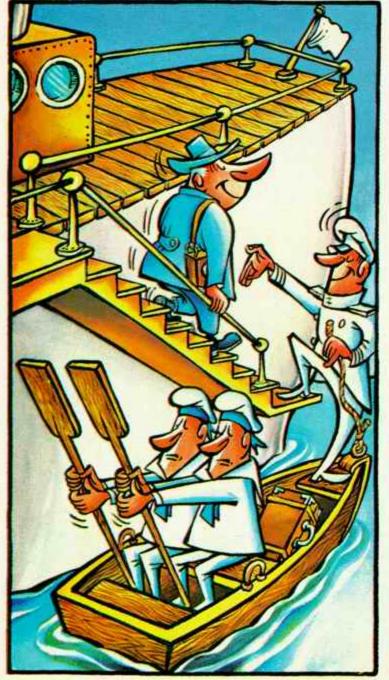
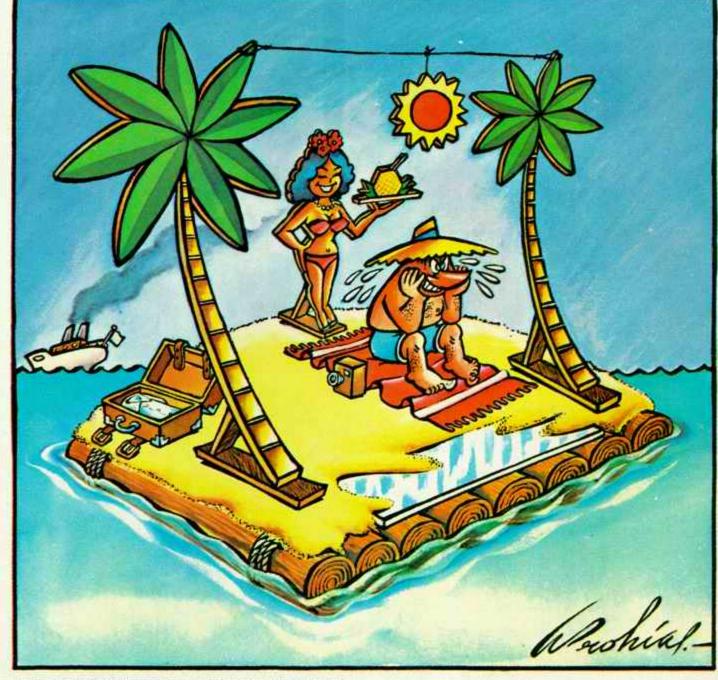


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THE TRAUMA OF '42

"The Trauma Of '42" was really superb! My compliments to Mort Drucker for the fantastic art work, and especially to Stan Hart for the realistic ending.

Michael Ginther Marshall University Huntington, W. Va.

Although I usually laugh myself sick at your movie satires, I was plain sickened by your job on "Summer Of '42." Stan Hart took a beautifully intimate story and turned it into an apparent piece of smut. The final punch line was still hilarious and Mort Drucker is a genius.

> John Michaelis Carson, Calif.

Your "Summer Of '42" version is a work of genius. Thanks to you I really socked it to my parents about when they were kids. Now I got to stay in my Kleenex box for a week. (whisper, whisper, whisper, whisper)

Barry Blakely Miami, Fla.

Stan Hart's fantastic satire "The Trauma Of '42" answered my question why my parents wouldn't take me to see the movie. They wouldn't want me to tell their parents that they had been to an R rated movie!

Bill Chasey Phoenix, Ariz.

One of the funniest scenes in the movie was the drugstore scene. Writer Stan Hart made the same scene hilariously funny and even better.

Larry Roth Rego Park, N.Y.

In your satire, "Trauma Of '42," in the third frame, you show some girls wearing bikinis. This is incorrect, since the bikini was not introduced until after the atomic explosion on Bikini, for which it was named. In 1942, no one had hardly heard of the atom.

John Kleeberg New York, N.Y.

Do we tell you how to outfit your flashback sequences . . . ?—Ed.

I must admit being satirized in MAD was both a shock and a thrill to me, thanks to Mort Drucker and Stan Hart. "Summer Of '42" was my first movie of note and I hope to see myself on your pages again.

Jerry "Husky" Houser Studio City, Calif.

IF "PEANUTS" AGED . . .

I thought your satire on the Peanuts characters was funnier than the stuff I read in the newspaper every day. Peanuts at the age of 19 is much more relative than all the strips about footballs and kite-eating trees put together.

Joni Hulman Rockville, Md.

DEAR" MAD,

I LIKED YOUR

PEANUTS STRIPS. WHY

DON'T YOU GUYS TAKE

OVER THE WHOLE THING,

AND I'LL QUIT?



You ridicule Charles M. Schulz and ask him to "wise up" by letting his characters age. I haven't noticed your superstar, Alfred E. Neuman, getting any older. What's the catch?

J. Paul Johns Houston, Texas

SOCKO BACK COVERS

Why is it your most pointed satire always is to be found on the back cover? Carol Hodes

George Washington U. Washington, D.C.

CONGRESSIONAL OFF-THE-RECORD

If your "Congressional Off-The-Record" were the official publication, you can be certain there'd be more Political Science majors than there are now.

> Mark Parker Ohio State U. Columbus, Ohio

Your "Congressional Off-The-Record" reminds me of the fools that are elected to office in my own community.

> Jonathan Stein New York, N.Y.

FACE SAVING DEVICE?

I would like to thank your brilliant and heroic publication for saving my life. Unbelievable? My mother was driving me home and I was reading her a satire you guys did on one of Liz & Dick's flicks. We got into a three car collision and my head went into the windshield. I got six stitches. If I hadn't been reading your magazine, I would have done serious damage to my face and neck.

Nannette Filler Paradise Valley, Ariz.

MESSY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

Last night I had insomnia. I got up and read your "Messy's Thanksgiving Day Parade." I was so bored I fell asleep. Thank you.

Barbara Stutz Chico, Calif.

I was greatly dismayed...appalled... by the scornful treatment accorded to the entire concept of marching bands in your investigation of the "Messy's Thanksgiving Day Parade." Such frivolity, which unfortunately passes as humor, is totally out of keeping with the amount of hard work, sacrifice, and dedication involved in the consistently high level of quality of every serious marching unit. And, only someone who had never seen a marching band would include in the ranks a marching bassoonist.

Bobbi H. Cohen Newtown Square, Pa.

RHYMING GUIDE TO PRO FOOTBALL

In reply to "MAD's Rhyming Guide To Pro Football," here's a rhyme for Mr. Iacobs...

Jacobs . . .

You call Fred Cox a "flabby blob,"

Even though he does the job.

Do not insult him any more

Or the Purple Gang will be at your door.

Larsen, Marshall, Eller and Page

Will use you in a practice Quarterback Rage!

Cuozzo will heave you into the wild blue

Then Snead will get a chance at you.

At the end, with a smile,

Fred will boot you half a mile...

D. Cassaro Minneapolis, Minn. (where else?)

I think your "Rhyming Guide To Pro Football" is great. It was really funny, too, as the game is not all that brutal. I happen to play football on a *Junior High team*. It's really cool. The snap of the ball, the smash of bodies, the plucking of teeth from your forearm, it's great.

Edward Stoken Texarkana, Texas

Ed "Smasher" Stoken, Coach Darrell Royal of the University of Texas wants you...now!

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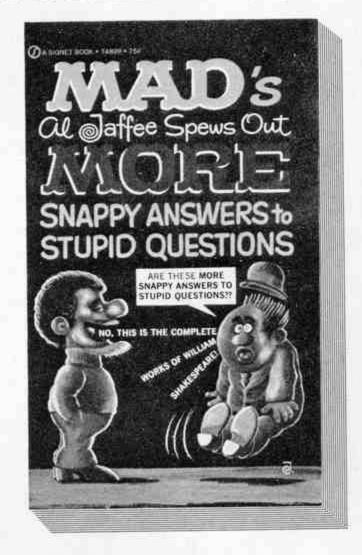
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In recent years, MAD has published musicals featuring such way-out characters as mobsters, hippies, student rioters and Barbra Streisand. Now we'd like to present a musical featuring the most far-out characters of all, namely Dick, Pat, Spiro, Henry, Martha and all the other zany cutups who wander around that crazy executive mansion down in Washington, D.C. Which is as good a way as any of introducing . . .

THE WHITE HOUSE FOLLIES OF 1972

(With Apologies To Gilbert & Sullivan)

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

Mr. President, before we begin our Cabinet meeting, we'd all like to hear the stirring, heart-warming story of your life in politics, and the amazing secret of your great success!

As if we hadn't heard it six times this month already!

Good old Spiro sucking up to the Boss again!

this, I had to give up a safe seat in Congress!

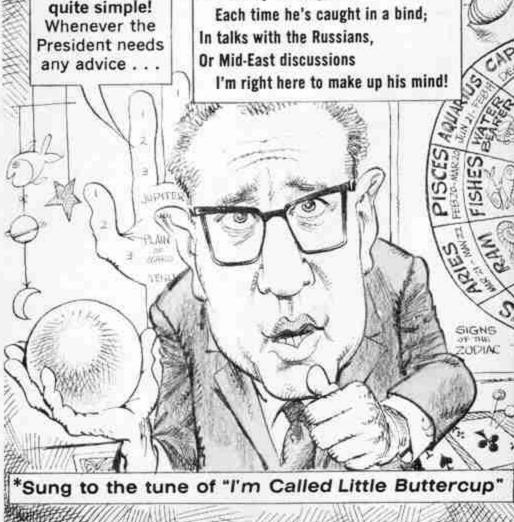
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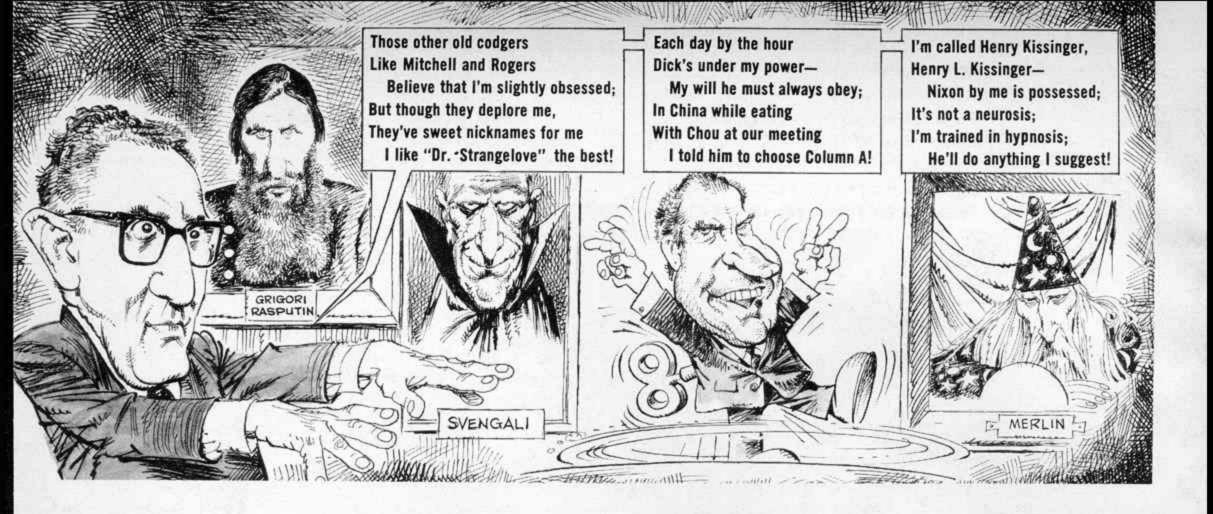


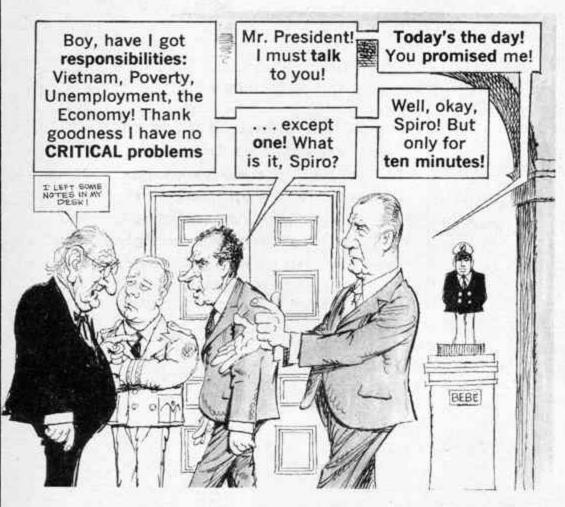






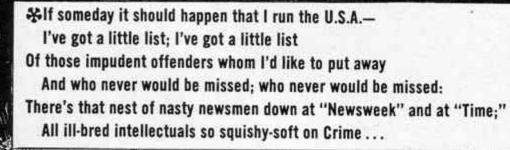






For over three years he's been promising me that I could sit here in his office and play President! And now I'm here... behind his big desk, surrounded by his secretaries and aides and Secret Service men! Jumpin' Japs, if only I WERE the President! I'd show 'em! I'd really show 'em all...





