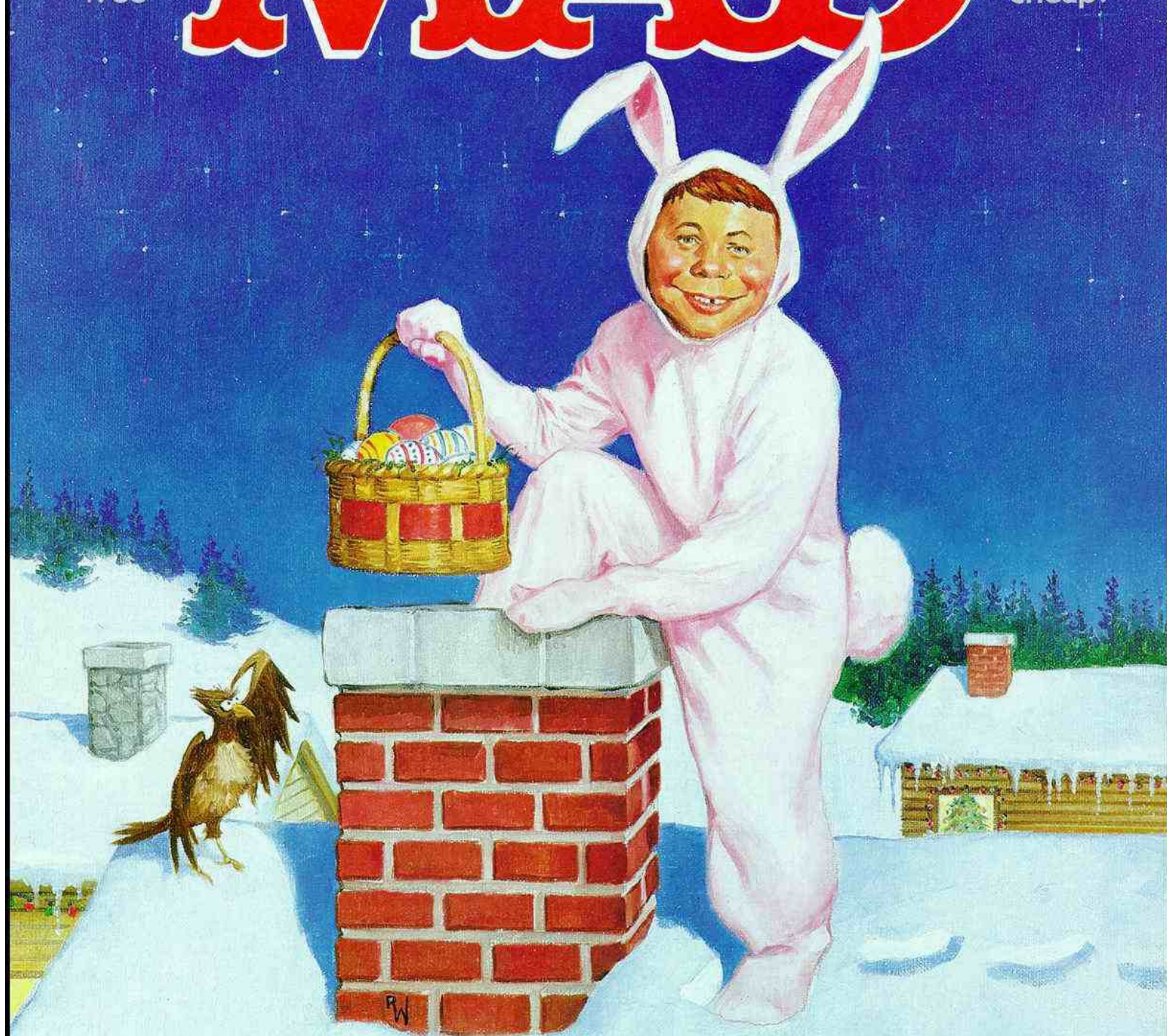


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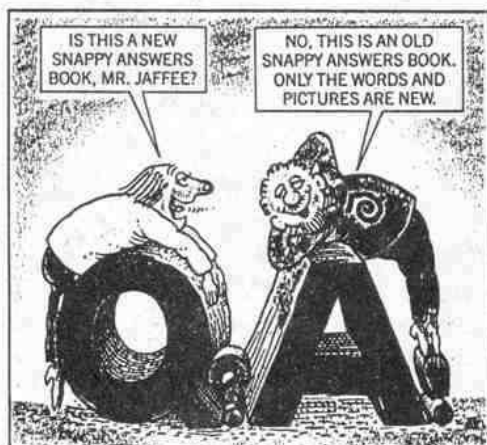
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STUPID QUESTIONS???

LETTERS AND TOMATOES DEPT.



GIVING CREDIT WHERE NO CREDIT IS DUE

Last week I was at a restaurant with my friend and used your "No-Credit" cards from MAD #274. We are now serving a one-year sentence for fraud.

Evan Pranhall
Manhasset, NY

We're sorry to hear that, Evan. But so long as you're in the slammer, give our best to Sean Penn (provided he's not out of jail filming a movie!)—Ed.

WORLD LANDMOCKS

In the article "Little Known World Landmarks" you forgot the EMPIRE STEAK BUILDING!

Karl Manis
Shaw AFB, SC

We understand your beef. We were going to include it, but illustrations of the Empire Steak Building are rare and never well done! And that's no bull.—Ed.

NO PROBLEM!



From the looks of things, Alf liked our spoof of his hit show (MAD #272) as much as a nice hot "CAT"-serole!

NORTH JEST TERRITORY

Is MAD artist Harry North a relative of Col. Oliver North?

Tom Starling
Valley City, OH

No one wants the truth to be known more about this than we do. But respectfully, we must decline to answer on the grounds that it may incriminate Harry!—Ed.



Steve Johnson of Tulsa, OK sent us this editorial cartoon from the Tulsa Tribune. We pardon you, Steve!

DIRTY LAUNDRY

I was reading "Legal Wreckin'" by Dick DeBartolo and Angelo Torres when I came to the joke about bullets bouncing off an over-starched shirt. You used the same joke in "Knut Rider," (MAD #241, Sept. '83) done by DEBARTOLO and TORRES! Did you think you could get away with it unnoticed?!

Crip Erickson
Minot, ND

There's a simple explanation: Mel Gibson and David Hasselhoff have been taking their shirts to the same cleaners for years! What we want to know is, did you think you could get away unnoticed with an overstarched name like "Crip"?—Ed.



"Knut Rider" MAD #241



"L.A. LEWD"

L.A. LAW NIGHTMARES ON ELM STREET LETHAL WEAPON



Steven Bochco

August 6, 1987

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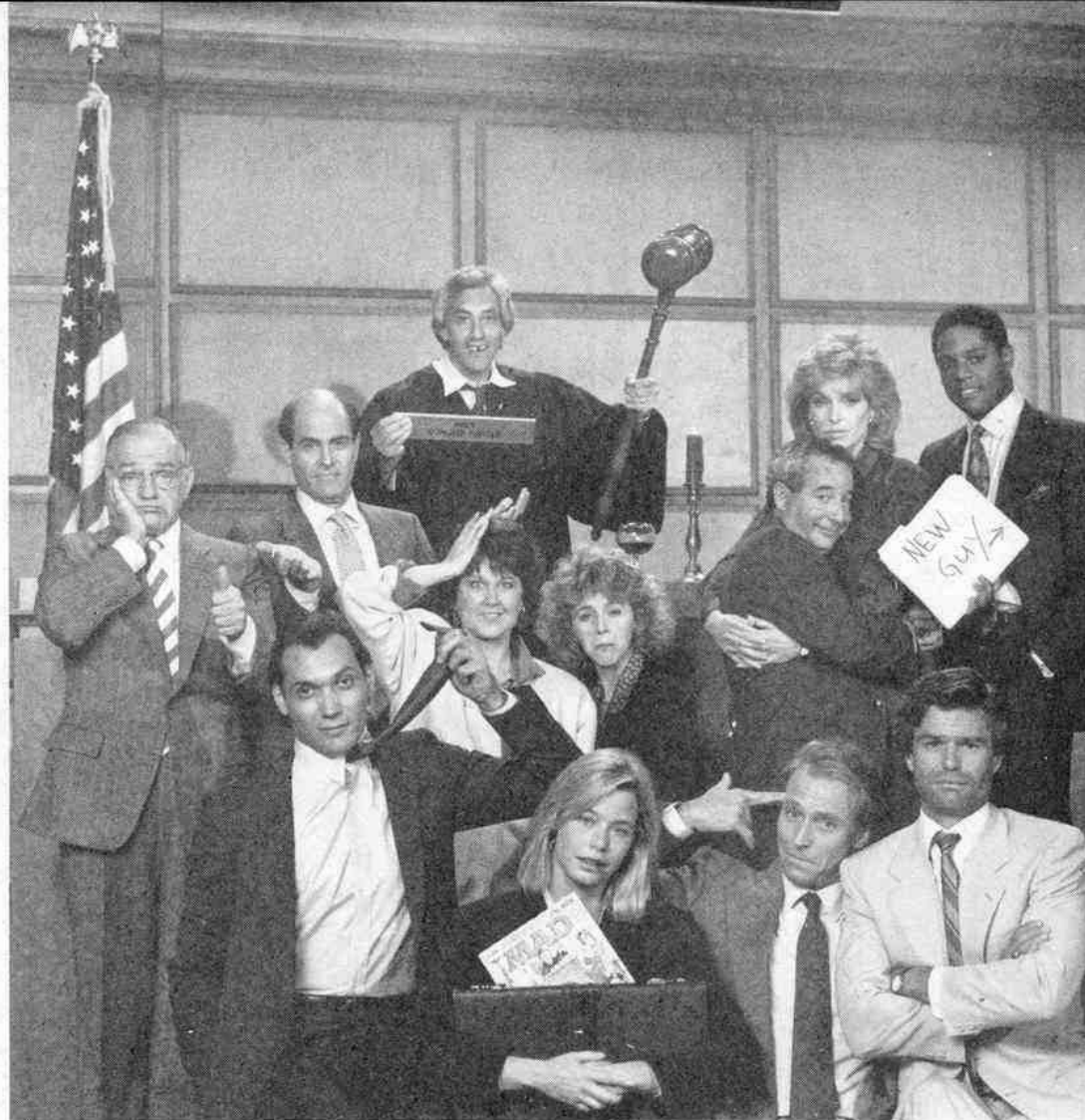
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Sincerely,

Steven Bochco

The Honorable Steven R. Bochco

SRB:mf



There's an old saying that goes "Art imitates life." Well, this time it's the other way around! Mainly, the cast of "L.A. Law" imitating MAD! The stars of the NBC series were so taken aback by the cover of MAD #274 that they decided their only legal recourse was to pose for a photo copying our cover. We thank them, but wish they had sent the picture a few months earlier—it would have saved cover artist Mort Drucker a lot of work! Pictured are: Front row: Jimmy Smits, Susan Dey, Corbin Bernsen, Harry Hamlin. Middle row: Richard Dysart, Alan Rachins, Susan Ruffin, Michele Greene, Michael Tucker, Jill Eikenberry and "new guy" Blair Underwood. In the back is "L.A. Law" Producer Steven Bochco doing an Alfred imitation!

"ELM STREET"

I'm a reporter for the South End newspaper in Detroit, and I recently interviewed Robert Englund, who portrays Freddy Krueger in the "Nightmare On Elm Street" films. When I asked if he was waiting for MAD to do a satire of his films, he answered, "If they do, I'll buy and frame it and put it up in my office!" Thought you'd like to know!

Lucy Kitchen
Detroit, MI

What a coincidence! When we interviewed Robert Englund, he said that if the South End newspaper ever did a story on him, he'd shred it, burn it and throw the ashes into Lake Michigan! Go figure! — Ed.

MORON MAIL

What does the word "Yecch" mean?

Chris Santine
Broomall, PA

A good question. "Yecch" is an old Yiddish word that when loosely translated means "Berg."

— Ed.

FAN LETTER OF THE MONTH

DEAR MAD-MEN,
AS A THIRD-DECADE DEVOTEE, I WAS TICKLED TO SEE IN TEE-BEE'S PUTHOUSE SOME MADITIES FROM THE PAST: THE MAD POINT, ARTHUR THE PLANT, POTZKEE, ETC. THANKS.

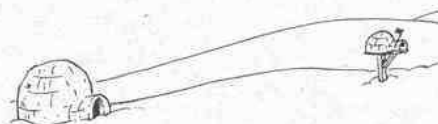


Ray Coshaw
San Francisco, CA

A SUPER SPECIAL COMMENT

I was just reading your Spring 1988 Super Special "MAD Mania" and the article "Questions We'd Like to Ask TV Advertisers." I have one of my own: TO THE COCA-COLA CO. — Is the fact you hired Max Headroom to promote New Coke indicative of your inability to find a human star to endorse the stuff?

Robert Bischoff
Deerfield, MI



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DEVILED HAM AND SCRAMBLED LEGS DEPT.

Every once in a while, a new movie comes along that's funny, clever and in good taste. Maybe one day we'll be lucky enough to see one! Until then, we'll just have to take whatever Hollywood throws up to us as we try to stomach...

THE WRETCHES OF ECCHFlick

I'm Spookie Witchmeat! In college I majored in fertility! My husband left me because every time we had sex I got pregnant! How fertile am I? I gave birth on the first date!

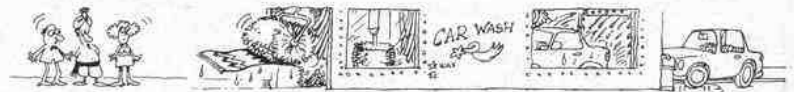
I'm Jade Boffer! I teach music at the local school! I used to lack self-esteem, but Drool's changed all that! He's filled me with so much lust and desire that now I'm proud to be a bimbo!

I'm Abracadabra Bedbird, one of Drool's sexual conquests! To me, he's gross, vulgar, sickening and emotionally retarded! Lucky for him I'm a pushover for men who are gross, vulgar, sickening and emotionally retarded!

I'm Drool Van Horny, but my friends call me Satan! I'm Ecchflick's one and only sex-crazed, supernatural weirdo! I love flaunting my wealth and power, and when I don't get what I want, I plead and whine and carry on something awful until they come across! The way I see it, if I bomb out here, I can always make it as a televangelist!

AT LAST,
DE TAIL!

IIIQT
DRUCKER



Operator, we're three girls alone in this big house and we just got an obscene call! Of course this is a complaint! We were cut off in the middle of a heavy breath! Can you please trace it and re-connect us?

Boy, that gets me mad when we get disconnected!

Well, look at the bright side. At least our toll-free 800 number is starting to pay off! I get to answer the next one!

How about if we use our occult powers, invoke a mystical spell and create a Galahad or a Prince Charming?

No one will believe it! That we can really do it?

No, that three babes with our bodies and looks are hard up for dates on a Saturday night!



ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER



WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

Obsessia, I just heard a mysterious stranger bought the LummoX Mansion!

NO, NOT THAT! OUR LIVES WILL BE RUINED! OUR TOWN WILL BE DESTROYED! WE'RE HEADED STRAIGHT FOR HELL!

She really seems upset! She's shouting in capital letters!

You should have heard her when the gay bar opened! She screamed in italics!

Some perfect man we've created! He's gross, slobbering and drunk! Are we that stupid?

No—that desperate! Just listening to him is revolting!

To us it's revolting! To him it's foreplay!



Braf...zlug...snore... zlotch...gurgle...yulk!

You're disgusting, yet I feel drawn to you! Why?

Because I can look into your soul! I can see how you've been held back by lesser mortals who've prevented you from being a complete woman!

Then you know about Sonny Bono!

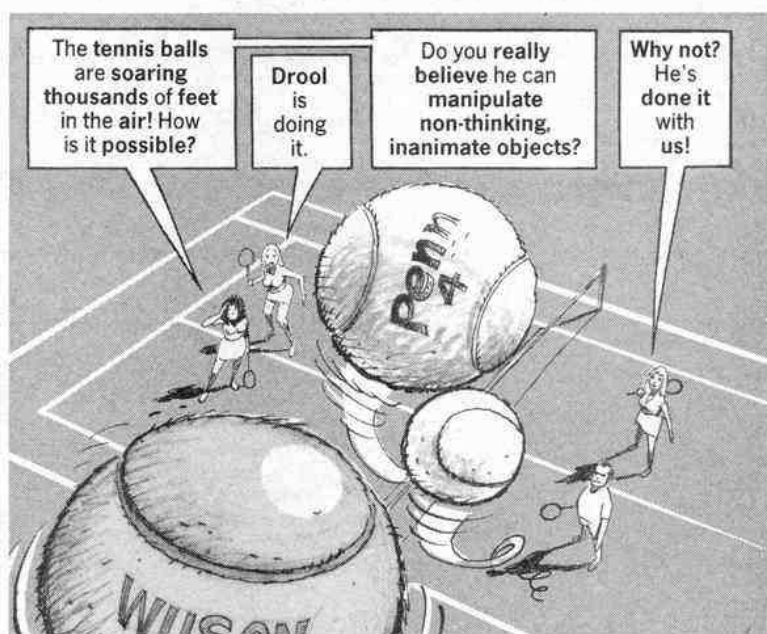
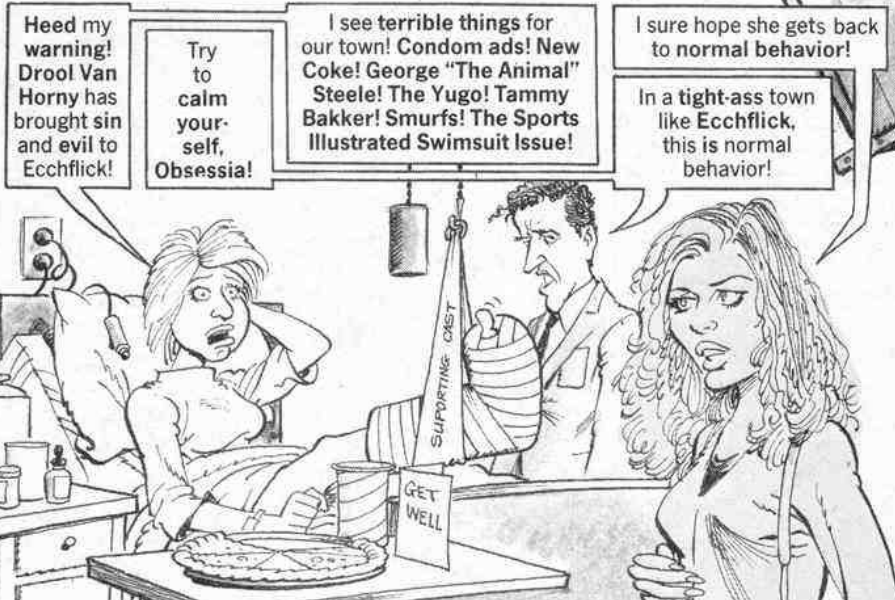


Let's undress! What would you like me to take off first?

