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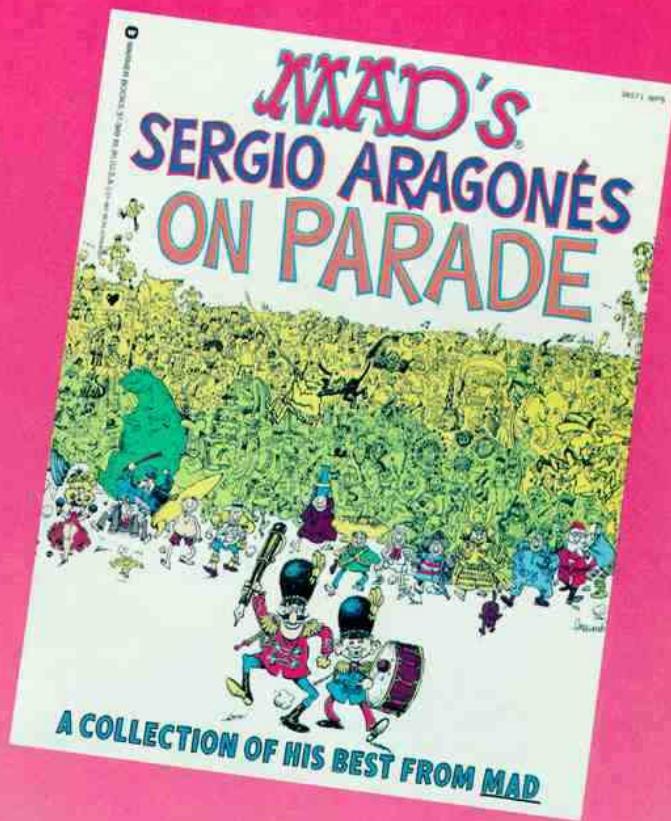
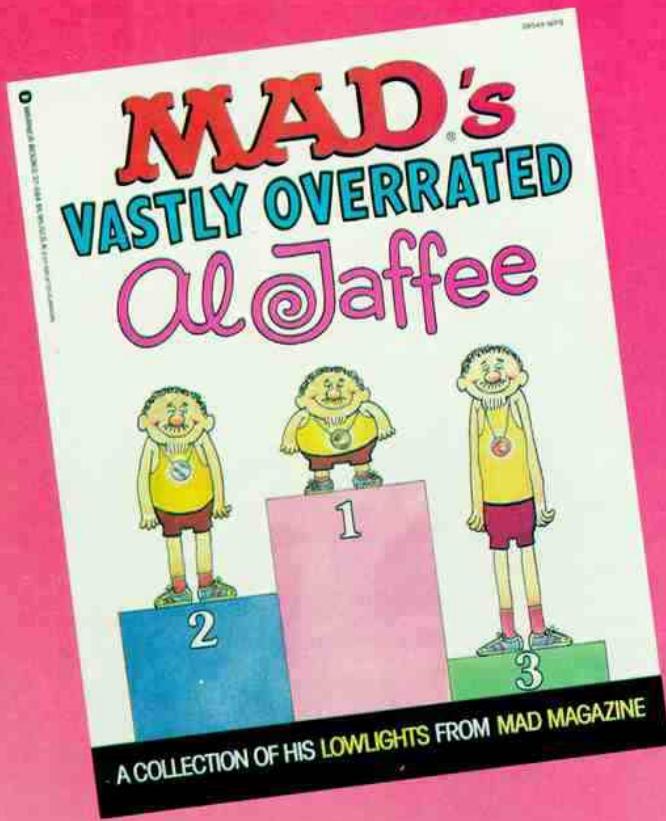
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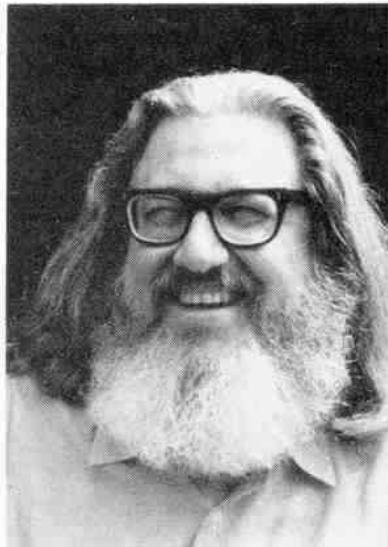
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FRONT COVER ARTIST: RICHARD WILLIAMS

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

FROM
THE
PUBLISHER



Dear MAD Reader:

Over the past few years, the cost of producing MAD has risen dramatically. Ink, paper, printing and shipping prices all have gone up. (In fact, just about everything connected with MAD has gone up, with the exception of the quality of the magazine!)

In order to avoid raising the price of MAD, I'm trying something in this issue that I swore I never would—running ads. I'm not happy about this, but I am trying to make the best of the situation out of respect to you, the reader.

Accordingly, I have established a Blue-Ribbon panel of experts who will carefully screen all companies who wish to advertise in MAD. In addition, every product advertised will be carefully reviewed and tested by this panel. You have my personal guarantee that only top-of-the-line companies and their products will appear in the pages of MAD. My foremost concern is that you, the reader, are satisfied. The "MAD Merchandise Mart" appears on pages 22 and 23 of this issue. Read the ads, judge for yourself, and let me know what you think!

If the response to advertising is good, we will try it again in future issues. If not, we will not use ads again and will maintain our "cheap" price as long as possible. Unfortunately, the low quality of the magazine will remain the same, no matter what you say!

William M. Gaines

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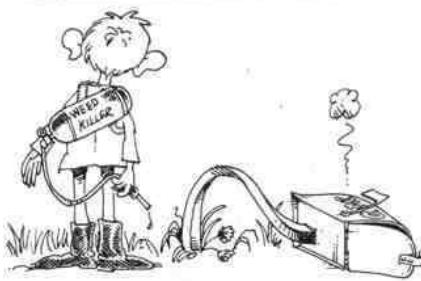
We've groomed our best, man, from some dearly beloved material that is our bride and joy!

We vow that you laugh happily ever after once you pledge your money and say, "I DO—want to buy this book!"

'til MAD do us part

"May Divorce Be With You!"

LETTERS AND TOMATOES DEPT.



"CROC O'DULL DUMMEE"

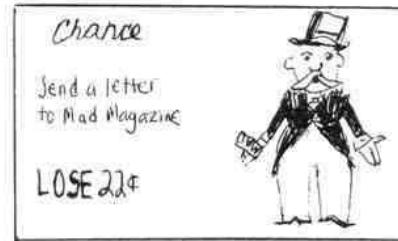
Now that you Bozo's have finally gotten to putting Crocodile Dundee in his place, when can I expect you to take on even more annoying Aussies like Rupert Murdoch and Olivia Newton John?

Phil Zaglool
Richmond, NY

MADOPOLY CARD

Here's my own contribution to your "MAD Monopoly Cards For the 1980's."

Chris Wheatley
Schaumburg, IL



FAST FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In "Sir Puffy's Placemat" (MAD #273), you really put the fast-food industry's tastes and style in their places. But the caption for the "Crew Person of the Month" broke my heart! You showed the sad truth, the depressing human fallout behind the scenes of our burgeoning "service industry"—which is no joke, but one big "choke." Sob.

John Hoering
Washington, D.C.

Your Sir Puffy's Placemat features a marvelous little satirical piece with the perfect photo called "Crew Person of the Month." It is so right-on that I have been showing it around and writing to distant people about it. It neatly expresses the apparent philosophy and emotional/physical appearance of every stereotypical fast food worker I have ever encountered! Cheers!

Neill
California, USA

Your TASTY article featuring Sir Puffy's Placemat was DELICIOUS! I've never seen so much BALONEY in one place! I almost CHOKED laughing!

Jon Upton
Ontario, Canada

Your pun filled letter is not unlike the food at Sir Puffy's—tough to swallow! —Ed.



MORON MAIL

Do you print short letters?

Anthony Garner
Orlando, FL

Only when they are written by desperate, disturbed individuals who might go over the edge if we refused to publish their petty, uninspired musings. Thanks for writing! —Ed.

I have been reading your magazine for over 25 years. The one quality I like about MAD is that I can read it from cover to cover, pick it up two weeks later, read it again and I won't remember a thing I read the first time!

Susan Woodruff
Two Harbors, MN

Yeah, you and the President! —Ed.

Hi, this is Ben Clark. I was wondering if you could dedicate the next MAD magazine to me, Ben Clark. If you can, just put in the right hand corner "Dedicated to Ben Clark." I'm counting on it.

Ben Clark
Albuquerque, NM

Sorry Ben, we can't do that but we'll try to work your name in somewhere in this issue. —Ed.

PEE-WEE'S PLAYHOUSE

I loved "A MAD Peek Behind the Scenes at Pee-wee's Playhouse," but what is the name of that butt that was sticking out of the window?

Neil "Bud" Koch
St. Paul, MN

Ben Clark! —Ed.



Looks like Pee-wee thought our spoof of his show was so funny he forgot to laugh! We can only guess what he's thinking, maybe something like, "Hey, MAD, you're rubber and I'm glue—it bounces off me and sticks to you! HA! HA-HA!!"

MADVERTISING

In Dick DeBartolo's article "Feature-by-Feature Advertising" (MAD #273), he missed one important feature in the Acme Calendar ad: "Shop and compare! All calendars currently have only 365 days—but if you act now, we'll include absolutely free one BONUS DAY in February (with your purchase of an Acme 1988 calendar)!"

Karen Strickland
Lauderhill, FL

WIMPY WRESTLER UPDATE



As promised, here is our update on the world of wrestling's latest wonder, Harold "The Killer Accountant" who we featured on the cover of *WWWF Magazine* in MAD #272. Harold's open challenge to meet the Hulk in the ring has gone unanswered. Harold's buffoonish manager, Art "The Smart" Charney says this is proof that the Hulkster is a "spineless, cowering fraud." The ledger book is in your court, Hulk...we're waiting!

DEAD LETTER

I almost barfed after I read "Don Martin Visits the Morgue." It is the most tasteless feature MAD has ever printed! I know your standards are low, but this time you went six feet under!

John DeFrance
Newton, CT

Under what? — Ed.



MAJOR MISCONCEPTION

Widely held misconception #371: When a magazine says "CHEAP!" on its cover, it's going to be inexpensive!

Jim Turko
Elk Grove, CA

Widely held misconception #372: There is intelligent life in Elk Grove, CA! Thanks for writing!

— Ed.

DRAWING PRAISE



MAD artists just keep racking up those awards! At this year's National Cartoonist Society Awards dinner, our own Sergio Aragones and Mort Drucker each received the prestigious Reuben Award. Sergio provided us with this sketch of that magic moment! Congratulations, guys, now get back to work!

MILLENNIUM POLL

40. BEST NAVAHO MEDICINE MAN

Chief Rexall — *Laney Loftin, Monroe, LA*

45. BEST APPEARANCE OF JOSEPHINE THE PLUMBER IN A COMMERCIAL FOR COMET CLEANSER

The one where she blinded the dog with Comet.

— *Sissy Gustid, Sudbury, OH*

55. BEST VIRGIN SACRIFICE ALTAR

The Sears Tower. — *Wiley Larten, Minden, ME*

58. BEST RECIPE FOR BREAD-AND-GREL

Toast the bread, spread the gruel over it lightly, and add chives, chopped celery and grated cheese.

Microwave for 12 seconds. — *T.E. Powney, Wichita, KS*

61. BEST ARGUMENT AGAINST GALILEO'S THEORY THAT THE EARTH REVOLVES AROUND THE SUN

It really revolves around Sean Penn.

— *Brian Macala & George Ruanak, OSU, Youngstown, OH*

64. BEST-SOUNDING EXCUSE FOR OUR INVASION OF GRENADA

The student loans were due.

— *David Noll, Skillington, PA*

69. BEST MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGH

The discovery that whatever Prince has is not contagious. — *Sissy Gustid, Sudbury, Ontario*

71. BEST GODZILLA MOVIE

"Godzilla Meets the U.S. Trade Deficit."

— *The Midnight Staff Nurses of Harper Hospital, Detroit*

73. BEST DENTIST (PRE-NOVACAIN)

Stanley Johnson, an ancestor of mine who employed two big men to hold his patients down.

— *Doug Welch, Pleasant Hill, CA*

78. BEST NON SEQUITUR IN A "BEST OF THE MILLENNIUM" POLL

"Oh, and by the way, just how old is Dave Berg?"

— *Adam Cook, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia*

Many thanks to all who wrote. Here's a quick list of some of the other people who were foolish enough to sign their names!

Phil Mackey, Beowick, PA; Tom Bauer, Grand Lodge, MI; Adolfo Ibarra, Jr., Los Angeles; Mel Spivak, Santa Cruz, CA; D.J. Connelly, London, England; Andy Lewis, El Toro, CA; Pam Roberts, Islamorada, FL; Tommy Graham, Greenwood, IN; Patty Randell, Albq., NM; Joseph Wardrop, Ware, MA; Justin Meadows, Arvina, CA; Dave Lippman, Hoboken, NJ; Tommy Savage, Kingwood, WV; Peter Storm, Rice Lake, WI; Robert Olkowski, Milwaukee; Jeff Kubota, Lawrence, KS; Melanie N. Lee, Corona, NY; Cary Boone, Odessa, TX; Lorene Turner, Landis, Canada; David Fishman, San Luis Obispo, CA; Mitchell Warner, Gillette, NJ; Craig Stelle, Riviera, AZ; Mary Anne Laverne & Elizabeth Blackwelder, Bklyn, NY; Sarah Thompson, Fresno, CA; John E. Moore, Watkins, Glen, NY; Jeffrey Weirich, Mickey & Carol Chiusano, Bklyn, NY; Daniel J. Moore, Rosenberg, OR; Luke Milover, Raytown, MO; Gregory Haynes, Baltimore; Henry Reyes, Chicago; Robin Lee, Calgary, Canada; Brian Guile, La Habra, CA; Eric Rodriguez, Mt. Vernon, WA; Dustin Shultz, Los Alamitos, CA; Andy Toutsain, Pittsfield, NH; Dustin A. Adkins, Altha, FL; Mandy Whifield, El Cato, CA; Jerry & Elmo Kelley, Riverside, CA; Tony Luib, Chagrin Falls, OH; Karl H. Rohner, New Carlton, MD; Mike Morgan & Sean Barrett, Haymarket, VA; Mark Zwolomek, Ft. Atkinson, WI; Randall J. Vockroth, Beaver Dam, WI; Ralph Barnes, Houston; Will Day, Bangor, ME; Garrett Lee, Harrington, WA; Brent Shannon, Winston-Salem, NC; John Brooks, Sarasota, FL; Brian Bosley, Mentor, OH; Thomas Clegg, Bakersfield, CA; Nils Visser, Oklahoma City; Alan Scott, Bloomington, IL; J.C. Osborn, Glendale, AZ; Matt Burkhardt, Galesburg, IL; Jason Davis, Clarksville, WV; John Astaire, San Luis Obispo, CA; Alan K. Thormberg, Midwest City, OK; Lazarus Blanco, Miami; V.G., New Sweden, ME; John Jozefczky, New Eagle, PA; Danny Farrendo, Union City, NJ; John Herring, Bethel, CT; Jim Reilly, Warren, PA; Paul C. Dietl, Sioux Falls, SD; Fred Rascoe, Charlotte, NC; Bill Stricker, Jr., Mansfield, OH; Cameron Duff, W. Brunswick, Australia; Shannon Killingsworth, Republic, MO; Glen Judie, Chattanooga, TN; Chuck Fowler, El Cajon, CA; H. Baker, Denver; Mrs. Judith A. Brown, Long Bch, CA; Betty Altruda, Manolapan, NJ; Le Anne Braziller, Lee, MA; Robert Harder, Long Bch, CA; Laney Loftin, Monroe, LA; Brandy Bragg, San Francisco; Thaddeus Whiring, Hoyt Lakes, MN; Randy Good, San Diego; Jeffrey M. Brauer & Jeff Christian, Binghamton, NY; Bill Seitz, Lake, AK; Russell Howe, Travelers Rest, SC; Debra Grasley, Orangeville, PA; Steve Byers, St. Catherine's, Ontario; Joy Anderson, West Plains, MO; Casey Williams, Vienna, NY; Karen Morton, Knoxville, TN; Jody McCauley, Christy Bubé & Jennifer Brown, Lawrenceville, GA; Enrique Alvarado, Bklyn, NY; Bart Leahy, Lombard, IL; Tom Huntsman, Randolph, OH; Chuck Torbett, Sycamore, IL; Brad Nixon, New York; Eric Hollingsworth, Marietta, GA; Chuck Carlisle, Massillon, OH; Arne Hoanen, USAF, Greenland; Ann Winger, Johnson City, TX; and Lou at Surfin' Avark Comics, Hampton Bch, NH. Thanks to all!

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And now, the moment you've all been waiting for! Your responses to our "Best of the Millennium Reader's Poll" (MAD #272). The response has been overwhelming! (Obviously, we did something wrong!) Some categories got popular votes. A lot of you people think alike! (So get your heads examined!) **BEST MALE VOCALIST: MICHAEL JACKSON.** **BEST FEMALE VOCALIST: MICHAEL JACKSON.** (Somehow, we expected that!) Many of you think that **FRANK PURDUE** is the **BEST CHICKEN JOKE**, and **485 MADISON AVE.** is the **BEST DUNGEON** (why you-!), and according to you "THE THINKER" is saying, "WHERE ARE MY PANTS?" and "DAMN THAT CRAZY GLUE!" But you couldn't decide if the **BEST LITE BEER COMMERCIAL** is with **RODNEY DANGERFIELD** or without him. We tend to agree with Karen Woytowick of Staten Isl., NY, who said, "They're all good commercials—it's the BEER that's lousy!" Here are some other brainy answers:

1. BEST POLITICAL REVOLUTION

Rockers Against Tipper Gore
— *Jennifer Winnick, Lewistown, PA*

3. BEST RECORDING OF "LONG, TALL SALLY"

Well, actually I did one last week with my Mr. Microphone. — *Paul Mullins, Houston*

6. BEST BOOK BY JACKIE COLLINS

"My Sister, the Slut"

— *J. Kurt, Bklyn, NY & Mike Beatrice, Northbridge, CA*

8. BEST GEOLOGICAL EROSION

The space between David Letterman's teeth.

— *Paul Mullins, Houston*

10. BEST BATTLE OF THE HUNDRED YEARS WAR

Battle for the Keys to the Chastity Belts.

— *Raymond Kelly, San Diego*

18. BEST WORDED QUESTION OF THE SPANISH INQUISITION

"Is the Pope Polish?" — *Shelly Johnson, Iron Mountain, MI*
"Got anything to drink in this town?"

— *Elizabeth A. Lape, Mexico, NY*

19. BEST HISTORICAL TREND

Reviewing Chappaquidick every few years.

— *Cathy "Woo" Fowles, Litchfield, NH*

Wigs on men. — *Ricky Pascoe, McDonald, PA*

23. BEST CRUSADE

The one to keep MAD out of the Holy Land.

— *Chuck Torbett, Sycamore, FL*

"Star Search" carrying on "The Gong Show" cause.

— *Eric Bierker, Lancaster, PA*

To find a town without a McDonald's.

— *Arturo Aguilar, Marina del Ray, CA*

25. BEST GOTHIC CATHEDRAL

Jim Bakker's dog house. — *Greg Reeve, Lawrence, KS*

26. BEST SUBURBAN SHOPPING MALL

Tammy Bakker's closet. — *Randy Rogers, Dayton, OH*

27. BEST ENGLISH TRANSLATION (GREEK DRAMA)

"Cheesburga, cheesburga, no pipsi, fries."

— *David Pizzello, Highlands, NJ*

32. BEST EXIT LINE BY A RELIGIOUS MARTYR

"If I don't get 8 million dollars by the end of March, the Lord will call me home."

— *Bradley Murrell, Pensacola, FL*

34. BEST NBA PLAYOFF SERIES

Celtics vs. Jack Nicholson

— *Cathy "Woo" Fowles, Litchfield, NH*

36. BEST WAY TO LURE THE SPANISH ARMADA INTO A TRAP

"Hey meester, would you like to meet my seester?"

— *Barry Collins, St. Pete, FL*

Whistle and call, "Here, Spanish Armada."

— *Tim Kobler, Amarillo, TX*

37. BEST BOB HOPE SPECIAL

The "Invention of the Wheel" Celebration.

— *Chris Gotaskie, Shamokin, PA*

"Bob Hope Does Tehran."

— *Barbara Hoskins, Grand Rapids, MI*

Talk about being down and out for some new ideas, now they're dishing out...

BEVERLY HILL

Taggem, Rosewater, how ya doin', guys?

Axewell Folly, how'd you find us, ol' buddy?

It was easy! I just followed the trail of wrecked cars and wild gunfire!

Come out with your hands up and move this double-parked vehicle or we'll amplify the soundtrack another 1,000 decibels!

What's going on here? The Chief removed you two from the Alphabet case and demoted you to traffic duty!

We thought that maybe traffic offenses are related to the Alphabet case, like "U" turns and "J" walking, Sgt.! So we've cornered a double-parker—and with less destruction than usual!



ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

I don't get it! When I left here 3 years ago you guys were heroes! What happened?

You have charisma, Axewell! We don't!

If I got charisma, I got it out here! Man, L.A. is crawling with stuff like that! I must've picked it up from a toilet seat!

I heard about the captain getting gunned down by the Alphabet thieves and got here as fast as I could! How's he doing?

He was doing fine 'til he looked up and saw you were back in Beverly Hills and fondling his daughter! That sent him into a coma!

ALF



LET'S SLOP, TOO! They Heap It Back On!

With idiots like this around, I'll never get re-elected Mayor of this town! And if you want to remain Police Chief, Klutz, you'd better crack the Alphabet case P.D.Q.!

