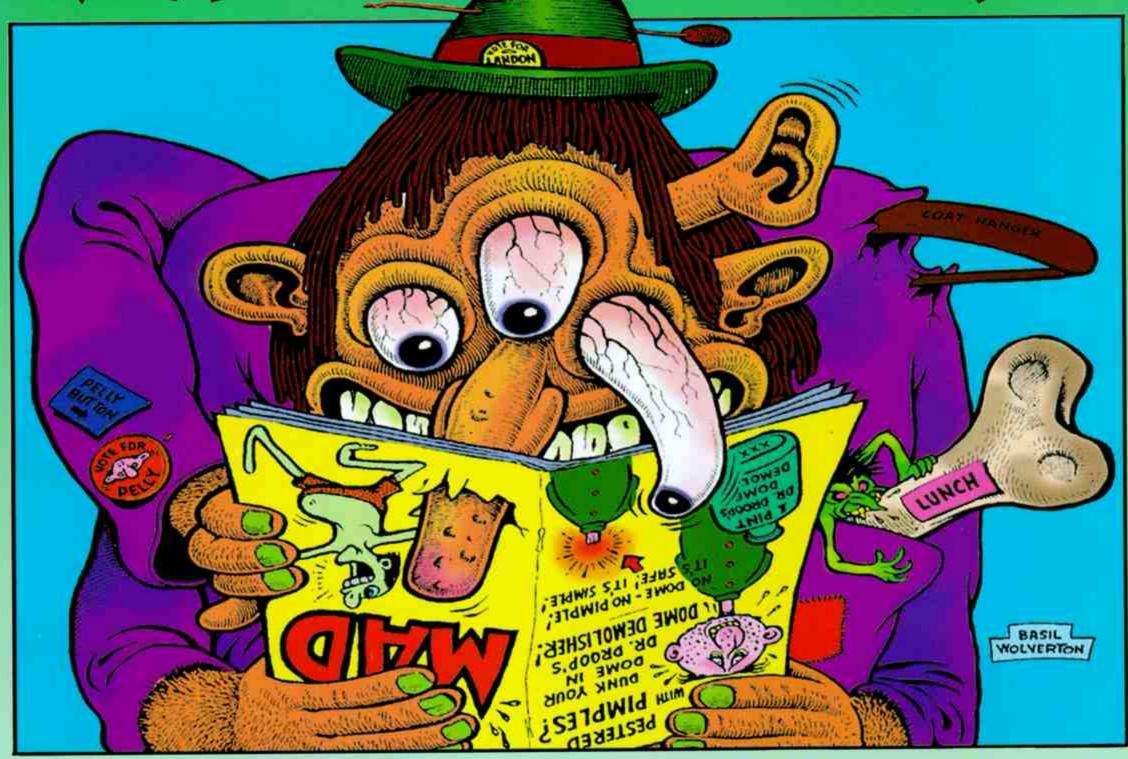


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# POT SHOTS

In "The '60s and the '90s" (MAD #356) for the example "Tune in, turn on, drop out" you showed a hippie smoking pot. The phrase "Tune in, turn on, drop out" was made by Professor Timothy Leary regarding LSD, not pot. Nice job, schmucks!

Matt Wolfe Newton, MA

Wolfeman — Efforts to get Timothy Leary to respond to your letter went unanswered. So we did the next best thing! We contacted longtime MAD artist Rick Tulka (who illustrated "The '60s and the '90s") regarding your complaint. Rick responded "Huh, whaaat? Look out for the bats, man! Hey, got any Twinkies left?" We hope this explains the mix-up. Thanks for writing! — Ed.

I enjoy MAD very much. In fact, I enjoy it so much I have committed many random acts of sacrifice in your name. Yes, I know, I sound like one of those types that run around naked and think they're Napoleon, but trust me, I know the truth. MAD is my savior. I must have it. I just might snap.

Jim Lester Germantown, TN

Jim Boy - Have you been hanging

with longtime MAD artist Rick Tulka lately? — Ed.

On April 1st, a shameless, self-promotional event

restaurant Comedy Nation in Midtown
Manhattan to celebrate the launching of
the newest MAD, coincidentally on
Alfred E. Neuman's birthday! Press from
around the globe converged to cover
this phenomenal event! Members of the
"Usual Gang of Idiots" converged to get
the free Bagels and coffee!

#### ONE USE FOR A DEAD CAT

In issue #353, on page 17 ("Obituaries for Comic Strip Characters"), you printed a Garfield obituary. It stated: "Garfield the cat, 19, died yesterday of excessive bloating." Garfield does not turn 19 until June 19th. Obviously none of you are Garfield fans.

Marie Shallin Hewitt, TX

Marie — Not like Garfield? Why nothing could be further from the truth! We've spent countless hours guffawing over his hilarious escapades! Did you ever see the one where he ate the pan of lasagna? Hoo-boy! Talk about your comedy classics! One thing we can never figure out: What is the deal with that Odie? — Ed. (An afterthought: We do have one bone to pick with Garfield, though— not enough merchandising!)

#### ALFRED E-MAIL

Who would win a fight between Sergio Aragones and Angelo Torres?

MeserUpper@aol.com

Mess Man — No contest! Torres would kick Aragones' ass! Now if you had asked who would win in a fight between Andrew "The Arizona Eel" Schwartzberg and little itty bitty Marla Weisenborn, that's a tougher call. Find out once and for all on their big upcoming Pay-Per-View event! Only \$34.95. Call your local cable operator now to reserve! Special added undercard match: Frank "The Rhyming Fool" Jacobs Vs.

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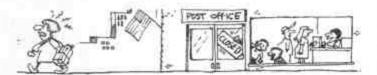


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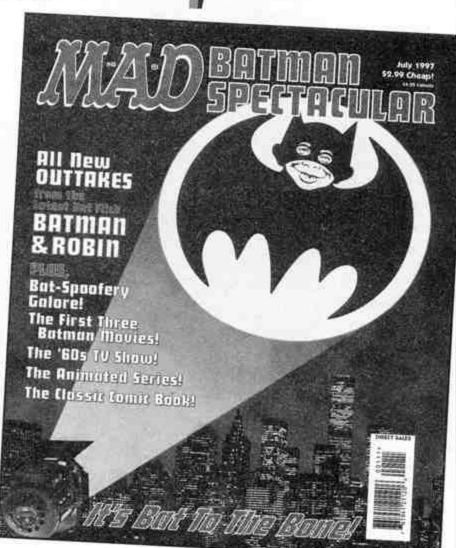
In your April issue (#356) you printed a large article on police brutality. You referred to the police as "gun-toting, nightstick wielding, rights-violating maniacs." Well you make me sick. These very "maniacs" are the only thing that keeps you and your families safe. I am just disgusted. I'm canceling my subscription to this crap you call a magazine, effective immediately.

Samuel Fitzpatrick Oconomowoc, WI

Sammy — "The only thing that keeps our family safe"? Perhaps you've forgotten about a small dedicated band of individuals known as The X-Men! Guess you forgot about The Justice League of America as well! They rule! And we're sure the fine citizens of Gotham City sleep a little better at night knowing that The Dark Knight watches over them with a vigilant eye. In any event we're very sorry. Now please, please don't bash our heads in with your Billy Club! — Ed.