Looking at your body, how about twenty years?



SATAN SHEETS





Clod just killed Obsessia, and you made it happen, Drool! How did you get your evil insane power?

Through reincarnation! In my first life I was a hopeless drunk in "Easy Rider"! Then I reincarnated as a radical weirdo in "Five Easy Pieces," was reborn as a nut case in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and came back again as a homicidal maniac in "The Shining"!

Why is Spookie bent over in pain?

Because Drool is sending destructive impulses through the atmosphere to her body!

Gee, if he had only sent them by the U.S. Postal Service—she never would have received them!

I'm sorry but we can't help her. She doesn't have the "mysticism curse" rider in her Blue Cross policy...



We created Drool! Now we must destroy him by using this voodoo doll! I'll stick a pin in his leg to cause incredible pain...

And I'll stick a pin in his arm to cause even more pain. What are you going to do, Abracadabra?

Let me think... Hmmm—I have this electric pencil sharpener...



We'll jab him until he screams in pain!

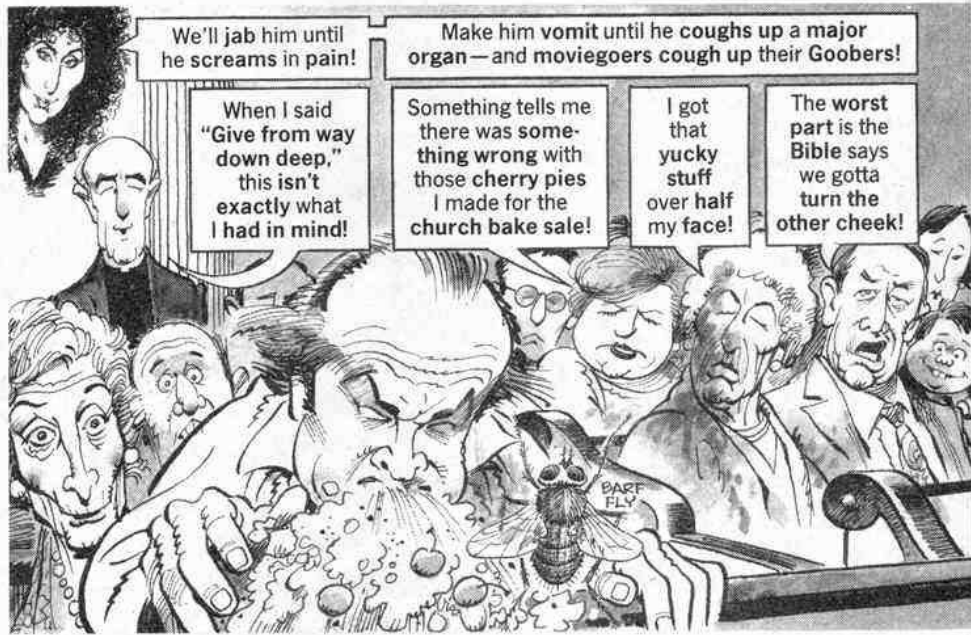
Make him vomit until he coughs up a major organ—and moviegoers cough up their Goobers!

When I said "Give from way down deep," this isn't exactly what I had in mind!

Something tells me there was something wrong with those cherry pies I made for the church bake sale!

I got that yucky stuff over half my face!

The worst part is the Bible says we gotta turn the other cheek!



...And finally obliterate him!

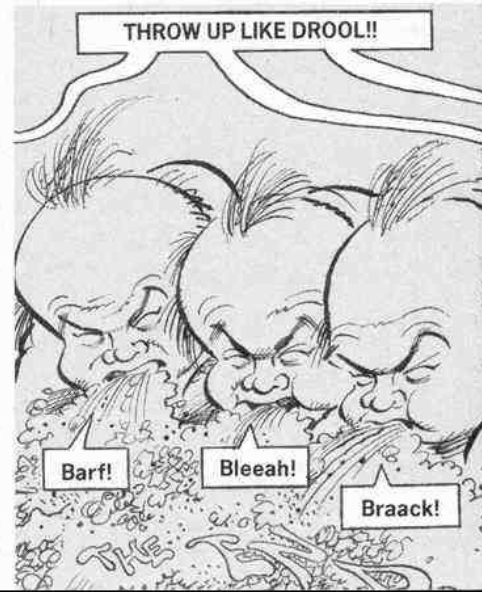
Drool's back in the supernatural world and each of us has his child! Do you think people will know he was the father? After all, the babies do look like Drool!

And sound just like Drool!

And especially...



THROW UP LIKE DROOL!!



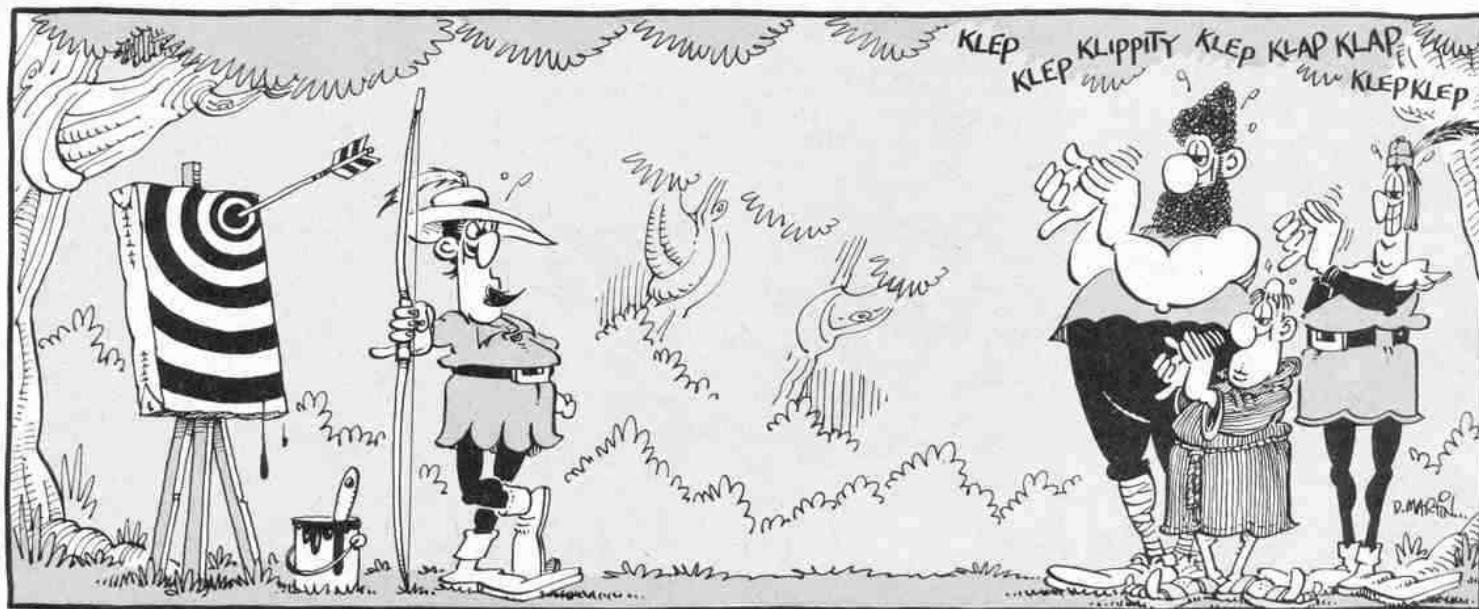
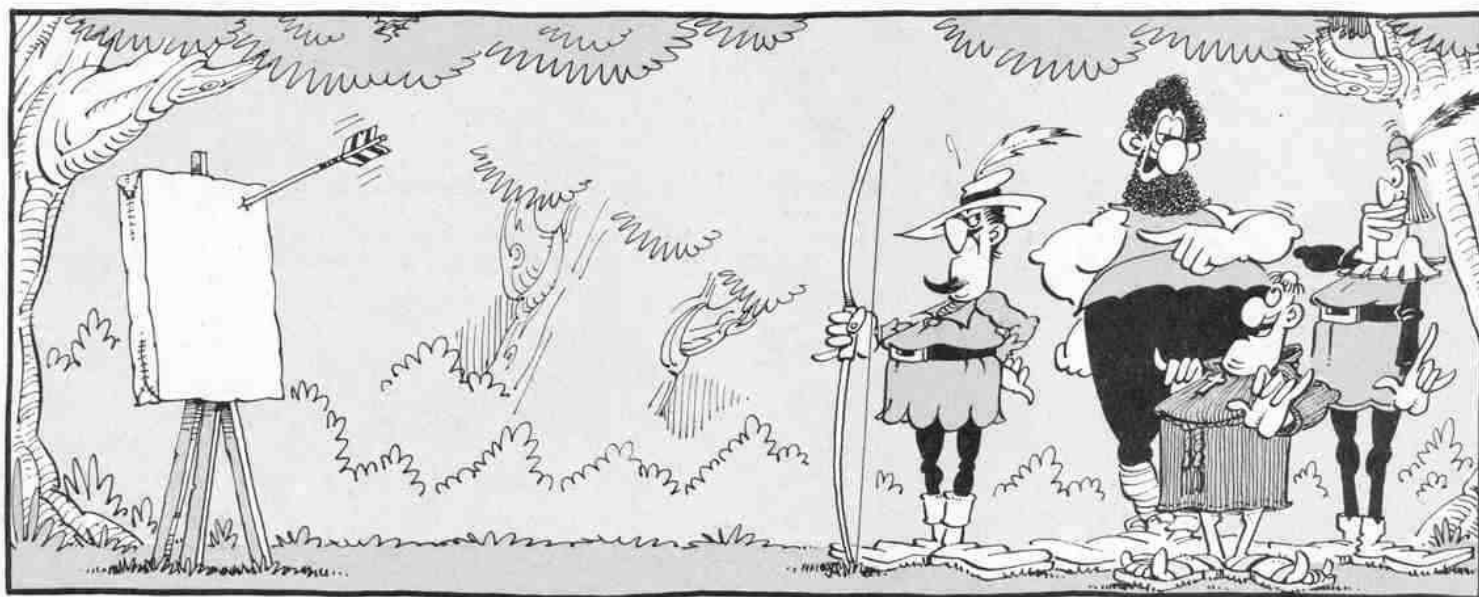
Barf!

Bleeah!

Braack!

FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES

ONE MORNING IN SHERWOOD FOREST



Once upon a time, there was a Mommy, a Daddy and a good little girl...and that was about 1 million years ago! Times have changed! TV and movies have kept up with current reality, but books for kids are way behind! Nowadays, kids don't bring home stray cats and live happily ever after! We know what *really* happens—the kid breaks out in a horrible rash, the furniture gets clawed to shreds, and the kitty chokes on a hairball! It's time to bring young readers into the real world! So we present...

Mad's Updated Children's Books

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

WRITER: MATTHEW T. SMITH

A HANDGUN FOR HARRIET

By Beverly Cranky
42 pages; Random Shot House
\$11.95 (Ages 8 to 12)

A NAUGHTY little girl cures her younger brother's thumb-sucking problem in this gentle and reassuring story. Realistically illustrated.



BEN BAILEY DOESN'T FLOSS

By Toothie de Pullola
27 pages; Spitner's
\$7.95 (Ages 3 to 8)

BEN Bailey's poor oral hygiene causes his teeth to turn green and mossy and drop out one by one. This charming picture book is a humorous and delightful way to frighten impressionable young children into proper dental care. The latest work by the award-winning author of *Billy Doesn't Bathe*.

HAMSTERS DON'T FLY

By O.Y. Vey

58 pages; Little, Brown Animals

\$9.95 (Ages 6 to 21)

A GROUP of first graders home from school put their theories about gravity to the test from a friend's tenth-floor apartment. Illustrated in full color.



CREEPY HOWARD

By Shelved Silverspleen

14 pages; E.P. Dullwitted

\$12.95 (Ages 6 to 9)

A CRUEL joke embarrasses a bashful country boy on his first day in school. Will he grow to overcome his shyness and make friends—or will he bring his softball bat to school and take the law into his own hands?

TABBY HAD PUPPIES!

By Morose Sendback

62 pages; Holeton Mutant

\$7.95 (Ages 8 and up)

YOUNG Jim Feisterbrat uses his Apple home computer to reprogram the genetic structure of the family cat—with zany results.





MUFFY'S MYSTERY

By A.A.A.A. Enlim

122 pages; Gee Pee Tantrum's Sons

\$27.95 (Ages 2 to 10)

PRE-TEEN sleuth Muffy Hildebrandt is hot on the trail of the mysterious prankster who stole her Uncle Bob's blood pressure pills and replaced them with salt tablets. A warm and whimsical whodunit for young children.



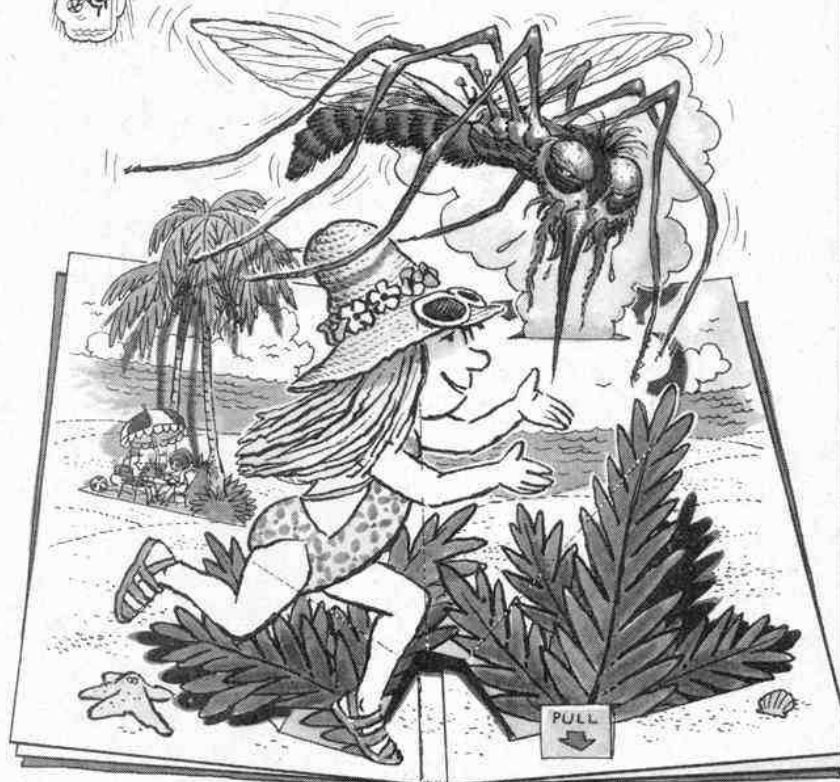
DOLLY AND THE MOSQUITO

By William Sting

30 pages; Scholastic Swamp

\$19.95 (Ages 3 to 8)

WHILE on vacation in Florida, young Dolly Pepper befriends Morris the Mosquito and contracts malaria in the process. A "pop-up" picture book for beginning readers.