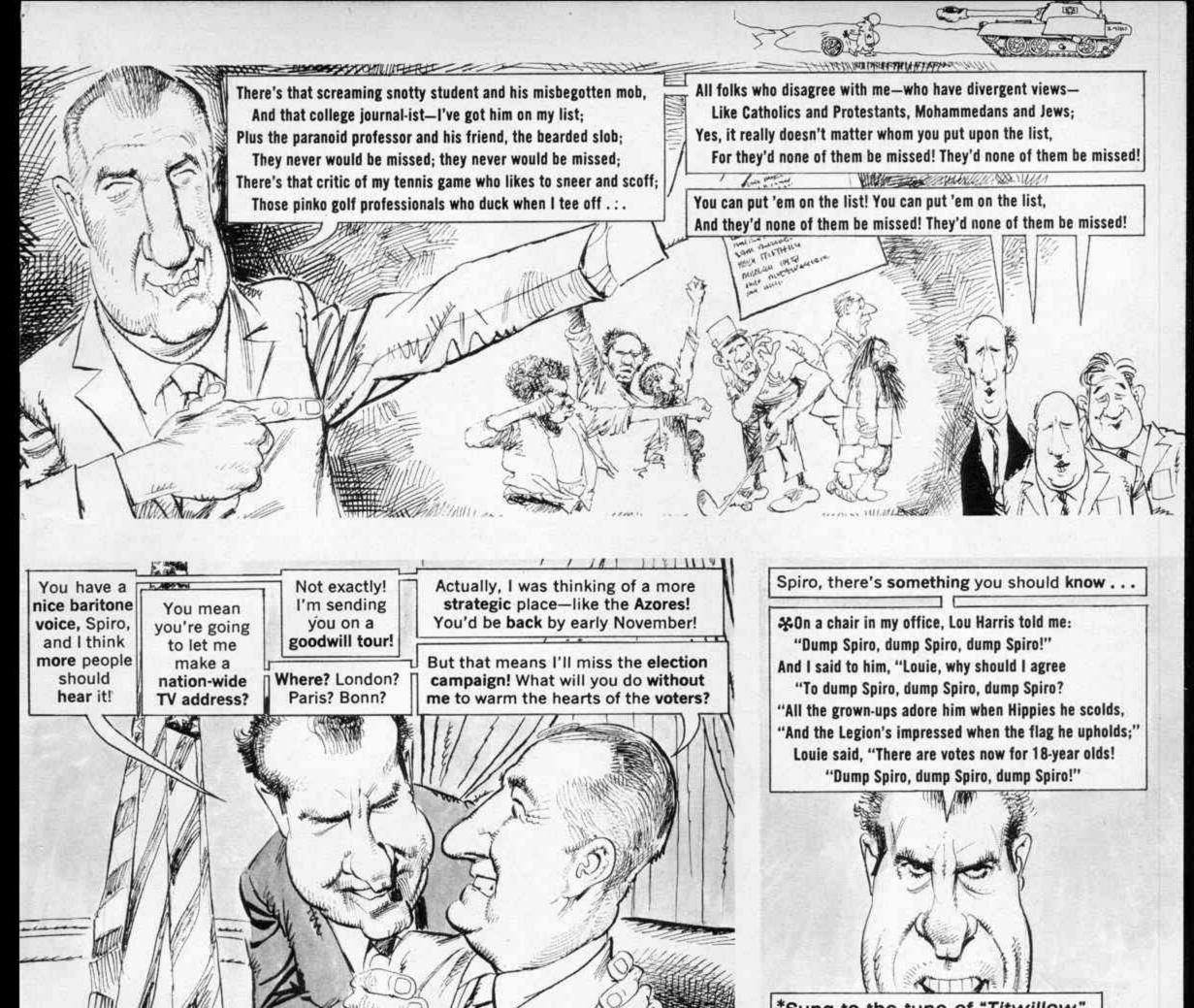
Those nitwit network nincompoops who preach on C.B.S.;
Those termites who torment me when I star on "Meet The Press:"
And the writer of this parody who gives my words a twist—
I don't think he'd be missed! I'm sure he'd not be missed!

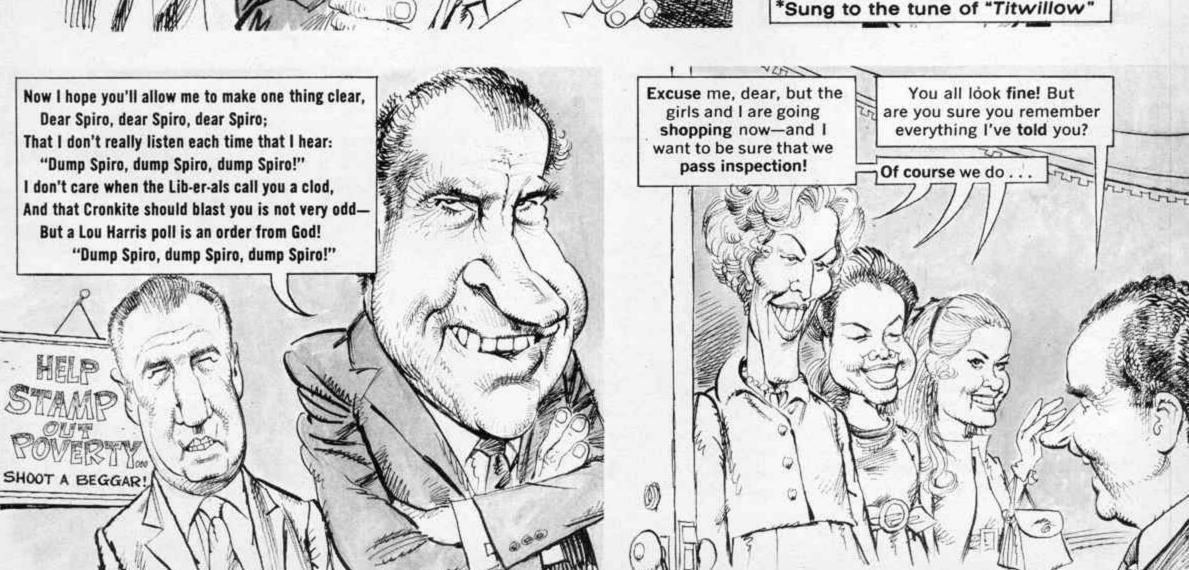
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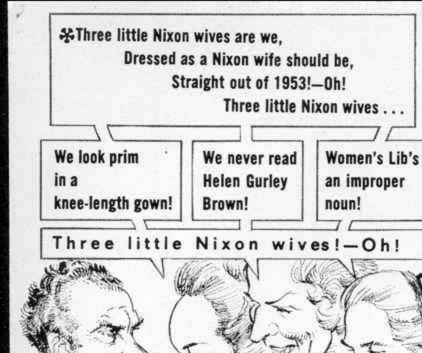
And they'd none of them be missed! They'd none of them be missed!

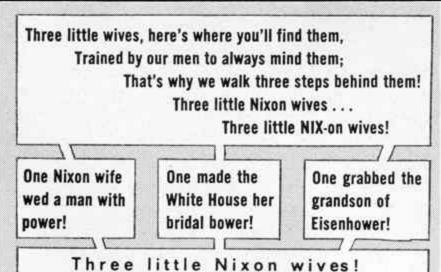
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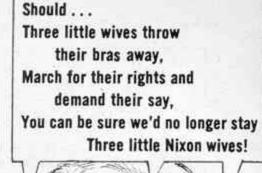




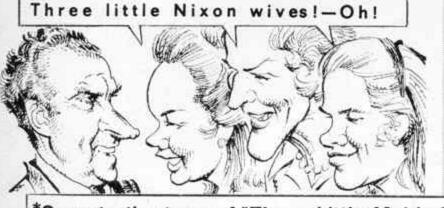








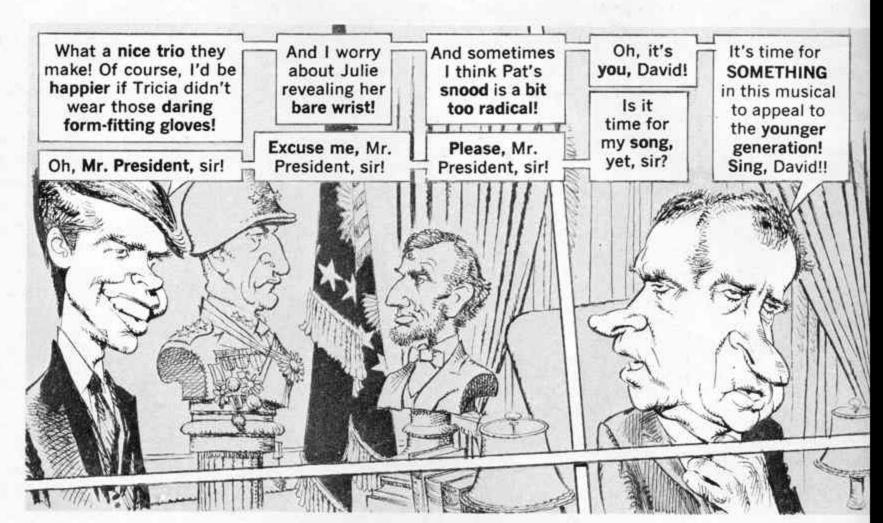




*Sung to the tune of "Three Little Maids From School Are We"

Three little wives, here's where you'll find them, Trained by their men to always mind them; That's why we walk three steps behind them! Three little NIX-on wives!



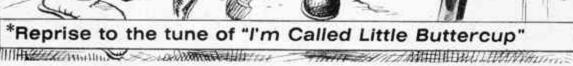


%I'm called David Eisenhower— Son-in-law Eisenhower— Making the scene coolly dressed; My gear is quite daring; You'll note that I'm wearing A very loud black suit and vest!

I'm flipped over Julie, Which may seem unruly; In truth, we are both very hip; We think every movie By Disney is groovy, And when we go dancing we dip! I hope it won't leak out That sometimes we freak out From all those "New Sounds" of today: My mind I am blowing 'Cause next week I'm going With Julie to hear Johnny Ray

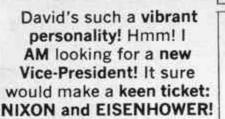
I'm called David Eisenhower-"Cool David" Eisenhower-That's what the Nixons both say; My status is growing Like, man, 'cause they're knowing I speak for the youth of today!











But, no! People would say I was playing politics! Anyway, I need someone who tunes in on the people!

Sir! J. Edgar
Hoover is
waiting for
you in the
rose garden!

TH
some

Hoover! Now
THERE'S
someone who
REALLY
tunes in on
the people!

Hello, Edgar! I've called you here because Pat is complaining that you're bugging her jewel case! Well, that's Security, Dick! You can't trust ANYONE these days!





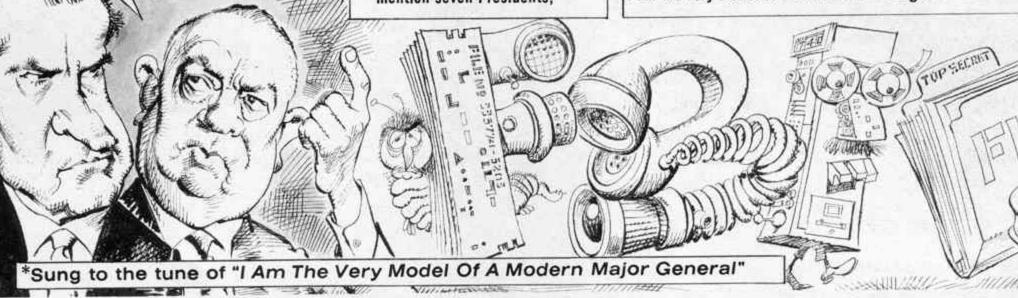
But she's the wife of the **President!** How would it look if you bugged **MY** possessions?

Better take a look at your cufflinks!

As head of the F.B.I., I must use the latest techniques so that the Press won't think I'm too old for my job! You see . . .

★I am the very model of a modern criminologist;
My instinct for survival would intrigue an anthropologist;
For more than forty year's I've clung to my official residence,
Outlasting Walter Lippman, not to mention seven Presidents;

Yet rather than remove me from my post proprietorial,
They'd rather put the hammer to the Jefferson Memorial;
It's known, you see, I have the goods on Congressmen and Senators,
Including information on their children and progenitors;
And should I be tormented by some critic of the media,
The file I've got on him would fill a small encyclopedia.
Of course, in my position one must think like a psychologist;
I am the very model of a modern criminologist.



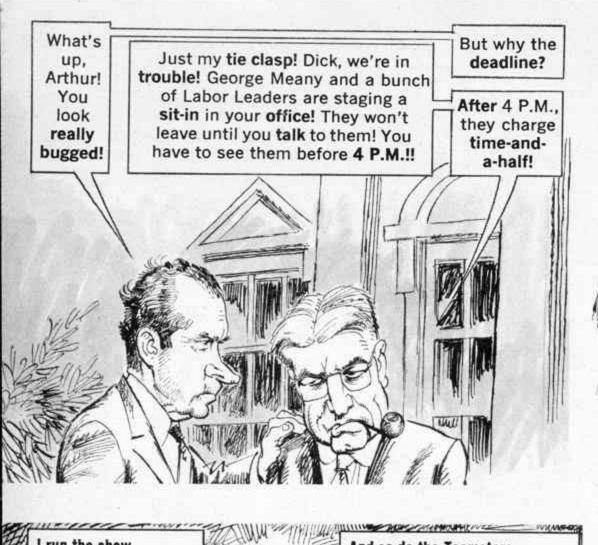
I am the very model of a modern criminologist,
As thorough in his findings as a Harvard archaeologist;
I do not care for idle talk; I weigh the facts judicially;
The Mob did not exist until I broke the news officially;

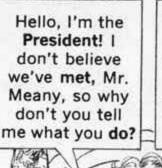
Each agent that surrounds me must possess the right ingredients Of reverence, fidelity, devotion and obedience, And should one doubt my wisdom it could lead to the extremity Of putting him on duty on a mountain in Yosemite; My men I much prefer to take their exercise unraveling The evil web of Communists and others fellow-traveling, Or, failing that, to trail some bearded student idealogist; I am the very model of a modern criminologist.

Golly! Here comes my economic advisor, Arthur Burns! I haven't seen him so upset since David Rockefeller forgot to send him a Christmas card!

