

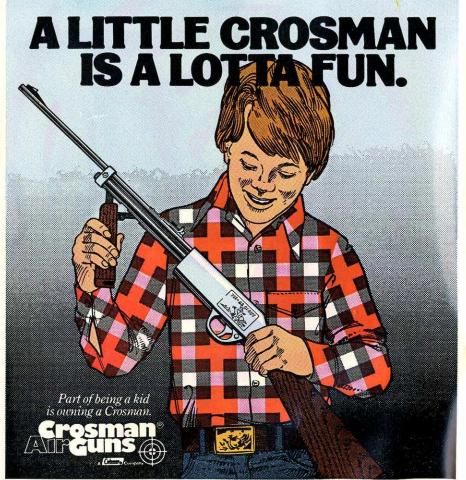
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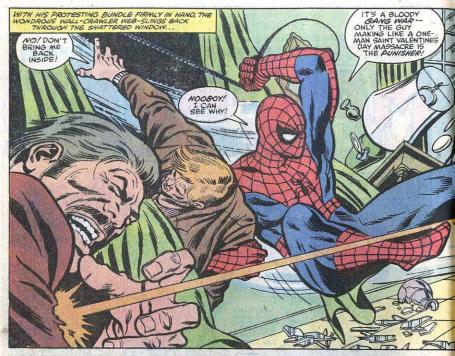




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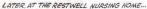


































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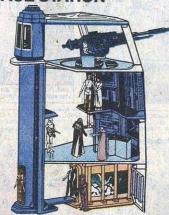






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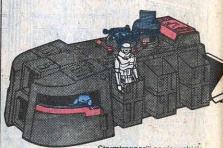


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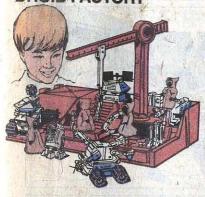


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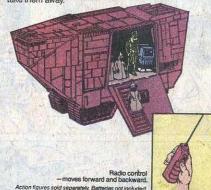


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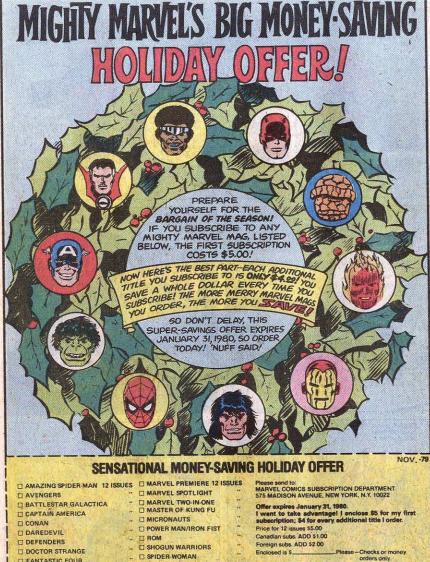












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FOR A BRIEF MOMENT, THE BACK DOOR OF THE LEAD TRUCK OPENED, I CONTEMPLATED OPENING FIRE, BUT THEN I REALIZED I WOULD NOT HAVE THE TIME-





THE WAR WAGON PLUNGED INTO THE BRACKISH WATERS FAR BELOW WITH LUCK. I WOULD BE ABLE TO SALVAGE MOST OF THE COSTLY BOULDING!







YES, PARKER I MAVE TO KNOW, YOU WERE ASSIGNED TO WORK WITH ME REMEMBER. IM THE REPORTER... YOU DO AS I SAY. GOT THAT! NO, I DON'T LADY, I SIGNED



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Bear with me, gang. It's philosophy time again! I was having a discussion the other day with a professor pal of mine from U.C.L.A. about the so-called "generation gap," and I laid a few personal opinions on him that I'd like to share with you.

First, we're never gonna solve the generation gap till we stop seeking the wrong answers to the wrong questions. Everyone yaps about young people being "different" nowadays. Forget it! Human nature doesn't change. It's the human condition that changes-it's the environment! What's happened to us is, the world has been wildly changing, producing new sets of rules each time you blink your eye. It's the social climate that's been chang-

ing, not you 'n me, Bunky!

Here, this'll show what I mean. Say you've got two homes, a large country estate and a small city apartment. You play your stereo full blast on your estate, but who cares? No one can hear it. You're not disturbing anyone. But play it just as loud in your small apartment with the paper thin walls and your neighbors wanna clobber you! You haven't changed. You're the same yoyo in both places. But the conditions are different!