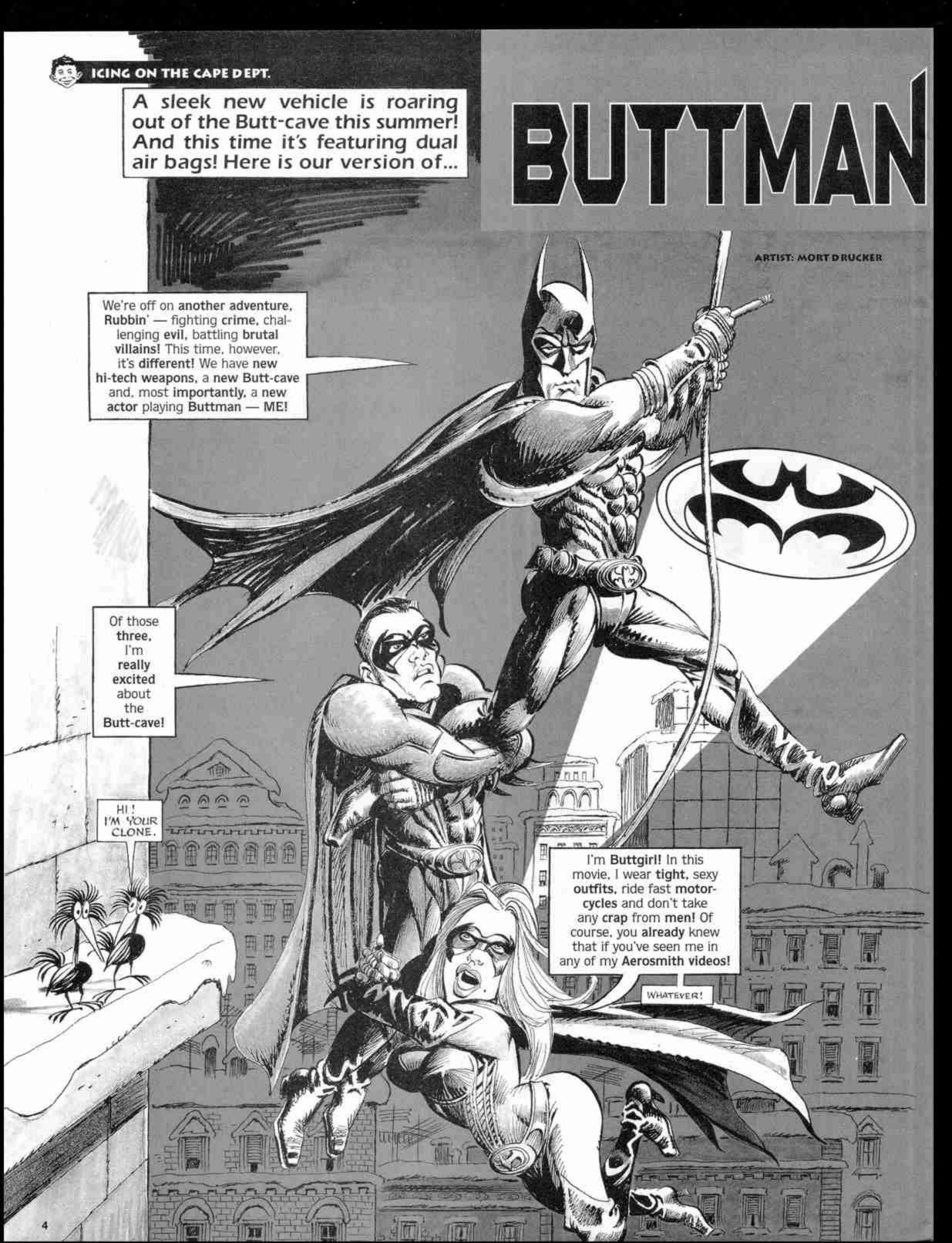
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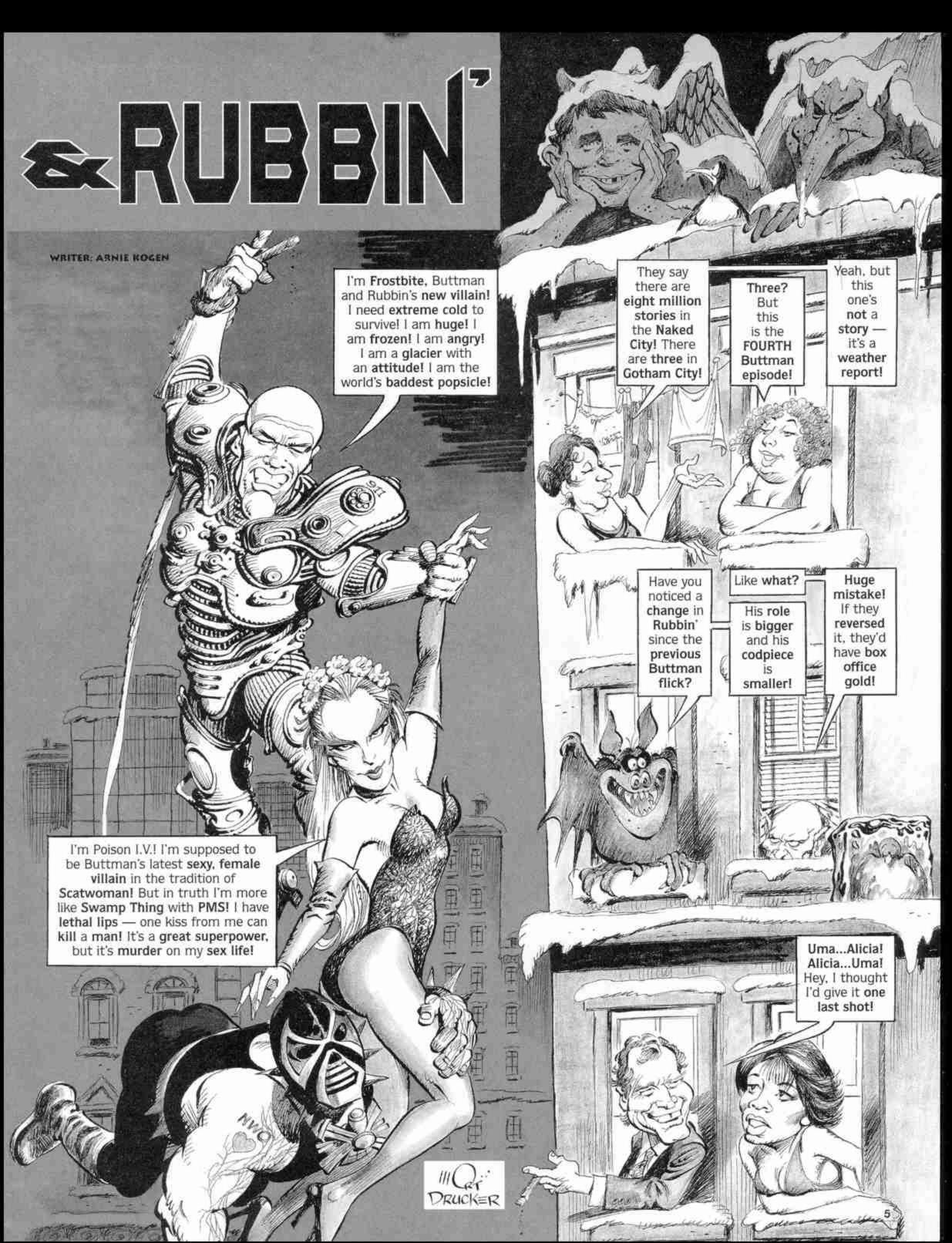
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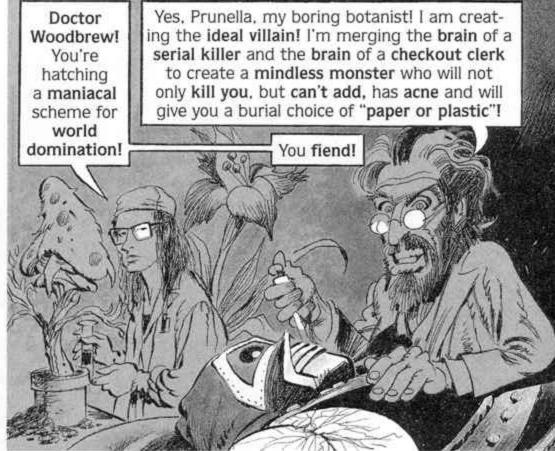
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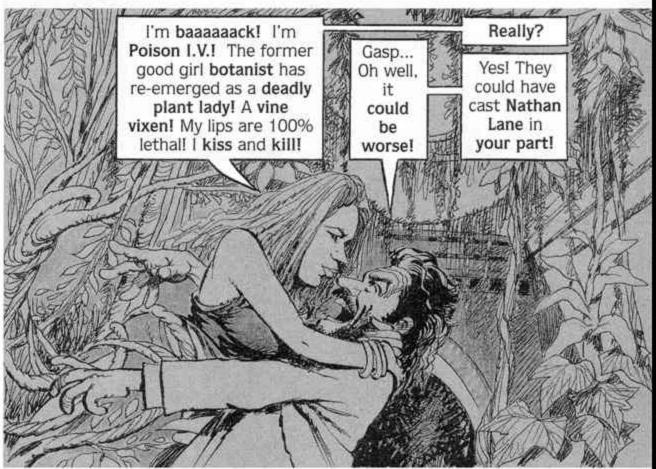












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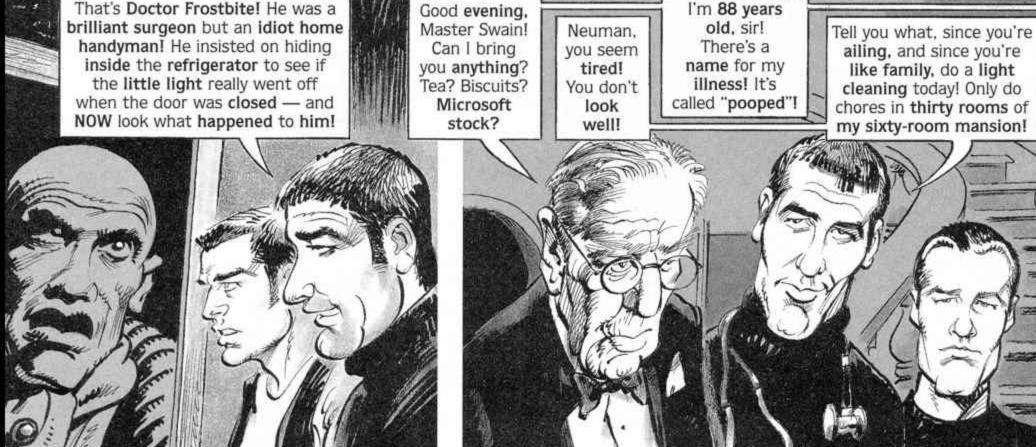
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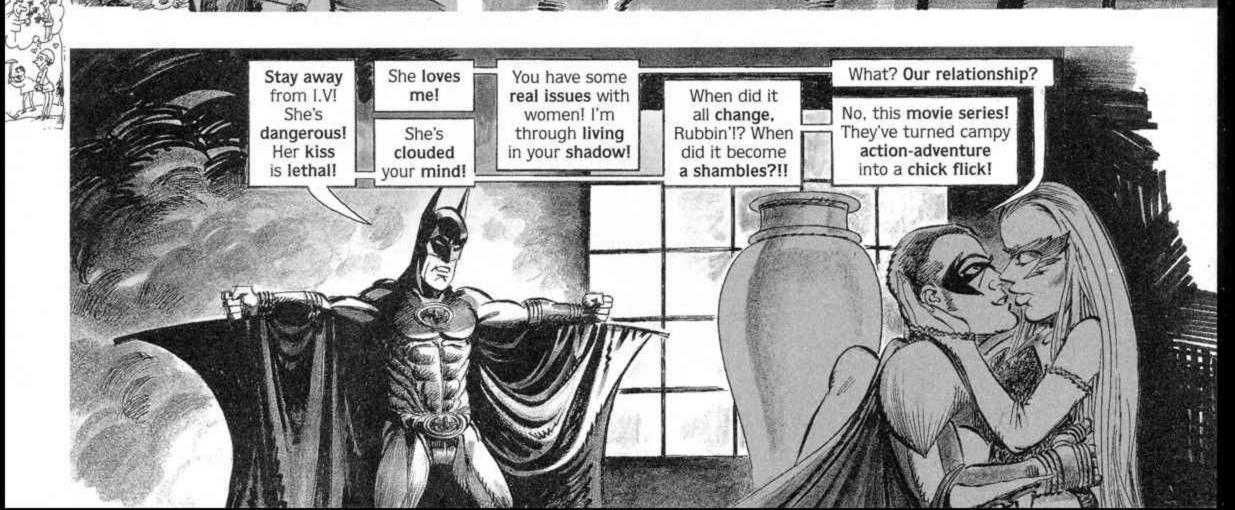
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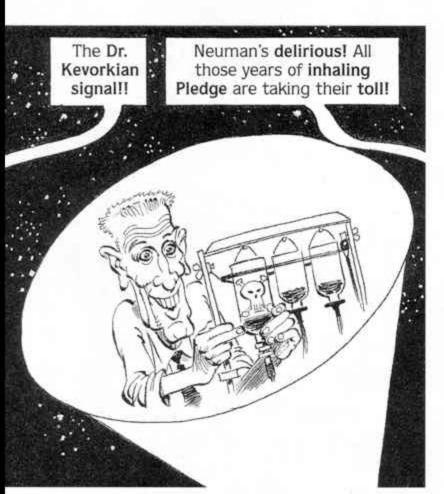