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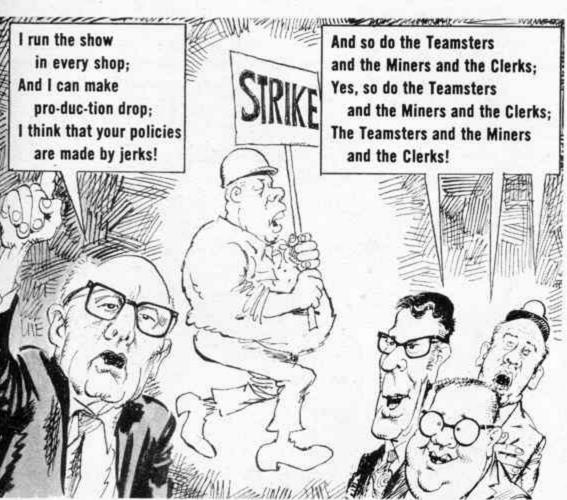


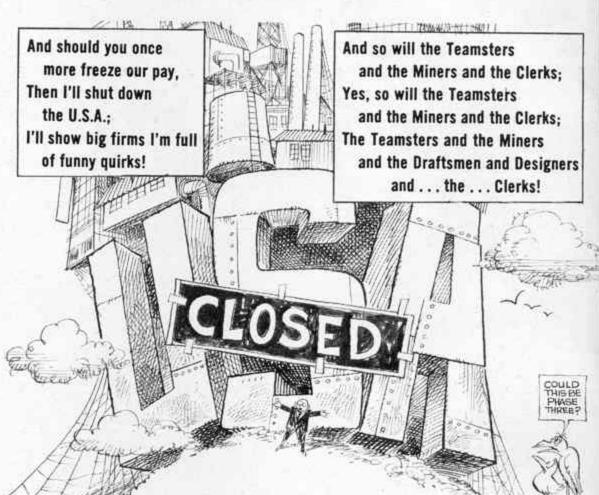
Leader in command,
Who runs most Unions
in the land;
If I say, "Strike!"
then no one works!

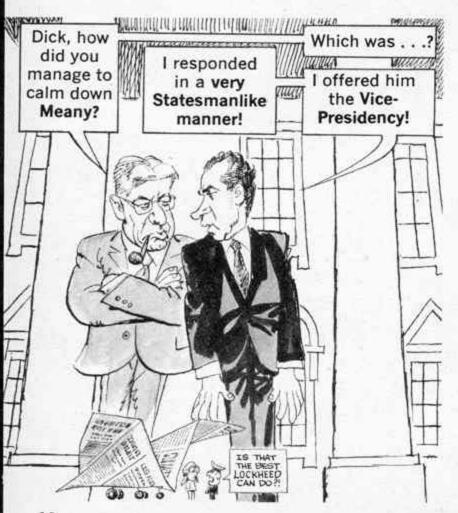
And we rule the Teamsters
and the Miners and the Clerks;
Yes, we rule the Teamsters
and the Miners and the Clerks—
The Teamsters and the Miners
and the Clerks!

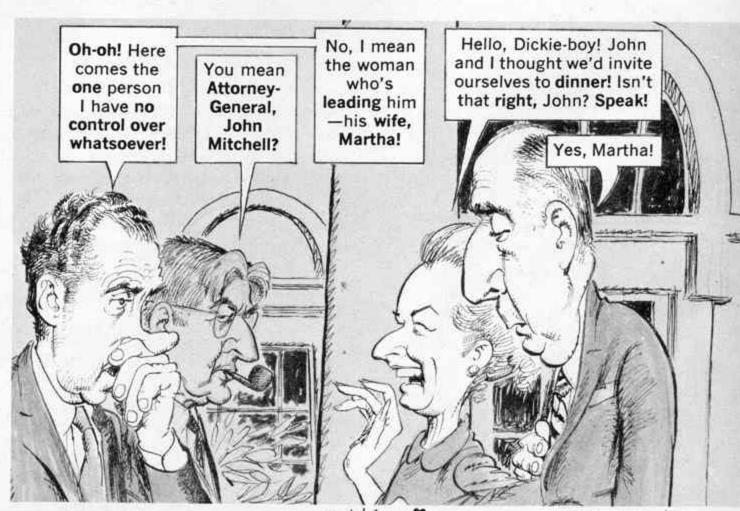


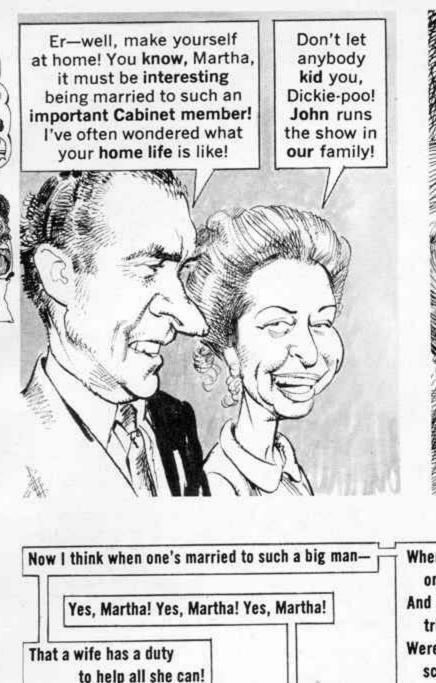
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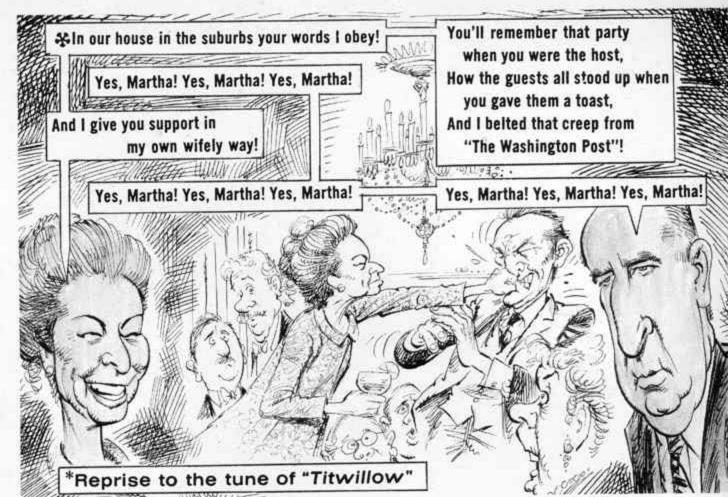


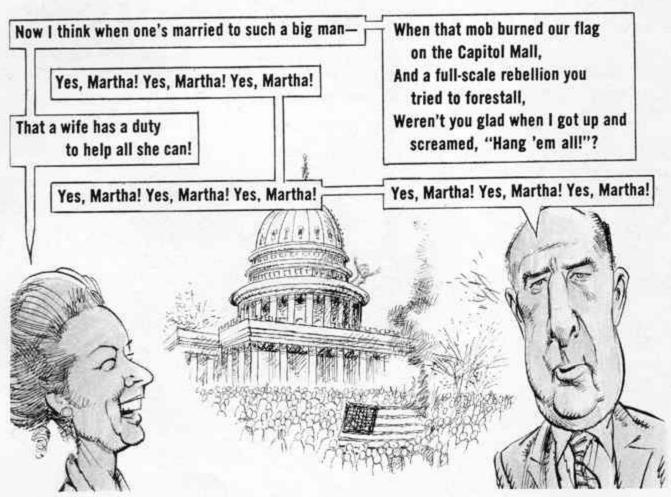




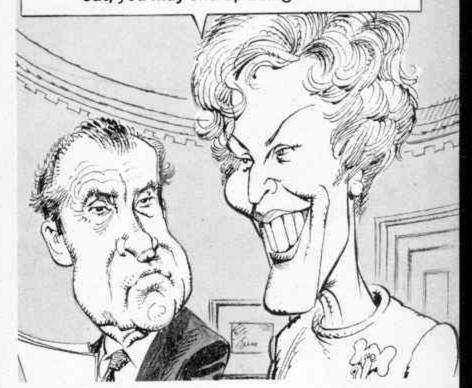








You know something, Dick! It's amazing! You've gone through this entire MAD musical without once making an embarrassing speech or getting into trouble with reporters! If you don't watch out, you may end up being LIKED!



He . . .

It took me a long time, Pat, but I finally found the formula! The trick is to surround myself with a bunch of blabbering clowns and eccentrics! With THEM around, who's going to attack ME?! Let me make the whole thing perfectly clear in this final rousing number—

*When I made it big in pol-i-tics,
I found it helpful knowing all the tricks;
I changed my image—now I play it cool
And I let some guy like Spiro play the White House fool!
I mastered all these tricks so care-ful-ly
That now I am the head of our De-moc-ra-cy!

mastered all these tricks
so care-ful-ly
That . . .
now he is the head of our
De . . . MOC . . . RA . . . CEEEE!!



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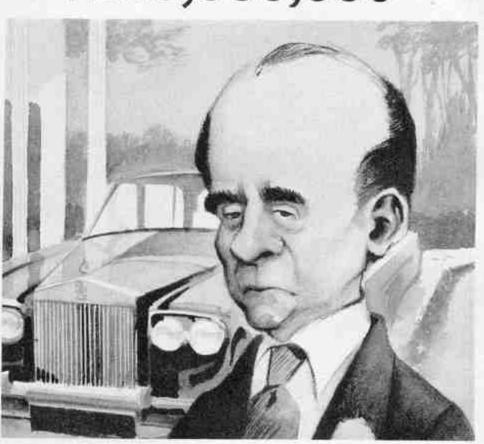
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Harry Truman, Arthur Godfrey, Napoleon Bonaparte, The Wright Brothers, Milton Berle! Not a bad bunch to follow! Consider how successful they were before you toss away four years of your life!

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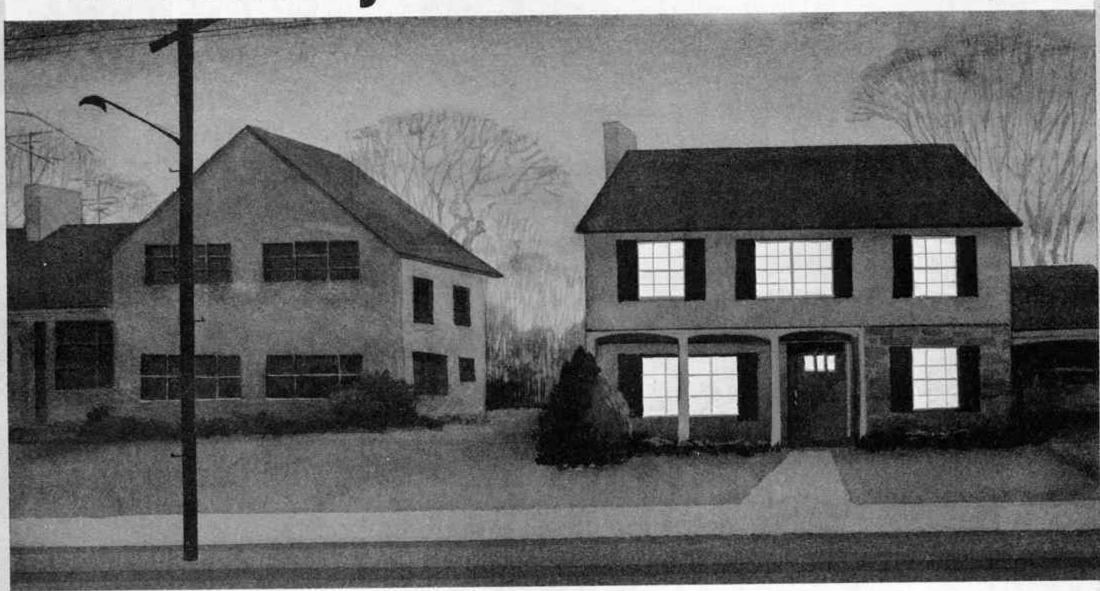
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NPEOPLE OFF

NDLE THE BUSINESS THEY'VE GOT ALREADY

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

Which Family Lives Better Electrically?



The family in the house on the left, of course! They've got seven air-conditioners, electric heating, a washing machine, a clothes dryer, a dish washer, four color TVs, a refrigerator-freezer, an electric stove, five electric clocks, an electrified fire and burglar alarm system, an assortment of small electrical appliances including fry pans, toasters, broilers, can-openers, knives, etc., and an electrified kennel, hamster cage, greenhouse and bird-feeder in the back. They live better electrically, except for times like now . . . when they've been blacked-out for an entire week-end by their over-burdened local Electric Light and Power Company.

The family on the right only uses 12 electric lights, a broken-down Kelvinator refrigerator and a 1959 11-inch black-and-white Zenith TV set. Instead of buying a lot of power-draining appliances, they put their money into their own private generator, which they've installed in their basement. Electrically, they may not live better, but they'll survive better . . . because they're the only family in town right now that can go from one room to another without walking into a wall.

Think About That Before You Buy Your Next Appliance!

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Hi! This is Philo Forsythe for the Nation's Airlines! And this is Elmo Freen, a typical passenger! Has the trip been pleasant so far, Mr. Freen?

You better believe it, Philo! I'm 6 foot 7. and weigh 271! I'm as big as a house, but these seats are wide and comfortable-with lots of leg room, too!

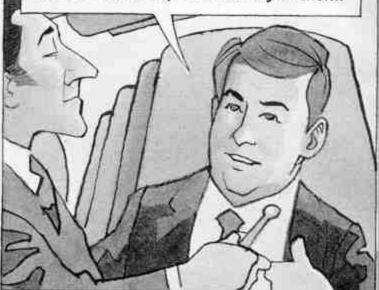


Mr. Freen, there's a lot of talk about departure delays . . .

Are you kidding? We left right on the dot! And according to my watch, we're gonna arrive right on time, too!



Listen, I'm a businessman with important appointments in different cities! I can't take chances on delays! I don't know who spreads those rumors about overcrowded terminals and traffic control problems. but I've never experienced any of them!



Is this Helen?

This is your

old boyfriend.

Nutty Charlie

Foster! I've

been trying to

find you for

14 years! Why

did you stand

me up that New

Year's Eve in

'57! It nearly

drove me crazy

at the time,

but I've been

released now.

and . . .

