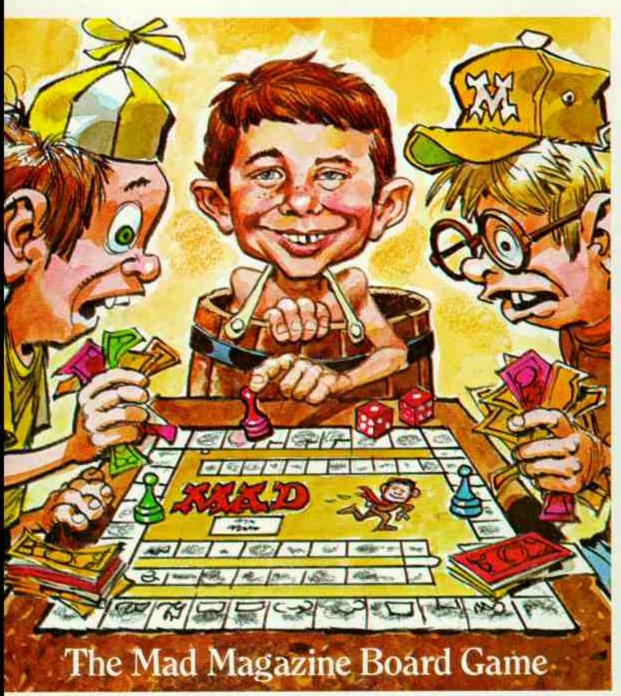
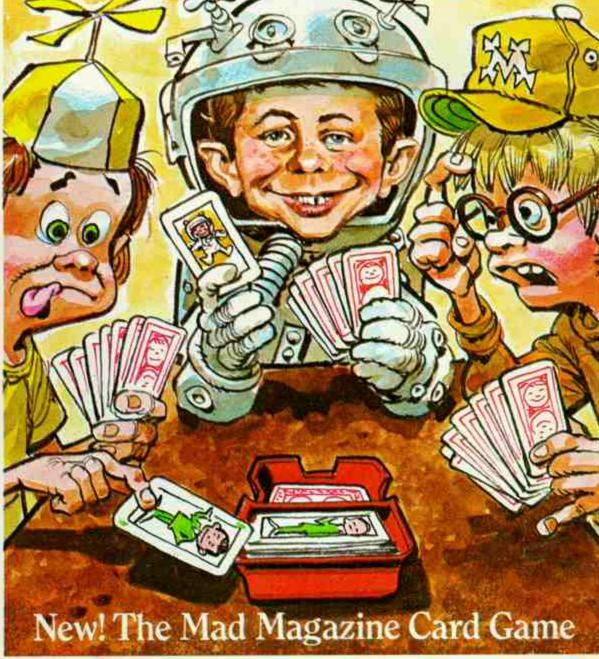


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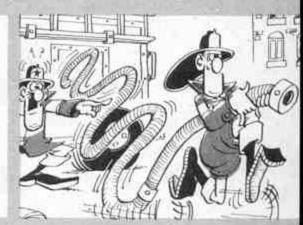
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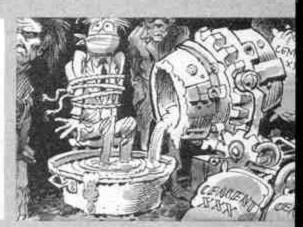


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ALFRED E. NEUMAN'S ELEVATOR

Regarding your up-lifting cover, can you tell me how Alfred E. Neuman ran his elevator without running into the other elevator?

> Randy Melton San Jose, Calif.

On alternating current.-Ed.

STAR BLECCH, THE MOVIE?

Your satire of "Star Trek" is justified by the fact that if all the special effects seen in the movie were minimized, or left out, there wouldn't be any movie. What is the significance of the upside down Gene Roddenberry? Is it to illustrate the direction he felt the movie was taking?

Katherine Ebron Fayetteville, N.C.

"Thanks!" Mort Drucker and Dick De Bartolo, from a Trekkie who did notice Gene Roddenberry upside down!

> David L. Vogler Centerville, Mass.

I enjoyed "Star Blecch" very much There was, however, one minor error. Twice ten to the sixth power is not ten to the twelfth power. It is ten to the eighth power. Ten to the twelfth power is ten to the sixth power times ten to the sixth power or ten to the sixth power squared.

Stuart Rankin Kelsey, Calif.

No doubt several others have written to you about this, but let me add my kvetching anyway. In "Star Blecch", you have Spook observe that it is a new art form wherein the special effects are more interesting than the rest of the movie. Wrong! Irwin Allen has been doing it for years.

> J. B. Post Philadelphia, Pa.

FAMOUS FAMILY ALBUM REJECTS

Farrah-Fawcett's "exploitation shot" was definitely an over-exposure. But I marvel at the way Paul Peter Porges and Harry North depicted F-F as an infant. I knew it was she, even before reading the caption.

David Lohnes Pekin, Illinois

PAGING DON EDWING

Who the hell is Don Edwing?

Chris Mason R.P.V., Calif.

Don Edwing is a clever artist-writer who has been (mainly) writing for us for years! We felt that our readers would enjoy his art work as well. Don is also writing and drawing his own paperback for us, now in preparation, "Don Edwing's MAD Bizarre Bazaar"!—Ed.

MAD LAWS, SECOND EDITION

Paul Coker and Frank Jacobs stormed back with "MAD Laws, Second Edition". But how about The Express Lane Constant? You can be stuck behind one person checking out 14 separate items, or be stuck behind 14 separate patrons checking out one item each.

> Jon Phillips Nashville, Tenn.

Speaking of "MAD Laws", how about:
No matter how early you get to the newsstand, somebody else has already done
the Fold-In of the first MAD you pick up.
Gilbert Lanathoua
Chino, Calif.

In "MAD Laws" you forgot The Downright Embarrassment Principle: No matter how many times you write a sensible comment to MAD, it's a dumb letter like this that makes the Letters Page!

> Brett Durrett Pleasanton, Calif.

ELECTION YEAR JABBERWOCKY

Snark-hunters Angelo Torres and Frank Jacobs did Lewis Carroll proud with "Election Year Jabberwocky"! Of course, "Through The Looking-Glass" would have been an appropriate setting, too, as the majority of presidential candidates in the article augur at least four years more bad luck for the country.

Arthur Greenwald Pittsburgh, Pa.

MORE MAD ESP!

Once again, MAD scores with its uncanny ESP! Your #209 back cover accurately predicted President Carter's embarrassment over Brother Billy's "Libya" mess.

Scott Croland New York City



YEARBOOK FOR AVERAGE CLODS

As a dedicated teacher of History, I must make one correction on your Millard Fillmore information. He was the "Know-Nothing Party" presidential candidate in 1856 and not in 1865 (when there was no presidential election)!

John Valori Lancaster, Pa.

Shows you what a "Know-Nothing" he was! —Ed.

MARTIN LOOKS AT THE LONE RANGER

"The Lone Ranger" had horse sense, horse laughs, and horse power! Let's see more of Don's whinnying ways.

> Erin Yvonne Lane Arcadia, Calif.

I got a kick out of Silver, and Tonto was drawn with great injunuity!

> Tommy Casale Brooklyn, N.Y.



Silver Outranges The Lone Ranger

Silver ran away with "Don Martin Looks At The Lone Ranger"; hooves down!

> Susan S. Shulman New York, N.Y.

A SNAPPY ANSWERS CLASSIC?

I went overboard with Al Jaffee's. "Fishing Incident"! That barb should be in his Snappy Answers Hall of Fame!

Charles David Haskell New York, N.Y.

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF DISHONOR

Al Jaffee's "The Congressional Medal Of Dishonor, "our Nation's lowest award to be mailed to your deserving legislator", is a fantastic back cover privilege. Unfortunately, it would cost me around \$375.00 in MAD issues to distribute them to all who are really deserving of this award.

> Ronny Thomas Burbank, Calif.

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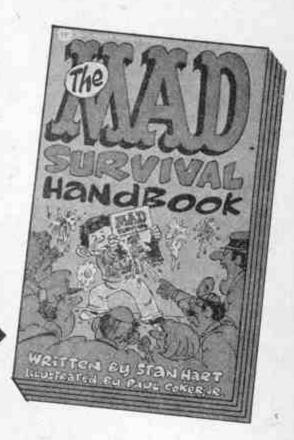
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VIRGIN TERRITORY DEPT.

Hey, gang! Here we go with another "MAD Double-Feature Movie Satire"! You get twice as much for your money . . . garbage, that is! Recently, there was a film about two teenage girls in a Summer Camp who were in a race to see who would lose their innocence first. But as these nubile bubble-gummers were racing to lose their innocence, we were racing to find the exit! We won't tell you who lost what . . . we only know that we lost 4 hard-earned bucks, paying to see some sexy . . .

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TRAINING It WAS! Get ready Get Get Good-That's In Attention! Attention, please! diaphrams?!? THIS Today, your your for camp! bye, a little I don't Cleartraining camp?!? it's Get your Mom! strange! All those about to enter pubelieve it! teeth asil diaphrams In Isn't been berty, who want to do a cute changed retainers here! here! Good-THIS this little Summer film that will In THIS R-rated to a here! Get Get bye, capitalize on the box office Puberty Get your your picture? Public your picture, dear! success of "Meatballs," gather Parking teeth Cleartraining BELIEVE Be Are you Parking up your things and board the diaphrams! good! retainers! asil! Lot! IT!! kidding?! Lot? bus! We're on our way to camp! EXIT WHAT ARE HELLO, MOMMA, CARD CRED! CAN I COME HOME NOW? You bet! The RICH kid Oh? And two mixed-Okay, let's get this show is riding in the Chevy, up teenagers are on the road! I think I've Not ALL of them! A beat-up and the POOR one is riding in them?!? got every mixed-up teenager Chevy and a Rolls-Royce just riding in the Rolls!! in the world on this bus! pulled into the parking lot!

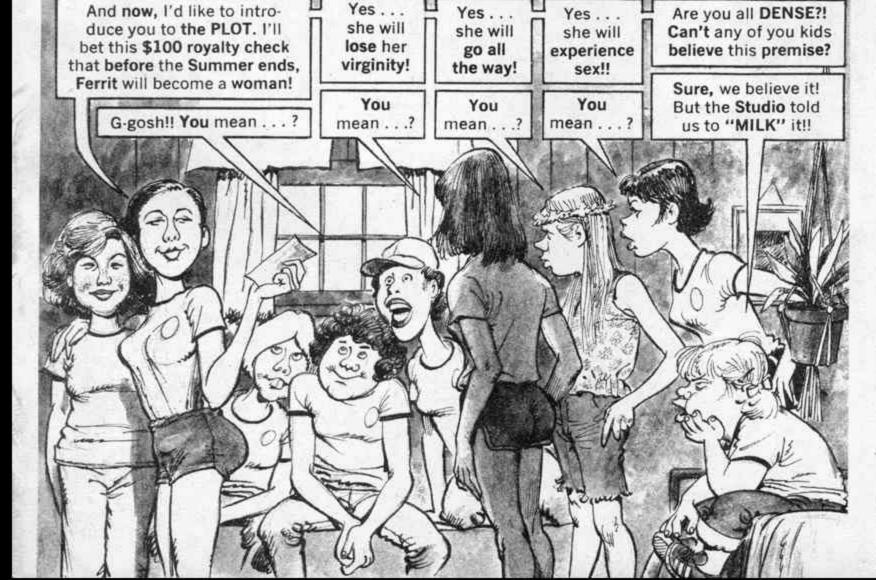
Stat III 85 ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER WRITER: ARNIE KOGEN



Beat 1'11 Hello, poor kid from I'll blow I'll talk in this it, punch tough moronic monthe slums! I'm Ferrit cigarette ... spoiled rich kid! Creep! you otone throughout smoke in out! the entire trip! Can I sit next to your ugly you and establish a 111 face! competitive relationsit Hmmm! Maybe I can ship that will keep here I'll find take I can the plot rolling . . .? anyway! take it! another seat! it!

Okay, I want to introduce you to a couple of things! First, your BUNKMATES! We've gathered every known cliché teenage character under one roof! I'm Sinner . . . the neurotic, bitchy one! We also have a flat-chested Pipsqueak, a Fatty, a blue-eyed All-American and a Flower Child! So it's obvious what we've cast here!





