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— Alfred B. Neuman

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### ALFRED E-MAIL

You morons! In MAD #347, it became obvious to me that you guys have never seen the Olympics before. In your "Future Olympic Dance Competitions," you had the "Men's 200-Meter Moonwalk Medley." A medley is an event that has four people running various distances. The first two legs are 100-meters each, the third is 200-meters, and the fourth and final leg is 400-meters long. No wonder you are the UNOFFICIAL magazine of the Olympics!

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WB — We'd like to answer your charges with a
medley of Olympic observations about you, each
a different length! 1) Why do we get the feeling
you fell off the pommel horse one too many
times? 2) Why do we get the feeling you inhaled a
little too much of that gymnast's hand chalk? 3)
Why do we get the feeling you weren't completely
successful when Bela Karoli told you to "shake it
off"? 4) Why do we get the feeling you did your
high dive before they filled the pool? Are you
happy now, medley boy? —Ed.

### THE FA SIDE

I've noticed something. The letters-to-theusual-gang-of-idiots seem to have some kind of rating system, using "Fa"s instead of stars. What does this mean? Is a letter followed by three "Fa"s three times as stupid as a letter with only one? This dilemma is keeping me awake at night. Help!

Yofi22@aol.com



### MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS



Daniel Parker of Encinitas, CA (he's the one in the Trix shirt) shares a must-see celebrity snap with us! Visiting The Tonight Show, Dan and his friends were able to coerce host Jay Leno into posing with a copy of you-know-what! Send us your snap of your-self and a big celeb holding MAD and if we print it, you could win a three-year subscription like Dan just did! (Future Late-Night studio audience members, please note: For purposes of Celebrity Snaps, Conan O'Brien still doesn't qualify as a "celeb"! Fa!)

# LETTERS &

# a super announcement!



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### THIS LADY WRITES TO MAD ...

I have just renewed my MAD subscription after a 20-year hiatus. You guys are even funnier now that I've "matured"! I saw your request for more "Joke Set-ups That Don't Need a Punchline" on the letters page of MAD #346 and I thought I'd submit a few! "Andy Rooney and Juan Valdez are on an airplane when suddenly Juan's mule comes out of the restroom..." "What do Mickey Mantle, Newt Gingrich and a palm tree have in common...?" "Jack Kevorkian walks into a butcher shop and takes two numbers..." Keep up the good work!

Tracy K. Lorenz Grand Haven, MI

Thanks, Tracyl Now, readers, where are YOUR Joke Set-ups That Don't Need a Punchline?? We're waiting! Speaking of waiting, we're still offering a free subscription for the first photograph of C-SPAN anchorman and stoneface Brian Lamb reading MAD in front of the C-SPAN school bus, which we first asked for on the letters page of MAD #332! WHAT'S WITH YOU PEOPLE?!? HELLO!? —Ed.

### INSIGNIFICANT DATA

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# TOMATOES DEPARTMENT

### THE DOCTOR IS IN

Despite the fact that I have been an avid reader of MAD since I was a mere sprout, I have managed not only to get an Electrical Engineering degree, but a job as well! I work at MCNC in the Research Triangle Park, where we do production prototyping and contract research and development for the semiconductor industry. I enclose a photo of myself reading an issue of your magazine in full cleanroom garb in our Class 10 silicon wafer fabrication facility.

Dr. Dev Palmer Durham, NC



Dr. Dev —Thanks for the photo of you in your cool outfit. Virginal white...how appropriate, geekl Thanks for writing! —Ed.

### **GRRRL TALK**

I love your magazine and everything, but I couldn't help but notice a mistake. In "MAD Visits This Year's Blahblahpaloser" in MAD #347, writer Desmond Devlin tells about who puts the groups of people together at a concert. Among those listed he writes riot grrls. The grrls in the riot grrls has three r's. Like I said, I love your magazine and understand the number of r's gets confusing, but as an admirer of the riot grrls, I had to point that out.

Justine Yeager Clarks Summit, PA

Justy — Okay! You want three r's, we'll give you three r's — Your letter was Really, Really, REALLY lame! Satisfied? —Ed.

### MAD MUMBLINGS@aol.com

Late at night I find great pleasure peeling potatoes. — WERP...That one priest who talks through his mouth kicks! — LINTENKIN...Did you know that I like biscuits? That's why my screen name is TheBiscut. — TheBiscut...I have new socks. — RJaissle...@#\$%^&! Oh, I had the Shift button on? — PJH1984...I think, therefore Miami. — WestTR3... Have you ever noticed that Grimace from McDonald's is like a big, underdeveloped Barney? — YACSN...Is Alfred married? If not, I'd like to suggest myself. — Antidae...A can of spam and a spoon; what else could a person want?!!!? — LaxSki

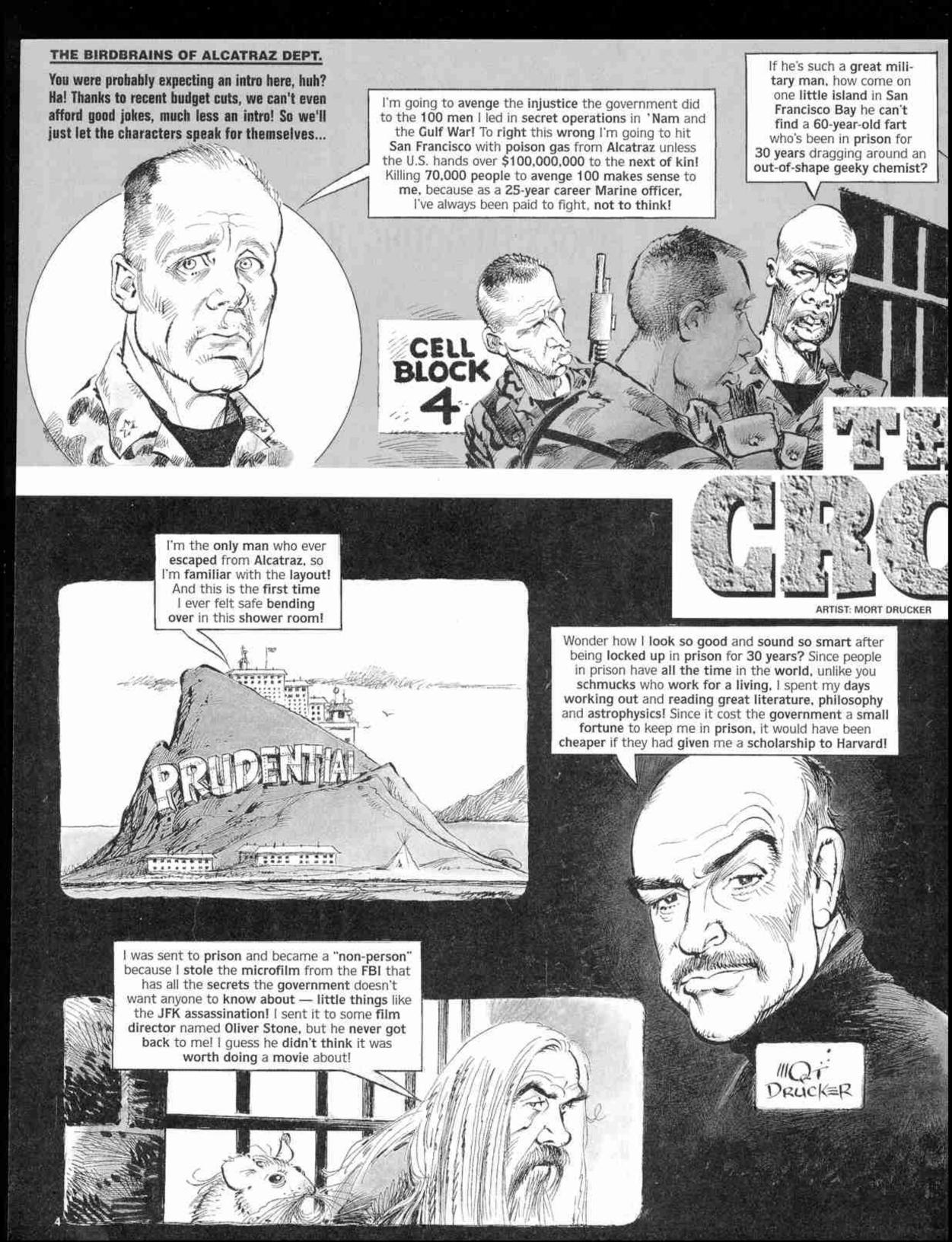
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# TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE FOR THIS ISSUE

| Problem   | Correction   |
|---|--|
| Unable to see magazine.   | If you are reading magazine<br>in winter months, turn ski mask<br>so it faces opposite direction. If<br>problem persists, check to make<br>sure eyes are open. |
| Pages are sealed shut;<br>magazine will not open.   | You are holding unit upside-<br>down. Rotate it so stapled<br>side is on your left.  |
| Gap-Toothed boy on cover sending coded messages directing me to "go yonder and bring me the thumbs of John Tesh." | Adjust your medication.  |
| Fold-In is confusing.   | You have folded up-down.<br>Undo and refold side-side.   |
| Fold-In is understandable<br>but not funny.   | This is a feature of Fold-In; no correction required.  |
| Scented cologne insert was very faint and undetectable.   | You have rubbed subscription card against your body; fill out with pen and mail now. (Remember to enclose check.)  |
| Printing error has removed all words from certain panels.   | This is an intentional design feature. "A MAD Look At" is a series of visual pantomime gags by Sergio Aragones.  |
| Did not find any humor<br>in "spoof" about irregularity   | You are reading Modern Maturity, not MAD; return to newsstand and purchase publication one to the left on magazine rack.                                       |
| Unit seems to "conk out"<br>for brief periods.  | You are up to Dave Berg's  "Lighter Side" feature;  no correction possible.  |
| Unit repeats same tired joke over and over.   | Turn page.   |
|   | INSPECTED BY: DESMOND E  |

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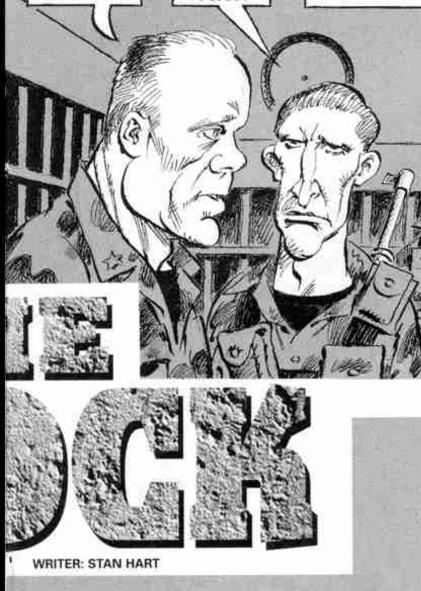


Men, let me remind you that we're up against three very, very tough adversaries here!

You mean the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force? I mean
the other
big summer
films — Eraser,
Independence
Day and The
Hunchback of
Notre Dame!

We have to steal the poison gas, but I hate shooting fellow soldiers who are guarding it! That's why
I thought
of using
the stun
guns —
so we
wouldn't kill
anybody!

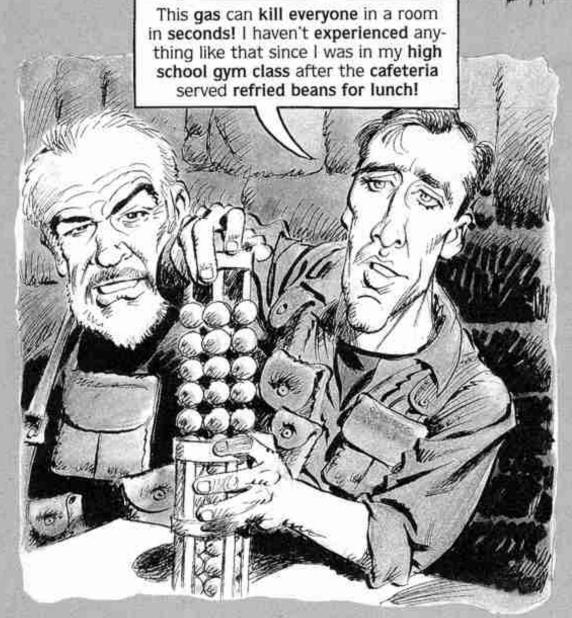
I wish you would have told US about that, sir, since WE'RE the ones doing all the shooting! But I guess that hammers home your point about being paid to fight, not to think!

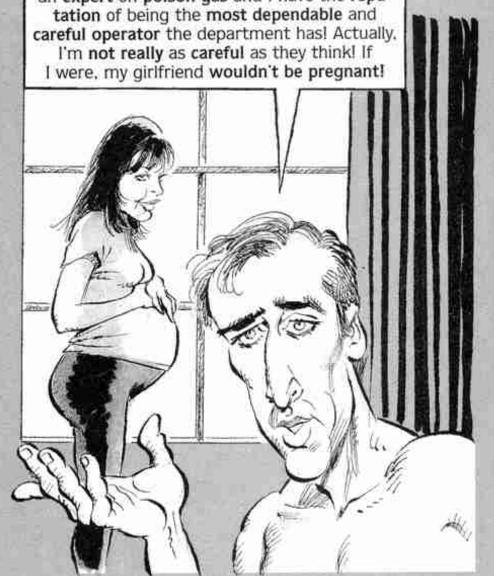


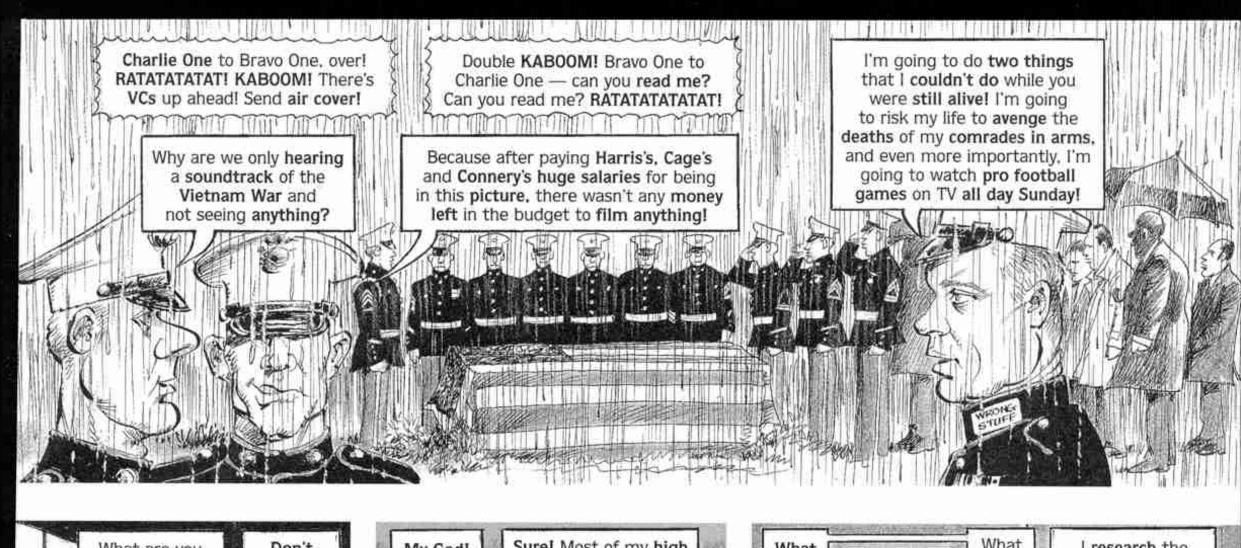
I spent four years in college, three years in grad school and two years at the FBI Academy! And none of it prepared me for that crazy old nut case to your left! Not only does he claim he was once a British agent with a license to kill, but he also says he spent some time as a dragon!