We're trying, but it's not as simple as A - B - C...

Well, I want action! Hear me? ACTION!

I doubt if you can get more action than this spectacular car crash, but you certainly can get a lot more logic!

I haven't seen car crashes like this in 48 hours!

You mean two days?

No, I'm talking about the movie "48 Hours"!

Well, they stole Eddie Murphy's character from there, so why not the car crashes!



WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

Axewell, how did you get time off from your Detroit precinct?

Easy! I told them I was going out for coffee! That should buy me three days' time to solve this Alphabet case!

Three days off to get coffee?

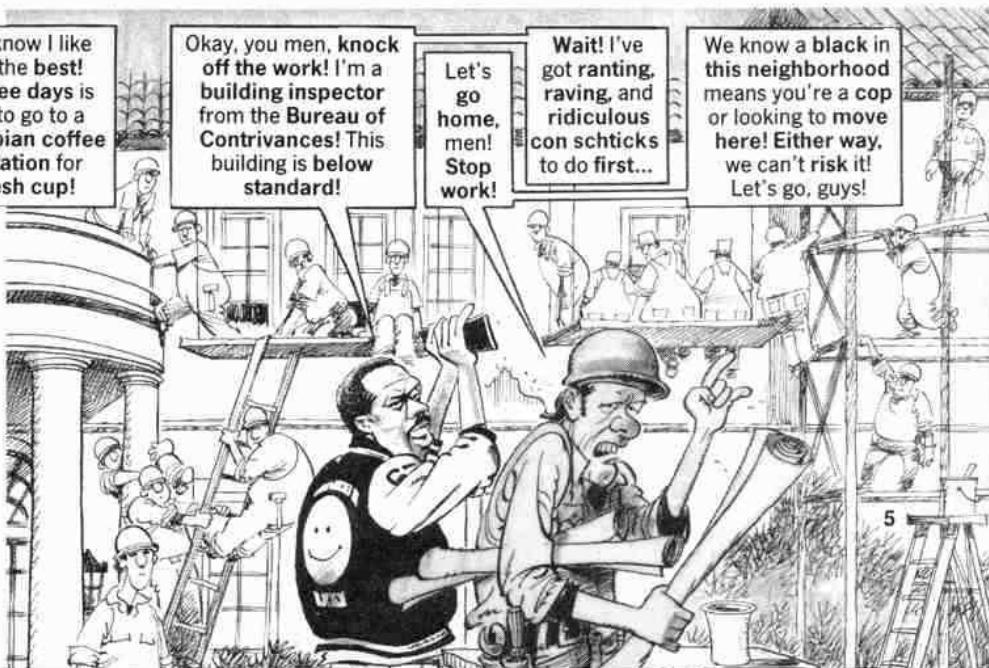
They know I like only the best! So three days is cool to go to a Columbian coffee plantation for a fresh cup!

Okay, you men, knock off the work! I'm a building inspector from the Bureau of Contrivances! This building is below standard!

Let's go home, men! Stop work!

Wait! I've got ranting, raving, and ridiculous con schticks to do first...

We know a black in this neighborhood means you're a cop or looking to move here! Either way, we can't risk it! Let's go, guys!



Axewell, since we found these shells at the scene of the last Alphabet crime, we marked them exhibit "B"!

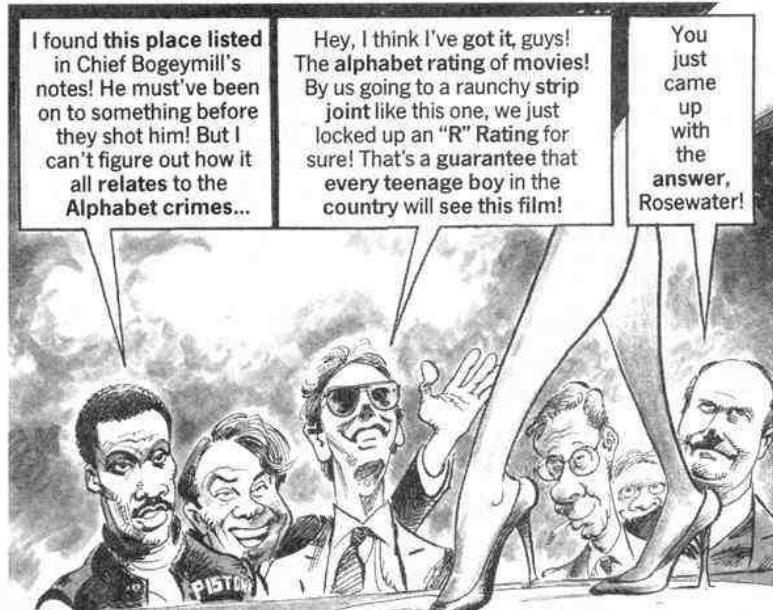
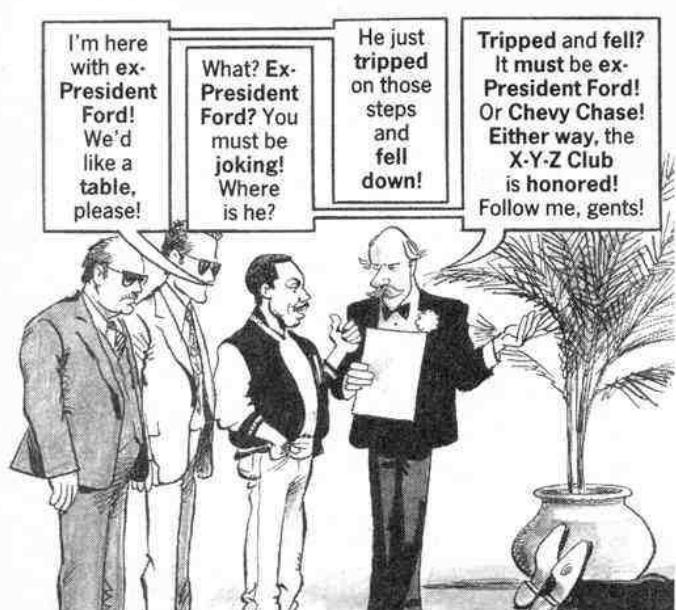
Not only that, they were found at the "X" on this map, an A-frame house near a Y.M.C.A. on — now get this — Avenue C! Isn't that a kick!

Uncanny! I'd like to ask a ballistics expert about these shells!

We have an expert at the precinct, but I'm sure you'd rather pull one of your wild, zany routines, so why not con your way into the exclusive Beverly Hills Gun and Outrageous Wealth Club!

I'm a nuclear scientist dressed like an errand boy to hide the fact that I'm carrying a paper bag filled with highly explosive plutonium-lite for your ballistics expert!

Really! Well, I'm Madonna dressed like a receptionist working as an office temp between hit records!



Do you believe the colossal nerve? Someone tried to shoot me!

Sir, do you have a statement about the Alphabet crimes? We're with U.P.I., A.P., N.B.C., A.B.C., and C.B.S.!

Yeah, F.U.!

Hey, wait a minute there, fella, this happens to be...

"F.U." is cop talk for "Fugitive Unknown"!

Quick thinking, Axewell! You just saved this panel from getting censored!

Hey! What is this Detroit detective doing back in Beverly Hills?

I'm with a Semi-National Pseudo-Secret Ersatz-Existential Task Force! I can help solve the Alphabet crimes!

Are you connected with the F.B.I. or C.I.A. Code Divisions?

Better than that! I know Vanna White! Hoo-hah!



Axewell, getting back into this gun club is going to be tough! It's closed for the night, so there's no airhead you can con with one of your ridiculous routines!

Yeah, and there's also an alarm connection on every door and window!

That's what this gum is for! Everybody start chewing and break it down into small, pliable wads!

Wow! Another great schtick to teach kids! They're still shoving bananas into my car exhaust from the last movie!



I learned these tricks from trying to live high on the wrong side of the law! Then I got smart and went straight so I can live even higher on the taxpayer's money!

Well, this one isn't working too well—the alarm just went off!

Hey, that's what the gum is for! Just stick it in your ears so you won't hear it!



Axewell, the map we stole from the gun club has an "X" on this spot!

Well, the good news is we've come to the right place! The bad news is the crooks are getting away in that armored truck! The good news is that means another nutty car chase!

I can't figure it out! How can so many cops drive so badly?

Maybe it's because they don't have to take the driving test they give us!

Tell me, when does my scene come in?

Bronson Pinchot! You're not in this movie!

Don't be ridiculous! My contract calls for a small part in "Beverly Hills Cop"!

This is "Beverly Hills Cop II" — it's a different movie!

Not from what I've seen!



How come you guys came to Hugh Hefner's party in a cement truck?

Hef told me to drop by and "mix it up a little!" Heh heh heh! By the way, who's got a watch?

I do! Do you need it for some new bizarre stunt?

No, I need to be reminded to do my famous laugh once every five minutes!

Hi, doll, I came to clean the pool...

Please, Det. Folly, no silly routines! There's not a guard, receptionist, or maître d' who hasn't heard about your schtick! So stash it and go right in!

Axewell, are we here because the infamous Maxwell Bent is here, and by finding out who his accountant is we can get evidence that'll link him to the Alphabet case?

No, I just wanted to look at some Playboy Bunnies! But maybe if we can find out who Maxwell Bent's accountant is we can link Bent to the Alphabet case!

NOTICE

Abie Cement

has temporarily changed its name to

ABCEMENT
in keeping with the Alphabet nonsense of this movie



Mr. Turetsky, we're with the Beverly Hills Police Dept! You have three unpaid parking tickets! That will be \$45 and the use of your computer!

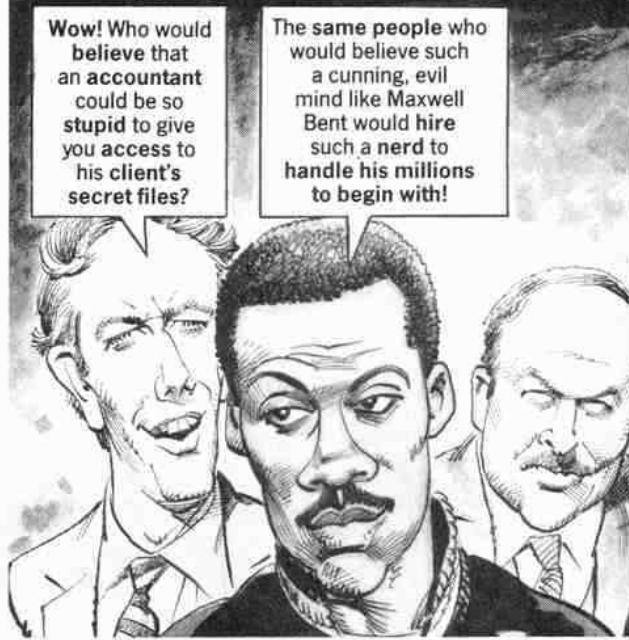
I'll pay you the \$45, but there's just no way that I'll let you use this computer!

Not even for making you a star? Look at Bronson Pinchot a few panels back! He was on the screen two minutes in the first movie and got his own TV series! I'm giving you five minutes to do your "nervous nerd" routine...

Enough said! The computer's yours!

Wow! Who would believe that an accountant could be so stupid to give you access to his client's secret files?

The same people who would believe such a cunning, evil mind like Maxwell Bent would hire such a nerd to handle his millions to begin with!

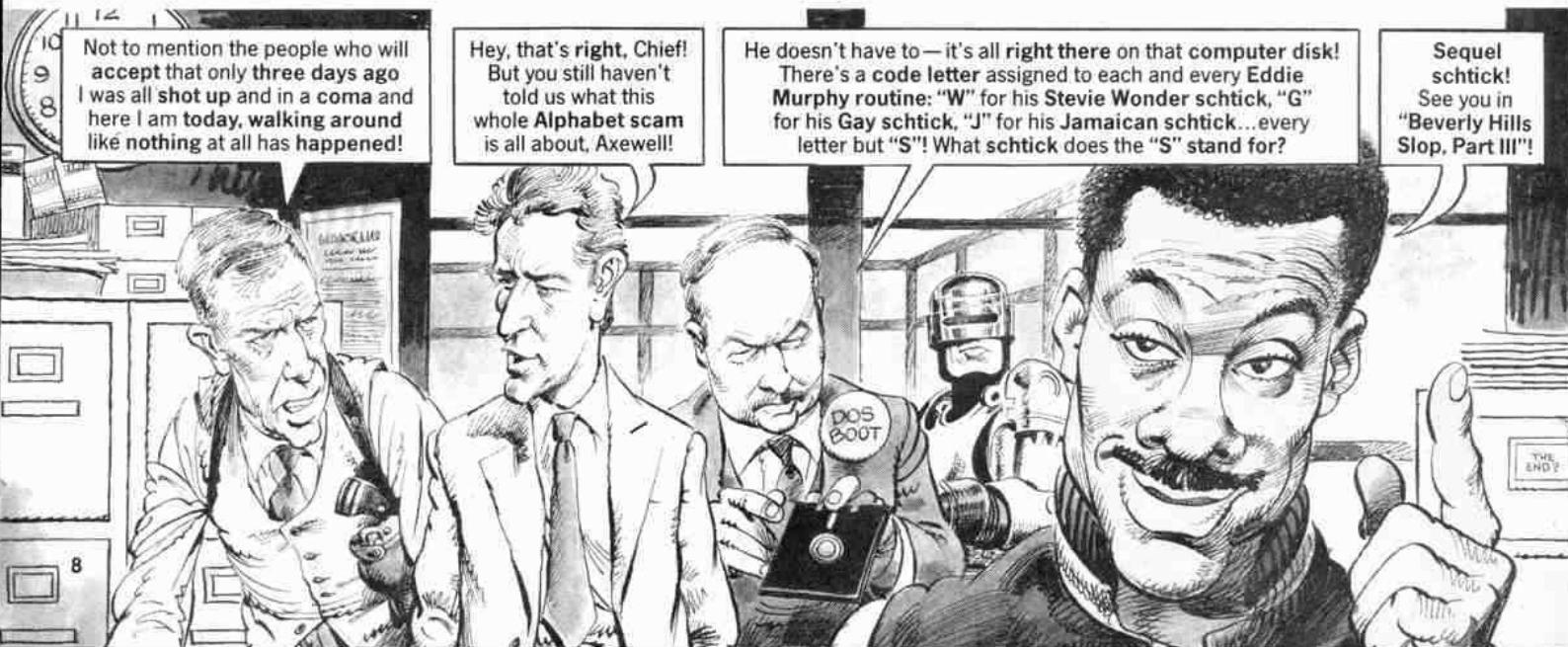


Not to mention the people who will accept that only three days ago I was all shot up and in a coma and here I am today, walking around like nothing at all has happened!

Hey, that's right, Chief! But you still haven't told us what this whole Alphabet scam is all about, Axewell!

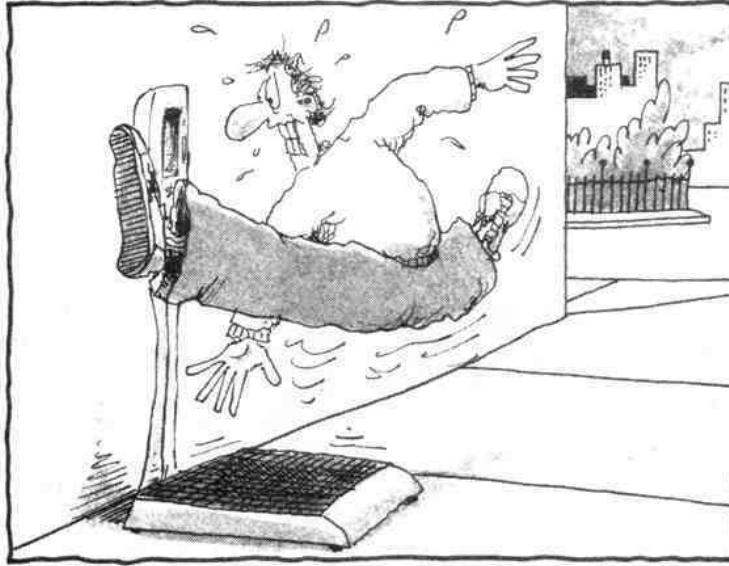
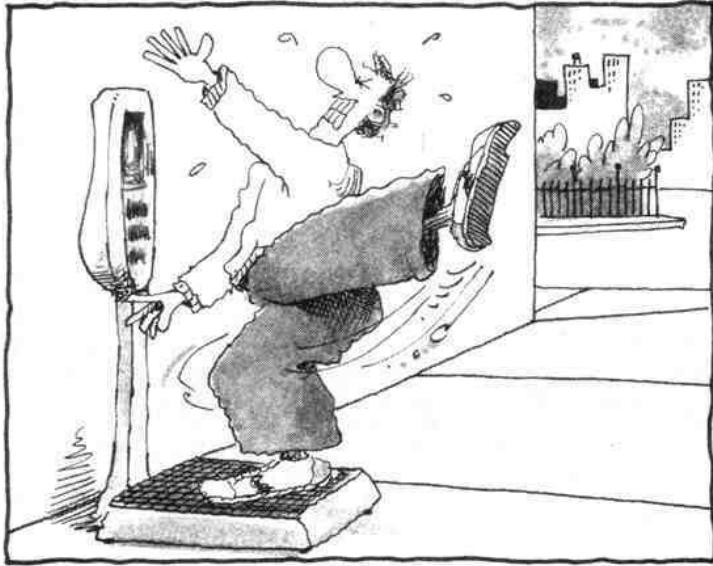
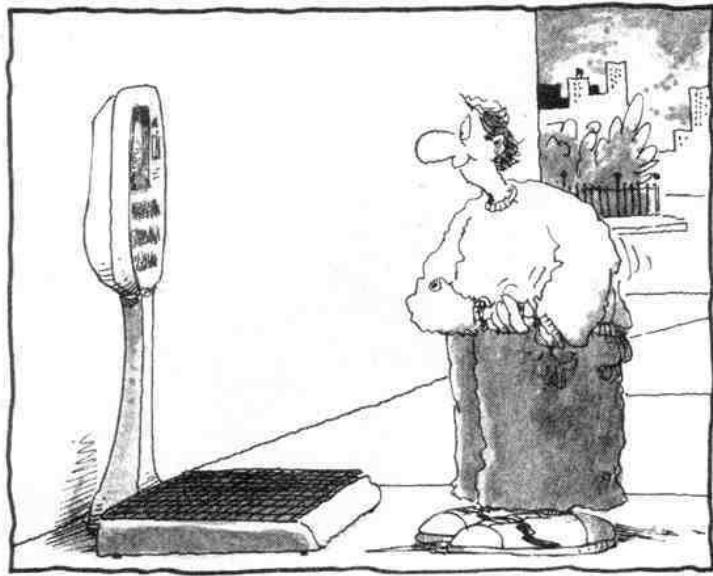
He doesn't have to—it's all right there on that computer disk! There's a code letter assigned to each and every Eddie Murphy routine: "W" for his Stevie Wonder schtick, "G" for his Gay schtick, "J" for his Jamaican schtick...every letter but "S"! What schtick does the "S" stand for?

Sequel schtick! See you in "Beverly Hills Slop, Part III"!

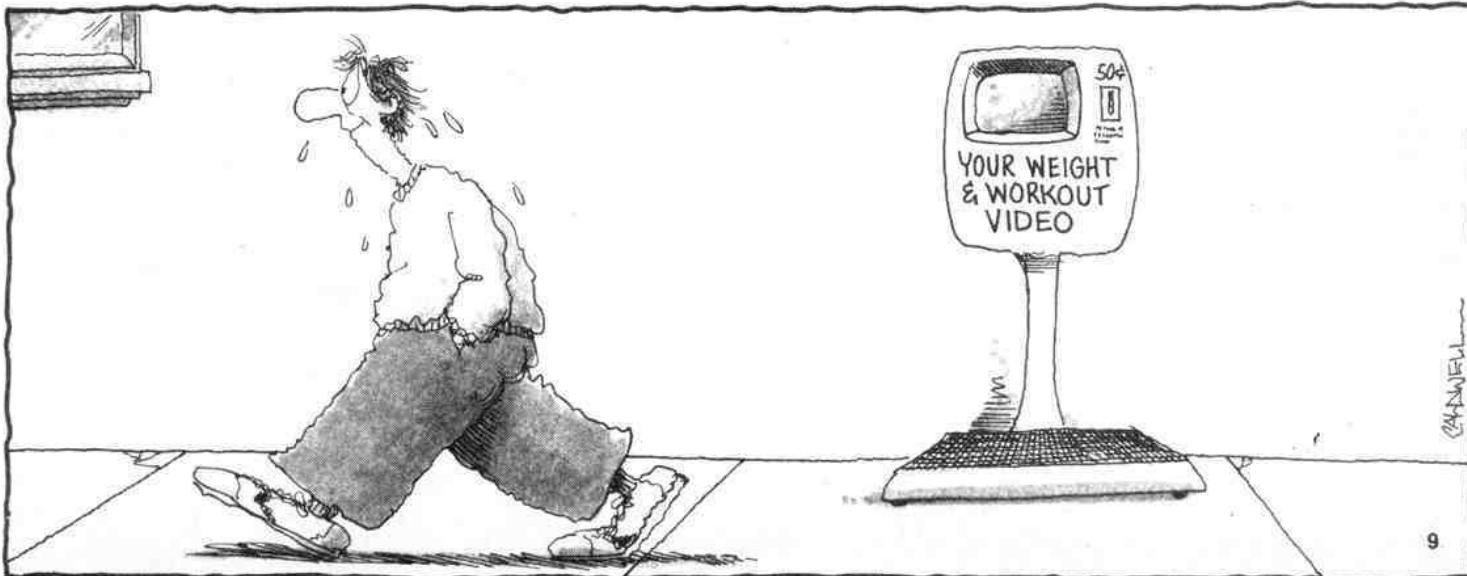


WEIGHT AND SEE DEPT.

