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-Alfred E. Neuman

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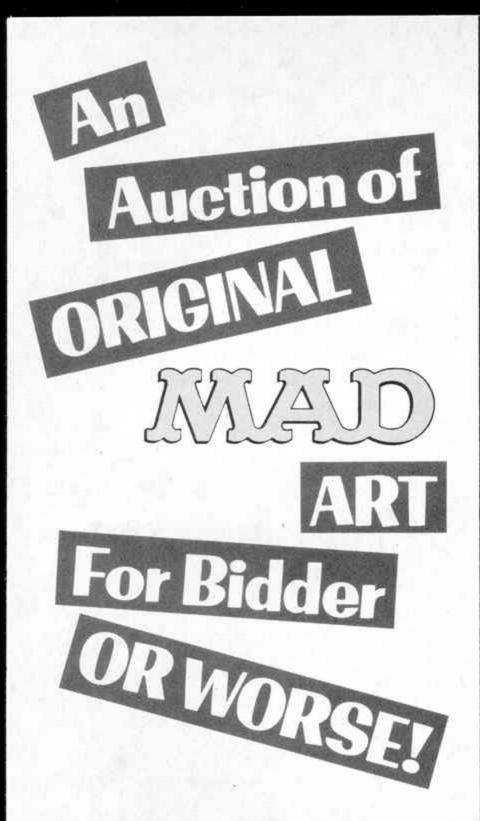
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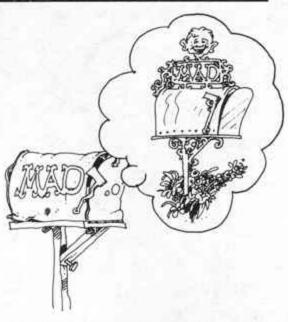
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#### LETTERS AND TOMATOES DEPT.



#### **DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS**

MAD #313's "Evening Shame" spoof should be called "MAD's Editor's Shame." At the top of page 36, Diva says she's going "to pour over the want ads." Huh? What's she going to pour them over? Pancakes? That may be appropriate for MAD's Editors, but when the rest of us read something we "pore" over it. By the way, don't use my name with this letter. My daughter, KATIE SQUIRE would just die if either her name, KATIE SQUIRE, or mine ever appeared in MAD.

Pat Squire Katie Squire's father Simsbury, CT

Patsy-Your letter is very porel-Ed.

#### MORON MAIL

I am typing this sentence with my nose (I really am, no lie). I am typing this sentence with another part of the anatomy but I won't tell you which.

> Paul Alger East Haven, CT

#### We know we can rule out your brain!—Ed.

Is Andrew J. Schwartzberg a great guy or what? He is my hero, my inspiration, my very reason for existing!

Amar Pai Las Vegas, NV

Amar—MAD Editorial Assistant Andrew J. Schwartzberg is a great guy much in the same way Mike Tyson is a great blind date! By the by, we couldn't help but note you're from Las Vegas. Are you perchance the same Amar Pai who works as the bucket boy at Siegfried and Roy's midnight show at the Trop?—Ed.

#### "JFK CONSPIRACY THEORIES"

There must be a billion subjects to ridicule or poke fun at. The assassination of John F. Kennedy does not lend itself to satire. "Other JFK Conspiracy Theories Oliver Stone Left on the Cutting Room Floor" (MAD #314) was an ugly attempt at humor and was soiled with poor taste. With due respect to a magazine enjoyed by millions of us-please don't forget to respect us, too.

Bob Chadwick Kapa'a, HI

After reading "JFK Conspiracy Theories" I have only one piece of advice for artist/ writer Duck Edwing: Don't ride in any opentop convertibles!

> Eric Rickman West Covina, CA

We don't know why you're upset with our JFK movie spoof. Actually, the dashing Mr. Edwing is known for resembling our 35th President, and the two were often mistaken for one another. In fact, many have told us that on that day in Dallas, dozens of people along the motorcade route were heard exclaiming "Duck!"—Ed.



#### **BEING BLUNT ABOUT** INSTRUMENTS

I would like to know why you can't draw musical instruments right! In "The Outrageous Orchestral Offense" (MAD #313), the only instrument you drew right is the drum, which isn't that hard to draw! The tuba has more pipes and the valves are not in the lead pipe. The trombone slide should be on the side of the horn, not below it. Whatever that is supposed to be in the back is drawn like a guitar but is being played like a string bass.

The only drawings I like are the ones of women. I like the way you make their chests really big. Those are the best drawings in the magazine.

John Marmolejo Rowland Heights, CA

John—You're going to have a real love/hate relationship with one of our upcoming articles-"What if Women of the D-Cup Played Chamber Music?"-Ed.

#### ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH



This issue's Spy Vs. Spy-inspired envelope is a festival of minimalism... a cornucopia of simplicity...proof that less IS more! It's the creation of Mike Moreau of Bellingham, WA, but hey, everything has a downside, right?

#### **WRESTLING WITH A RIPOFF**

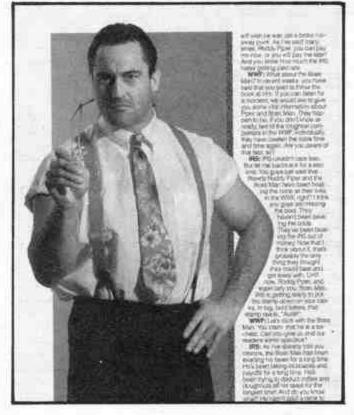
You guys really got ripped off this time! I don't know if you know this already, but the World Wrestling Federation has introduced a wrestler named Irwin R. Schyster, or "IRS" for short. This guy immediately provoked memories of MAD #272's back cover featuring Harold, the Killer Accountant! It seems to me that the WWF is getting so desperate for new gimmick-wrestlers that they have sunk to stealing ideas from MAD!

Mike Baldoumis Danbury, CT

You haven't heard the worst of it! Rumor has it that at the next Royal Rumble, Vince "Mr. Trillions" McMahon is unveiling another MAD-inspired grappler that will make even The Undertaker drop dead in revulsion—"KILLER KAPUTNIK"!—Ed.







Harold "The Killer Accountant" from MAD #272's "WWWF Magazine" spoof and lookalike wrestler Irwin R. Schyster from the pages of WWF magazine. Fal

#### PARENTAL PROS AND CONS PART IV

A well-meaning relative sent a MAD subscription to our children, but I want it stopped! Your magazine is sick, sick, sick, immoral and a very, very bad example for kids (teens too!) Like I said, I don't want your filth coming to my home!

> Jeanne Aldendifer South Bend, IN

I would like to direct this letter to all of the mothers out there who have cancelled their kids subscriptions to MAD. All I want to say to them is CHILL OUT! You are depriving your children a chance to take in the best literature there is! You probably don't even give them important things like Nintendo or Cable!

And tell me this: If MAD is such a bad magazine, why has it been around since you were kids? Betcha you read it when you were young! This is the 90s. Kids have their right to read MAD!

Laura Dvornicky Perry Hall, MD

It's time once again for us to ask that old, eternal question we first posed on the letters page of MAD #291...Which of these two lovely ladies would you like to be your mom?!—Ed.

#### MAD JACKPOTRZEBIE!

Hey! This is your last chance in '92 to play "MAD Jackpotrzebie"! If the number printed on the upper right-hand corner of the cover of your copy of MAD Collector's Series #5 matches one of the randomly selected numbers printed below, you win a free one-year subscription to MADI To claim your prize, send the original cover (no photocopies) to: MAD Winner's Circle, 485 MADIson Ave., New York, NY 10022. All prize claims subject to verification. Void in any state where prohibited by law. If employees of MAD or their relatives know what's good for them, they won't enter!

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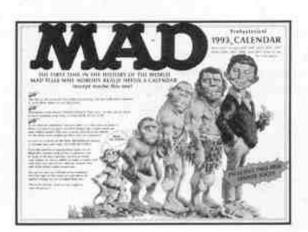
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0,087,406	0,453,253	0,716,704	0,834,236
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#### A BAD CASE OF THE NUNS DEPT.

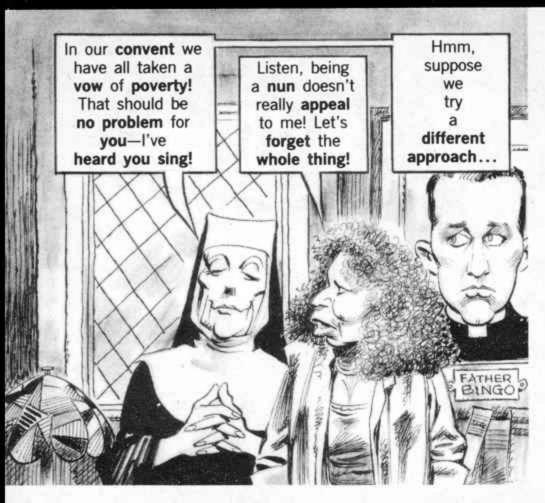
Holy guacamole, another "cute nun" movie! For God's sake, give it a rest, already! The church has enough problems without having to deal with this kind of un-saintly representation! It's no wonder they wouldn't mind seeing this...





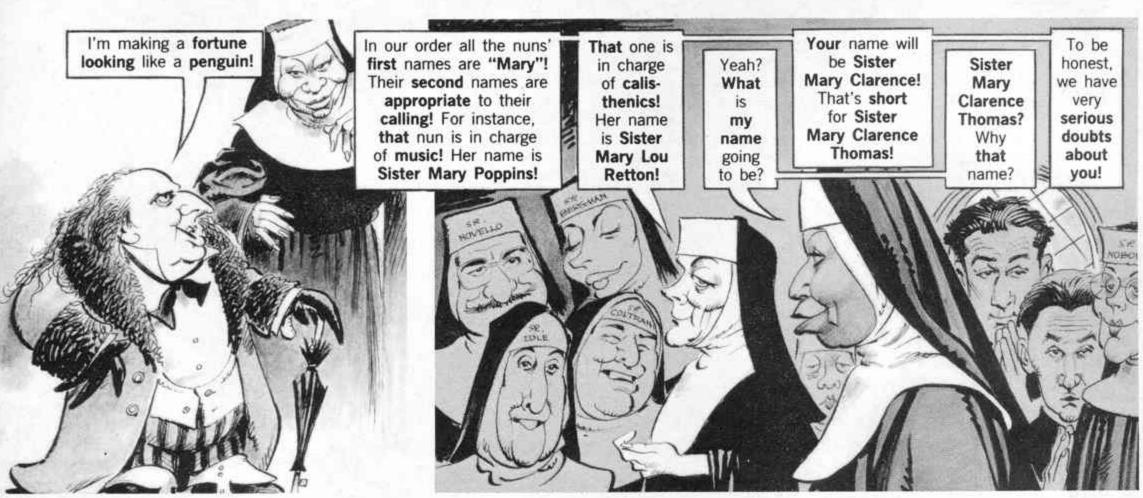
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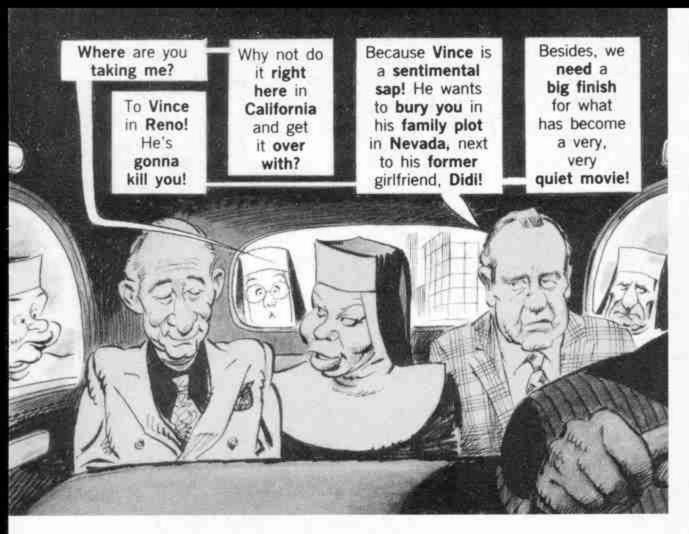


