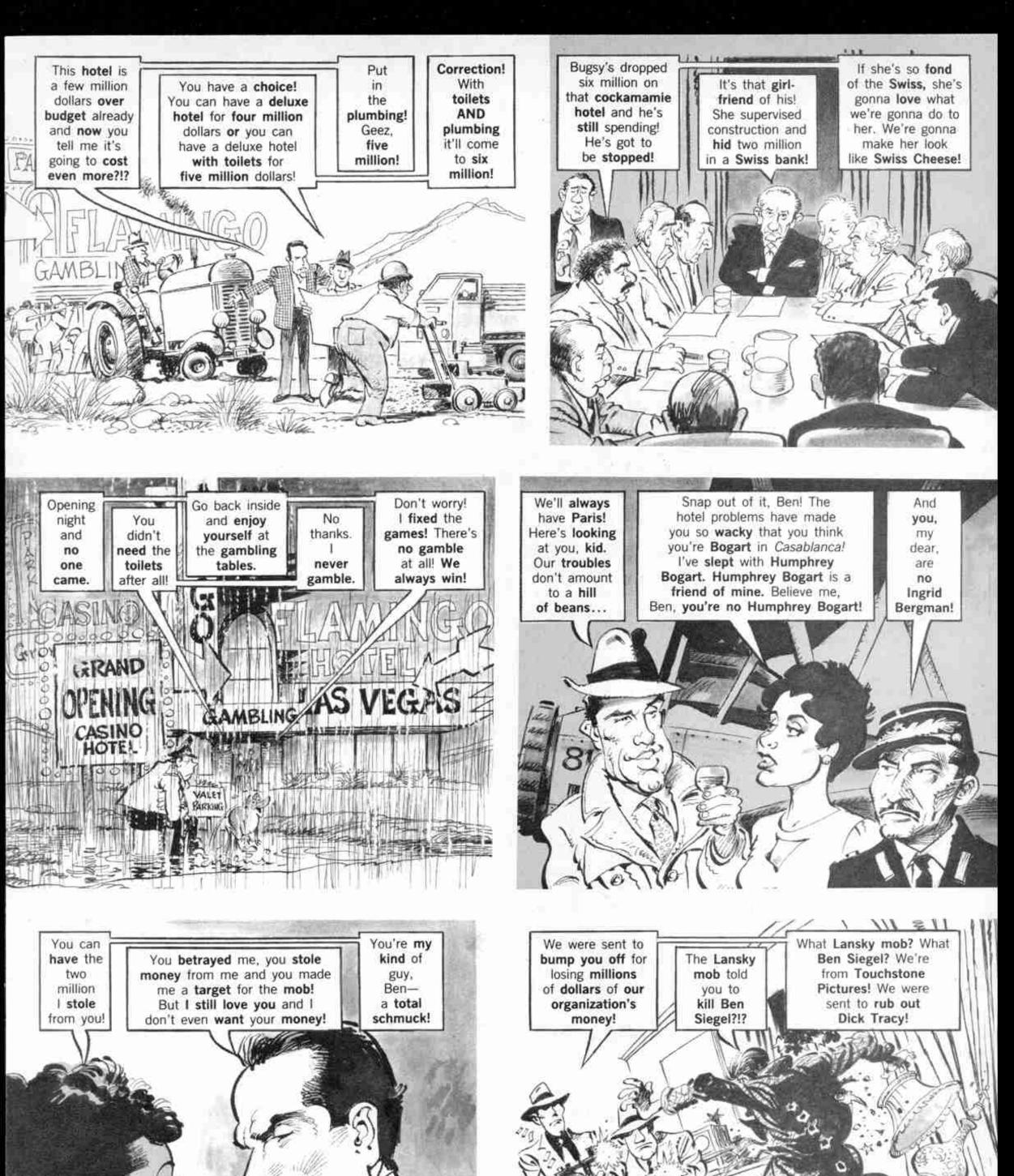






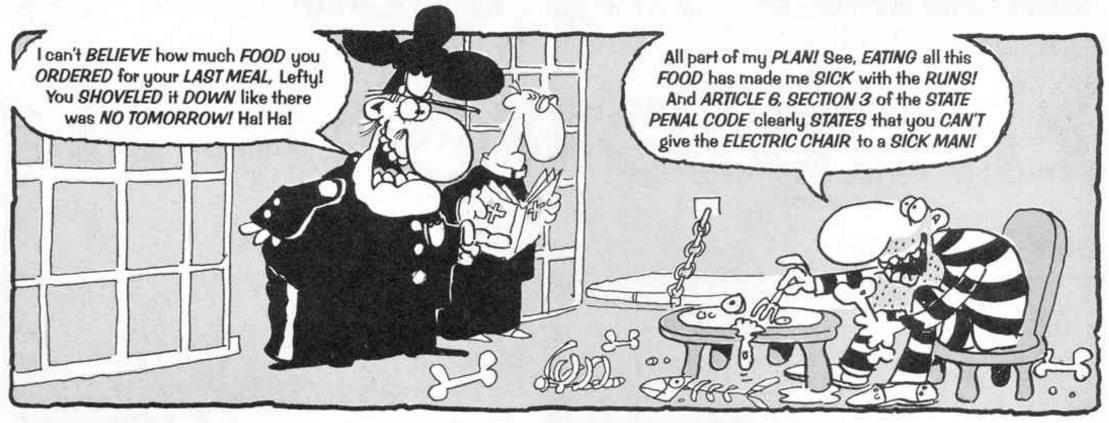








THE PERNICIOUS PRISON PLIGHT







The Mad Fas Employees Hai

ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

DON'T YOU HATE ...



...managers who lay down the most cockamamie rules?

DON'T YOU HATE ...



... having to be polite to your worst enemy?

DON'T YOU HATE ...



... seeing the company blow its profits on new stores 10 instead of better wages and benefits for its employees?

DON'T YOU HATE ...



...rude customers who misinterpret coupons and blame you?

t Food te Book

WRITER: MIKE BIRTCHET

DON'T YOU HATE ...



... coming home smelling like your job?

DON'T YOU HATE...



...running low on change, then getting hit with ten \$20 bills in a row?

DON'T YOU HATE ...



... "creative" slobs?

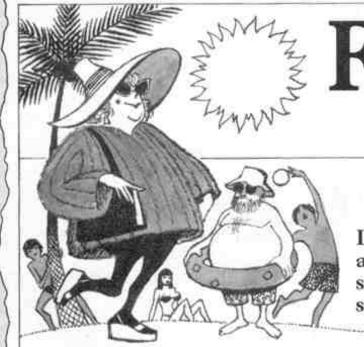
DON'T YOU HATE ..



... "Help Wanted" signs that make fastfood work look like a great career?

Ever notice two ads in different parts of the same newspaper that seem to contra

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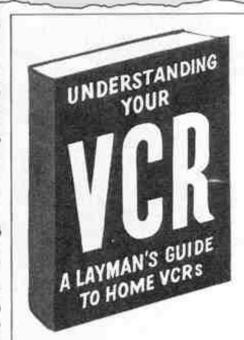
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I must sacrifice my Shady Acres home. Paid \$120,000. Will accept best offer over \$40,000. My company is moving seven blocks away, so I must relocate! dict each other? Take a closer look at these gems from the MAD collection of...

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1991 ACCURATE

Just \$5,000 down and 42 easy monthly payments of \$499!

Get Into the Driver's Seat Today!

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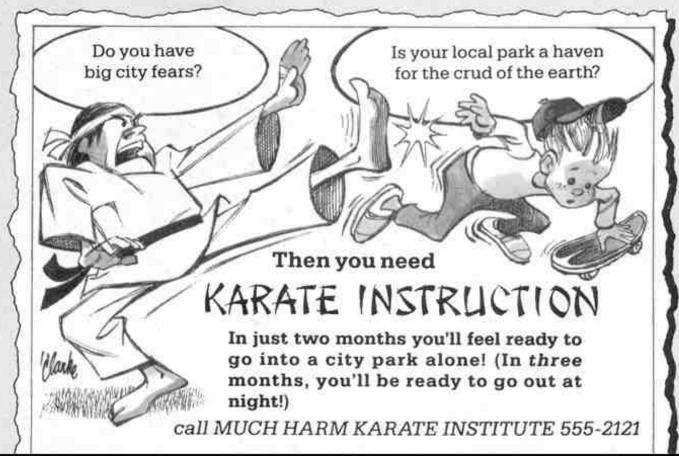
Call 1-800-RUINED now!