DRAMA ON PAGE 9



ARTIST AND WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL





0 dB



25 dB



50 dB



75 dB



100 dB

110 dB



...is the average volume of the worst singer in any given church congregation.

15 dB



...is the maximum level at which a person can listen to Barry Manilow before the onset of pain.

70 dB



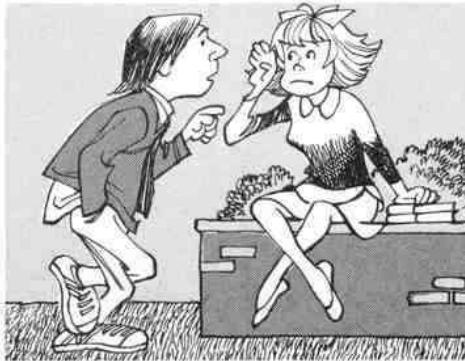
...is how much the noise level in a typical classroom drops when the teacher announces a surprise quiz.

60 dB



...is the amount of "potential noise" stored up inside a stalk of celery, waiting to be unleashed.

.75 dB



...is the voice level of a guy asking a girl out on a date for the very first time.

68 dB



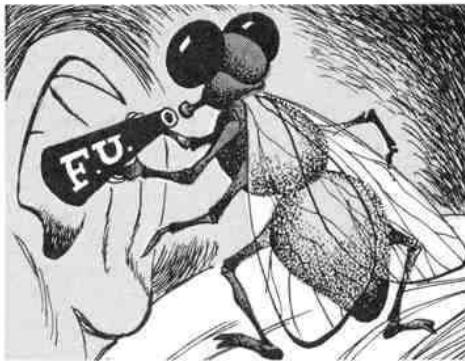
...is the difference in volume between the All-Nite Movie and "Bonzai Bob's" used car commercials.

47 dB



...is the amount of background hiss on a non-AT&T phone line you must put up with in order to save 30% to 60% on your long-distance bill.

2 dB



...is the amount of noise made by the average housefly (95 dB is the amount of noise made by the same housefly exploring your ear at 3 A.M.)

5 dB

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE



...is the amount of late-night "mystery noise" required to throw the average city-dweller into a state of panic.

BEL (dB) SCALE

dB

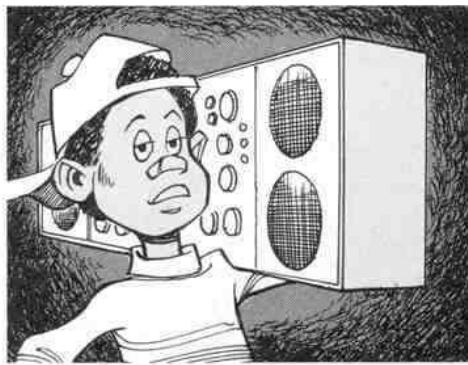
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175 dB

200 dB

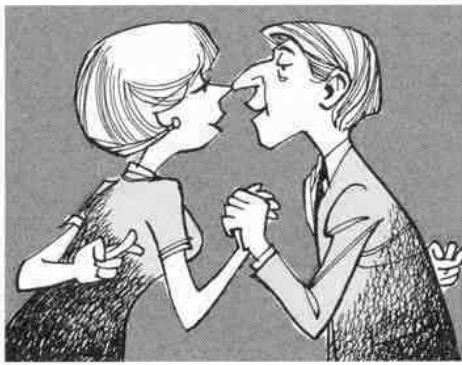


599 dB



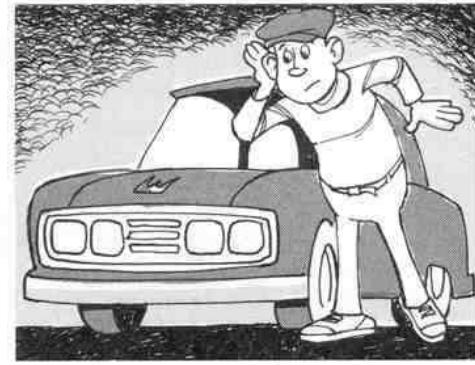
...is the lowest volume setting on a "boom box."

28 dB



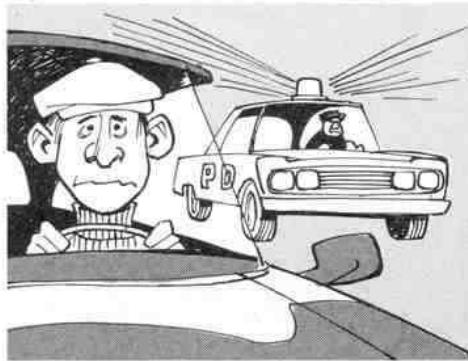
...is, for lovers, the sound level below which nothing said by either party should be believed.

.025 dB



...is the sound level of an engine noise at the time when noticing it could save you massive repair costs.

60 dB



...is how much louder a police siren seems when you are the one being pulled over.

40 dB



...is how much louder your stomach growls when it knows you're alone with a date.

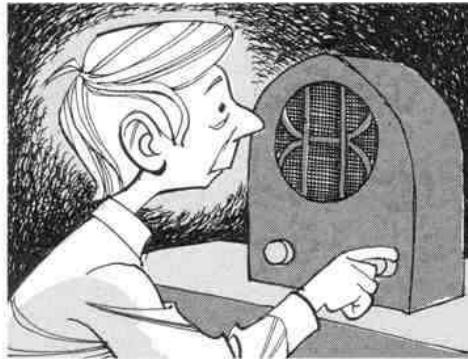
599 dB



...is the cumulative amount of "breathless swooning" emitted by Robin Leach in one episode of "Lifestyles of the Rich And Famous."

35 dB

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



...is the amount of distortion on a top 40 station you're never quite sure is part of the music or just your cheap radio.

59 dB



...is how much louder an American tourist thinks he has to talk to make a non-English speaking person understand him.

2,198 dB



...is the cumulative sound made by MAD readers across the country groaning upon seeing yet another stupid "meter or scale" article.

How many times have you said to yourself, "I wish I had an eye in the back of my head right now," or "I could sure use a third arm to do this..." In other words, at times it would be fitting to have extra and customized body parts for doing certain jobs. What special body parts would certain people need to do certain things? The answer is at your fingertips (or whatever part of your body you're using to turn these pages!) as the biology experts here at MAD put their heads together to present

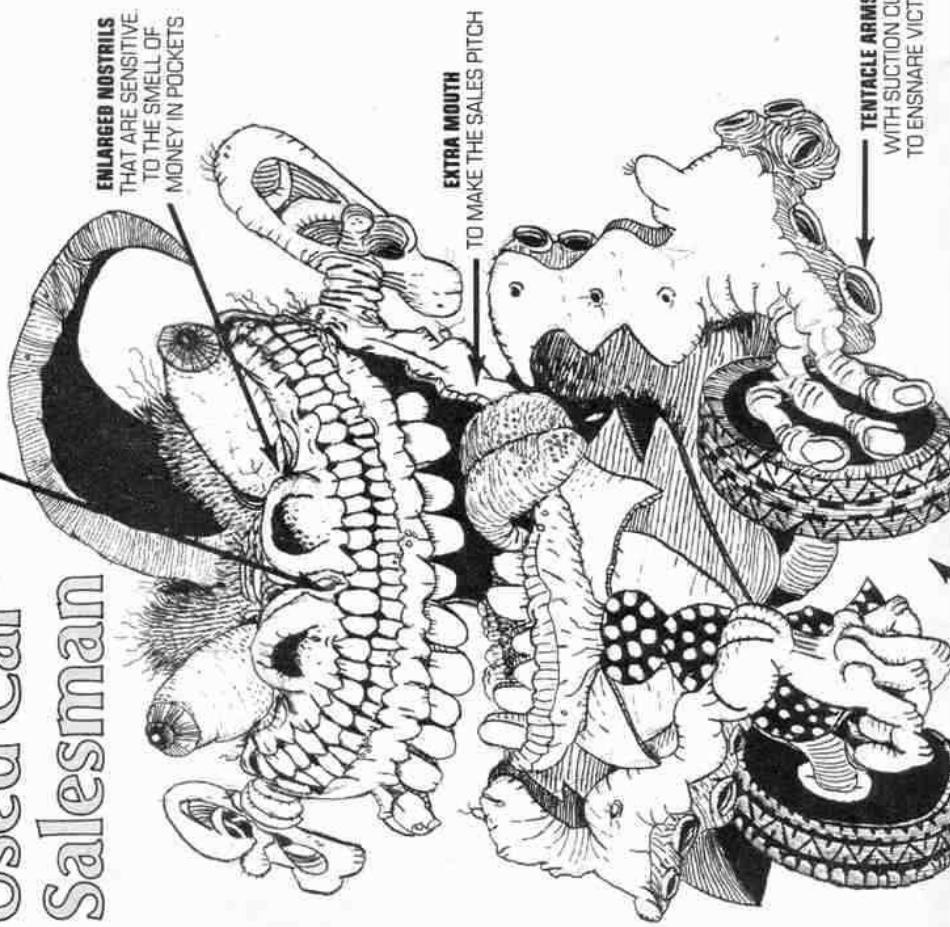
THE BODY PERFECT

ARTIST AND WRITER: DON EDWING

The Perfect Used Car Salesman

PERPETUAL 60-TOOTH SMILE

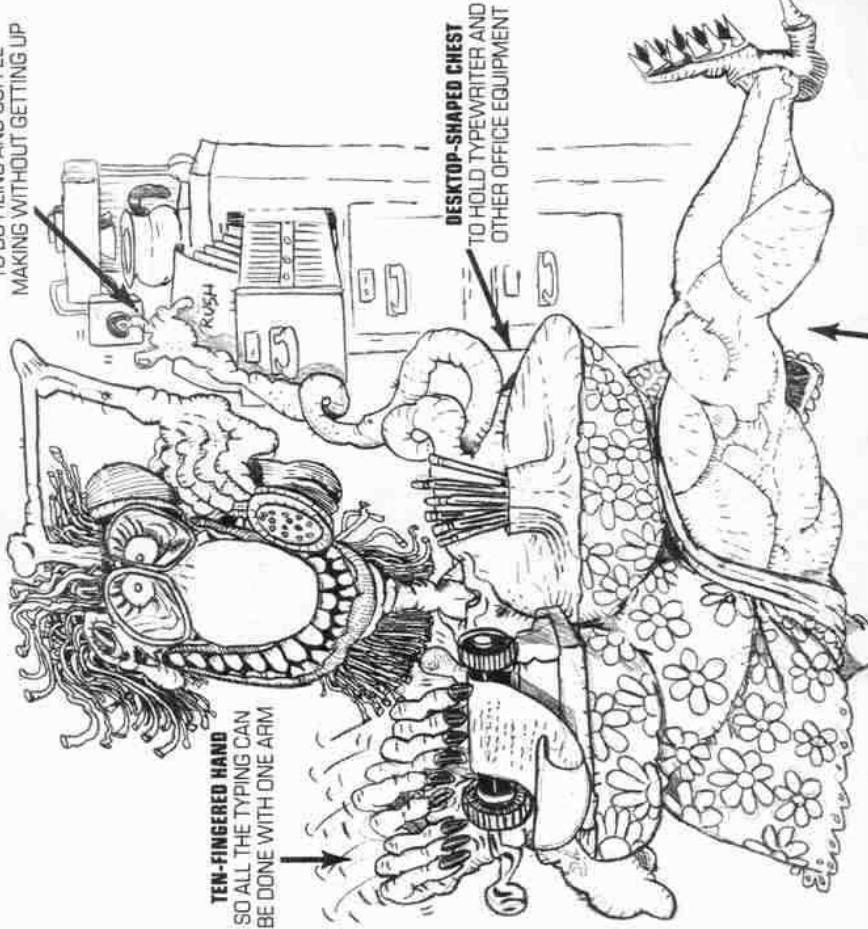
TO GAIN CUSTOMER'S TRUST



The Perfect Secretary

EXTRA-FOREHEAD ARM

TO HOLD PHONE RECEIVERS



SUPER-LONG FLEXIBLE ARM

TO DO FILING AND COFFEE-MAKING WITHOUT GETTING UP

TEN-FINGERED HAND

SO ALL THE TYPING CAN BE DONE WITH ONE ARM



DESKTOP-SHAPED CHEST

TO HOLD TYPEWRITER AND OTHER OFFICE EQUIPMENT

TENTACLE ARMS

WITH SUCTION CUPS TO ENSNARE VICTIMS

The Perfect Teacher

BODY WHEELS

TO SILENTLY SCOOT UP TO CUSTOMERS

ROTATING RADAR EARS
TO PICK UP WHISPERS AND GROANS MADE BY STUDENTS DURING CLASS

MULTIPLE EYES
THAT ENCIRCLE HEAD TO CATCH WHAT'S GOING ON IN EVERY DIRECTION



QUADRA-STEREOMOUTHS
SO NO ONE CAN CLAIM THEY DIDN'T HEAR A HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT



CHALK FINGERS
FOR SCREECHING ON BLACKBOARD WHEN STUDENTS AREN'T PAYING ATTENTION

The Perfect Commuter

OVERSIZED LEG
TO BLOCK PEOPLE FROM ENTERING THE BOSS'S OFFICE WITHOUT PERMISSION

LUMINOUS FINGER AND TELESCOPIC ARM
FOR HAILING CABS AND BUSES AND HOLDING ONTO OVERHEAD STRAPS



BODY SPIKES
TO WARD OFF OTHER COMMUTERS WHO STAND TOO CLOSE

ASBESTOS LIPS
FOR DRINKING SCALDING HOT COFFEE ON THE RUN



THREE-HANDED ARM
FOR READING PAPER AND HOLDING ATTACHE WHILE STANDING UP

EXTRA FOOT
FOR JAMMING INTO CLOSING SUBWAY AND ELEVATOR DOORS

The Perfect Single

The Perfect Student

MULTIPLE HAIRSTYLES
TO INSURE HAVING AT LEAST ONE ATTRACTIVE TO THE OPPOSITE SEX

SUPER SENSITIVE EAR
TO DETECT THE RECESS BELL THE MILLISECOND IT STARTS TO RING



ASTROLOGICAL SIGN AND TELEPHONE NUMBER MEMBRANE
SO NO ONE HAS TO ASK FOR IT

SHARP-FOCUS EXTRA EYES
FOR COPYING THE OTHER STUDENTS TEST ANSWERS

FLEXIBLE STRETCH NECK
FOR LOOKING OUT WINDOWS DURING BORING LECTURES

EXTENDED MOUTH

FOR TALKING TO FRIENDS IN CLASS WITHOUT BEING HEARD BY THE TEACHER

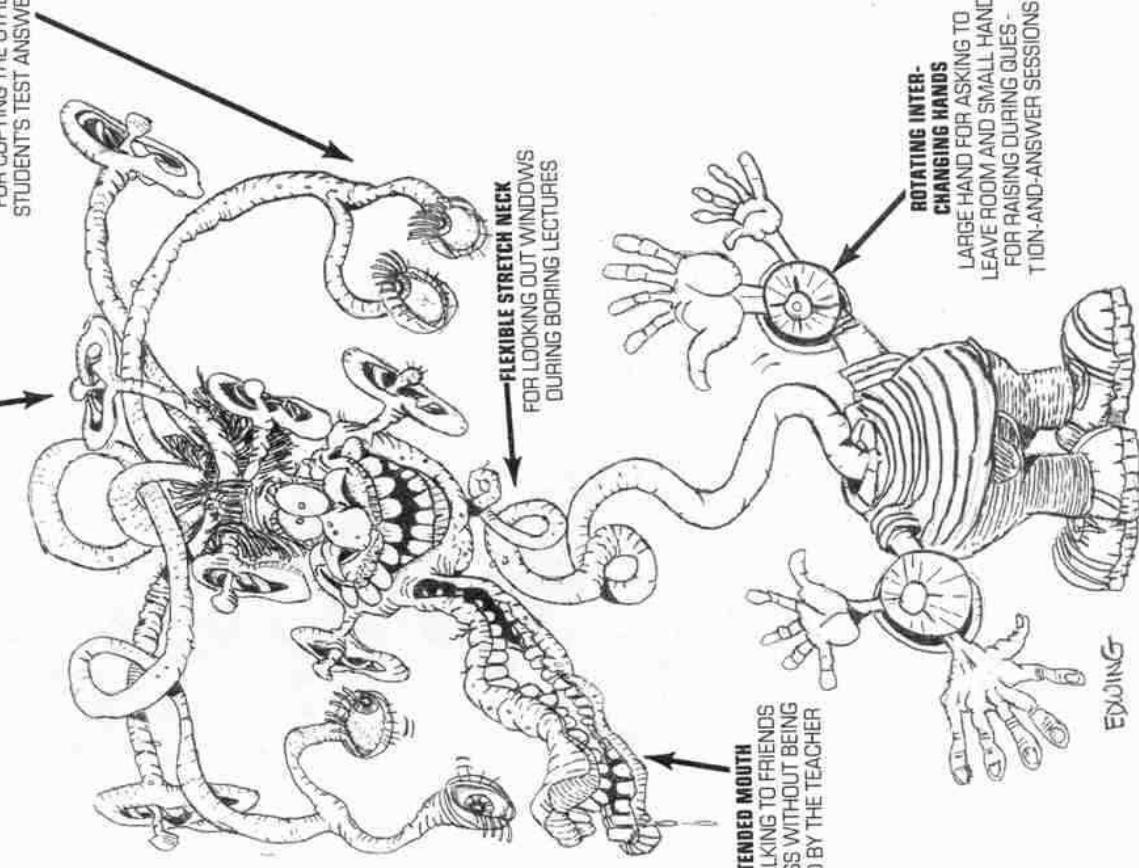
HOLLOW LEG
TO HOLD LIQUOR WHEN DRINKING IN SINGLES BARS

ARM
TO SHOW AN INTEREST IN SPORTS

ROTATING INTER-CHANGING HANDS

LARGE HAND FOR ASKING TO LEAVE ROOM AND SMALL HAND FOR RAISING DURING QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS

EDGING



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One way filthy rich TV game show producers become even more filthy rich is by spinning their shows off into home-version board games. We think this is outrageous! WE want to be the ones who get filthy rich! So we're offering our new version of a popular game show spinoff. Here's

MAD'S HOME VERSION OF JEOPARDY!

WRITER: J. PRETE

TELEVISION	POTPOURRI	THE MOVIES	CURRENT EVENTS	FOREIGN PHRASES	MUSIC
100 TV'S "ODD COUPLE"	SHE IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS "OLD GLORY"	GROUP NAME FOR YOUNG H'WOOD ACTORS IN FILMS "ST. ELMO'S FIRE" & "THE BREAKFAST CLUB"	SCENE WHERE THE NICARAGUAN CONTRAS' MOST BITTER BATTLE TO DATE HAS BEEN FOUGHT	IN MEXICO: "¿OLVIDÁDE DE LAS MILLAS POR GALÓN, CUANTAS PERSONAS CABEN EN EL BAÚL?"	100 OLD McDONALD HAD ONE
200 BIG BIRD IS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS OF THESE	SCIENTISTS SAY IT ACTUALLY TAKES 23 HRS., 56 MIN. & 4.1 SEC. TO BE COMPLETED	HE WON BEST ACTOR IN 1985	IN NEW YORK CITY, (718) & (212)	IN ITALY: "CHI L'HA APPRESO SULLA 'STUTUA DI DAVID'?"	200 HE MADE PURPLE RAIN
300 IT FOLLOWS "THE TONIGHT SHOW" ACROSS MOST OF THE U.S.	IT BEGAN "LONG AGO, IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY..."	THE FULL NAMES OF THE THREE STOOGES	FOR MANY AMERICANS, HE AND NANCY ARE THE PERFECT COUPLE	IN AUSTRIA: "NA GAUT—SO HABN WIR AN NAZI ALS BUNDESPRÄSIDENT GWÄHLT—DER MANN BRAUCHTE EBEN AN POSTEN!"	300 SCIENTISTS SAY IT CONTAINS EVERY COLOR IN THE SPECTRUM
400 THEY BECAME FAMOUS AS "TWO WILD & CRAZY GUYS"	ACCORDING TO THE OLD ADAGE, THIS "KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY"	MOVIE INDUSTRY EXPERTS SAY IT WILL PROBABLY TOP \$10 IN 2 YEARS	THE TERM FOR AN ATTACHMENT TO A BILL GOING THROUGH CONGRESS	IN FRANCE: "AU CUL LES AMERLOS! DONNE AUX TERRORISTS CE QU'IL VEULT!"	400 FEMALE SINGING GROUP OF WHICH VANNA WHITE IS FORMER MEMBER
500 GERALDO RIVERA FOUND NOTHING WHEN HE OPENED THIS	HE DEFEATED JIMMY CARTER IN 1980	FOR STAR TREK'S CAPTAIN KIRK, IT REPRESENTS "THE FINAL FRONTIER"	AS A TEAM, THE NY METS HIT 127 OF THESE IN 1986	IN LEBANESE: 500 صل اتنا! مرجونه! اتنا! سباره! اتنا!	500 CHAKA KHAN AND WANG CHUNG, FOR EXAMPLE

(ANSWERS ON REVERSE)

MAD'S HOME VERSION OF JEOPARDY! ANSWERS

And remember, your answer MUST be in the form of a question!

