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ROCK AND WRONG

I wanted to alert you to a minor mistake in #338's "Rock & Roll Closeups." The mandolin player in R.E.M. is Peter Buck. Bill Berry (the one with the bushy eyebrows) plays the drums, not the mandolin. Mike Mills (pictured playing the drums) actually plays the guitar. So, now you know!

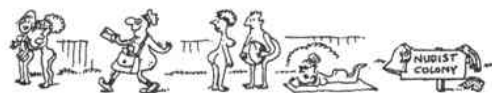
Elissa Braitman
Manhattan Beach, CA

We apologize for the error, especially since, as everyone knows, the "M" in R.E.M. stands for "mandolin." Actually, we took another look at the Sam Viviano-illustrated article and that is Mike Mills on bass, Bill Berry on drums and Peter Buck on the mandolin...turns out that before he began drawing this article, Sam was just sippin' too much of the monkey juice! —Ed.

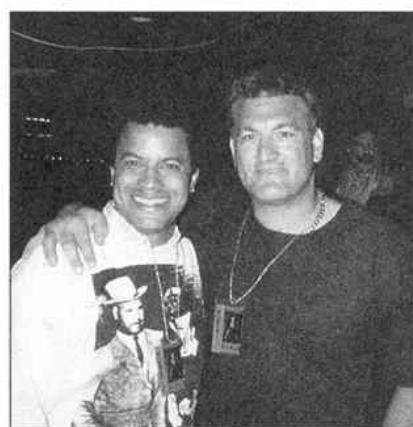
In MAD #338 you had an article entitled "Breaking Down the MTV Generation." I understand that there are some imbeciles out there who can't discern the "Beauty and the Beast" motif used in the "I'd Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That)" video. Your figure of 4.2% is probably about right. The real mistake you made was in printing Meat Loaf's name. Any of his fans (including myself) will tell you that Meat Loaf is two words! By the way, Meat hates it when his name is misprinted. He also has a short temper, so perhaps you should make a short and sweet apology to Meat Loaf before he comes over and knocks out the rest of Alfred E. Neuman's teeth!

Melissa Stephens
Palestine, TX

Be thankful for small favors, Melissa! — At least we didn't show Meat Loaf playing a @#&! mandolin! —Ed.



MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS



Brooklyn, NY resident Roberto Santiago kicks off MAD Celebrity Snaps in a big way! On the right, Roberto mugs for the camera with renowned body shop mechanic/elon Joey Buttafuoco, and on the left hobnobs with Cuban honcho Fidel Castro! You know, Joey and Fidel have a lot in common! Each has been known to enjoy a fine cigar! Both have allegedly hired others to kill on their behalf! And most recently, the two have been approached by the FOX network to star in a pilot teaming them as an unlikely pair of undercover beach detectives! Go figure!

REAR VIEWS

Just thought I'd clear up a slight anatomical error in your article "Crimes of Fashion" (MAD #338). In that article, you made reference to "the dark recesses of the gluteus maximus (crack)." The "crack" between the two buttocks is actually referred to as the natal cleft. The gluteus maximus is the muscle in each buttock. Near it are the gluteus medius and the gluteus minimus. These three muscles are known as the glutei. They serve to rotate and extend the thigh.

Jacob Stulberg
Brooklyn, NY

Jacob — Here's an anatomical phrase we know we're using correctly — Kiss my ass! —Ed.

PAINS IN THE "DRECK"

Congratulations on a great issue. #338 was great! Nice work on that "Latchkey Kid Magazine" feature. I did notice you slipping up a bit in your movie satire "Judge Dreck," however. In the intro, you said it took place in the 21st Century, while on page six, one of the guards says that Judge Rico escaped from prison using advanced 30th Century technology. This is impossible, especially since the movie took place in the 22nd Century!

Alex Flipse
Coral Gables, FL

Alex — A good catch! We assure you, none of these mistakes would have happened if at least one member of our staff had actually seen the movie! And since you're caught up in this "century" thing, we have a few questions for you. 105 years from now, do you think the real estate company Century 21 will change its name to Century 22? Will it have to change the patches on all those real estate agents' blazers? And while they're at it, do you think they'll keep them that same repulsive mustard yellow color? Huh, Alex? Write back to us at 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019 and let us know what you think! And be sure to mark your envelope Attention: Waste Basket! —Ed.

In "Judge Dreck," you have Judge Rico say that he has been impersonating Sylvester Stallone and appearing in all the flop movies that Stallone has made. Actually, Armand Assante (Judge Rico) WAS in *Paradise Alley*. In fact, Judge Dredd marks Assante's third movie with Stallone (he had a small role in *The Lords of Flatbush*). Unless Assante has an "evil clone" as well, and the clone was the one who was in *Paradise Alley*.

Willie Holmes
Chicago, IL

Note to readers: We have two possible answers for this missive. Please check the one you prefer!

□ Willie — Speaking of clones, why do we get the feeling that if crack forensic expert Dennis Fung cross-checked your DNA with a rock, he'd come up with a positive! —Ed.
□ Willie — Kiss my Assante! —Ed.

MAD MUMBLINGS

I like Alfred so much that I named my dog Harvey — Tony Olivas, Idaho Springs, CO... Why do my toes sometimes smell like bacon? — Karl Rohner, Glenn Dale, MD... I think of you every time I hurl! — Jason Clark, Santa Barbara, CA... I'm 39 and have no life. Can you tell? — Linda S. Gale, Council Bluffs, IA... Your magazine sure does taste good! — Sam Cook, Ringgold, GA... Ever notice that the word "flamingo" has never appeared on the cover or page 24 of MAD? — Douglas DeVore, Coldfoot, AK

TOMATOES DEPARTMENT

MAKING A COLLECTOR CALL

I'm a MAD collector and have hundreds of your magazines. I also collect other MAD stuff like shirts, games, hats, etc. (The enclosed picture of me doesn't show, but I'm also wearing a MAD watch!)

Ben Niekamp
Independence, KY



Ben — Thanks for your great letter! One question — What's the name of that yahoo with the hat whose lap you're sitting on? —Ed.

"YOU'RE A WINNER AND A LOSER"

In issue #338, you forgot something in the article "You're a Winner and a Loser": If you win a free one-year subscription to MAD Magazine...YOU'RE A WINNER AND A LOSER!

Jeremiah Warren
Tucson, AZ

You forgot another one — If your name is Jeremiah and you live in Tucson, AZ...YOU'RE JUST A FLAT-OUT LOSER!!! —Ed.

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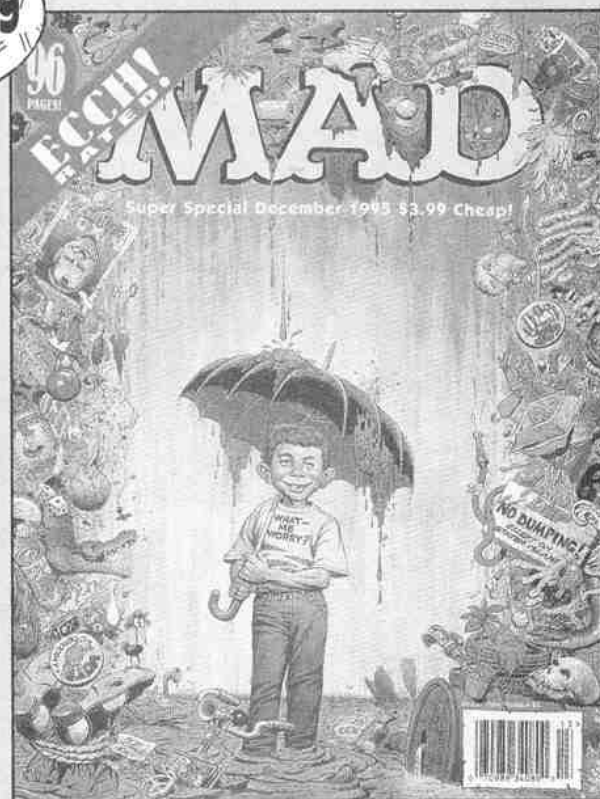
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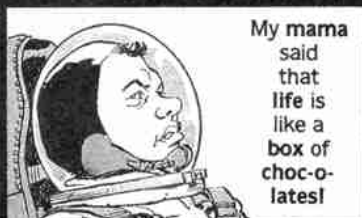
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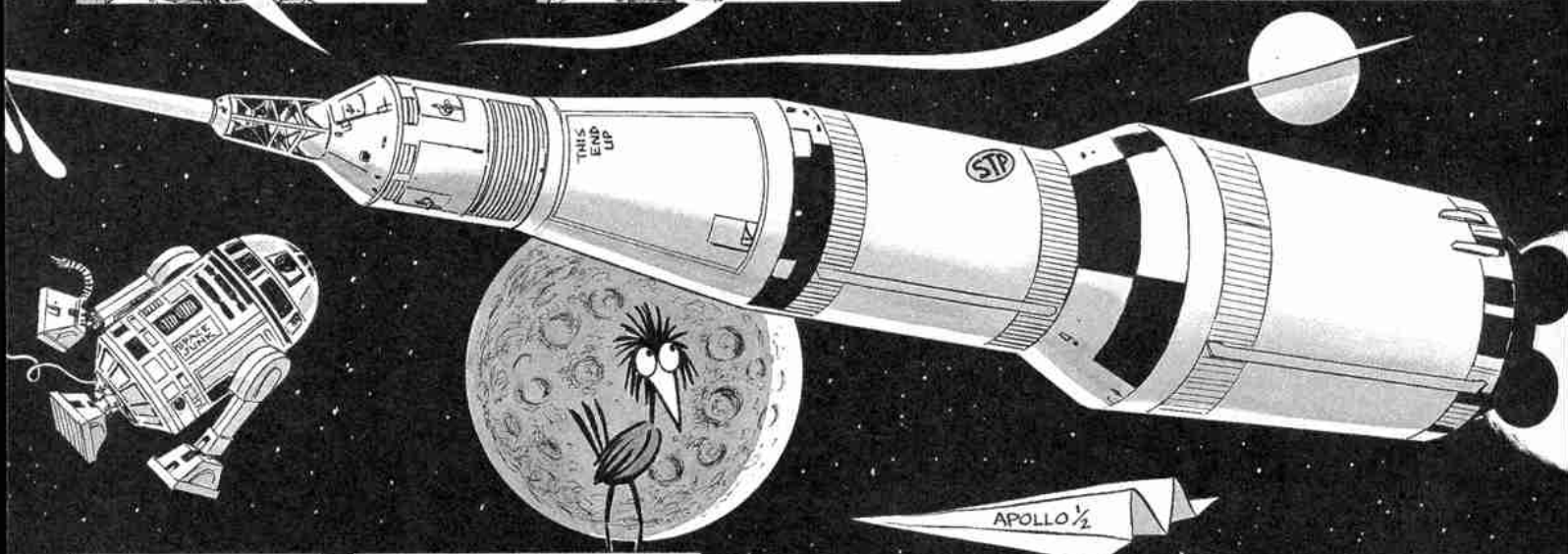
My mama said that life is like a box of choc-o-lates!



Right now, it's more like a box of Ex Lax! It may look good at first, but a while after you eat it — YECCHI!



From up here you can look down on Earth and all the people who could have used the money we spent on this unnecessary moon shot to prevent starvation and fight diseases! But I'm still glad we did it!



...and what are the qualifications that you look for in an astronaut for this particular moon shot?

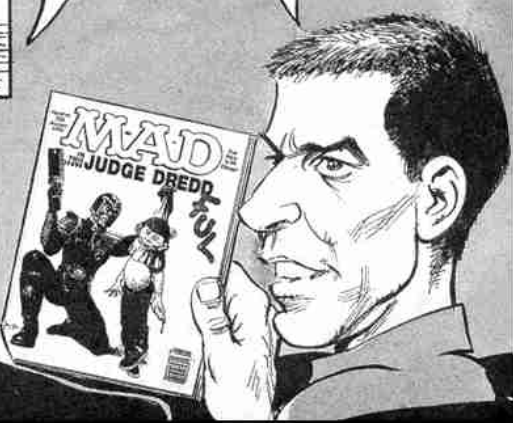
There are four! Each candidate must be proficient in physics, mathematics, navigation and, perhaps the most important one of all, he must be a "hunk"!



I realize these guys risk their lives for these missions, but aside from that, are they really such heroes? After all, the ground crew in Houston figures out the solutions to every problem and brings them back home! The astronauts are just following Houston's orders!

Oh, really? And just who would you call a hero?

Someone who does something valiant yet doomed, no matter how stupid it seems! Like the morons at MAD Magazine who put Judge Dredd on the cover of an issue thinking that bomb would be an even bigger movie than this one!



LOSING YOUR LAUNCH DEPT.



This is Houston Outta-Control! We're all glad we did it! This movie may be one small step for man, but it's one giant leap for all of our careers!

The year, 1970. After a slow start, the American space program is finally in high gear, landing a man on the moon before the Russians. NASA develops a sterling reputation as the one government agency that actually get things done right. Then comes this transmission:

"Houston, we have a problem."

Not enough oxygen, not enough power to insure a return to Earth, and worst of all, the astronauts can't flush their own waste. The year, 1995. This gripping story is now a hit movie.

"Hollywood, we have a problem!"

Our satire has no oxygen not enough power to sustain reader interest over five pages, and worst of all, we can't flush out a better title than...

APPALLING 13

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: STAN HART



I wasn't worried a bit! I knew that Neil Armstrong's moon landing would be perfect!

How could you be so sure?

Not only did we have the latest technology, the most accurate telemetry, and the finest minds in celestial navigation, but the astrology section in the newspaper said, "Today will be a good day for traveling!"

I've got good news for me and bad news for you, honey! My good news is that I've been chosen for the Appalling 13 flight to the moon! Your bad news is that there's been a cutback in the funding for the space program!

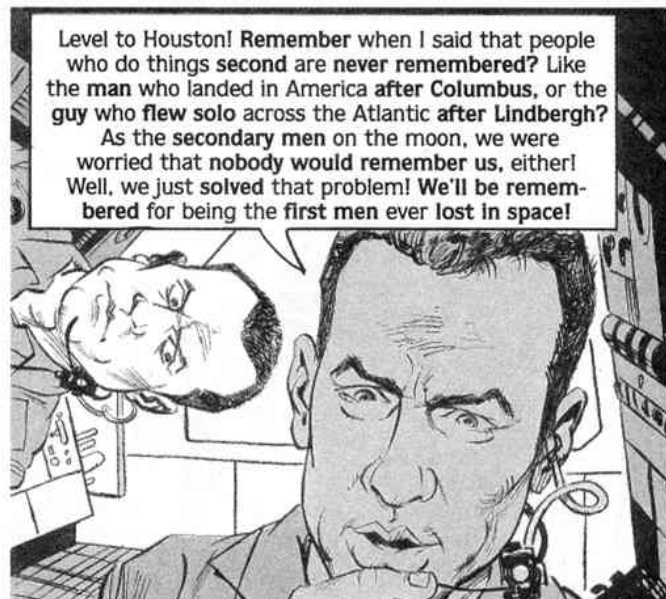
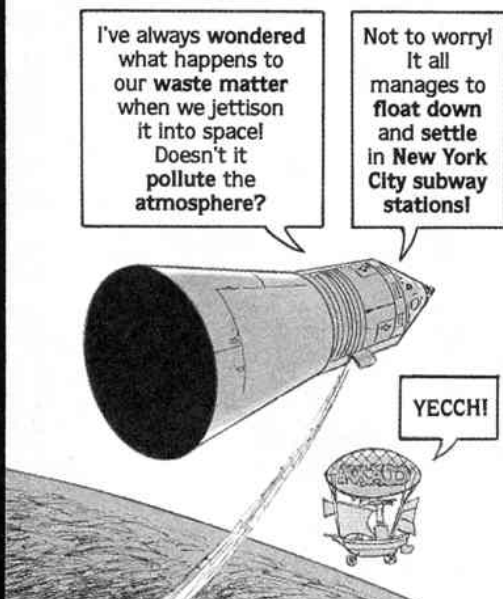
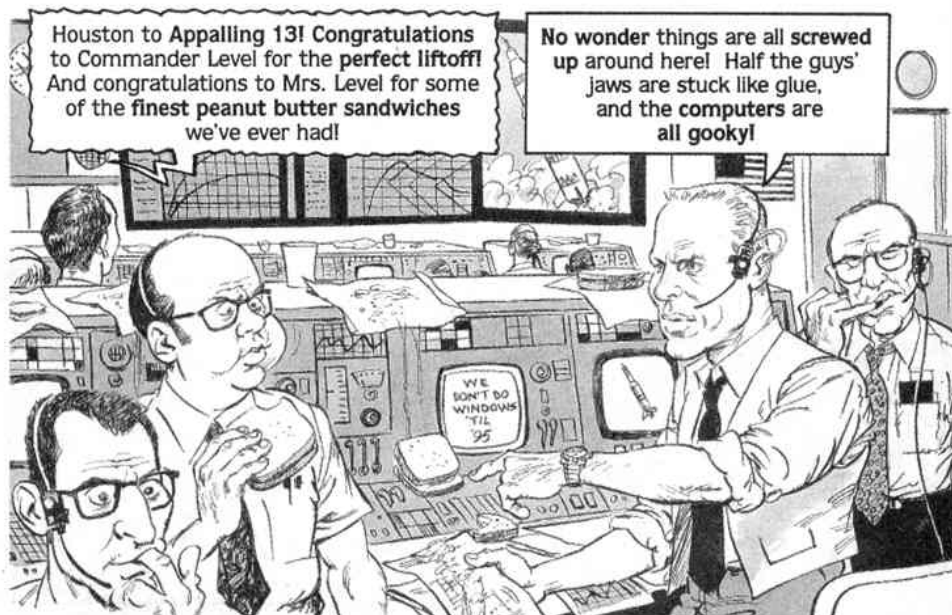
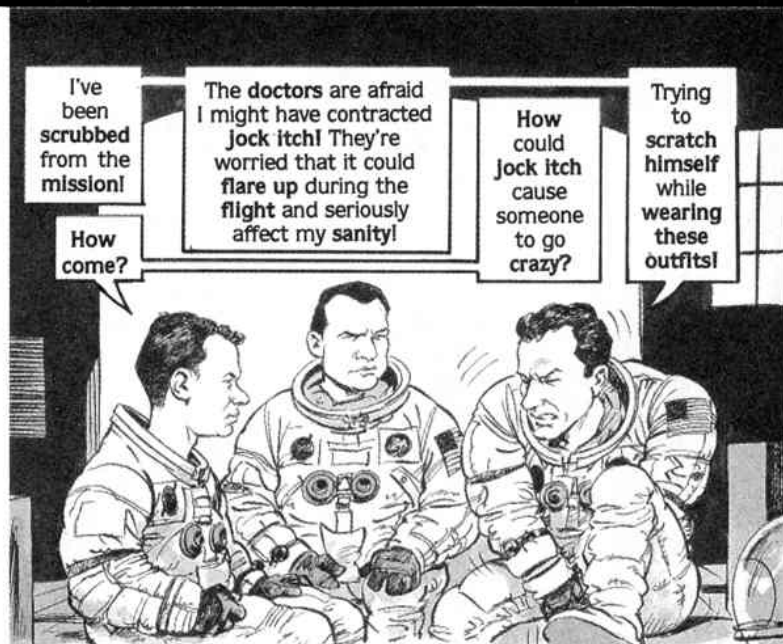
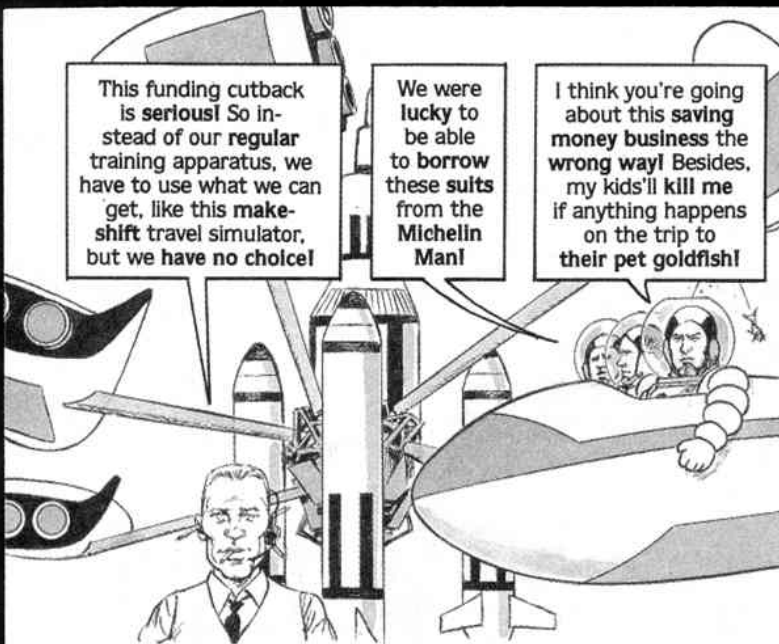
Why is that bad news for me?