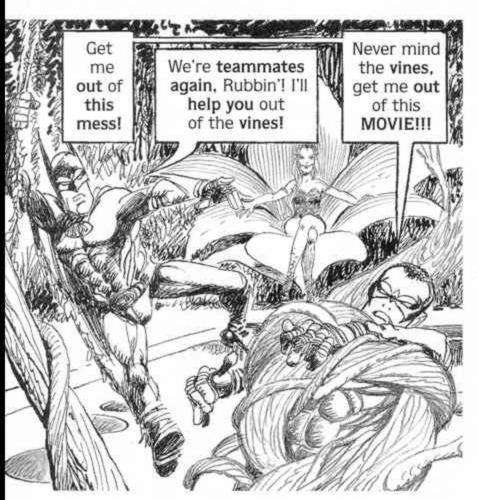


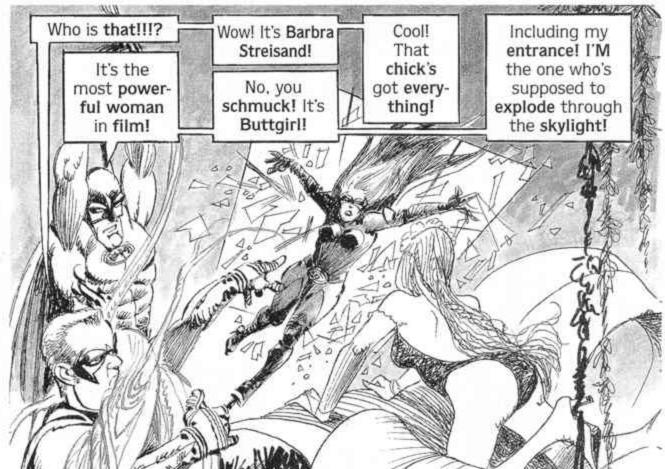


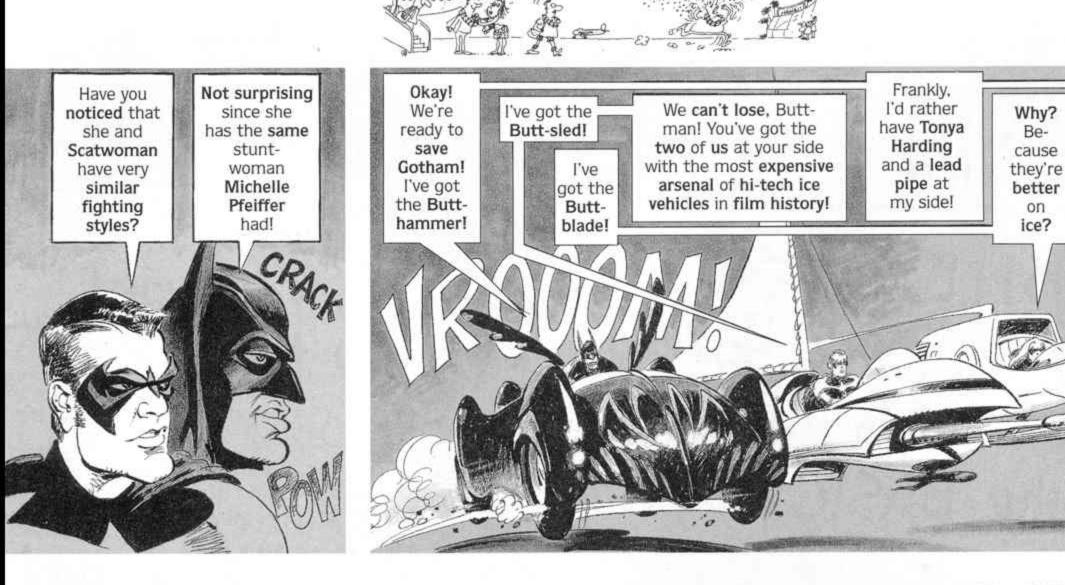




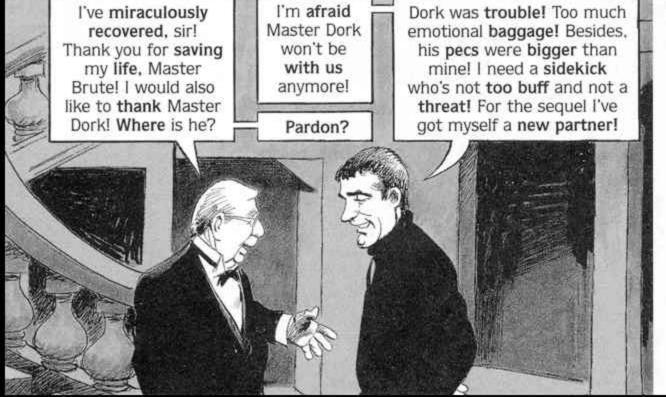


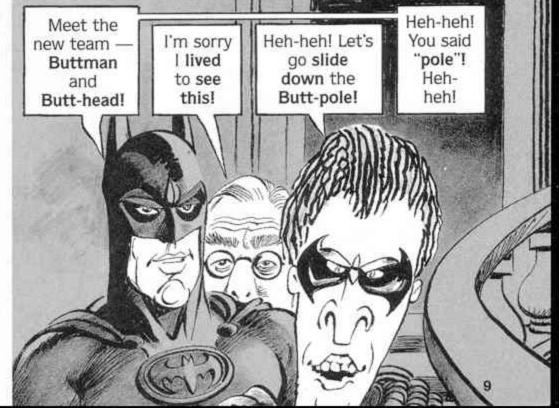












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#### IN-STALL HUMOR DEPT.

f there's anything for which MAD is 📕 famous, it's our classy, high-brow, intellectually-stimulating articles - a tradition we proudly continue as we check out...

### BILL GATES Doumloads Here!

MICROSOFT: where do you want to go today?

In the crapper!

the BASIC program

10: Enter

20: Lower Pants

30: Try Real Hard

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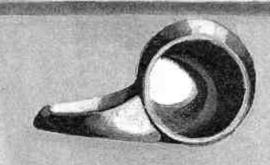
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BRIGHT IDEA /

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### THE MICHISIFT BATHALIM

RAJEEY HAS A 32 INCH FLOPPY! - Carl carl still plays with his WANG! - Rajeev YEAH, WELL YOU BOTH PROGRAM IN DOS- FRED

BYTE ME! - Rajeev and Carl

Your mother's so fat, t took me 25 minutes to download a naked 4 picture of her from the Web!



E-MAIL Suzie @ ohmygod/Im/about/to have/an.org

STOP WRITING THESE MINDLESS JOKES AND CHILDISH INSULTS ON THE WALLS! Yeah, that's what the

Internet is for! IBM



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BILL GATES GET DATES? Because He's

ARTIST: ROBERT BUSAN

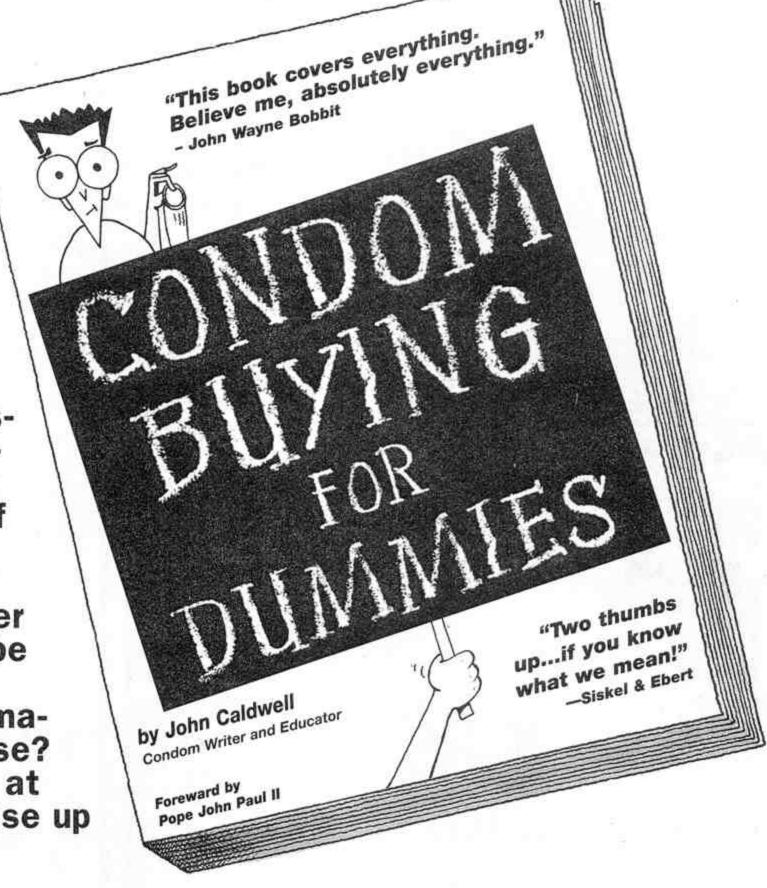
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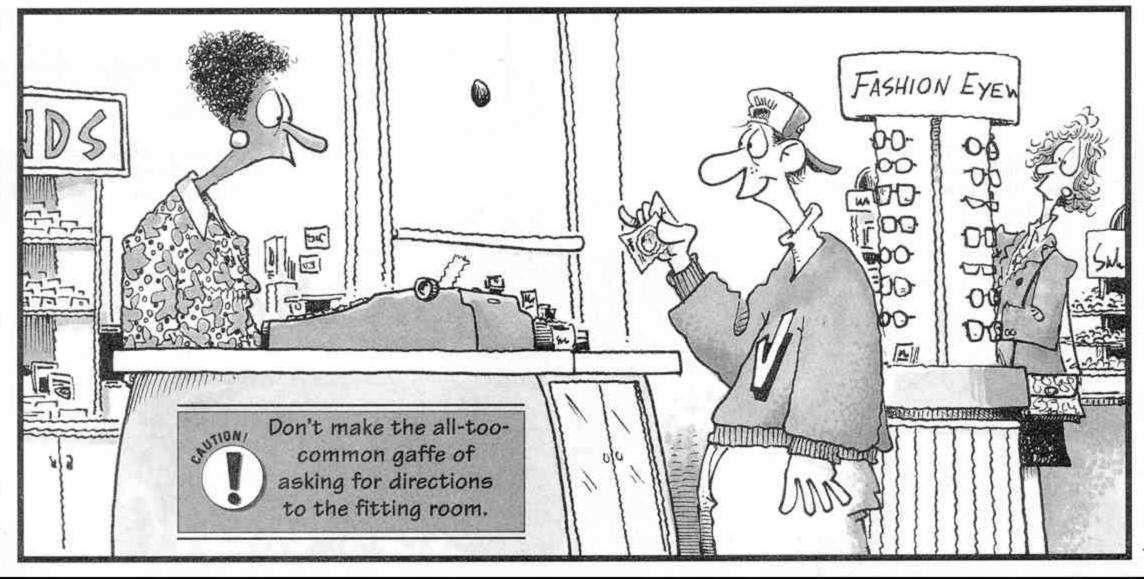




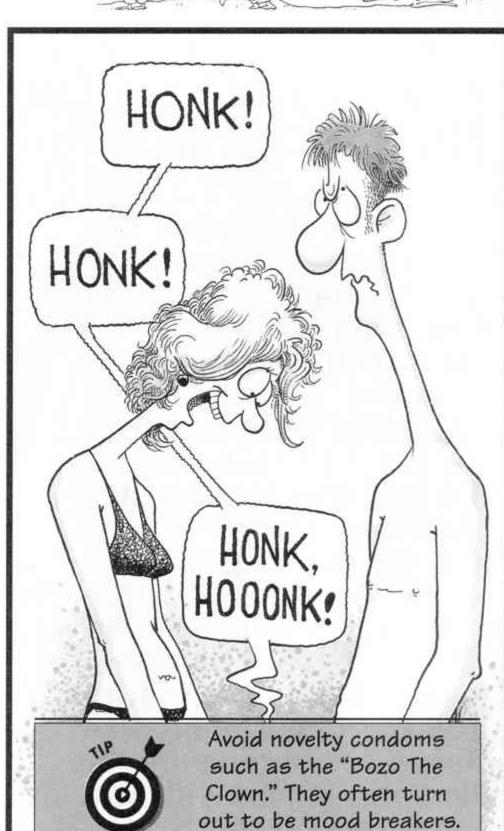


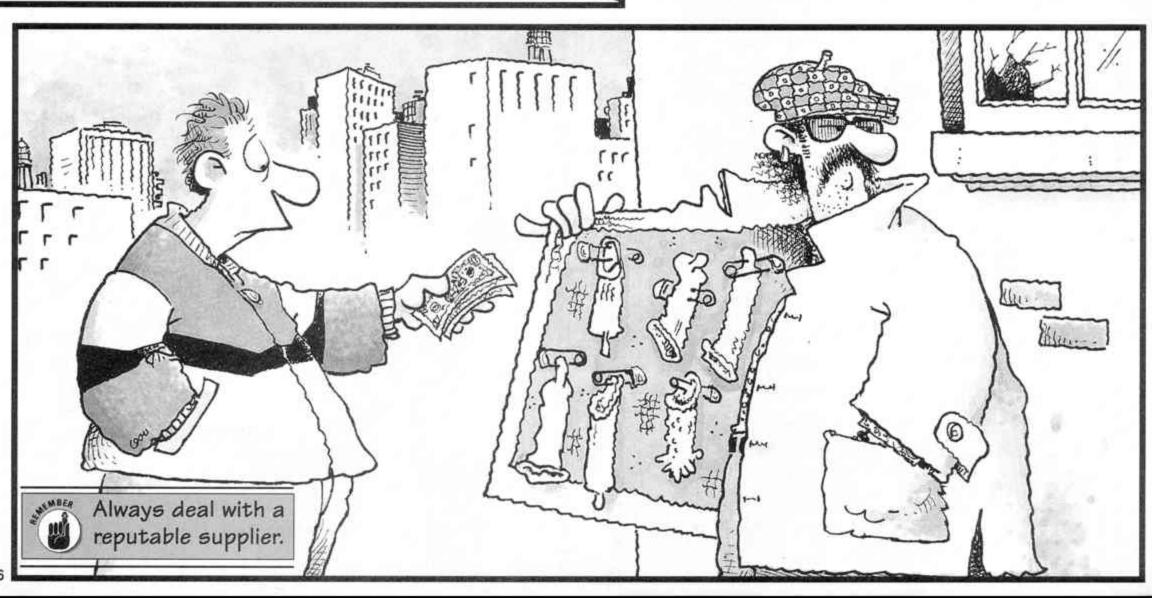
If you've popped into a bookstore lately (yeah, right!) you've seen the "Dummies" series of guide books. These bright yellow tomes give simple instructions on a wide range of topics - from choosing a fine wine to taking the SAT to surfing the Net! That's great if you happen to be a chablis guzzling/high school senior/computer geek! But wouldn't it be nice if at least one of these books had information you could really use? Maybe those dummies at **Dummies Press will wise up** and give us...