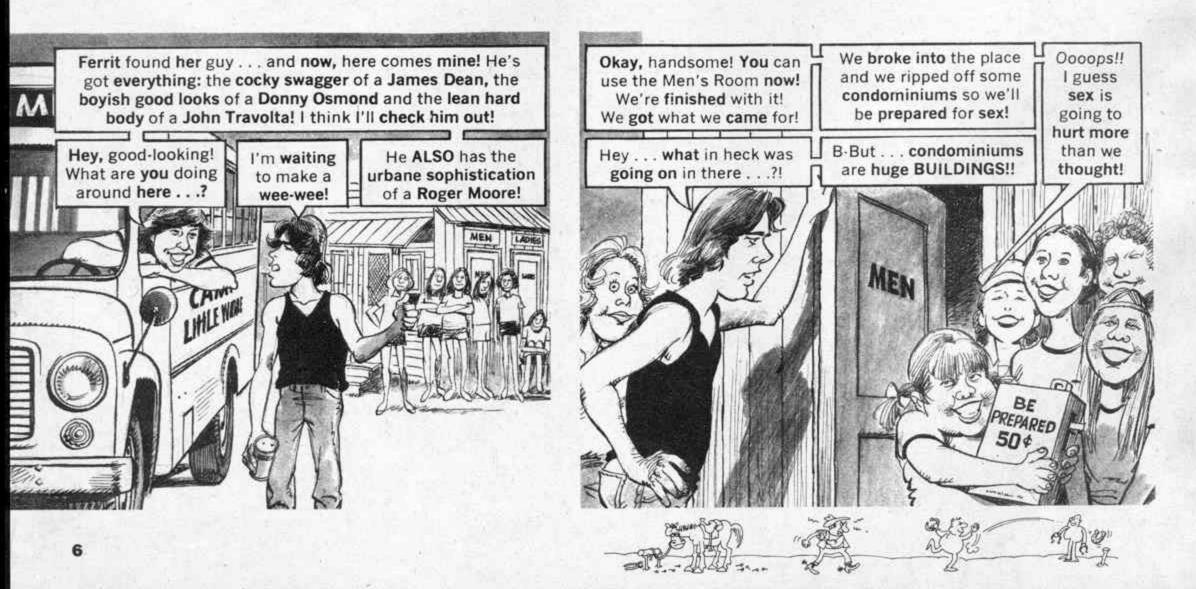
Hold it! What about ANGLE? I'll bet SHE could become a woman before Ferrit!!

Why not make it a contest? After all, this IS a Summer Camp! We could call it "Off-Color War"!





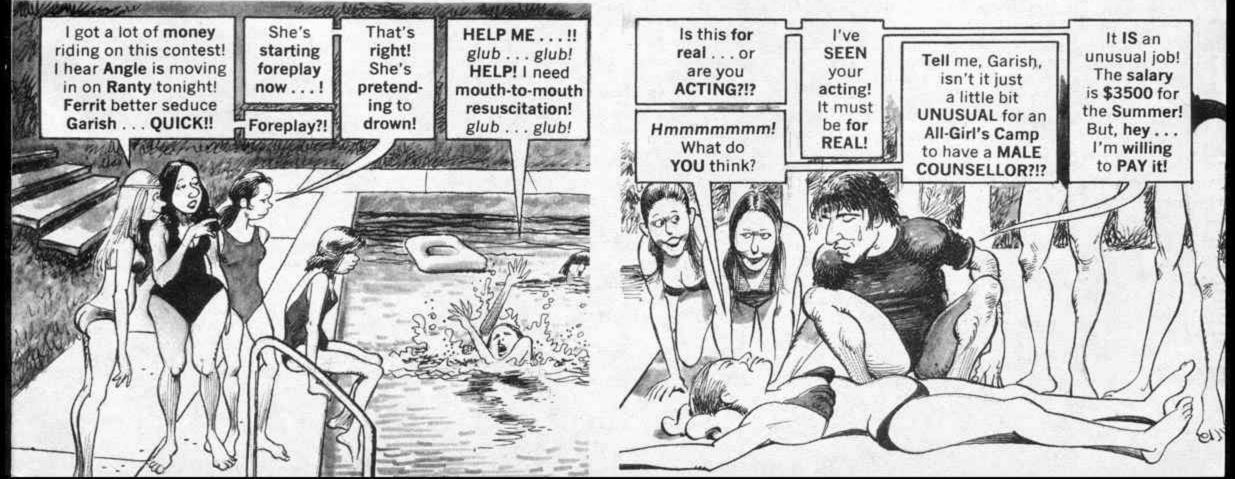


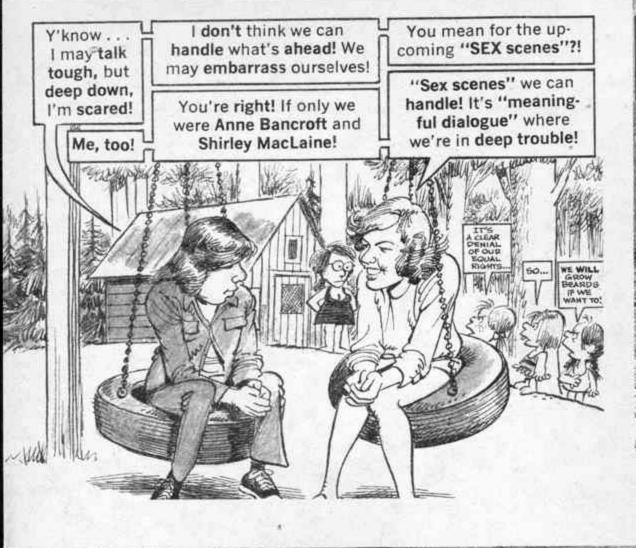






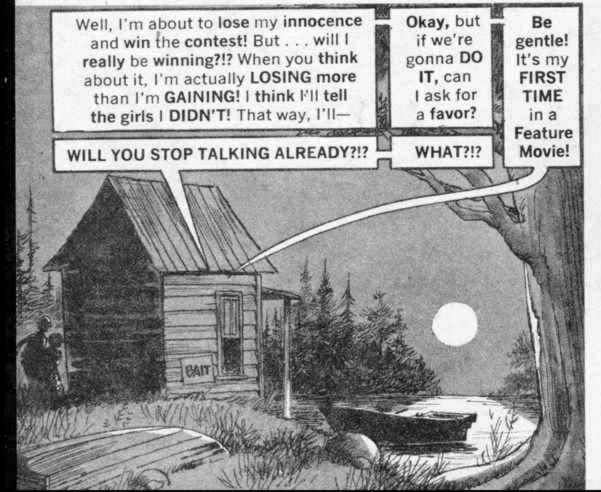














LORETTA LYNN-A-MINT DEPT.

Do rags to riches movies make you sick? Here's one about a Kentucky back-hills girl who becomes a multi-millionaire! In fact, she ends up with all the cash in Country-Western Music-except Johnny! A coal-miner's daughter, she turns out to be the . . .

Gold Mining DAUGHTER

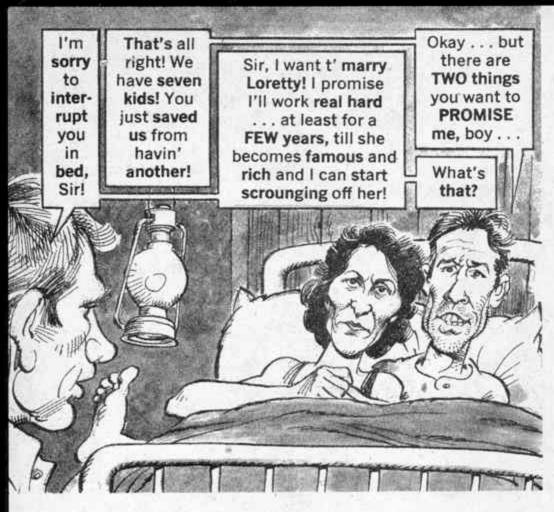




ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: ARNIE KOGEN

Here y'are shoes for you, Mamma	Gee, times sure	What CLOTHES?!?	Loretty, I'm fixin'	Daddy cain't	When's the right time?	In BED?! That's the best time ?
shoes for all you kids and shoes for you, Loretty!	are tough! This is our clothes for the Winter?!?	This is our FOOD for the Winter!!	you! I'm gonna ask yor Daddy!	stand yor guts, Dood! Better wait for the right time!	When he an' Momma are in bed!	I don't know if it's the best time! It's the FUNNIEST time!
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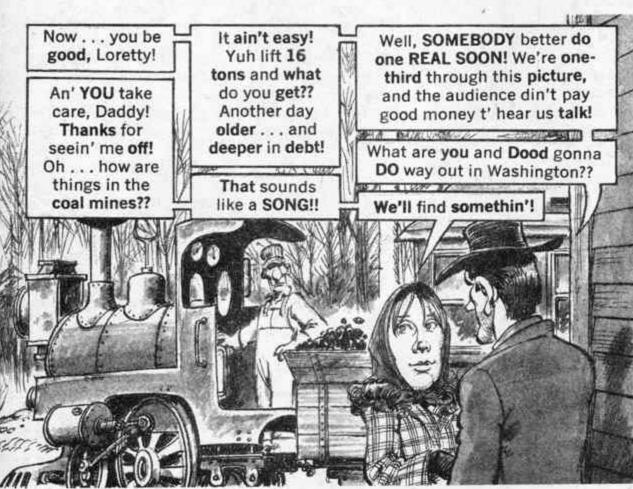






DAMN IT, Loretty! You

told me that would be a















No one is

bigger than

I wanted t' meet

you, honey . . .

because I hear

I had one of those

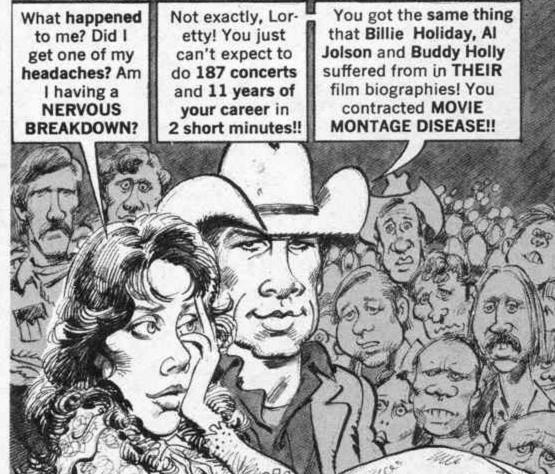
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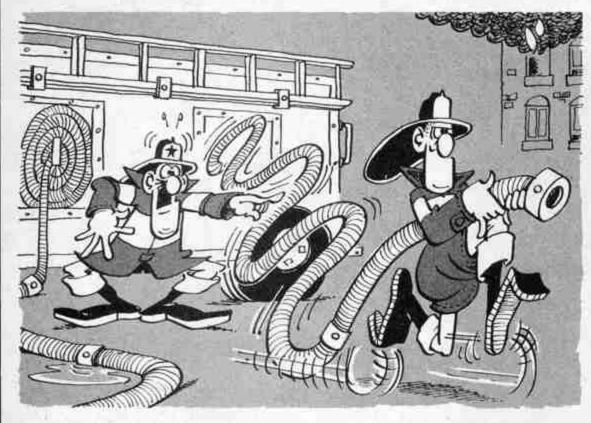






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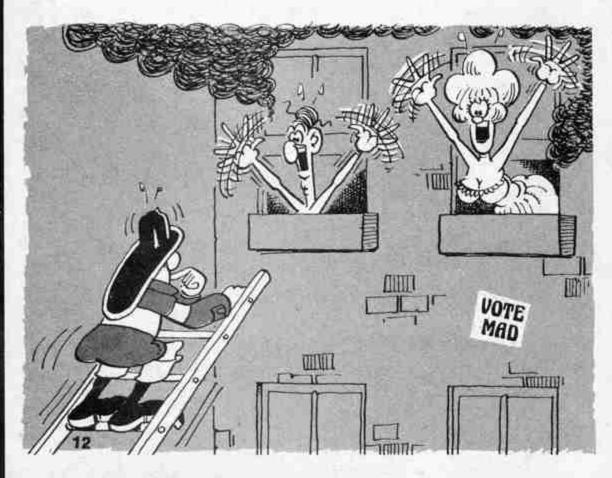