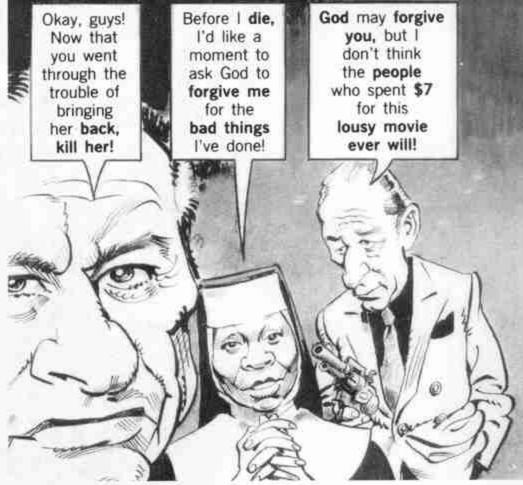






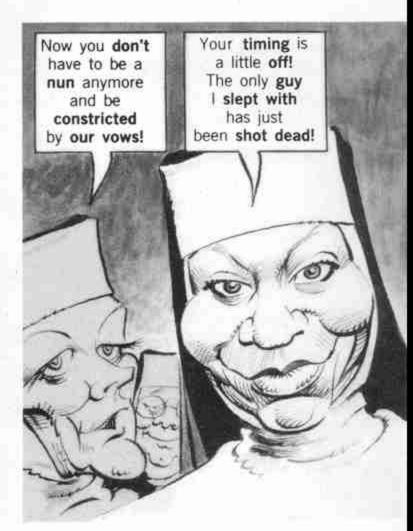


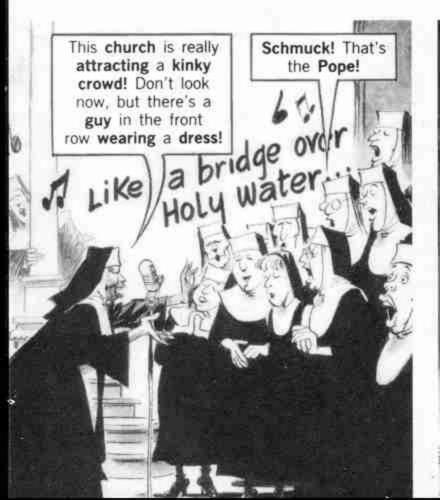


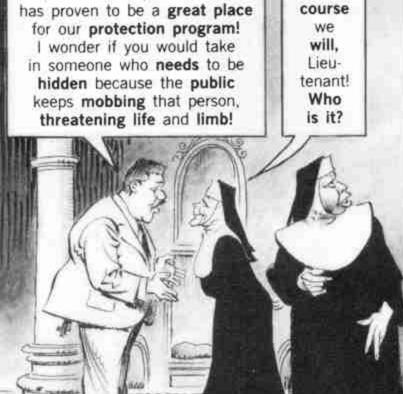






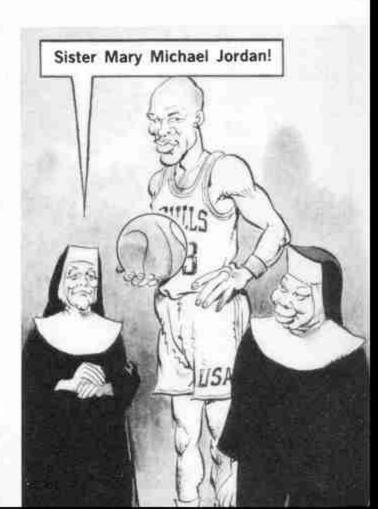






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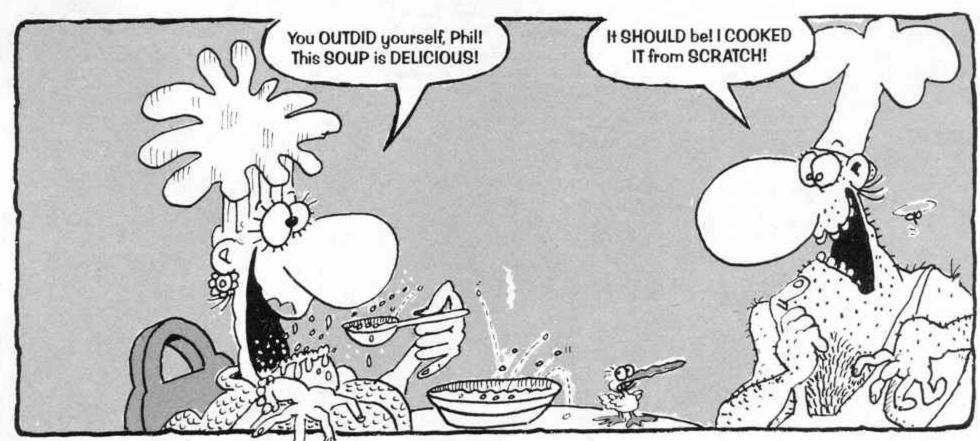








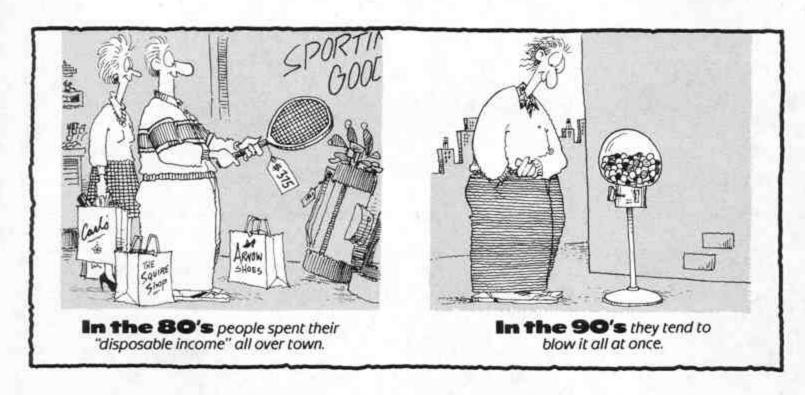


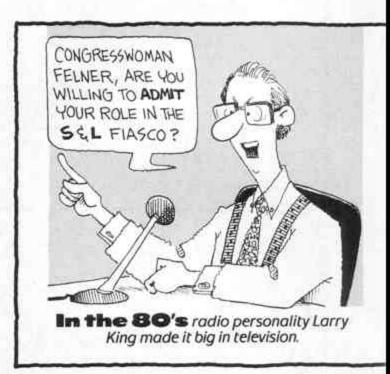


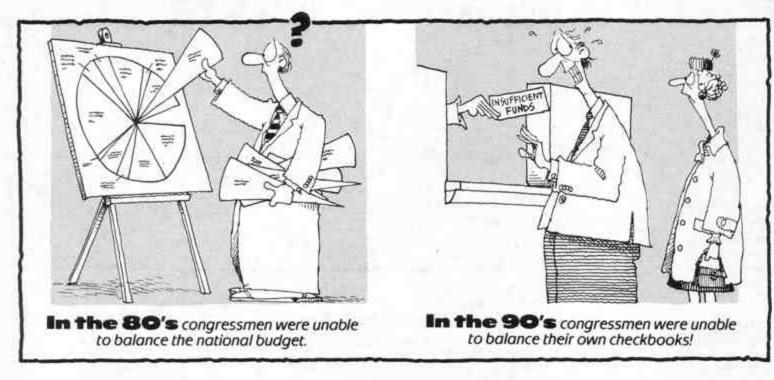
#### CUTTING THE DECADE DEPT.

On New Year's Eve 1990 a new decade began...but nobody really noticed. People were still wearing the same clothes, had the same friends...even Dick Clark looked like he did in the 80's. (Heck, Dick Clark still looks like he did in the 50's!) But things have changed, it's just that the changes were very subtle. The keen eye of MAD has detected some of...