Because they chose you to make sandwiches for the entire flight!

That's no big deal! There's only three of you for seven days!

What about the five hundred guys on the ground crew at Houston Outta-Control? Start spreading the peanut butter!





The Appalling 13 mission is in real trouble! In this hour-long news special we will follow developments as they happen!

This is having a terrible effect on the children!

You can understand how awful they feel! Not only has *Hee Haw* been preempted, but so have *The Jim Nabors Hour* and *The Englebert Humperdinck Show*!

This is terrible! It's a catastrophe!

What are you showing on your screen, Krass?

A pair of eights! But the dealer's showing three queens!

Why do I get the feeling you're not much of a team player, Krass?



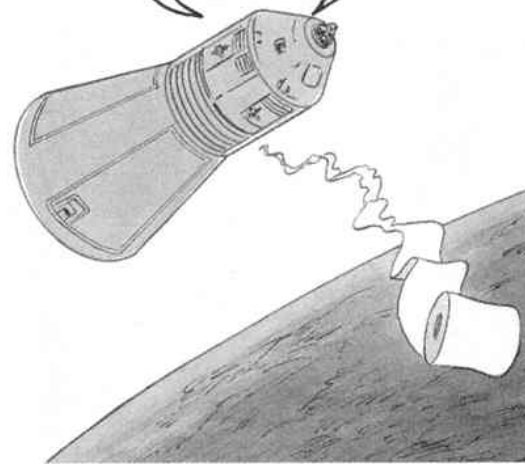
We can't use the controls! You're going to have to fly this thing in by the seat of your pants!

If you knew what was happening in the seat of my pants right now, you wouldn't say that!



Ground control says that we don't have enough electricity in the spacecraft to make it back! We'll have to siphon off the power from the lunar module!

If we were street kids instead of college graduates, we could hot wire the damn thing and get back easily!



Splattingly is simulating the conditions of the men on Appalling 13! That way, we'll be able to recreate their exact experiences and help them solve their problems!

But it's extremely cold in there! What if we can't thaw him out?

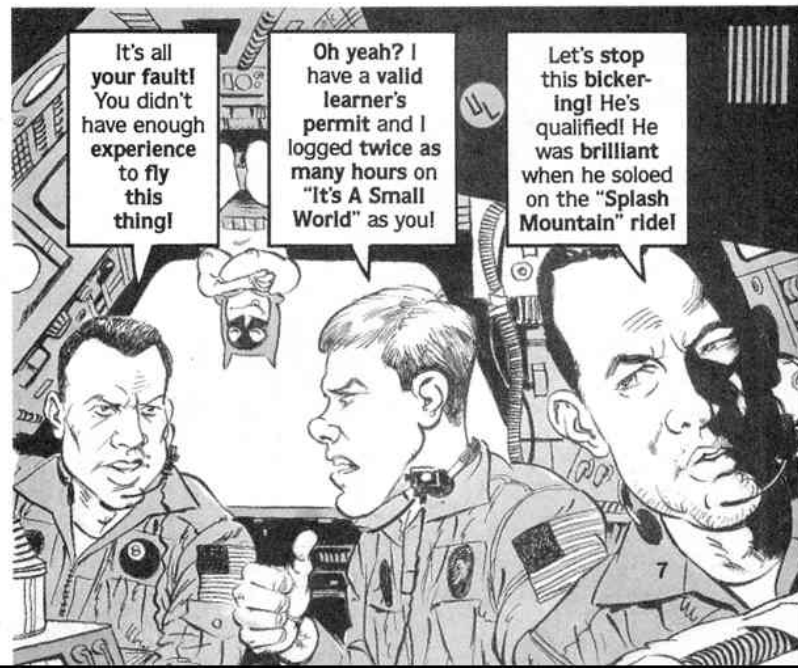
Then we can use him in the beer cooler on NASA picnics!

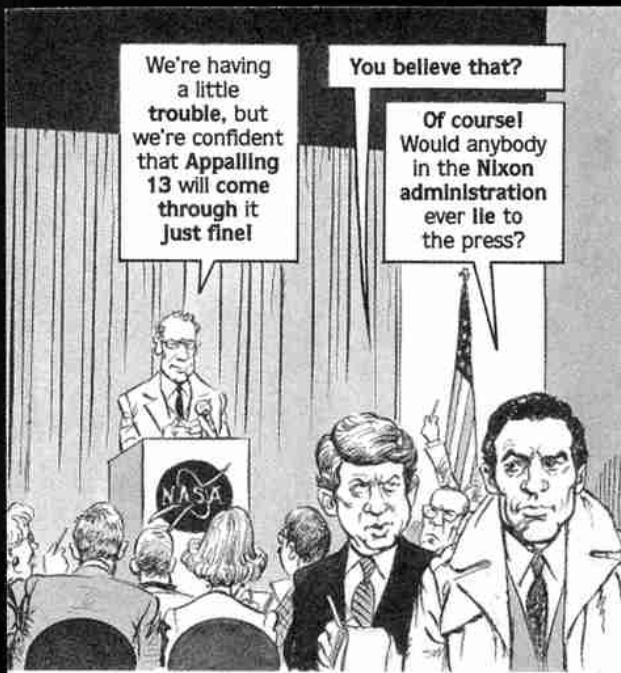


It's all your fault! You didn't have enough experience to fly this thing!

Oh yeah? I have a valid learner's permit and I logged twice as many hours on "It's A Small World" as you!

Let's stop this bickering! He's qualified! He was brilliant when he soloed on the "Splash Mountain" ride!

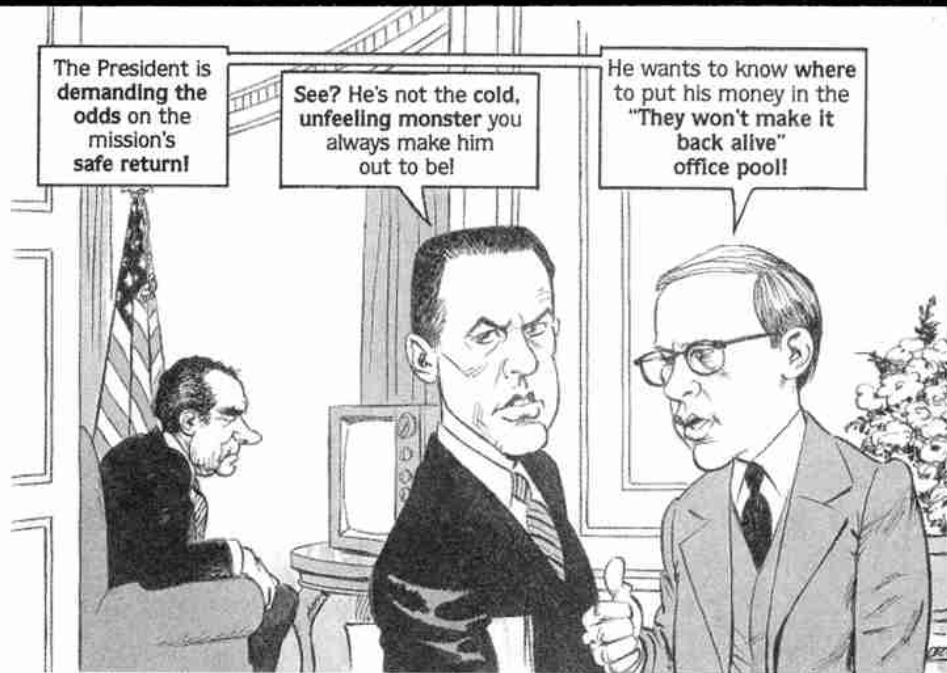




We're having a little trouble, but we're confident that Appalling 13 will come through it just fine!

You believe that?

Of course! Would anybody in the Nixon administration ever lie to the press?



The President is demanding the odds on the mission's safe return!

See? He's not the cold, unfeeling monster you always make him out to be!

He wants to know where to put his money in the "They won't make it back alive" office pool!



Grandma Level, Jim is in great danger! His space ship might not make it back to earth!

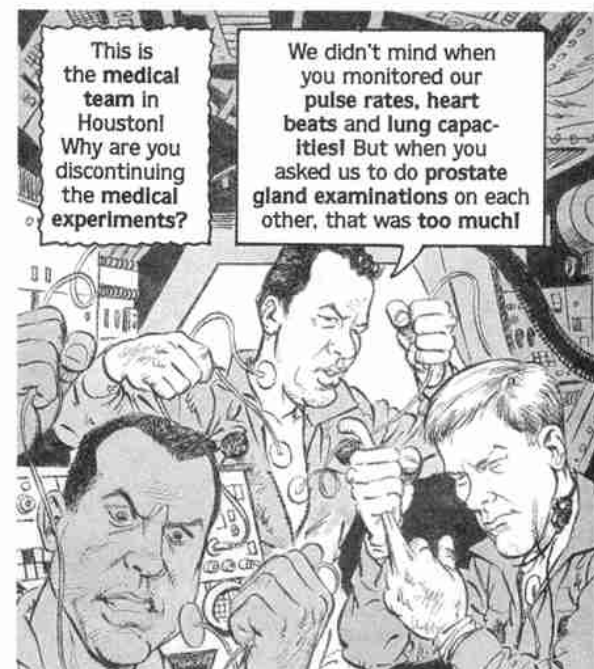
I'm ninety years old and sick and now I'll worry myself to death! Why did you have to tell me this?

Because I never liked you!



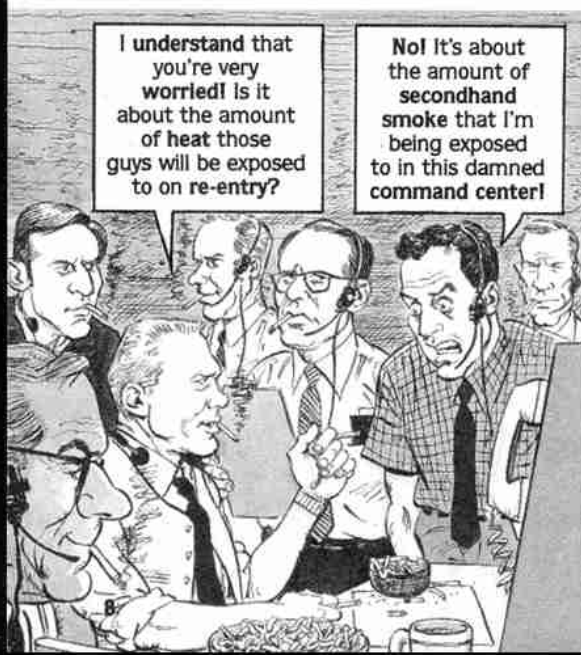
Mrs. Level, how do you feel about the probability your husband won't make it back?

I'm relieved! Now I won't have to tell him I lost my wedding ring in the shower!



This is the medical team in Houston! Why are you discontinuing the medical experiments?

We didn't mind when you monitored our pulse rates, heart beats and lung capacities! But when you asked us to do prostate gland examinations on each other, that was too much!



I understand that you're very worried! Is it about the amount of heat those guys will be exposed to on re-entry?

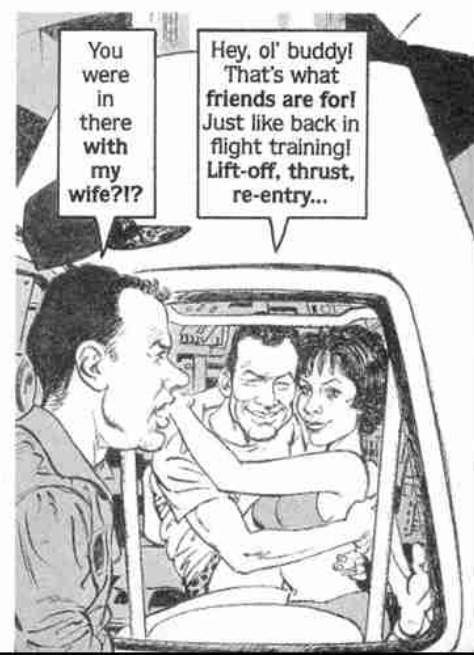
No! It's about the amount of secondhand smoke that I'm being exposed to in this damned command center!



Hoo, boy! That was some wild ride!

You said it! I wonder what Splattingly did to simulate that thrilling experience!

Let him out of that ground capsule and we'll ask him!

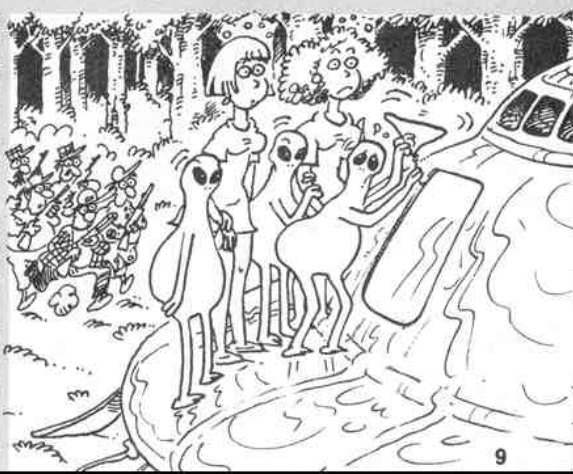
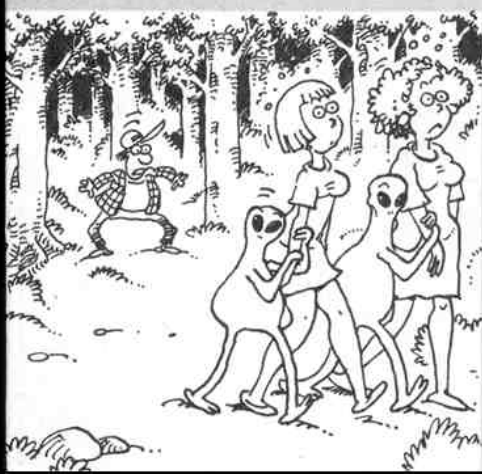


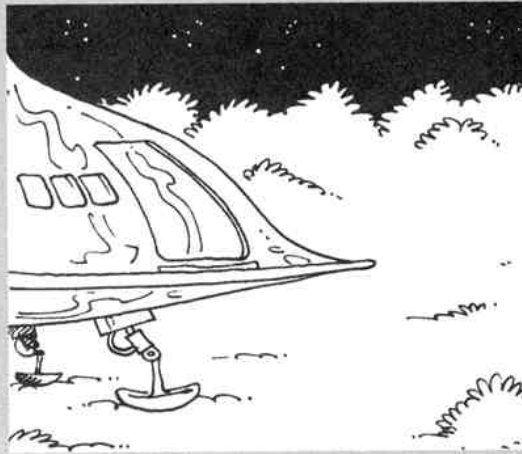
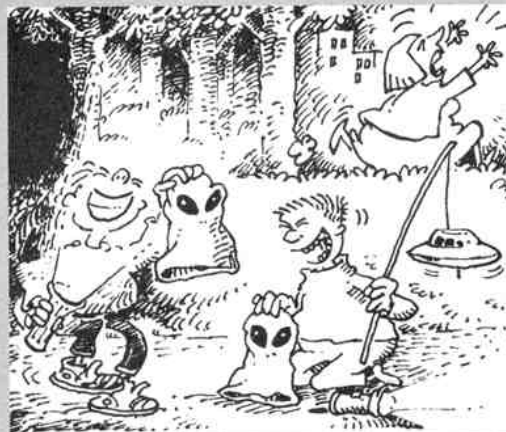
You were in there with my wife?!?

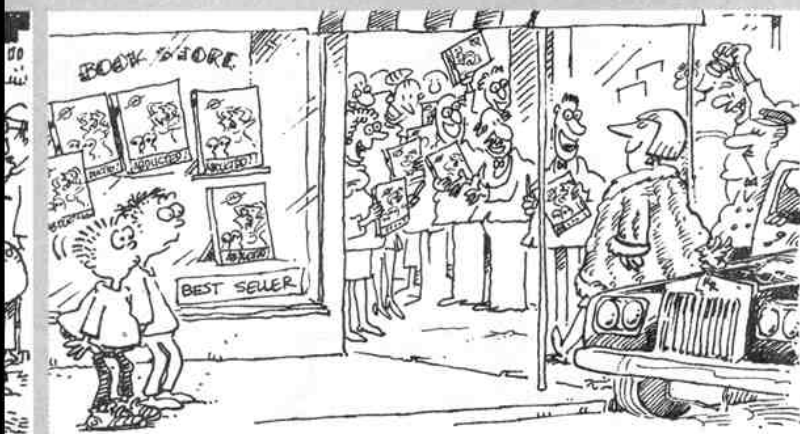
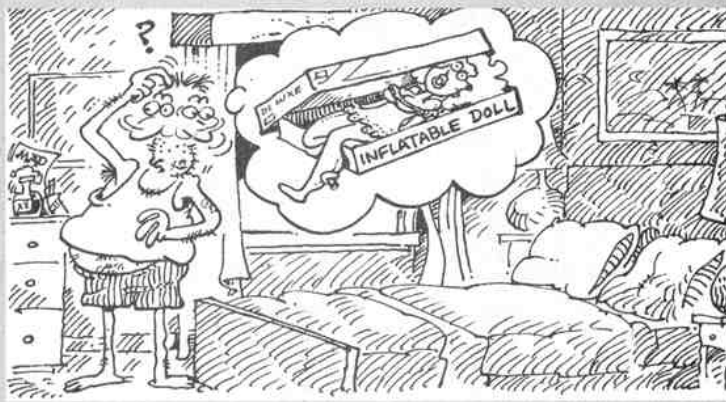
Hey, ol' buddy! That's what friends are for! Just like back in flight training! Lift-off, thrust, re-entry...

