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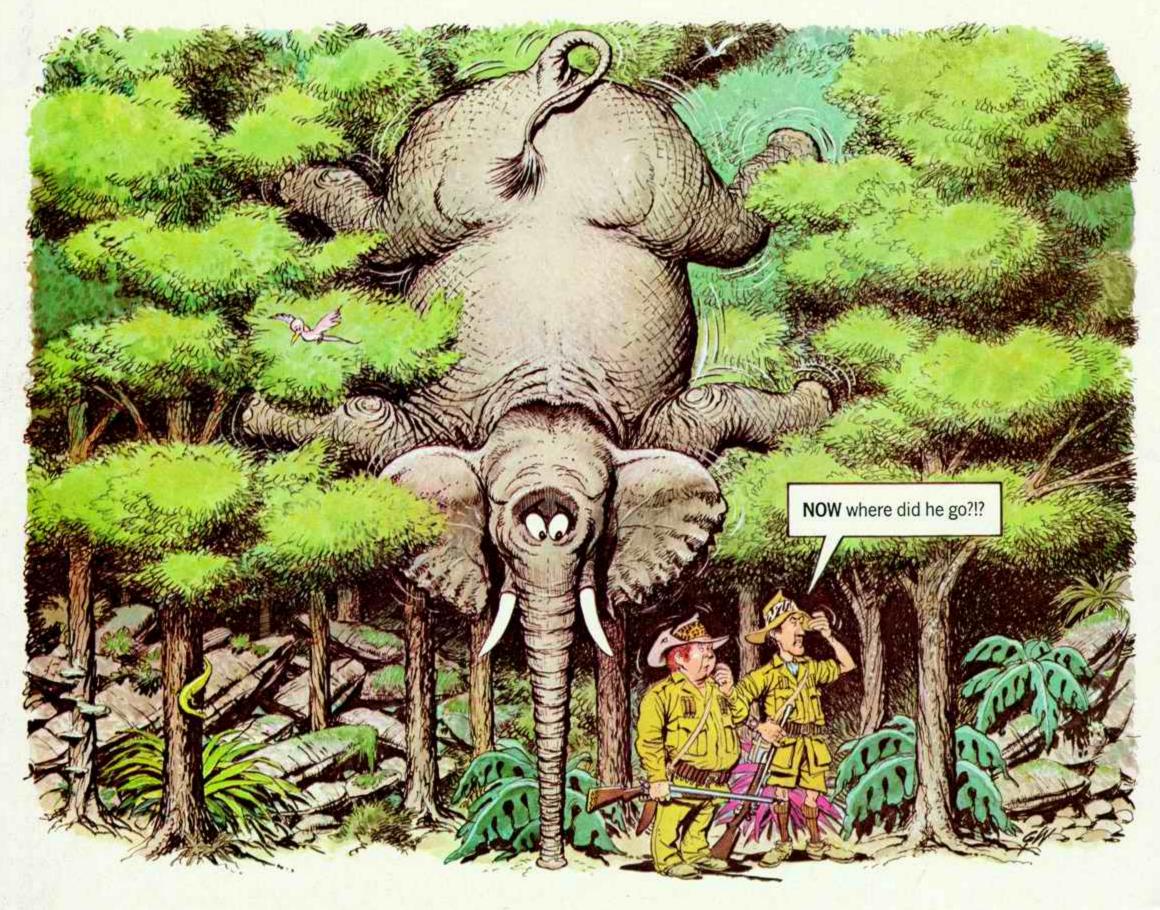
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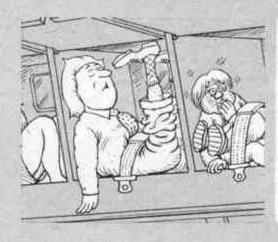
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THE TOWERING STERNO

"Towering Sterno" is a real scorcher! Robert Jacoby Wickliffe, Ohio

De Bartolo can be mean as kerosene. He fought fire with a fired-up script! Kathy Quail Waretown, N.J.

Irwin Allen's production was no match next to those supreme arsonists, De Bartolo and Drucker!

Connie Kramer Birmingham, Mich.

Great balls of fire! "Towering Sterno" got me all hot and bothered!

Karen Dalton Caldwell, N.J.

A blazing success! Thanks for putting it out! Janice Ford Grand Rapids, Mich,

After I finished reading it, I set the article on fire. The flames spread to "Cheeko And The Ham." Some kind of poetic justice?

Scott Kafka
Flushing, N.Y.

CHEEKO AND THE HAM

Stan Hart's portrayal of "Cheeko And The Ham" was unerring in capturing the obnoxious hostility of the one and the patient docility of the other. Maybe the network will take heed of this untrue-to-life pairing and get some one really mean, like "Baretta," as the "Man's" sidekick.

Lawrence J. Joffee Long Beach, N.Y.

Hart made a really relevant show much more offensive than it actually is. Only Angelo Torres's caricatures pulled this

one out of the greasepit.

Howard Fein Whitestone, N.Y.

A MAD LOOK AT SUPER HEROES

I laughed so hard at Sergio Aragonés's "A MAD Look At Super Heroes," I completely forgot in which phone booth I made my costume change!

> Eduardo Sevilla Alexandria, Va.

Sergio really brought those Super Guys down to earth! Jerry King Kelso, Wash.

SMOKER VS. NON-SMOKER DEVICES

Jaffee's "Devices For Smoker Vs. Non-Smoker Problems" intrigued me. I installed his Ceiling Grid & Attic Blower Exhaust System and his Floor Grid & Cellar Blower Exhaust System in the same room. I gave a party, turned on both systems full blast and all my guests' clothes were sucked off. Funny, they all forgot about smoking, immediately. Thanks, Al Jaffee! Michael Koefoed Virum, Denmark



Warning: Jaffee's Determined To Be Dangerous To Smokers!

There must be a lot of greedy and gullible people descending on the Patent Office with the plans of Al Jaffee's very convincing devices! Terry Shimmius Beloit, Wisc.

Al Jaffee seems to have "exhausted" every method of counteracting smokers. El Elam

N. Augusta, S.C.

HOW MANY MISTAKES CAN YOU FIND?

In "How Many Mistakes Can You Find In This Picture?" I caught another glaring mistake. Mainly, you assigned it to the right artist! George Woodbridge organized a delightful street scene on all levels!

Tom Dunn, Jr. Philadelphia, Pa.

Regarding "How Many Mistakes...?"
by Jacobs and Woodbridge: (26) Construction workers working past 4 o'clock, (27) Cord on the pay-phone is long enough to allow a breath of air outside the "hot-box,"

Eddie Faust

Thibodaux, La.

(26) All cars are clean of bird droppings.

(27) The bus stopped at a bus stop.

Dave Siersma
Ferndale, Mich.

Another mistake is that the man cleaning up the collie's mess is using a dustpan instead of a MAD Magazine.

> Jeff Wagner Rosemead, Calif.

MAD X-RAYVINGS

I'll bet an "X-RAYving" of the MAD Office wouldn't be revealing. Your insanity is already out in the open!

> Mike Dauphin Arabi, La.

YOUNG SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

In studying Jack Davis's art for "Young Sports Illustrated," I noticed that he had home plate drawn the wrong way around. Nostalgia dragged me back to MAD (Comics) #2 and Davis's lead story "Hex." Once more, there's home plate with the pointy side out. Could it be that Jack Davis is a great cartoonist but a lousy baseball fan? Mike Anderson

London, Ont. Canada



Davis was slated to pitch for our MAD Softball Team. After receiving your info, we changed plans. We were afraid he'd take the mound and face the outfield!-Ed.

Those monstrous fathers who force their kids to play for praise ... or humiliation! I put them on a par with those monstrous mothers who shove their kids out on the professional stage to satisfy their own ambitions! Shirley Probert San Marino, Calif.

"Young Sports Illustrated" was a grandslammer! Davis and Koch take the pen-Evan Marcus nant! Riveredge, N.J.

THE MODERN-DAY CARPETBAGGERS

Your trick photographers must have worked overtime on your back cover gem, "The Modern-Day Carpetbaggers"! I don't mean the smug sheiks soaring over the skyline on American currency, though that is an excellent blend job. I mean the trick of making the New York City sky appear as though it's actually blue!

Dan McCauley Cambria, Calif.

POSTING A REWARD?

Do you give anything to people who have their letters published in your magazine? Bob Weaver Cincinnati, Ohio

Yes, valuable space!-Ed.

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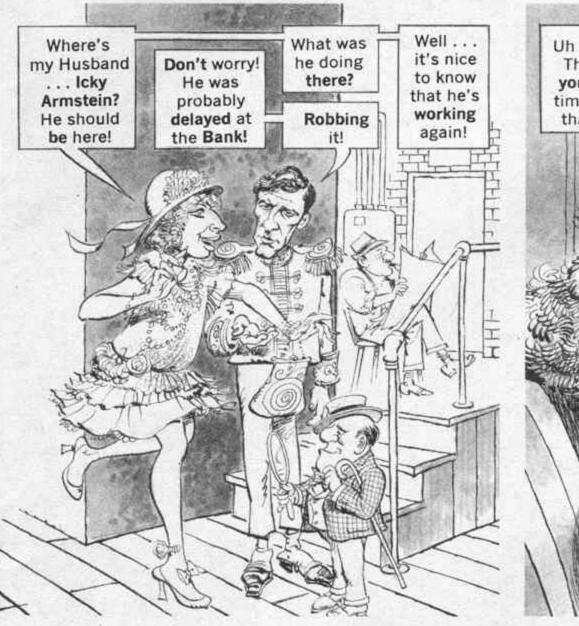
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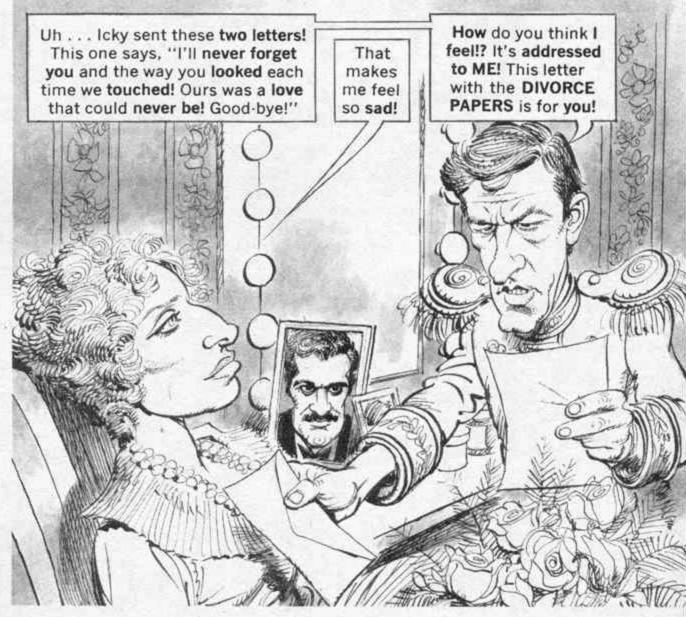
Everyone loved "Funny Girl"...right? Right! And we couldn't wait for the sequel ...right? Right! And the sequel would be better than the original ... right? Not so fast, Movie-Goers!! As a Public Service, MAD compresses three dull hours of movie into seven dull pages of article with our version of ...

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER



WRITER: STAN HART





Icky was no good! He was a Gangster, he took my money, he fooled around with other women, and he ran out on me! But I still love him! Can you understand that?

Not really . . .!

But now I can
understand why
they called
this movie
"FUN Lady"
and not



Funny, your investments are way, way down, and—

I've been following your career, Miss Briss! You're in trouble! I can give you what you need!

I don't want to borrow any money!

I was talking about JOKES!



Hey! Who IS this creep?!?

He's Bully Rosey! He's the World's Fastest Speedwriter!

Right! To where?

Yeah?

Okay . . .

take a

letter!

Alaska
... and
wait
there
for an
answer!

To

Nome,











Bully Rosey was a small, homely man, and James Caan is so goodlooking and charming! How come they cast him in the role?

Okay!

What do you want?

They figured nobody would pay to see a small, homely actor playing another small, homely man!

Then this picture is historically inaccurate!

If you want accurate, go to a museum!





