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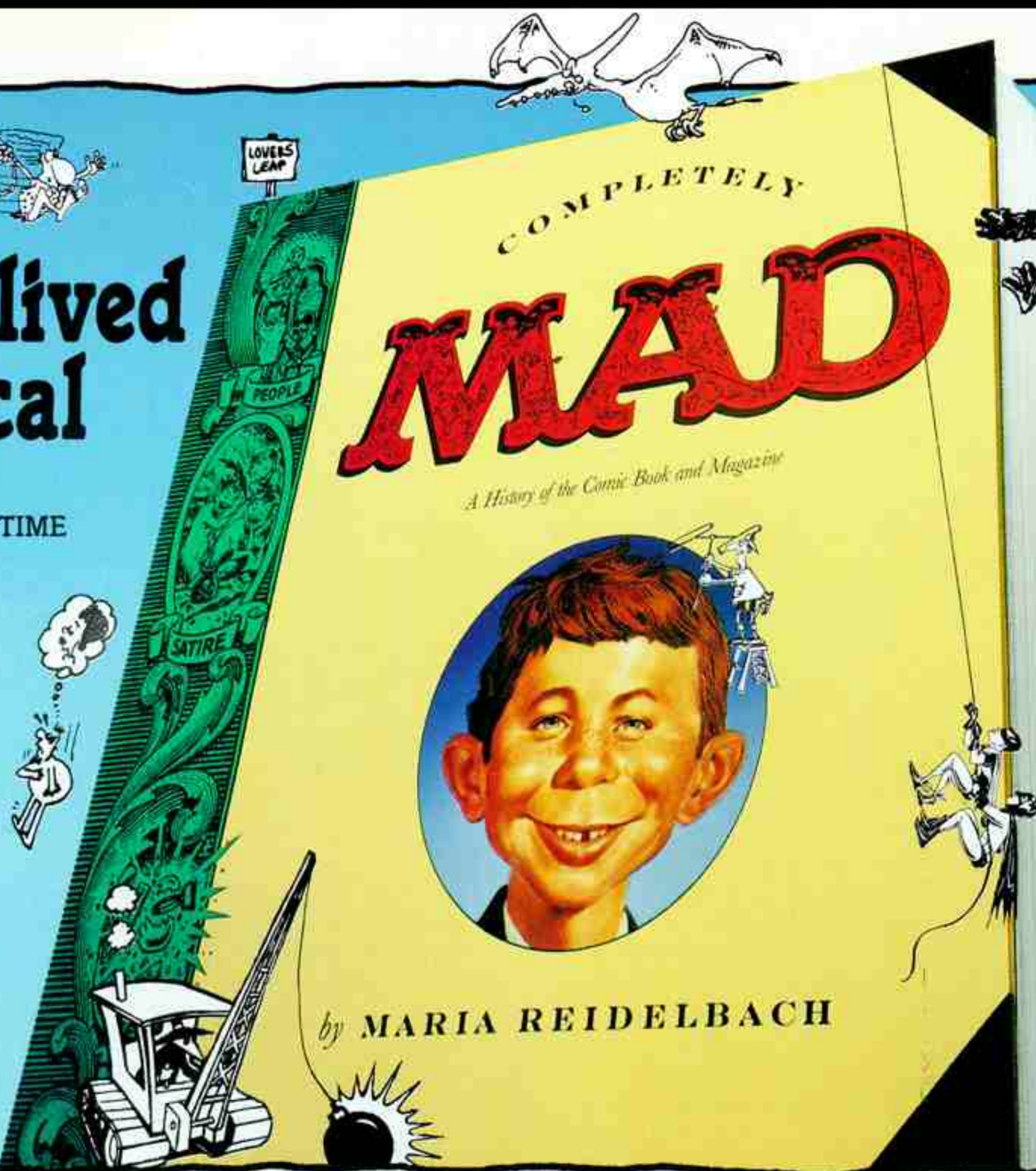


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## LETTERS AND TOMATOES DEPT.



## SATURDAY NIGHT JIVE

During a recent taping of NBC's *Saturday Night Live* I encountered cast member Phil Hartman in deep concentration mid-way through your incisive article about Madonna. I snapped this photo because I thought you'd enjoy his reaction!

Stanley Moss  
New York, NY



SNL's popular Phil Hartman in what may be a first: A photo of a celebrity voluntarily reading an issue of MAD that contains absolutely no reference to him whatsoever! None! Zero! Zip!

## "STUPID TEEN"

Your "Stupid Teen" fakeout cover on the back of MAD #305 was great, and I couldn't help but notice that in the picture of the New Kids, Donnie Wahlberg is barefoot. This reminded me of the Beatles' *Abbey Road* album controversy when Paul was barefoot. Does this mean that Donnie is dead?

Jared B. Johnson  
Orlando, FL

Jared B.—Yes, but only from the neck up!—Ed.

Many thanks for the "Stupid Teen" cover. We all loved it. Your guys write better cover lines than we do!

Sanford Schwarz  
Super Teen Director  
New York, NY





## MORON MAIL

Please. Print my letter print my letter  
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letter print my letter print my letter PRINT  
MY LETTER!!!! Thank you for your time.

Gavin Stansill  
West Linn, OR

Gavin. You're a schmuck you're a schmuck you're  
a schmuck you're a schmuck you're a schmuck  
you're a schmuck you're a schmuck YOU'RE A  
SCHMUCK!!!! Thanks for writing.—Ed.



## CAKE MY DAY

For my 13th birthday, my parents threw  
me a surprise party. But I was even more  
surprised when I saw the cake! Yecch!  
Alfred!

Matt Smucker  
Bird-In-Hand, PA



It's a good thing you're not a fan of *Vanity Fair*  
magazine, or your parents would have given you  
a cake with a big, bloated Demi Moore on it!—Ed.

Here's a picture of a cake I brought to a  
recent party at the sprawling Brooklyn  
ranch of world-famous MAD artist Rick  
Tulka.

Brian Fitterman  
Syosset, NY



Fitz—Your cake looks lovely, but we have one  
question: Who cut it?—Ed.

## GENERAL CONFUSION



In response to the cover of MAD #305,  
Daniel Brannan of Jacksonville, IL  
sent us this sketch of a character he  
calls "Stormin' Neuman." Even though  
Norman Schwarzkopf is known as "The  
Bear," Neuman is known as "The Ass!"

## YOU MAY ALREADY BE A LOSER!!

I am an avid fan of your magazine, and a  
new idea has come to me. On the covers of  
your MAD Collector's Series Super Specials,  
it lists the number of that copy in a limited  
edition of 1,003,300. Why not turn this  
failed attempt at humor into a contest? In a  
future issue of MAD, feature a randomly  
chosen number. Then, whichever idiot  
bought that copy can mail it in and win a  
free subscription! This would massively  
boost sales to a new high! Then again, no  
one would admit that they were stupid  
enough to waste \$3.50 on such garbage!

Jeff Pressey  
Oxford, ME

Jeffy—Excellent idea! So excellent, we'll do it!  
We are pleased to announce the MAD Collector's  
Series "Jackpotrzebie"! Beginning with MAD Col-  
lector's Series #2, if the number printed on the  
cover of any reader's copy matches one of the  
ten randomly selected numbers printed below,  
they will win a one-year subscription to MAD!  
We will reprint the winning numbers in the fol-  
lowing Collector's Series and choose new win-  
ning numbers for each Collector's Series Edition.  
To claim your prize, send the original cover (no  
photocopies) to: MAD Winner's Circle, 485 MADi-  
son Ave., New York, NY 10022. All prize claims  
subject to verification. Relatives of William  
Mildred Farnsworth Higgenbottom Pious Gaines  
IX (and you know who you are) are not eligible!  
Void in any state where prohibited by law. And  
for suggesting an idea we will all soon regret,  
Jeff gets a free one-year subscription and a fab-  
ulous MAD pin collection! Fa fa fal!—Ed.

Here are the MAD Collector's Series #2  
Winning Numbers

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0,921,257	0,364,819	0,138,578
0,604,491	0,118,650	0,634,021
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be returned or acknowledged, however, unless they are  
accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope or  
a note suggesting a name for John's new  
black and white tuxedo cat!

We've decided to tackle the  
**SWIMSUIT ISSUE**  
and immerse ourselves in  
Aquatic Humor, Fishy Satire  
and Deep-Sea Trash!

Don't be a Chicken of the Sea!  
Take our Bait  
and Dive into ...



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I'm **Lt. Mudrock!** I play a **stupid police officer** on an even **more stupid TV show!** Right now I'm on a **secret mission** at the **Darnslo's** house! I can't divulge the nature of the case! For now, all I can tell you is that the **code name** of my investigation is...

Sorry to **barge in**, but I'm here on **police business!** I'm under **strict orders** to **interrogate** your family, but because I like you, I'm just going to ask you all a **lot of questions!** Why don't you all **introduce yourselves!**

Well, you know me, boss! I'm **Card Darnslo**, a law enforcement agent in the tradition of **Superman** and **Batman!** How? People don't believe in **them**, and they don't believe in **me**, either— a **jovial, 100% honest Chicago cop!**

I'm **Harried**, the **wife!** I cook, sew, manage the budget, and **feed the family!** What do I feed them? Mainly, **straight lines!**

I'm **Adora**, the **teen-age daughter!** I have a "**love interest**" in **Dweeb Irksome**, the little **nerd** next door! I'd **LOVE** to see him get flattened by a truck!



I'm **Card's mother!** Even though I'm a **grandma**, I **boogie!** I **bow!** I even play **foot-ball—tackle!** Now if you'll excuse me, I must get my **underthings** from the **wash!** You'd be **amazed** at how long it takes a **jock strap** to **tumble dry!**

I'm **Ratewell**, Harried's **widowed sister!** Carl and Harried let me live here! Not because they **care** about me—they **need** me and my **precocious** son to complete their ideal **sitcom** family!

What's "**pre-dough-cuss**" mean?

When you **mispronounce** words like that it means **high ratings** and **big laughs!** I'm **Eggie**, the **not-too-bright** son! I make "**C**"'s in school, but **amazingly**, I don't have to work that hard to **get** them!

I'm **Dweeb Irksome**, the **pushy, unhip** kid next door! I'm not part of the **Darnslo** family, which they're the **first** to admit! I hang out here 'cause my **REAL** parents won't admit I'm part of **their** family either! **he-he! snort-snort!**

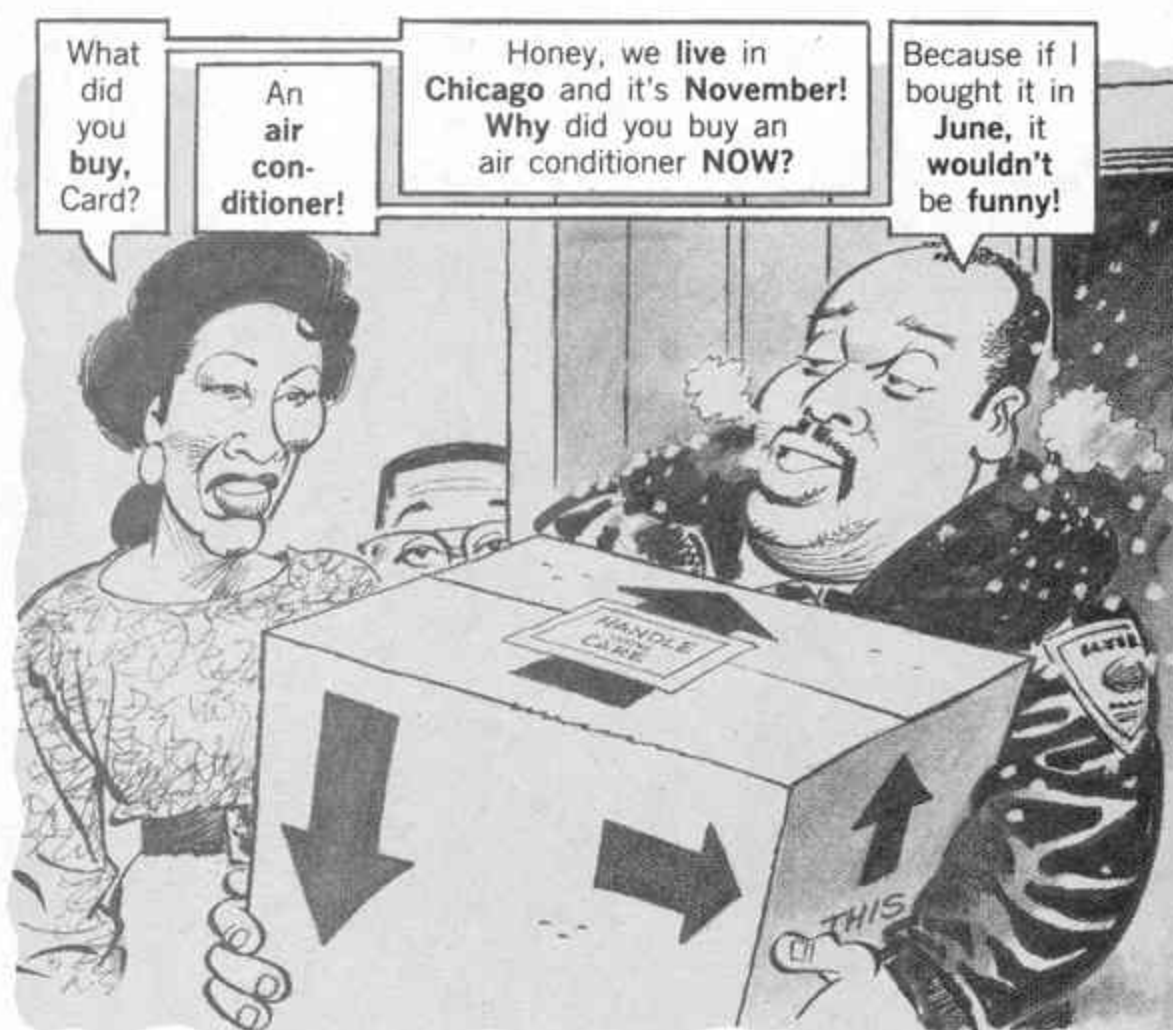
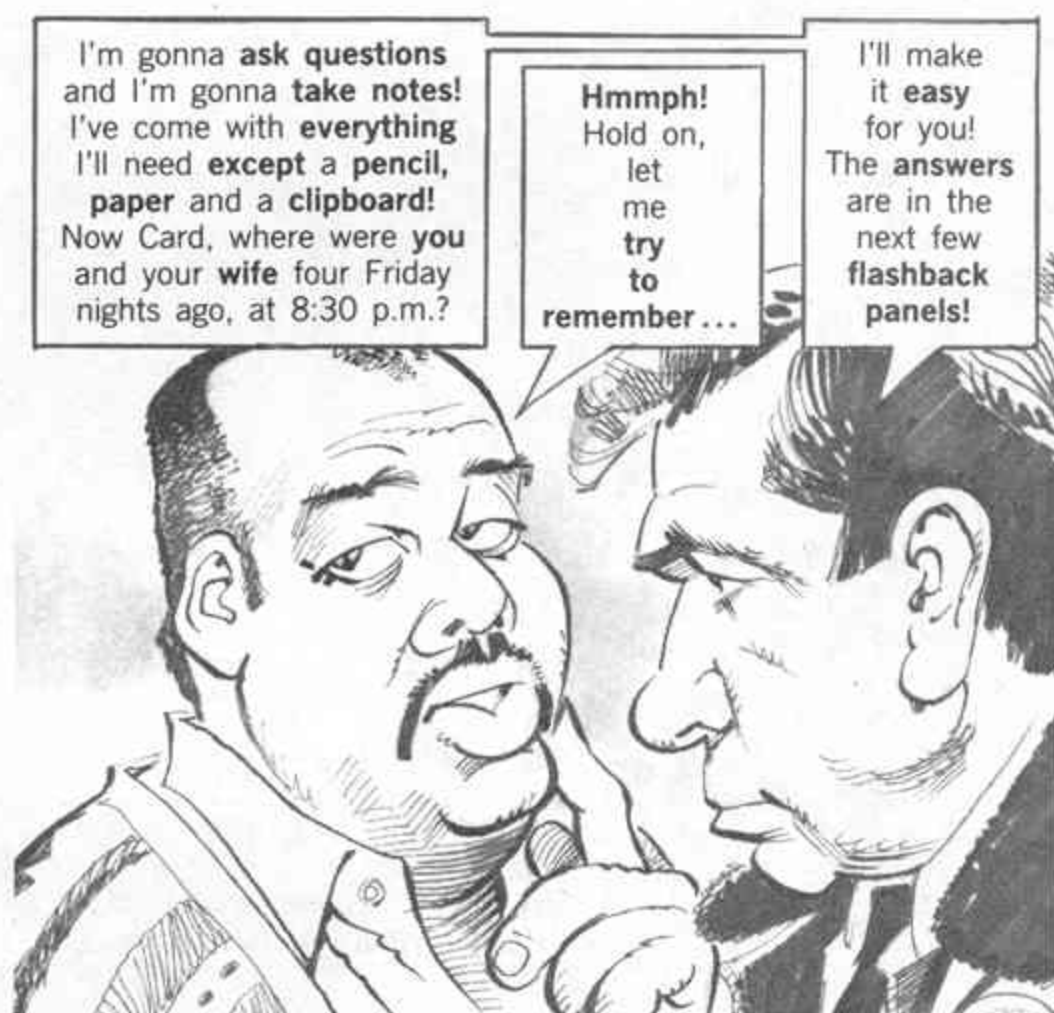


# Familiar Matters



ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO



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Hmmm ... I see why Irsome does that stupid giggle and that pig snort! It signals the technicians where to lay in the laugh track!

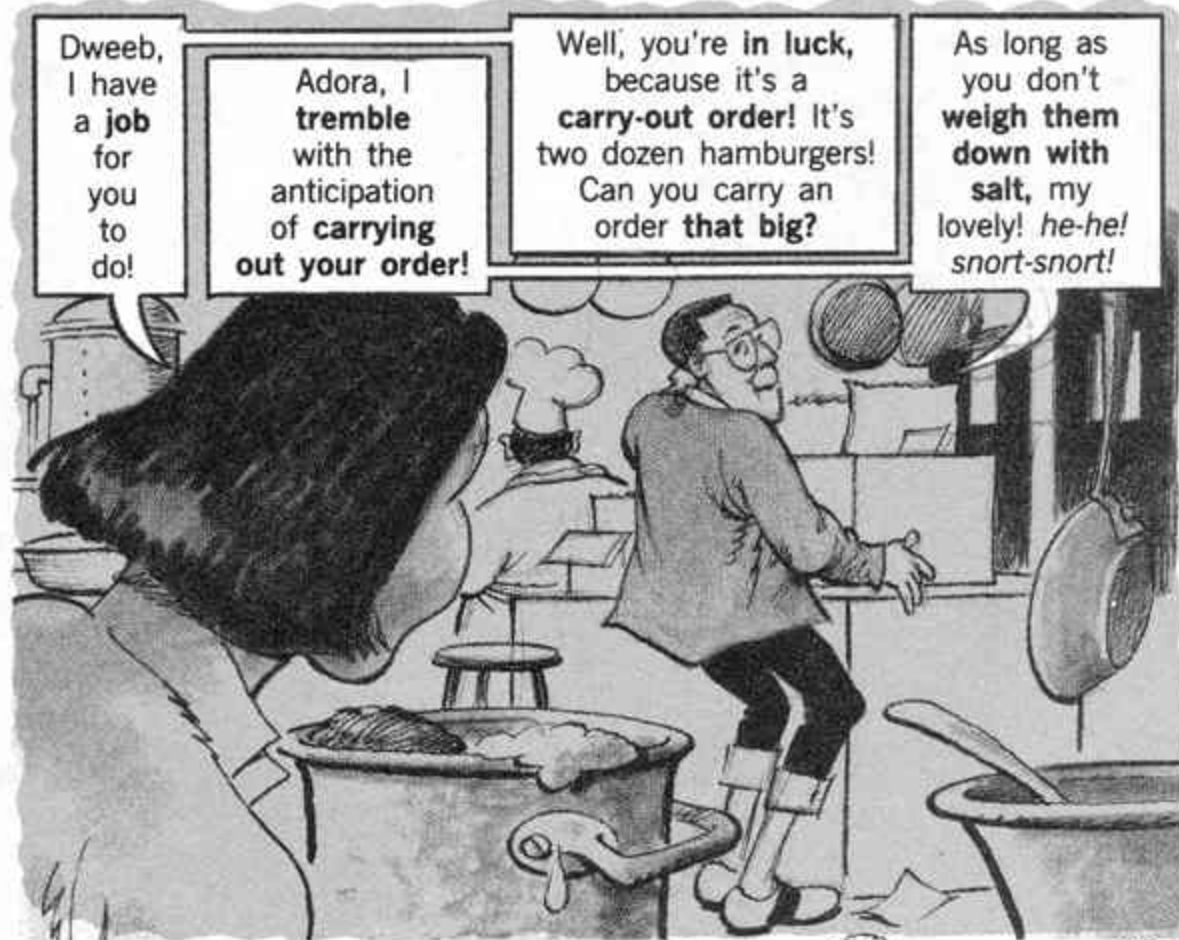
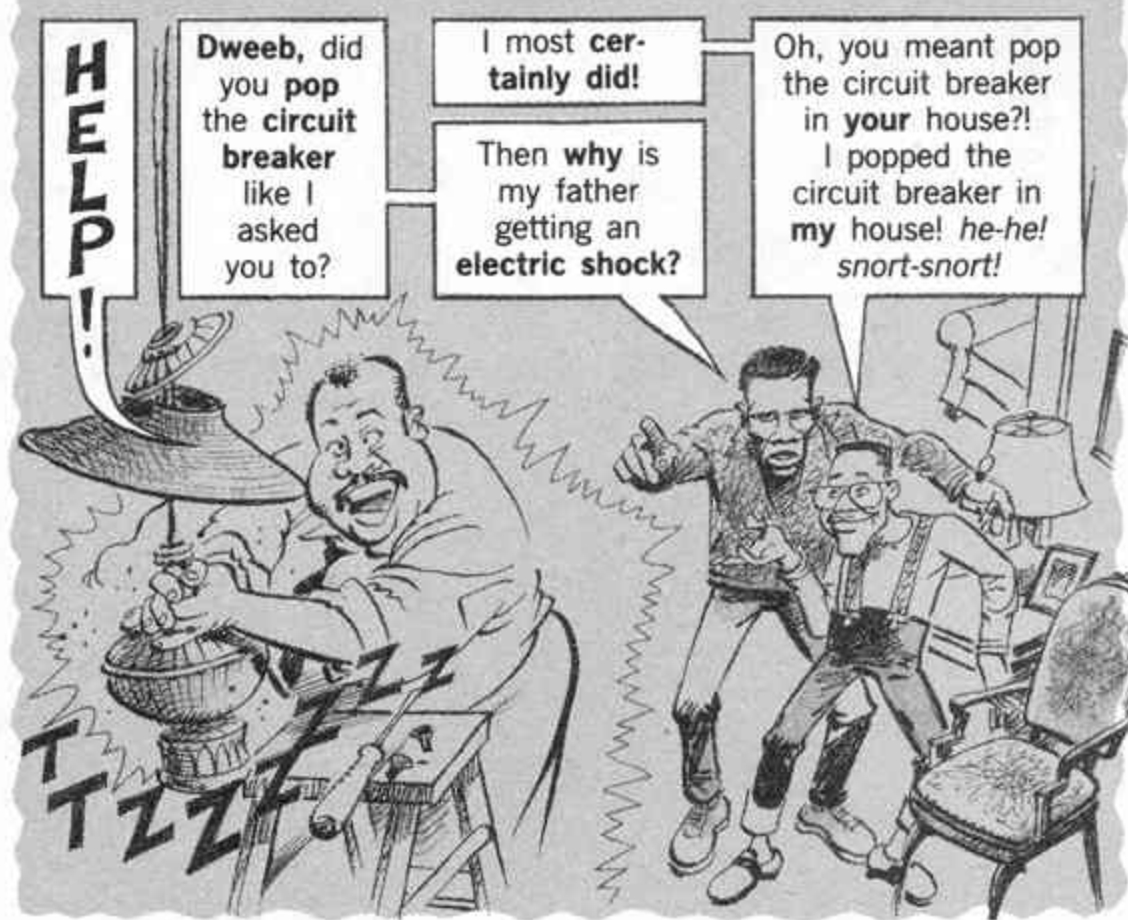
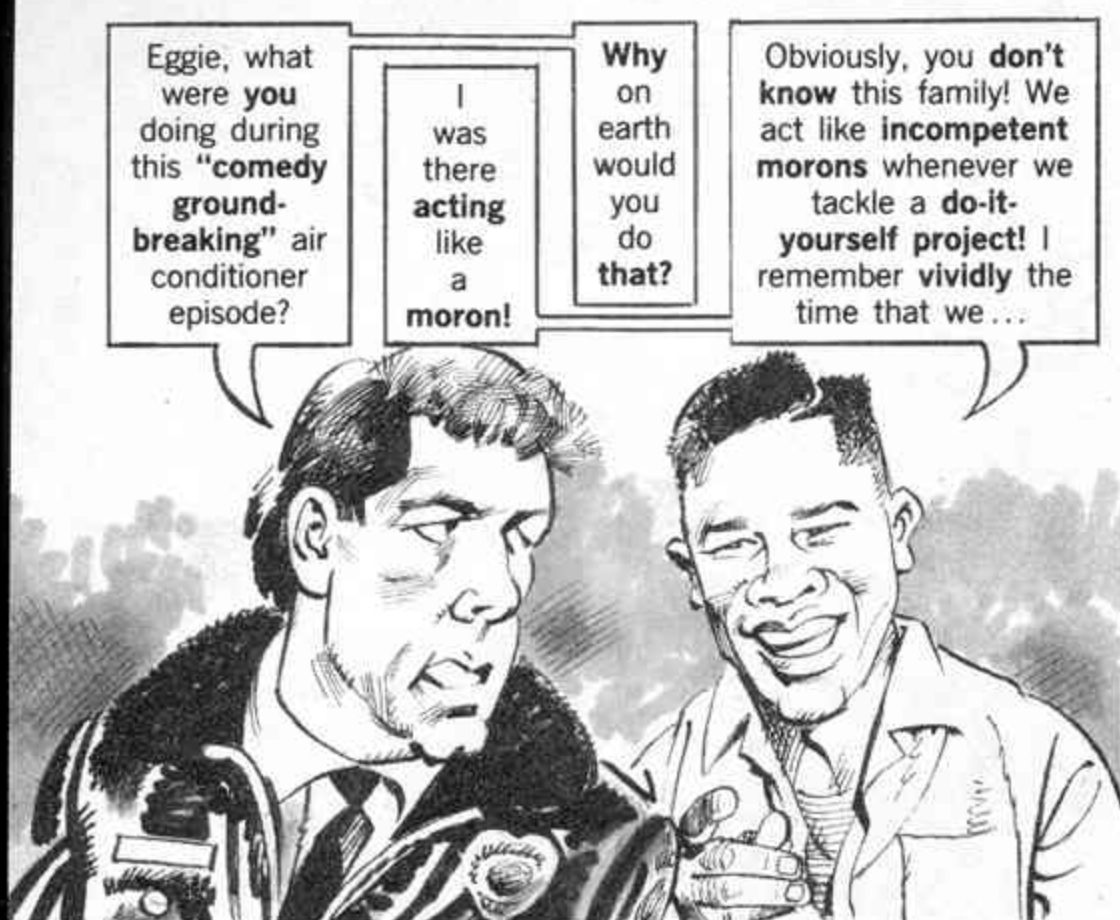