A MAD LOOK AT ALIEN ABDUCTIONS

ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES



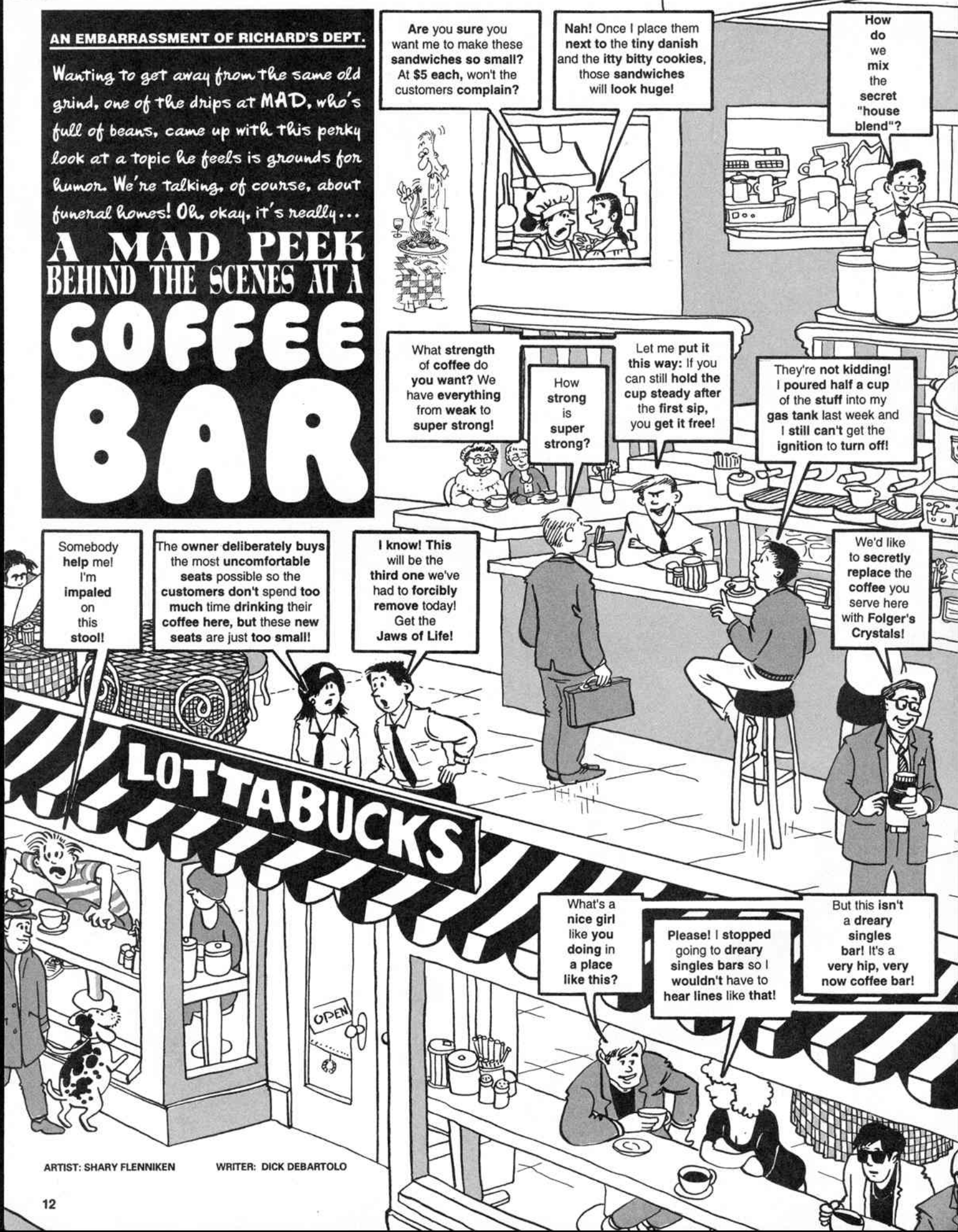




AN EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHARD'S DEPT.

Wanting to get away from the same old grind, one of the drips at MAD, who's full of beans, came up with this perky look at a topic he feels is grounds for humor. We're talking, of course, about funeral homes! Oh, okay, it's really...

A MAD PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES AT A COFFEE BAR



Are you sure you want me to make these sandwiches so small? At \$5 each, won't the customers complain?

Nah! Once I place them next to the tiny danish and the itty bitty cookies, those sandwiches will look huge!

How do we mix the secret "house blend"?

What strength of coffee do you want? We have everything from weak to super strong!

How strong is super strong?

Let me put it this way: If you can still hold the cup steady after the first sip, you get it free!

They're not kidding! I poured half a cup of the stuff into my gas tank last week and I still can't get the ignition to turn off!

Somebody help me! I'm impaled on this stool!

The owner deliberately buys the most uncomfortable seats possible so the customers don't spend too much time drinking their coffee here, but these new seats are just too small!

I know! This will be the third one we've had to forcibly remove today! Get the Jaws of Life!

We'd like to secretly replace the coffee you serve here with Folger's Crystals!

LOTTABUCKS

What's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?

Please! I stopped going to dreary singles bars so I wouldn't have to hear lines like that!

But this isn't a dreary singles bar! It's a very hip, very now coffee bar!

It's easy! Just sweep up all the various beans that fell on the floor and grind them up in one batch! Voilà! You have our secret "house blend"!

How come the special flavored coffees are \$1.00 more a cup than the regular brew?

Because we use a penny's worth of artificial flavoring and then give them our usual 100% markup!

I accidentally dropped an envelope of hot chocolate into this urn of coffee! Now what do I do?

Label it "Double Dutch Chocolate Sumatra Surprise" and charge an extra 50 cents a cup!

COFFEE DRINKS

MENU

What kind of coffee do you have today?

Sorry, we don't sell coffee anymore!

How come?

We make so much money selling COFFEE BAR logo shirts, mugs and stuff, we took out the coffee bar! We needed more space for the merchandise!

May I give you a tip?

Yes! It would be greatly appreciated!

My tip is to stop stuffing the tip jar with dollar bills to try and fool us customers! We all know that no one leaves a dollar tip on a \$1.50 cup of coffee!

You're too late! We already use Folger's Crystals! At \$1.50 a cup, customers are so caught up in the coffee bar experience, they assume it can't be that canned crap!

I don't know the difference between cappuccino, café latte, café con leche and café au lait!

Don't worry, most of our customers don't either! And if they complain about what you hand them, just say, "That's the way we make it here — the RIGHT way!"

You're right! Your place or mine?

What's going on this week at Garrison Keillor's Lake Wobegon...WHO GIVES A RAT'S ASS!?!?

WE ALL HAVE OUR BLUE CROSS TO BEAR DEPT.

While the bozos in Washington D.C. continue prattling over health care reform, more and more Americans are turning to the wonderful world of the Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs). You know, those little companies that enable people to get somewhat adequate medical help for cheaper prices. (But you remember what your mom said about getting what you pay for, right?) With the market flooded with these organizations it can be an ordeal just choosing one, so here's MAD's sure-fire way...

HOW TO TELL IF YOU'VE SELECTED A BAD HMO

ARTIST AND WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL

You're the only human waiting to be treated.



Prior to a minor surgical procedure, the doctor asks if you'd mind filling out a toe tag.



The dental coverage only includes spinach removal.



The doctor loses it every time he examines your symptoms.



Every time the doctor writes a prescription, he brags, "I used to feed these to Elvis like they were M&Ms."



The clinic has a drive-in window service.



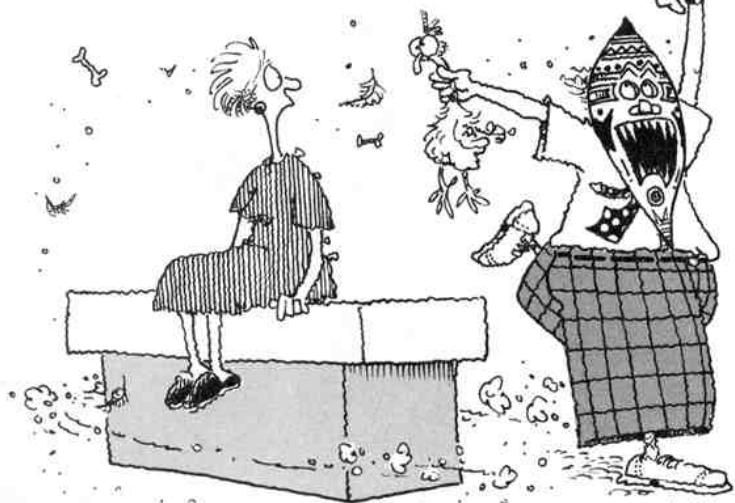
The doctor makes a habit of calling in his cousin, the janitor, on consultations.



Your doctor elects to treat a suspicious lump in your hat.

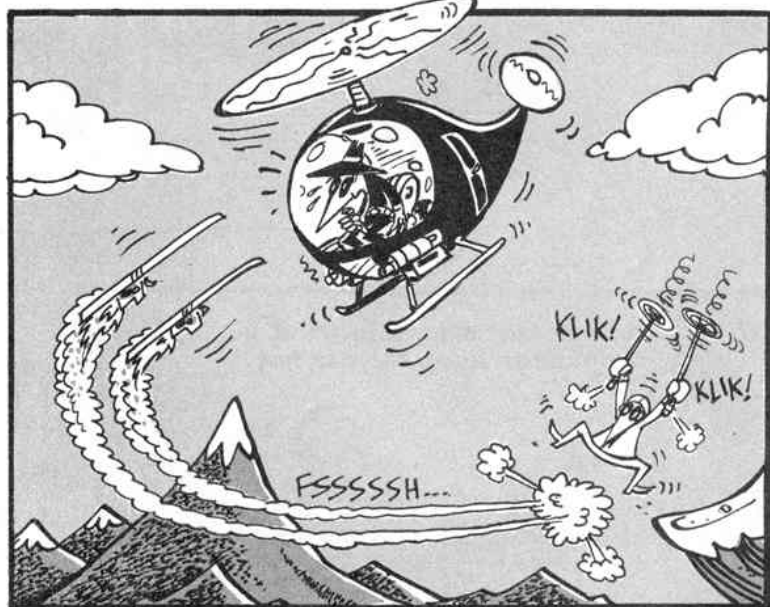
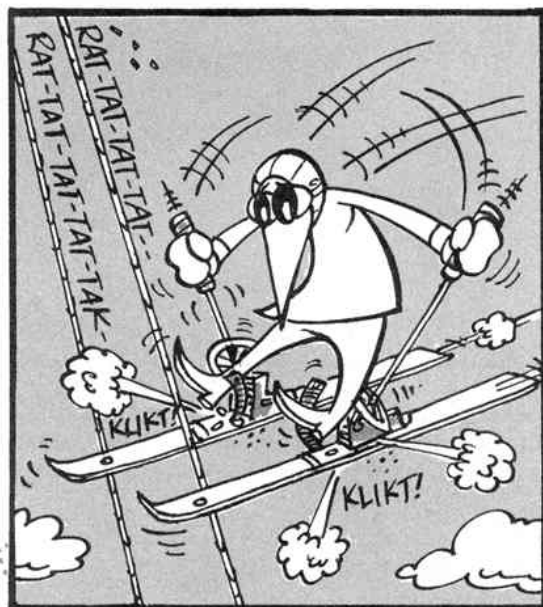
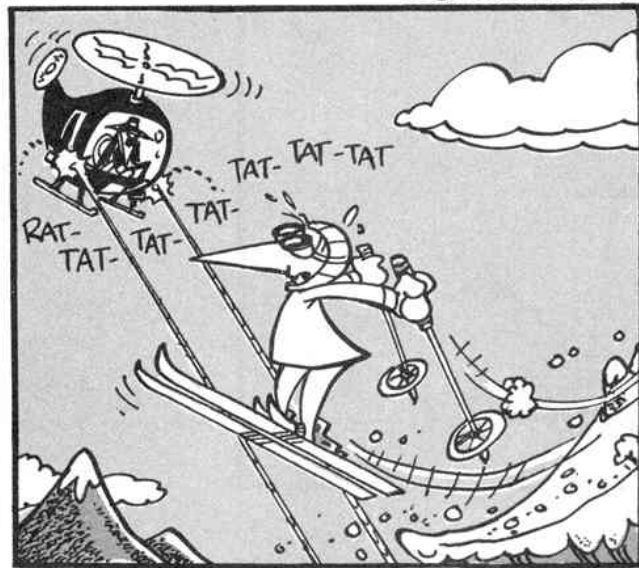


The doctor's techniques are not exactly "state of the art."



Your chest examination consists of your doctor holding a polaroid of your chest up to a light while wearing magic x-ray specs.





I like standing on this ledge because I get a good view of everything! And the men on that ship can get a good view of me! I must look really hot with the sun highlighting my skintight dress! Even if I must say so myself, I'm well-developed for my age!

She ain't kidding! Check your history book — when the English landed, Hokeyhontas was only 12 years old!

The Disney people make sure their animation is perfect, but they don't care much about reality!

Hmmmm, I have a feeling the white man will try to do to my daughter what he always tries to do to the red man!

TRIBES AND TRIBULATIONS DEPT.
Take a famous Indian maiden who changed the course of history, and reduce all her accomplishments to an hour-long, soppy love story, throw in a talking tree, a ravenous raccoon, and some animated T&A for fringe perverts (like you!) and leave out all the true historical facts! What do you have? Plenty of...

ARTIST: WALT F. ROSENBERG

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

Look at that land! Unspoiled natural beauty for as far as the eye can see! I'm really going to have to work hard to turn this place into a modern wasteland!

If anyone can do it sir, you can!

He may be Governor of this new settlement, but as his aide, I'm the King of the ass-kissers!

There are so many trees, and I have such a little bladder! It will take me years to lift my leg on all of them!

I hope there are some pretty birds in this new land! My pickup lines have worn thin in London, but here they'll sound fresh! I may even try them out on some of the local female savages!

In the name of King James, I christen this settlement "Kingstown"!

Don't you think it should be named after King James?

Okay, I christen this settlement "Kingstown Jamestown," but it sounds redundant to me!



As your father, I have something important to discuss with you Hokeyhontas! Hokum, the brave warrior, has asked for your hand in marriage!

But I don't want to marry him, father!

Why not? He is a stalwart warrior, an honest man and a good provider!

Great traits for a happy marriage, but I need some giggles in my life and no one's as dull as Hokum! Behind his back, the other braves call him "The Wild Bore"!



Besides, my dream takes me down a different path!

You feel that way now, but I see the wild mountain stream joining the steady river!

But I see the winds of a thousand hurricanes blowing me in a different direction!

And I see an aching butt if you don't obey me and I have to put you over my knee!

You're not going to spank me, father! I'm a woman of the '90s! Sure, it's the 1690s... but still — spanking is out!



Grandma Wilted, do you think I should marry Hokum?

I don't know, child! Do YOU think YOU should marry Hokum?

Gee, Grandma Wilted, you're the world's first shrink — answering a question with the same question!



Is she really taking advice from a tree?

Well, yeah, but don't worry! Before she follows any of it she runs it by that rock over there!

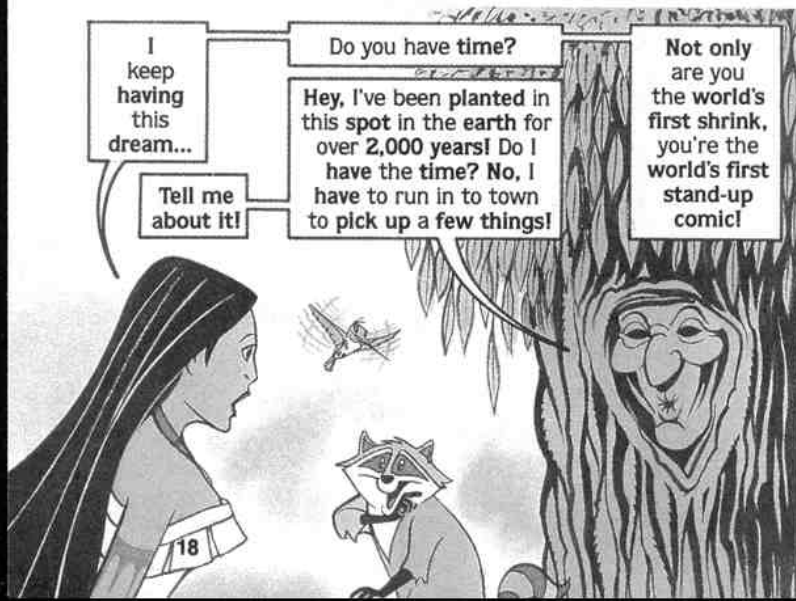
I keep having this dream...

Do you have time?

Hey, I've been planted in this spot in the earth for over 2,000 years! Do I have the time? No, I have to run in to town to pick up a few things!

Tell me about it!

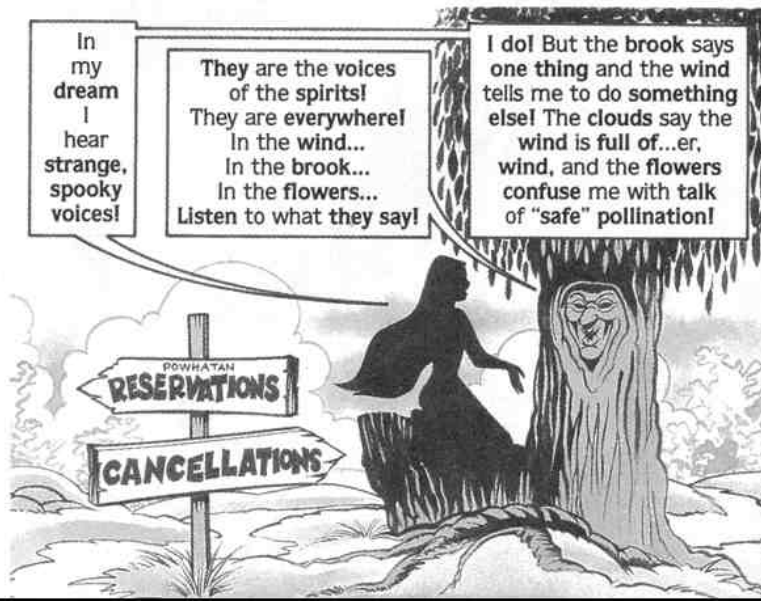
Not only are you the world's first shrink, you're the world's first stand-up comic!

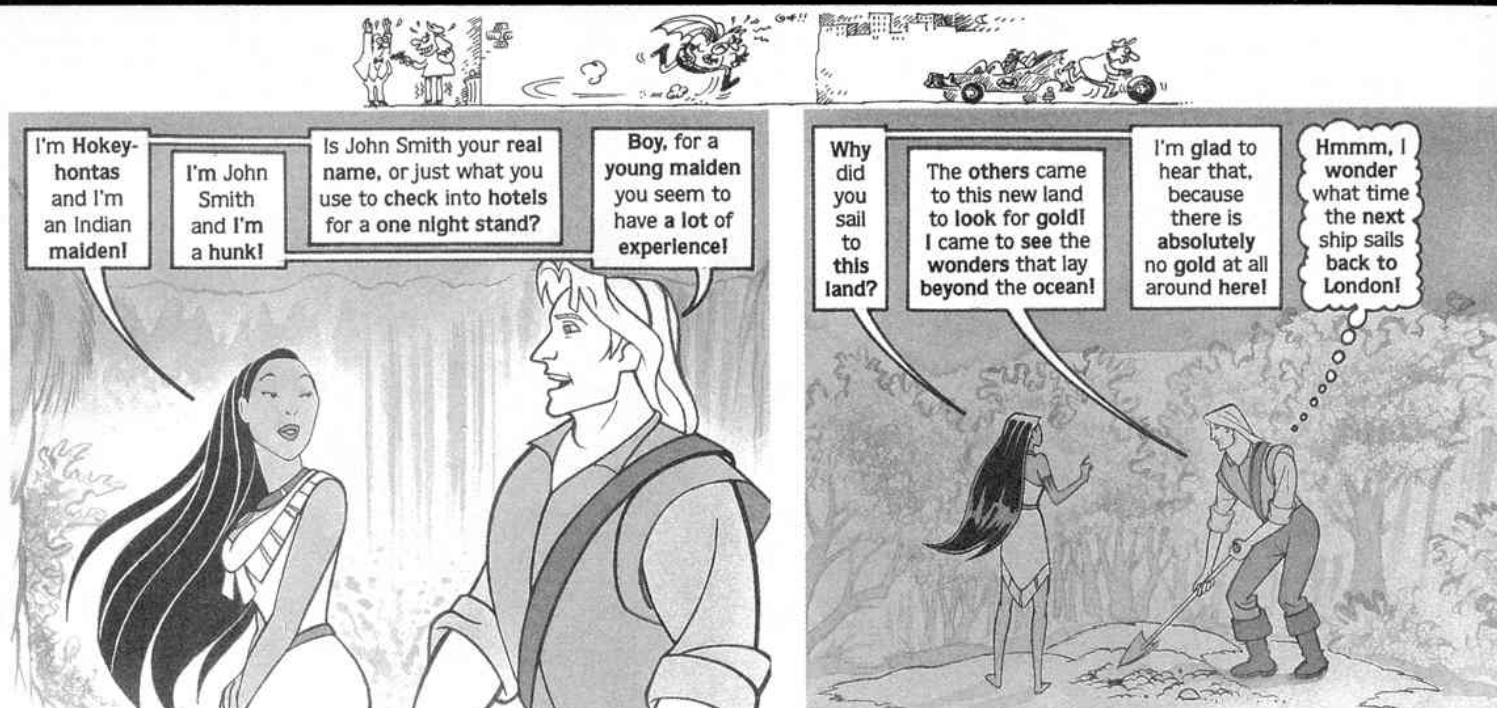


In my dream I hear strange, spooky voices!