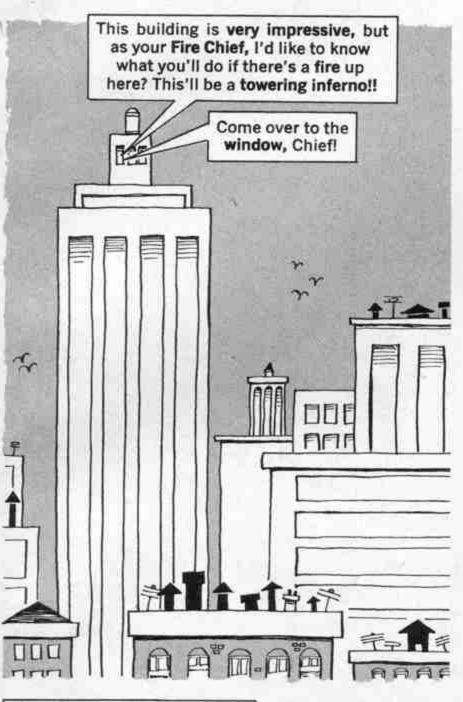


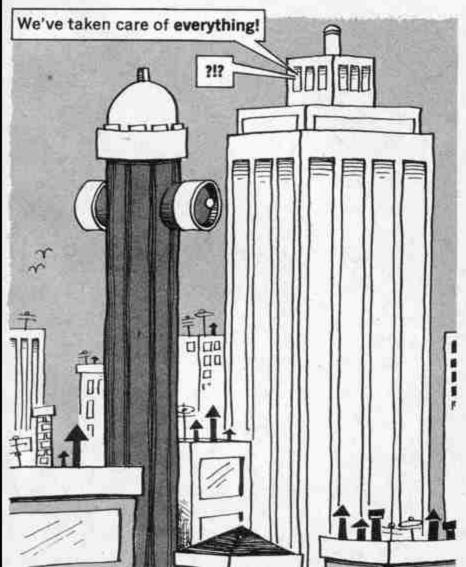




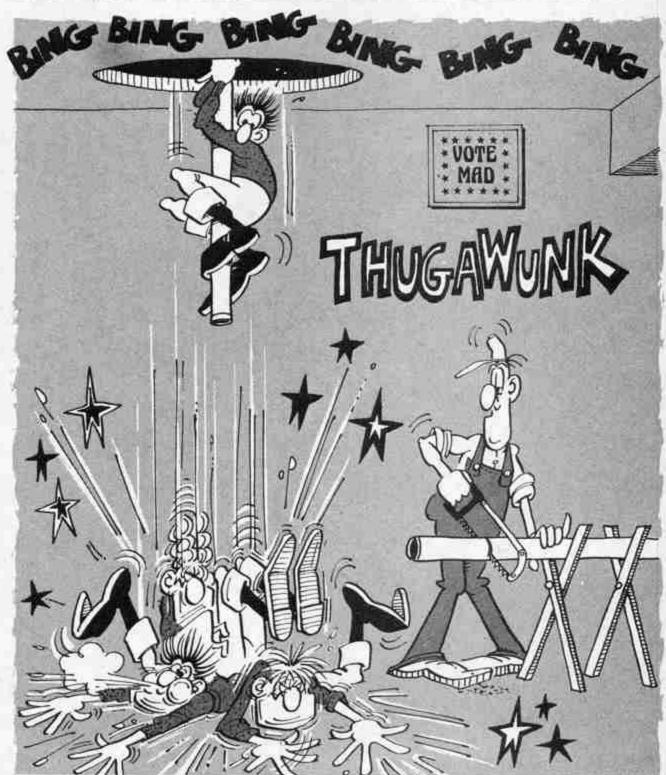


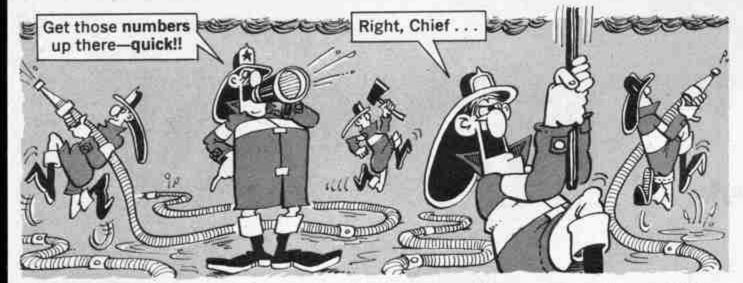
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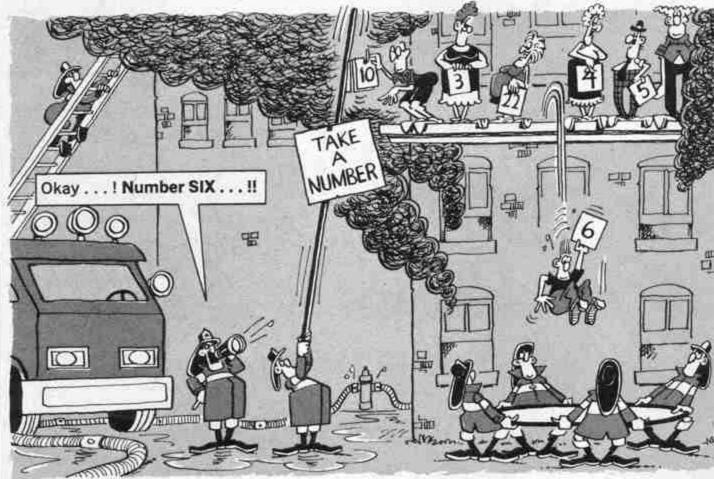


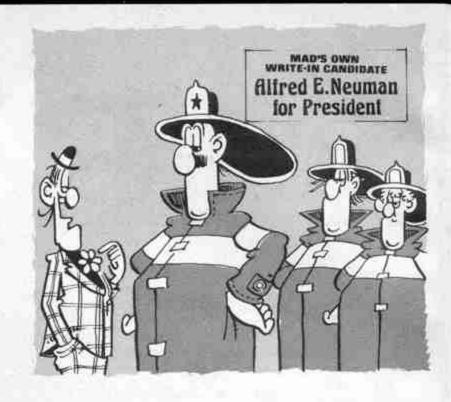




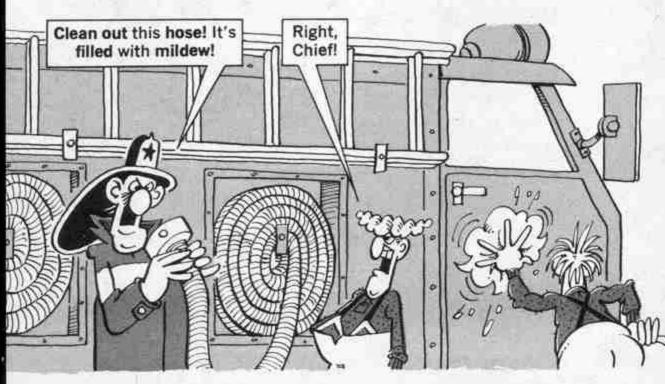


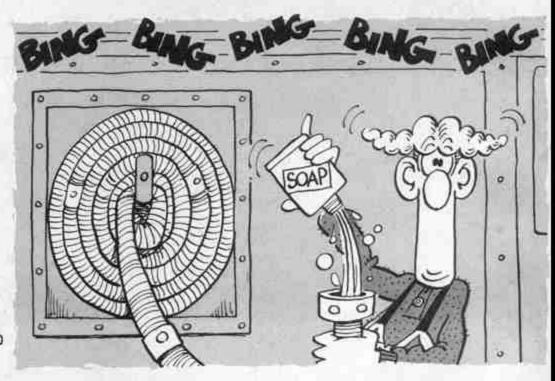














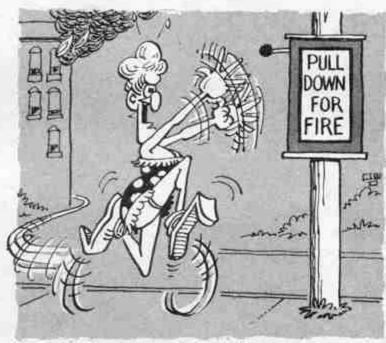




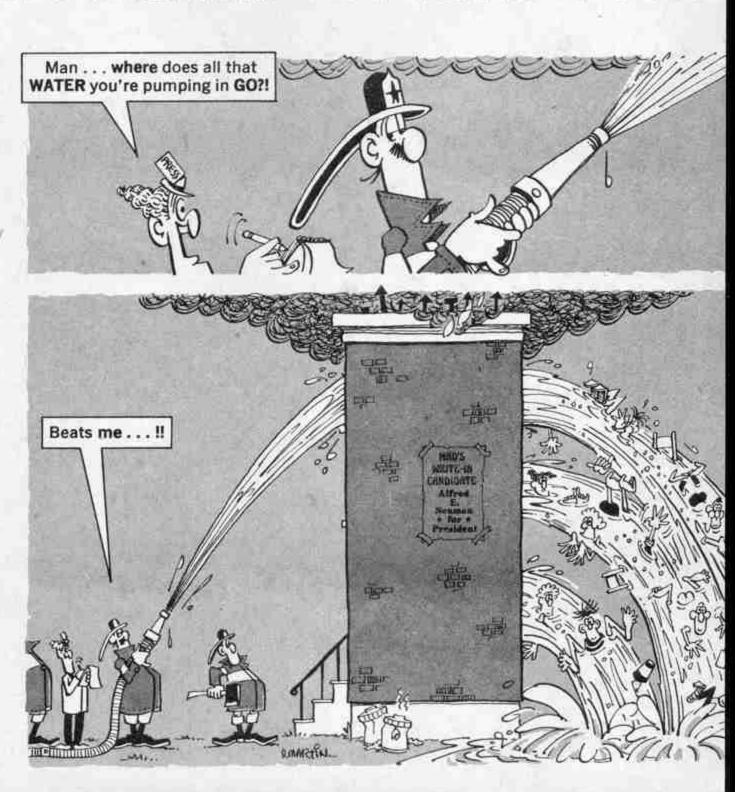












ARE YOU HAPPY NOW ...



. . . that you finally got your kid to take up the violin . . . and he loves it so much, he won't stop playing it?

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW ...



... that you nagged your daughter into ditching the goon she was dating ... and she's going with an even bigger schmuck?

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW ...



... that the Superstar your team paid half a million, to win the pennant, has 16 finally united the team—against him?

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW ...



... that you got your boyfriend to see a shrink about his problem ... and the solution is that he should dump you?

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW ...



... that you finally got your Boss to give you a big job with "more responsibility" . . . and you can't handle it?

BACKFIRE-CRACKERS DEPT.

AJRIK HAPPY

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW . . .



... that you got your agnostic kid to "take a look at religion" . . . and he's become a fanatic in some weird cult?

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW ...



... that you've worked hard and finally amassed all the money you'll ever need ... and you're too old to enjoy it?

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW . . .



. . . that you succeeded in losing those 40 pounds . . . and replacing your entire wardrobe is gonna cost you four grand?

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW ...



. . . that the political party you hate has been voted out . . . and the winner you supported is doubling your taxes?

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW ...



... that you finally made a small profit on that stock you held for years . . . and inflation has wiped out the gain?

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW ...



... that you've finally turned 18, and you're allowed to see those "X-Rated" movies ... and you find them a big bore?

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW . . .

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS



. . . that you've managed to keep all your New Year's resolutions . . . and life for you has become a total bore?

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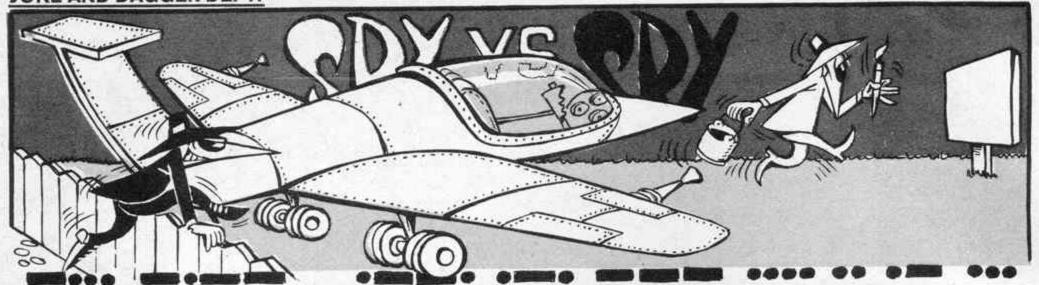


... that you persuaded your Wife to join a "Swinging Couples" group . . . and she loves it . . . and you don't?

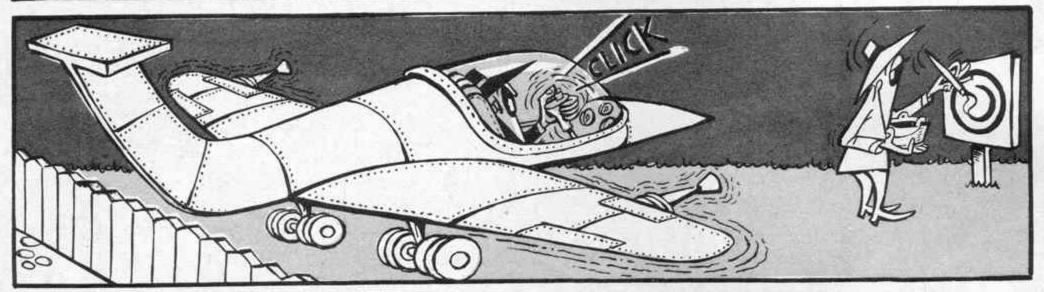
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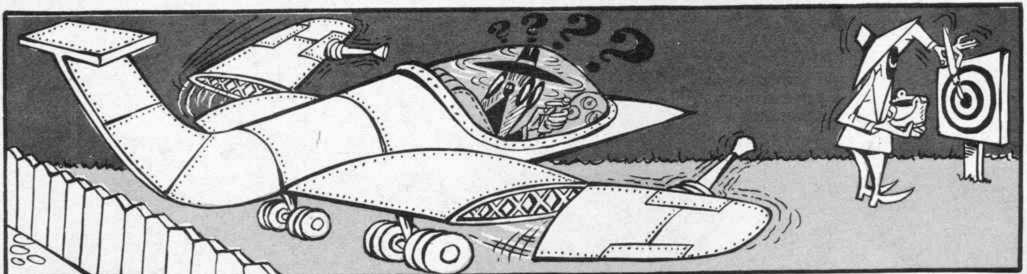


. . . that you finally got the nerve to move out of your parents' house . . . and your roommate is even more of a nag?







