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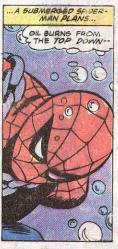
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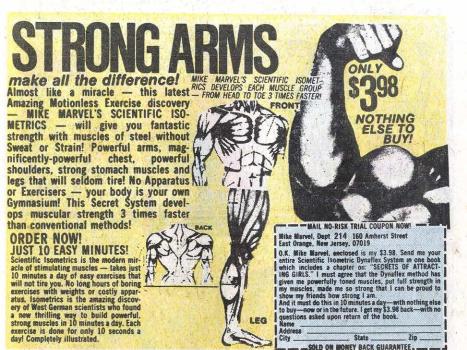
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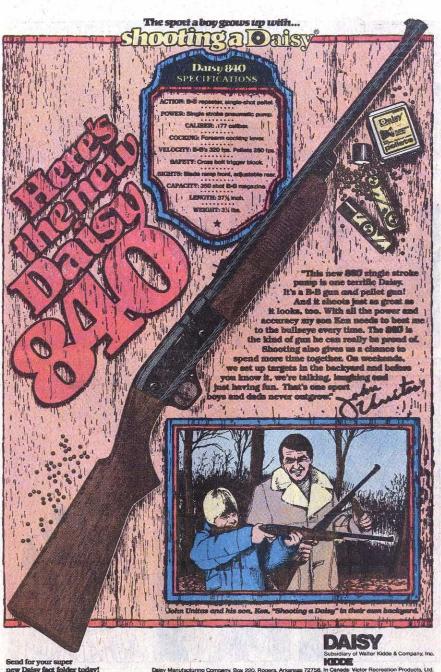












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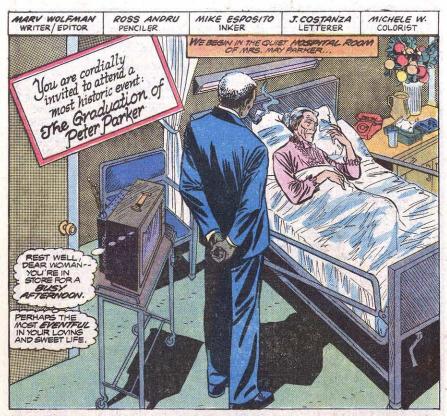
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Well, it happened again! There I was, meking a soul-stirring speech at good of Jemes Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia recently, when one of the frantic Marvelitas in the madly-cheering audience reminded me of a promise I'd forgotten a decade ago! He said that I'd promised, in the late sixties, to do a column entitled "What is a Bigot?"-and then he pointed an accusing finger and sonorously intoned, "And we're still waiting for it"! Wow, with my laughable little memory I can hardly remember what I said an hour ago, so I'm assuming the forthright flamekeeper was correct, and herewith and forthwith shall that so-grievous oversight be summarily

From where I sit, bigotry is one of the many stains upon the human escutcheon which must be eradicated before we can truthfully call ourselves civilized. It comes in many forms and shapes, but it's most easily recognized in the form of cruel and mindless generalizations; such as when you hear some yo-yo say "All Italians are like this" or "All Germans are like that", or "All women are so-andso" or "All blacks, or Catholics, or Jews, or redheads, or whatever are like this"! Well, they may not be aware of it, but the turkeys that talk that way- and it's always done in a disparaging, putdown manner, of course- are bigots, plain and simple! Anyone with an I.Q. slightly above a cretin's has to know that all of any type of humans are never always the same. There are good people and bad people, and all categories in between- and you'll find 'em amongst all races, all religions, all sizes, shapes, and sexes. You wanna dislike someone? Be my guest. It's a free country. But do it because he or she has personally givenyou a reason to feel that way, not because of skin color, or religion, or foreign ancestry, or the shape of their toenails, or any other moronic, mixedup, mindless motivel Because, if you justify your hatred by smearing everyone in any given group with the same brush, then you're a bigot, Charlie!

Okay, that's it. Never let it be said I don't keep my word when I promise to write about something— even if it happens to take ten years to get around to it!