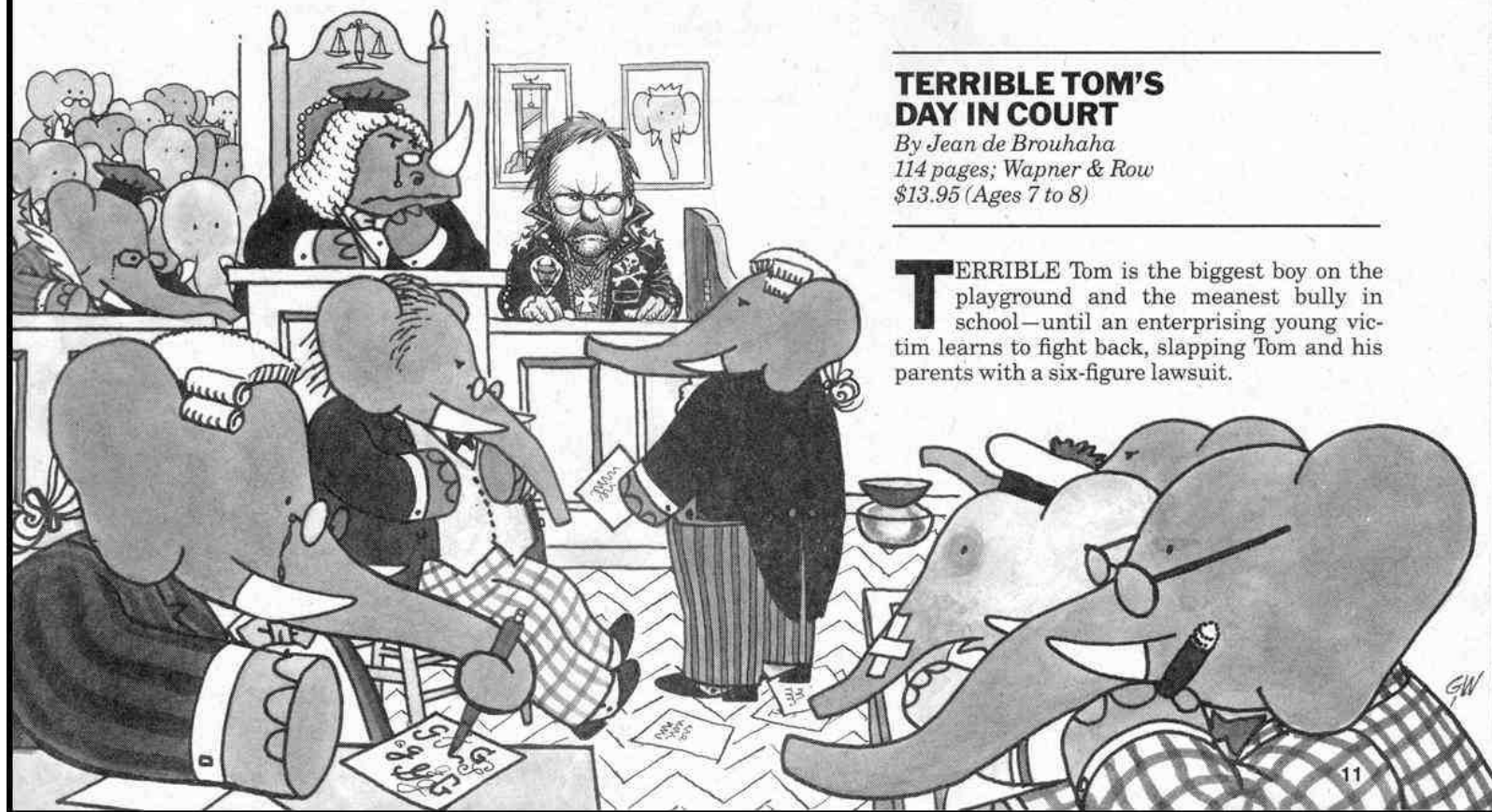
TERRIBLE TOM'S DAY IN COURT

By Jean de Brouhaha

114 pages; Wapner & Row

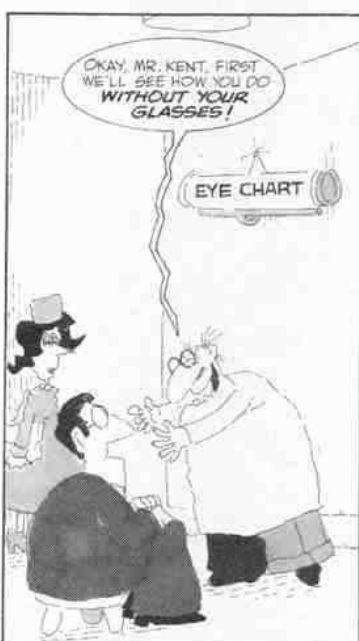
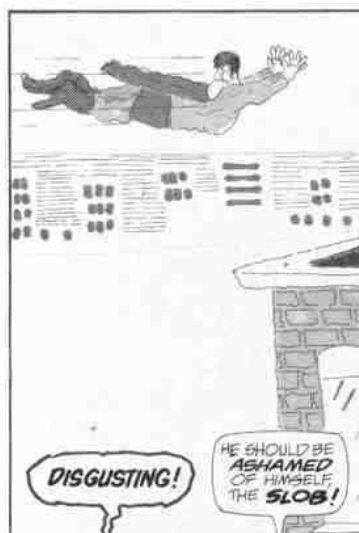
\$13.95 (Ages 7 to 8)

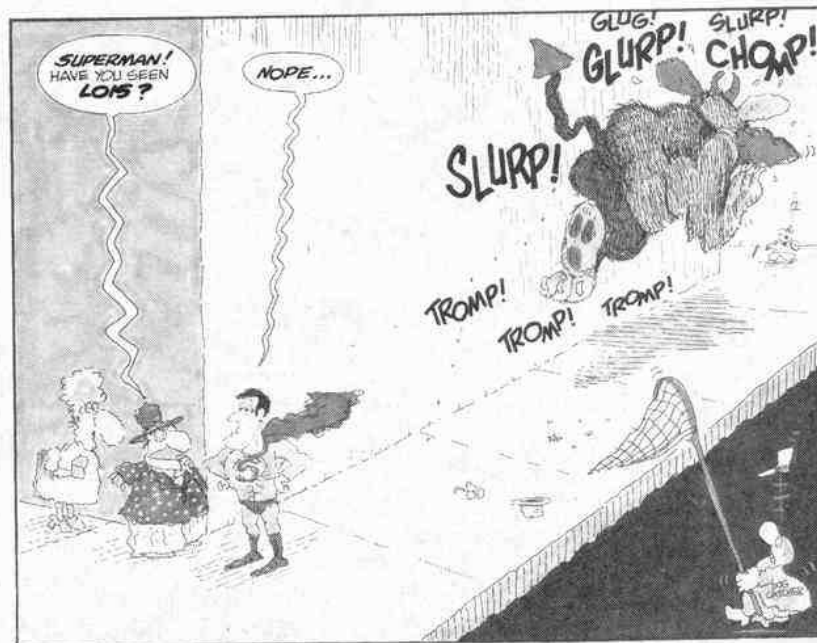
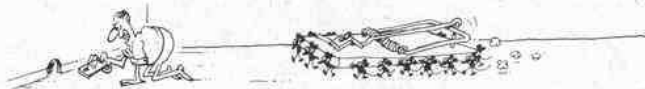
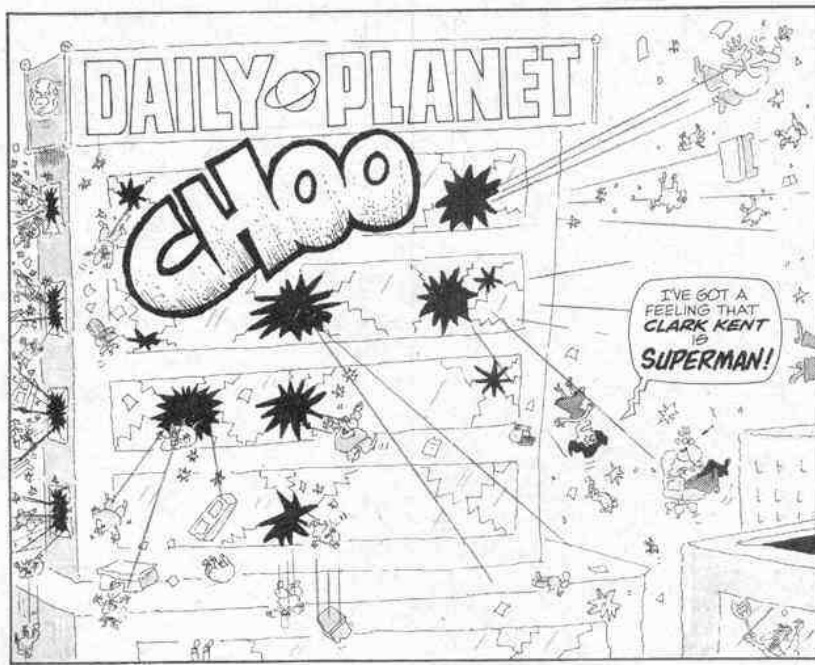
TERRIBLE Tom is the biggest boy on the playground and the meanest bully in school—until an enterprising young victim learns to fight back, slapping Tom and his parents with a six-figure lawsuit.



Duck Edwing looks at SUPERMAN

ARTIST AND WRITER:
DUCK EDWING





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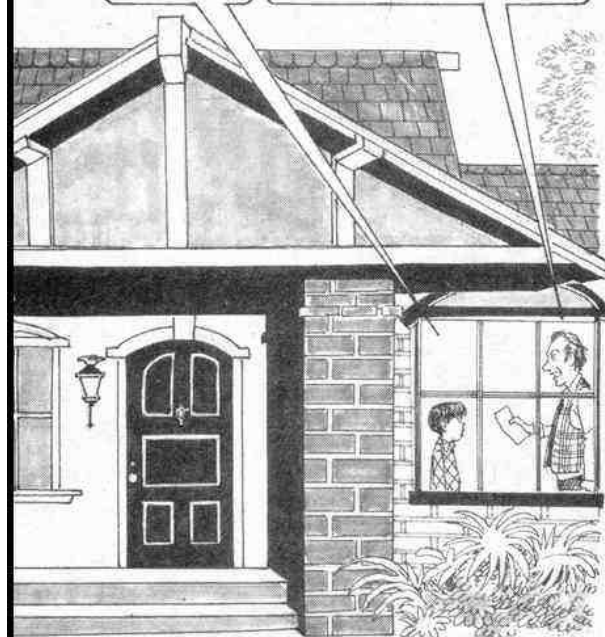
Dad, you have to sign my report card!

Oh, geez, look at these marks! This is horrible! Did your mother see these lousy grades?

Yep! And she wasn't upset at all! In fact, she was rather proud of me!

Proud? What in hell for?

My honesty! She said with marks as bad as these, I couldn't possibly be cheating!



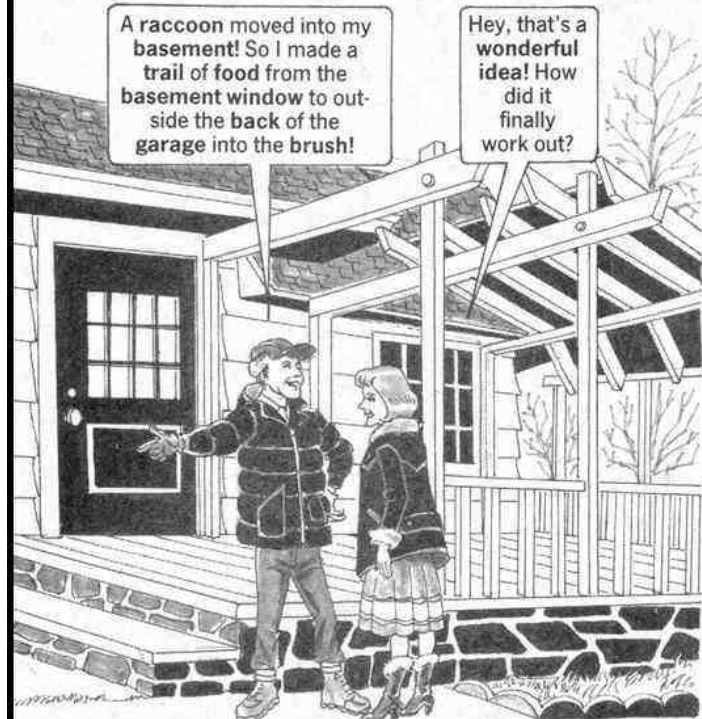
BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTS

PESTS

A raccoon moved into my basement! So I made a trail of food from the basement window to outside the back of the garage into the brush!

Hey, that's a wonderful idea! How did it finally work out?



Not so good! The raccoon's buddies followed my trail and moved in too!



IN-LAWS



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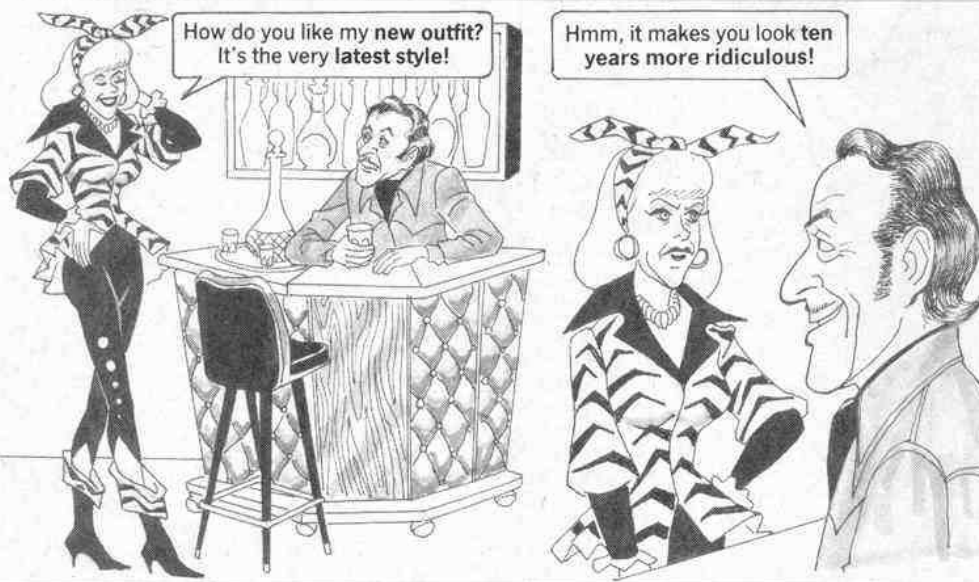
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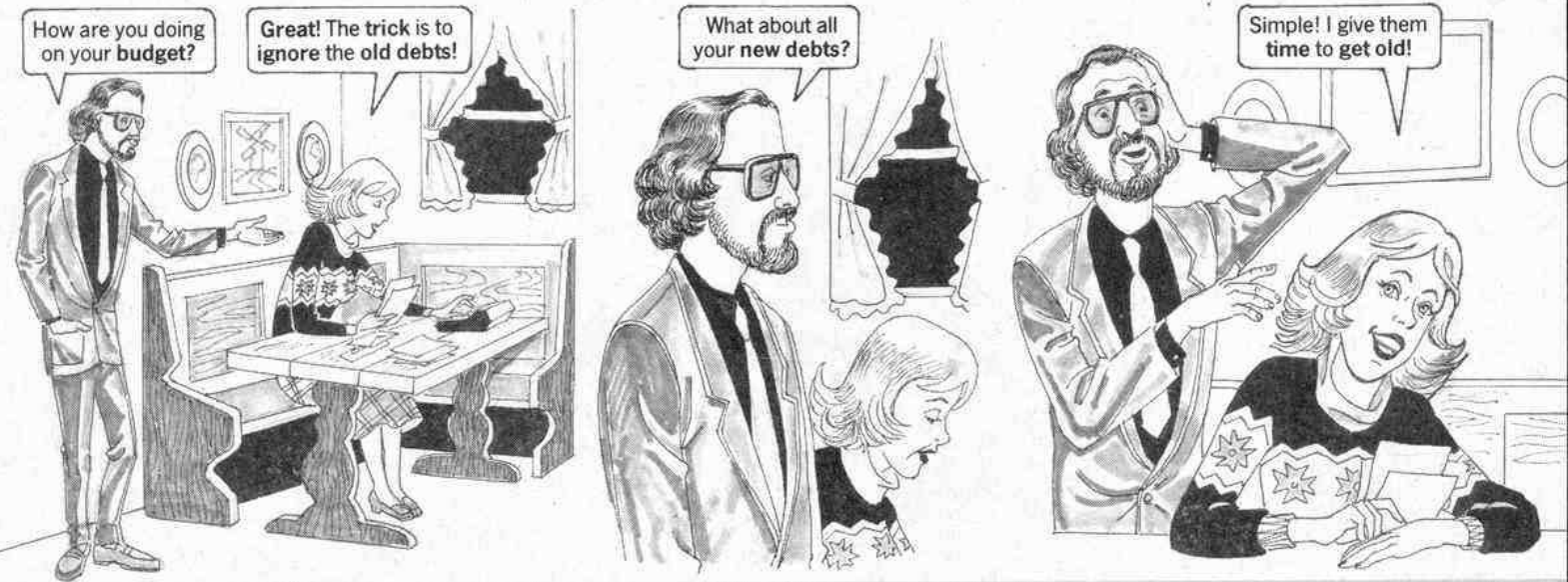
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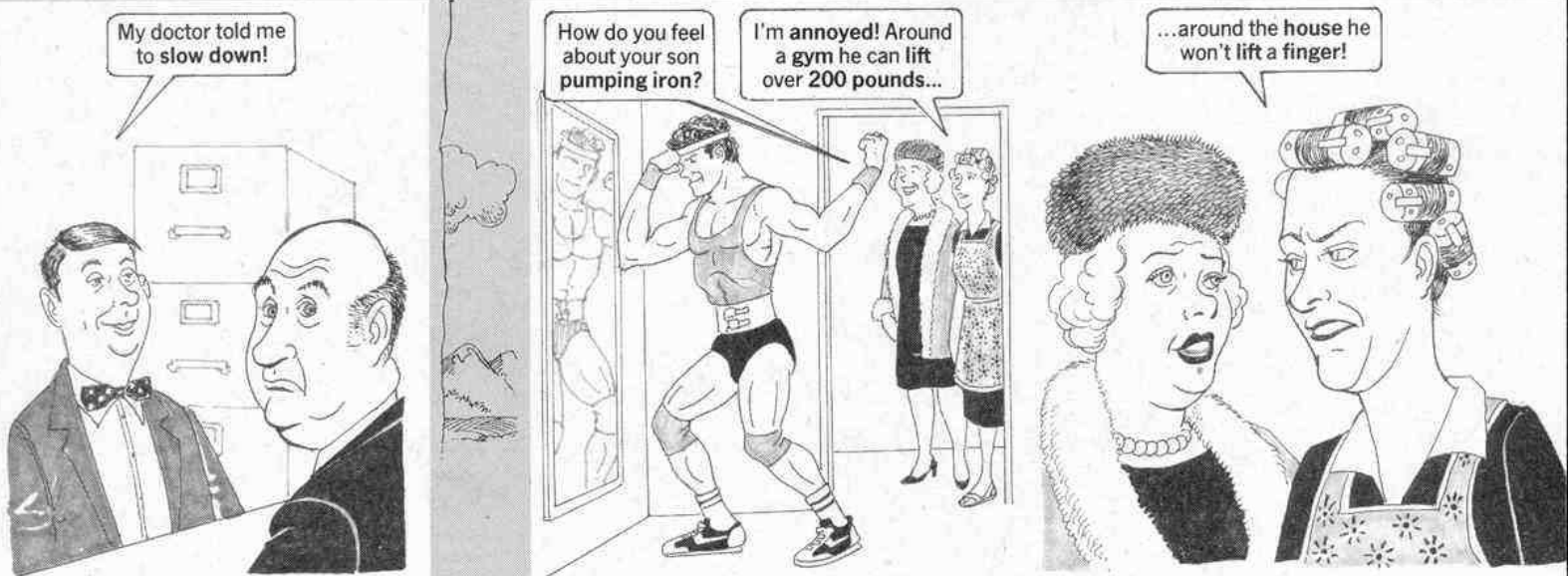
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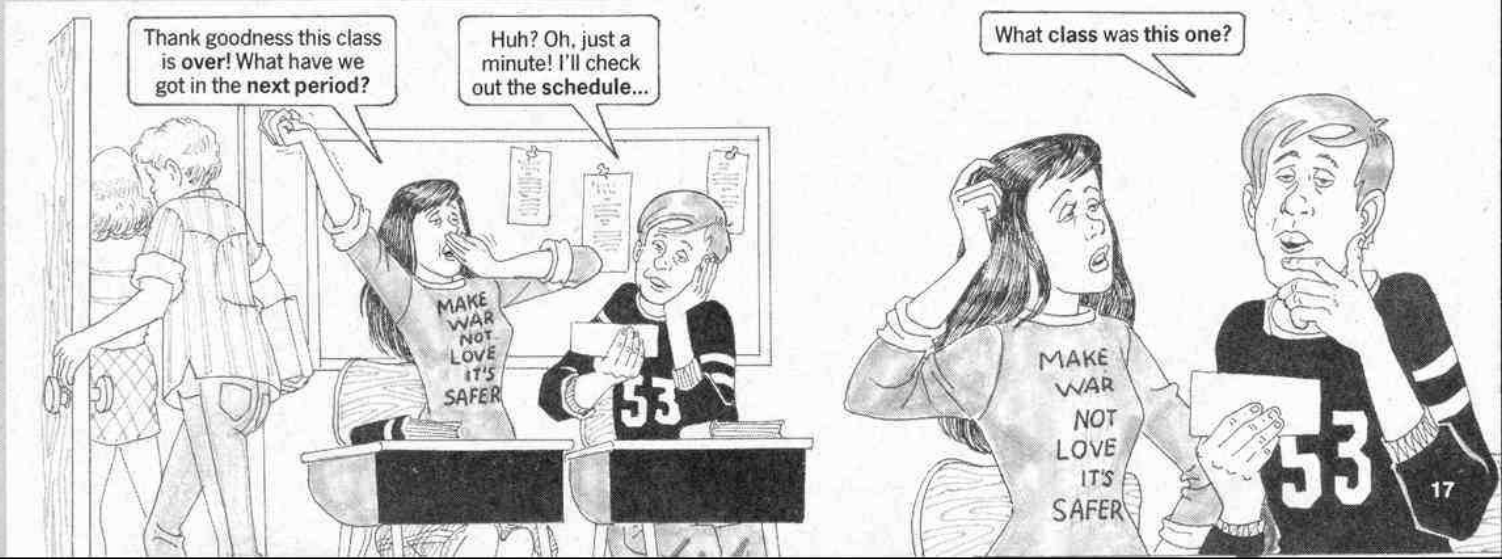
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PHYSICAL FITNESS



