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SU-8099

Continuous Power Per channel into 8 ohms	Total Harmonic Distortion at Rated Power	Phono S/N
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FM Sensitivity 50 dB (stereo)	FM Selectivity	Stereo Separation (1 kHz/ 10 kHz)	Total Harmonic Distortion (stereo)
37.2 dBf	75 dB	45/35 dB	0.1%

RS-M4

Wow and Fl	lutter	Frequency Response	S/N
0.05% WR	MS.	30 Hz ~17 kHz (FeCr/CrO ₂)	67 dB Dolby* in

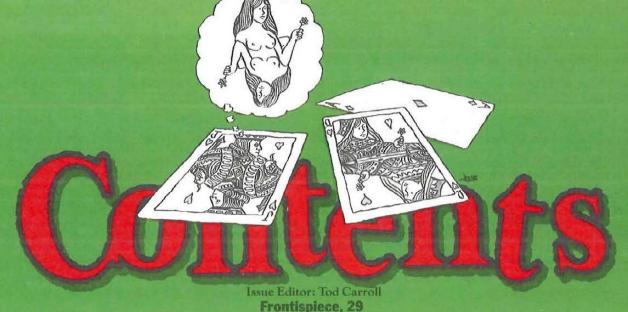
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THE ONLY THING IT HAS IN COMMON WITH OTHER 7-INCH TAPE DECKS IS THE SIZE OF ITS REELS.

Pioneer's new RT-707 has a lot more in common with today's most sophisticated 10-inch tape decks than it does with most 7-inch tape decks.

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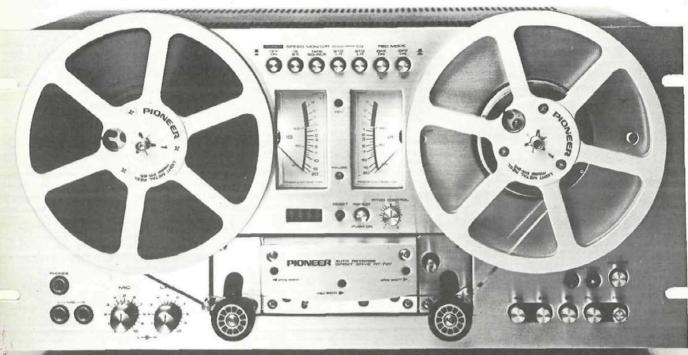
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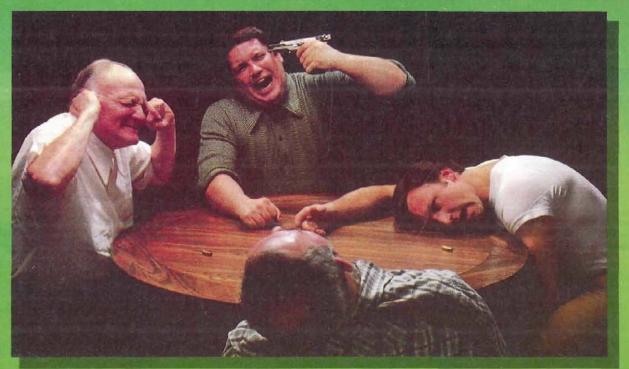
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of dlike to talk about insurance for a moment, if I may, which in case you aren't familiar with it, is a form of chance-taking where we make bets with thousands of huge companies for billions of dollars every year that we will be robbed, we will die, or we will lose our eyes.

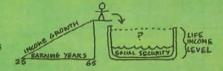
For some odd reason, insurance, particularly life insurance, has become a bad word to most of us. We think of tenacious, pushy agents ramming policies down our throats at the most inconvenient times. We have impressions of manipulative, intimidating sales techniques designed to scare us into buying something we hope we'll never use. I think, perhaps, if everyone were a little better educated about the true advantages of a sensible insurance program, a great deal of our reticence would disappear.

One of the questions I am most frequently asked is, "Tod, how much

protection do I really need?" The key word, of course is protection. That's the name of the game in a nutshell. Think of yourself as president of the United States. You've got dozens of agents working around the clock to look after your personal safety, and morcover, protect your countrymen against an untimely loss of their leader. Well, insurance companies have agents, too. They're on the job twenty-four hours a day to see that you're fully protected against losses from nearly every conceivable type of misfortune, and that your dependents will be cared for in the event of your death or disability.

Do you suppose a president would ever fire his secret service agents? Of course not, but that's what you're doing when you say "no" or "maybe later" to the insurance man. Let me put it another way. Imagine that your wife and children are hanging from a ledge during a fire at your home. You are incapacitated on the sidewalk below, as your butler rushes past you to save the family. What kind of individual would say at that particular moment, "You're fired, butler—I can't afford you"? I certainly can't believe that you would.

Perhaps an illustration might clarify my point a little better for you:
"How deep will your pool be!"



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ESKIMO INSULT DUELS

On Baffin Island live Chief Amtrack's people, the Eskimo, or, more properly, the Eskimos. Huddled together under the weather in snow shanties, they spend many arctic evenings engaged in the bloodless battle they call the "air stabbing." This is a form of the "insult duel" practiced throughout the world by people confined to small, crowded dwelling places. The ritual serves as a much-needed emotional outlet—and in Amtrack's village, there has not been a murder in over two hundred years.

Some years ago, when I was a young anthropologist just out of grad school, I chanced to visit Amtrack's village, Kit-Kat, on Baffin Island. It was there I met Douglas C. Kenney, founder of this magazine, who was at that time fresh out of Harvard University and doing a piece for Arnold Gingrich's Esquire on "Dinking Eskimo Sluts." Over that winter we took copious notes on the insult duels. They have never been published. Here follows a transcript of an authentic Eskimo air stabbing.

Amtrack, chief of his people, beats the ritual drum and begins the contest with a sharp barb directed at Kodapak, a young hunter.

(Sound of crackling fire, a distant dog bark, and the crowds mumbling)

AMTRACK

Soft as a wolverine in his fur boot moves Kodapak, the wily hunter.

KODAPAK

Aiiieee, not me, no no.

AMTRACK

Often have we heard him, often have we seen him, slinking back to camp after hunting brother Walrus with a mallet and a pan.

KODAPAK

Aiiieee. For sure, your brains are blubber.

AMTRACK

Crafty trader Kodapak, gone two

months to Rudy's fur exchange, traded all his furs for two pen light batteries and a gas can with no lid.

KODAPAK

You shall die before the farts melt, old one.

AMTRACK

Listen to Kodapak, the great talker of tales. He who told us of the white men who swim across the snow on outboard motors, eating moose that live in cans.

CROWD

(Cries of derision)

KODAPAK

(Takes drum) Swift indeed are the tongues of Amtrack. Swift his knees when sneaking by the dog pen and barking like a bitch. Hindquarters half frozen/Pants around his mukluks/Mounted by a husky/And this in front of children on the day before a feast!

CROWD

This is true! I have seen this!

AMTRACK

May the great seal slay me if this is true!

CROWD

Taboo! Taboo! Beware!

KODAPAK

No more may I speak now, for Quinn has snatched my drum!

QUINN

(Beats drum lightly)

AMTRACK

Not Quinn. No, not Quinn.

CROWD

Hush, old one. Hush.

QUINN

Well do I remember Kodapak's birthing day. Hear the women wailing, see the

gull-birds flying into rocks. It is said a herd of caribou threw themselves in sinkholes, evil omens these. Hear the walrus bawling?

WALRUS

(Outside) Awwwwwrrrruunuul.

CROWD

Brother Walrus calls! I am afraid? Have you any tranquilizing tablets?

QUINN

And what of one-booted Amtrack? He wears his parka backwards just to smell his neck. Brother Whale ate Amtrack's mukluk/Then swam two moons in circles/Making noises like an aeroplane/Then rammed a passing iceberg till he spouted lunch and died.

CROWD

Poor taste! Oh bad. No more! No more!

AMTRACK

Meddling Quinn, stay out of this. He might find out I had his wife!

KODAPAK

Should Amtrack have had my wife, I hope he found her more satisfactory than I found his!

QUINN

I have tried them both, and frankly, I prefer Honda's dog, particularly for conversation.

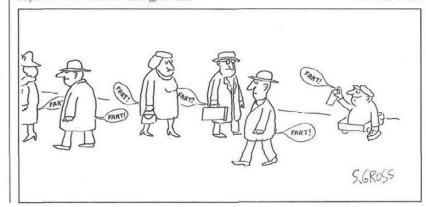
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Ho! Ho! You can't say that about my dog!

CROWD

Waaa! Waaa! Somebody stop him! Look out—he's got a harpoon! No, there has not been a murder in Amtrack's village in over two hundred years. However, maimings, beatings, and melees occur on an almost daily basis.

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Sirs:

I was in the hospital for two weeks, and you know what? I think some goddamn stupid intern switched bodies on me. I swear I'm in the wrong body. I never had a bald spot on the top of my head. And I sure as heck didn't have this small a penis, and I never had trouble getting it "up" before. Also, where the heck do you suppose all this fat around my waist came from?

What I'd like to know is, how often does this happen? How many of us aren't who we really are?

Frank Flagston Kansas City, Kan.

Sirs:

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Black People The Inner City

Sirs:

I guess the reason why the Lord put soft spots on babies' heads was so we could carry them five at a time.

Nurse Thomas Having Babies Floor Cleveland Community Clinic Cleveland, Ohio

Sirs:

Sense any make didn't "March the on News" the issue August your in. Problem dyslexia a have you could?

> Jones Arnie St. Elm 175 Pa., Pittsburgh

Sirs:

It's not so bad up here. I play cards with Karl Wallenda and Margaret Mead on Tuesdays and I lunch with Senator Humphrey on Saturday. I do miss my pipe, however. Somehow I got stuck in the nonsmoking section. The computer must be on the fritz.

Norman Rockwell Paradise Sirs:

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Catholic Girls Committee for Stuff You're Not Supposed to Read, or Watch, or Smoke Clinton, Ohio

Sirs:

My husband Milt and I have had our hair permed. We play tennis and racquetball. We've got an XJ-6 and a Bronco. We have oral and anal sex on a regular basis. I swallow and do deep throat. Milt vibrates me. We both masturbate and are free enough to do it in front of each other. Milt wears a bracelet and three gold neck chains. I have three pierces on my ears. Milt reads Penthouse and the 'Poon. I read Cosmo and Mode. We've seen Animal House three times, and we're going to get an illegal videotape for our home system. We howl over "Saturday Night Live," especially when Steve Martin is the host. Milt's in advertising and is working on a screenplay. I am going back to school for my MBA. But something's missing. What could it be? A home computer? A reservation on the space shuttle? A wok?

Laura Friedman Dalton, Tex.

Sirs:

A while back, one of you fellas left a sperm in me, and I'm writing to tell you that it's ready and it needs a check for Montessori school and a bike.

> Donna P.O. BOX 333320 New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

I'd like to talk to you guys as soon as possible about what your moms have been doing in their spare time.

Larry Flynt Cincinnati, Ohio

Sirs:

What do Jim Jones and Mean Joe Green have in common? They each have over 900 sacks!

> Larry Layton People's Temple San Francisco, Calif.

PS. Seriously, do think we're going to have trouble maintaining our taxexempt status?

Sirs:

I know how to solve all the trouble

over there in Iran. They need something new to worry about. I suggest we send them all of our unemployed black kids with their giant tape recorders. If those kids do to Iran what they've done to our downtown areas and our bus seats, those camel herders will forget all about who's torturing who.

Curtis L. Anthony 330 W. Signalroad Lane Maidenform, Mass.

Sirs:

You want to know what killed us? It's very simple. We were boring to read because we covered subjects that no one cares about, like endangered mud slugs and carcinogenic tub caulk. We were upset about the store clerk in Duluth who sneered when he waited on Jewish people. We were troubled by the fact that our vegetables were picked by people whose parents didn't go to graduate school. We'll say good-bye, but not farewell, because we'll be back. One day the world will open its eyes to the dangers of sitting too close to the automatic coffee maker, and we'll be there to write about it.

> New Times Magazine New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Don't talk to me I didn't vote any thirty-year-old dick-brain kid into the top office in Cleveland. I didn't vote in an administration loaded with free-loading dimbulbs and nineteen-year-old power brokers. I voted for the other guy.

Dennis Kucinich Cleveland, Ohio

Sirs

You want to know what's wrong with us? We're nuts! Just crazy, crazy, crazy. There's no reason why we run through the streets breaking things and yelling "Down with the Shah." We just do it.

The People of Iran

Sirs:

Taiwan is sort of like an old college friend who just doesn't fit in anymore. You know how it is when those guys come to visit. Nothing's changed. All they want to do is talk about the "good old days," and they don't have the same interests as you anymore and it just depresses you to be around them. It's the same thing with Taiwan. They're okay people, I guess, but who wants them around the White House?

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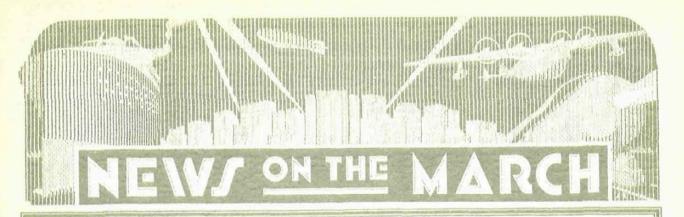
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Fast-paced Change in Post-Mao Era

CHINESE TO BUILD VEGAS-STYLE CASINOS



Officials in Peking have announced their intention to build gambling casinos in Communist China, and they intend to begin immediately.

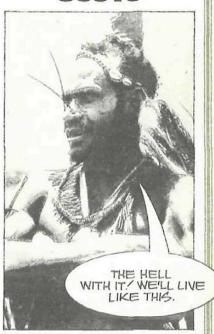
The first casino, a roulette emporium tentatively named the Great Wheel of China, has already booked a variety of big-name performers, including Wayne Newton, Sergio Franchi, and a spectacular 120-girl review from neighboring Cambodia called Les Folies des Cambodian Women of Little Winks 1979. Another casino, Computer-Computer, will entertain its patrons with a dazzling over-

head array of imported data processing equipment, operated by Japanese engineers. While waiting for the casinos to open, many public buildings have installed American slot machines, nicknamed by the gambling public Single-armed Capitalist-Roaders.

Some traditional leaders have expressed displeasure with the casino plan, but party leadership is firm in its decision to proceed. "We've been living like dogs for thirty years now," says Chinese Premier Hua, "and I think we deserve to blow it out for a while, don't you?"

OPEC Price Rise Is Hard Felt

EUROPEAN LIFE-STYLES AFFECTED BY SPIRALING ENERGY COSTS



Facing increasing pressures from rising oil prices, depleted natural resources, inflation, unemployment, and ecological concerns, the leaders of western Europe's industrialized nations have agreed to allow civilization to collapse in their countries. England, France, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Italy, and Spain will revert to the Stone Age on April 11, especially Italy and Spain. Switzerland, West Germany, and the Scandinavian countries are expected to follow suit shortly.

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Suspect Chicanery in American Exodus from Iran



Accusations have been leveled in the Iranian press that Americans fleeing that troubled nation may be engaged in smuggling operations.

According to Iranian news reports, Americans have been spotted leaving Teheran Airport with "outsized and oddshaped" parcels. "They claim these packages contain personal belongings," an airport security official said, "but when we open them we find huge drums of crude oil and big balloons full of natural gas."

One man, when stopped at the customs counter before boarding a U.S.-bound flight, was caught smuggling several American-financed oil refineries in his suitcase. He claimed they were "toys for my kid." Another man insisted that a tanker holding 52,000 barrels of crude oil was actually "my wife's skin care kit." The tanker had been painted with the logo of Estée Lauder to avoid detection.

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Nixon Consults, Offers Aid in Europe



Former President Richard Nixon's recent tour of Europe was undertaken to promote his services as an advisor to "unemployed" heads of state, a source close to the Nixon family has revealed. One client that he met with was the Shah

"The Shah should be asking himself

two questions," Mr. Nixon told reporters. "'After I leave office, how can I stay alive and out of jail? And, more importantly, how can I stay rich?' Obviously, no one is better qualified than I am to advise on these matters, and no is better qualified than he is to pay through the nose for my services."

Entire City Goes on Block

Cleveland, Ohio Up for Sale



In the wake of Cleveland's recent default, U.S. District Judge Lorenzo Weisberg has been appointed to supervise the city's dissolution and the sale of all its assets. Thirty-one-year-old nitwit Mayor Dennis Kucinich has submitted several plans to Weisberg, which he claims would preserve Cleveland's "traditional togetherness" and permit the sale of the city in toto. Kucinich proposes that the following potential purchasers be contacted:

- Walt Disney Productions, which might consider turning Cleveland into a new "Negro World" or "Welfare World" amusement park.
- Maine, Montana, or Alaska—states that lack decaying urban centers and hence have heretofore been ineligible for federal model cities funds.
- New York City, which, in Kucinich's words, "could always use our broken garbage trucks, potholes, and poor people as a sort of backup inventory in case they run out of theirs."

Judge Weisberg will delay making a decision on the Kucinich proposals until the mayor reaches puberty.

Recurring Carter Health Problem

President Suffers New Hemorrhoid Attack



Controversial Revelation

Meir and Bear One in the Same?



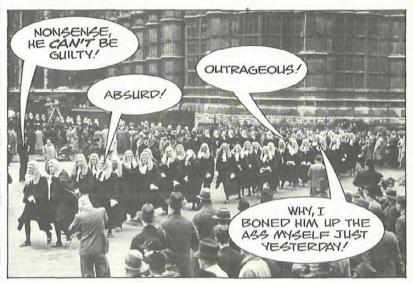
A startling disclosure has linked the recent death of ex-Israeli prime minister Golda Meir with the simultaneous retirement of ursine television personality Gentle Ben. Simon Blech, a nephew of the late Ms. Meir, claims that Ms. Meir in fact was Gentle Ben, and vice versa.

"The whole thing was a well-kept secret," Blech said, "but now that Aunt Golda is dead I see no harm in letting the truth be told. My aunt, she loved to act. When she had the time she'd fly to Hollywood and do TV shows. She picked the stage name Gentle Ben as a salute to her old friend Ben-Gurion."

When challenged for proof of this extraordinary story, Blech just shrugged. "You don't believe me, that's your business...but did you ever see the two of them together?"

"A Pack of Filthy Lies"

Peer Accused of Moral Behavior



Lord Cedram Harswell, once considered the most promising young member of Britain's hereditary House of Lords, has been accused of having a heterosexual affair, then attempting to hush the matter up.

At a preliminary enquiry last month, Harswell's alleged "woman friend" testified that the peer "took her to dinner several times" and later to a hotel, where "he made love to her."

At the conclusion of the enquiry, Mr. Reginald Damson-Plumb, a retired male model who shares a London flat with Lord Harswell, clung supportively to his lordship's arm and insisted he did not believe a single word of "that horrible gash's testimony." The jury disagreed, however, and bound Lord Harswell over for a trial before a jury of his fruitbar peers.



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A GERMAN SCIENTIST has proven that ants fall in love. A six-year study revealed that ants are capable of expressing affection and that they kiss and go out on dates with one another.

IRANIAN STUDENTS burned their shoes and hit each other on the head with bricks in protest of everything in the world, including themselves.

THE SUPREME COURT has handed down a ruling ordering U.S. Indian tribes to "shut up, bug off, get lost, and quit whining." The ruling stated further that all Indian treaties are illegal and void and that native American people have no legitimate claim to any U.S. land because "before we came here all they did was eat mud and talk with their hands." One justice remarked that he was pleased with the ruling and hoped it would end "two hundred years of Indian bellyaching." He added that if the Indians didn't like the ruling, "they could go back to Asia where they came from."