Yaah! Help,





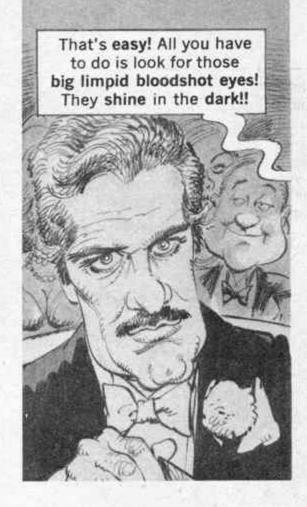


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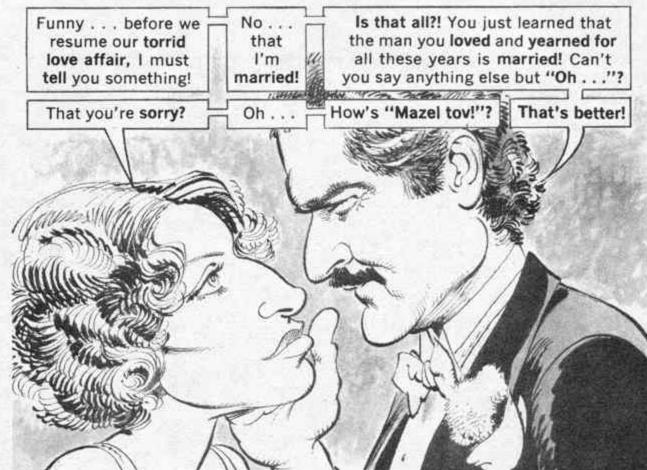




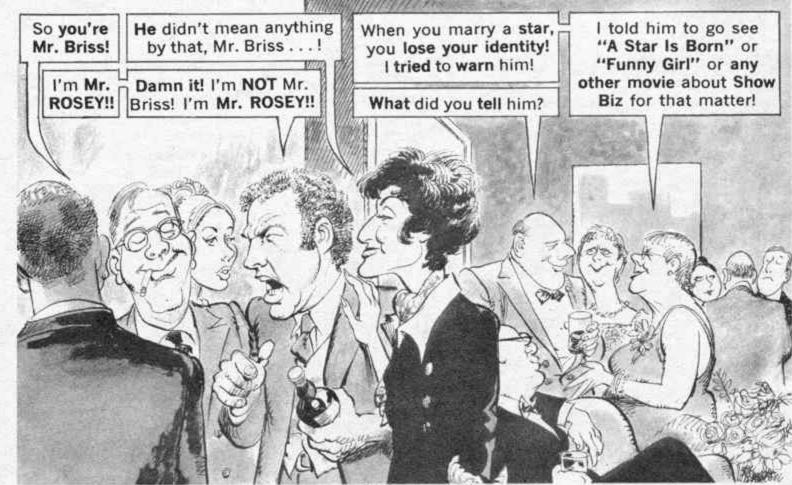




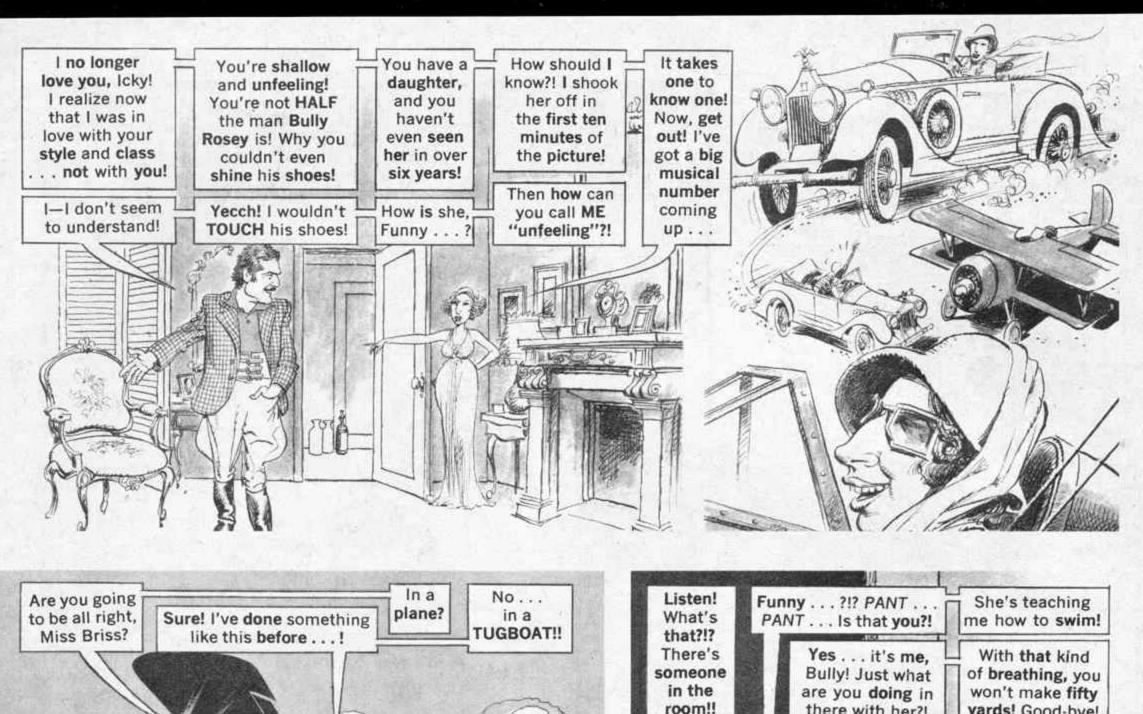


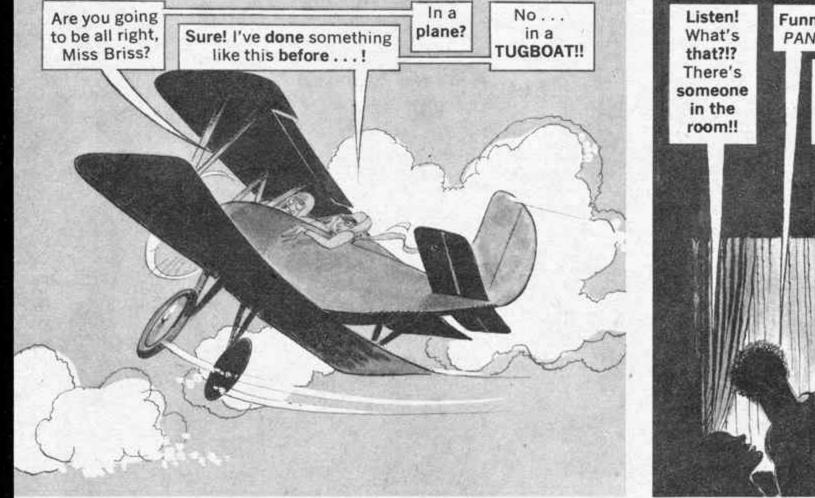














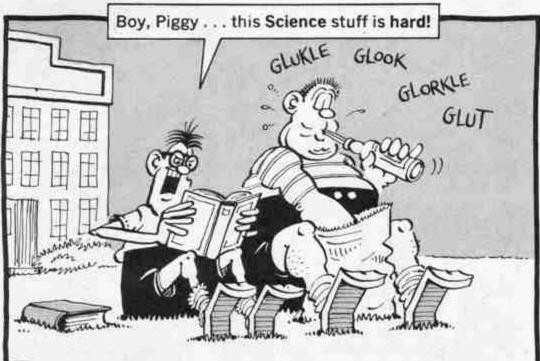


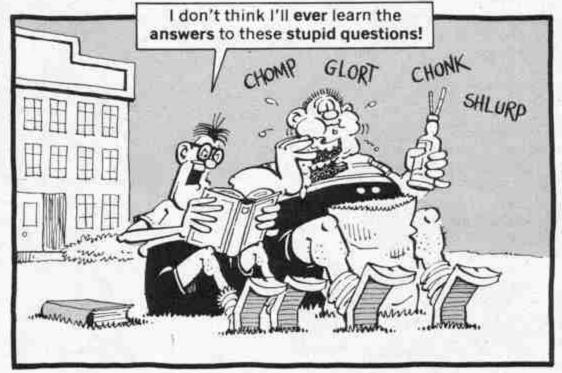


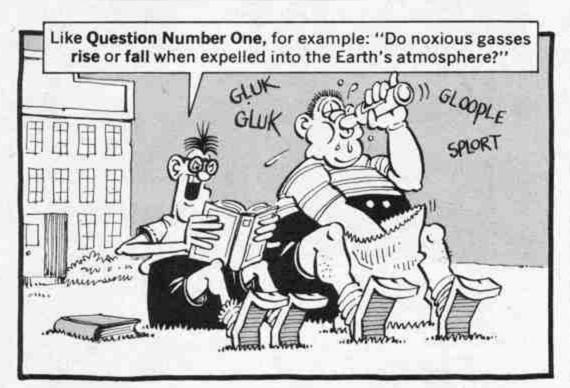
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ONE FINE DAY DURING LUNCH PERIOD



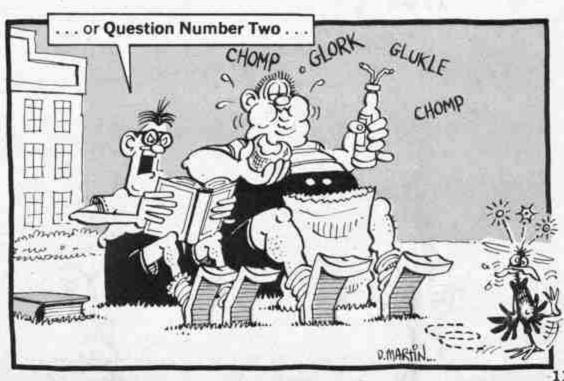














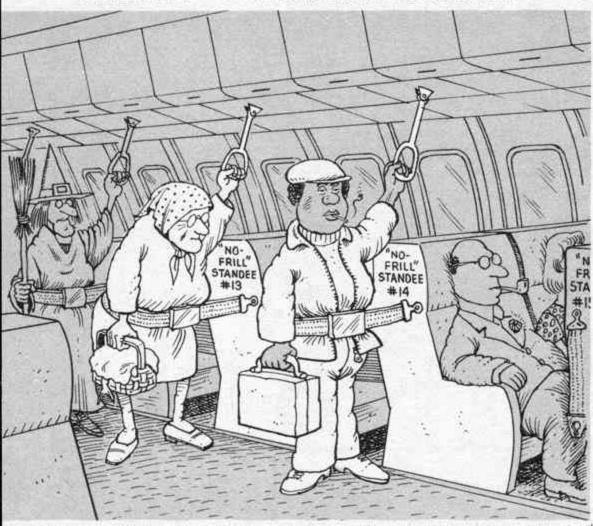
VENAL FLY TRAPS DEPT.

The Airline Industry is in serious financial trouble. Because of inflation, operating costs, such as fuel, food, personnel and fancy services, have skyrocketed. However, because of the recession, it is no longer possible to pass these increases on to the passengers. And so, in order to make air travel cheaper and

FUTURE "NO-FRILLS A

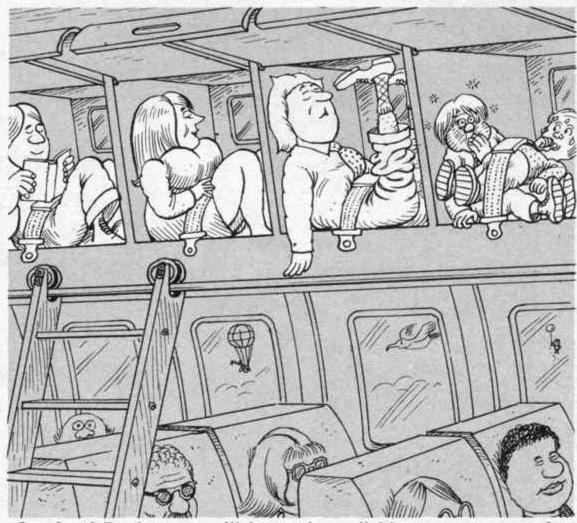
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"FRILL-FREE" STANDING ROOM PASSENGERS



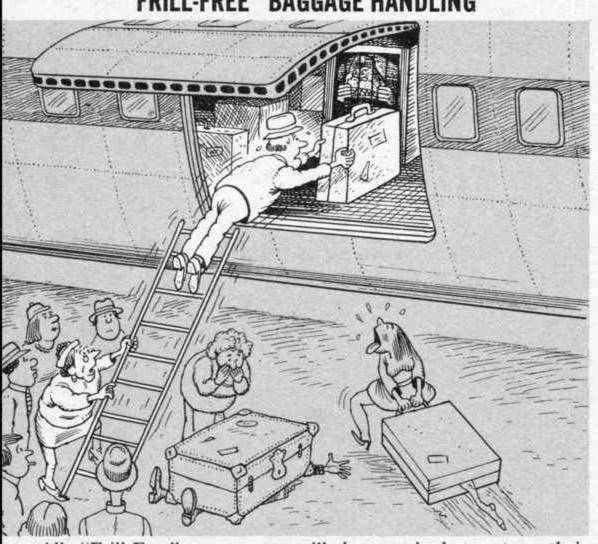
Cost-conscious travelers will be offered "No-Frills Standee Accommodations" which consists of flying erect from point to point securely tucked into their Standing Room Safety Belts.

"FRILL-FREE" OVERHEAD RACK PASSENGERS



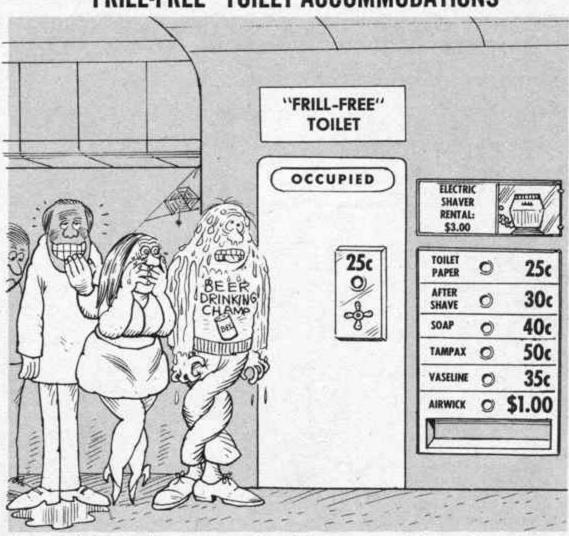
Overhead Rack space will be made available to passengers who do not care to stand coast-to-coast, and will happily settle for the cramped "No-Frills Individual Cubicle Accommodations."

"FRILL-FREE" BAGGAGE HANDLING



All "Frill-Free" passengers will be required to store their own luggage aboard the aircraft before flight, and will also be required to retrieve it upon arrival at destination.