The fact is, young people are the same as ever, the same noisy, scroungy, mangy, nutty, wonderful crazies they've always been - and adults are still the same grouchy, grunchy, goopy, hard-pressed and harassed heroes they've always been -and which you'll soon become! Nothing's changed but the labels. Which leads

to point #2

None of us is all that different from each other. We all want essentially the same things outta life - a measure of security, some fun, some romance, friendship, and the respect of our contemporaries. That goes for Indians, Chinese, Russians, Jews, Arabs, Catholics, Protestants, blacks, browns, whites, and greenskinned Hulks. So why don't we all stop wasting time hating the "other" guys. Just look in the mirror, mister - that other guy is you!

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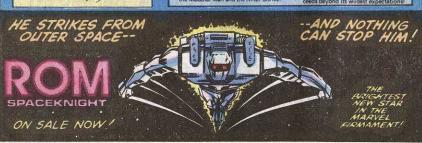
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tions of the Spider-Man mythos, although a good percentage expressed hope that this might yet be done.

I DON'T KNOW IF AUNT MAY IS DEAD

Mike Jones Tidioute, PA Wally Neville Cincinnati, OH Jeff Gentile Redlands CA Harrisonburg, VA Larry Colosimo Coral Spring, FL Carol Klusty Vegas, NE

Total: 7. Percentage of Total Mail: 5%. Añalysis: Several correspondents expressed uncertainty as to what Aunt May's final fate might be. One cautioned, "Please don't clone her.

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Total: 14. Percentage of Total Mail: 10%. Analysis: Apparently there are a number of you out there who believe in the maxim, "When Marvel kills 'em, they stay dead." While we don't want to say that characters never

die around here, we do recommend that you see the corpse before making up your mind

THE BUACK CAT IS NOT DEAD SHE HAS NINE LIVES

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Total: 27. Percentage of Total Mail: 20%. Analysis: Twice as many correspondents suspected that the Black Cat knew how to survive the plunch into the river than thought she perished. Note the high correlation be tween the individuals who thought both the Black Cat AND Aunt May were still alive

I DON'T KNOW IF THE BLACK CAT IS DEAD

Mike Jones Tidioute, PA John Kellenberger Lincoln, IL Ted Jones Weshington DC	Dan Whydra Albany, NY Robert J. Boyd San Diego, CA Lance Poplin Owasso, OK	Jeff Gentile Vegas, NE Jim L. Hoskins Lafayette, IN Elissa Bailey Betsy Layne, KY	Ken Hart Staten Island, NY John Parr Miami Beach, FL John J. Wyatt San Francisco CA
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Total: 12. Percentage of Total Mail: 9%. Analysis: Again, there are a number of readers who could not decide if she was dead or not. Far and away, however, the majoritry of flan-writers acclaimed the Black Cat as one of Spider-Man's greatest new foes. Mary is humbly taking his bows.

Then, of course, we have the glut of mail devoted to the fine art of nit-

	NK, THEREFORE I	DESERVE A NO-	RIZE
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Total: 39. Percentage of Total Mail: 29%, Analysis: It is always amazing to us that there are those who write in solely for the purpose of pointing out mistakes—without even telling us if they liked the story they found all the mistakes in! The names that appear only on this list comprise that group. To break down our no-prizefighters even moreso: 12 requested a no-prize for guessing that Rinehart faked Aunt May's death, 11 wanted one for spotting an art mistake depicting Spider-Man switching arms while holding onto the Cat; 7 wanted one for guessing Kingpin was next issue's villain, 4 for Peter being overcharged 5¢ in the school cafeteria, 4 for proof reading typoes (Note to one correspondent: look up in your dictionary the difference between the words "infraction" and "infraction"). 2 for Aunt May playing checkers on the cover and chess in the story, and 8 for miscel laneous items like color-separators' errors, on-and-off masks and gloves. etc., with many citing more than one of the above. Not a single no-prize fighter in this batch sent us anything than can be construed as being Meri-torious Service to Marvel Above and Beyond the Call of Duty-the sort of letters we LIKE to give No-Prizes (with capital letters) for Finally, a few of our correspondents neither ventured a guess as to Aunt

May's or the Black Cat's fate, nor tendered no-prize requests. Rather, they provided us with questions and commentary of a more general nature.

Rich Calgie Plainville, NY Oakland Tom Oakland, CA Mario Tiamberg Duncanville, TX Steve Reyes Scott White Pvt. Russell J. Hamblin Pinckney, MI Fort Gordon, GA Mark Westphal Mike Sopp Erie, PA Brooklyn, NY Chappagua NY Total: 8. Percentage of Total Mail: 6%

So there you have it, the first-time-ever analysis of every single piece of mail received on a single issue of a single magazine (as of 8/10/79). We hope you found it as informative as we did. Next issue we'll return to our regular letters page format. Until then, keep writing. We do read every piece of mail we receive. (And don't forget to put your address on your letter itself- envelopes are thrown out as the mail is opened!)

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