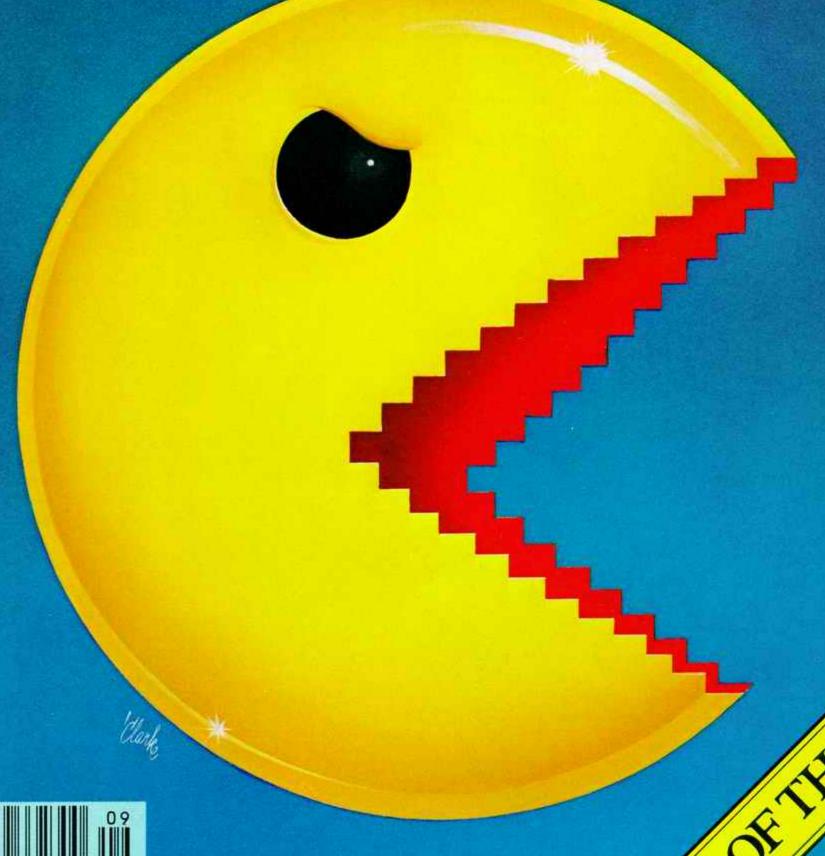
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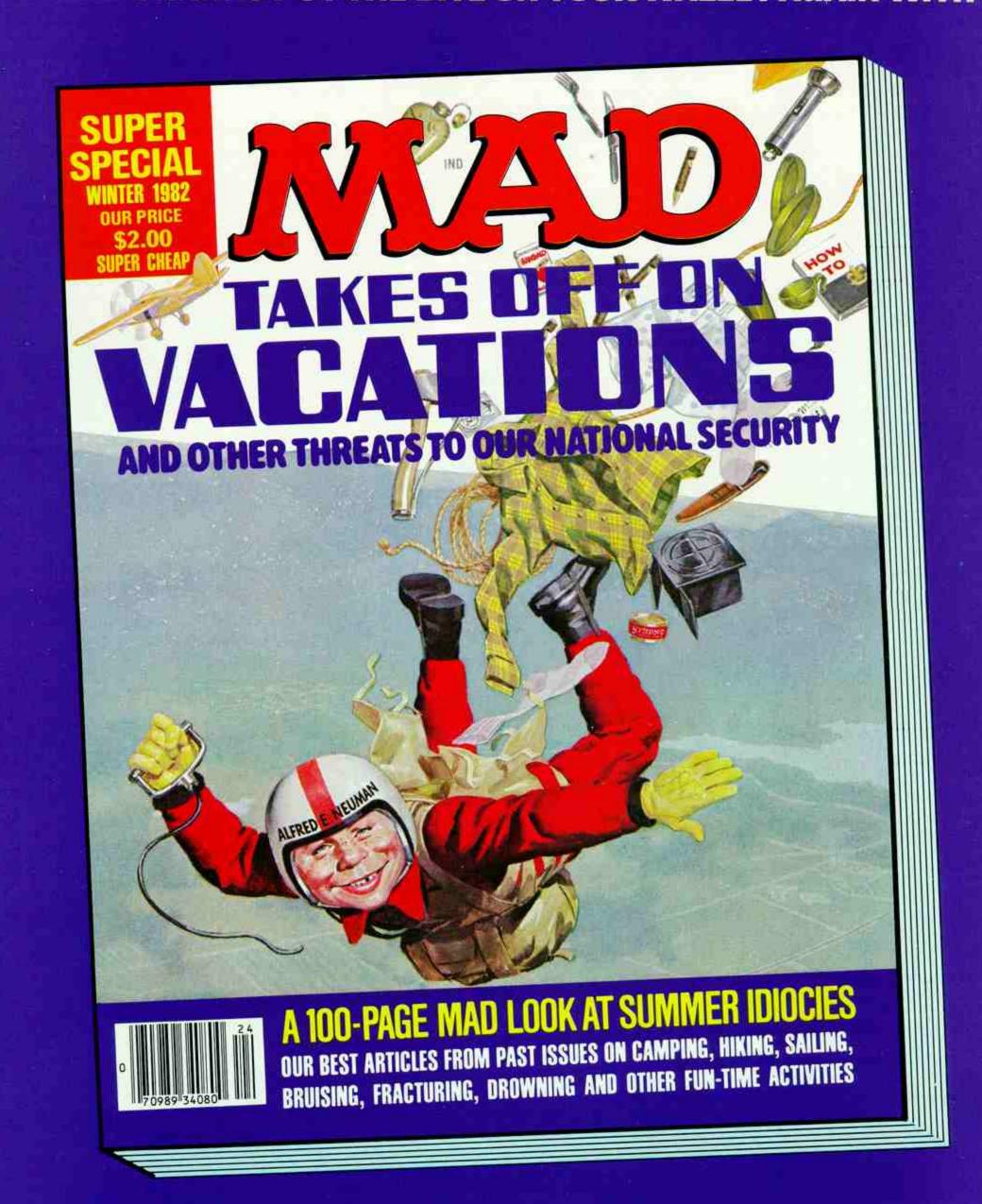




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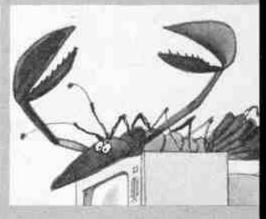
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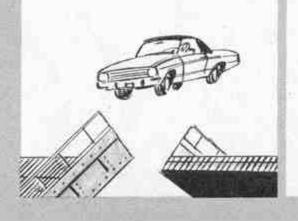




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"MAD'S ACADEMY AWARDS"

Mort Drucker and Stan Hart deserve an award for their version of the Academy Awards.

> Lenny Kitzen Canton, OH

I guess doing "MAD's Academy Award Show" saved you the trouble of doing countless satires of yeach stuff like "Mommie Dearest" etc.

> John L. Clash Baltimore, MD

I really enjoyed MAD's version of the Academy Awards but I was surprised that Pia Zadora was not mentioned. What's the matter, didn't "Pia promoter Riklis" tickle your money bone?

> Mary Rye Nashville, TN

GUN SHOTS

Personally, I think your article "MAD Visits A Local Gun Club Picnic" isn't true at all. You're treating people with guns as if we were crazy maniacs and giving us a bad reputation. I'm warning you. If you ever do it again, I'll shoot you!

Jacques Cyr New Brunswick, CANADA

Your "Visit To A Local Gun Club" was right on target. I should know. I work at one

> Scott Somohano Monroe Twp. NJ

In "MAD Visits A Local Gun Club Picnic", Larry Siegel and Jack Davis proved that they have a license to kill humor.

Kevin Roberts Newton, MA

You at MAD exposed your immoral ignorance with your gun club picnic article. If you believe that gun control will work, then please tell me why John Lennon, Ronald Reagan and the Pope were all shot in places where guns have been banned or controlled for years! This country is doomed if fools like you do not wake up and realize that it is the criminal that must be punished and not the "guns" or the law-biding citizens.

Erik Michels Huntington Beach, CA

FIRST HINT OF IMPEACHMENT?

As a college student, I have plenty of reason to hate President Reagan. As the billpayer, so does my father. Your "Reagan's Gettysburg Address" was so direct, we couldn't agree with you more. I'm glad MAD has the guts to blast the idiot the American public elected to its highest office, and I hope you continue in the future. That's why I'm renewing my subscription.

Sonalo Reyes West New York, NJ

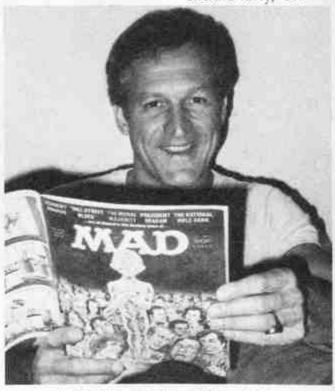
"HILL STREET BLUES"

Your "Swill Street Blues" was really swilly!

David Jerry Oceanside, NY

Just wanted to let you know that I enjoyed your spoof of "Hill Street Blues"— even if you did have me wearing a woman's negligee and carting my girlfriend around wrapped in linoleum! Cheers!

Daniel J. Travanti "Hill Street Blues" Studio City, CA



"Hill Street Blues" Captain Daniel J. Travanti And MAD

I am sick and tired of seeing myself portrayed in one silly way after another in your inferior publication. First, you mocked my highly-sensitive performance in "Altered States". Now you're making fun of my poor Officer Renko, who has endured death, rejection and having to work with a former U.C.L.A. basketball star as a partner. Enclosed please find a photo of the guy I am bringing down to deal with you creeps! Thanks for nothing!

Charles Haid "Hill Street Blues" Studio City, CA



Charles "Renko" Haid (180 lbs.) With His Pal "Clyde" (247 lbs.)

SUPER IDEA

You guys blew it! You should have called your latest Super Special on Advertising "MADvertising!"

> Sloane and Kyle Polillo Philadelphia, PA

WHAT DISC JOCKEYS SAY...

I loved your article, "What Disc Jockeys Say. . And What They Mean," Of course, when you clods wrote, "HE," you actually meant, "SHE!" Am I right? We are out here!

Joy V. Vander Lek WAMS Wilmington, DE

When a D.J. says, "My favorite magazine is MAD," what he really means is, "I don't make enough money to buy Playboy or Penthouse!"

Stu Wright WORG Orangeburg, SC

As a starving, underpaid, over-talented nighttime disc jockey in the metropolis of Mansfield, Ohio, my feeling is that you must have had your sneaky staff bug D.J.s all over the country to get "the other side of the story."

Mike Patrick WMAN Mansfield, OH

I really and truly loved your article "What Disc Jockeys Say... And What They Mean." My only problem is with what you said on the credit line, and what you really meant to say. What you meant to say was "Writer: Dick De Bartolo, Idea: Dean Fiora!" Wake up you guys!

Dean Fiora Manchester, CT

Ooops! Sorry about that! But we did remember to pay you!—Ed.

"TV GUISE"

I'd rather watch the programs listed in your version of the "Truly Honest And Informative Listings In TV Guise" than the crap they're showing on the boob-tube now. Good job!

> Lisa Verigin Escalon, CA

Tom Koch should be writing TV Guide. His selections were hilarious!

> Brendan Meagher Thornwood, NY

My brothers and I liked your TV Guide article so much we had a "Family Feud" over it to see who would get to read it first. I finally had to beat up "The Little Rascals" and send them to "General Hospital." After I finally read it I said "That's Incredible!"

No Name (but a good letter!)

HIDDEN MOTIVES??

I have finally figured out why you guys print some of the letters you receive from your readers. A few months back you printed a letter I sent you. My parents went out and bought a few more copies of the issue to send to relatives, friends, etc. You make more money that way! What a cheap trick!