"FRILL-FREE" TOILET ACCOMMODATIONS



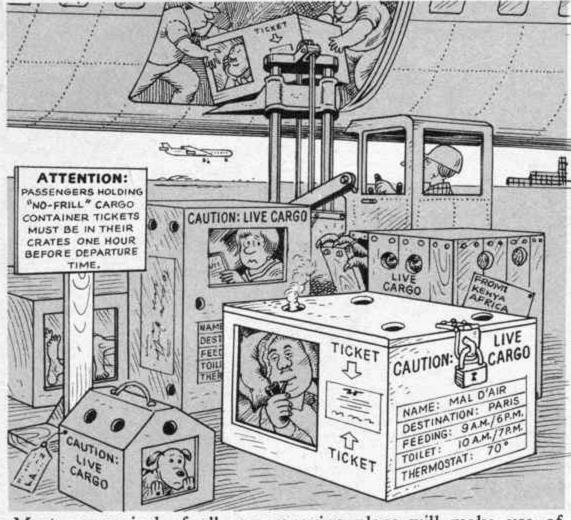
Fancy Johns with free goodies like soap and French perfume will be out for "Frill-Free" passengers. One "Pay Toilet" with "Coin-Operated Necessity-Dispenser" will be available.

thus attractive to more people, something called "No-Frills Flying" has been introduced. This plan offers lower fares for a more austere type of air travel in which some of the fancy services such as "meals" have been eliminated. If the economic crunch continues and the idea catches on, we may soon be seeing these...

IR TRAVEL" GIMMICKS

WRITTEN BY: DICK DE BARTOLO & AL JAFFEE

"FRILL-FREE" CARGO CONTAINER PASSENGERS



Most economical of all money-saving plans will make use of Cargo Container Holds, where the budget-minded air traveler will be offered "No-Frills Individual Crate Accommodations."

"FRILL-FREE" ROUGH RIDE TREATMENT



Common Air Sickness Trough for "No-Frills" passengers will eliminate need for expensive Individual Air Sickness Bags, and will also eliminate cost of removing used (ecch) bags.

"FRILL-FREE" EATING ACCOMMODATIONS



Since costly gourmet meals will be eliminated, a "Frill-Free Snack Bar" will be installed for use by "Frill Free" passengers. Unfortunately, Snack Bar will only seat two at a time.

"FRILL-FREE" EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

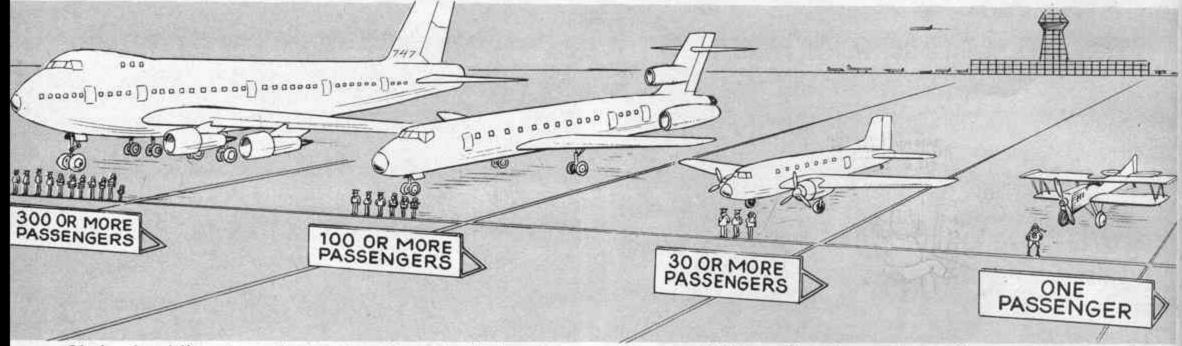


Airlines now provide costly Life Vests and Emergency Oxygen equipment. "Frill-Free" passengers will be satisfied with simple-to-understand Swimming Instructions and an Air Tube.



IN ADDITION TO "FUTURE 'NO-FRILLS' AIR TRAVEL GHOW AIRLINES CAN INCREA

INTERCHANGEABLE PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION EQUIPMENT



Obviously airlines lose plenty when 6 people fly jets that normally seat 365 and require crews of 18. With this new

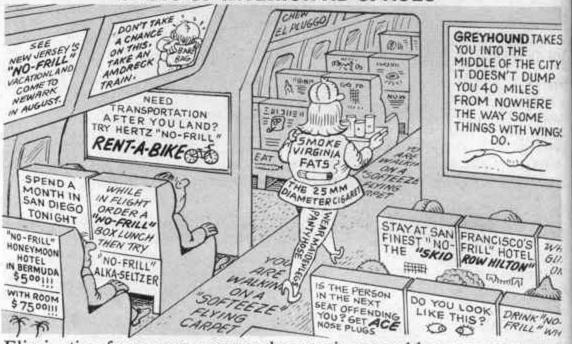
system, airlines will only use the equipment necessary to accommodate the exact number of passengers that show up.

FRANCHISED PASSENGER SERVICES



Airlines can save millions by eliminating all free meals, and then earn additional revenues by selling franchises to Concessionaires who would supply passengers with food.

SALES OF INTERIOR AD SPACES



Eliminating free newspapers and magazines would save money, and then the airlines can earn additional income by selling spaces for ads...which bored passengers will eagerly read.

REBATE PLANS TO ELIMINATE EXCESS BAGGAGE WEIGHT



Since modern jet planes consume costly fuel in direct proportion to the amount of weight on board, the elimination of excess baggage would mean substantial savings. A system of "No Bag" or "One Bag" rebates could prove very effective.

IMICKS", HERE ARE SOME OTHER MAD IDEAS ON... SE REVENUES AND PROFITS

RENTAL OR LEASING OF VALUABLE BOARDING APRON SPACE



To raise additional revenue valuable runway boarding space can be rented to Concessionaires who will sell everything from local souvenirs to fake photos of "No-Frill" passengers sitting in what looks like the First Class Section on board.

COIN-OPEATED SEAT DISPENSERS

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Airlines can generate huge revenues by charging for all the services that are now supplied free. A coin operated seat-dispenser will give passenger his choice—for a slight fee.

SELF-SERVICE TICKETING RAMPS



Eliminating "Ticket Office" and "Reservation" personnel can effect huge savings. One way airlines can accomplish this is to introduce "Pay-As-You-Enter" ramp-systems for all flights.

"FLY-BY-WEIGHT" FARES TO COVER RISING FUEL COSTS



Another effective method of passing on rising jet fuel costs is to institute a "Fly-By-Weight" system in which all of the

fat, overweight slobs would be forced to pay their fair share of flying expenses in relation to all the skinny light slobs.



BERG'S EYE-VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF...

The FAST







mess up the CAR!!

. . . as long as they don't





What's bad about these "Fast-Food" places is the system! The burgers are already made up, wrapped and being kept warm! That's why I ask for a "Special Order"! Then, I'm sure the burger I get is fresh!

One burger . . . hold the pickles and the lettuce!

One "Special"!

Boy, I hate "Special Orders"! Now I gotta unwrap a burger, open it up, and remove the pickles and the lettuce...

Here's your "Special" Sir! See? There's always a way to beat the system!









-FOOD Craze ARTIST & WRITER: DAVE BERG

Is everybody finished? Okay, let's all clean up this mess! Oh-oh! The "Cleanliness Nut" is at it again!



I just don't want anyone to say, "Whoever sat here sure was a pig!" So everybody . . . start picking up things and throwing them in the can!

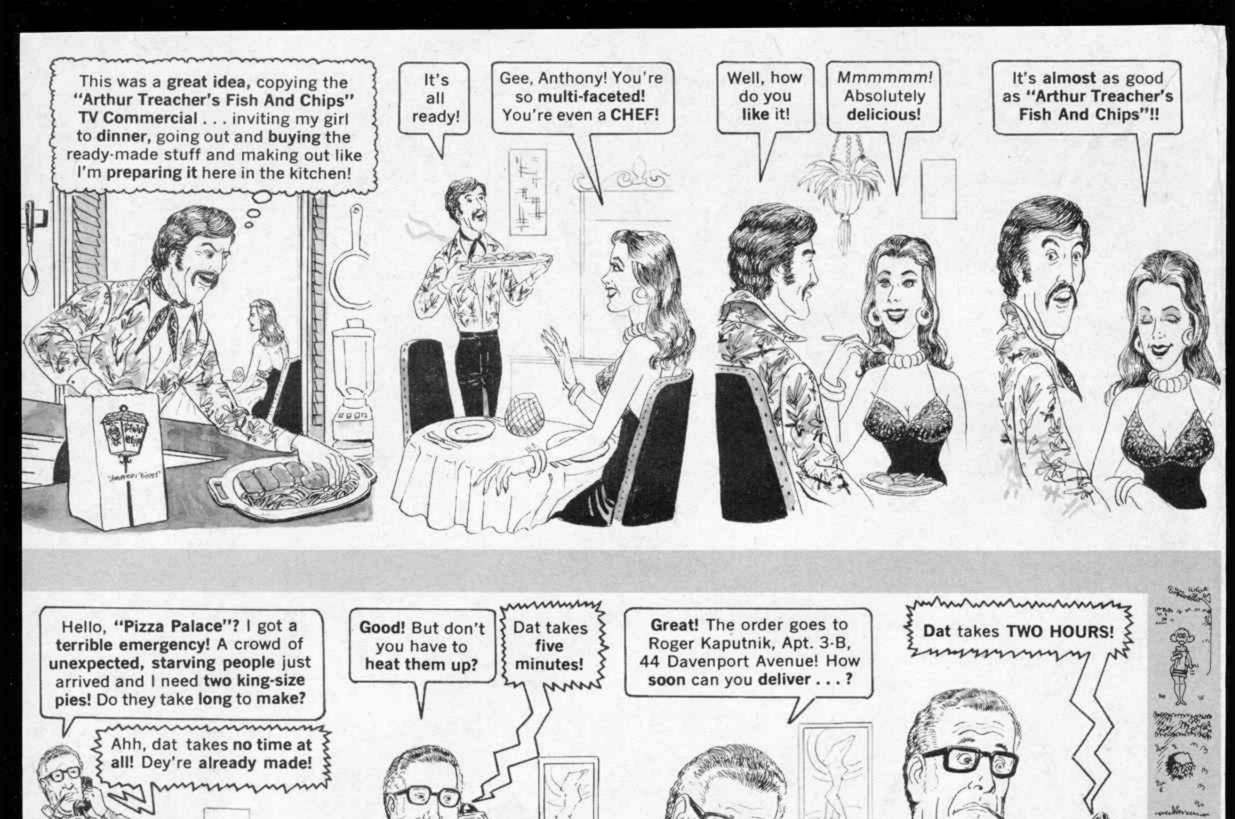


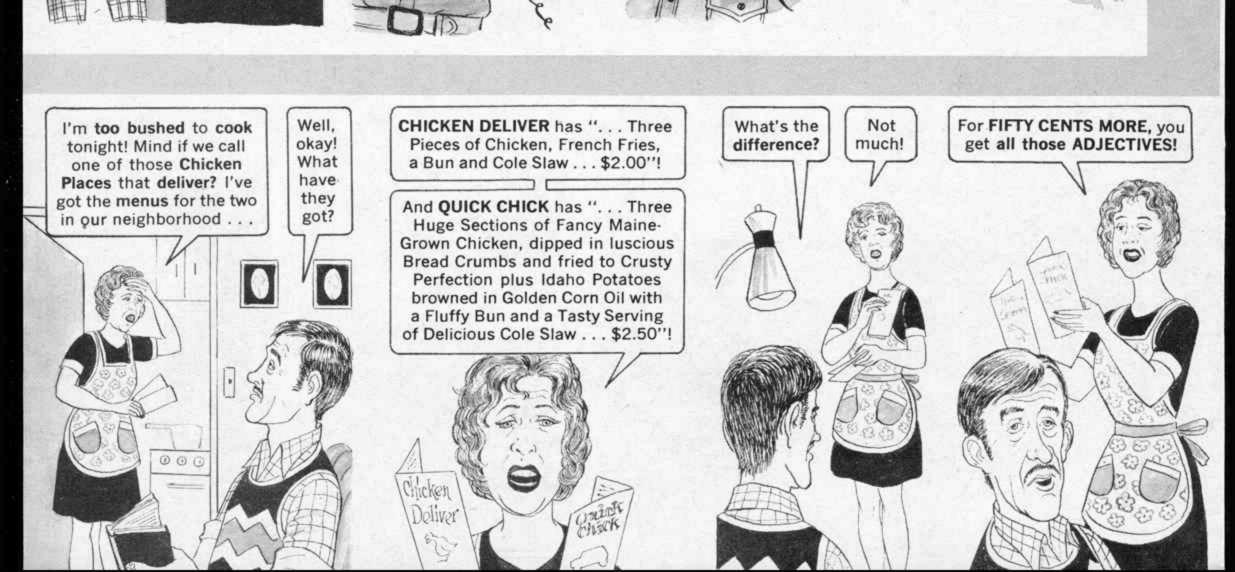
There! That's better! Now, we can leave . . .



Boy! Whoever cleaned up here sure was a pig!!









Le'see, I'll have a Cheeseburger!
No, no . . . make that a Fish Filet!
No, wait . . . make that a Big Mac!
No, hold it . . . on second thought,
I want a Cheeseburger after all!