# The Differ the 86's

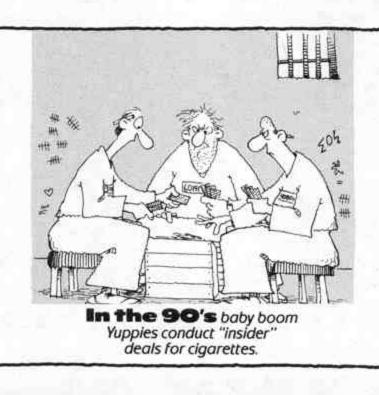












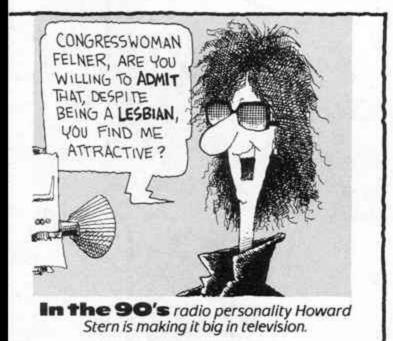


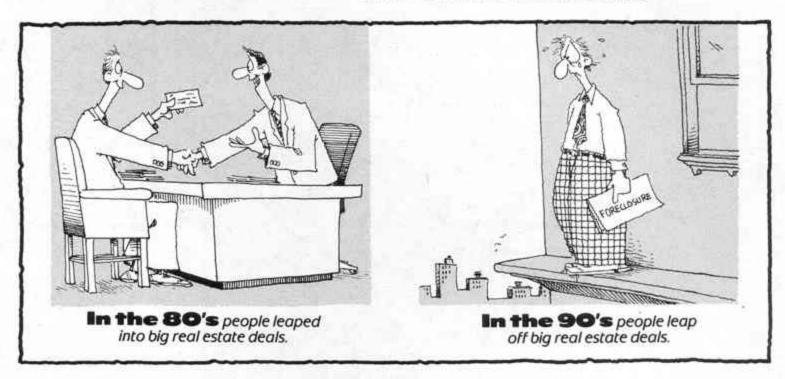




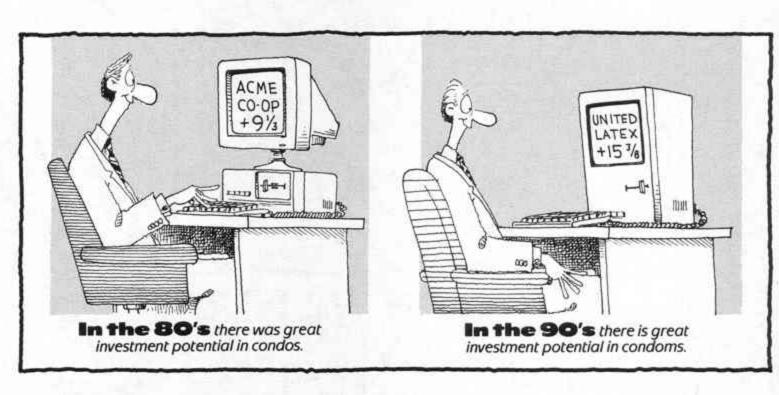
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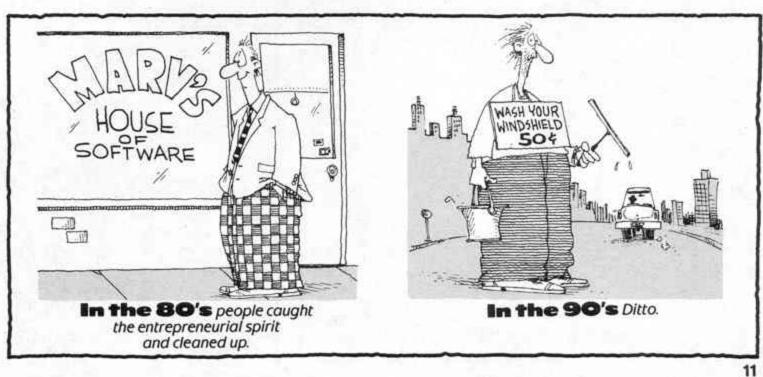














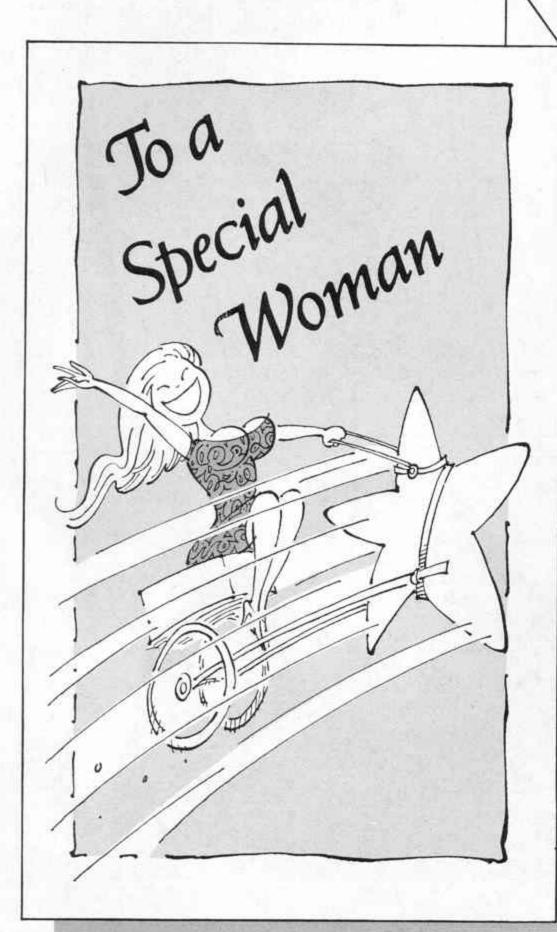
#### FRANK ON A ROLL DEPT.

There are thousands of greeting cards to choose from these days. The problem is that none of them deal with the fast-changing world of the 1990s. But not to worry! MAD now points the backwards, dim and dunderheaded card companies in the right direction as we present...

# Greeting Cards that keep up with the times

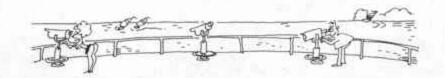
ARTIST: PAUL COKER

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS





You only make it with the best,
Shrewd bimbo that you are,
And that is why you always hitch
Your wagon to a star,
The dude must be a VIP
With power and ambition,
Just like the last one that you hooked—
A married politician,
But now he's left you high and dry
And dashed your dreams of glory,
Don't fret—you'll make a bundle when
The tabloids buy your story.





Your company could not survive
Your latest business blunder,
Your latest business blunder,
And so, last month, you bellied up
And let your firm go under;
Despite the loss you must have felt,
Despite the stress and strain,
That bonus that you gave yourself
Will surely ease the pain;
You walked away a millionaire
And didn't lose a buck;
Your firm's investors got wiped out,
But, hey, that's their tough luck!

### With Joy In Our Hearts

We never thought you'd land that job
Last week when you applied;
The dozen other applicants
Were much more qualified;
Your résumé's a sorry joke;
You lack the needed skills;
You turn off all who meet you
With a morning breath that kills;
You really stood no chance at all,
Except, you lucky slob,
The others failed their urine test—
Congrats! You got the job!



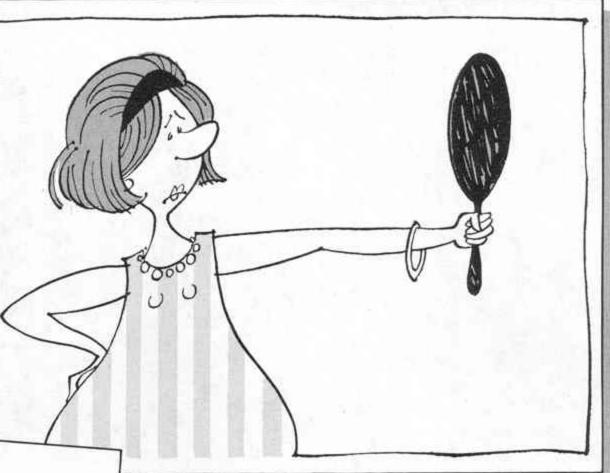
#### CONGRATULATIONS!

O college jock, you've made the grade
And earned your graduation;
You got through "Body Painting 3"
And "Rock Appreciation;"
You stuck it out despite those times
You found the going hard;
You'd know the pride we feel if you
Could only read this card.

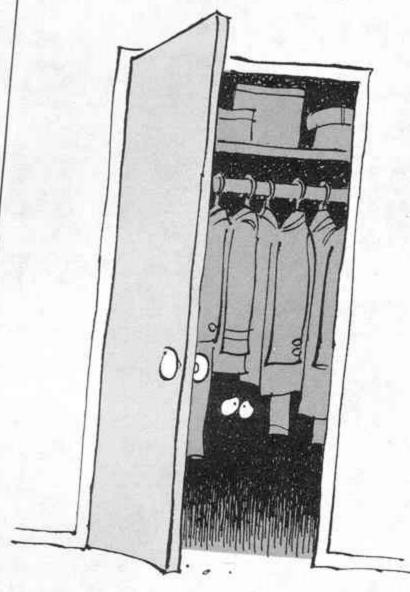


#### A Personal Message

Your neighbor had a skin-peel-Now she looks as if she's molting; Another had a face-lift-The results were quite revolting; Your best friend had a fanny-tuck-When sitting, she's lopsided; Your cousin sued her doctor When her implants subdivided; So what if you're flat-chested And your tummy's gone to pot? You've seen the shape these folks are in, So keep the one you've got!



### In Deepest Sympathy



You tried to hide it from your fans; You feared for your career; But now it's in the open, guy, The word's out, far and near; That gay rag blew your cover With a front-page exposé; You're now a conversation piece From New York to L.A.; Yes, you've been outed, sad to say, For all the world to see; Remember that I'm still your friend, So please, guy, don't out me!



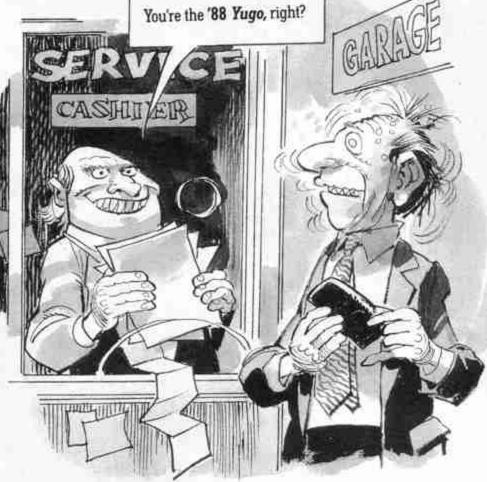
### Thinking Of You

While others struggle to survive, You sail through ev'ry test; You're "Mr. Lucky" to your friends; You seem divinely blessed; That is, until we heard today— Oh, gee, oh, gosh, oh golly-Your Mickey Mantle rookie card Was chewed up by your collie.



Sorry-you can only sell us one pint per week!





WORDS OF No, but we can get a search warrant easy enough! THAT YOUR LIFE'

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS







No, I really can't stay and talk any longer... but here's your copy of Watchtower!

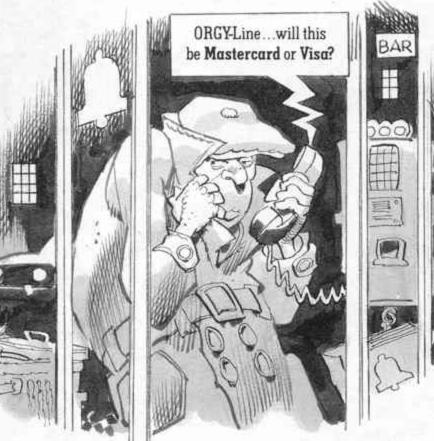


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WRITER: MIKE SNIDER









#### HIDE 'N' CRITIQUE DEPT.

Ever wonder why you can't get a good deli sandwich in Sandusky, Ohio? Ever wonder what possessed America during the Vanilla Ice craze? Well, so do we! Meanwhile, we have to fill our magazine with something, so feast your eyes on...