Katie Smith Yuma, AZ

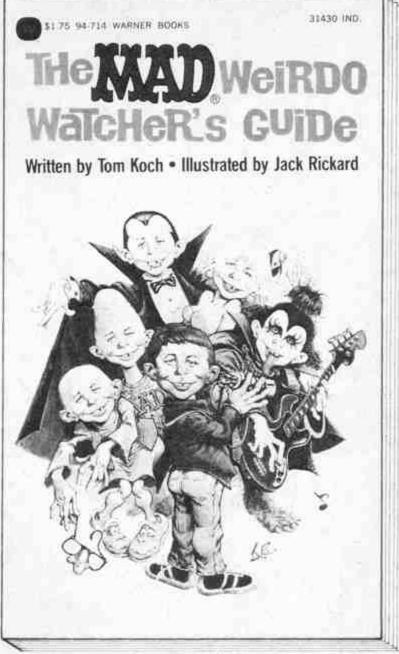
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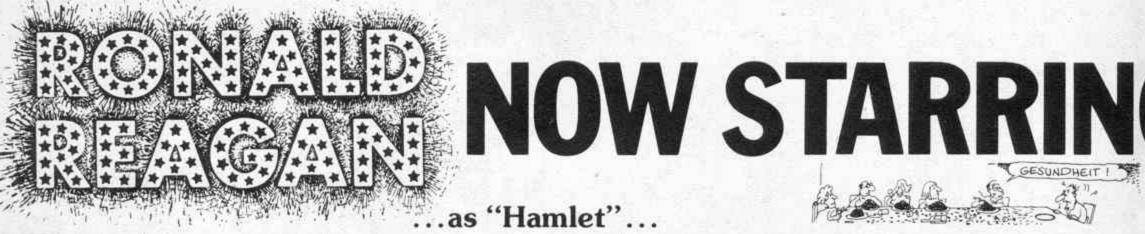
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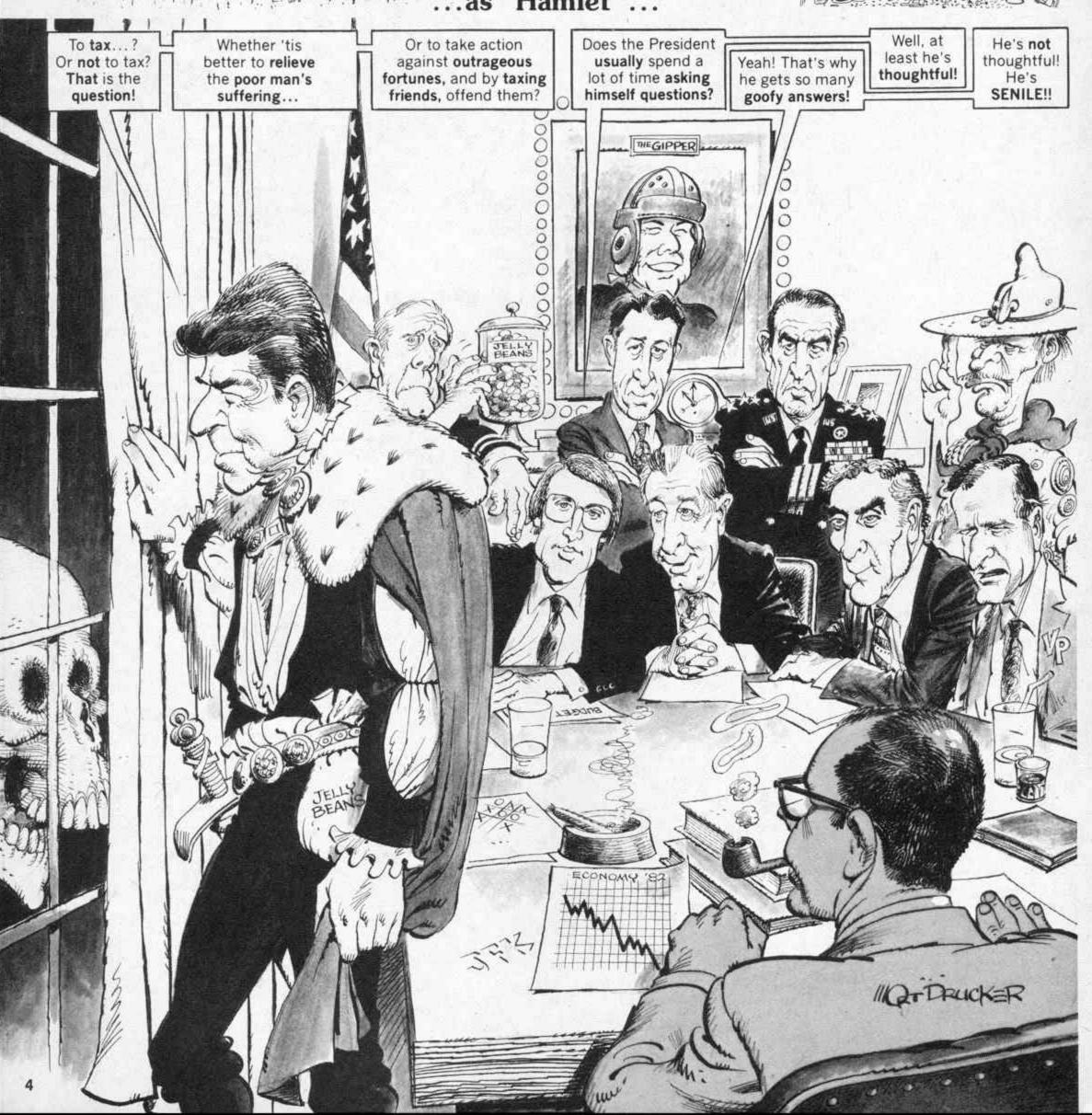
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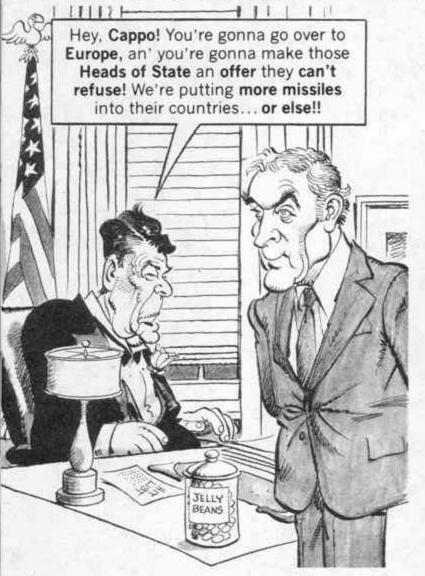
for a great role like "Bonzo's Pal" to come along, Ronnie can play any role that he wants. In fact, we here at MAD have detected him playing many famous, soughtafter parts since he took office. Here are just few we've observed...with...

GAT THE WHITE HOUSE

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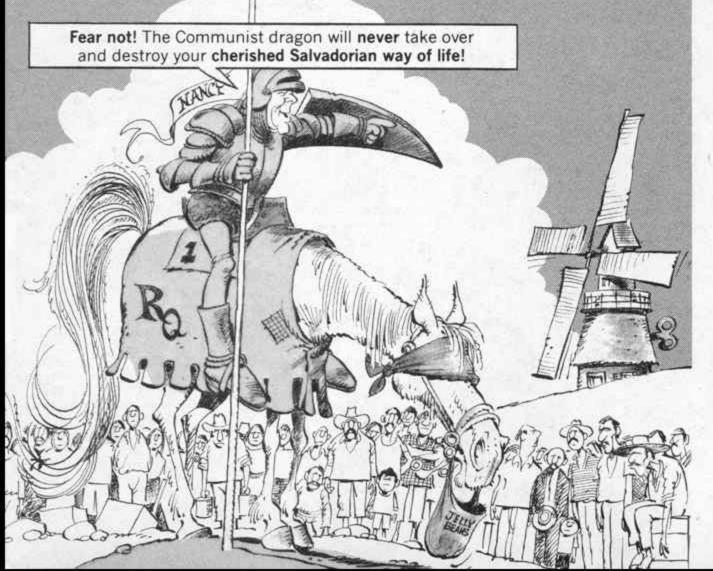
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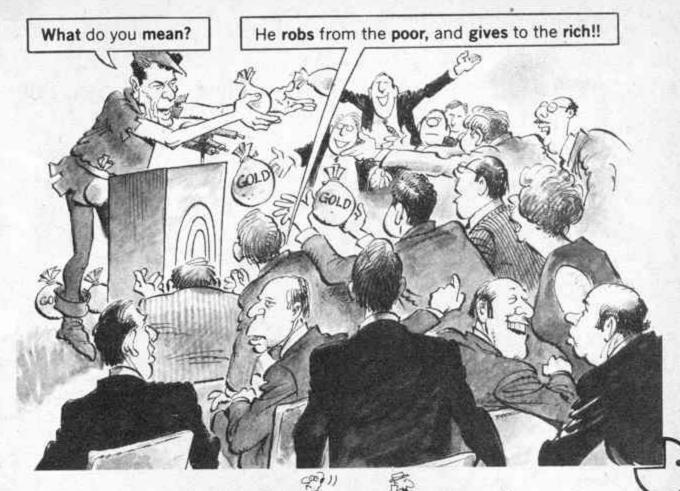
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...as "Robin Hood" ...

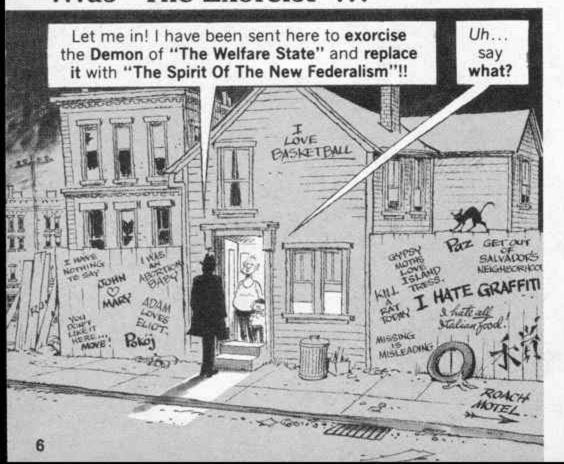




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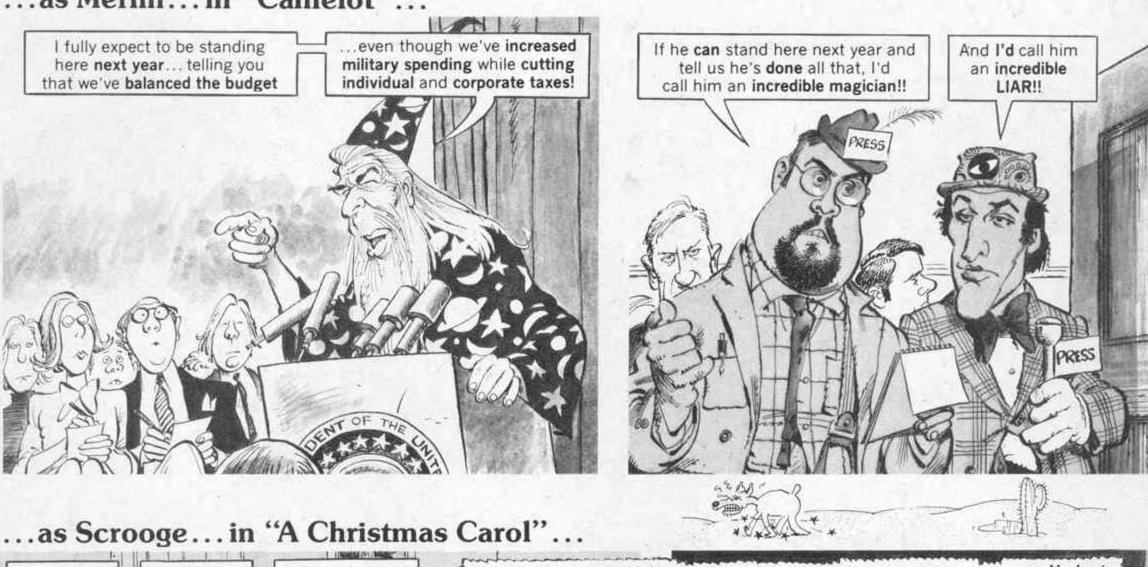


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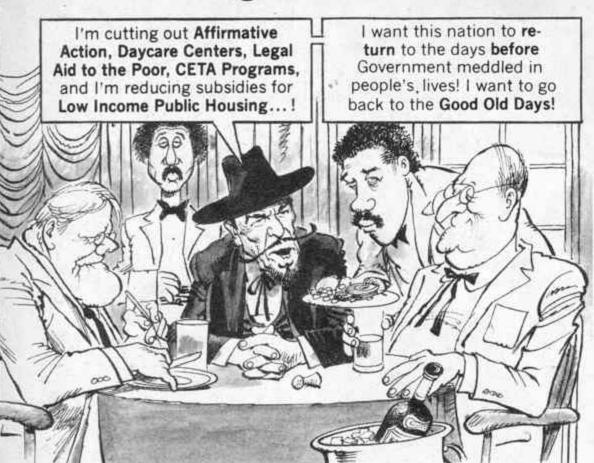








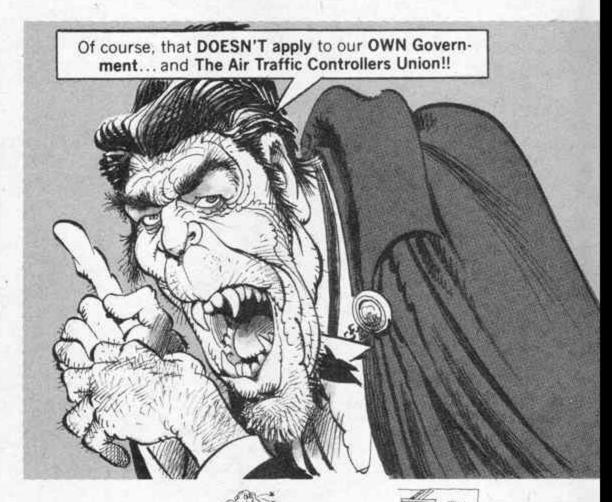
...as Simon Legree ... in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" ...