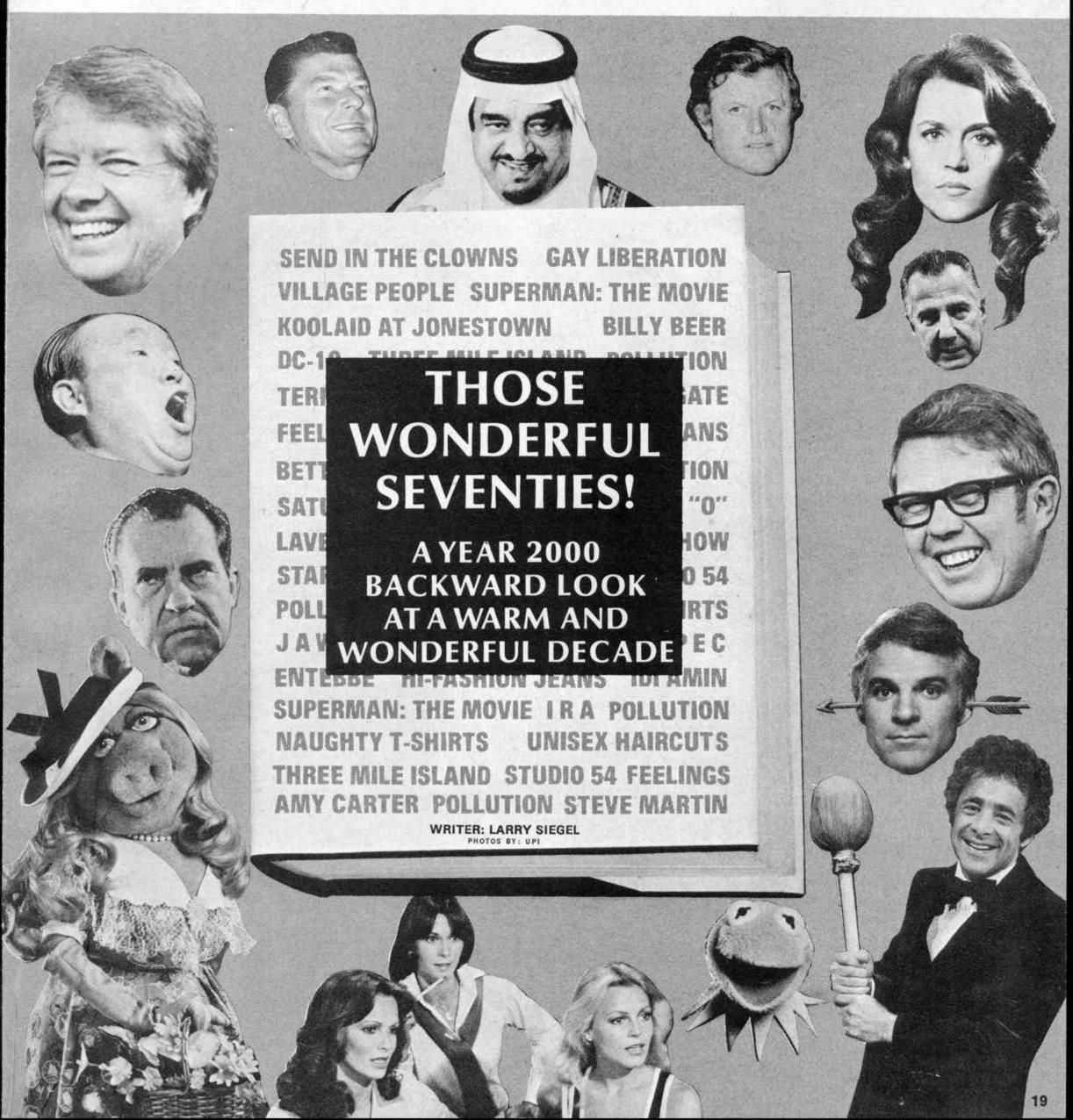




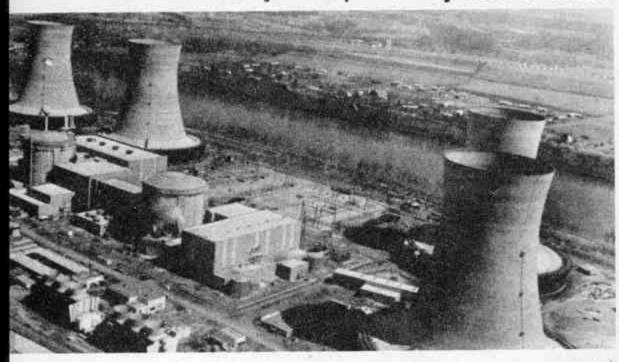
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DECADE-DENSE DEPT.

One of the most popular pastimes in this country today is "nostalgia." People seem to enjoy reminiscing about the past. And the largest group of reminiscers is the "over-30" crowd. Naturally, they're forever taking fond backward looks at the decades they grew up in . . . the '40's and '50's. Which is pretty boring for you people who weren't even born then. But it got us to thinking, and it suddenly hit us that there's a 50-50 chance that some of you teenagers out there may get to be "over 30" yourselves someday, and you'll be doing your own reminiscing about the decade you grew up in. So let's just project ourselves into the future, and see what "nostalgia" will be like . . . with



Who remembers the silly Nuke plants they used to build?



The Power on Earth that superseded all others . . . Oilmen.



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Remember "gas-guzzlers," and those long, long gas lines?



Well, here we are in the year 2000, full of memories and nostalgia. How many of you can still remember way back to those wild, wonderful, wacky 1970's? What a decade that was! Ready for a trip down Memory Lane?

Ah memories . . . Who recalls that kooky bunch of scientists we had back in those days? Remember all those crazy fads they started? Anyone still remember nuclear power? Who recalls those silly nuke plants they used to build? And those screwy radiation leaks? Who remembers Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania? Who remembers Pennsylvania? What a fun state. We don't know about you, but we sure miss it. We also miss Virginia, West Virginia, and both Carolinas. Somehow New York still seems kind of funny, sitting out there on top of Georgia. Memories . . . memories . . .

Hey, what about the other goofy things those scientists used to come up with back then? Was it really more than 20 years ago that all of us were giggling at stuff like PCB's, dioxins, and fluorocarbons? It seems like only yesterday. Come to think of it, it was yesterday that people still died laughing because of it. Fun? It just never seemed to stop.

Who recalls the great religious revival back in the 70's? Remember how Catholics once again returned to their priests. And the priests, bishops, and cardinals had a new respect for the Pope? And the Pope—and everyone else in the world—sought guidance and eternal salvation from the one Power that supersedes all others on Heaven and Earth—the Oilmen!

Weren't those Oilmen something else? Remember no matter how depressed or down in the dumps we used to be, it was always April Fool's Day, Halloween, and New Year's Eve all rolled up into one for those lovable nuts? Remember how, just when we thought we would never be able to drive again, they lifted our spirits, increased our morale, and raised their prices? Remember that time back in the 70's when gasoline prices shot up over 100% and played havoc with the economy and sent the cost of living through the roof. What a day that was!

Hey, who recalls "gas-guzzlers" and those long lines at the gas stations? Remember how it all started in California and pretty soon people were lining up in New York? Remember how everyone laughed when people in New York discovered they were really lined up for gas stations in California? There was just no end to the fun.

Who still recalls "odd and even?" Remember how you checked the last number on your license plate with the day of the month before you got gas. Remember the time 150 motorists with the wrong plates were killed

It was a time when everyone was coming out of the closet.



trying to sneak in on line? Now that was an odd day! Remember the unisex look of the 60's, when men

looked like women and women looked like men? Well, all that changed. In the 70's men were women and women were men! How's that for progress? Remember how everyone was coming out of the closet? Which was just as well. Remember what used to go on inside the

closet? Boy, how the good times rolled.

Who remembers skateboards and ten-speed bikes? What about those sappy mod roller skates with the rubber wheels? They never made a sound. Until you went head-on into a passing old lady. Then man, what a racket those teeth and eye-glasses made when they hit the sidewalk! Why don't we have fun like that anymore? What's happened to us?

Who remembers those hilarious rear bumper stickers? And what about those even funnier T-shirt messages girls used to wear across their *front* bumpers? Remember "Good And Plenty"? Which led to "There's Gold In Them Thar Hills!" Which led to "Welcome To Mt. Rushmore!" Which led to rape, and a thousand and one other daffy, madcap fads of that irresistible era.

Do you still recall all those popular expressions of the decade? Like "mellow" and "laid-back" and "macho?" Remember all those macho characters of the time? Burt Reynolds, Frank Sinatra, Muhammad Ali, Bella Abzug? What about "Women's Lib?" Remember those great champions of the female image — Jane Fonda, Gloria Steinem, Alice Cooper?

Who remembers trial marriages? Trial divorces? Trial kids? And who will ever forget those test-tube babies who grew up and sang songs like, "I Want A Girl Just Like The Girl Who Married A Dear Old Syringe?" Memories... memories...

We sure had some great comedians in the 70's. Remember Steve Martin, Bob Hope, Woody Allen? And what about those super comedy teams like Rowan and Martin, the Captain and Tennille, and the funniest of them all—Nixon and Agnew? Remember their hilarious take-off on the old Abbott and Costello routine, "Who's On First?" Only they called it, "Who's In Jail?" Remember the boffo punch-line to their routine? "I am not a crook!" It nearly brought down the House! And it broke up the Senate, too!

Remember how Nixon formed a new comedy act with another great performer, Jolly Gerry Ford? Remember how we all howled when old Ger' tried to walk and chew gum at the same time? Remember the screamingly funny song in their act? "Pardon Me, Boy, It's Just A Matter Of A Boo-Boo!" They don't write 'em like that anymore.

And then Nixon formed a new comedy act with Jolly Jerry.



Who recalls 10-speed bikes and sappy mod roller skates?



And what about all those hilarious rear bumper stickers?



Who remembers those great champions of the female image?



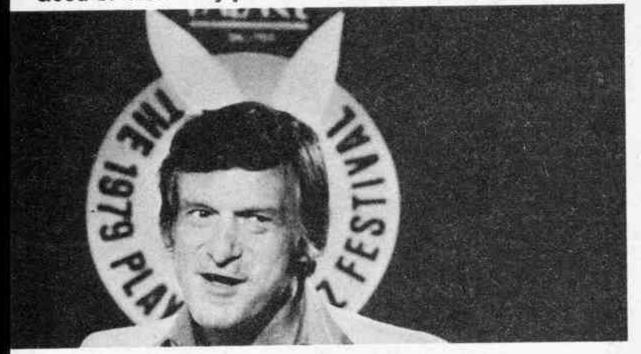
Nixon & Agnew nearly brought down the House-and Senate.



And then came Jimmy Carter and his fun-loving menagerie.



Good ol' Hef! They just don't make 'em like him any more.



Air travel was really something back in those crazy '70's.



Will you ever forget zany Reverend Moon and his Moonies?



Hey, speaking of songs, remember, "Send In The Clowns"? And then along came Jimmy Carter. Remember the menagerie he brought along with him? Remember the fun-loving monkey, Billy, and how he always got out of his cage? The only animal act in history that fed peanuts to the people! Ah, memories . . .

We'll say one thing, we sure made incredible progress in the area of crime in the 70's. Yes sir, in those days it was bigger than ever. Remember a bank robbery back then? You really took your life in your hands when you entered a bank. And once you recovered from those ridiculously high loan interest rates, you had to worry

about the other robbers-with the guns!

Remember crime in the streets? Crime in the home? Remember how we used to bolt our windows, doublelock our doors, and buy attack dogs? But the landlord still managed to get in to dispossess us when we couldn't pay those outlandish rent increases! Ah, the evergreen

residue of a glorious past.

Remember sex in the 70's? You do? We don't even remember it yesterday! There goes that wacky nuclear leak again! Hey, remember how at the end of the decade Playboy and Penthouse ran clear out of new, exciting things to show on the human female form? Who would dream that in 1982 Hugh Hefner would come up with those terrific chest x-rays, fluoroscopes, and proctology reports on his February Playmate, Peppy Pupu? Good old Hef. They don't make them like him anymore. And considering his age now, he doesn't make them anymore either!

Air travel was really something in the 70's. Remember how it took five hours to go from Philadelphia to Los Angeles in a 747? Three hours to go from Paris to New York in an SST? And a minute and a half to go from Chicago to Heaven in a DC-10? Those were the days . . .

Hey, who still remembers the nutty airport terrorists? Remember how every time we came up against them, we never knew if we would live or die? Yep, we sure miss

those Hare Krishna solicitors!

We all recall how Earthmen took over the moon in the 60's. What about the big switch in the 70's when a Moon took over the earth? Will you ever forget zany Rev. Moon and his Moonies? What a sanitary bunch. Every night he would clean out their pockets, and every morning he would wash their brains!

Kids sure had interesting career choices back in those days. They could either become rich, successful businessmen, or else they could be dirty, foul-mouthed, antisocial, vicious animals. And then again they could always join a Punk Rock group and become both! Memories . . . memories . . .

Anyone still remember tight jeans and "Saturday Night Fever?" What about loose sex and Sunday morning diseases? What ever became of our wonderful past?

Hey, speaking of films, who remembers "Jaws?" "The Poseidon Adventure?" And that great tear-jerker, "Love Story?" Yes sir, movies were wetter than ever.

And still on the same subject what about Warner's and Paramount? Newman and Redford? Cheech and

Chong? Popcorn and kid porn? We sure knew where our children were in those days. Either in the theater or on the screen! And either way we knew exactly what they were doing at all times. Unfortunately! But, hey, this is no time for a long face, right, gang? Onward and upward. Think positively about a fabulous decade.

Like, how about television? Remember "Three's Company"? "Laverne And Shirley"? "Diff'rent Strokes"? And what about the comedy shows? Like "Hawaii 5-0," and, oh God, so many others. Anyone still recall "The Ropers"? Remember that screamingly funny bit about middle-aged Stanley and how rotten he was in bed? Remember how hard we laughed at that joke? Forty times a show . . . Twenty-four shows a season . . . Twenty-eight reruns a year!