THE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE's (or "Jaycees") National Board of Directors has announced that that organization will continue to ban the membership of women and is considering a ban on the membership of humans. There are thought to be as many as a dozen human members of various Jaycee chapters across the country.

ROMANIA is still refusing to bow to the demands of fellow Warsaw Pact members to increase its defense spending. Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu has stated that he believes such spending increases are unnecessary because "who the hell would want to invade Romania?"

EXPLORER 1, the recent probe of the planet Venus, has revealed to the shock of the world's astronomers and space experts that that planet is not 25 million miles from earth and does not have a mean radius of 3,800 as was previously believed. The planet, it turns out, is just seventy miles away and is no larger than a two-car garage.

A MILITARY COUP in Bolivia has left fifteen admirals and generals wondering if they are in control of the government. Although they have a letter stating that they are, in fact, in control, they are still uncertain and have no way to tell if they are or not.

THE LATEST SUBSTANCE believed to cause cancer is cute girls, the National Institute for Cancer Research reports.

SWEDISH GEOLOGISTS have found a lost continent. The continent is South America, and it had been missing for three days before Dr. Ulf Luugen and his

team from the Stockholm Institute for the Earth Sciences found it in the southern hemisphere between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

FIFTY-FIVE CONGRESSMEN were involved in air crashes last month. No reason for the poor air safety record has been given, but one in three congressmen is involved in an air mishap everytime he flies, a congressional spokesman said.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR Jerry Brown has announced that "avocado" will become that state's official refrigerator color.

IN AN EFFORT TO CUT CRIME, Britain will nationalize criminal activity. There was an early indication that the government's plan may be succeeding, as London pickpockets reacted to the news by saying that they will strike unless they are given weekly salary and vacation privileges.

ROLLING STONES GUITARIST Keith Richard has had his drug possession sentence reduced from life to a promise to perform a concert for the deaf. Richard's lawyers will appeal.

THE NEW GENERATION OF JA-PANESE are taller and have more prominent breasts and beards. However, they are also dumb, sloppy, and refuse to work. American jeans are being blamed.

PRESIDENT CARTER has admitted that he doesn't know what the initials SALT stand for. Even though he and members of his staff are involved in the second round of SALT talks, the president refuses to let anyone tell him the meaning of the initials. "I want to figure it out myself," the president insists.

PANTS-WETTING among U.S. businessmen is on the rise. Last year nearly 65,000 accidents occurred in offices and boardrooms of U.S. corporations. Busier schedules and an interest in increased work efficiency is being blamed for the wet pants and chairs.

A STOLEN UNDERWEAR RING has been smashed in Louisville, Kentucky. The ring was stealing an estimated 500,000 pairs of underpants each year. The underwear came into a central warehouse in Louisville, where it was stripped of identifying labels, then broken down and resold for parts.

THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM may be abandoned if a proposal in the Congress garners enough support. Under a new plan, poor people would be mailed food every week. Breakfasts, lunches, and dinners would be planned by nutrition

experts, and twenty-one hot meals per person per week would be sent by surface mail. The new plan would reduce cheating by persons who buy cigarettes and liquor with food stamps, and it would insure that poor people received a varied and high-quality diet.

BIGGER SHOES for senior citizens have been urged by safety experts. Footwear that is at least twelve inches wide and fifteen to twenty inches long would hold the older person up and reduce the number of injuries caused by falls.

AN EAST COAST FIRM has introduced dog condoms. The latex sheaths fit over the penis of any dog and prevent the spread of canine VD, as well as provide birth control. There have been some complaints by dog owners that their pets experience a decline in sensation caused by the condoms.

A TREASURY DEPARTMENT task force has located nearly 3.2 billion dollars in lost money. The cash was found between auto seats, sofa cushions, and in sport coat pockets across the nation.

THE CHILDREN'S SLEEPWEAR MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION claims that many government regulatory agency employees do not meet current flammability standards. The association is calling for an extensive testing program wherein randomly selected federal agency staff members would be submitted to independent laboratory tests to determine their rate of burning and whether toxic fumes are produced by their combustion.

THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS has announced that poetry will be abolished as an art form. A spokesperson for the Endowment, which is the federal agency in charge of interstate creative self-expression, stated that the ruling will take effect sometime in early 1980.

THE SPECIAL ISSUE POSTAGE STAMP commemorating Robert E Kennedy's contribution to American life is soon to be followed by another stamp depicting RFK's brother Ted. The second Kennedy stamp was sponsored by a group of conservative Republican senators and will commemorate Teddy's drive off the bridge in Chappaquiddick.

THE ORGANIZATION OF PETRO-LEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES, which raised the price of crude oil by 14.5 percent last December, will now raise the prices of sugar, pork, and men's clothing. None of the OPEC nations produce sugar, pork, or men's clothing, but, "What the hey," says Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Mohammed Waffle Assfat.



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Former Cincinnati Reds superstar Pete Rose claims he was coerced into signing a multimillion-dollar contract with the Philadelphia Phillies.

"I was considering offers from various teams," the thirty-seven-year-old ex-free agent said, "when I get a call from Mayor Rizzo (of Philadelphia). He tells me that his baseball fan friends will be real put out if I sign with someone else. I tell him to go fuck himself. Next morning I wake up and find the bloody head of Sparky Anderson in bed with me."

Asked if he was fearful about making this disclosure, Rose replied, "They told me if I ever squealed they'd see that the first balls ever batted out of Yankee Stadium were mine. But I don't care. This is America and I want more money!"

Maniac Stalked Rockefeller Center

Silverman Arraigned in Savage Killings



NBC programming chief Fred Silverman has been arraigned on charges of killing seven network television shows in early December. The murders, described by one NBC executive as the "most brutal and cold-blooded in the history of the medium," surprised their victims in mid-season and left the prime-time schedule littered with their canceled corpses.

Several persons related to the dead programs were present at the arraignment, and all felt Silverman deserved the maximum penalty the law allowed. "They ought to give the bastard life opposite 'Laverne and Shirley,'" one exstory editor yelled as Silverman was led out of the courtroom.

The accused, through his attorney, entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity.

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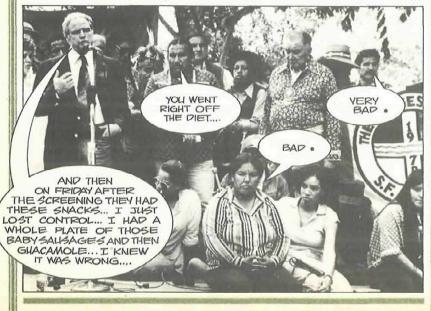
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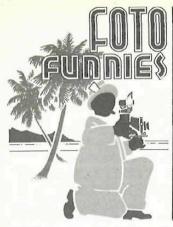
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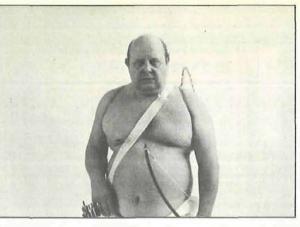
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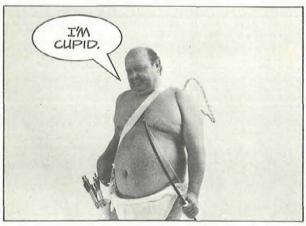
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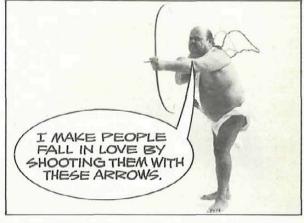






















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your social security, you may well hit bottom because there just won't be enough to support you. However, a good insurance plan will start filling the pool so you and your family will have enough to float around on comfortably for the rest of your lives.

You know, there's a story I tell people sometimes—it's a true story which despite its terribly unfortunate ending, makes the point far better than all of the cold logic and figures I could give you. This will only take a moment, if you'll please bear with me. I called on a family in my neighborhood a few years ago, just around Christmas time. The man of the house (Mr. Jones I'll call him) earned a good salary and provided a comfortable, secure home for his wife and children. I began to explain the benefits of several plans that were available to him, much the same as I'm doing right now with you, but Mr. Jones simply shook his head, saying those words I hear so often: "Tod, I just can't afford it right now." Mr. Jones claimed he had extra expenses during the holiday season, and suggested I call on him again at a later date. I replied, "Mr. Jones, 'can't afford' is the way we talk about *luxuries*. I'm talking about *necessities* like food, shelter, education, and income." I tried to emphasize that, God forbid, tomorrow might be too late, but Mr. Jones was adamant.

Well, I'm sure you can guess what happened. Mr. Jones suffered a serious heart attack several weeks later, and died shortly thereafter. He had no insurance. The family savings were nearly exhausted by the cost of the funeral alone. So, Mrs. Jones went to work. I want to tell you, this is the really tough side of the insurance business-the side that really hurts. I ran into Mr. Jones's widow last month in our office building. I was working late and spotted her in the hall mopping the floors. That's right, she was the cleaning lady. I asked her how she was getting along, and she said not so good. She said her son, who's just about college age now, had decided that he'd have to find a job this fall to help her make ends meet. Believe me, that woman would have given her last dime to keep her boy in school, but there just wasn't any money.

Do you know what she told me? The boy had come up to her late one night and said, "Say, Mom, do you remember the bicycle Dad got me the last Christmas he was alive? Well, there's another present a better dad would have gotten me instead."
"What's that?" Mrs. Jones asked. He replied, "That insurance policy Mr. Carroll had for him." You see, I can't help feeling just a little responsible. If only I would have tried a little harder, Mr. Jones's son might have gotten the gift he wanted. And that's why I'm taking all of this space in the magazine to go over this with you.

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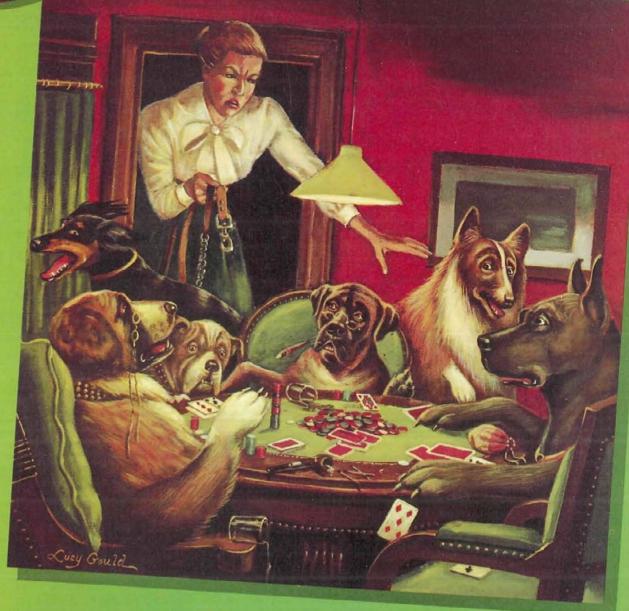
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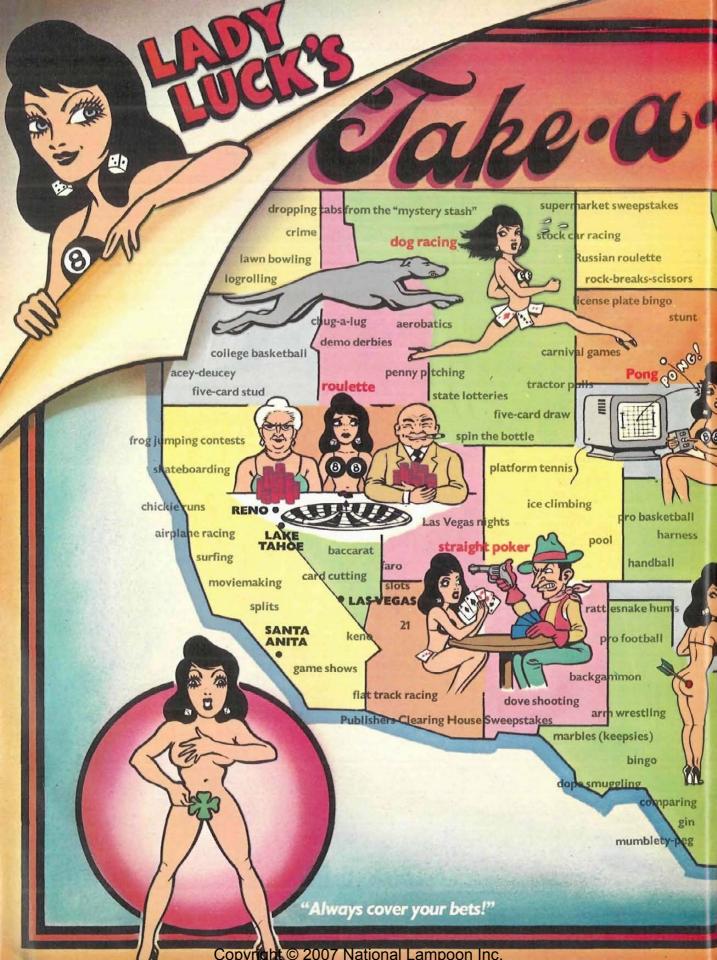
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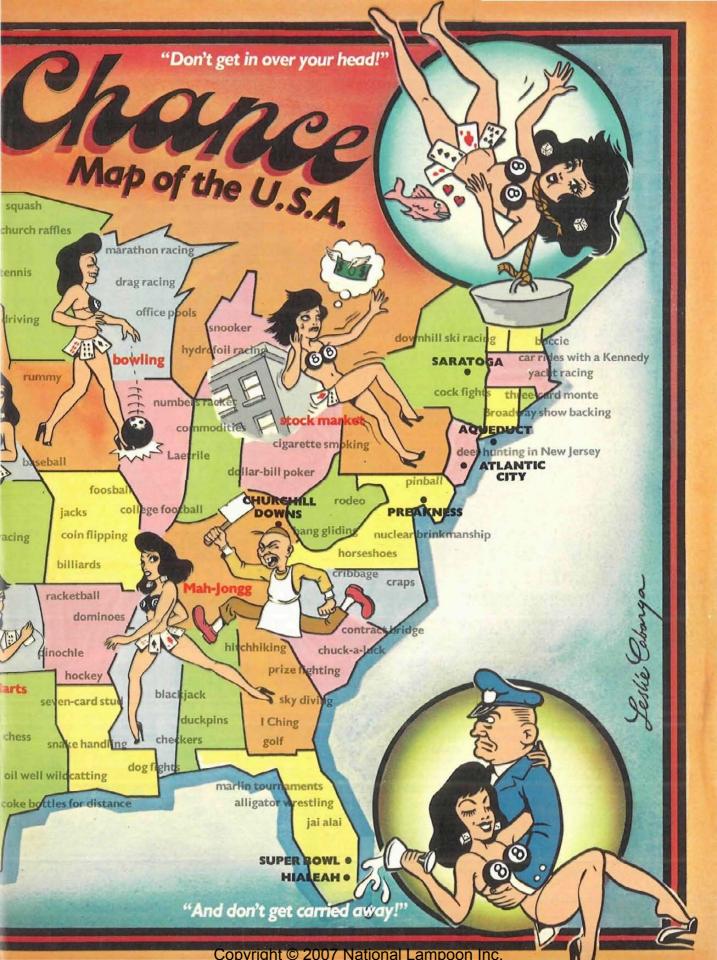


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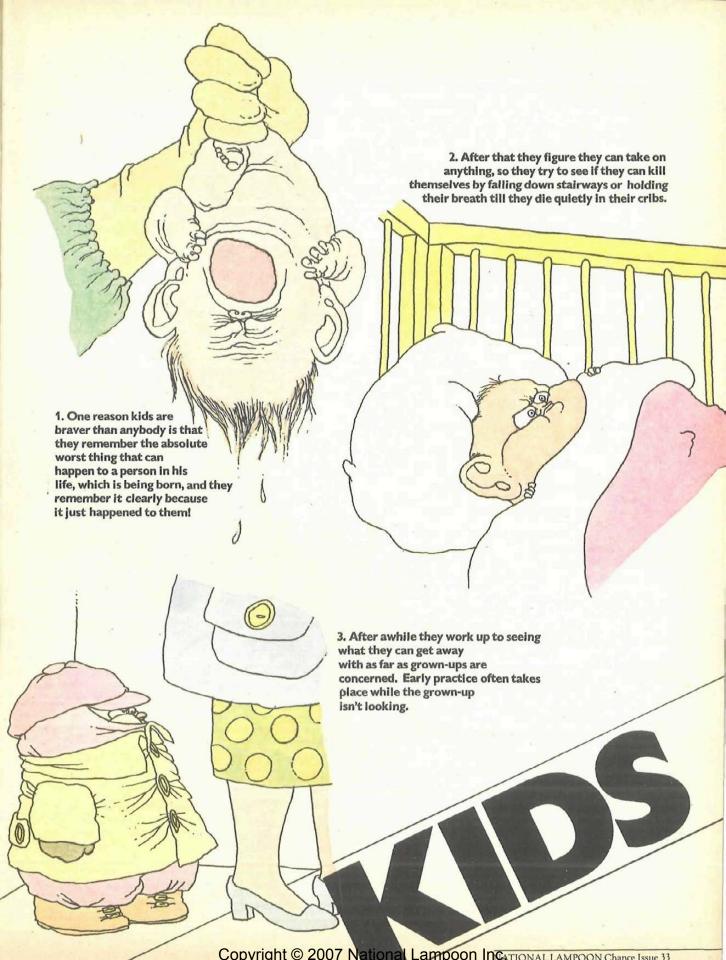
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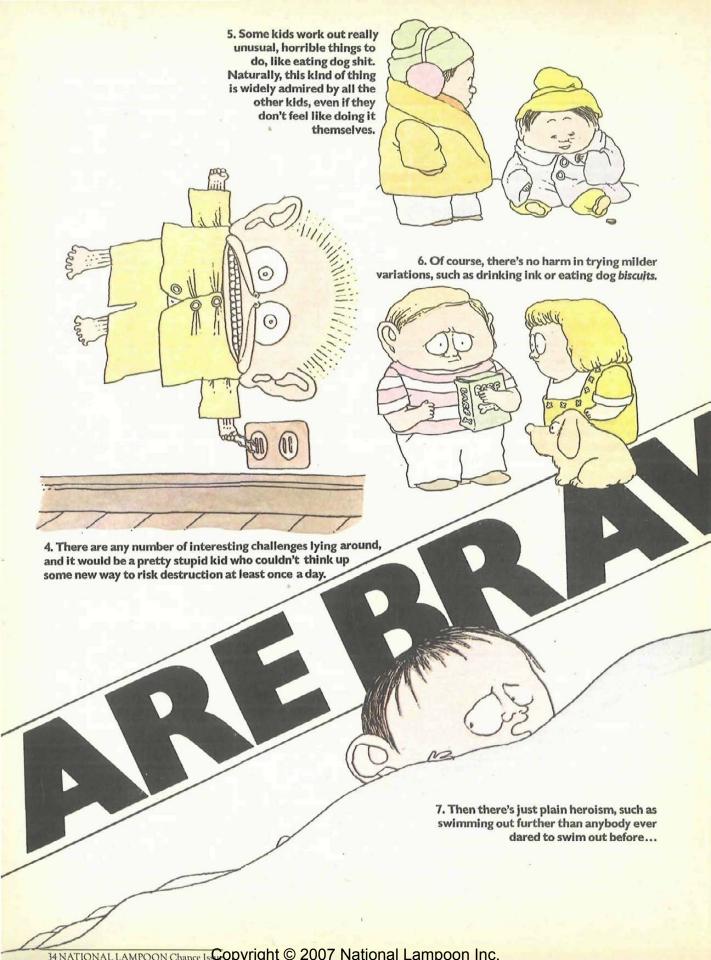
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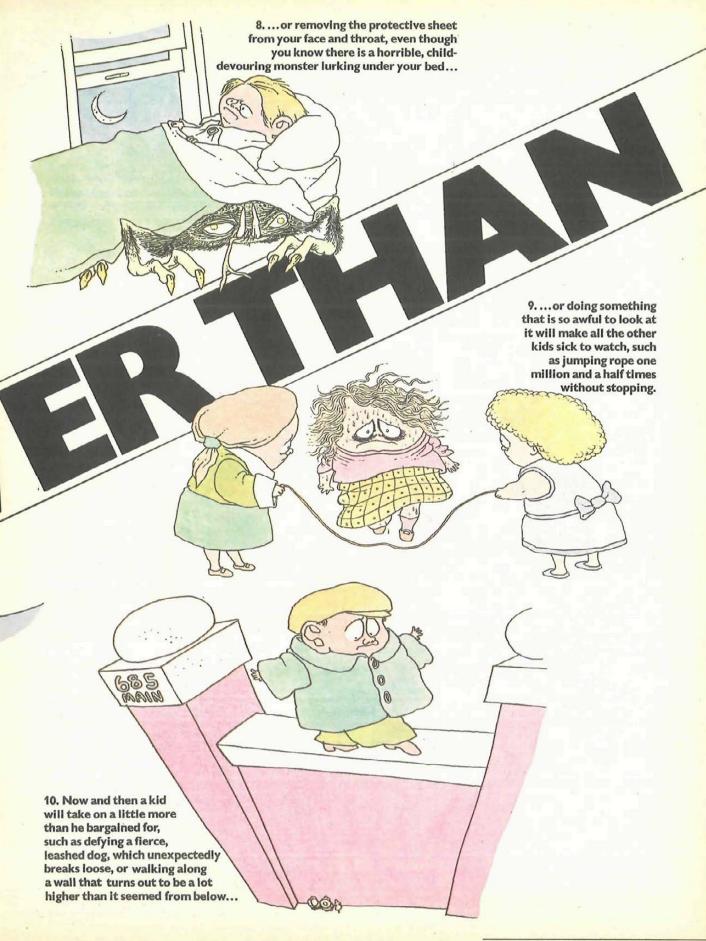
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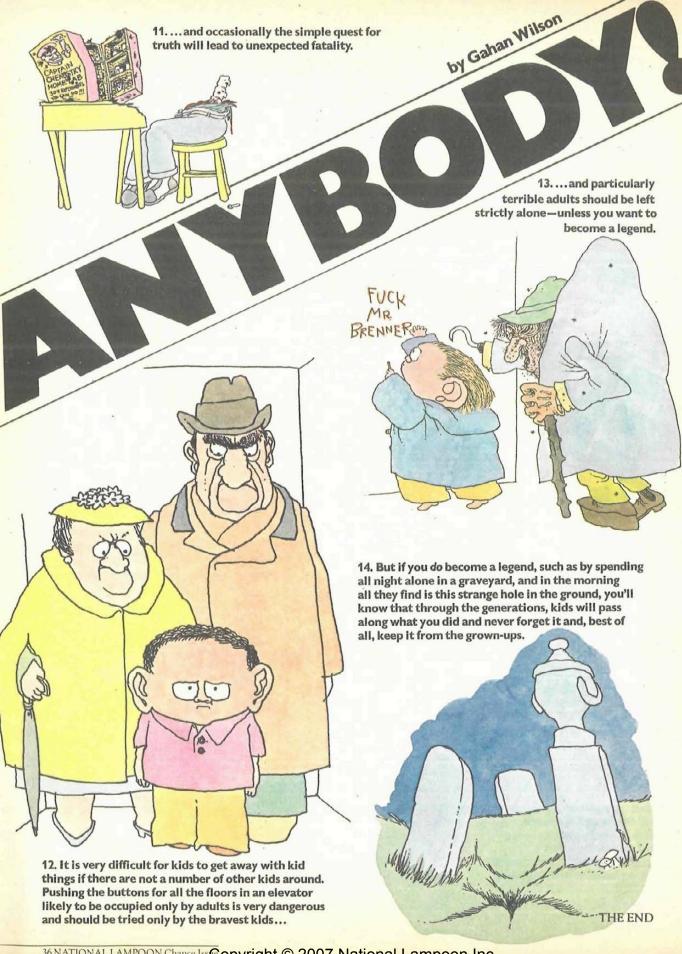