# MAD'S INS





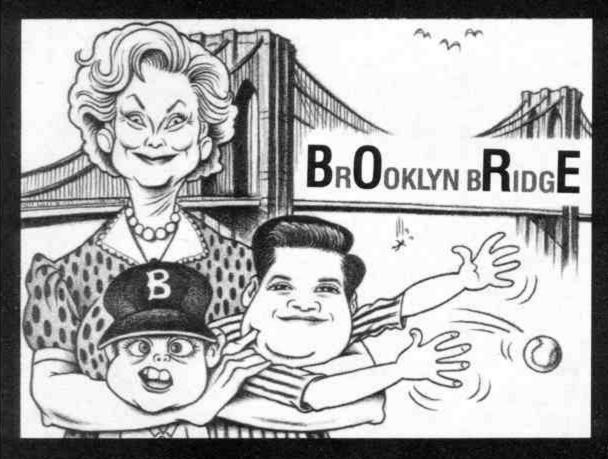
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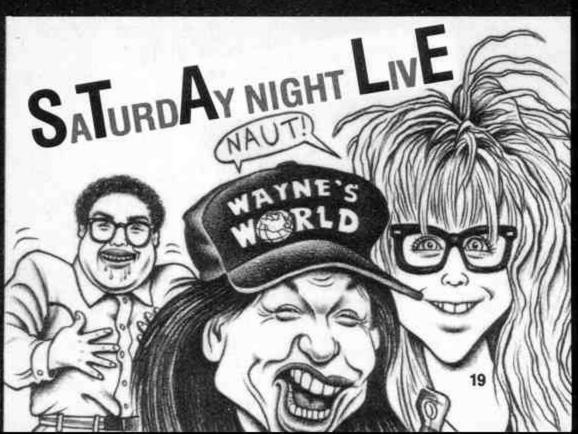
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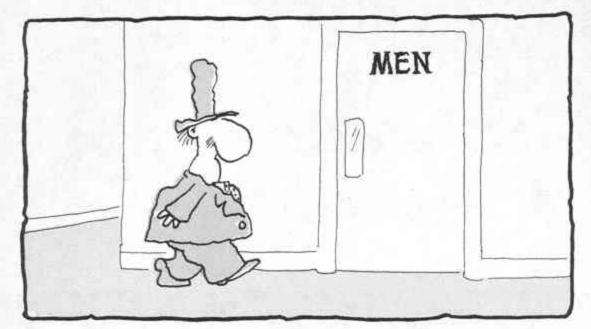


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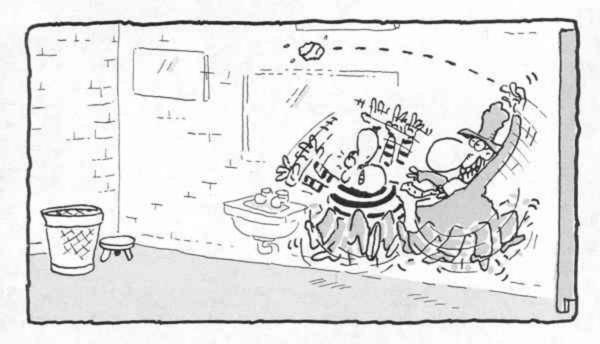
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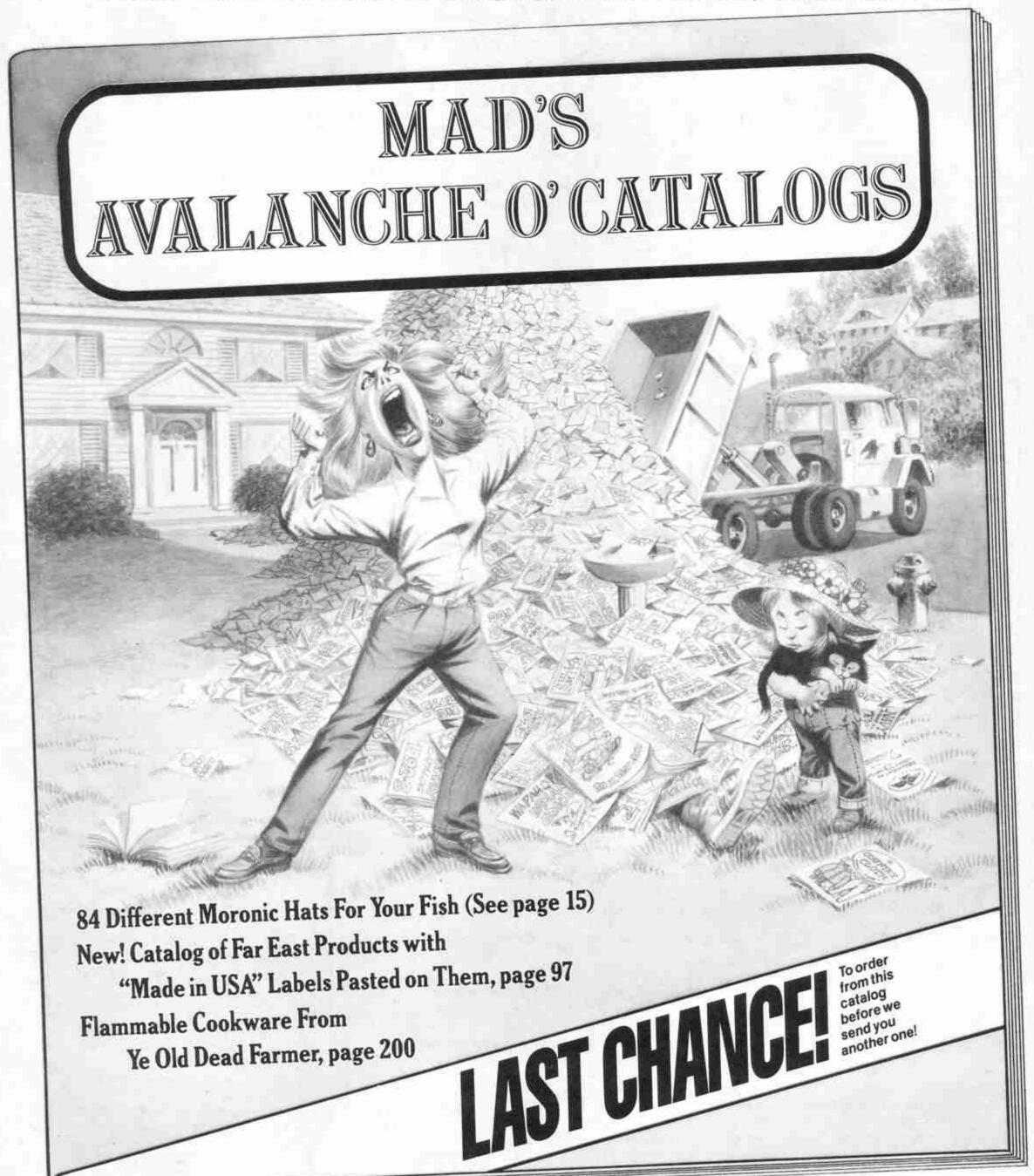








Mail-order shopping has become a 314 billion dollar a year business (we haven't actually researched that, but it's an amount we think sounds good!) Since that figure represents only a small percentage of what we annually lose on MAD subscriptions, we thought it wise to dip our biscuit in this cash bonanza gravy! So here now is the première edition of...





THE GOOSE-FILLED COMFORTER CO.

This unique catalog features the latest in bed linens—100% cotton oversize comforters stuffed with LIVE geesel Much warmer than goose feathers alone! As long as the geese sleep, you will tool Kids love 'em—so do cats! Full selection of throw pillows stuffed with living crows also available. Catalog \$18. Circle No. 826



#### TUXEDO IN A CAN

For over 13 years, America's foremost makers of vacuum-packed formal wear for that dress-up emergency! Store in your clothes closet or on your kitchen shelf next to the greenbeans! No refrigeration needed! Over two dozen styles and accessories, including freeze-dried cummerbunds. Long favored by backpackers and lighthouse keepers. Now in lead-free cans! Catalog \$68. Circle No. 092



#### PET CLERGY SUPPLIES

PRAISE DOG! The St. Fido's catalog is the #1 source for multi-denominational pet accessories. They have it all: clerical flea collars, feline nun's habits, pulpits for fish, Bishop's miters in reptile sizes. Turn your pet's play time into pray time! Catalog \$15. Circle No. 698



#### VICTORIA'S REALLY REALLY SECRET

Lingerie, lacy nightgowns and other racy fashions too risqué for even Victoria to show! That's why every embarrassed model in this 112-page catalog is pictured hiding behind sofas, under box springs or inside clothing hampers! Special men's underwear section shows male models hiding in ditches and behind cactus. Catalog \$32. Circle No. 245



#### SIR BENJAMIN'S MUSICAL PEGLEGS

Since 1895 the descendants of Sir Benjamin Bartholomew have painstakingly crafted by hand each of these charming, tuneful artificial limbs. They haven't sold a single one...so this catalog is filled with BIG discounts! This year's new musical selections include Forever Your Girl, The Theme From 'Cheers' and The Liverpool Oratorio. New conversion kit allows creation of musical fireplace logs. Color catalog \$36. Gircle No. 382



#### RIPOFFS 'R' US

Hard-to-find stolen goods at discount pricesl Pages and pages of illegally obtained audio equipment, computers, fine jewelry, even cars! Odds are this burglar's den of merchandise was once YOUR merchandise, so you know they have the models and styles you're looking for! Fully illustrated catalog \$16. Circle No. 738



Complete accessories catalog for anyone wishing to emulate the controversial New York blowhard activist. Suits and jogging outfits in "extra Husky" sizes, moussed pompadour wigs, large, gag disco medallions, morel Full color catalog \$34. Circle No. 485



#### FREDERICK'S OF SANDUSKY

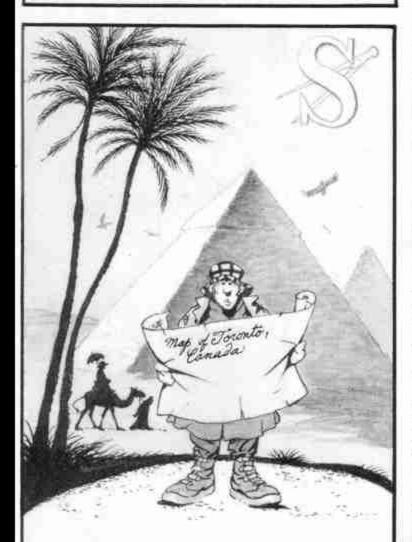
Not to be confused with Frederick's of Hollywood! Fredericks of Sandusky will only sell fashions to men (and women) named Fred! There's absolutely no reason for this policy, it's just a peculiarity on the part of the owner, Bert Zacky. During January and February he will reluctantly sell to Teds and Eds, but only at 20% more than listed prices. Catalog \$26.