Why does the audience "Ooooh" over the dumbest things?

Certain situations on this program precipitate a guttural reaction within the upper body area of the confined audience members! So they "Ooooh" to keep from barfing!











Ratewell, how could you, a widow who has to move in with her family because she has no money, afford a restaurant?

Simple! Irksome burned down the old restaurant, so Card loaned me the money to buy and rebuild it!

Card was able to loan you the money? On a Chicago cop's salary?!!

If you ask me, Lieutenant, that sounds more like "Unsolved Miseries" than "Familiar Matters"!

Grandma Darnslow, where were you six Friday nights ago around the 8:30-9:00 p.m. time slot?

I was at the ball-park! Little League?

Little League! Ha! I was out shagging flies with Ken Griffey Junior AND Senior! Then later, I was with my son! I remember him saying...



Ratewell's restaurant isn't too busy tonight, so I'm going to help business by ordering four burgers and four fries for myself!

You're gonna eat that much food?!!

Gotta keep up my strength, mom, I'm a police officer!

Keep eating like that and you'll be a police CAR!!!

Keep it up, mom! You know the LAPD aren't the only ones who can swing a nightstick!



Dweeb, where were you nine Friday nights ago around 8:30, 7:30 Central?

Shooting baskets with Card! I'm with Card almost every night!

Don't your mom and dad worry about you?

They only worry when I'm in their home! Boy, I love doing things with Card! That night on the court we...



Dweeb, will you stop dancing all over the court and just shoot the ball!

Jeepers, Card! That's how much you know! You gotta warm up your tibia maximus first!

Okay, I give up! What's a tibia maximus?

All I know, Card, is that it applies to basketball! Or is it violin playing? He-he-he!



Okay, I've got all the information I need! Card, I'm sorry to say I'm placing you and everyone in your house under arrest for robbery!

Robbery?!? Who is accusing us of that? Let the person come forward! We have a right to meet our accuser!

Actually, it's not one person, Card, it's a LOT of people! Take a look!





Hey Grandma! I've been doing that wise-cracking old lady schtick for years as Sophia on *Golden Girls*! And I was hunting hunks before you were born! You stole my act! If this were Sicily, I could have you killed!

And Harried, I've been a smart-ass sit-com mom seasons before you! Get a life! And an original role! Yeah, and while I'm on it, get a different relative to bug you! I already have a sister who hangs out at my home and interferes!



And Card, I'm afraid to say that I originated the role of the warm-hearted, chubby, overwhelmed father on *Eight Is Enough*!

That's not all Card stole! Take his behavior with *Irksome*! Norton and I started that buddy-buddy stuff on the *Honeymooners*, when TV was still black and white! I oughta send you—POW!! Right to the moon!

You tell 'em, Ralphie Boy! They even stole our looks! Look at 'em! A big, heavysset guy doing schtick with a frail little guy! Jeez! *Irksome* will probably get a job in the sewer and they'll join the *Raccoon Lodge*!

Itchie, you took our "pre-dough-cus" kid stuff!







Listen Irksome,  
I'm **Pee-wee Herman**,  
the **original TV dweeb**! Ha-  
ha-ha! Where do you get the  
nerve to impersonate me??  
Being a nerd is my game!  
**Don't wear it out!**

**Pee-wee!** Oh, **Pee-wee!** 1950 comes  
before 1987! I'm **Jerry Lewis**,  
and I was a nerd 37 years  
before **you** and 41 years before  
**Dweeb!** If you don't believe  
me, ask my partner, **Dean!** Dean,  
Dean, ain't that right, **Dean?!!**

Yeah, it's like when I sing ...  
*When a goon plays the fool  
It's not pasta fazool—  
It's just Irksome!  
When a nerd does each line  
Like a bad Chianti whine—  
That's just Irksome...*

**Irksome**, I have no qualms  
about you stealing their  
**Nerd** act, but I perfected  
the **pesky annoying**  
**neighbor** who always  
walks in without **knocking!**  
And I'm not lying!

Hey **Adora**, I originated  
the role of a **middle**  
**class black girl**  
trying to make  
good in school on  
**A Different World!**

And **Eggle**, credit  
me with being the  
first **not-too-**  
**bright** but **fairly-**  
**good-looking**  
**teenage black son!**

That's it! I've  
heard **enough!** You're  
all going away  
for a **long time**,  
for **not-so-grand**  
**larceny!**

Hey—wait! That will  
make us TV's **first sit-com**  
**family behind bars!** And  
**that's not a Familiar**  
**Matter at all!** We're **saved!**  
**he-he! snort-snort!**



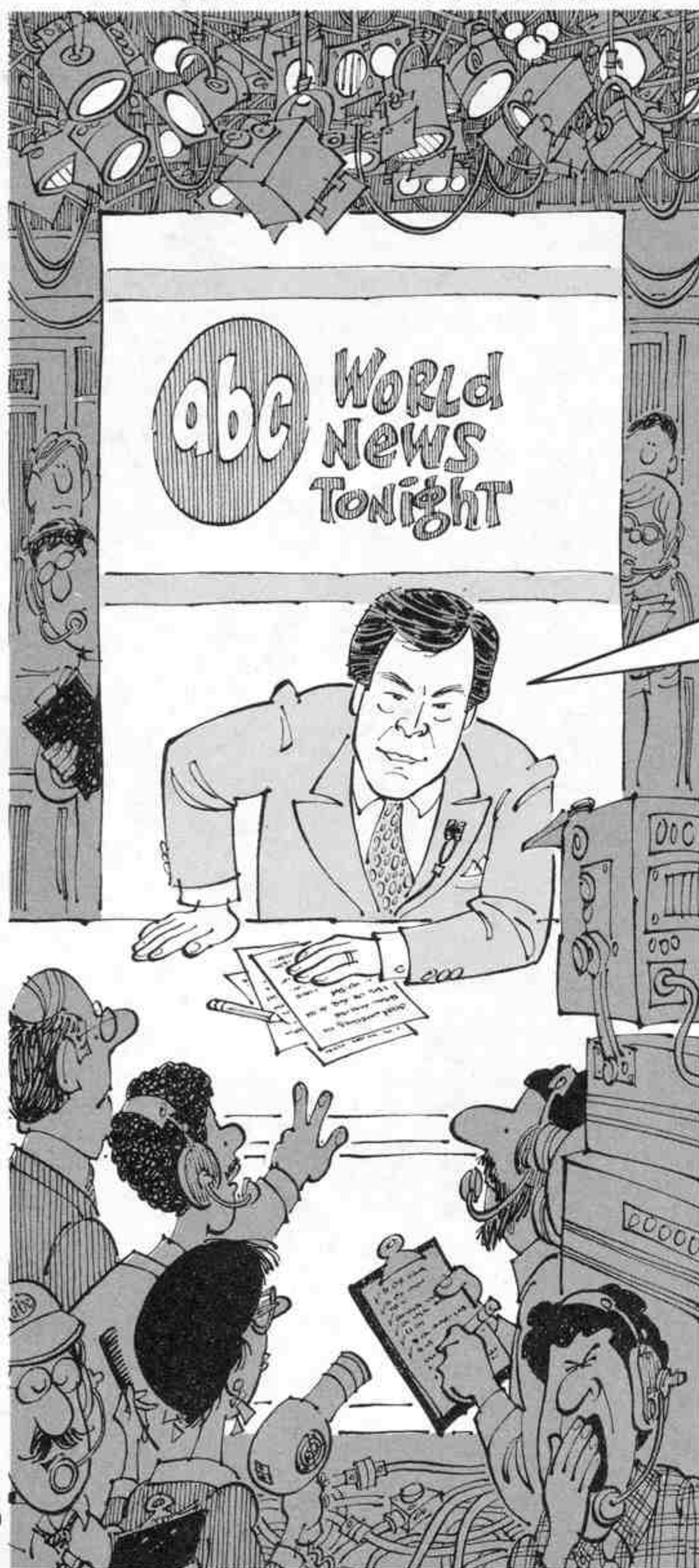


# TO AIR IS HUMAN DEPT.

No doubt about it...network news anchormen have a real knack for taking important news stories about war, international incidents and other matters of life and death and boiling them down to the same buzzwords and clichés every evening. But guess what—they can also use those same clichés when describing boring and uninteresting things ...like your day-to-day activities! Here's

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

WRITER: MARK D'AMICO



# IF YOUR HONORABLE THE SAME WAY



"... all talks have reached an impasse ..."



"... a band of mindless, screaming zealots ..."



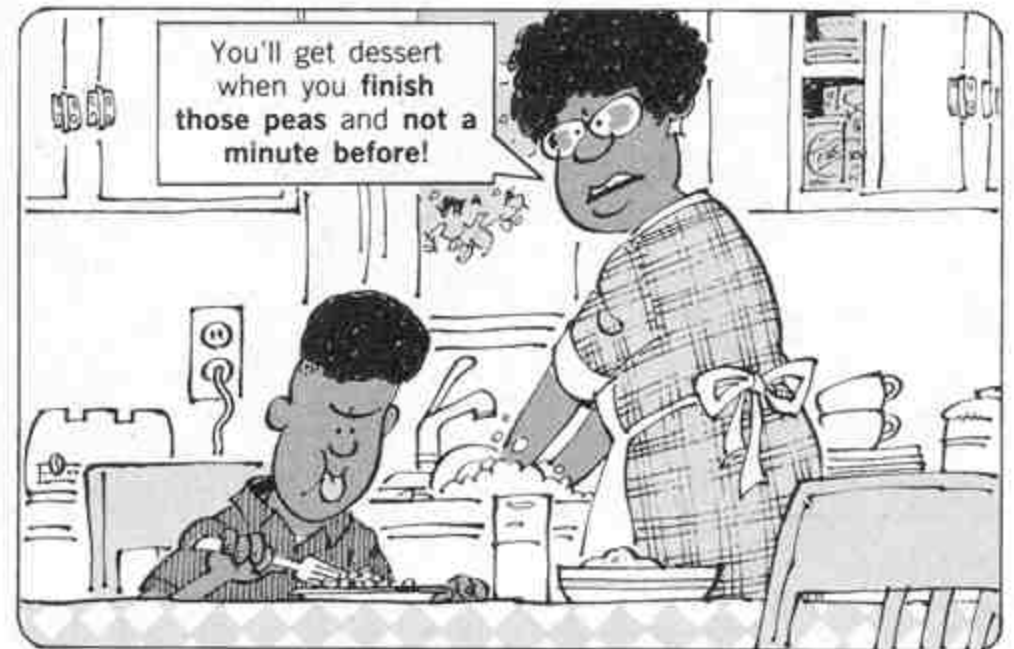
"... round-the-clock bargaining continues ..."



# ME LIFE WAS REPORTED AY AS THE EVENING NEWS



"... an unprovoked act of terrorism ..."



"... an innocent victim of torture ..."



"... subjected to a news blackout ..."



"... sent a message to the free world ..."



"... maintained a non-negotiable position ..."



"... a grim and uncertain future ..."



# THE HARMONIOUS HOMEBOY'S HOMICIDE

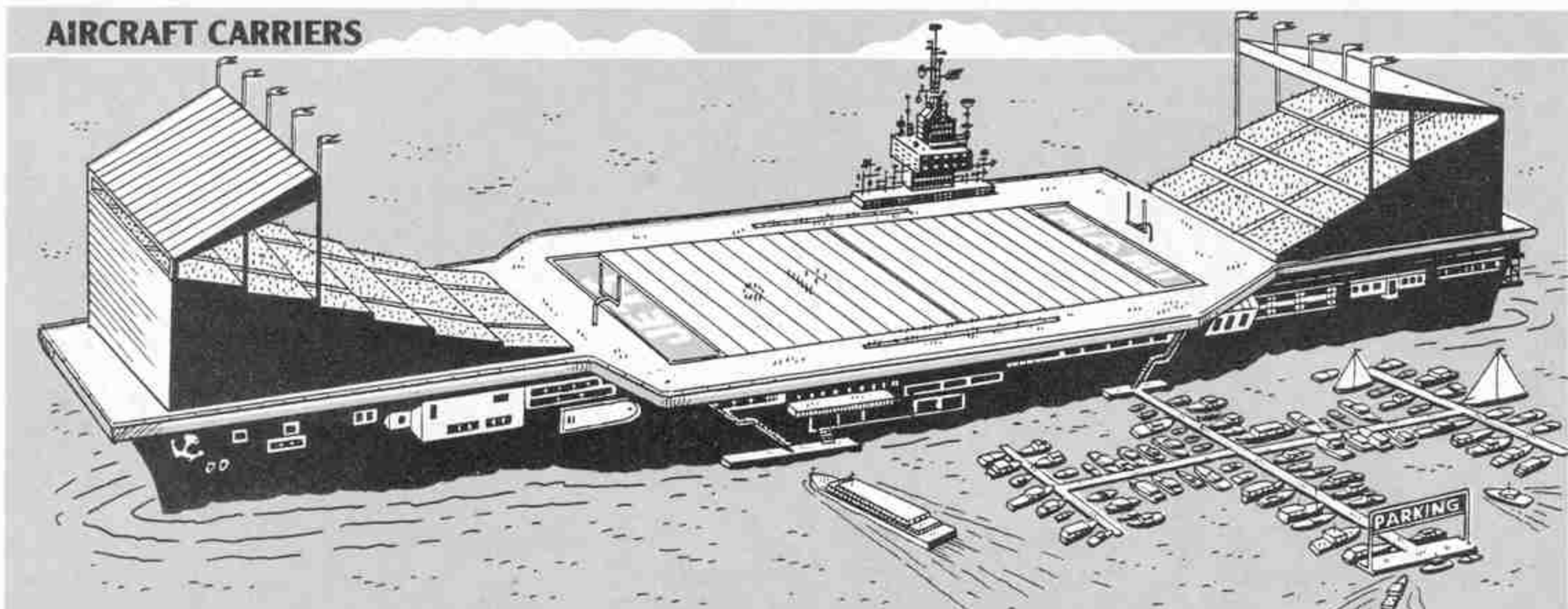
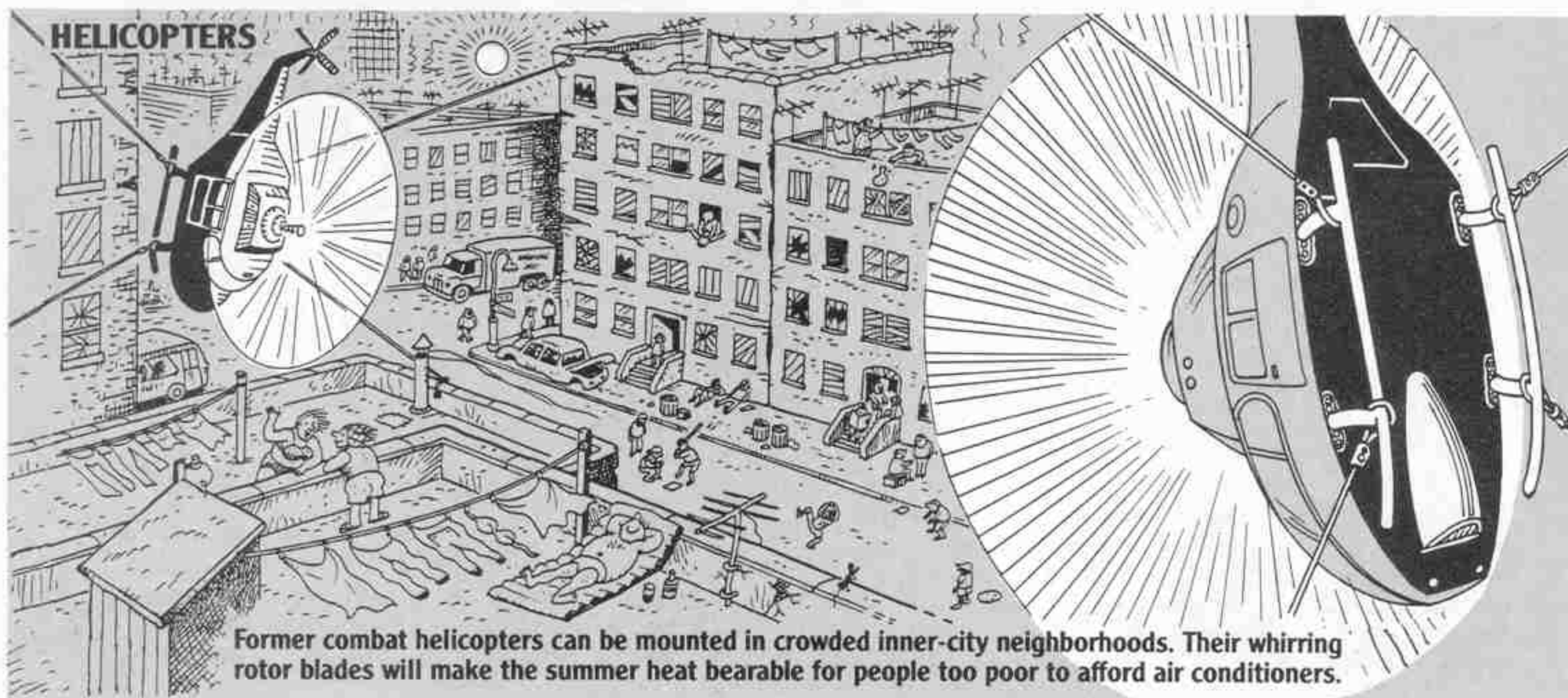




In the past few years, the U.S. has engaged in the biggest military buildup in history. Since the Iron Curtain has fallen and things have cooled down in the Middle East, though, the U.S. now has the biggest pile of used army surplus in history! We're not just talking about those old, mildewed camouflage coats, mess kits and rusty bayonets...There are BILLIONS of dollars worth of equipment being scrapped, scuttled and trashed! With the country's huge deficit in mind, we suggest that *all* old combat equipment be put to use to raise needed cash! Here are ways of...