No, wait! The Big Mac sounds good! But so does the Fish Filet! And the Cheeseburger sounds even better! So it's either a Cheeseburger or a Fish Filet! At least I've narrowed it down to those—



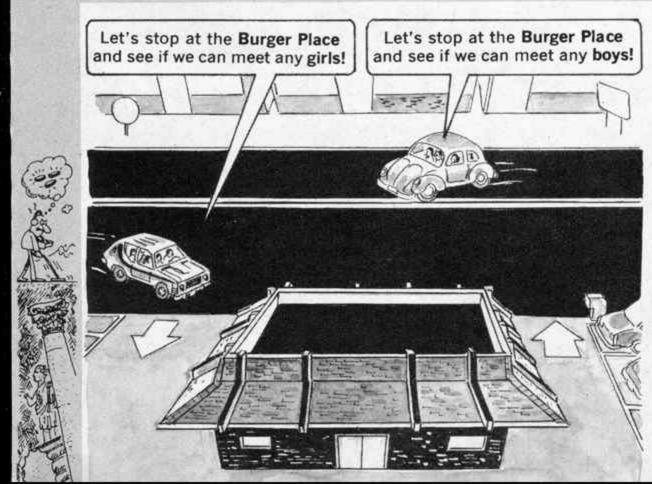
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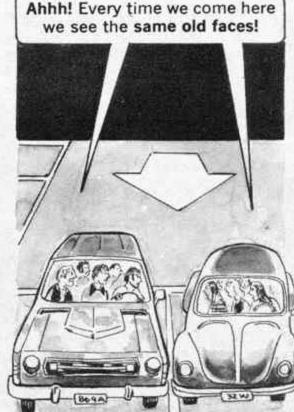


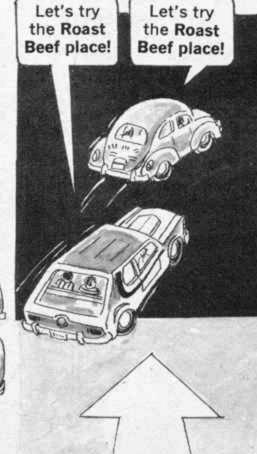
my mind!

Okay! I've definitely made up











What's THIS?!? You've got a drawer full of straws, paper napkins, tin foil packets of catsup and mustard, and two million envelopes of sugar!



I know! I can't resist anything that's FREE! So I help myself to a batch whenever I stop at one of those "Fast-Food" places!



Just because you EAT something doesn't entitle you to all the freebees you can carry! That's MOOCHING!!



... it's STEALING!!

I wouldn't EAT at one of those places if you paid me a million bucks!



SPLIT-LEVITY DEPT.

Take a good look at the newsstand you swiped this magazine from. See all the magazines? There's one for the single man, the single woman, the married man, the married woman, the businessman, the hobbyist, the smart kid and the slow kid (You're reading it now!). Yep, there's a magazine for everyone . . . almost! How about the millions of men and women who've been DIVORCED? And how about their kids? Don't they deserve a magazine, too? No? Well, here it is anyway!

BROKEN HOMES AND GARDENS



The Magazine For Divorced Parents And Their Traumatized Kids.

A MOTHER AND FATHER ADMIT:

"We're Not Getting Divorced Because of the Kids—Neither of Us Wants Them!"



A DIVORCED DOCTOR'S SON LAMENTS:

"The One Thing I Miss Most Are Those Heart-To-Heart Talks ... With My Father's Answering Service!"

TIPS FOR DIVORCED WOMEN:

75 Ways To STOP Economizing Now That You're On Alimony!

A BEVERLY HILLS 8-YEAR-OLD REPORTS:

"I was ashamed of being different from all my friends until my parents got divorced too!"

A MOVIE STAR'S CHILD REVEALS:

"I'm going broke buying presents for all my fathers on Father's Day!"



CLASSIFIED ADS

PERSONAL

Doris, please come back! I know I wasn't a success at being a husband, but I'm even less of a success at being an ex-husband! Just like our marriage, our divorce isn't working, either. I can't seem to do anything right.—Sheldon

Gals, don't throw out those "His" and "Hers" towels. Let Phase-Out do its thing, which is mainly custom embroidery. We can make it "Hers" and "Hers"...or, if you're a swinger, "Hers" and "To Whom It May Concern." We have lots of other swell ideas. Phase-Out, Inc. Splitsville, Nev.

Don't be a 97 lb. weakling! Build up your body so big bullies won't kick sand in your face. And wait until the girls see your he-man physique.

What is this ad doing in this magazine? Who knows? We advertise in every magazine! You'd be surprised at the results we get from "Insect Illustrated." Write Charles Hercules, Muscle Beach, Ohio.

SERVICES

Bug your hubby! Get the evidence you need for a fat divorce settlement by bugging his office, his car, or his secretary's apartment. Only don't really bug—it's too expensive! Just let him think you did by confronting him with our time-tested, never-fail "sorditapes." Some tapes have erasures, lapses, and interference sounds, but that only adds to the authenticity and credibility. Rosemary Tape Service, Haldeman, S.C.

Let our professional shoppers show you the hundreds of fancy, overpriced stores you can take your girlfriend that you would never take your former wife! Dispel those rumors about being such a skinflint while making your ex boil when she hears what a sport you are! Call Shopper's Ex-Change, 555-7685

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INFORMATIVE GUIDES

Kids! An absolutely essential booklet for you! "50 Mean, Rotten Things You Can Do To Your Father On Visitation Days!" Let's face it, your pop has a load of guilt feelings for leaving you and your mom, so why not cash in on them? This pamphlet shows you how. Send five bucks (tell your dad it's for a book that will help you do better in school now that you're failing all your subjects because of his leaving) and he'll fork it over pronto. That's Chapter One! The other 49 take it from there! Rotten Kid Press, Bratwurst, Illinois

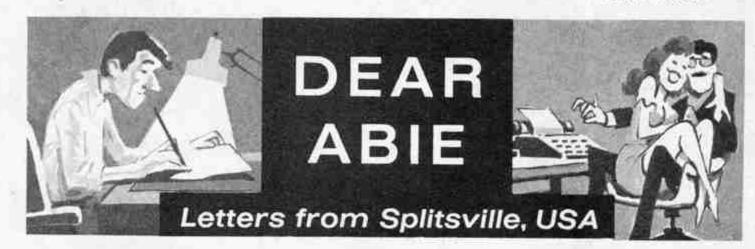
EDITORIAL PHILOSOPHY

BROKEN HOMES AND GARDENS feels a special obligation to those men and women who have suffered one of life's saddest tragedies—marriage . . . and to their children, who have suffered even more from the tragedy called "parenthood." Our purpose is to help guide all these sufferers into happier, more productive lives while making a little cash for ourselves. God knows we need it, what with the alimony, the rent on two apartments, etc. For it must be noted here that the information and advice contained in this magazine is not abstract but based on actual experiences!

The Editors have been through it all! Not one has lived through a successful marriage! We are as proud of our record as we are of our expertise

on the subject.

The Editors



DEAR ABIE: Is infidelity a valid grounds for divorce? S.A.

Dear S.A. Only if your wife finds out about it!

DEAR ABIE: I am an attractive young woman and I am unhappy with my home life. I am thinking about a divorce. What I want to know is: How long after the separation is it correct to date? C.B.

Dear C.B. Don't wait until after the separation. I'll call you tonight!

DEAR ABIE: Do you think a marriage should be held together just for the sake of the children? My brother and I disagree. I think my parents should get a divorce, he doesn't. But perhaps that may be because he's younger than I—he's 49 and I'm 53.

Dear F.R. I think your parents should get a divorce as soon as you and your brother stop nursing!

DEAR ABIE: I am a football fanatic! All I do is watch, read, and talk football. My wife is so fed up and bored with me that she suggested wife-swapping with a neighbor. But I said only if he gave up a future draft choice. Was that a smart move?

N.M.

Dear N.M. A smarter move would have been if your wife said nothing about it and carried on as she pleased during the football season. You would never have known about it!

DEAR ABIE: I think it's disgraceful for a divorced father to pry, and make the children tell him about what I'm doing. Don't you agree?

J.L.

Dear J.L. You wouldn't have known your ex was prying unless you asked them about him!

DEAR ABIE: I have a question about relationships. My mother, a divorcee with 9 kids, is going out with a divorced man with no kids and no responsibilities. I know she'll always be our mother, but if he marries her, what will that make him?

K.M.

Dear K.M. A schmuck! He doesn't know when he's well off!

DEAR ABIE: I was a loving wife and catered to my husband's every little whim. I treated him like a king and his happiness was my only purpose in life. Then he ups and runs off with a young wench. Shouldn't he be ashamed of himself?

D.C.

Dear D.C. Those phoney initials don't fool me You're my ex-wife and you can go to Hell with your Pucci, Gucci, and Fucci!

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KID STUFF

Each issue the Editors of BROKEN HOMES & GARDENS select one narrative from our younger readers for publication. There are no prizes for winners, since B H & G feels that just being listened to is reward enough for these youngsters!

"If Only My Wish Could Come True"

by Milton Elnick, age 10

I know every child my age should be happy, but I'm not. Why? What else-my home life! My mother pretends she's interested in me, but she's not. She's always too busy for me, and only really likes me when I don't ask her anything or bother her when she's on the phone-where she always is! And when she's not, she's out, and I have to answer when some strange man asks "Is hot lips there?" and I know he doesn't mean my sister cause she's only 31/2 and her lips are

sticky and gooky.

The maid my mother leaves us with is always too drunk to answer the phone, which isn't too bad because she's also too drunk to aim good when she tries to hit me! Now for my father. I never see him much, even though he keeps promising he's going to take me to a ball game or something and never does. One time I tried to surprise him by visiting his office but I only got him angry for scaring his secretary right out of his chair. You would think a ritzy place with all those drapes and things could afford two chairs so my father wouldn't have to share his!

Maybe he's just acting poor to get my sympathy and not have to give my mother money when she asks for it, which she always does. That's all they ever talk about. Or actually, scream about. But that's only when my father comes around, which isn't

too much.

Now for my wish. I really wish that my mother and father would get a divorce! You see, if they got divorced, then maybe (continued pg. 89)



BROKEN HOMES & GARDENS PHOTO-LOSOPHY Installment 218 in a never ending series: This Month:

VISITATION DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TYPICAL BROKEN-HOMER



At 8 O'clock on a Sunday morning, as Melvin Gournish dreams his happy, un-trueto life dreams, his mother barges in and shouts in his ear "Your S.O.B. father is coming today, so get dressed!" Mrs. Gournish is under great strain when her ex comes, and as a typical mother, passes the tensions right on to her child.



To substantiate her claim that Mr. Gournish isn't giving her enough money for child support, Mrs. Gournish dresses Melvin as shabbily as she can. A final rip to the shirt gives her the nouveau poore look she wants.



Mrs. Gournish leaves before her ex arrives, instructing Melvin to "lay it on thick" how she's out scrubbing floors for extra money. Melvin ponders the problem of whether her furs get in the way of her floor-scrubbing.



Minutes after his mother disappears in her Mercedes, Melvin's father runs up the front walk. Anxious to see Melvin? No, anxious to see if his answering service received any messages from a stewardess he just met.



Since he hasn't seen Melvin all week, Mr. Gournish tries to strike up a conversation by asking, "How's school?" Melvin answers "Fine" in an attempt to keep the conversation going, but it's downhill from there on.



Going to the local amusement park for the afternoon is a special delight. Not to Mel, but to his father who tries to pick up all the divorced women who have also brought their children for an afternoon of fun.



At poolside of his luxury apartment, Mr. Gournish tells his son how lonely he is since he left his loved ones. Melvin feels sorry, but knows his father will be with his loved ones as soon as Melvin goes home.

YOU DOWN? LET "RECORDO-MESS" PICK YOU UP!



We know that a divorced person often gets lonely and starts to think, "Did I do the right thing?" Well, you did! And to get you through those difficult times of indecision, Recordo-Mess is your answer. Just put one of our L.P.s on your phono, and listen to a woman's voice say "You never take me anywhere!" or "I could have married any boy in town and I had to choose you!" or "If your mother was such a good cook, why didn't you marry her! Within minutes of listening to such verbal karate chops, you'll be convinced that your divorce was the right move!

We also feature a complete line of favorites for the ladies—just like the rotten things your husband used to say! Send for our free catalogue now!

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THE SPLIT SCENE

Do-ings and Don't-ings of EX Rated People by Al E. Monie

Hi, guys and gals in your separate maintainences, let's get right to the nitty-gritty, shall we? . . . Did'ja hear about 7-year old Donny La Londe causing his parents' splitsy? Seems that Donny's daddy was going on a business trip and he told the moppet, "When I'm gone, you're the man of the house!" to which Donny replied, "Are you kidding? When you're gone there's plenty of men around!" The La Londes have a date in court in November.

Zsa Zsa is at it again, claiming on the Merv Griff Show that she's been married 6 times. That's Hungarian goulash! The truth is she's only been married 5 times—husbands 2 and 5 were the same guy—and that doesn't count . . . Hear about Morris Nitchke's classic boo-boo last month? Seems his wife went home to Denver for a few months, had a nose job, teeth capped, and face lifted. She thought she'd surprise Morris the day she returned by meeting him in his favorite lunch cafe. She surprised him alright—poor Morris didn't recognize her and came on strong with the "my wife doesn't understand me" routine. She does now—to the tune of \$1,000 per month alimony!



During their recent divorce settlement, Bobby and Boobie Bednarick proved to be a very civilized couple. They agreed to split everything they owned right down the middle. And Boobie did just that, with a buildozer!