TELEVISION	POTPOURRI	THE MOVIES	CURRENT EVENTS	FOREIGN PHRASES	MUSIC
100 WHO ARE DIANE SAWYER & MORLEY SAFER?	100 WHO IS JOAN COLLINS?	100 WHO ARE THE HAS-BEENS?	WHAT IS THE UNITED STATES SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM?	WHAT IS, "FORGET ABOUT THE GAS MILEAGE, HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN FIT IN THE TRUNK?"	100 WHAT IS A GOITER?
200 WHAT ARE JOAN RIVERS LOOKALIKES?	200 WHAT IS THE SUPER BOWL'S PRE-GAME & WRAP-UP SHOW?	200 WHO IS KLAUS VON BULOW?	WHAT IS THE NO. OF FELONS ARRESTED EVERY HOUR, & THE NO. OF THOSE WHO WILL EVER SEE THE INSIDE OF A JAIL?	WHAT IS, "WHO HUNG THAT ON THE 'STATUE OF DAVID'?"	200 WHO IS THE CHIEF ENGINEER AT CHERNOBYL?
300 WHAT IS 10 MINUTES OF FOOLING AROUND WITH YOUR WIFE?	300 WHAT IS THE LIFE STORY OF RONALD REAGAN?	300 WHAT ARE "DAN RATHER," "PETER JENNINGS" & "TOM BROKAW"?	300 WHO IS SLUGGO?	WHAT IS, "OK, SO WE ELECTED A NAZI PRESIDENT OF OUR COUNTRY. THE MAN NEEDED A JOB!"	300 WHAT IS CYNDI LAUPER'S HAIR?
400 WHO ARE OLIVER NORTH & JOHN POINDEXTER?	400 WHAT IS NO MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE?	400 WHAT IS THE PRICE OF A MEDIUM-SIZE POPCORN, NO BUTTER?	400 WHAT IS A BRIBE?	WHAT IS, "SCREW THE AMERICANS! GIVE THE TERRORISTS WHATEVER THEY WANT!"	400 WHO ARE THE POINTER SISTERS?
500 WHAT IS HIS FAN MAIL FILE?	500 WHO IS JIMMY CARTER?	500 WHAT IS LT. UHURA'S BEDROOM?	500 WHAT ARE OPPOSING PLAYERS, ABUSIVE FANS AND OFF-DUTY HOUSTON POLICEMEN?	500 WHAT IS, "AM I CRAZY, OR WAS THAT ANOTHER CAR BOMB?"	500 WHAT ARE TWO SOUNDS MADE BY OPRAH WINFREY WHEN PUTTING ON HER PANTYHOSE?



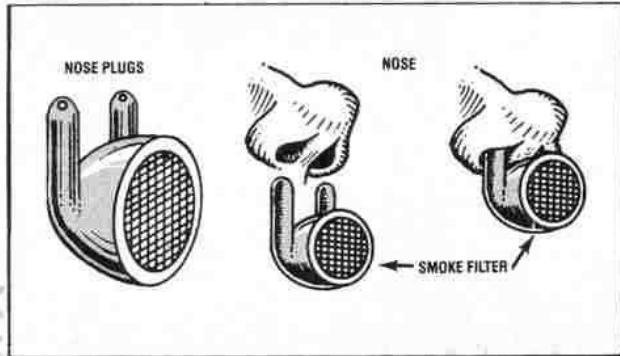
ALL JAFFEE DEPT.

When it comes to new inventions, all we ever hear about are the super sophisticated, high-tech marvels of industry, aerospace, defense and so on. But for most of us, this is meaningless. After all, how often do we have a need for a microprocessor-driven, laser-guided ingot-splitting device? For the kinds of problems we face, we'd much rather have (and desperately want!) these...

LOW-TECH INVENTIONS FOR EVERYDAY NEEDS

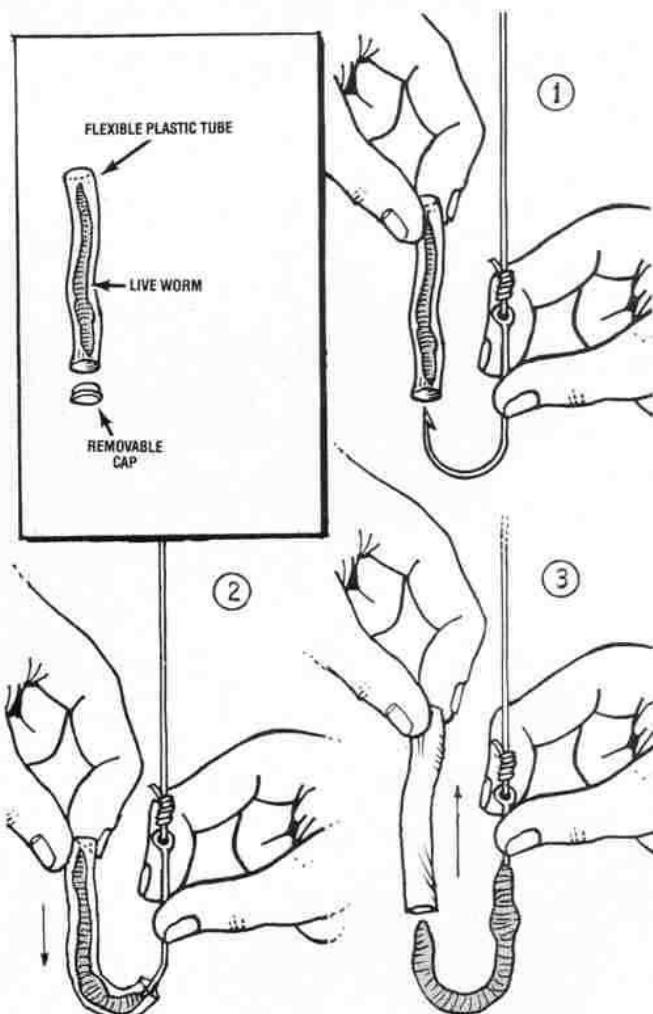
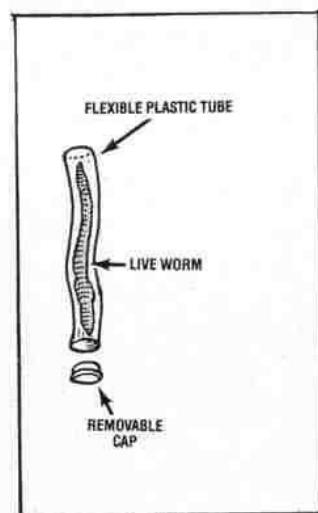
ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE

THE NOSE HOSE



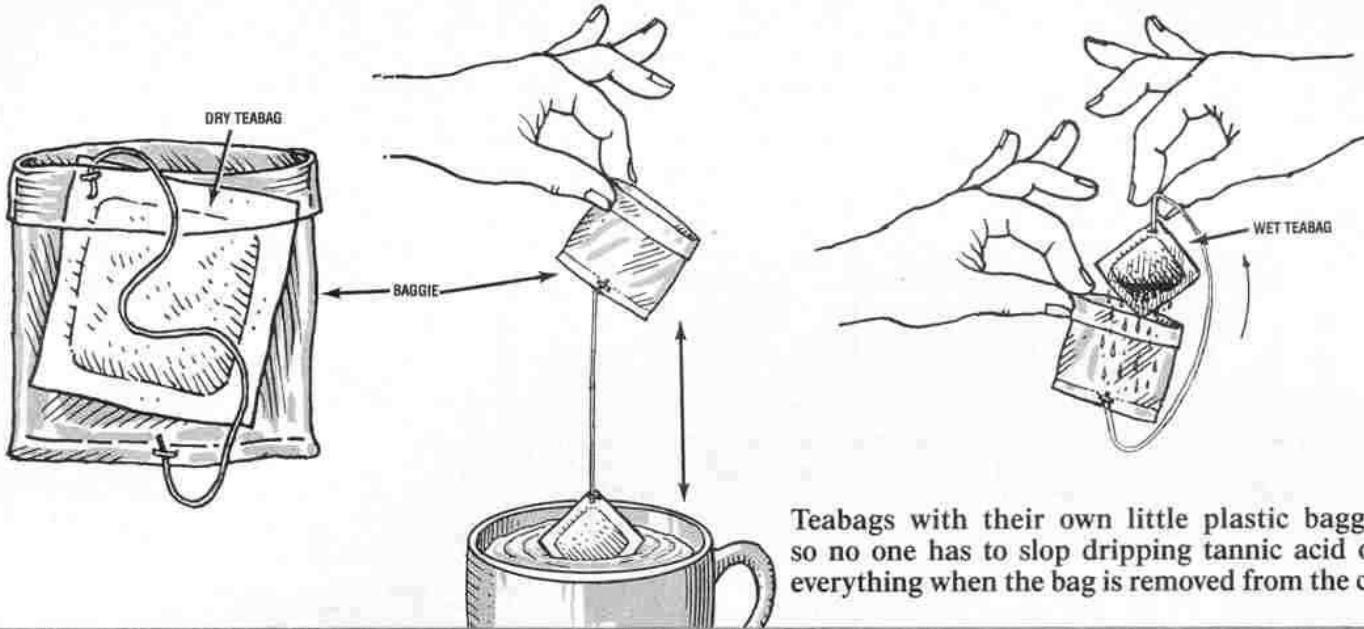
Simple, easy to wear nose plug filters smoke for people who can't avoid being in smoke-filled rooms.

THE FASTER MASTER BAITER



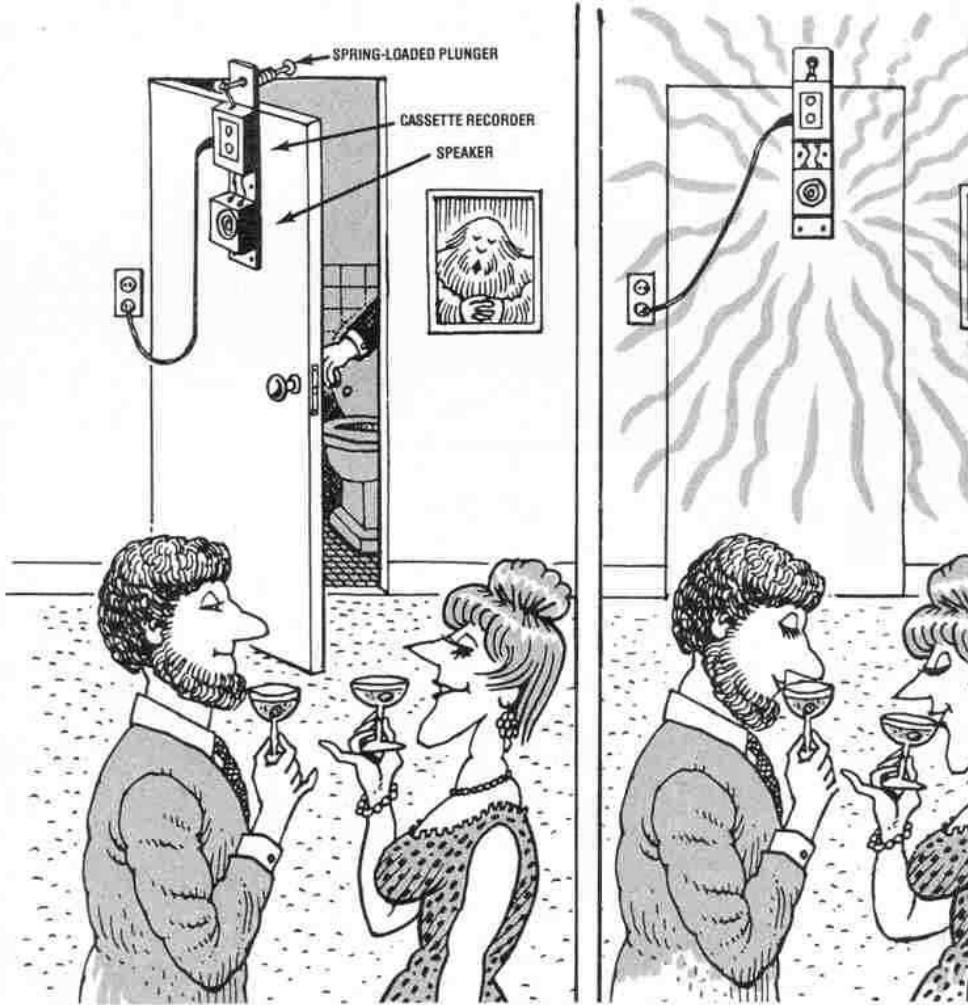
Fishing worms sold in soft plastic tubes. Queasy people can then place them on hooks without touching them.

THE NO SNAG, NON-SAG TEA BAG BAG



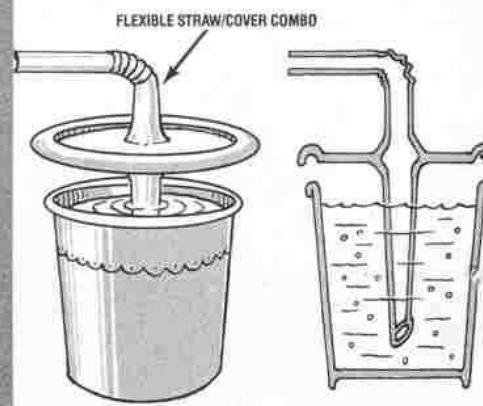
Teabags with their own little plastic baggies, so no one has to slop dripping tannic acid over everything when the bag is removed from the cup.

THE BATHROOM "BLASTER" MASKER



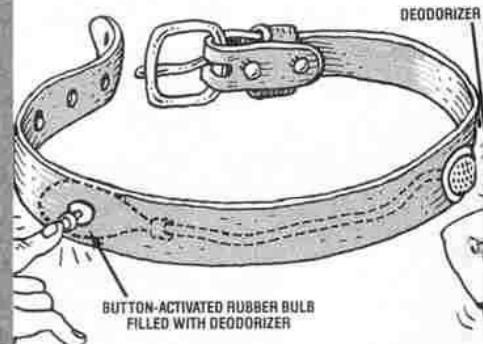
A spring-operated cassette player for attachment to bathroom doors in small apartments. Drowns out sounds that may embarrass company.

THE HIP NO



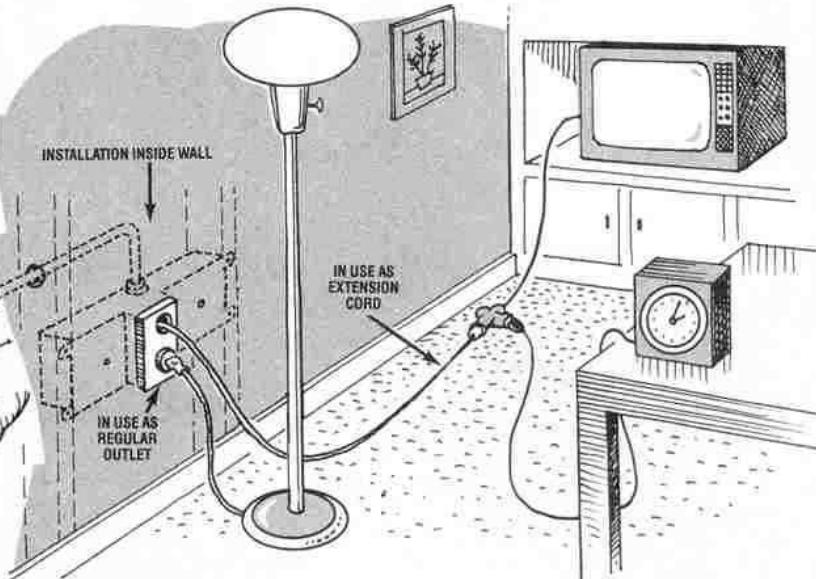
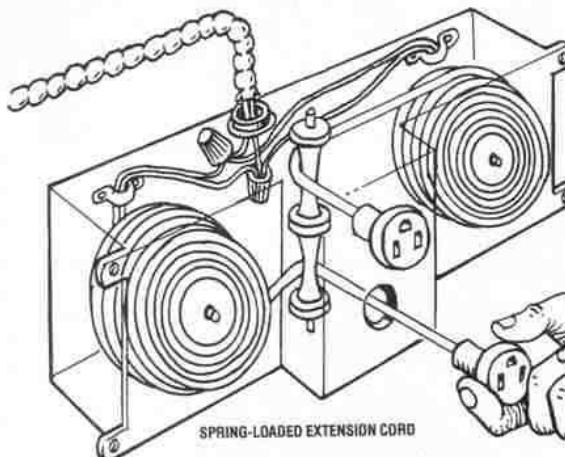
Take-out soda cup covers with built-

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DRIP SIPPER



in straws for safe use while driving.

THE NO-PANIC PAPER PURVEYOR



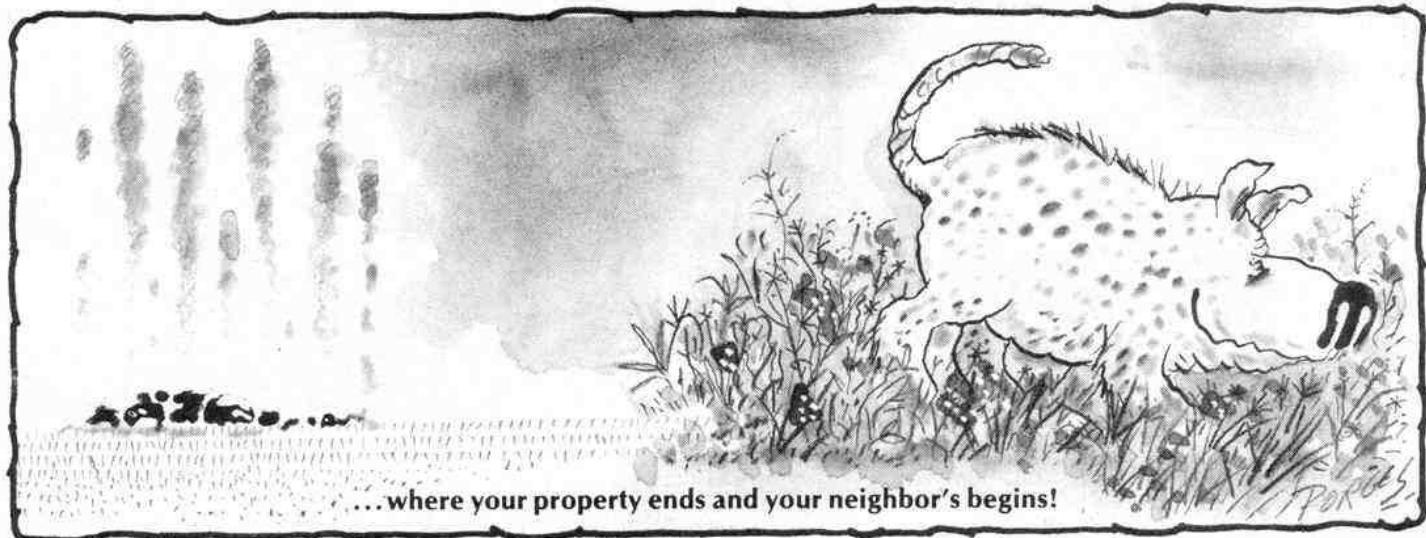
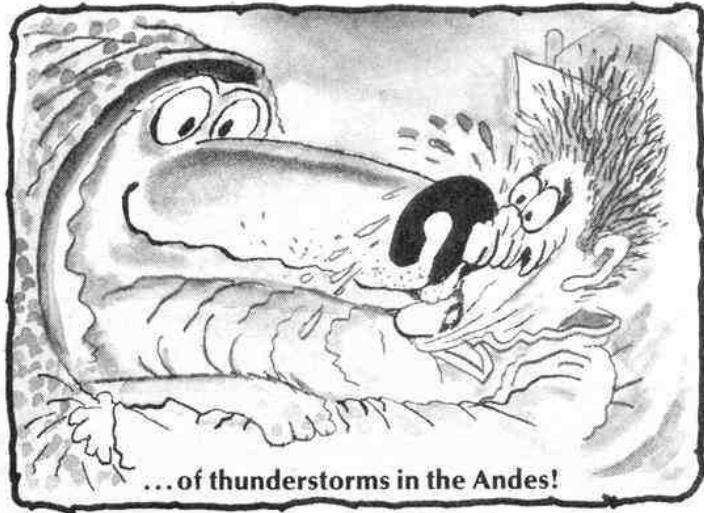
QUENCHER



ants that mask foul smells when stuck in a hot crowded place.

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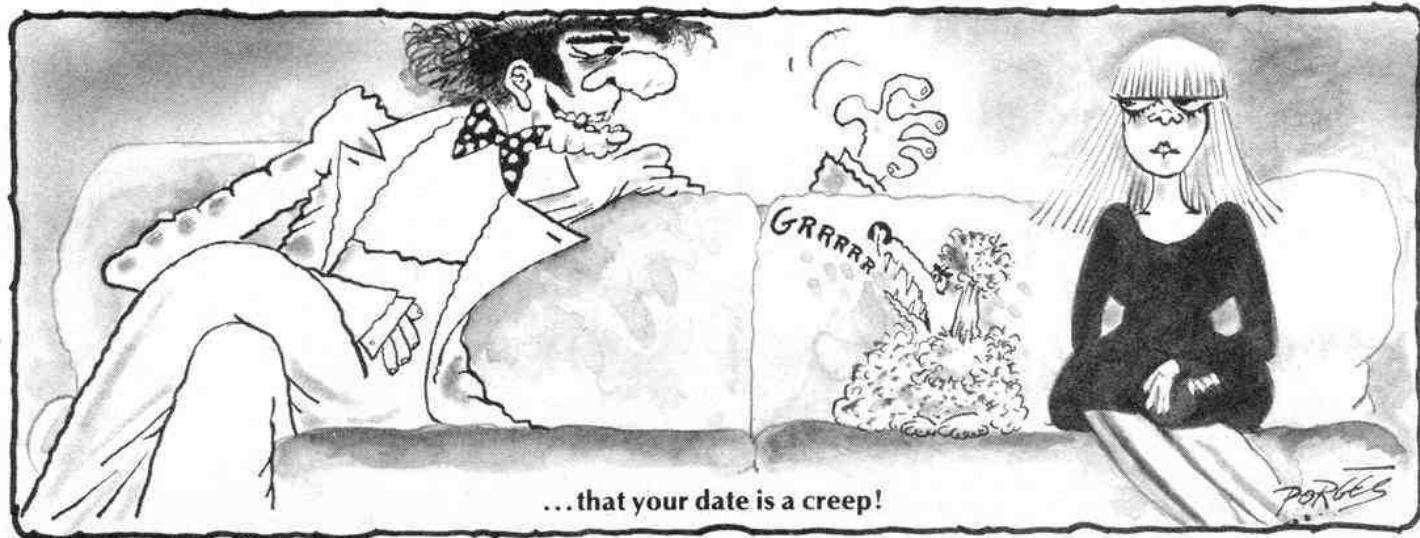
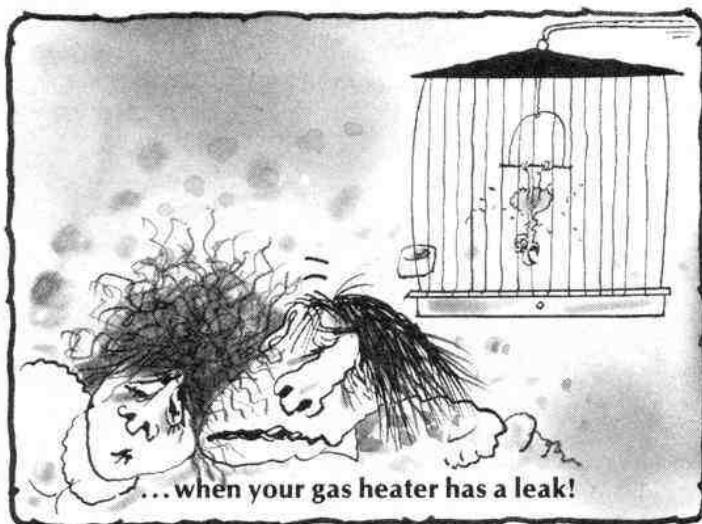
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ARTIST AND WRITER:
PAUL PETER PORGES



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300 OUTLETS!!!