# ORSO RECYCLING MILITARY EQUIPMENT

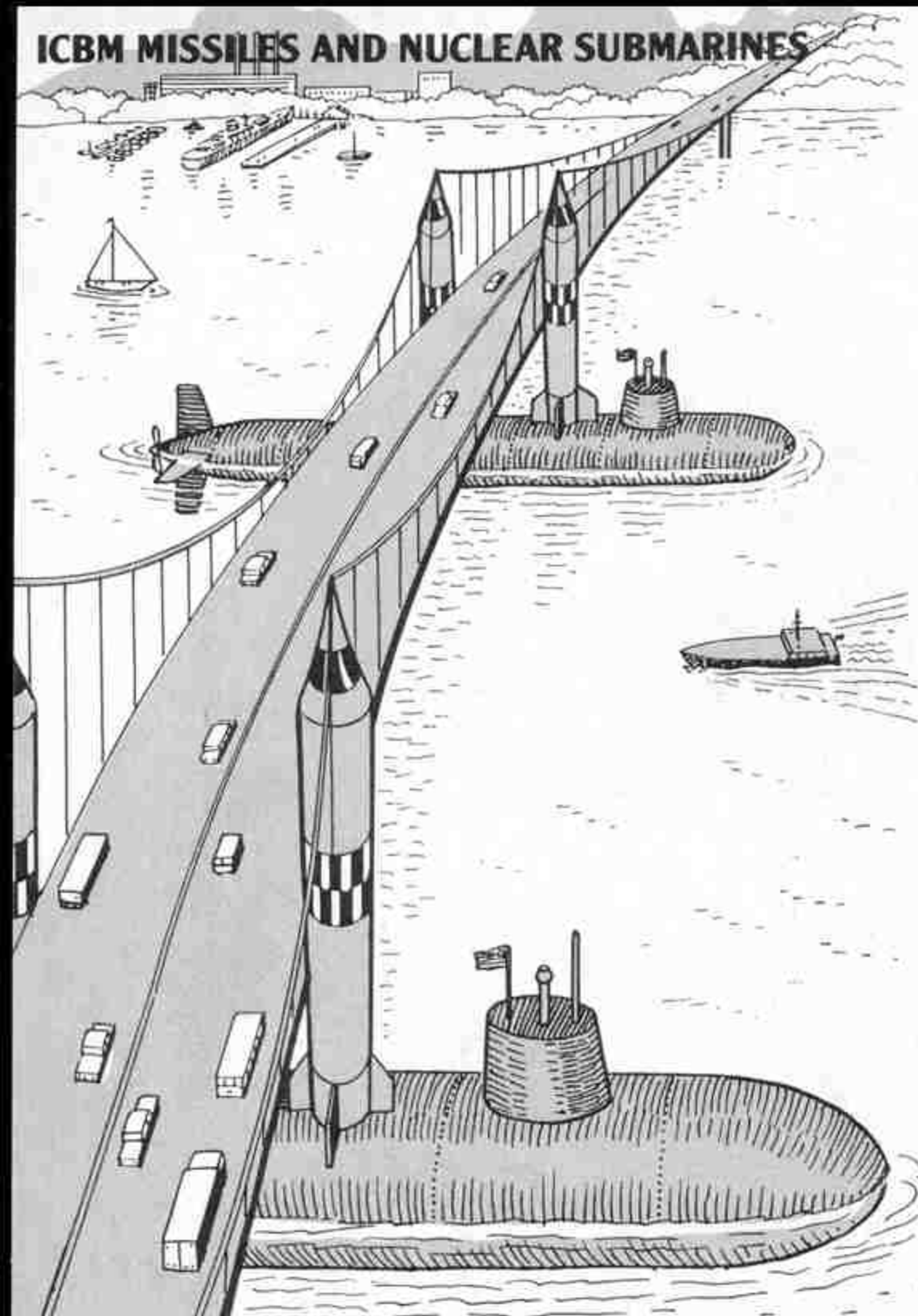
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The immense size of today's nuclear aircraft carriers makes them perfect for conversion into floating football stadiums. Finally, team owners would easily be able to move their teams to wherever the biggest money is...every week if need be!

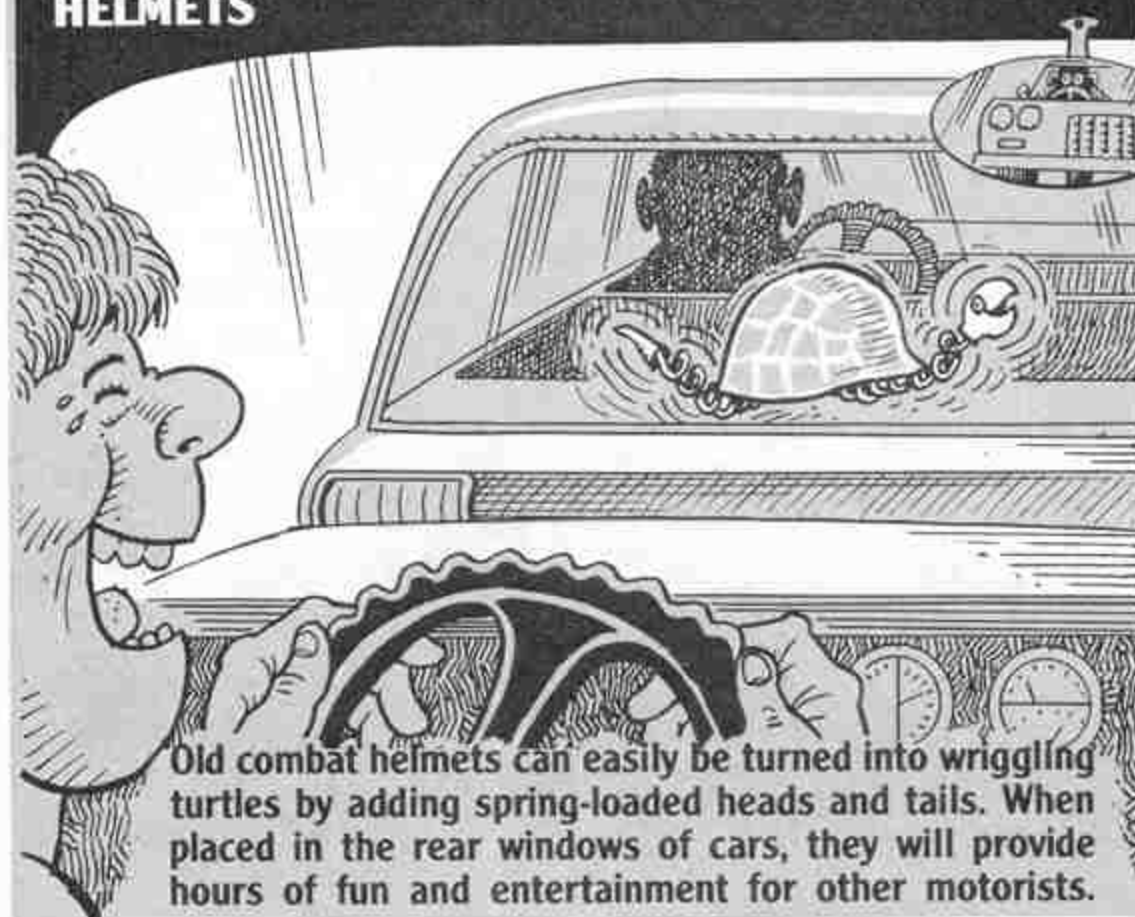


## ICBM MISSILES AND NUCLEAR SUBMARINES



Old ICBM missiles and nuclear submarines lend themselves perfectly for use in bridge construction. They are rust and corrosion proof, and bridge maintenance crews could stay in the sub's former living quarters. Equipped with \$9,000 toilet seats and \$5,000 ashtrays, this facility would be an enviable place to work!

## HELMETS



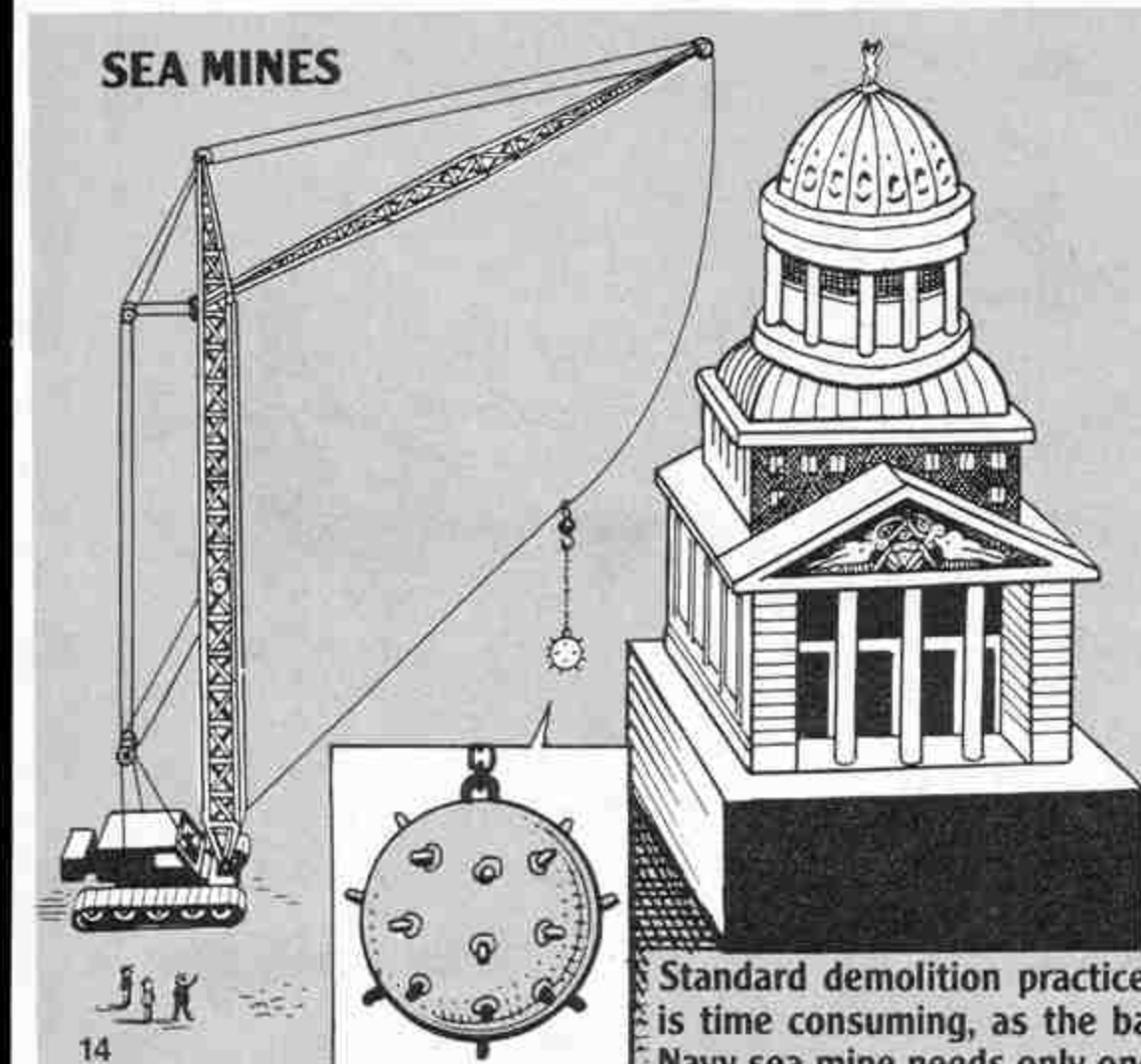
Old combat helmets can easily be turned into wriggling turtles by adding spring-loaded heads and tails. When placed in the rear windows of cars, they will provide hours of fun and entertainment for other motorists.

## LAND MINES



Using automobile tires for broken field running practice is a boring exercise, resulting in careless and sloppy players. If the tires are replaced with scrapped Army land mines either the problem vanishes, or the careless and sloppy players do!

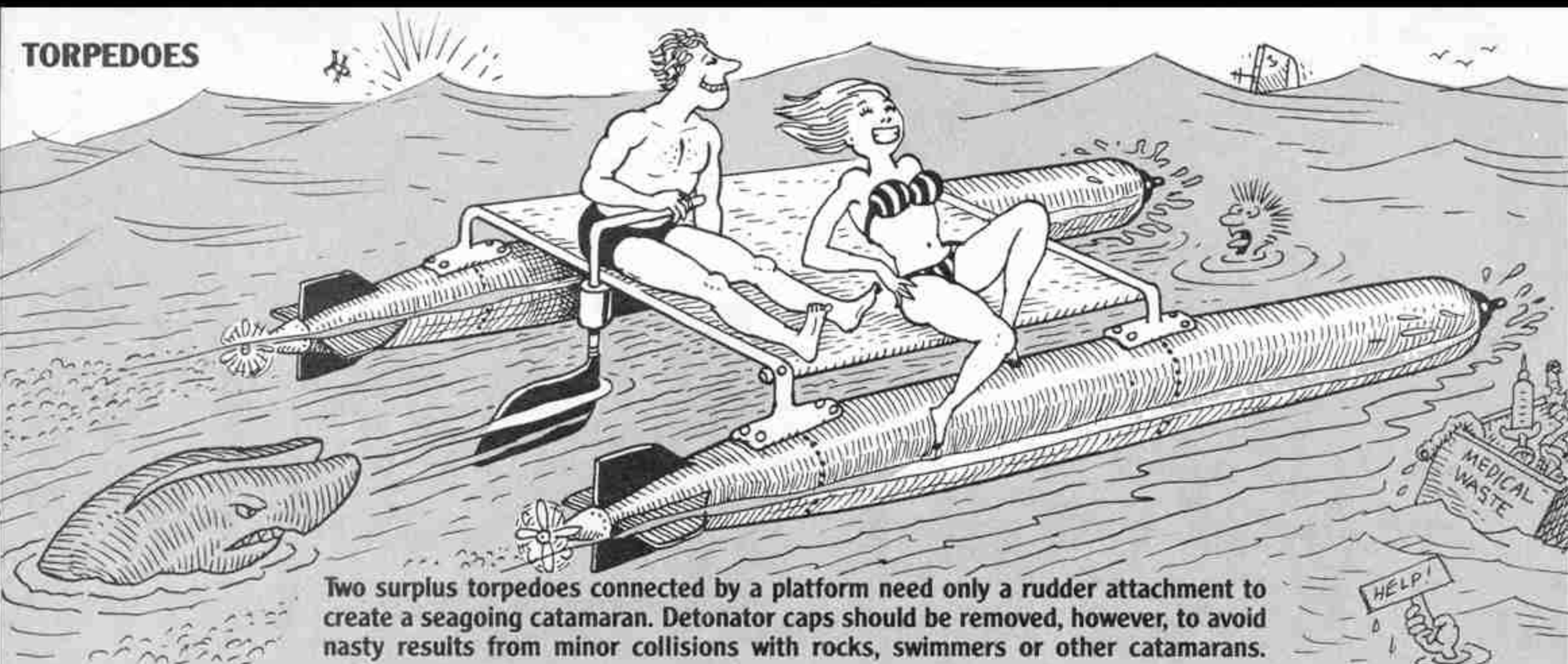
## SEA MINES



Standard demolition practice involves swinging a large steel ball against a building. This is time consuming, as the ball can only knock down a small piece at a time. An obsolete Navy sea mine needs only one swing to totally demolish a structure no matter how big it is!

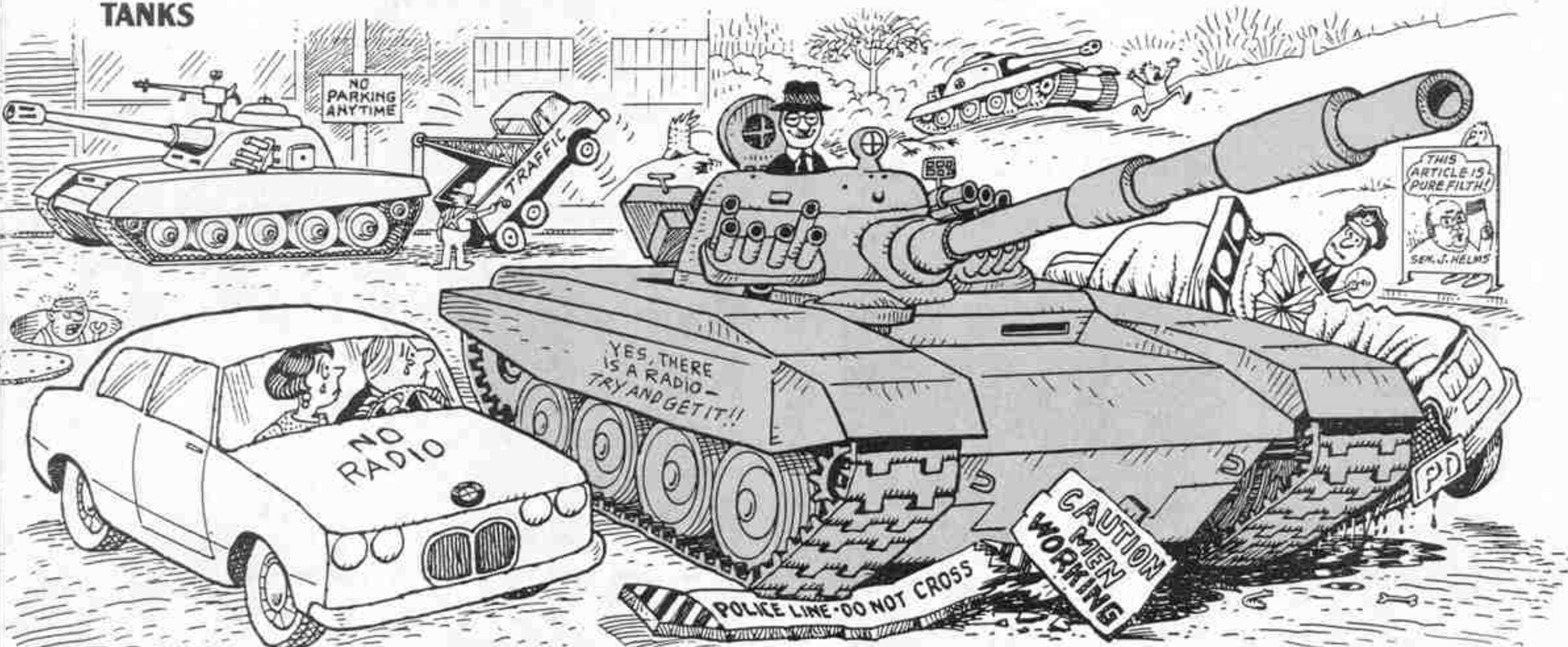


## TORPEDOES



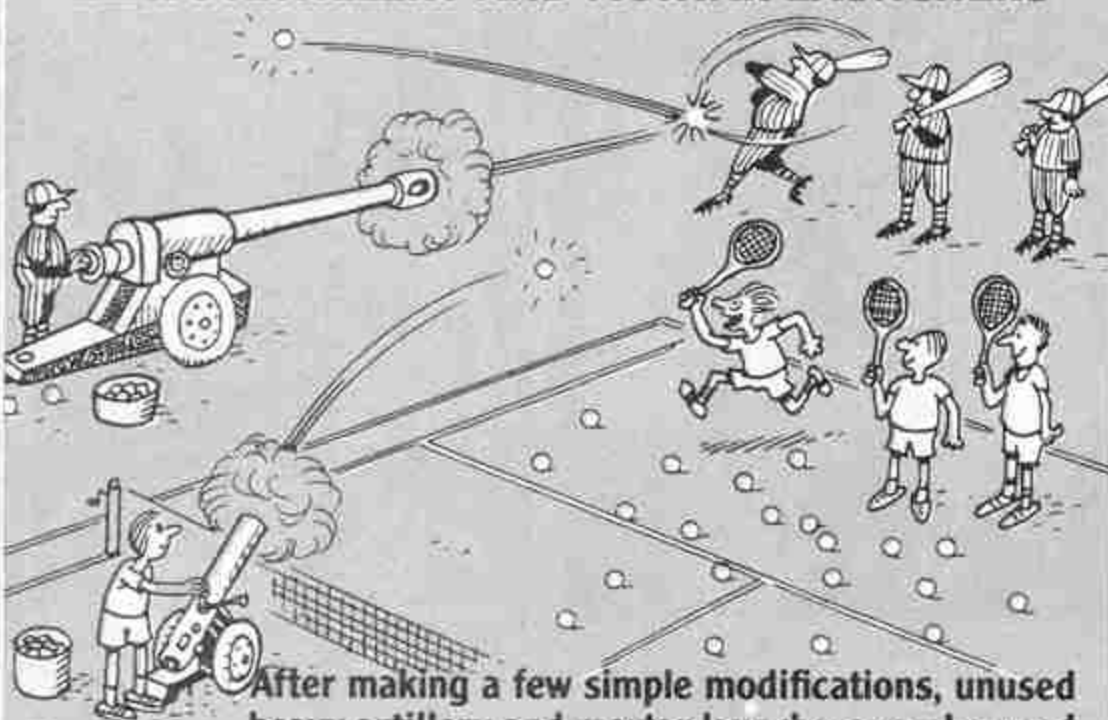
Two surplus torpedoes connected by a platform need only a rudder attachment to create a seagoing catamaran. Detonator caps should be removed, however, to avoid nasty results from minor collisions with rocks, swimmers or other catamarans.

## TANKS



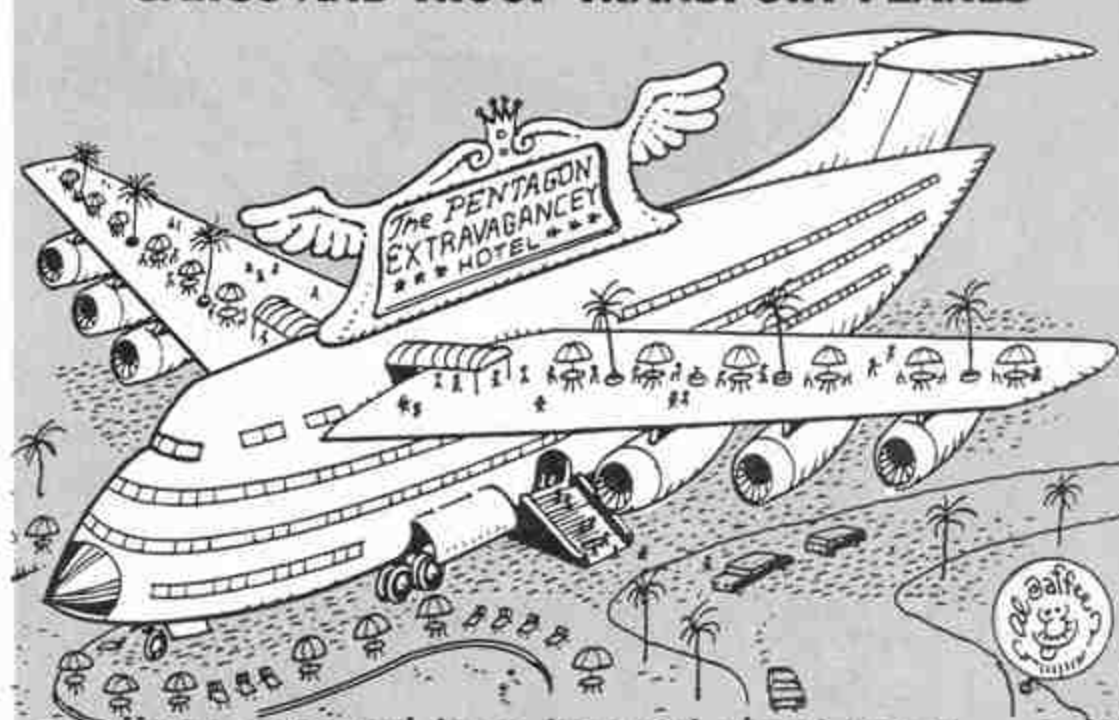
If made available to the general public, former army tanks would quickly surpass BMW and Mercedes as *the* top status vehicle. They'd be especially popular in cities with high car theft rates and by people who like to park in tow-away zones.