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Some squares are marked **BACK 1**. This means the player must go back to the preceding square. This costs money, and the player may disregard a **BACK 1** designation the second time he or she lands on it. A square that has a **CREDIT** or a **DEBIT** should be noted by the amount in the player's **CHECK REGISTER**. There are two **INTERESTING EXPERIENCE** squares and two **CUTE SHOP** squares. For \$100, a player may draw from the appropriate card pile in the center of the board. After the player has finished reading the card to the other players, he or she must return it to the bottom of the pile. **THE OBJECT OF THE GAME** is to have the most **FUN**. Each player rotes his or her trip to St. Moritz on the **LIFE SHEET**, giving it a score of **1** to **10**. The player who has the highest score is the winner, regardless of how much money has been spent.

PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

PLAYER 3

PLAYER 4









INTERESTING EXPERIENCE CARDS

CUTE SHOP CARDS

lost my credit card on the Costa del Sol once. Good thing I had plenty of cash or else I would have had to wire, and you know how confusing that can be.

INTERESTING

once met Yves Montand on a cruise. He was interested in everything—such a lovely man. A lovely, lovely man.

Right now I'm in this incredible gem boutique where they have happy Swiss jewelers in their native costumes who pack all of your purchases in little chocolate kettles. It's the absolute cutest shop I've ever seen.

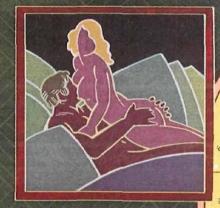
Right now I'm in this unbelievable London button shop where all they sell is rare, antique buttons. Can you believe it? It's called Button, Button, We've Got the Button! It's got to be the cutest little shop I've ever seen.

LIFE SHEET

CHECK REGISTER

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INTERESTING

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COSEMIN HER FRIEND'S BED. WALK BACK UP TO THE HOUSE NAKED.

(I GASHA) BEACH. TAKE OFF ALL YOUR CLOTHES ON THE

> (I GASHA) TAKE ANOTHER SWIM.

> > (AHEAD 1) WATCHTY

(F NOAB) OUT UNTIL TOMORROW. CALL TRAVEL AGENT, CAN'T GET A FLIGHT

(I DASHA) FILETS. SMORT MORE COKE; COOK UP A COUPLE

> (1 GASHA) HAVE MORE BLACK RUSSIANS.

> > (I GASHA) TAKE A DIP IN OCEAN.

(DEBIT \$4,800)

HER FRIEND'S PERSIAN RUG. ACCIDENTALLY SPILL BLACK RUSSIAN ON SNORT A WHOLE BLINCH OF COCKAVE

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GIRLASKS YOU IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOME COCAINE.





YOU GET ON YOUR YACHT WITH A SPECTACULAR, SYELTE FEMALE. (AHEAD 1)

FIX DRINKS AND LITTLE SANDWICHES FOR (AHEAD 1)

SHE RUNS OUT OF TANNING BUTTER; YOU LEND HER YOURS. (AHEAD 1)

CHILLY BREEZE COMES UP; YOU HAVE TO MOVE INTO CABIN. (BACK 1)

HAVE CONVERSATION; DISCOVER YOU

BOTH LIKE TO SKI.

DECORE S. INCOME. INCOME DE TOME SE COHOMETONACH YOUR CAREENT

CALL TRAVEL AGENT—TELL HIM TO HANDLE TRIP DETAILS.

(AHEAD 1)

C

PICK UP GIRL, STOP TO CHECK HER (AHEAD 1)

H

TIE RODS SHIMMY WHEN YOU GO OVER 120 KPH—MUST HAVE THEM CHECKED. (BACK 1)

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DISCOVER GIRL SPEAKS FRENCH, JUST LIKE

STOP AT MEN'S SHOP TO PICK UP ANOTHER PORTUGUESE SWEATER. YOU.

(AMEAD 1)

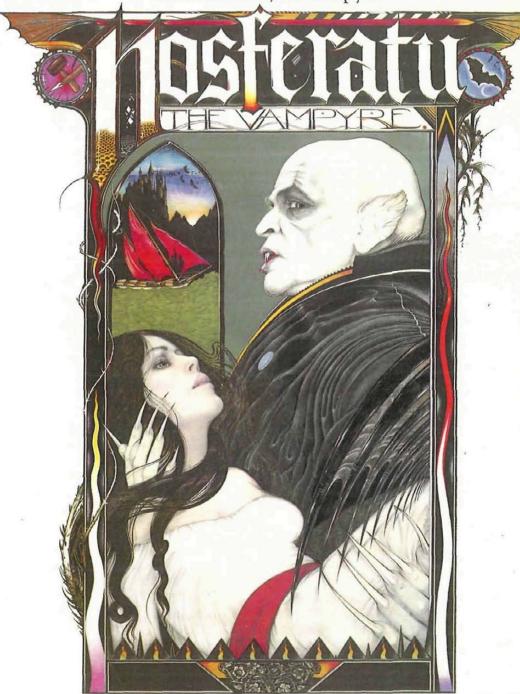
FIND A NUMBER OF OTHER OUTFITS YOU STOP AT BANK, WITHDRAW POCKET MONEY FOR TRIE (DEBIT \$5,000) UKE. (AHEAD 1)

EXPERIENCE



CALLS HER BEST FRIEND TO TELL HER ABOUT NEW LHASO APSOS, (AHEAD 1) GET ON PLANE, EAT TROUT, MAKE CONNECTION WITH CONCORDE TO PARIS. (AHEAD 1) GIRI, ADMIRES CUTE LHASO APSO DOGS AT PET SHOP NEXT DOOR, BUY THEM. (DEBIT \$900) TAKE A FINAL DIP IN THE OCEAN, SCREW, (AHEAD 1) PLANEIS FULL, CANTSIT NEXTTO THEM SLEEP, GET UP AT NOON THE NEXT DAY. (AHEAD 1) STEWARDESS IS LATE WITH DRINK CART. STOP AT TRAVEL AGENCY TO PICK UP RUN INTO OLD FRIENDS ON PLANE (DEBIT \$3,800) (AMEAD 1) (BACK 1) PLANE OVERTED TO LONDON, MUST PLANE LAND IN PARIS; HOTEL LIMO WAITS AT WRONG TERMINAL (BACK 1) HAVE DINNER AT FAMOUS RESTAURANT; CALL FRIEND FOR COCAINE. (AHEAD 1) COKE DELIVERED TO HOTEL ROOM; SNORT (DEBIT \$18,000) ORDER EXOTICS FROM ROOM SERVICE; FEED HALF TO DOGS. (BACK 1) SNORT MORE COKE; SCREW IN GREAT BIG BED WITH HUGE PILLOWS. (AHEAD 1) STAY UP ALL NIGHT AND CALL FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD (AHEAD 1) BUY CLOTHES, ORDER COGNAC, SLEEP, GET UP AT NOON NEXT DAY (AHEAD 1) HAVE CORDIALS, MEET FAMOUS FRENCH PERSONALITIES, (AMEAD 1) FIND MICE DANIMER LITHOCRAPH FOR PORSCHE YOU WANTED: TAKE MERCEDES. CUTE SHOW CARD DRAW INTERESTING EXPERIENCE CARD. CHECK IN AT STORYBOOK-TYPE SKI PHOTOS, EAT CHEESE, DRINK WINE. (AHEAD 1) (AMEAD 1) (BACK 1) (AMEAD 1) HAVEMORE WINE AND CHEESE (AHEAD 1) SKI SOME MORE. (AHEAD 1) DANCE AT DISCO CLUB, DRINK HOT (AHEAD 1) HAVE SMALL GETTO GETHER WITH OTHER GUESTS, EXCHANGE TRAVEL STORIES (AHEAD 1) HAMERINAN WITH SHEET FREEDY TON HAVE SOME HORE CHESS IND WINE

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Unchained Helodrama The true story of a man who broke a chain letter

by Milo Kush as told to Gerry Sussman and Len Glasser



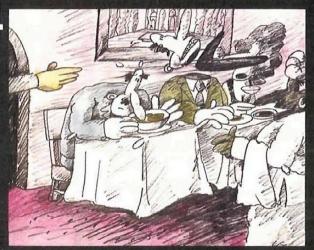
t all started innocently enough. I was opening my mail one morning and got one of those chain letters. You know the kind—very long, single-spaced, with a lot of instructions on how to keep the chain going. Something about continuing the Great Circle of Zoki. Great riches await me if I do this and that. If I don't continue the circle I'll be cursed for life. Sure, And I better watch out for black cats and not walk under any ladders, I said to myself.

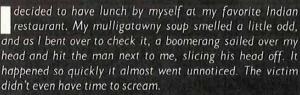
o sooner had I gone to the bathroom to complete my morning toilette when I was attacked by a gigantic snake, a boa constrictor. With all the strength I had, I managed to wrestle out of its viselike grip, grab some clothes, and run out of the house. I've heard of alligators living in sewers, but a snake in my bathroom? Must be my crazy kids' idea of a joke.

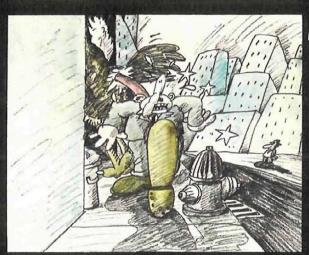
t 11:15 my secretary. Estelle, happened to walk past my desk and answered my phone. "It's for you," she said. And before she had a chance to hand me the phone, she was killed by a poisoned dart that came right out of the earpiece. Was that dart intended for me?











s I walked back to the office I thought of who would want to kill me. I had no enemies. True, my wife ran away with an espresso machine repairman, but she wouldn't kill me. My teen-age kids are pretty weird, but not that weird. What about Henderson? Henderson was a young, hungry kid who was pushing for my job at the office. Impossible. He wouldn't kill me for it. Of course, I couldn't believe what was right in front of my nose—that I had broken the Great Circle of Zoki and I was cursed. So I had no way of being prepared for what happened next: I was bitten by a runaway ostrich and rushed to the hospital for emergency rabies treatment.

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he moment I entered the hospital my nightmare began. The hospital officials mistook me for someone else. I was given a knockout injection and sent to the brain surgery room. I later learned that brain operations have become routine affairs. In fact, Dr. Eugene Gregan, who performed the operation on me, was a chain-smoker and he was dying for a cigarette. Right in the middle of the operation he lit one up, and it accidentally triggered off the sprinkler system. Before anyone could stop it. I had water on the brain. They wiped my brain dry, but evidently you can't get a brain wet without causing a little damage. When they sewed me up the damage was done. I lost my memory. I was an amnesiac.

wandered around like a lost child, walking through unfamiliar streets where voluptuous women in heavy make-up beckoned me from doorways alleys, and open windows. One of these women pulled me into her room and made me have sexual intercourse with her. I was powerless to offer any resistance. I fell asleep afterward, and when I awoke I discovered that my body had been transformed. The woman's accomplice, a man she called Fernando, had injected me with a serum that turned me into a half manhalf chicken. Fernando and the woman seduced helpless souls like me and changed them into freaks, so they could be sold to circuses for a handsome profit. I was going to be packed in a crate and shipped to a carnival in Libya.







The jungle was difficult. Many animals kept attacking the lower part of my body. But then I was found by a native who also thought me amusing to play with.

When he tired of me he sold me down the river to a slave

was put on a freighter that was going around the world and would take months to get to Libya. In a stopover in Brazil I was stolen and taken to a palatial villa in the heart of the Amazon jungle, where a prominent Nazi war criminal was hiding. The Nazi was an advanced sex pervert who thrived on freaks, odd transplants like myself. When he saw me he was so overcome with lust that he took me on the spot and died of a heart attack in mid-orgasm.

When he tired of me he sold me down the river to a slave trader in Bombay In Bombay I escaped from my crate I was free at last. But I might as well have been dead. A half man-half chicken—penniless, starving, more destitute than the lowest Indian beggar, I devised a "chicken song and dance" routine to earn a few jupees and stay alive. One day, a man came to me with a note. It said, "Go to the Child God. You have come the full circle"

he Child God knew who I was and what had happened to me. He sprinkled some kind of liquid over me and I was cured. And my memory was returning. The Child God must be Zoki. And now Zoki himself was lifting the curse. I was overjoyed. I fell to my knees in gratitude, and said I would gladly write a new chain letter for him.

oki wasn't finished with me, however. As a final punishment, he demanded a human sacrifice, a piece of my body. Quickly, one of his disciples opened my stomach and reached in and pulled out my gall bladder, in the manner of the Filipino healers.







know that there are thousands of people like me imprisoned in government facilities, people who've been cursed because they foolishly neglected to answer a chain letter. I want the whole world to sit up and take notice of our plight and come to our aid. That is why I am writing

my story. The head of the institution has even given me my

own little mailbox so I can send my manuscript to a

and uddenly, the Child God's temple crumbled to bits. An earthquake had started. It caused a tremendous flood, and the waters swept me far away until I landed in the Indian Ocean. This time, I was picked up by an American submarine, a CIA intelligence gathering craft. Despite my protests they thought I was a spy and gave me an injection of truth serum. My memory returned completely and I told them the entire story. They didn't believe a word of it. They thought I was certifiably insane and sent me to a secret government mental institution in Oneonta, New York.

Epilogue

publisher.

On January 12, 1979, Milo Kush escaped from the government institution in Oneonta and offered his manuscript to a prominent New York publisher. It was bought for a sizable sum and was also sold to Hollywood, where it will be made into a major motion picture. Kush's wife and children have made a dramatic reconciliation, and they are all living in Los Angeles, where he is currently working on the sequel to the film.

The editors of the National Lampoon hope that the publication of this story will awaken the heads of state all over the world to the inhuman conditions suffered by people incarcerated in government institutions - people who made the same mistake as Milo Kush, but still remain imprisoned, with little chance of release.

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by John Hughes - Colonial Col

The Poor Sportsman's Alternative to Fair Play

The General Rules of Cheating

- 1. Always volunteer to keep score.
- 2. Always go first and then confuse the order so that you also go
- 3. If you should happen to lose, never pay off any bets connected with the contest. If you pay off on one bet, you'll have to pay off on another.
- 4. Treat all people equally. It doesn't pay to be selective in who you cheat on. If you cheat your little boy or girl, cheat your wife

- and grandmother, too. Cheat everyone or cheat no one.
- 5. No one likes to think of anyone as a cheat. Even if you're a sloppy pig of a cheat, they'll think you forgetful, vaporish, or knuckleheaded before they think you a cheater.
- Always make new rules. If you alter the rules at the beginning, you make it easier to alter the rules in the middle and at the end.
 If you are accused of cheating,
- counter with an accusation of your own. At worst you will deadlock; at best they'll agree to a rematch and you'll get a second chance to cheat, except this time you'll be more careful.
- 8. Cheat an old person before a young person, a Negro before a white, a woman before a man, a pauper before a tycoon. Never cheat an Italian or a cop.
- 9. You can't cheat a dog.
- 10. You can't cheat a Jew.

Cheating Your Aunt at Penny Ante Poker

Let her win the first hand. That way you won't go to hell. Then, since her eyes are cloudy with cataracts and she's got the reflexes of a two-toed sloth, she's a cookie waiting for the bite. Deal her the worst cards in the deck, deal yourself a dozen and a half cards. If she wants you to hit her twice, hit her once. By the time she gets the cards up to her face, she will have forgotten how many cards she asked for in the first place. If all you want is her pocket money, get yourself one good hand, hold it, and replay it over and over. If you're a real son-of-a-snake, let her win a few hands-then raise the stakes and lower the boom.