Bet you won't forget "60 Minutes," the show where they discussed important issues of the day like abortion, birth control, and capital punishment. Remember that doctor on it who once spoke out strongly in favor of mercy killing for the incurably ill? Remember how in spite of that, Chuck Barris still lived? Remember how Chuckie-baby came up with this great idea for a weekly series called, "The Gong Show," in which you got together a group of morons and had them give idiotic performances with no point, rhyme, or reason? Remember how he was sued by the producers of "Hello Larry" for stealing their idea? Wow, talk about your crazy times!

Remember how in the 70's the men from Nippon pulled another Pearl Harbor and attacked us again? This time with their wallets. Remember how the Japanese started buying up all our real estate? Until the Arabs came along and started buying up all the Japanese!

What a bunch of crazy kids we were in those days. We used to get high on grass, stoned on coke, and then we all went to hell on Angel Dust. Until we woke up one day and said, "Hey, if we want to grow up to be adults in an adult world, we have to act like adults!" So we all got bombed on booze! Our parents were sure proud of us—whenever they were sober. Memories . . . memories . . .

Didn't that era produce some wacko characters? Remember the big Koolaid bash that irrepressible nut Jim Jones threw for his followers in South America? And what about that carefree sap who used to run Uganda? Remember his slogan for Black Africa: "From the cradle to the grave, with no stops in between, Brought to you, courtesy of Idi Amin."

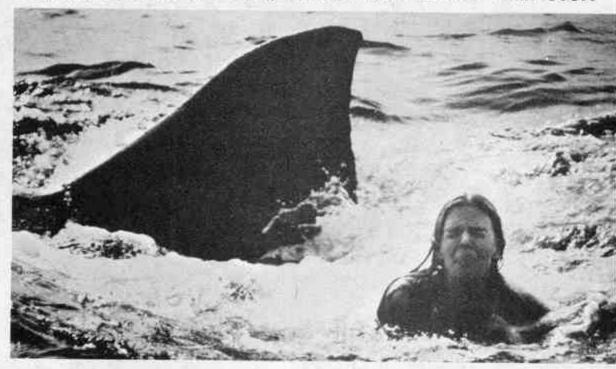
And what about the PLO and the IRA? Remember them? Remember they came up with this great idea, that the best way to get their Homeland back was to blow it off the map? What a fun era.

Ah, memories . . . Where do you start and where do you stop? How we laughed and sang and danced as we wiped up the ground with each other and blew up our cities and destroyed our land and wildlife and polluted our air and ruined our water and did a thousand other loony things. Nothing can ever match that silly, cockeyed decade, right?

Wrong!

Come around when we reminisce about the 80's!

Yes, sir, back in the '70's, movies were wetter than ever!



Chuckie-baby came up with a great idea for a weekly show.



Remember that nut, Jim Jones, and his big "Kool-aid" bash?



And what about the PLO and the IRA . . . ? What a "fun" era!



THE FAHRENHEIT OF ABSURDITY DEPT.

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ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

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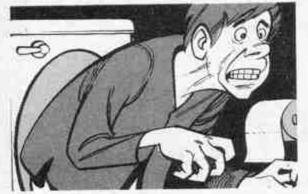
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... is the temperature of the average toilet seat on the average Winter morning.

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... is the minimum the temperature always is when your air conditioner konks out.

52°



...is how much warmer the Kiddie Wading Pool always is compared to the Adult pool.

23.7°



... is the difference in the temperature between your first and second slices of Pizza.

98°



...and sunny is always the temperature the day you have to leave a vacation resort.

27.3°



... is how much cooler the wind against your ears feels right after a short haircut.

110°



...is the temperature of your dog's breath whenever he pants over you while you're sleeping.

38°



...is how much colder it always is at the cemetery when you attend a funeral.

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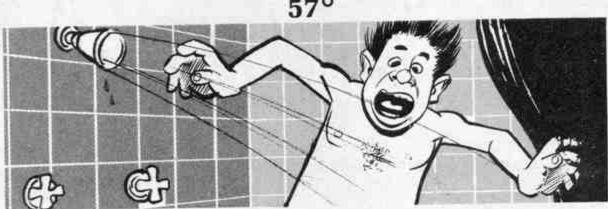
... is the temperature inside the sneakers of the winner of the annual Boston Marathon.

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...is the average temperature of your Doctor's stethoscope 24 when he tries to examine you.

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... is how much the water temperature in your shower changes in the three seconds between when you adjust it perfectly until you step into the tub under it.

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WRITER: JOHN FICARRA

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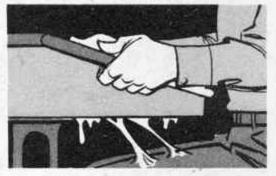
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...is your temperature when your Mother finally announces to the world, "I think it's time we called the Doctor!" 75.5°



...is the temperature when the chewing gum stuck to the bottom of your school desk starts to get yecchy again. 104.5°



...is the minimum the temperature must be for your Mother not to say as you go out... "Take a sweater for later on!"

25°

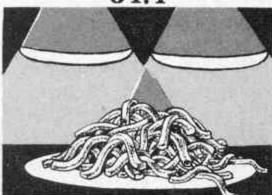


... is how much the temperature of the food ordered in a restaurant drops from the time it leaves the kitchen until the time the waiter serves it to you. 35°



...is how much your temperature rises when a girl you want to impress tells you your fly is open.

34.4°



...is the hottest those artificial heating lamps will ever keep fast-food French fries. 768°



...is the temperature of the average tenement in the South Bronx on an average evening. 91°

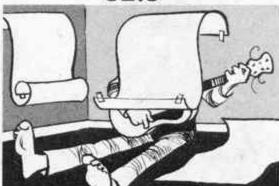


...is how hot it has to be before Johnny Carson can do a joke about how hot it is.

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...is the temperature inside your car's overheated radiator when you take the cap off. 92.3°

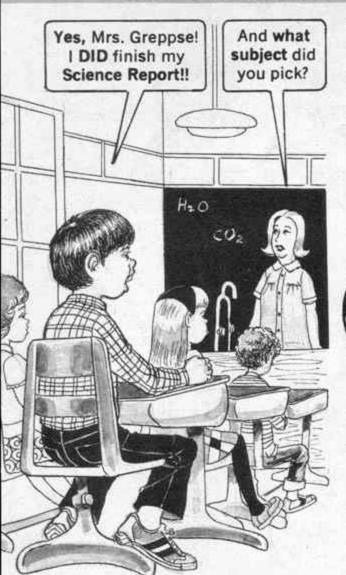


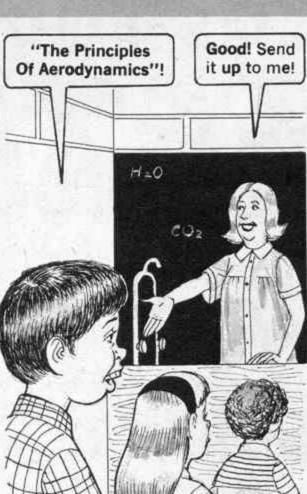
...and humid is the temperature when the tape holding up your posters gives out. 212°



...was the temperature in your fish tank the night the electric heater went haywire.

SCHOOL







BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Here we are in the woods . . . five miles from the nearest highway, and thirty miles from the nearest city . . . !



There's no smog, no crowds, no pushing and shoving, no traffic jams, no graffiti, no fast-food joints . . . !



It's all so peaceful and quiet . . . with clean air and unpolluted water . . . !



CREEPY, isn't it!?!

BUDGETS





That means you're going on a wild spending spree, and you'll probably over-extend our budget again this month!



Don't be silly! I'm ONLY going WINDOW SHOPPING . .





ARTIST & WRITER: DAVE BERG

PARENTS

For years, I scrimped and saved so I could send my Son to college! So what happens? Ever since he left, he hasn't written or called home even once!



don't know what to do! You want your kid to call? It's easy! I know how to make him get in touch with you quickly!



Write him a letter telling him you've enclosed a check for a hundred bucks!



How's that

going to

get him to

DON'T enclose the check!



SHOPPING

Wouldn't you know it!? I got everything at the Supermarket but the thing I went for! I have a memory like a sieve!!



I TOLD you to get a pad and to nail it up on the kitchen wall, and every time you need something, to WRITE IT DOWN!!



So . . .?
Where's the list?!?
On the kitchen wall . . . where you told me to PUT it!!



DATING

You complain that when we date, I never take you out to dinner! Well, tonight, I'm taking you to a very special place where the food is absolutely scrumptious!



GREETING CARDS



I see you're looking in the
"BIRTHS" Department! Here's
a lovely card congratulating
a relative on the birth of a
baby boy! And here's another
one announcing the birth of
a baby girl! And here's one—



I'm afraid those do not quite fit the occasion!



Can you be more precise? Do you have any cards congratulating someone for being BORN AGAIN?



OLD AGE

It ain't fair!

was born TOO

LATE, and I



Why, in your time came all the great inventions! The automobile, the airplane, radio, motion pictures, and television! So WHAT could you have MISSED OUT on?!



The SEXUAL REVOLUTION!!

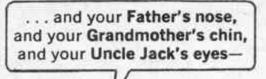
TRADITION



THE FAMILY



Hey, you're my Cousin Dan, aren't you! Gee, I haven't seen you in years! But I'd know you anywhere! You've got your Mother's hair...



And my BROTHER'S CLOTHES!



THE LAW



Gentlemen, I have just been handed some new information!
Will the District Attorney and the Counsel for the Defense approach the Bench...



Oh-oh! I don't like the looks of this! That Bailiff must've brought in another piece of evidence! My goose is cooked!



In the third quarter, the Jets are leading 14 to 7!



GIFT-GIVING



... and for being a good little girl all year, here's a little something for you . . . Mary Lou! What do you SAY to the nice Department Store Santa when he gives you something?





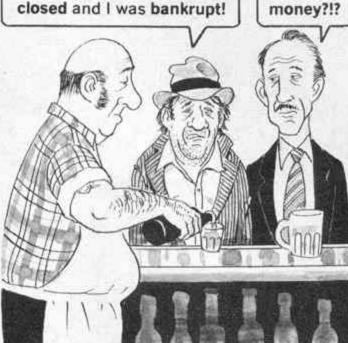
THE ECONOMY



Once upon a time, I had a good job, a beautiful home, sound investments, and a little nest egg socked away in the bank!



Then, one morning, I woke up to find that they had repossessed all my things, my mortgage had been foreclosed and I was bankrupt!



I'd SQUANDERED it all . . . at the SUPERMARKET!

What

happened

to all

your



BUREAUCRACY



YOU, on the other hand, are a fantastic skater! The way you skate backwards and make those spins is a sight to behold! You should be out there skating . . . while I sit here and admire you!



Gee! I never thought I was THAT good! In that case, I WILL go out on the ice!





ATHLETICS

Sir, in filling out this form, I find a lot of things I don't understand! I've got a bunch of questions!

Sorry, there's a long line! I can only answer TWO QUESTIONS per applicant!



Only TWO QUESTIONS? Hey, I've been waiting a long time! I ask you: IS THAT FAIR!?



It most certainly is NOT . . . !!



Now, what's your SECOND question?!



GETTING EVEN DEPT.

When Women's Libbers or Racial Leaders or Gay Protestors talk about "Equal Rights," they usually mean Equal Rights for their own people, but not necessarily for everyone. This misunderstanding can cause big problems in a country like ours where most people belong to several different minority groups by reason of their race, religion, height, weight, occupation, personality quirks, intelligence, politics or preference for chunky-style peanut butter over plain. MAD maintains that matters won't get any better until laws exist that treat every one of these forgotten minorities equally—whether they want equal treatment or not. Here's a peek at what the future may hold.

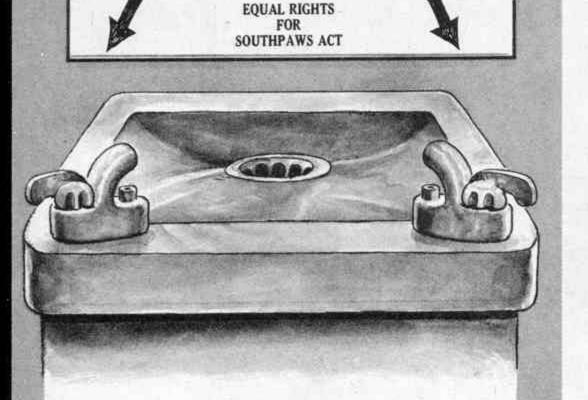
IF WE EVER HAVE REAL EQUAL RIGHTS LAWS

ARTIST: HARRY NORTH, ESQ.