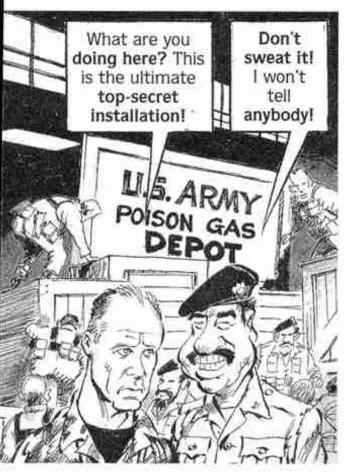
I was sent along on this mission because I'm

an expert on poison gas and I have the repu-

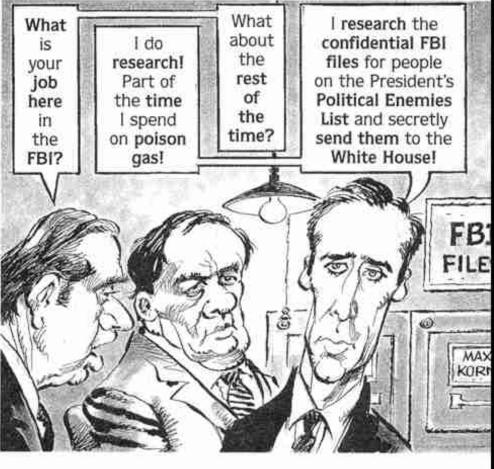


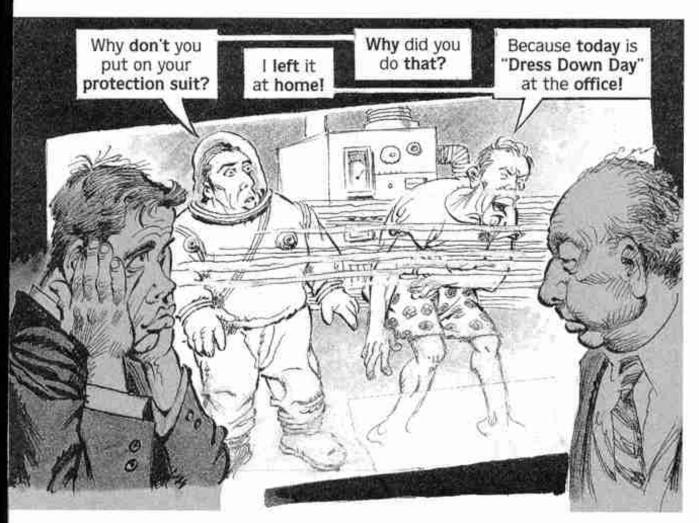






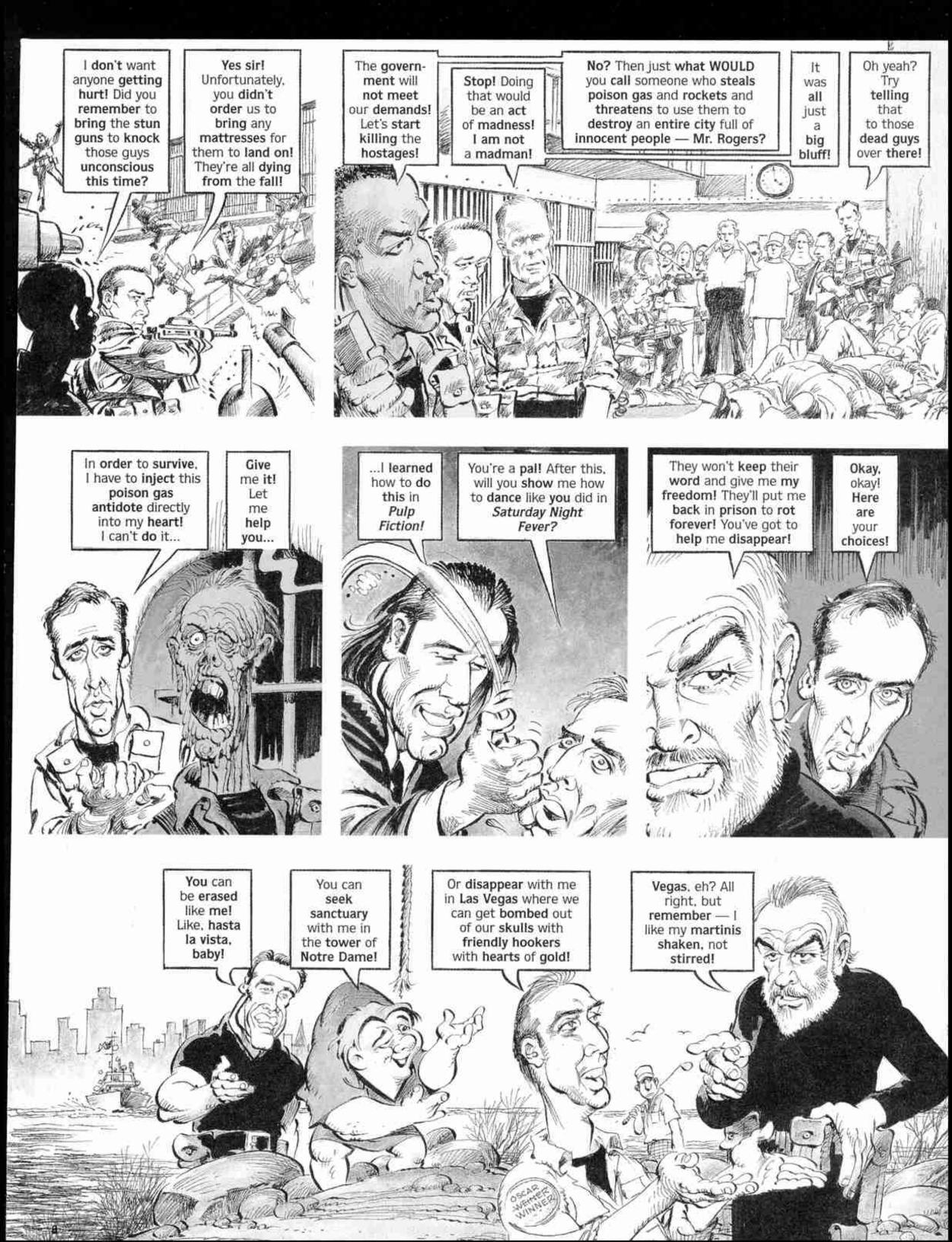












# MAD SALUTES PASSO BOSTOS

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The Giants win the wild card slot with the best overall record of the second-place teams!

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WARMEN.

You've heard rumors about them in news reports and Congressional Hearings! You've seen hints of their existence in confidential

# THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY'S SECRET MAR

# NEW TOBACCO COMPANY SPONSORSHIPS

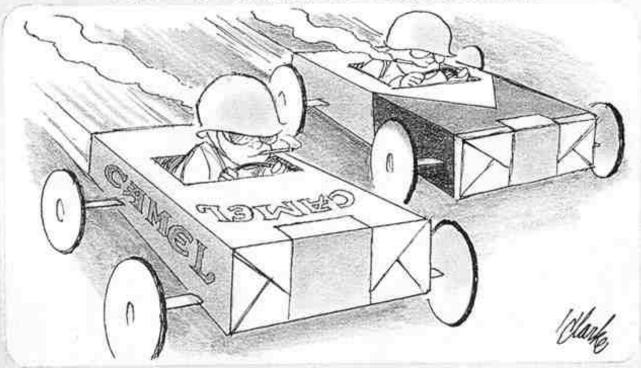
THE PHILIP MORRIS SPELLING BEE



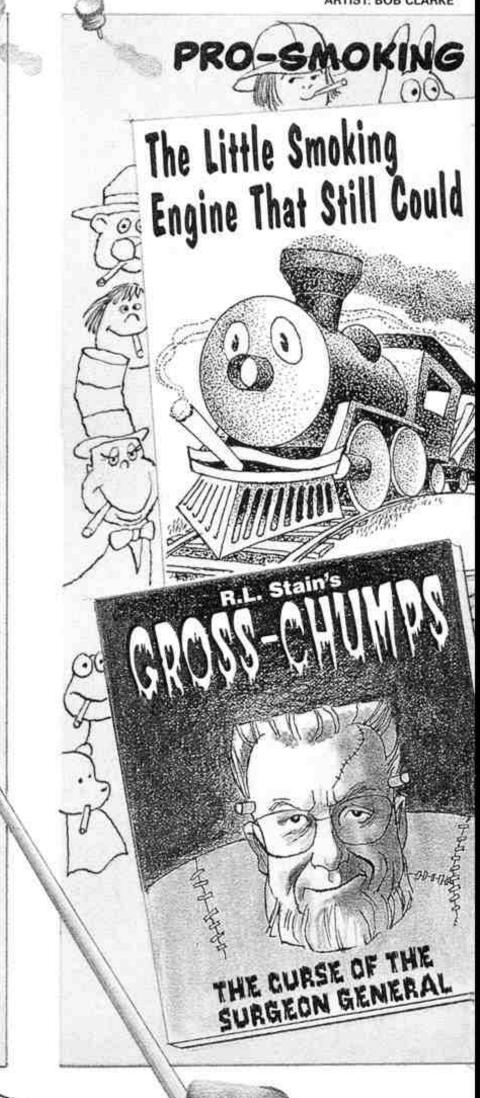
ANNOUNCER: "Unsubstantiated"-as in, "The anti-smoking zealot made unsubstantiated and reckless charges about the relationship between smoking and lung cancer!"

BOY: U-N-S-U-B-S-T-A-N ...

### THE "CIGARETTE-BOX DERBY"



ANNOUNCER: And Billy Krunk's "Camel Car" still holds the lead over Tommy Finster's "Marlboro Machine"! Both of these fine young boys smoked over 500 packs each to build their amazing racers!





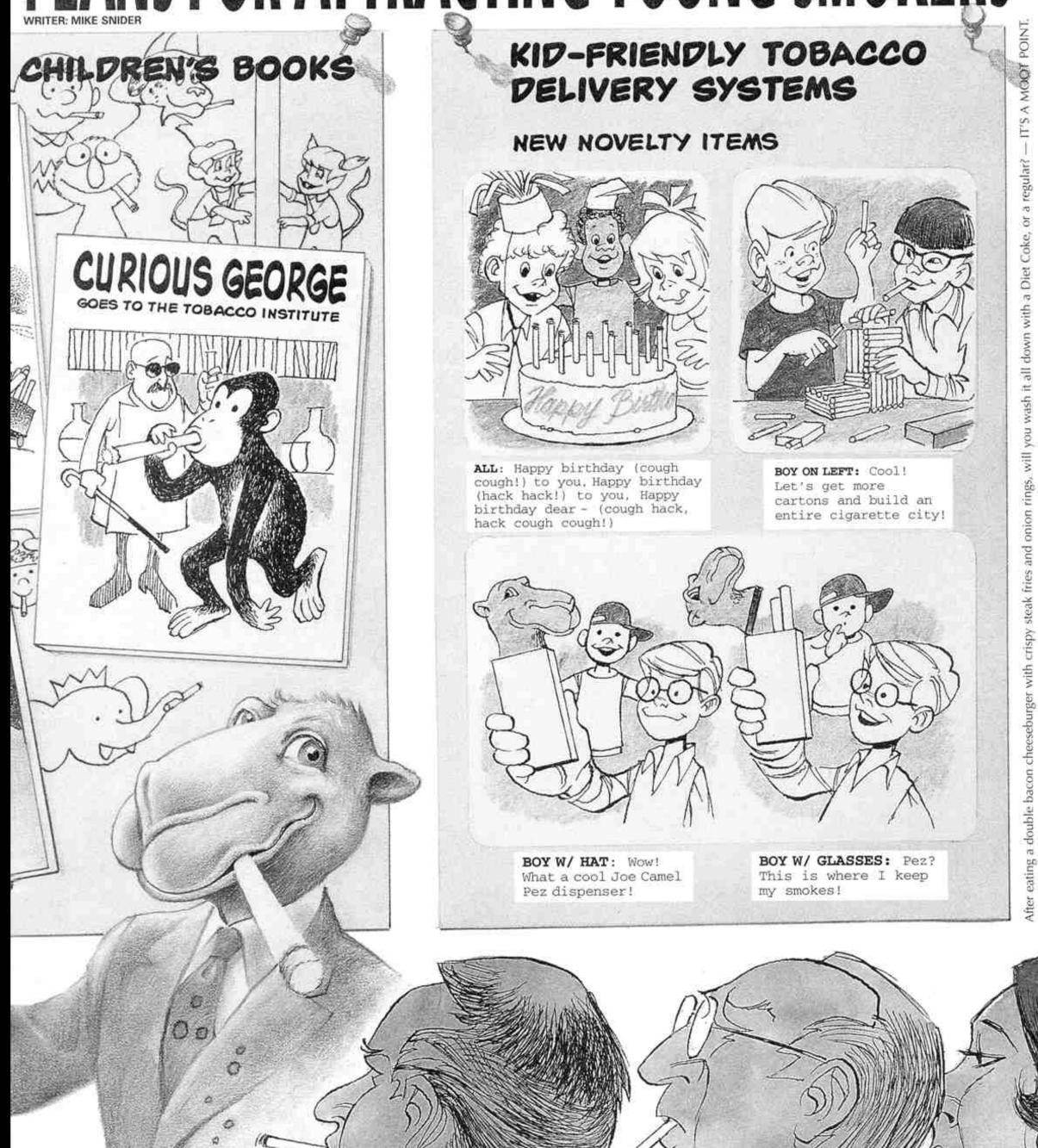






Cigarette Company memos made public! But only now, thanks to us muckraking muckrakers, can you see for yourself...