Cheating at Horse

In this driveway basketball classic, each player receives a letter for each basket he fails to make until he has missed enough shots to spell out the word horse, at which time he is out of the game. The dodge here is change the name of the game to pig if your opponent misses three baskets before you miss five. If that doesn't happen and you spell out all five letters, claim that you were playing centipede, and continue playing. If you are playing exceptionally bad and extra turns won't help, kick the ball up on the roof and declare the game a draw. (Be sure you stick the ball behind the backboard because it's almost impossible to stick a basketball in a gutter.)

The Circle Jerk Scam

Since whacking off in a room full of assholes isn't exactly "erotic," everyone in the circle is going to have to whack a little harder and a little longer. You, of course, will sneak into a john just before game time and take the little picture of the bush you clipped out of Oui from its hiding place in your sock and "prime the pump"; when you get into the room the vision of the mound is fresh on your mind and in a squeeze or two you're the winner. If for some reason you can't get into the john, you can prevent a victory by holding up the other guys. Ask them about their mothers and grandmothers and sisters and pastors or priests.

ANY OF YOU GUYS EVER SEE YOUR GRANDMOTHER NAKED? JESUS, IS IT A SIGHT!

Paycheck Poker

Pardon me, but if you play this game fair and square you are a dick-brain. The game is simple enough: you play the serial numbers on your paycheck like a poker hand. If you lose, you lose your check. It's risky and the stakes are high, especially if you have a wife, some kids, and a mortgage payment to make. Start watching your paycheck numbers and wait until you get a good hand; then and only then, enter the game. If you buy the comptrollers' secretary a photo cube for her desk or a snake plant, she'll gladly give you

a supply of fresh paycheck envelopes. All you do is slip the ringer check in the envelope every week until it wears out. Caution: since you'll literally be taking the food out of the mouths of children, you have to be discreet. Don't rack up fifteen straight victories. Take some of your winnings and lose once in awhile. However, if you're in a management position and play with your subordinates, you needn't cover yourself too well. Unless they have an outside income, they'll never have the balls to challenge you.

The Switch Bet

People are so eager to win they will very often leap into a bet without even considering it. Try this next time your lawn needs a clipping. Bet your teen-age son that he's not strong enough to mow a whole lawn in half an hour. Be sure and slip out just before he finishes so that you won't be home to verify that he did it. He will insist that he completed the task, but you tell him that since you didn't see it you have to assume that he didn't do it. Be a sport and offer him another bet: can he clean the eaves and sweep up the garage in an hour? If your kid takes after your wife's side of the family, you can run this thing all weekend.

Cheating People from Other Countries

The easiest bet in the universe is any bet with a foreigner.

You: I'll bet you that you don't have a nickle in your pocket.

Man from Malaysia: Oh, how much you will bet for?

You: Fifty bucks, U.S.

Man from Malaysia: Here's fifty dollars and here nickle is. I win bet; pay me please fifty dollars.

You: What the fuck do you know? See you at the noodle factory!

Man from Malaysia: That is my money! Give it to me, come back at once!

Cheating the Supermarket Games

Without going to a lower order of animal, you can't find a dumber thing than a teen-age girl working part-time in a grocery store. If you walk up to one and tell her that you want to buy wheelchairs for blind kids and the only way to get the dough is to win the weekly supermarket bingo game, she'll roll over like a refugee boat. She'll load you up with so many free bingo chips you'll have to rent a U-Haul.



Prevail upon your secretary to open the bingo chips and keep track of your winners.



The Old Maid card on the right has been marked. The card on the left is untouched. You will note a subtle break in the pattern. If you mark the Old Maid in your child's deck, you will be able to secure a rapid victory every time out and, if you choose, recoup the money you give out in allowances.

Beating the State Lotteries

Call your state lottery office and claim that your house is a drugstore, and tell them that you want to sell lottery tickets. When your tickets arrive, head down to the dentist's office. Insert an instant winner lottery card in either side of your mouth and ask for an X-ray. Continue until you have Xrayed the entire supply of cards. Read the X-rays for the winning numbers. Turn those cards in and sell the ones that won't win. Be aware, however, that the chances of your contracting lottery cancer double.

The Sports Cheater

Dispute everything; claim that everything hit, kicked, swatted, booted, thrown, or slid is foul, short, long, or anything but what it is. Complain about your opponent's equipment, his tactics, his looks, the amount of noise he makes when he plays. Bitch about how your shoes are too tight, the sun's in your eyes, your dick hurts, your clubs, racquet, bat, stick, oar, flipper, paddle, or cap has been tampered with. This should distract him enough to throw his game out of whack.

Board Game Cheats in Brief

Chess: If you get into trouble, upset the board and relocate your pieces.

Checkers: Apply a small amount of rubber cement to your palm. When you move a piece of your own, press your palm down on one of your opponent's pieces and return it to your "capture" pile.



Monopoly: Miscount moves, refuse to pay rents, set yourself up with credit, make deals that are so complicated everyone will lose track, play a second piece, make yourself banker and embezzle funds.

Backgammon: Throw a drink in your opponent's face. Rearrange the pieces.



Clue: Peek at the card in the envelope.

Master Mind: Hit your opponent with a chair and win by forfeiture.

Five Rules for Operating a Successful Sports Pool

- 1. Make at least one third of the squares impossible bets (Denver over Seattle by 100, Yankees in nine games over the St. Louis Browns, etc.). Sell these to the broads in the office.
- 2. Sell your squares for one dollar. A buck never hurts. Even the slopehead in the mailroom has a buck to throw your way.
- 3. Whenever possible, pay the winner in chances on squares for the following weeks. The odds of him winning a second pool is about as good as getting a hand job at a funeral.
- 4. Never sell the squares that have a chance of winning (Dallas over Chicago by twenty-one). Claim that these are already sold. It will cut into your gross earnings, but it will also avert a large payout.

 5. Tell any winner that you accidentally sold the same square you sold him to "that poor gal in accounting whose husband and sister died a couple of weeks ago." If he doesn't offer to do-

nate his winnings to her, he's a real

The Father Rule

prick.

"At any given time during the course of a game, sporting match, bet, or contest, a father may terminate that event and declare himself winner and champion of the house. He is not required to make a disclosure of his reasons for that action. He may claim as his, any and all stakes or purses. The rule may be invoked at the discretion of the father without limitation. The father may alter the rules of any game, sport, or contest as he sees fit, and may apply special conditions that will affect the performance of his opponents to his benefit. No father shall be required to handicap his efforts to equalize contests with younger children. No mother shall interfere with the invoking of the father rule under threat of penalty of not less than no car for a week, and not to exceed wearing last year's winter coat this winter."

How to Drive Fast on D Wing-Wang Squeezed a

hen it comes to taking chánces, some people like to play poker or shoot dice; other people prefer to parachute jump, go rhino hunting, or climb ice floes, while still others engage in crime or marriage. But I like to get drunk and drive like a fool. Name me, if you can, a better feeling than the one you get when. you're half a bottle of Chivas in the bag with a gram of coke up your nose, and a teen-age lovely pulling off her tube top in the next seat over while you're going a hundred miles an hour down a suburban side street. You'd have to watch the entire Mexican air force crash-land in a liquid petroleum gas storage facility to match this kind of thrill. If you ever have much more fun than that, you'll die of pure sensory overload, I'm here to tell you.

But wait. Let's pause and analyze why this particular matrix of activities is perceived as so highly enjoyable. I mean, aside from the teen-age lovely

that for a moment (despite these perfect little cone-shaped breasts that stand right up from her chest and end in a pair of eager hot pink lust-hardened nipples as thick as your thumbs), let's look at the psychological factors conducive to placing positive emotional values on the sensory end product of experientially produced excitation of the central nervous system and smacking into a lamppost. Is that any way to have fun? How would your mother feel if she knew you were doing this? She'd cry. She really would. And that's how you know it's fun. Anything that makes your mother cry is fun. Sigmund Freud wrote all about this. It's a well-known fact.

Of course, it's a shame to waste young lives behaving this way—speeding around all tanked up with your feet hooked in the steering wheel while your date crawls around on the floor mats opening zippers with her teeth and pounding on

accelerator with an empty liquor bottle. But it wouldn't be taking a chance if you weren't risking something. And even if it is a shame to waste young lives behaving this way, it is definitely cool er than risking old lives behaving this way. I mean, so what if some fiftyeight-year-old butt-head gets a load on and starts playing Death Race 2000 in the rush-hour traffic jam? What kind of chance is he taking? He's just waiting around to see what kind of cancer he gets anyway. But if young, talented you, with all of life's possibilities at your fingertips, you and the future Cheryl Tiegs there, so fresh, so beautiful-if the two of you stake your handsome heads on a single roll of the dice in life's game of stop-the-semi-now that's taking chances! Which is why old people rarely risk their lives. It's not because they're chicken-they just have too much dignity to play for small stakes.



rugs While Getting Your nd Not Spill Your Drink

by P. J. O'Rourke, Technical Consultant: Joe Schenkman

Now a lot of people say to me, "Hey, P.J., you like to drive fast. Why not join a responsible organization, such as the Sports Car Club of America, and enjoy participation in sports car racing? That way you could drive as fast as you wish while still engaging in a well-regulated spectator sport that is becoming more popular each year." No thanks. In the first place, if you ask me, those guys are a bunch of tweedy old barf mats who like to talk about things like what necktie they wore to Alberto Ascari's funeral. And in the second place, they won't let me drive drunk. They expect me to go out there and smash into things and roll over on the roof and catch fire and burn to death when I'm sober. They must think I'm crazy. That stuff scares me. I have to get completely fuck-faced to even think about driving fast. How can you have a lot of exciting thrills when you're so terrified that you wet yourself all That's not fun. It's just

not fun to have exciting thrills when you're scared. Take the heroes of the *Iliad*, for instance—they really had some exciting thrills, and were they scared? No. They were drunk. Every chance they could get. And so am I, and I'm not going out there and have a horrible car wreck until somebody brings me a cocktail.

Also, it's important to be drunk because being drunk keeps your body all loose, and that way, if you have an accident or anything, you'll sort of roll with the punches and not get banged up so bad. For example, there was this guy I heard about who was really drunk and was driving through the Adirondacks. He got sideswiped by a bus and went head-on into another car, which knocked him off a bridge. and he plummeted 150 feet into a ravine. I mean, it killed him and everything, but if he hadn't been so drunk and loose, his body probably would have been

a lot worse—and you can imagine how much more upset his wife would have been when she went down to the morgue to identify him if he'd been twisted up and smashed to pieces and covered in bloody gore.

Even more important than being drunk, however, is having the right car. You have to get a car that handles really well. This is extremely important, and there's a lot of debate on this subject-about what kind of car handles best. Some say a front-engined car; some say a rear-engined car. I say a rented car. Nothing handles better than a rented car. You can go faster, turn corners sharper, and put the transmission into reverse while going forward at a higher rate of speed in a rented car than in any other kind. You can also park without looking, and can use the trunk as an ice chest. Another thing about a rented car is that it's an all-terrain vehicle. Mud, snow, water, woods-you_can take a rented car any where.



banged up

True, you can't always get it back but that's not your problem, is it?

Yet there's more to a really goodhandling car than just making sure it doesn't belong to you. It has to be big. It's really hard for a girl to get her clothes off inside a small car, and this is one of the most important features of car handling. Also, what kind of drugs does it have in it? Most people like to drive on speed or cocaine with plenty of whiskey mixed in. This gives you the confidence you want and the need for plowing through red lights and passing trucks on the right. But don't neglect downs and 'ludes and codeine cough syrup either. It's hard to beat the heavy depressants for high speed spin-outs, backing into trees, and a general feeling of not giving two fucks about man and his universe. Try a little heroin. Sometimes it makes you throw up, but if you haven't used all the ice in the trunk, you can spread some around on the back seat floor and that way when you forget whether you're in England or not and can't remember which side of the car you're on, you can just puke over your shoulder and the ice will keep the smell down, if you still care. Plus, some of the cubes will slide under the front seat and you can grab them and use them on the girl (which is really a kick in case you've never tried it).

Over all, though, it's the bigness of the car that counts the most. Because when something bad happens in a really big car—accidentally speeding through the middle of a gang of unruly young people who have been taunting you in a drive-in restaurant, for instance—it happens very far away—way out at the end of your

fenders. It's like a civil war in Africa; you know, it doesn't really concern you too much. On the other hand, when something happens in a little bitty car it happens all over. You get all involved in it and have to give everything a lot of thought. Driving around in a little bitty car is like being one of those sensitive girls who writes poetry. Life is just too much to bear. You end up staying at home in your bedroom and thinking up sonnets that don't get published till you die, which will be real soon if you keep driving around in little bitty cars like that.

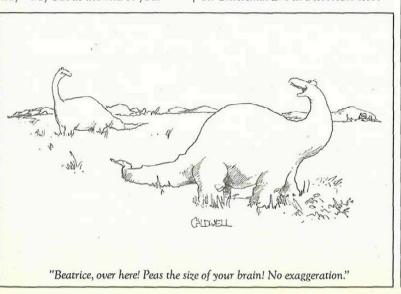
et's inspect some of the basic maneuvers of drunken driving while you've got crazy girls who are on drugs with you. Look for these signs when picking up crazy girls: pierced ears with five or six earrings in them, unusual shoes, white lipstick, extreme thinness, hair that's less than an inch long, or clothing made of chrome and leather. Stay away from girls who cry a lot or who look like they get pregnant easily or have careers. They may want to do weird stuff in cars, but only in the back seat, and that's already filled with ice and has throw-up all over it and, anyway, it's really hard to steer from back there. Besides, they'll want to get engaged right away afterwards. But the other kind of girls-there's no telling what they'll do. I used to know this girl who weighed about eighty pounds and dressed in skirts that didn't even cover her underwear, when she wore any. I had this beat-up old Mercedes, and we were off someplace about fifty miles from nowhere on Christmas Eve in a horrible sleet

storm. The road was really a mess, all curves and big ditches, and I was blotto, and the car kept slipping off the pavement and sliding sideways. And just when I'd hit a big patch of glare ice and was frantically spinning the wheel trying to stay out of the oncoming traffic, she said, "I shaved my pussy today—wanna feel?"

That's really true. And then, about half an hour later the head gasket blew up, and we had to spend I don't know how long in this dirtball motel, although the girl walked all the way to the liquor store through about a mile of slush and got all kinds of wine and did weird stuff with the bottle necks later. So it was sort of O.K., except that the garage where I left the Mercedes burned down and I used the insurance money to buy a motorcycle.

Now, girls who like motorcycles really will do anything. I mean, really, anything you can think of. But it's just not the same. For one thing, it's hard to drink while you're riding a motorcycle-there's no place to set your glass. And cocaine's out of the question. And personally, I find that grass makes me too sensitive. You smoke some grass and the first thing you know you're pulling over to the side of the road and taking a break to dig the gentle beauty of the sky's vast panorama, the slow, luxurious interplay of sun and clouds, the lulling trill of breezes midst leafy tree branchesand what kind of fun is that? Besides, it's tough to "get it on" with a chick (I mean in the biblical sense) and still make all the fast curves unless you let her take the handlebars with her pants off and come on Greek style or something, which is harder than it sounds; and pantless girls on motorcycles attract the highway patrol, so usually you don't end up doing anything until you're both off the bike, and by then you may be in the hospital. Like I was after this old lady who pulled out in front of me in an Oldsmobile, and the girl I was with still wanted to do anything you can think of, but there was a doctor there and he was squirting pHisoHex all over me and combing little bits of gravel out of my face with a wire brush, and I just couldn't get into it. So, take it from me and don't get a motorcycle. Get a big car.

Usually, most fast driving maneuvers that don't require crazy girls call for use of the steering wheel, so be sure your car is equipped with power steering. Without power steering, turning the wheel is a lot like work,



and if you wanted work you'd get a job. All steering should be done with the index finger. Then, when you're done doing all the steering that you want to do, just pull your finger out of there and the wheel will come right back to wherever it wants to. It's that simple. Be sure to do an extra lot of steering when going into a driveway or turning sharp corners. And here's another important tip: always roll the window down before throwing bottles out, and don't try to throw them through the windshield unless the car is parked.

O.K., now say you've been on a six-day drunk and you've just made a bet that you can back up all the way to Cleveland, plus you've got a buddy who's getting a blow job on the trunk lid. Well, let's face it— if that's the way you're going to act, sooner or later you'll have an accident. This much is true. But that doesn't mean that you should sit back and just let accidents happen to you. No, you have to go out and cause them yourself. That way you're in control of the situation.

You know, it's a shame, but a lot of people have the wrong idea about accidents. For one thing, they don't hurt nearly as much as you'd think. That's because you're in shock and can't feel pain or, if you aren't in shock, you're dead, and that doesn't hurt at all so far as we know. Another thing is that they make great stories. I've got this friend—a prominent man in the automotive industry—who flipped his MG TF back in the fifties and slid on his head for a couple hundred yards, and had to spend a year with no eyelids and a steel pin through his cheekbones while his face was being rebuilt. Sure, it wasn't much fun at the time, but you should hear him tell about it now-what a fabulous tale, especially at dinner. Besides, it's not all smashing glass and spurting blood, you understand. Why, a good sideswipe can be an almost religious experience. The sheet metal doesn't break or crunch or anything-it flexes and gives way as the two vehicles come together, with a rushing liquid pulse as if two giant sharks of steel were mating in the perpetual night of the sea primordial. I mean, if you're on enough drugs. Also, sometimes you see a lot of really pretty lights in your head.

One sure way to cause an accident is with your basic "moonshiner's" or "bootlegger's" turn. Whiz down the road at about sixty or seventy, throw the gearshift into neutral, cut the

wheel to the left, and hit the emergency brake with one good wallop while holding the brake release out with your left hand. This'll send you spinning around in a perfect 180° turn right into a culvert or a fastmoving tractor-trailer rig. (The bootlegger's turn can be done on dry pavement, but it works best on loose gravel or small children.) Or, when you've moved around backwards, you can then spin the wheel to the right and keep on going until you've come around a full 360° and are headed back the same way you were going; though it probably would have been easier to have just kept going that way in the first place and not have done anything at all, unless you were with somebody you really wanted to impress-your probation officer, for instance.

An old friend of mine named Joe Schenkman happens to have just written me a letter about another thing you can do to wreck a car. Joe's on a little vacation up in Vermont and will be until he finds out what the statute of limitations on attempted vehicular homicide is. And he was writing to tell me about a fellow he met up there, saying:

... This guy has rolled (deliberately) over thirty cars (and not just by his own account—the townfolks back him up on this story), inheriting only a broken nose (three times) and a slightly black and blue shoulder for all this. What you do, see, is you go into a moonshiner's turn, but you get on the brakes and stay on them. Depending on how fast you're going, you roll proportionately: four or five rolls is decent. Going into the spin, you have one hand on the seat and the other firmly on the roof so you're sprung in tight. As you feel the roof give on the first roll, you slip your seat hand under the dash (of the passenger side, as you're thrown hard over in that direction to begin with), and pull yourself under it. And here you simply sit it out, springing yourself tight with your whole body, waiting for the thunder to die. Naturally, it helps to be drunk, and if you have a split second's doubt or hesitation through any of this, you die.