WRITER: TOM KOCH







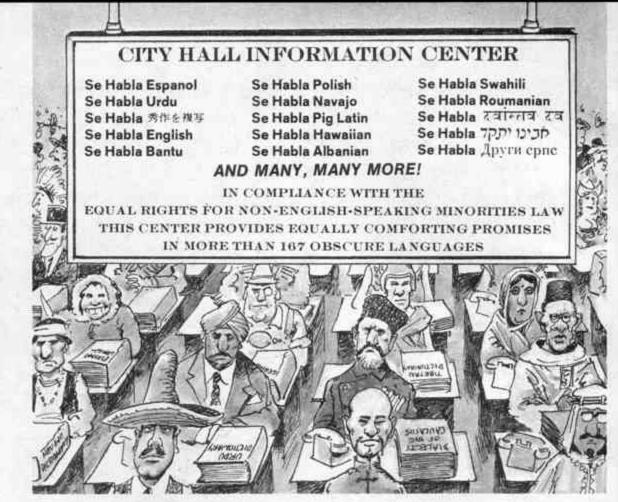
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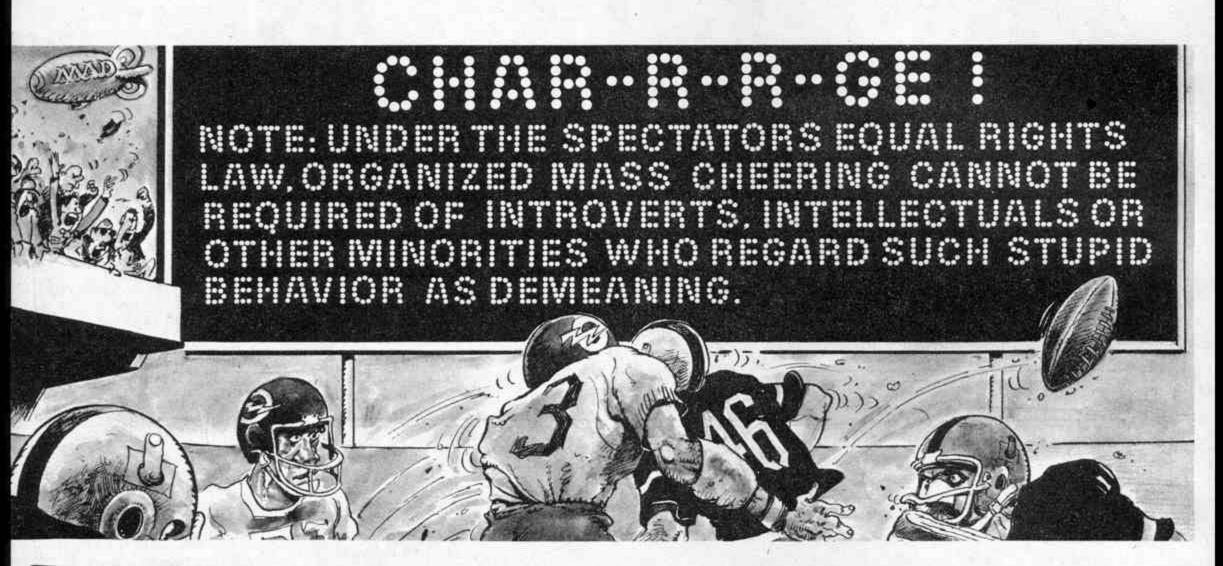
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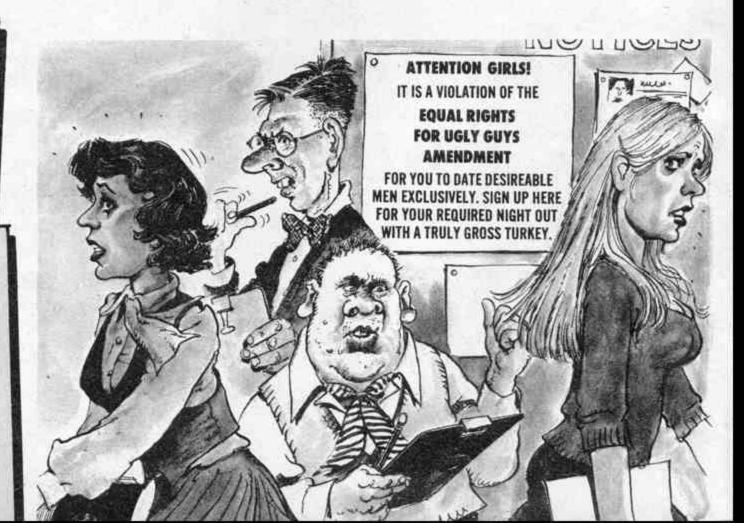
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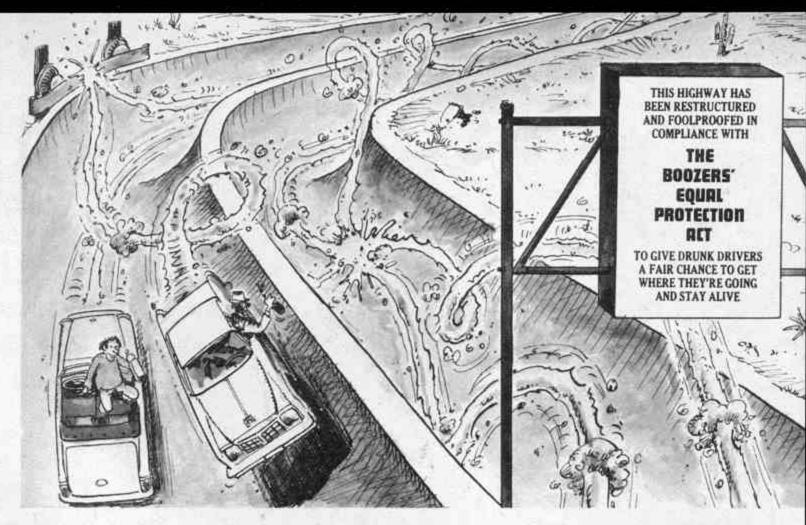
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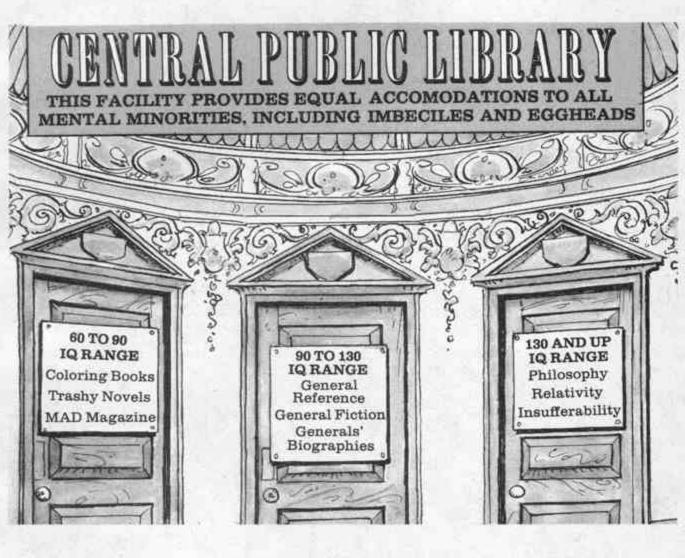
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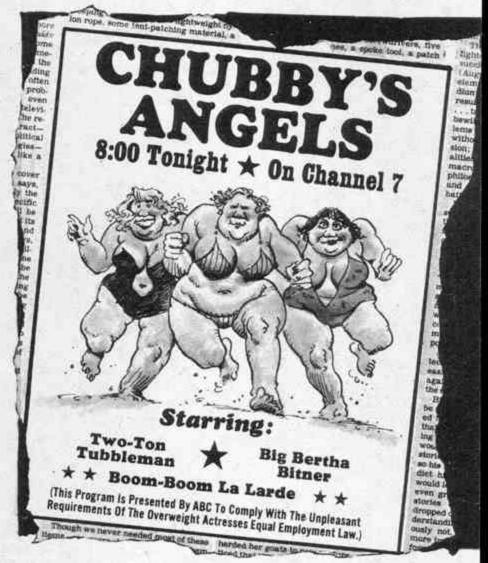
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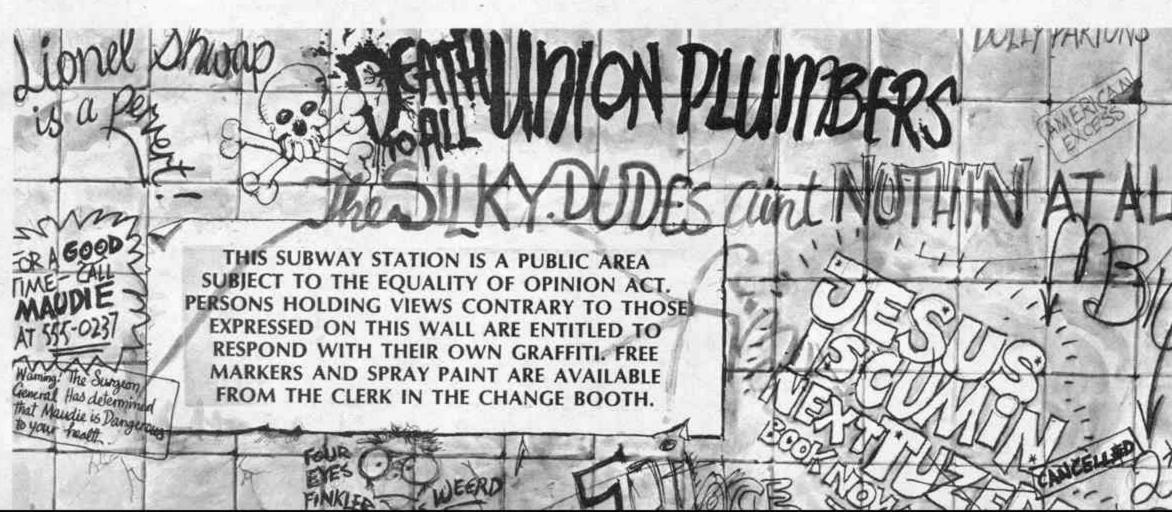












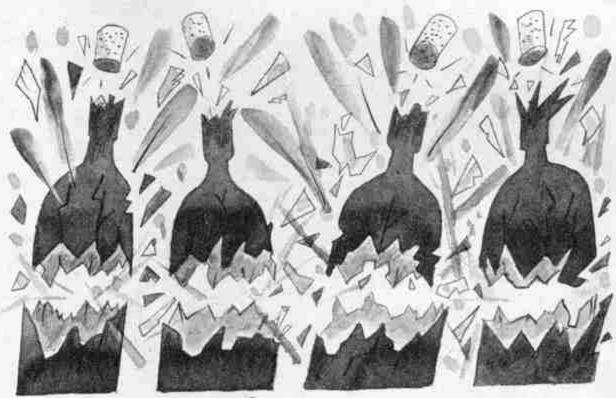
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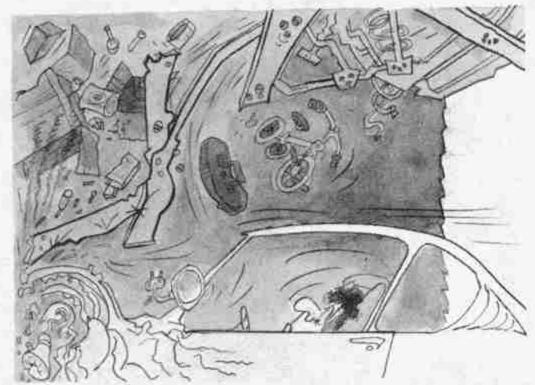
...the rent strike you organized has failed.



...your smoke alarm has been set off by your neighbor's barbecue.



...during your vacation, all your homemade apple cider fermented.



... your automatic garage door suddenly went on the blink.



...your neighbor has sold his house to the "Hell's Angels."



HOME AND FIND THAT.

ARTIST & WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES



...while you were at the laundromat, your old boyfriend who made good in Hollywood, has dropped by as a surprise.



...a swarm of Brazilian killer bees has followed their Queen and settled in the overhang over your front door.



...your upstairs neighbor has had a heart attack while he was lying in a running tub.



... your tomcat, Rodney, has returned with a love offering for you.



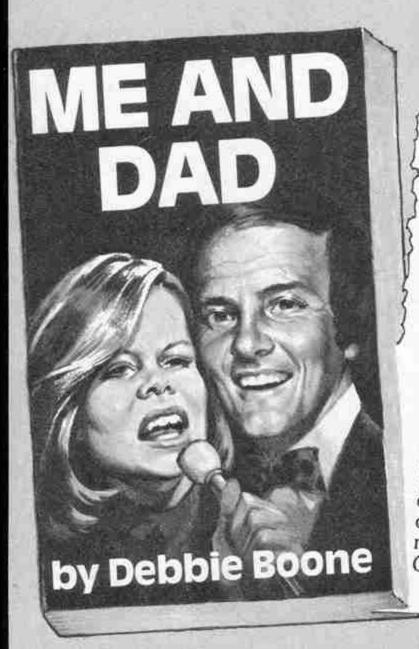
...your Mother's thrown out your complete mint collection of MAD.

TURNING DOWN THE VOLUME DEPT.