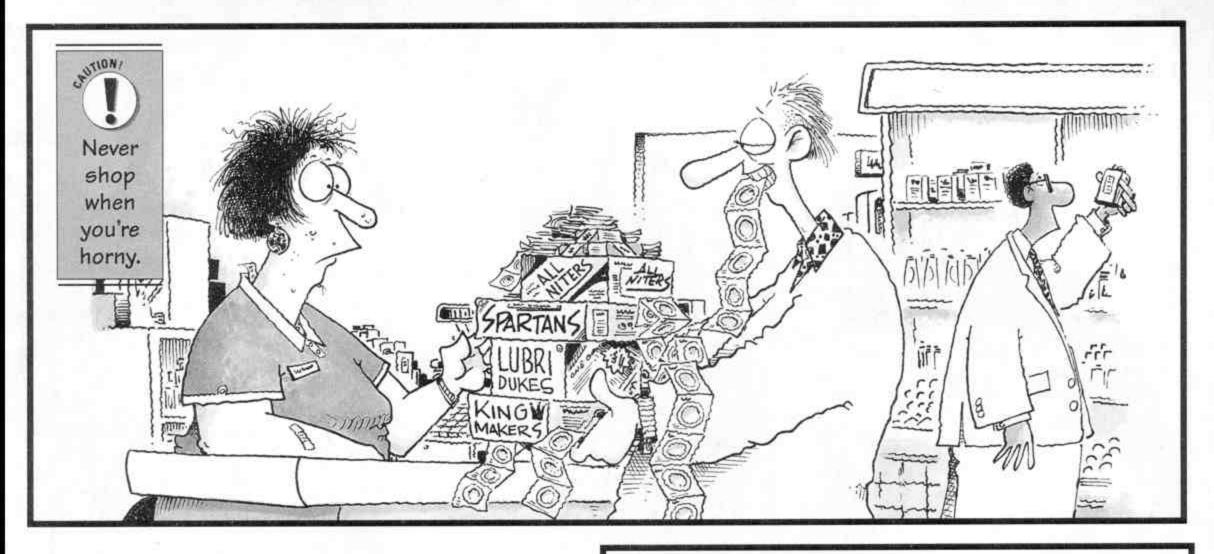
















## MONROE & ...

Ah, the County Fair! The smell of corn dogs, vomit and recently paroled ex-carnival workers! It's here that Monroe must endure his loving mother.

Er...Mom...Everybody's going to the County Fair tonight and I thought maybe I...uh... you know.

The County Fair!
Great! I'll wear my new skirt!
You know I was once crowned
"Queen of the Pickles"!

Hey sweets! Your little fella gonna win his pretty mom a dolly?

NO!









See you later, Dino?





ARTIST: BILL WRAY
WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI

Mom, do you think I could maybe walk around a little myself? I mean...er...there's these girls here from school and...uh...



### THE COUNTY FAIR

Nonsense! Look, some of your friends from school are doing it! He'll try it Mr.... hmmm?







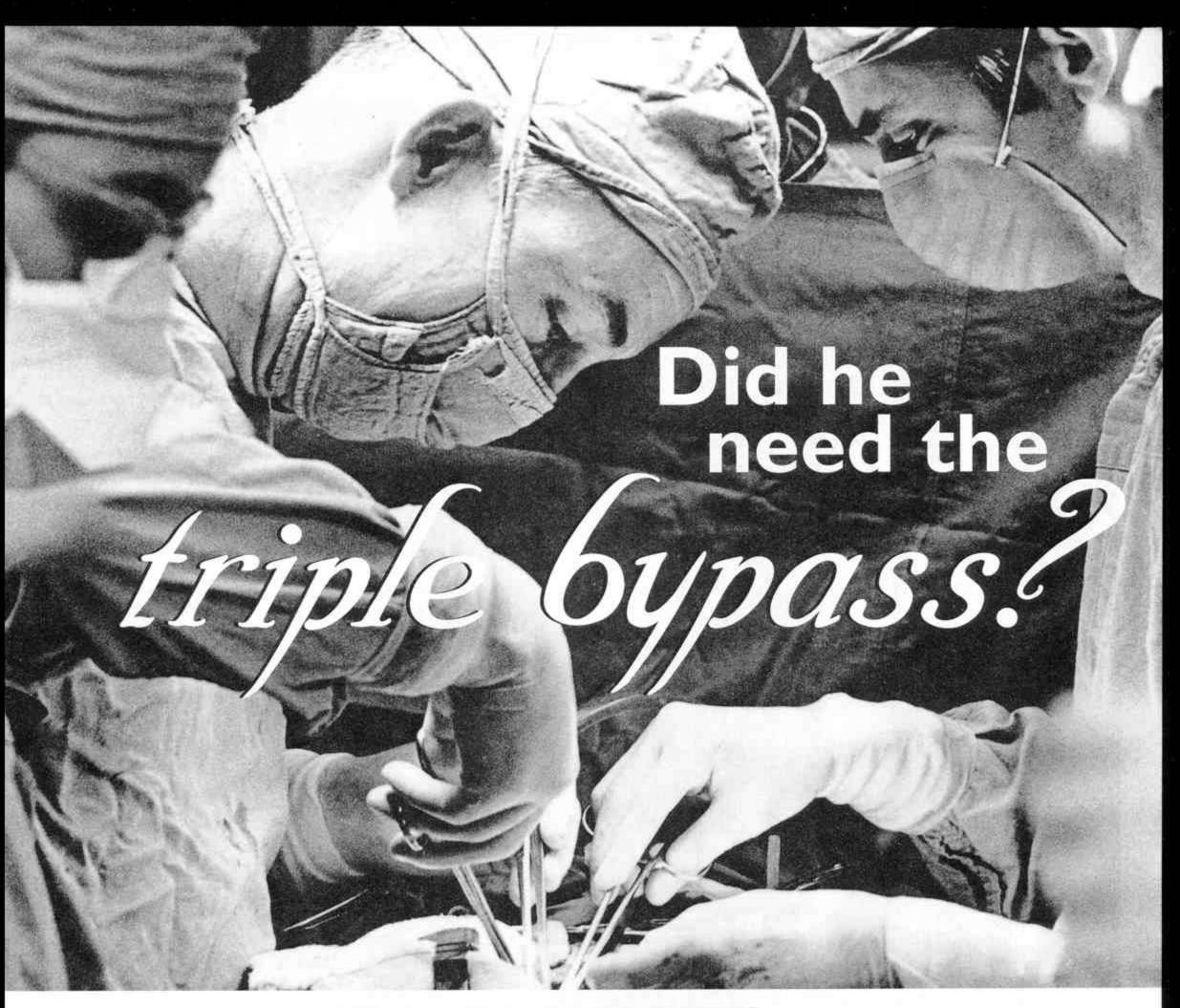












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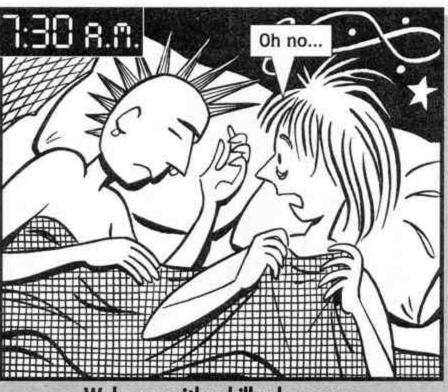
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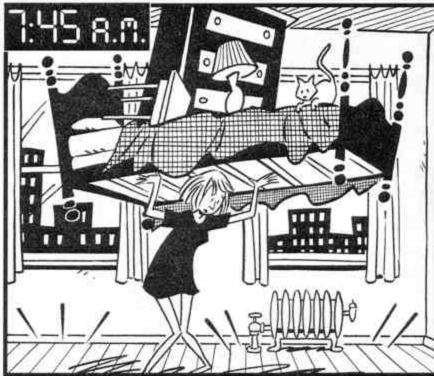
baby—except a future!

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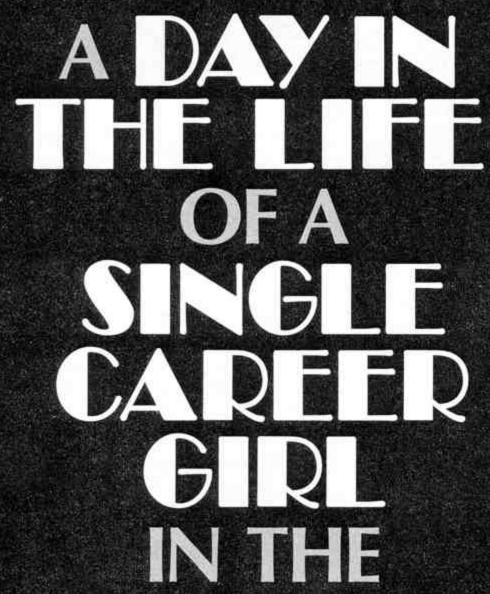


Wake up with a killer hangover and a naked stranger in your bed.



While he's in the bathroom, tear the apartment apart looking for proof that you two used a condom last night. No luck.





BIG CITY

ARTIST CAROL LAY

WRITER: PEGGY DOODY



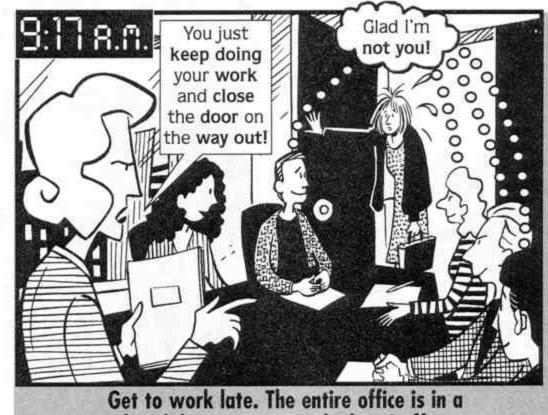
Realize to your horror that you have forgotten your Prada shoes and will have to flop around in filthy sneakers for the rest of the day.



After lunch, sneak outside for a cigarette, only to be seen by all the top bosses on their way back from lunch with the Harvard grad.