# PLANS FOR ATTRACTING YOUNG SMOKERS

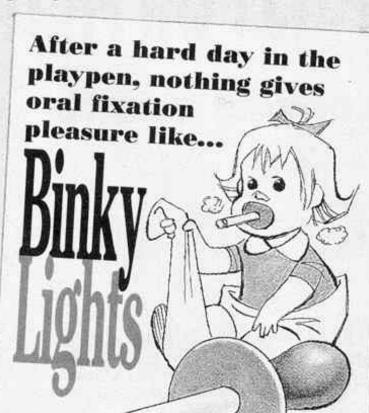






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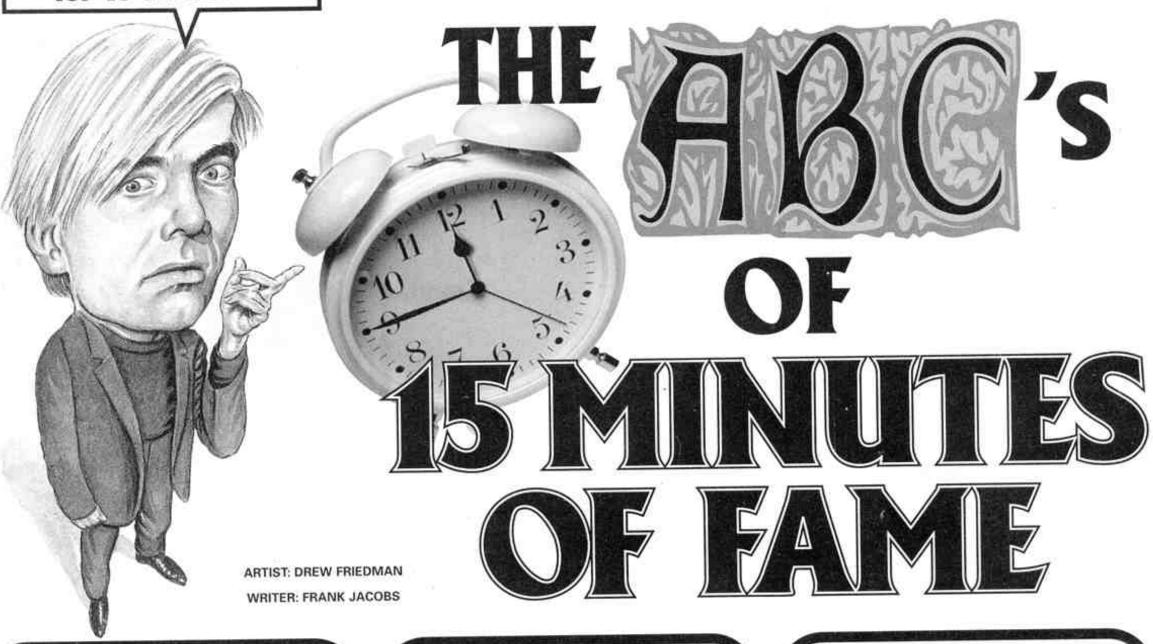
Goo-Good:

The Speed... The Power...
The Wind In Your Hair!
Tasted So Smooth!

TRIKE 100's

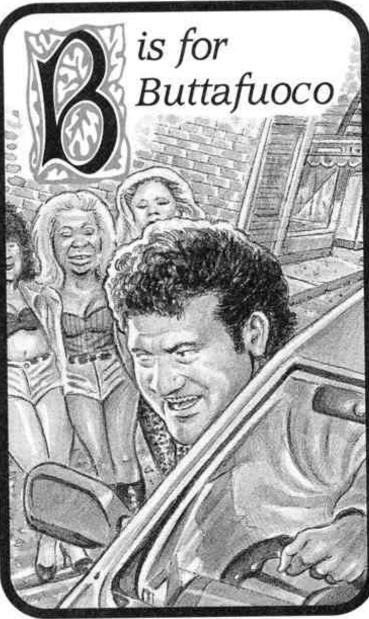
"In the future everyone will be world famous for 15 minutes."

So said Andy Warhol back in 1968! Well, it's nearly 30 years later, and Warhol's been proven right again and again! So how can you achieve your own 15 minutes of fame? Simply follow the examples of others! To guide you, MAD presents...





Who briefly showed promise; Attempted, but failed, to Disrobe Clarence Thomas.



Who made it look easy; Such fame can be yours, Though it helps if you're sleazy.



True, not a big name; But thanks to Madonna, His sperm's brought him fame.



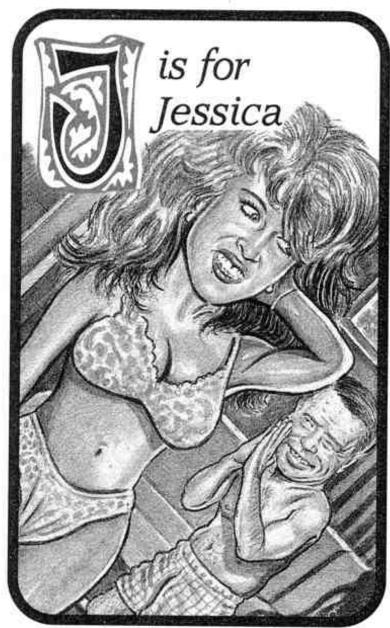
Now forgotten, we fear, Since that night when she nearly Blew Hugh Grant's career.



With Lyle went astray, Killing both of their parents – But, hey, that's L.A.



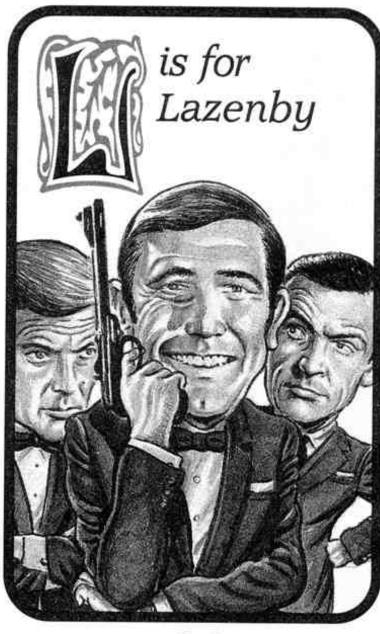
This rule he obeyed: Just get married to Liz And your fame's Taylor-made.



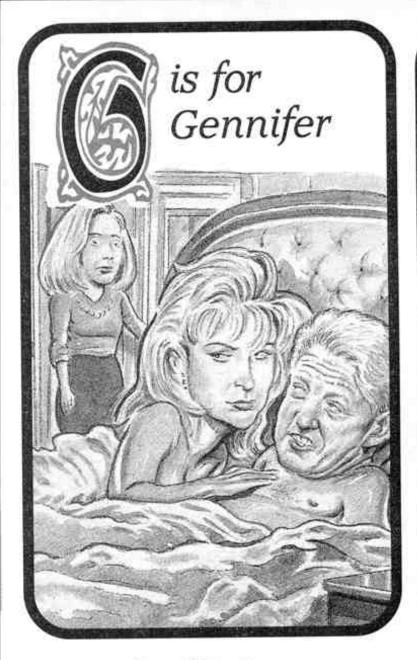
With whom Jim had his way; Which should be no surprise If you've seen Tammy Faye.



Helped O.J. go free; His fame? 15 minutes! His worth? Maybe three.



His one major flick Nearly killed off James Bond, Which is no easy trick.



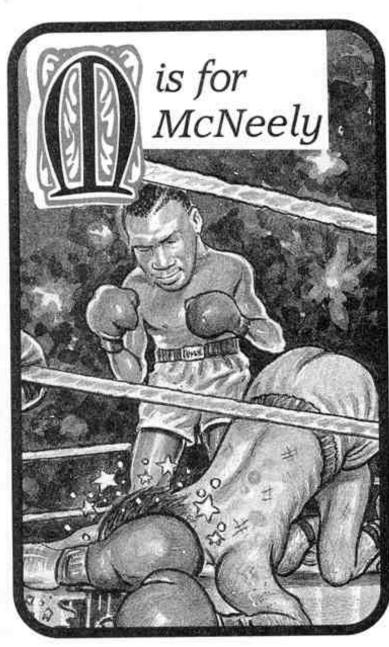
Not really a floozie; It's just that she's female And Bill's not that choosy.



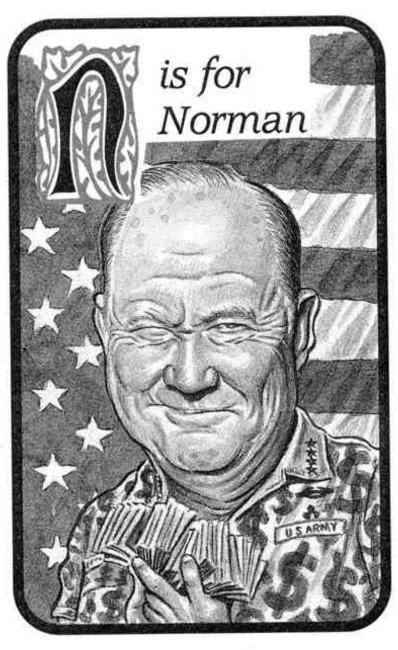
The Hollywood Madam; She pimped for some hookers But won't say who had 'em.



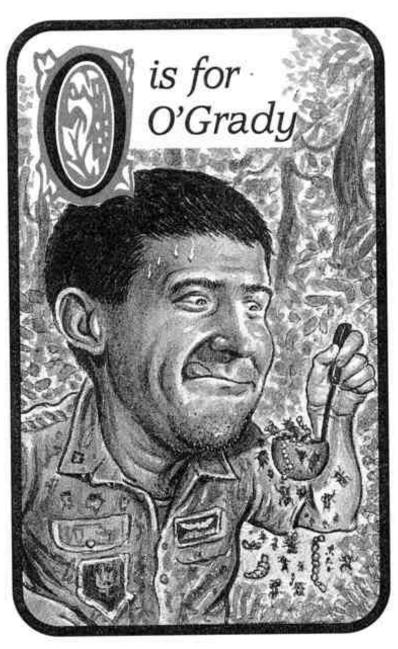
A flop, most agree; The trial, though, is finished – Let's hope so is he.



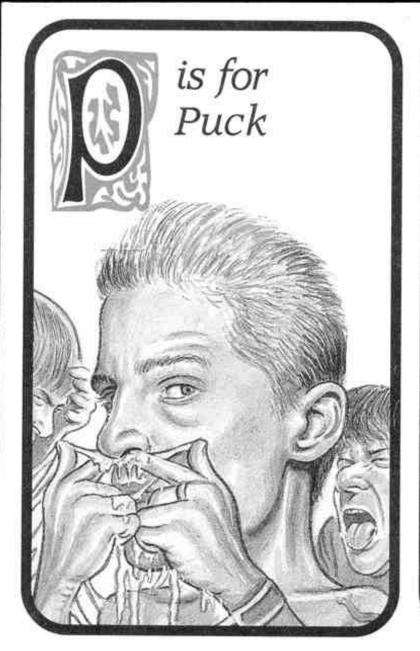
Mike had him for lunch; But for three million bucks Wouldn't you take one punch?



In battle served well; Now makes millions from lectures; For some, war **ain't** hell!



Serbs shot down his jet; Ate bugs to survive – All the rest we forget.



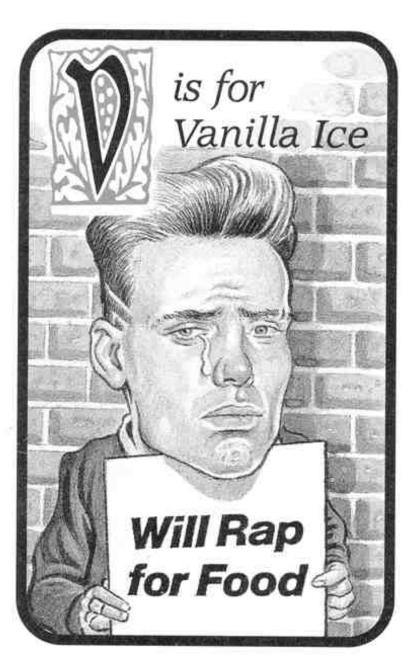
On "The Real World" he rose, But you can't build a career Around picking your nose.



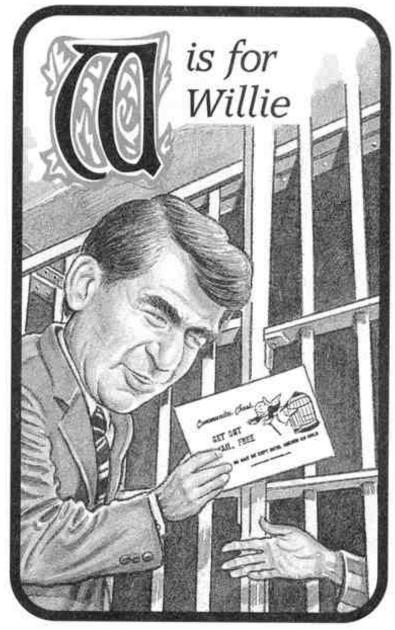
Which feminists feared; Shannon Faulkner dropped out And the Citadel cheered.



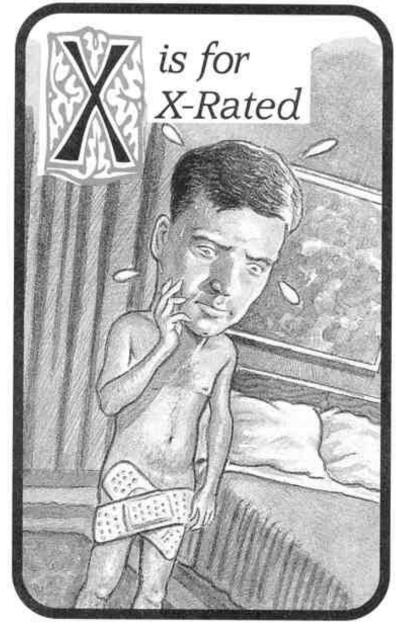
A dud like no other But quick fame's a lock When the Prez is your brother.