## HEAVY ARTILLERY AND MORTAR LAUNCHERS



After making a few simple modifications, unused heavy artillery and mortar launchers can be used as baseball and tennis ball pitching machines. Athletes everywhere would benefit from the new challenge these speedy machines could offer.

## CARGO AND TROOP TRANSPORT PLANES



Heavy cargo and troop transport planes are so huge, they can easily be transformed into luxury condos and hotels. People will jump at the chance to sleep in the same comfort as American GIs!



**BLANKS FOR THE MEMORIES DEPT.**

They say we only remember what we want to remember. And they say we only use 10% of our brain. That means we have a kazillion cells of gray matter that stay about as active as a piece of toast! Which helps to explain why...

You *ALWAYS* remember...

...How your Mom threw out your "priceless" baseball card collection when you left for college.



You *NEVER* remember...

...that the most valuable card in that collection was a 1987 Jr. Noboa of the Cleveland Indians in only "fair" condition!



# You ALWAYS Remember...

You *ALWAYS* remember...

...the theme songs to crappy TV sitcoms from the 60s and 70s!



You *NEVER* remember...

...the words to the Star-Spangled Banner!



You *ALWAYS* remember...



You *NEVER* remember...



You *ALWAYS* remember...



You *NEVER* remember...



...“Blazing Saddles” and “Young Frankenstein.”

...“Spaceballs” or “History of the World Part I”!



You *ALWAYS* remember...



...the great fun you had at summer camp.

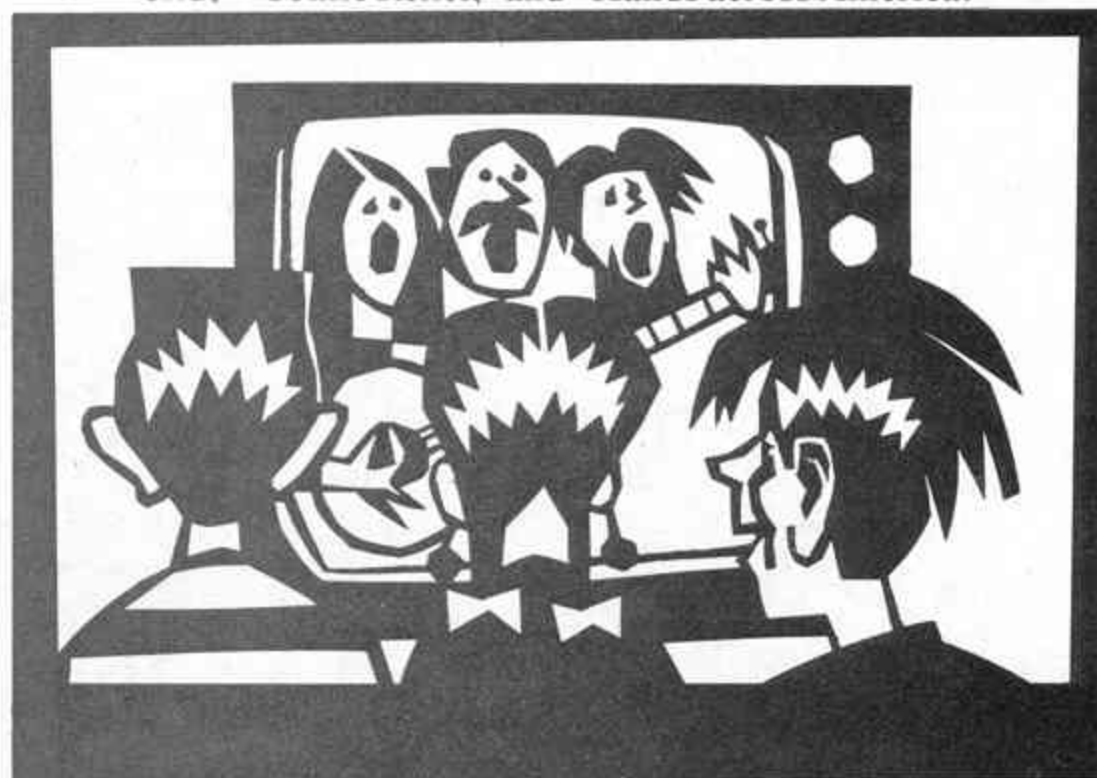
You *NEVER* remember...



...the other 95% of the time there!

You *ALWAYS* remember...

...the moving, historic efforts of "We Are the World," "Comic Relief," and "Hands across America."



You *NEVER* remember...

...what important and worthy social causes they were raising money for!



# You NEVER Remember...

PAPERCUTTINGS: GERRY GERSTEN

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



You *ALWAYS* remember...



...that hot, young French teacher in high school.

You *NEVER* remember...



...a single word of French!

You *ALWAYS* remember...



...the "Turn-Ons" and "Turn-Offs" of the current Playmate of the Month.

You *NEVER* remember...



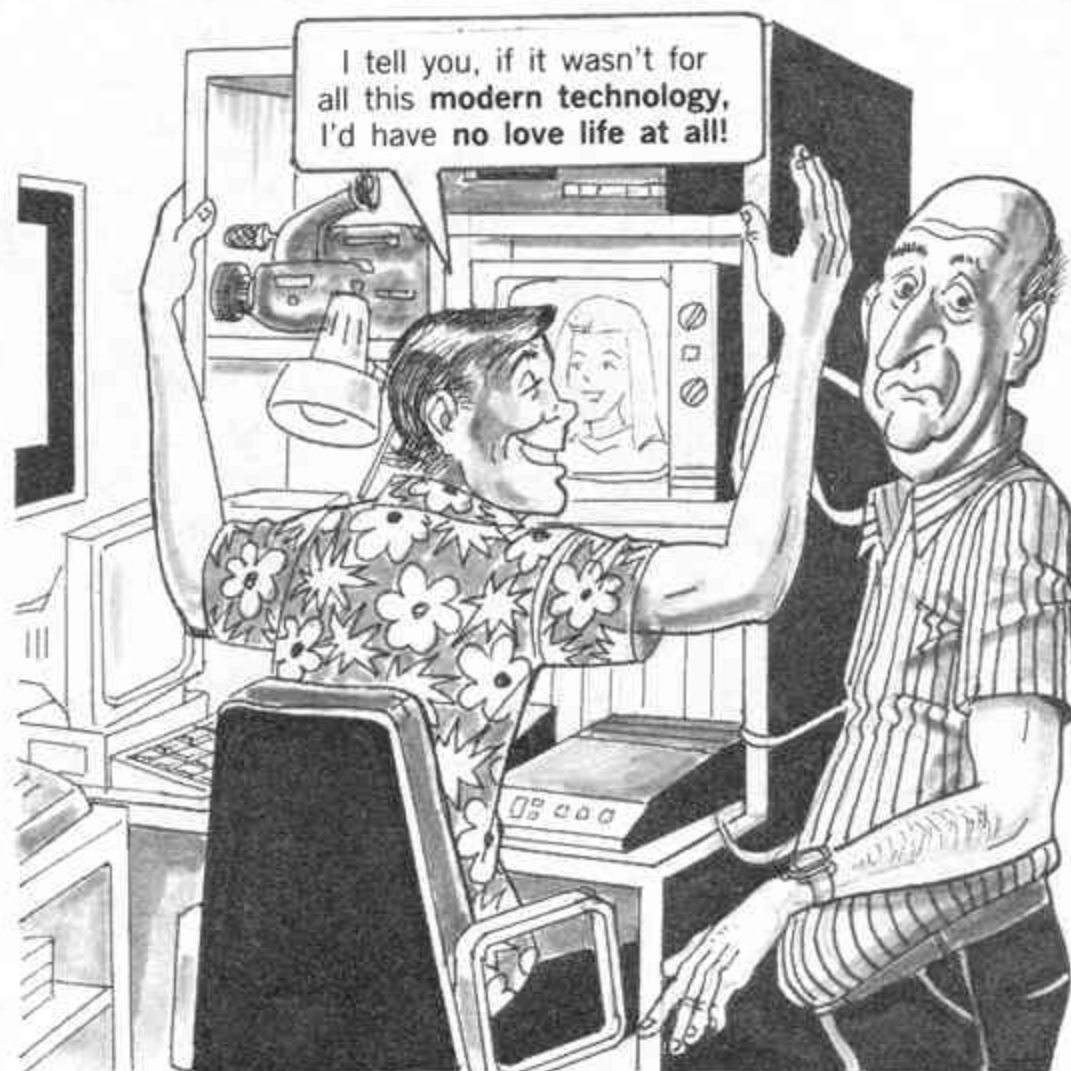
...what the woman you've been going with for two years likes!



## COMMUNICATION

My girlfriend calls me on her **cellular phone** and leaves me **romantic messages!** I respond by sending her **love poems** on my **FAX machine!** When I leave town on business, we **exchange affectionate video tapes** with one another!

I tell you, if it wasn't for all this **modern technology**, I'd have **no love life at all!**



**BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.**

# THE LIGHTE

## SECURITY

Someone **rang the bell!** I'm glad we got that new **peephole** to see who it is **without opening the door!**

What do you see?

Another eye!



## MODERN EDUCATION

This is one of the most **practically designed universities** in the country!

Really? I didn't know that!



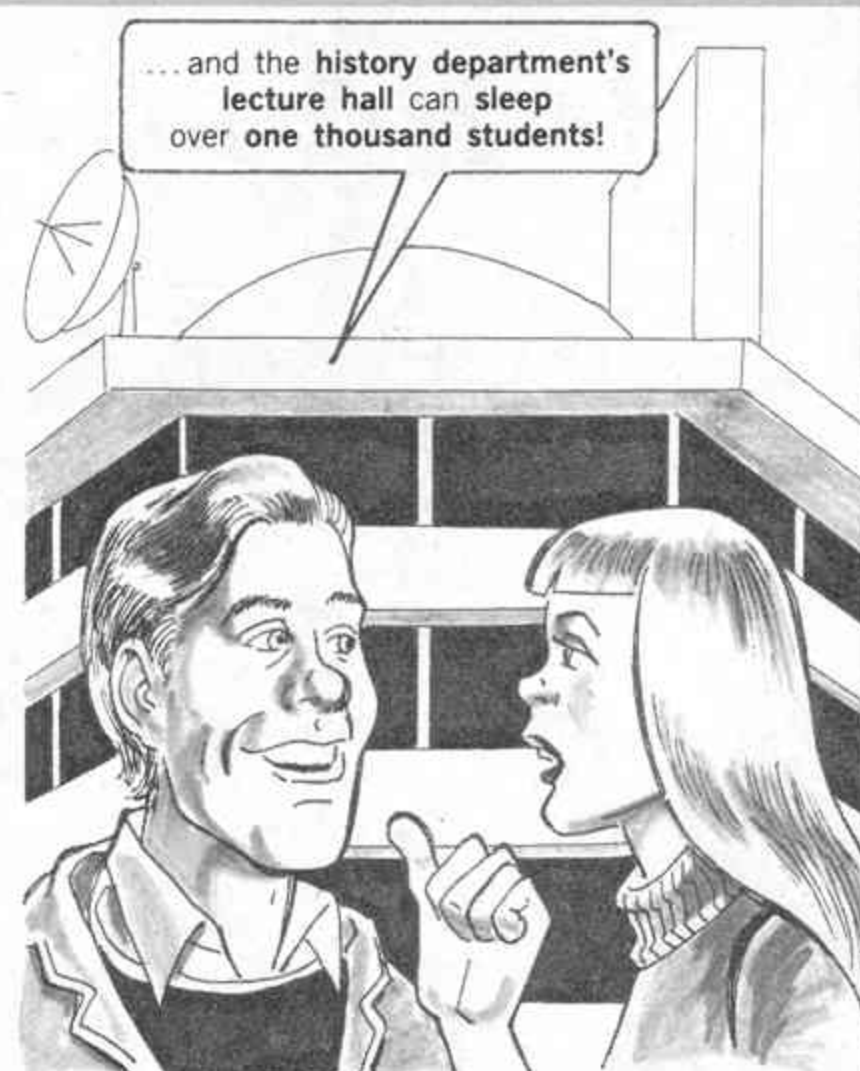


## CURRENT EVENTS



# R SIDE OF...

ARTIST & WRITER:  
DAVE BERG





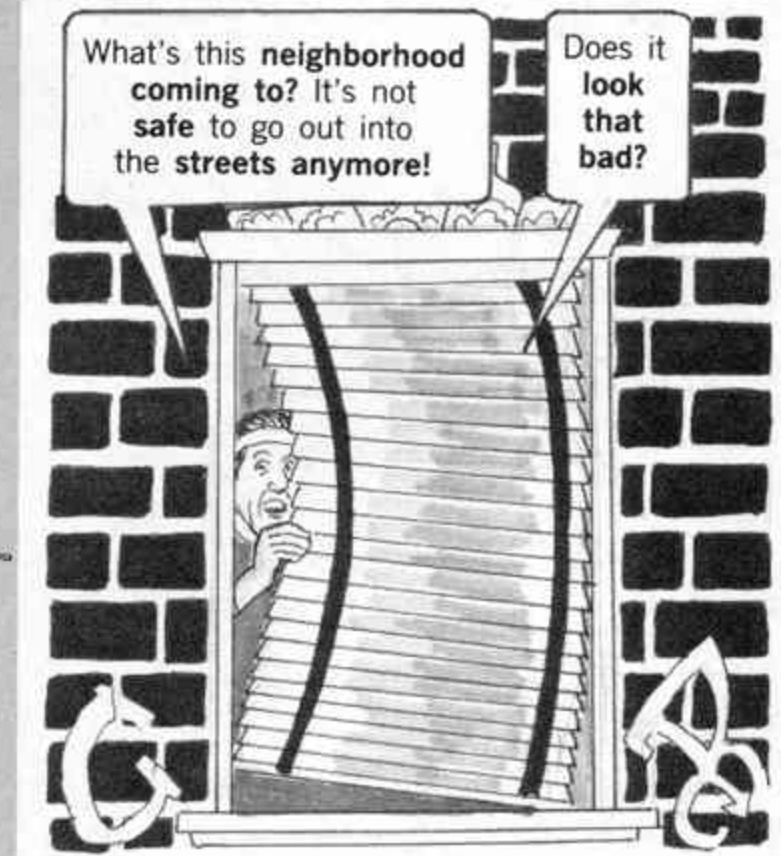
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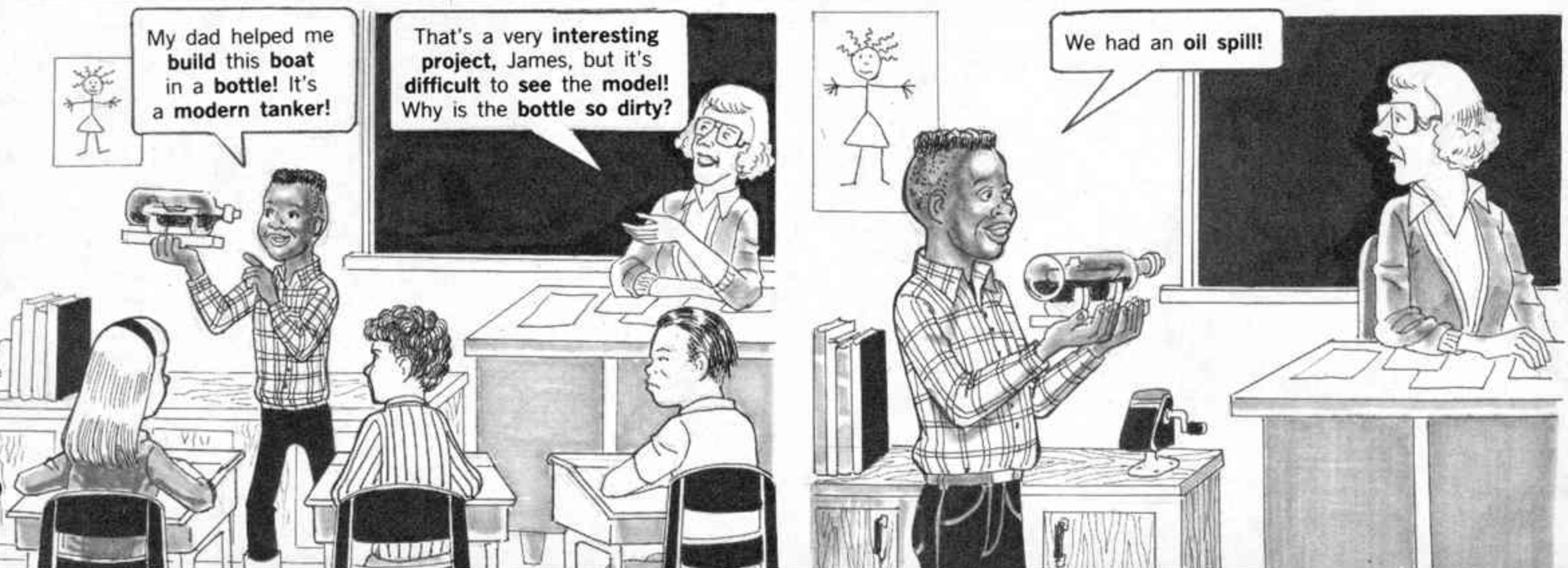
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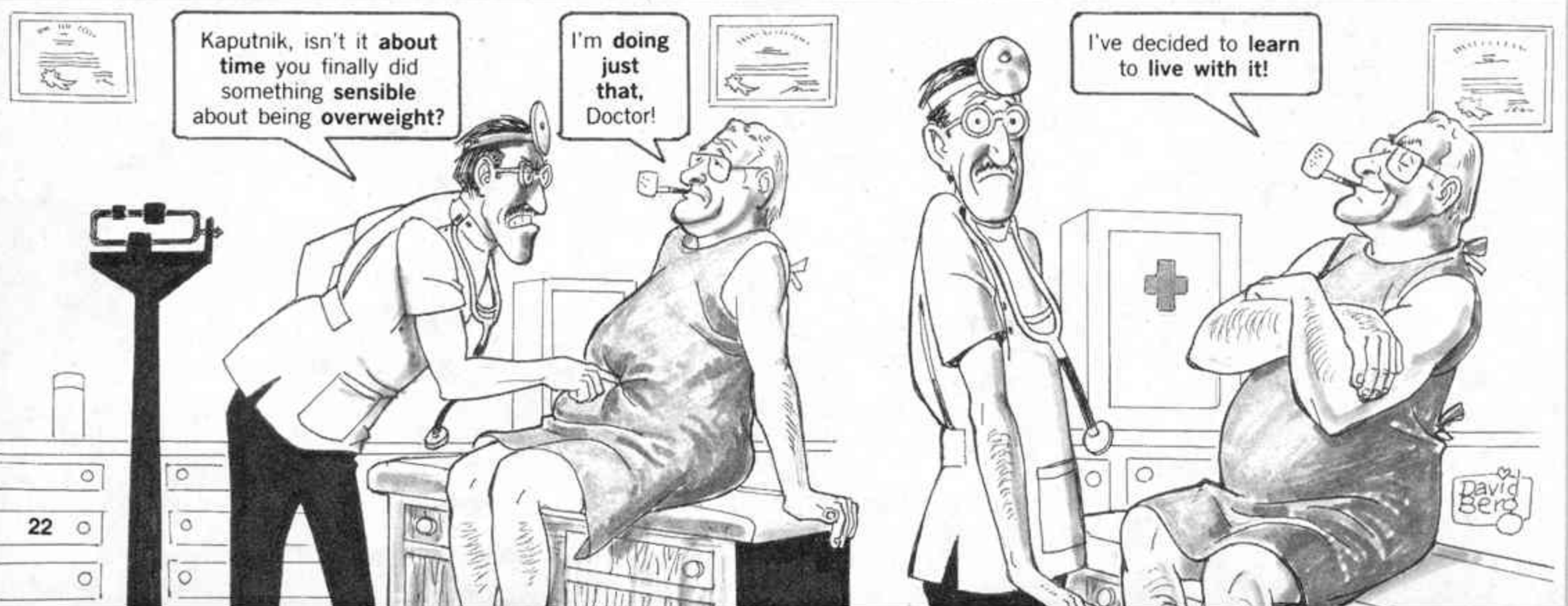
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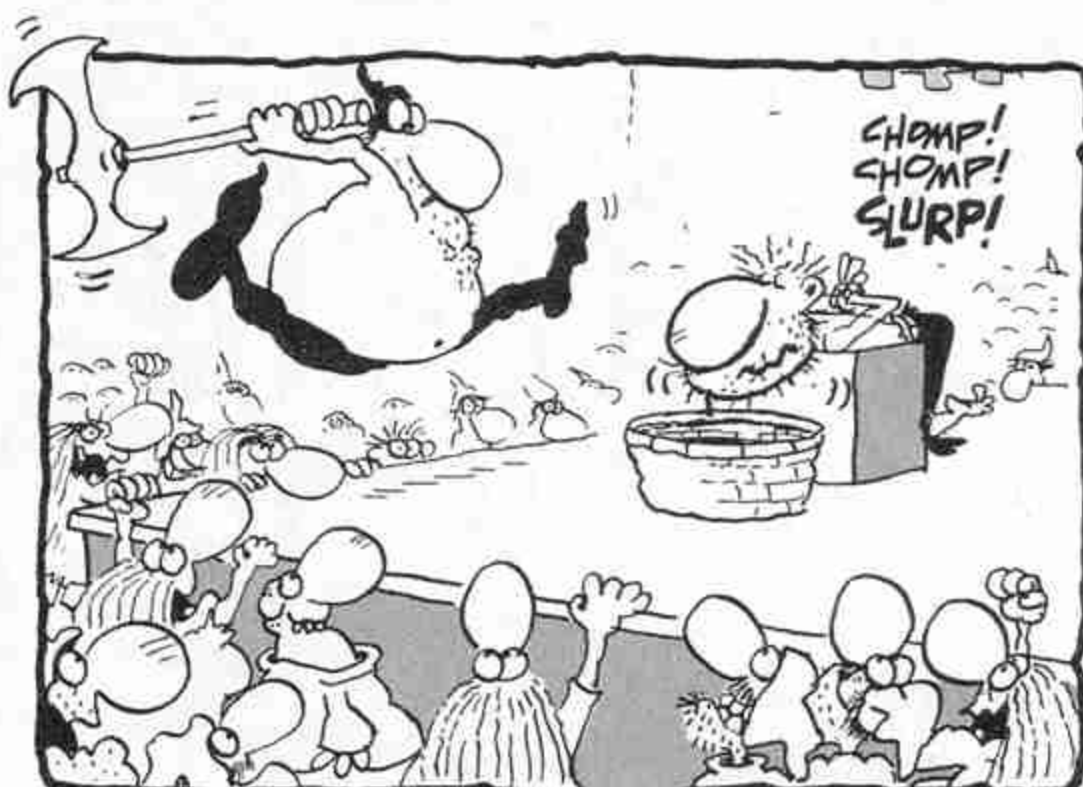
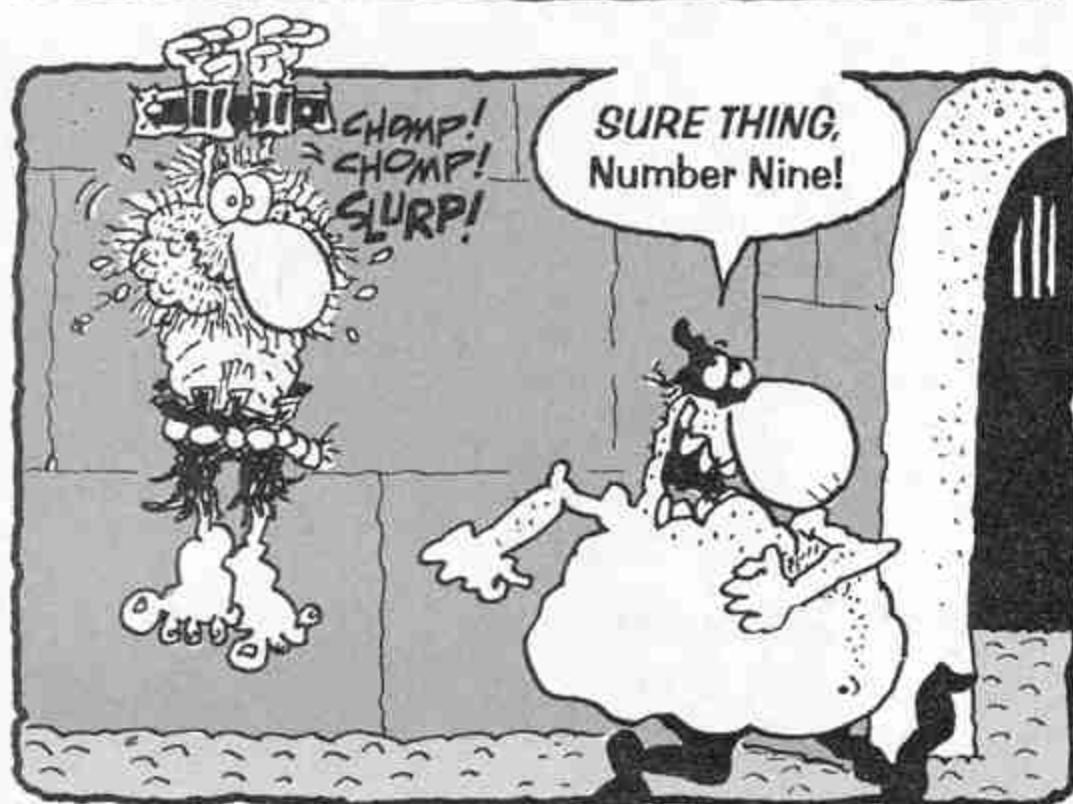
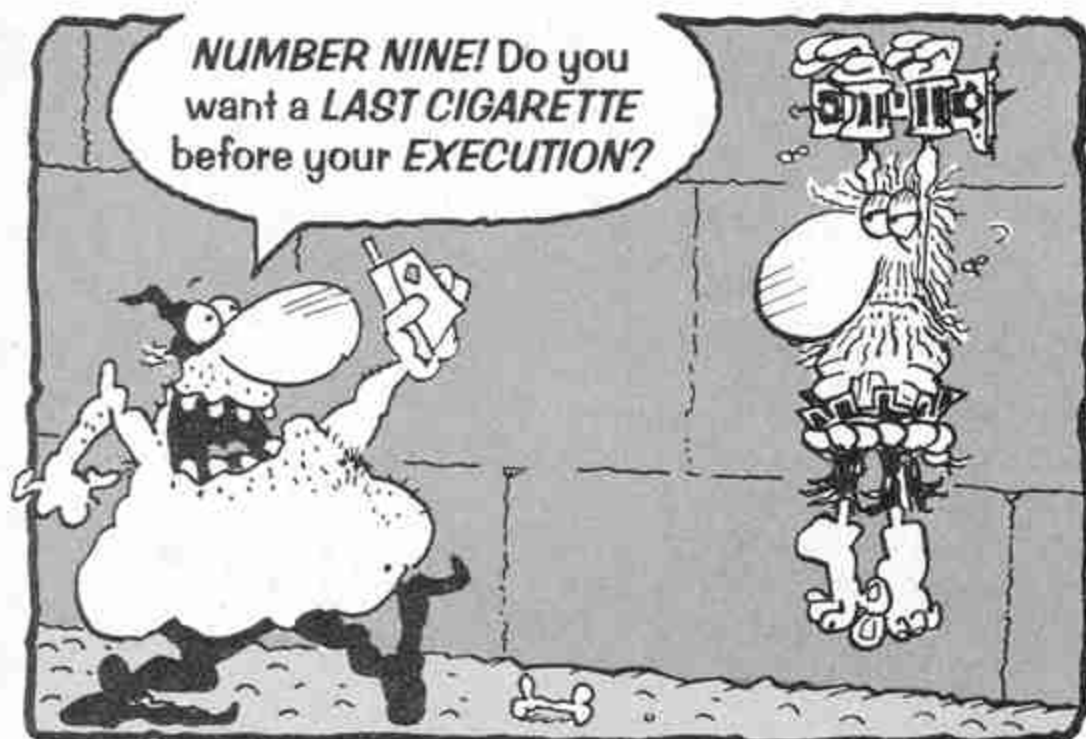
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# THE CONTROVERSIAL CONVICT'S COMEUPPANCE