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO



YOUR PARKS DEPARTMENT



Remember the time you played Red Rover with your friends and you got ready to run and break through their locked arms? Remember your surprise when instead your so-called "friends" held

RULES FOR GAMES THE WA

BATTLESHIP (for 2-year-olds)





I. Steal game from underneath your brother's bed.



Swallow all of the little plastic ships.



3. Go to the hospital to have your stomach pumped.



4. Add up points for each ship the doctor recovers from your stomach.

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

SCRABBLE (for 8 to 14-year-olds)

5. If you get 10 or more points, you win!



 Make sure that all parents and adults are a safe distance away from the board.



2. Each player grabs a handful of letters.



All players take turns trying to spell the most obscene, profane and foul words they can think of.

you down and ran off with your shorts? You fool! Games NEVER stick to regulation play! To prepare you for those unexpected developments (sorry, we can't retrieve your shorts), MAD presents...

Y THEY'RE REALLY PLAYED



TRIVIAL PURSUIT (for 60-year-olds)



I. Play the game normally until a question comes up about MTV, Nintendo, or Madonna.



2. Stop the game and start talking about the good old days before there was any such thing as MTV, Nintendo or Madonna.



3. Eat a big bowl of fiber and go to bed early.

WRITER: MICHAEL GOODWIN

FOOTBALL (for 7 to 10-year-olds)



I. Begin playing in a friendly manner.



2. Continue until one team outscores the other by 50 points.



3. If you are the losing team, begin to play dirty.



When a fight breaks out, erase the score.

DODGEBALL (for 8 to 13-year-olds)



I. Have all the popular kids form a circle around all the unpopular kids.



2. Peg all the girls first to get them out of the way.



3. Use the inflatable rubber ball until there is only one boy left in the middle.



If he is too fast to be hit with the ball, see if he can dodge sticks and rocks.

5. When the boy guits, or is knocked unconscious, everyone in the circle wins!

HIDE AND SEEK (for 40-year-olds playing with 3-year-olds)



I. Explain the rules to your annoying, hyperactive 3-year-old nephew.



2. Tell him to go hide and not come out till you find him.



3. Go sit in your favorite easy chair and enjoy the silence.



Occasionally yell out, "I'm going to get you!" so the little brat stays hidden.

Yes, I am who you think I am, Barbra Strident, but no, I don't sing in this movie! A lot of you think I don't act in it, either, but frankly, I don't care what you think as long as the director thinks I'm great playing the part of the shrink, Dr. Low-esteem! Oh, by the way, I'm the director of the film! Hah!

Yes, I am who you think I am, Nick Nutty! In this tale of a Southern family, complete with flashbacks, we get to see how screwed up parents were able to screw up their kids so they could carry on the family tradition as screwed up adults! In other words, your typical sitcom! As Timid, I do more than my usual share of ranting and raving! From now on, call me...

PRINCE OF OF TRADES WRITER DICK DEBARTOLO

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

I'm Liar Bingo, the mother! I spend most of my time protecting my three kids from their mean, short-tempered, sadistic father! Now if only my poor children had someone to protect them from me, a lying, conniving mother!

I'm Timid, the younger son! Trying to grow up on this secluded island is difficult! Not only are my parents overbearing, but at high tide our basement is totally underwater, and that's where I sleep!

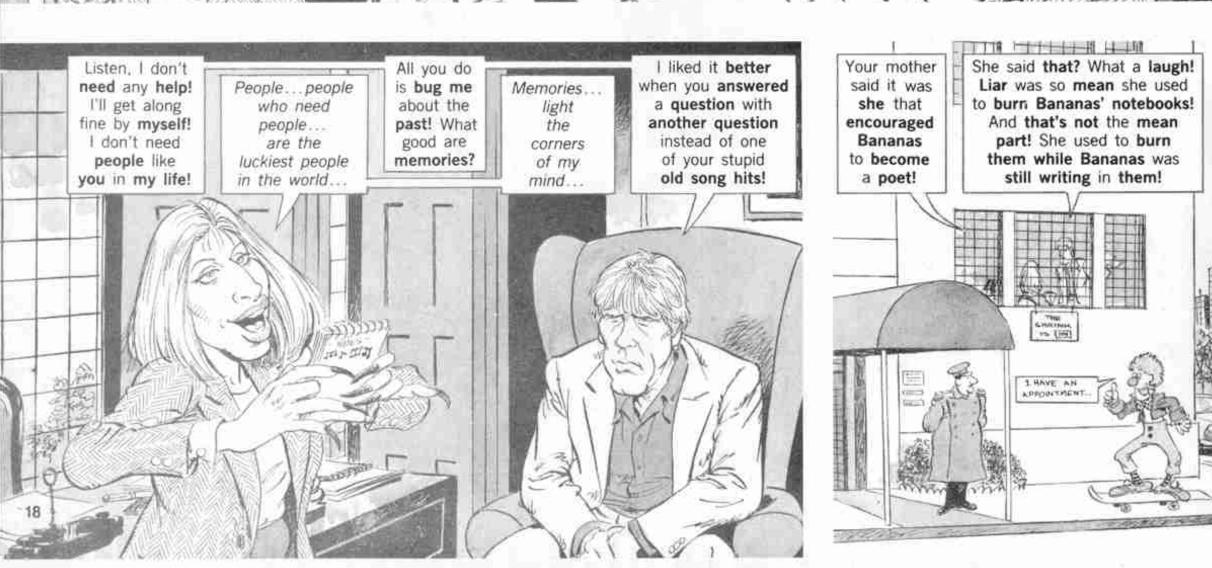


I'm Bananas! To escape the harsh reality of our terrible family life, I write psychologically revealing poems!

Here's one I wrote today ... To be, or not to be is my question, I wish I had an answer! I'm tired of doo-doo falling on me From Donner and Blitzen and Prancer! I'm Hurt-Ya Bingo, the father! I'll tell you what the real problem is with this familyeveryone covers up their true feelings! Except for me! always express what I feel! I can't help it if the only thing I ever feel is violent!

I'm Loco, the older brother! We three kids have a ritual when the emotional pain gets to be too much-we hold hands and jump into the water! Sometimes the lake, sometimes the swimming pool, sometimes the toilet bowl! I know that sounds gross, but without that training Timid and Bananas wouldn't have been able to survive in New York City!











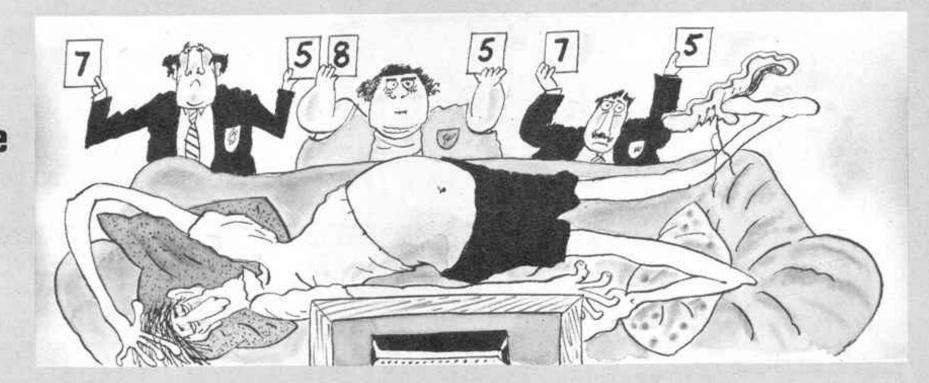
READY, SIT, GO! DEPT.

Okay, so you've finally realized that you'll never have the speed of Carl Lewis, the fetching grin of I'il Mary Lou Retton, or the thighs of Katarina Witt. Well buck up and put that gun down; if the only mark you've ever made on the world is a dent in the cushions of your sectional sofa, then you're a potential gold medal winner in ...