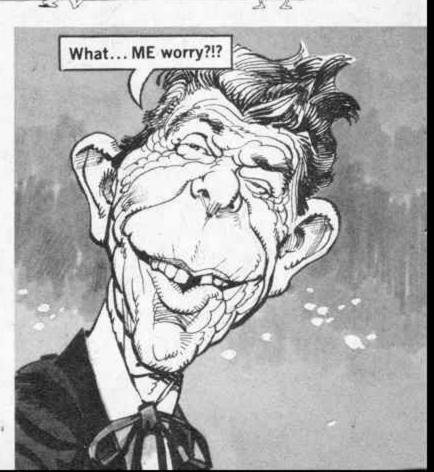




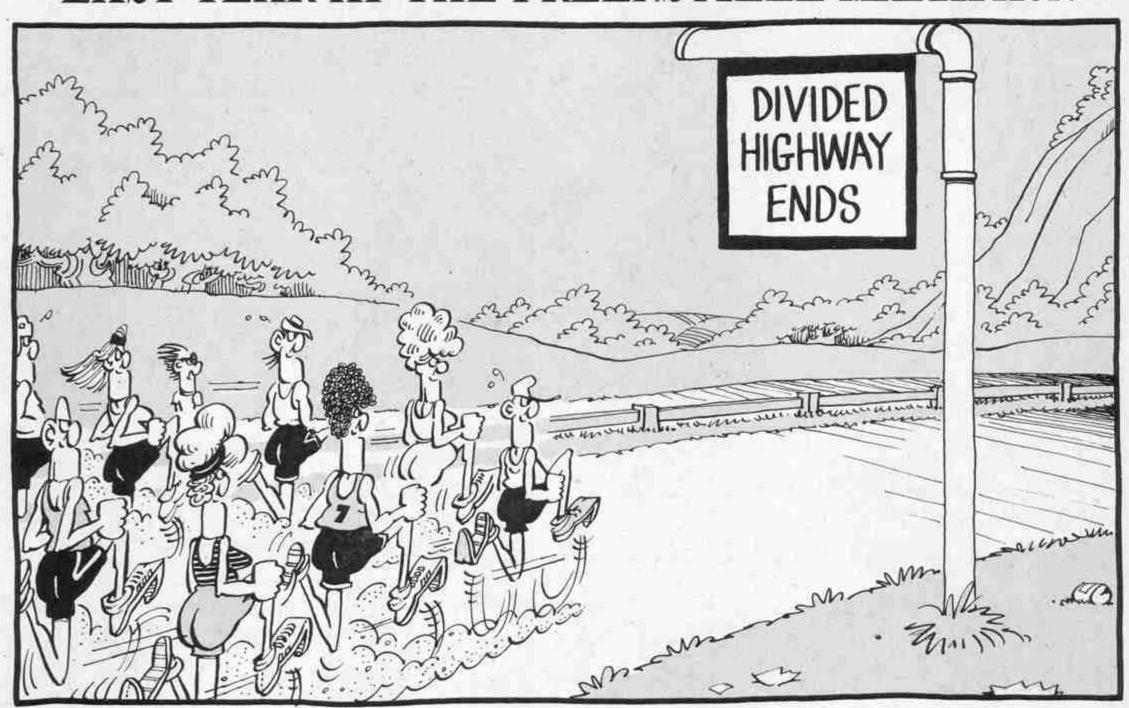


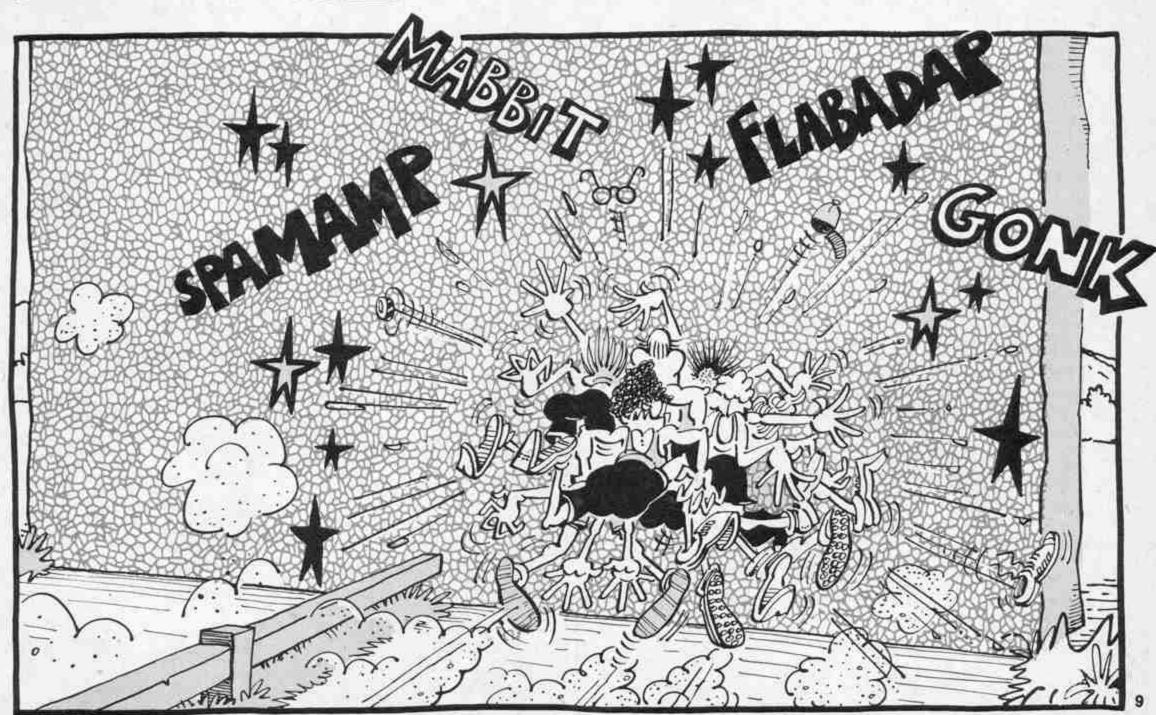
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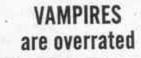


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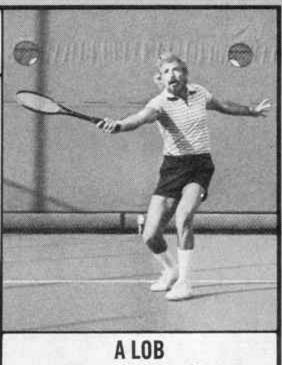




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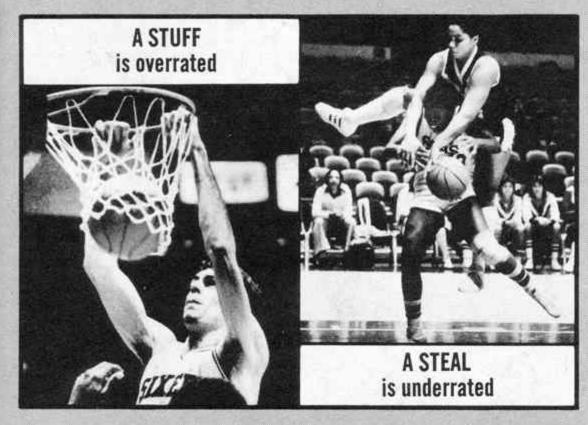


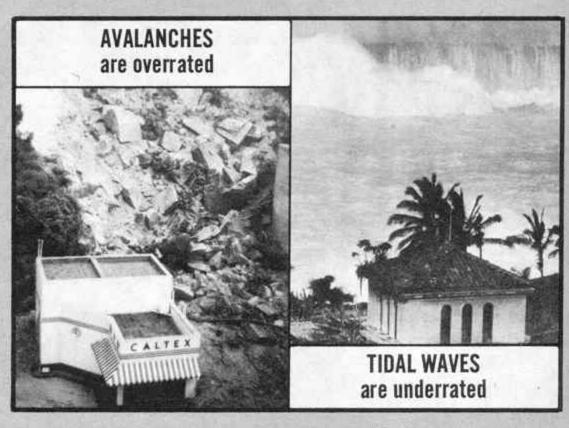


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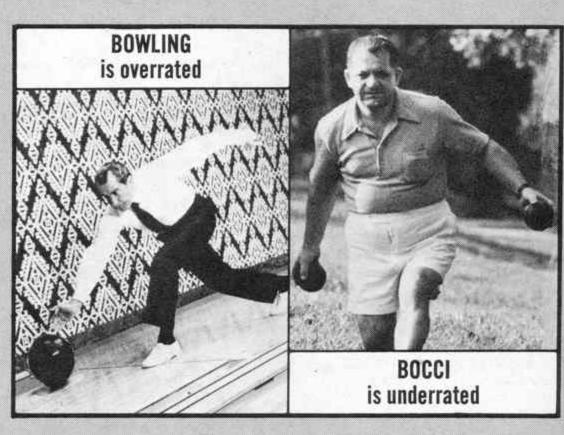
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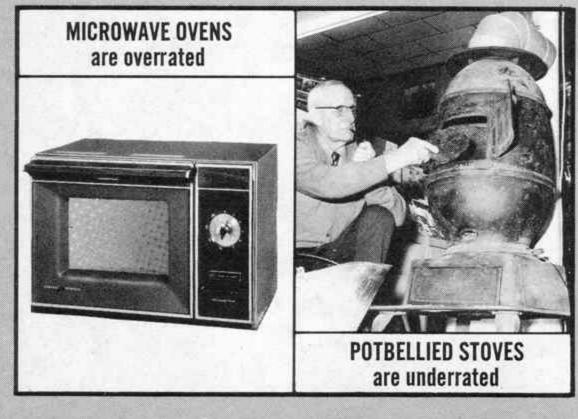
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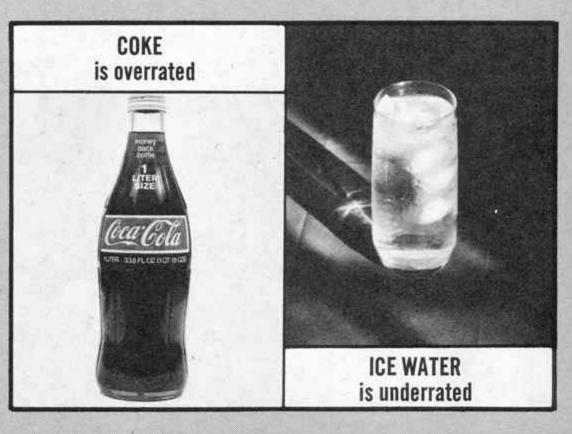


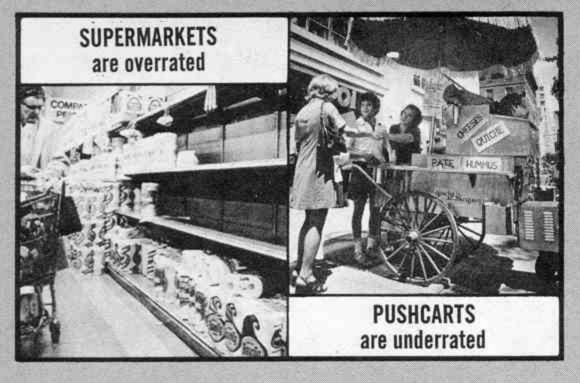


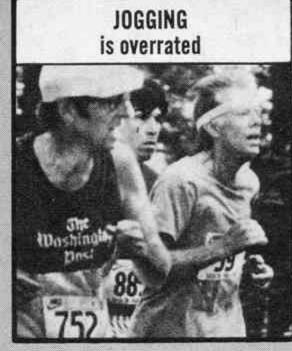


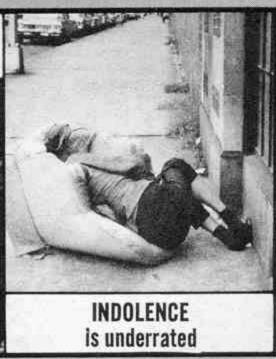


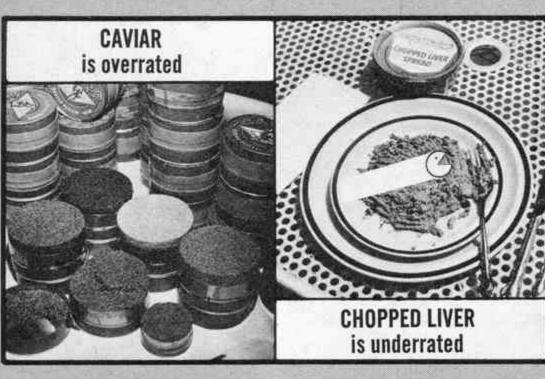


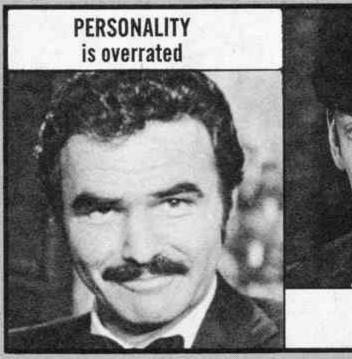


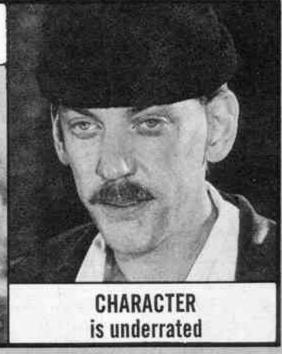


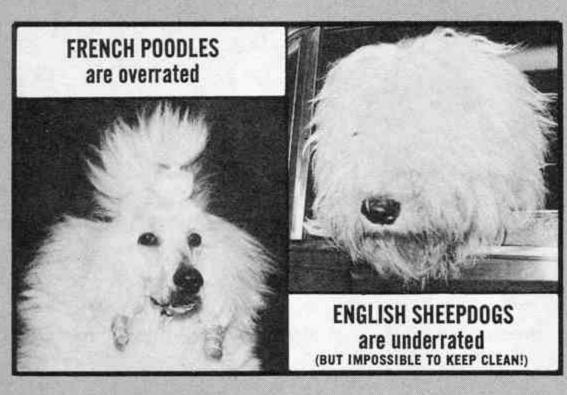






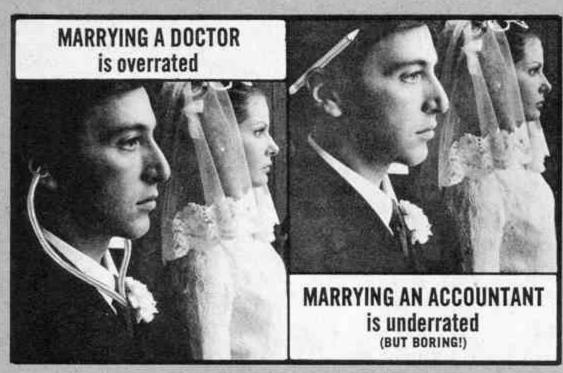


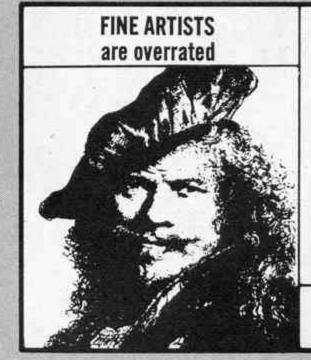






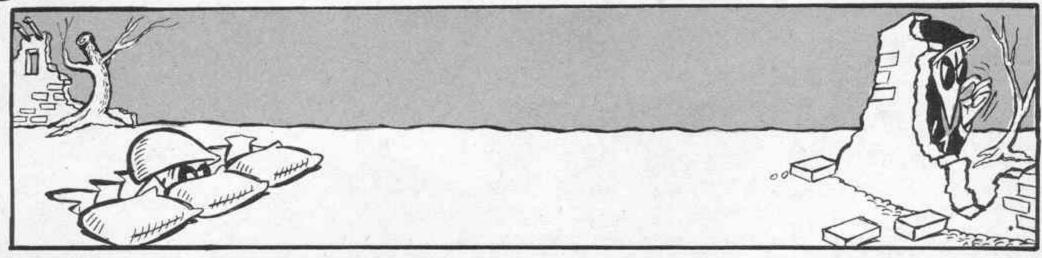


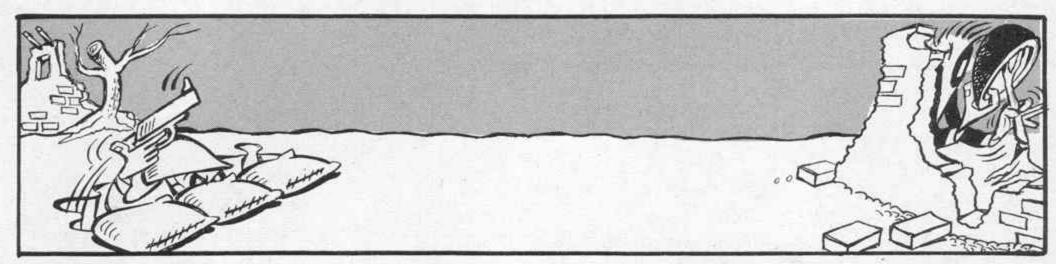


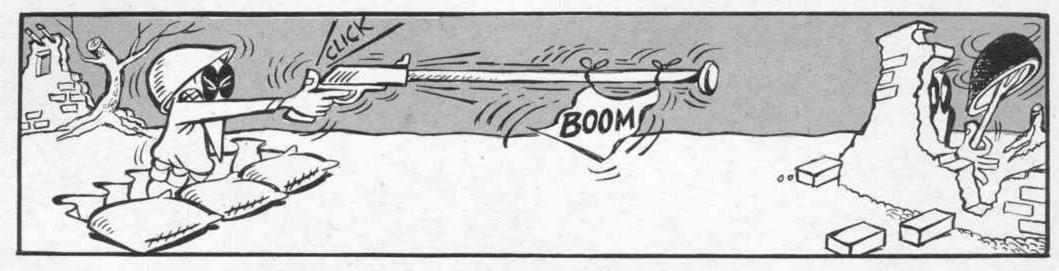


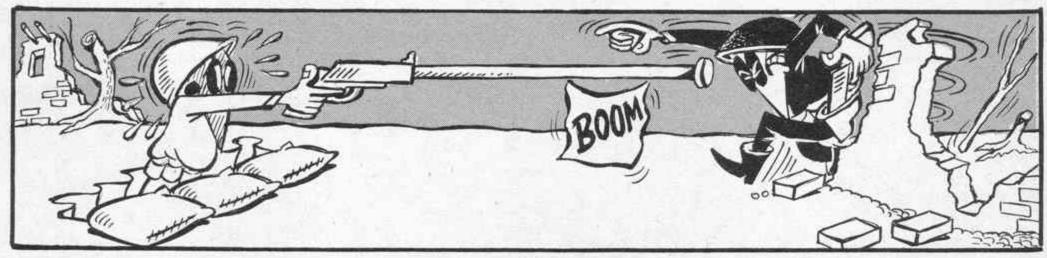


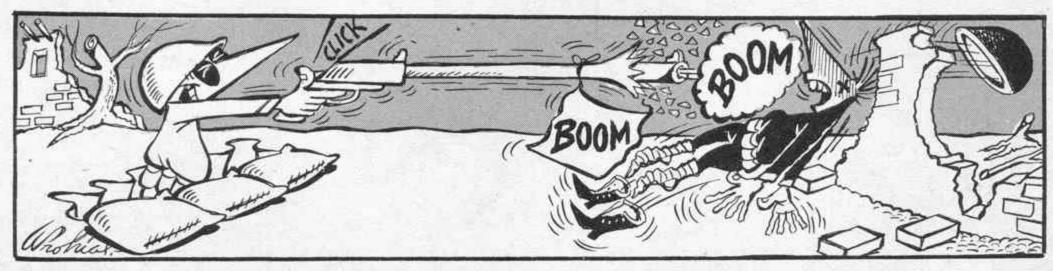












GOOD OL' NOISE DEPT.