This Schenkman himself is no slouch of a driver, I may say. Unfortunately, his strong suit is driving in New York City, an area that has a great number of unusual special conditions, which we just don't have the time or the space to get into right here (except to note that the good part is how it's real easy to scare old Jewish

ladies in new Cadillacs and the bad part is that Negroes actually do carry knives, not to mention Puerto Ricans; and everybody else you hit turns out to be a lawyer or married to somebody in the mob). However, Joe is originally from the South, and it was down there that he discovered huffing glue and sniffing industrial solvents and such. These give you a really spectacular hallucinatory type of a high where you think, for instance, that you're driving through an overpass guardrail and landing on a freight train flatcar and being hauled to Shreveport and loaded into a container ship headed for Liberia with a crew full of homosexual Lebanese, only to come to and find out that it's true. Joe is a commercial artist who enjoys jazz music and horse racing. His favorite color is blue.

here's been a lot of discussion about what kind of music to listen to while staring doom square in the eye and not blinking unless you get some grit under your contacts. Watch out for the fellow who tunes his FM to the classical station. He thinks a little Rimsky-Korsakov makes things more dramatic—like in a foreign movie. That's pussy style. This kind of guy's idea of a fast drive is a 75-mph cruise up to the summer cottage after one brandy and soda. The true skidmark artist prefers something cheery and upbeat-"Night on Disco Mountain" or "Boogie Oogie Oogie" or whatever it is that the teen-age lovely with nipples as thick as your thumbs wants to shake her buns to. Remember her? So what do you care what's on the fucking tape deck? The high, hot whine of the engine, the throaty pitch of the exhaust, the wind in your beer can, the gentle slurping noises from her little bud-red lips—that's all the music your ears need, although side two of the first Velvet Underground album is nice if you absolutely insist. And no short jaunts either. For the maniacal high-speed driver, endurance is everything. Especially if you've used that ever-popular pickup line, "Wanna go to Mexico?" Especially if you've used it somewhere like Boston. Besides, teen-age girls can go a long, long time without sleep and, believe me, so can the police and their parents. So just keep your foot in it. There's no reason not to. There's no reason not to keep going forever, really. I had this friend who drove a whole shitload of people up from Oaxaca to Cincinnati one

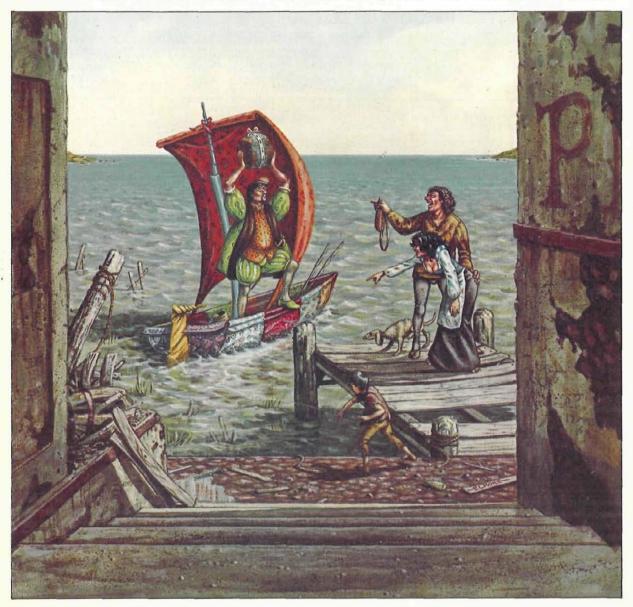
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ONE WHO DARED...

Roberto Vasco de Loon was a sixteenth century adventurer of mixed Dutch and Portugese ancestry. His arch rival was the renowned explorer Ferdinand Magellan, and when Magellan succeeded in circumnavigating the globe in 1522, De Loon vowed to top the feat with one of even greater courage and daring. Accordingly, on November 25, 1523, he set sail from Lisbon in a small skiff constructed entirely of silk brocade. (See above.) With him he took neither food nor drink, vowing to live entirely on rainwater and fish. De Loon's goal was to circumnavigate the globe from north to south, alone, in the dead of winter. He was last seen just outside Lisbon harbor by a lone paella fisherman, who remembers him ringing out his rudder and bailing furiously.

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JIMMY THE JEW'S PRO FOOTBALL PREDIC-TIONS

L.A. Rams vs. Seattle Seahawks

Battle of perennial division leader against young, hungry, up-and-coming Seahawks, highest scoring team in the league. Throw away the odds books and just watch the game for fun. You're better off investing your money in real estate. Land always goes up in price.

Atlanta Falcons vs. N.Y. Jets

Ordinarily, the Falcons would be a sixpoint favorite, but as the old saying goes, "On any given Sunday, any team can beat any other team." Take the money you were going to bet on this one and put it in U.S. Treasury notes, or buy some solid blue chip stocks.

Minnesota Vikings vs. Chicago Bears

Both teams like to hit. The Vikes are a better passing team, but the Bears don't give anything away on defense. Could be decided by a field goal, and that will depend on which way the wind blows. Put your money in the bank and save it for your kids' college tuition.

A RISKY JOKE TO TELL YOUR GIRL FRIEND'S PARENTS TIME THEY TAKE YOU OUT TO A FANCY RESTAURANT

"Did you ever hear the story of Phillip the pus-sucker? No? It's a great joke. You'll love it! It seems that there is this guy named Phillip the pus-sucker. He was a specialist. What he used to do was go to people who had really bad cases of boils, cysts, and all kinds of horrible skin infections, and suck the pus and other juices out of their boils, for money.

One day he gets a call from a lady who says she has a really big boil up her ass that's really bothering her. She can't take a shit without terrible pains. It's worse than hemorrhoids. So he goes to this lady and she turns out to be a big, fat old hag with a huge ass, covered with pimples and sores. Right away, the lady sticks her big ass out at Phillip and says, 'Hurry up, I'm in terrible pain'. Phillip looks in and finds the biggest boil he's ever seen, way up there in her ass. So he starts working at it and pretty soon he's sucking away, when all of a sudden the lady lets go with a tremendous fart—a wet one-right into Phillip's face, practically blinding him. Well, Phillip pulls his face out of her ass, stands up and yells at her, 'Lady, please don't make my job disgusting!"

THE BOLDEST RISK IN MILITARY HISTORY

In 114 A.D., the Emperor Trajan dispatched his youthful nephew Catullus to what is now northwestern Romania to treat with a ferocious band of Goths called the Fecii.

A hot-headed youth (whose reputation for reckless daring-do had already



earned him the nickname Catullus the Chump), Catullus saw the expedition as an opportunity to make a name for himself as a fearless warrior. Accordingly, he headed north with only half a dozen legionnaires, and when he first encountered Dorcman, King of All the Fecii, he immediately challenged him to mortal combat. Dorcman had with him nearly seven hundred of his finest warriors, and so assumed Catullus was indulging in some sort of Roman joke. He chuckled but Catullus cut his laughter short. With a mighty cry of "Hail, Caesar!" he prodded Dorcman in the stomach with the butt end of his spear and punched him in the ear. There ensued a furious battle, which raged for nearly seven seconds.

TEN RISKY THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR COCK

- 1. Fuck the twelve-year-old daughter of a redneck gun and ammo salesman.
- 2. Get a blow job from a cannibal.
- 3. Fuck Idi Amin's favorite wife.
- 4. Fuck any one of Idi Amin's other wives.
- 5. Use it to piss on Roberto Duran.
- **6.** Use it as a swizzle stick in a lesbian's highball.
- 7. Butt-fuck one of Frank Sinatra's attack dogs.
- 8. Cover it with honey and stick it in a beehive.
- Poke a jammed bagel out of a toaster with it.
- 10. Use it to see if your electric pencil sharpener is plugged in.

THE MIDDLE AGES: THE GOLDEN AGE OF RISK

Almost everyone in the Middle Ages died before their time was up. Only 432 people lived past the age of sixty, and they survived only through sheer luck and terrifically potent magic charms.

If you were an ordinary chap who managed to avoid the raping, looting, pillaging, and crusading antics of the noblemen, you still took your life in your hands by walking the streets. First, there was always the danger of being attacked by a wild animal. Animals were much bigger, tougher, and less afraid of humans in those days. Most commoners were so poor they couldn't afford fancy weapons, so you had to defend yourself with a stick, a stone, or a bag of garbage. Swords were expensive. It took over a year to make a good one. Very few people could afford a crossbow. If you fought a scrappy animal even half your size, the odds were seven-to-five on the animal. If you won, the animal bit you rabies.

Bandits, highwaymen, deserting soldiers, petty criminals, hardened criminals, juvenile delinquents, desperate beggars, perverts, con men, diseased prostitutes, and angry drunks were always ready to give you a hard time. Another constant danger was the possibility of being hit in the head by flying babies. (Babies were often used as weapons by arguing couples.)

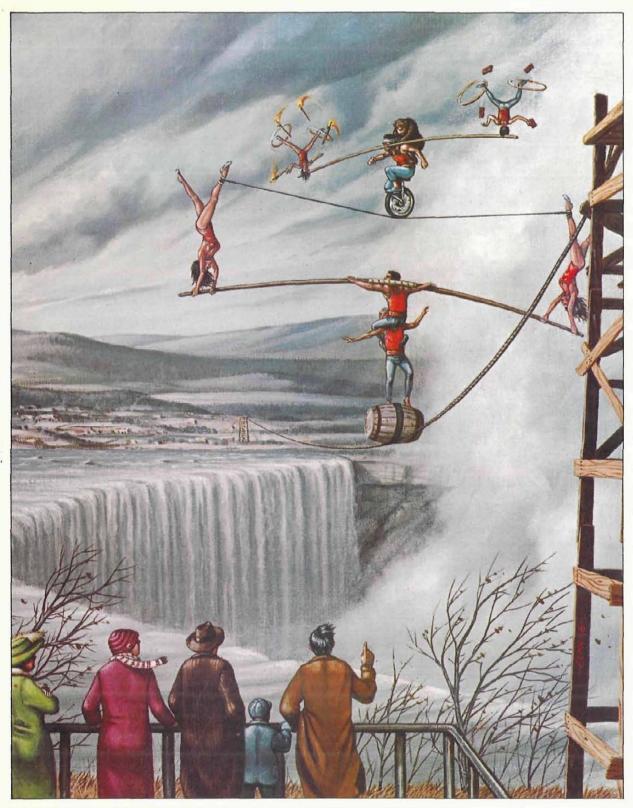
Streets were used as public toilets and became breeding grounds for the largest collection of germs and bacteria known to man. The germs were so big you could actually see them. Many times a Middle-Ager would look up and get hit in the eye by a bubonic plague germ, which he thought was a cinder.

After a long day, you would stumble into your bed of mud and straw, a bed infested with strange, deadly insects. More often than not, you shared your bed with a plump, cuddly creature who liked to take playful nips at your face. Sometimes it was your wife. More often than not, it was a hungry rat.

THE BELFAST DIET SEVEN-COURSE DANGER MEAL

Red-tide clams
Bon Vivant vichyssoise
Whole blowfish livers sauté
Pork tartare
Assorted wild mushrooms
Mexican tap water
Carlo Gambino's wife's pussy

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THE AMAZING PANATELLAS, DAREDEVILS SANS PAREIL...

The Amazing Panatellas were the most celebrated high-wire act of the early 1920s. Seven brothers and sisters, all born and trained in Cuba, the Panatellas made their reputation touring Europe after World War I. John Ringstein North saw them at the Cirque d'Hiver in 1923 and immediately signed them to appear with his Tent-time Follies of 1924. To introduce themselves to their new American public, they planned a feat of unprecedented daring. Stringing a high wire across the lip of Niagara Falls, they attempted to cross from the Canadian side to the American side on a blustery day in mid-December, 1923. The artist's rendering above shows them just about to enter U.S. territory, right before the barrel slipped.

THE MOST UNFORGET-TABLE RISK I EVER TOOK BY TED KENNEDY

The most unforgettable risk I ever took was the time I drove a car down a dark country road at night, totally blind.

Here's how it happened. I was attending a small party with some friends and political aides, and I drank a few cups of punch. I was feeling fine until I got into my car to leave. Suddenly, I got this splitting headache and I couldn't see a thing. It must have been the rum in that punch. Rum has a way of sneaking up on you. I thought I could shake it off because I had to go home and get some sleep. I promised to take the family to an early mass the next morning.

Have you ever driven a car on a dark country road without the use of your eyes? It's scary, believe me. And I like to drive fast, so I took the turns at fifty, sixty miles an hour, and went up to ninety on the straightaways. Meanwhile, I heard noises in the seat next to me, as if someone was actually there. I felt around and touched something soft and round, but couldn't make out what it was. Anyway, I had to concentrate on my driving.

The next thing I knew I was home, and I parked the car in my driveway. When I got out I realized something was wrong. I wasn't home at all. I was in the middle of a bridge because I could hear and smell water. I parked in the wrong driveway. And whoever was sitting next to me was gone. I must have imagined it.

I had no idea how long I was driving, but I felt that it must be near dawn. Since I had to be in church by 7:30 A.M., I decided to shake off my fatigue with a quick swim. Still blind, I dove off the bridge into the dark waters. I hit something hard and metallic that nearly knocked me unconscious, but I managed to swim to shore. As the first rays of morning sun appeared, my eyes seemed to get better. By 6:30, I found my way home. It was the riskiest night I ever had.

THE RISKIEST THING TO SAY TO A LARGE BLACK MAN CARRY-ING A RADIO/ CASSETTE RECORDER ON THE SUBWAY

"Turn down the jungle music, will you, Sambo? Those of us who can are trying to read the paper."

THE MOST SPECTACULAR TEEN-AGE THRILL DEATH OF 1972—1973

On March 5, 1973, Willie Ray Metesky and his twin brother, Billy Ray, both age fourteen, attended a rock 'n' roll revival show at the Lubbock Civic Auditorium in their hometown of Lubbock, Texas. Bill Haley and what remained of his original Comets was one of the featured acts. Billy Ray and Willie Ray were so impressed by Haley's performance that they decided to salute him with what they called a "living fan letter." Accordingly, they informed their friends that on the following night, "Bill Haley's Comet" would appear in the sky over Lubbock, streak down through the heavens past the Lubbock War Memorial Bridge, and splash into the inky waters of the Lubbockeroo River.

A small crowd of thrill-seekers gathered beneath the bridge the following evening and watched as Willie Ray and Billy Ray climbed out to the middle of the bridge's walkway and doused themselves with gasoline. It was apparently their plan to set themselves ablaze, then do a pair of coordinated flaming swan dives into the river, which would extinguish them before they were injured. The first part of their plan worked perfectly, and one witness recalls them "lighting up like sparklers." When Billy Ray attempted to jump, however, he discovered that his foot was caught in the bridge's superstructure. Willie Ray tried to free him, but finally had to abandon him when his own hair and clothing started burning. Blinded by the flames from his now incandescent brother, he leapt wildly off the bridge and landed, not in the water, but in a passing barge filled with cattle. The livestock panicked when the flaming teen-ager fell in their midst, and they literally "put him out" with their hooves. Almost at once, the cattle barge began to founder from the furious activity of the animals, and a second barge, filled with propane gas, came alongside to assist the frightened pilot. At this point, the still smoldering Billy Ray finally fell free from the bridge and ricocheted off one of the propane storage tanks. There was an enormous explosion, which sank both the barges, killed all the cattle and the pilots, injured thirteen people on the shore, and did \$135,000 worth of structural damage to the bridge. Pieces of the Metesky twins were subsequently found as far away as

EXCERPT FROM I WAS A FIREMAN FOR THE MAFIA, BY THE LATE ANTHONY "TONY THE AXE" SQUIZZALANTE

People who read about the Mafia often get the wrong impression about us. They think that every time we got a problem we reach for our guns. Not true. That's what my job is all about. I'm a problem solver in a very delicate area, but I do it with words, not bullets. My job is to talk to a guy who's not pulling his weight in the organization. I fire people for the Mafia.

In a job like mine, you have to be a master of psychology. Each guy who has to be fired presents a different problem in personnel relations. Take the case of Angelo "Crazy Mad Dog Psycho-Killer" Bombisi. Angelo took care of the numbers operation for Nunzio "Nunzio the Fag" Arugalini in south Jersey City. It seemed that Angelo was taking a little more than his share from the weekly proceeds, which is highly immoral and improper. Obviously, Angelo had to be fired. The problem was that he was difficult to talk to in person. He had a very quick temper, and when he got mad he liked to strafe you, your family, and your entire house with his machine gun until everything looked like Swiss cheese.

So what I did was hire an airplane to drop leaflets on Angelo's front lawn. The leaflets stated that Angelo was a cheat and that his services were no longer needed. Then I took a full-page ad in the Jersey papers addressing Angelo with the same message. I inserted notes in his wife's shopping basket at the supermarket and bribed the liquor store delivery boy to hand him a similar note. Even Howard Cosell included an "open letter" to Angelo on his Monday night football show, chastising him. I figured we'd embarrass Angelo publicly and make him quit.

My scheme worked. Angelo got so mad that he walked into Nunzio's office with his machine gun blazing. He fired so many rounds into that place that it looked like an atomic bomb hit it. Finally, he got arm-weary and allowed the gun to hit him with its recoil. The recoil, or the kick of the gun, knocked Angelo backwards, and he fell out of Nunzio's open window fourteen stories to the ground and died. What I did was make him so mad that he quit on his own account. That way we didn't have to pay him unemployment insurance or severance pay either.

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Santa Fe, New Mexico.

STRIPPOKER by John Hughes

Is someone talking dirty? What did I miss?

A little more Kahlua, Monique?

Are you trying to liquor me up?

Listen here, Rob. If you ever get tired of Beth, send her over to my house, huh?

See, someone appreciates me.

Appreciates your knockers!

Can't dispute that, Robbie; can't dispute that at all!

Hey! I've got a wild idea!

Is it dirty?

It can't be too wild—we have to get the babysitter home by 12:30.

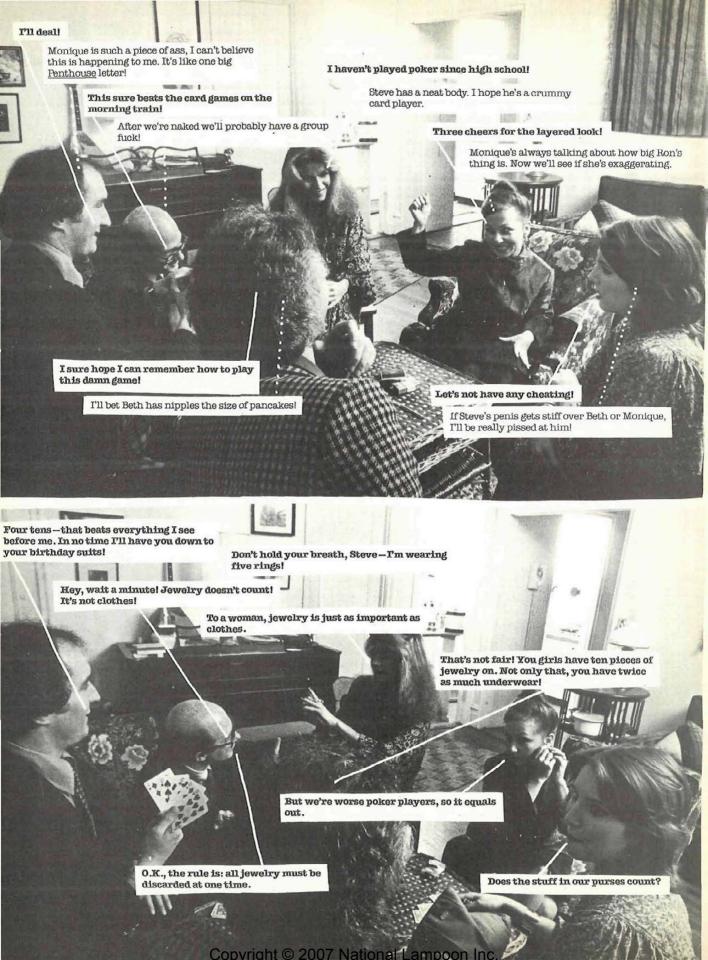
Hey, seriously, how about a friendly game of strip poker? I mean, what the hell— what have we got to hide?