Circle No. 556



#### POTTERY MADE BY CHIMPANZEES

Monkeyware Ltd. has settled its differences with the Humane Society and is back! You'll go ape for this all-new collection of misshapen vases, warped salad bowls, lopsided mugs and other deformed pottery! Sorry, glass blown by gorillas no longer available. Catalog printed by orangutans \$84. Circle No. 318



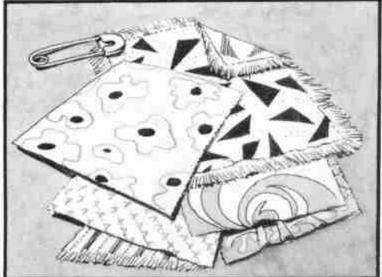
#### CAPTAIN SCUDDY'S INCORRECT MAPS AND GLOBES

Not a gag! These are authentic imitations of the actual maps and navigational charts that kept the legendary Captain Scuddy lost at sea for 171/2 years. Plot a direct course from England to France that takes you through Bolivia, Chad and Fargo, North Dakotal Over 100 maps to choose from. Also available: outdated bus and train schedules from 61 countries, erroneous airline seating diagrams and official Captain Scuddy sailor hats. Official Scudman's catalog \$8. Circle No. 536



#### TRANSVESTITE SCUBA SUPPLIES

As seen on Donahuel Dainty wetsuits, masks, air tanks and flippers for the underwater cross-dresser. Also, stylish matching rubber pumps for when you surface! Deep sea diving has never been so effeminate! Full color, giant-sized catalog \$16. Circle No. 918



#### USELESS MINIATURE SCARVES

These handcrafted gems are factory inspected to insure they will not go around even the smallest neckl Bland and/or tasteless patterns guarantee they have no decorative value and make poor conversation pieces. 100% synthetic itchy fabric is not strong enough to withstand use as handkerchief. Millions of these are given as Christmas gifts every year! Useless catalog \$29. Circle No. 837



#### THE CATALOG CATALOG

Here are hundreds more catalogs you can send us money for (after you send us money for this catalog, that is)! IT'S ALL HERE! The Lard's End Catalog, Infant Juggling Supplies, Jello Mail, George Wendt Products, Handcarved Hams, Exploding Office Supplies, Poorly Drawn Owls and much morel A bonanza for the helpless catalog junkiel Catalog \$267. Circle No. 827



#### SAWDUST SHEP OF OMAHA'S UNINSPECTED BEEF BY MAIL!

Loin! Shoulder! Flank! Why let Uncle Sam meddle with your meat? Public Health inspectors will never see the inside of his slaughterhouse-that's the Sawdust Shep guarantee! You save on every cut because the overhead associated with maintaining sanitary conditions and healthy livestock is virtually eliminated! Save on shipping, too, as Shep does not use insulated or refrigerated containers and sends all orders 4th class! An eating sensation you won't believe! Illustrated catalog \$17. Circle No. 310

COUPON Circle the number of the catalogs you want 459 \$35.00 857 \$88.00 222 \$156.00 098 \$92.00 557 \$73.00 765 \$122.00 748 \$85.00 447 \$83.00 038 \$213.00 574 \$88.00 338 \$95.00 117 \$321.00 726 \$24.00 685 \$90.00 135 \$466.00 676 \$39.00 829 \$55.00 736 \$516.00 lotal for catalogs Service & handling 3.00 Shipping 4.50 Extra fee we hope you don't notice 7.00 Total enclosed Name \_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_Zip \_\_\_\_ Check box if your finger is enclosed for 10% discount. AVALANCHE O'CATALOGS 502 Fine Print St., Nonexistent, Alaska 00000

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his Handy Tool: Rent a TV Studio. Fill it with housewives and out of work brickone item from each column below and waste an hour talking about it ad nauseam! layers. Select How To Use 1

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with enormous feet

who do their own shopping under Federal indictment with poor credit ratings who enjoy winter sports who need a ride to work with multiple identities who shave their bodies who hate their parents who are unable to love who wear eye shadow and their prom dates with breast implants who handle serpents who crave chocolate with claustrophobia and their con games with no social skills with ties to the mob who can't play chess who breed pit bulls and their allergies who knit to forget and their hobbies who cheat at golf who never bathe and their moms who pay retail and their pets with two jobs with PMS

Left-leaning

Vegetarian

Fascist

Reformed

WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL

condom activists

shoplifters

High fashion

Influential

bikers

travel agents

pastry chefs

#### WORDS TO GLIB BY DEPT.

Parents, teachers and other authority figures have a miraculous gift for shutting off any topic of conversation they don't wish to pursue. They just come out of left field with some obscure, presumably wise old saying

### MAD PROVERBS GUARANTEE



or axiom which you don't understand. But now you can have the power to silence THEIR boring, insipid and unwanted talk, simply by memorizing this nifty collection of deeply philosophical, but absolutely meaningless...

### D TO LEAVE 'EM SPEECHLESS

WRITER: TOM KOCH



You can't ride a wet horse to Germany!

Only a fool leaves his laundry with a red-headed woman!

You can't tell a Canadian by the color of his underwear!

There is more kindness in one smile than in five pounds of beef liver!

Never accuse a pygmy of being short until you have walked a mile in his moccasins!

If you scratch a Conservative, does he not stop itching?

Merely hoping the world is flat won't help you fall off it!

No one will ever know you've dug a hole if you leave the dirt in it!

If it can't be done, stop doing it!

A good woman is like a stucco bird cage rough on the outside, but heavy!

Why trade damp firewood for the love of a bearded butcher?

Life is like a can of pears, only more oblong!

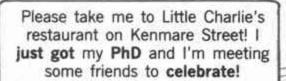
If a chicken is happy in the barnyard, why teach it to sell real estate?



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

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#### **EDUCATION**



Congratulations! It's a day you'll always remember, getting your degree, bracing yourself to face the world and conquer it!





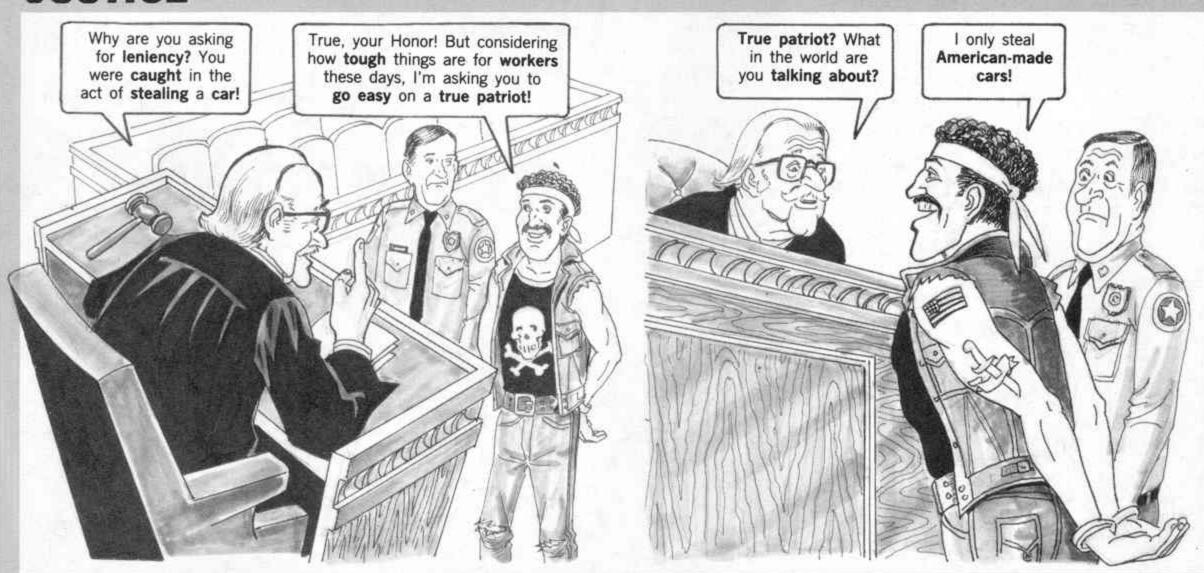
#### **ASSISTANCE**



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#### JUSTICE



#### HUNTING







#### SCHOOL

C'mon already, Rick! We'll be late for school! Do you have everything you need? Yeah, I think so! My homework! My notebook! My lunch money! My calculator! My science book! And the most important thing...





#### **MESSAGES**

Look at that! One of those "Prophets of doom" guys! I haven't seen one of them in years! It must be a sign of the times they're coming back!



#### TIME PASSAGES





#### **PREDICTIONS**

Ah, I guess we're having a salad for dinner tonight!

How did you know I was preparing a salad, Roger?



#### RATIONALIZATION

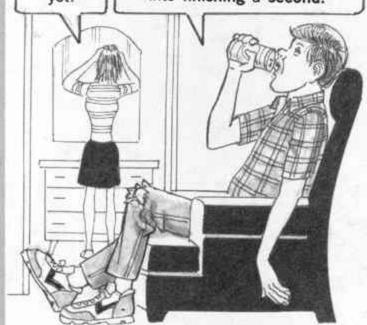




#### **DRINKING**



What's with you tonight, Deb?
First you greet me at the
door with a can of beer, Are you finished with that now you're rushing me into finishing a second! beer yet?



I need another empty can for a hair curler!



#### LANGUAGE

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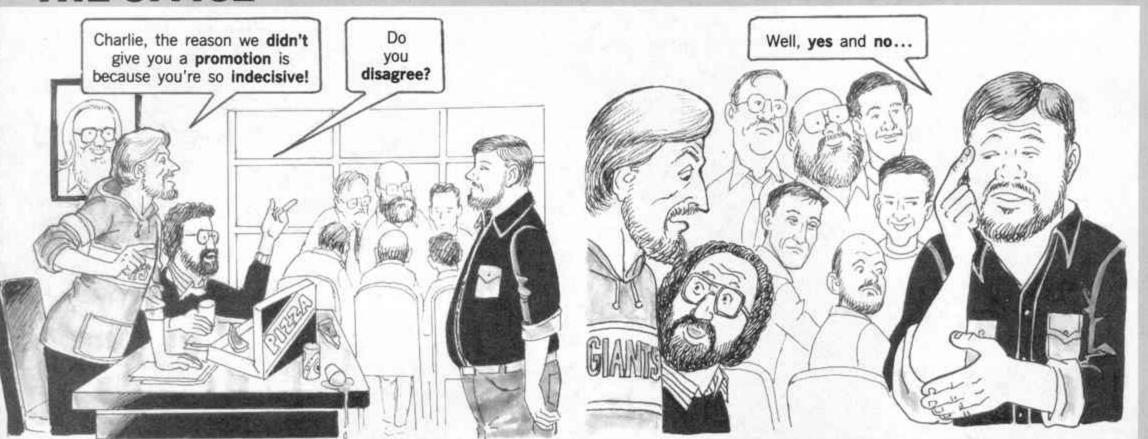






Then I don't want

#### THE OFFICE



#### **SURVEYS**





### THE VOLATILE VEGETABLE VIGNETTE













#### PUTTING ON THE OLD FEEDBACK DEPT.

As we astutely pointed out in a previous issue, Customer Satisfaction Surveys are the new marketing ploy being used by many companies to give their customers the illusion that they really care about them and aren't just money-grubbing capitalists (Hoo-Hah!) Actually, taking

# CUSTOMER SATISFA

ARTIST: HARRY NORTH

#### FROM TELEMARKETERS

We understand you received a call from one of our company representatives yesterday. To make sure we provide everyone with top quality service, we've created this questionnaire. When you return it, please include \$3.00 for postage and handling, and allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

1) Was our telephone call intrusive enough?

2) Were the details of our sales pitch vague enough so you weren't sure what the product cost, how you would get it, or even what it

Were we able to keep you on the phone for at least 20 minutes, after you tried to politely say no and get off?

4) Were we successful in making you late for an appointment, miss your favorite TV show, or get you completely out of the mood for that hot romantic evening you were planning?

5) Did our caller adequately insult your intelligence by pretending the sales script they were reading was a spontaneous, real conversation?