One of the biggest items in Pop Music today is the Country-Western song. In case you've ever had the wish to write one, it's really not that dif-

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on the highway near Altoona outside Fresno in Sheboygan on probation at the truck-stop in a nightmare in a jail cell in the Stone Age in a tree-house in a gay bar

5.

incognito

in the twilight
but I loved her
by the off-ramp
near Poughkeepsie
with her cobra
when she shot me
on her elbows
next to Murray
with Miss Piggy
with a wetback
screamin' "May Day!"
in her muu-muu

9.

our love would never die
there was no other guy
man wasn't meant to fly
that Nixon didn't lie
her basset-hound was shy
that Rolaids made her high
she'd have a ham on rye
she loved my one blue eye
her brother's name was Sy
she liked "Spy Versus Spy"
that "Taxi" made her cry
she couldn't stand my tie

ficult. In fact, as you'll find out below, it's a snap. Simply fill in the numbered blanks from the corresponding numbered lists, and you have

17 3-10 0 11 1-7 0 10 R 5 13-11-13

2.

in September
at MacDonalds
ridin' shotgun
wrestlin' gators
all hunched over
poppin' uppers
sort of pregnant
with a jogger
stoned on oatmeal
with Merv Griffin
dead all over
hustlin' Martians

3.

that purple dress
that little hat
that burlap bra
those training pants
the stolen goods
that plastic nose
the Stassen pin
the neon sign
that creepy smile
the hearing aid
the orange toupee
the boxer shorts

4.

sobbin' at the tollbooth
drinkin' Dr. Pepper
weighted down with Twinkies
breakin' out with acne
cramlin' through the prairie
smellin' kind of funny
crashin' through a guardrail
chewin' on a hangnail
talkin' in Swahili
drownin' in the quicksand
quotin' Al Pacino
slurpin' up linguini

6.

no guy would ever love her more that she would be an easy score she'd bought her dentures in a store that she would be a crashing bore I'd never rate her more than "4" they'd hate her guts in Baltimore it was a raven, nothing more we really lost the Vietnam War I'd have to scrape her off the floor what strong deodorants were for that she was rotten to the core that I would upchuck at the door

7.

I promised her
I knew deep down
She asked me if
I told her shrink
The judge declared
My Pooh Bear said
I screamed in pain
The painters knew
A Klingon said
My hamster thought
The blood-test showed
Her mantra said

8.

stay with her warp her mind swear off booze change my sex punch her out live off her have my rash stay a dwarf hate her guts pick my nose play "Go Fish" salivate

10.

run off
wind up
boogie
yodel
sky-dive
turn green
freak out
blast off
make it
black out
bobsled
grovel

11.

with my buddy
in my Edsel
on a surfboard
on "The Gong Show"
with her dentist
on her "Workmate"
with a robot
with no clothes on
at her health club
in her Maytag
with her guru
while in labor

212.

I never had the chance to say
She told her fat friend Grace to say
I now can kiss my credit cards
I guess she was too smashed to say
I watched her melt away and sobbed
She fell beneath the wheels and cried
She sent a hired thug to say
She freaked out on the lawn and screamed
I pushed her off the bridge and said
But that's the way that pygmies say
She sealed me in the vault and said

DATING





Judy, dear, can you ever forgive me for being 20 minutes late for our date ... ?!

I don't know! I'll have to think about it!



Okay, I've thought about it! You don't really deserve it ...but I'll forgive you!



Come in and sit down! I'll be ready in about an hour!



S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

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RAIN

So that the grass Mommy... will grow and make why does it rain?? the lawns beautiful!

So that the flowers will grow, and pretty up the world! So that trees will grow and give off oxygen!



So that vegetables will grow and give us food! Now do you understand why it rains ...?



But why does it rain here in the city?!?

COOKING

My Mother gave me this simply marvelous recipe for "Franks and Beans"!



Every time I make this recipe, I'm guaranteed a delicious, exotic meal!



Really? Just from "Franks and Beans"?!

Yep! Because every time I serve it, my Husband says...



FRANKS AND BEANS AGAIN?!?
LET'S EAT OUT!!



ARTIST & WRITER: DAVE BERG

PACKAGED FOODS

It says on the back of the box that this product contains artificial flavoring!



Then it lists a bunch of chemicals and preservatives and artificial colorings!



My gosh! Everything about that product seems to be damaging to the consumer!



Yeah! Especially the price!



UFO'S

I think I saw a FLYING SAUCER last night!

Do you really believe in that bunk?!?



Of course I do! There are billions of stars out there in the universe! I believe that this isn't the only planet with an intelligent life form! I believe that flying saucers have been observing us for years!!



I believe their plan is to contact our responsible leaders! Then... why haven't they done it up to now!?!



Probably because they

haven't found any!!

DOCTORS

I've run tests and I've examined you thoroughly!
I find that you're anemic and generally run down!



What do you think I ought to do, Doctor?



Cut out the HEALTH FOODS!!



CRITICISM

Gee, Dad! You ought to see that new kid who moved in next door! He's as big as a house!!

There you go...
exaggerating again!!



PROMISES

Holy cow! Look at the size of that DOG!! Let's get the heck OUT of here!!









ADVICE



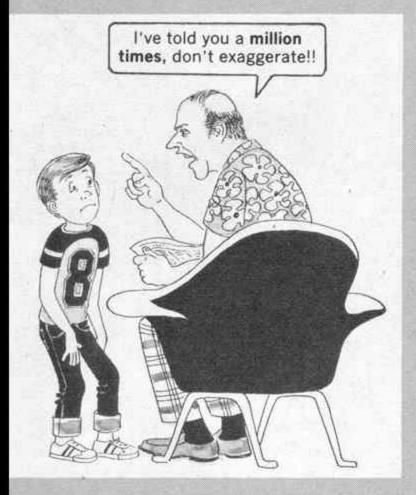
Oh, no!! Not him!? He's a MAKE-OUT MAN and a SEX MANIAC! He'll tear your clothes right off you!!







PATERNAL CONCERN







HOSPITALS



Really?! Your chart snows a noticeable improvement! Where do you feel pain?



It's my

I don't understand it! You're here because of an upper res-piratory infection! Why should your leg start hurting you?!?



Because you're sitting on it!

DIETS



The answer is: Don't think about food! Don't talk about food! Wipe food completely from your mind! Then, you won't be hungry any more!





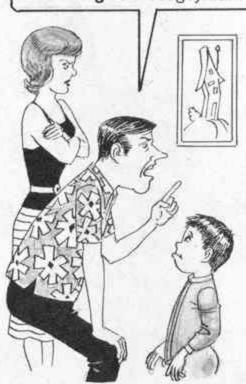
You've got it licked! From here on in, it's all peaches and cream!



FEAR



How many times do we have to tell you! There's no such thing as a boogeyman!



Oh, yeah?! Then how come we have all those LOCKS on the doors!?!



EATING



I'm so hungry, I could eat a rhinoceros!!



I'm so hungry, I could eat an elephant, trunk, tusks and all!!

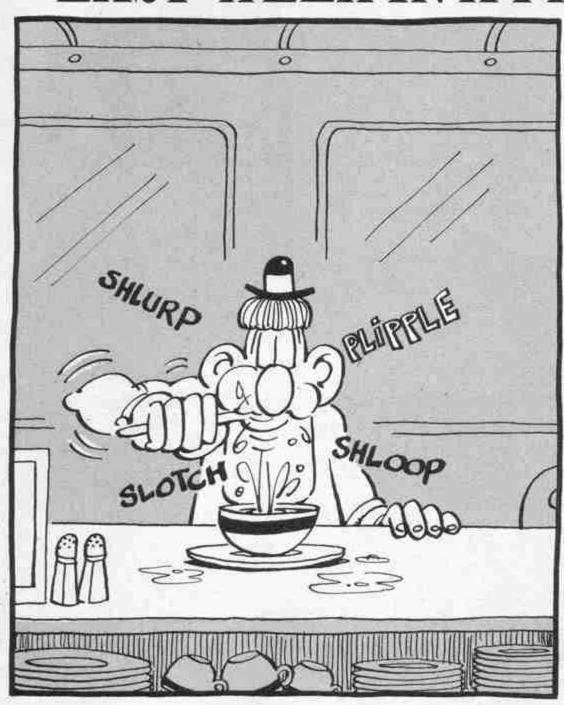


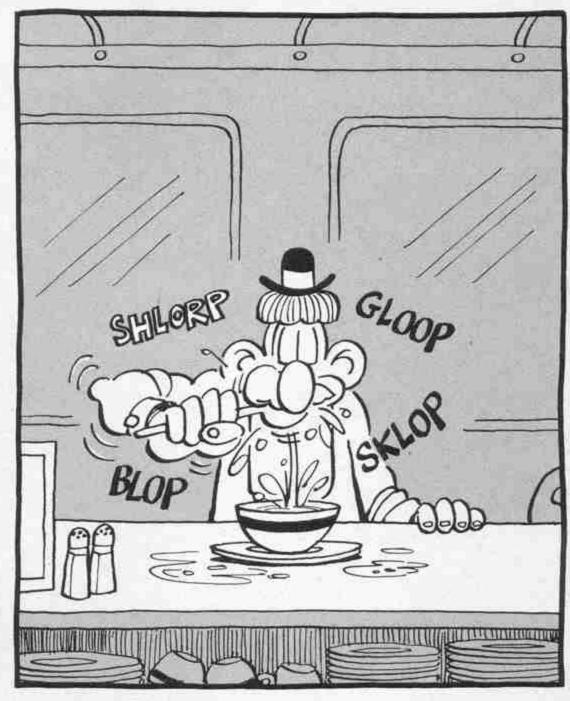
What

Nothing, thank you! I just lost my appetite! you like, Miss?



LAST WEEK IN A FREENSVILLE DINER







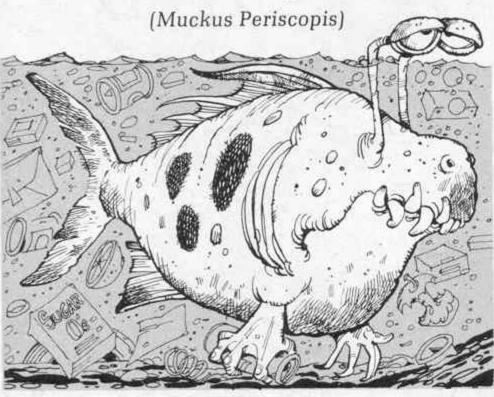


FUTURE FLOCK DEPT.

Scientists are constantly telling us that our messed-up environment is threatening to wipe out all of our wildlife. What they are failing to take into account is that animals, fish and birds are adaptable creatures, and will find ways to survive as we contaminate their air, pollute their waters and destroy their forests. So let's look ahead to what we'll find a hundred years from now, as MAD previews—

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THE SPOTTED JUNKFISH



The Spotted Junkfish swims through waters polluted with chemicals and filled with debris from industrial plants. Twin periscopic eyes extend above the surface, enabling him to see where he is going. He makes use of two claw-like fins which grasp, then toss to one side, objects in his path such as floating bottles, cartons and the like. Anything the Spotted Junkfish misses with his claws will bounce off his thick, protective rubbery skin. He is the only species of fish remaining in our lakes and rivers.



The Spotted Junkfish makes his home in discarded oil drums resting on the bottom of lakes and streams.



With his powerful teeth he feeds mostly on plastics, especially styrofoam which is his favorite delicacy.

THE GIANT SCRAPTOAD

(Junkus Digestus)



This secretive creature makes his home in scrap piles and junkyards. The Scraptoad is rarely seen, although one can hear him gnawing and chewing throughout the night. His remarkable digestive system allows him to take nourishment from steel, aluminum and tin cans. At dawn each day, he disappears, leaving neat piles of square-shaped droppings. Because of their high metallic content, these "droppings" are valuable as building materials. Which is why, in many areas, the Scraptoad has been declared a protected species.



The Scraptoad extends his tongue to snap up small objects such as nuts, bolts, screws and transistor parts.



Because he contains so much metal (a mature Scraptoad weighs 75 pounds), he hops -but only when necessary.

NTURYGUDE TO CAN WILDLIFE

ARTIST: BOB JONES

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

THE OILY TERN

(Petroleumus Oceanus)



Wherever there is an oil spill, you will find the Oily Tern, thriving by the thousands in the sludge and goo. At birth, his joints are stiff, his feathers are dry and brittle, and his bill is sealed shut. Therefore, he requires a constant diet of oil to lubricate his wings and allow him to open his beak. Since he lives mostly in hot climates, the oil protects him from the sun's harsh rays. Oily Terns change nesting sites at will, depending on the oil tanker traffic.