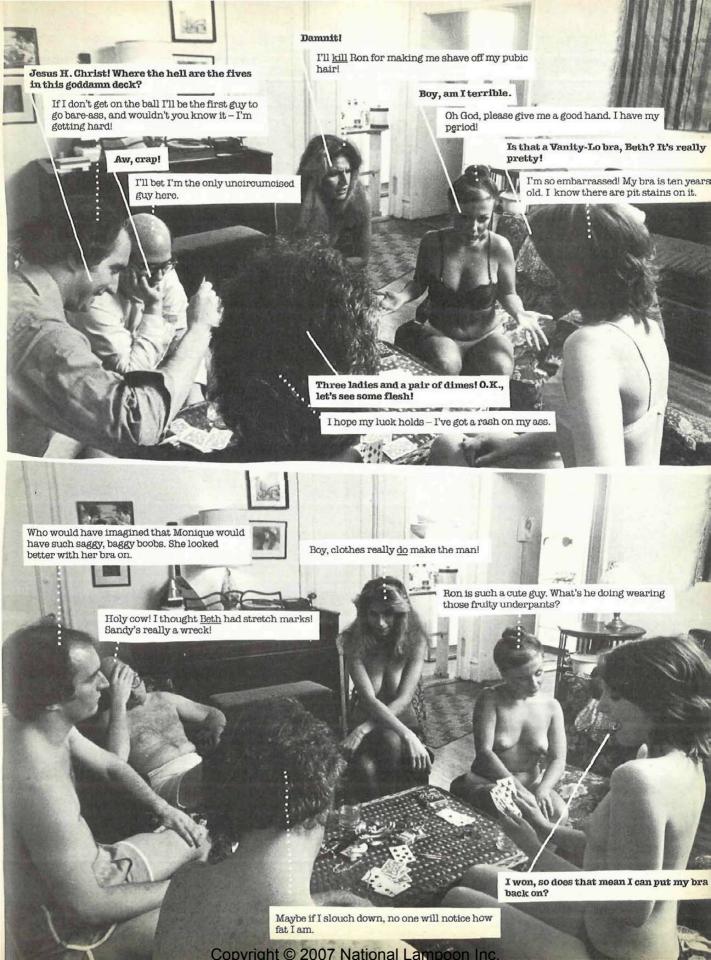
I know! Sandy's going to show us her

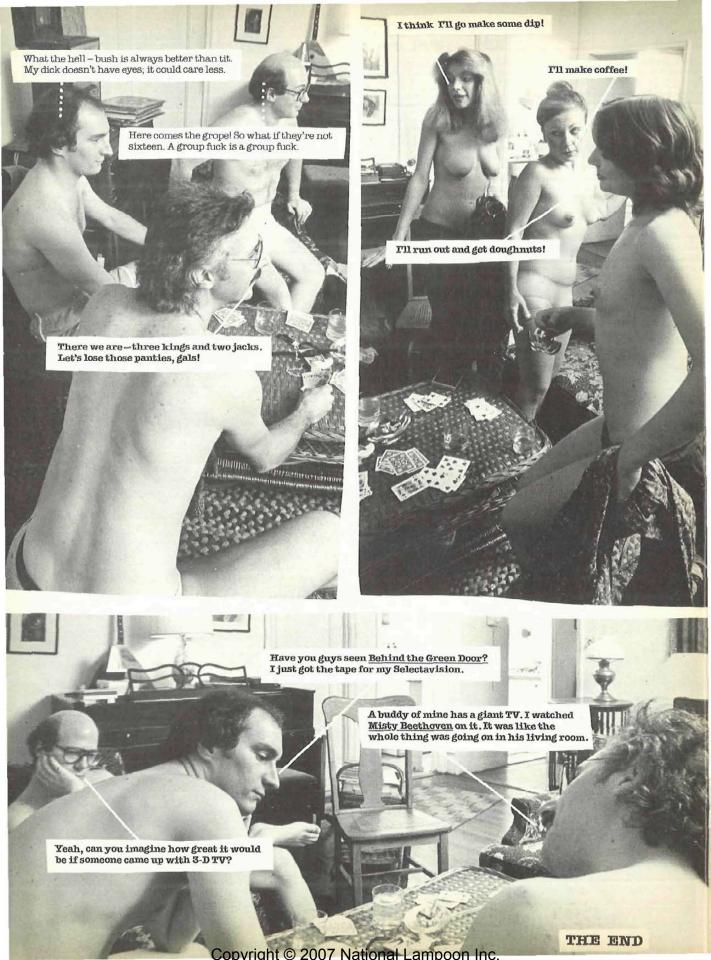
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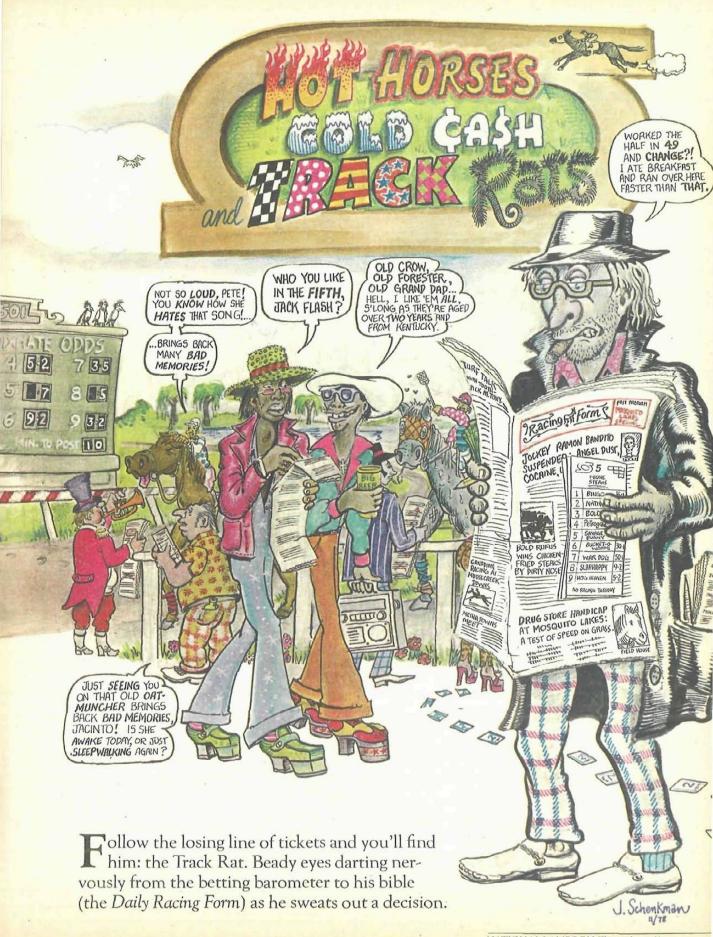
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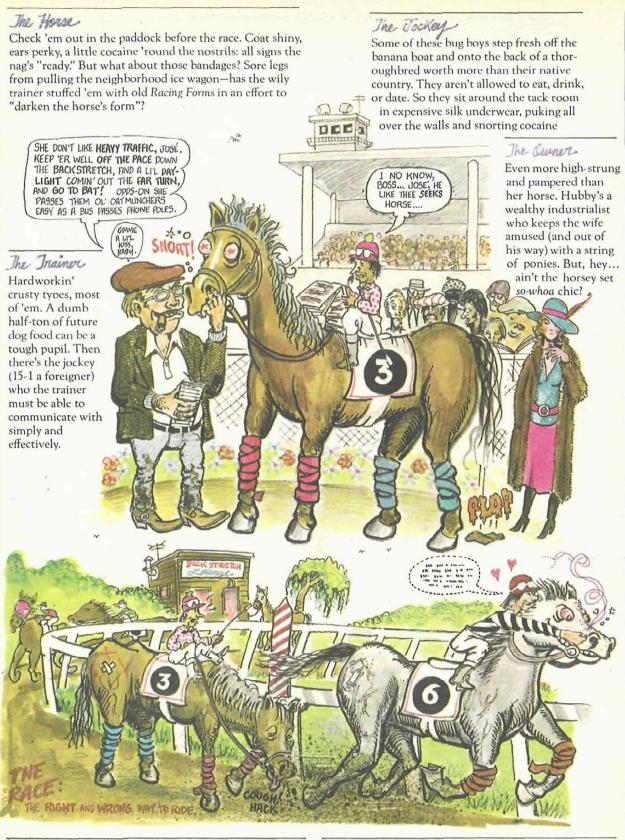
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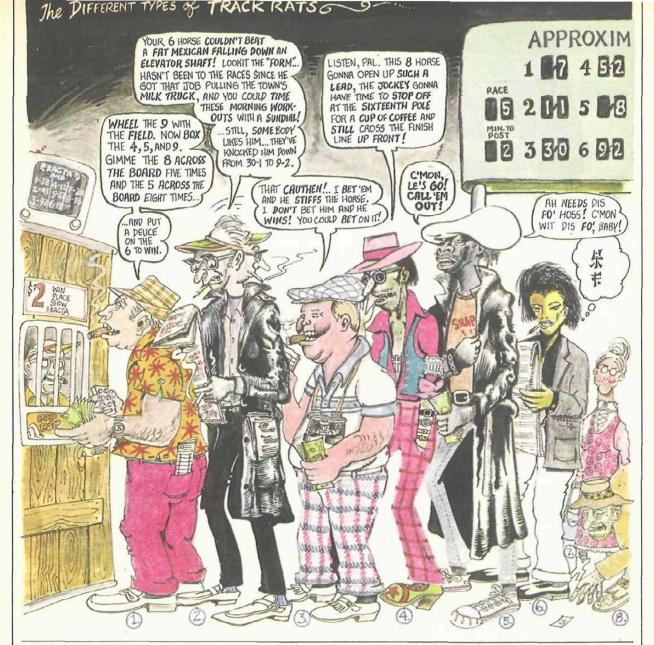






WRONG: The jockey on the 3 horse wound her up too tight down the backstretch, and though she opened up a seven-length lead, she blew a head gasket coming out of the far turn. Odds-on the only way she'll cross the finish line is in the back of a garbage truck headed for the glue factory.

RIGHT: The jockey avoids the rush hour traffic by stopping off at the Backstretch Lounge for a cool one, "resting" his mount. He pops an amyl nitrate under the nag's nostril at the quarter pole while whispering sweet nothings in her ear, and it's clear sailing. Nice day for a boat race, ey?



The Shopper: likes
plenty of action, so he
buys the "rack" (one of
everything) just to be on
the safe side. Thinks nothing
of blowing a few grand on
the ponies over the weekend, then takes the wife and
kids out to Mr. Submarine's
for Sunday dinner.

The Handicapper:
the student of racing.
Turned down mathematics
professorship at Ivy League
college to play ponies.
Whip-up shades low over
the nose so he can read the
tote board and bible at the
same time.

The Bridge Jumper:
always bets the favorite. Trot Stevie Wonder out in front of the grandstand on a trained pig and this jerk'll bet 'em whole hog. Hollers fix! every time he loses (about four out of five races); just as obnoxious when he wins.

The Tout: knows enough about the game to know which five horses stand a chance out of the nine or so entered, then "gives" one of each to five different suckers, approaching the winner after the race for share of profits.

The Crapshooter:

• he could give a shit about horses; this dude's playing the numbers.

Crapshooters are easy to spot during the race because while everybody is yelling and screaming, the crapshooter just stands there cooly snapping his fingers.

The Chink: nobody knows why, but Chinks make the absolute best horseplayers. Many can't understand a word of English, yet can read and speak Racing Form fluently (maybe because its just like Chinese).

The Li'l Ol' Lady:

• bets the horse with
her grandson's name. If
none, then the jockey
dressed in the cutest silks, or
the horse with the longest
tail. Gets a lot of longshots.

The Stooper: hasn't bought a parimutuel ticket since they retired Man o' War from the races back in the 1940s. Picks 'em off the ground. Can't lose, and cleans up big when there's a disqualification.

Note: Numbers 6, 7, and 8 are the only consistent Track Rat winners.

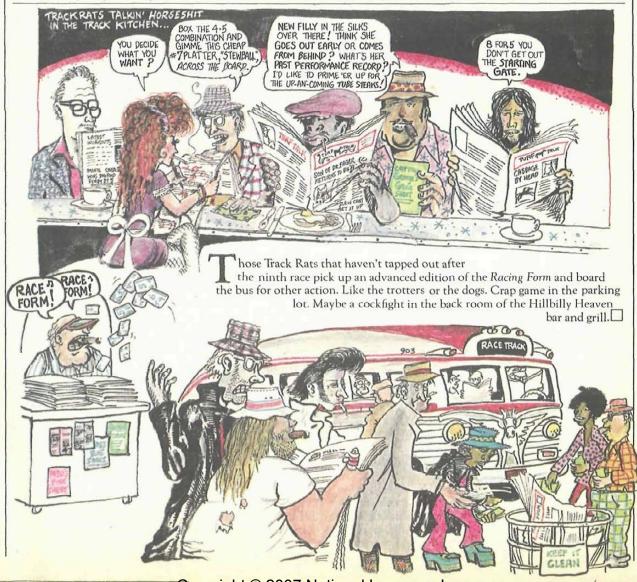


Heavy Hitter-High Roller: likes to make the *track* pay for his time. Shows up when a classy derby winner goes to the post in a field of plodders, plunking \$40,000 on him to "show." Track must dip into its minus pool to make minimum payoff (\$2.10—a dime on the deuce), while this clown makes two grand in two minutes.

Track Trick: aren't too many of these simply because Track Rats would way rather spend a few minutes watching the ponies lope around a turn than a half hour in bed with Raquel Welch. Anyway, most track tricks aren't much better looking than the horses.

Junior Stoopers: kids make the best stoopers—
bring yours or your neighbor's to the track and turn
'em loose. Built low to the ground for fast pickup action.

Heavy Hitter: hangs around the fifty-dollar and trifecta windows to see who cashed in big, then follows
'em to the parking lot. You know what happens next.



JEGAS by Tod Carroll

t's eight o'clock at night, dusk this time of year in Nevada, and I'm breezing along comfortably with a couple of pals just outside Vegas. We're fairly well jacked up on a variety of narcotic tablets and Mexican beer, discussing big stakes, slick whores, free alcohol, and all the rest there is up the road. The area around us is flat, grim desert full of brown scrub and an occasional dead car; however, the town must be nearby because the quality of the billboards has been improving. A small, beautifully designed one on the right reads: "Please be our guest at the Riviera Hotel." It has a picture of a uniformed hotel employee welcoming a family to the Riviera. The father is wearing a tweed suit; his children are admiring a statue of Mark Twain by the entryway. Another discreet sign reads: "We'll do everything we can to make your stay in Las Vegas as warm and comfortable as possible," and shows a Tropicana Hotel waiter serving hot cider to a young couple by a glowing fireplace. I mention that I expected louder, stupider imagery, like slot machine collages with all kinds of Olympic swimming pools and casino action pouring out of them, but my friends are wrestling and screaming at each other in the back seat over a sack of chocolate mint cookies, so no reason to labor the point.

I jump off the interstate at the first exit, which winds through a small stand of Douglas fir, then descends into what appears to be a man-made ravine. There are rows of big mulberry trees all along the median; both sides of the street are banked by lush, neatly maintained vegetation. It looks like Vegas is just around the next curve.

"Aaaalright, fuckin' gambling!" Tim shouts until his voice cracks. I throttle the car on the turn so we fire into town just enough out of control to let ourselves know we've arrived, as Tim and Steve hang out the windows and pound on the doors. "Fuckin' Vegas," they yell at the sidewalks.

The town is surprisingly attractive. It's laid out along a carefully planned mall that extends north and south from an airy, old Spanish-style square. A small band is playing in its latticed gazebo as businessmen and sightseers stroll between the marble-faced public library and the Nevada Palace des Beaux Artes on either side. There are pushcart vendors and outdoor cafés and quiet paths hidden among hundreds of perfumy groves situated between the shops and casinos. Steve shouts, "Ain't this a fuckin' scene," as loud as possible. Tim and I launch into some high-volume rodeo hollering as we clip off the side of a sculptured privet hedge at the entrance to Apollo's Palace.

I toss the keys to the car man; they sail five or six yards over his head into a waterfall coming from an old stone mill at the edge of the portico. He summons this older man wearing a navy blazer reading "Courtesy Captain," who in turn dispatches two teen-agers who wade into the water and retrieve the keys. Steve stumbles on the curb and slams backwards into a luggage cart. "Where's the fuckin' gambling? I'm hot. I'm ready to roll." Several employees rush to him; they help him up and whisk him off with tiny brooms. "Welcome to Apollo's Palace, gentlemen," the guy with the most formal uniform says with a pleasant British accent. "Our gaming facilities are at the end of the central corridor; however, we have a number of other arts and attractions, which I am certain will interest you." He gives us these colorful, hardbound guide booklets and gestures toward the lobby.

he lobby is mostly colonial, actually Shaker; about twenty feet high with an array of spinning wheels, butter churns, and old iron fire-place equipment fastened to red brick and cedar plank walls. We wander through an oak-beamed anteroom called the Apollo's Palace Museum of Natural History. It has a diorama that shows the founding of the original casino in 1949

by Devon Childs, an English businessman and patron of the arts who named it the "Briarwood Inn." The establishment was later purchased by a group of local investors, who agreed to continue Childs's policy of plowing a substantial portion of the casino profits into the world's finest cultural productions. They renamed the place "Apollo's Palace" in honor of Apollo Brite, an oldtime Nevada prospector, who swore on his deathbed that someday he would build a palace in the desert from a secret vein of gold he had discovered. I suspected there was going to be a lot of crushed red velour and oily, black-haired casino scum with widow's peaks and goofy sideburns and no pigment whatsoever in their dying skin; not to mention gangsters and cheesy dames in tit suits. But, no matter, we're here, and in a generally up-tempo state of mind.

"Get me a whore," Steve bellows at a passing employee. Steve is particularly menacing in his all-black outfit, including black Tyrolean hat and gleaming, jetblack sunglasses. "Yes, sir, immediately," is the reply.

The gambling area is about the size of a tennis court, with lots of rough-cut maple tables and ordinary, chattering Joes in sport shirts and ties laughing and enjoying stories and jokes across the tables. There's a free punch bowl at one end, and twenty or thirty color TVs in small conversation areas around the perimeter.

"Fuckin' gambling!" Tim blurts with a ball of currency in his hand. "Let's get down to some fuckin' gambling." First, we stop at a poker table. "We're playing seven-card poker here," the dealer informs us. "Would you like to join us?" Tim sits down and starts to play.

The dealer: "Alright sir, I've given you a two, a three, another three, and oh my golly, another three. Would you like to make a bet?" Tim: "Stack 'a dimes, pal, says I'm gonna catch a duck on Fifth Street." Dealer: "I'm sorry sir, I don't understand you. Let me check with the

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These charts prove that Las Vegas casino operations are not connected with organized crime. HOW THE MOB TRIED TO CONTROL LAS VEGAS GAMBLING LEGEND Flow of actual control of casinos, hotels, and other gambling-related properties. Siegel Mafia line of succession. Scarpelmo HONEST Moldan Lukosi Umbrazzi Maro BUSINESSMEN Luegi Como Parone Apalina Madiglione

Siegel: Mobster Bugsy Siegel opens first big casino in Las Vegas.

Scarpelmo: Louis "I Care" Scarpelmo is retained by hotel employees concerned over the presence of hoodlums in their establishment. He persuades Siegel to assign all of his interest in the casino to honest businessmen.

Moldan, Lukosi, Umbrazzi, Maro: Mobsters J. J. "Palomino" Moldan, Red Lukosi, Stephano Umbrazzi, and Gordi "Coco" Maro are appointed by Mafia chieftains to succeed Siegel and attempt to "muscle in" on Las Vegas gambling. Luegi: Honest businessmen suspect the intentions of Moldan, and arrange to have Monti Luegi, a longtime community supporter, ask Moldan to tear up all of the mortgages Moldan has acquired on casino property.