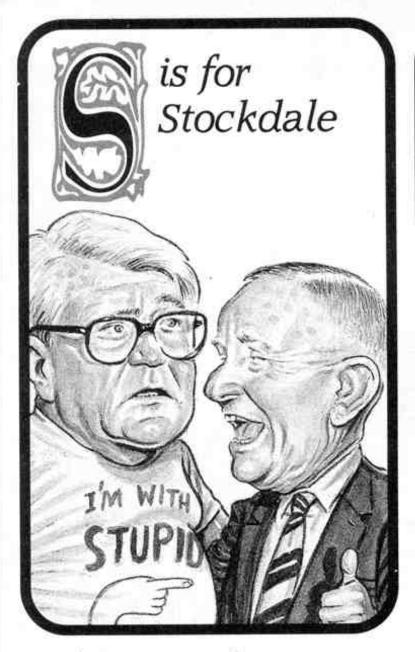
His fame turned to crap, Giving proof to the adage That white men can't rap.



Our world's gone insane When a paroled killer/rapist Can swing a campaign.



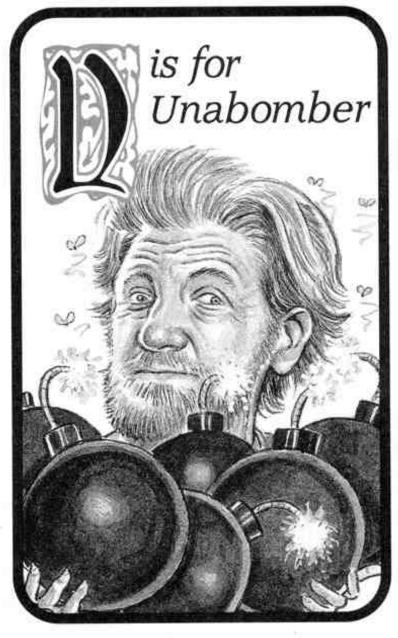
For folks fond of smut; But even they skipped "John Wayne Bobbitt – Uncut."



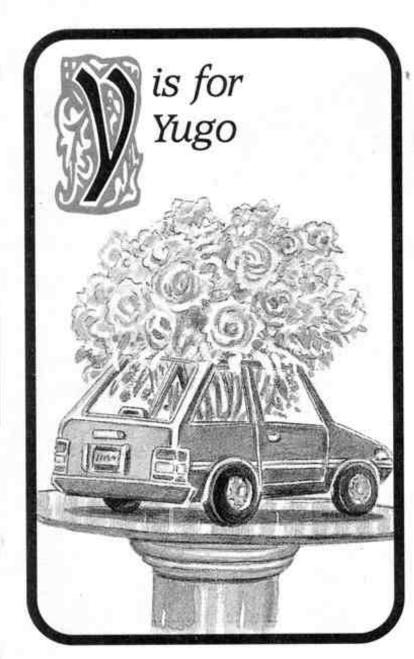
A fine man, we know; His only mistake Was to run with Perot.



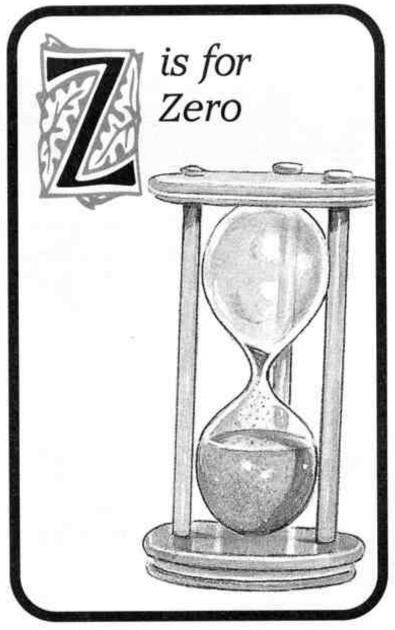
Now shunned like the plague, After telling Gillooly, "Hey, Jeff, break a leg!"



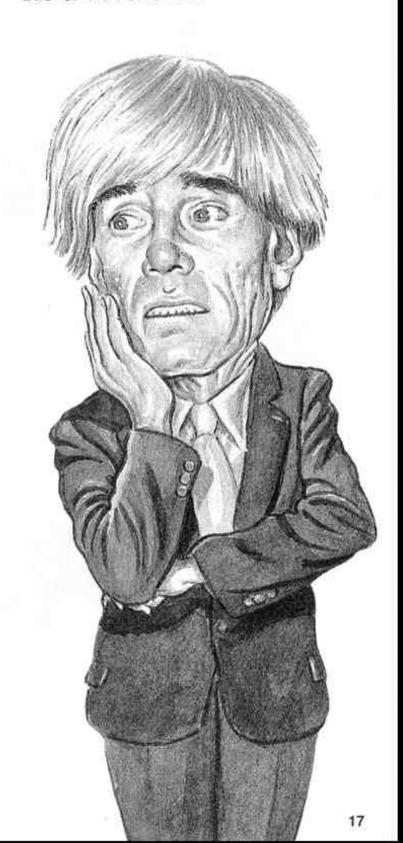
He made quite a mess; The Post Office wishes He'd used UPS.



Disastrous on roads; Even back in Croatia They're used as commodes.

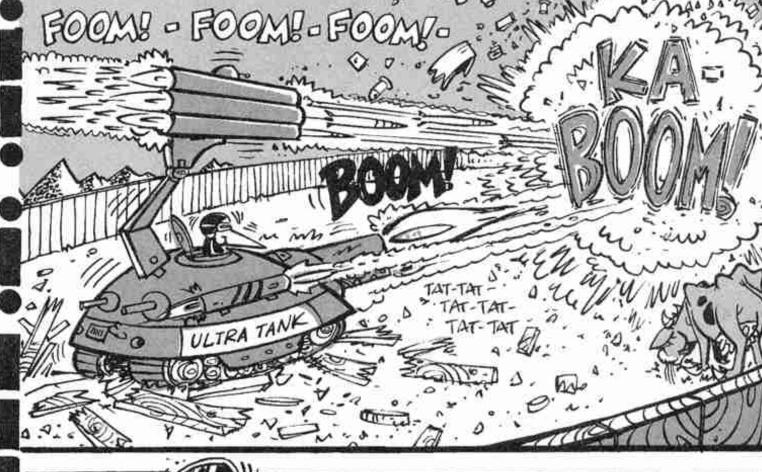


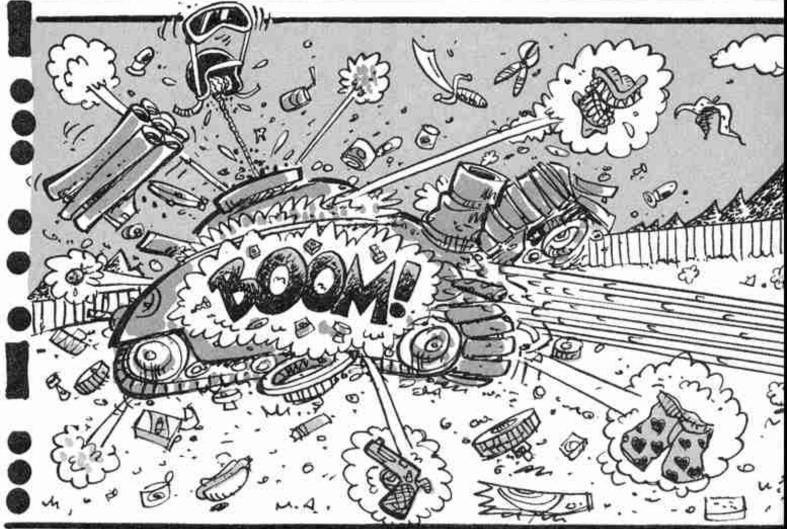
No more can we bear; The list's not complete – Wish you were there?



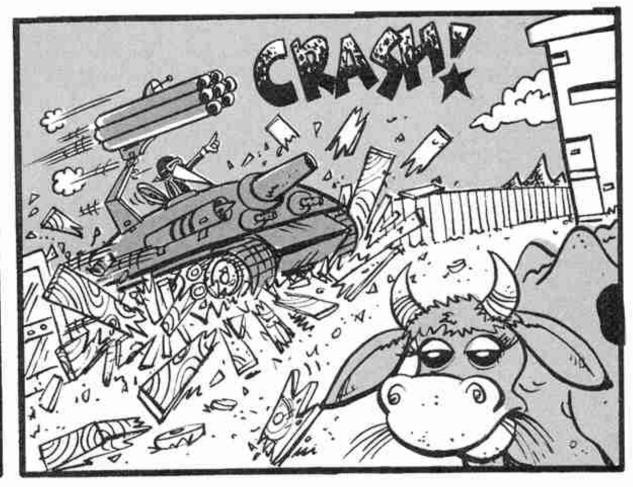




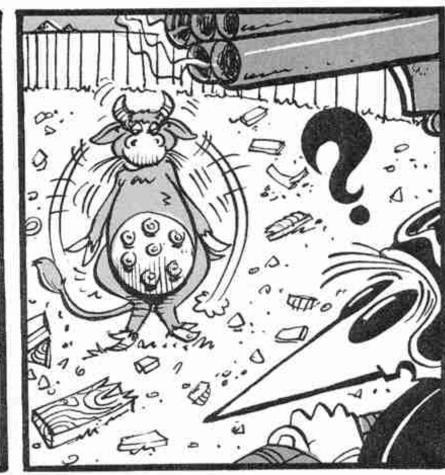


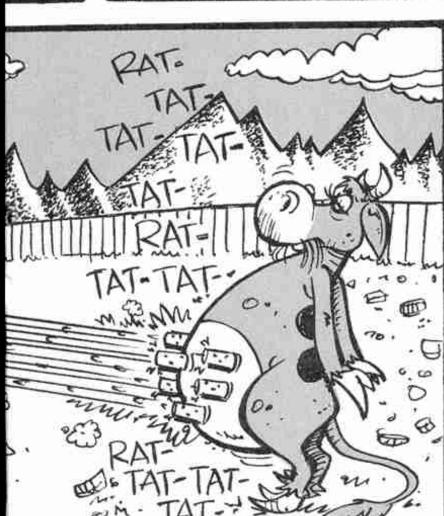


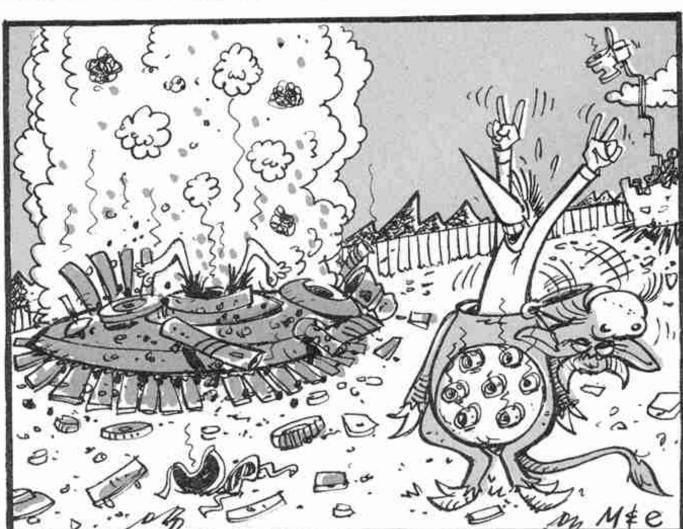












### HUMP ROAST DEPT.

How about those Disney babes? It all began with the innocent Little Mermaid! Then came the spicy Jasmine in Aladdin and...whew! Admit it, you found yourself turned on by cartoon women! Well, we're on to Disney's sick little scheme! "Family entertainment" can get a bit boring—that's why they're sneaking good of fashioned T & A into their films! So, if you felt guilty drooling over the statuesque Pocahontas, just wait until you see...



# HUNCHBACK AND NOTE THE DAME

I'm Fearless, Captain
of the Guard! I've
won dozens of medals,
which is pretty amazing,
since I'm the world's
worst soldier!
But man, can I carry a
tune! And in this movie,
singing is what military
life is all about!

I am QuasiHero! I have strong arms and legs, but I also have a face that could stop a clock! Which is really bad for someone in charge of ringing the bells to announce the exact time! Fortunately, solitary confinement for 20-plus years in the bell tower has done nothing to affect my brain...although I'm not sure many people have best friends made of solid stone and singing birds as roommates!

We're
the slapstick
gargoyles, Victory,
Yugo and Latrine,
which in French
means Moe, Larry
and Curly, only
with a kind
of religious
spin!

ARTIST: SAM VIVIANO





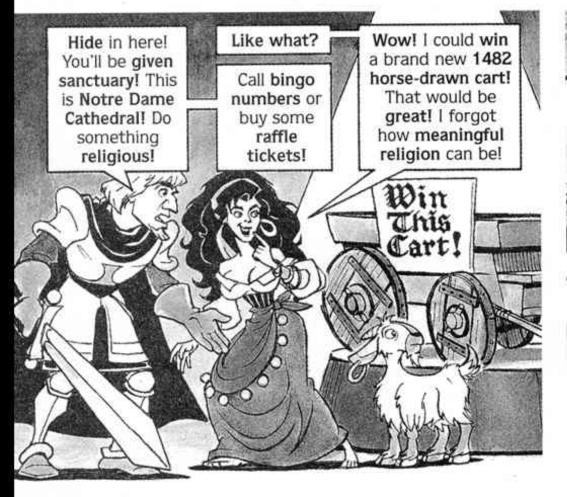
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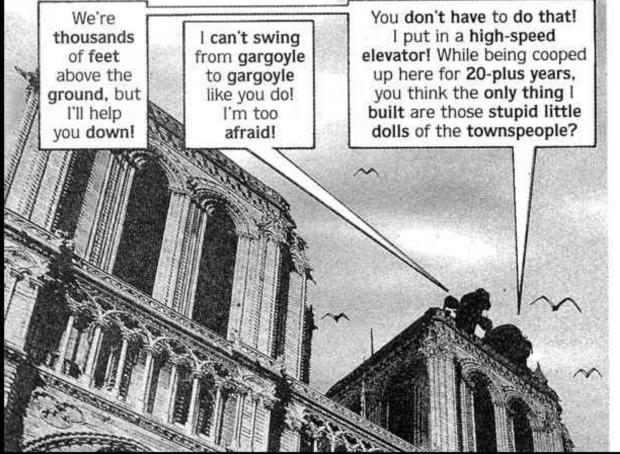