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE WITHOUT A PHONE?

Hmmmm, hello. baby! This is (slobber) your neighborhood degenerate! I'm getting (pant) sensual pleasure out of flogging myself with the extension cord while I wait for the ultimate ecstacy of hearing you call me vile and crude!

Hello there! If you can answer this question, you'll win a free "Cha-Cha" lesson at the world famous Arthur Klutz Dance Studios! Ready-? Here's the question . . . Which side won the Civil War? I'll give you a hint . . .

Hi! I'm a religious fanatic, and I've called you because when I add up the digits in your phone number, it comes to

Hello, this is the National Hangnail Foundation! We are conducting our bi-annual Cuticle Crusade to help find a cure for this dreaded disease which afflicts four out of five Americans! Our representative will be calling you every night for the next month until-

> This is Lulu, the cheap blonde your husband's been having an affair with! Will you please tell him I've been to the Doctor, and it looks like I'm . . .

reincarnation of the God, Murray . . .

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MOST LIKELY, A LOT BETTER

The Bell System



Let's face it! Here, the passenger comes first! Look how they handle baggage! Your suitcases are waiting for you practically the minute you arrive at the terminal! You can't beat that! And with the really low fares they're offering, I can afford to take my wife along if I feel like it!





YOU CAN WIN \$10,000

IN THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN HOSPITALS' 1971 DO-IT-YOURSELF

HOME SURGERY CONTEST

IT'S FUN! IT'S CHALLENGING! IT'S REWARDING!

Any family can compete! All that's required is some friend, some relative . . . anyone with a major physical ailment who may suddenly require hospitalization and surgery. From that moment on, it's up to you! YOU diagnose his ailment! YOU prescribe the treatment! YOU perform the operation—right in your own home! YOU save him the tremendous expenses of hospital bills and surgeons' fees! And, at the same time—YOU become eligible for any one of these fabulous prizes:

First Prize \$10,000 Second Prize \$5,000 Third Prize \$2,500 FILL OUT THIS COUPON AND ENTER TODAY! IT'S THE CHANCE OF SOMEONE'S LIFETIME!

Home Surgery Contest P.O. Box 1971 Ganglia, Utah

Yes, I want to enter your contest! I pledge that I am a complete medical amateur, and that I will not use any hospital facilities or trained medical assistance whatsoever. Send me complete details, plus the helpful contest booklet, "Vital Organs And How To Find Them".

ADDRESS ______ STATE ____ ZIP CODE ____

Check here if between the ages of 8 and 18 for entry in Special 1971 Do-It-Yourself Junior Home Surgery Contest

MEET LAST YEAR'S HOME SURGERY CONTEST WINNERS

L.H., of Chicago, Illinois, won

\$10,000.00



... for performing a delicate brain operation on his late Mother-In-Law.

R.B., of Omaha, Nebraska, wor

\$5,000.00



... for exchanging the kidney of his nephew with an utter stranger's.

A.K., of Butte, Montana, won

\$2,500.00



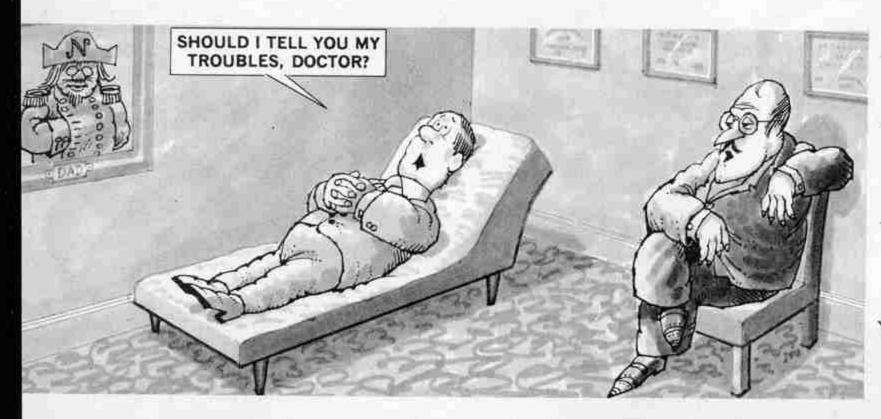
... for removing the pancreas of his mailman just before dinner.

PUT YOUR FUNNY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS DEPT.

Are you reading a magazine? Are you reading MAD Magazine? Are your reading the introduction to this article? Then you know what "Stupid Questions" are, because we just asked three of the stupidest! Are

you sick and tired of being asked stupid questions? Would you like to put them down? Then this article (by Al Jaffee) is for you! So were the first two articles on the very same subject (by Al Jaffee)

MORE SNAPPY ANSWERS



No, just pay me \$50 an hour, and let me tell you my troubles!

No, tell me some jokes! I've heard all the troubles I can stand for one day!

No, tell me about your Mother's troubles! Start out with the klutz she got stuck with for a son!

Is this blank balloon here for any reason?

Yes, it's waiting to collect "Unemployment"!

ARE YOU GOING TO HOLD ME UP?

Why? Are you falling down?

No, it's just that I have this fetish about armpits!

No, I'm looking for apple pickers for my orchards, and this is how I test out people's reach!

Is this blank balloon for the reader's use?

Yes, so he can enjoy reading dotted lines!

ARE YOU GOING SURFING?

No, I'm a delivery man for an Ironing Board Company!

No, this is just a new style hat I've created!

No, I once had a dreadful experience with a flight of Canadian Geese, and I'm taking no chances on that ever happening again!

Is this for the reader's own snappy answer?

No, it's for making out his loundry list!

that we ran several issues back! So was the first MAD paperback book on the very same subject (by Al Jaffee) that we published several years back! So is the upcoming all-new MAD paperback book on

the very same subject (by Al Jaffee) that's about to be published! Which means that, besides the ad for it on the Letters Page, this article is nothing more than another plug for Al's new collection of

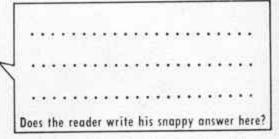
TO STUPID QUESTIONS



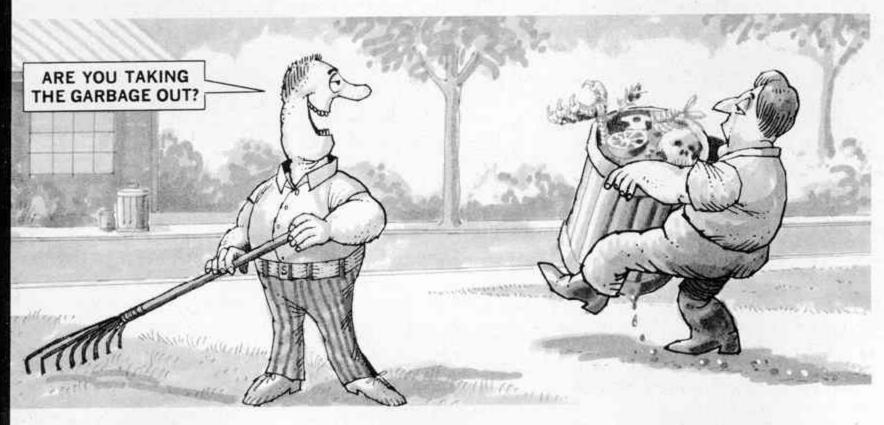
No, I've decided to turn our kitchen into a Sauna Bath!

No, I'm burning pots!

No, I'm drawing a hot bath for a chicken!



No, he writes "The Lord's Prayer" here! He writes his snappy answer on the head of a pin!



No, I'm taking our dinner out! I put the garbage in our refrigerator!

No, I'm taking my wife out! But she's shy, and this is the only way she'll go anywhere!

No, I'm taking this picnic basket out! Anytime you're hungry, feel free to dig in!

After he fills in the balloon, what happens? He hangs on and tries for an altitude record!

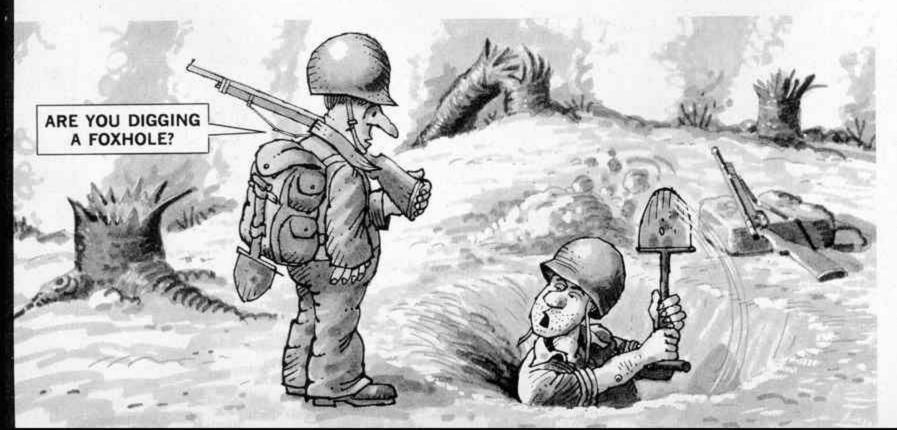
No, I've got a three-day pass, and I'm digging a tunnel home to Chicago!

No, I'm building a swimming pool to relax in during those pleasant moments between mortar attacks!

No, I'm digging a final resting place for idiots who ask stupid questions! By the way, how tall are you?

After he's finished, should he mail them in?

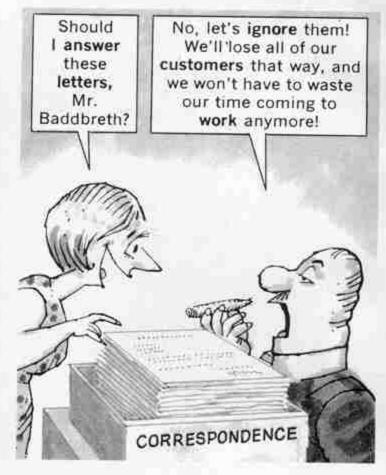
Yes, to the proper Mental Health authorities!



A "SNAPPY ANSWERS TO OFFICE SAGA STUPID QUESTIONS" OFFICE SAGA

















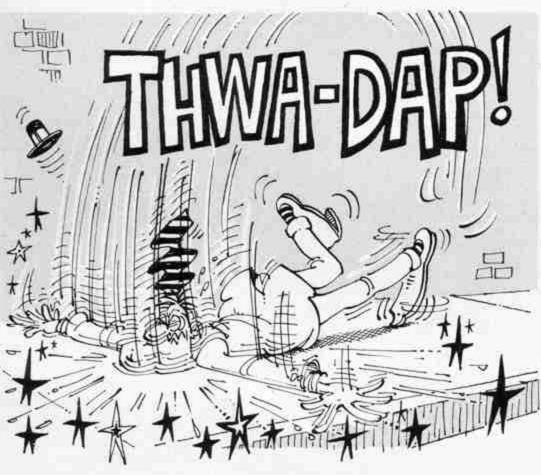


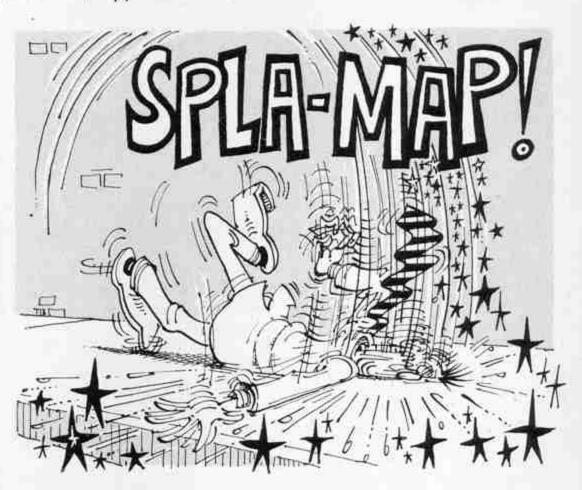
ONE FAIRLY NICE DAY DOWNTOWN

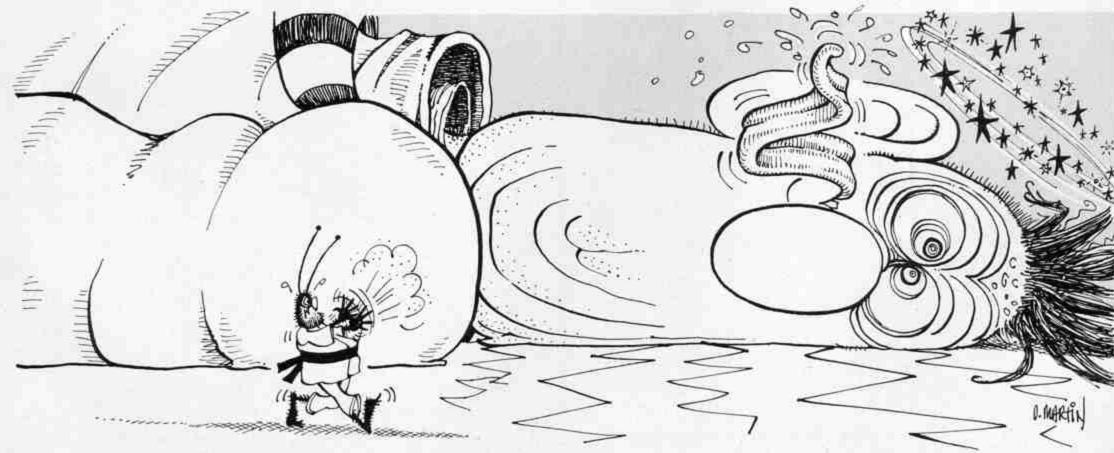












With everyone sending out cold, impersonal, store-bought Greeting Cards to express their feelings these days, we got to wondering: Whatever happened to the old-fashioned "Love Letter"? Mainly, the individual personal message that captured the style and the personality of its author, instead of some professional card-writer. You'll see what we're talking about when you read these MAD versions of

LOVE LETTERS FROM CELEBRITIES

WRITER: ARNIE KOGEN

FROM RICHARD NIXON

Dear Pat,

January 23, 1932

Let me make one thing perfectly clear. I am your boyfriend. Make no mistake about that. And I feel it perfectly safe to say that I love you. That is, I believe I love you. This is not to preclude the possibility that I may like you a whole lot. Or that I may even have a heavy crush on you. Or that I am simply hot to trot. However, since this is a "love letter", I think I should correctly state, for the time being at least, that I love you.