Pity poor Gerry Timberlake and his missus. They were shocked to find their daughter is living with a guy whom she has no intention of marrying or divorcing. They were so upset, they had to cancel 4 wife-swapping parties they had scheduled over the Christmas holidays . . . As of this writing Zsa Zsa's still married to 5/6th . . . Reports from Wrinkle City show that more and more senior citizens are getting divorced. Take Armand Grier and Gretchen, his wife of 45 years. Sez Armand, "Until I retired this year, everything was fine. But after I retired and spent time at home, I discovered Gretchen couldn't speak a word of English. You learn a lot about a person when you stay home. So I dumped her. Who needs an old, foreign broad!"

Just heard that Zsa Zsa and her hubby split! Welcome back, Zsa Zsa . . . New statistics show that three out of every four marriages in the U.S. end in divorces. It's a frightening statistic—since it proves that one couple out of four are still living unhappily . . . Well, that's about it for this month . . . hold everything . . . Zsa Zsa just married her 6/7th . . . and so it goes . . .

EXTRA-MARITAL BLITZ

Faces and Places Around Divorceville, U.S.A.



When Gunner Iso was divorced, she worried if she would be popular. She has no worries, men are always flocking around her at parties. But her friends are worried . . . since it's their husbands who are doing the flocking.

Nick Gatewood is seen here celebrating his third month of being a divorced man. Nick doesn't really know he's divorced and won't realize his wife left him until after the Super Bowl Game in January.





For sheer chic, Norman and Pat Wheelright take the prize with their catered divorce. In addition to serving vintage champagne, they displayed a life-size likeness of the "correspondent" moulded in chopped liver.



Tina Robustelli is a new woman these days. After her divorce, she was forced to get a job, but now she loves working. "Getting rid of my husband and getting rid of the household hum-drum has given me new life!", Tina says. "Now if I can only get rid of all those dumb kids, I'd really be fulfilled!"



Howie and Sheila Carr felt too tied down by marriage. Each wanted to have an affair with an unmarried partner, but they still loved each other. Their solution worked out just fine—they got divorced, and are now having the greatest clandestine affair in Hewlett, Long Island.



The record for the fastest divorce was set by Jo and Don Looney last month. At their wedding, the best man became too involved with his "first kiss" privileges. "I've got nothing against them kissing, but what I saw was raw, naked passion between those two," Jo stated as she watched the best man kiss her new husband.

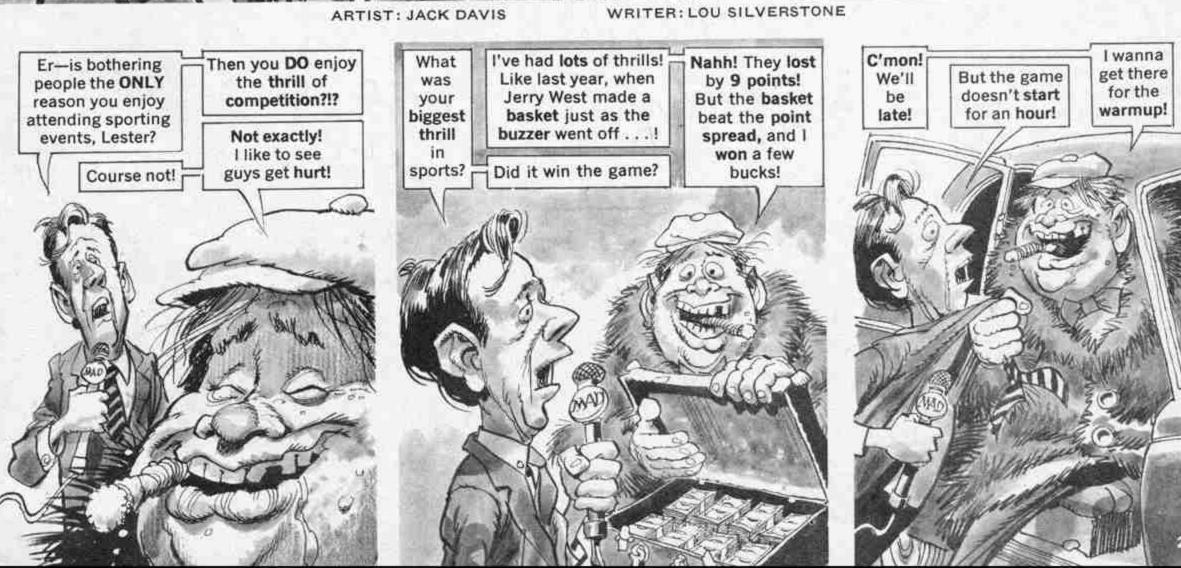
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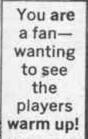
Hello, out there! Welcome to Dry Talk Country! (That's a little local New York joke!) I'm George Slimton! As you all know, I've done some really dangerous and foolhardy things in my time . . . like scrimmaging against a pro football team, and stepping into a ring with a boxing champion, and photographing a charging elephant! But they were all child's play compared to this assignment: Conducting one of those idiotic interviews for MAD Magazine!

Not that it's more dangerous . . . just more embarrassing than those other embarrassing things I've done! Anyway, today we're going to meet Lester Loudmouth, who has been selected as . . .

MAD'S OBNOXIOUS SPORTS SPECTATOR OF THE YEAR







What players?!? I wanna warm up!

NAMATH, YOU'RE A %\$#@& STIFF!

CASTER, YOU GOT CEMENT HANDS!

WINNERS?!? YOU'RE ALL LOSERS!



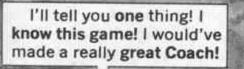
Me? I'm goin' for a hot dog!
I ALWAYS go during kickoffs
and other crucial plays! It
really bugs people! Hey, Mac,
would you mind gettin' out of
my way? Cheez! Some people
ain't got no manners at all!



It's
Giants'
ball,
first
and
ten!
Another thing I like
to do is listen to a
DIFFERENT game on
my portable radio!
It drives everybody
around me up the wall!

Hey! Turn that %\$#& thing off!!



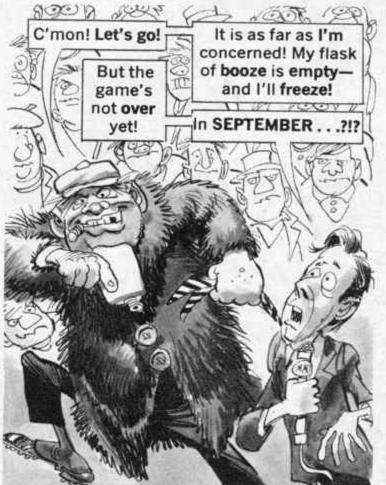


C'MON! PASS THE BALL! PUT IT IN THE AIR!

The other team intercepted!

Namath, you dumb bum!! Why didn't you stay on the ground?!





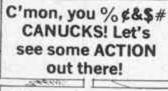
Lester, do you have a favorite sport?

I love 'em all . . . football, hockey, basketball, track! I see every game!

How do you manage to see all those sporting events?

It ain't easy! I haven't been home in three months!





I think it's very exciting! The score is tied!

Who cares about the SCORE?!? There hasn't been one lousy FIGHT yet!
And even worse . . . no BLOOD!! Well, I might as well throw this rotten fruit I brought! Maybe it'll inspire



Next, we're gonna see a tennis match!

I'm surprised you like tennis, since yelling, cursing and rowdy behavior are frowned upon at tennis matches!





What about boxing? You didn't mention it! Do you like boxing?

I used to go, but the real fight fans are gone!

Now, all you see are cats in far-out costumes attending the big bouts! They don't care about the sport! They just go so people'll stare at 'em! Once in a while, I'll go when two Spanish guys are fighting! No matter who wins, there's always a riot . . . with throwing chairs and fun like that! But boxing is DEAD as a spectator sport! Gi'me a good TRACK MEET . . . any time!



Do you prefer indoor —or outdoor track meets?

indoors, of course!

Is it because you get a much closer view of the action? No, it's because when I smoke these cheap cigars indoors, I not only bother every-body sitting around me, but the air gets so polluted, the runners can't breathe!

C'MON, YOU BUM! RUN! I PAID TO SEE A FOUR-MINUTE MILE, SO RUN, DAMMIT!



Then track is your favorite indoor sport?

No . . . my favorite is basketball!

Oh? Is that because you enjoy the fast pace and high scoring?

No . . . it's because in other sports, you sit so far away, the refs and the players can't even hear you! But in basketball, when you yell . . . they listen!



YOU'RE A BUM, WILT! MY TEN-YEAR-OLD KID SHOOTS BETTER THAN YOU!! Did you hear that? Man, I don't know what sports are comin' to!
A fan can't even open his mouth!
I'm payin' that stiff's salary!
Didn't he ever hear of the 5th
Amendment, Freedom of Speech?!

Whatever!
It means
a person's
allowed to
express an
opinion!
It's a free

Lester, you attend many baseball games! What do you think is wrong with baseball today? Not enough super stars? Or is the action too slow?

The main thing wrong with baseball today is that the Sody Pop and Beer is sold in paper cups! How can you conk somebody with a paper cup?!? In the old days, drinks were sold in BOTTLES! THAT was exciting baseball!!



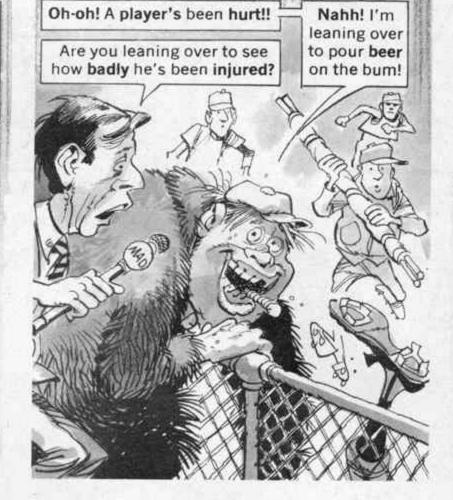






I'm getting the TV

Why are you





Are you kidding!?! As

long as Beer Companies

sponsor baseball games





Beer! What else?!

Well, aren't you

Lester,

what do

you think

Lester, one last question! What was your biggest disappointment as a sports fan?

That's easy! Evel Knievel's jump over the Snake River!

Oh? You were sorry because he didn't make a successful jump?

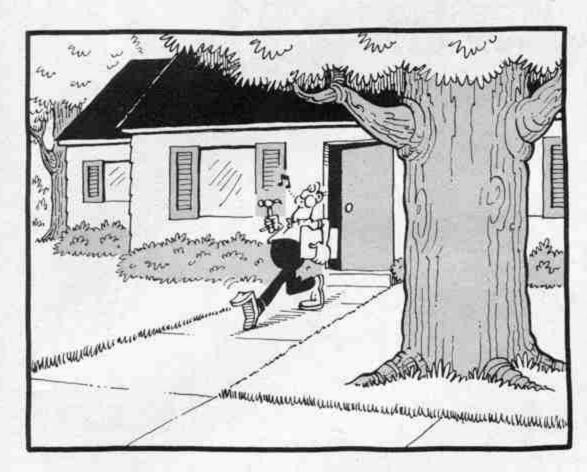
No. I was sorry because he wasn't wiped out! I paid fifteen bucks to watch that fiasco! The least he could have done was break his neck!

Thank you, Lester! This is George Slimton, signing off for MAD Magazine!





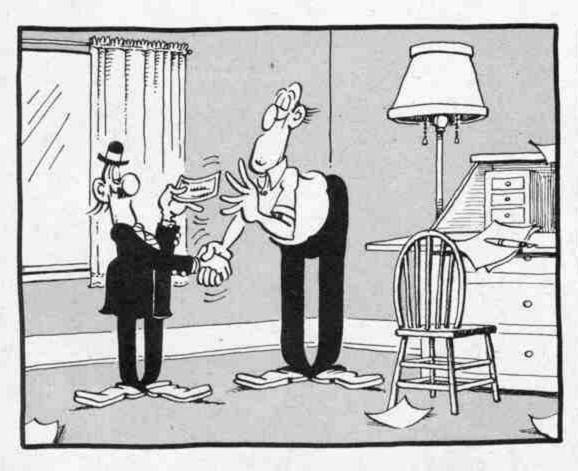
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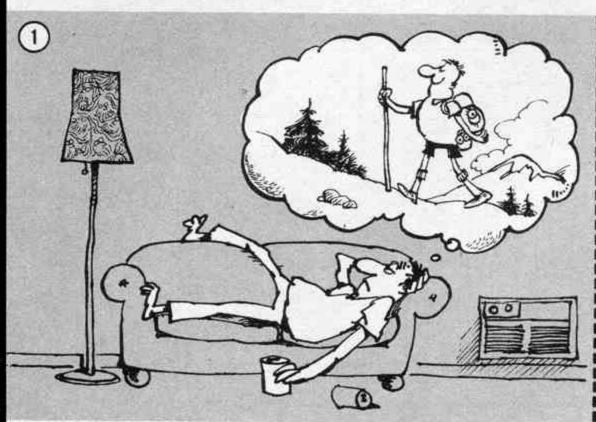