The nest of the Oily Tern is built entirely of goo and sludge, shielding his family from the elements.



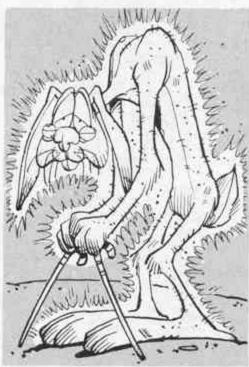
He enjoys flying alongside of tankers. To sailors of these ships, Oily Terns are considered to be omens of good luck.

THE GLOWING HARE

(Plutonius Reactus)



Living as he does in the shadow of nuclear reactors, this creature has acquired a permanent radioactive glow. He is also completely bald, having lost his hair from radiation fallout many generations ago. Despite his lack of fur, he survives the harsh winters by virtue of the heat from his glow, which registers over 120° fahrenheit. Being radioactive, wolves and other predators will never go near him out of fear of being contaminated. As a result, we are in danger of being over-run by trillions of Glowing Hares.



Because they have no natural enemies, almost all Glowing Hares live to a ripe old age.



Although the animal has poor eyesight, his brilliant glow helps him to forage at night.

THE INTERSTATE BEAVER

(Automobilus Scroungus)



When the last trees and forests were finally destroyed, it was feared that beavers would become extinct. However, now we have the Interstate Beaver, who constructs his rams from parts of automobiles abandoned on roadsides. Equipped with teeth that chew through vinyl and metal, he can strip a car clean in less than a week. He is a determined, industrious little creature who, when no abandoned cars are available, will brazenly enter parking lots and drive-ins, sometimes dismantling the cars while their drivers are still in them.



The Interstate Beaver makes use of his powerful flat tail to pry off hubcaps and grilles.



He fills crevices in his dams with sparkplugs, air hoses and door handles.

THE BACKTRACK SCREWMOLE

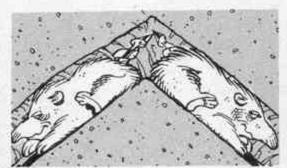
(Concretus Tunnelus)



One of natures most proficient tunnelers, the Backtracking Screwmole lives inside expanses of concrete now covering three-quarters of the United States. He crawls backwards, using his threaded, screw-like tail, with which he bores perfectly round passageways. An adult Screwmole can weaken a 3-foot block of concrete in two weeks. Although he has no natural enemies, he lives in constant fear of cave-ins.



Should tail of Screwmole become too worn for tunneling, he molts it and grows a new, sharp one.



When the tunnel of the male Screwmole encroaches on that of a female, it signals the start of the mating season.

THE SMOGHAWK

(Pollutus Destructivus)

Although polluted air has killed off most species of land birds, the Smoghawk has adapted well to it. Not only can he inhale smog without fear while soaring through it for hours, his keen X-ray vision allows him to see through it.



Each day, concealed in the thick, dirty air, he hovers patiently overhead, searching for prey. Suddenly spotting a fieldmouse or other rodent, he fills his lungs with smog then swoops down and paralyzes his victim with one breath.



The Smoghawk often builds his nest on the smokestacks of large industrial plants.



If captured and placed in a non-polluted area, the Smoghawk will choke to death.

OUT TO LAUNCH DEPT.

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ISN'T IT SU

ARTIST: PAUL COKER



. . . that doctors are allowed to park their cars anywhere they like so that they can make emergency house calls



. . . even though there isn't a doctor alive who makes emergency house calls.



...that the clergymen who piously denounce gambling because they feel it's evil to receive money that's "tainted"



. . . that the people who scream the loudest about crime in the streets



. . . will then encourage it by happily buying color television sets and other goodies that they know are "hot."



. . . that your electric company will seriously ask you to conserve energy



. . . that film directors constantly complain that they don't have enough 26 "creative control" over their films



. . . yet when they are given creative control, they turn out turkeys like "Heaven's Gate," "1941," "Cruising," "The Shining" and "At Long Last Love."



. . . that your guidance counselor will advise you to stay in school because graduates earn far more money and get much better jobs than non-graduates

SPICIOUS...

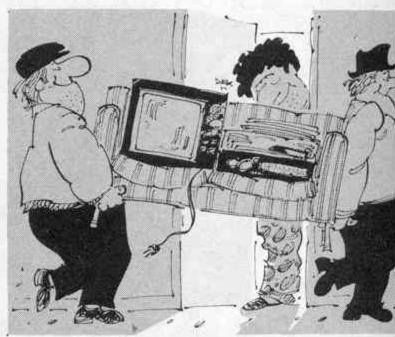
WRITER: BARRY LIEBMANN



. . . will eagerly sanctify it when the proceeds go to a church or synagogue.



. . . that your nosey landlord always questions you for hours when you want to bring a guest into your apartment



. . . but never bothers to question the three strange men who are moving out your furniture at two in the morning.



a request for a rate increase because you're not using enough electricity.



. . . that celebrities are always up in arms about the type of malicious gossip that's printed in many fan mags



. . . yet they think nothing of writing gossipy "memoirs" that are even more malicious and spiteful than the mags.



than an A & P stock boy, gets laid off every time there's a budget cut ... and he's a COLLEGE GRADUATE!



... that parents who are so concerned about starving children in other countries when they're trying to get their own kids to finish eating their supper



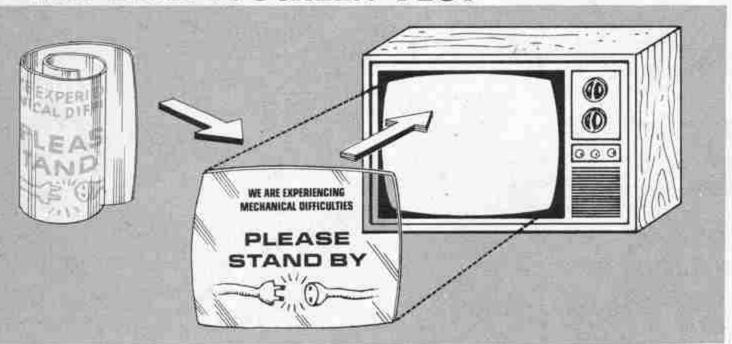
... aren't quite so concerned when asked for a donation to some charity for starving children in other countries. 27

PRANKS-GIVING DEPT.

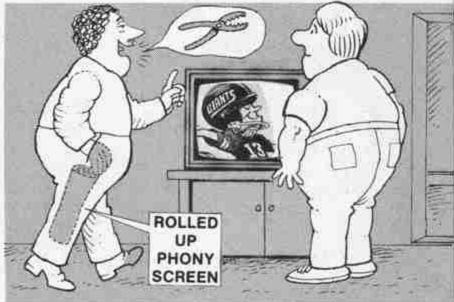
Remember those old "Practical Joke Catalogs"? They were filled with such hilarious gimmicks as rubber chickens, hot gum, dribble glasses and whoopie cushions...and people bought these ridiculous items to play practical jokes on each other. Well,

MAD'S UPDATED PRAC

THE "DEAD TV SCREEN" PLOY

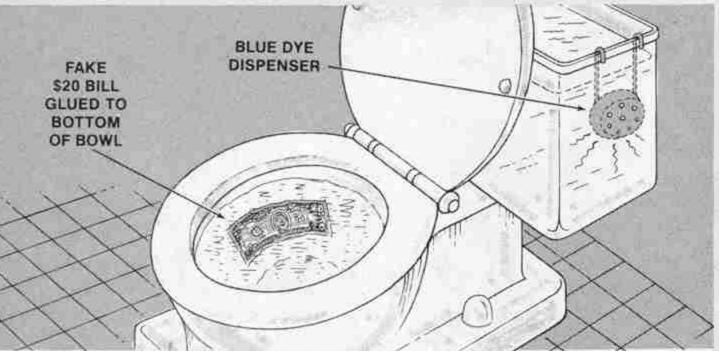


Phony Opaque Plastic Screen with a "Please Stand By" message printed on it comes in all popular sizes and unrolls to fit perfectly over any TV screen.



Carrying Phony Screen rolled up in your pants leg, drop in on a neighbor who is an avid sports fan when you know a big game is on and ask to borrow something.

THE "EMBARRASSING \$20 BILL" JOKE



Fake \$20 Bill (with waterproof adhesive backing) can be attached easily to any toilet bowl by first draining water and then pressing firmly in place.



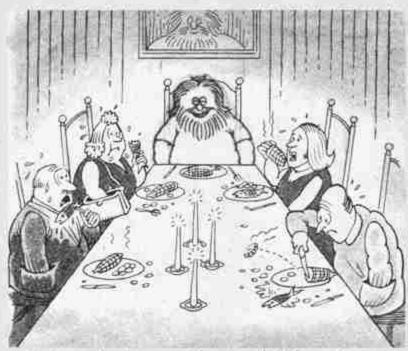
Dinner guest goes to bathroom, sees a \$20 bill in toilet bowl and eagerly tries to remove it from bluish water.



After failing to remove the bill, he goes to wash blue dye off his hand and discovers that there's no soap.



Finally, realizing there is no way to get the blue dye off, guest decides to keep his hand in his pocket all night.



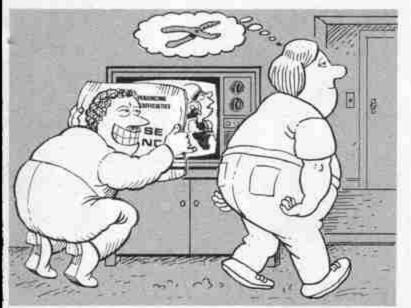
Later, at dinner, Practical Joker Host will get a big kick out of watching all his guests eat their food with one hand.

today's Practical Joker is faced with a big problem. Mainly, everyone is wise to those dull old "tricks." What we need now is some dull new "tricks." So we assigned our "Dull New Trick Writer-Artist, Al Jaffee, to design some inventive items for:

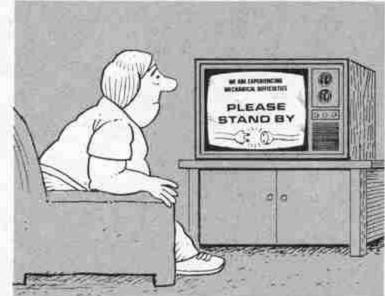
TICAL JOKE CATALOG

ARTIST & WRITER: AL JAFFEE

IDEA BY: DIANE RICCOBENE



When neighbor leaves, quickly slap Phony Plastic Screen on TV, turn down sound, and leave when he comes back with the item you're borrowing.

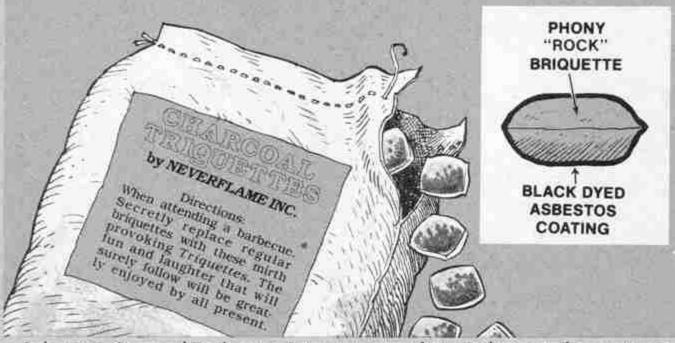


Avid sports fan will return to TV and watch phony message with ever increasing anxiety as time passes and nothing seems to be changing.



Then, when he starts switching channels and discovers they're all on the blink, he'll probably kill himself or do something else that's real funny.

THE "UNLIGHTABLE BARBEQUE BRIQUETTES" GAG



Asbestos-Covered Barbeque Briquettes can be used to test the patience and emotional stability of any would-be backyard chef with amusement.



Bored barbeque guests sit around, miserable and hungry, as their desperate chef-host attempts to light briquettes to start cooking.

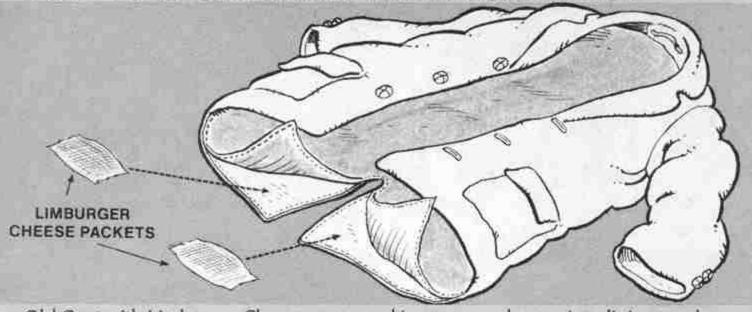


Great fun can be had by watching as chef-host resorts to using crushed newspapers, kindling wood and anything else around that can be used to get the %\$#@+&! fire started.



For extra fun, time with a stopwatch to see how long it takes for frustrated chef-host to finally sacrifice his pride and wallet, and take entire party to a restaurant.

THE "FORGOTTEN CHECKED COAT" PLOY

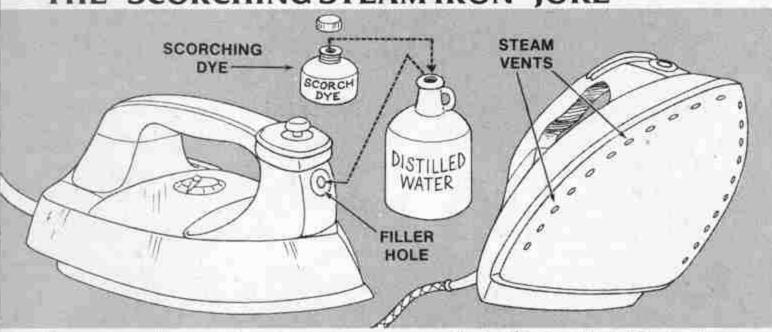


Old Coat with Limburger Cheese wrapped in gauze and sewn into lining can be used to play hilarious practical joke on an unsuspecting check room attendant.



This joke works best in a restaurant where the service is lousy, and the people are nasty. Merely check the coat, and then, somehow, manage to leave the place without it unnoticed.

THE "SCORCHING STEAM IRON" JOKE



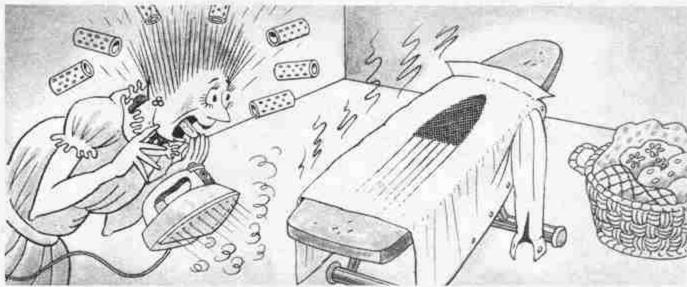
As everyone knows, steam irons are supposed to be filled with distilled water.