Now, about that other matter: Let me say that within one year, I hope to withdraw from all my other girlfriends. You can readily understand that, for safety's sake (They may beat me up after school!), I cannot withdraw from them all at once. My plan is to gradually stop calling them, and to date them less and less.

As for last night, I hope you will forgive me for what may have seemed like a surprise attack in Lovers' Lane. Let me make clear my position on this. I believe that only by advancing upon and holding unprotected parts of your body can I protect the commitment I have made in time and money. I believe it is morally just. And, more than that, it is the American Thing to do!

Do I make myself perfectly clear?

Another thing. About your acne. Please don't feel self-conscious about it. I have been studying your condition closely, and let me state that within a month I believe it will be perfectly clear!

Is this perfectly clear?

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I am your boyfriend, Dickie

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FROM WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY

Millbrook Preparatory School Millbrook, New York

December 18, 1940

Miss Selina Van Renssalaer Foxcroft School Sweetbriar, New York

Dear Selina: --

It is with warm exudation that I dedicate this missive to you, the love of my life, the apocalypse of my being and the lustful cornucopia of all my hedonistic dreams. How ironic that this passion for you should exist, yes, flourish under a left-wing state whose invidious ideological posture is the antithesis of a renaissance romanticism and, ergo, contains absolutely no aesthetic vision except a perfunctory ersatz.

Under this arduous tyranny, with Mr. Roosevelt the provocateur of legislative egregiousness, I nevertheless, have dedicated my puerile existence to satiating my concupiscent and pubescent lust.

To put it more succinctly, Selina, baby, I'm hot for your body. And if there's no action Friday night, you can shove off!

Warmest personal regards,

William F. Buckley

FROM ERICH SEGAL

July 18, 1963

Dear Gladys,

What can you say about a sixteen year-old girl who loves Mozart, Frankie avalon, Chubby Checker, and is suffering from an incurable disease. The heart heak of sociasis?

That's right, Gladys! I know all about your terrible skin condition!

But it doesn't matter to me because I love you in spite of your faults. What DOES bother me is that you've been secretly seeing my best friend, Solomon Fleischman, behind my back!

On this love? as far as I'm concerned, love neans never having to say you're with Solly!

This letter is too sad to continue. Tears are welling up in my eyes, and like this strange itch is spreading over my body. Some love story! I'm catching your disease!

Your boyfiend, Erich

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FROM BURT BACHARACH

Oct. 3, 1947 Dear angie. what's new, pussycut? I just want to say that this guy, this guy's in love with you! and, gosh, if there's one thing the world needs right now, it's love ... sweet love! What a great summer it's been! We had some real crazy times together. Remember when we took that Trip and got last and we didn't know our way to San Jose? What made it really crazy was we were standing in the middle of the Bronx at the time! and then, there was that silly day in the country when we stopped at that roadside fruit-and-vegetable stand! Remember? You bought a pound of cumquats, and 9 bought a head of lettuce. and then there was that sudden Thunderstorm. It powed all over your cumquats, and raindrops kept falling on my head. We laughed and laughed. and we made promises, promises that we'd never part. Then, he came along! Tell me, angie ... what's it all about with you and alfie??? Close to you.
BURT BACHARACH*

FROM DON RICKLES

*Letter written with the help of Hal David

Miss Shirley Plotkin 4765 Ocean Parkway Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sept. 12, 1945

Dear Dummy,

That's right! You're a "Dummy"! You're also a Creep! and a Slob!

as all the guys on the block know, I only insult the people I like. and I'm crazy about you, you miserable hockey puck!

I love everything about you!

I love The way you eat a cookie, and the crumbs get all over your moustache! (By the way, there's a new thing out. It's called "Electrolysis." Look into it!)

and I love the smart outfits you wear. The J. C. Penney calico dress with the stains under the armpits. and the sweat socks. and the gym boots. and the torn underwear.

and the funny way you bean out your apartment window and say, "Post! Hey, Sailor! Up here!"

and the time last Summer when you forgot to bothe for three weeks, and I couldn't dance with you because there were too many flies around.

and the first time I met your father. He was nasty to me until I fed him a piece of raw meat, and he went away.

and The time you sold kisses at the Bazaar for a dollar each, and you gave everyone that strange disease.

and the cute way you walk along the beach and we all laugh because you keep forgetting to shave your legs. and arms. and back.

Yes, it's a thrill for me to date you, Shirley. Almost as much of a thrill as the time I was held hostage by

the Japs on Iwo Jima.

Let me wrap it all up by saying I think you're an ugly, fat, bowlegged, four-eyed, moronic, hideous-looking Dum-Dum... and I hope you feel the same way about me.

All my love, DON

FROM HENNY YOUNGMAN

Dear Gloria,

Feb. 27, 1930

Now Take my girlbriend, Gloria Libschultz ...

I think about you every moment, Gloria. When I see you, my heart beats so fast I need a Doctor. Speaking of Doctors, This Doctor opened the window wide and said to the Patient, "Stick out your tongue in front of this window." The Patient said, "What for?" And the Doctor said, "I'm mad at my neighbor."

Whenever 9 m near you, Gloria, you drive me crazy. By the way, want to drive somebody orazy? Send him a Telegram saying "Ignore first telegram."

You're gorgeous, Gloria. You're the most beautiful thing I've ever seen. Not like my friend's Mother-In-Law. She went to a beauty parlor and had a mud pack. For two days, she looked great. Then the mud fell off.

I think the two of us are meant for each other. Have you ever noticed how we're always holding hands? Because if we ever let go, we'd kill each other.

I'm saying all This in a letter, Cloria, because you know how I am in person. I can never get serious.

Love, Henry

FROM RALPH NADER

April 21, 1950

Dear Chevelle,

I love you, honey. You are brilt fantastically, and you are the sleekest-looking thing to come out of school this year.

But you must realize that there are specific standards and specifications I have set for my "ideal girl", and these must be met. Therefore, before we get serious, I must call to your attention certain defects you suffer from—which will have to be corrected immediately.

They are as follows:

Your right ear lobe is 1/4 inch longer than your left, and should be adjusted.
When you walk, your chassis is out of line.

The caps on your teeth should be rotated.
On our last date, I ascertained that your bra was padded with foam rubber. This is a deceptive practice and violates my personal "truth in packaging" law.

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I also find noticeable defects in your rear end, your paint job, your headlights and some of your accessories.

and to top it all off, I am not getting the mileage out of you that you led me to believe I'd get after our first date.

I know you're supposed to be the fastest girl in school, but as far as I'm concerned, you're "unsafe at any speed"!

I hope you understand that this is not a personal reflection on you, but just that I am taking every precaution to see that I do not go steady with a "lemon".

Experting a callback on this, 9 am as ever, Ralphie

AMAD MESSAGE TO THE LEADING DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT.



LINDSAY

MUSKIE

BASED ON A SURVEY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE IT IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE, MAD Study this handful of people who have achieved success in their chosen fields! You don't



Charles DeGaulle



Golda Meir



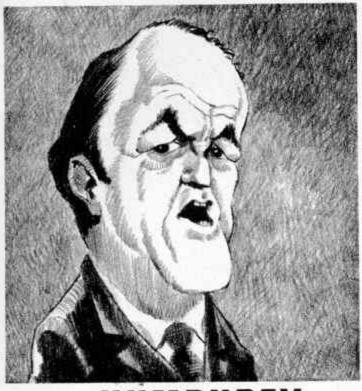
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TAKE LYNDON JOHNSON AND RICHARD NIXON, OUR LAST TWO PRESIDENTS! BIG, EH?





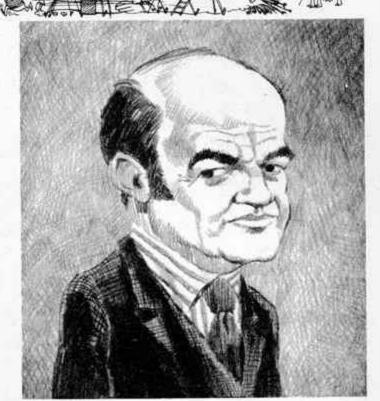
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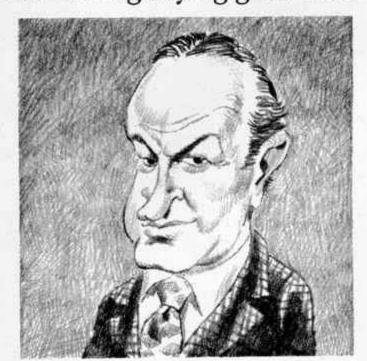


KENNEDY



McGOVERN

HAS DISCOVERED THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS TODAY! need a magnifying glass to see that they all have one thing in common: A BIG SCHNOZ!



Bob Hope



Spiro Agnew



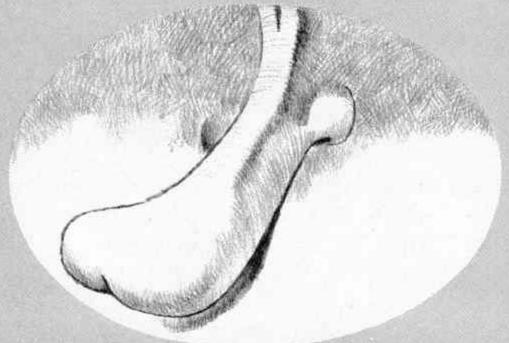
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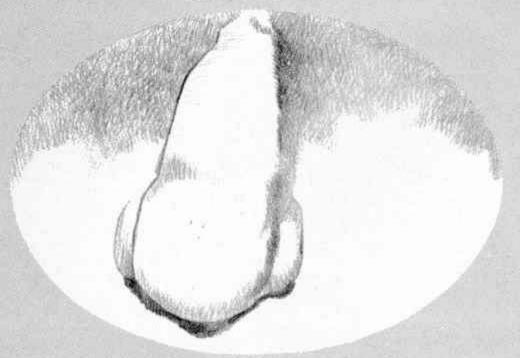
WELL, BY OUR YARDSTICK, NONE OF YOU CHALLENGERS STANDS A CHANCE AGAINST



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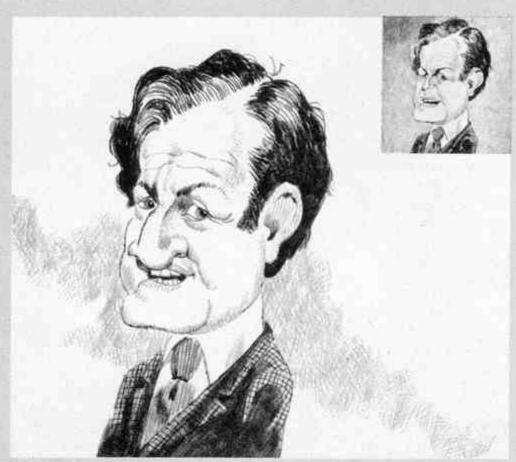


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...AND INSURE YOUR POLITICAL SUCCESS!



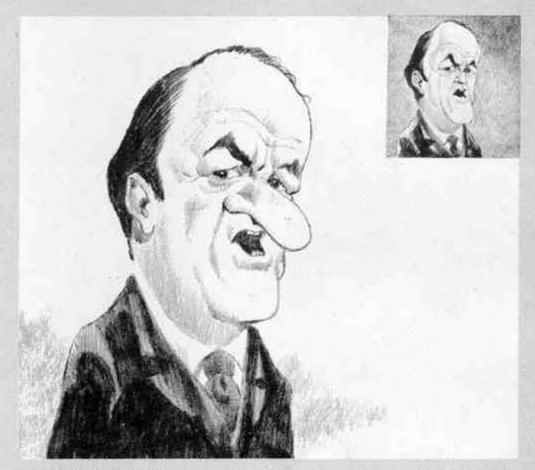
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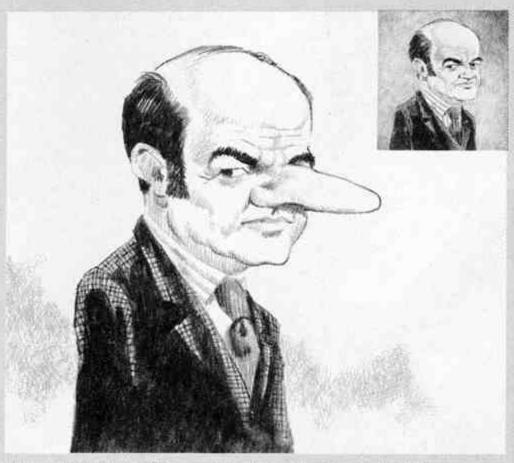
KENNEDY...with the Streisand Bronx Hook



MUSKIE...with the Nixon-Hope Ski Jump



HUMPHREY... with the Johnson-Meir Bulb



McGOVERN...with the DeGaulle Whopper

THE BEAT

As any Pro Football TV fan knows, the most dramatic moments do not take place on the field. No, the really gripping, super-charged moments occur on the sidelines during those interviews by ABC's Howard Cosell! For those of you who don't know him (and for those of you who do, but can't believe what you see), let us say:

Howard Cosell speaks with heartfelt emotion...

I'm here at halftime with "Mr. Football" himself . . . the veteran quarterback of the Fresno Coyotes, a dedicated athlete, and a warm, sincere human being . . . Floyd Freen!

Floyd, you've played 12 seasons, and you've become a legend in your own lifetime!