Como: Buster "Helping Hand" Como finds documents showing that Lukosi secretly owns a number of casino slot machines and gaming devices, which Como convinces him to destroy.

Parone: When honest businessmen discover Umbrazzi and Maro may have bribed an official to obtain a gambling license, Jocko "Law and Order" Parone steps in to assist honest businessmen by advising Umbrazzi and Maro to get clean starts in another state.

Apalina: Mobster Joey "Spots" Apalina, Moldan's top lieutenant, is the last known racketeer sent by the mob to take over Las Vegas. He sets up a number of complicated holding companies to buy the casinos outright.

Madiglione: Private citizen Julie "The Citizen" Madiglione becomes outraged when he learns about Apalina's scheme. Madiglione uses his superior business skills to buy back the casinos on behalf of honest businessmen for practically nothing.

continued from page 65 card game captain." He leaves, and Tim reaches across the table and scoops up three or four thousand dollars in cash and chips, and we move on to the next

table.

"Here's your prostitute, sir": an employee has materialized with a fresh, nice-looking girl dressed in a plaid jumper and turtleneck sweater. "May I introduce Doris Lambert," he says politely. Steve gets a room and takes her to it, while we sit down at the roulette table and put our \$4,000 on a straight 22. The wheel spins and the ball lands on 36. I move our money to 36 real fast while the croupiers are busy checking the other bets, and we collect thirty-fiveto-one. "This is a fuckin' cakewalk," Tim slurs through three-quarter-shut purple eyelids. A group of drunk Negroes at an adjacent table start making a lot of noise, so the dealer tosses them a handful of white chips to calm them down. A couple of chips fall on the floor, which the dealer picks up and puts in his pocket. Tim lifts a stack of fifty-dollar bills off the table while all of this is going on, and then the dealer's supervisor gives the dealer several more chips as a reward

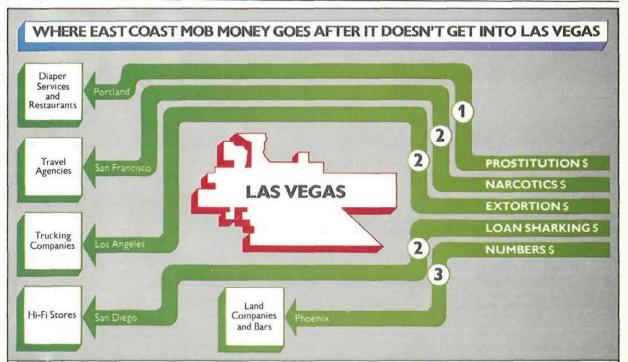
for tactfully handling the Negroes. eanwhile, Steve's upstairs with the whore, who tells him she will stay all night and make love with him as many times as he would like for eight dollars, or give him five blow jobs for two-fifty. He gives her eight dollars and pops her a few times, then tells her to wait in the room until he comes back. She says she'll build a nice, warm fire and keep herself occupied by working on her tax returns; so he leaves and meets us near the main lounge, where they are having this huge ballet tribute to the late Totie Fields, "First Lady of Las Vegas." The speciallywritten performance is called "The Prodigal Main Lounge Artist," adapted from Valendikov's balletic interpretation of the Bible story, and featuring the entire American Ballet Theater company and the Apollo's Palace Philharmonic Orchestra, Lucianni Paeoli conducting.

It's a quarter to get in, so we give the waiter an even dollar to help us find a good table. He is somewhat offended by the fact that we think his assistance can be bought "like pork from a butcher," and quietly escorts us to the front and

makes our change. Tim starts agitating me to find a quart of crème de cacao to get him through the ballet, but there are signs everywhere prohibiting food and alcohol during performances.

I had imagined an audience of insurance conventioneers and hunky Texans decked to the teeth in those horrible western dress clothes with short, dopey crisscross ties and ruffled shirts that are supposed to be O.K. because they're real expensive. I thought I'd see bulbous Jews from the East Coast textile factory belt, and every conceivable type of guinea shoe salesman and greasy health spa owner out to buy himself a fortyeight-hour chunk of fast living from a bunch of slippery Mediterranean gumbas who didn't have any shoes when they were kids, and now they've got 300 pairs each (all mirror-finish alligator that they use to decorate their casinos when they're not wearing them). I imagined wrong, however. The crowd is quiet and dignified. They look like college professors.

The curtain comes up on a whitebodied ballerina, fluttering about the stage portraying a young comedienne



1. Police inspection stations on eastern city limit check all incoming cars for underworld prostitution money. A variety of advanced detection methods, including specially trained prostitution-money dogs and infrared prostitution-money sensors, are used.

2. The casino-supported Narcotics, Ex-

tortion, and Loan Sharking Clearing House, located at city hall, provides intelligence on all narcotics, extortion, and loan sharking money headed toward Las Vegas. Individuals possessing such funds are escorted off casino premises.

3. Las Vegas's massive "Keep Out— ner," saying, "C Numbers Money" billboard campaign is illegal money."

thoroughly successful. Large signs on incoming highways feature popular Strip entertainers scolding motorists who intend to invest numbers profits in Las Vegas. One of the most effective billboards shows Ann-Margret tossing a lasso around the neck of a Mafia "runner," saying, "Git outta town with that illegal money." doing five shows nightly in a small lounge for practically no money and less applause. Through a series of fluid movements and stunning acrobatics, the dancer conveys the entertainer's steady rise to fame, highlighted at the finale by an offstage reading of one of Totie's monologues. Tim tells me to get ready for a load of gynecologist and pecker jokes, but it's altogether different.

"There is a certain peculiar sensibility among the Washington pro-expansionists," the monologue starts. "While they propound the advantages of a bolstered position in Southeast Asia, the loudest of them cry for stiffer trade sanctions against the Japanese!" The audience laughs roundly. Even though the monologue is a little dated now, they seem to react out of respect for the quality of Totie's material at the time she delivered it. "Heck, the Japanese are pivotal in that part of the world," the monologue goes on. "Curbing their exports is like asking for land reform without agreeing to lower taxes." Everyone is thoroughly entertained, including a sizable group of Las Vegas celebrity fixtures, like Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Dean Martin, Don Rickles, Wayne Newton, Jerry Vale, Buddy Hackett, Tom Jones, Juliet Prowse, and several others around a table next to us.

The ballet continues. The central character is gradually lured away from the warmth and fellowship of Las Vegas to other nightclubs and television productions in larger, more sophisticated cities, with highbrow audiences and big prestige. But soon she misses the friendly, soulful casino crowds; the tens of thousands of people who drove hundreds of thousands of miles across the desert just to see her and relish her every word with sharp, crystal-clear minds, and deluge her at the end of every show with waves of love. She finally returns to Vegas, at first unsure as to whether the people will give her as much love as before. But in the end, love is everywhere on stage as the crowds shower her with more love than ever, and she loves each and every one of them in return. The prodigal main lounge artist is home at

The audience is crazy for it. They linger at their tables for a long time discussing the ballet, critiquing the dancers and exchanging thoughts on what it all meant. We're feeling a touch rancid at this point, and need a boost fast. Steve shoots straight up in his chair from a semi-catatonic trance. "There's fuckin' Sinatra. Let's see if he's got some liquor." Tim agrees and slides over to Frank's table to broach the subject.

Frank is telling Sammy Davis, Jr., "You know, Sammy, I detected an element of the Chekovhian tonight...a somber, melancholy whisper running through the middle of the second act gave me the impression the dancer was forced to struggle with her character's dilemma." Davis replies, "Some of us in my experimental video group have been attempting to achieve the same dichotomy through a number of electronic phasing techniques." Tom Jones says, "I'm in an experimental group, too, Sammy. Where's yours meet?" "Tuesdays at the Dunes. We've been doing quite a lot of really good work lately." Jerry Vale cuts in: "Any problems with funding?" Jones:

"The casinos have been like angels to us. Anything we need, they get for us, and the best, too."

"I'll give you ten bucks for a bottle of whiskey," Tim announces to Sinatra, under his breath. "I'm sorry, we don't have any liquor at the table, Mr....I didn't get the name ... "Tim." "Well, Tim, I'm Frank, and this is Jerry, Dean, Juliet, Don, Sammy, and everyone else...say hello to Tim. Say, Sammy, why don't you show Tim and his friends where they can get some liquor." Sammy gets us to a bar that's still open, and walks up to our room where we figure he's going to tell us a couple hours' worth of stories about the stuff he and his Las Vegas entertainer friends do with all of the kinky, tainted people in the area. Instead, he says he's bushed, and leaves.

oris is just finishing up her tax returns. I ask her how she makes a living on eight dollars a night, and she explains she's got two jobs, and that the other one pays about twenty times more. "Why even bother with this," I ask. "Quiz her about the fuckin' economics after I get my evening's worth, if you know what I mean," Steve barks through a murk of opium he's fired up in the bathroom. She answers, "Well, both jobs are for the same boss, and I have to do this job kind of like a requirement for the other one."

"Twenty times more money? You get \$160 a night on your other job? Where is it? What do you do?"

"The same thing, only on the other side of the hotel."

"Huh?"

"On the 'Strip' side. We're in the rear section now, you know, the part they run for the normal people."

"You mean they got a whole separate operation for ordinary people who don't wanna make a fuckin' spectacle and lose their asses on their vacations?"

"Sure. You must have seen the sign on

the interstate for the Vegas Annex exit to the casino mall?"

"They were fighting over cookies."

"Well, I guess you got off before the Strip exit. It's an easy mistake. You see, the casino mall runs parallel to the main drag, so it's like the casinos have two fronts. The big, bright ones on the Strip, and the conservative ones on the mall."

"So, the real Vegas is..."

"Just down the hall. Walk through the double doors, and you're on the Strip."

"You mean we can take in all those stupid Les Girls de l'Europe revues with the fucking feather and tinfoil bikinis, and watch some poor jerk from Santa Barbara get sucked into a crap game and lose everything he owns," I say, "and can borrow while his helpless family waits in the station wagon outside, thinking they're all set to continue the next leg of their big vacation tour of the country; and catch ghost rock acts like the Drifters doing their cutesy nostalgia routines backed up by a bunch of depressing, forty-five-year-old Vegas union musicians with sick skin and 'sculpture cut' hair, wearing some frayed pastel casino vests and scuffed shoes; and read the Strip newspaper on the racks in the lobbies with the latest twenty-seven-column-inch rant on how Shecky Greene's three-year-old throat surgery is coming along; and generally abuse ourselves until we're broke and nearly dead?"

"Of course," she says.

"Well-let's-get-the-fuck-over-there!" Tim roars at top intensity. We break for the double doors at a full run. "Now we're rolling," says Steve.



What if you get raped?"

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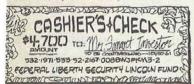
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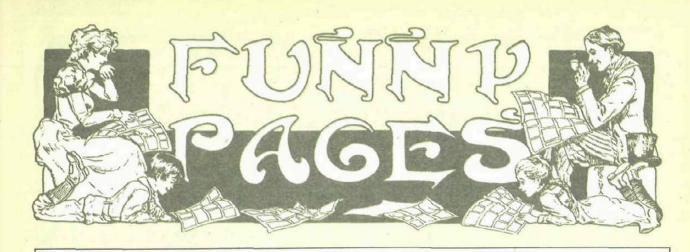
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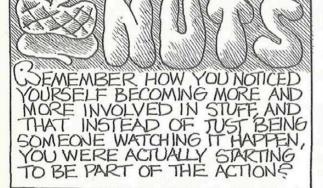
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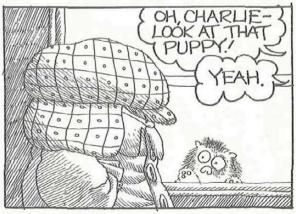


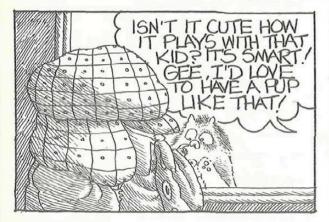
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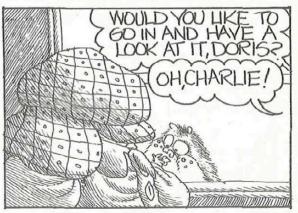


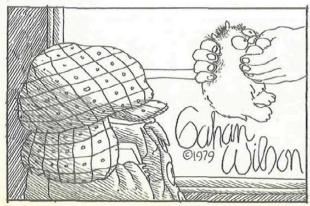


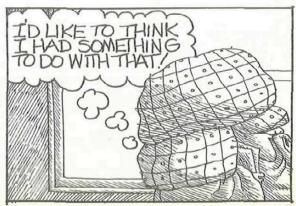


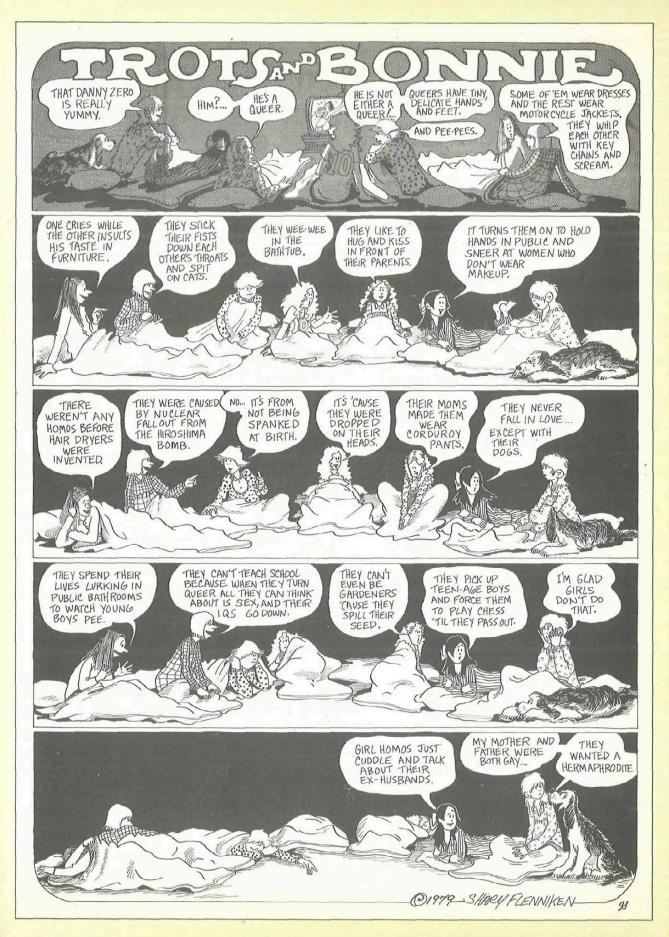








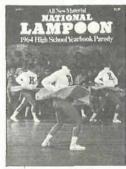






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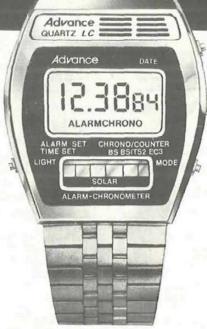
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Sirs

I've got this terrific script for the Eric Clapton Story. The catch is, it's inaccurate as hell and I'm sure Eric would take offense to the ending, in which he dies young. So, do me a favor; if you see Eric and it's raining out, don't tell him to get an umbrella or put on warm, dry clothes. Don't refer him to any of your doctors. If he comes over for dinner, serve a lot of fatty foods. If he wants to do some heroin, don't discourage him, and maybe you can suggest he do a thirty-six-week tour. I think you understand.

Robert Stigwood The Sherry Netherland Hotel New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

I know I should not be telling you this, but I'm sick of living with this lie. Every young girl is told by her mother when she's about eleven or twelve that men think that women have better orgasms and that we should never say anything to the contrary. Well, fuck that. The female orgasm is no big deal. It feels just like when you tickle your nose hairs with the tip of a pencil.

We don't moan and groan because we like it; we moan and groan because you guys smell so bad when you get sweaty. Biologically, the urge to have a baby and not have to work and worry about how good you look is much stronger than the urge to fuck. And please, don't do us any favors by licking our nipples or our butts. Thank you.

Name Withheld

Sirs:

I gotta laugh. I'm sorry, but hunting scason just ended and I'm all giggles. You think wêre funny when we catch marshmallows with our mouths at the zoo? You should see yourselves take a shit out in the woods. With your red coats and all that long underwear and the little wads of toilet paper in your shirt pockets. What a scream!

A Brown Bear The White Mountains Vermont

Sirs

I don't want to bring you down or nothing, but I was just thinking that all the money your magazine has made since it started wouldn't equal what I could get for just one picture of my pickle.

> John Travolta Beverly Hills, Calif.

Sirs:

I am an college graduate. I graduated from an college. It is an college I take a bus to get there to. However. There is hardly never, ever a job for me. Despite. That I am graduated from Cleveland City College and am a degree that I have is a Doctorate of Produce Pricing and Stocking of Shelves. But? Where are the job? You know?

Herman Vega Cleveland, Ohio

Sirs:

I invented the silicone chip, which has made possible a new generation of computers, calculators, and watches. However, as I was going over some old notes, I found something that I had overlooked in my initial research, and after some consideration I realize that I made a huge, huge mistake. My chips, I now find, were inaccurate. It's a long story, but in short, what has happened, I believe, is that all your calculators and computers and watches are off. So, I'm afraid we're all going to have to rebalance our books and go over all the calculations we've made in the last five years, including all financial transactions, birth and death information, income taxes, sales taxes, and receipts. The list is endless. I'm terribly sorry. There is nothing I can do except offer my apologies and tell all of you with digital watches that the correct time right now is 3:55:22.

> Dr. Marvin L. Drayton National Electronics Laboratories Houston, Tex.

Sirs:

If you have to fart at the airport, do it around a Pakistani family. Everyone will think it's them and they won't mind. As a matter of fact, they'll probably think somebody's cooking dinner.

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Sirs:

I'd like to congratulate you on twenty-five sensational years in publishing. No, pardon me, that's my magazine. Let me congratulate you on your leadership in matters of sex and pleasure and for influencing the thoughts and actions of a generation of men. I'm sorry. That's me again. Well, let me say "good show" for your in-depth interviews with the great men and women of our age. Is that me again? Did you do the revealing and controversial spread on the NFL cheerleaders? Was that me, too? What can I congratulate you on? Ah! Congrat-

ulations on your recent price increase! It was a damn good one!

Hugh M. Hefner Mansion West, Calif.

Sirs:

I think it's okay for us folks to go back to Africa now. The English are gone, they've got TVs and Pepsi, and there's even a Cadillac dealership in Kenya. They don't have plastic upholstery companies or Kentucky Fried Chicken yet, but the weather's nice. And of course, there ain't nobody going to tell you to turn your radio down.

Lionel Franklin Uptown Records Detroit, Mich.

Sirs:

We've had just about enough of your childish "homo" jokes. You sneer and giggle and hurl your little barbs at us. We're a part of this society. Medical science says we're normal; the law says we're entitled to every right and privilege that you are. We're human, we're Americans, we have feelings, and if you don't leave us alone, we're going to come over and fuck your dad.

The Queers All Over Everywhere, Even Iowa

Sirs:

Hey, don't dump all over our generation! Sure we've got our Kristy McNichols and Lief Garretts; but remember you had Donovan!

> Cindy, Alicia, and Mandy 122 Chesterfield Drive Courtland, Mo.

Sirs:

This is to warn you to keep your mouth shut while walking in the rain. Rainwater contains four times the accepted minimum amount of lead allowable in drinking water. If you must look up while standing or walking in the rain, be sure to close your mouth and cover your lips to prevent any rainwater from entering your body. By all means avoid licking your auto top or other rain-moistened surface.

Joseph Califano HEW Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

Did you know that clouds are actually real small and right overhead? They just look far away. Stand on a box and see what I mean.