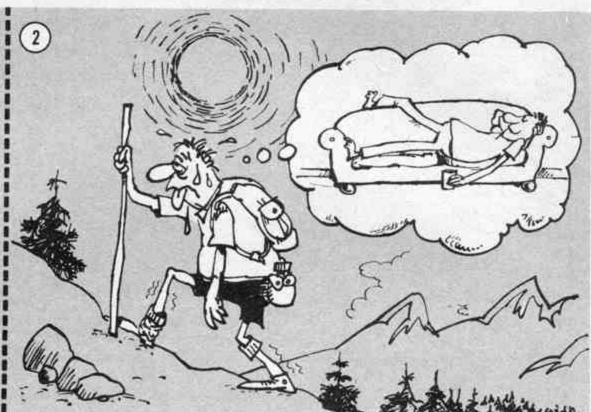




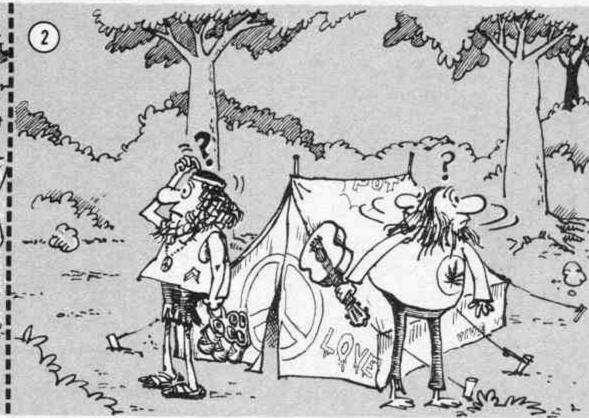
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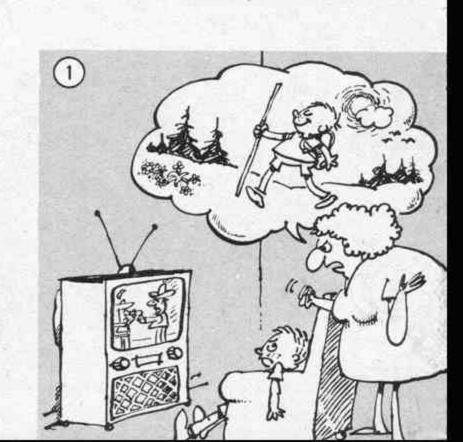






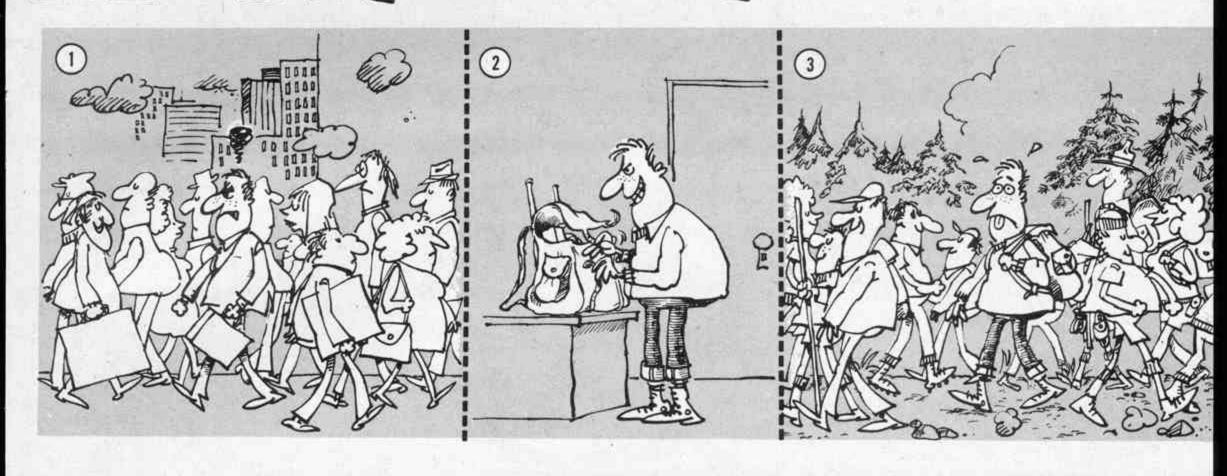




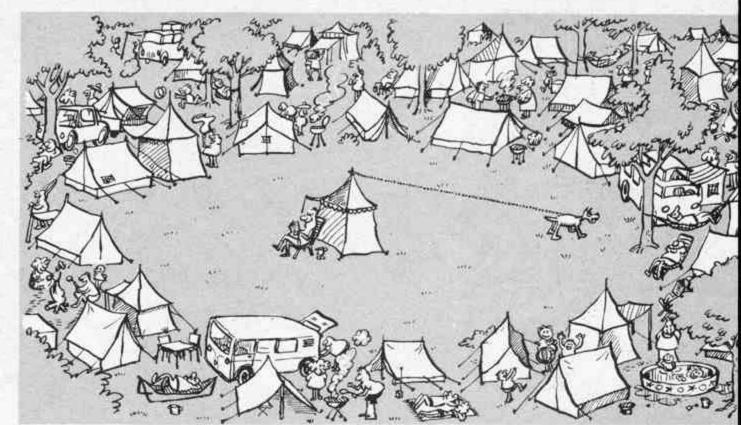


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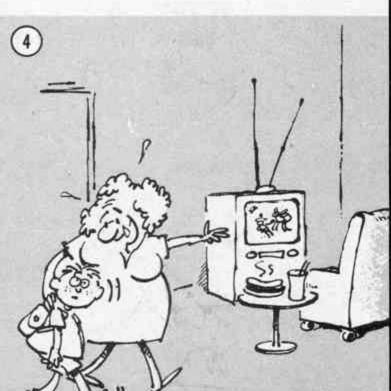


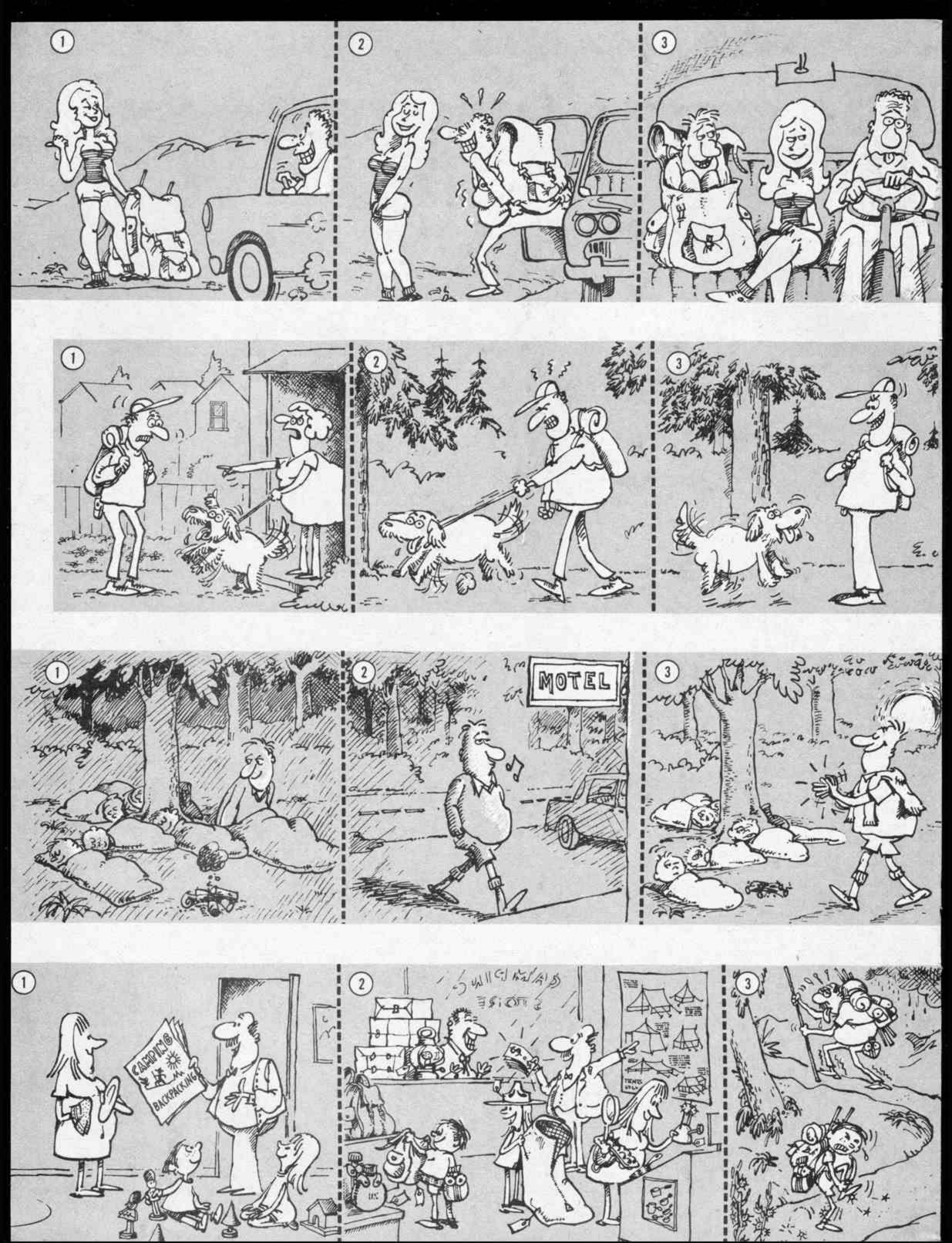


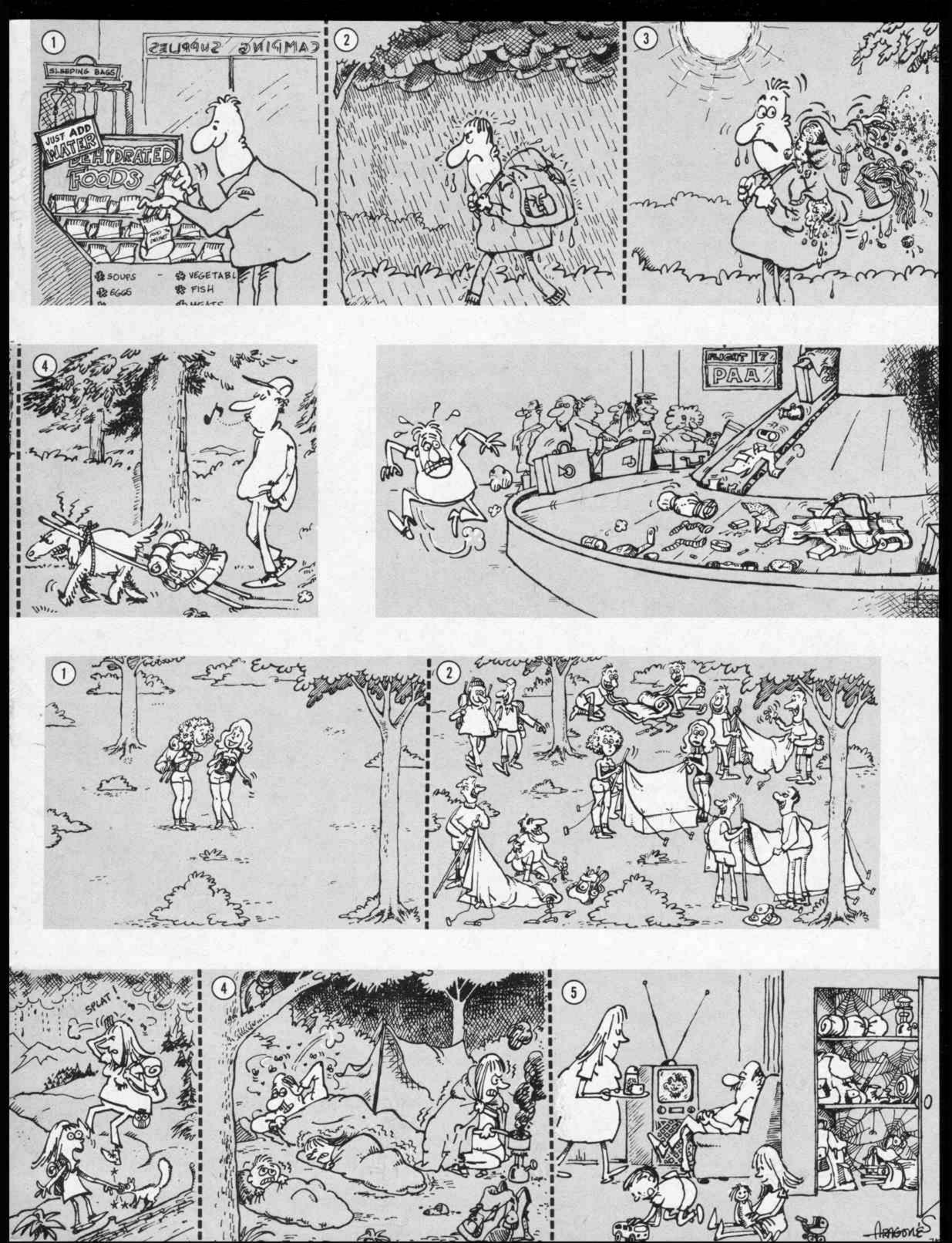












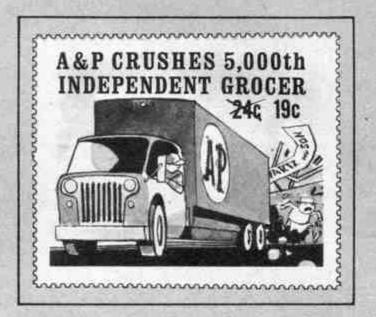
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Every year the Postal Service issues a batch of new commemorative stamps, and every year we see the same old kind of subjects. You know—great Presidents, anniversaries of cherished events, renowned scientists, stuff like that. If MAD had its way, the Postal Service would issue stamps that told it like it really is. Not that it will ever happen! That's why we've titled this article

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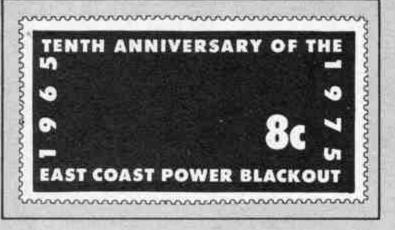