And now . . . right here . . . today . . .
I want you to tell me, once and for all, straight from the shoulder . . . exactly why you stink as a passer!

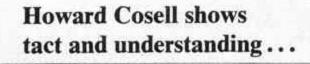


Howard Cosell brings a rare warmth to the game...

Marty Meef, you're thirty-seven years old, you're fat, you're flabby, your reflexes are slow, and you can't remember the plays!

I know that! You know that! The teammates you've let down know that! But these things aren't important!

What IS important, Marty Meef, is . . . how does it feel to have a Mother who's an ex-convict?



Vic Cowznofsky, your left knee is crushed
... a gruesome mass of shattered bones
and nerves and cartilage that can never be
repaired! You'll never play another
game of football!

Right now, you're heartbroken, desolate, worried about your future and how you're going to provide for your wife and family!

Vic, now that you're washed up, I want you to answer one final question: What's it like to be a quitter?



Love him...or hate him...one thing is certain: Howard Cosell's unique style and approach certainly makes the TV ratings zoom! Therefore, it's only a matter of time before all the Networks start using him, and not just for Sports coverage! So let's step into the future and see what we'll be looking at and listening to—

When TV makes FULL USE of HOWARD COSELL

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

HOWARD COSELL on "SESAME STREET"...

Today's show is brought to you by the letter "T"! Howard, can you think of a word beginning with T?

Ernie, I can remember when the letter T was one of the strongest consonants in the dictionary! Two years ago, if you recall, it was a unanimous choice for "All Alphabet"!



But let's not delude ourselves!
The letter T is in Trouble! The vowels know it! The consonants know it! Even the lowly semi-colons and commas know it!



It's common knowledge that T leads the other letters in Trying! And that T is the first letter to show up for Training! But despite this, T is the first letter mentioned whenever there's Talk of a Trade!



HOWARD COSELL on "LET'S MAKE A DEAL"...

VENTON TENON

It's time to play "Let's Make A Deal," a program of so-called entertainment—but actually a sorry spectacle that pays grim tribute to the materialism and greed that corrupts our society!

Okay . . . Who wants to make a deal?

I do, Howard! Me, Howard! ME!!



All right! I'll take the contestant who's dressed as a peanut butter sandwich! But before we make a deal, I'd like to tell you, sir, that I consider you a living disgrace to the image of hard-working men everywhere!



HOWARD COSELL on "THE SIX O'CLOCK WEATHER REPORT"...

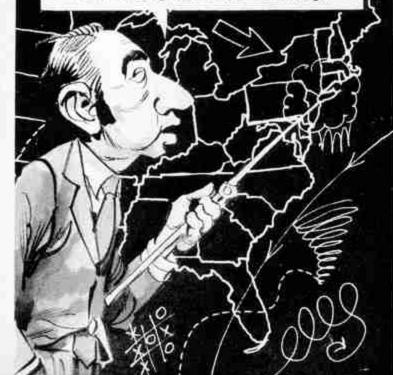
We've all heard talk that the weather is through . . . that clear skies have had it . . . that storms are being fixed . . . and the barometer is on the take!



I know, you know, we all know that in recent years the air has acquired a rotten smell! It is now my unpleasant duty to report the latest example of corruption in our nation's atmosphere!



Yesterday, if you recall, it was
I who predicted a classic struggle
between two highly-touted air masses!
The first contender was this cold
front sitting over New York City!

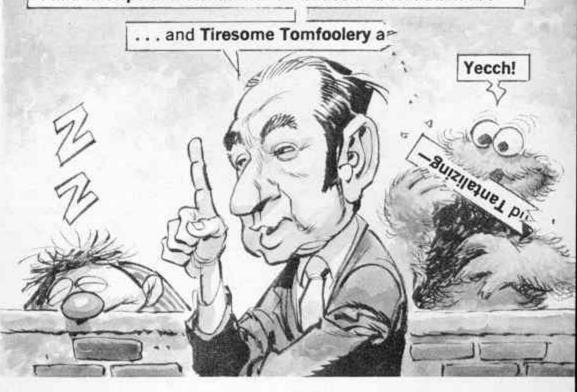


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And so we must ask—"Why?" The answer can be traced to the hatred and rancor and bigotry that pervades our alphabet today! T is being treated as an outcast because T is a minority letter! T is ostracized by the vowels, ignored by the numerals, and even tormented by his fellow consonants!



They say that T does not know its place! Well, let me say—
once and for all—that T is an upstanding letter! That
without T, we would not have Tedious Talkers on Television
... and Tripe and Twaddle and Tirades and Titillation ...



I have here three boxes! Two contain worthless items! The third contains \$750, an amount equal to the average yearly income of a Mississippi sharecropper! While you ponder your choice and this inequality in our society, I'd like to inform the studio audience that their behavior today is more sickening and childish than ever!



You, sir, have chosen Box No. 2, which contains 12,000 imitation salamis! This should convince you that not only are you a lamentable example of American manhood, but that you're also a rotten guesser!





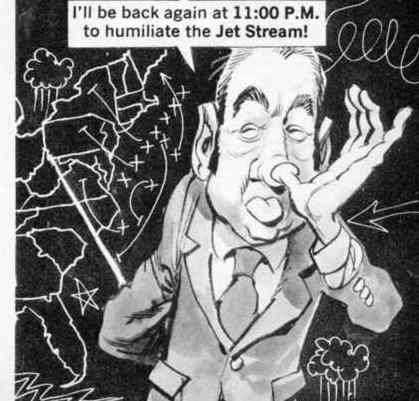
His opponent was this powerful warm front, a mass of moist air, churning out of Chicago! It's no secret that this was where the big money was!



Well, we all know what happened! The cold front chickened out over Ohio! And the warm front turned into Bush League drizzle and took a dive in Pittsburgh!



And to think that there are people who still have faith in the weather!



HOWARD COSELL on "THE GILLETTE COMMERCIAL"...



You realize, of course, that this message is nothing more than a sham!

To repeat your words, sir, would signify that I lend credence to Madison Avenue fakery, to this stunt that makes a mockery out of the World of Sport! No . . . YOU repeat after ME! I, Gillette . . .



... have shamefully exploited the names of some of America's leading professional athletes ...

... and I hereby promise to desist from this detestable practice ...

Somebody, get me another voice-over!

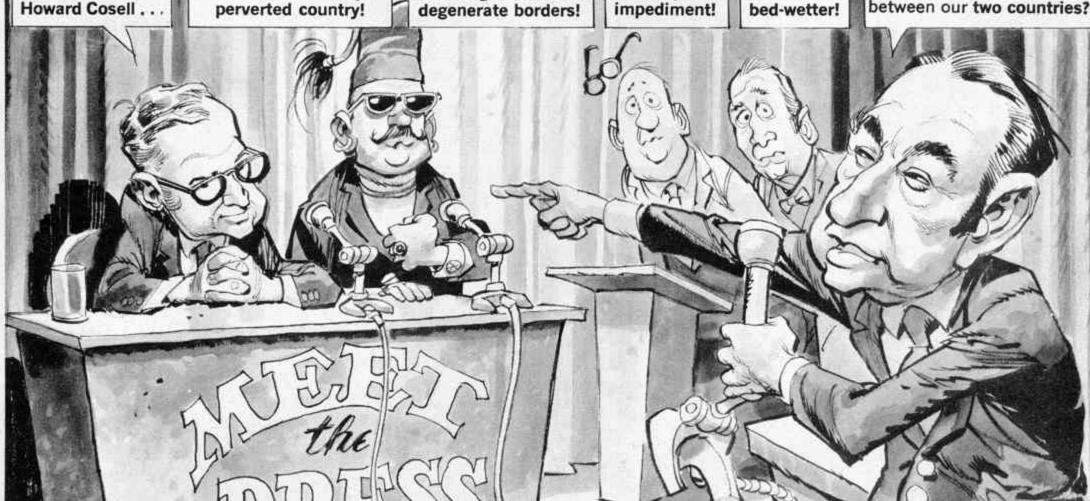
HOWARD COSELL on "MEET THE PRESS"...

Our guest today is the Ambassador from Outer Franistan, and we'll begin our questions with Howard Cosell . . . Mr. Ambassador, I'm not going to embarrass you by asking questions about the corrupt military regime that runs your sexually perverted country!

Nor will I bring up the illegal slave trade of dwarfs which your country not only allows but encourages within its degenerate borders! Nor will
I mention
that your
President
is a junkie
with a speech
impediment!

Nor will
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No, I won't delve into these sordid truths! Instead, I want to ask you one simple direct question: Namely—how can we improve relations between our two countries?

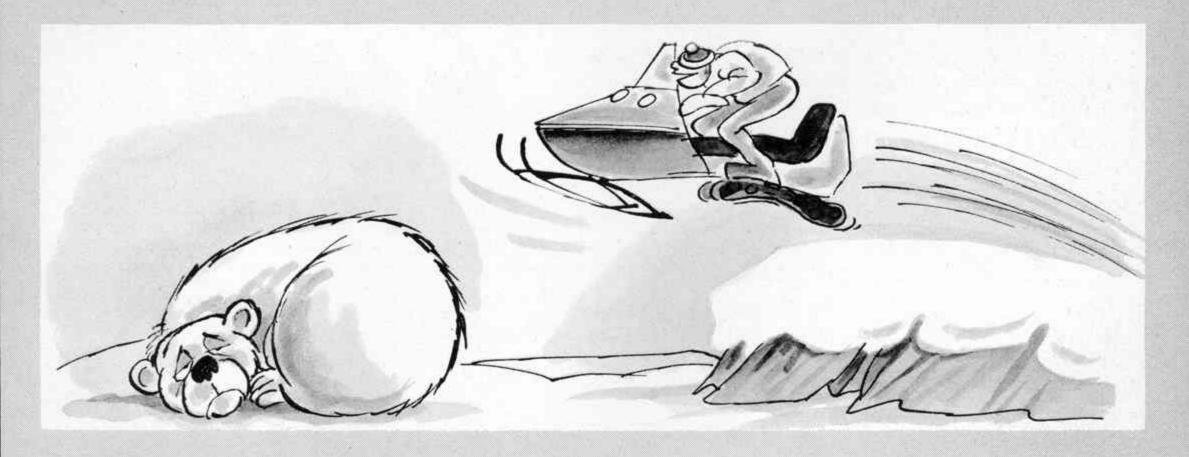




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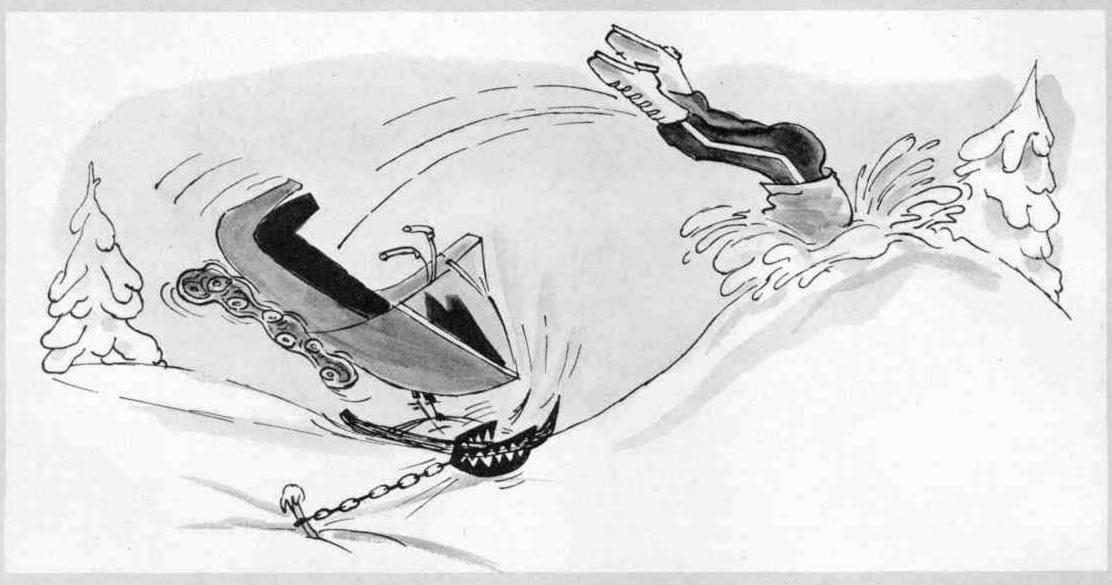
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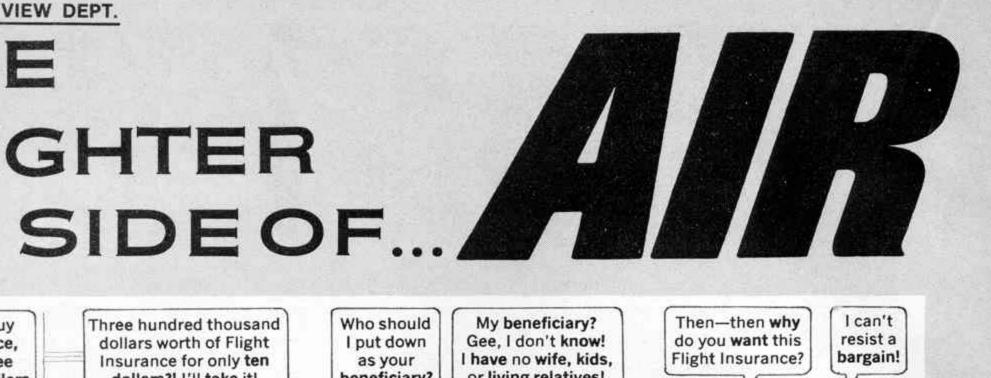


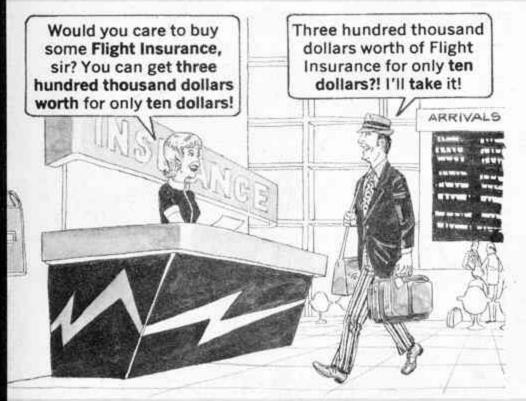






THE LIGHTER





as your beneficiary? I have no wife, kids, or living relatives!