The Couch Potato Olympics

ARTIST AND WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES

Freestyle Figure Loafing



The TV-Bathroom-Fridge Triathlon



The 12-oz. Can Six-Pack Toss



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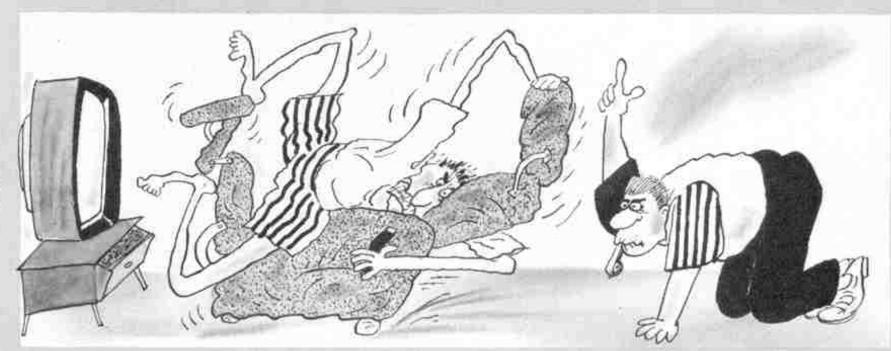
Popcorn Basketball



Marathon Channel Clicking



Lounge Chair Wrestling (Middleweight Division)



FRANK ON A ROLL DEPT.

And should you make the slightest goof, they'll surely find you out; So be very, very careful with the words you write and say; The PC spies are watching, and they've got a lot of clout, Political Correctness is the order of the day,

They'll scream that you're "insensitive" and make your life a mess; Mad hopes these verses help you with the words that you select They'll brand you as a bigot and attack you in the press;

So that you're learning...

Don't call that schlub "a fatty,"

for it's simply not allowed;

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

He's now "physic'lly expansive" or "nutrition'lly endowed;" That clod repeating seventh grade?

| Me's not a knucklehead;



"Scholastic'lly persistent" is the phrase to use instead;

Don't talk of "dwarfs" or "midgets"

both are terms you should revise;

Today they're known as "persons of a nonexcessive size;"



You'll find you're not offending any group or race or sect

As long as what you're saying is Politic'lly Correct.









"Indigenous Americans" is now the term preferred;

Don't call that drifter "homeless"

that's the no-no of the year;



He's "a worker in transition" or "an urban pioneer."

Don't call that guy in women's clothes a weirdo



or a freak;

He's "a fashion nonconformist with a life-style that's unique." 窓



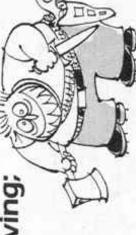
No lack of sensitivity will anyone detect



As long as ev'ry comment is Politic'lly Correct.







he might think you were unkind;



Don't call that creep a "rapist"

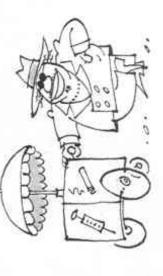
He's "a sexual crusader" who's "assertively inclined;"



hooking kids throughout the land

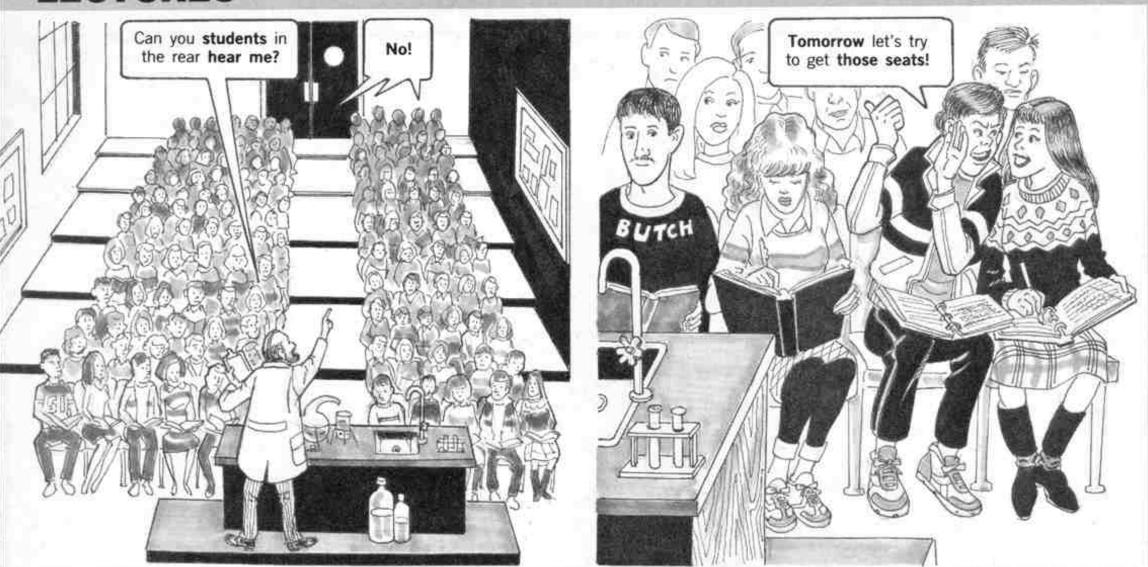


So make certain that you're careful with the words that you select



you'll always be Politic'lly Correct. And we guarantee

LECTURES



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THELIGHTE

TEENAGERS





Look at the full moon glowing through our rapidly dissolving ozone layer and forming the deadly greenhouse effect...





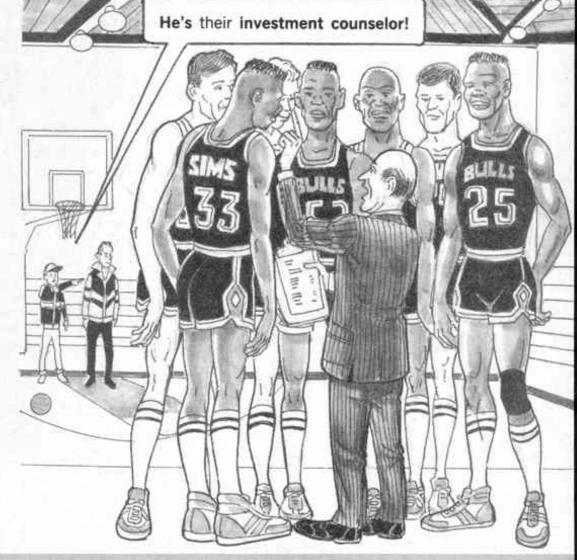


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MODERN ATHLETES



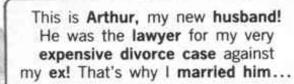


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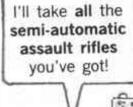


RATIONALIZATION

Debbie said that I was perfect! She did not! She said you're a nobody!



CONCERN



What are you doing, outfitting an army?



Yeah! I'm forming an army of my own to overthrow the government! Do you have a problem with that, Bub?



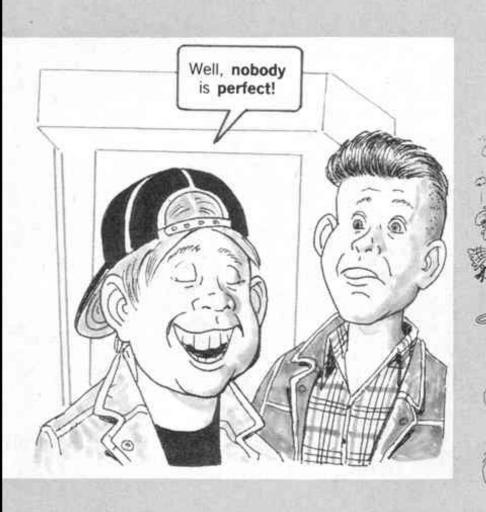
Not at all! Here's my card! I can get you a good buy on uniforms!



COPS



THE ECONOMY



Boy, we're really hurting in my industry! How are things in the printing field?

Booming! Just today, my plant picked up a big, new account!



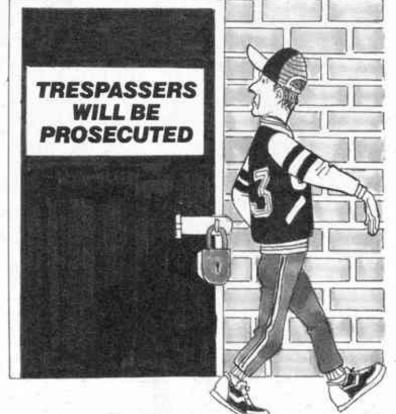
We're printing millions of labels that say, "Made in Taiwan"!