ARTIST AND WRITER: DUCK EDWING

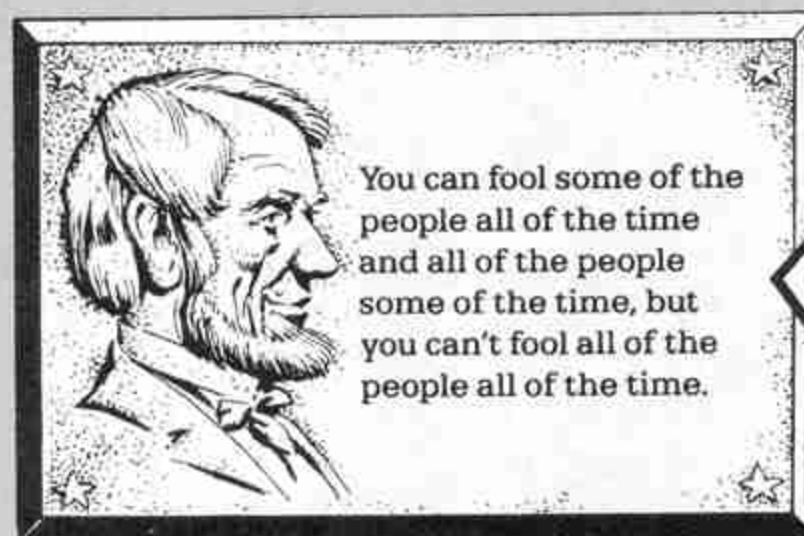
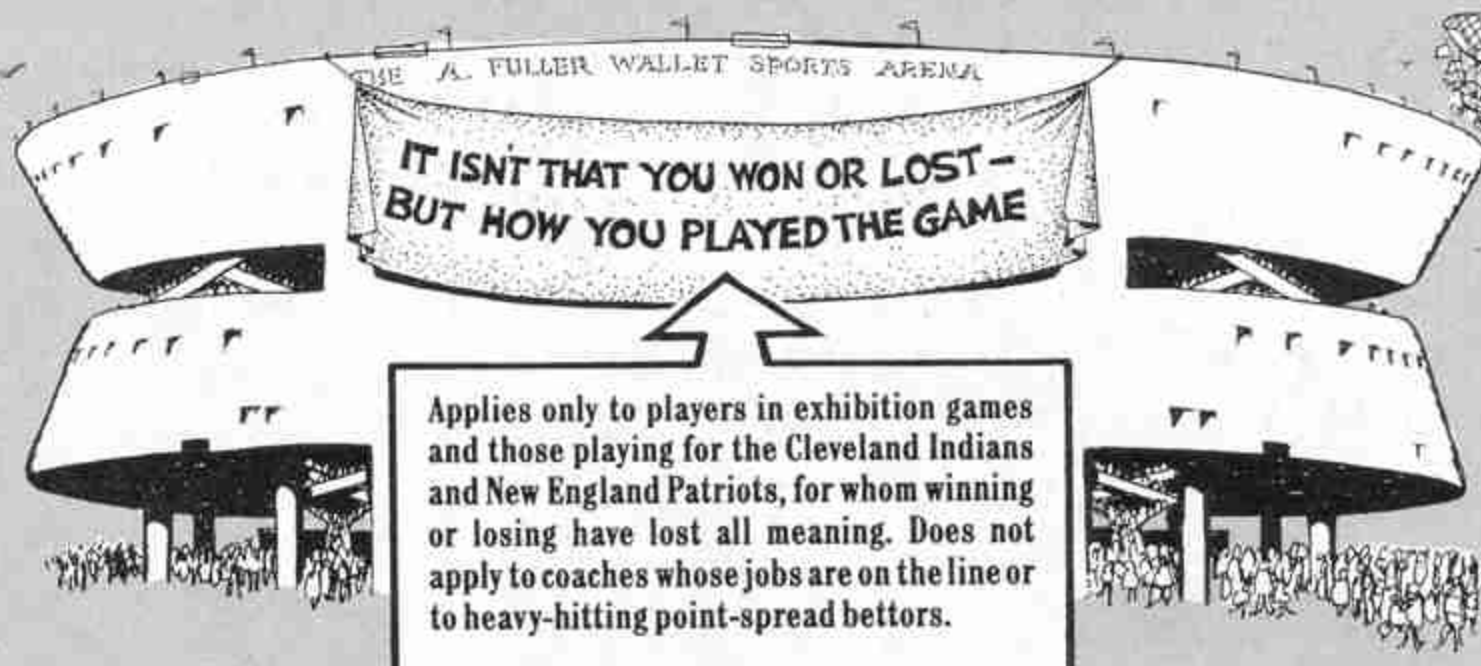




## A SLAP IN THE PHRASE DEPT.

Disclaimers—tiny words at the bottom of TV commercials that tell you the truth about how you're getting fooled and misled. We here at MAD think disclaimers could be put to an even better use, as you'll see in the following...

# DISCLAIMERS FOR OAT



Exceptions may include auto warranties, quickie weight-loss plans, junk bonds, The Republican Party and Geraldo Rivera.

GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR! YOUR HUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE? THE WRETCHED REFUSE OF YOUR TEEMING SHORE?

1  
A little tired—okay.  
Temporarily poor—well, maybe.  
But don't push it.  
More welfare cases we don't need.

2  
Breathing **free** is one thing.  
Breathing **well** is another, especially in Los Angeles or any other smogged-out, polluted city.

3  
Uh-uh. **Our** shores are already teeming with garbage, oil spills, unrecyclable gunk and rotting birds. It's refuse and it's wretched, and we've had it up to here!





# THS, MOTTONS AND FAMOUS SAYINGS

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America<sup>1</sup> and to the Republic for which it stands,<sup>2</sup> one nation under God<sup>3</sup>, indivisible<sup>4</sup>, with liberty and justice<sup>5</sup> for all.

1. Excluding areas of the South, where the Confederate flag is still saluted.

2. The flag, that is. Not Congress, which rarely takes a stand on anything.

3. With or without the Reverend Donald Wildmon. Hopefully without.

4. Divisions may occur during Presidential elections, Super Bowls and lobbying for cushy defense contracts.

5. Quality of justice may vary according to clout with judge and possessing the bucks needed to hire a high-priced lawyer.



NEITHER SNOW, NOR RAIN NOR HEAT NOR GLIM OF NIGHT STAYS THESE COURIERS FROM THE SWIFT COMPLETION OF THEIR APPOINTED ROUNDS.

Local restrictions may apply if snow is in your immediate area.

Covers light showers only. Efficiency during downpours may vary, depending to what degree letter-carriers are spooked by thunder and lightning.

Dry heat only. High humidity may cause employees to feel sluggish and discontented.

Not guaranteed in high-crime, low-income urban areas, where deliveries may be held back till daylight or indefinitely.

Based on individual definitions of "swift," which may vary according to mood, biorhythms and astrological sign.





Gross is guys who don't trim their nose hairs!



Beyond Gross is guys who braid them!



Gross is showing off a fresh surgical scar!



Beyond Gross is showing off what they took out!

#### REVOLTAGE METER DEPT.

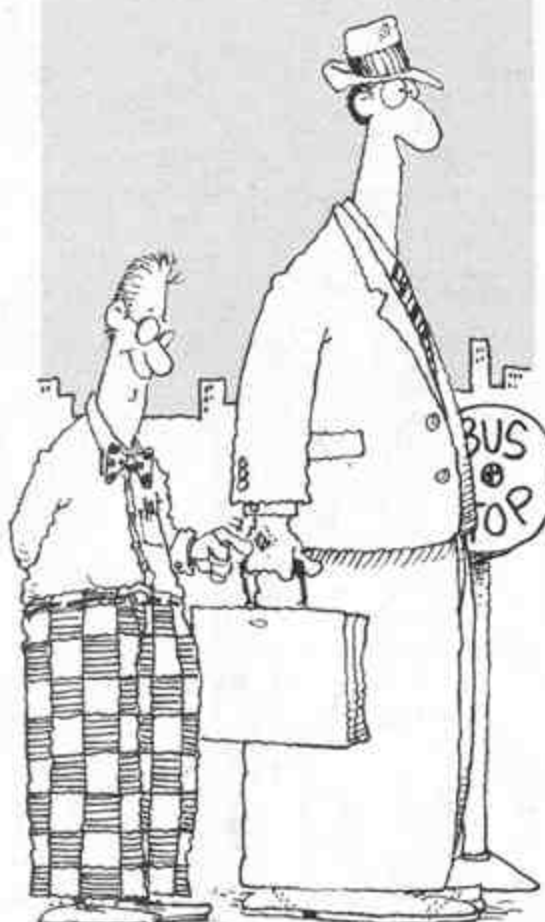
Some things in life are simply nauseating—for example, summer school. Other things are more than nauseating—for example, going to school the other 10 months of the year! But some things are even more repugnant and barf-inducing than that! Which brings us to the following little article which we aptly call...

# GROSS AND

ARTIST AND WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL



Gross is picking a scab until it bleeds!



Beyond Gross is picking someone else's scab until it bleeds!



Gross is people who talk with their mouth full!

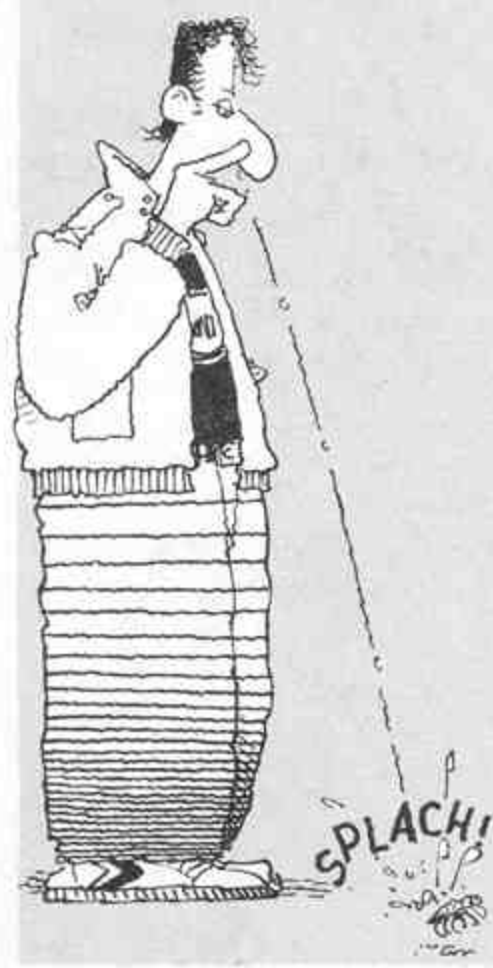


Beyond Gross is people who remove their food temporarily to be more clearly understood!





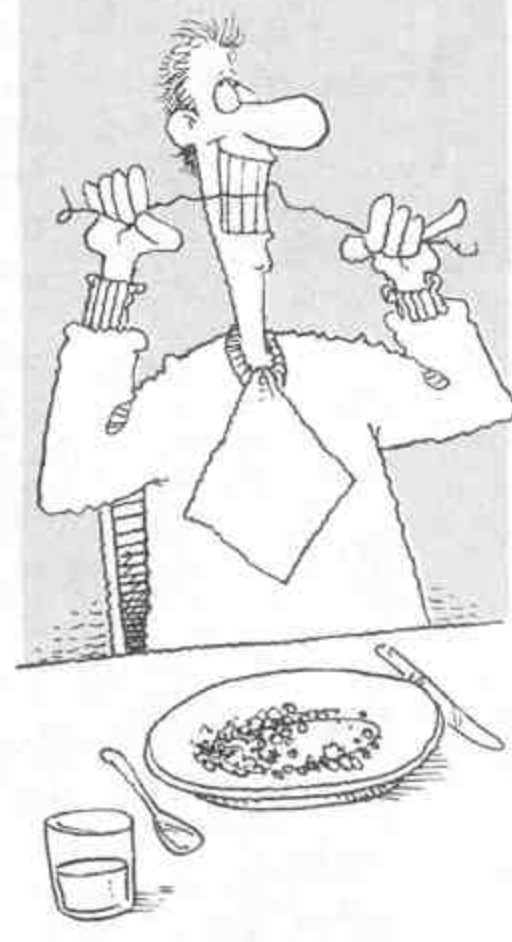
Gross is guys who blow their nose at the decibel level of an F-16!



Beyond Gross is guys who blow their nose with the accuracy of an F-16!



Gross is finding a hair on your plate!



Beyond Gross is flossing with it!

# BEYOND GROSS



Gross is fat guys with huge armpit stains on their shirts!



Beyond Gross is fat guys who periodically ring them out!



Gross is drooling in your sleep!



Beyond Gross is drooling on the job!



Did you see the Ron Howard film about firefighters? The firemen are brave! The special effects are incredible! But the script? We thought it was a cliché-ridden, substandard...

# HACK

Hi, I'm **Burnin' McCaffeine!** I come from a family of firemen! Ever since I saw my father get killed in a blazing building, I've had only one desperate desire—to become a **bookkeeper!**

I'm **Steamin'**, Burnin's older brother! Guys in my fire company call me "**gung-ho**" 'cause I rush into buildings and **pull people out!** Even buildings that aren't on fire! But I say you can **never be too careful!**

I'm **Do-All Grimface**, an **arson expert!** I investigate suspicious fires! Like yesterday, I was called to check out a fire in a **factory** that makes **fire extinguishers!** Talk about **suspicious!**

I'm **Dim**, the wide-eyed, likeable **rookie!** I learned a lot in fire-fighter's school, but there's **one thing they didn't tell me**—like whether or not I can bring **marshmallows** to a fire!



ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

What the heck are you rookies doing?!

Breaking this guy's car windows so we can pass the hose through!

Idiots! You do that when a guy's parked illegally next to a fire hydrant, not when he's stopped for a red light!

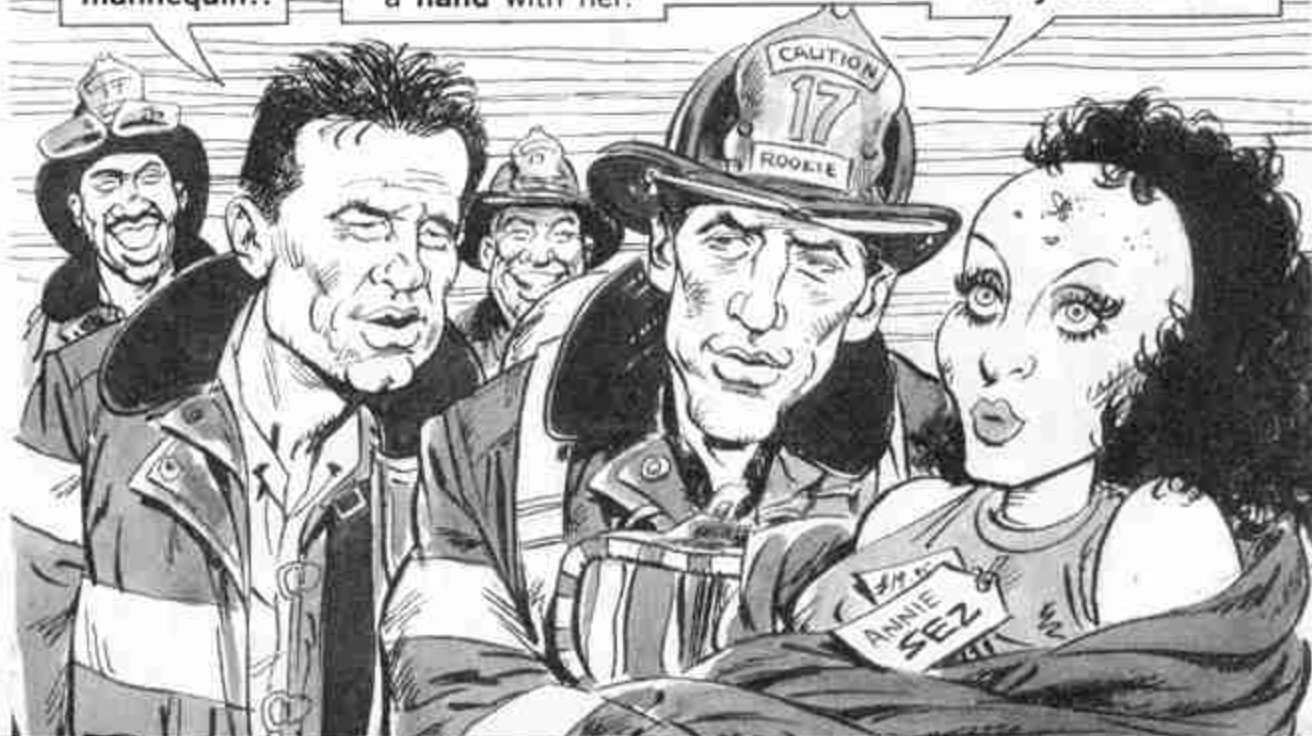


Burnin', didn't you know that you were rescuing a mannequin?!