Flight Insurance?

bargain!



We paid a fortune for our tickets, and you'd think that would be the end of it, right?! But no! Every little thing on a plane costs you, so be careful!



If they offer you a drink, it will cost you! If they offer you earphones for the movie, or just to listen to the music, it will cost you!



mmmmm Attention, all passengers! The stewardesses will now demonstrate how to put on your Life Jackets . . .



Just a minute! Before you show us, tell us how much it will cost us!



Gee, I've got this nagging feeling that I left the lights on!

Marvin! We'll only be gone two weeks! What will it cost? Pennies!



Was it in the kitchen? The basement? I'm positive I left the lights on somewhere!

Marvin, what's the difference! Electricity is cheap! How much could it cost? Almost nothing!

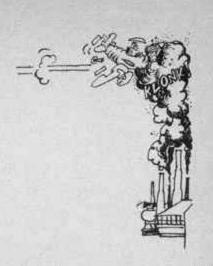


Oh, my gosh! You DID leave the lights on!



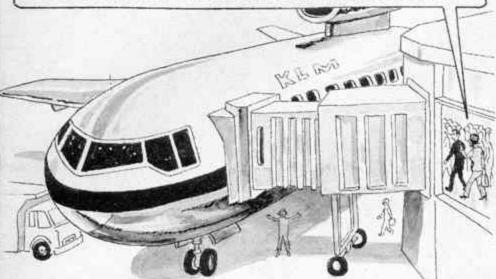
Where?

THAT's gonna In the car! cost a LOT!!



WRITER & ARTIST: DAVID BERG

Now, listen to me, Milton! The airlines have been plagued with hijackings and bomb threats, and they have no sense of humor about the subject! So, knowing you and your sick jokes, I'm warning you! It's a serious business! Don't make any funnies about it, or they'll arrest you on the spot!



Okay! Okay! So What's the movie . . . ? stop bugging me already! I'll just "The Omega Man"! sit quietly and watch the movie! Oh, not THAT bomb!



Yes, Ma'am! You rang? What can I do for you?

I don't wont to see you, Stewardess! I want to see the Captain . . . and right now before take-off!



I'm the Purser, Madam! May I help you . . . ?

If I wanted to see the Purser, I'd ask to see the Purser! I want to see the Captain! You hear? ONLY the Captain!



I'm the Captain, Madam! Is there something you want?

There

sure



They do?!

I want you to be a good boy and DRIVE CAREFULLY!





Simple! The airlines offer them special fares at cut-rate prices!



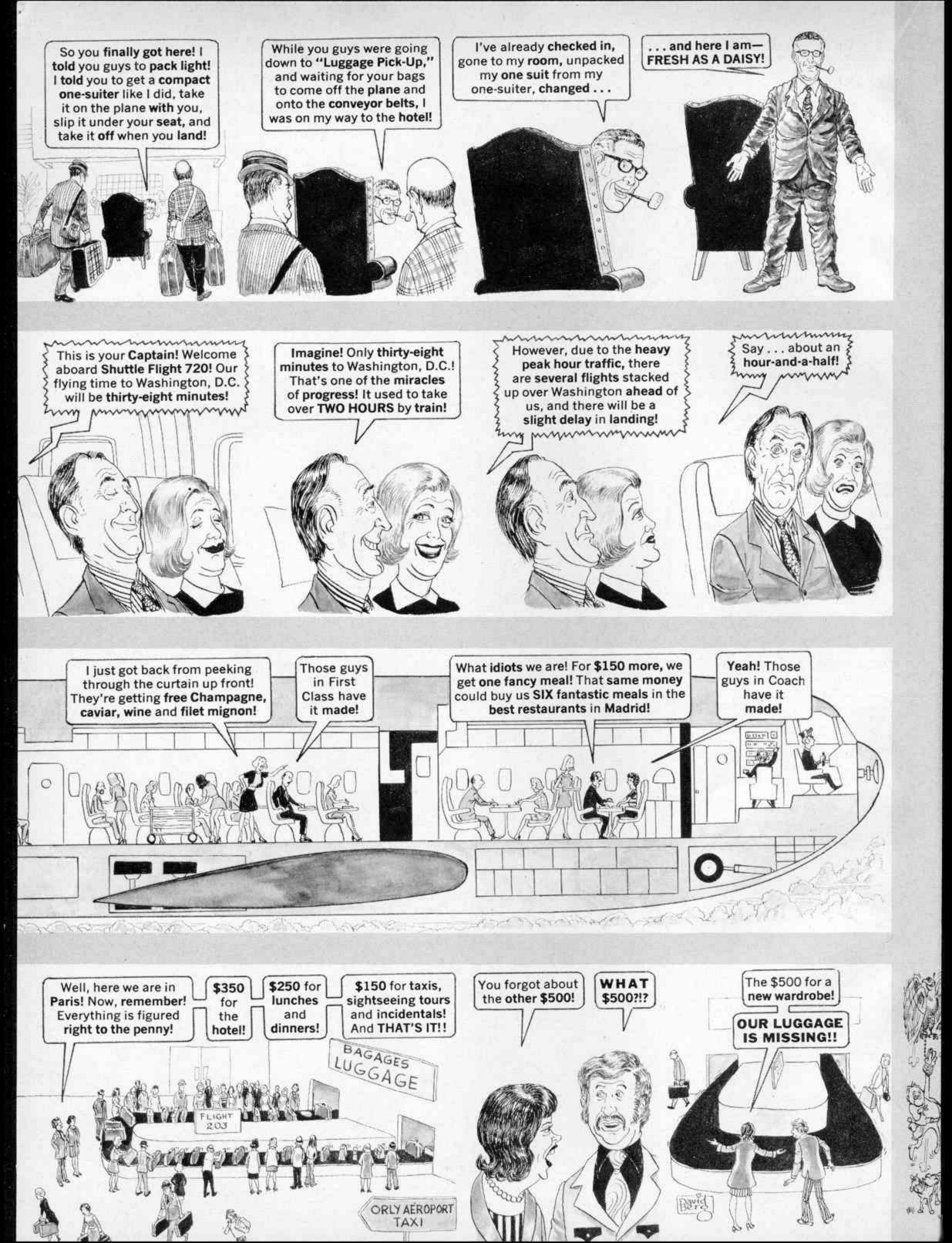
Kids today have more money than anybody!!







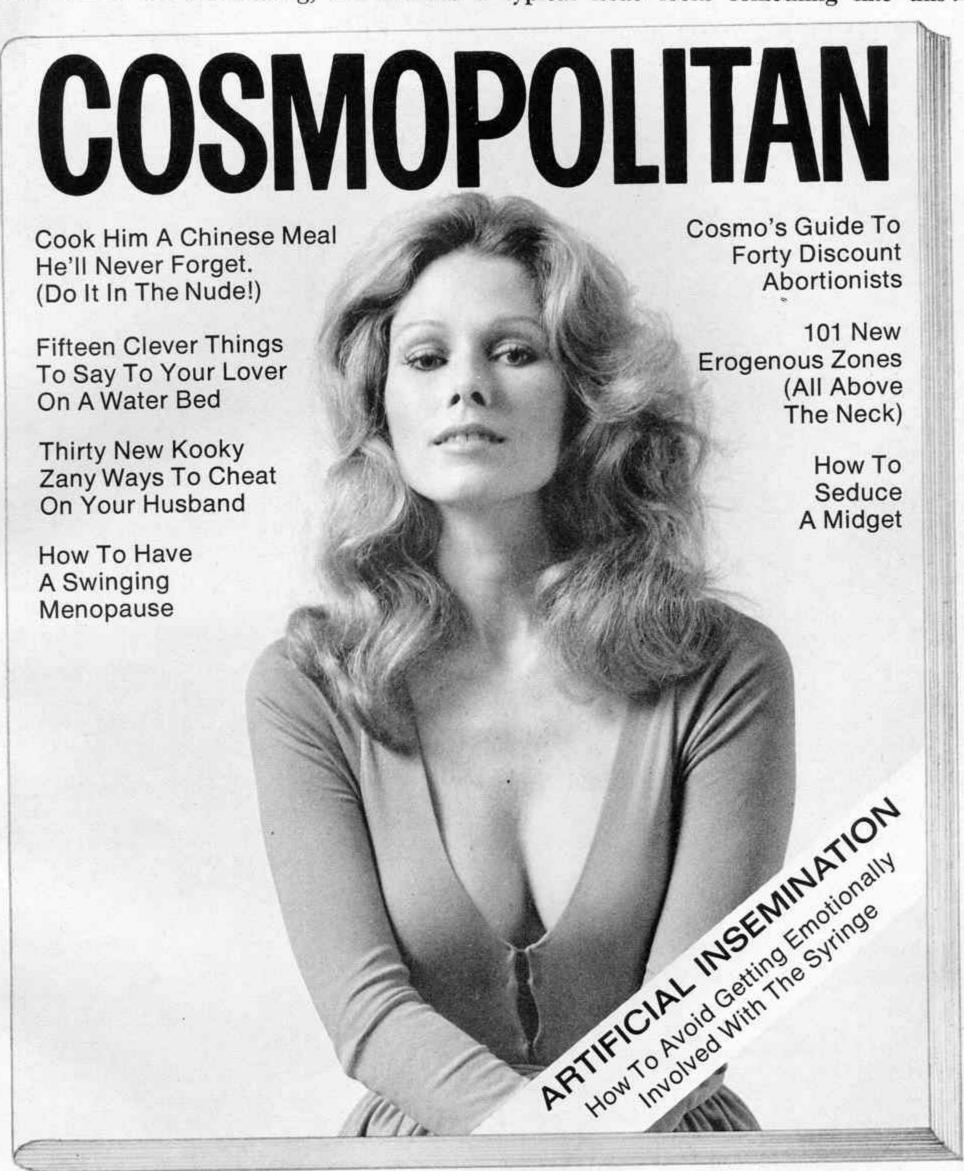








Nowadays, most magazines are not only struggling for advertising and circulation, but for survival. There is, however, one notable exception. It's a zingy "Woman's Magazine" called COSMOPOLITAN. If you want to know why this particular magazine is reaching new heights while others are floundering, it's because a typical issue looks something like this...



Yes, there's no doubt about it. COSMOPOLITAN has become the "Female" PLAYBOY. Under Helen Gurley Brown, the magazine has gone to ridiculous lengths to be sexy, sensuous and titillating to its young woman audience. And it's worked! Circulation has zoomed and the advertising dollars are pouring in. Which is why we at MAD can predict that it won't be long before other types of publications will attempt to cash in on this success-formula by featuring articles with racy, suggestive titles. Here, then, is what we might see . . .

COSMOPOLITAN'S "SEX" FORMULA OTHER MAGAZINES COPIED

and Gardens

20 Wild Things You Can Do With A Roller And A COLOR ORGY: HAVE YOURSELF A Can Of Kem-Tone!

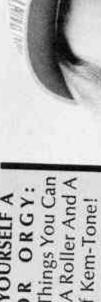
How To Decorate An

IF YOUR LOVER **CLASHES WITH** WHAT TO DO

Have An Affair On?

Do You Really Have To Take With An Interior Decorator? The Pill If You're Working

FOR HIM TO HIDE BEHIND HOME UNEXPECTEDLY!



18th Century Bedroom For 20th Century Love

WHEN YOUR HUSBAND COMES 10 EXCITING NEW DRAPES





THE RUG

CARRARA MARBLE FLOORS: Are They Too Cold To





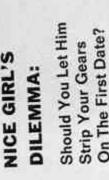
Exclusive

THE INDIANAPOLIS 500:

"How I Had An Affair With All Of Them"







On The First Date?





Field & Stream

EXCITING NEW WAYS TO MAKE LOVE IN A LOUISIANA DUCK BLIND

Drowning!)

"I Trapped A Grizzly
Bear In My North
Woods Cabin—But
He Was Impotent!"
TEASING HIM ON
THE TRAIL:

When That Campfire
Dies Down, Try
Burning Your Bra!
"I SURVIVED WITHOUT
A SCRATCH WHILE LIONHUNTING IN AFRICA
BUT I WAS MAULED TO

BUT I WAS MAULED TO DEATH WHILE HUSBAND-HUNTING IN THE CATSKILLS!"

First Time!"
The Sensuous Story Of
A Young Career Girl
And A Montana Moose

HOW TO TELL
WHEN THE
AFFAIR IS OVER:
When He Catches A
Swordfish . . . And
Asks YOU To Take
The First Bite!



Sports Illustrated

SECRET RECIPES
TO MAKE YOUR
BALLPLAYER
MORE ROMANTIC

* * *

BOSTON CELTIC FASTBREAK: They Score Each Time

Adequate Foreplay?

* * *
A NEW YORK MET
WIFE'S COMPLAINT:

"How Could He Find The Strike Zone When He Couldn't Even Find My Erogenous Zone?"

* * * NEW SEX TRICK TO ENTICE ATHLETES:

Dab Some "Gatorade"

Behind Each Ear!

* * *

SLUGGER'S WIFE
CONFESSES:
"He Lacked Home Runs
... Because I

Lacked Hormones!"

"FIVE EASY PIECES"

(Not The Movie—The Radciytt Varsity Basketball Team)



You Know You're REALLY

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY DIVORCED WHEN . . .



... you're watching a football game on TV and listening to a hockey game on the radio while you're reading the Sports section ... and nobody's yelling at you.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY DIVORCED WHEN . . .