SIGNS





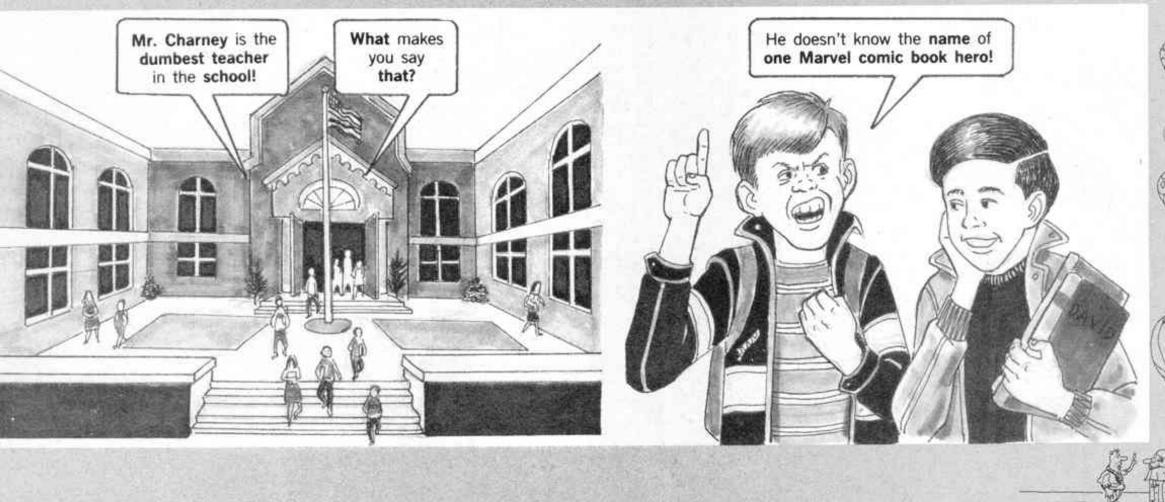


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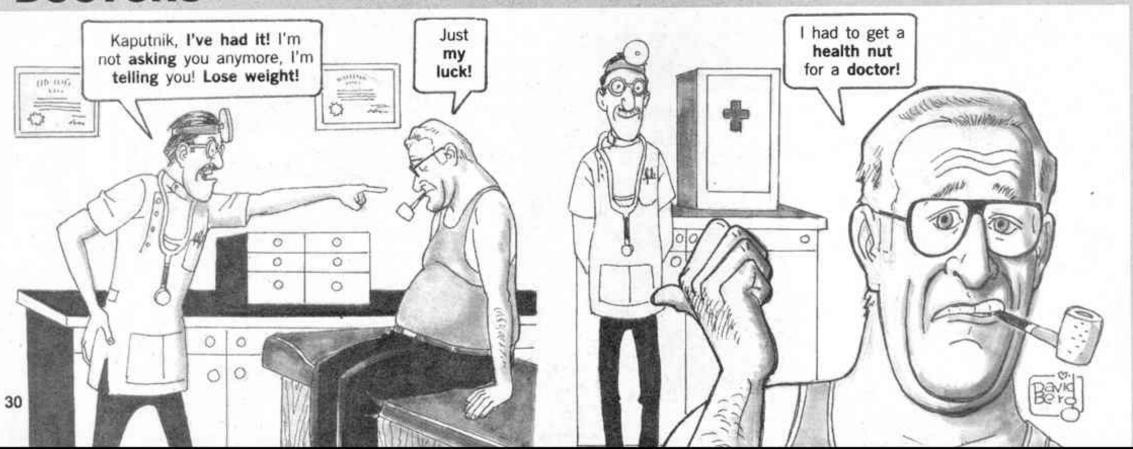




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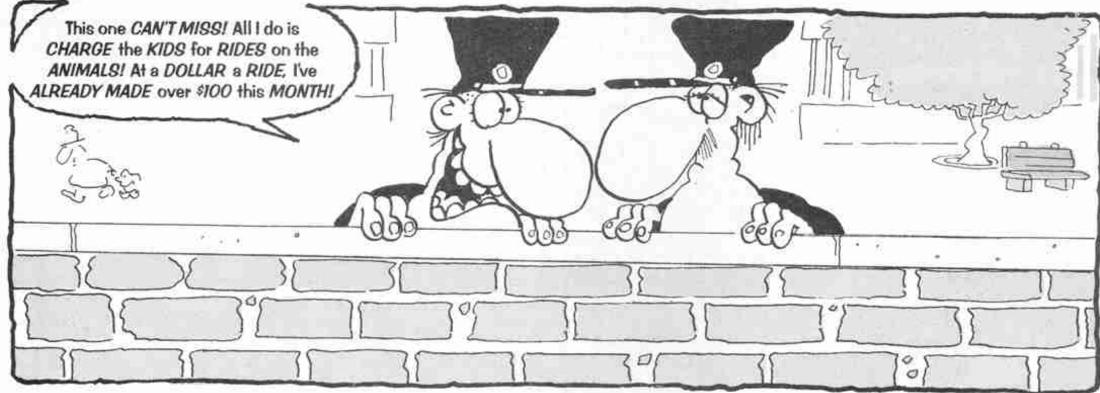


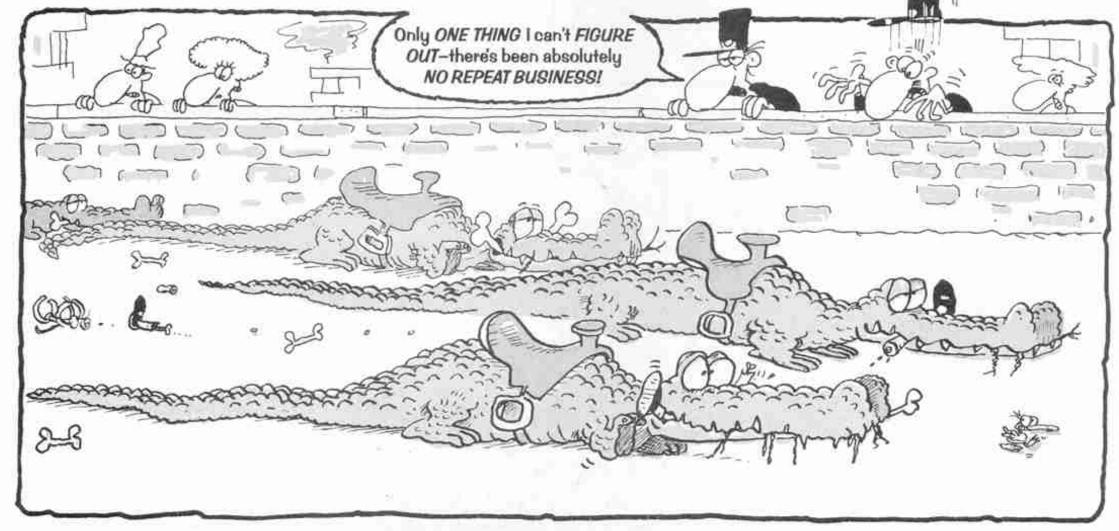
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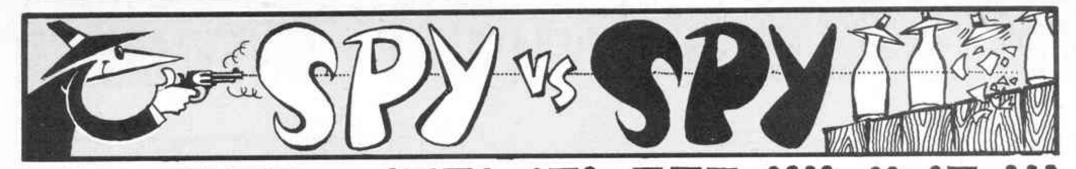


THE MISGUIDED MENAGERIE MONEYMAKER







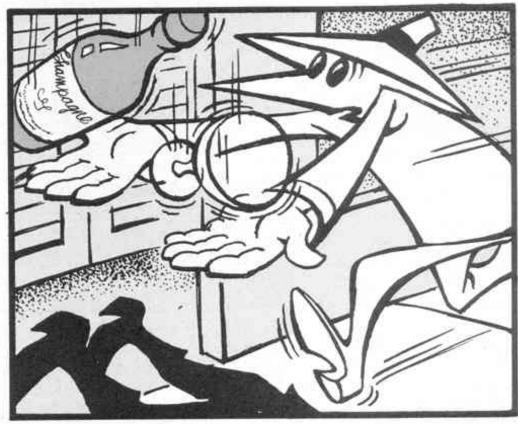
















AS THE CHARADE PASSES BY DEPT.