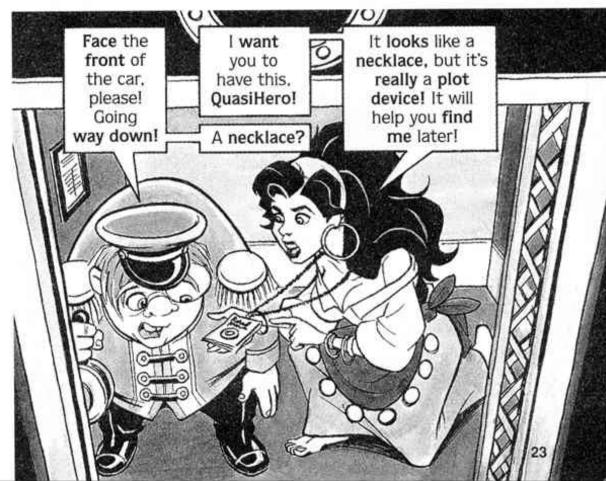


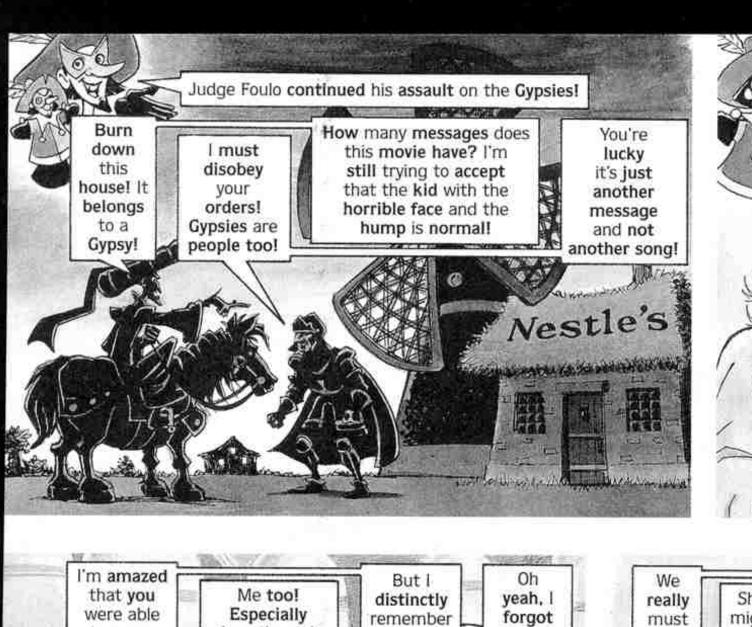


















Rand McNally

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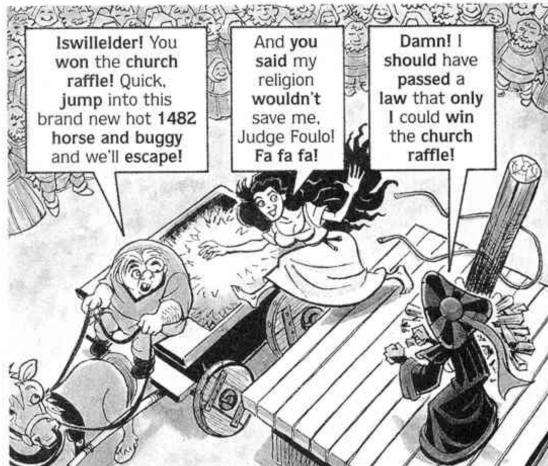








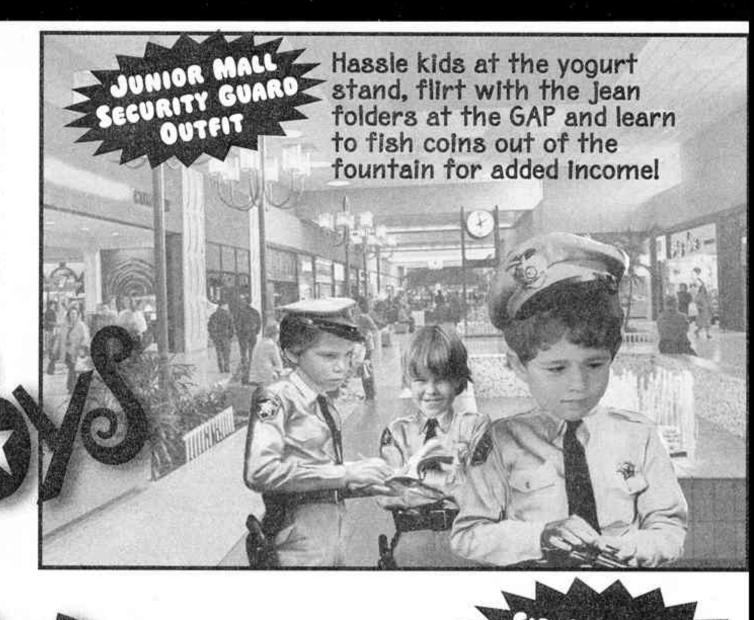






### MATTEL IT LIKE IT IS DEPT.

There was a time in America when kids had big career dreams...and big career dream toys so they could practice being doctors, teachers, scientists and architects! But today, fahgetaboutit! Those dreams, those careers and even those toys are history! So what's left? The McDonald's Fast Food Playset - the one item that perfectly sums up the sorry state of the U.S. economy today! That is, until toy store shelves start filling up with more...



Clean up the OROGRLY PLAYSET same bodily excretions and used medical supplies that doctors and nurses step over every day!



Be part of the hustle and bustle world of people with more important things to do than you!

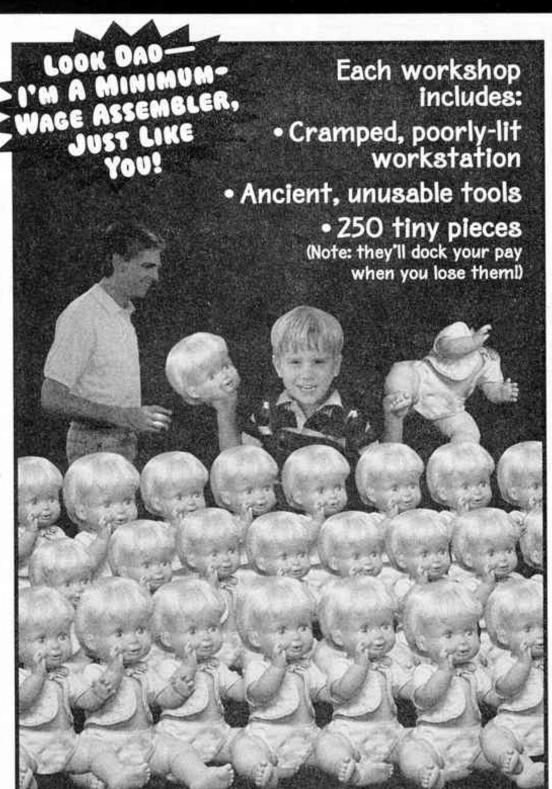






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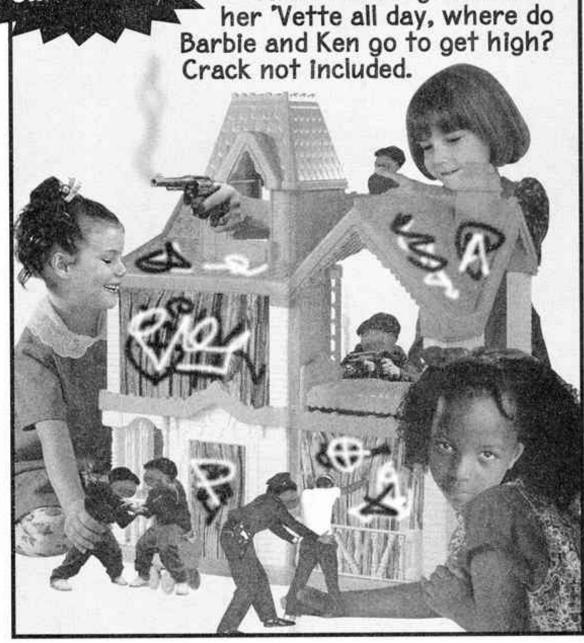






DREAM CRACK-HOUSE





After cruising around in

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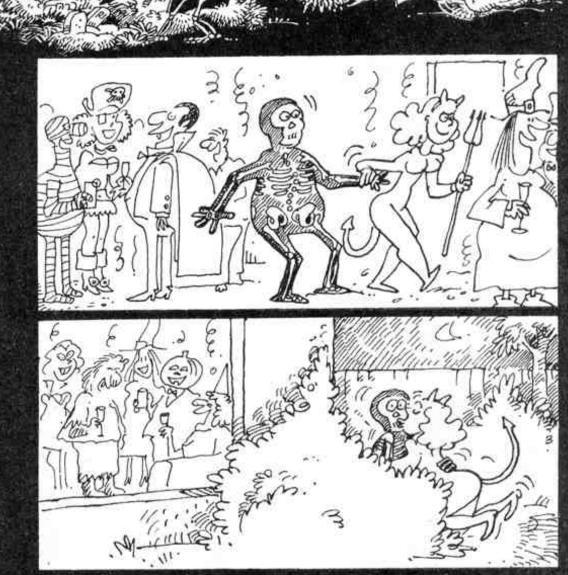