They are the voices of the spirits! They are everywhere! In the wind... In the brook... In the flowers... Listen to what they say!

I do! But the brook says one thing and the wind tells me to do something else! The clouds say the wind is full of...er, wind, and the flowers confuse me with talk of "safe" pollination!





I'm Hokeyhontas and I'm an Indian maiden!

I'm John Smith and I'm a hunk!

Is John Smith your real name, or just what you use to check into hotels for a one night stand?

Boy, for a young maiden you seem to have a lot of experience!

Why did you sail to this land?

The others came to this new land to look for gold! I came to see the wonders that lay beyond the ocean!

I'm glad to hear that, because there is absolutely no gold at all around here!

Hmmm, I wonder what time the next ship sails back to London!



White man dangerous! No one is to go near them! They carry lethal weapon! Especially the one with the voice like Mel Gibson!

You must listen, Hokeyhontas, and not see that man again! Even if he seems full of excitement when compared to Hokum!

When compared to Hokum, that rock seems full of excitement!

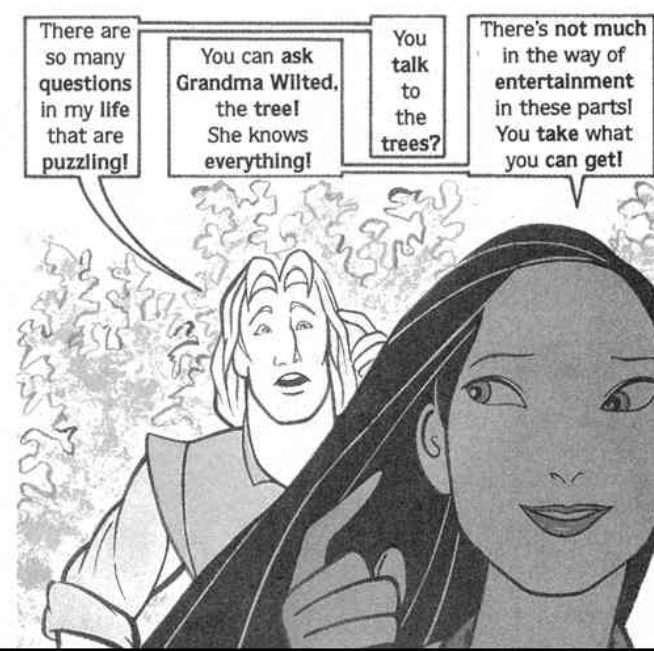
Forgive me for keeping my eyes shut John, but my father forbid me to see you anymore!

He will change his mind after we show your people how to use this land properly and live like a modern tribe!

But my people have lived here for hundreds of years in perfect tranquility!

That's not a modern life! You need taxes, landlords and general angst to enhance your lives!

AAAAAHHHH!!!

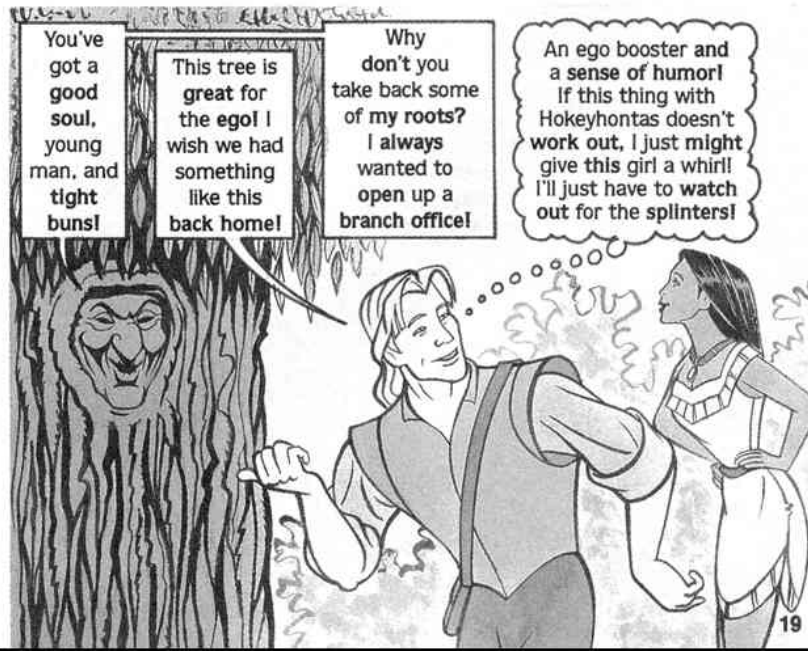


There are so many questions in my life that are puzzling!

You can ask Grandma Wilted, the tree! She knows everything!

You talk to the trees?

There's not much in the way of entertainment in these parts! You take what you can get!

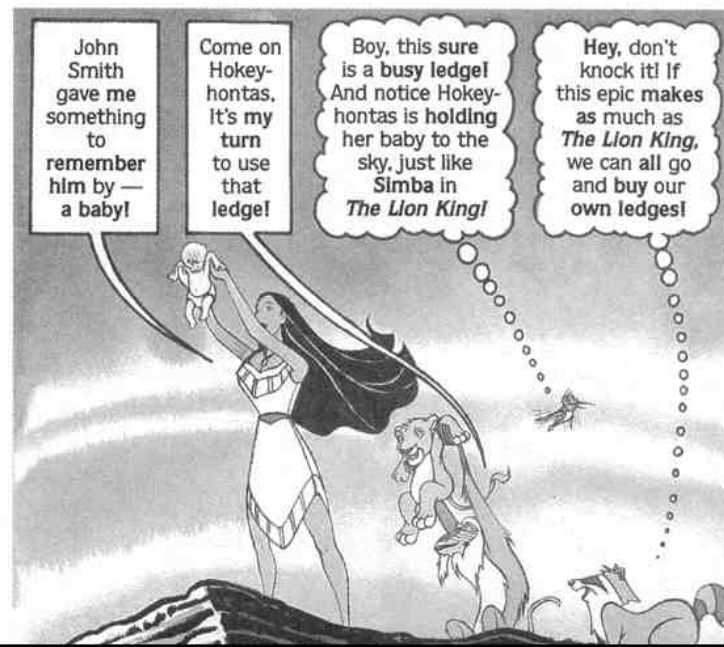
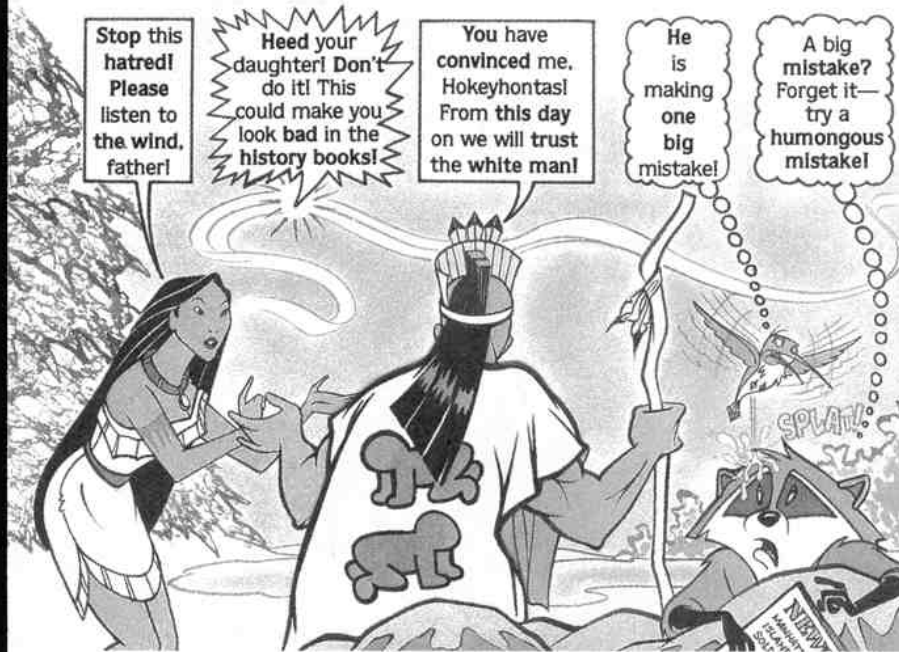


You've got a good soul, young man, and tight buns!

This tree is great for the ego! I wish we had something like this back home!

Why don't you take back some of my roots? I always wanted to open up a branch office!

An ego booster and a sense of humor! If this thing with Hokeyhontas doesn't work out, I just might give this girl a whirl! I'll just have to watch out for the splinters!



DO THE RATE THING DEPT.

Gangsta rap! Riot Grrrls! Death metal! Yanni! Yes, Mom and Dad, the weird world of music can be a scary place to let your kids run free. As experts from Bob Dole to Charles Manson can tell you, music can have a powerful negative effect on soft little brains. But how can a responsible parent possibly monitor a 24-hour video channel, to tell the wholesome clips from the harmful ones? The only way is to do what you've done with every other issue in your kids' lives — let someone else take charge! We at MAD are happy to offer the following examples of inspirational, decency-filled video music entertainment that will keep your whelp squeaky clean, thanks to...



*By giving the burnout slacker naked Fotobooth pictures of themselves, the two girls demonstrate how homemade gifts can be even nicer than the kind you buy at big stores.



*The scene where the two girls shoplift the horny old coot blind supplies valuable security tips to pervy businessmen everywhere.

AEROSMITH
"Crazy"

★★★★
EXCEPTIONALLY FINE TV

*Showing how to win cash prizes at strip clubs teaches kids the importance of a strong work ethic.



MAD's Parental Guide for Safe MTV Viewing

ARTISTS: LESLIE STERNBERGH & RAY BURNS WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN



*The various people staring into each others' windows proves that the neighborly spirit is alive and well.



*Purple-haired punks wandering the streets in formation is just one of the many alternative neighborhood patrols that can reduce crime.

GREEN DAY
"When I Come Around"

★★★★
SPIRITUALLY ENLIGHTENING

*Aimlessly walking from dusk until dawn can be an easy and potent element in a healthy cardio-vascular regimen.



*By waiting until after his parents have left before inviting 80 or 90 drunken friends to come over, Snoop shows the proper respect for his parents' feelings.



SNOOP DOGGY DOGG "Gin and Juice"

★★★★
INFORMATIVE AND EDUCATIONAL



*Between the guy sitting on the toilet and the guy puking into the sink, we learn all about the digestive system's successes and failures.



*The scene depicting Snoop with four sex partners will give him and all convicted felons some kind of preparation for prison life.

NINE INCH NAILS "Closer"

★★★★
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED



*Seeing the terrified monkey strapped into the chair reminds us all to always buckle up!



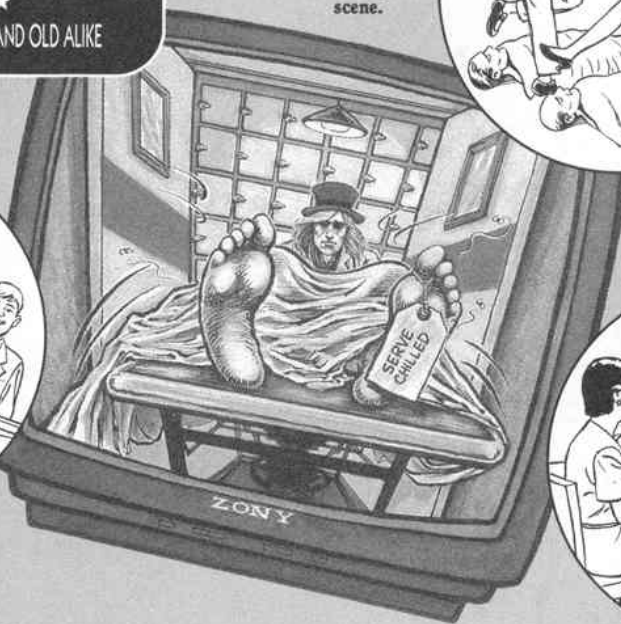
TOM PETTY "Mary Jane's Last Dance"

★★★★
FUN FARE FOR YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE

*Stealing corpses from the morgue provides viewers a viable alternative to the depressing singles scene.



*The woman in the body bag is a much-needed role model for all terminally-inconvenienced, oxygen-deprived embalmed-Americans.



*Unlike other rock stars who blatantly flaunt their sex appeal in smutty videos, Tom Petty teaches humility by graciously deferring to a rotting worm lunch.





*When the giant, wriggling roach manages to flip itself back onto its feet, it teaches the lesson of resolve and perseverance.



*When Trent Reznor hisses, "I want to f**k you like an animal," it naturally brings to mind a beautiful pair of lovebirds.



*Running through the streets while trying to keep one's top on can be considered part of the President's Physical Fitness Program.



*When the naked bull-fighter walks across broken glass in his bare feet, it's a badly-needed reminder that 90% of all accidents occur in the home.

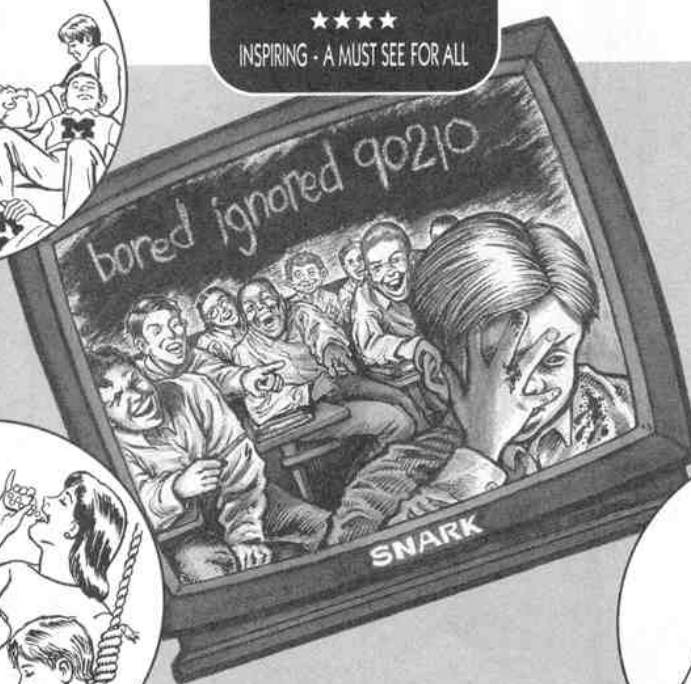


*Seeing a half-nude Madonna writhing in bed while watching a man kill an animal on TV is, technically, safe sex.



*When Jeremy is surrounded by pointing, cackling classmates, it proves that it only takes 17 muscles to smile, but 42 to frown.

PEARL JAM
"Jeremy"
★★★★
INSPIRING - A MUST SEE FOR ALL



*Unlike Kurt Cobain, Jeremy demonstrates the power of togetherness and sharing by committing suicide at school.



*The two- and three-word sentence fragments that pop up throughout the video are more reading than most kids usually do in a month.

MAD TV...WHO GIVES A RAT'S ASS!?

You don't have to be a brilliant sociologist or a crusty old geezer to notice how much the world is changing - and not for the better! Standards are dropping drastically, everyone has lower expectations and the dark outside forces appear to be against us at every turn! On the upside, chances are we probably won't live long enough to have to endure most of the degradation that is occurring. If you don't believe this doom & gloom assessment, read the following and see if you don't agree. . .

THESE DAYS WE CONSIDER OURSELVES LUCKY...





take the car.

...if grade schoolers just
pack box cutters and not
semi-automatics.

...IF ALL YOU
CONTRACTED
WAS HERPES.

...if the crossfire
only grazes us.

...IF THE BOMB LEAVES EVIDENCE
LYING IN THE RUBBLE.

...IF THE SHARP THING WE STEP ON
AT THE BEACH IS JUST A SHELL.

ANYBODY
TENNIS?
PLEASE

TOM BUNK

VIDEOS

The Lighter Side Of...



ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG



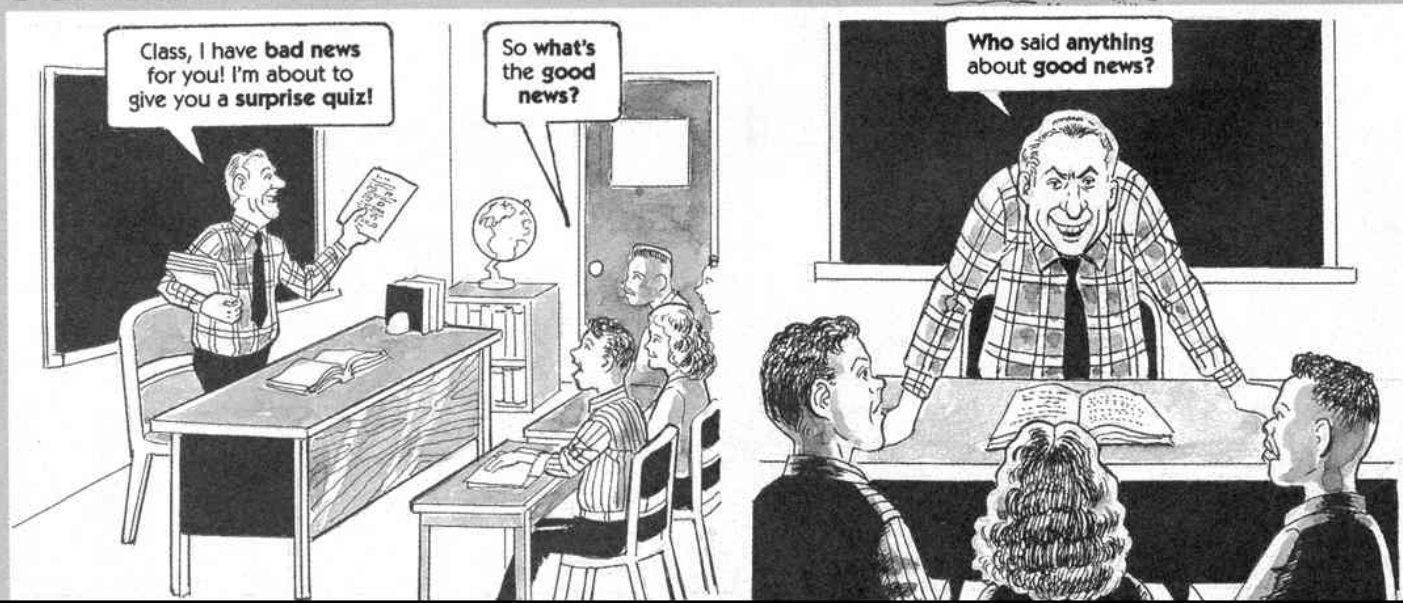
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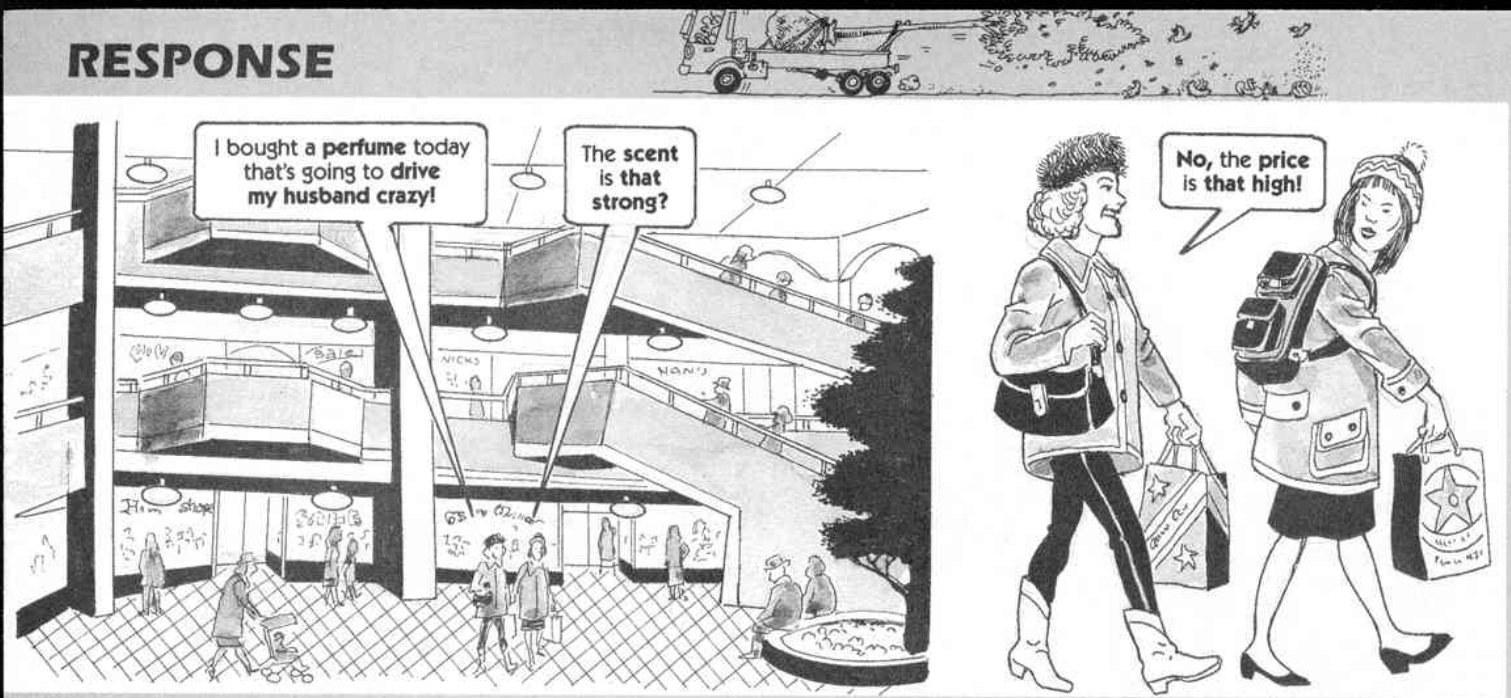
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SCHOOL TESTS



RESPONSE



GIFTS



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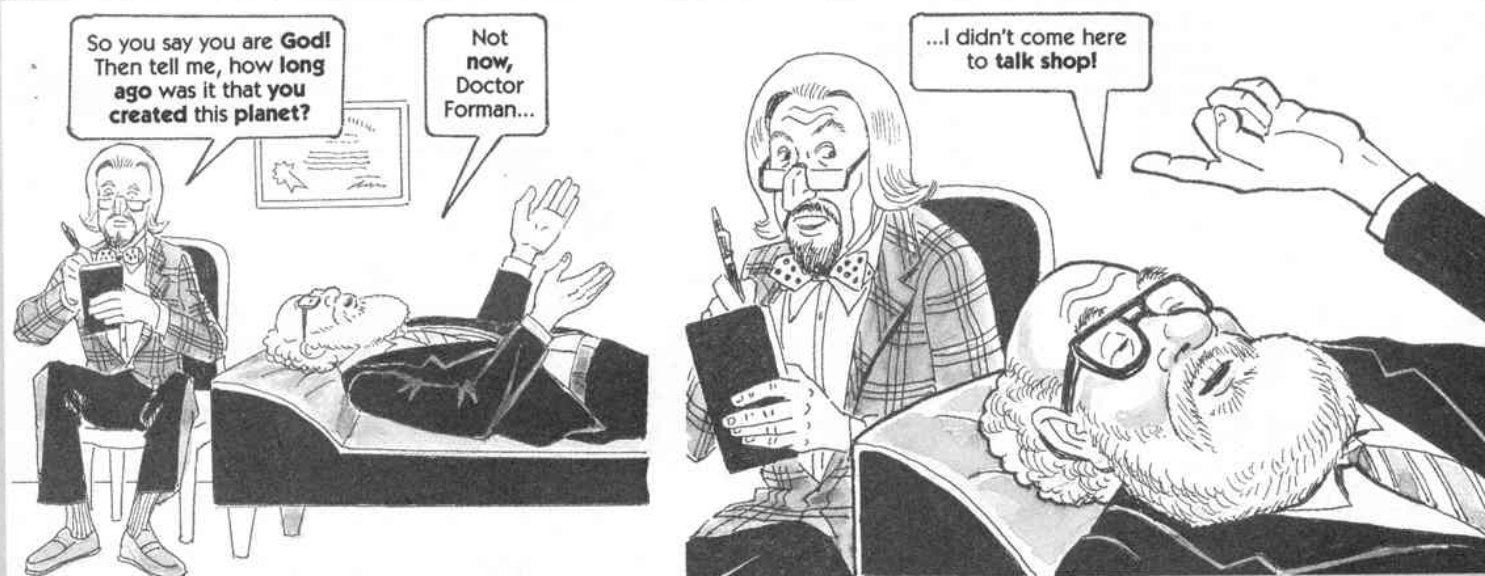


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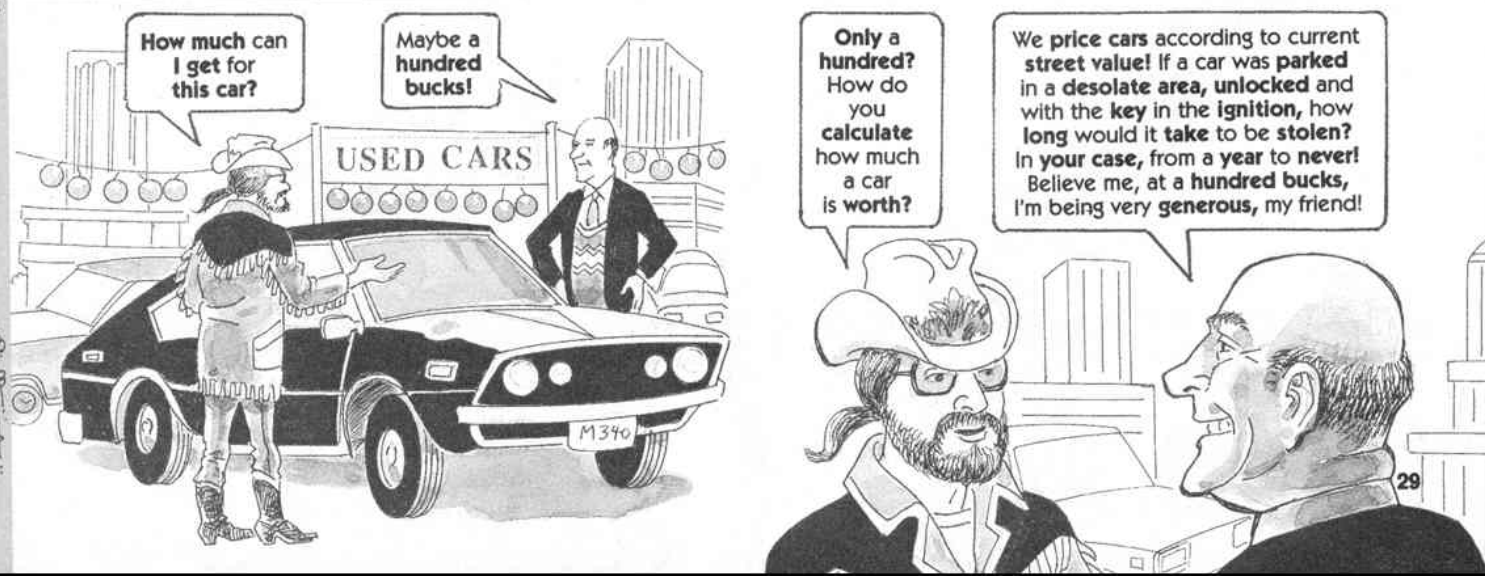


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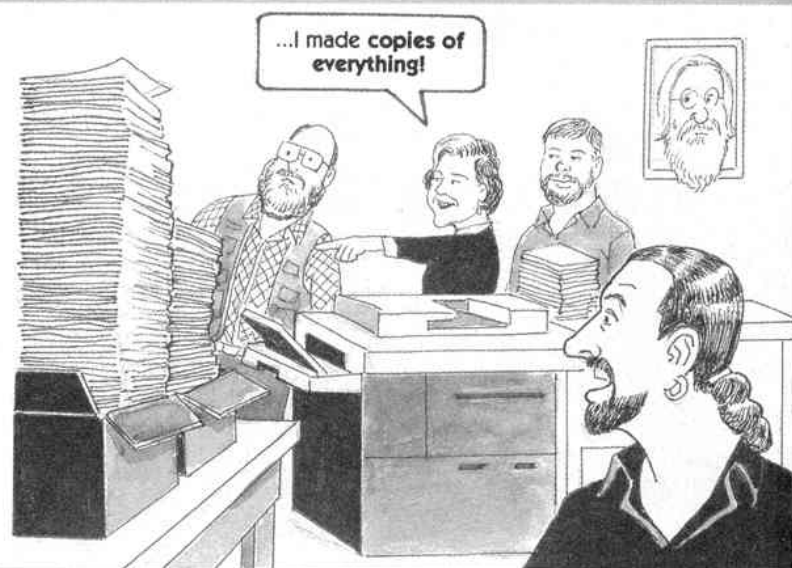
Which callified trailer trash slut claims Bill Clinton waved his winkle at her...WHO GIVES A RAT'S ASS?!



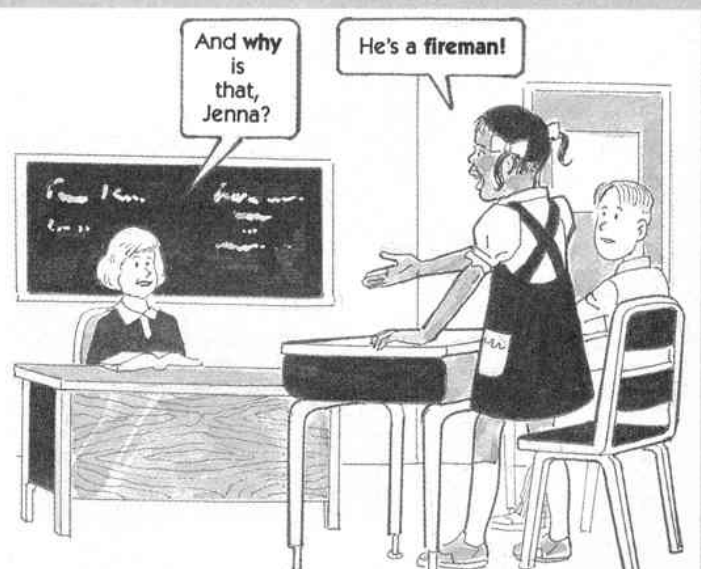
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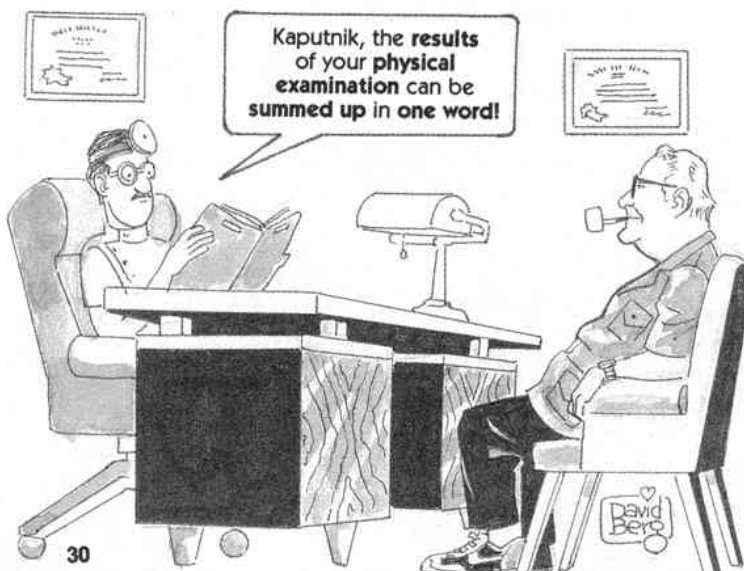
THE OFFICE



EXCEPTIONS



DOCTORS





CIRCUS JERKS DEPT.

DUCK EDWING

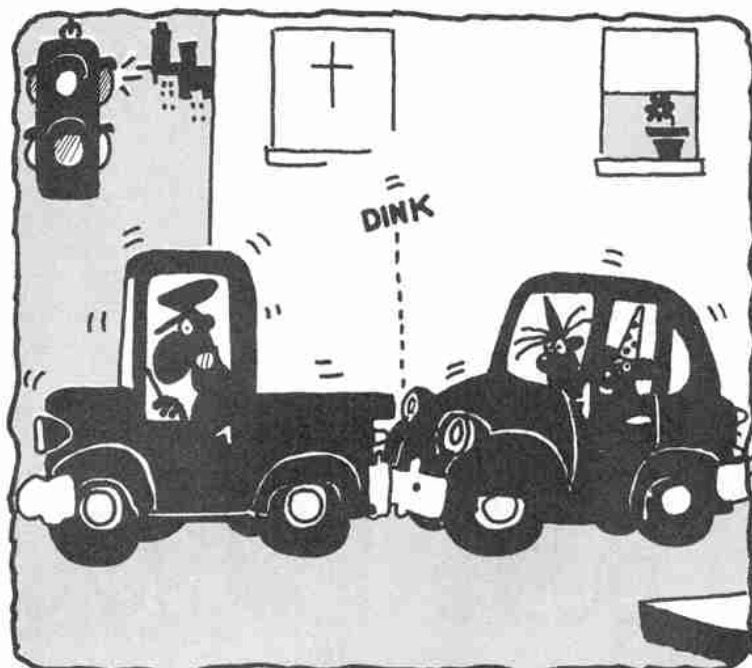
CLOWNS AROUND

That long-awaited Hall & Oates reunion...WHO GIVES A RAT'S ASS?

ARTIST AND WRITER: DUCK EDWING

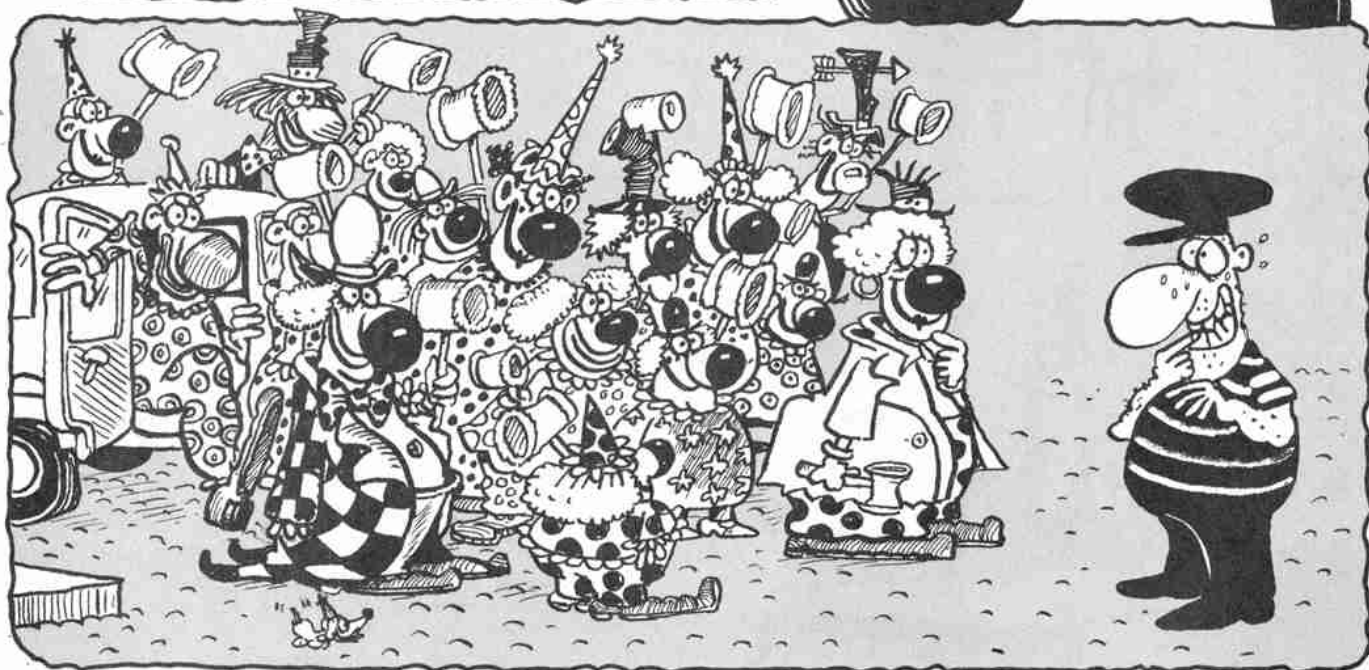
Okay, that's two BURGERS,
one small FRIES and two
DRINKS! Thank you! Pull
around please!

HOLD IT!
It's time
for my
COFFEE BREAK!

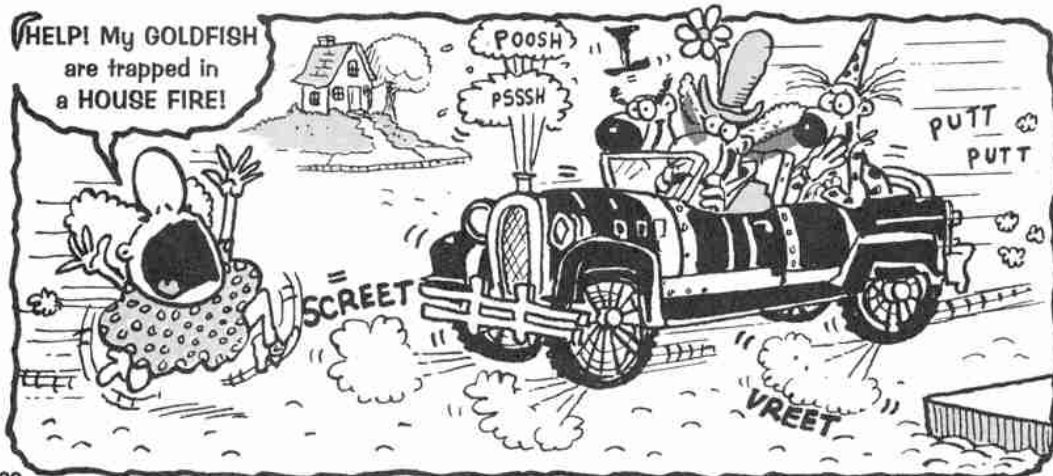


Sorry...