As you all know by now, living in America in the last decade of the 20th Century means being constantly jerked around, misled and lied to by everyone from politicians to phone solicitors, show-biz celebrities to ad agencies, even people you live and work with! Sometimes the lies and deceptions we're barraged with are clever! But most of the time, they're so clumsy, awkward and easy-to-see-through, we really have to just sit back and wonder...

IS



...the Oil Industry's explanation of why it takes gas prices weeks to come down but only seconds to go up?!



...tardy employees with "car trouble" the morning after a Monday Night Football game that went into overtime?!

ANYONE

ARTIST: JOHN POUND

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



... Hollywood has-beens who haven't been seen in years telling Entertainment Tonight that they're "weighing offers"?!



...the "Great for Christmas" sticker slapped on otherwise-useless and crummy products during the holiday season?!

FOCIED BY



...those staged press conference "feuds" before every Heavyweight Championship fight?!



...car salesmen who say "You're really taking advantage of me"?!

IS ANYONE F



... Congressional "Ethics Committees"?!

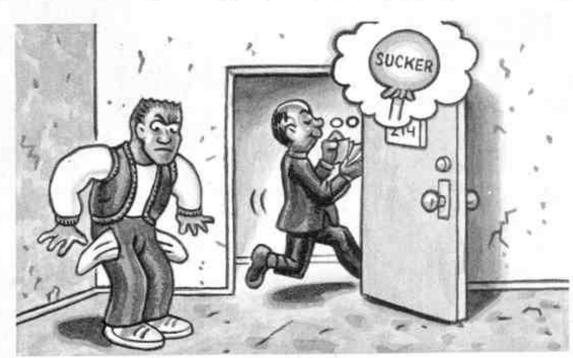


... those carefully-orchestrated Dan Quayle appearances that try to give the impression that he's not a moron?!

IS ANYONE



... a TV announcer saying "More to come after these brief messages"—28 minutes into a half hour show?!



... landlords who say they're "not like other landlords" when it comes to refunding your Security Deposit?!



... a new TV Talk Show that promises not to be another Tonight Show clone?!

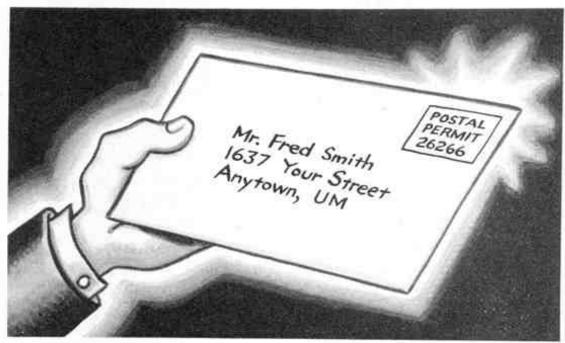


... the annual I.R.S. pronouncement that the new tax forms have been "simplified"?!

OLED BY...



...the four losers in every Academy Award category who say they're "thrilled just to have been nominated"?!



... "personalized" junk mail?!

FOLED BY...



... McDonalds' latest claim that taking 2% of the fat out of their burgers makes them "health food"?!



... "Get-rich-quick" gurus who peddle their "secrets" instead of using these secrets to get richer themselves?!

PILLOWS OF SOCIETY DEPT.

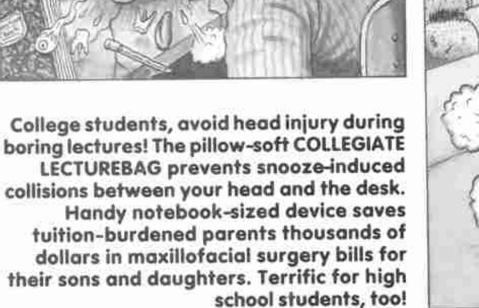
Driver's side airbags are hot news in Detroit, as all the major automobile manufacturers scramble to build them into their latest car models. Experts predict that every car in the U.S. will be

AIRBAG SAFETY DEVICE

ARTIST: TOM BUNK

SNOOZE-O-MATIC COLLEGIATE LECTUREBAG







POLICE BRUTALITY SUITBAG

Got a face the cops don't like? This hightech suit is covered from head to toe with nervous-energy sensors that trigger a layer of mini-airbags at the slightest provocation from peace officers with a bad attitude. You'll be able to drive around even the most affluent of neighborhoods without fear of being pulled over! It's great looking and night-stick tested for optimum protection!





equipped with airbags in a few years. So why stop there? If airbags are that great, why limit their use to colliding deathmobiles? Why not market them where they can do some real good! As in MAD's...



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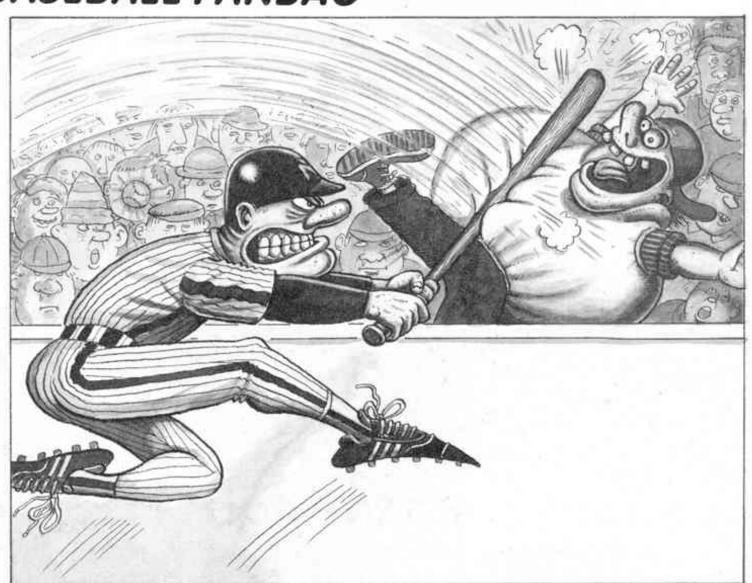
WRITER: MATTHEW T. SMITH

BASEBALL FANBAG

Box seat baseball fans can now heckle muscle-bound ballplayers without fear of reprisal—thanks to the BASEBALL FANBAG!

Vest-mounted assembly automatically deflects balls, bats, even wild punches thrown by enraged prima donnas! Riot-proven design worn for years by European soccer fans—available for the first time in the US! Team colors could be available.





DIETMASTER WAISTBAG



Are you overweight? Do you often skeletonize a Butterball turkey in one sitting? Electronic probes in the DIETMASTER belt track your meal-time calorie intake, detonating the WAISTBAG mechanism if you exceed your preprogrammed limit. Before that next dietbusting bite reaches your mouth, WHAM!—you're propelled away from the table; plus the inflated airbag gives you a sobering preview of what your waistline might very well look like otherwise!

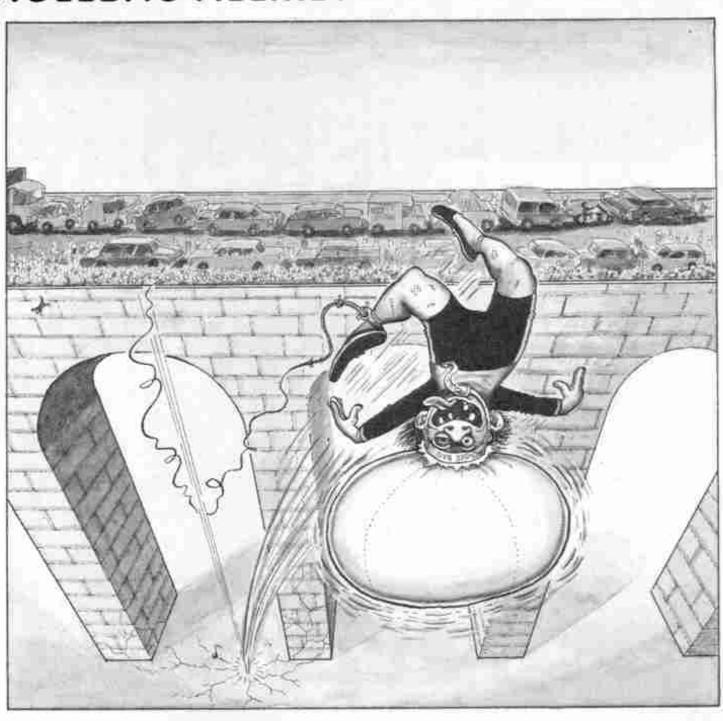


BUNGEEBAG HELMET

Frayed or incorrectly measured bungee cords can turn a leap of faith into a dive of death. That's why bungee jumpers the world over need the BUNGEEBAG!