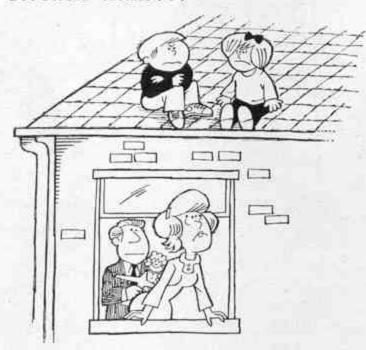
... you can spend as much time as you want with your old buddies, whom your ex-wife always referred to as a bunch of good-for-nothing idiots . . . and you find out she was right.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY DIVORCED WHEN . . .



... you gather all your courage and join a computer dating service . . . and they send you only one name . . . your ex-husband's!

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY DIVORCED WHEN . . .



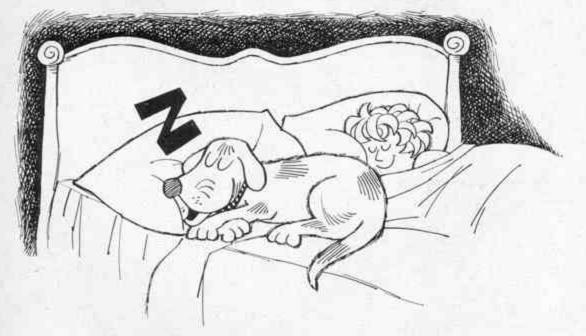
... you invite your new boyfriend over to meet your children . . . and they won't come down from the roof.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY DIVORCED WHEN . . .



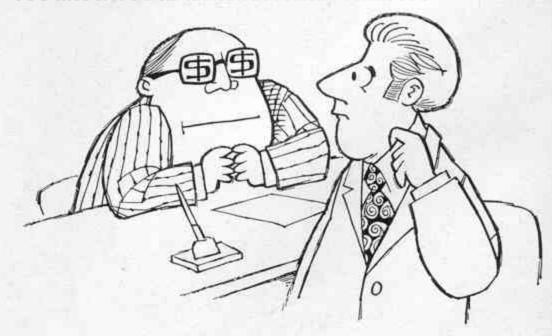
... you start touching up those gray hairs.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY DIVORCED WHEN . . .



... you let your dog sleep in your bed because you discover you miss the sound of somebody snoring.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY DIVORCED WHEN . . .



... your ex-wife's lawyer calls you in to discuss your alimony payments ... and you wish he were your lawyer.



DIVORCED When...

ARTIST AND WRITER: LLOYD GOLA

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY DIVORCED WHEN . . .



... you're finally free to do all the things you've always wanted to do ... but now you can't afford it.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY DIVORCED WHEN . . .



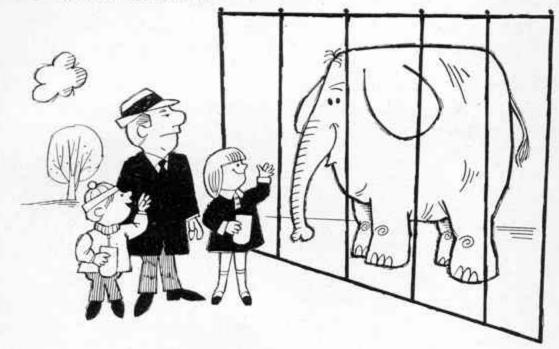
... you fix a leaky faucet all by yourself.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY DIVORCED WHEN . . .



... you miss a movie you really want to see because you can't stand to go alone.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY DIVORCED WHEN . . .



... you've run out of ideas of things to do with your kids on visitation days, and you've gone to the zoo so often you're on a first-name basis with all the animals.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY DIVORCED WHEN . . .



... you consent to let your married friends fix you up on a blind date with their dear, sweet bachelor pal . . . for the first (and last) time.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY DIVORCED WHEN . . .



... you're propositioned on your first date as a divorcee.

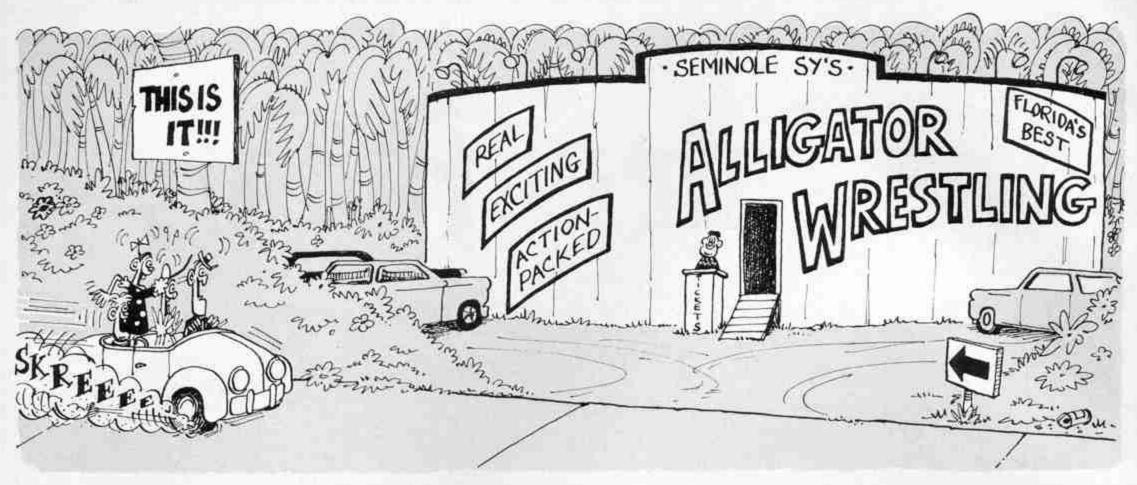
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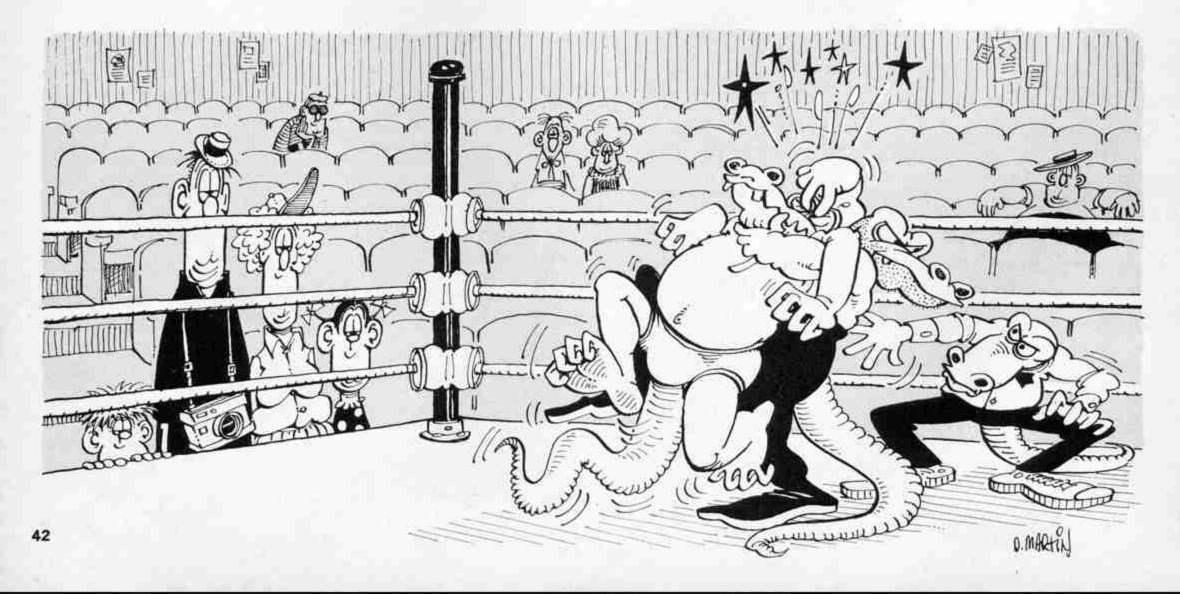
... you date a widow.

DON MARTIN DEPT. PART II

ONE FINE DAY WHILE TOURING FLORIDA







FINE FETID FRIENDS DEPT.

Every now and then, a TV Situation Comedy Series comes along that captures the hearts and imagination of the country by depicting contemporary American life as it really is! Like the comedy series about a bus . . . and the wonderfully real and believable people who depend upon it for a living. Naturally, we're talking about "The Honeymooners." However, if you want a show about a bus . . . and some unbelievably unreal kids singing off-key, try watching:

The Putrid Family



Teeth
Putrid!
Are you
inferring
that you're
prettier
than I am?

Not only is he prettier! He's richer!

I'm not vain, Mom! It's just that we have a concert to do, and if I drive, the wind will blow my hair in the wrong direction!

How about in the direction of over your face?! That would be an improvement!

Watch that smart stuff, Subby! The way we replaced last year's kid, we can get someone to replace you! That's how we open each show, folks!
We dazzle 'em with our banter!

We'd better dazzle 'em with SOMETHING, considering there's never any plot! What's our little crisis going to be tonight, anyway? Don't sweat it! Something is bound to turn









We have to give

Hmmm!

That's

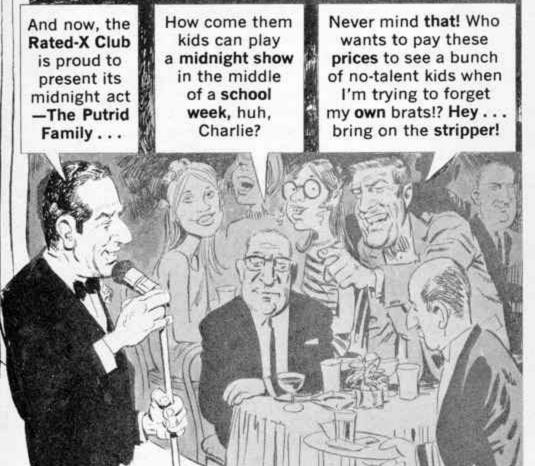
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Teeth, why



That's not

a drum!



Last evening,
I woke from sleep in horror,
'Cause I'd had an awful nightmare
That I was just a nameless average kid—
Not famous, God forbid—

With little girls not screaming!
I'm glad I was only dreaming,
'Cause I dig that I'm so big!
I think I love me!
I think I love me!

What is it?

A giant jar of











Look!!

FIRE! FIRE!





Yes, he has all

of the makings

Mom, I'm

worried

You always



I couldn't care

less about Lowly!



Gosh, what a

loveable scamp!

So kill me!

So send me to



But what if

she gets

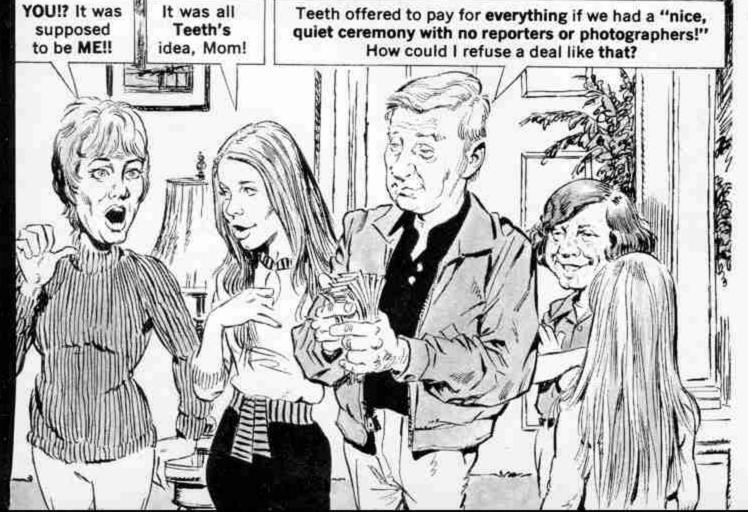
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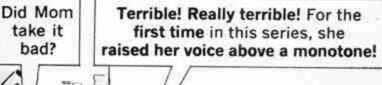


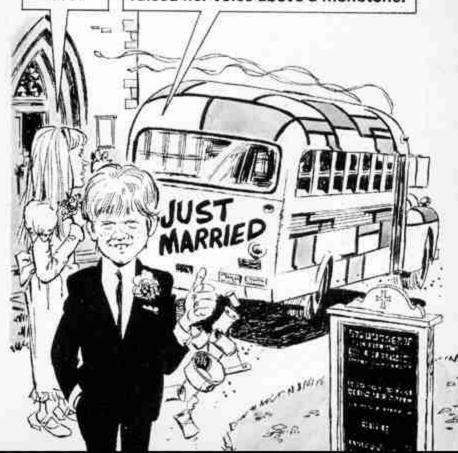


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ONE BUSY DAY IN A HIGHWAY RESTAURANT



















JUST WHAT IS
RICHARD NIXON
REALLY HOPING
TO FIND ON
HIS HISTORIC
TRIP TO CHINA?

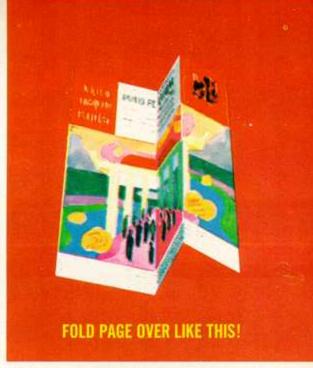
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HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

All sorts of hopes are being raised by the President's visit to Red China. But the real hope . . . Nixon's own personal dream . . . is a very special one. To find out what it is, fold in page as shown.

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ARTIST & WRITER: AL JAFFEE PRESIDENT NIXON APPARENTLY HOPES, IN GOING TO CHINA, TO CREATE A FAVORABLE MOOD FOR PEACE. THUS, IN THIS MOMENT OF OPPORTUNE COOPERATION, WAR CLOUDS SHOULD FLEE THE SKIES

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