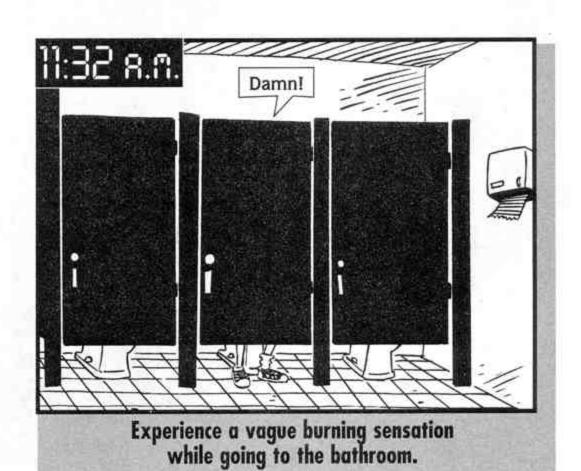
Hurriedly dress without saying a word to him, ditch him at the deli and hide at the opposite end of the subway platform.



closed door meeting in the boss' office.

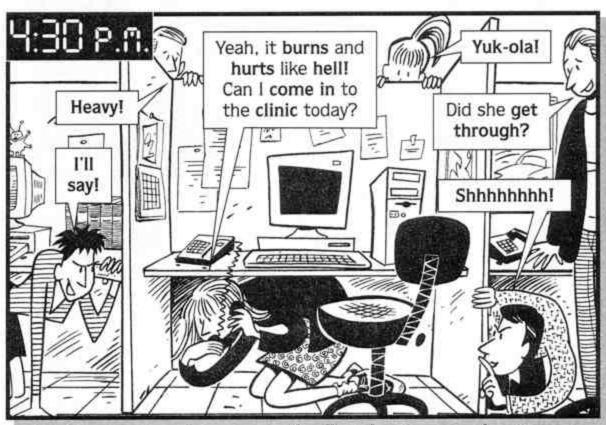


Your boss introduces you to the Harvard grad son of her best friend and tells you to walk him through everything he needs to know to do your job.

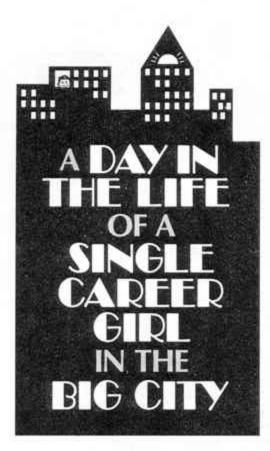




Come back from smoking to find a large crowd gathered around your desk marveling at the smutty bouquet last night's date sent you.



Try in vain to make a personal call without anyone hearing you.





Finally get home. Eat entire bag of cheese puffs for dinner and lapse into MSG stupor.

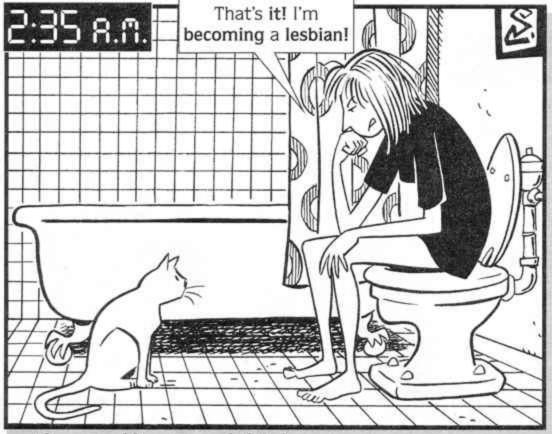




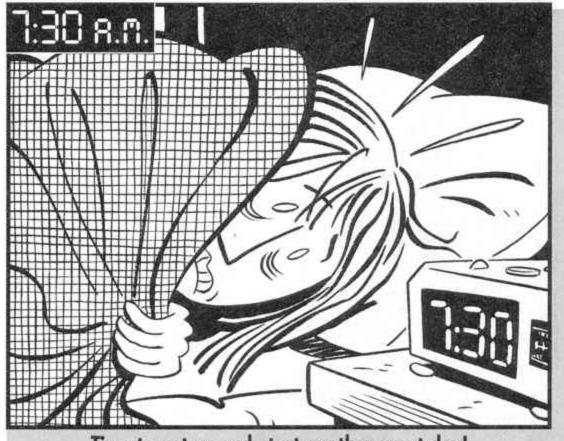
Get a mysterious phone call from unidentified weirdo.



Can't fall asleep because you're wired from all the coffee you drank during the day and you're parched from the cheese puffs you ate for dinner.



After stumbling into a fitful sleep, awaken to the return of the burning sensation. Finally nod off at 5:45.



Time to get up and start another great day!





#### THE SCHMUCKS STOP HERE DEPT.

They're back! Yes, after a successful European tour our anti-heroes, Melvin and Jenkins, are back on their home turf and hard at work! We invite you to join our two etiquette-meisters and their fine furry friends in a little installment we call...

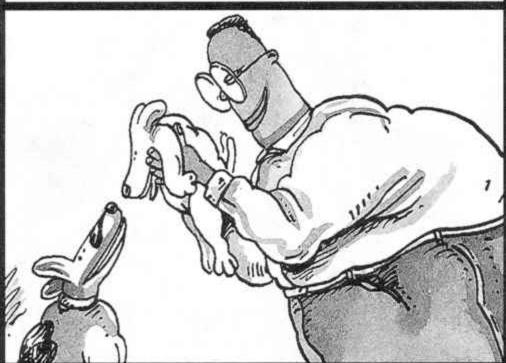
#### Jenkins

On the first day he brings home a new pet, Jenkins pays

special attention to the old one, to make sure he knows that he's still very much loved.

#### Melvin

figures that they'll learn to get along even quicker if they're jammed together in the dryer.





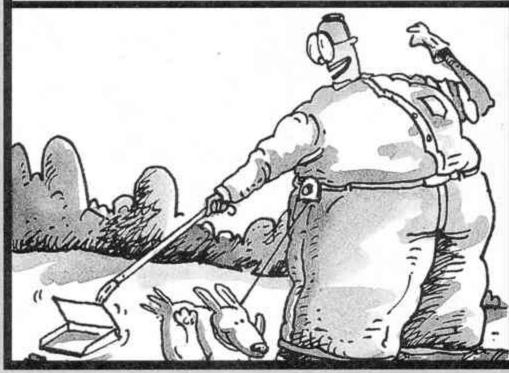


#### Jenkins

adheres to all pooper scooper laws and disposes of his dog's business in the proper manner.

#### Melvin

thinks, "What the hell, it serves 'em right for not delivering on Sundays."



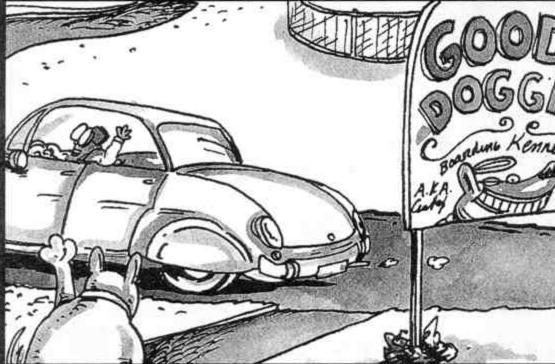


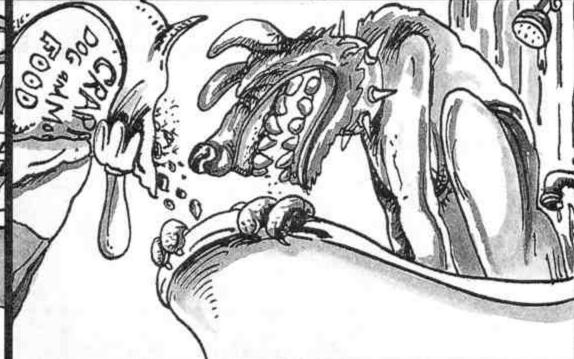
#### Jenkins

During longer trips, Jenkins keeps his pet in a reliable kennel.

Melvin

Melvin's shower stall has water, a drain to pee into and a bar of soap to play with — everything a fun-loving Great Dane needs!





#### Jenkins

brings his pet to the veterinarian once every six months, if only for a checkup.

Melvin

read somewhere that dogs have at least five pints of blood and by the looks of things, his mutt still has three pints left.





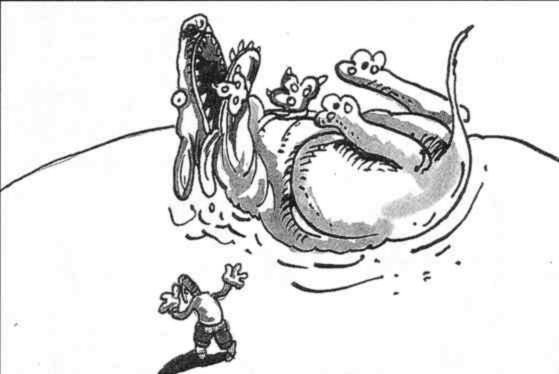
#### **Jenkins**

plays catch with his dog.

Melvin

plays catch - with his dog.



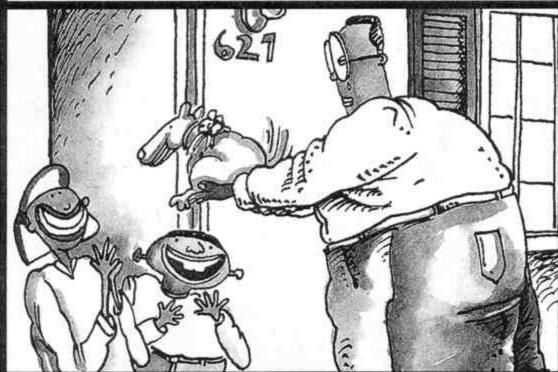


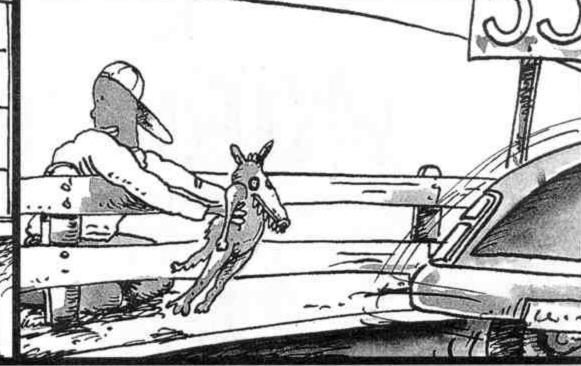
#### Jenkins

If he ever had to give up a pet, Jenkins would spare no expense or effort to make sure he could place it into another loving home.

#### Melvin

figures that the busier the highway, the better the odds that a dog lover'll drive by pretty soon.