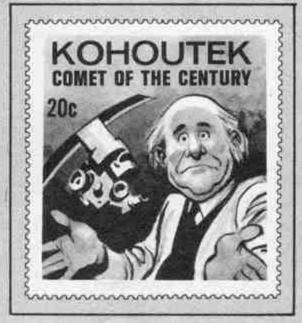
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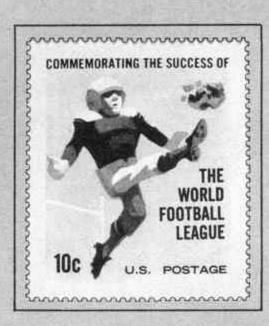
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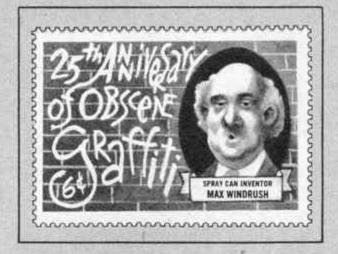
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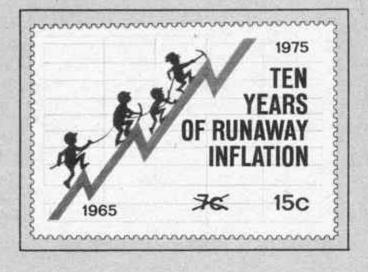






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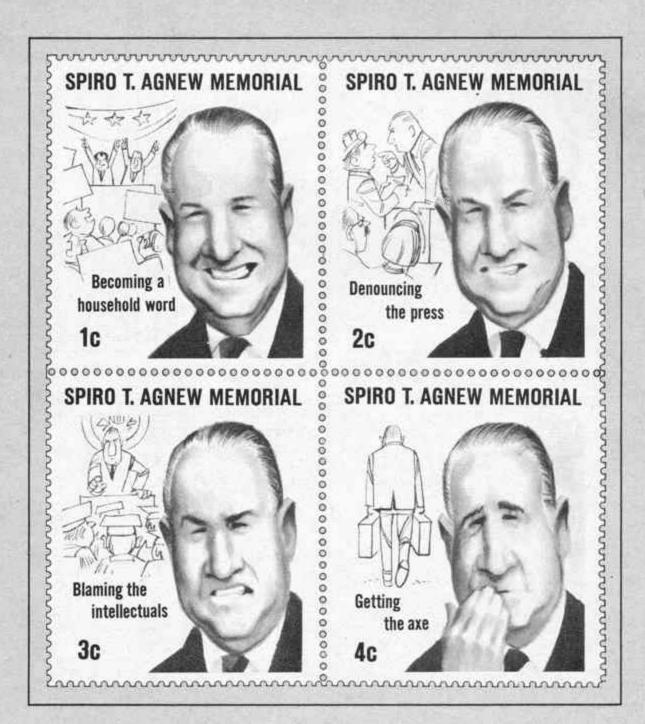


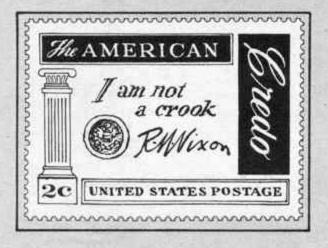
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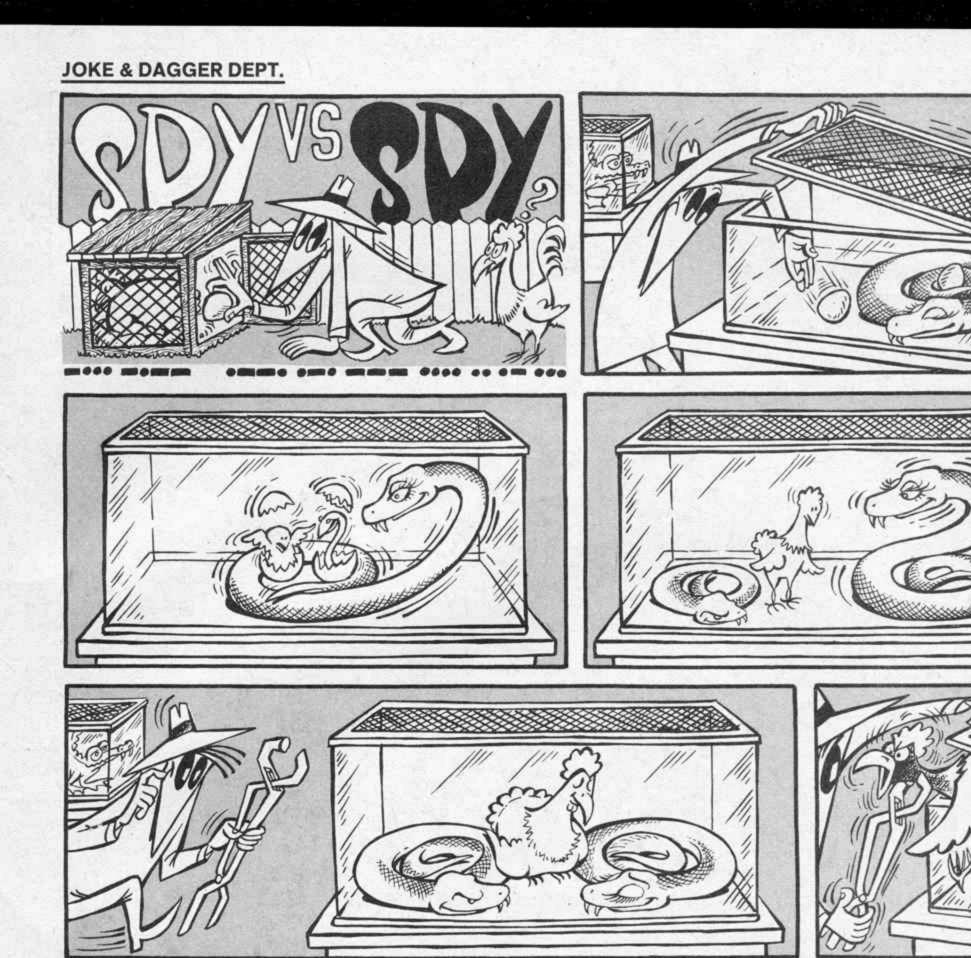


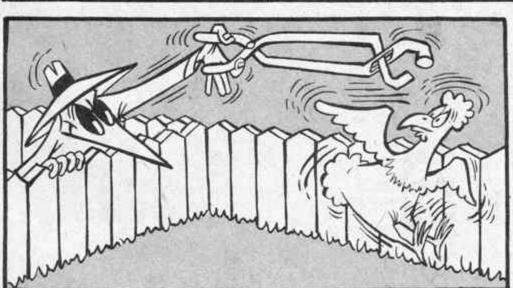


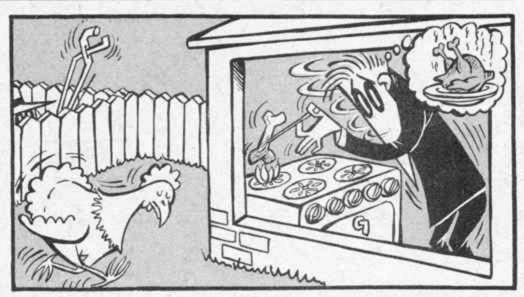
















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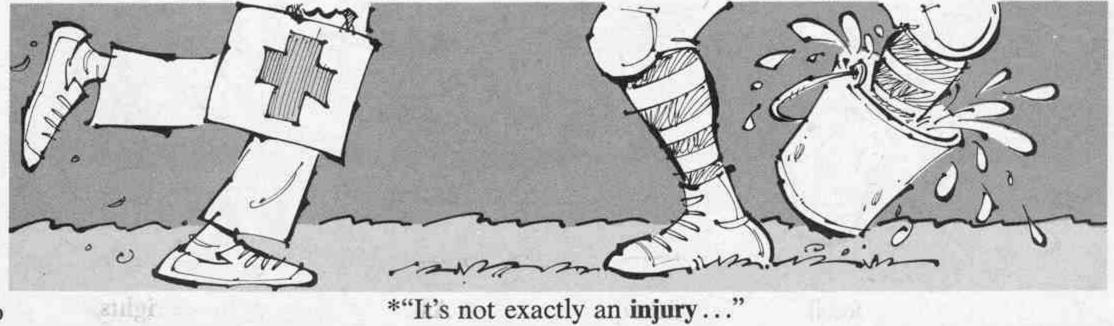
*"Man . . . your hands are cold!!"



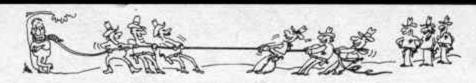
*"Our Spotter wants to tell you about a weakness in their defense . . . "



*"Boy, are YOU offside!"

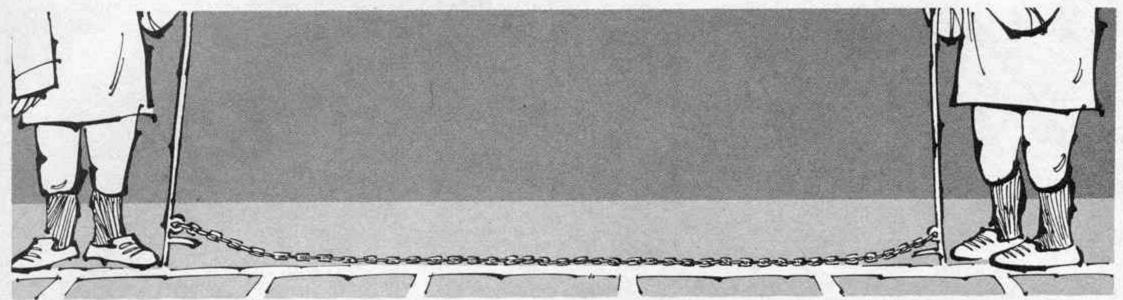


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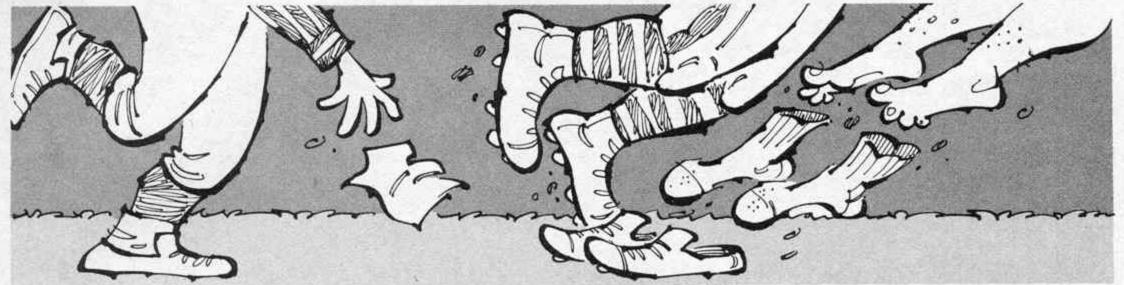


TO FOOTBALL

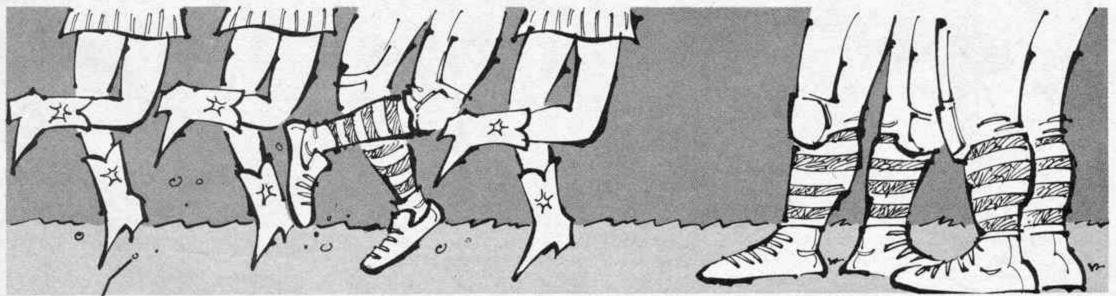
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*"Do I go towards you...or do you come towards me?"



*"Unnecessary roughness . . . !!"



*"... and that's why they call him 'Broadway Joe'!"

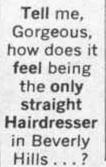


*"Congratulations! You just kicked two yards of Astroturf through the uprights!"



loan to open my own Beauty Shop! Well...I do Suzanne Pleshette! Pleshette! Pleshette! Pleshette! Pleshette! Pleshette Nave in mind! HAIR!! Shop! Suzanne Pleshette! P





It's like being a successful show on TV! I'm a "Hit"... but there's a lot of pressure on me to come through all the time!

I understand you didn't get the loan from the bank! Talk to my Tycoon Husband, Lesser! He'll bankroll you!

You mean it?!? You really think he'd put his money behind a vacant, self-indulgent pleasure-seeker with no sense of values?!?

He's supporting ME, isn't he?!?

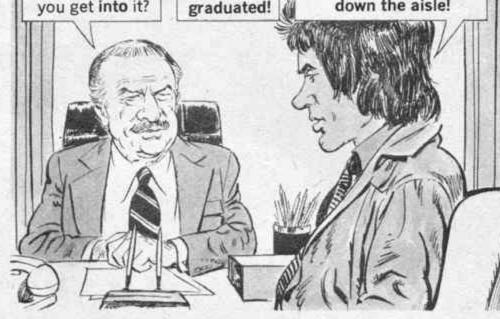


Felandera says you're a good investment, but I don't knowgiggle, giggle! A Beauty Shop?! It's an unusual business! How'd you get into it?