Unfortunately, they're all located at the same address!

4711 Gary Null Drive, Steroid, Arizona. Mail and phone orders accepted, except from government and FDA officials! 23

THE BALLAD OF

DR. RUTH

(with apologies to Rudyard Kipling, although we're pretty sure he doesn't care one way or the other)

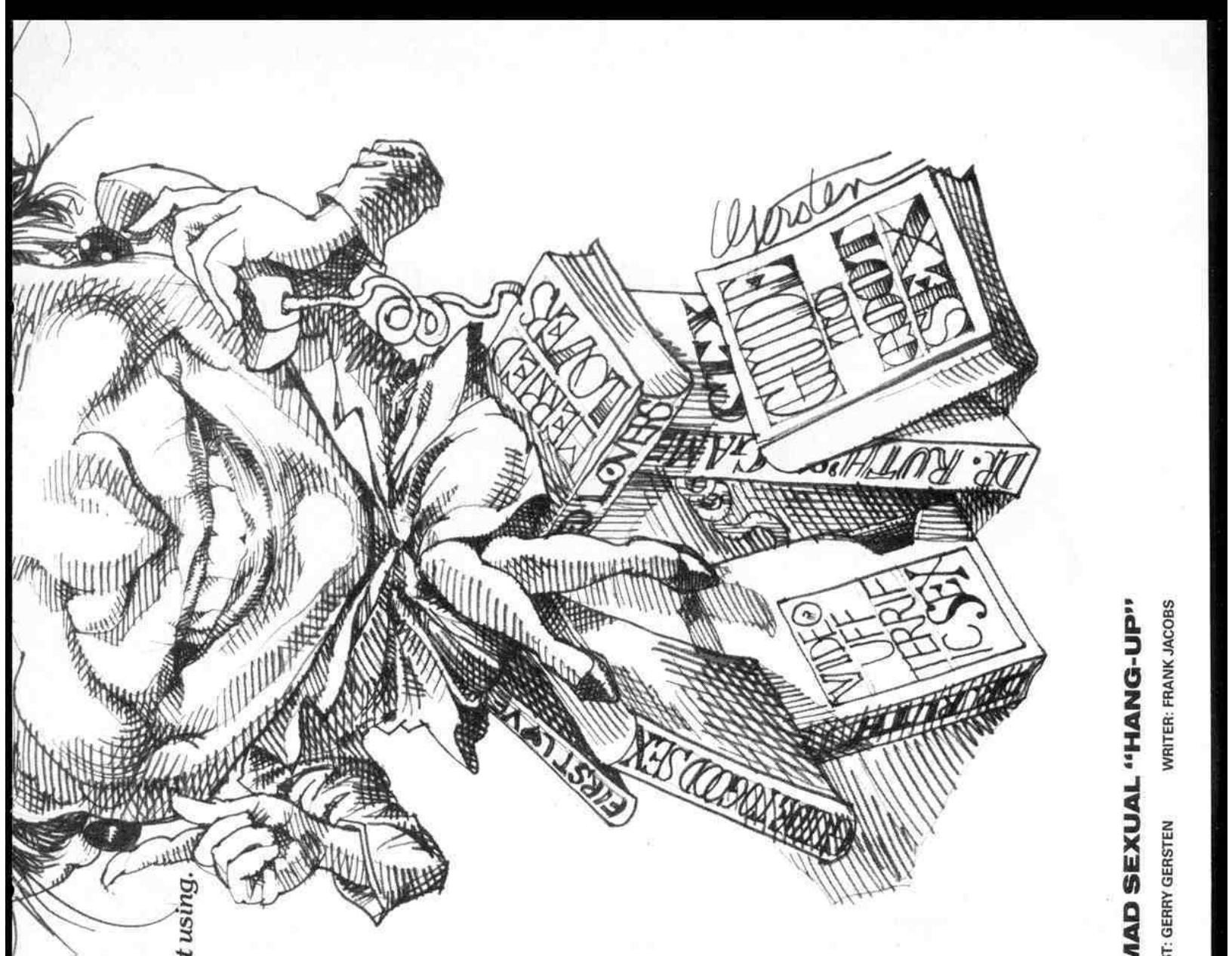
*You can talk of phone-in sex
And those movies rated "X,"
Full of orgies with a dozen people ballin';
But if you're stripped for action
And you can't get satisfaction,
There's a chubby little gal you should be callin'.*

*Now she ain't no Donna Mills,
And her shape won't give you thrills,
As you know, if you have seen her once or twice,
But for folks in search of kicks,
She's got such a bag of tricks
That Joan Collins even calls her for advice.*

*Hey there, Ruth! Ruth! Ruth!
Help that lady and her boy-friend in Duluth!
Show her how to use persuasion
So he'll rise to the occasion;
Only you alone can save 'em, Dr. Ruth!*

*Well, she sure rakes in the dough
From her syndicated show
And her books and home cassettes in full supply;
And it wouldn't be surprisin'
If real soon she's merchandisin'
Her own line of contraceptives folks can buy.*





*She was there to save the day
For that couple in L.A.,
Who complained that sex was utterly confusing;
They were worried and uptight,
But Dr. Ruth, she set 'em right
When she showed 'em sev'ral parts that they weren't using.*

*For it's Ruth! Ruth! Ruth!
Start 'em out real nice and early in their youth!
Show good sex is not beyond 'em
Once they're handy with a condom;
We can count on you to tell 'em, Dr. Ruth!*

*No one else could get away
With the stuff they let her say;
She don't ever show the slightest inhibitions;
Even Hefner, so it's said,
Blushes sev'ral shades of red
When she starts in demonstratin' new positions.*

*She's no preacher like you see
Sunday mornings on TV,
Who all promise you salvation for a price;
You can keep your PTL—
Dr. Ruth does twice as well
In showin' folks the way to paradise.*

*Yes, it's Ruth! Ruth! Ruth!
Ridin' higher ev'ry day, and that's the truth!
Provin' if you're cute and clever
Sex will sell as good as ever;
You're a crafty little number, Dr. Ruth!*

A MAD SEXUAL "HANG-UP"

ARTIST: GERRY GERSTEN

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

NEW CARS

On this baby you'll get 23 miles per gallon in city traffic and at least 30 on the road!

The TV commercial for this model says "Your mileage may vary!" What does that mean?



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHT

OLD FRIENDS

Norman Brown! You old son of a gun! I haven't seen you in years!

I'm not Norman Brown!

Sure you are! You lived on West 27th Street, you have two brothers, Ray and David, you went to Bayonne High...

Sorry, but I'm afraid you're wrong on all counts!

Gee, he sure has changed a lot!



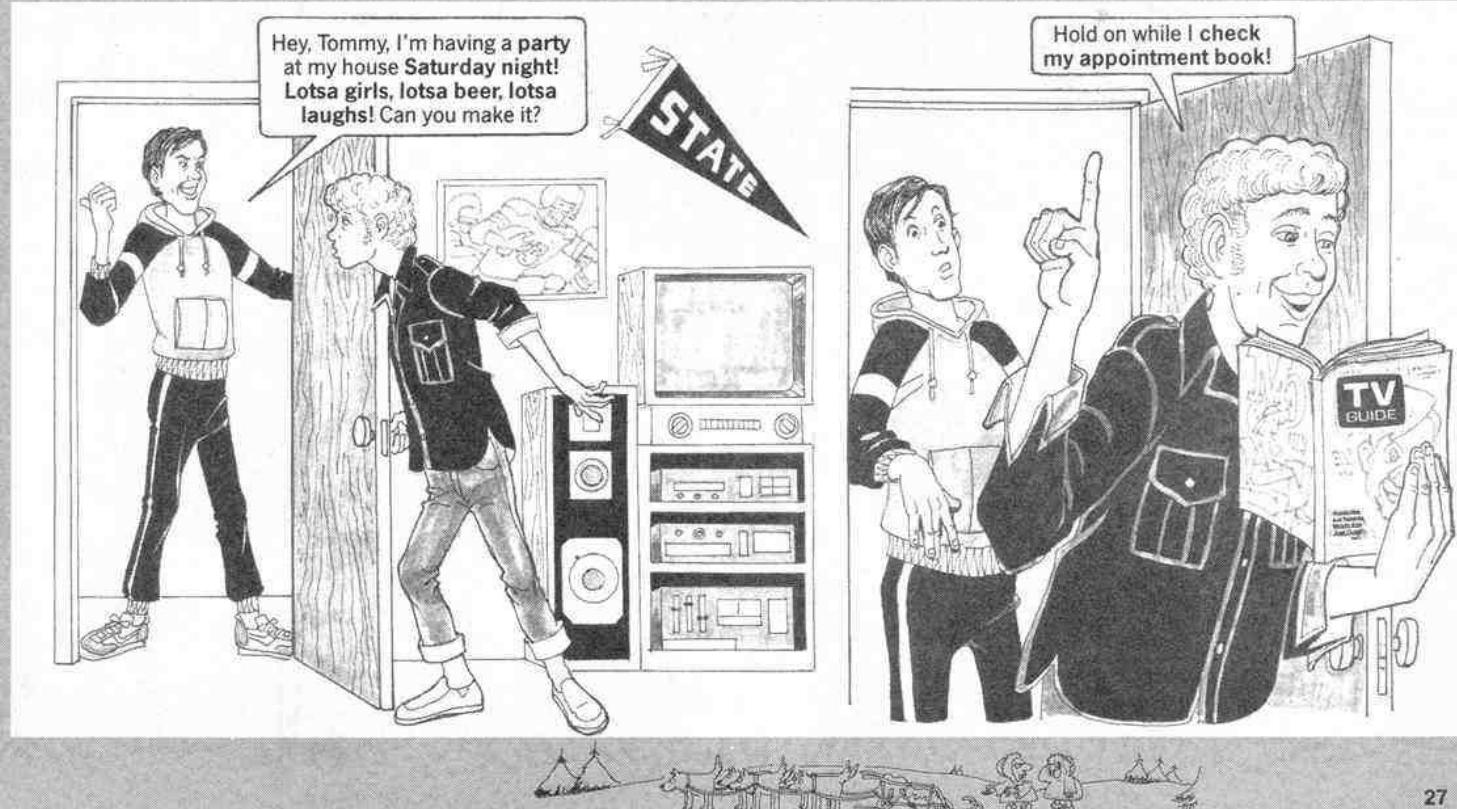
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ARTIST & WRITER:
DAVE BERG

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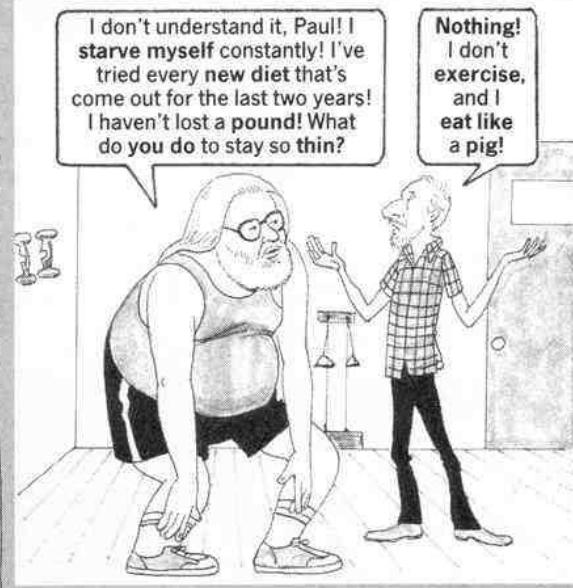
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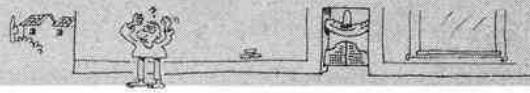
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ASSERTIVE ACTION



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ACES AND PAINS



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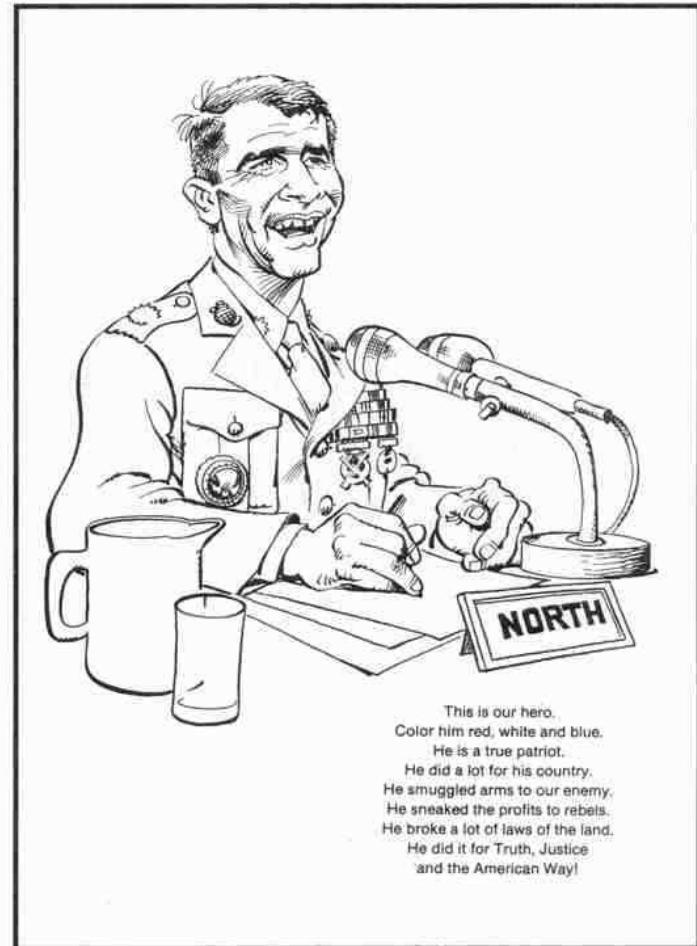
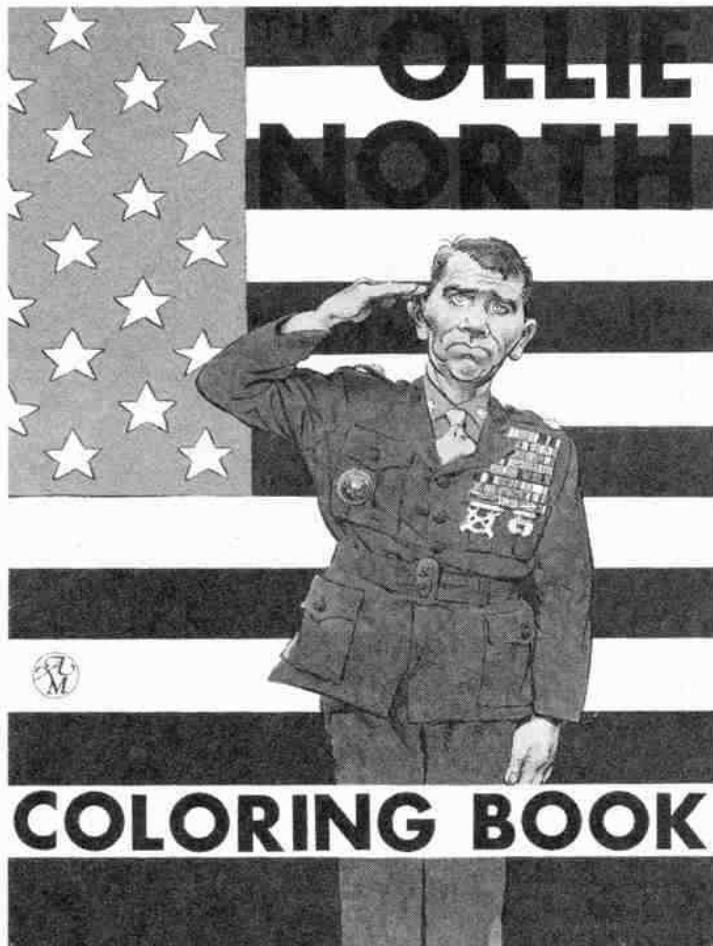


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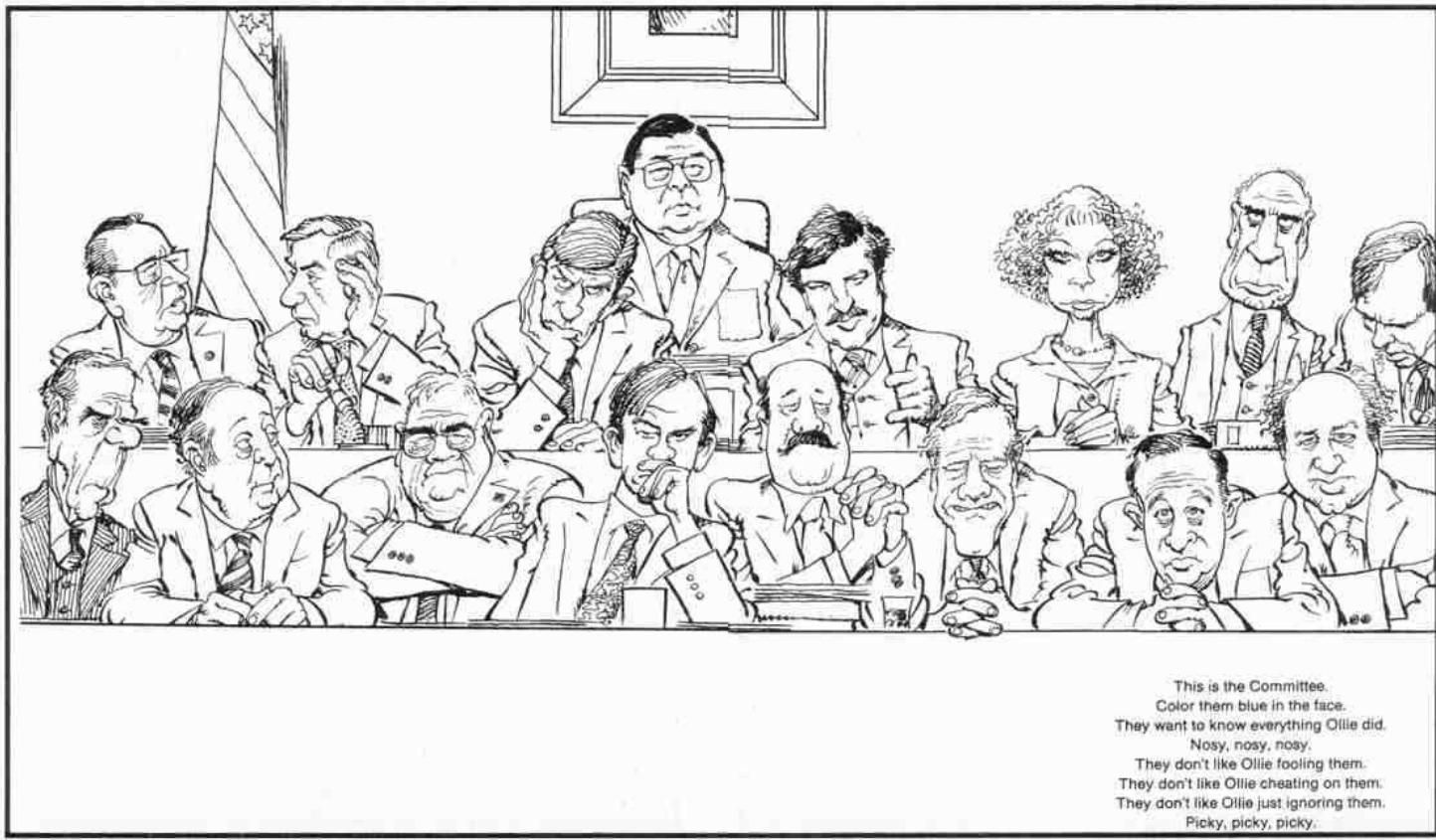