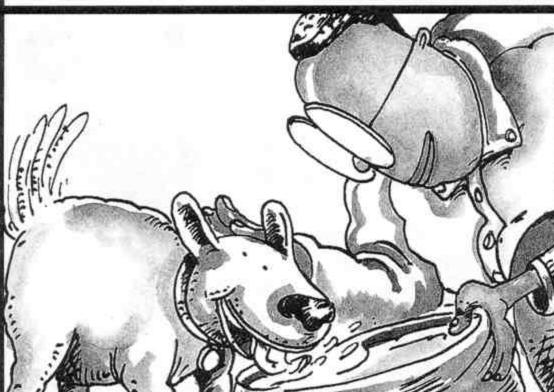


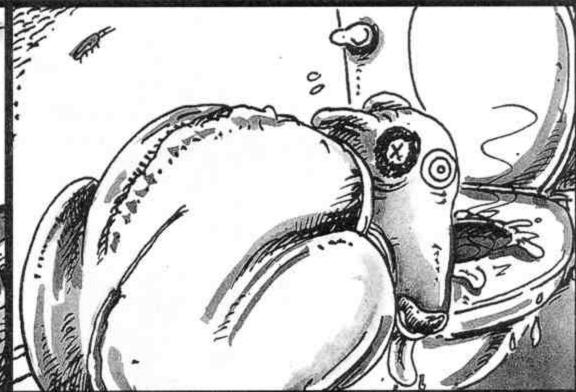
#### Jenkins

makes sure to change his dog's water twice a day, to keep it fresh and healthy.

#### Melvin

usually remembers to flush.





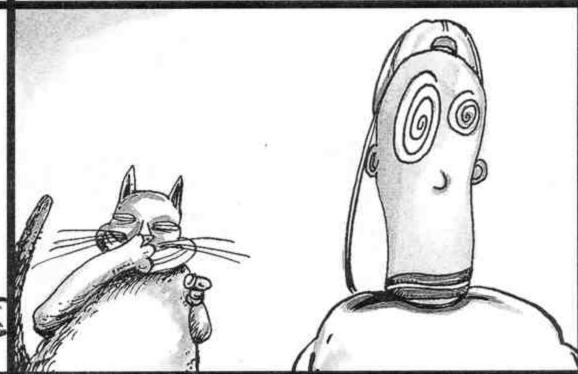
#### Jenkins

gets a real kick out of the way his cat sometimes stares google-eyed at a blank wall for no reason in the world.

#### Melvin

Melvin's cat feels the same way about Melvin.





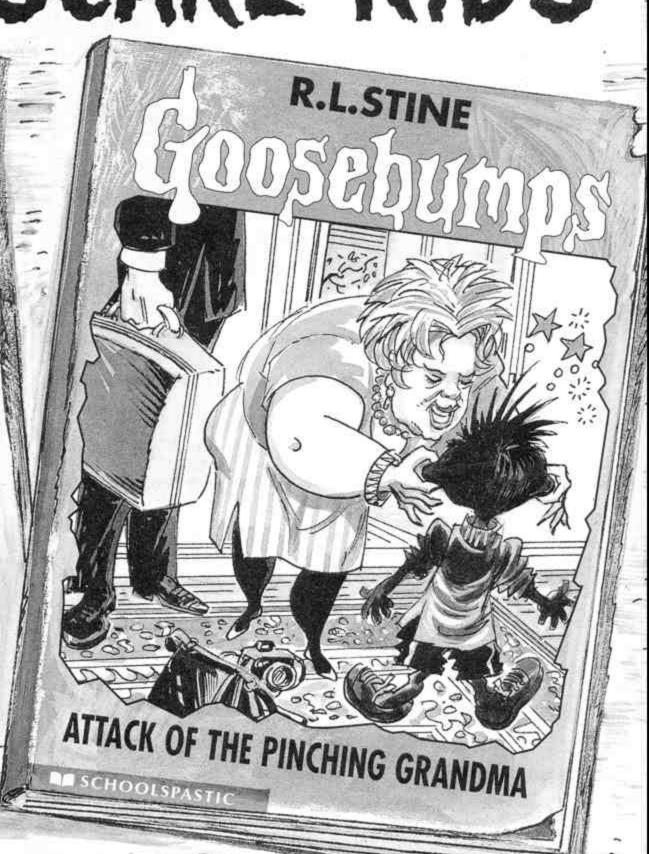
R.L. Stine's series of Goosebumps books is supposed to scare kids with tales of werewolves and monsters. These things aren't very scary, however, when compared to a youngster's real life! Perhaps Mr. Stine should write some stories that are truly terrifying, like these...

HORROR STORIES
THAT WOULD

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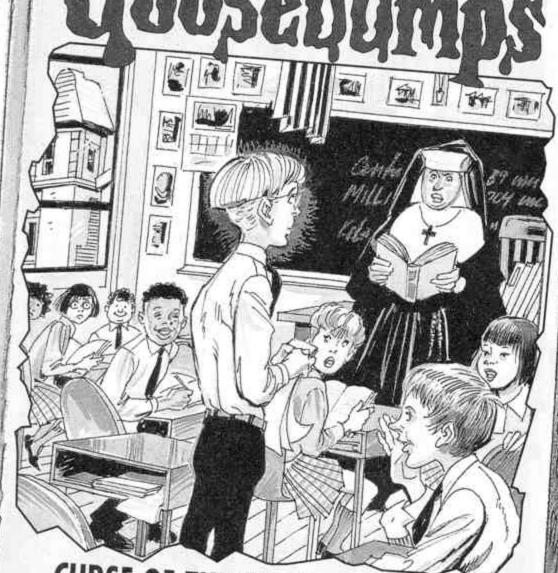
THE HORROR HAND-ME-DOWNS
SCHOOLSPASTIC



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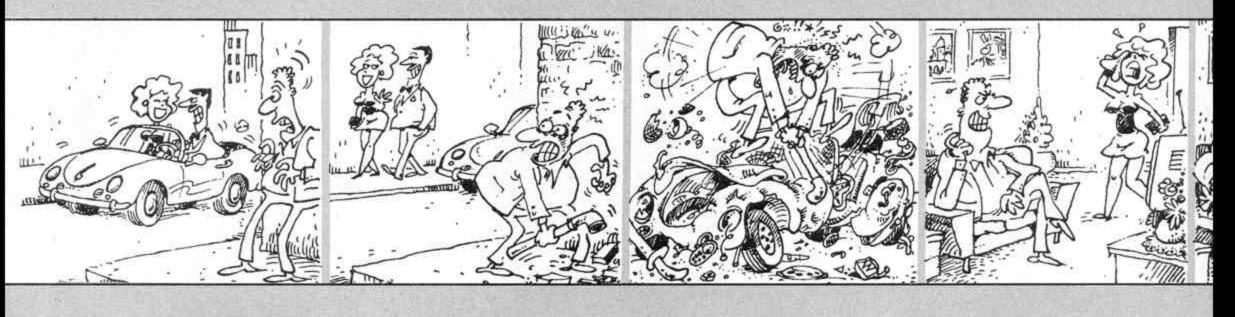


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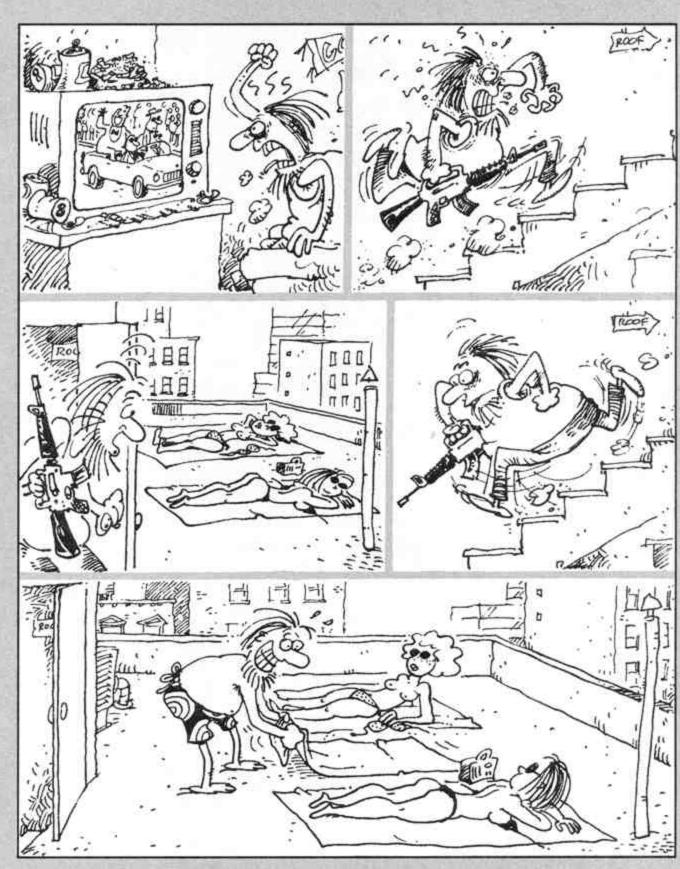










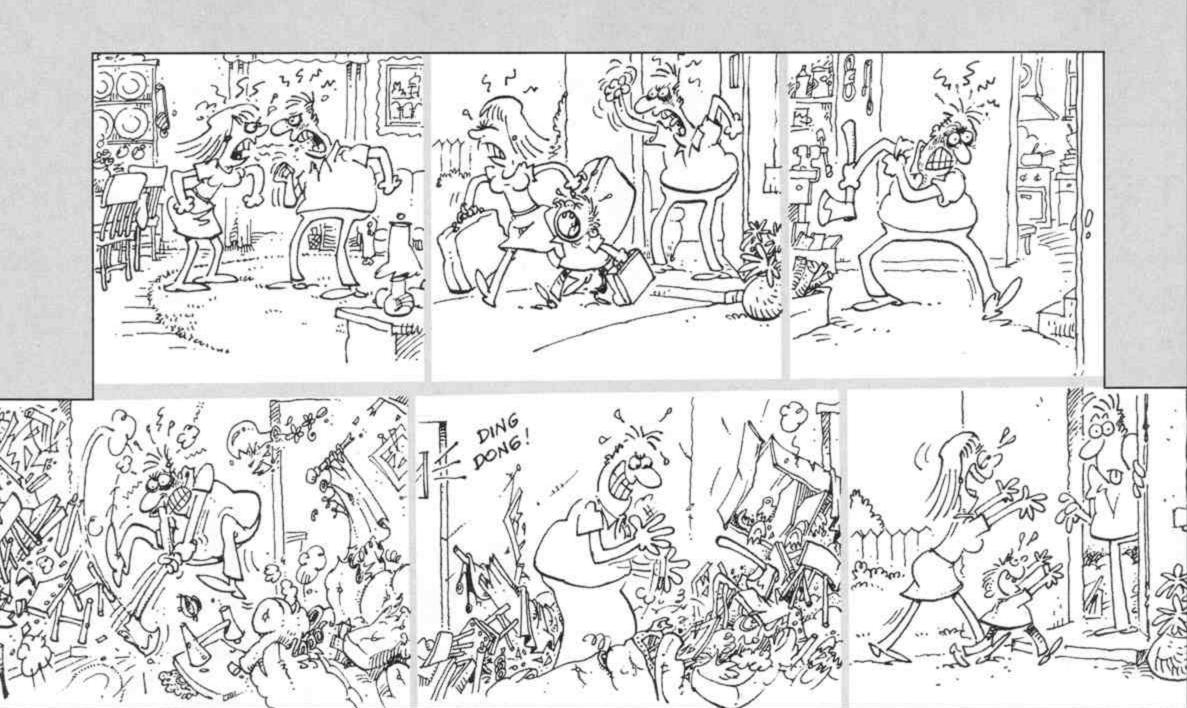










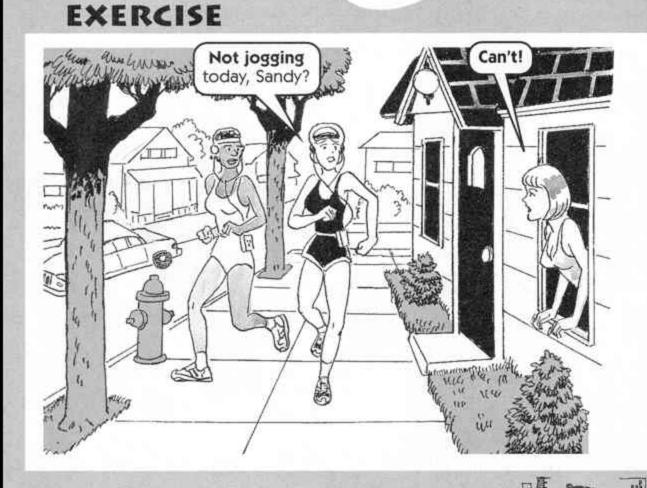




# JUSTICE



ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG





# GOVERNMENT





# RELATIONSHIPS





# EMPLOYMENT





# THERAPY

Dr. Forman, our major problem is my husband's rigidity!
Everything has to go by the clock or Art goes bonkers!