For every book that makes it as a best-seller nowadays, there are hundreds that die on the book-shelves. Sometimes it's hard to tell why some books succeed and some don't. But other times you know exactly why they flop. For example, the

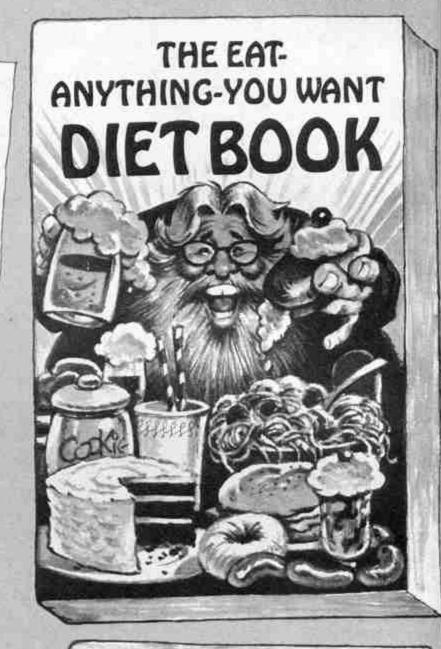
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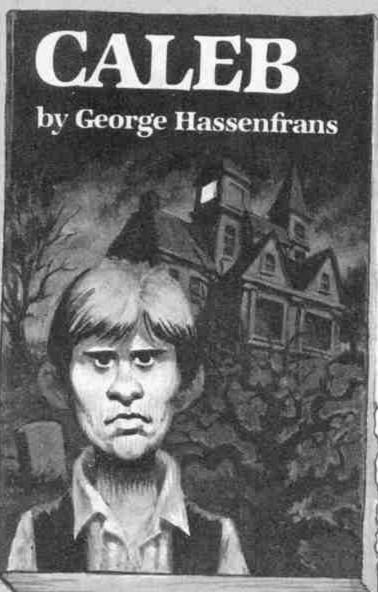
ARTIST: JACK RICKARD



INTRODUCTION

Recently the children of famous show business idols Joan Crawford, Edgar Bergen, and others, have been writing books which reveal incredible facts long kept secret, about the private lives of their parents. I have decided that the time has come for me to do the same. And so, let the chips fall where they may, I intend to give the true, no-holds-barred story behind my father, Pat Boone. First of all, the public thinks of Pat Boone as a gentle, tender man who goes to church regularly, adores his family, and drinks two quarts of milk a day. Right at the top, let me set the record straight. For one thing, this gentle, tender, church-going family man does not drink two quarts of milk a day. He drinks at least four quarts of milk a day. In fact, if we didn't keep a Gurnsey cow in our base ment, we





Chapter One

When Caleb Throggs was born, his parents were delighted. He was a beautiful child and was seemingly everything they had ever dreamed of in a son. Then one day when he was a month old, his mother said to her Physician, "Doctor, Caleb is a lovely boy, but do you notice something strange there? Maybe it's his eyes. That overpowering, piercing look. I hate to say this, but I think there may be something diabolical about him."

After examining the infant thoroughly, the family doctor informed the mother, "Mark my word, this boy is as normal as you or I."

As events developed the doctor turned out to be absolutely right. Caleb grew into fine manhood, married his childhood sweetheart, Phoebe, and eventually became the most successful wholesale hardware dealer in all of Western Kansas, and



following books all deal in subjects that are popular in today's best-sellers market, but somewhere along the line something went wrong. All you have to read is the first few paragraphs from each and you'll know exactly why they are...

BOOKS OF THE YEAR

WRITER: LARRY SIEGEL

CHAPTER ONE

Like everyone else through the years, I have exposed myself to the Water Diet, the Grapefruit Diet, the Scarsdale Diet, and just about every other regimen concocted by every crackpot who has a typewriter and a stack of paper.

I finally decided that since we all enjoy eating, would it be possible for medical science, in all its infinite wisdom and know-how, to come up with a diet in which you could eat anything you want, whenever you want, and still lose weight? I thought about this for a long time, I experimented, and then early one morning I leaped out of bed with the answer.

It was: No!

And so I would like to devote the rest of this chapter and the remainder of the book

on the joys of being fat.

For example, I have found a sure-fire way of breaking my kids up in the evening. What I often do is stretch out on the dinner table, stick an apple in my mouth, and pretend I am a suckling pig. Since I weigh over 260 pounds, I usually have no trouble

HOUSEWIFE IN SUBURBIA



by Sylvia Glantz

Chapter 1 THE REVELATION

Ever since my wedding day, I wasn't a person. I was a slave. Doomed to endless hours and days of housework, cooking, and chauffeuring. Then one day it hit me. I may be a woman, but I am also a human being. There must be more to life than drudgery. I had had it. I would no longer be a miserable housewife. And that's when I came to my momentous decision.

From now on I would be a happy house wife. It's really amazing how with a little fantasy and imagination, water pouring into a sink filled with dirty diapers can be transformed in your mind into an exotic jungle waterfall.

And how, even a leaky bag of

Chapter 1 NOW IT CAN BE TOLD

You all know me as a former all-pro line-backer for the Minne-sota Vikings. You've seen me eat dirt, grind ballcarriers into the turf, and maim blockers and quarter-backs. But very few of you know who I am or what I am off the field. Okay, the time has come to—as we say—let it all hang out.

What I am about to reveal may surprise and appal many of you. Frankly, I don't care. I've lived too long with my secret and I've got to unload it. The best way to do it, I have decided, is to just say it. So here goes. All my life I've been an overt "straight", a flaming heterosexual!

In view of what you know about pro football players, does this shock you? I've got some more news for you. The same thing is true of Roger Staubach, "Mean Joe" Green, Larry Czonka, Franco

THE ECSTASY OF RUNNING



AUTHOR'S NOTE

At the outset, I must say that there is nothing more thrilling and soul-satisfying in life than daily running, and I trust that when you finish this book, you will agree. In the chapters to come I will tell you how to start out by doing a mile each day, and then how to keep building up over the weeks until you reach my current plateau of thirty miles a day.

Naturally, I could not handle a book of this size and scope without some invaluable assistance. And so I would like to thank the New York Athletic Club, the Princeton track team, Dr. Herbert Forsythe, and a very special thanks to my three former running partners the late Ted Halley, the late Wendell Sturm, and Vic Katzat the Intensive Care Section in the Cardiac Ward

OUTTA SIGHT! DEPT.

A MAD EXPOSE OF SOME...



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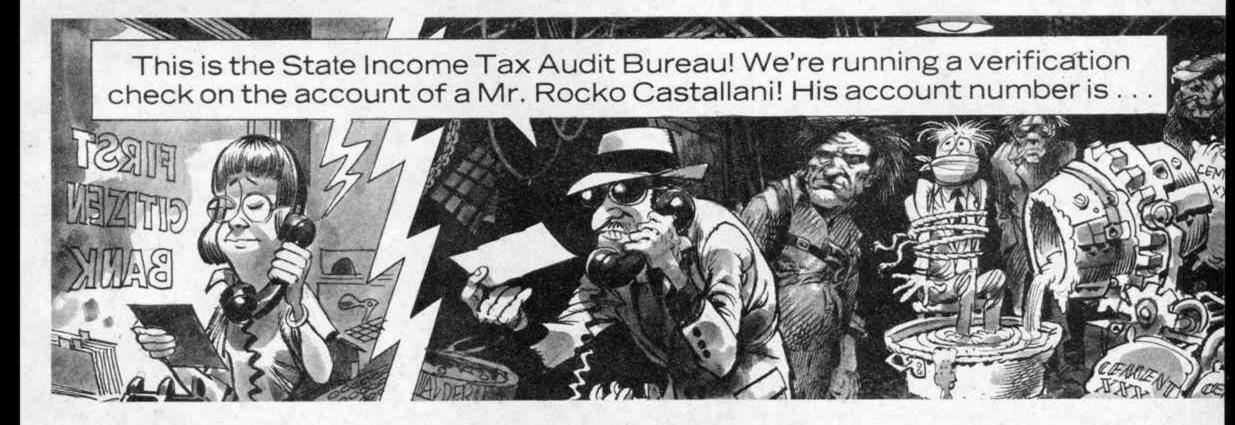




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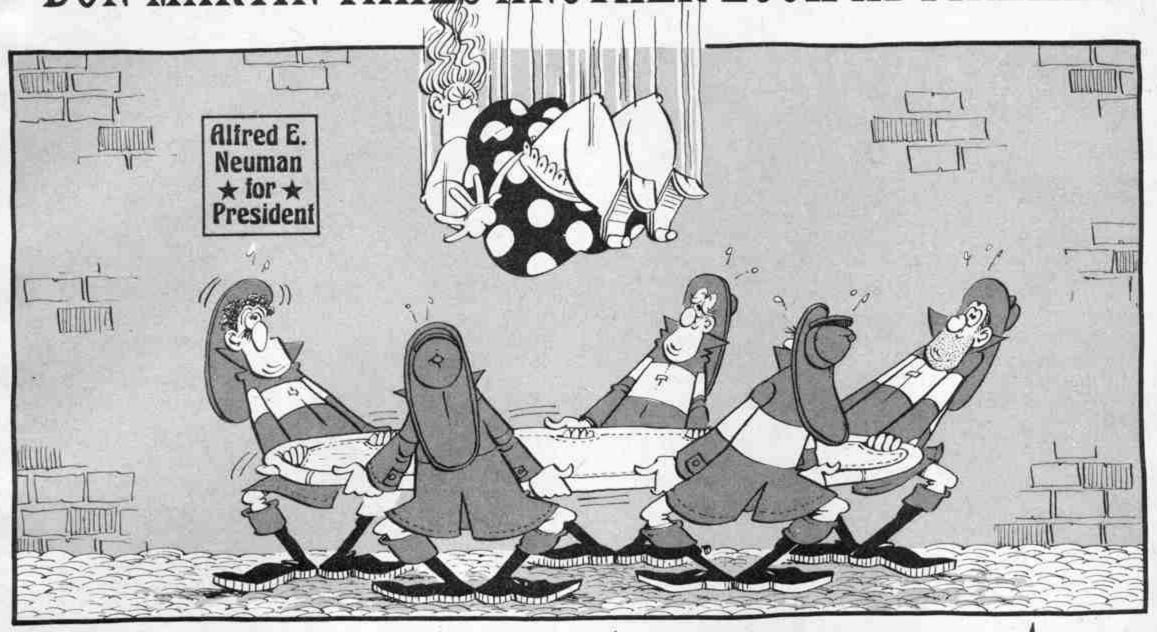




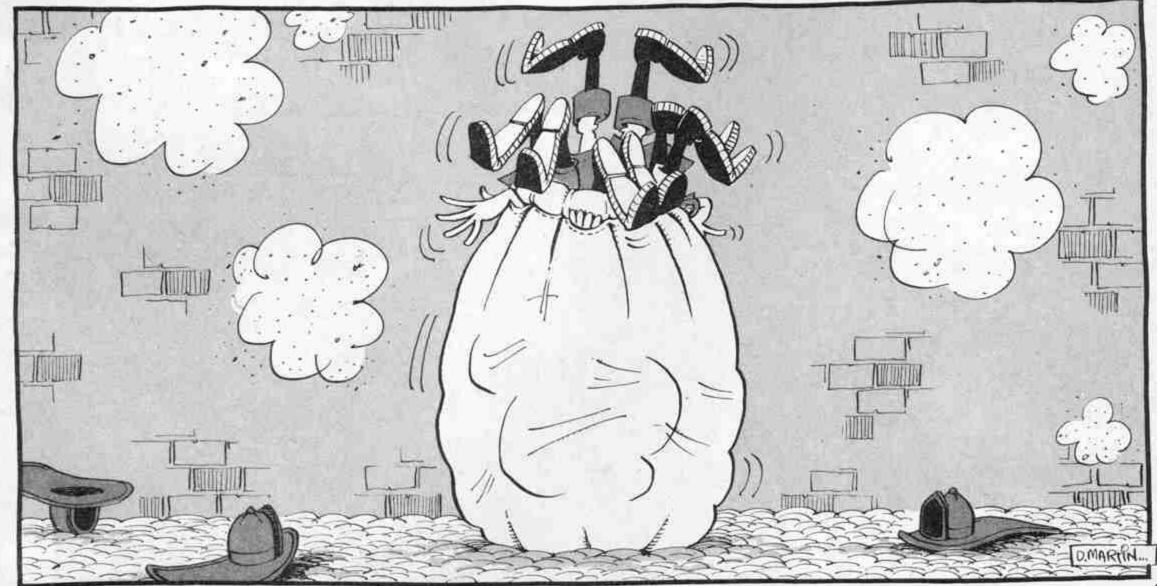




DON MARTIN TAKES ANOTHER LOOK AT FIREMEN







CRASHING BORES DEPT.