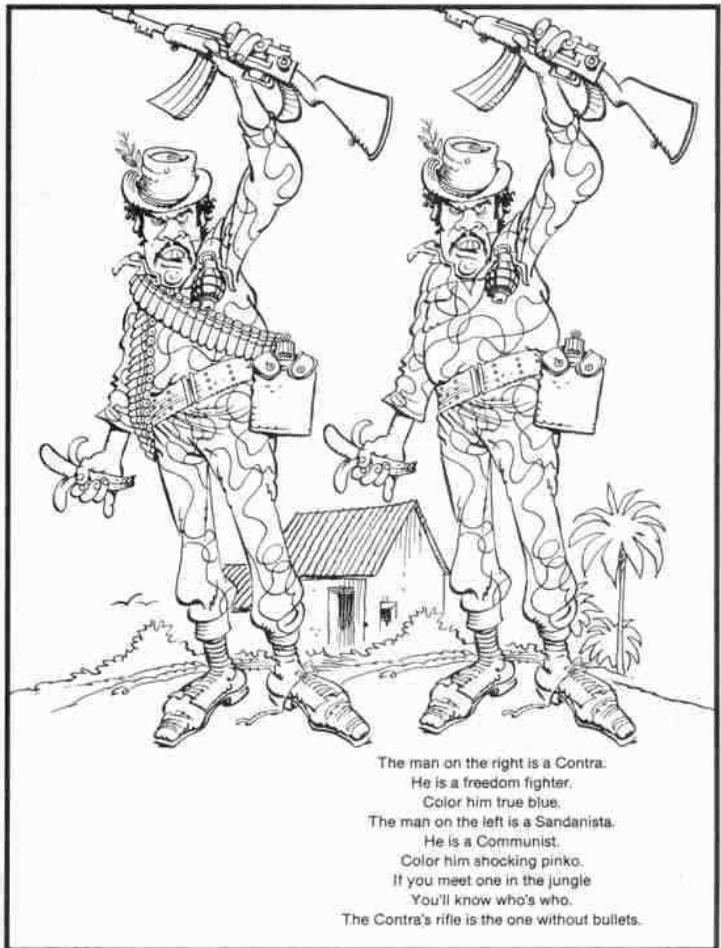
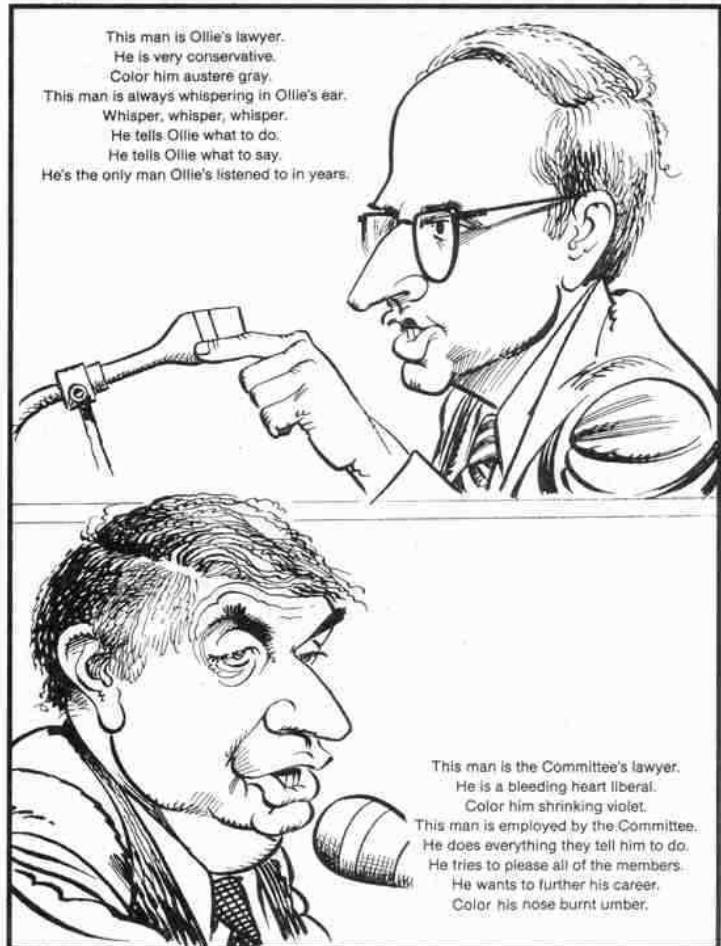
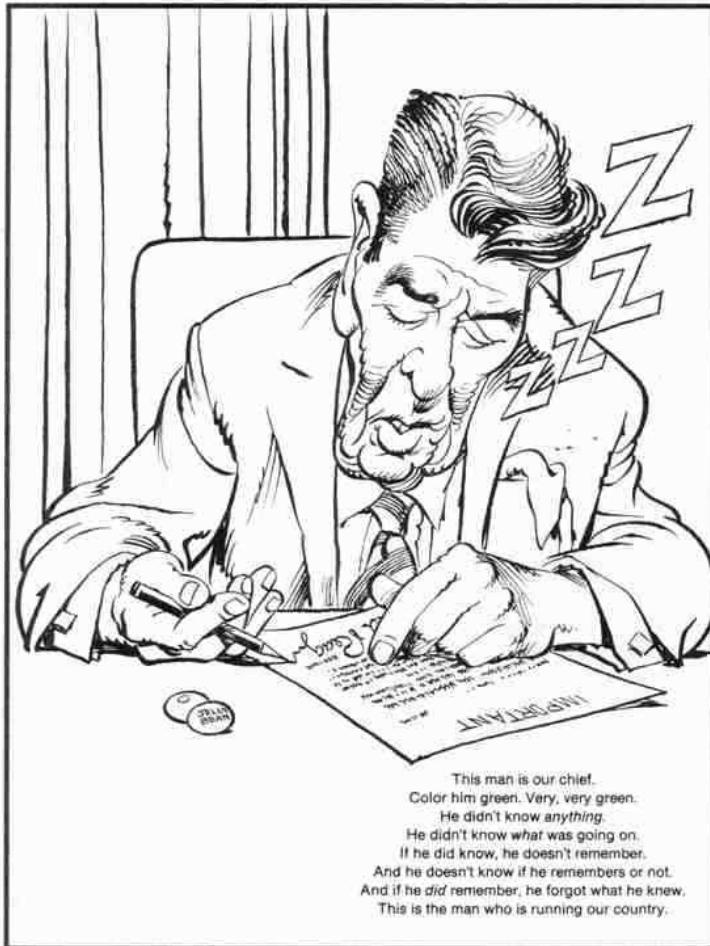
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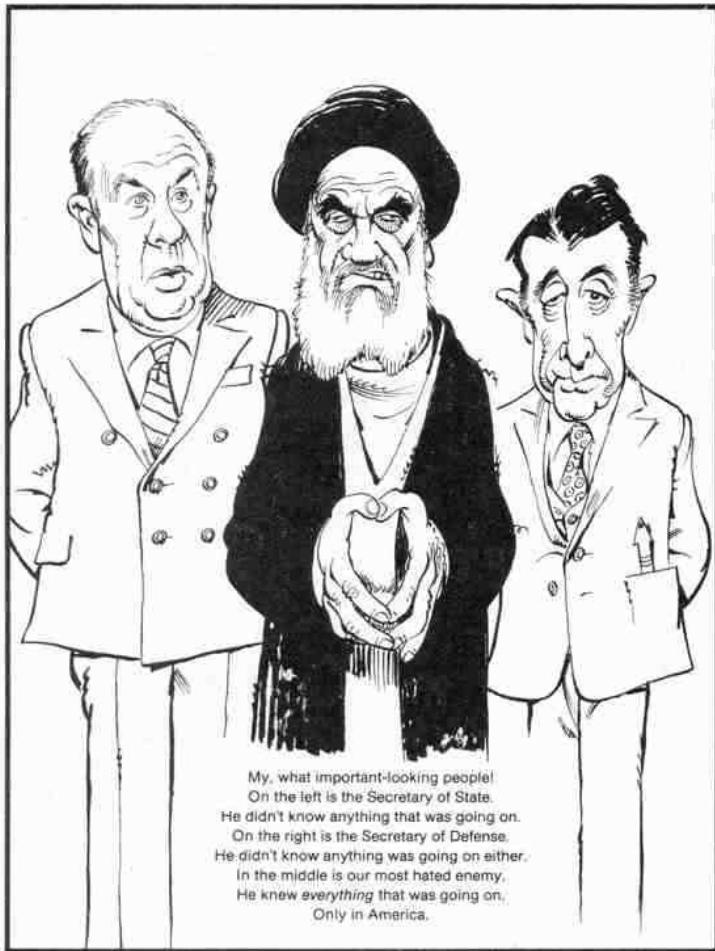
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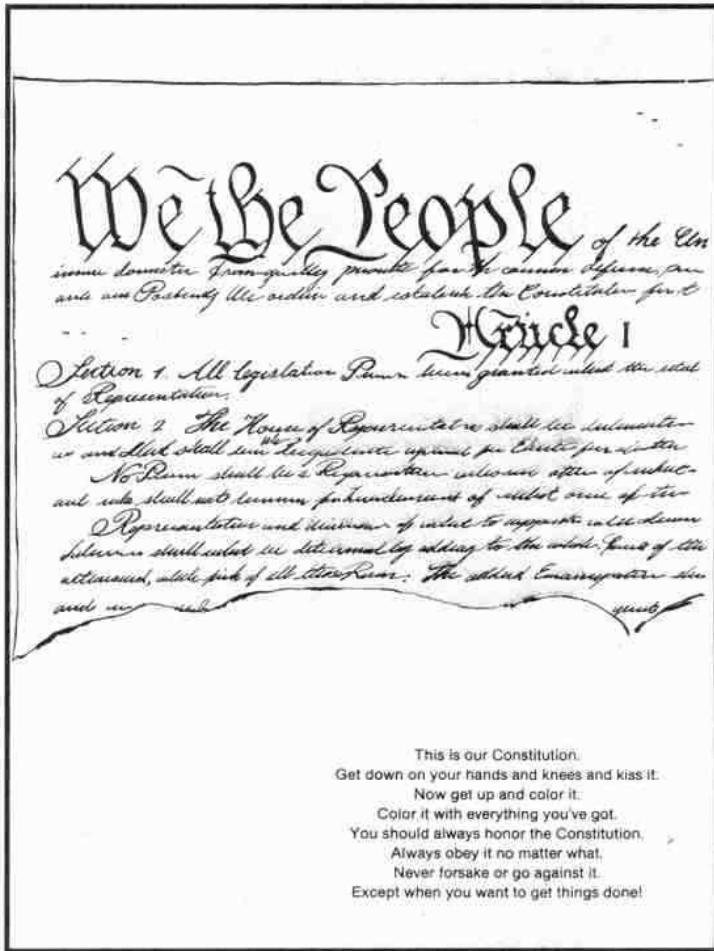
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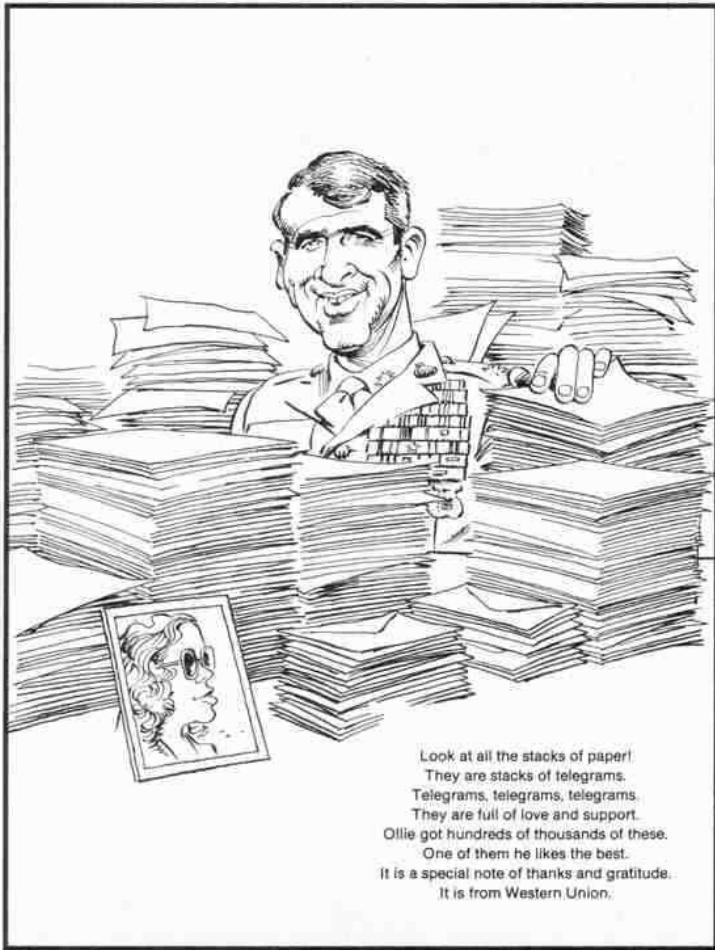




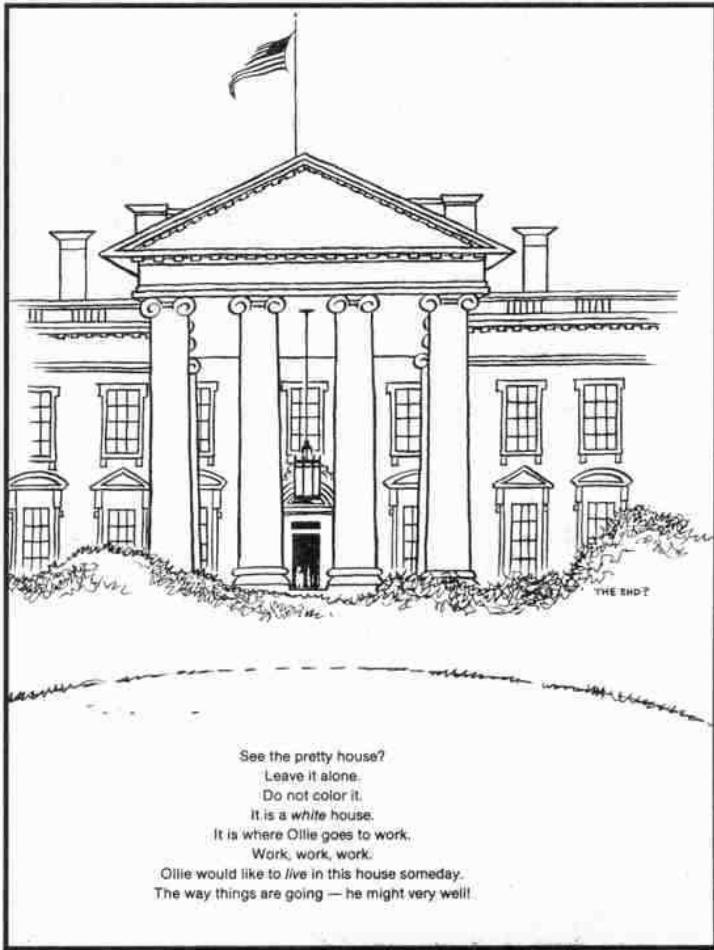
My, what important-looking people!
On the left is the Secretary of State.
He didn't know anything that was going on.
On the right is the Secretary of Defense.
He didn't know anything was going on either.
In the middle is our most hated enemy.
He knew **everything** that was going on.
Only in America



This is our Constitution.
Get down on your hands and knees and kiss it.
Now get up and color it.
Color it with everything you've got.
You should always honor the Constitution.
Always obey it no matter what.
Never forsake or go against it.
Except when you want to get things done!



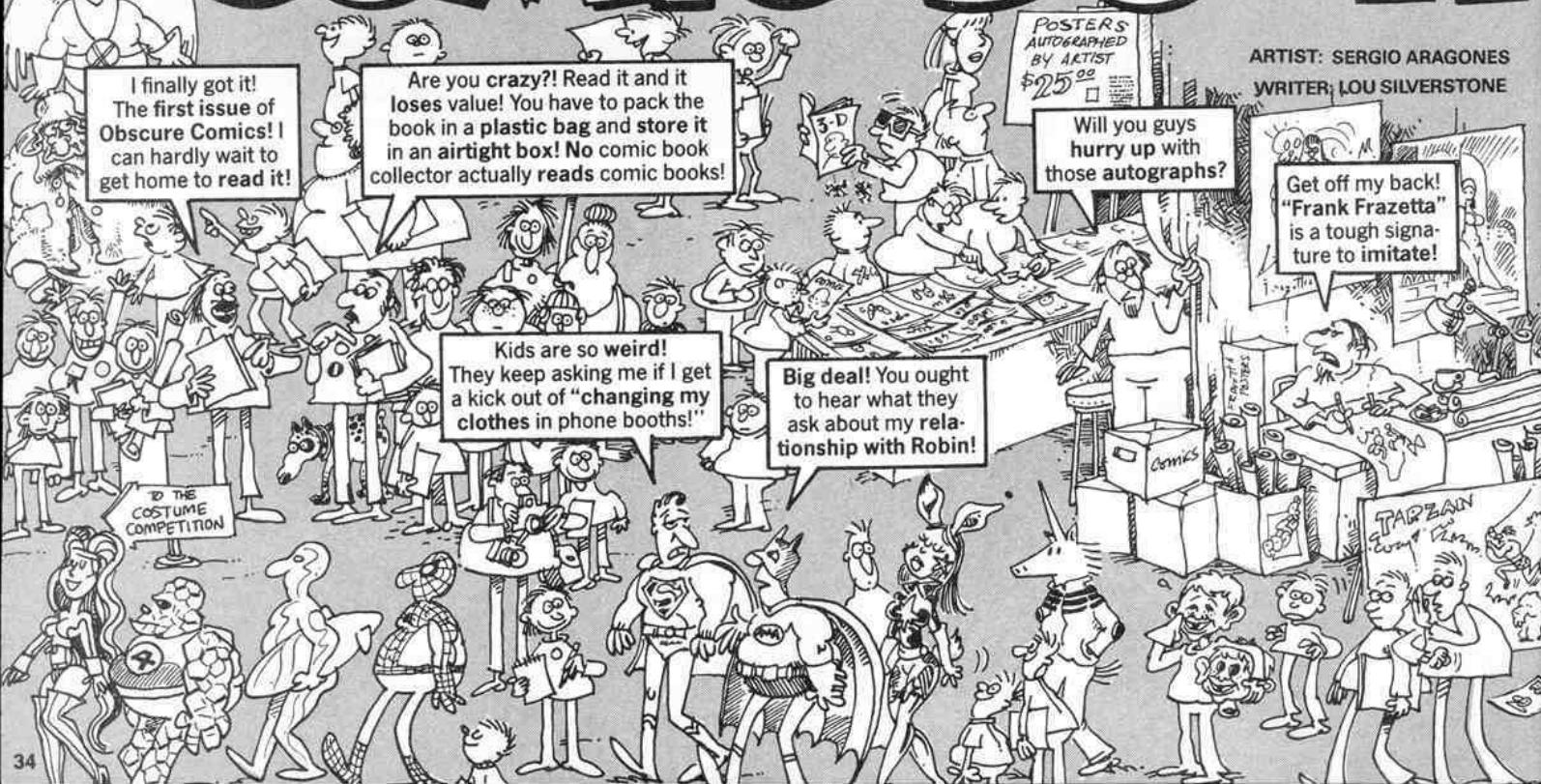
Look at all the stacks of paper!
They are stacks of telegrams.
Telegrams, telegrams, telegrams.
They are full of love and support.
Ollie got hundreds of thousands of these.
One of them he likes the best.
It is a special note of thanks and gratitude.
It is from Western Union.

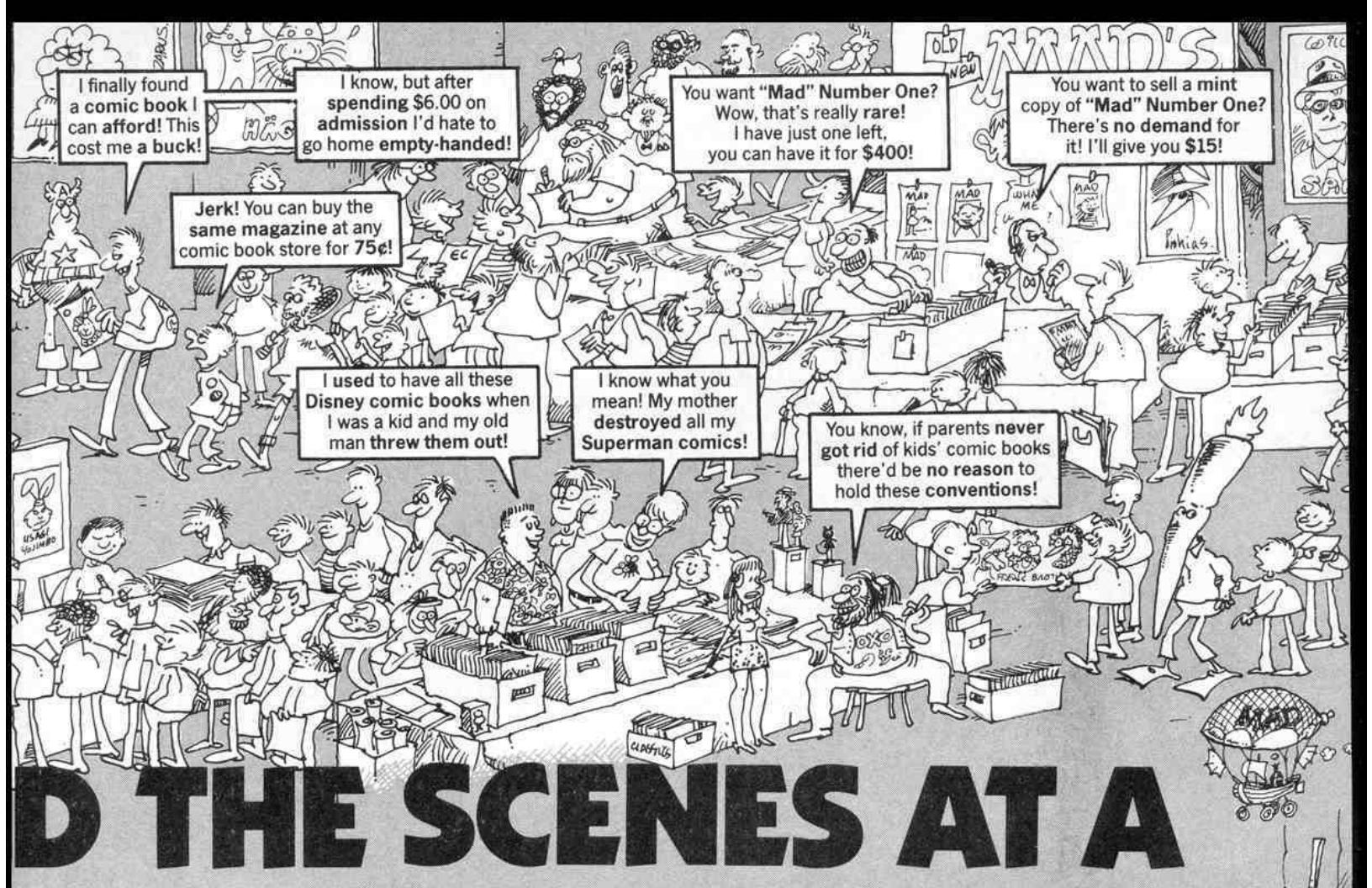


See the pretty house?
Leave it alone.
Do not color it.
It is a white house.
It is where Ollie goes to work.
Work, work, work!
Ollie would like to live in this house someday.
The way things are going — he might very well!