The joke here is to fill the bottle of distilled water in the laundry room with special "Scorching Dye."

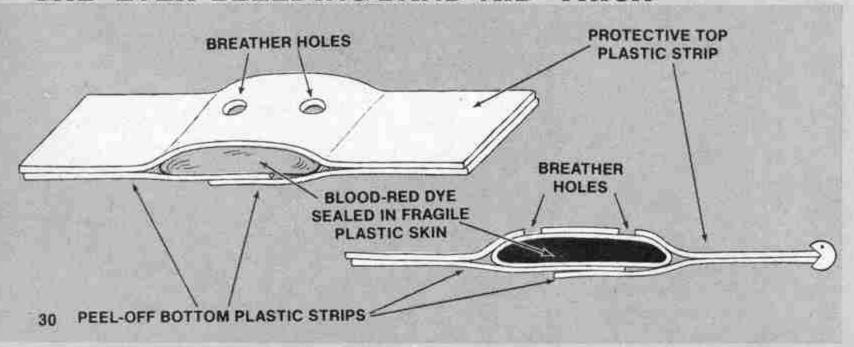


When a laundress uses the iron to press any clothes, the "Scorching Dye" is released as steam, and the results are truly horrifying.



Huge scorch mark is produced on the garment being ironed. Of course, it's only a joke, because the dye washes out with water and the laundress will share in the fun after she recovers from her heart attack.

THE "EVER-BLEEDING BAND-AID" TRICK

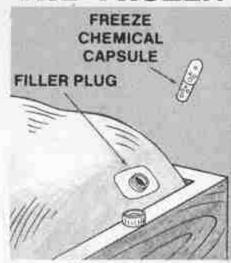




This practical joke works best on a victim with a minor wound.

In a couple of weeks, the Limburger Cheese will begin to rot through the gauze wrappings, filling the Check Room and the entire restaurant with an unbearable disgusting yechy odor.

THE "FROZEN WATERBED" GAG

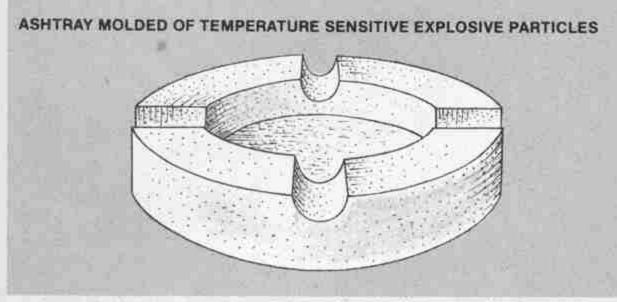


Specially made "Quickly Dissolving Capsule" fits neatly into "fill plug" of any waterbed.



Unplug waterbed, insert and shut. Releases a special "freeze chemical"—the same found in athlete's ice-packs. Fun begins when occupants of waterbed awake to find they've been sleeping on 1500 pound iceberg.

THE "FIREWORKS ASH TRAY" EFFECT



Ordinary-looking Ash Tray consists of specially-treated temperaturesensitive explosive particles pressed into the shape of an ash tray.



As smoker places cigarette into ash tray, miniscule explosive particles cling to it.



When smoker takes cigarette back from ash tray, nothing apparently is wrong with it.



But as smoker drags on cigarette, increased temperature is now enough to ignite highly-explosive particles, creating lots of laughs and good fun.



Victim tightens and squeezes trick band-aid around finger.

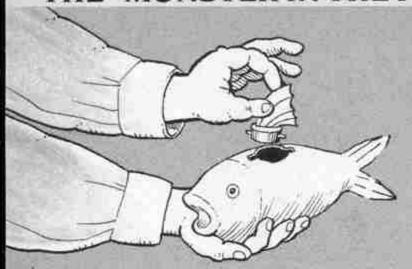


Squeezing bursts fragile bubble, and dye begins to run like blood.

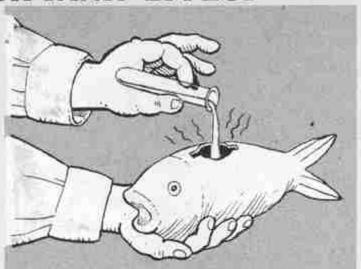


Fun is in seeing victim use one phony strip after another while screaming. "Help. I'm bleeding to death!"

THE "MONSTER IN THE FISH TANK" EFFECT



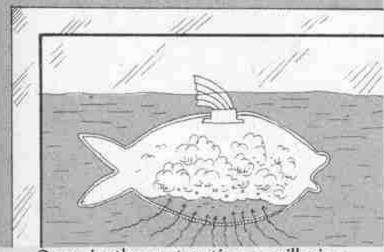
Trick Fish made of thin, opaque, toyballoon-type material with a neatlyconcealed fill hole under its dorsal fin is used in this practical joke.



With the fin removed, the Fish is filled with a special chemical that is affected in a rather curious and marvelous way by mixing with water.



When visiting any place with a fish tank, this trick is always good for some hilarious fun. Jokester simply sneaks Fake Fish into the aquarium.

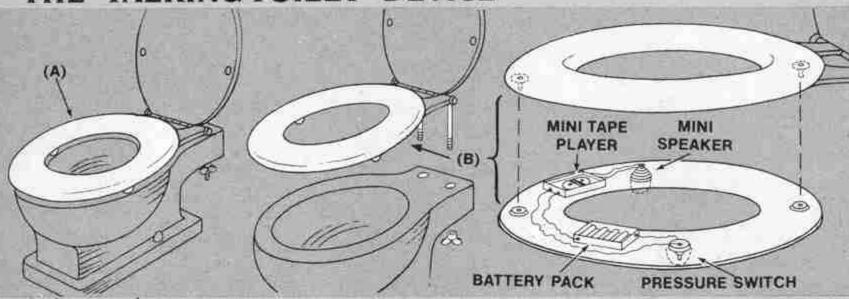


Once in the water, tiny capillaries in Fish's belly suck water inside where it combines with chemical to produce a "Slowly Expanding Gas".



After a while, the Trick Fish gets so huge that water starts sloshing out of the fish tank...along with the other rare fish. Astonishment on everyone's face soon follows, to the great amusement of the practical joke's perpetrator. (Note: This hilarious trick is equally effective in swimming pools and lakes.)

THE "TALKING TOILET" DEVICE



Ordinary toilet seat (A) is removed and replaced with "Talking Toilet Seat" (B).

Heart of this practical joke is toilet seat with built-in tape player and speaker (shown above). When user sits down, pressure switch activates tape player, and the fun begins.



Unsuspecting Victim enters bathroom to use the toilet



Victim's weight on toilet seat turns tape player on.



Victim is shocked to hear muffled voice from toilet.



Joke-player can record any funny message or sound like the list shown at the right.

A- "PHOOOOZZZZZ!"

B- "Help... I'm drowning!!"

C— "Charlie, are you sure this is the way out of the 42nd Street sewer?"

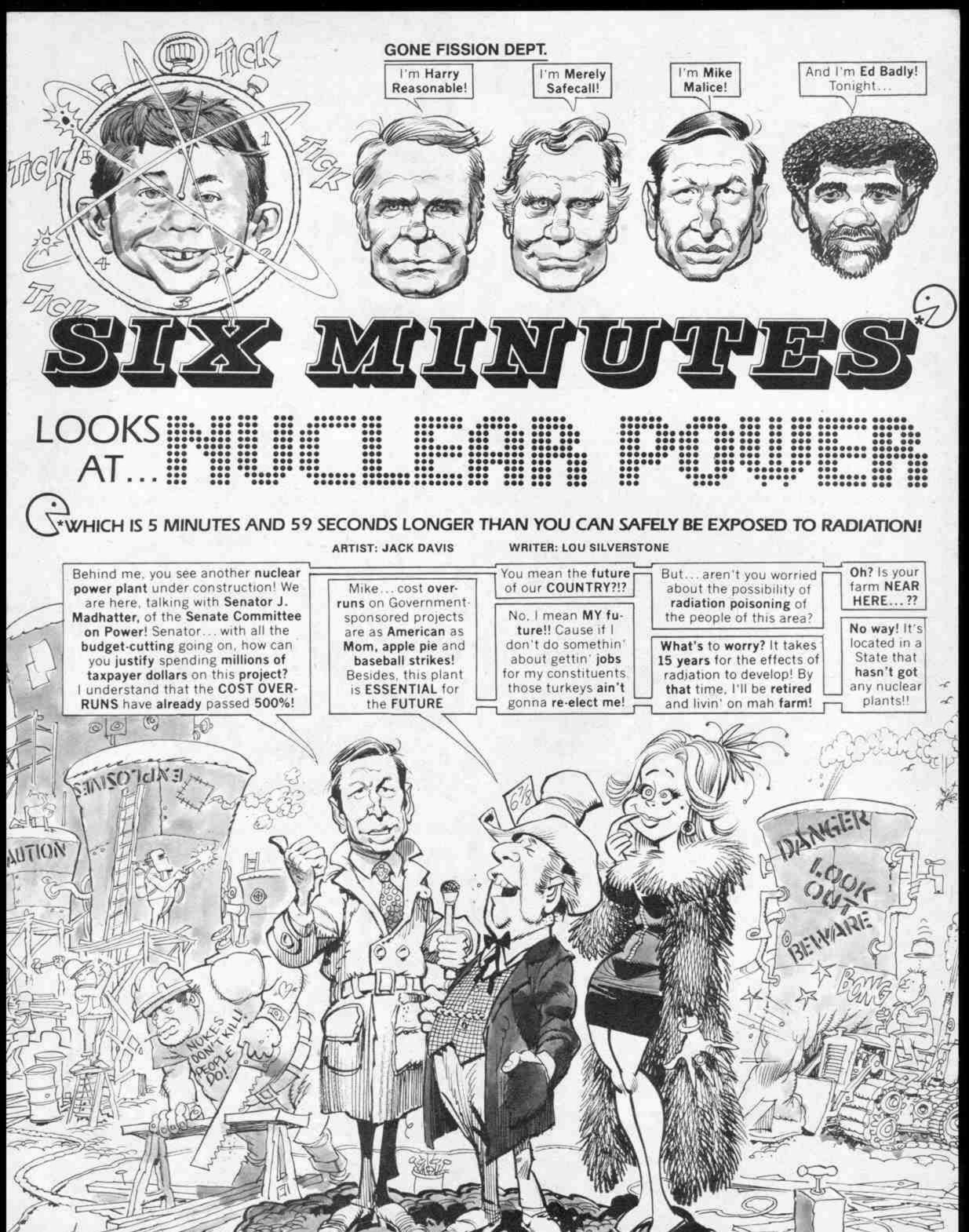
D- "Hey, why did it suddenly get so dark in here?"

E— "Attention, all cars!!

Emergency! Emergency!!

A disgusting, slimy,
thirty-foot Python is
loose in the streets,
and was last seen entering a city sewer!!"

F— "Pardon me, lady, but have you seen Jacques Cousteau up there...?"





Ah tell yuh, Mike, Solar Energy is against our American Free Enterprise System! Ah mean, nobody can own the sun! Not the oil companies! Not the power companies! Not even the Rockefellers! People would be hardly payin' ANYTHIN' to heat their houses!

profit in that? By God, Ah think Solar Energy is

Now where's the

some kind of COMMIE PLOT!



But, Senator ...! Nuclear plants can be dangerous!! After a nuclear mishap in a plant in Michigan, one of the engineers statedand I quote: "We almost lost Detroit!" Would you care to comment on that?

Wal... Ah tell yuh, it wouldn't be any great loss, Mike! Look at the CARS they turn out!

Ah've had nuthin' but trouble with THIS LEMON!! Next time, Ah'm gonna buy me one of them JAPANESE jobs! Sayonara, y'all!



We're here at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and with me is one of the Administrators, Mr. John Tweedledee! Mr. Tweedledee, what did you learn from the Three Mile Island disaster?



Never to buy stock

The NCR is in charge of "Licensing" and "On-Site Inspecting," isn't that right, Mr.

Actually, we don't do much inspecting! We leave that to the Companies! Then, we check How do you know they're supplying you with accurate data?!

Would a Nuclear Power Company Official LIE?!



Could you explain "The China Syndrome" to all our MAD readers?

Sure!! Jane Fonda played a reporterand Jack Lemmon was a ...

NOW

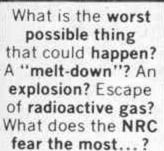
Not the MOVIE!! I mean the real thing!!

Oh, that! Well, according to a dumb theory, if there's a "meltdown," the core would continue to burn down through the Earth until it

But that can't happen! As soon as the molten core reached the water table-WHAM! We'd have a radioactive steam explosion that'd make Hiroshima look like a fire-cracker! Chinese people wouldn't be harmed... unless they lived near the plant!!





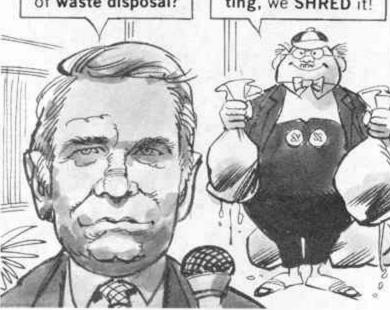


What we fear the MOST is the public finding out how expensive and dangerous these "Nukes"



I'm with Mr. Jack Tweedledum of the Environmental Protection Agency! Mr. Tweedledum... what is the government doing about the serious problem of waste disposal?

Mr. Reasonable, we in government eliminate our waste just like everybody else! We flush it, bag it, throw it out of our car windows...and if it's incriminating, we SHRED it!

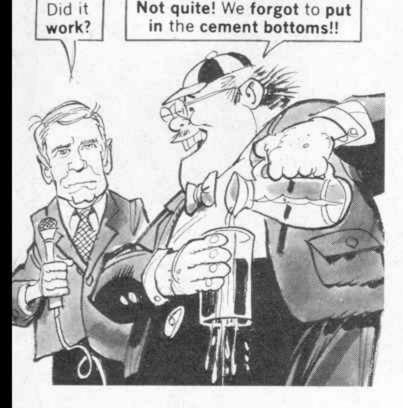


I meant "NU-CLEAR" waste!! According to critics, there is NO WAY of disposing of nuclear waste materials!!

That's a lie, spread by those off-the-wall environmentalists! See all those file cabinets?! They're filled with different methods we've used to get rid of nuclear waste!