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#### FROM YOUR PARENTS

My, how time flies! It seems only yesterday we were bringing you home from the hospital, and now you're old enough to be filling out one of these. You can do it anytime you want, say in between cleaning up your room and taking out the garbage. And don't worry about being honest-no matter what you say, you'll always be our baby!

YES NO 1) Have we found enough different ways to thoroughly embarrass you when you're with your friends?

2) Do the rules governing your behavior (such as curfews, choice of friends, and what movies you can see) stifle and restrict you enough?

3) Can you count on us to always be ready with annoying clichés like "When I was your age, we really had it tough", or "Just wait until you have kids!"?

4) Are we showing enough disregard for what you want to do with your life when we respond to your dreams of being a musician by telling you to become an accountant so "you'll always have something to fall back on"?

5) How do we compare with other parents in constantly reminding you that you're wasting the best years of your life?



a survey isn't a bad idea. We just wish that others besides money-grubbing capitalist swine corporations used this technique and that the questions they asked reflected their true feelings. Confused? You won't be once you read the probing questions in our follow-up article called ...

# TON SURVEYS like to see

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WRITER: CARY PEPPER

### FROM POLLUTING CORPORATIONS

We care about our planet. We care about our customers. We care about our image. So please answer the following questions to let us know what things you care about. Because this makes us look good. That means more business, and above all, we care about our profits!

YES NO When there is an environmental disaster, are we sufficiently adept at evading all blame and responsibility for cleaning up after ourselves?

2) Are we doing a good job of threatening your community's well-being by calling for more scientific studies of chemicals and waste products that have already been proven to be toxic?

3) When you write to us expressing your concern, do our bland form letters sound like we really care about what you think?

4) Are our expensive, manipulative media campaigns to make us look good sufficiently misleading?

5) Is there an opportunity to cause more damage through ignoring regulations or careless handling of pollutants that we've missed? Please be specific.

### FROM YOUR TEACHER

It's been my pleasure to have you in my class this term. Please answer the following questions. Your answers will help my future students ... and might help you, if you get left back and I have the pleasure of having you in this exact same class next term! YES NO

1) Has there been enough homework to wreck your Christmas and Easter vacations, and send every weekend completely down the tubes?

2) Is the material presented in class sufficiently complicated to cover my butt, and so irrelevant that you'll never need it again in your life?

3) Are my lectures carefully formulated so that you're afraid to fall asleep in class, for fear I might say something that will actually show up on a test?

4) Has my grading system been sufficiently confusing, random and nitpicky so you can't win no matter how much you study?

5) Do my rambling digressions on totally unrelated topics appear to be spontaneous, so it looks like I've let you sidetrack me and the class is getting a free ride, on days when I just don't feel like working?





**The Bargain Basement Shopperettes** 



The Cable TV Celebrity Float



I'M DATIN

AGAIN!



# KSGIVING DAY REJECTS

PAUL PETER PORGES

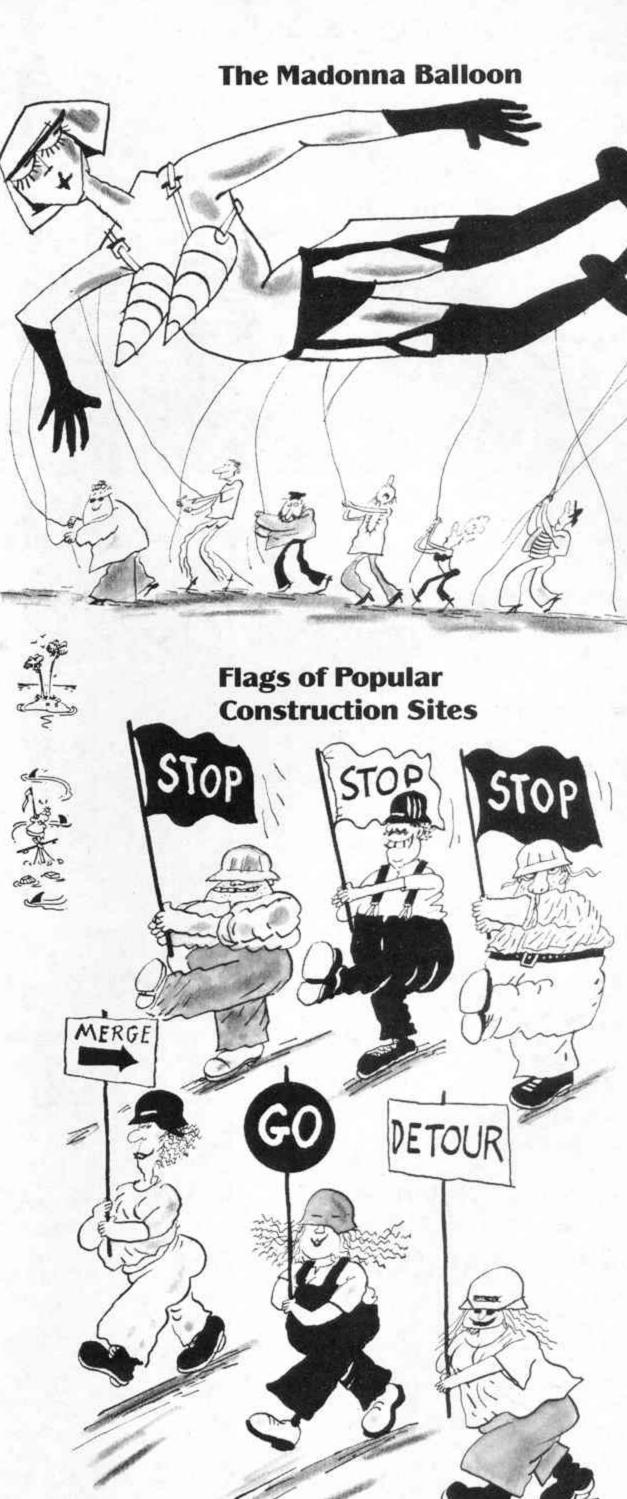


k-alike Marching Band



Dental College Drill Team





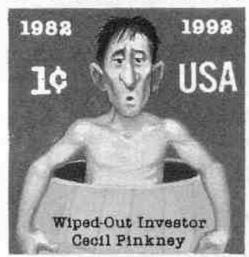
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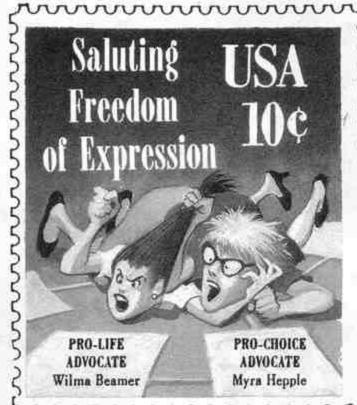
Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night can prevent the U.S. Postal Service from issuing stamps picturing birds, flowers and a lot of people you've never heard of! Isn't it time that the postal people got in touch with today's world? Well, they won't, of course, so you'll just have to make do with these ...

# COMMEM



## 10 YEARS OF



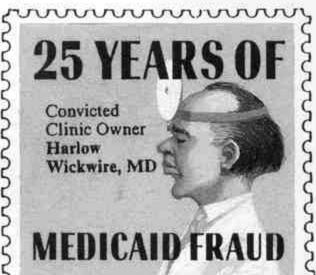




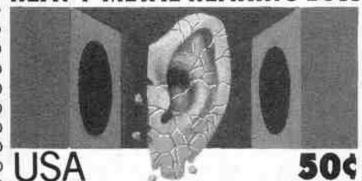


Tulsa Bus Terminal August 14, 1991

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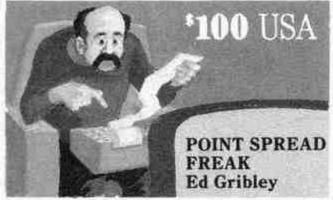
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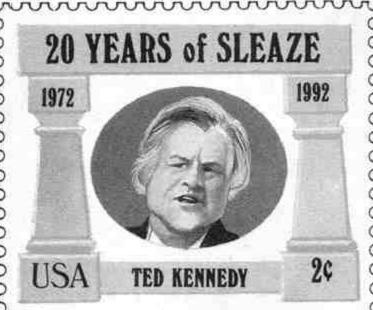
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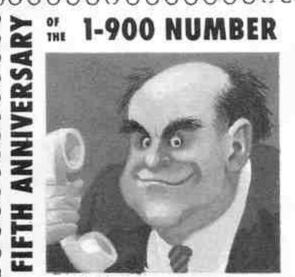


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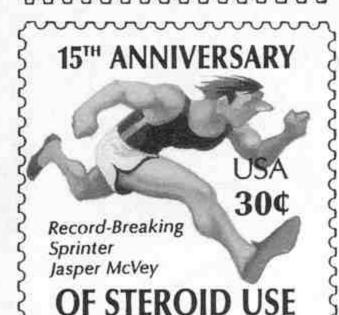


# ORATIVE STAMPS

We'd Like to See (But Never Will!)

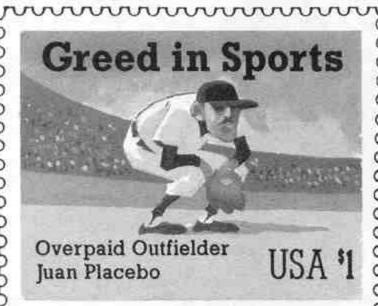


Dial-A-Porn Exec Leo Fernfeather



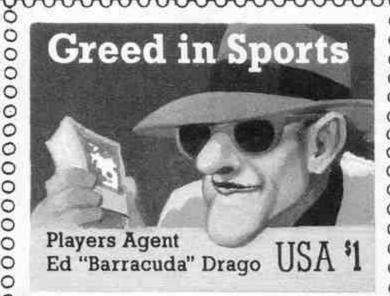




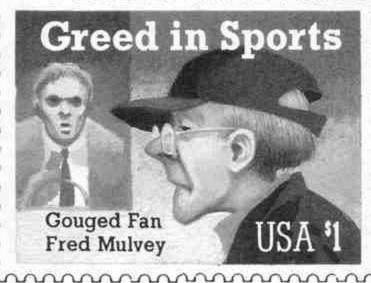


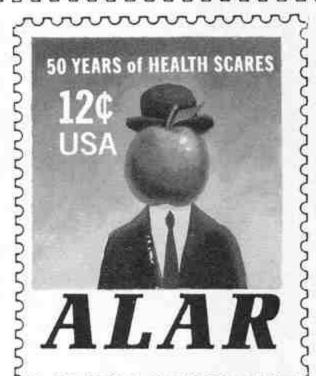
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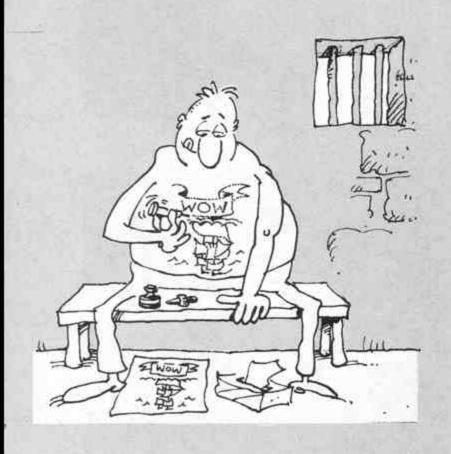