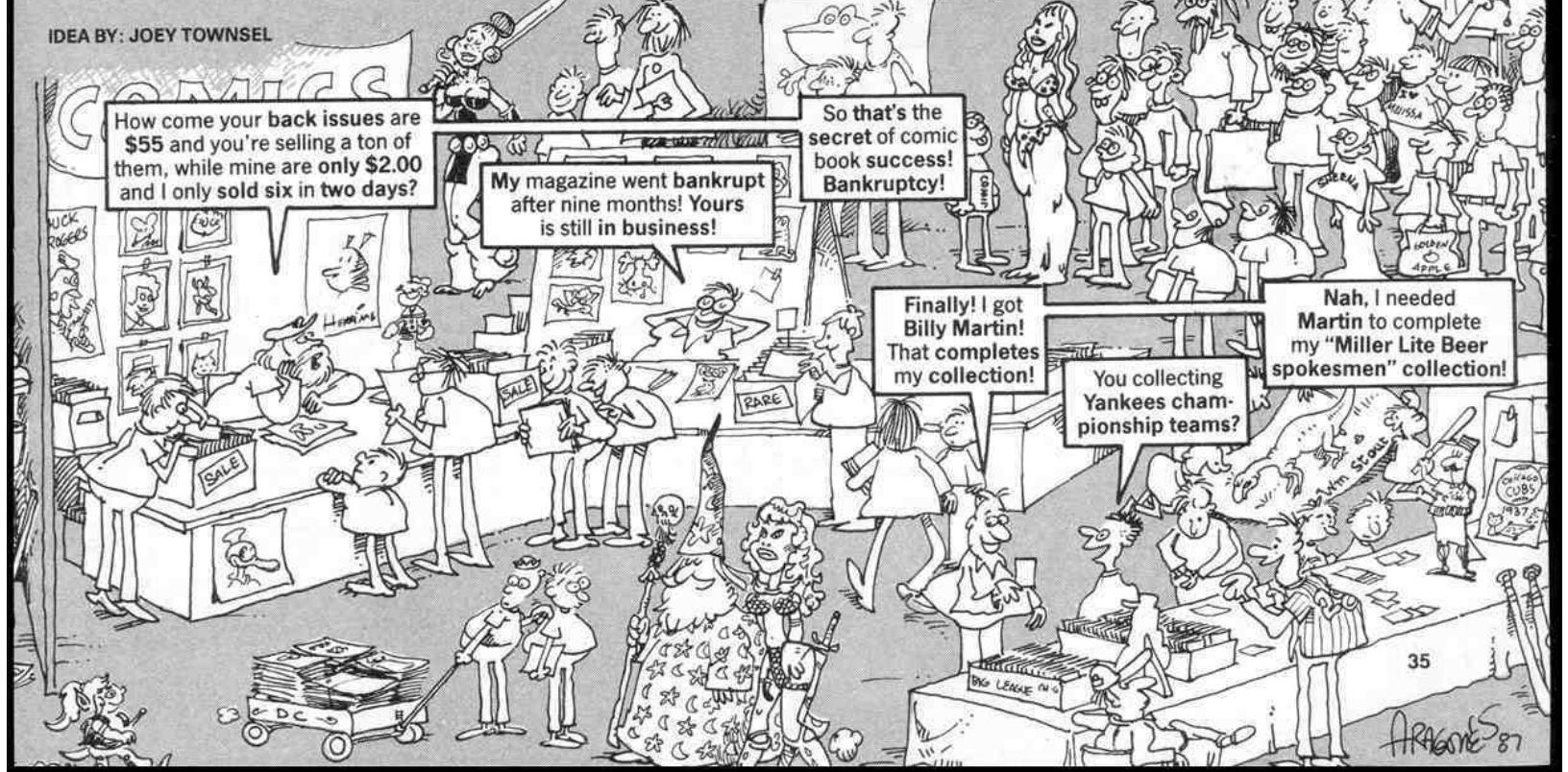
A MAD PEEK BEHIND COMIC BOOK





D THE SCENES AT A CONVENTION

IDEA BY: JOEY TOWNSEL



CHAT'S ALL, FOLKS DEPT.

There are so many TV talk shows being created and cancelled these days that you can't keep up with them all even if you have *three* VCRs! So of course you're probably wondering how particular talk show hosts might handle themselves in particular situations. Well, wonder no more because, as usual, we brains at MAD have done all the work and compiled the data in a handy reference tool we call...

Mad's Guide To Talk Show Hosts

IF THE GUEST WAS A NOBEL PRIZE-WINNING NUCLEAR PHYSICIST...

...Johnny Carson would rush through the interview to save plenty of time for Loni Anderson.

Thanks for having me here, Mr. Carson. Gamma Particle Research is a relatively new science...

Right, Professor. To sum up, I guess that during a nuclear attack, it'll be so hot that the Rodeo Drive Baskin-Robbins will be selling 31 different flavors of soup! We'll be right back after this message!



...David Letterman would ask him to read a list of the "Top Ten Things To Do During a Nuclear Holocaust."

Number 6: Call up your boss, laugh at him and hang up; Number 5: Start wearing a T-shirt that says "Mutants Rule"; Number 4: Read your favorite novel by the warm glow of your dog...



...Max Headroom would question him about golf.

Those Gamma Rays do fascinate me, you sensuous scientist, but what I really want to know... now how should I ph-ph-phrase this... You golf? I mean, heh heh, is putting new to you? Don't answer! Ponder th-this mind-bender instead instead instead. Why do you suppose Jack Nicklaus never won a Nobel P-P-Prize?? Tell ya what, let's imagine we're on the 18th hole at ground zero...



IF THE GUEST WAS A BUSTY YOUNG STARLET PROMOTING HER NEW FILM...

...Phil Donahue would ignore the film and badger her with lots of questions about sexual harassment in Hollywood.

Isn't it true you slept with the producer of this film to get your part?

But my husband produced this film!

But won't you have to sleep with the producer of your next film to get that part? Isn't the entire film industry a tangled web that chews up and spits out innocent girls like you? Caller, are you there?



...Joan Rivers would use the opportunity to put down other female stars who are less well-endowed.

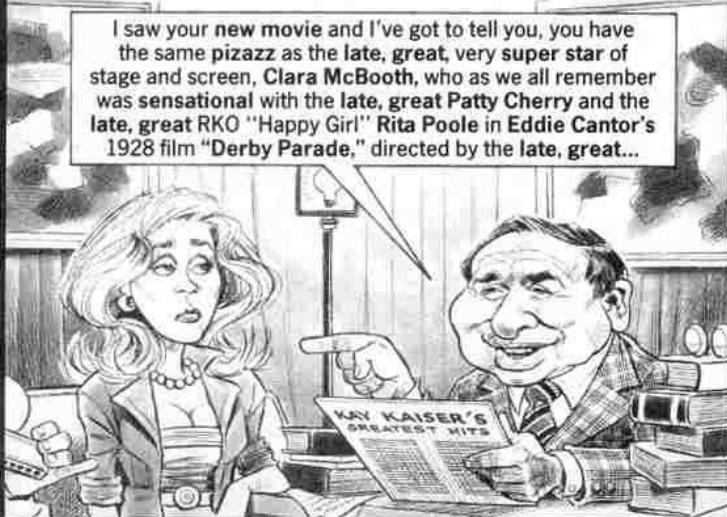
It was great fun having a chance to work with...

You know, you're very lucky. Cher could use your bra as a hammock... It's true! I saw a picture of Molly Ringwald's chest on a milk carton labeled "missing"... Oh, grow up!!



...Joe Franklin would waste everyone's time comparing her to obscure actresses who have been dead for over 30 years.

I saw your new movie and I've got to tell you, you have the same pizazz as the late, great, very super star of stage and screen, Clara McBooth, who as we all remember was sensational with the late, great Patty Cherry and the late, great RKO "Happy Girl" Rita Poole in Eddie Cantor's 1928 film "Derby Parade," directed by the late, great...



IF MARLON BRANDO MADE A RARE TALK SHOW APPEARANCE...

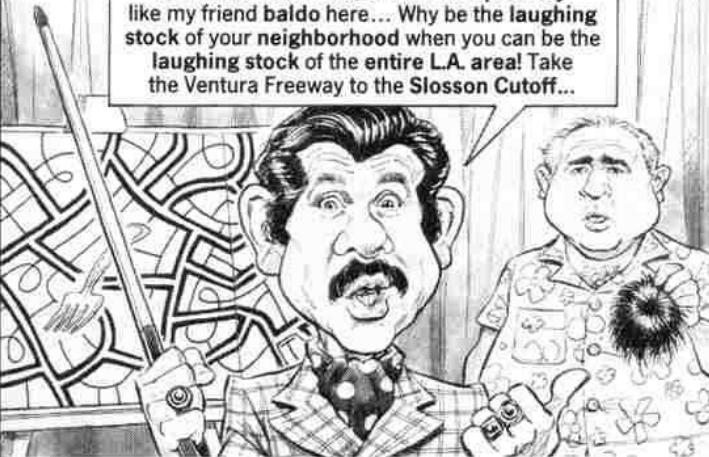
...Joan Rivers would make him the butt of some of her tiresome "fat" jokes.

Tell me, Marlon, is it true in your next movie you'll be playing the part of a street gang? I mean, come on, I heard the phone company just gave you your own area code! Marlon! You are a *Streetcar Named Desire*!



...Johnny Carson would have him appear in an "Art Fern Tea Time Movie" sketch.

Losing your hair? Follicles falling? Instead of hair spray do you find yourself reaching for Turtle Wax? If so, come to Toupee City like my friend baldo here... Why be the laughing stock of your neighborhood when you can be the laughing stock of the entire L.A. area! Take the Ventura Freeway to the Slosson Cutoff...



...Dick Cavett would hog the spotlight by spending more time introducing Marlon Brando than he would interviewing him.

...of course anyone familiar with my guest's career will surely remember his controlled rage in "The Godfather," which served as a prelude to his muddled verbiage in "Apocalypse Now."

Also, one can't forget... Oh, I've just been told that we're out of time. Goodnight!



IF A SURPRISE CAMEO WALK-ON WAS MADE BY MADONNA...

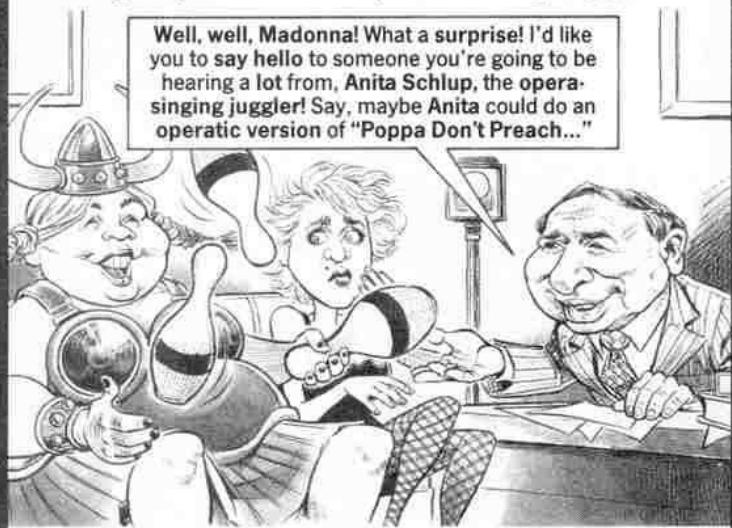
...David Letterman would coerce her into taking part in "Stupid Pet Tricks."

Now let me get this straight...you say Corky here is going to plug in this blender and make a vanilla shake...all while balancing on Madonna's face???



...Joe Franklin would make her share the panel with his usual group of unknown, no-name guests.

Well, well, Madonna! What a surprise! I'd like you to say hello to someone you're going to be hearing a lot from, Anita Schlup, the opera-singing juggler! Say, maybe Anita could do an operatic version of "Poppa Don't Preach..."



...David Brenner would be so stunned that such a big star would choose to appear on his show rather than Johnny Carson's that he'll be unable to say anything coherent.



IF MALCOLM FORBES WAS INVITED TO EXPLAIN THE WORLD MONETARY FUND...

...Dick Cavett would find a way to drop the names of dozens of celebrities he claims to be close personal friends with.

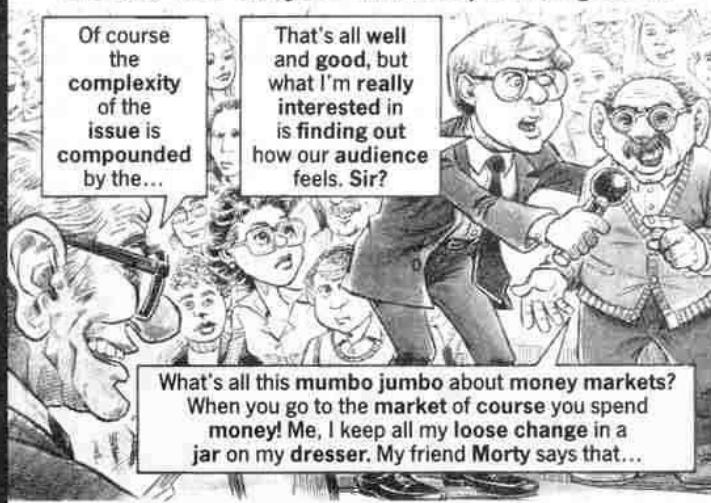
I was just talking about banking with my pal Woody Allen yesterday. We were having lunch with Jackie O. and Liza—which reminds me of a story. Dustin Hoffman called me last week to get Yoko's phone number when who should knock on my door but my buddies Alan Alda and Bette Midler...



...Phil Donahue would spend most of the show listening to the opinions of audience members who are totally unqualified to discuss the subject with any intelligence.

Of course the complexity of the issue is compounded by the...

That's all well and good, but what I'm really interested in is finding out how our audience feels, Sir?



What's all this mumbo jumbo about money markets? When you go to the market of course you spend money! Me, I keep all my loose change in a jar on my dresser. My friend Morty says that...

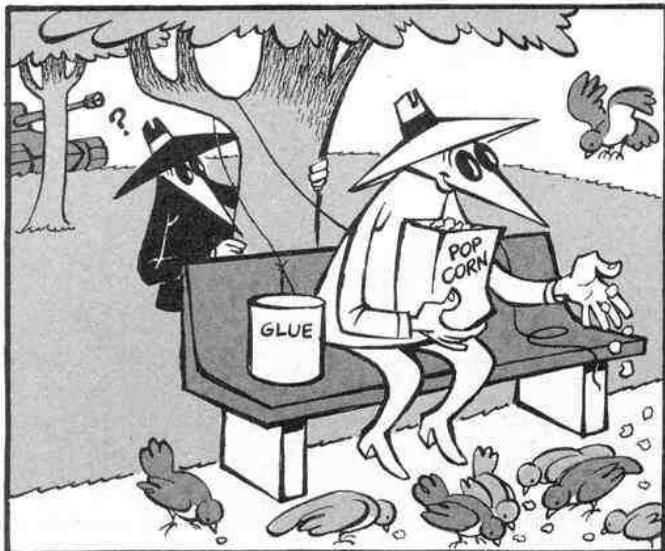
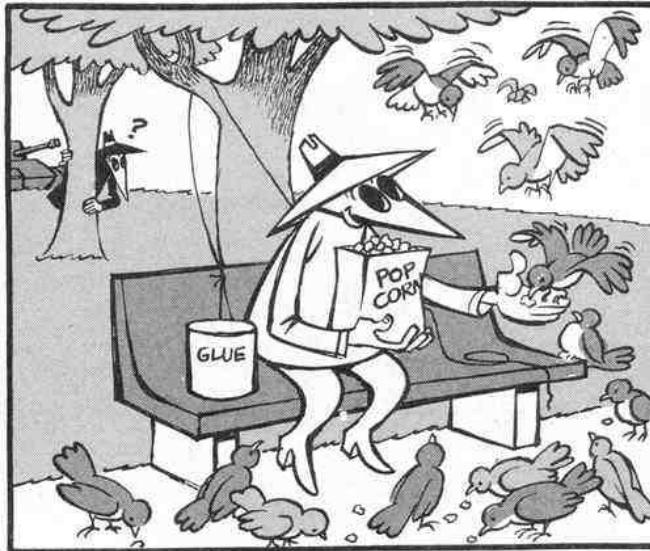
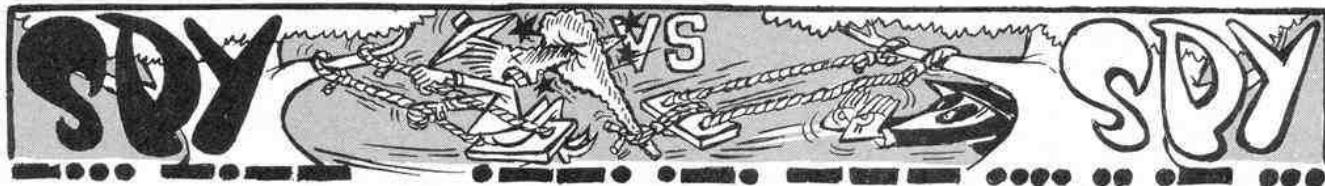
...Oprah Winfrey would do exactly the same thing Phil Donahue does, but be overly emotional about it.

The complexity of the issue is compounded by the...

Yes, you're right (Boo Hoo!), it's a tragedy, (Sob!) but I want to find out (Sniffle Sniff!) how our audience feels, Sir?

Hey, let go of me! You're getting me soaking wet!







...the medical researchers we're expecting to find a cure for AIDS and cancer are the same ones who have been completely stumped by the annoying common cold for 100 years!



...the "Star Wars" defense, if ever approved, would be built by the crooks who charge \$600 for a hammer, and be operated by the cretins who were stupid enough to buy those hammers!



...most states have more formalized training and licensing requirements for hairdressers than they do for owners of cheap handguns!

WE THOUGHT THE GOOD FRIGHT DEPT.

An IRS audit, riding the subway in New York City, the threat of nuclear war, or being locked in a room with Don King—

**It's really
SCA
to think**



...the nuclear power industry still refers to a near catastrophic melt-down which cost \$1 billion to clean up as a "minor incident"!



...psychiatrists—those claiming expertise in helping others deal with their problems—have the highest suicide rate of any profession!



...the only thing standing between us and fatal food-poisoning is the Food and Drug Administration—an agency that says it's okay to have up to 14 rat droppings in a 10 ounce can of chili.



...for every one television show that gets on the air, there are a dozen others even worse that the networks turn down and we never see!

the mere thought of these things terrifies us. But they're not so bad when compared to *really* horrific stuff. For example...

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



...the huge multi-national banks controlling the entire world's economy are totally inept at keeping your measly little savings account straight!



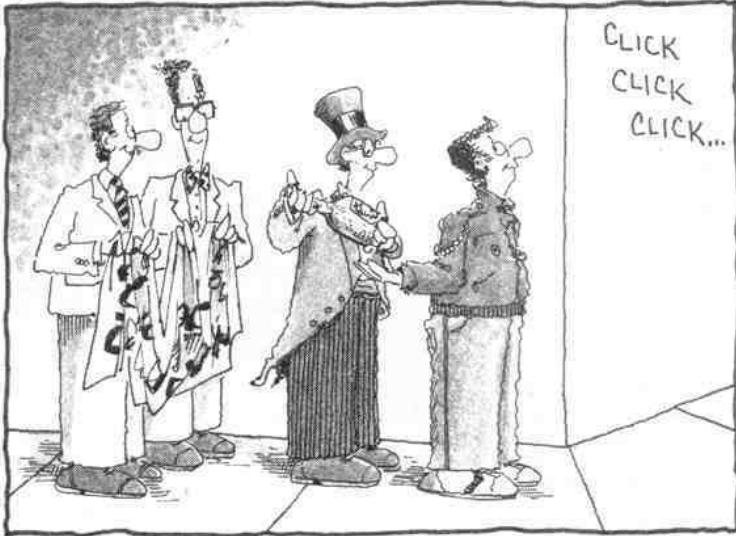
...tomorrow's teenagers will have to come up with music loud and tasteless enough to offend parents who grew up loving The Beastie Boys!



...every year, thousands of big, mean college football players not drafted by the NFL will hit the streets as jobless and bitter rejects!

ALLEY OOPS! DEPT.