Everybody loves television programs about Cops and Robbers . . . but there's a popular TV program on the air that has us worried! It's about Cops that ARE Robbers! Well, maybe not exactly . . . but it does show people in charge

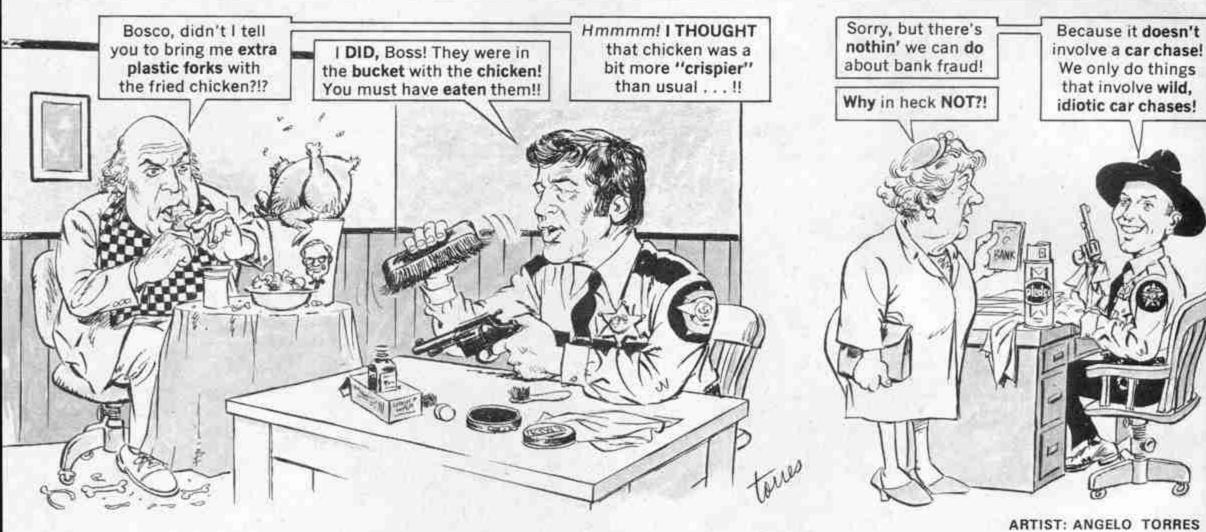
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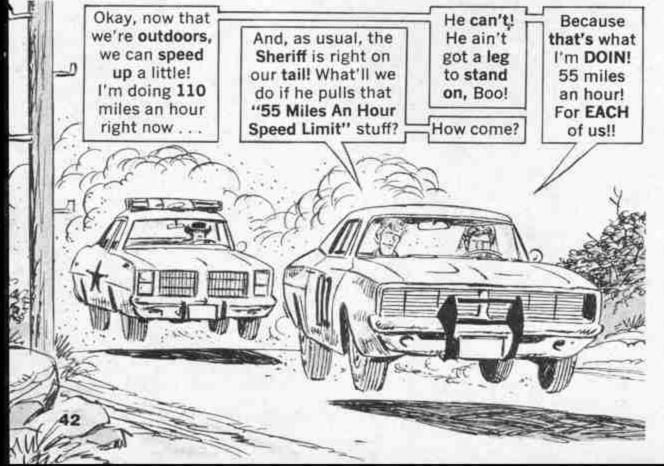
HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER STORY ABOUT THEM DOPE BOYS OF HAPHAZZARD COUNTY! TONIGHT'S EPISODE SHOULD GO DOWN ABOUT AS SMOOTH AS A JUG OF BLACK STRAP MOLASSES . . . AND HAVE THE SAME EFFECT: MAINLY, IT'S GONNA MAKE YOU SICK TO YOUR STOMACH! IN CASE YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE FOLKS OF HAPHAZZARD COUNTY, YOU'RE LUCKIER THAN A PIG THAT'S OWNED BY A KOSHER FARMER! BUT, FOR THE SAKE OF THE STORY, LET ME INTRODUCE THEM

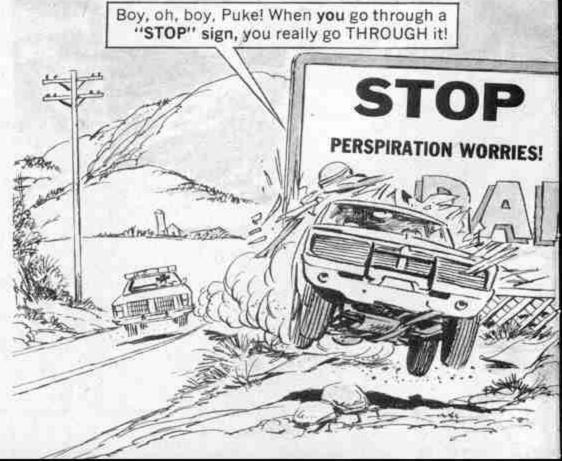
THAT'S BOSS SLOB! HE OWNS THE TOWN! HE'S DECEITFUL, DISHONEST, A CROOK, A CHEAT AND CON ARTIST! HE'S ALSO A POLITICIAN **BUT THAT'S REDUNDANT!**

THE FELLOW TALKING TO BOSS SLOB IS SHERIFF BOSCO G. GOLDRAIN! THE SHERIFF IS A **BUMBLING IDIOT LAW OFFICER!** F'RINSTANCE, SLOB TOLD HIM TO POLISH UP HIS GUN . . . AN' THAT'S JUST WHAT HE'S DOING!

THE OTHER GUY'S THE SHERIFF'S ASSISTANT, ANUS! HE ASSISTS THE SHERIFF IN BEING A TOTAL SCREW-UP! BUT HE'S SMARTER THAN THE STUPID SHERIFF! HE'S NOT DUMB ENOUGH TO BE USING SHOE POLISH TO SHINE HIS GUN!







stealing, and citizens breaking all kinds of laws and getting away with it! After all, television should really entertain us! It shouldn't force us to face what we see all around us in everyday life! Yep, we're talking about

HAPHAZZARD



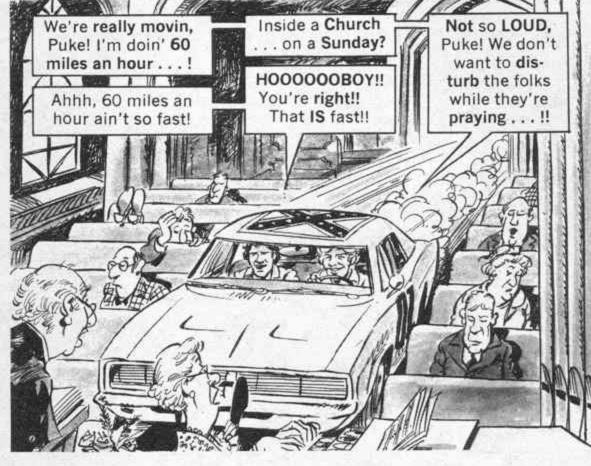
THAT'S LOVEABLE
OLD UNCLE JAZZY!
HE'S SO OLD AND
LOVEABLE THAT,
SOMETIMES, YOU
REALLY WANT TO
JUST SQUEEZE HIM
... TIGHT AROUND
HIS NECK, WITH
YOUR BARE HANDS!

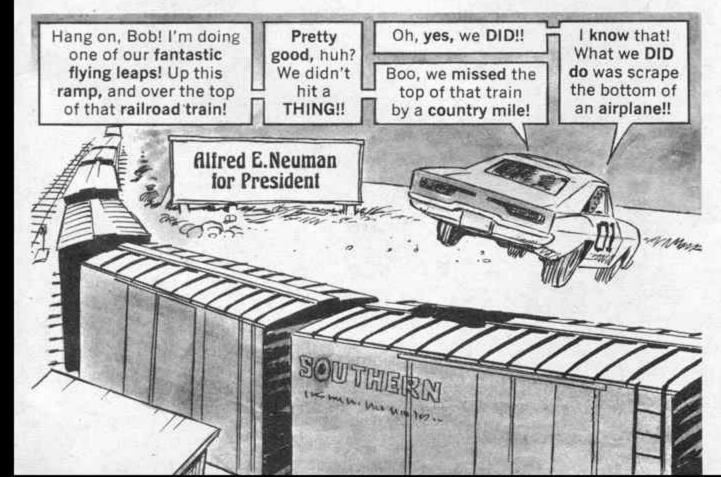
THAT'S DIZZY DOPE!
SHE'S NOT A GOODENOUGH ACTRESS TO
APPEAR IN FEATURELENGTH MOVIES, SO
THEY PUT HER IN
SHORTS . . . SHORTS
THAT ARE CUT RIGHT
UP TO THE NETWORK
CENSOR'S LIMITS!

AND STANDING
IN FRONT OF
THAT TREE IS
ME! WELL, YOU
DON'T SEE ME
IN THE REAL
TV VERSION,
EITHER! I'M
WHAT YOU CALL
THE NARRATOR!

NOW IT'S TIME TO MEET
THE DOPE BOYS, BOO AND
PUKE! AS USUAL, THEY'RE
DRIVING THEIR SOUPED-UP
CAR DOWN SOME DESERTED
RURAL HIGHWAY FASTER
THAN A GREASED RATTLESNAKE GOING DOWNHILL ON
AN ICY ROAD WITH AN 80MILE WIND AT ITS BACK!











I got a plan to cheat the Senior Citizens of this County by selling them land at "Quaint Vistas" for only \$1000 an acre!

But, Boss Slob! That land is three feet underwater!

You're right, Anus! I forgot to charge for "Swimmin' Rights"! Make that \$1200 an acre! Well, what do you think of it, Boys?

Sellin' old folks land at 10 times more than it's worth is criminal, mean and contemptuous! Yeah! I love it, too!!



Now, the only ones who might mess up my scheme is them troublesome Dope Boys! So I'm gonna trick 'em into leading a parade this Sunday, to which I am gonna invite the Chief of the State Police! Then . .

We'll hide moonshine in their car!

guess? We do it

every

How'd

you

We DON'T do it every week! We do it every OTHER week! Sometimes we hide marijuana



Listen, Boss, what say we do something really different this time? How about we get them Dopes on a charge of "Kidnapping A Minor"?

Hmmm! "Kidnapping a Minor"?

See? | ain't so dumb!!

But, where are we gonna get a MINOR for them to

Don't worry about a thing, Boss! I already thought of that . . . an' I got one right here!!



Forget about it, Anus! We'll go back to hiding But, he moonshine and grass in their car! It worked 26 sure put times last season, not counting the 13 times up a mean on repeats, so it should work for us again . . fuss . . .!

NOW THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DIZZY DOPE! SHE'S MORE THAN JUST A PRETTY TUSH-ER, FACE! SHE WORKS FOR BOSS SLOB! SHE DON'T MAKE MUCH . . . BUT SHE GETS TO KEEP ALL THE SECRETS SHE CAN OVERHEAR!

Puke and Boo, I hope you got on your ears! I'm talking to you on the special CB set we use on this show . . .!

You know . . . the CB set where no one ever touches a dialbut automatically only the proper people hear the

Well, Boss Slob has a scheme he's going to pull! It's the SAME scheme he used in episodes 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 & 17 . . .



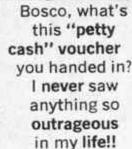
Hey, Boss Slob is And let the Chief of gonna hide the State moonshine = Police catch in our us with it! car . . .!

Dizzy, do us a real big favor! Use your sexy feminine charms to stall Anus for us . . .!

What'll THAT do for you guys??

Not a thing! But it'll do a whole lot for the horny guys in the TV audience!





What?! \$60,000 for new Police Cars? That's what we spent chasin' the Dope Boys again last I don't mean NECESSARY
expenses! I'm talking
about this outrageous
expense of \$8 for an
oil change! You KNOW
we don't keep our cars
long enough for 'em to
require an oil change!



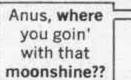
MEANWHILE, TO GET READY FOR THE PARADE, THE BOYS HAD THEIR CAR TUNED UP BY THEIR BUDDY, COOTIE, AN ACE MECHANIC WHO'LL FIX A CAR UP LIKE BRAND NEW AND CHARGE YOU A FAIR PRICE! THAT'S RIGHT, FOLKS! NOTHING IN THIS SERIES IS ANYTHING LIKE REALITY!

Let's see, boys! I tuned it up . . . put in new spark plugs . . . piston rings . . . gaskets . . . ground the valves . . . and replaced the transmission! That'll be—uh—ten dollars!

Ten dollars?!?

Okay!! I was being greedy! Make it eight!





Moonshine?!

WHAT

moonshine??

Hey, I'm **not** pointing a **finger** at you, Anus!

Dizzy, I KNOW you're not pointing a finger at me! It's what you ARE pointing at me that drives me crazy! Anus . . . be honest with me! What's the furthest you've ever gone with a girl?

I once went all the way to the Alabama border!



Here you are, Sheriff!
Six brand new Police

Carel That the Held III



Y'know, it's real nice of the Dope Boys to volunteer to teach here at the school a few hours each week!

Yeah, but it'd be a lot nicer if we could talk them into teaching something other than Drivers Ed!



WELL, THAT SUNDAY, THE DOPE BOYS DID LEAD THE PARADE! BUT ... SO'S NOT TO TAKE ANY CHANCE OF GETTING CAUGHT WITH THE MOONSHINE IN THEIR CAR, THEY DID IT AT THEIR NORMAL SPEED!



Well, that'll slow down the Chief of the

OF COURSE, THE CHIEF OF THE STATE POLICE, HAVING BEEN TIPPED OFF ABOUT THE MOONSHINE, WAS CLOSE ON THE DOPE'S TAILPIPE! BUT THE BOYS HAD A PLAN TO DIVERT THE CHIEF'S CAR TILL THEY COULD DUMP THE "SHINE!" THEY USED ONE OF THE CLEVER "FAKE SIGNS" SO POPULAR IN THIS SERIES . . .







How's that, Yeah . . but YOU Boo? I just Big deal! I drove 40 drove for a were on whole mile miles on your two wheels MOTORon two CYCLE!! wheels!! yesterday!

Hey, Boo! It just
dawned on me! We're
running from the
Chief of Police of
this State . . . but
WHAT STATE is
Haphazzard County
supposed to be IN?

I don't know, Puke! And even if I DID know, I wouldn't be allowed to tell! If we claimed that ANY of the 50 States would TOLERATE these wild goings-on, they'd sue our britches off!!



Hey, Boo! You know what we haven't done yet . . .? We haven't done our famous and absolutely unbelievable "Shoot-The-Flaming-Arrow-Out-The-Window-At-110-Mile-An-Hour-And-Hit-The-Target-Perfectly" trick!