SCHOOL



APPOINTMENTS

Let me tell you, weekend tennis really lets you know how out of shape you can get sitting behind a desk all day! I've got pains in my back, arm, and legs!

I know! It's wonderful!

Wonderful? How do you figure that?

I'm a chiropractor!

GIVING THANKS

Teddy, tonight it's your turn to say grace!

Thank you, oh Lord, for the food we are about to receive...

...except for the yechhy cauliflower!

DOCTORS

Doctor, don't tell me I've got to give up wine, women, and song!

Not all three, Kaputnik...

You can sing your fool head off!



We've all heard TV announcers blab about the results of an "independent nationwide survey" which supposedly proved how dearly we love their product. But ever wonder why those independent surveys always produce the results advertisers want? To get to the bottom of this, we conducted our own independent survey—through the waste baskets of big agencies! Unsurprisingly, we found all the negative results conveniently tossed out, while only the favorable pieces survived. So, get ready, 'cause here's part of MAD's newly found collection of..

NATIONWIDE SURVEY RESULTS THAT ADVERTISERS NEVER TELL US ABOUT

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

WRITER: TOM KOCH

THE SURVEY RESULT THEY TELL US ABOUT:



"Nine out of ten amateur photographers say they get brighter, sharper pictures with our new improved \$35 Pilleroid than they do with a \$600 Thumbtax."

THE SURVEY RESULT THEY TELL US ABOUT:



"We studied the performances of seven leading types of investment; and we discovered that mutual funds have outgained all the others."

THE PART WE'RE NEVER TOLD:



The \$600 Thumbtax is the professional model with manual focus, hand-held light meter and complex f-stop setting that nine out of ten amateur photographers will never be able to operate properly.

THE PART WE'RE NEVER TOLD:



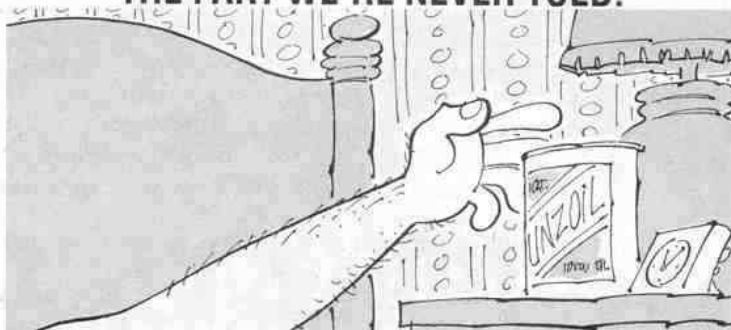
The six investments they outgained were: state lottery tickets, Bolivian diamond mines, Las Vegas slot machines, the Irish Sweepstakes, football parlay cards and chinchilla breeding.

THE SURVEY RESULT THEY TELL US ABOUT:



"Talking with race car drivers on the NASCAR circuit, we found that 28 of this year's winners use Punzoil."

THE PART WE'RE NEVER TOLD:



Of those 28, 12 put it in their cranks, 10 mix it with vodka, 5 use it to hold their hair in place and you wouldn't believe what the other one does with it.

THE SURVEY RESULT THEY TELL US ABOUT:



"When buying a multi-vitamin for their children, two out of three mothers chose One-A-Week brand."

THE PART WE'RE NEVER TOLD:



Of that number, eight of nine chose it because it's the only brand with a child-proof cap that the average adult is capable of easily removing.

THE SURVEY RESULT THEY TELL US ABOUT:



"Among those who try Prylenol once for headache relief, 66% choose it as their regular brand."

THE PART WE'RE NEVER TOLD:



However, all 66% are miffed they must keep taking it on a regular basis, since they still have a headache.

THE SURVEY RESULT THEY TELL US ABOUT:



"We asked 1000 doctors what medication they would want to have with them if they were stranded on a desert island, and 38% chose new Triccadinol."

THE PART WE'RE NEVER TOLD:



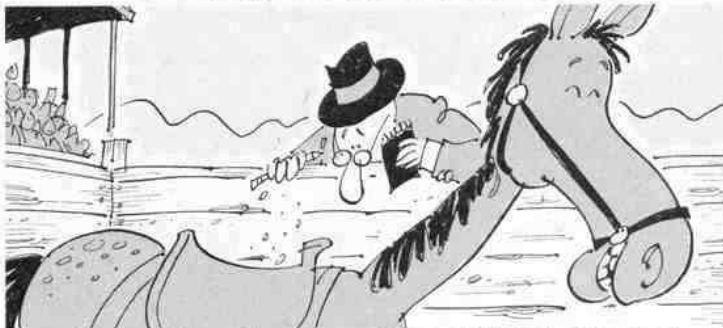
However, 54% of the doctors asked chose birth control pills because they would also want to have their office receptionists along with them.

THE SURVEY RESULT THEY TELL US ABOUT:



"We've been a-talking to cowboys around the rodeo circuit and eight out of ten told us they prefer chewin' a smokeless tobacco like Old Stockholm."

THE PART WE'RE NEVER TOLD:



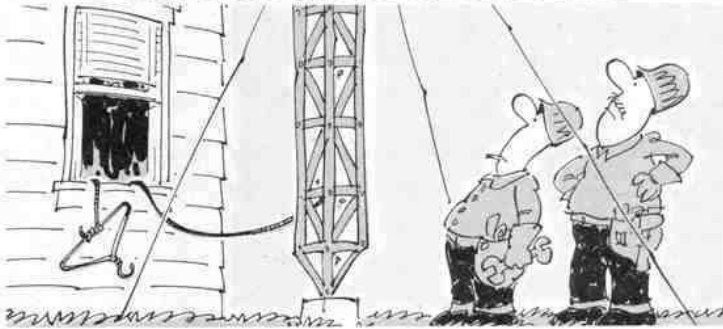
It would have been more than eight out of ten but they didn't count the guys who died of gum cancer caused by chewing tobacco during the interview.

THE SURVEY RESULT THEY TELL US ABOUT:



"In an impartial comparison test, nine out of ten viewers said the 1988 Slobbovia TV had a sharper picture than the most popular Japanese import."

THE PART WE'RE NEVER TOLD:



Preparations for the test were also impartial, except that they connected the Slobbovia to a 40-foot antenna, and the import to a dinky wire coat hanger.

THE SURVEY RESULT THEY TELL US ABOUT:



"For sound, restful sleep, more cold sufferers pick Nite-Out than all other cold medications combined."

THE PART WE'RE NEVER TOLD:



However, even more cold sufferers pick Shallow Wine, which tastes better and costs less. They don't mention that because, technically, booze isn't a medication.

THE SURVEY RESULT THEY TELL US ABOUT:



"Among new car shoppers interviewed at random, the majority said that they plan to buy a 1988 Hugo."

THE PART WE'RE NEVER TOLD:

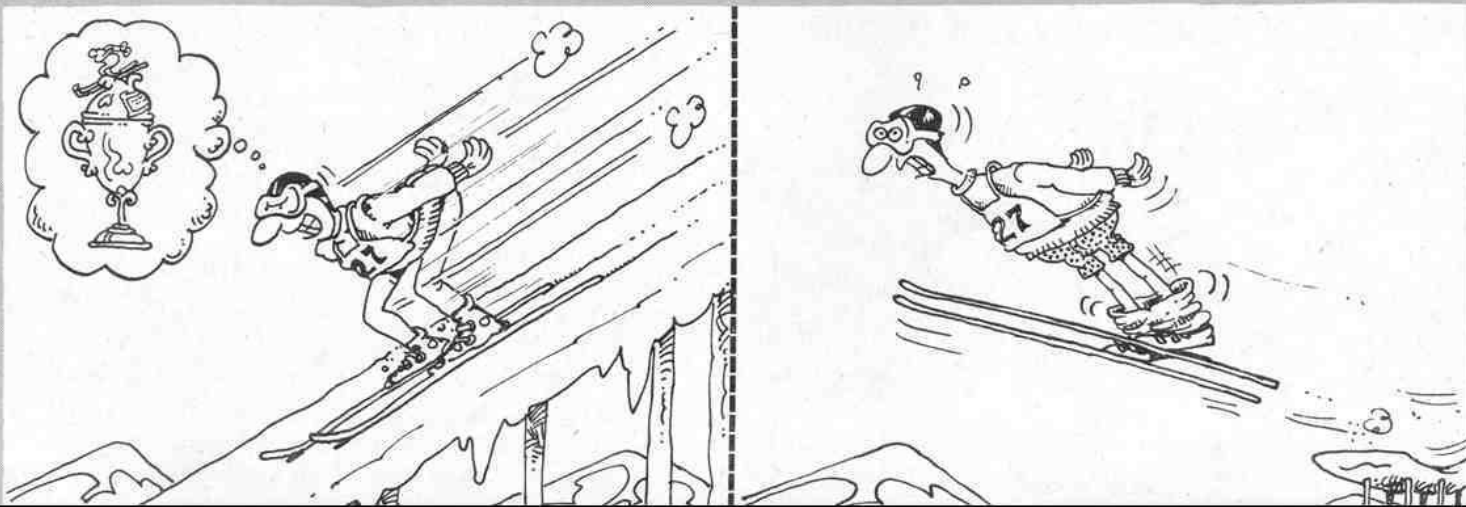


These random interviews were held in Belgrade, where the Hugo is the only new car on the market the average worker can ever hope to afford.

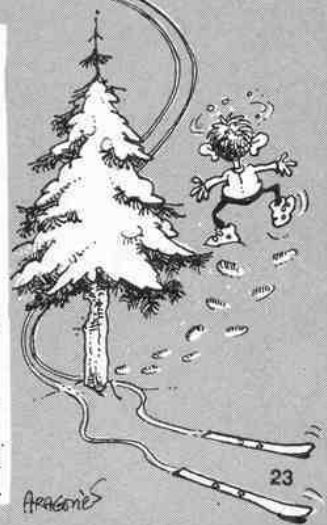
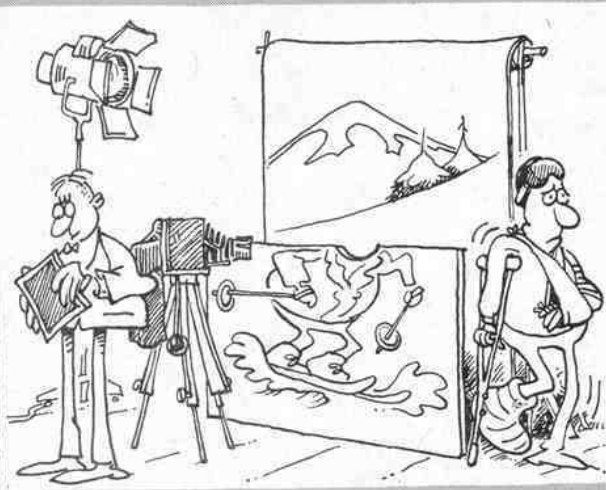
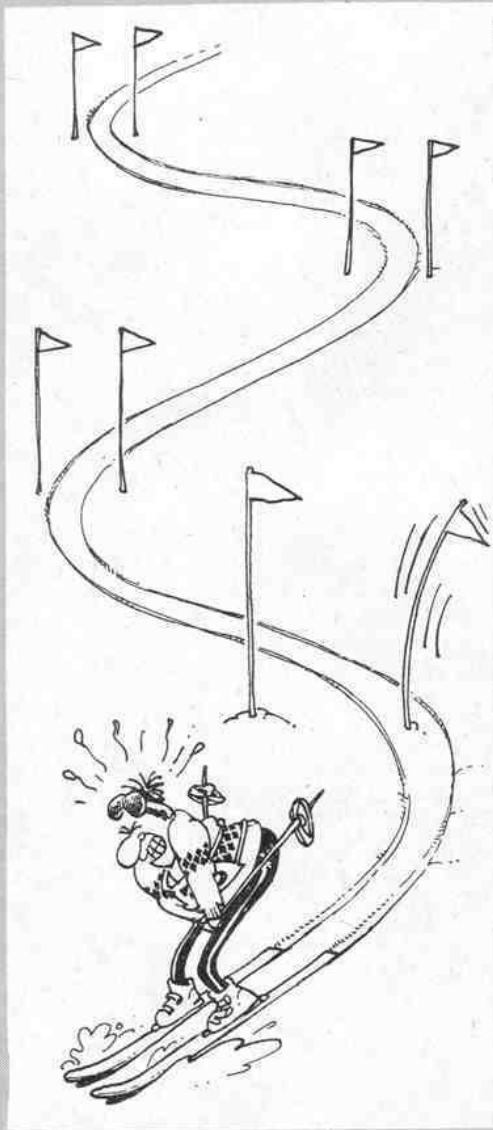
SERG-IN GENERAL DEPT.

A MAD LOOK

ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES



AT SKING ...



ARAGONI

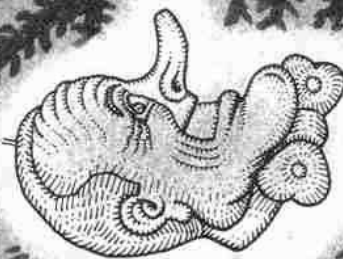
GREAT BALLS OF FIRE DEPT.

One of the more successful exploitations of recent years has been commemorative Christmas ornaments. Hey, we like those little hanging things...but we feel manufacturers

should make ones that accurately reflect the holiday season and all it has become. So don't string up another popcorn ball until you've seen our sampling of MAD's

Commemorative Christmas Ornaments

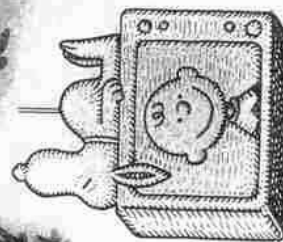
THE ANNUAL
BOB HOPE XMAS SPECIAL
22 years of uninspired comedy



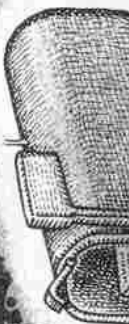
ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

WRITER: J. PRETE

19TH NETWORK REPEAT
The "Peanuts" Christmas Special
Good Grief!



FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR
Mailed out more Christmas
cards than you got back



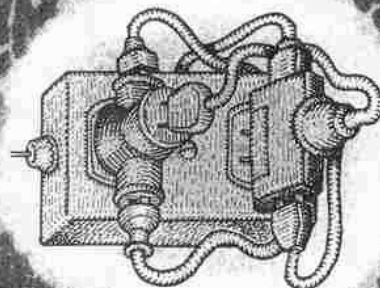
\$1,000 CLUB
Cabbage Patch
paraphernalia

TENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR
Mailed out on all charge
cards by December 1st

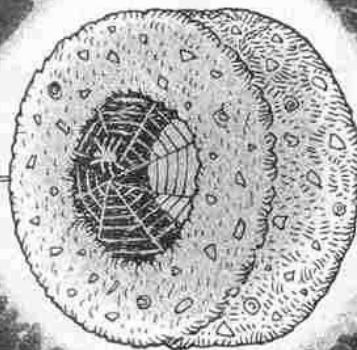


17TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Overloaded electrical sockets
by the tree and no fire

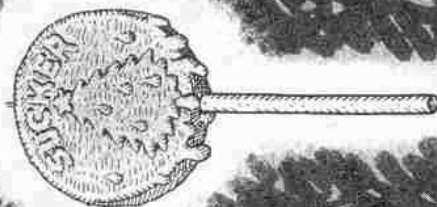


12 YEARS OF
UNEATEN FRUIT CAKES



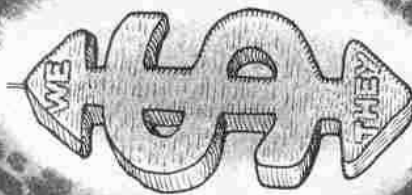
5 YEARS RUNNING

Dad overpaid for the
Christmas tree



SIXTH YEAR IN A ROW

You spent a lot more on your
friends than they spent on you.



11TH YEAR OF CHAOS

The cat knocked
over the tree again



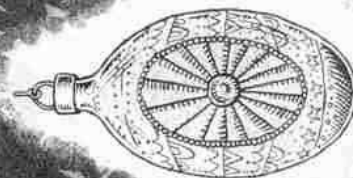
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OF MERCHANDISING

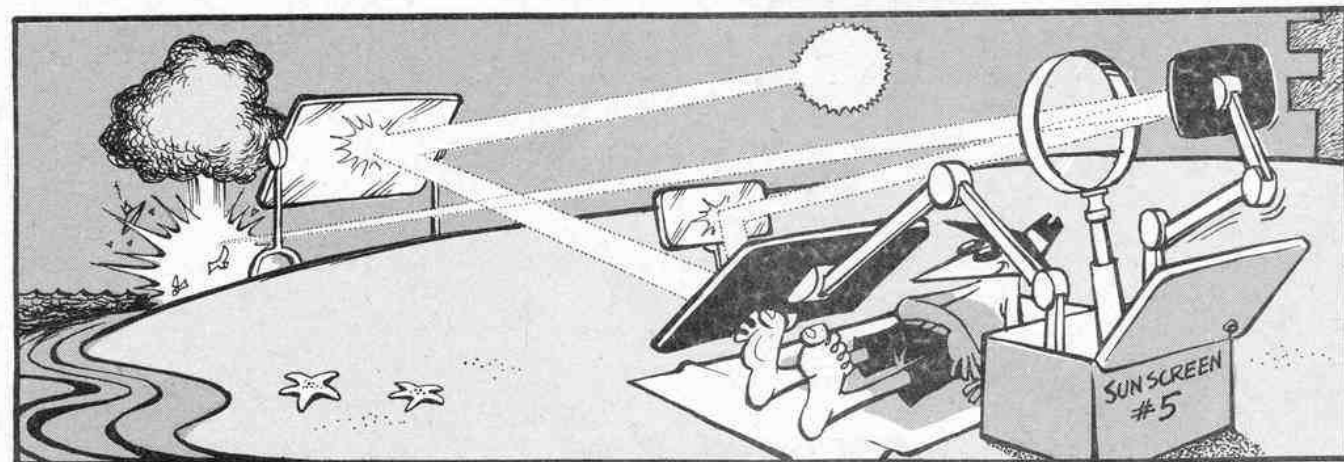
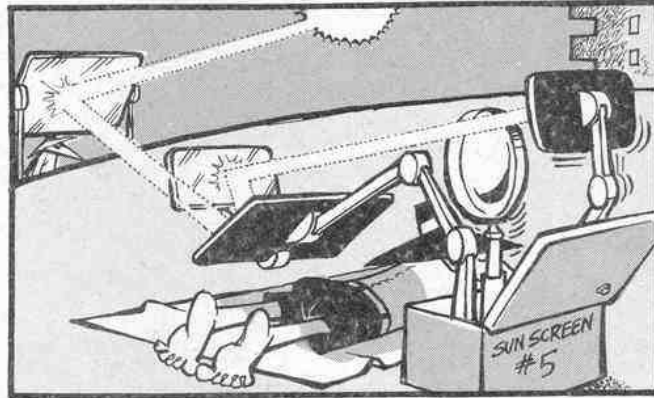
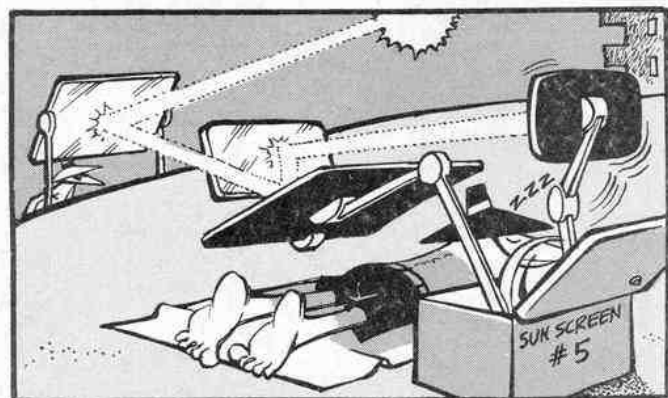
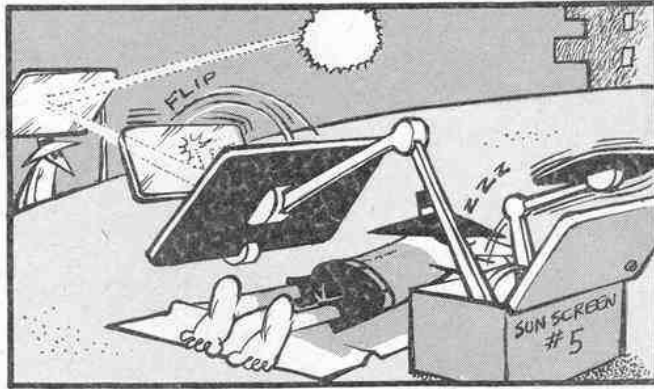
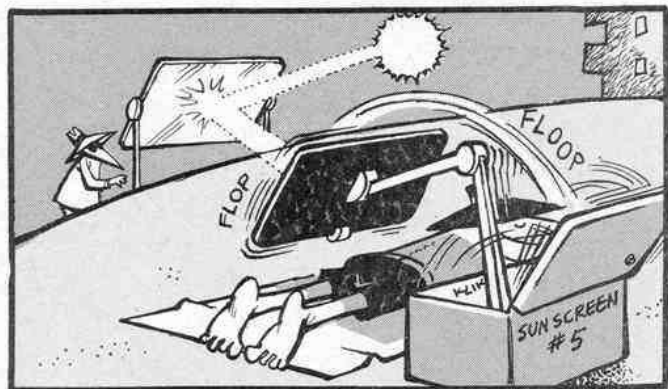
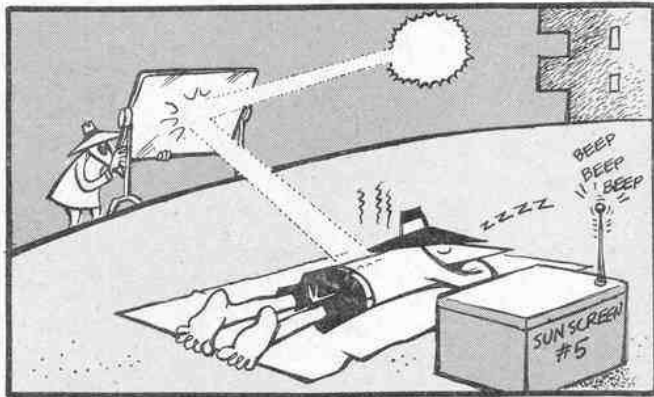
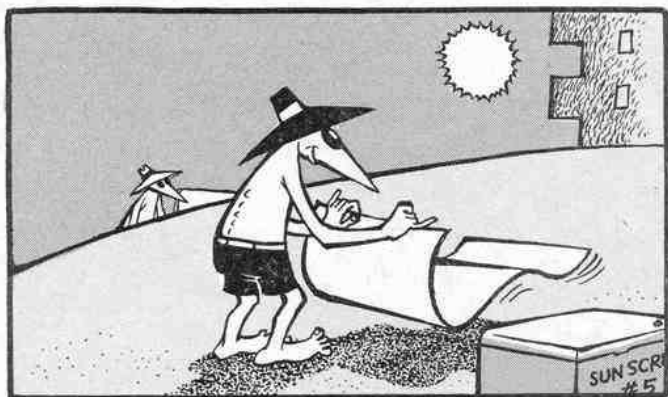
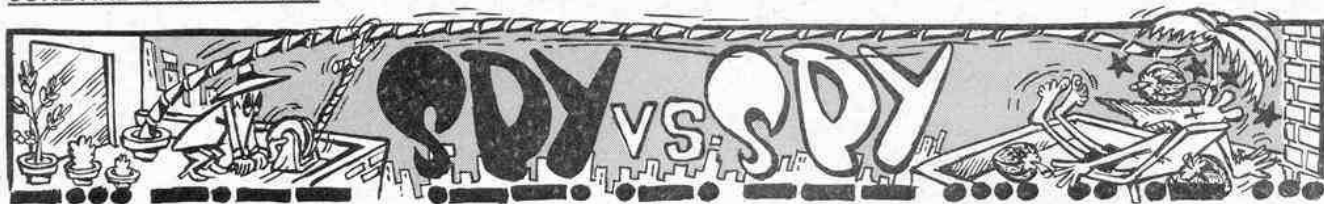
10,000th Garfield gimmick



IN MEMORY

The plain, tasteful
Christmas ball





There was once a classic television show called "The Untouchables." It had powerful characters and crisp dialogue, and it entertainingly chronicled a feeling of what Chicago was like during the time of Prohibition. It became a cult favorite! Wouldn't you think Hollywood execs would leave well enough alone and keep a classic "untouchable"? Hoo-Hah! Get real! Not when there's megabucks to be made! They went ahead and made a feature film version of that popular series! For those who fondly remember the TV show, this new cast isn't the "Untouchables." They're more like...

THE UNWATCHABLES

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: ARNIE KOGEN

Welcome to Chicago, 1931!
It is a city of violence and corruption! It is a city run by gangsters! There's only one man who can put a stop to this! Unfortunately, Superman won't be created for another seven years! So, we'll have to settle for the chump here on my left!

Hi! I'm Elliot Nice! I'm a clean-cut, square, idealistic Treasury Agent! If J. Edgar Hoover and Snow White ever had a child, it would be me! I'm new in Chicago and have a lot to learn! All I know is I will try to live up to the Treasury Agent's oath: "An agent is trustworthy, loyal, helpful—"

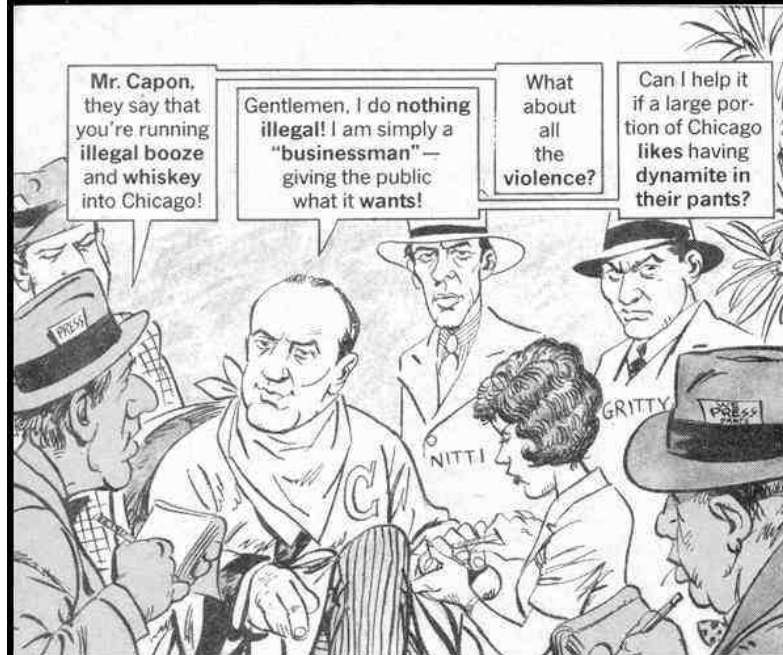
That's the Boy Scout oath, idiot!

Oops! Sorry! I told you I had a lot to learn! Anyway, just as well! That Boy Scout oath is too dirty for us!

Hi! I make a film every fifteen years or so! Perhaps you remember me from *American Graffiti*! In that film, I was a nerd with a Chevy! My career has come a long way! Now I'm a nerd with a tommy gun!

I'm Al Capon! I'm powerful and ruthless! I'm the King of Chicago! I own the Mayor! I own the cops! I own the courts! Obviously, the only thing I don't own is a calorie counter!



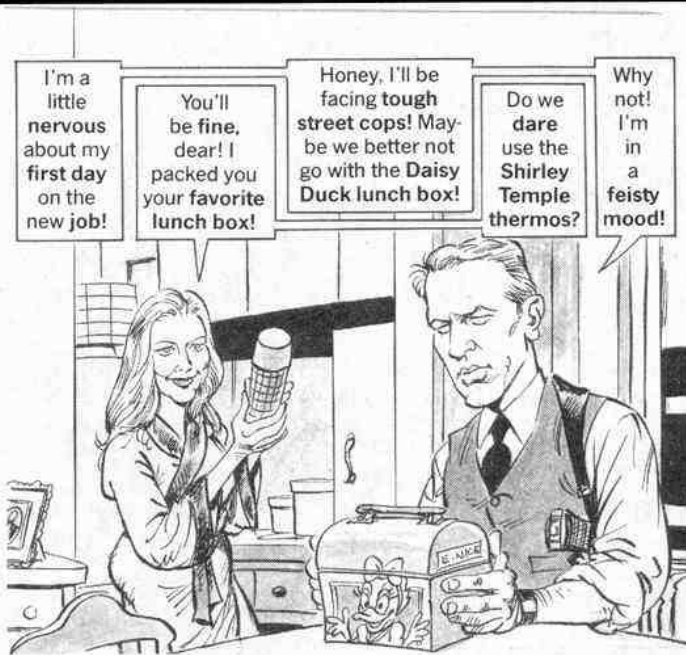


Mr. Capon, they say that you're running illegal booze and whiskey into Chicago!

Gentlemen, I do nothing illegal! I am simply a "businessman" — giving the public what it wants!

What about all the violence?

Can I help it if a large portion of Chicago likes having dynamite in their pants?



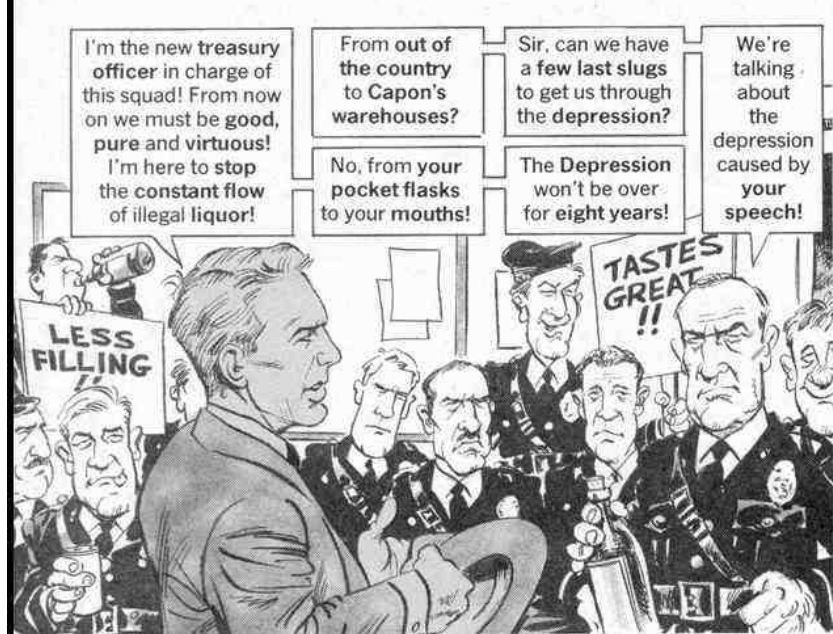
I'm a little nervous about my first day on the new job!

You'll be fine, dear! I packed you your favorite lunch box!

Honey, I'll be facing tough street cops! Maybe we better not go with the Daisy Duck lunch box!

Do we dare use the Shirley Temple thermos?

Why not! I'm in a feisty mood!