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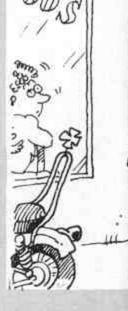












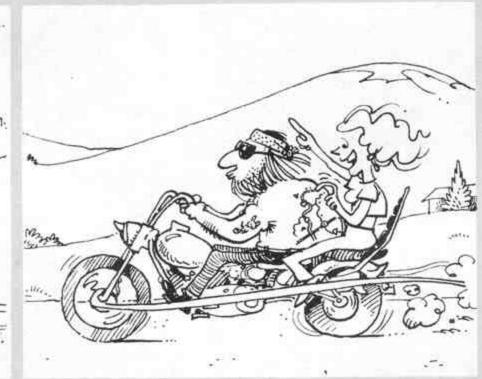
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ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES





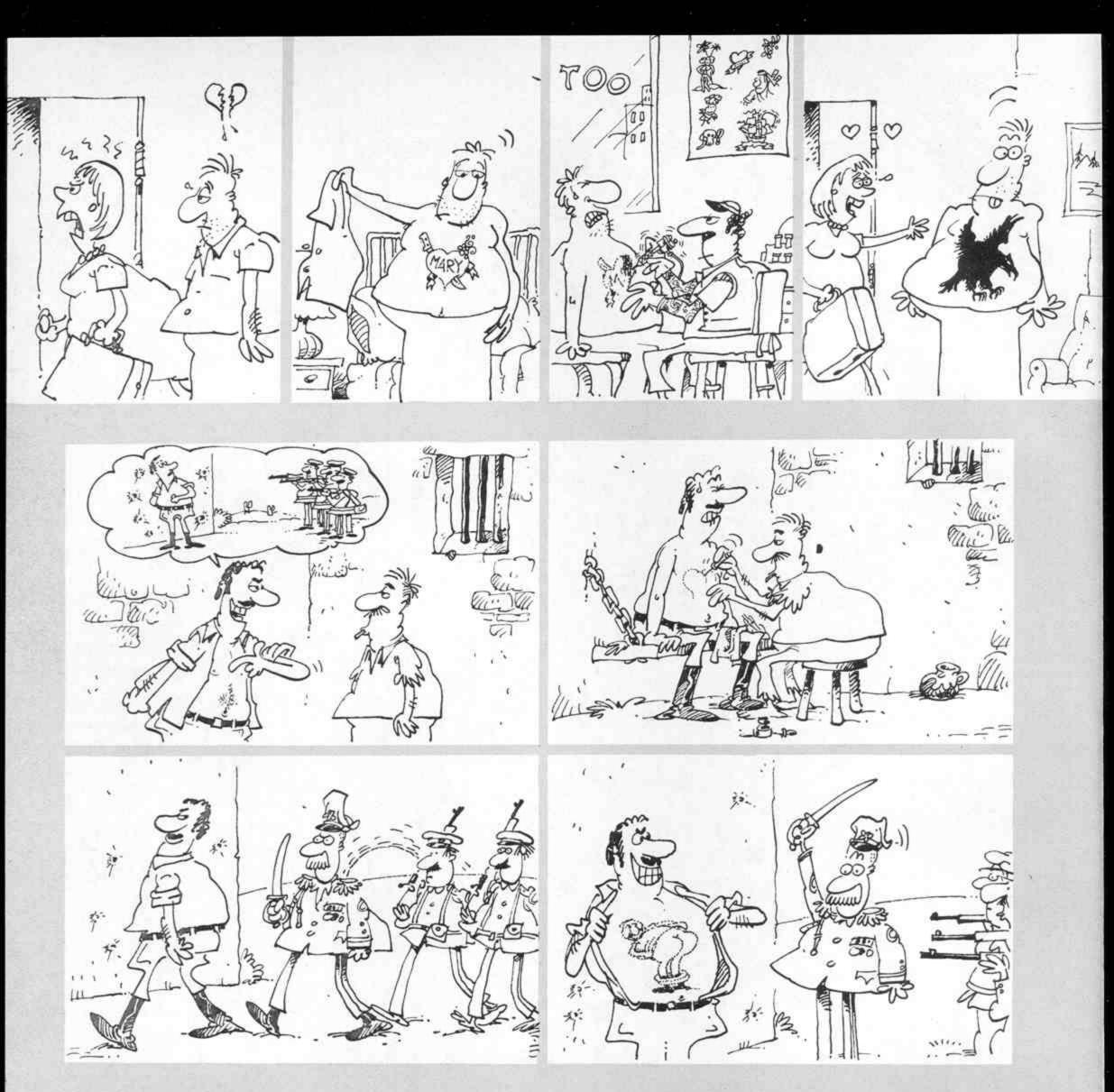










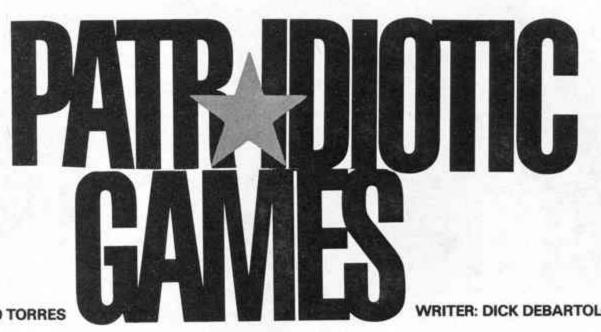








Thriller author Tom Clancy recently complained that when Paramount filmed the movie version of his best seller, they changed everything but the title, *Patriot Games*. Not to be outdone, when we at MAD wrote the spoof of the movie, we changed *everything*, *including* the title! Here's...



ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

My God, the Royal Rolls Royce has blown up! It must & be a terrorist attack!

Perhaps. or just another suicide attempt Princess Di!

Catty! Silly! That was close! Are you alright?!

I'm fine. but Silly hyster-

That's understandable! She just saw me shoot it out with terrorists who were trying to assassinate Lord Homely! I killed one of them and got shot myself!

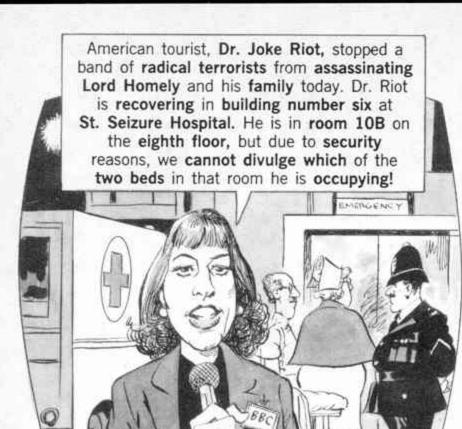
Actually, she's hysterical because you won't buy her a doll at Harrod's! She doesn't give a damn about you!

Tourists will try anything to get those Palace Guards to move! They're even trying car bomb explosions and wild shootouts!

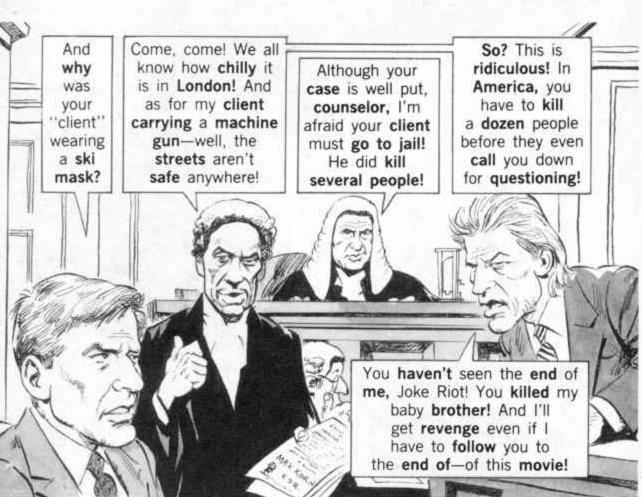
The Guards are well trained! They didn't budge!

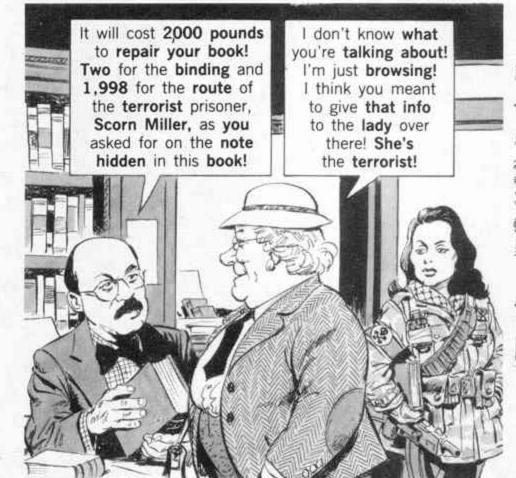
You twit! Remain motionless when tourists make silly faces at you! When royalty is under attack, act like a professional soldier. not a wooden one!



















Wow! Two mirrors

with flashbacks

No, the

ladies room!

The ladies

I want to review

every file on the

I should have realized

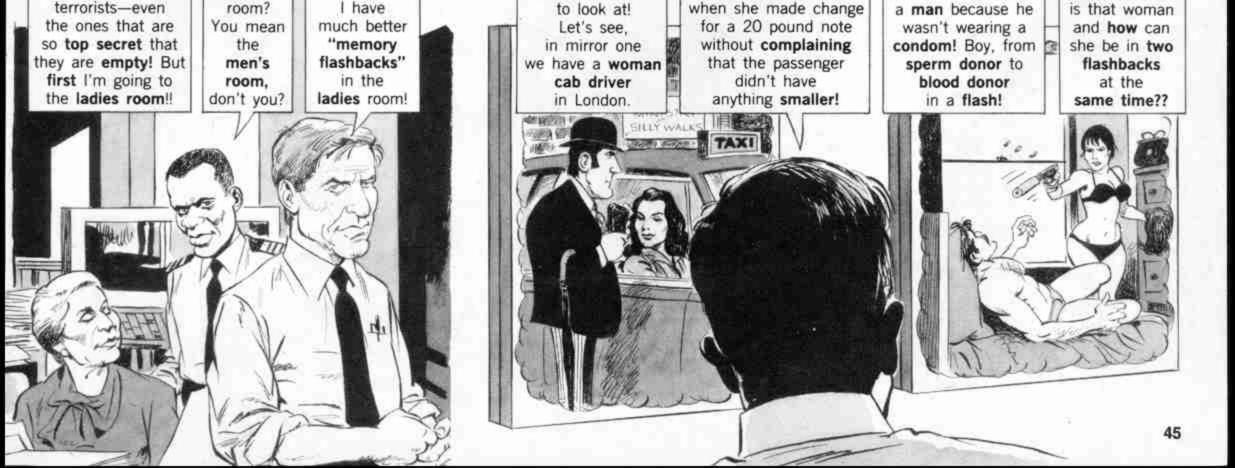
that something was up

In mirror two we

see a woman shoot

So that's the

question! Who



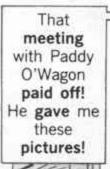


Paddy O'Wagon, you must tell me who the members of that ultra violent splinter IRA group are!