Not really! She seemed more lively than most of the women I've dated! Give me a hand with her!

Are you putting her into the garbage?

The garbage?!! No! I'm putting her into my backseat! Look into her lovely polystyrene eyes! Can't you see she's crazy about me??!





# DRAFT

I'm Steamin's ex-wife! I left him because a "hot time" didn't mean the same thing it did when we met! He was **too involved** in his **work**! Every time I had a backyard **barbeque** he **extinguished** it and then carried out all our guests on his **shoulder**!

I'm the city's **Alderman**! People say I'm not **safety** conscious because I keep **closing firehouses**! But that's my **strategy**! When **ALL** the firehouses are **closed**, folks will be a **hell** of a lot more **careful** knowing **NO ONE's** coming to help them!

I'm Burnin's ex-girlfriend! I'm sorry I never **married** the guy! With the stupid way he fights fires, I could be his **widow** and live like a **queen** on his **insurance money**!



WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

Looks like the **explosion** from the **backdraft** put him **right** through the **windshield**!

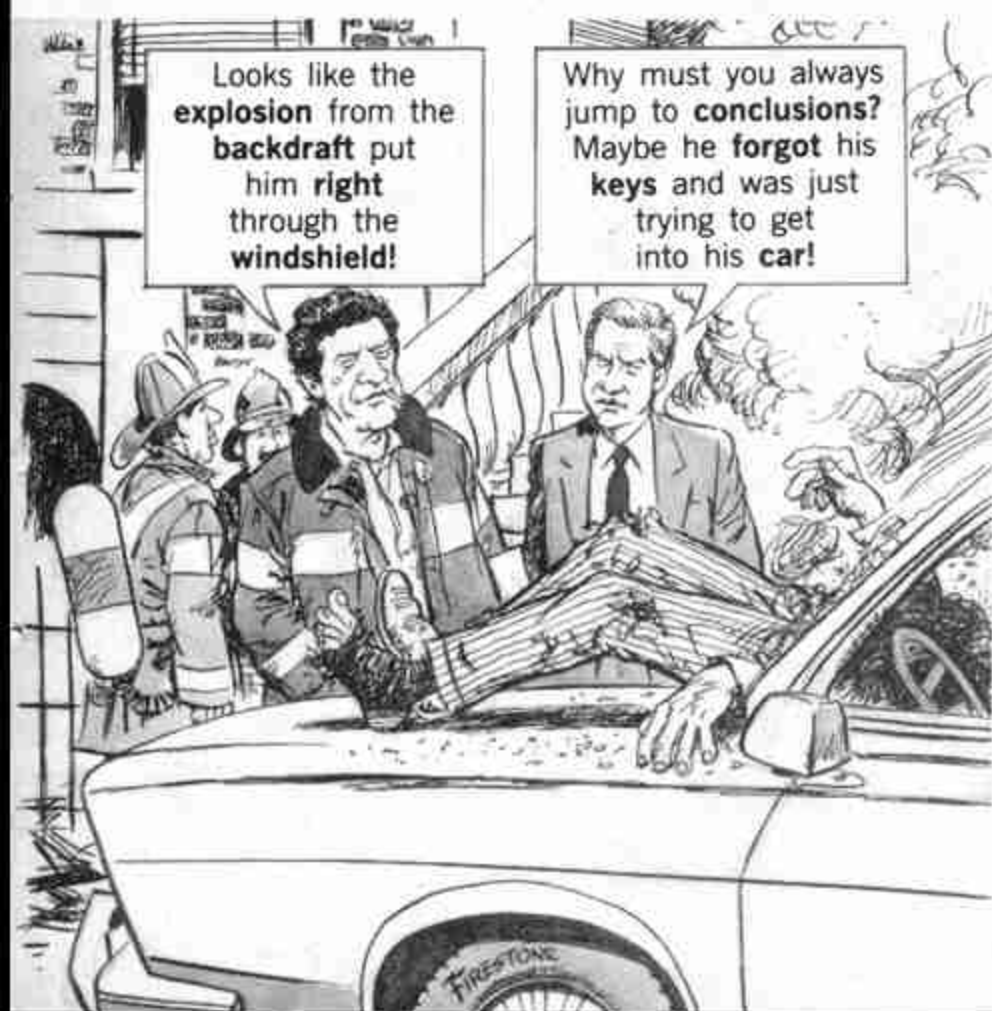
Why must you always jump to **conclusions**? Maybe he **forgot** his **keys** and was just trying to get into his **car**!

How long will it take to get a **report** on this fire?

I'll be working on it **twenty hours** a day for the next two weeks!

That's how **complicated** this case is?

No, that's how much I have to **pad** my **overtime** to make my **rent money**! With all the **cutbacks** in the department it's really getting **impossible** to live!





You're putting this city in **danger** with the **constant** closing of firehouses!

I **don't** think there's a danger, but I'll address that issue with my task force!

And when will that be?

As soon as we find a **new meeting place**. Last night our regular meeting hall **burned down**!



This is **supposed** to be a **respectable party**! What's going on?

Steamin' is **punching out** one of the guests!

Why?

Someone called him a "**hothead**"! And you know how **crazy** he gets when **anyone** calls him **that!!!**



Why are **Burnin'** and **Steamin'** doing that?

They're **very competitive brothers**! They want to see who's **faster**!

Shouldn't they be doing it on Elm Street where there's a **real fire raging out of control**!?

Naw, with all the **smoke** in a real fire, it's tough to see who **crosses the finish line first**!

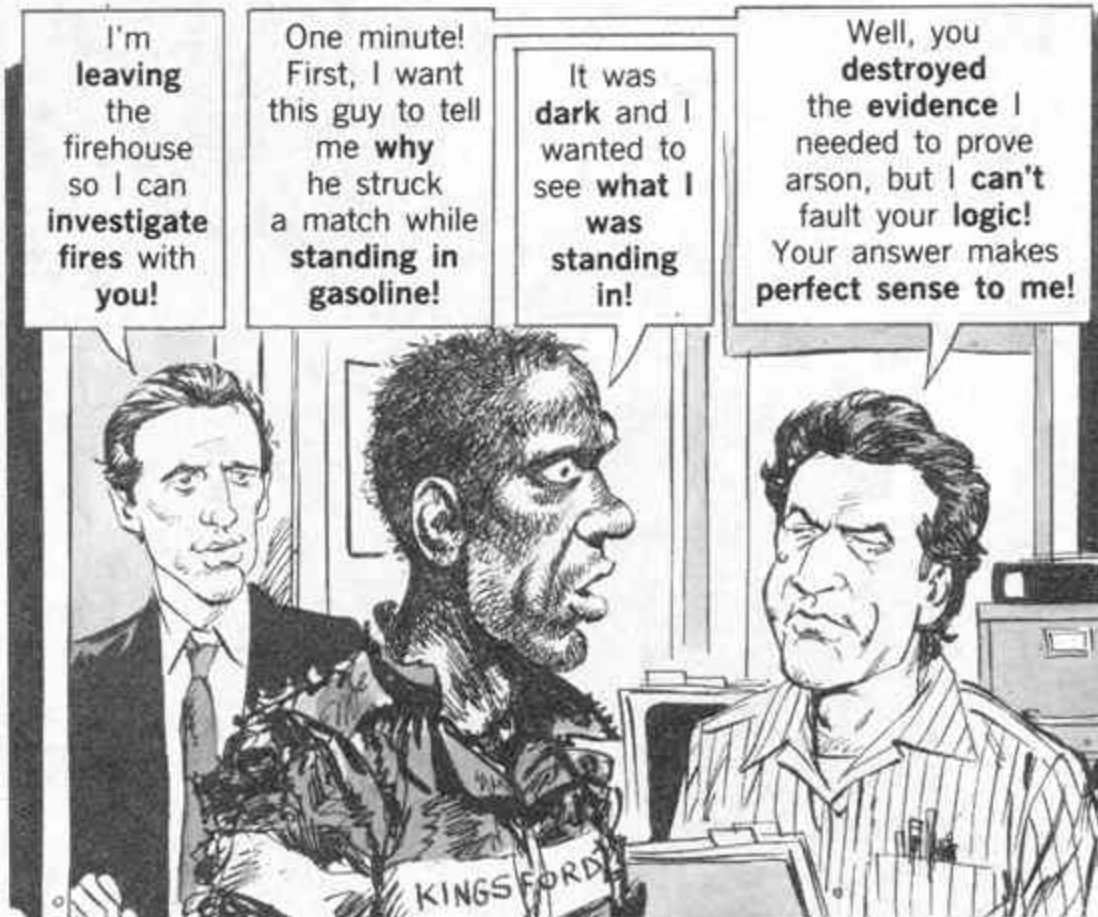


I'm **leaving** the firehouse so I can **investigate** fires with you!

One minute! First, I want this guy to tell me **why** he struck a match while **standing in gasoline**!

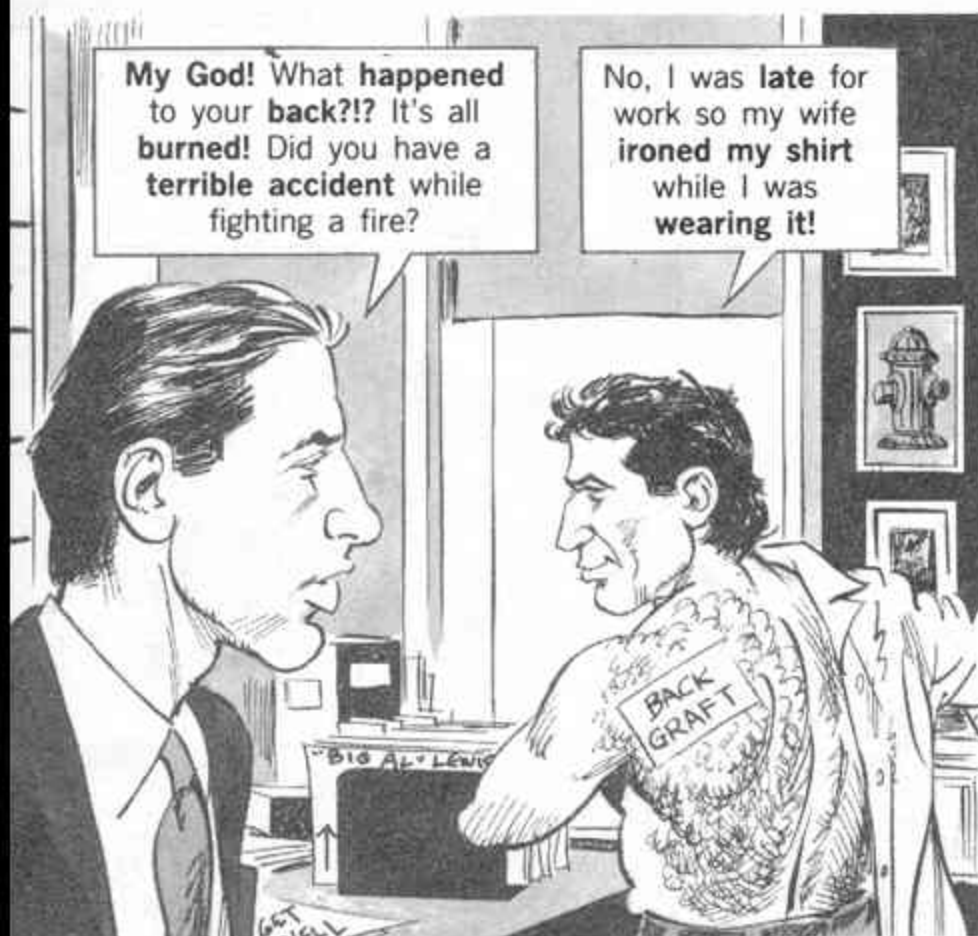
It was **dark** and I wanted to see **what I was standing in**!

Well, you **destroyed** the **evidence** I needed to prove arson, but I **can't** fault your **logic**! Your answer makes **perfect sense** to me!



My God! What happened to your **back**!?! It's all **burned**! Did you have a **terrible accident** while fighting a fire?

No, I was **late** for work so my wife **ironed my shirt** while I was **wearing it**!



Another **mysterious fire and explosion**! How bad was this one?

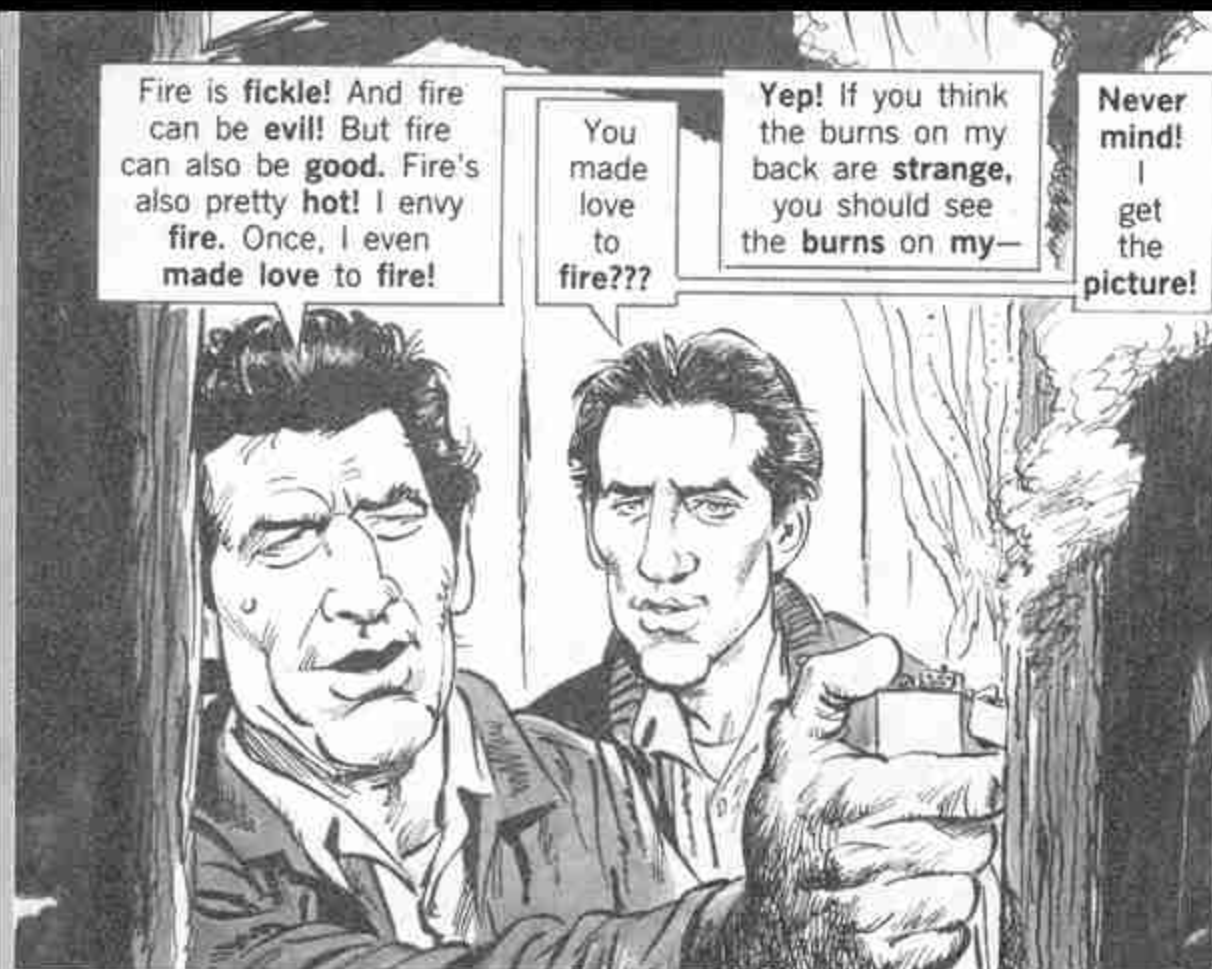
**Very bad**! It blew this victim through the **same windshield** the last victim was blown through!

So it was **just as violent**!

No, much worse! The first victim's car was still on the **other side of town**!







Fire is **fickle**! And fire can be **evil**! But fire can also be **good**. Fire's also pretty **hot**! I envy fire. Once, I even made love to fire!

You made love to fire???

Yep! If you think the burns on my back are **strange**, you should see the **burns** on my—

Never mind! I get the picture!

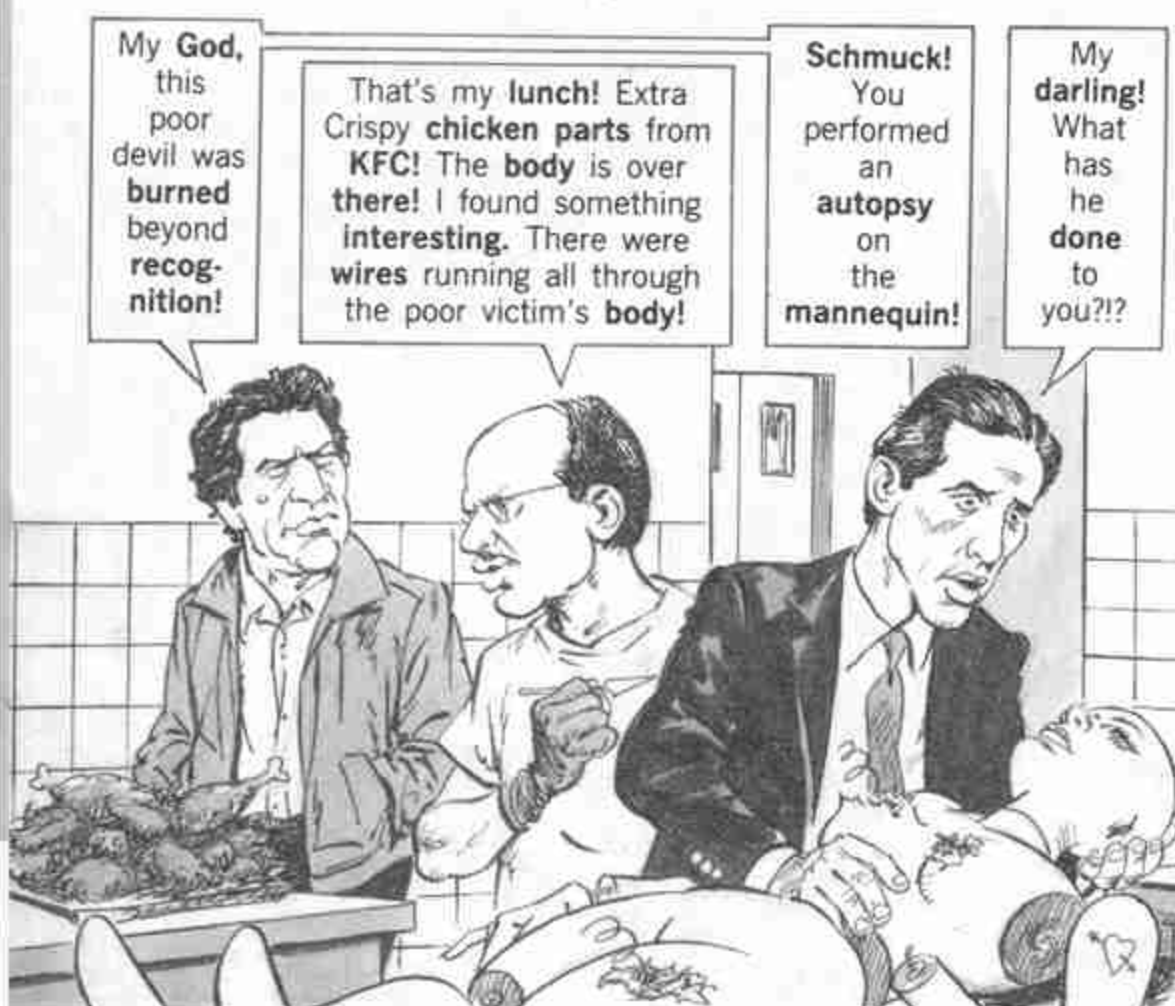


You are **Ronald Burnwell**, the infamous arsonist! Burnwell, I came to see you because I'm looking for clues to some **mysterious** fires that have been taking place lately!

Why do you think I would **know** anything about them?

Actually, I didn't think you'd be any help at all, but a scene just like this worked so well in *Silence of the Lambs*, it certainly couldn't hurt us **copying** it!

WHEN DO WE EAT?



My God, this poor devil was **burned** beyond **recognition**!

That's my **lunch**! Extra Crispy **chicken parts** from **KFC**! The **body** is over there! I found something **interesting**. There were **wires** running all through the poor victim's **body**!

**Schmuck!** You performed an **autopsy** on the **mannequin**!

My **darling!** What has he **done** to you?!!



What do you think of my **lovemaking**?

It was **wonderful**! I heard **sirens**, saw **flashing red lights**, and toward the end, I felt the **earth move**!

You **fool**, that wasn't the **earth moving**! That was the **firetruck**! We started in the **firehouse** and now we're **downtown** at a **three-alarm**! Talk about a **hot time**!!



Juniper, I think there's a **connection** between the **victims** killed in those **mysterious fires** and your **boss**, the **Alderman**!

Of course there's a connection! He was a **partner** in a **fake corporation** with them! They were making millions on the **firehouses** they closed!

You **knew**?! Why didn't you **report** him??

Why **should** I? When I come in 30 minutes late, he doesn't say a **word**! I can take more than an **hour** for lunch and he lets me **leave early** too! He's the **best boss** in the world! Why would I turn him in?

I'm **glad** you came by to visit, **Steamin'**, because I'm in a **loving mood**!

So am I! Let's go! To the **bedroom**?

No, the **firehouse**! You know this family has a **tradition**! We only make love on the top of **firetrucks**!





I got an emergency call to come here to the Alderman's house! Damned if it wasn't another explosion and fire!

Well, at least you didn't get blown into that same windshield all the other victims got blown into!

Yeah, I'm very LUCKY this cast iron picket fence stopped my forward motion! Otherwise, I might have been injured!

That scar on your shoulder is shaped like an electric outlet! The arsonist at the Alderman's house got thrown against an electric outlet! He would have a scar exactly like that, Soot!

Well, it wasn't me! This is a real electric outlet on my shoulder! Go ahead and plug in your electric razor!

Forget it! I trust you! Besides, I shaved this morning!

Soot, I'm really starting to think you had something to do with setting all those mysterious fires!

And why do you say that?

Because we're spraying water on the flames and you're spraying gasoline!

Water, gasoline... what's the difference? Liquid is liquid!

I DID set the fires! I was killing the Alderman and his partners, one at a time! They were destroying the fire department by closing down so many stations!

But we lost a good man in a fire because of you!

That's because you got there too fast! I deliberately set the fire near a coffee shop! If you guys had stopped like I figured you always do, no one would have been killed!

Goodbye, old buddy!

Boy, once a fireman, always a fireman!

Well, my brother's gone! But he died doing the thing he liked best!

Fighting fires?