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ARTIST AND WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL



TEACHER'S PEST DEPT.

Once there were sitcoms like "Welcome Back, Kotter," featuring wise-ass kids who were one step away from being illiterate. But now that's all changed. The TV classroom this season contains the opposite—brilliant kids with stratospheric IQs. The problem is that, in their own way, they're just as wise-ass as the punks Kotter taught. Which is why MAD ranks them right at the...

HEAD *of the* CRASS

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS



Maybe it's time you learned there's more to life than scoring high on tests! That life is a constant...

Get ready to throw up! He's playing the Father Figure role again!

He always makes us suffer through these socially-significant stories with nothing morals! It makes him feel like he's doing something worthwhile!

I heard Mr. Bore used to be a sleazy disc-jockey in Cincinnati! After that, anything would seem worthwhile!

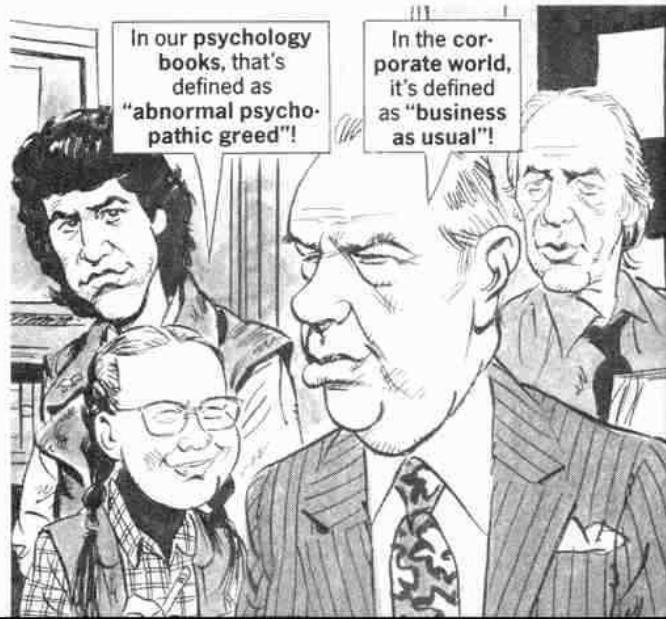
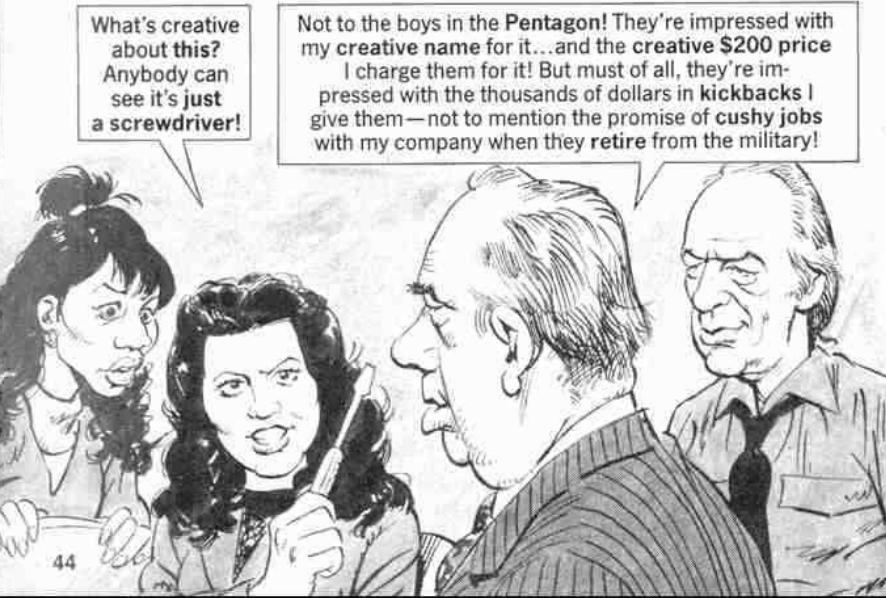
Class, today begins Career Week. You'll learn how very successful people made it to the top! Our first visitor is U.S. Senator Roscoe Scroon!

Senator, what do you advise a person going into politics?

Develop a popular image like Pat Sajak or Ed McMahon!

But they just stand around, smile, and never take a stand on anything!

Hey, you catch on fast!





Birdinhand, how come every week we carry on a 30-second conversation that has nothing to do with school business?

Because the kids may fill your need to be a father, but I make you come face-to-face with the drab, lonely emptiness of your personal life!

Thank God it's nothing serious!

Well, if it isn't Dr. Schlemiel, the school's D.H. — Designated Heavy!

Bore, your after-shave is a disgrace to the teaching profession!

What does that have to do with my skill in the classroom?

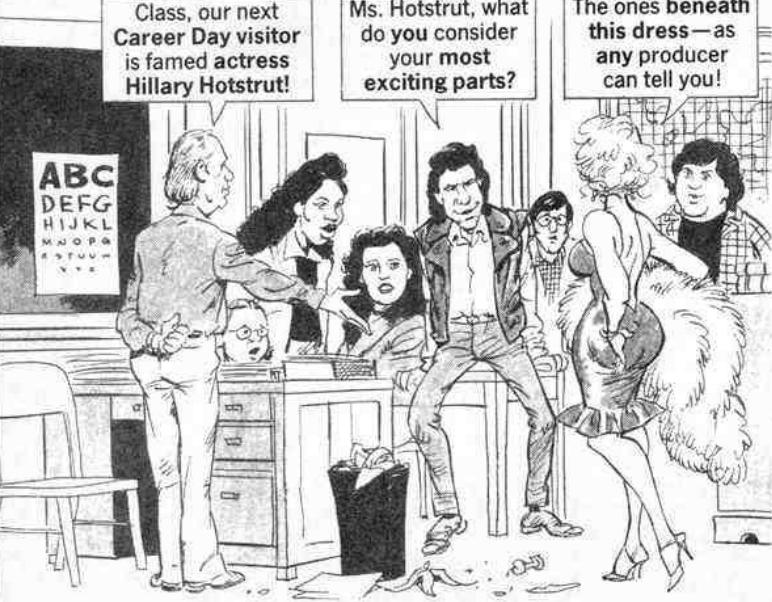
Nothing whatsoever! But in order for me to be believable as a high school principal, I have to be a totally illogical buffoon!



Class, our next Career Day visitor is famed actress Hillary Hotstrut!

Ms. Hotstrut, what do you consider your most exciting parts?

The ones beneath this dress—as any producer can tell you!



Is it true your career was shaped by the teachings of the great Stanislovsky?

No, but my body was shaped by the plastic surgery of the great Dr. Howard Pincus!



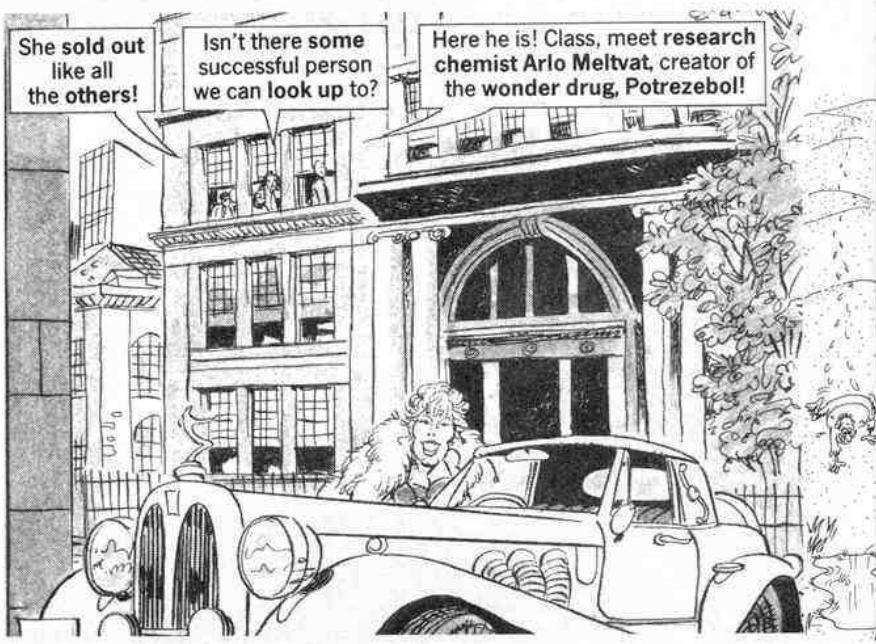
Starting out, were you drilled on the plays of the major playwrights?

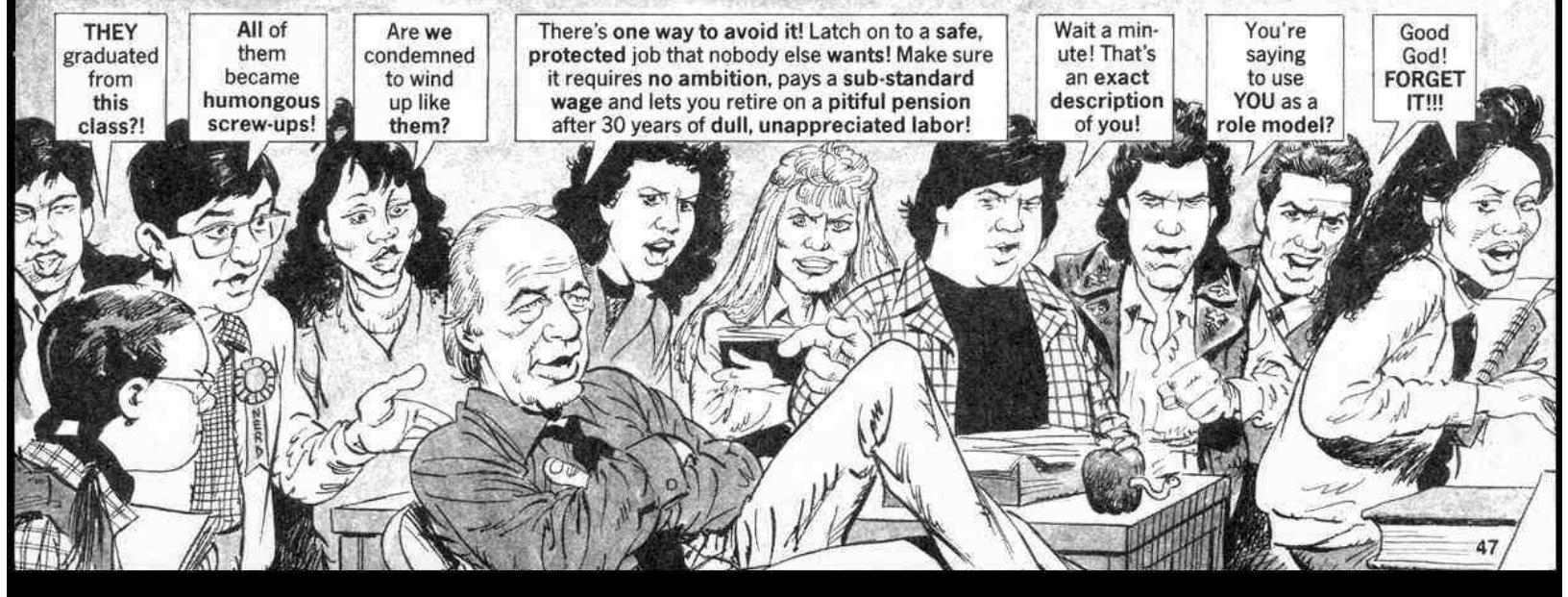
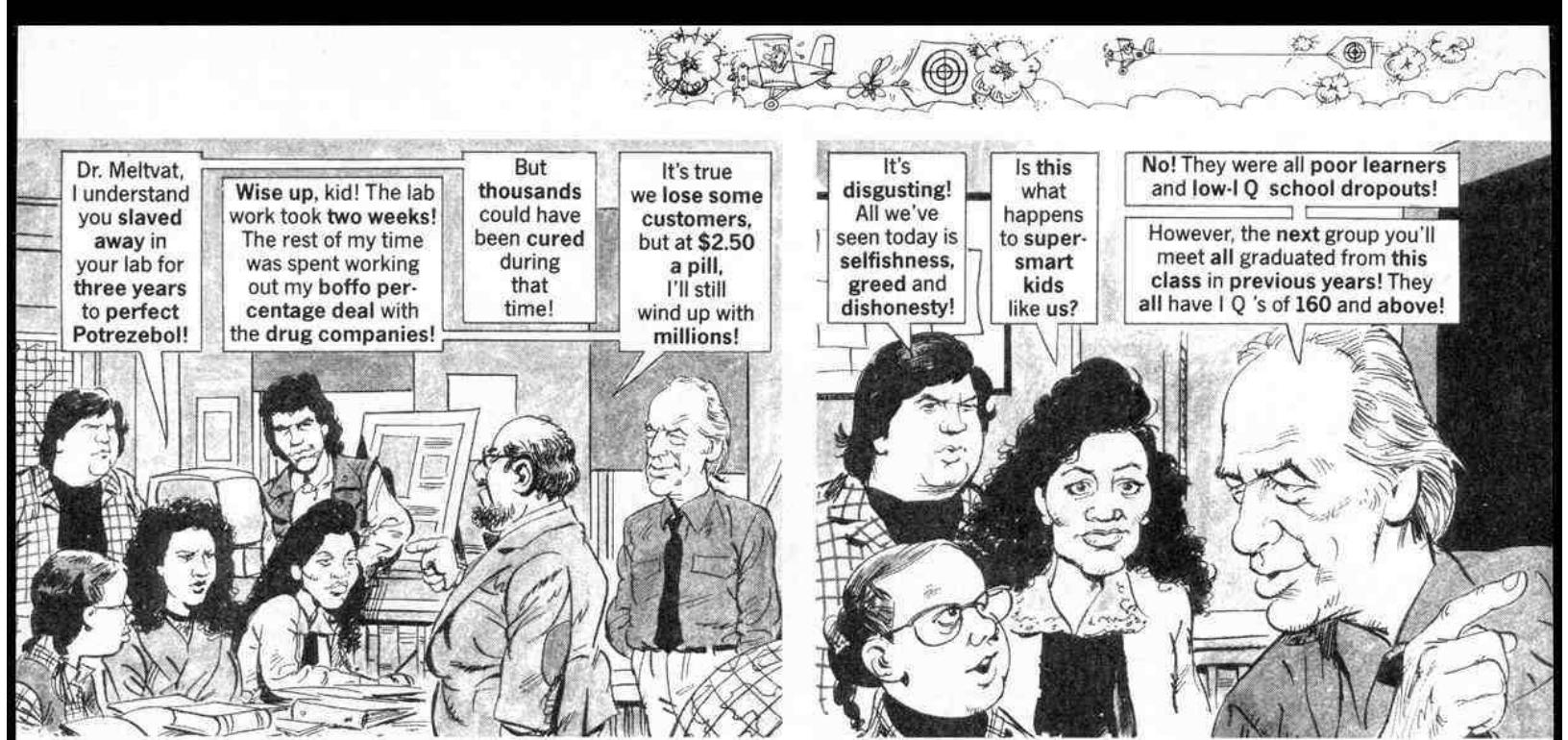
No, on the couches of the major studios!

She sold out like all the others!

Isn't there some successful person we can look up to?

Here he is! Class, meet research chemist Arlo Meltvat, creator of the wonder drug, Potrezebo!





REVIEW TO A KILL DEPT.

THE MAD MOVIE CRITIC'S PLEDGE

As a film-reviewing, self-appointed decision maker for ordinary movie-goers everywhere, I hereby promise to uphold, defend and espouse the following beliefs:

I pledge to declare any motion picture starring Bill Murray, Chevy Chase or Dan Aykroyd as "nothing more than an overblown Saturday Night Live skit."

I promise to include important plot twists and reveal information in my reviews that will spoil the movie for anyone who hasn't seen it yet.

I promise to dismiss any sexy youth comedies made after 1978 but before 1982 as "cheap attempts to cash in on the success of Animal House." Likewise, I shall label any sexy youth comedies made after 1982 as "cheap attempts to cash in on the success of Porky's."

No matter how much I enjoy the latest Steven Spielberg film, I shall not fail to mention that he also directed 1941.

Under most circumstances, I shall proclaim Chuck Norris and/or Sylvester Stallone vehicles as "nothing more than 90 minutes of mindless violence..."

...However, should any rare Norris/Stallone film come my way that contains a minimal amount of violence and some sort of a plot, I shall express no reservations about saying: "This movie is boring. At least in their typical films, you can rely on the excessive violence to keep you awake."

I shall go to my grave believing without a shred of insincerity that the book is always better than the movie.

I truly believe that any film with a roman numeral in the title will always prove unworthy of my time, and that I need not screen such movies to compose an accurate review.

But, above all, I duly recognize that my sole responsibility is to subject my own personal standards of quality, morality and taste upon those persons whose lives are so empty as to actually take my biased opinions seriously!



WHAT PREDATORY
CREATURE MOST
THREATENS THE
SURVIVAL OF
ENDANGERED
SPECIES?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

Predatory creatures are everywhere.
To find out which one is the most
dangerous of all, just fold in page



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ARTIST & WRITER:
AL JAFFEE

Fearsome predators spend hour after hour
looking for prey. When one of them discovers
a likely victim, he attacks viciously.

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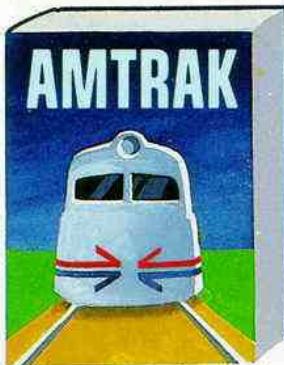
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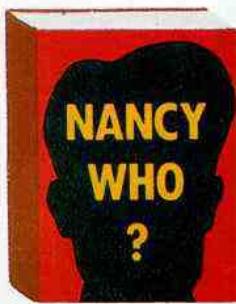
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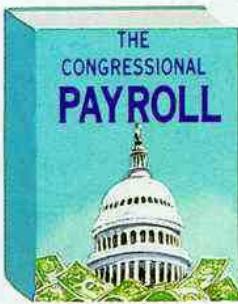
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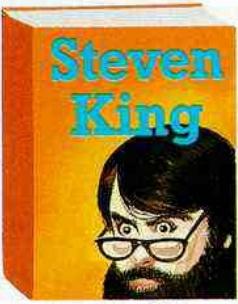
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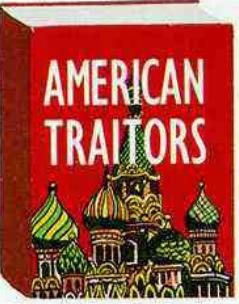
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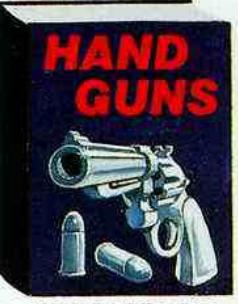
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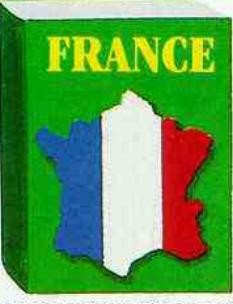
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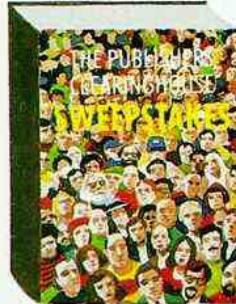
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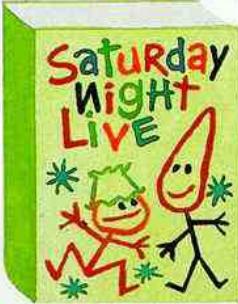
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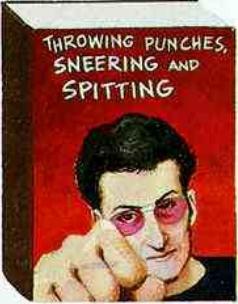
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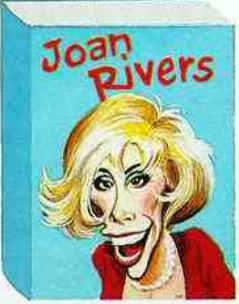
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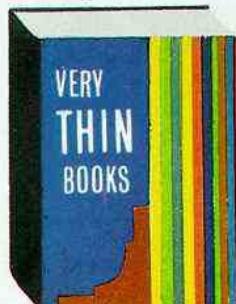
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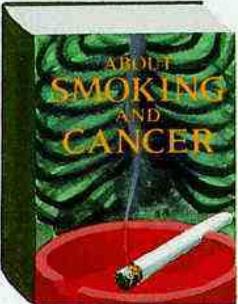
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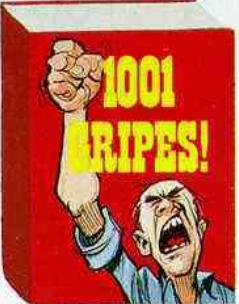
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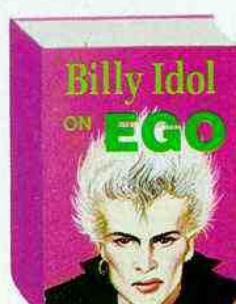
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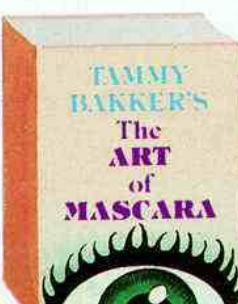
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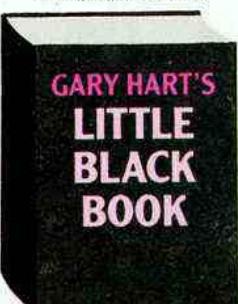
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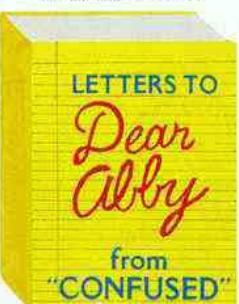
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