Radical though they are, Joke, I won't sell them out!

Then I'm going to call every radio and TV station and blame your IRA group for what happened to my pregnant wife and daughter! That will put a strangle hold on your ability to raise cash! You'll never have a successful cake sale again!

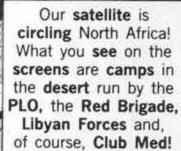




You don't Kinda understand! These are big the key your people we're wallet, aren't looking they? for!

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No. YOU don't understand! We spent 50 billion dollars for all this sophisticated equipment and we have to use it! We don't want outside help, even if it saves us months of work!



These ring leaders must be at one of the camps! Can you readjust the satellites to photograph them at closer range, especially Club Med!

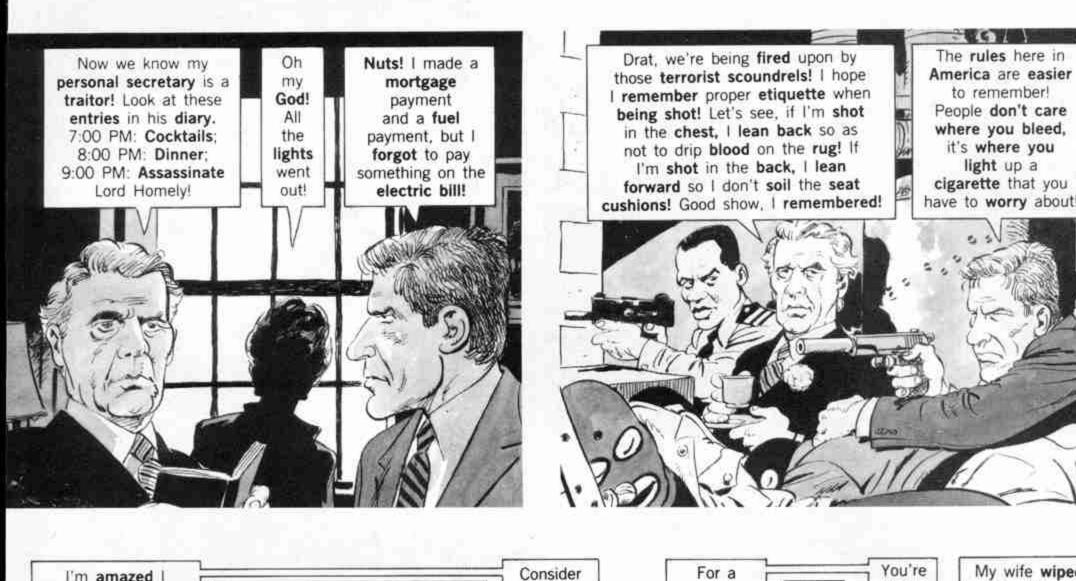
In theory, yes, but not until we can figure out this nine billion page instruction booklet!

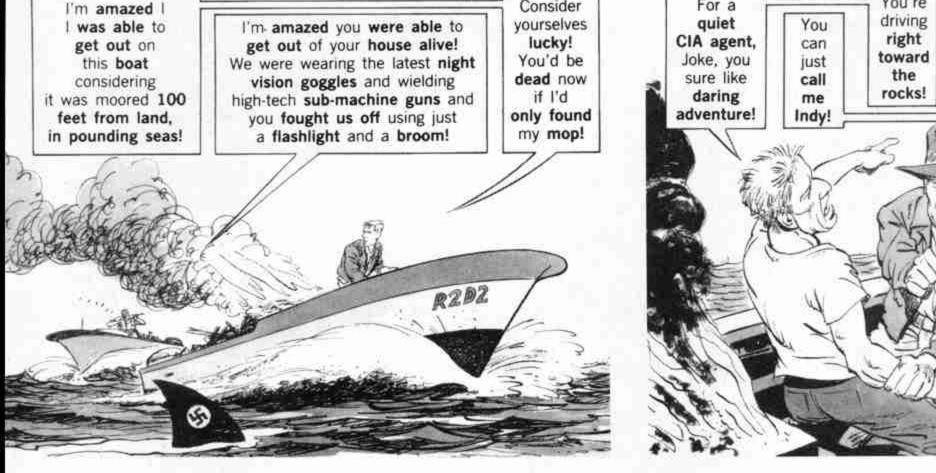
















### ONE FOOTNOTE IN THE GRAVE DEPT.

Recently, a new kind of quasi-legal document has become popular. It's called a Living Will. Unlike a regular will, which instructs your survivors what to do with your worldly assets once you settle down for that long dirt nap, a Living Will instructs others what to do should you become incapacitated and are no longer able to express your wishes. We think this is a great idea. And, so you don't have to go to a costly, ambulance-chasing lawyer to have this simple document drawn up, we've created one for you!

# The Mad Living Will

of\_\_\_\_\_

To: My Family, My Physician, My Lawyer, N	My FRIENDS AND ALL OTHERS	To Whom It May Concern
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- J. \_\_\_\_\_\_, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Living Will. If the time comes when I can no longer take part in decisions of my own future, let this statement stand as an expression of my wishes and directions while I am still of sound mind.
- ## I suddenly begin to take an unexplained turn for the worse, before any drastic or irreversible decisions are made, it is my desire that someone first check to make sure my attending physician is not Dr. Jack Kevorkian.
- **Should** my attending medical personnel determine that an organ transplant is necessary, it is my expressed wish that, if at all possible, the baboon be of the same faith as myself.
- If a kind soul takes it upon themselves to read aloud to me, it is my fervent wish, as it was during my non-incapacitated life, that they skip directly to the dirty parts of the book, and then read those passages over and over again.
- **It** is my expressed want that no family member, friend or acquaintance shall enter my hospital room bearing one of those tacky "Get Well Soon" helium balloons. Likewise, any get well card sporting Garfield the Cat shall immediately be returned to its sender.
  - ${\mathscr F}$  wish my TV set off whenever Arsenio is on.
  - # at all possible, I prefer "Depends" over "Serenity."
- - At no time, even on the occasion of my birthday, do I yen to have a party hat placed on my head.
- While I am not morally or ethically opposed to so-called "life sustaining equipment," I am vehemently opposed to the concept of hooking up such machinery to "The Clapper."
- $\mathcal{F}$  agree to sponge baths only if given by a member of the opposite sex. Several members of the opposite sex at once is acceptable and, in fact, preferred. Ditto any therapeutic jacuzzis that may be prescribed.
- He is my strong desire that in any and all elections that may take place, my absentee ballot be marked for the individual running opposite Quayle.
- If, in the unfortunate event, the time comes to donate my vital organs, it is my wish that in all donations a receipt be obtained, for tax purposes.

No Jello.

This statement is made after careful consideration and is in accordance with my strong convictions and beliefs. I want the wishes and directions here expressed carried out to the extent permitted by law.

In Witness	Whereof,	I have	hereunto	set	my	hand	and	seal	to	this	my	MAD	LIVING	WILL	on	this	the
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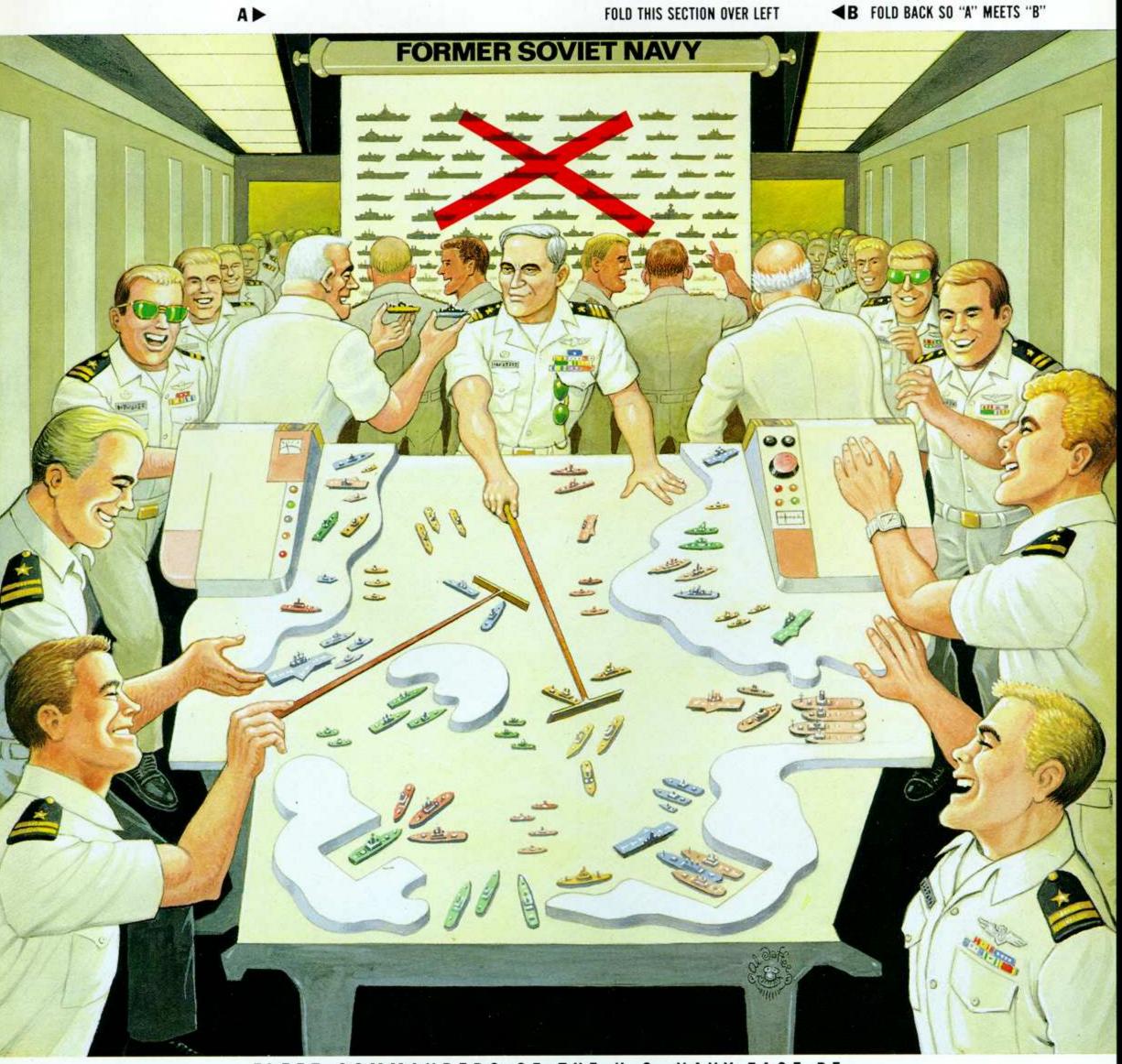
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