Excelsion

Stan

ITEMI in one way or another, everyone at Marvel is part of the crazed creative process that produces several dozen of the best comics magazines anywhere each month, but only a few tolks can be listed in the credits. Actually, the artists, writers, editors and other Marvel stars whose names you've come to know would be lost without the services of our stalwart support troops. With that in

mind, we'd like to take time out to thank Titanic TONY CERNIGLIA and his mighty mailroom crew, MIKE (Great "K") KUDZI-NOWSKI, DANIEL (Poppy) LOCARIO, and Hopalong JOHN GALVIN, for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty during Marvel's recent reorganization. Not only did they keep inter-office communications flowing smoothly throughout the reshuffling, but they pitched in to rearrange desks, cart furniture, and in general kept logistical problems from bogging down the creative process. Well done, guys!



ITEMI If science fiction is your bag, or if you're simply a connoisseur of the finest in story and art, have we got something for you! MARYEL PREVIEW #15, featuring STAR-LORD—masterfully crafted by Chris Claremont, Carmine Infanţino, and Bob Wiacek—is finished at last! For months, we at the Bullpen have been watching with pride as this labor of love evolved, and we feel it's bound to be one of the most talked about epics ever. Okay, you've been warned! Get down to your newstand now and pick up a copy before they're all sold! And, for heaven's sake, if you don't see it, ask'!

ITEM! While you're slogging your way through the mundane mire of everyday life, does it ever occur to you that you're in danger of letting down and becoming (ugh) normal? Take heart, embettled ones, for mighty Marvel's resident wackos, under the direction of Possessed PAUL LAIKIN, have concocted the ultimate remedy for encroaching sanity, namely, CRAZY #42, which has

been expanded to a full 80 pages of Daringly Dumb humor, outrageous parody and payehotic ramblings, all for only \$1.00! We call it the LET'S GO CRAZY SUPER SPECIÁL, and it's absolutely guaranteed to quell sane tendencies! It's on sale now!

ITEM! Meanwhile, back in the real world, it is our pleasure to announce the regular pencilling debut of a certain young artist by the name of JOHN ROMITA, JR. John, who currently holds down a regular nine-to-five job as a staff artist as well, will lend his considerable talents to drawing monthly adventures of the Invincible IRON MAN beginning with issue #115, on sale now! Those who have seen the work of Jazzy JOHN ROMITA, SR. (and who hasn't?) on The Amazing SPIDER-MAN, both in the comics and in his widely syndicated newspaper strip, know that Jetpropelled John Jr. has some rather large footsteps to follow in. We've got a feeling though, once you've seen his work, you'll agree with us that he's off to a fantabulous start

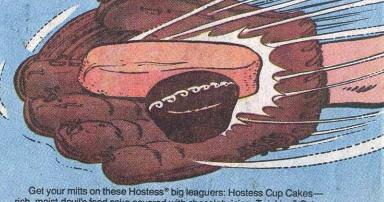
ITEM! While we're at it, we might also mention the terrific job that Dashing DAVE WENZEL is doing pencilling on one of Marvel's most demanding series, the AVENGERS. Dave was there in our hour of need, stepping in to help complete the tenpart super-cosmic Magnum Opus begun by Jim (Trouble) Shooter and George (Pacester) Perez iong ago! Dave's dynamic drawing seems to get better and better with each panel. We just love watching future Superstars develoo!

ITEM! You may have noticed that yet another new art team has been bringing the IN-VADERS to still new heights of glory of late. Audacious ALAN KUPPERBERG and Fancy FRANK SPRINGER have combined, under the guidance of prestigious writer/editor Rascally ROY THOMAS, to provide a virtual visual feast that is well worth a mere 35¢ investment! Believe it!



ITEM! If you want to hear about the latest Marvel doings from the Man himself, STAN LEE will be guest-of-honor August 12th at the Atlanta (Georgia) Comics and Fantasy Fair, being held at Dunfey's Royal Hotell So if you're in the area, or even if you're not, zoom on down and shake the band that shook the hand of Iryine Forbush!





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