One of the first methods we tried was putting the stuff into large ditches in the ground with thick cement walls!



I know this is Want to hear something supposed to be a humor magazine. even MORE but that's too ridiculous? ridiculous even It actually for OUR readers! happened...

This was another great scheme! We recycled the radioactive waste and sold it for use as a ground-fill in construction projects!

But wasn't that dangerous for the occupants of the buildings??

Only if you consider getting the equivalent of 500 chest X-rays a year dangerous!!



We've gotten rid of lots of nuclear waste by putting it in steel drums and dropping them into the ocean!

If the drums leaked, wouldn't that cause environmental damage?!?

You bet! You know anybody who wants to buy some four foot mutant spider crabs?!



we'd have perpetual atomic fall-out!

My favorite solution to the problem

was to rocket the crap into outer

space! But some bleeding hearts were

afraid the rocket might explode, and

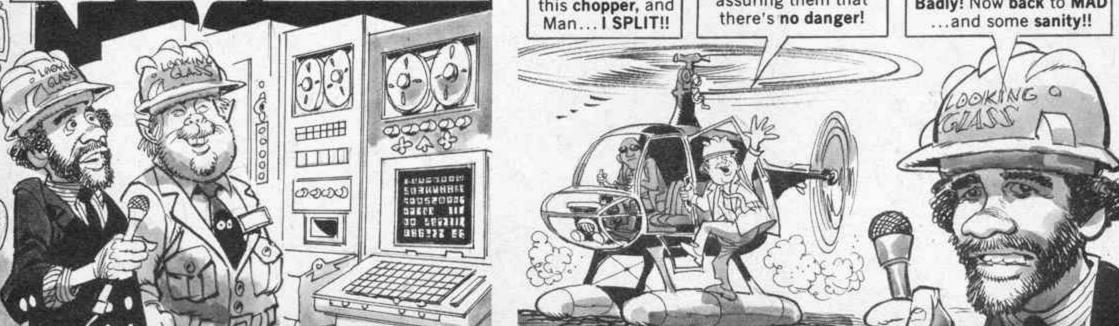


It seems like you've tried everything but waste into **GLAD BAGS!**

I must make a note of that! Who knows! It might work!!







YESTERDAY IN DOWNTOWN FREENSVILLE











ERR APPARENT DEPT.

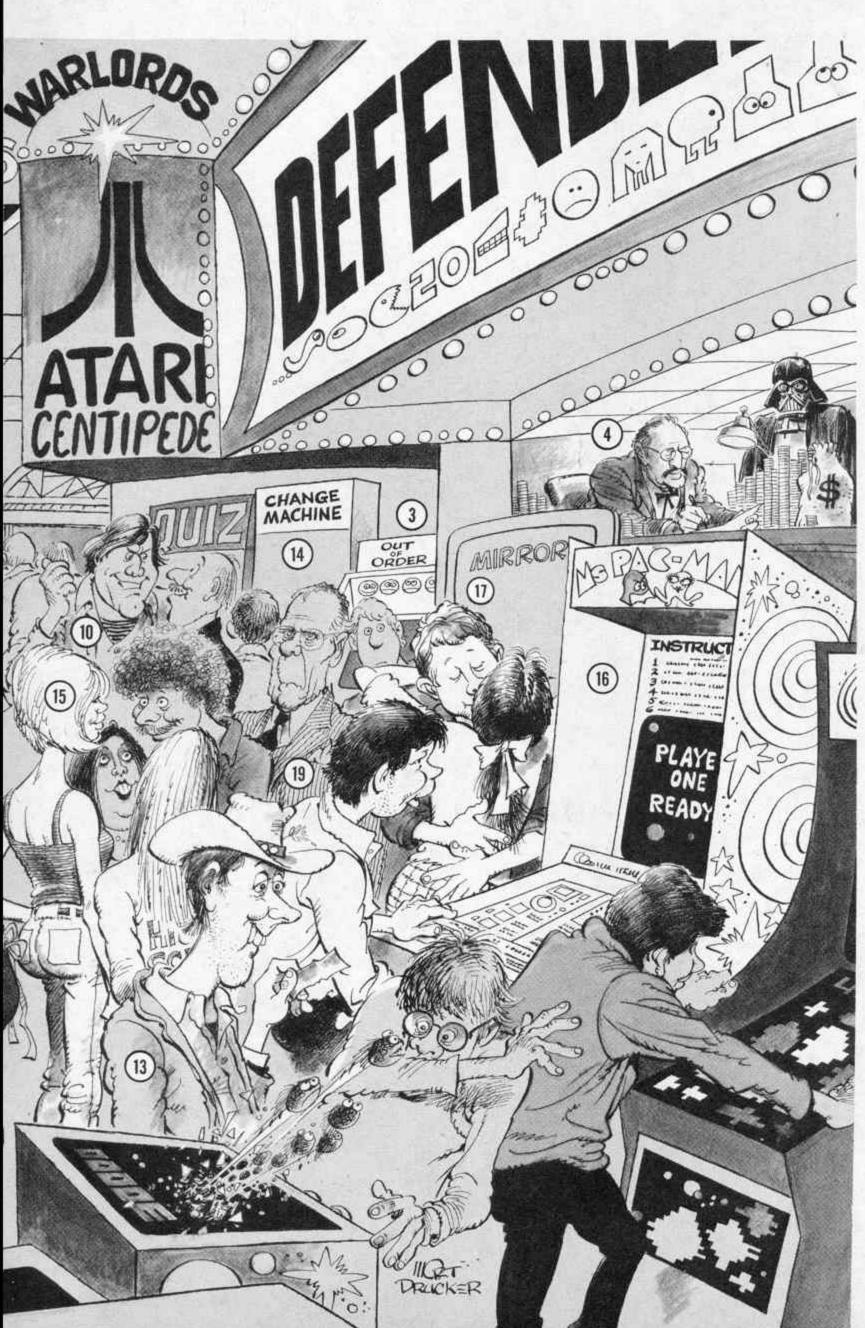
Recently, we asked one of our idiot artists to do a drawing of a Video Games Center. Unfortunately, he didn't do a very

HOW MANY MISTAKES CAN



good job. In fact, he made a lot of mistakes...20 in all! Now it's up to you to find them. Which is why we're asking:

YOU FIND IN THIS PICTURE?



ANSW

- The teenager isn't playing a game because his parents forbade him to spend any more money in here.
- The guy who has to go to the bathroom is actually leaving the game to go to the bathroom.
- There is an "Out Of Order" sign on a game that's out of order.
- The owner of the Video Game Center is reporting all of his cash income.
- The Game Center Manager is actually exercising his right not to admit undesirables.
- 6. The guy calling home is not telling his parents that he's "studying in the library."
- The guy who ran out of money is not bumming from his friends.
- The Mafia does not own any of these Video Game Machines.
- The guy is not being humiliated by his friends for his low game score.
- 10. The guy who lost his quarter in a game is lodging a formal complaint instead of destroying the machine.
- The person who didn't receive his change from the vending machine is getting reimbursed.
- The player had a good time playing "Pong," even though he lost.
- The guy with the empty candy wrapper is looking for a trash can to throw it into.
- The change-making machine is not out of change.
- There are girls in here.
- 16. The "Instructions For Playing The Game" is clear and comprehensible.
- The guy is more interested in his date than he is in the video game.
- 18. The student is not cutting classes to play the games.
- The man in the suit and tie is not a Truant Officer.
- 20. This guy has decided to stop playing the games because he wants to save his last dollar to buy MAD.

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER WRITER: CHRIS HART



CLAWS AND EFFECT DEPT.

FOR ALL YOU SOFT-HEARTED CLODS WHO LOVE LIVE LOBSTERS...BUT CANNOT



DIAPER RINSER



EXTENSION PRONGS



TURN INDICATOR

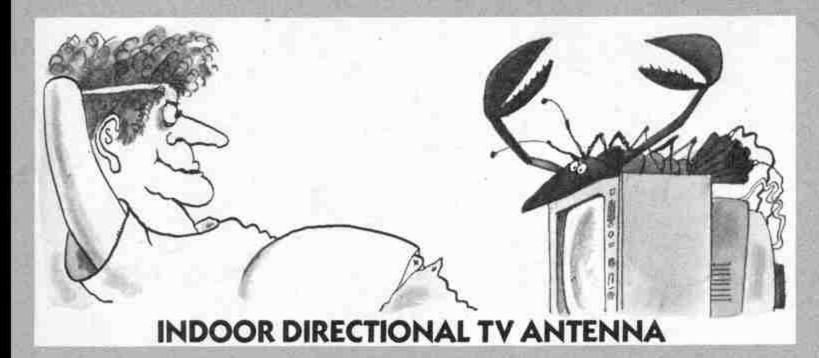


COAT & HAT RACK

BRING YOURSELVES TO THROW THEM INTO BOILING WATER, WE BRING YOU...

R LIVE LOBSTERS

ARTIST & WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES







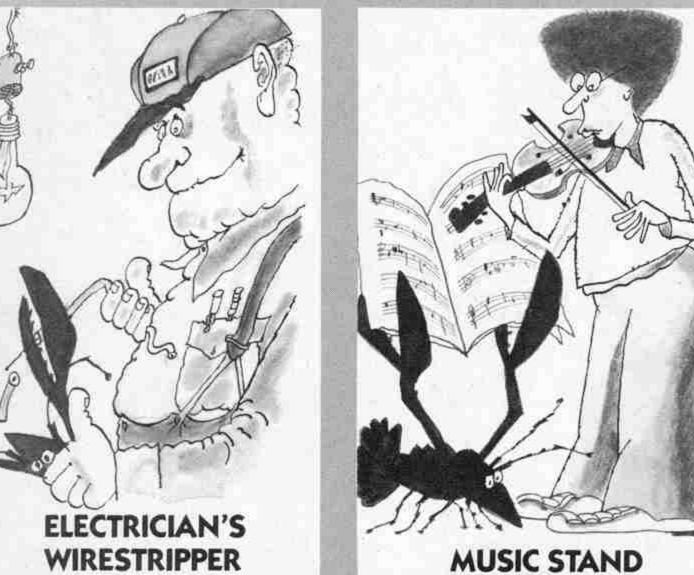








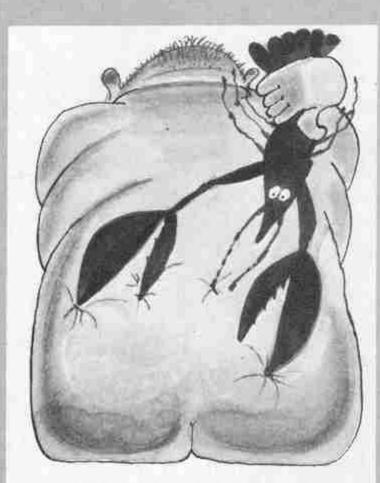




MUSIC STAND



TOOTHBRUSH HOLDER



BACK SCRATCHER



PIZZA PIE SLICER

CRASHING BORE DEPT.

There's a popular new show on television about a Stunt Man who doubles as a Bounty Hunter. The Producers probably figured out that by combining the two occupations, they could get their star into twice as many fights as usual... both on and off the set. Which is why we call our version of this idiocy...

BRAWL GUY

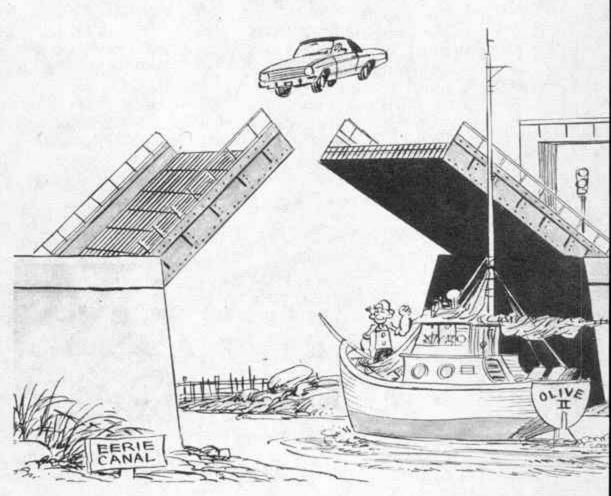
ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES WRITER: DICK DE BARTOLO

THIS IS THE STORY OF ONE OF AMERICA'S GREAT UNSUNG HEROES... THE STUNT MAN...

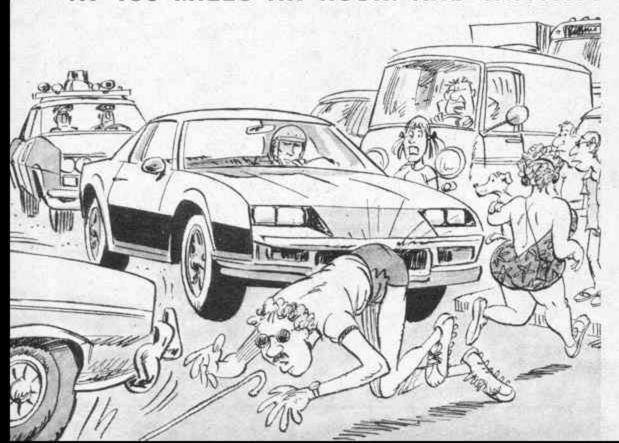
HE CRASHES THROUGH BARRICADES...

LEAPS ACROSS WIDE OPEN SPACES...





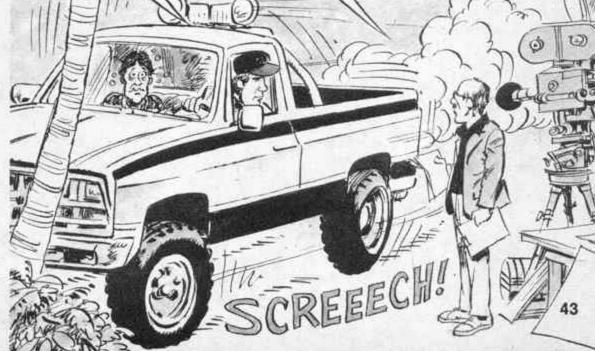
ZOOMS THROUGH CROWDED INTERSECTIONS AT 100 MILES AN HOUR! AND WHY...??