BUNGEEBAG's solid state altimeter triggers its self-contained airbag within seconds of impact with the ground, giving unsurpassed head and neck protection. It's also great for victims of airline crashes!

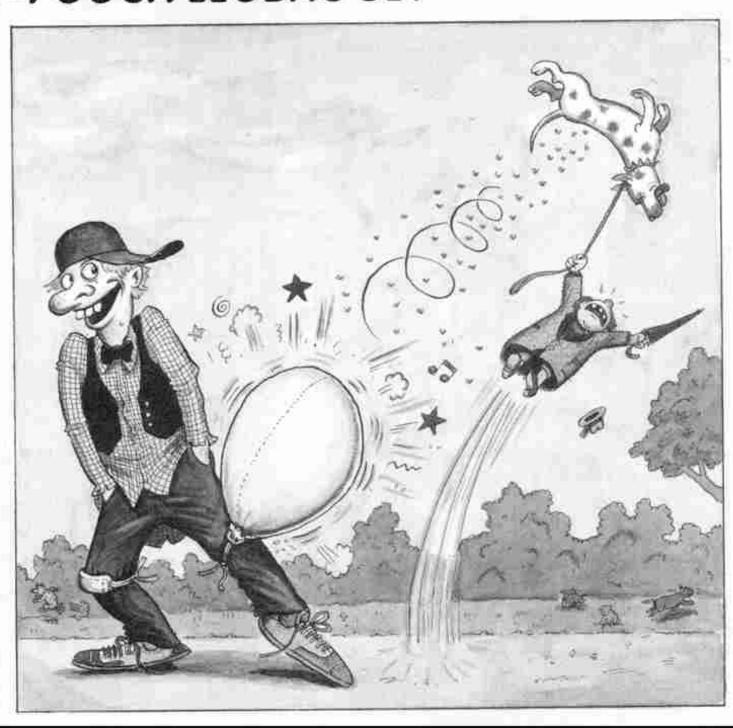




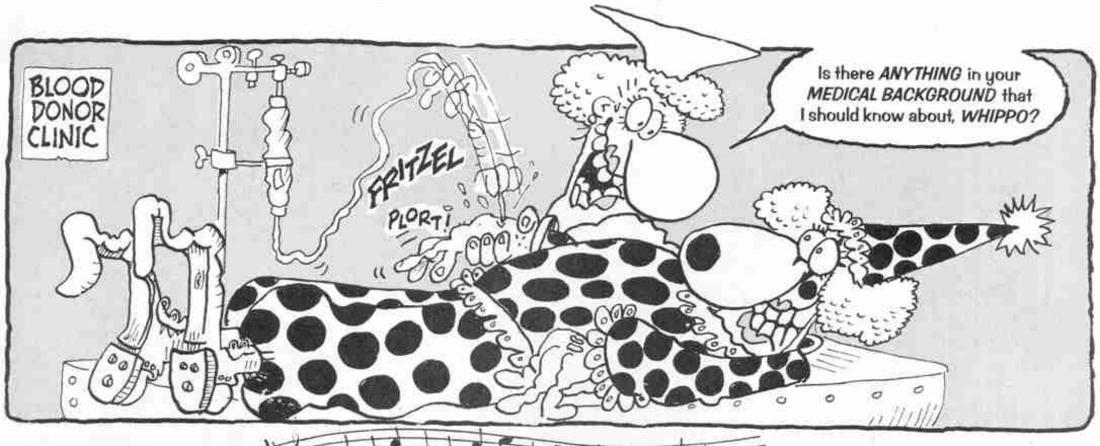
HORNY-POOCH LEGBAG SET

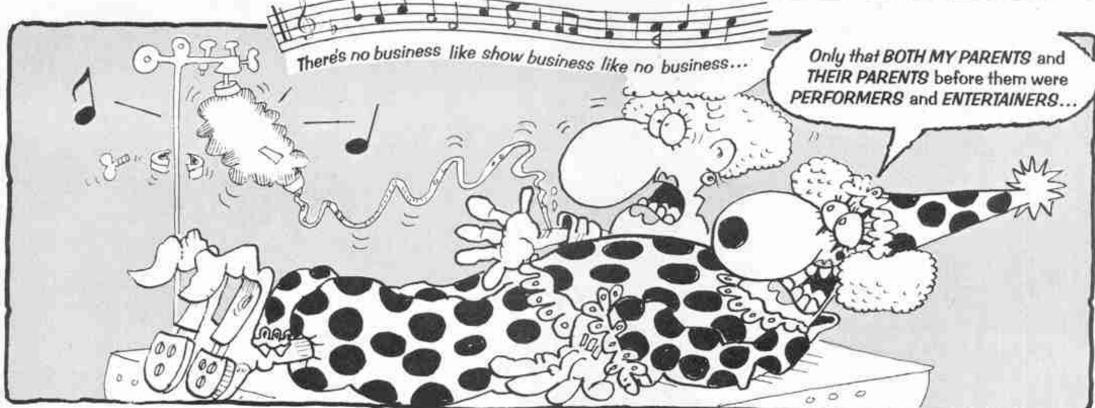


Avoid embarrassment and ruined trousers!
Worn over both knees, the HORNY-POOCH
LEGBAG SET triggers on first contact with
overly amorous "Oh, he's just being
friendly..." male dogs. And the scare Fido
gets in the process might make him think
twice next time he's feeling hot and nasty!
Non-toxic liner is hypo-allergenic, and it's
washable, too!



THE JERKY JESTER'S JUSTIFICATION







Put three of Holly wood's biggest stars in a movie based on a beloved classic and directed by one of the world's top directors and what do you get? Disappointed, that's what! This film is so cutesy it makes audiences barf in their popcorn cartons! In other words, it failed to...

Why is he wearing that silly wig?

He wanted to give it a period feeling and look like King Charles! That's interesting! In trying to look like an old king, he succeeded in looking like an old queen! Bob Hoskins is such a good actor, don't you think he was embarrassed to appear in such a goofy film as this! Yeah! Compared to this drivel, "Roger Rabbit" was much more realistic and believable!

Why on earth did Dustin Hoffman ever agree to play Captain Shnook?

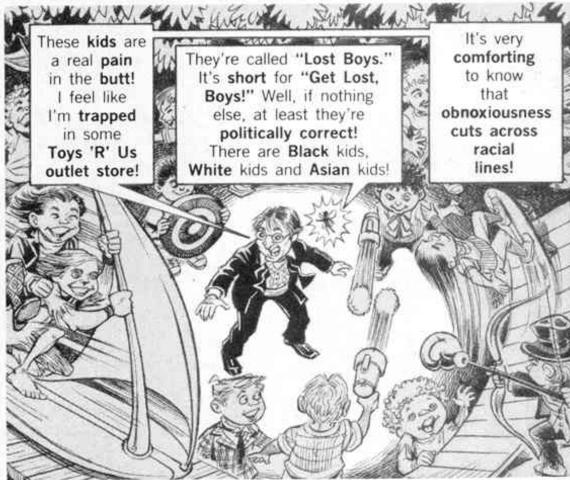
It's an opportunity for him to do something he has never done before! Really? And what's that? Give an unbelievably horrible performance! So tell me, how do you like Never Never Land? Never Never Land?
I thought this
was The Pirates
of the Caribbean!