You don't LOOK sorry!
STEP OUT of that car
and I'll WIPE that
SMILE from your face!

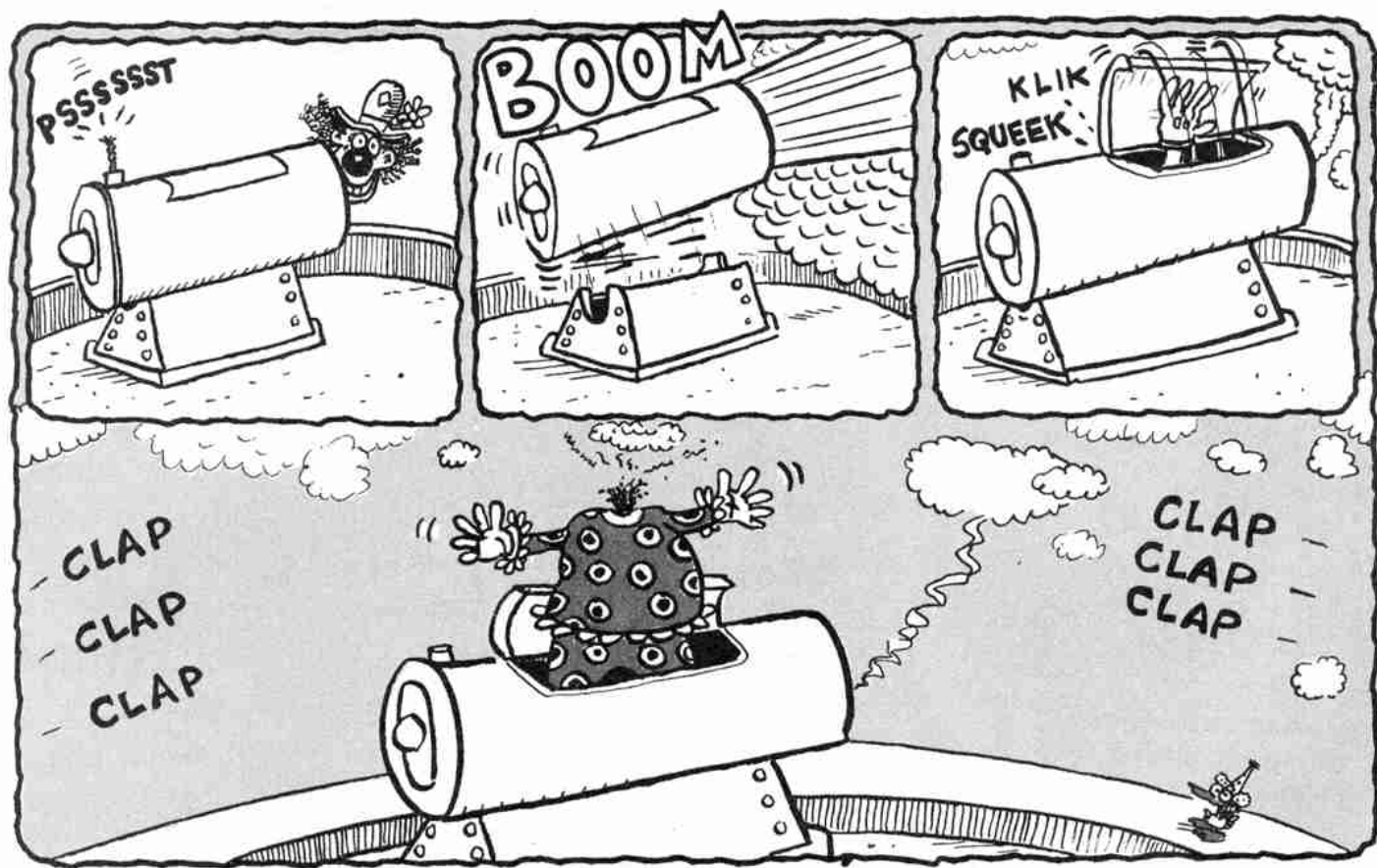


HELP! My GOLDFISH
are trapped in
a HOUSE FIRE!



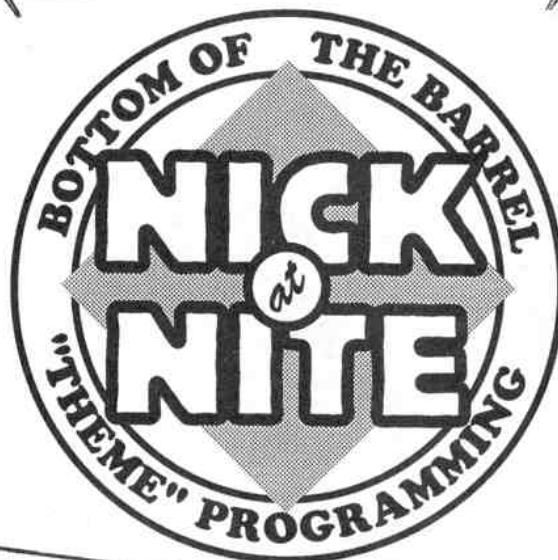
There it is!
SOB! Oh, HURRY!





A BAD CASE OF THE RERUNS DEPT.

What do you do if you're a 24-hour Cable TV network whose target audience's bedtime is 9 P.M.? Well, if you're **NICKELODEON**, you fill those odd hours with crappy old re-runs, call it **NICK AT NITE** and try to suck in as many addle-brained couch potatoes as you can by "re-packaging" the sludge into "special event" programming. So far, they've tried things like "I Love Lucy Tuesdays," and "Bewitched BeWednesdays," "The Partridge Family Marathon," and "Bad Date Episodes of The Mary Tyler Moore Show." But there are only so many mediocre ideas like those. Pretty soon, they'll be down to the truly-awful ideas, like these examples of...



Brady Bunch episodes with "clues" that the father was actually gay!



You never suspected... but you should have!

Tribute to Even-Numbered "guest agents" of Get Smart



if they're divisible by two -- we got 'em!

ARTIST:
DREW
FRIEDMAN
WRITER:
MIKE
SNIDER

Monkees episodes where you can really tell they're not playing their own instruments!



Mike not playing the guitar! Peter not playing the bass! Mickey not playing the drums! Davy not playing the tambourine!

The "Joe Friday tells off a hippie" episodes of Dragnet



You draft-dodging, pot smoking, hippie punk! You'll get the chair for this!

"Seven Days of Shatner Overacting!"



Every Star Trek Episodel Every T.J. Hooker Episodel Every Rescue 911 Episodel Plus -- dozens of "over-the-top" guest appearances on other shows! Can you endure the entire week?

Future Felons Fridays!



Catch them all...Before they "went bad"!

Racist stereotypes from our TV past that'd get your FCC License revoked today!



Our most Politically-incorrect Marathon ever! watch it ...just don't tell anyone you did!

It's the "Battle of the pint-sized black kids adopted by rich white people!"



webster vs. Arnold (of Diff'rent Strokes)
6:00 WEBSTER 7:30 DIFF'RENT STROKES
6:30 DIFF'RENT STROKES 8:00 WEBSTER
7:00 WEBSTER 8:30 DIFF'RENT STROKES

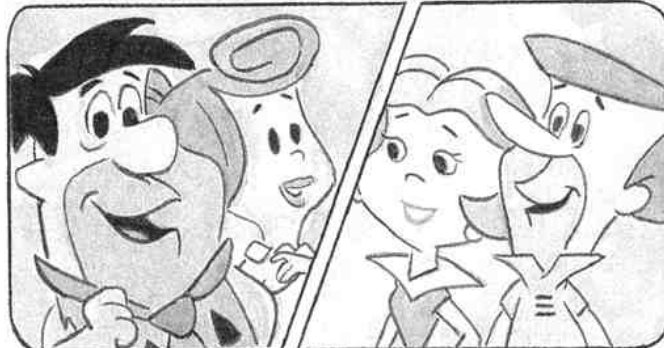
Old TV series with exact opposite premises

BEVERLY HILLBILLIES:
Country folks move to the city

GREEN ACRES:
City folks move to the country

THE FLINTSTONES:
Contemporary cartoon family in the past

THE JETSONS:
Contemporary cartoon family in the future



ALL IN THE FAMILY:
Right-wing parent; liberal kids

FAMILY TIES:
Liberal parents; right-wing kid

LOST IN SPACE:
Humans in space trying to return to Earth

MY FAVORITE MARTIAN:
Alien on Earth trying to return to space



BUMP ON A LOGIC DEPT.

As all astute MAD readers will recall, a few issues back we took it upon ourselves (as we often do!) to modernize those lovable, though hopelessly out-

dated, "that makes about as much sense" wisecracks. You know the ones we mean—"That makes about as much sense as a pickpocket at a nudist colony." Snide?

Certainly! But hardly au courant! That's where we come in (fa fa fa) with a new twist on an old twist! Yes, it's biting, it's relevant, it's two lousy pages of...

"MAKES ABOUT AS MUCH EQUIVALENCY C

(PART TWO)



Watching the Home Shopping Network...



MAKES ABOUT AS MUCH SENSE AS



...going to a mall and just staring into the "Overpriced Junk Jewelry Shoppe" for hours!

Getting contraceptive advice from your priest...



MAKES ABOUT AS MUCH SENSE AS

Letting Congress investigate wrongdoing by its own members...



MAKES ABOUT AS MUCH SENSE AS



...having John Gotti pick his own jury!

Lugging around a "portable" stereo the size of a coffee table...



MAKES ABOUT AS MUCH SENSE AS

THE SENSE" HART

ARTIST: RICK TULKA

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

Having a goldfish as a pet...



MAKES
ABOUT
AS
MUCH
SENSE
AS



...having a nun as a girlfriend!

Being opposed to Gun Control...



MAKES
ABOUT
AS
MUCH
SENSE
AS



...being a passenger on the
Titanic opposed to lifeboats!



...asking the Surgeon General
to recommend a good cigarette!

Hoping to see Shaq win a Grammy...



MAKES
ABOUT
AS
MUCH
SENSE
AS



...waiting for the Chicago Bulls to draft Danny DeVito!



...playing piano in a marching band!

ACHES AND BANES DEPT.

It is commonly accepted among ignoramuses everywhere that humankind forever moves forward in the name of "progress." But what is "progress" anyway, huh? Personal computers? Not when you consider carpal tunnel syndrome. ATM's? Not when you consider everyone who's been held-up at gun point at 24-hour banking centers. Nuclear energy? You must be joking! Now some creep named Nekpar can build a bomb in his backyard and blow up the entire Western Hemisphere! Our point is simple: for every "progressive" action there is a disastrous reaction. Yes, we pay a heavy price indeed for "progress." And to belabor this point senselessly, here's...

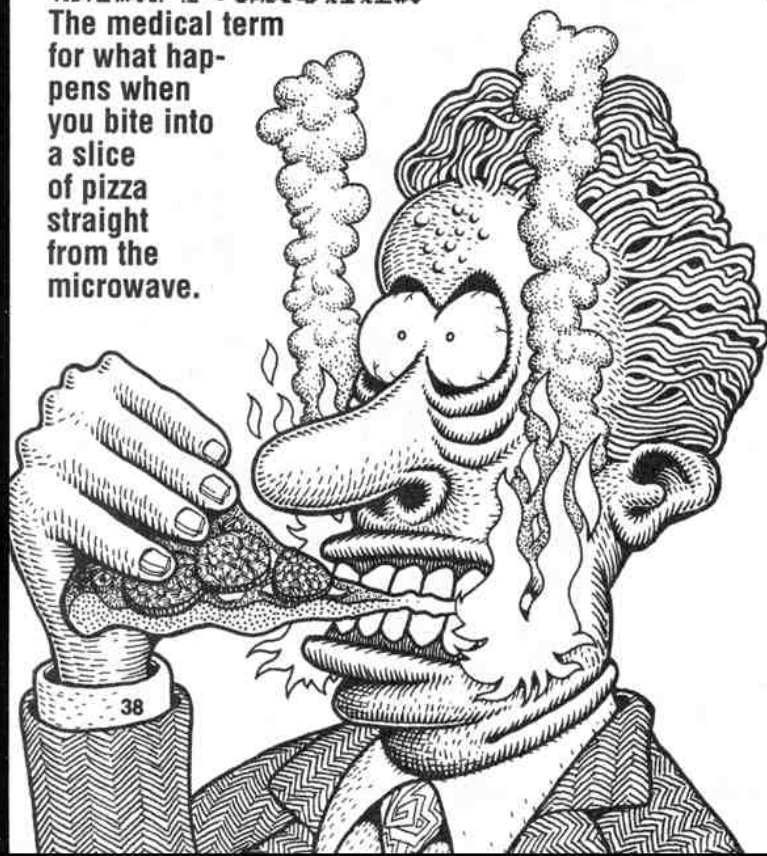
AILMENTS OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY

ARTIST: MONTE WOLVERTON

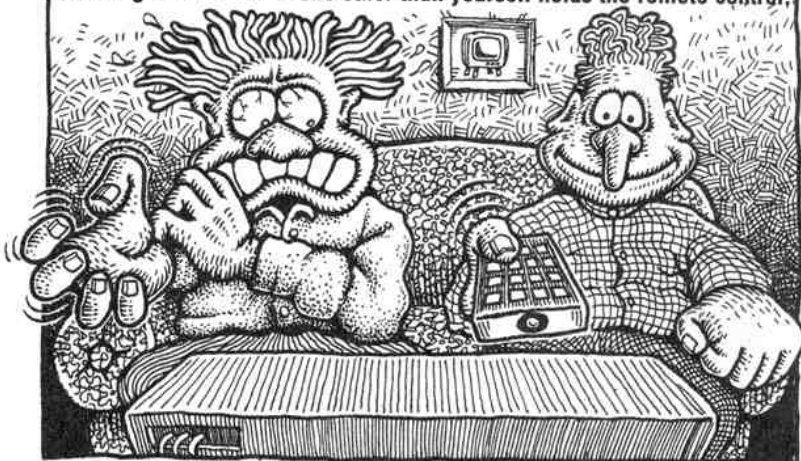
WRITER: DAVID CONNOR

Oral Nukemia

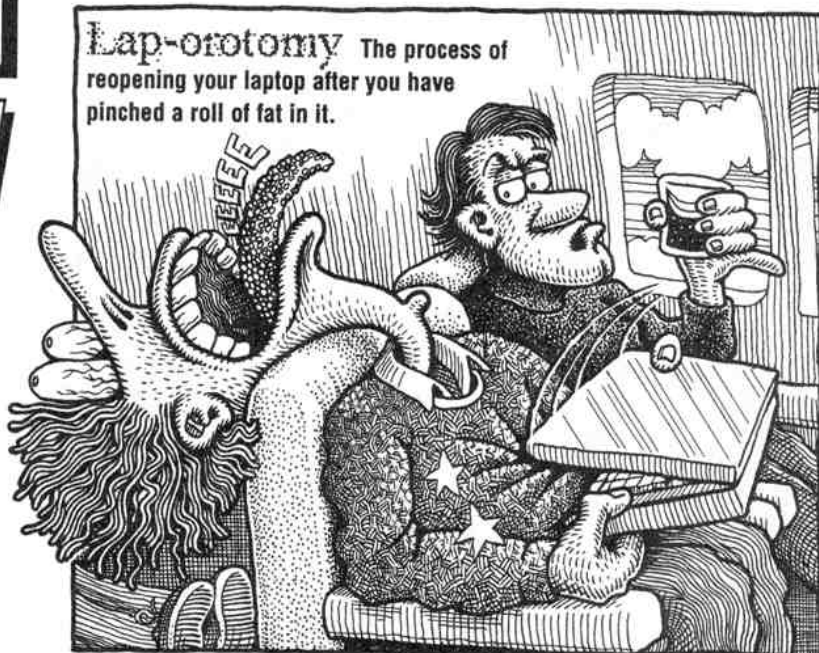
The medical term for what happens when you bite into a slice of pizza straight from the microwave.



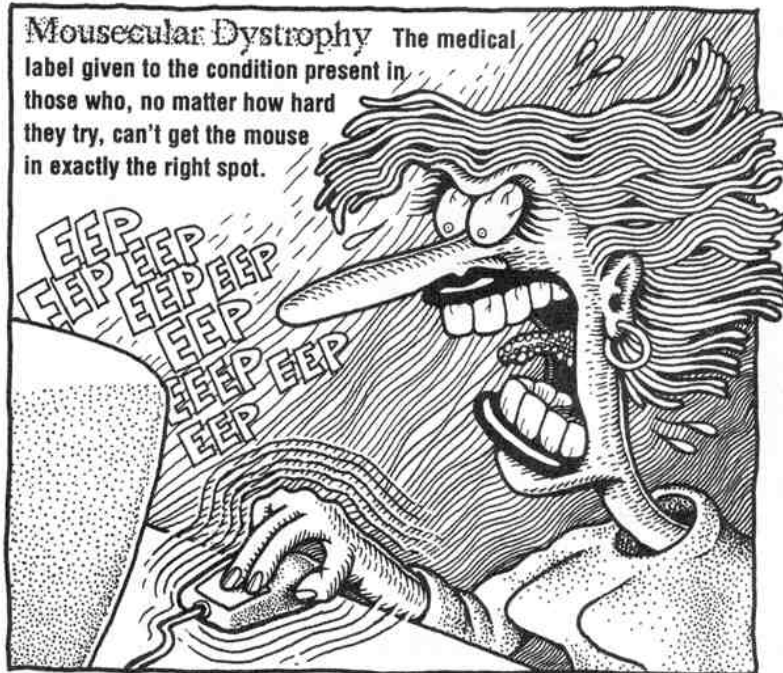
Clicker Separation Anxiety A condition with symptoms ranging from feelings of helplessness to finger spasms brought on by watching TV while someone other than yourself holds the remote control.



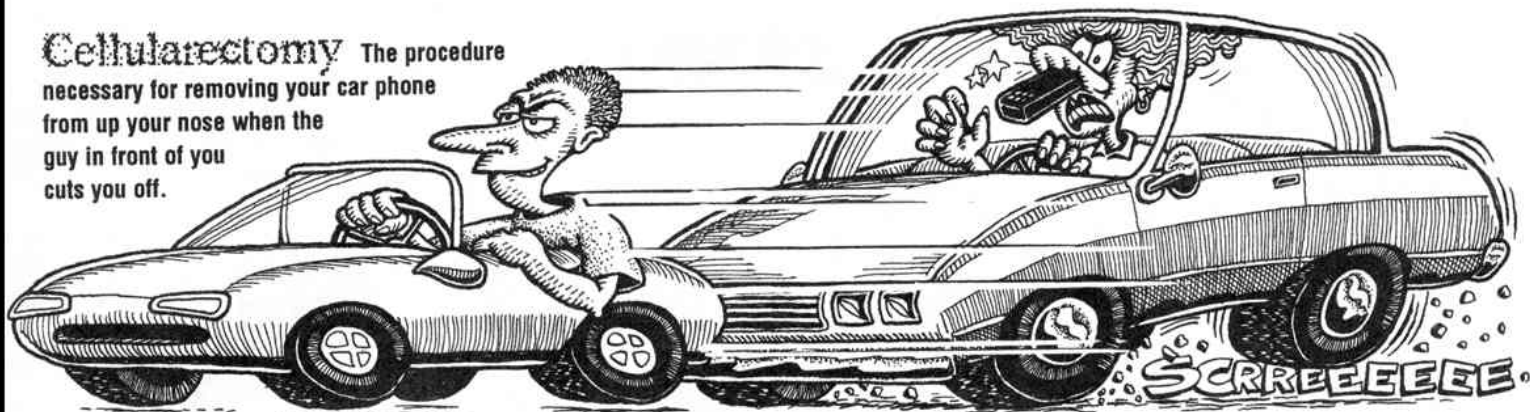
Lap-erotomy The process of reopening your laptop after you have pinched a roll of fat in it.