I'm the new treasury officer in charge of this squad! From now on we must be good, pure and virtuous! I'm here to stop the constant flow of illegal liquor!

From out of the country to Capon's warehouses?

No, from your pocket flasks to your mouths!

Sir, can we have a few last slugs to get us through the depression?

The Depression won't be over for eight years!

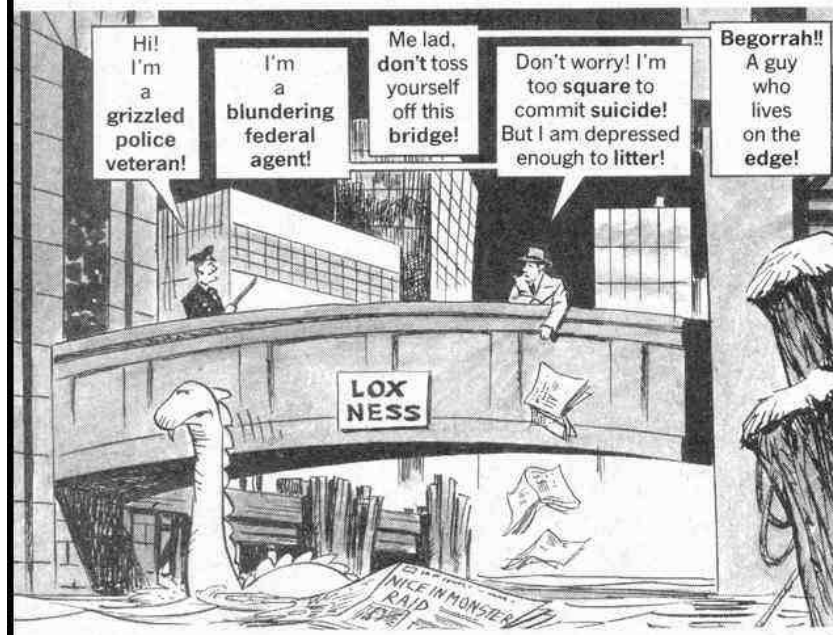
We're talking about the depression caused by your speech!



Nice got a tip that there was an illegal shipment coming in from Canada!

Of what... illegal UMBRELLAS???

Well, actually we may have to wait half a century... until Geraldo Rivera tries to open Capon's vault on national TV!



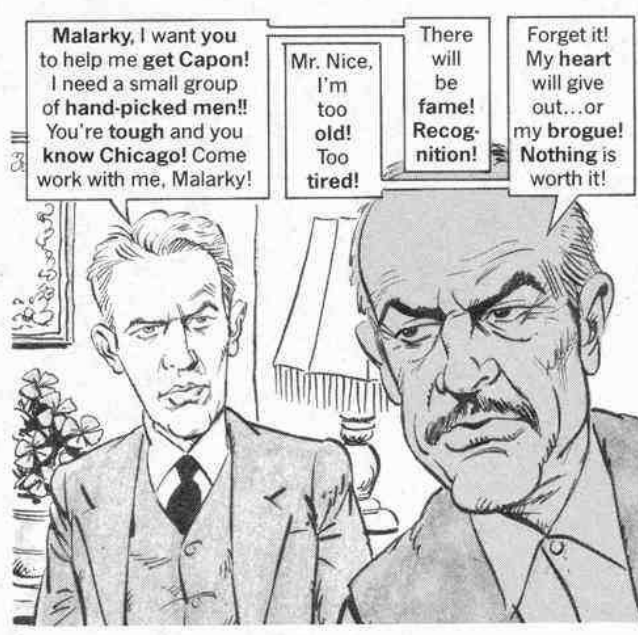
Hi! I'm a grizzled police veteran!

I'm a blundering federal agent!

Me lad, don't toss yourself off this bridge!

Don't worry! I'm too square to commit suicide! But I am depressed enough to litter!

Begorrah!! A guy who lives on the edge!



Malarky, I want you to help me get Capon! I need a small group of hand-picked men!! You're tough and you know Chicago! Come work with me, Malarky!

Mr. Nice, I'm too old! Too tired!

There will be fame! Recognition!

Forget it! My heart will give out... or my brogue! Nothing is worth it!

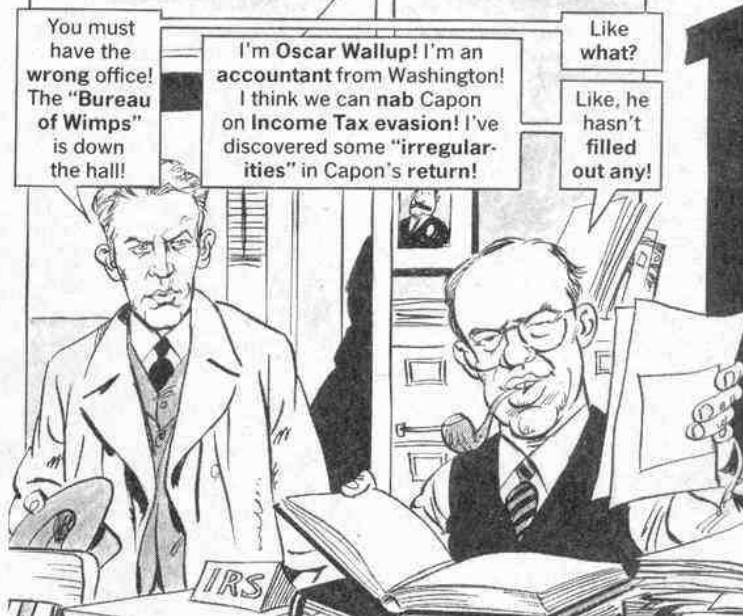


C'mon Malarky, you'll be a hero!

Lad, nothing you can say can make me change my mind!

It'll be the most acclaimed role you've had since the James Bond films — and will make people forget "Outland"!

When do we start?

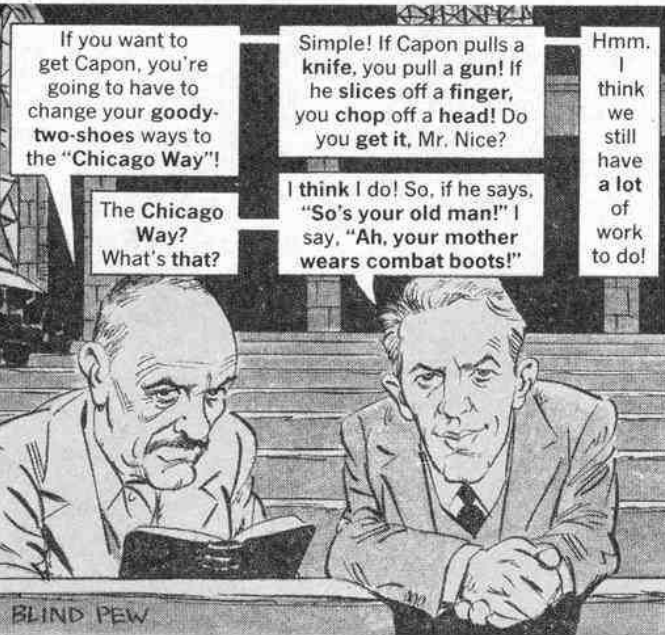


You must have the wrong office! The "Bureau of Wimps" is down the hall!

I'm Oscar Wallup! I'm an accountant from Washington! I think we can nab Capon on Income Tax evasion! I've discovered some "irregularities" in Capon's return!

Like what?

Like, he hasn't filled out any!



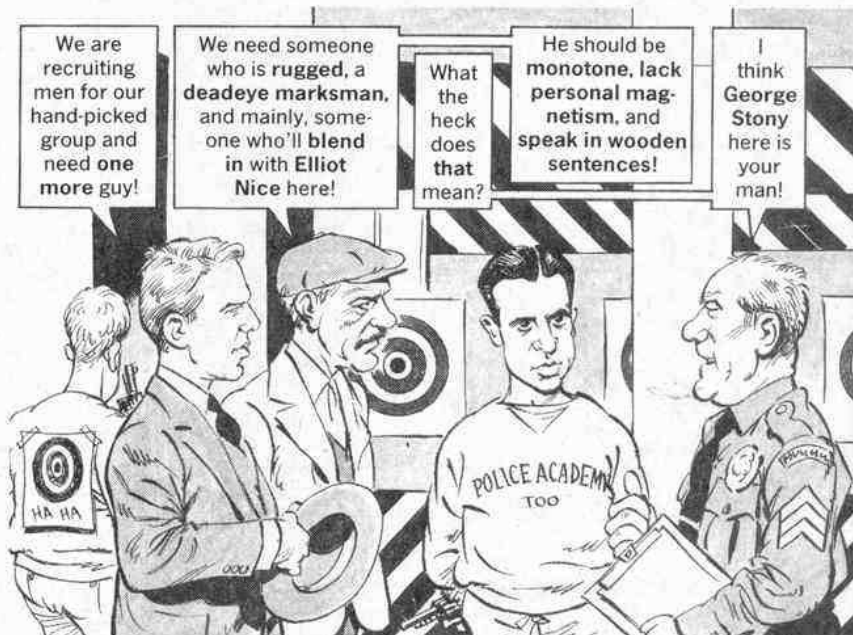
If you want to get Capon, you're going to have to change your goody-two-shoes ways to the "Chicago Way"!

Simple! If Capon pulls a knife, you pull a gun! If he slices off a finger, you chop off a head! Do you get it, Mr. Nice?

Hmm. I think we still have a lot of work to do!

I think I do! So, if he says, "So's your old man!" I say, "Ah, your mother wears combat boots!"

The Chicago Way? What's that?



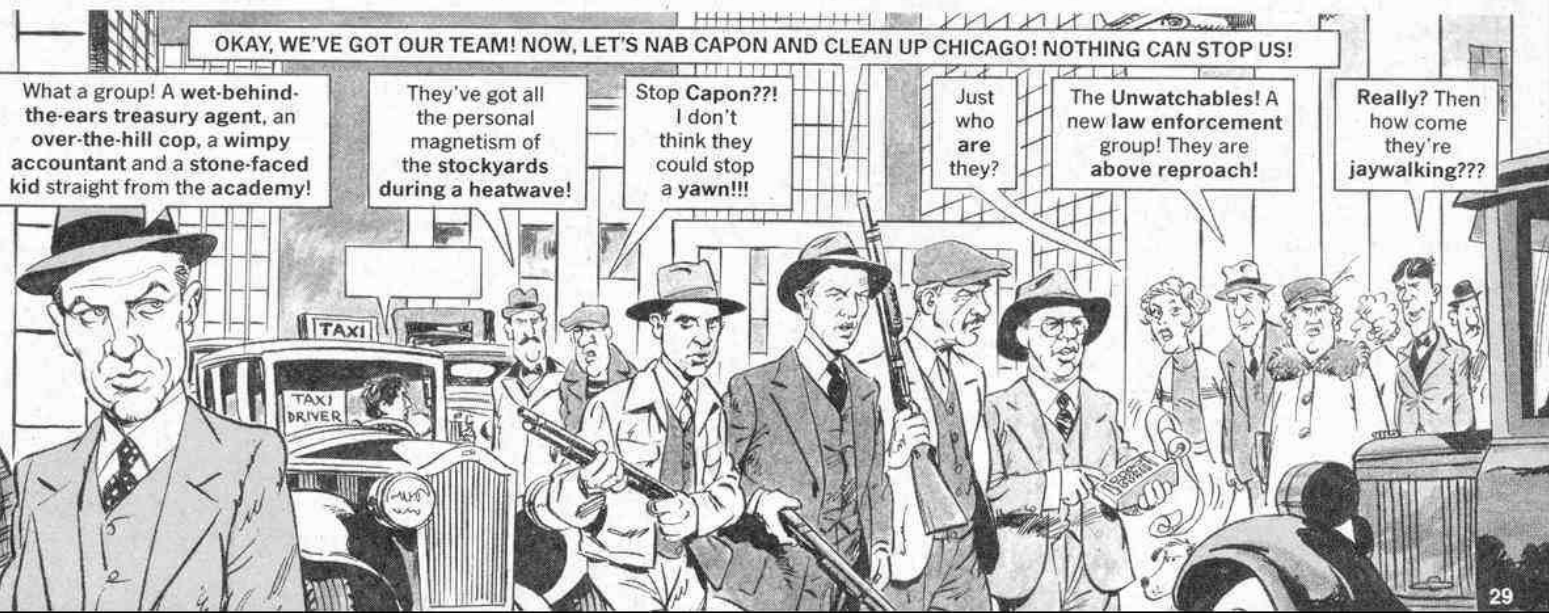
We are recruiting men for our hand-picked group and need one more guy!

We need someone who is rugged, a deadeye marksman, and mainly, someone who'll blend in with Elliot Nice here!

What the heck does that mean?

He should be monotone, lack personal magnetism, and speak in wooden sentences!

I think George Stony here is your man!



OKAY, WE'VE GOT OUR TEAM! NOW, LET'S NAB CAPON AND CLEAN UP CHICAGO! NOTHING CAN STOP US!

What a group! A wet-behind-the-ears treasury agent, an over-the-hill cop, a wimpy accountant and a stone-faced kid straight from the academy!

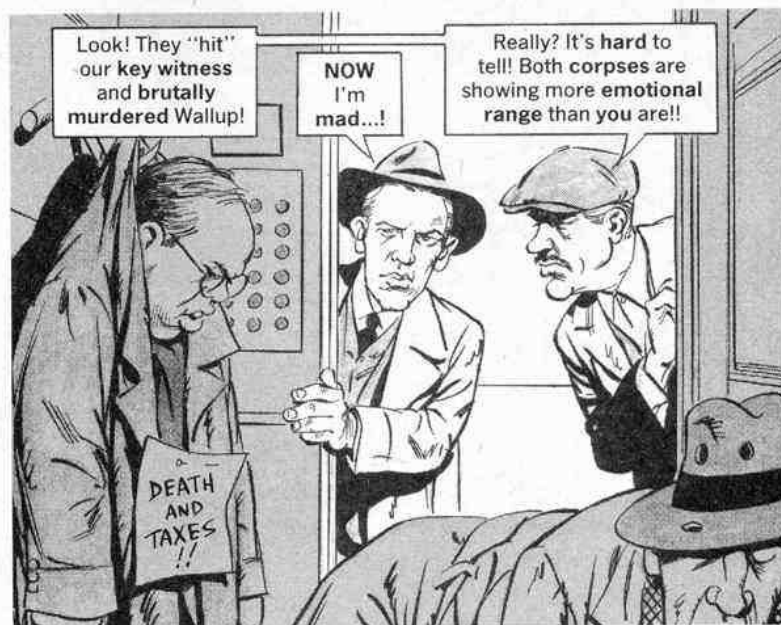
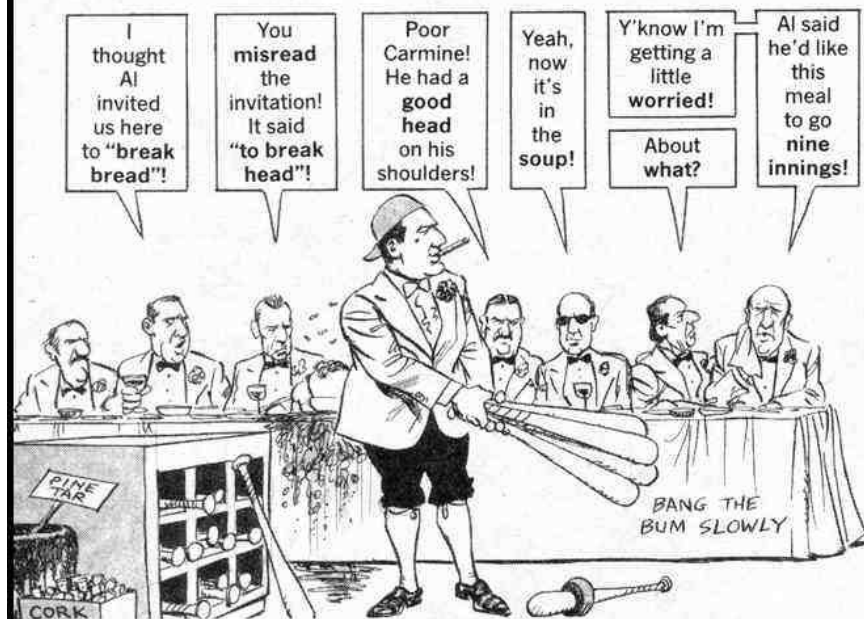
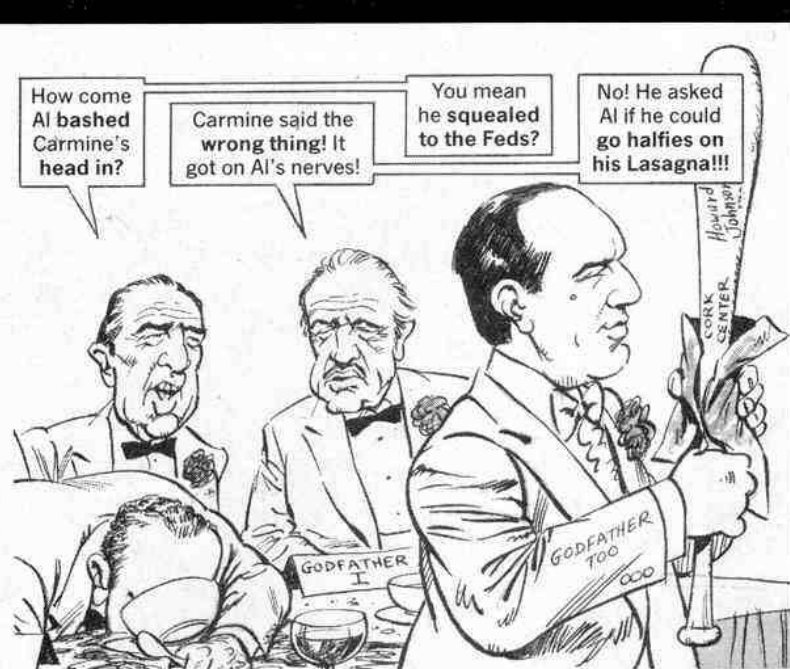
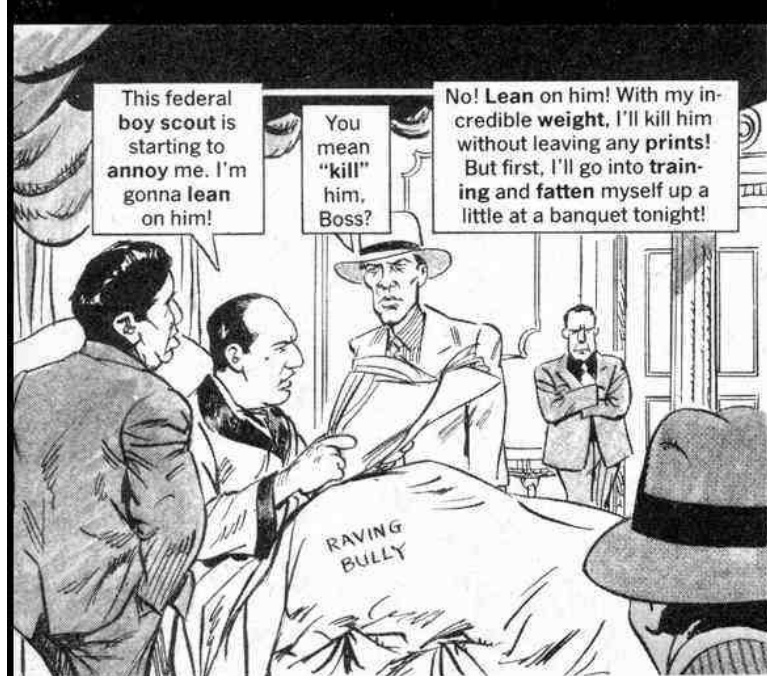
They've got all the personal magnetism of the stockyards during a heatwave!