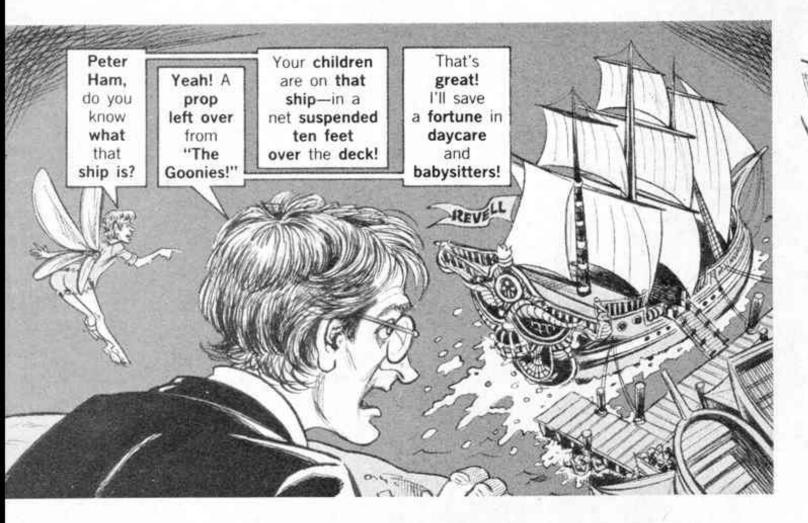


















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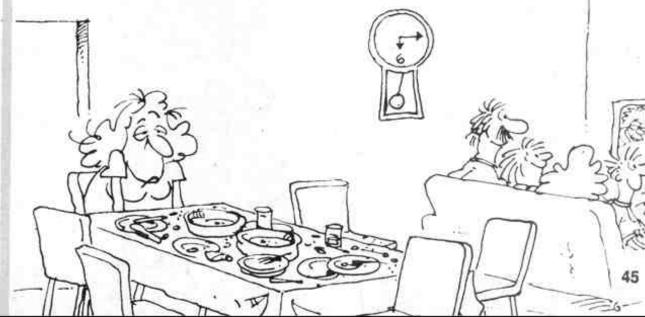


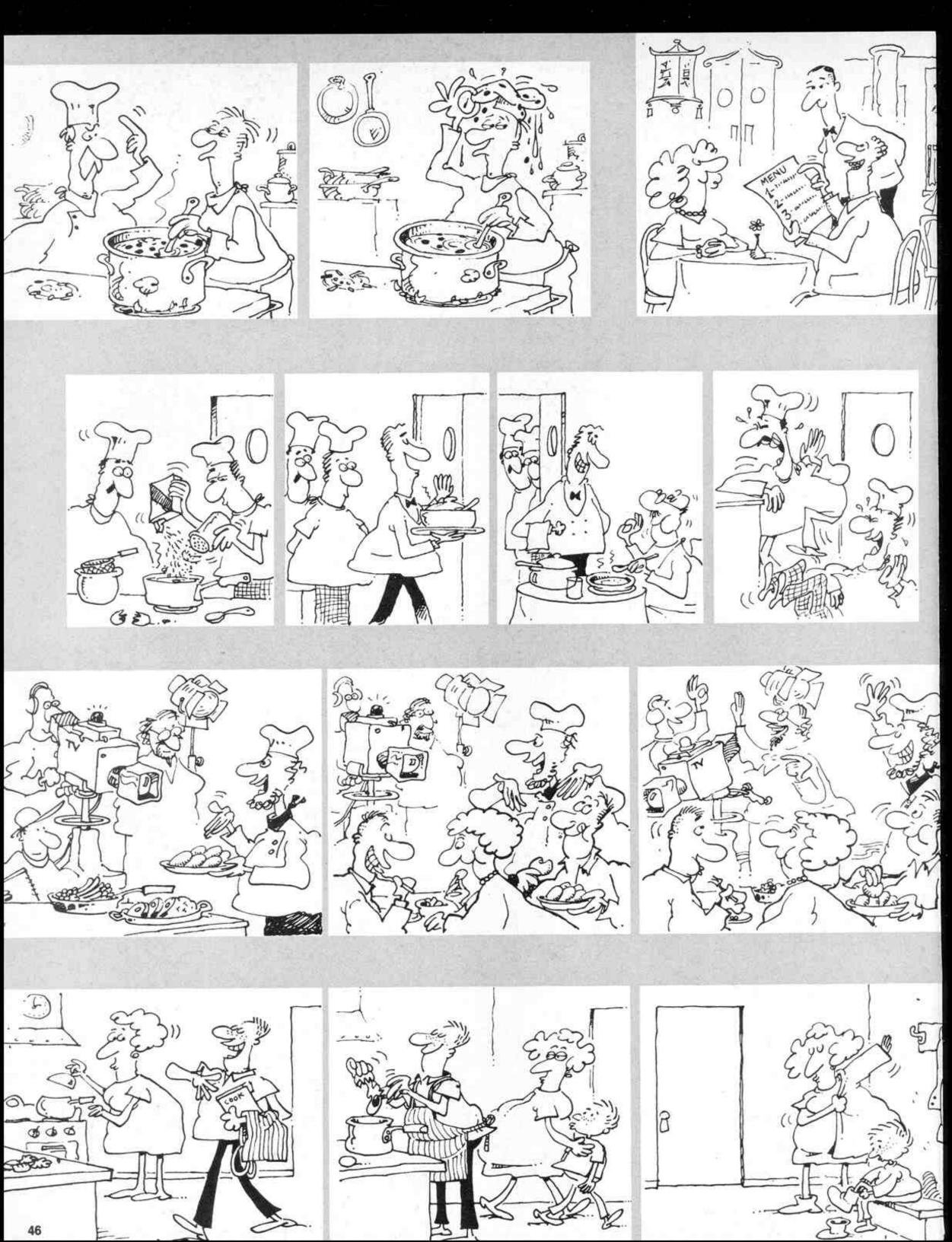
















from the desk of William M. Gaines

From: William M. Gaines, Publisher

You'll recall the outcry during the World Series when groups protested the Atlanta tomahawk chop as being offensive to Native Americans. It is absolutely vital that MAD be Politically Correct, so that we don't offend any group. Therefore, the following words and terms can no longer be used in the magazine:

MANHOLE - Today there's equality, and all kinds of sexes work in the sewers! From now on, use "personhole"!

HOMOGENIZED - It contains "homo," and "homo" is a no-no!

IN THE BLACK - No way! We've got to say "in the African-American," or we'll get flak from Jesse Jackson or Michael Jackson or Glenda Jackson or some other Jackson!

GODIVA - Any word with "God" in it is offensive to atheists! This kind of stuff could ruin us, for God's sake!

HAMMING IT UP - Will turn off both Jews and Muslims who'll finally have one issue they can agree on and give me a hard time with!

BROADCAST, ETC. - Print any word with "broad" in it and you can bet I'll get a ton of bitchy letters from bimbo readers! Then I'll have to hire some bimbo to answer the letters! Please don't put me through this!

FORD TAURUS,

DODGE ARIES - No! No! When you give space to two Zodiac signs you're discriminating against the other 10! Geminis and Leos will raise hell! I don't even want to think about what Scorpios would do!

HOSPITALS - Let words like these get through and we're dead with the Christian Scientists!

DRUG-FREE

SOCIETY - Don't even think about printing it! Makes us look like we're in favor of free drugs! Pharmacists will hate us!

IDIOTS, MORONS,

DO NOT USE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES! All are descriptive of MAD's readers and we certainly don't want to alienate IMBECILES, DOLTS, CLODS them!