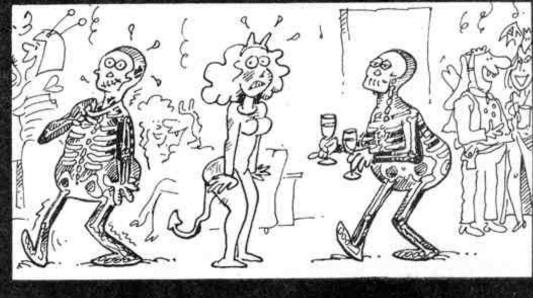




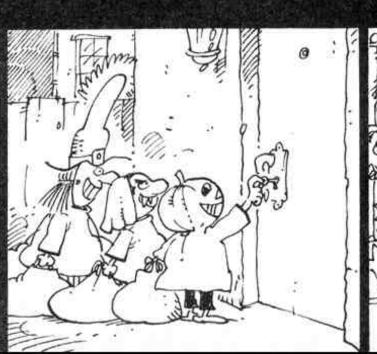




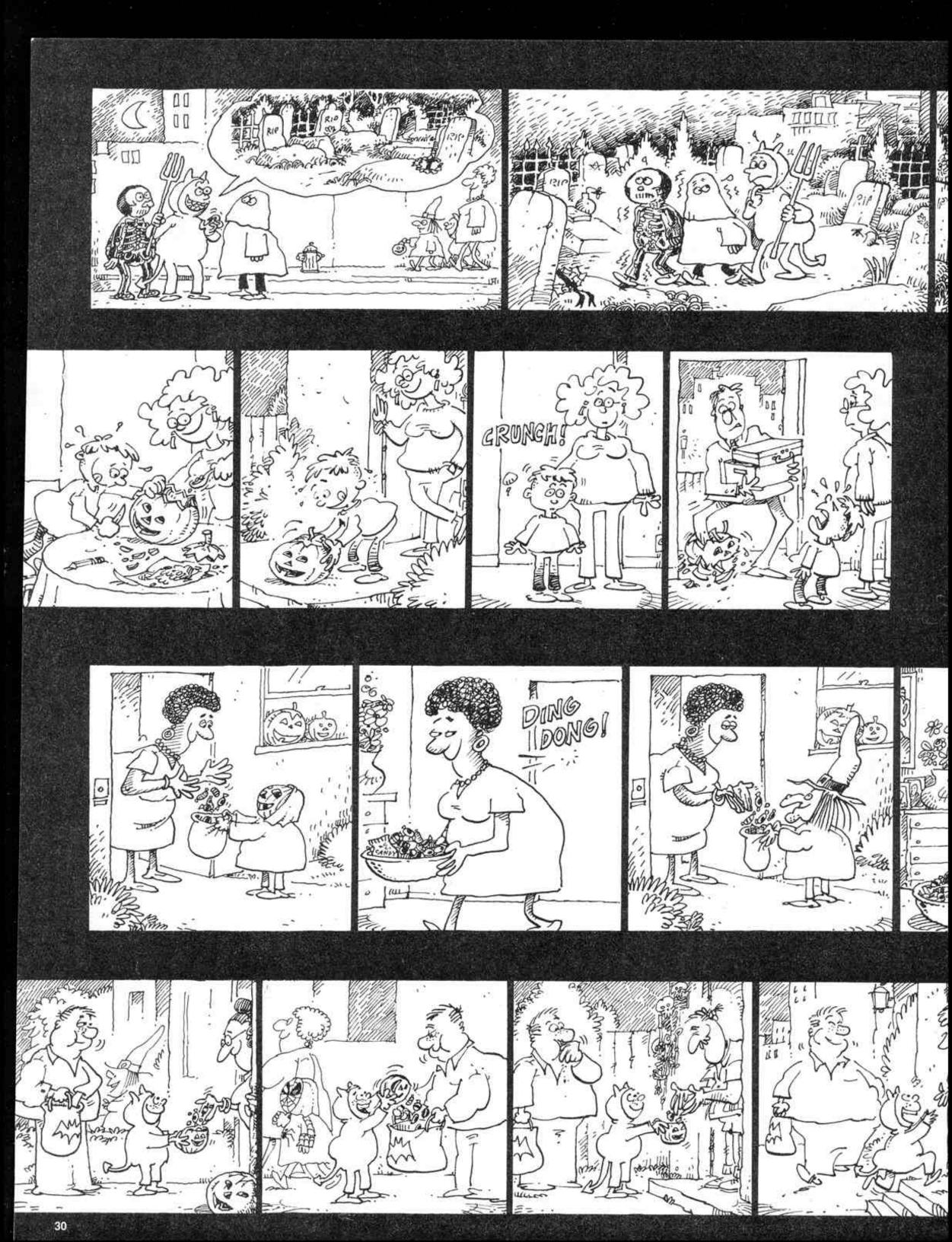


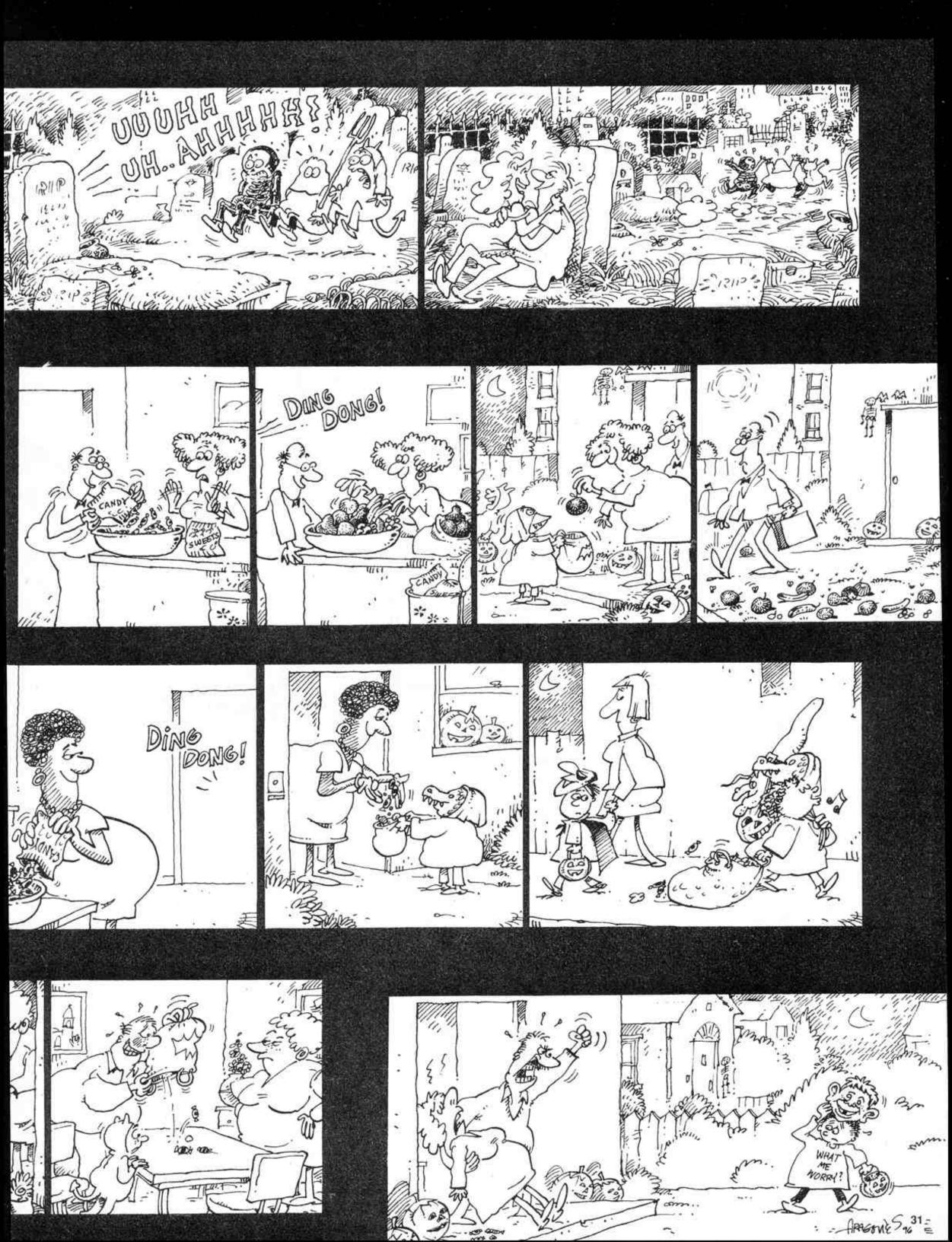






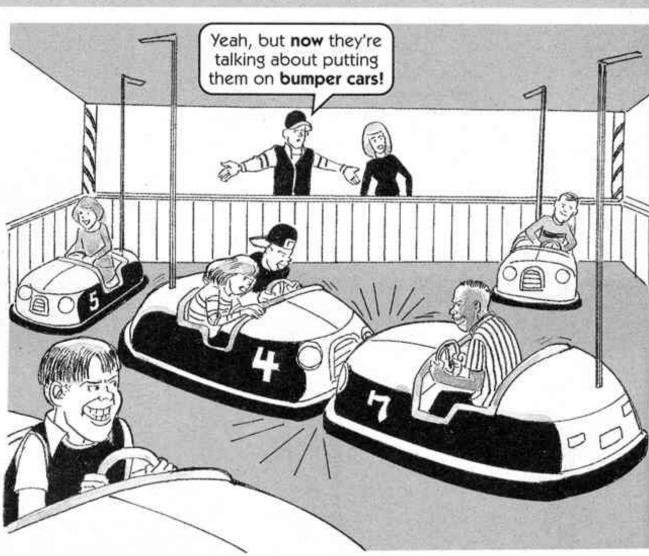






## CAUTION





BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

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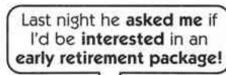
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# GROOMING



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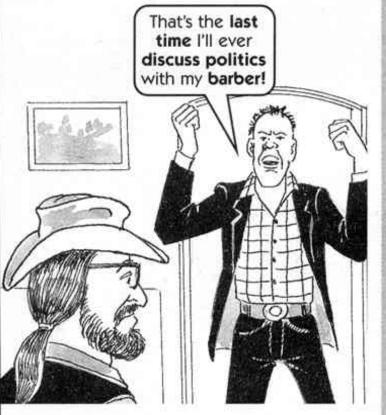


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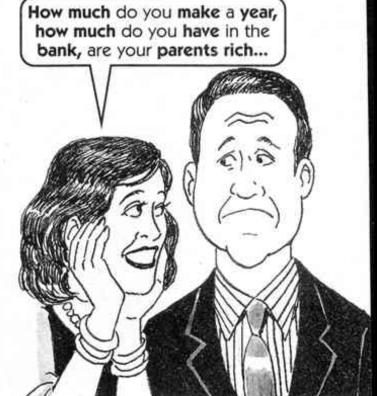


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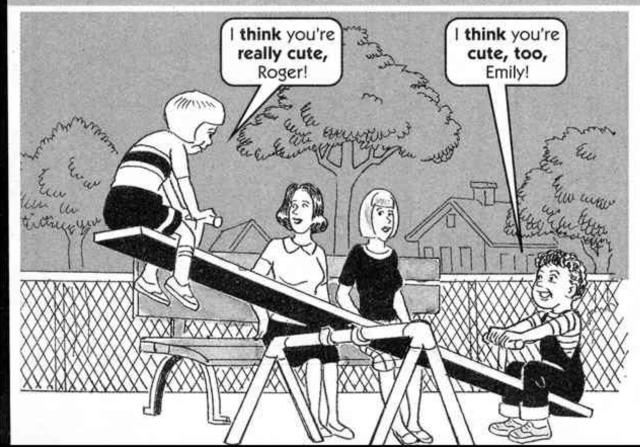


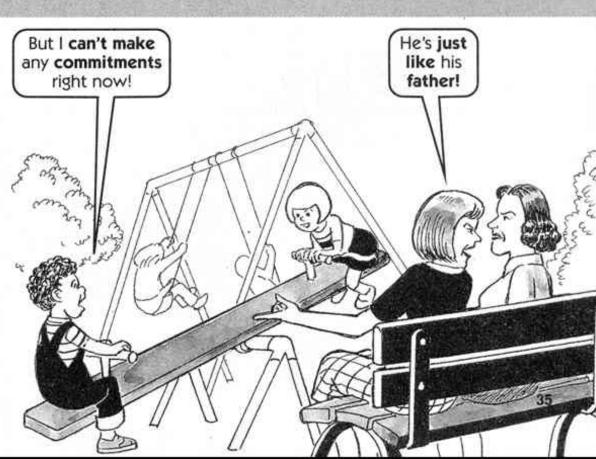




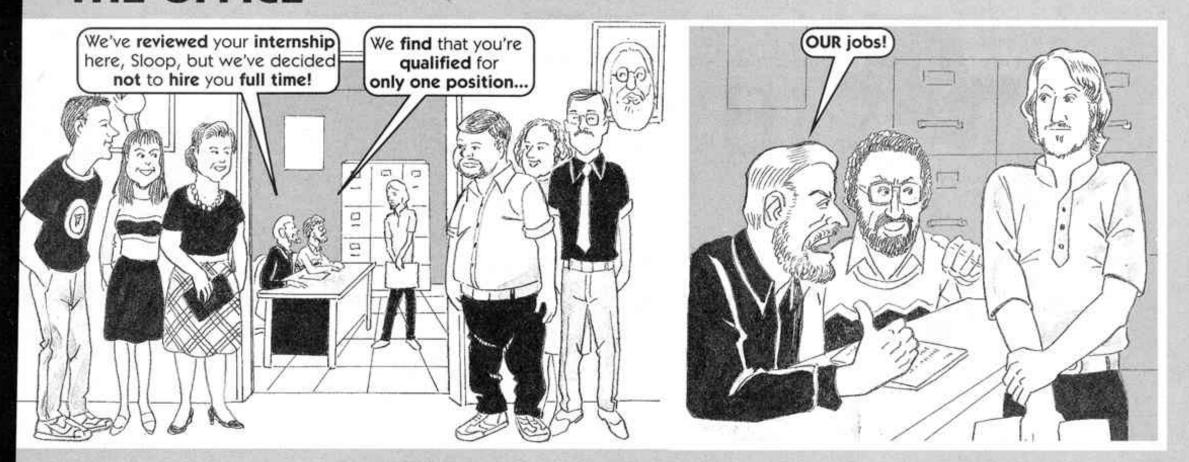


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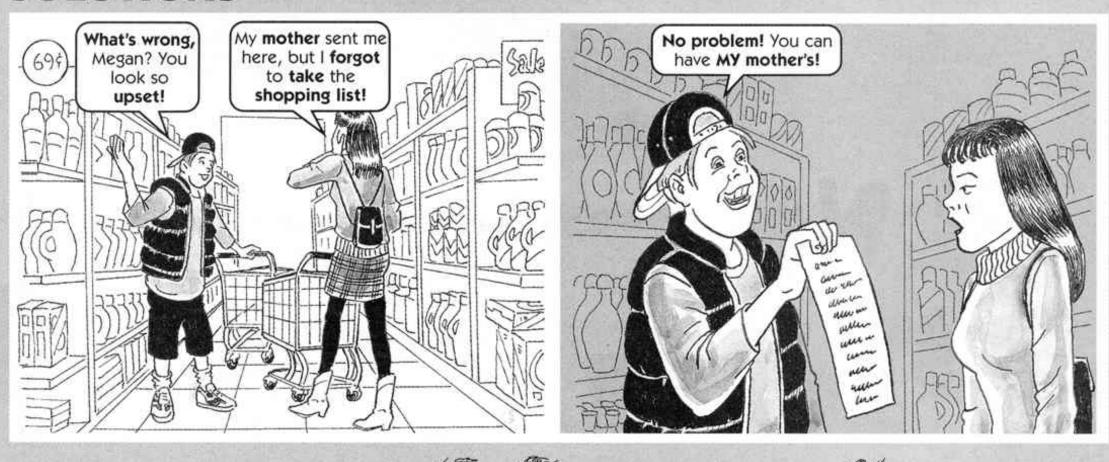




#### THE OFFICE



#### **SOLUTIONS**



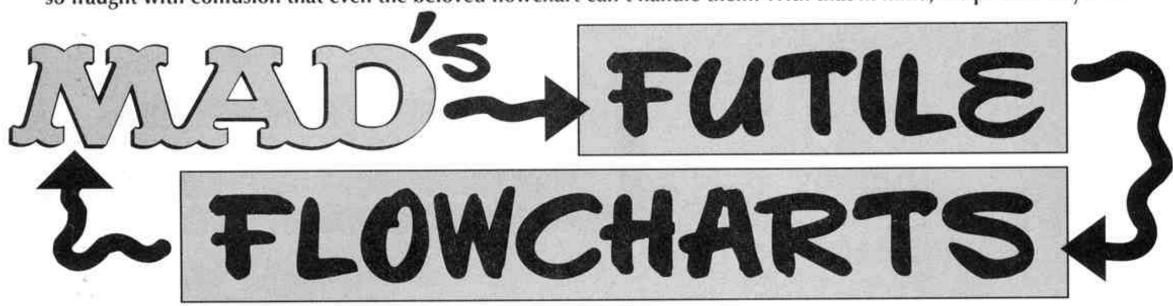
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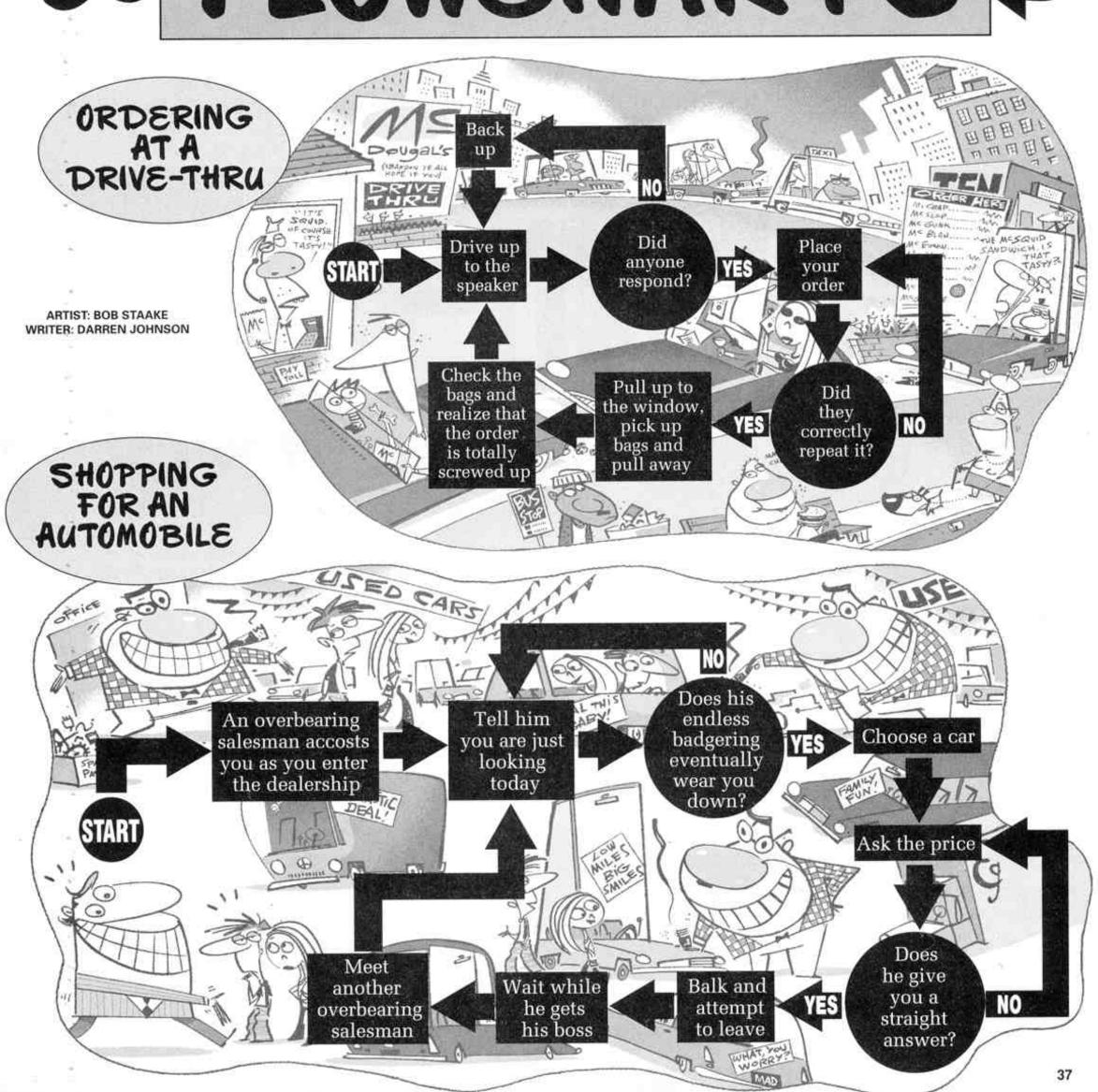