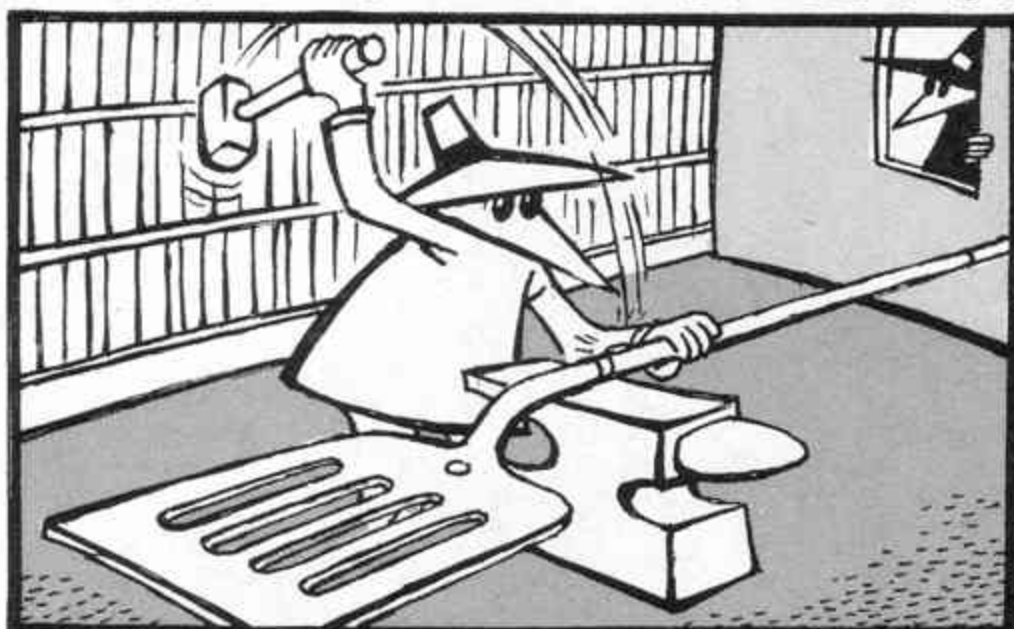
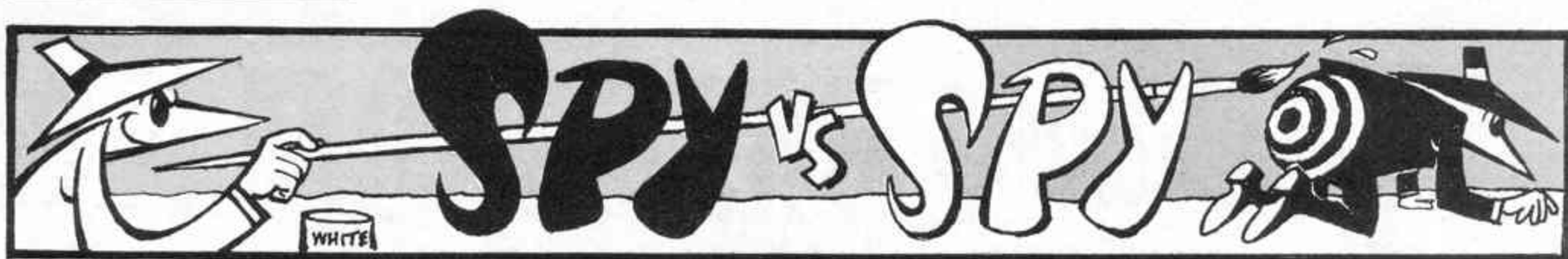
Yeah, that too, but he really liked crawling around in hot places with other guys dressed in rubber!

When's the burial?

Never! We were always competitive, but now I'm having the last laugh! I'm having him cremated! HA! HA! HA!

Nice touch!







If your home has a second bathroom, you probably think it's only good for one thing (well, maybe

# A SECOND BATHROOM... Your

HISTORIC NAVAL BATTLE MEMORIAL



PADDLEBALL COURT WITH ADDITIONAL HAZARDS



INDOOR BAR-B-QUE



COAT CHECKROOM FOR GATHERINGS





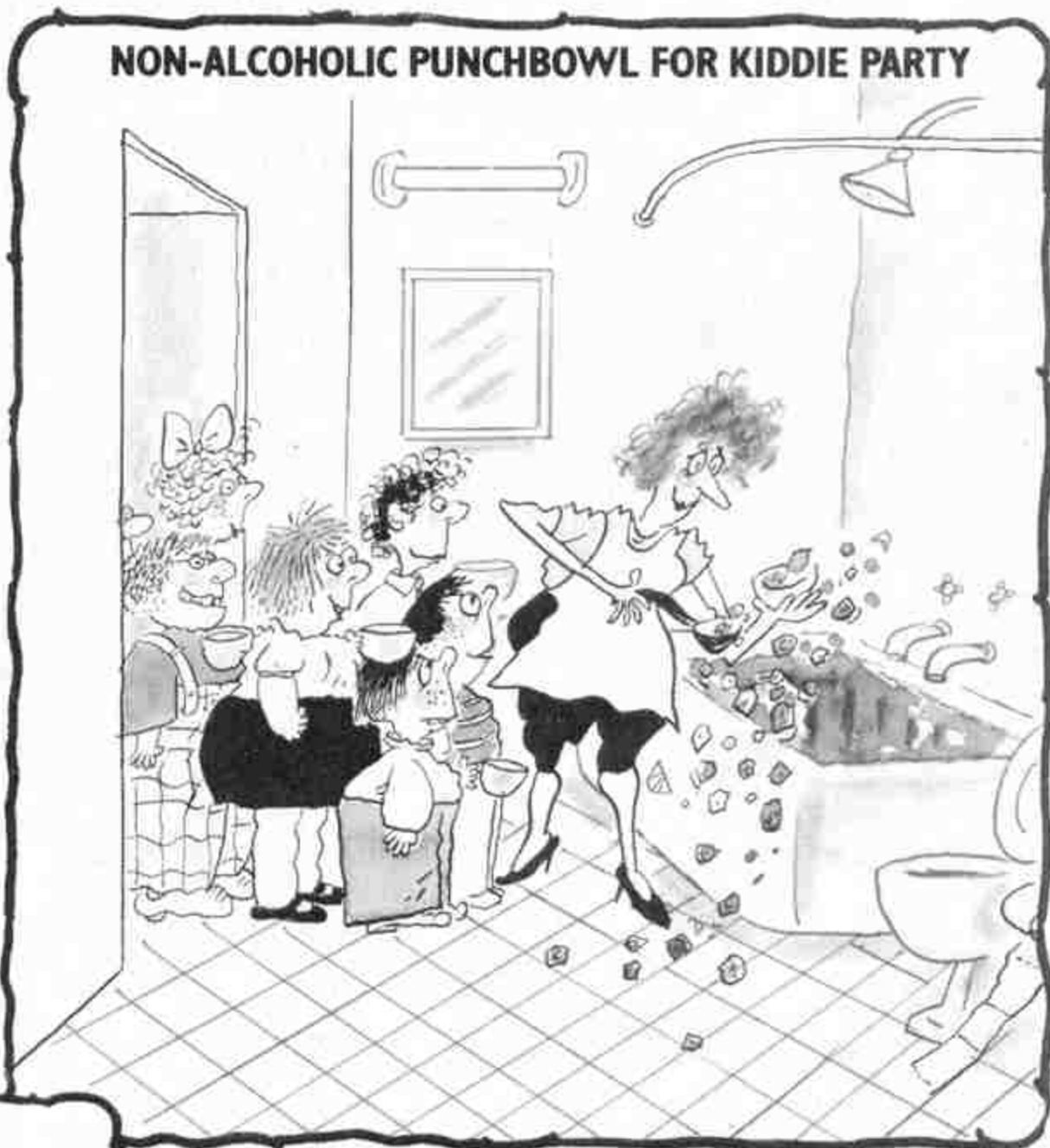
two!). Actually, that handy little tiled room can be adapted to a plethora of snappy uses! Explore...

# Gateway to Fun and Adventure!

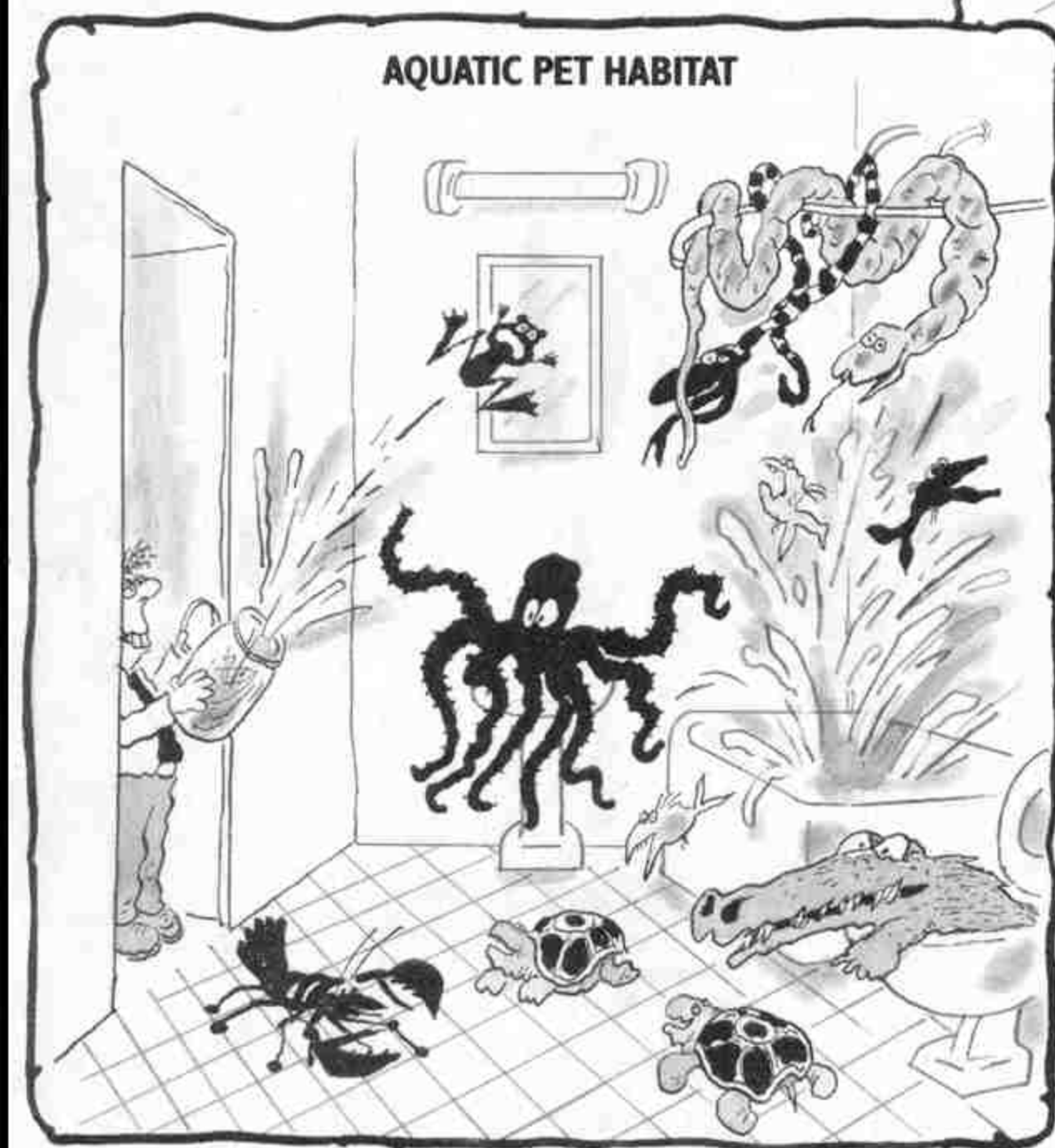
**EMERGENCY GUEST ROOM**



**NON-ALCOHOLIC PUNCHBOWL FOR KIDDIE PARTY**



**AQUATIC PET HABITAT**



**ROMANTIC LOVER'S RETREAT WITH WATERFALL**





Anyone who's ever gone to the movies knows that things absolutely NEVER happen in life the way they do on the big screen. Not one soldier—not even Rambo—can shoot down hundreds of ruthless enemies without so much as getting a nick! And Hollywood prostitutes—not even those who look like Julia Roberts—do not attract handsome millionaires who save them from a life of degradation and sleaze! Hollywood distorts reality (which is pretty distorted already, if you ask us!)—a phenomenon we examine further in this little ditty of an article called...

# REEL VS. REAL

ARTIST: SAM VIVIANO

WRITER: RUSS COOPER



## HOME ALONE

A young boy is left alone at home in a house that has been targeted for robbery by two local thieves!



## REEL VS. REAL

## DANCES WITH WOLVES

An American cavalry soldier asks an Indian tribe to forget all the white man's atrocities, slaughters and lies so that he can become part of their culture!



## REEL VS. REAL



## THREE MEN AND A LITTLE LADY

Three New York bachelors share an apartment and raise a precocious little girl all by themselves!



REEL vs. REAL

## RESCUERS DOWN UNDER

Two cuddly mice invite a sea gull to join them on some very exciting adventures!



REEL vs. REAL

## HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER

A Russian Commander steals a nuclear submarine and heads straight for America, counting on the trust and intelligence of the U.S. military to realize that he's defecting, not attacking!



REEL vs. REAL

## TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

Four ordinary shelled creatures and a rat are inadvertently exposed to "ooze," a highly radioactive material, after a nuclear accident!



REEL vs. REAL





# ACCOUNTS PERCEIVED DEPT.

According to the old cliché, "Seeing is believing!" Unfortunately, no two people seem to see the exact same thing the exact same way. This frequently leads to arguments, fistfights, gunplay and bloodshed! But enough about the typical American family! We're here to explain our point of view (which you'll probably see as a total waste of time) in an article we call...

# ASS

ARTIST: JOHN POUND



A Smoker  
as seen by...



... a non-smoker



... psychologists



... his lungs



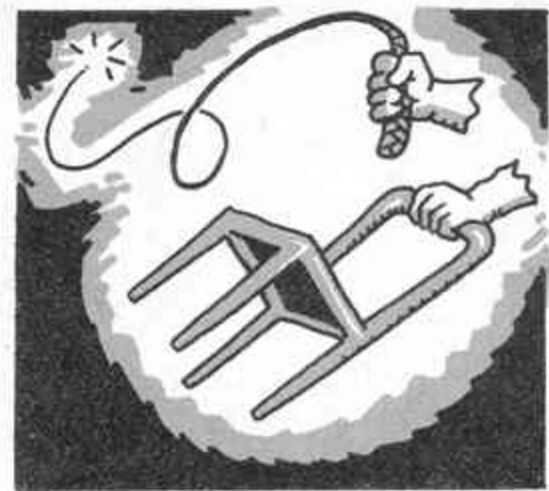
A Newspaper  
as seen by...



... a parakeet



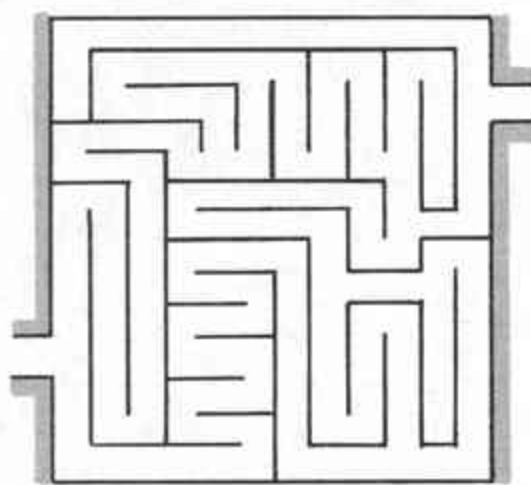
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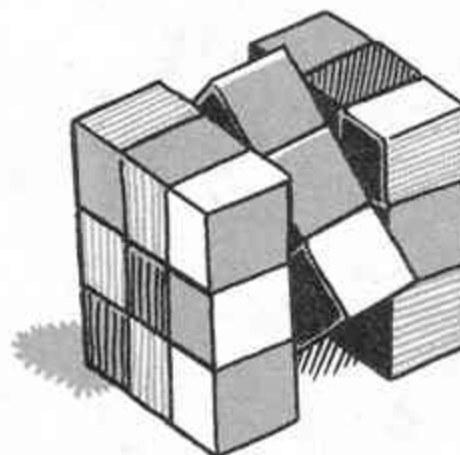
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A Roadmap  
as seen by...



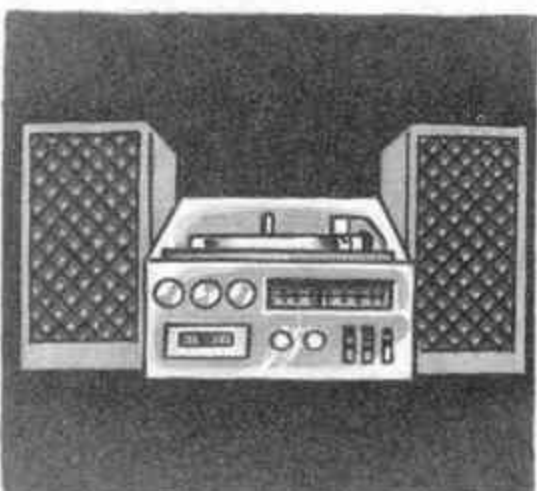
... someone trying to read it



... someone trying to fold it



... someone who is totally lost



Your Stereo  
as seen by...



... the neighbors



... burglars



... you



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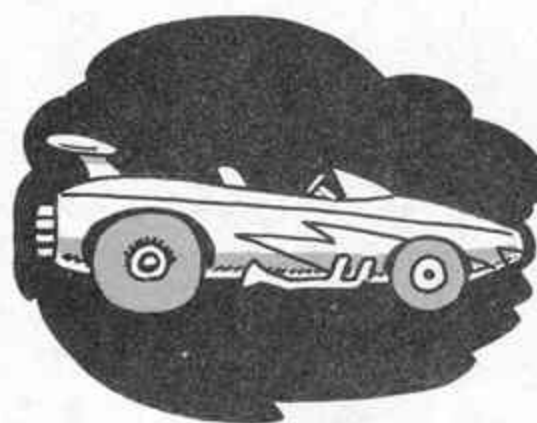
WRITERS: EDIE SMITH AND DARREN JOHNSON