Mousecular Dystrophy The medical label given to the condition present in those who, no matter how hard they try, can't get the mouse in exactly the right spot.



Cellularectomy The procedure necessary for removing your car phone from up your nose when the guy in front of you cuts you off.



Saget Interruptus Syndrome
The irrational fear that as soon as you turn off your video camera, something worth \$100,000 will happen.

Dumb "marginal" features...WHO GIVES A RAT'S ASS!?!

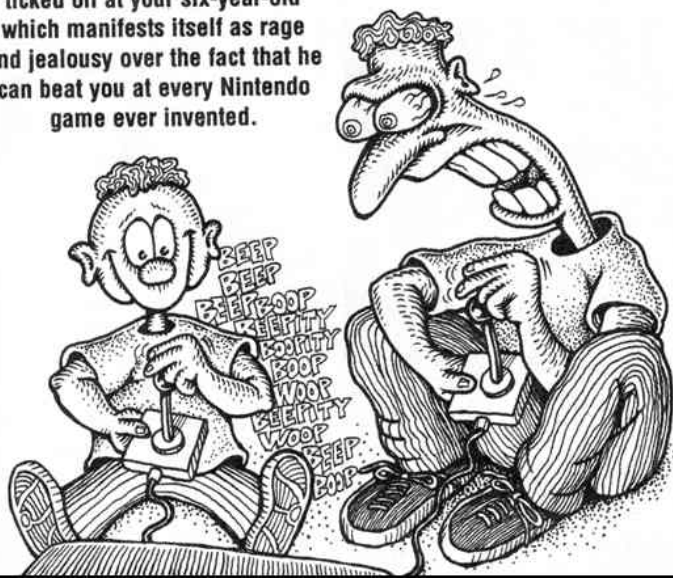
Inner Ear Infaxion

Ear damage caused by that shrill beeping you hear when you accidentally dial a fax number instead of a phone number.



Tetris Envy

The Freudian term for getting ticked off at your six-year-old which manifests itself as rage and jealousy over the fact that he can beat you at every Nintendo game ever invented.



Laser Eye

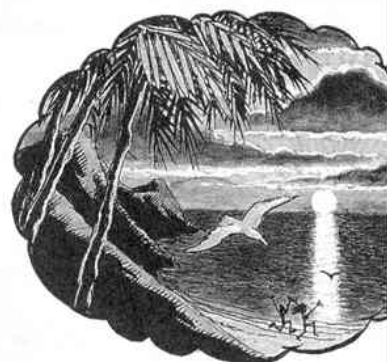
Dizziness, headache and optical damage brought on by trying to read a document as it's printing.





THE JEOPARDY! GAP

The difference between your pile of imaginary game show winnings at home, and how you'd really do in front of an audience, under hot lights, on national TV.



A PAIN IN THE CREVASSE DEPT.

Through the years there have been many gaps. For instance, the Generation Gap (where you think the music of today is absolutely fabulous and your parents think it's noise). The Budget Gap (the amount between what you spend every month and what you earn). The Credibility Gap (what Newt Gingrich says and what he really means). And the Baby Gap (which is a great store for yuppies to buy clothes for their kids, but it has nothing to do with this article). But that ain't all, folks! There are some darn major gaps that have been missed completely! So, before that gap in your head gets even wider here's MAD's list of some...



THE SIMON & SCHUSTER GAP

The difference between the cash advance paid to the professor who's slaved for 35 years on his manuscript about the geopolitical causes for global recession, and how much they bid for the secrets of Amy Fisher's orthodontist.



R&N NOT GA

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE



THE ARENA ROCK GAP

The difference between the eardrum-blastin' CD you listen to at home, and that same singer live on stage, without echo, reverb, 64-track recording or an overdub deck.



THE HARLEQUIN GAP

The difference between the swept-away passion that burns like wildfire in romance novels, and enduring the sweaty fumbings of some teenage stud with all the lasting power of a fuel-injected funny car.



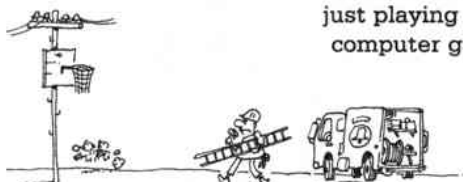
THE VACATION GAP

The difference between the picturesque charm of your travel brochure, and the current reality after the civil war you never noticed on page 42 of your newspaper last month.



THE HARD DRIVE GAP

The difference between all the time you'll save with your new ultra-powerful computer, and how much of that extra time you'll waste just playing stupid computer games.



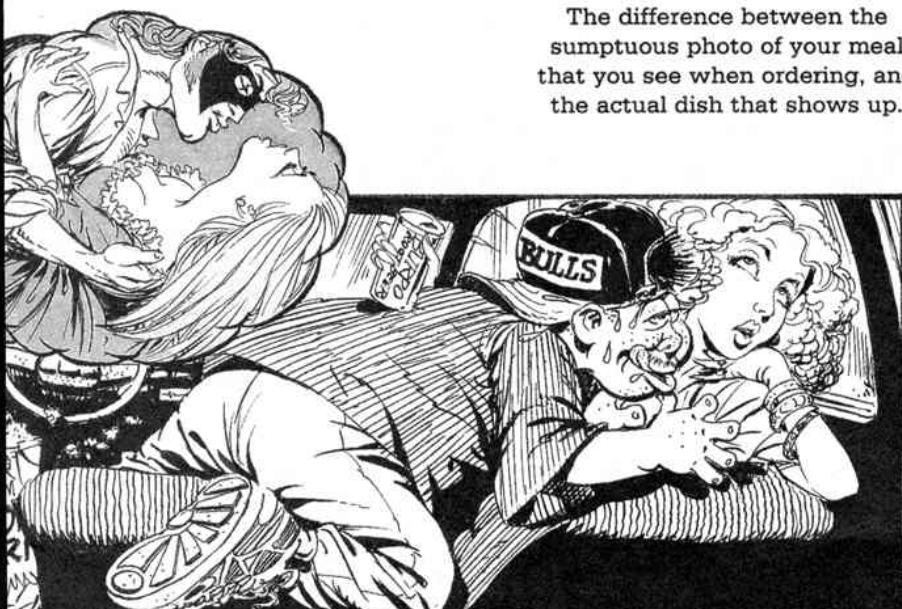
THE MENU GAP

The difference between the sumptuous photo of your meal that you see when ordering, and the actual dish that shows up.



RELY ICED APS

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

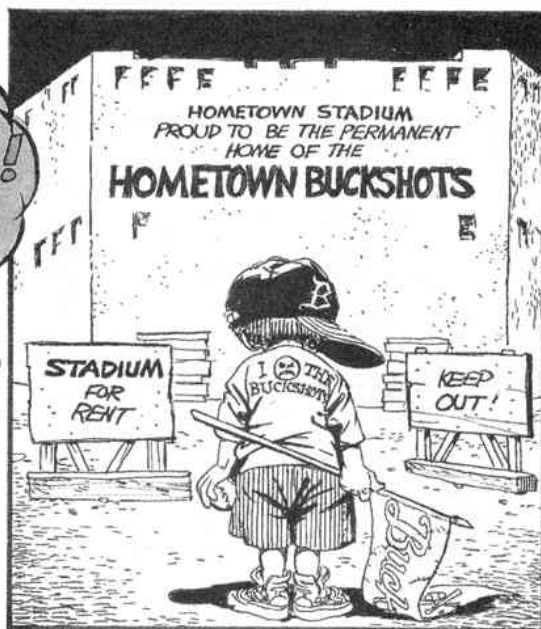


RARELY NOTICED GAPS



THE STEINBRENNER GAP

The difference between the beloved "hometown image" sports team owners talk about whenever they want a rent-free stadium, and how quickly they'd pack up and haul ass to the next beloved hometown that tops the current offer.



THE TEXTBOOK GAP

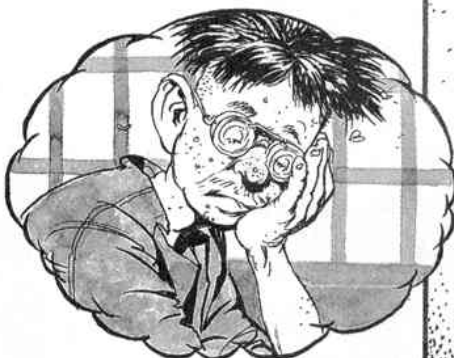
The difference between how much your college bookstore charges you for your textbooks in September, and how much they say your books are worth when you sell them back four months later.



The results of any Entertainment Tonight phone-in poll...WHO GIVES A RAT'S ASS!?!?

THE YEARBOOK GAP

The difference between the regular way you looked during the other 1,459 days of high school, and the way you looked the day they took your photo.



THE GOODWRENCH GAP

The difference between how much a mechanic charges when you tell him that your intake valve stems are probably frayed, and how much he charges when you tell him there's an "unkita-unkita" sound in your car's tummy.



CHOKER AND GAGGERS DEPT.

For years, the tobacco companies have been getting away with murder! But with a bunch of huge lawsuits pending, they're suddenly on the defensive, and we had some tough questions for them! They agreed to let us interview one of their executives, but only if we allowed them to pick the interviewer! We had no choice but to go along!

MAD INTERVIEWS THE TOBACCO EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: CHRIS HART

My name is Forrest Gump. People call me Forrest Gump.

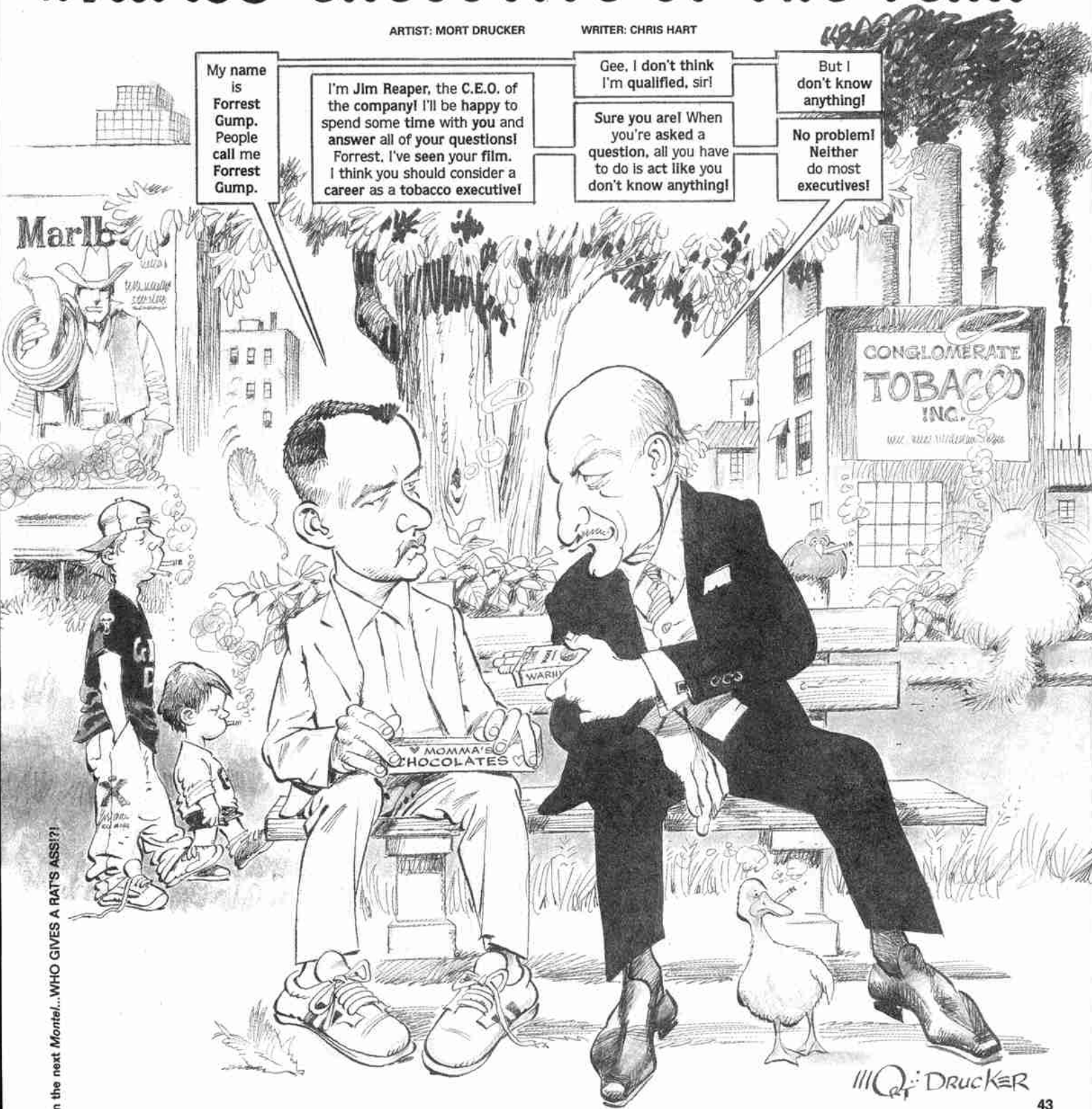
I'm Jim Reaper, the C.E.O. of the company! I'll be happy to spend some time with you and answer all of your questions! Forrest, I've seen your film. I think you should consider a career as a tobacco executive!

Gee, I don't think I'm qualified, sir!

Sure you are! When you're asked a question, all you have to do is act like you don't know anything!

But I don't know anything!

No problem! Neither do most executives!



On the next Montel... WHO GIVES A RAT'S ASS!?!?

III Q: DRUCKER

Doesn't it make you feel bad when you see billboards that count off the number of smoking deaths?

Sure! It's sad any time you lose a customer!

SMOKE

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I'd like you to meet our chief legal counsel! You can ask him anything and he has an answer! He hasn't lost a case yet!

My momma always said, "You are responsible for your deeds!" If your product makes people die, shouldn't you have to pay?

Absolutely! But how are you defining "death"? Are we talking about brain death? Near death? When a Broadway show dies? Death is too vague a term!

I'm very confused! I don't know what he just said!

See what I mean? Is this guy great or what?

NO SMOKING

NO SMC

THE BUTT STOPS HERE!

You sure have a lot of folks suing you! Won't you have to give out a lot of money?

Are you kidding? We've never paid out a dime in damages and we never will! Thanks to our justice system, we can stretch out the proceedings until the plaintiff either goes broke or dies from — how shall I put this — "natural" causes! Heh heh!

Smokers assume the risks associated with smoking because the warning label on the pack states that they cause cancer!

I'm confused again! You say smokers knowingly assume the risks, but you keep telling the public that cigarettes don't cause cancer! Which one is it?

Whichever we can get away with when testifying in court or before Congress!

WARNING
SMOKING MAY BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH!

Gus is the head of our investigative team! His job is to show how a plaintiff's cancer could have been caused by something other than smoking!

Just what I was looking for! In 1973, the plaintiff defrosted a Pop Tart in a microwave oven that had a dent in it!

Gee, can that really cause lung cancer?

Hey, pal, it was a really big dent!

We give millions of dollars each year to sponsor public television shows and museum exhibits!

You and the arts must be like peas and carrots for you to care about them so much!

Arts farts! We just want to get our corporate logo associated with something that isn't lethal! If only Sesame Street would let us sponsor them!

TOMATO ON A STICK

We train our lobbyists to keep a straight face while lying to Congressional committees!

Wow! Is that real hard?

You know it! Our boys are facing the most accomplished liars in the country!

Senators, we believe that there is still no proof that smoking causes cancer!



One of our biggest supporters is Senator Jesse Helms! Even though he professes to be a fiscal conservative, he sees to it that tax payers shell out millions of dollars each year to the tobacco growers!

My momma always said, "Always make sure to thank a man when he does you right!"

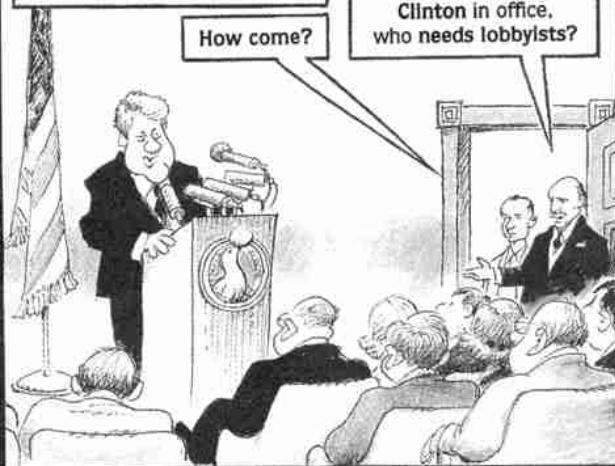
We already do! It's called a campaign contribution!



The Clinton administration wants to pay for Universal Health Insurance by imposing a hefty tax on cigarettes! Believe it or not, we actually support the idea 100%!

Because then the government would be forced to encourage smoking to pay for its program! With schmucks like Clinton in office, who needs lobbyists?

How come?

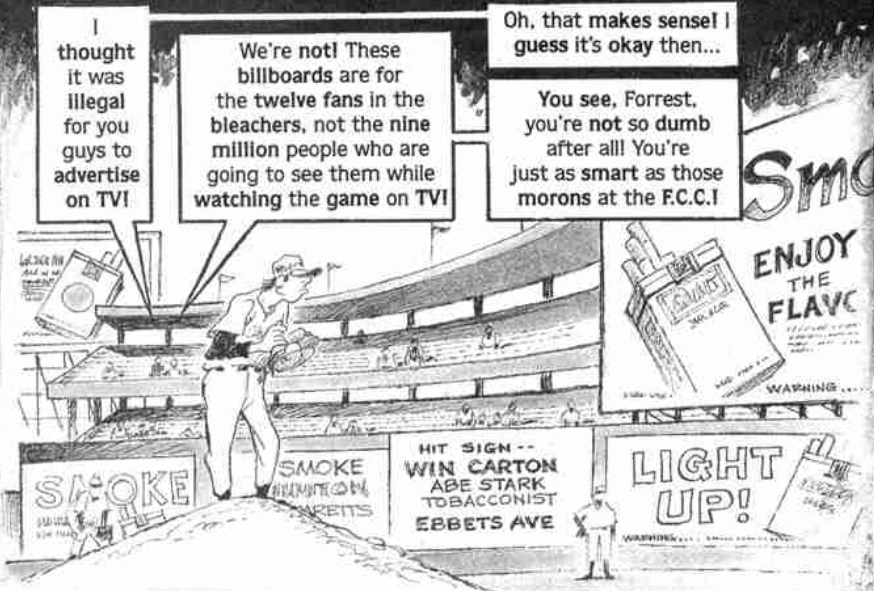


I thought it was illegal for you guys to advertise on TV!