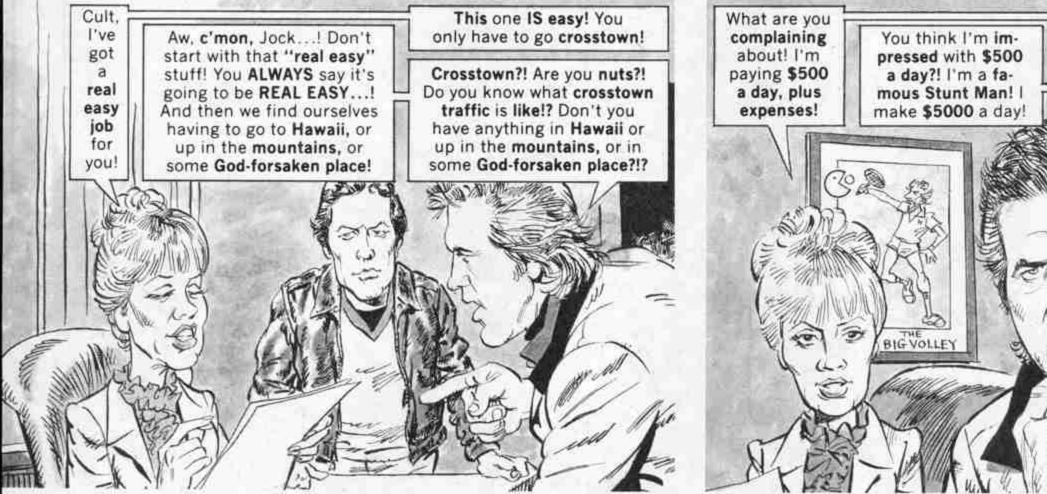
Well, we made it to the studio on time again! For a while there, I thought we were going to be late for work!

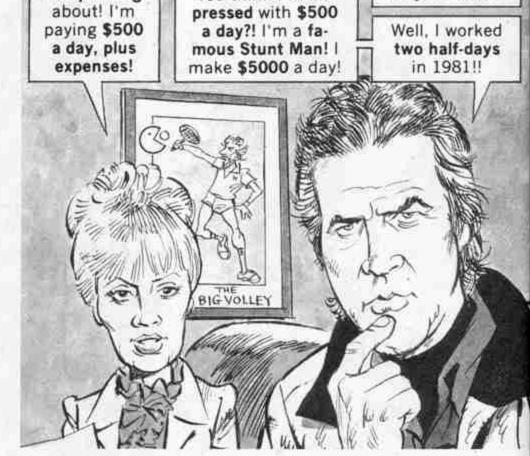
Good morning, Cult!
We've got a really
tough "car chase"
scene for you to
film this morning!

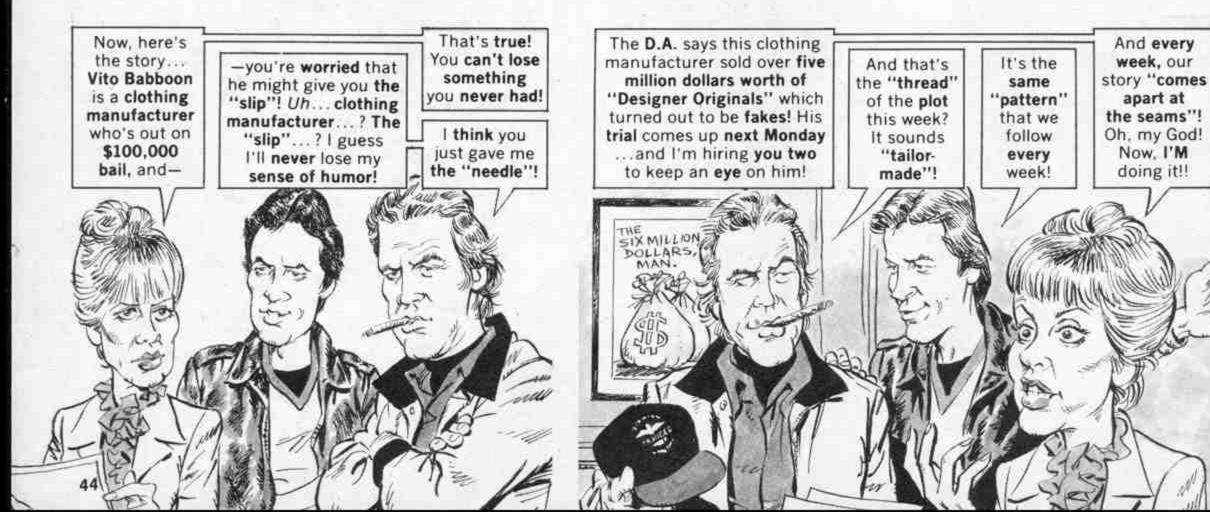
Great! But I
gotta have my
coffee first!
I can't do any
REAL driving
until I wake up!

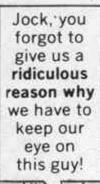












Well... the
Underworld
doesn't want
this guy to
testify! And
you know how
MEAN the
"Family"
can get!!

I KNEW the Family operates in New York and Chicago... but do they ALSO operate out here in sunny California?

Yes, but out here, they're a little more laid back! If they catch Vito, they might force him not to testify by making him wear a polyester suit while sitting in the hot sun by an empty swimming pool without any sunglasses, holding a warm pina-colada!

My God...!! That's so brutal!!

This is the building where Vito has his manufacturing operation! Who'd ever suspect that a place like this would be ripping off famous designs?



Let's check Vito's office!
You want to scale the wall
...shimmy up the elevator
cable... or climb the fire
escape and go in a window?

Can't we just WALK in?!?

be stupid, Howdy! We're STUNT MEN! Isn't this clever, Howdy? We opened the skylight and climbed down this rope right into Vito's office! Yeah... and what a climb! This is a 40-story building, and Vito's office is on the GROUND FLOOR!



Look, Cult! No wonder
Vito never moved all
through the six hours
we watched him! It's a
mannequin! How could
we have been fooled
by a mannequin?!?

Better not ask,
Howdy! With the
acting ability
on this show,
that MANNEQUIN
has the best
shot at an Emmy!



Cult! I just saw a car pull out of the driveway! We better follow him before he gives us the "bra"!

The "bra"?!
You mean—
before he
gives us
the slip"!

No... we
USED that
"thimble"
minded
pun before!

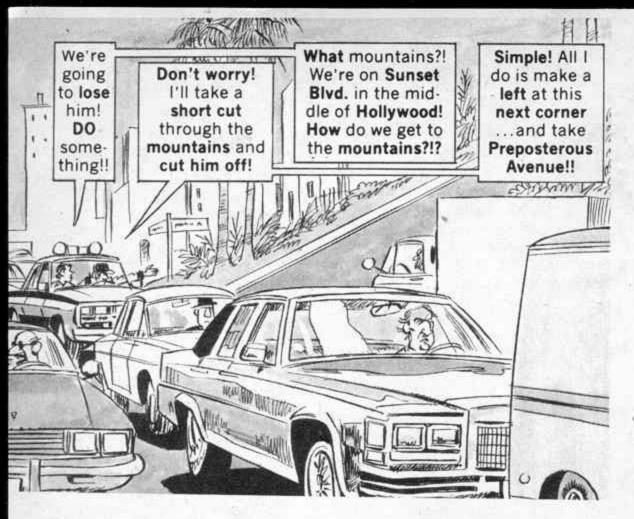
"SEW what!?!
We have to do
anything we
can to keep
the audience
in "stitches"!

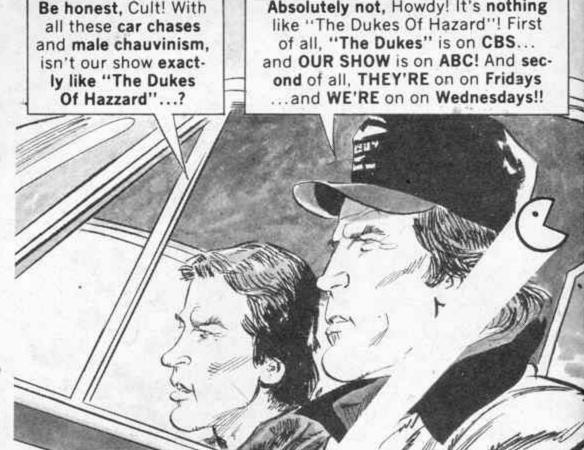
Cult, how come we have this outrageous truck... covered with tons of chrome and equipment... and yet, no one seems to notice us when we follow them...?

Because I change the license plates every day...to throw them off!!







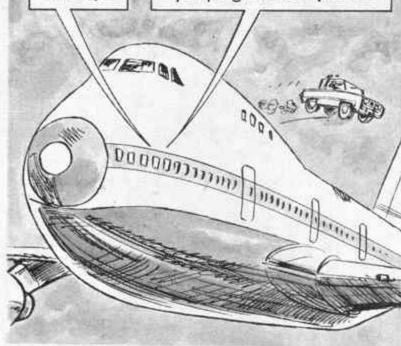


Howdy, remember the time we jumped the truck over a building, and the time we jumped it over a moving train? Well, they were nothing compared to THIS jump! So, hang on ...!!



Why aren't you watching the movie, Sidney?

Ahh, I hate those ridiculous James Bond films with their unbelievable stunts! I'll just stare out the window ...and watch that truck jumping over our plane!!



Y'know, jumping this truck in the air so much has a real advantage! The thing is two years old already, and it's only got 200 miles on the odometer! Because the wheels are hardly ever on the road! Boy, do the guys at the truck dealership hate me! I've got a 50,000 mile warrantee!!

Absolutely not, Howdy! It's nothing



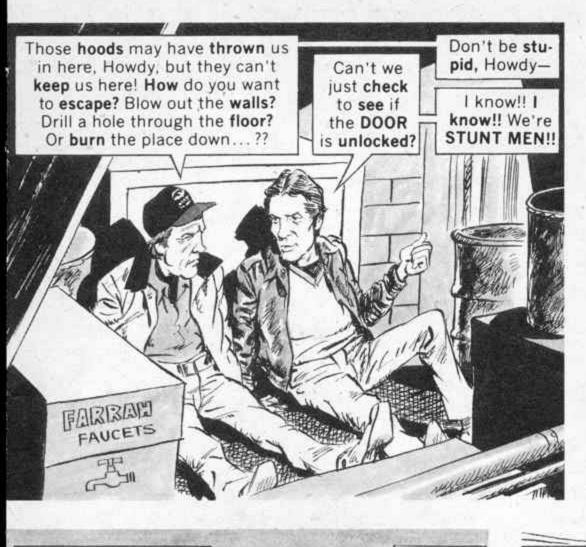
Okay, Vito! Howdy, But we were Out of the I was runchasing will Hoo-boy! This car! Why ning away you because dialogue needs you were you to be "taken "button" because you were running running you were in" for your away? "alterations"! lip!?! chasing me! away!

Okay, nobody move! We've been trying to "collar" this guy... but now that you two are involved, we're puttin' the "cuffs' on you, too ...!!

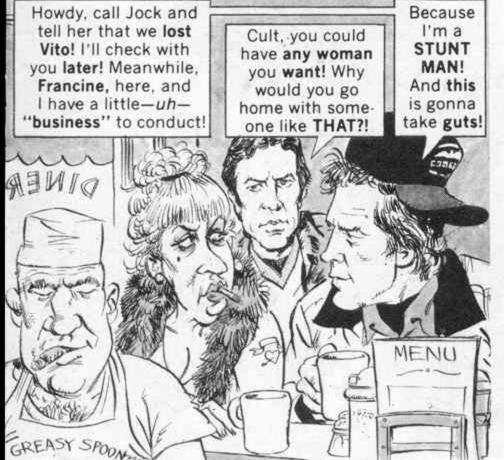
I'm warning you! What you're doing is against the Law! What?! We do two lousy puns, and right away, it's against the Law?! If that's true, then you guys'd be up for Life Imprisonment!!

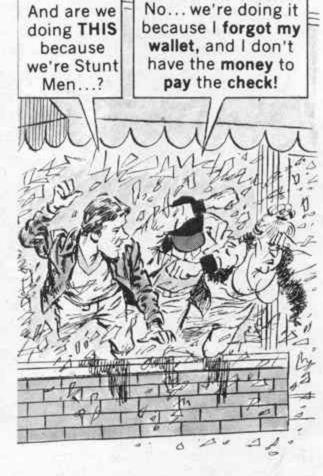


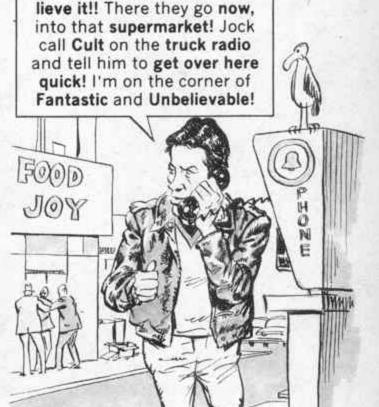






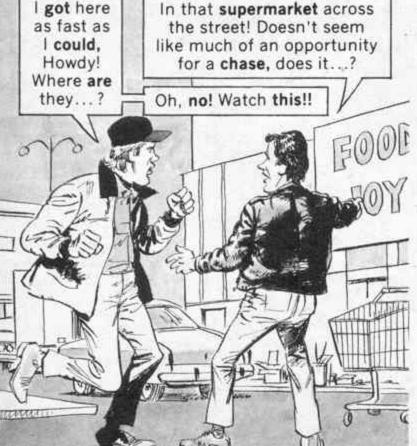






Jock, Vito got away! Two thugs

took him and ... I-I don't be-













Well, we did what we were supposed to do! We got the guy Jock hired us to get, we did 15 unbelievable stunts and we topped our quota of \$50,000 in property damage!

For a reward, ABC got us a double date for tonight! Say hello to Hildy ... and Buffy...!

Hi, Hildy and Buffy! Are you girls ready for a real hot time? Cult and lare-

Hey, Cult!! These aren't **REAL GIRLS!** They're the two guys from "BUSOM BUDDIES"!



A "SNAPPY ANSWERS TO STUPID QUESTIONS" FAIRY TALE FOLD-IN

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

In this "Frog and the Princess" scene, the Frog seems to have all the snappy answers. But after you fold in the page as shown at the right, the Princess winds up with the snappiest comeback!



A)

FOLD THIS SECTION OVER LEFT

B F

FOLD BACK SO "A" MEETS "B"

ARE YOU MY LONG LOST PRINCE?

DID A WITCH
CAST YOU
INTO THIS PERFECTLY
HORRIBLE ROLE?

SHALL I KISS YOUR LIPS AND FREE YOU FROM YOUR TORMENT? NO, I'M YOUR ORDINARY, EVERYDAY TALKING FROG!

NO, I ALWAYS
DRESS IN FUNKY
GREEN TIGHTS
TO SHOW OFF MY SHAPE.

NO, I LIKE
SUFFERING
THE ICY GLAZE
OF BRUTAL WINTER
IN THIS FILTHY
POND!!