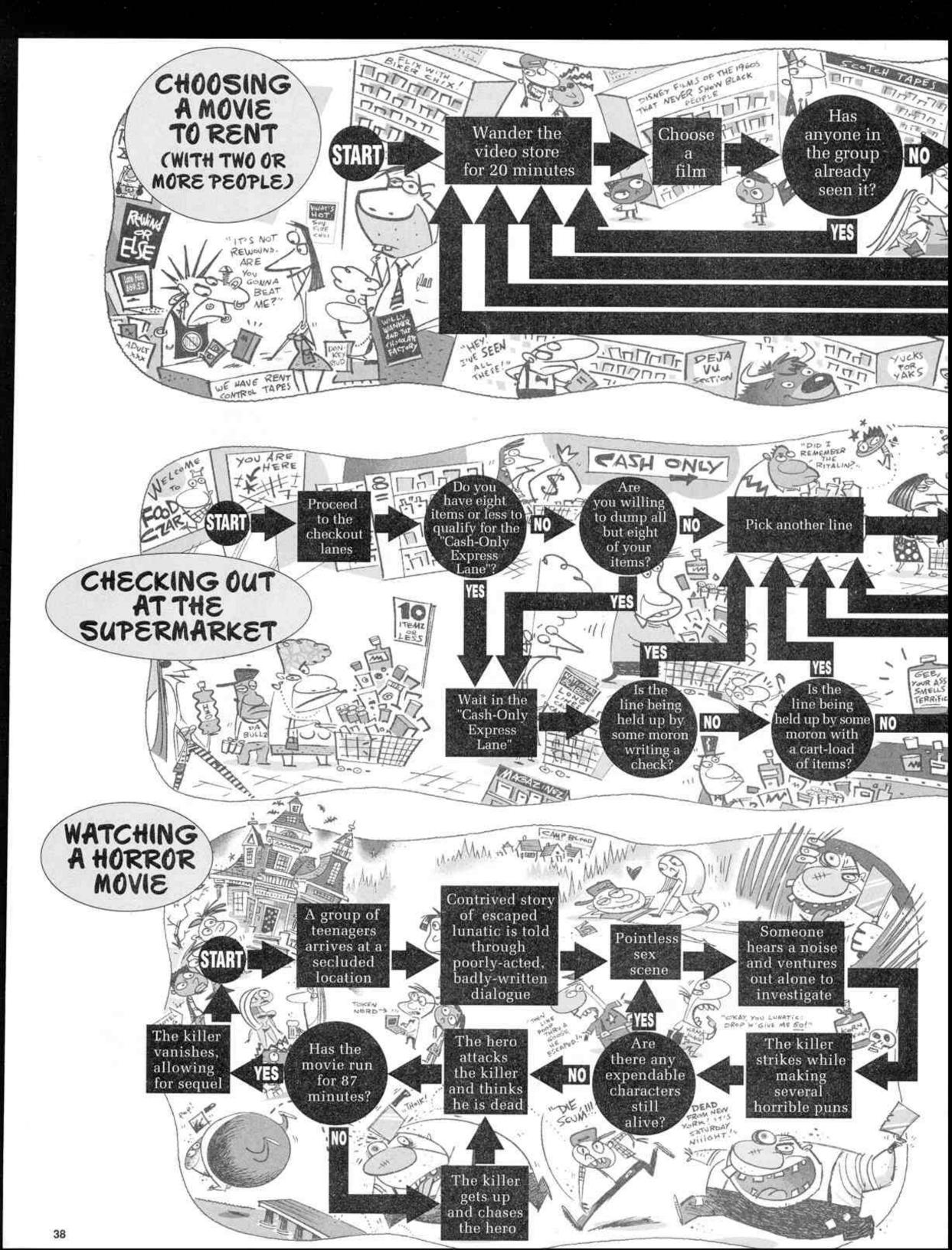


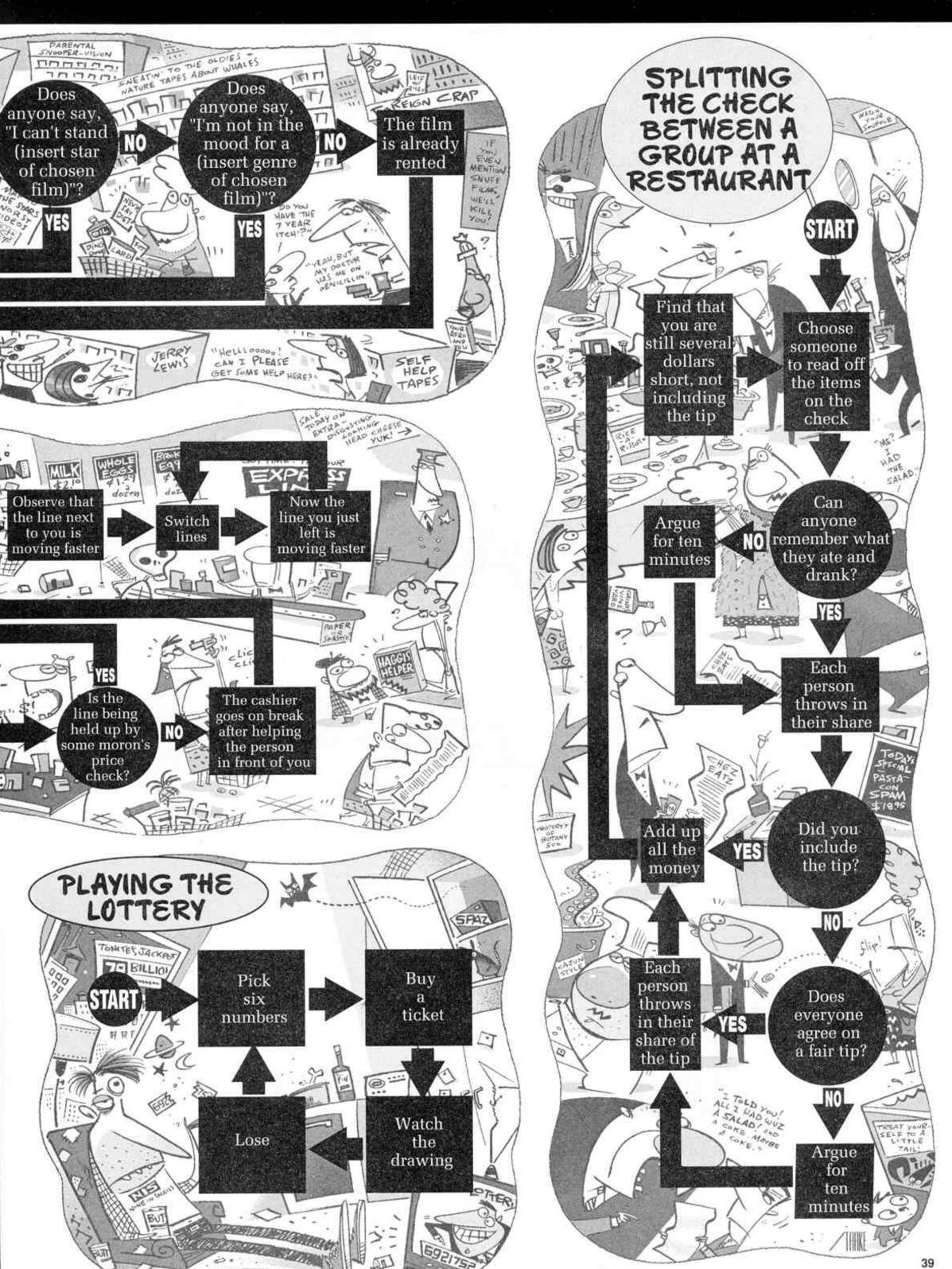
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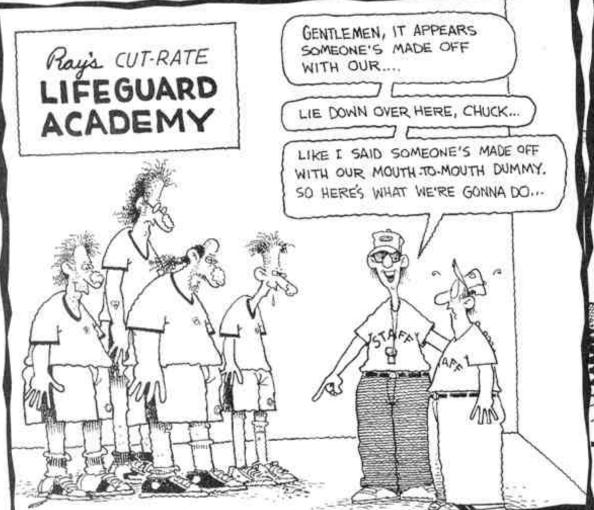
Ah, is there anything more noble than the mighty flowchart? Elegant in its simplicity, its logical array of geometric shapes, each connected by nothing more than a few simple lines, renders even the most complex system or progression comprehensible to the average dolt (i.e. you, the typical MAD reader)! There are, however, some situations so twisted, so bizarre, so fraught with confusion that even the beloved flowchart can't handle them! With that in mind, we present to you...













## NEW KID ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK DEPT.

Everyone is not treated equally in the workplace. One's position, contrary to popular belief, is not usually based on skill, charm or bedroom antics with the boss — though that rarely hurts! No, treatment is based on time — years of service to a company. Usually a new worker is condemned to grunt work until a newer putz with even LESS seniority is hired. It's generally easy to spot the office whipping boy, though, which is why MAD challenges you to view the following workplace scenes and ...

# GUESS WHO HAS



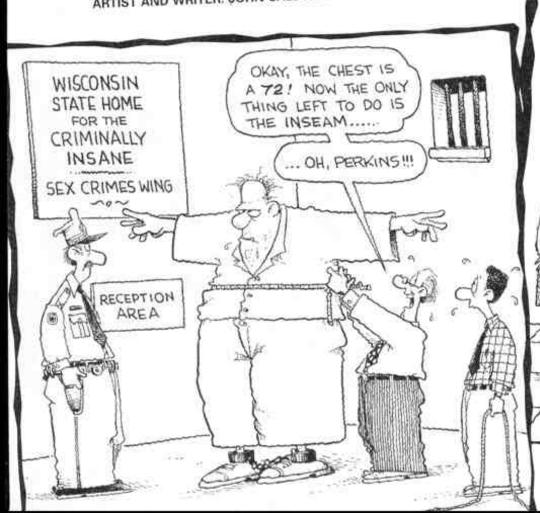
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THEY NEED SOMEONE ON THE
SET OF ACE VENTURA III TO
FALL THREE STORIES INTO
A VAT OF BABOON DUNG!

OF STUNTMEN
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THANKS, TYRA, FOR THAT PROBING INTERVIEW WITH THE POPE ... NOW LET'S GO TO CHUCK WEATHERWAX, WHO'S SOMEHOW MANAGED TO WANGLE HIS WAY INTO THE MOSH PIT AT A SOGGY LOLLAPALOOSA '96 !!!