**A Teenager's Car**  
*as seen by...*



*... his friends*



*... the police*



*... his insurance company*



**The Latest Rock Group**  
*as seen by...*



*... Fundamentalists*



*... hotel managers*



*... music critics*



**A High School Girl's Boyfriend**  
*as seen by...*



*... her dad*



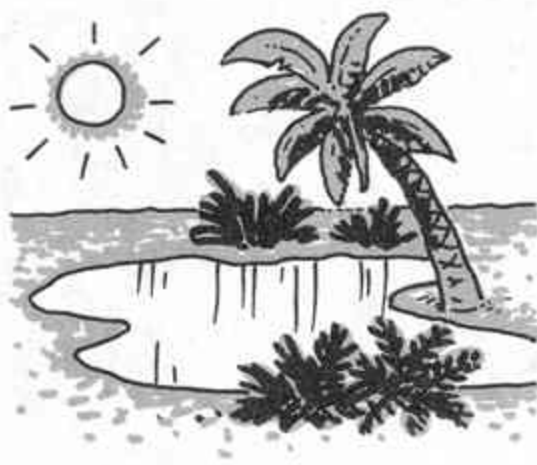
*... her friends*



*... herself*



**A Toilet Bowl**  
*as seen by...*



*... a cat*



*... a plumber*

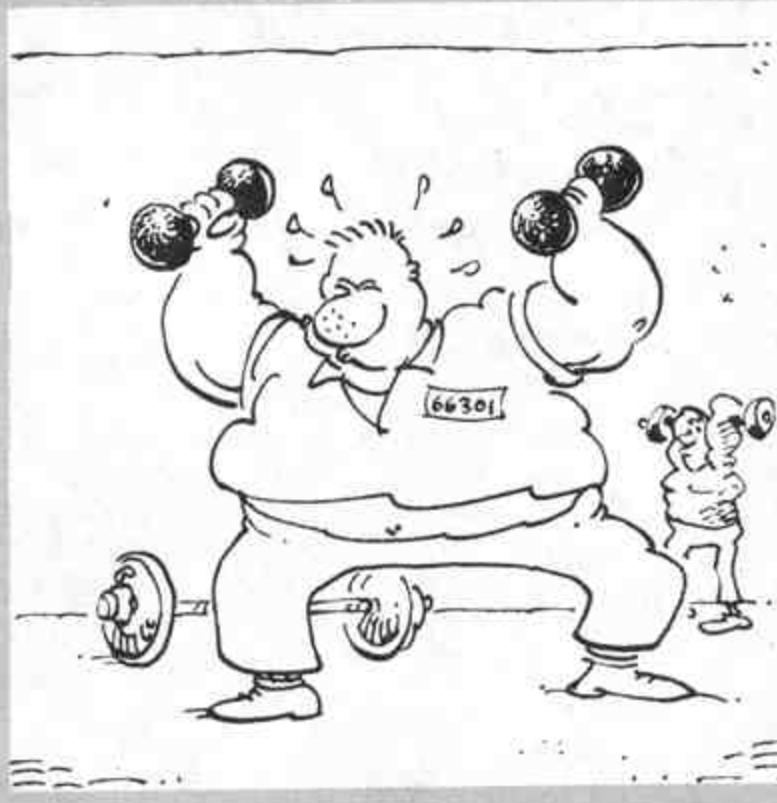


*... a goldfish*





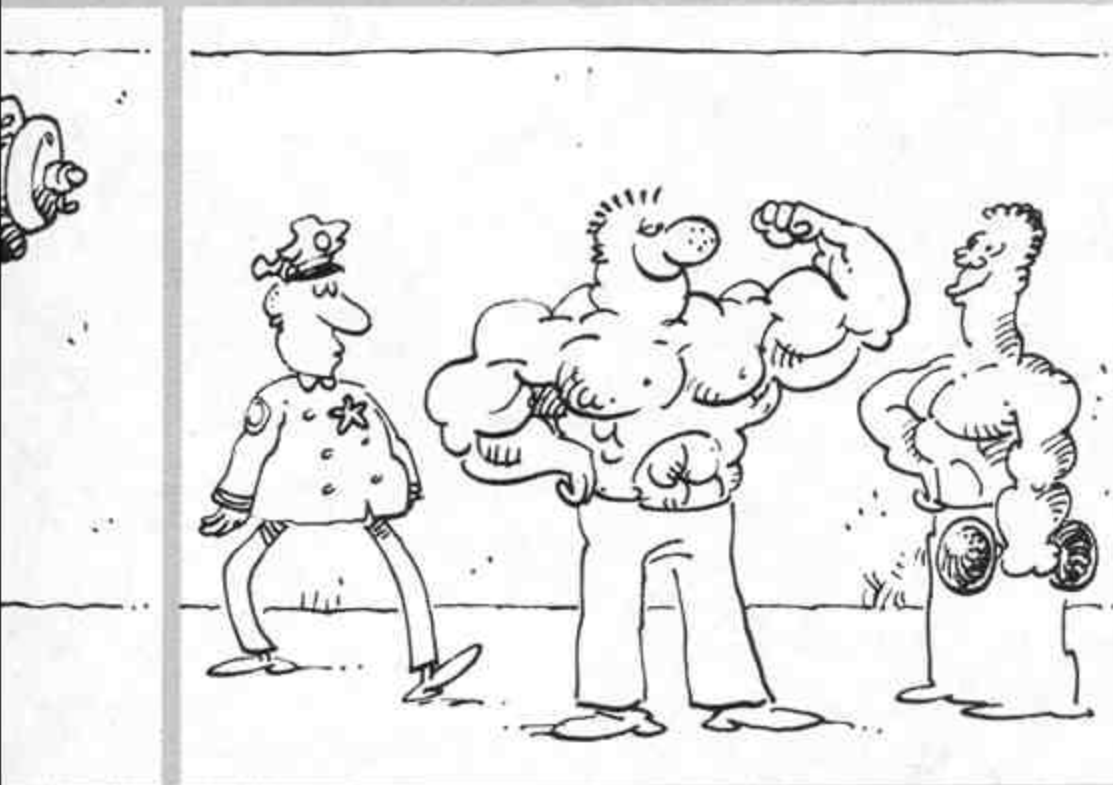
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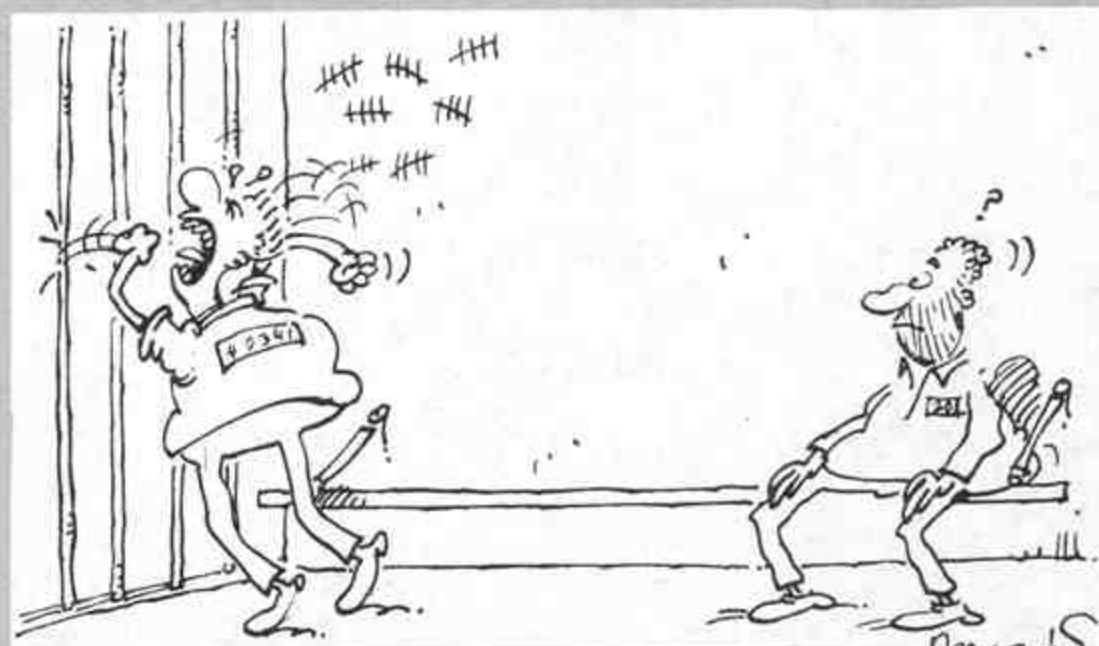


# RISON LIFE

ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES









Amazing! This following-  
the-flight-of-an-arrow  
effect is really super!

Yeah! I can't wait to  
see the great special  
effects in this film!

You  
just  
did!

You mean that was it?  
Seven bucks to see  
one stinking arrow?

No, seven bucks to see America's  
latest heartthrob, Kevin Clodner!  
"Star him and they will come!"

KNOCK ON SHERWOOD DEPT.

# THROBBIN' HOOD

## PRINCE OF HEAVES

Chopping off hands is  
a barbaric practice!  
What do these fiends  
expect to accomplish  
by doing something  
as cruel as that?

It will stop the  
prisoner from  
ever committing  
the same crime  
again, Throbbin'!

What  
was  
he  
accused  
of?

Biting  
his  
nails  
in  
public!

God,  
I  
hate  
it  
here!

Why not look on  
the brighter  
side? At least  
you don't ever  
have to wash  
up for dinner!

There's a hero in  
our midst! That's  
Throbbin' of Loxly,  
one of the greats  
of the Crusades!

Wow! I really admire  
those guys who  
pillaged defenseless  
villages and robbed  
innocent peasants!

I've heard that if  
Throbbin' escapes  
this dungeon he  
will return to  
England and rob  
from the rich!

That is true,  
May Marry'em!  
Throbbin' will  
put that booty  
to better use!

Like giving  
it to the  
poor to make  
their lives  
better?

No! Like giving it  
to Warner Films to  
help repay the  
\$45,000,000 they  
blew producing  
this turkey!

How I love to torture  
my victims before  
I draw, quarter  
and disembowel them!

Hoo-boy! This  
is going  
to be some  
rough movie!

How can  
you  
tell?

He's  
the  
comic  
relief!

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

WRITER: STAN HART



Akeem, we will escape and you will go with me to England and help me make history!

How will YOU make history?!

As the world's first **Equal Opportunity Employer!**

If he does as much for Blacks as he did my people, Akeem is in for a **big disappointment!**

We must do battle! Since there is **little else** in this film except fight scenes, we need one at least every 10 minutes to **keep the audience awake!**

If we don't get killed here, I know a way out of the city!

I have to hand it to you, Akeem! Sneaking out of Jerusalem with a **Hadassah tour** was a great idea!

FOLLOW ME

See what that **evil Sheriff** has done! He **burned my father's castle** and **ruined our land!**

I **hate** to be the one to tell you, but have you seen that **lifeless body** over there?

Yes, I did! Isn't that **Patrick Swayze?**

It's not that **lifeless!** It's your **dead father!**

Woe is me! Why does our leader King Richard **ignore our disastrous domestic problems** and only concern himself with **foreign involvements?**

That's a question people will be asking even **eight centuries** from now when **George Bush** is in power!

RICKY

Is that you, Throbbin'? I cannot see! The Sheriff's men have **blinded me!**

It's me, loyal old Dunkin'!

Alas, Throbbin', you've lost **everything!** Your **castle**, your **wealth** and your **English accent!**

I take a **vow** to **revenge** my father! I **seal the vow** with my **blood!**

This guy is some **putz!** With a **cut hand**, how's he supposed to **fight anyone?**

Is it so **surprising** that a **woman** can fight as well as a **man!**

What's so surprising is **not** how well you fight **now**, but **later**, when Throbbin' fights the Sheriff, how **you** stand by **helplessly, whimpering** like a **complete ninny!**





They say that **Sherwood Forest** is haunted by **angry spirits!**

Tell me, why are the **spirits angry?**

Because a **wimp** like **you** is making our **great creation** into a **bore...**

and because **you don't** have the **guts** to wear **tights** like **we did, wimp!**



Why do all the people love **Throbbin' Hood** and hate me?

Because they feel **alienated** from **you** and the **land!** They claim that they have **no place** they can call their **own!**

Then we'll **convert** the **dungeon** into **condominiums!** There's nothing like **owning** your **own place** to make you feel like part of the **community!**



You shouldn't be watching **Throbbin'** like that! It's not something a **modest, proper 12th century woman** would do!

I'm **different!** I'm a **liberated woman** although **Women's Lib** won't come around until sometime in the **distant future!**

Fortunately, **Throbbin'** has his **back** to us! What if he happens to **turn around?**

This movie would go from a **PG-13** to an **NC-17 Rating** in a **flash!**



You're **amazing, Akeem!** Are you a **doctor?**

**Not anymore!** I was **thrown out of the medical profession** for doing **exactly** what I just did!

Just for **delivering** a **baby?**

No, for **making** a **house call!**



You must get this **message** to **King Richard Bondheart** to warn him about the **evil Sheriff!**

You can always put your **trust** in me, my **dear!**

In this movie, the **Church** really takes a **beating!** Clerics are portrayed in one of two ways: either as a **treacherous coward** like the **Bishop** or as a **drunken glutton** who kills **easily**, like **Friar Tucks!**



**Throbbin',** thank God I found you in time to warn you that the **Sheriff** is **planning** an **attack!**

This is some **secret hiding place** if even a **blind man** can find it!



Who are these men?  
They're the **strang-  
est** humans with  
**costumes** that  
befuddle all sense  
of **logic** and **reality**!

We are witnessing  
the **first appear-  
ance** in history  
of what will be-  
come the **World  
Wrestling Federation**!

When the Sheriff  
said he wanted  
to have a **camp-  
fire**, he really  
meant a **campfire**!

You and I must  
be **betrothed**!

Give me one **good  
reason** for  
marrying you!

I'll give you **two**! First,  
we will have a **child** of  
**Royal blood**! Secondly, it  
will give me a chance to  
**wear your dresses**! I love  
the one with **bugle beads**!

Wilt,  
why  
have you  
always  
**disliked**  
me?

Because you are my **half-  
brother**! Although our  
**mother** was different, we  
had the **same father**,  
and he **disowned** me!

You're my **brother**?!  
That's **great**! I'm as  
**happy** as the two  
brothers who found  
each other after  
**years** of **separation**!

They're  
**TWINS**!

Put that  
bow  
**down**,  
woman!  
**Fighting**  
is **man's**  
**work**!

No, **Little  
Johnson**,  
a woman  
is as **good**  
as a **man**,  
even in  
**combat**!

Thanks  
for that  
**enlightened**  
**non-  
sexist**  
**view**,  
Throbbin'!

What enlightened,  
non-sexist view?  
Throbbin' wants  
the **fat broad** along  
so he can **hide behind**  
her when the arrows  
start **flying**!

We're  
going  
to make  
that  
**Royal baby**!

This is  
supposed  
to be a  
**funny**  
**scene**?

With all the  
**"political correctness"**  
of this film, how  
come they're playing  
a **rape scene** for **laughs**?

Maybe they  
think  
**violating**  
a **woman**  
is **funny**!





Stop that, you villain!

Get lost, Sleepy! We're married!

I don't believe you!

Ah, so that's why you didn't send a wedding present!



Are there any Hollywood "Dueling Cliches" that we haven't done yet?

I think we covered them all! Then, take that!

That wasn't necessary! Five minutes more of this fight and I would have died of boredom!



He's dead! Now we can be married!

Married?! Who wants you? I don't want a widow for my first wife!



Look! It's King Richard, the Bond-hearted!

I want to thank all of you for your efforts in helping me retain my throne! Now you are once again my subjects!

Now you shall live as before...

... With no freedom of speech or freedom of religion or freedom of assembly, with no representation and no arguing with the absolute and divine rights of kings!

HUZZAH! HUZZAH!

HURRAH! HURRAH!



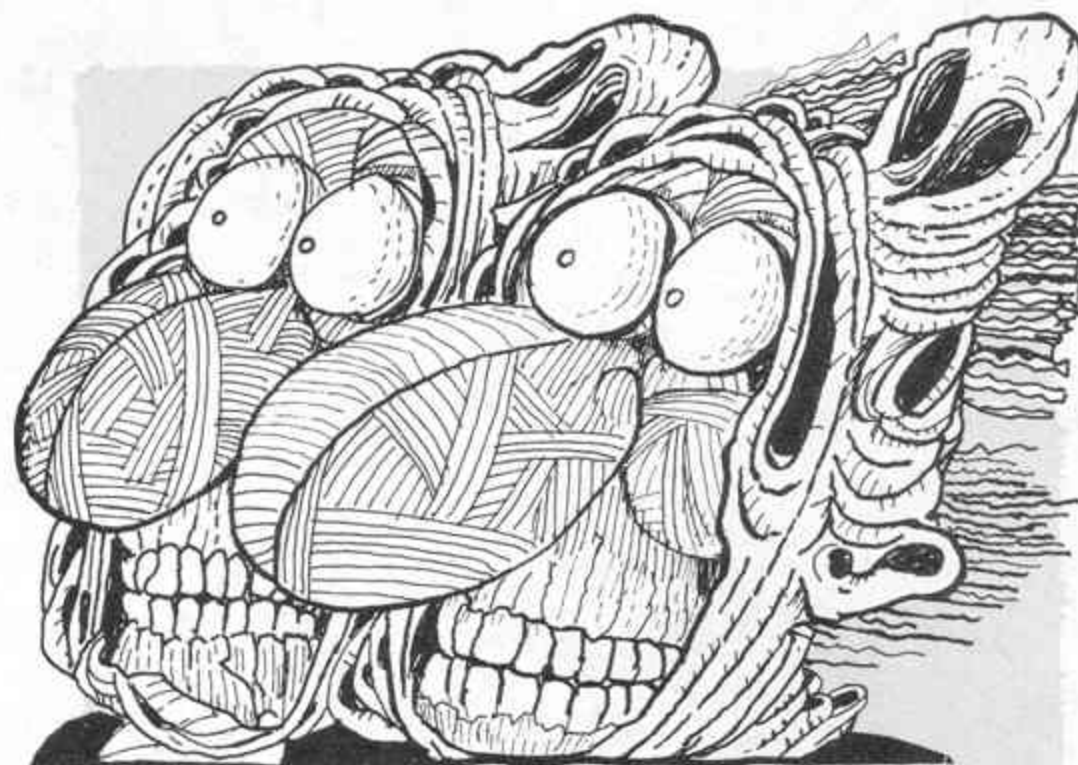
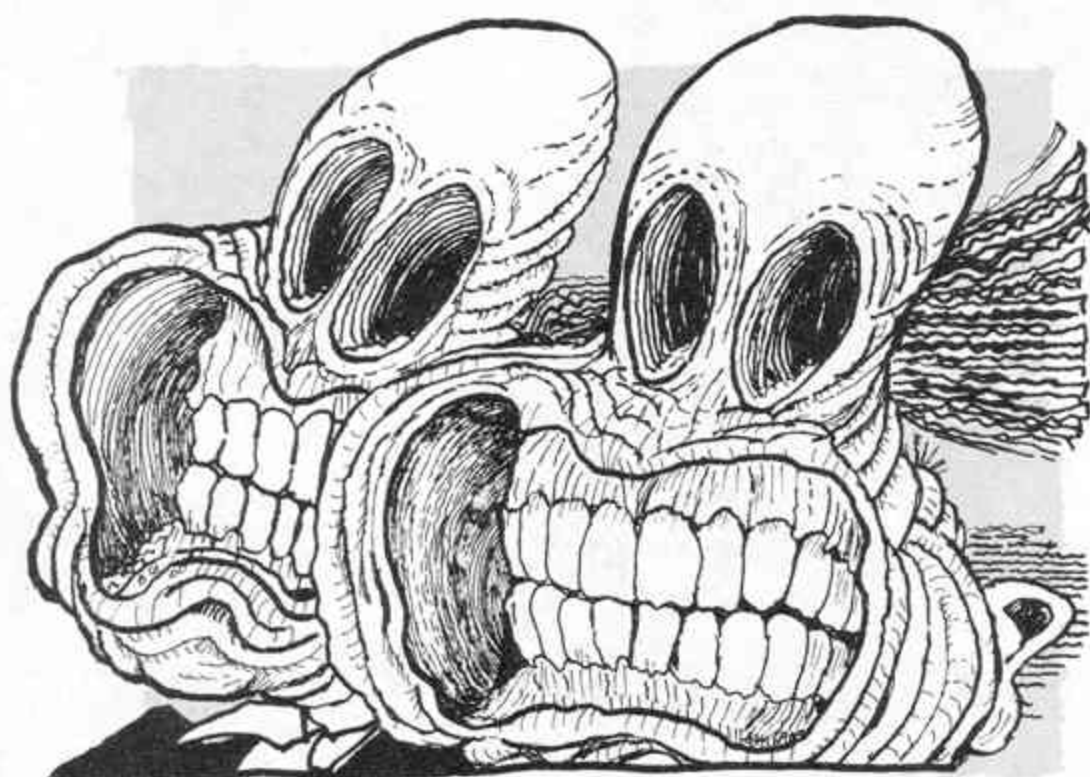
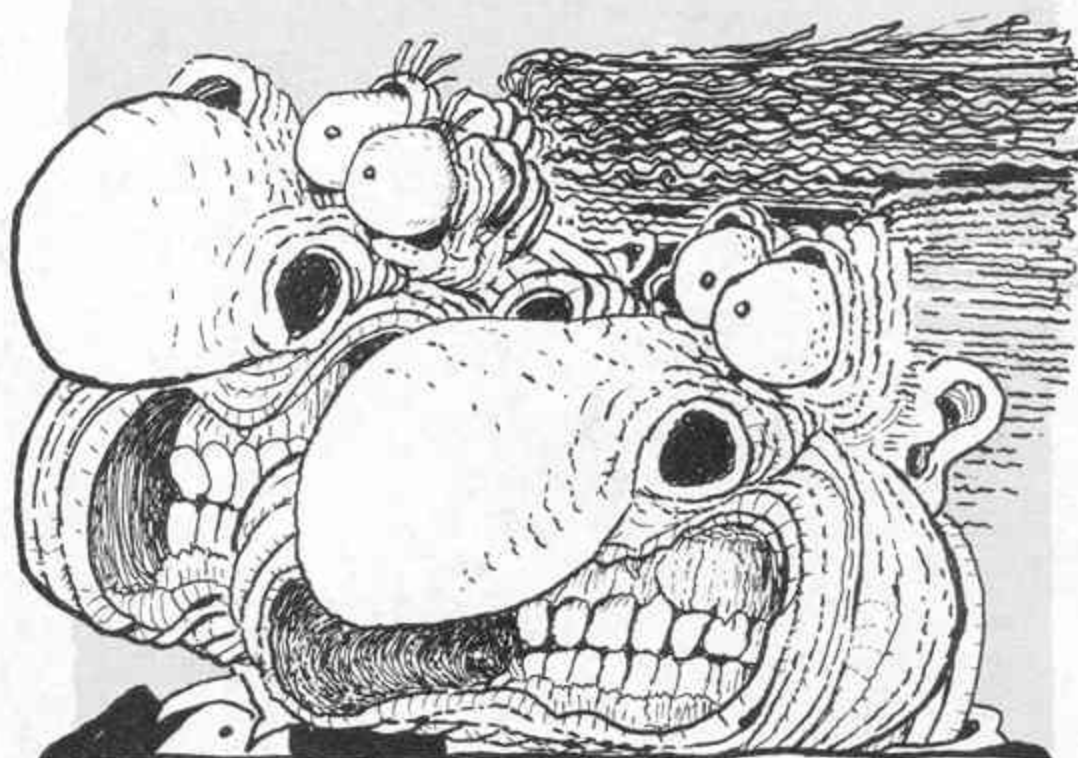
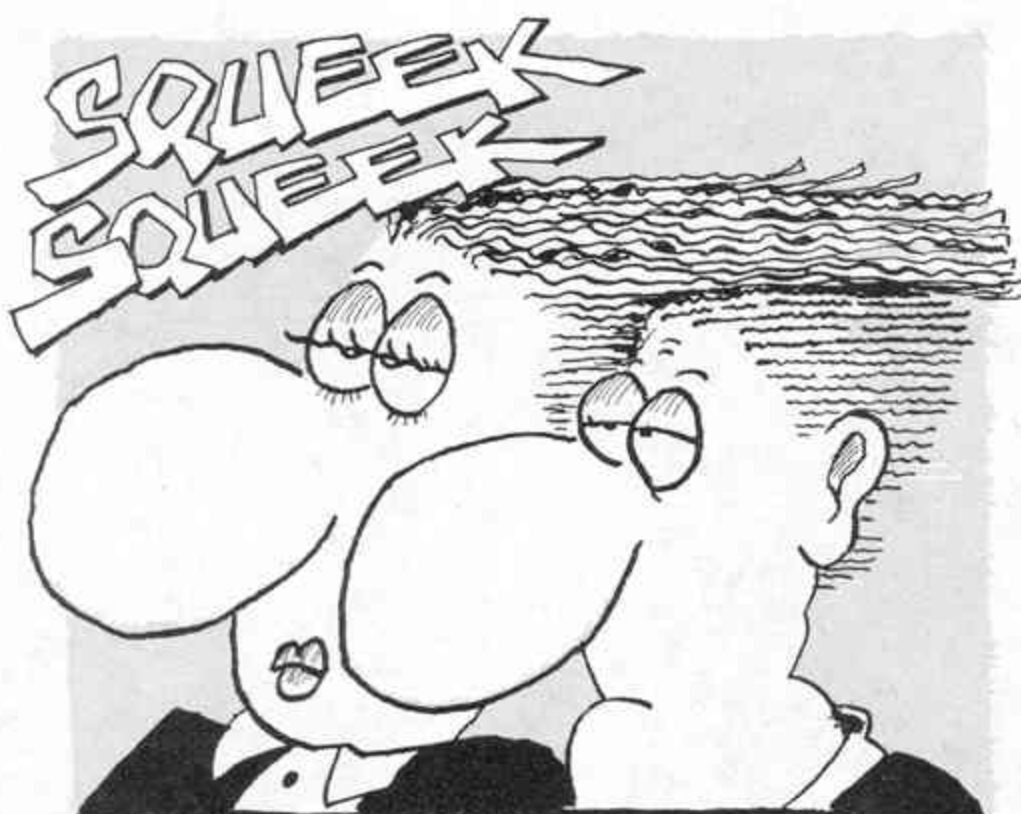
Like hell, baldy!

Get lost!

Up yours, Dickie!



# THE VULNERABLE VICTIM'S VOYAGE





**WHERE IS OUR  
GOVERNMENT MOST  
SUCCESSFULLY USING  
THE CAMOUFLAGE  
TECHNIQUE?**

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

The camouflage technique is now used all over the world. But our leaders are using it extremely well in one area. To see how, fold in page as shown.



FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

A ▶

FOLD THIS SECTION OVER LEFT

◀ B FOLD BACK SO "A" MEETS "B"



HIDEOUS CAMOUFLAGE COLORS ARE USED FOR SIMULATING THE HODGE-PODGE SHADES THAT ARE IN NATURE. THIS TIMELESS PROCESS HELPS ANIMALS SURVIVE. MAN, HOWEVER, IS OBLIGED TO USE IT AS PART OF HIS WARMAKING SYSTEM.

A ▶

◀ B



# A FAIRY TALE SCENE WE'D LIKE TO SEE

Hansel & Gretel



ARTIST: JOHN POUND

WRITER: DUCK EDWING