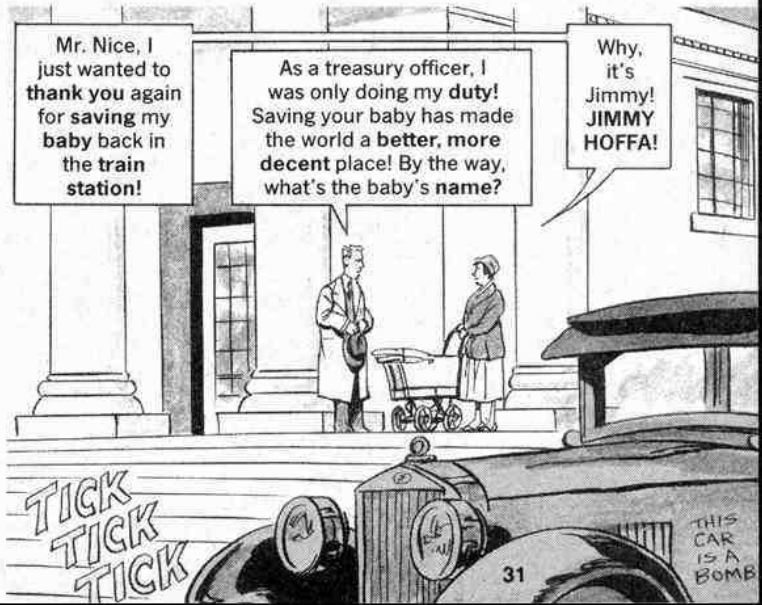
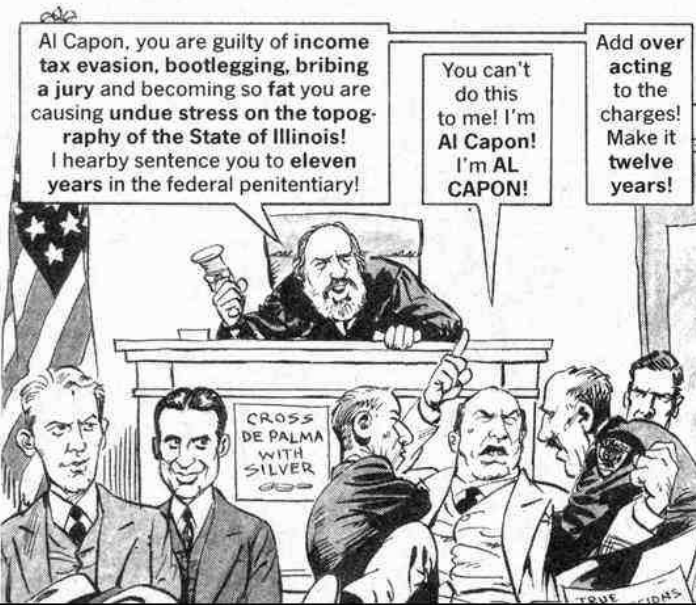
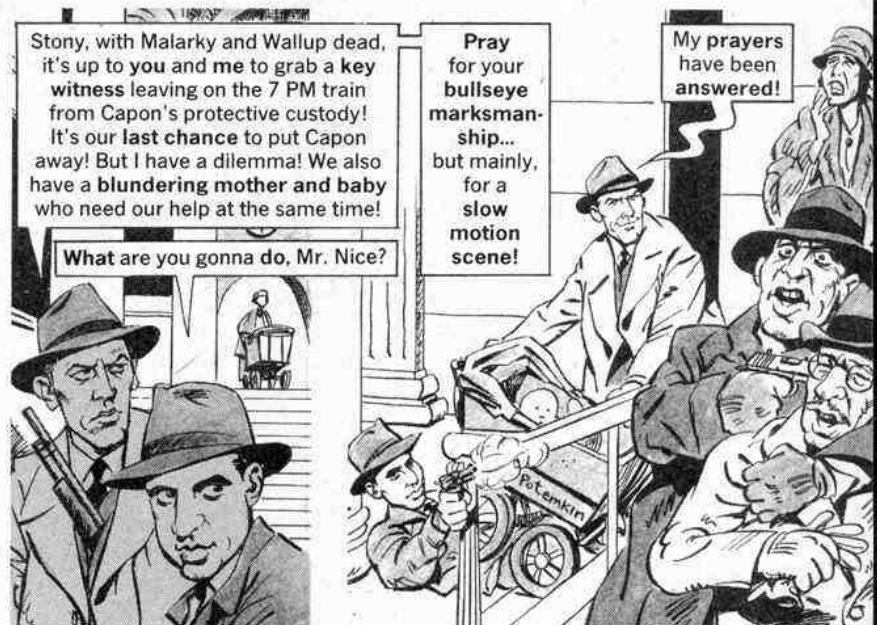
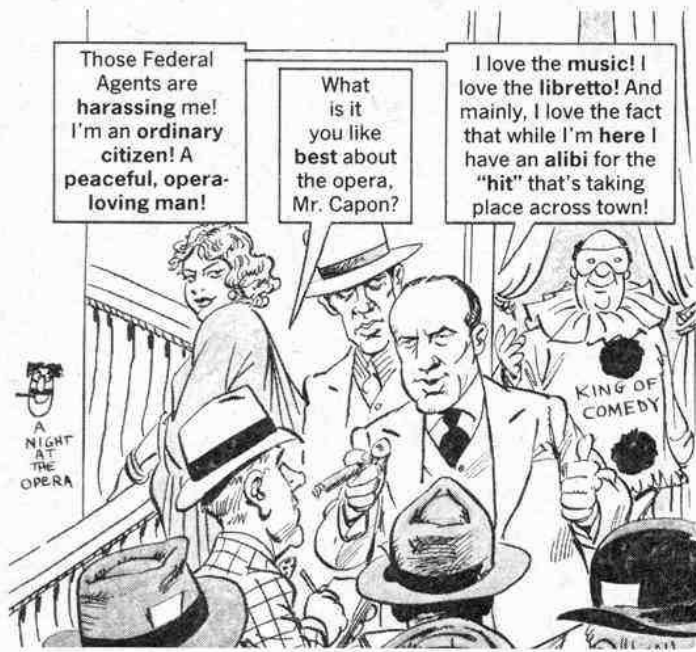
Stop Capon??! I don't think they could stop a yawn!!!

Just who are they?

The Unwatchables! A new law enforcement group! They are above reproach!

Really? Then how come they're jaywalking???

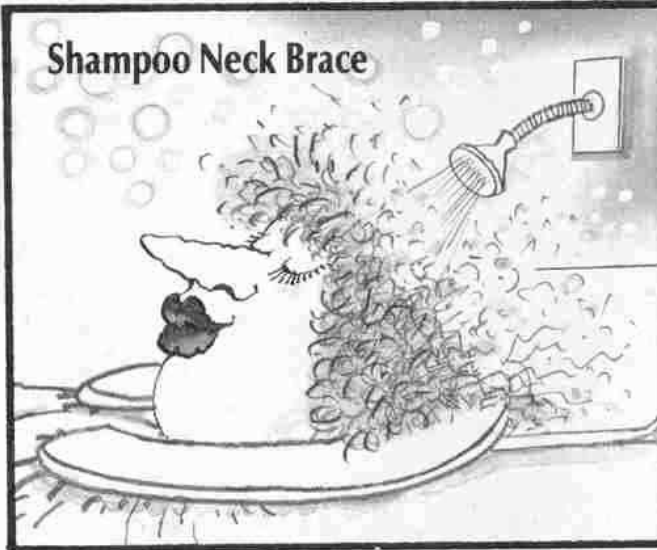




LEAVE NO THRONE UNTURNED DEPT.

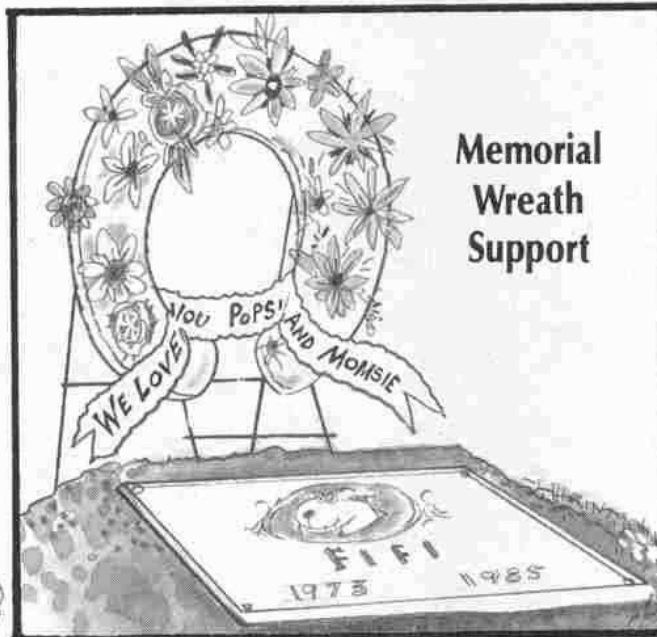
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Shampoo Neck Brace

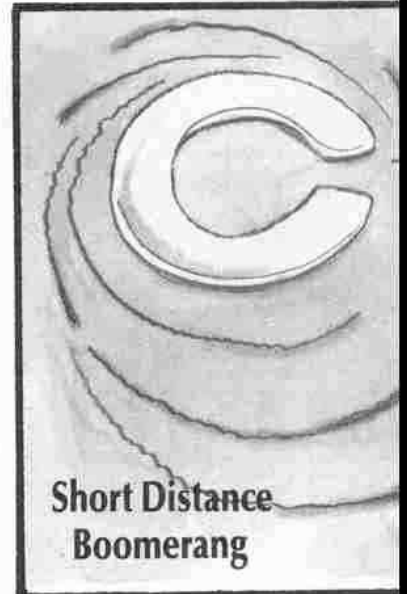


Baby Walker

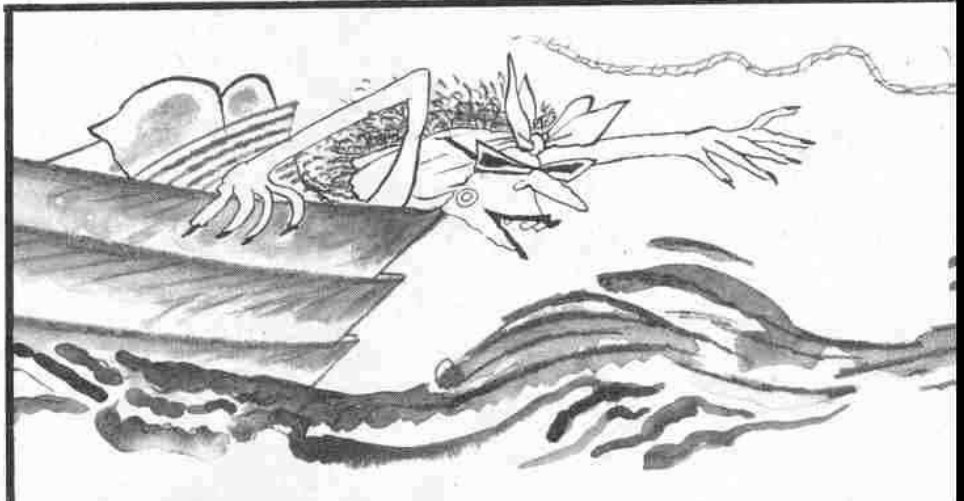
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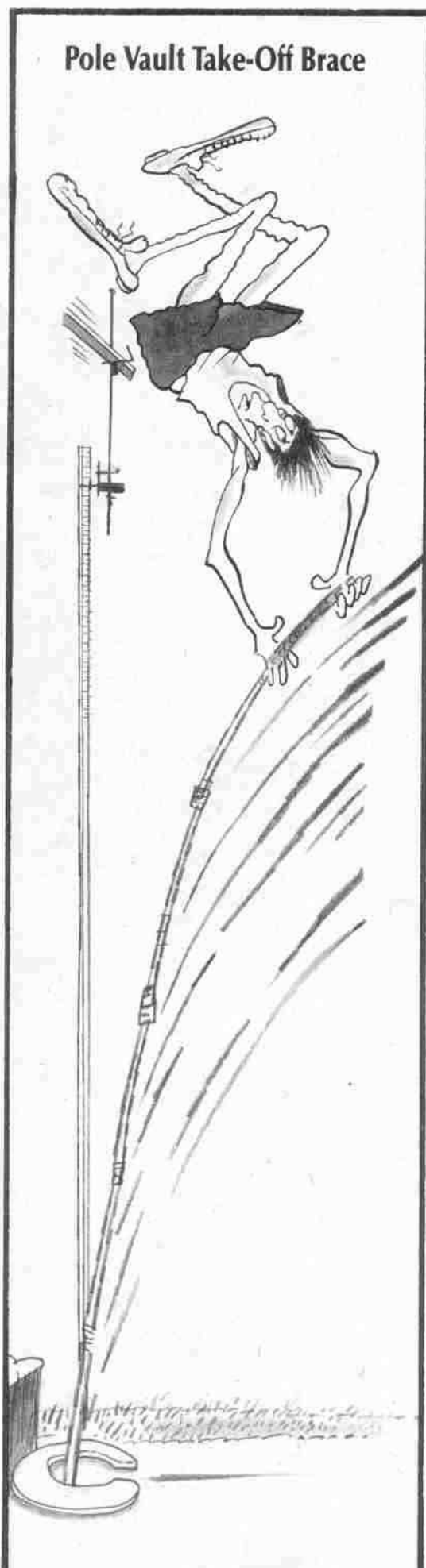
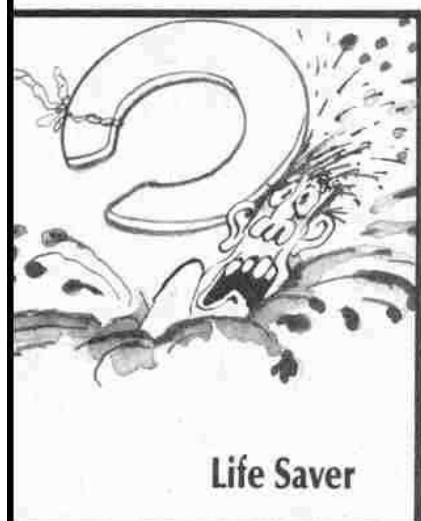
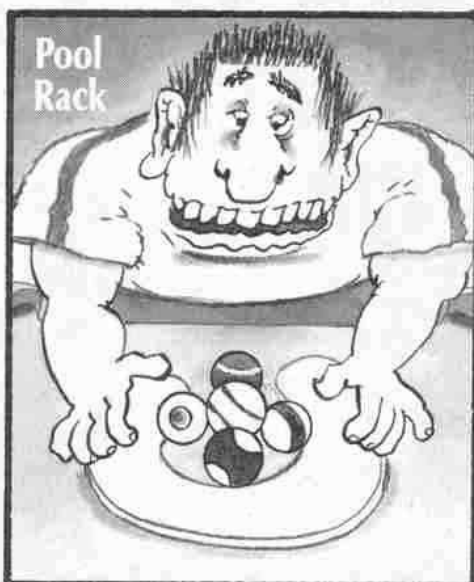


Snow Shoes



PILET SEATS

ARTIST AND WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES



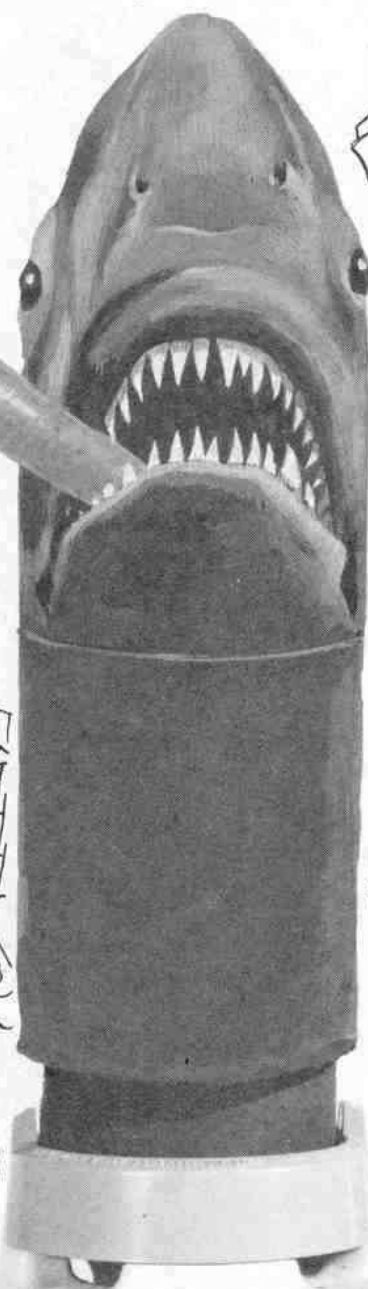
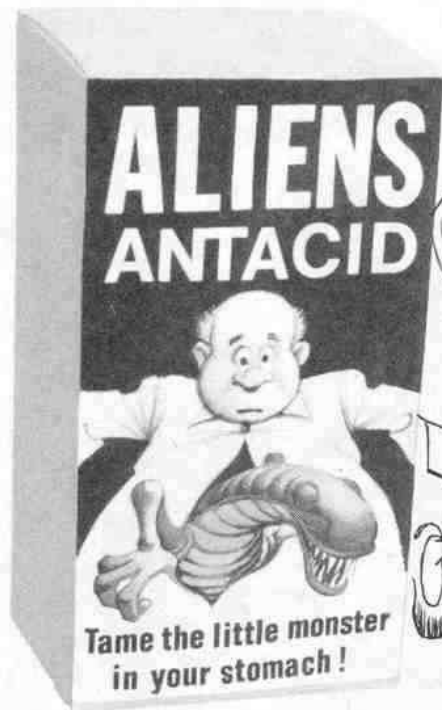
CLASH OF THE TIE-INS DEPT.