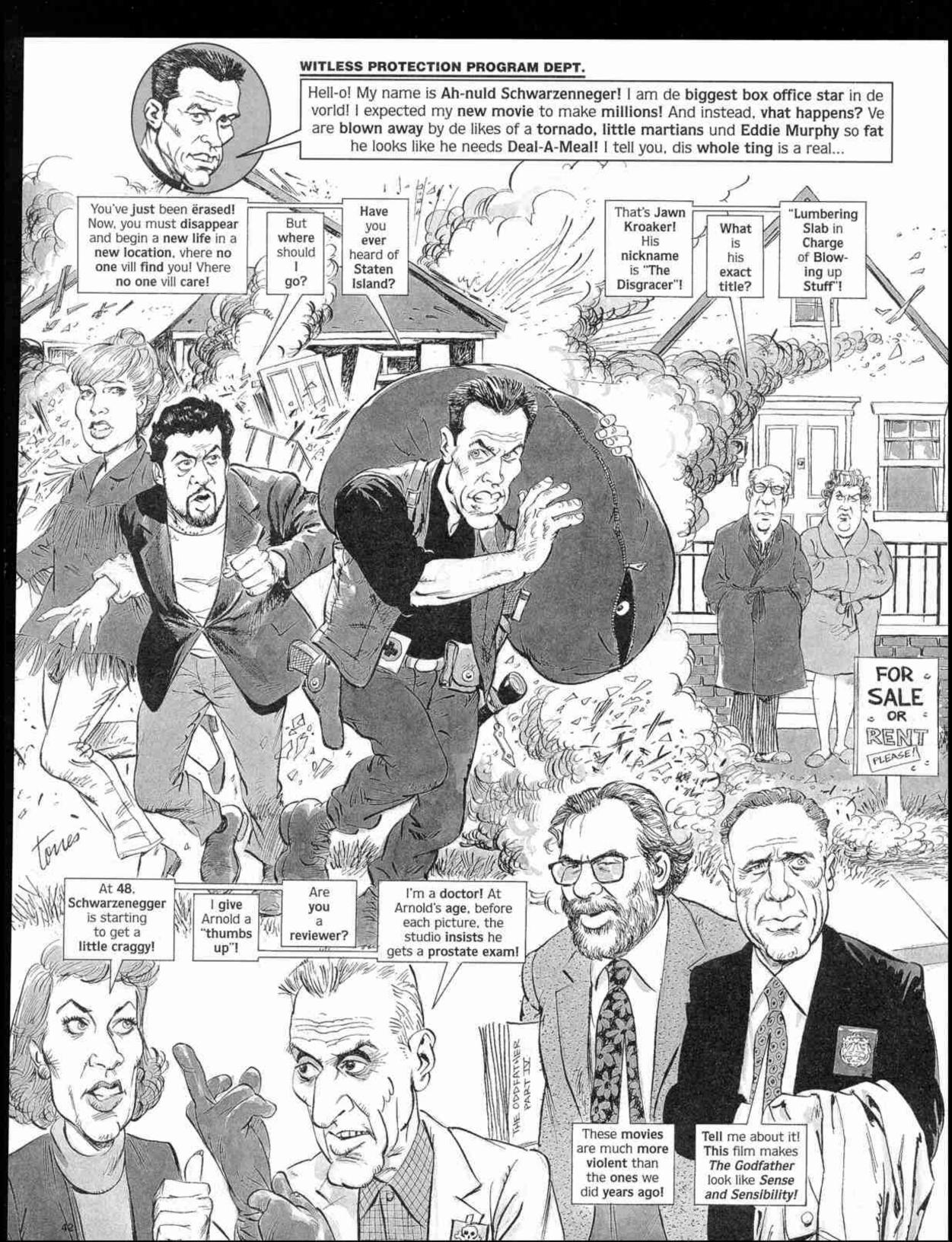


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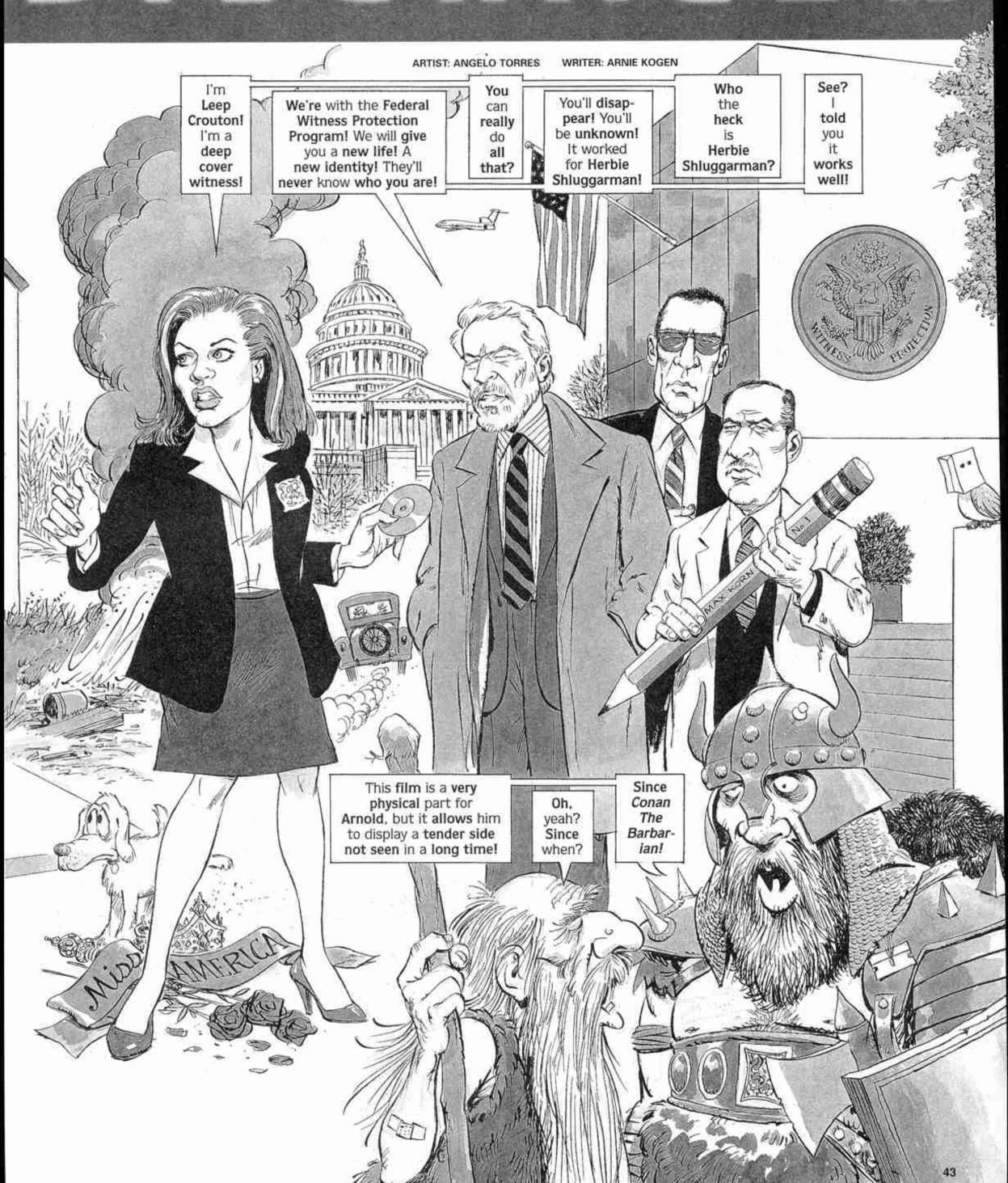


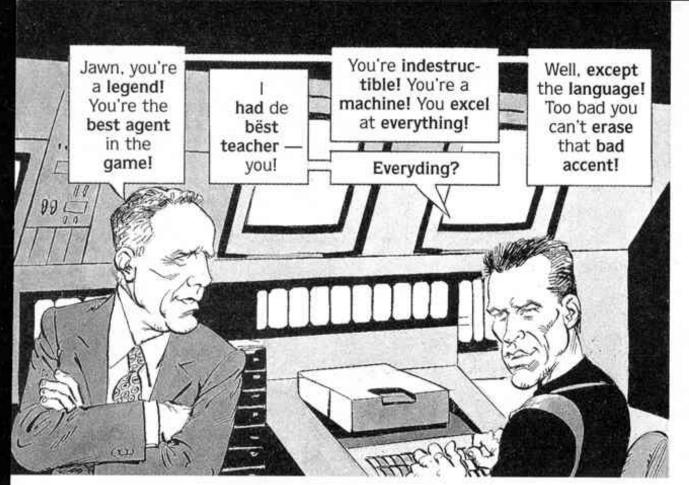
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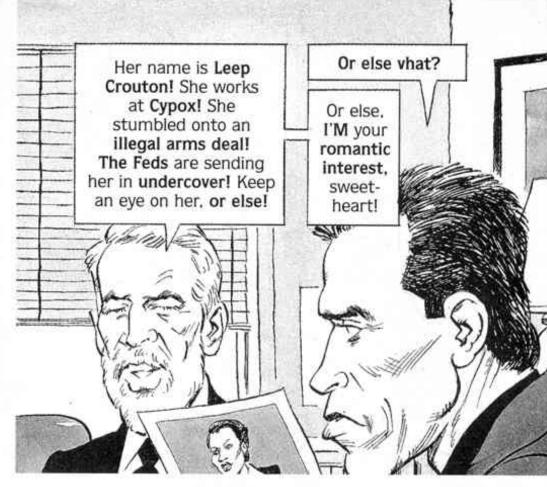




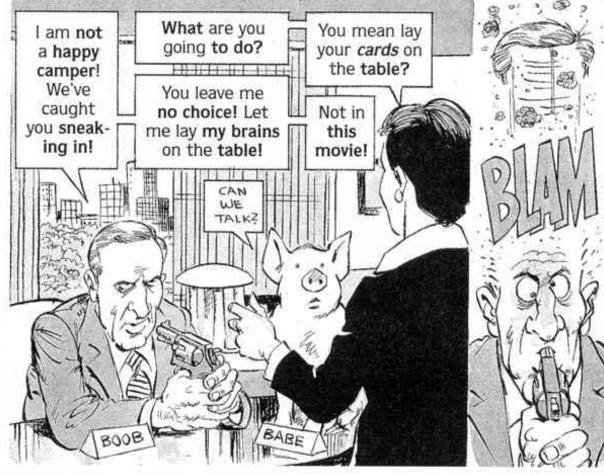
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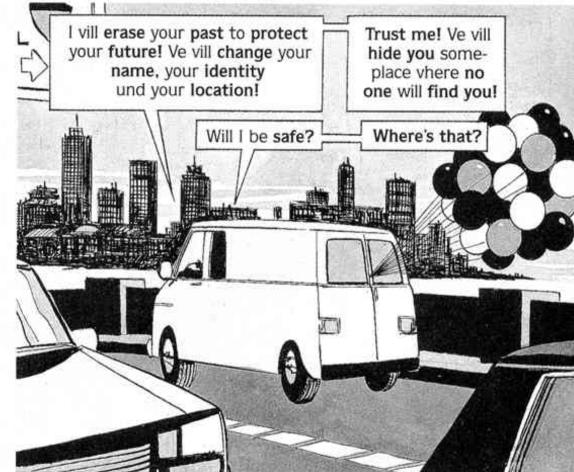




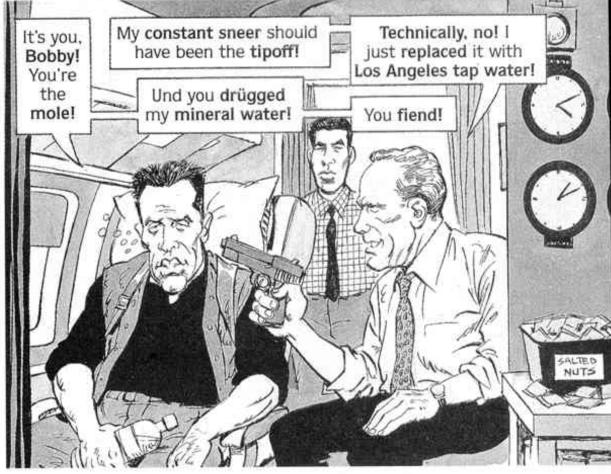


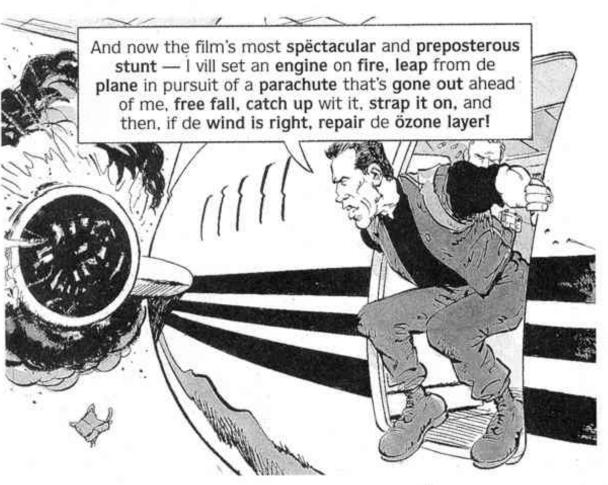


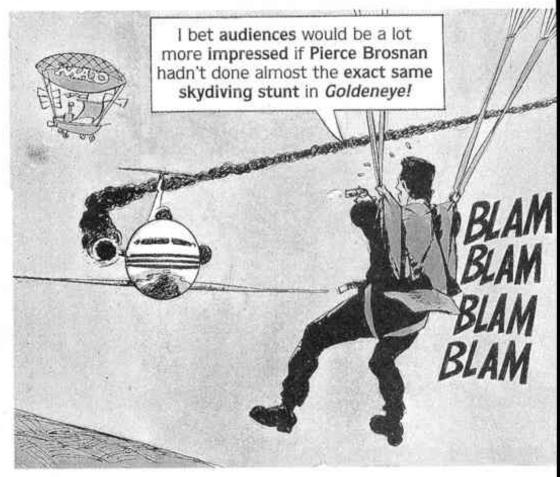


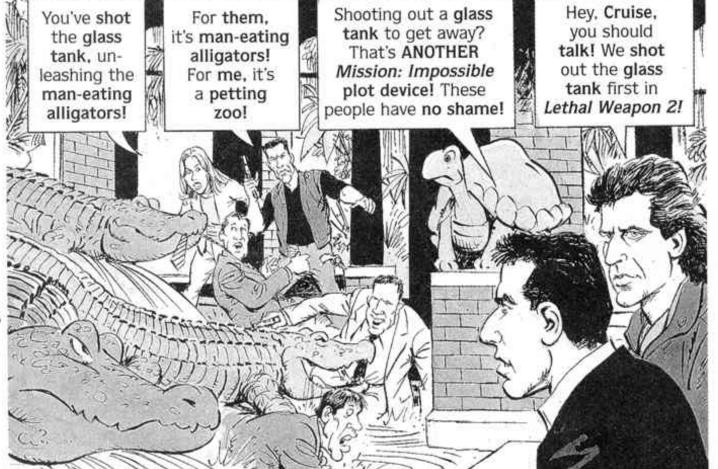


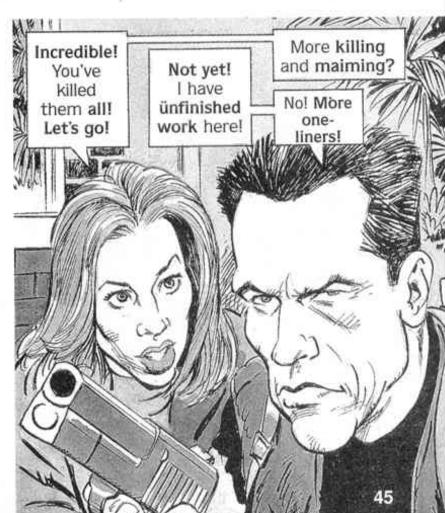








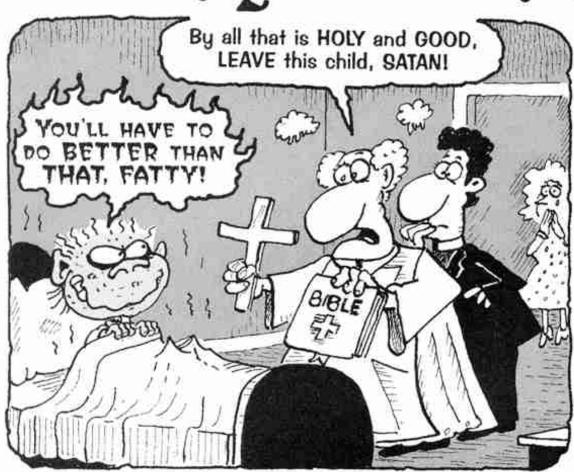








# THE EXQUISITE EXORCISM EXPERIENCE











WHAT PROPOSED **MERGER IS THE MOVING QUICKLY** TO BLOCK?

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

The latest trend in business is to form mega-conglomerates by merging one company with another. This creates a corporate synergy that is praised in Washington D.C. But there is one type of merger that the government is steadfast in its opposition. To find out what it is, simply fold page in as shown.

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ARTIST & WRITER: AL JAFFEE

SADLY, A DESIRE TO COMBINE CAN CREATE SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS. LAWMAKERS WILL NOT FIX MARGINALLY SENSIBLE RULES EVEN IF A MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE RESULTS IN MANY INSTANCES