If that's true, Mr.
Charney, you'll have
to participate in
some activities
that are completely
spontaneous!

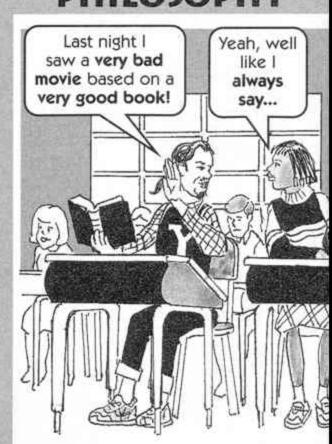


# CRIME





# PHILOSOPHY



# I just like new cars!

I think I can, doctor!

Let's start with next

week's session! We'll

be here spontaneously

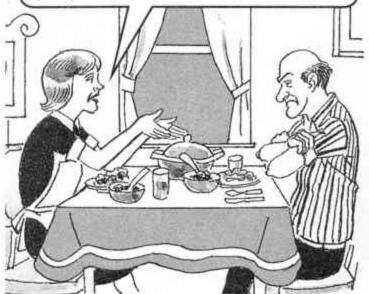
at eight o'clock

on the dot!



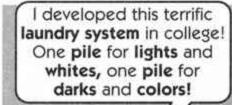
# COOKING

I go through a lot of **trouble** to prepare these meals! I buy only health food! Nothing has chemicals or preservatives! All the vegetables are organically grown! It's all fat-free and salt-free! I don't fry anything! So what's the problem, Rick?





# EFFICIENCY

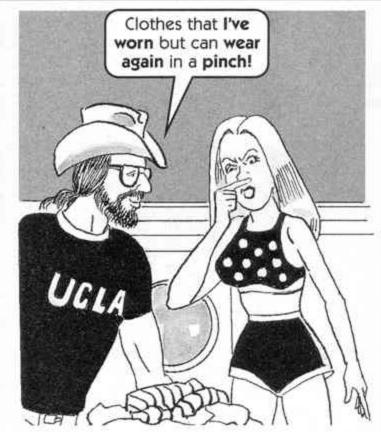


UCLA



What's

that



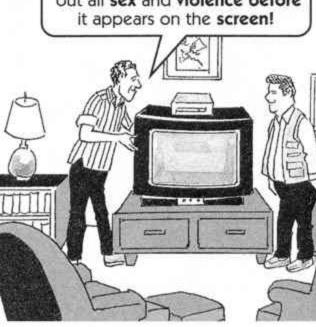


# TECHNOLOGY

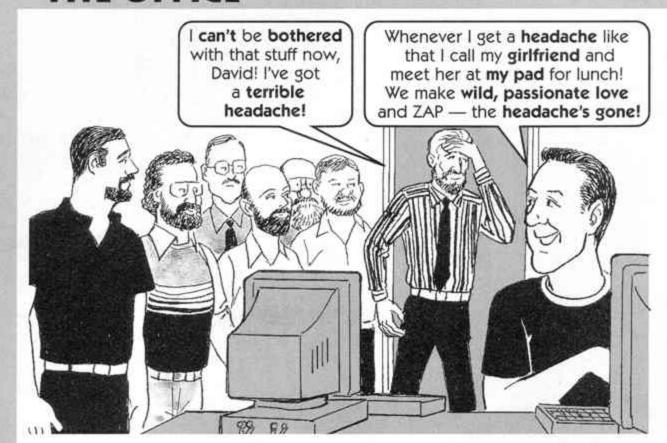
I tell you, Phil, modern science continues to outdo itself! I just installed a microchip in my TV set that automatically blocks out all sex and violence before







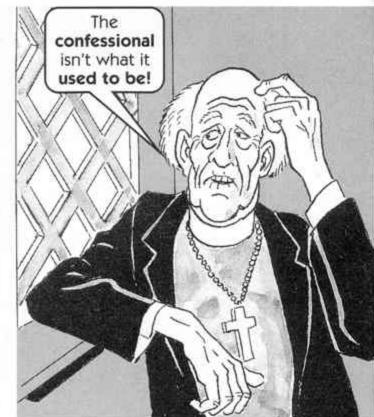
# THE OFFICE





# RELIGION





# **DOCTORS**

Kaputnik, something doesn't add up here! According to these charts with the latest research on weight/height ratios...





# GIFTS

Mother's Day and Father's Day always give me problems! I never know what to get my parents!





Me

Same with me — times seven!
I've had three fathers with
my first mother, and four
mothers with my first father!





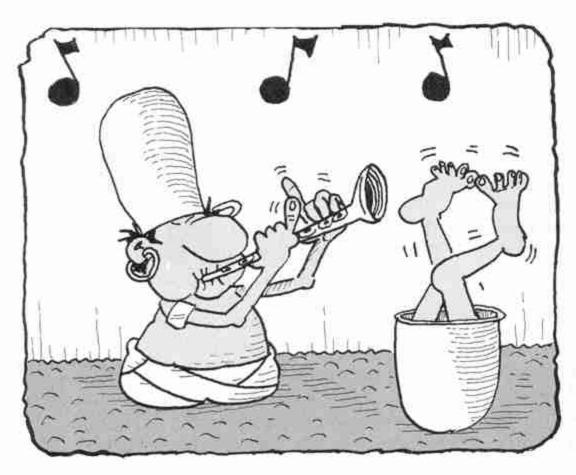
# TALES FROM the DUCK SIDE

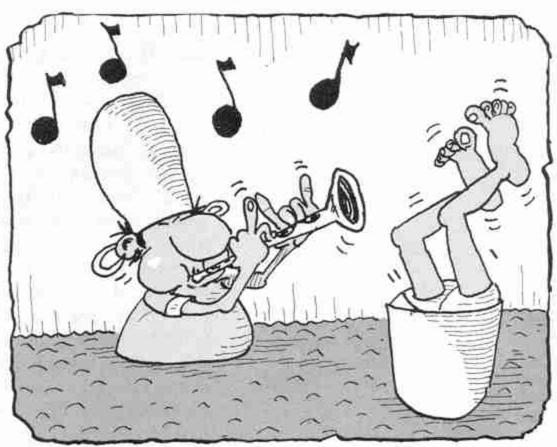
TODAY'S EPISODE...

# ALTERED SNAKES

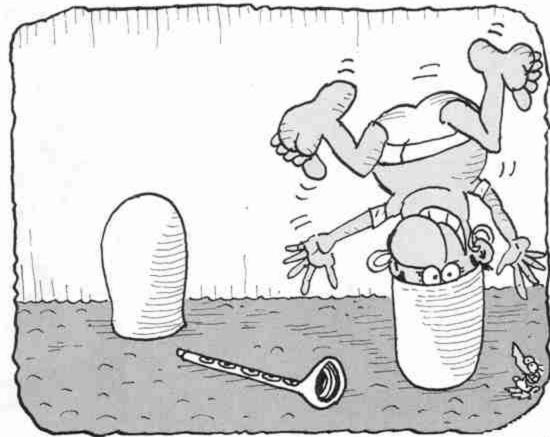












ARTIST AND WRITER: DUCK EDWING



Hi, I'm Joe Eszterhas! Some people think I'm just a boorish, no-talent, pervert. Maybe I am, but I can wallpaper my Hollywood mansion with \$100 bills! You can too, once you enroll in...

SCREENWRITING HACKS!

Joe Eszterhas, author of such critically unacclaimed films as Sliver, Jade and Showgirls will teach you everything you need to know to become an overpaid purveyor of cinematic crap! That's right, burgeoning scumscribes! This is your opportunity to break into showbiz, become a famous screenwriter and make obscene amounts of money just for writing the SAME LOUSY SCRIPT OVER AND OVER AGAIN! You'll learn how to parlay one success into a lifelong career of third rate movie-making, just like Mr. Basic Instinct himself, Joe Eszterhas!

## SECRETS OF SLIME REVEALED!

Sure, Mr. Eszterhas's movies are flat, formulaic, badly constructed, ill-conceived and hated by audiences and critics alike — so why are big time Hollywood producers still greenlighting his awful screenplays?

Two words: PATHOLOGICAL LESBIANS! Sound unlikely? It's not! Lesbians bring to literature a long and distinguished heritage. Jane Austen? Lesbian! Mary Shelley? Lesbian! Truman Capote? Lesbian!

But Pathological Lesbians are just one of Mr. Eszterhas's sleazy secrets, kept for generations under his soiled mattress! Now, in this special offer, they can all be yours!

## IT'S EASY WHEN YOU HAVE NO SHAME OR PRIDE!

What's that you say? You can't write a multi-million dollar screenplay? Sure you can! Mr. Eszterhas provides the lesbians, Mr. Eszterhas provides the far-fetched plot (there's only one) and then you follow his simple 3-POINT E-Z SLEE-Z OUTLINE:

Get the lesbians naked.

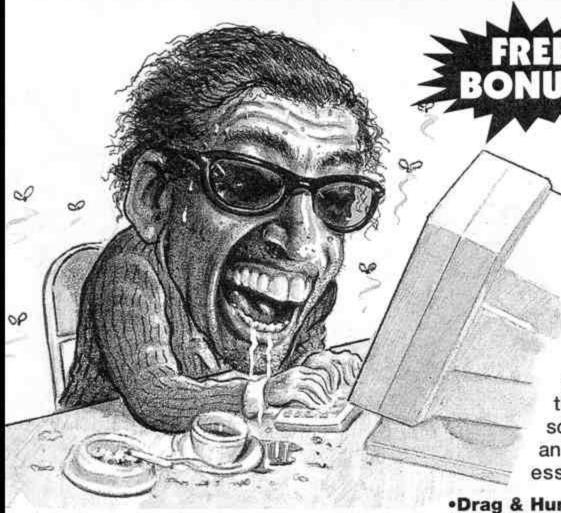


Show one of them licking a metal pole.



KILL THEM WITH





Sign up today

and you'll receive
WordPervert, Mr.
Eszterhas's personal
scriptwriting computer
program. It's guaranteed to
help you create UP TO
ONE-DIMENSIONAL characters in a matter of minutes!
Homophobic stereotypes are
just a keystroke away! Plus,
WordPervert helps you poke and

prod your way through, automatically removing story structure, character arc and random pieces of underclothing (should any of these unwanted elements inadvertently appear in your script)! Besides such standard features as SpellCheck and Thesaurus, this unique program also has these essential utilities for the up-and-coming scumscribe:

•Drag & Hump •SleazeHack SmutExpert

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# LEARN THE SCREENWRITER'S CRAFT OF CREATIVE WEAPONRY!