I-I went to Beauty School . . . and got my Operator's License after I

You-you GRADUATED from Beauty School?!?

You wouldn't believe the Ceremony! They played the theme from "Hair"... and everybody MINCED down the aisle!



Lesser, I've got to talk to you! I'm getting fed up with our arrangement!

Oh . . . uh . . . Jerkie, this is

We've Er . . . uh . . . Jerkie met! is a little edgy because we have an Yeah! "arrangement" that's She was rather unorthodox for Beverly Hills!

Yes! He's seeing his WIFE on the side!

Listen, I've got a great idea! I'm throwing a little Election Night Party at "The Bistro" tonight! My Wife is going to be there, so . . . Gorgeous, why don't you bring Jackie for me? It should be a fantastic evening! We can see who wins . . . in the National Race . . . and in the Marital Race! See you guys later, huh . . .







WOW! That should be FIREWORKS! Lesser and I are having an affair and he's inviting me to the same party as his Wife!

Yeah, and while you've been messin' around with HIM, I've been messin' around with HIS Wife!

And HE doesn't know that YOU and I have been M messin' around for years!

Y-you expect US to VOTE?!? C'mon, let's go

VOTE . .

and then

get back

to the

Shop!

Of course!! As two PLAIN l gotta ORDINARY **EVERYDAY** AMERICANS, it's our duty!

. . . and my Therapist says it's perfectly all right to make love in a mask and flippers if that's how I get my kicks! I know it's my first time here, but as my Hairdresser, I just have to pour my heart out to you . . .

Of course! You go right ahead! I understand!

Say, isn't this a rather STRANGE **POSITION** for drying hair?

If you think THIS is strange, wait'll I do your SET! It'll blow your





I gotta split, Norbert!

Right in

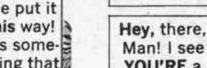
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of a Cut

Yeah, I'm mentally wiped out from the Cut . . . ! Let somebody else do the Curl!

But where are you going? What can you possibly do in the middle of a Tuesday afternoon in Beverly Hills? possibly do!

Well, let me put it this way! It's something that you can't



YOU'RE a mixed-up product of the '60's, too!

Hey! Hi, ya?

Yeah! We're a lot alike! We're both on cycles . . . both trying to escape conformity . . . both with no real values ... and both with tremendous hang-ups!

Right, Man! And you know what my **BIGGEST** hang-up is? It's always bugged me that my Sister is a more famous Movie Star than I am!

Yeah! I know what you mean! There's a lot of that going around!





What are you doing here!?

Hi, Jerkie! I came to do your hair for the party!

Okay, come in! I really DO want to look great tonight!

What hair style would you like? What else?! The ONE hair style that's the-the PRETTIEST I've seen in this picture so far!







Please, don't, Gorgeous! Please! Not now!

I just had my HAIR done!

Hey, Baby . . . you're great! You're dynamite! You're groovy!

It's no use! I just can't resist such brilliant, meaningful dialogue! Okay-NOW!!



Hi, Jerkie! I came-Oh . . . I didn't know you had company!

My goodneth! Either come in, or go out!

Y'know, I'm beginning to wonder!

If I'm gay, or straight?

No . . . if I was an idiot to take such a demeaning, silly role!

Actually, Gorgeous, I've got a feeling you've been making out with Jerkie!

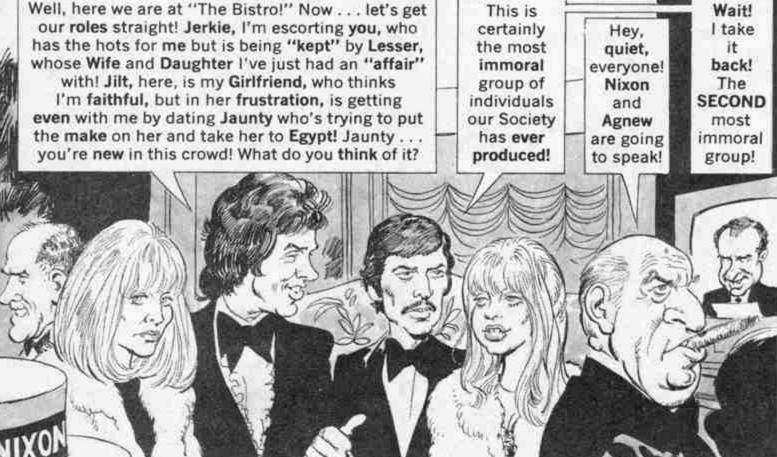
Can you prove it?

I'll dust for fingerprints!









Oh, Felandera, there you are! I'd like you to meet everyone! You know Gorgeous! And this is Jilt, and Jaunty . . . and this is Jerkie! Er . . . say, it's awfully quiet in here, with everyone staring daggers at each other! We could sure use something to break the tension . . .

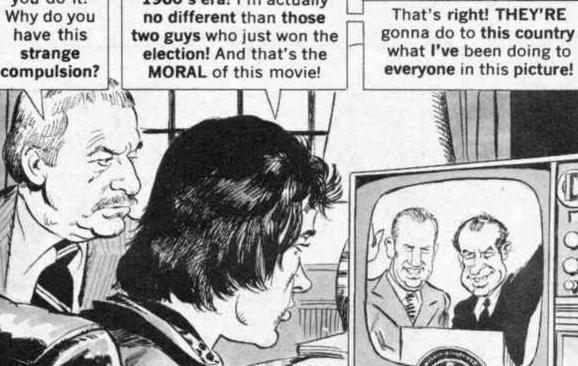












We're finished, Gorgeous! You've been cheating on me . . . lying to me . . . deceiving me! I can't live with such a shallow and immature Don Juan! I'm leaving you for a much more meaningful existence!

You're running off with Jaunty?!?

No, I'm joining the cast of a new 1968 TV Show called "Laugh-In," where I'm gonna giggle, say "Sock it to me!" and get water dumped on my head!

This is goodbye, Gorgeous! Lesser has asked me to marry him, and I'm going down to Acapulco with him!

Don't go, Honey! I-I need you!!

Lesser can offer me wealth . . . and security! What can you offer me?

Lots more of what I've been giving you all through this picture . . . !

You mean lots more dull. stuttering dialogue . . . lots more conversations in vague, incoherent, incomplete sentences . . lots more of NOTHING??

Oh . . . !

No

wonder!

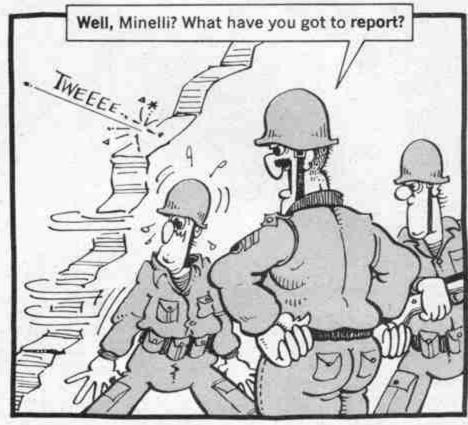
FORGET IT, Gorgeous!! I'm going to Acapulco!

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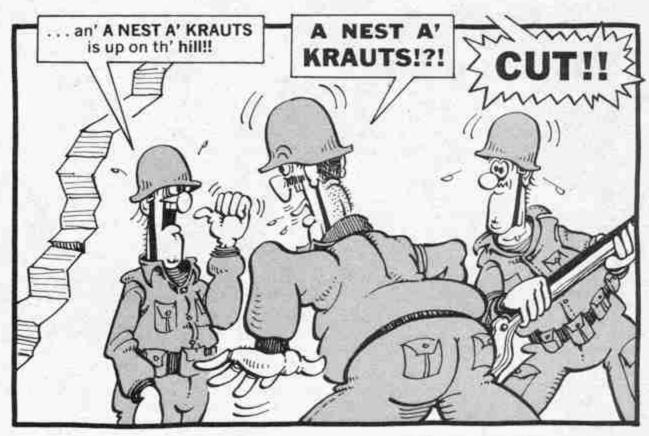


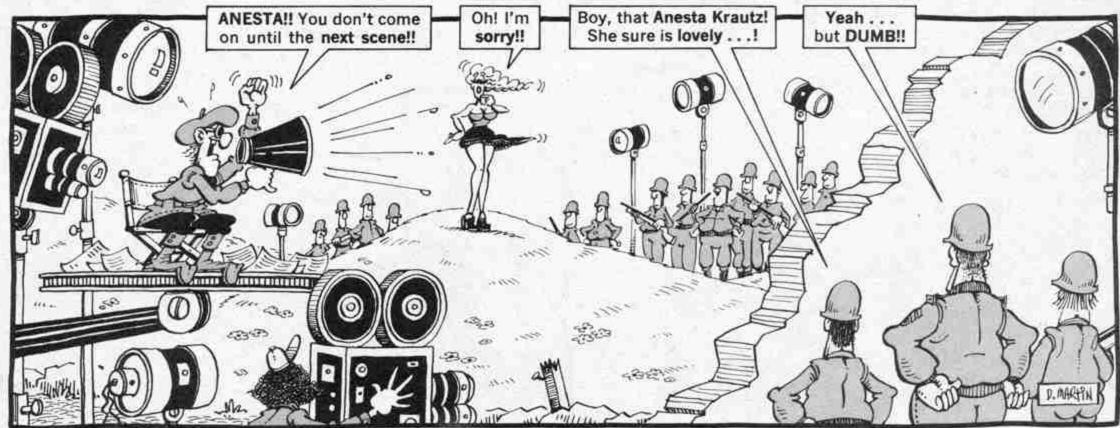
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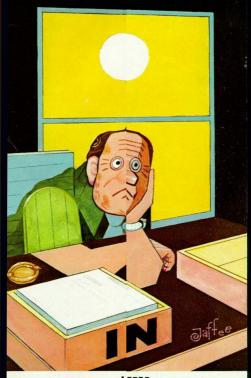
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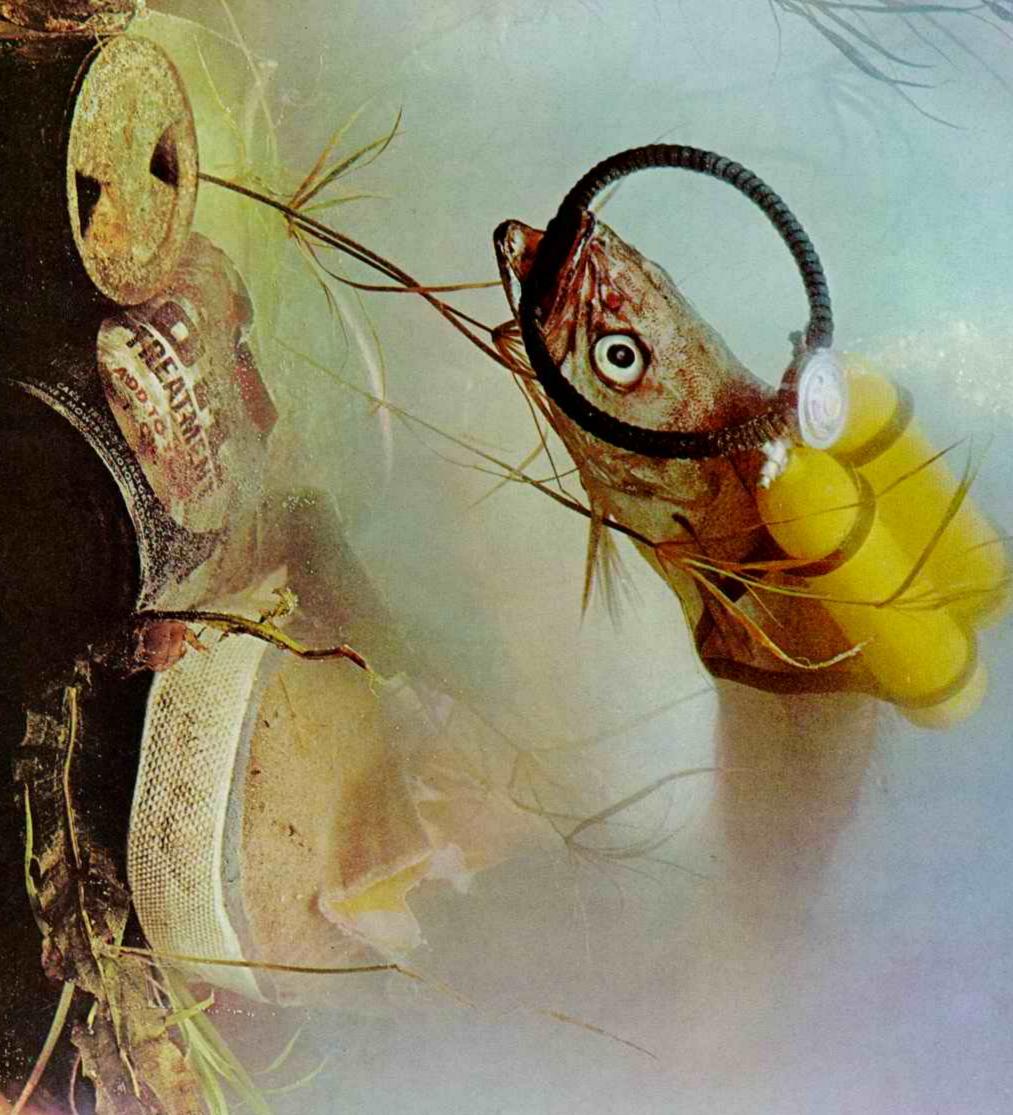


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