WHAT CAN THE U.S. **EXPORT TO INSTANTLY CRIPPLE THE JAPANESE AUTO INDUSTRY?**

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

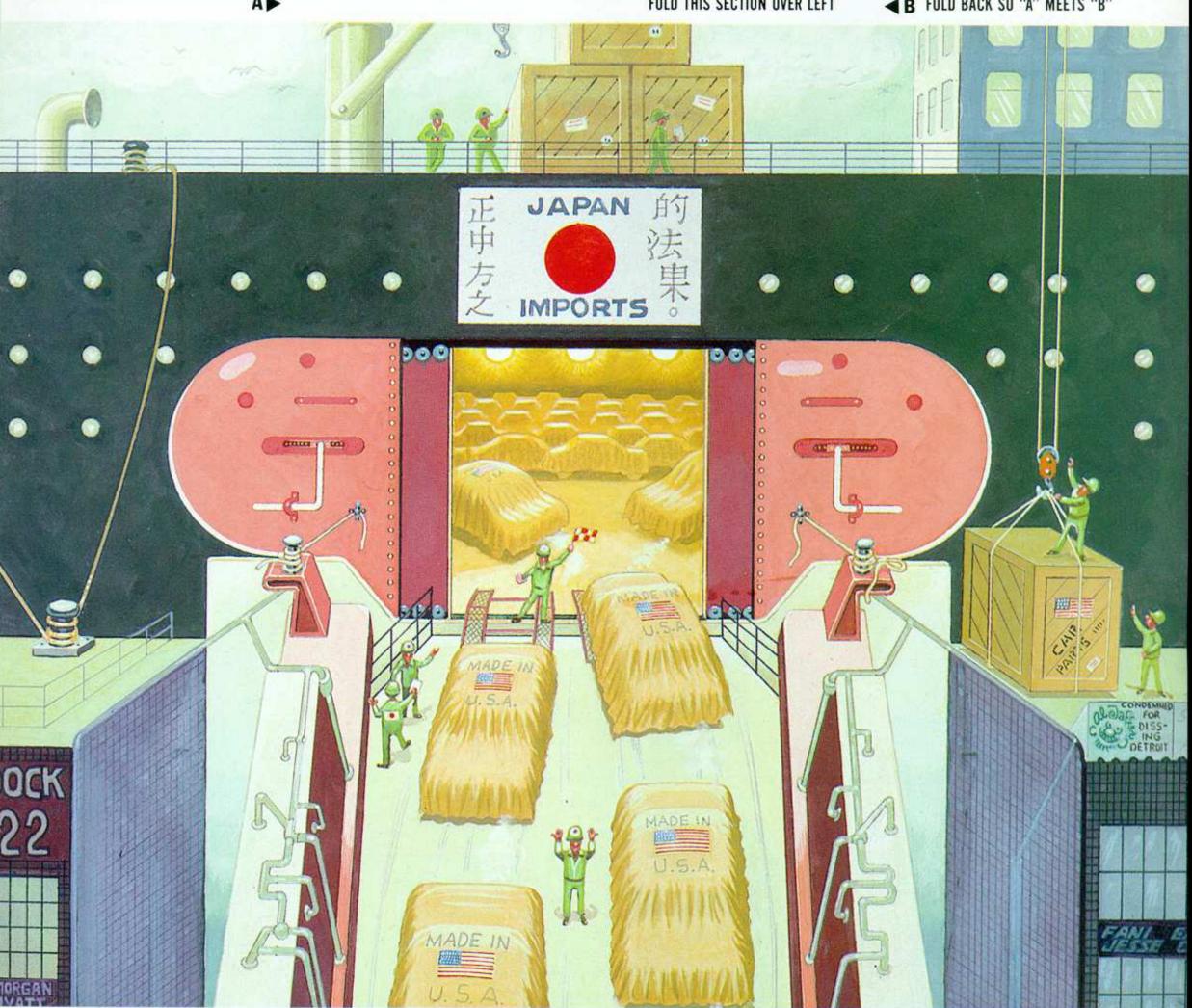
We desperately need to blunt the Japanese advantage in automobile imports. To find out one excellent way to accomplish this, simply fold in page as shown in diagram.



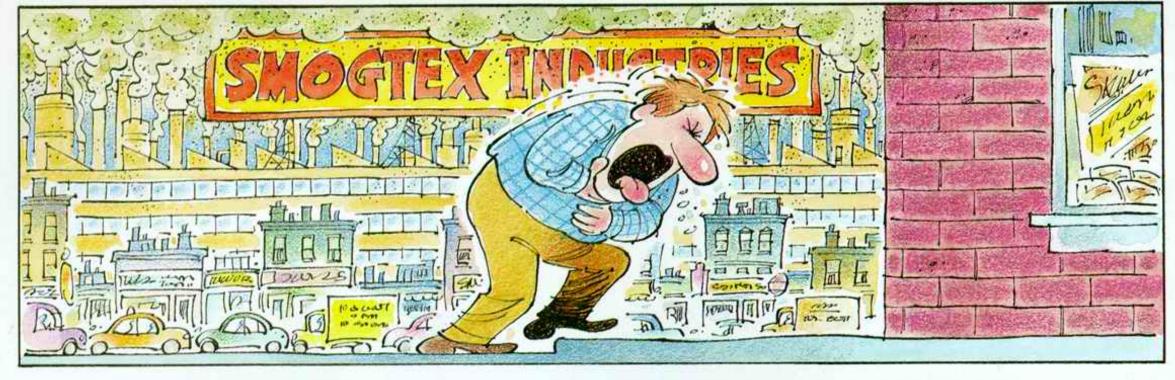
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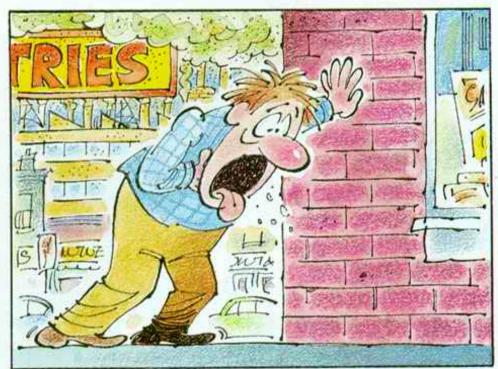
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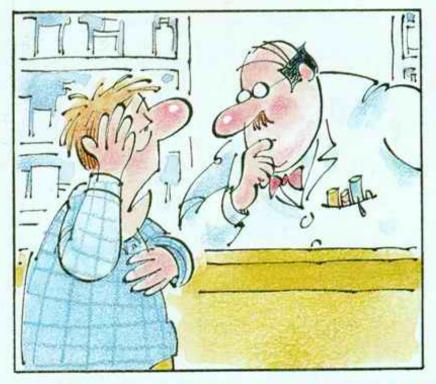


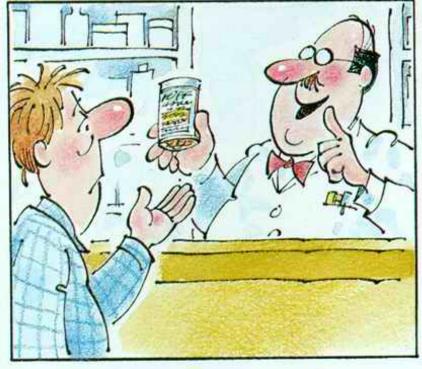
CURRENT TRADE POLICIES MAY PROVE INTRI-CATE BUT IT MUST BE DONE. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT IN MANY CASES UNFAIR COMPETITION IS SERIOUSLY DAM-AGING THE U.S. WE MUST HAVE LEADERS WHO IMPLEMENT AIRTIGHT TRADE RULES. PRESSURE FROM FOREIGN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT SHOULD IN NO WAY BE TOLERATED!

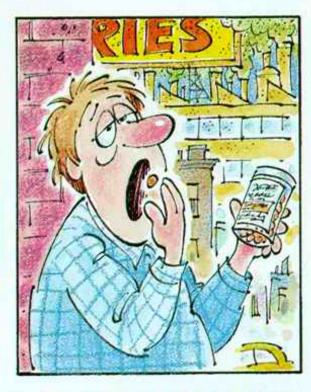


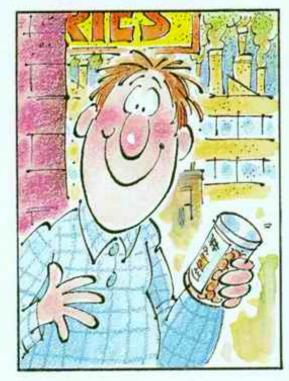




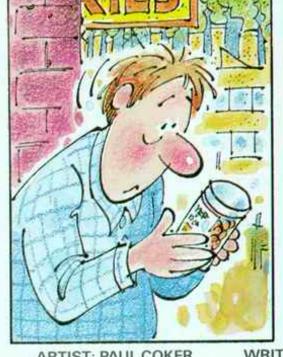




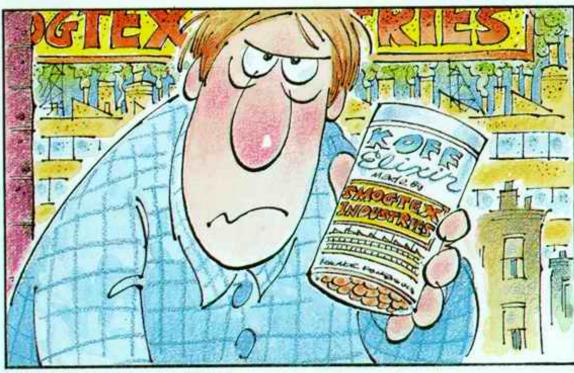












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