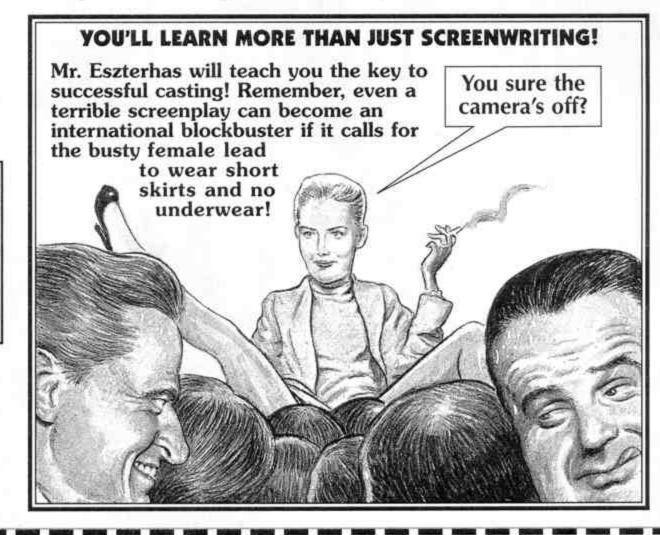
Sometimes an ice pick just isn't enough! That's why each month you'll receive dozens of weapon ideas for your battling lesbians! Here's but a sampling of last month's innovative list:

- •lce pick
- •Rusty nail
- •Ice cube trays
- lcicles
- •lce
- Serrated hunting knife
- · Ice tongs
- Wet snapping-towel
- Hardened dayold Spam

Remember, you don't have to be horny to enroll in the The Joe Eszterhas School For Sleazy, No-Talent Screenwriting Hacks – but it helps! To receive my special 10% Lesbian Discount please include corroborating photos with this coupon!

## YOU'LL BE CRANKING OUT SMUT IN NO TIME!

Here's how it works: You'll receive monthly screenwriting assignments custom designed by Mr Eszterhas's top-notch faculty. Bang them out, send them back, and in just four to six weeks you'll receive a personalized evaluation by a wide variety of seasoned industry professionals, including former porn stars, lap-dancers and paroled sex offenders!



Yes! I want to disgust my friends, shame my relatives and steal my producer's wife! Sign me up for THE JOE ESZTERHAS SCHOOL FOR SLEAZY, NO-TALENT SCREENWRITING HACKS! I've enclosed \$69.69 up front. (I agree to make an additional payment of \$669.69 if my screenplay is optioned, as well as 69% of the gross profits and 69% of all merchandising and ancillary fees.)

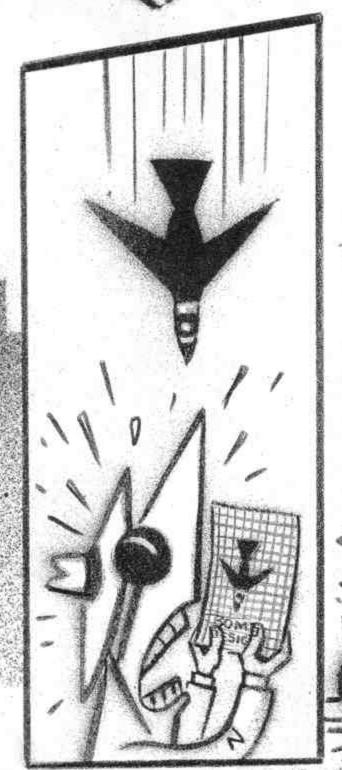
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ARTIST AND WRITER: PETER KUPER





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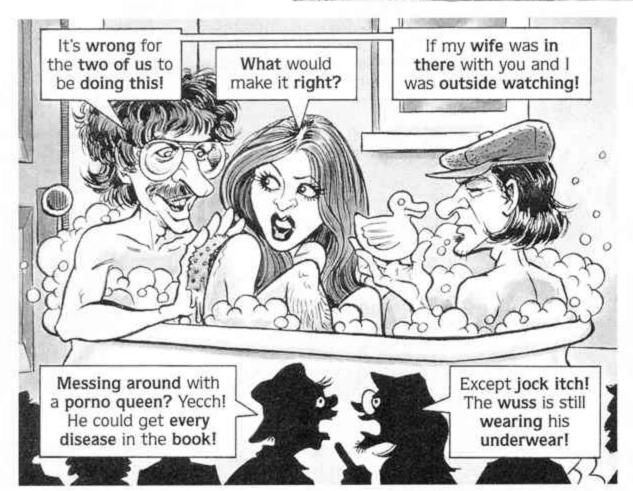
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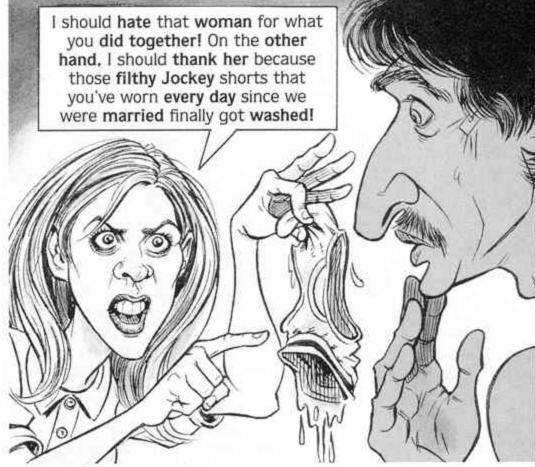






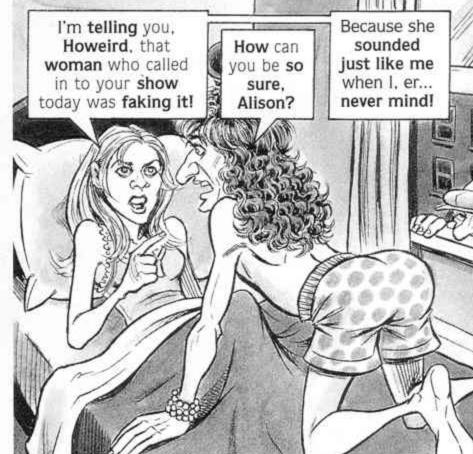


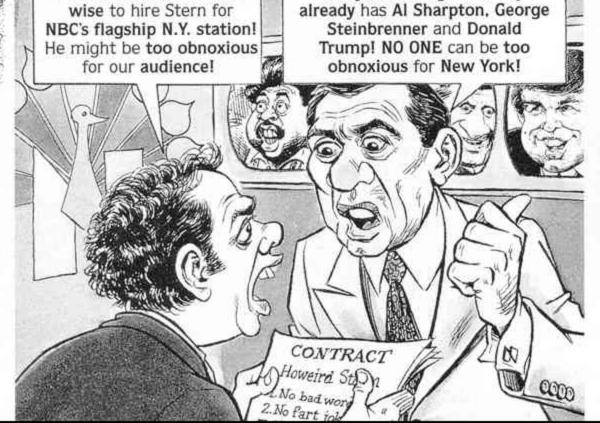




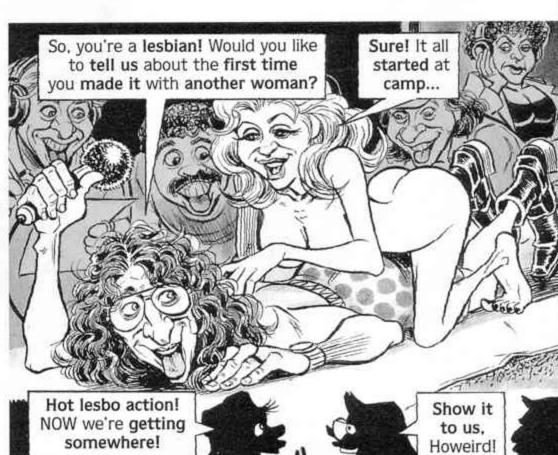


Are you kidding? This city

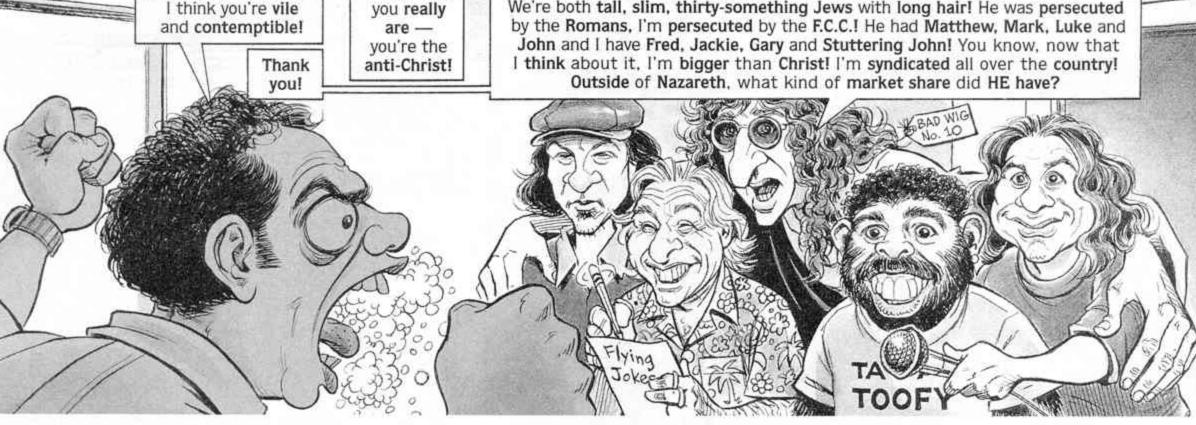




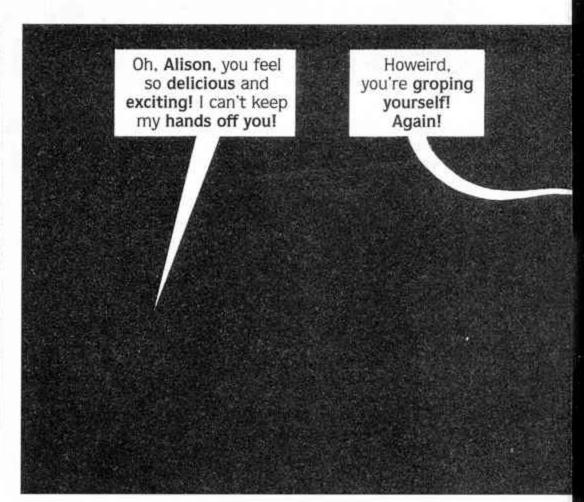
I don't know if we were















# MAD'S CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

Our crack oddsmakers give you the latest Vegas line on how one of today's biggest stars is going to meet their maker!

THIS MONTH'S CORPSE-TO-BE:



# Richard Simmons

# Dies of mortification after losing slap fight to Nathan Lane "The Vapors" 3:1 Stoned by Letterman audience during especially annoying guest shot Sat on by 1,000 lb. client 6:1

Shot in bed by a jealous husband 40,382,500:1

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WHERE DO EXPERTS **AGREE MORE DEFENSE DOLLARS ARE URGENTLY** NEEDED?

# HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

It used to be that liberals complained that too much money was being put aside for the military budget. Billion dollar planes and expensive artillery were looked upon as a waste of money. However, these same people now agree that there is an area in defense where money is desperately needed. To find out where the weak spot is, fold page in as shown.



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IN A DISPLAY OF MILITARY MIGHT AND POWER THE CLINCHER IS A NUCLEAR BOMB. WITH ONE BUTTON LEGENDARY DEVASTATION OCCURS. THE ONLY REAL FALLOUT IS A WORLD THAT'S NOT QUITE SOUND.





# A Toy We're Sure To See