MERCHANDISING that HOLLYWOOD m



SPIN-OFFS

issued out on



ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

GREMLINS
MICRO-WAVE
OVEN CLEANER



From an Ancient
Chinese Formula!

Nightmare

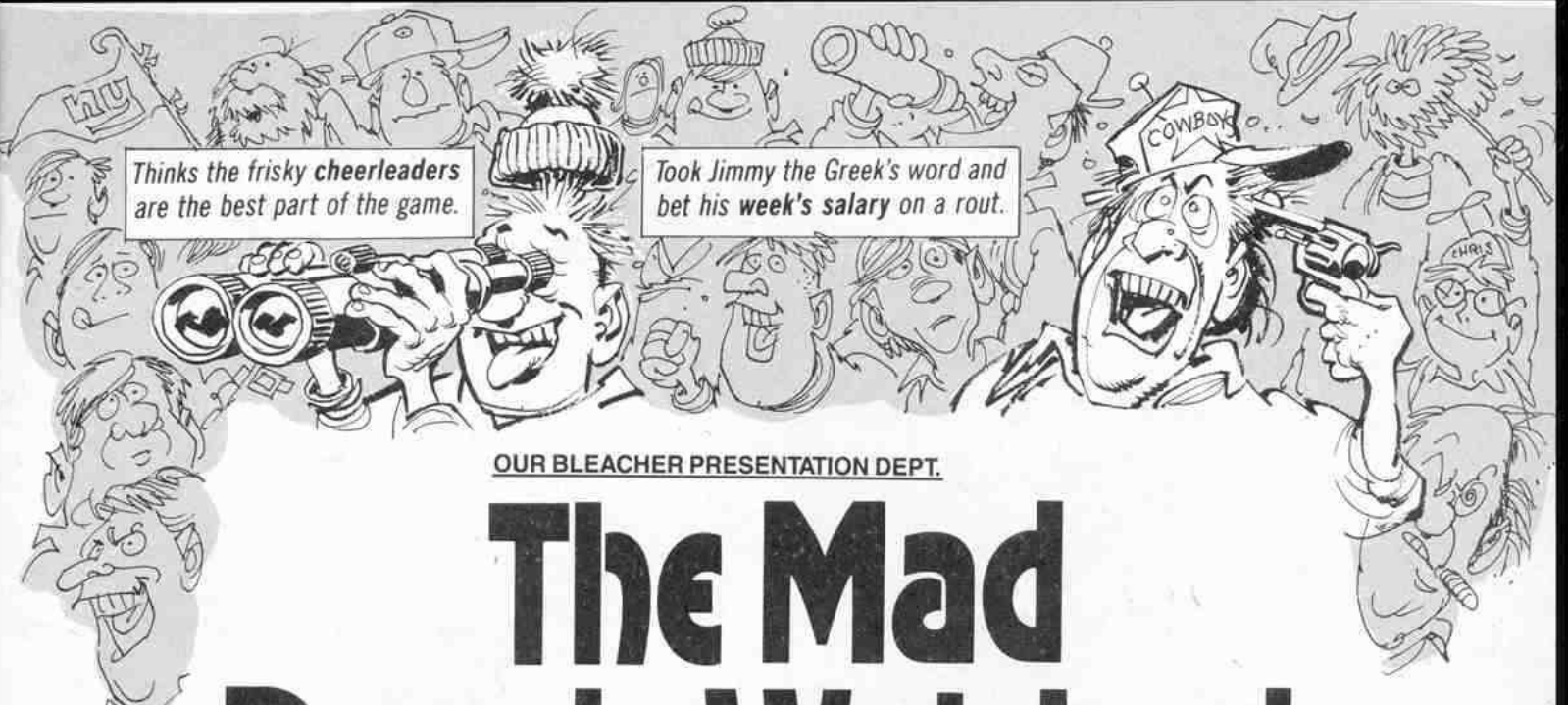
ON ELM STREET
NO-DÖZ PILLS

YOU CAN'T GO TO SLEEP
... 'CUZ FREDDY'S BACK!

PUSH
R2D2
TRASHCAN

HELP KEEP
OUR UNIVERSE
CLEAN





Thinks the frisky cheerleaders
are the best part of the game.

Took Jimmy the Greek's word and
bet his week's salary on a rout.

OUR BLEACHER PRESENTATION DEPT.

The Mad People Watcher's Guide To A Typical Football Game

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



Listening to two other
games that **sound** more
exciting than this one.

Meant to get tickets
for Twisted Sister, but
got into the wrong line.

TIME
OUTS 3

Has to go this time—
long lines or not!!

Trying to pretend he isn't the
idiot who, as 50,000 people now
know, left his headlights on.

REST
ROOMS

Hates football; is just build-
ing up "comp time" for the next
ballet he doesn't want to go to.

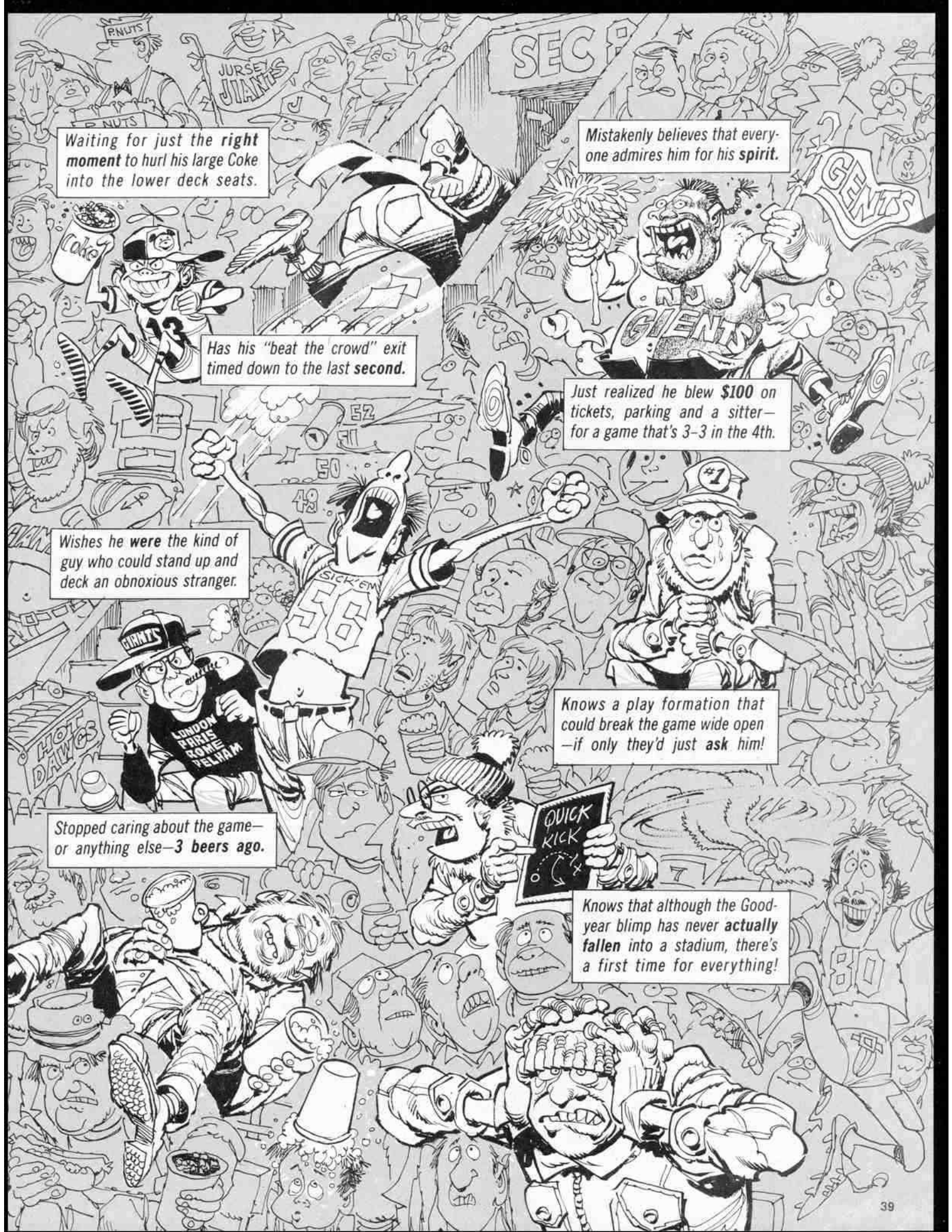
Still miffed over that
"intentional grounding"
call in the first quarter.

Thinks people can't get
enough of a good Howard
Cosell impersonation.

Can't enjoy football
without instant replays
and beer commercials.

Only comes to sporting events
so that she can do "the Wave."

Likes the way #47's buns wiggle
whenever he goes out for a pass.



Waiting for just the **right moment** to hurl his large Coke into the lower deck seats.

Mistakenly believes that everyone admires him for his **spirit**.

Has his "beat the crowd" exit timed down to the last **second**.

Just realized he blew \$100 on tickets, parking and a sitter—for a game that's 3-3 in the 4th.

Wishes he **were** the kind of guy who could stand up and deck an obnoxious stranger.

Knows a play formation that could break the game wide open—if only they'd just ask him!

Stopped caring about the game—or anything else—3 beers ago.

Knows that although the Good-year blimp has never **actually** fallen into a stadium, there's a first time for everything!

CHARITY D

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

WRITER: TOM KOCH

Florida's Senior Citizens Desperately Need Pastel-Colored Slacks!



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FULFILL THEIR DREAM TO LOOK RIDICULOUS!**

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MAY THE "SCHWARZ" BE WITH YOU DEPT.

A man-eating alien creature? Wow! A fight to the death between the alien and one last survivor of his rage?
Hoo-boy! Such an original premise! It's already been done! This creature isn't a Predator, he's just like his...

PREDECESSOR



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WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO



Save some food!
Under the
conditions
provided for
by the Geneva
Convention, we
have to feed
the hostages!

I wouldn't want
to break Geneva
Convention
regulations!
Let's just
shoot them all
so we don't
have to share!

Hey, guys, am
I seeing
things or is
that pick-up
truck
coming
right at
us?

Sure looks
that way!
Maybe some
idiot
thinks
this is a
drive-in
restaurant!

Well, you
leave the
tip—
I'm
getting
my butt
out of
here!

Okay, men,
zis
attack
is ofer!
Vas is
the
casualty
count?

We killed all 23 of them,
leveled their compound,
destroyed all their
weapons, and blew up
all their ammunition!
Our side suffered a
scraped knee!

A scraped knee!
Damn! I vas
hoping we'd
get off
scotch free!
No vonder
they sez,
"War is hell!"

Sir, I found this young native woman hiding in the bushes!

Kill her!
But... why?

Hey, someone's got to pay for that scraped knee! As my old commander, Gen. Fiasco would say—"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a boo-boo!"

Less just take her along wit us and make her listen to our stupid, macho dialogue!

We can't do that! "Torture" is against Geneva Convention agreements!

There's a lot of that going around!

Sir, we found the crashed helicopter! There's a few bodies, and they've all been stripped!

They heff got no uniforms, eh?

Worse than that—they have no skin!

I know it gets hot in this jungle, but for them to take off that much is a little ridiculous!

Look, more stripped bodies! I've heard of Club Med, but this place is Club Dead!

There is evidence the C.I.A. has been here, the Russians have been here, and the guerillas have been here! How come?

It's those Frequent Flyer awards! People will go anywhere to rack up that bonus mileage!

Ditch, Gawkins went out into the jungle alone and saw some kind of giant monster!

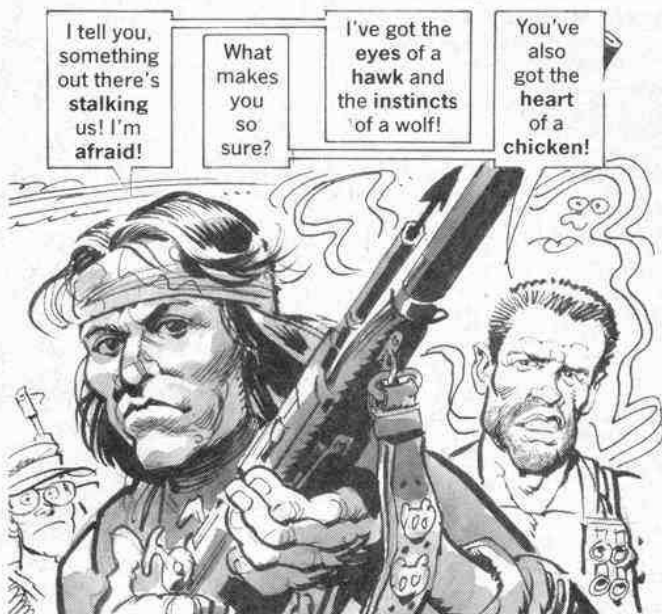
He must haff been scared out of his wits!

How about scared out of his skin!

There's a lot of that going around!

Do you have this frightening feeling that we're being watched...being hunted down by some alien life force with powers far beyond our own?

Either that or it's the drinking water down here! Man, this stuff can give you all kinds of weird delusions!



Don't worry, guys, I've got my mini-machine gun and six more bullets!

Six bullets won't stop dotting!

The six bullets are for us—one each! Suicide will be quick and painless compared to what the monster will do to us!

Vell, since dot last panel, everyone else is gone! Und I don't stand a chance against zat thing vit all his sophisticated electronic surveillance devices! But vait! It stopped! The monster can't see through a simple, light coat of mud!

Hey, slob go get your own @\$%& mud!

And while your at it, creep, get your own plot! You're doing "Aliens III"!

The Predecessor wants to engage in face-to-face combat! Good! I know I can win because I've suspended a huge log above his head! That, and suspending any trace of reality or credibility, will give me the hedge I need to destroy him!

BIGFOOT APPEARS THROUGH THE COURTESY OF "HARRY AND THE HENDERSONS"

Gee, with all this radioactive dust, I can't find Ditch! Do you see him anywhere down there?

After the creature blasted himself to bits in that nuclear explosion, try looking up! Ditch has gotta be floating around somewhere!

How are you, Ditch? Are you okay?

Idiot, vot do you hexpect after a nuclear explosion? Of course I'm not okay! I scraped my other knee!

ONE EVENING ON SHERWOOD DRIVE





FRANK ON A ROLL DEPT.

TWO FOR THE ROAD

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

SOON TO BE PLAGIARIZED BY: SEN. JOE BIDEN

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

The Donkey's very proud to be
The Democratic symbol;
A dedicated beast is he,
Sure-footed, smart and nimble;
But there's one load he's had to bear
That's made the going tough;
Let's hope the Party's now aware
One jackass is enough.

The Elephant has always said
Republicans are best;
But pondering the days ahead,
He's getting quite depressed;
How can he back the Party slate
That's running next November,
When saddled with a Chief of State
Who never can remember?

The Donkey is a basket case,
The Elephant a mess;
Yet both of them are in the chase
And hopeful of success;
With this in mind, it's safe to bet
That come Election Day,
No matter how we vote, we'll get
A turkey either way.

**WHAT
MENACE
IS ZAPPING
THE ENERGY
OF TODAY'S
YOUTH?**

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

"Tired, listless, wandering zombies" is what best describes today's youth. To find out what's having this profound effect on them, fold in page as shown.



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A

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