We're not! These billboards are for the twelve fans in the bleachers, not the nine million people who are going to see them while watching the game on TV!

Oh, that makes sense! I guess it's okay then...

You see, Forrest, you're not so dumb after all! You're just as smart as those morons at the F.C.C.I



You sure see a lot more advertisements for cigarettes in black communities!

That's because we target the poor and the less fortunate who might not otherwise know the joys of smoking!

But they don't have much money!

Yeah, and they have even less political clout! Tobacco companies can paper their neighborhoods with their toxic messages, and no one in the state capitol even blinks an eye!

Look, here's an opinion piece in the paper that refutes the theory that secondhand smoke is as lethal as firsthand smoke!

Really? That's surprising!

Not at all! We wrote it! What's surprising is that a newspaper would let us run paid advertisements masquerading as real editorials! What a great con!

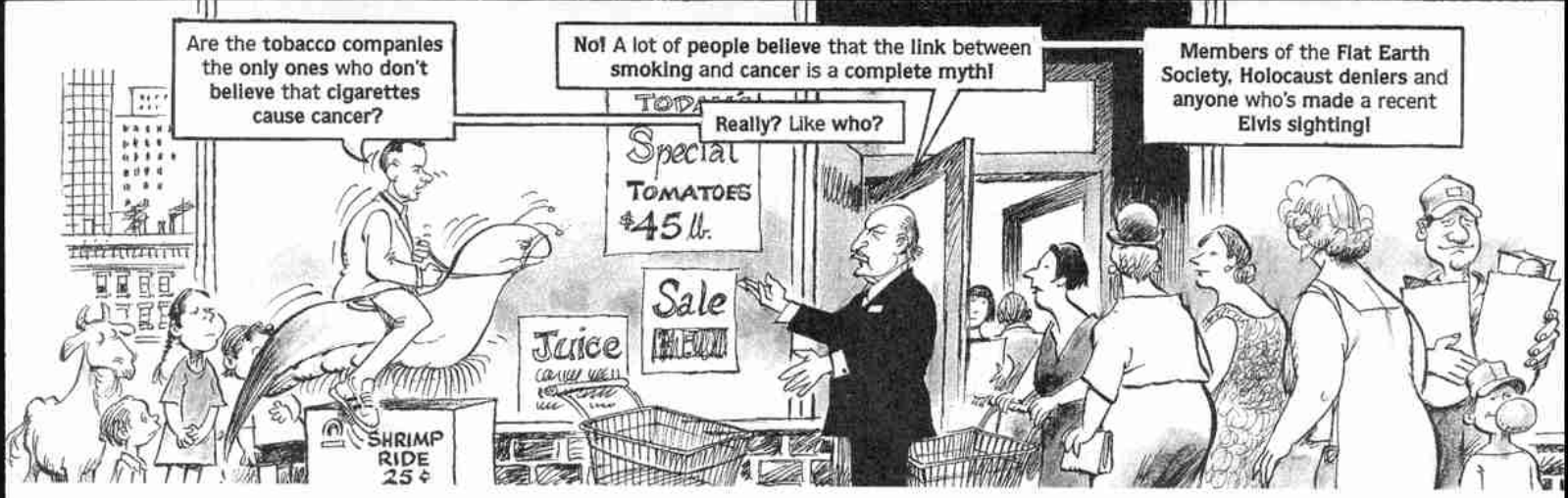


Are the tobacco companies the only ones who don't believe that cigarettes cause cancer?

No! A lot of people believe that the link between smoking and cancer is a complete myth!

Members of the Flat Earth Society, Holocaust deniers and anyone who's made a recent Elvis sighting!

Really? Like who?



These guys gather proof smoking doesn't cause cancer!

What if they find that it does?

They won't with the money we pay them!

But what if folks find out that your scientists were bought off?

Who cares! Who'd believe some bribed scuzz-balls?



That one guy is stinking up the entire restaurant with his cigarette!

We view smoking as a matter of individual choice!

So if he wants everyone to gag on his smoke, that should be his choice?

Say, you catch on real quick, Forrest m'boy!



Lately, Hollywood has portrayed smokers as bad guys! But smokers used to be portrayed as the good guys! Bogart smoked! John Wayne smoked! A lot of people forget that!

But didn't they also die of cancer?

I wish a lot more people would forget that!

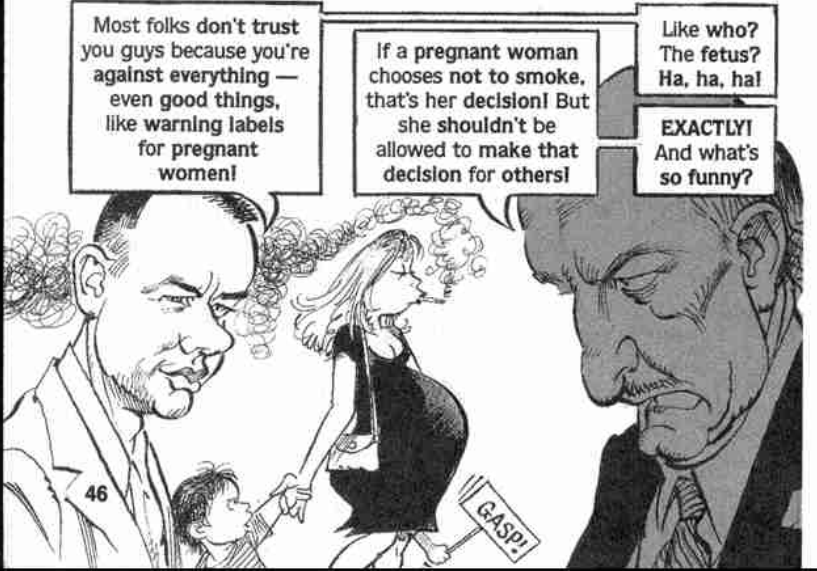


Most folks don't trust you guys because you're against everything — even good things, like warning labels for pregnant women!

If a pregnant woman chooses not to smoke, that's her decision! But she shouldn't be allowed to make that decision for others!

Like who? The fetus? Ha, ha, ha!

EXACTLY! And what's so funny?



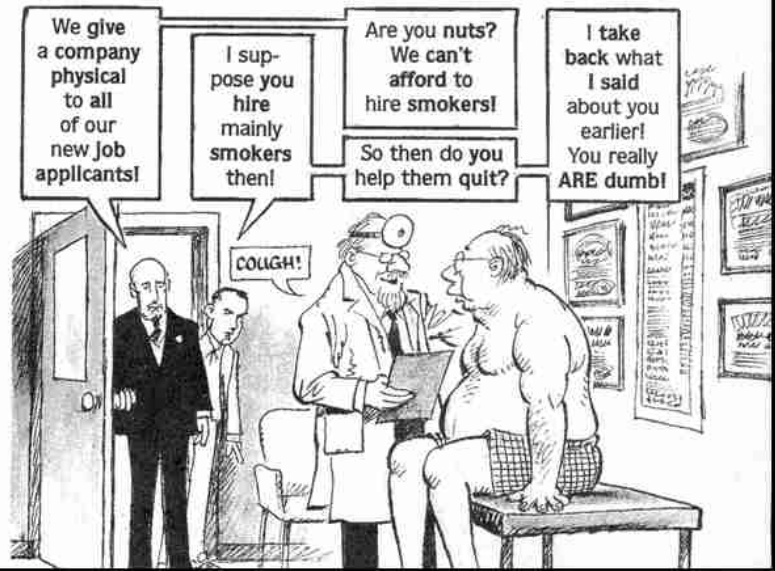
We give a company physical to all of our new job applicants!

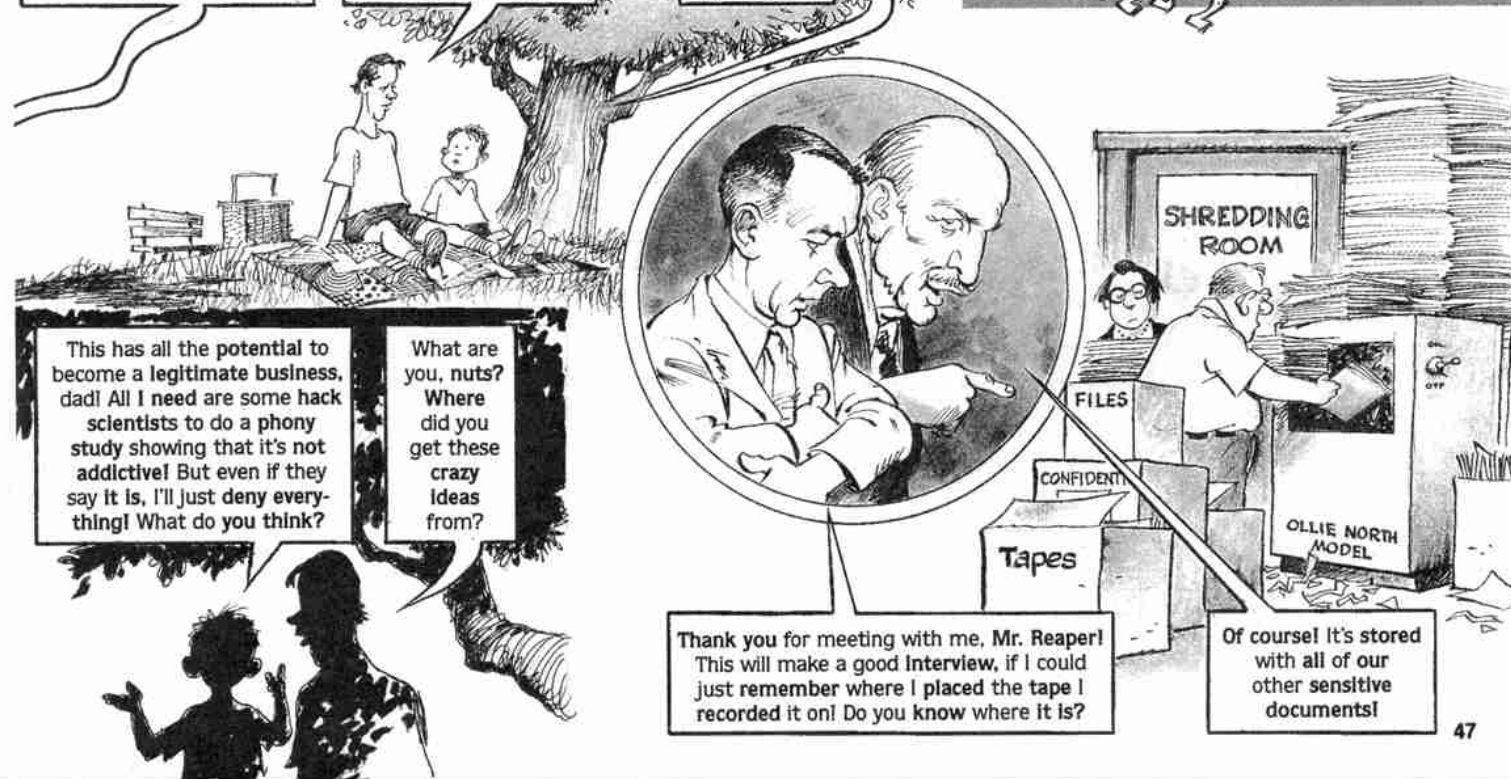
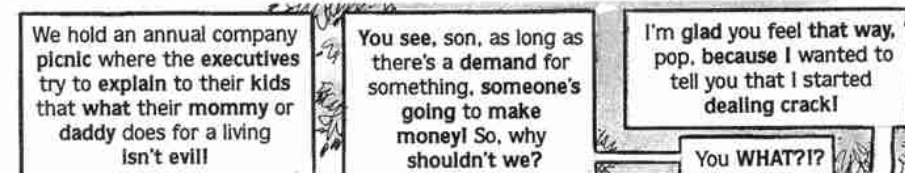
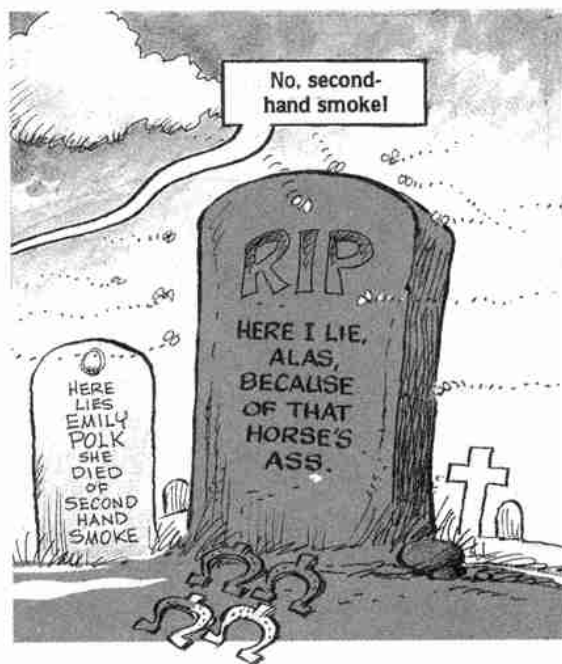
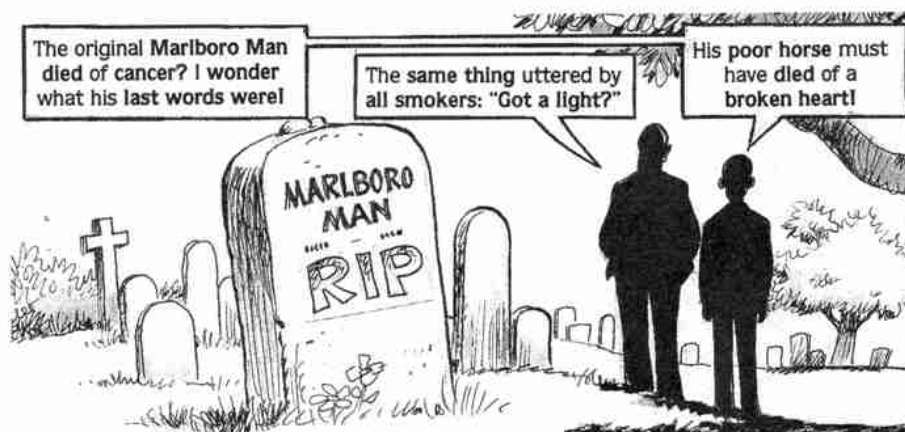
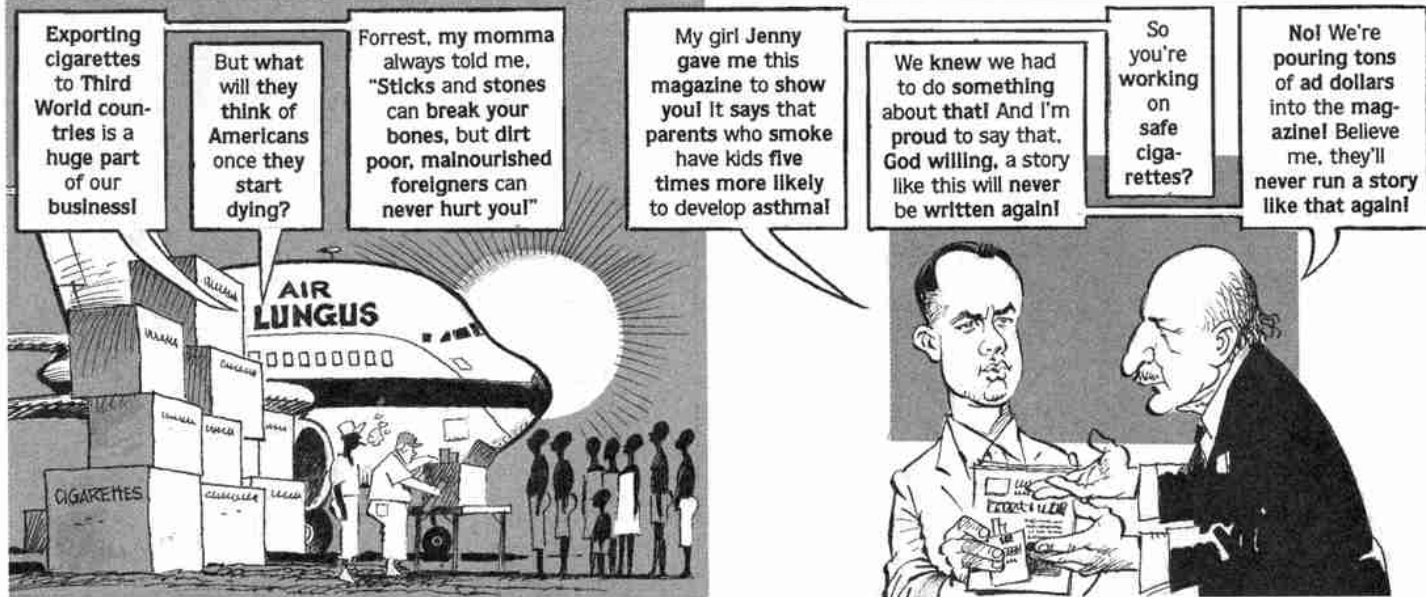
I suppose you hire mainly smokers then!

Are you nuts? We can't afford to hire smokers!

So then do you help them quit?

I take back what I said about you earlier! You really ARE dumb!





STOP THE PRESTIDIGITATIONS DEPT.

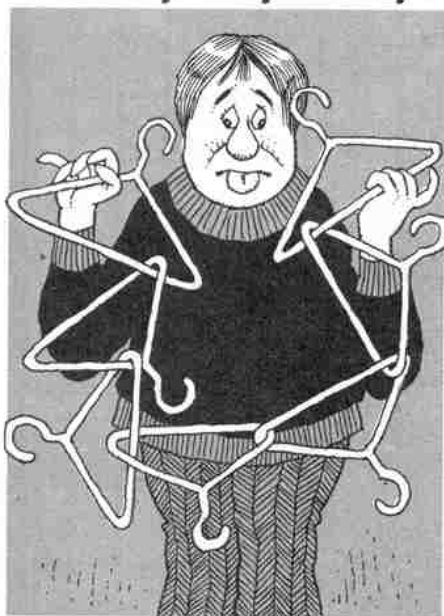
According to legend, magician Harry Houdini was able to escape from a box wrapped in chains and submerged in the icy depths of any ocean or river! Prestidigitator David Copperfield once made the Statue of Liberty disappear in front of a TV audience of millions! And illusionist Bill Clinton convinced a gaggle of news reporters that he smoked pot without inhaling! All pretty cool tricks, but not nearly as amazing as these...

Magic Tricks *in Everyday Life*

ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

WRITER: DARREN JOHNSON

The Amazing Linking Coat Hangers



The Miracle Mental Telepathy Mom



The Mysterious Electric Cord Knot



The Stupefying Vanishing Coin



The Incredible Shrinking Cup



The Baffling Concealed Cigarette



**WHAT DO
AMERICANS HAVE
TO BE TRULY
THANKFUL
FOR THIS
THANKSGIVING?**

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

Of all the major holidays, Thanksgiving is truly one of the most enjoyable. You don't have to spend a ton of money on gifts and it unites everyone to be thankful for one thing or another. To find out what will bring joy to us all this Thanksgiving, fold page as shown.



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**THIS IS THE THANKSGIVING EVERYONE WILL
FIND A WHOLE LOT TO BE GRATEFUL FOR. YES, REALLY,
THE ENTIRE SUMMER WAS DREARY AS FOLKS GREW TIRED OF
THE BORING EVENTS THAT WERE AVAILABLE. THIS PHASE-
BAD AS IT WAS--ENDED BY NOVEMBER. WE CAN ALL
SIGH WITH RELIEF AND CELEBRATE WITH GOOD REASON**

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