Stewart Lebage Grange, Ky.

Since you schmucks started up with the "highbrow" gags, I don't have nowhere to lift material from. For a real old show-biz veteran who does your best Ed Sullivan in the whole world, couldn't you run a few yocks about, say, having to "make" on an airplane or that crazy shvartzer kook over in Africa. Something like that. I'm booked for two months on the summer cruise circuit with the S.S. Perch, and I'm two minutes short. Do me the favor, huh?

> Bitsy "Big Man" Bigelow 111 W. 12 St. New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

I know you're probably bored with jerks writing to tell you how they did this and how they did that and so on, you know? I'm one of those jerks, too, because I'm writing to tell you that I wrote to the Guinness Book of World Records guys about getting into their record book because of something I did, which had something to do with the National Lampoon, which is a record because I don't know anybody who ever did what I did, which is stuff a whole National Lampoon up my ass. I had to cut it up a little but it fitted in there. So I'll let you

know what the Guinness guys think and if it's a record or if I get money for it, you'll get half. In the meantime I'll just do what I'm doing now, which is nothing.

Bob "Bobby" Taftmore U.S. Navy Newport News, Va.

P.S. I love the magazine but sometimes it's not too good, especially the issue I put up my ass.

Sirs:

No, no, no, I'm the dead composer. You're thinking of Pucci, the scarf designer. I don't even own a scarf.

> Giacomo Puccini 1858-1924

Sirs:

I'd like a subscription to your magazine, but I'm a pig. I used to root around in the garbage and dig out an old copy one of the kids would throw away, but now they're away at college. Could you possibly send a subscription to the farm? It'll get thrown away immediately and I'll get to enjoy all that great stuff you guys do. I can't pay you though because swine don't have their own currencynot yet anyway. It's a big favor but who knows-someday you may sit down to

Easter dinner with my ass.

Earl the Pig Pen #778 Hollyridge Farms Hollyridge, Penn.

I'm a great musician, I have a fabulous band, my lyrics are deep, my production is perfect, but I'll never make it. I just don't have the waistline to be a big rock star. I'm about a size 38 and I don't dare take my shirt off in concert.

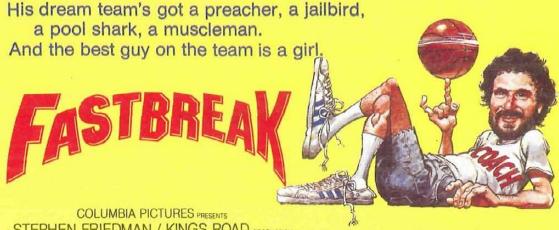
Eric Dane New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Julie and I are very concerned about our daughter. Every time we stand her up, she falls over. When we take her sailing she just rolls around the hull. She goes to the bathroom all over herself and when we offer her toilet tissue, she just eats it. For gosh sakes, she won't even pick up her room or help Julie with the meals. Furthermore, I don't think she gives a rat's hindquarter either. She's almost a year old, so I just don't know what's the "hang-up."

David Eisenhower San Clemente, Jr. San Clemente, Calif.

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es, but where does it all end? Where does a crazy life like this lead? To death, you say. Look at all the people who've died in car wrecks: Albert Camus, Jayne Mansfield, Jackson Pollack, Tom Paine. Well, Tom Paine didn't really die in a car wreck, but he probably would have if he'd lived a little later. He was that kind of guy. Anyway, death is always the first thing that leaps into everybody's mind-sudden violent death at an early age. If only it were that simple. God, we could all go out in a blaze of flaming aluminum alloys formulated specially for the Porsche factory race effort like James Dean did! No ulcers, no hemorrhoids, no bulging waistlines, soft dicks, or false teeth ... bash!! kaboom!! Watch this space for paperback reprint rights, auction, and movie option sale! But that's not the way it goes. No. What actually happens is you fall for that teen-age lovely in the next seat over, fall for her like a ton of condoms, and before you know it you're married and have teen-age lovelies of your own-getting gang-fucked on a Pontiac Trans-Am's shaker hood at this very minute, no doubt-plus a six-figure mortgage, a liver the size of the Bronx, and a Country Squire that's never seen the sweet side of

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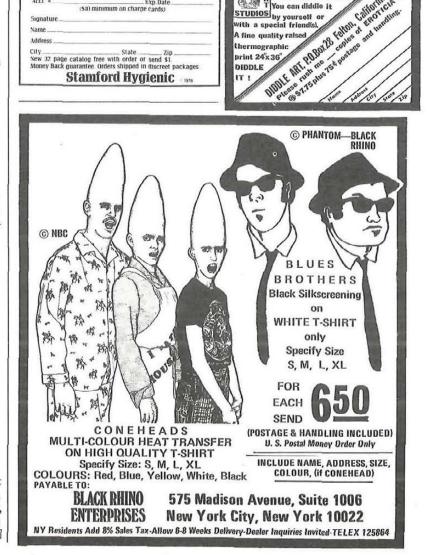


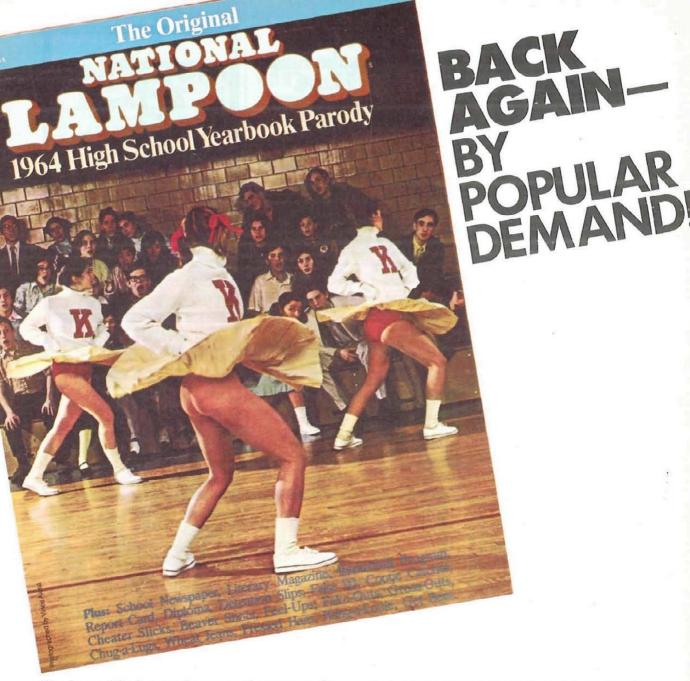
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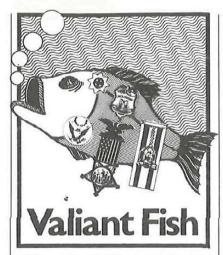
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• Fourteen-year-old George Krause won a goldfish at an American Legion carnival and placed it in a plastic pail of water above his bed. Several days later, while George was asleep, an electrical fire broke out in his room, which ignited a corner of the boy's blanket. Krause's goldfish smelled the smoke and began to dart furiously back and forth in its pail, causing water to lap over the sides, and eventually toppling the entire container onto the flames. George, who suffered from a mild form of sleeping sickness, was not aware that his life had been saved until his mother awakened him the following morning.

 Two men who robbed a payroll office in Tulsa, Oklahoma, drove to an out-ofthe-way camp ground, where they planned to hide out until things "cooled down." As the bandits attempted to cross a small stream, a school of freshwater bass spotted them. Three or four hundred of the bass charged at high speed, ramming the criminals' ankles and knocking them off balance. One of the men dropped a satchel containing the stolen checks, which was immediately swept away by another group of continued on page 95 DO YOU LUST

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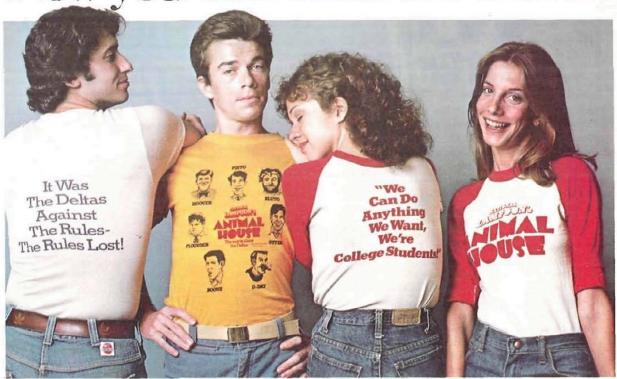
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- Eighty-four-year-old Ernest Marotte and his wife Theresa left their home in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, by car to eat at a nearby restaurant. They took a wrong turn en route, and were last spotted near Nashville, Arkansas, sixty miles to the southwest. "They don't know where they are," a relative stated. Land and air search operations were launched. Bridgeport Post (contributed by Bill Alexios)
- Two of Poland's leading jockeys were suspended for beating each other with their riding crops during a close race. New York Post (contributed by Jonathon Golden)
- A young villager had become engaged to be married, and in keeping with custom, reported to the home of his future father-in-law to discuss a dowry. The two elected to resolve the matter in private, and went to the rear of the house. Shortly thereafter, loud shouting broke out. When the bride-to-be and her mother rushed into the room to investigate,

they discovered the men together in bed. Both are Greeks. San Francisco Chronicle (contributed by Brent Sumsion)

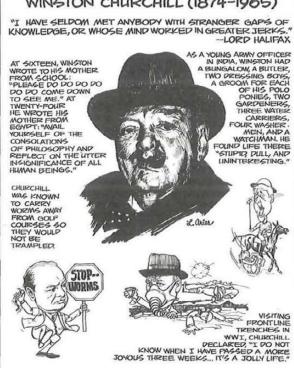
· A New York man, infuriated after one of his familv's ten pet cats defecated on the carpet, chased the animal with a loaded sixteen-gauge shotgun. When the cat hid under a chair, the man used the butt of his rifle to prod it into the open for a clear shot. The cat escaped unharmed, however, as the gun discharged into the throat of its master, blowing his brains all over the carpet. Albany Times Union (contributed by Pat Moran)

- Charles Crawley let a passenger out of his car and then backed up, running over the passenger. A passerby shouted at Crawley to stop, but Crawley did not hear the warning because he is deaf. Crawley's passenger did not see the car because he is blind. The Trentonian (contributed by J.D. Sommer Chire)
- A Frenchman ate fifteen pounds of bicycle in Quebec City. Going by the name Monsieur Mangetout (Mr. Eat-All), he also consumed 100 razor blades, two plates, and a glass. Mangetout declared he liked the chain best, because "it has taste".

He plans to eat a television and a small plane by this spring. San Francisco Chronicle (contributed by Joseph Territo)

- Alpha Xi Delta sorority held a rush party at its house near the University of Texas campus in Austin, Texas. As eighteen-year-old Regina Gerling waited to enter the . party with other rush candidates, she suffered a massive heart attack and dropped dead. Her corpse was removed, and the party continued. When a sorority member was informed Gerling had died, she replied, "All I know is you're ruining our rush party." Dallas Times Herald (William Landrum)
- Police in Oakland, California, spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had sealed himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas cannisters, officers discovered the man was standing beside them shouting pleas to himself to come out of the house and give himself up. He was placed in a psychiatric hospital. Newsday (contributed by Sharon Finegan)
- Police scoured northeast El Paso for two children suspected of stealing toxic watermelons. "If it kills them, it is their tough luck," stated melon owner Ivett Spence. "I've been calling police about kids stealing my watermelons, but most of the time they (the police) don't even come out." Ms. Spence injected the melons with rat poison, claiming that so many melons had been stolen from her that she "hasn't had a chance to eat one yet." El Paso Herald-Post (contributed by John Debder)





T Spoilers

Here are the endings to some things that you'd only read or sit through to find out the endings.

BOOKS

Wifey by Judy Blume: Sandy Pressman is a cliché-an oppressed housewife in New Jersey whose husband is an antiseptic twit concerned only with outward appearances. She has an affair with her sister's gynecologist-husband. The only excitement she finds in her life is a young man who exposes himself to her on her front yard and who she believes is her veterinarian. She toys with the idea of divorce, but ultimately decides to work at the marriage.

Injury Time by Beryl Bainbridge: Edward is a married man having an affair with Binny. She wants to take part in his social life, so he invites Simpson, a man he works with, and his wife, to Binny's apartment for dinner. While Binny makes a stab at respectability, and Edward tries to become comfortable in this awkward situation. Binny's alcoholic friend Alma arrives and passes out on the stoop. Her appearance is followed by a band of four bank robbers who hold them hostage. As the five dinner guests are unable to work together and escape, the robbers ultimately drive off with Binny as hostage as Edward impotently avows his undying love for her.

The Coup by John Updike: Colonel Ellellou is removed from office, imprisoned by his successors, and later exiled to France with a pension, his third wife Sittina, and her six children.

Thursday the Rabbi Walked Out by Harry Kemelman: Larry Gore, Jordan's distant cousin, did it to inherit the millions.

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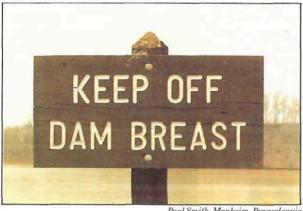
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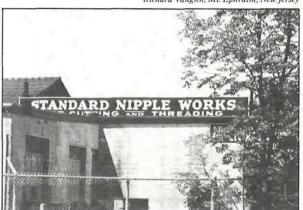
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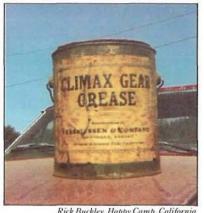
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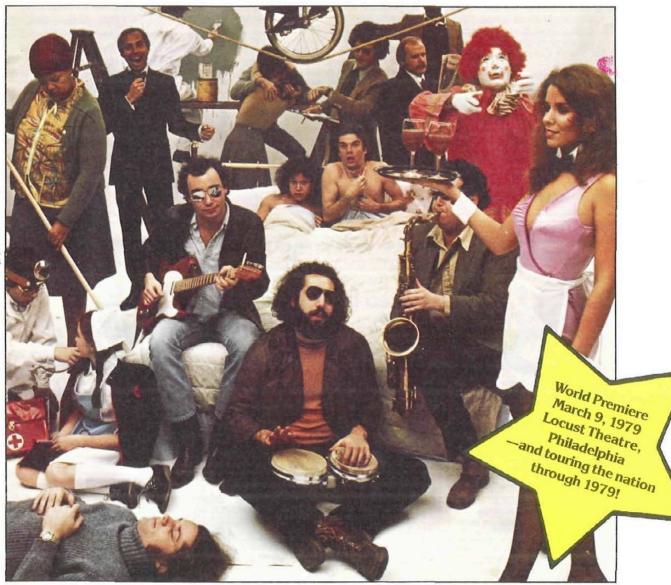


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bass to a cove downstream. The remainder of the school swam to a ranger station pier and alerted officials by jumping up into a boat with dozens of payroll checks in their mouths. When rangers later confronted the fugitives, they gave up without a fight, saying, "Take us away...those little devils are more than we care to handle."

 Precocious two-year-old Marcy Brenner was fascinated with her parents' fish tank. One day, while her mother was on the telephone in another room, Marcy scaled the side of the aquarium, lifted the cover, and climbed in. As she splashed about in chest-high water, Marcy began to tug on a power cord which lead to the filter pump. She eventually wriggled the cord from its connection at the pump. An angel fish, realizing the danger of her dropping a live wire into the tank, hurriedly jumped out of the water and threw its body across the cord's exposed leads. The circuit shorted, which blew a fuse and eliminated the possible fatal threat to Marcy's life.

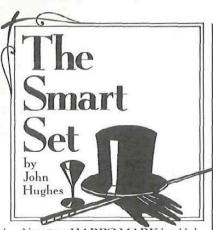








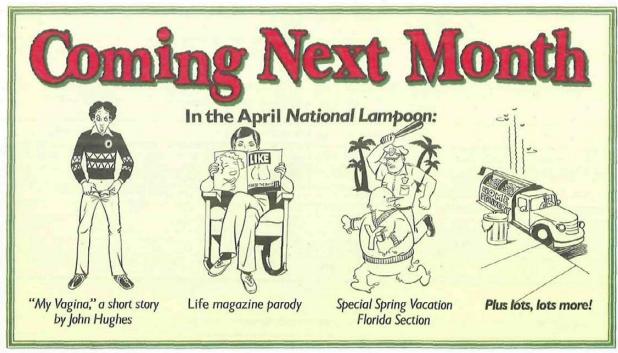




Not since HARPO MARX has Hollywood been blessed with an actor as articulate and outspoken as Midnight Express star BRAD DAVIS. A sample of Brad's verbiage-"I am me today, but tomorrow? Well, I'll probably be me, too, then-unless something real spooky happens!" Mr. Davis's next role? "Brown 'n serve!" says Brad.... Is GENE AUTRY still alive? "Yes!" says the former cowboy crooner. Who's to blame? "Fast-acting doctors!" Too bad for all of us!...CHRIS CHASE, who penned BETTY FORD's biography, says the \$100,000 she received wasn't enough. "The lady talks like Pat Nixon on a good day. I had to make up practically her whole life. She's as dull as a lawn flamingo"... Have you heard of TAMARA DOBSON? You're not missing much. ...Olympic Gold Medal winner BRUCE JENNER says he's looking for a job as a pole-vaulter. The remarkably slow fluffhead reports that he wants to get back to what he considers his "real

career." If nothing comes up, Bruce says he'll start his own pole-vaulting team. When you're out in California stop in, says Bruce, "and throw a drink in my face."... CHRISTINA ONASSIS finally fucked that silly Russian boat whiz, a family source reports. MR. KAUZOV supposedly suffered a broken jaw and a dislocated hip during the lovemaking session, which left a horrible stink in the couple's Moscow apartment....Former Senator EDWARD BROOKE says now that he's lost the senatorial race, he'll go back home and try to steal the rest of his mother's insurance money. ... Singer KENNY LOGGINS has finally consented to allow himself to be swatted in the head with a stick. The socalled "dick-brain" admitted, after listening to recent recordings of himself, that "if anyone deserves a bop in the bean, it's me!"...J. FRED BUZHARDT, the former legal counsel to PRESIDENT NIXON, who died on December 16, 1978, has gone to hell.... The Midwest Hog Growers Association has voted BERNADETTE PETERS Entertainer of the Year.... BeeGee BARRY GIBB was rushed to a Miami hospital where doctors worked for two hours to remove a tampon from his left nostril. A drunk, menstruating wife is being blamed....JANN WENNER is suing BOB DYLAN for "not being as good as he was in the sixties." The short, puffy publisher of Rolling Stone magazine is asking a New York court to force Dylan to "return to the gruff, nasal vocalizations of his pre-motorcycle crash period" and to "add depth to his lyrics."...

Animator and director RALPH BAK-SHI (Fritz the Cat, Lord of the Rings) recently lost both hands in a kitchen accident. Will that halt production of Ralph's next film? "Of course it will," Ralph says. Next time Ralph makes puree in the food processor, you can bet he'll be more careful! "That's for sure!" Ralph adds.... No more family outings for BARRY MANILOW as long as his mom has anything to say about it. "He acts like a fruit fly. It embarrasses me."...L.A. Mayor TOM BRADLEY was forced to bus tables at a Democratic fund raiser held last month at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills. Assisted by his wife, an aide, and two hotel employees, the mayor cleared seventyfive tables before retiring to the kitchen to eat his own dinner, for which he paid \$500. Gov. JERRY BROWN complimented the mayor on a fine job, but added, "He sure parked my car a long way off and dragged his tail bringing it back!"...HENRY KISSINGER is telling friends that he left his brains at the State Department. The former Secretary of State has been holed up in his home for months trying to figure out the difference between a Sears revolving charge and the Sears homemaker's credit plan ... MARISA BERENSON has left New York. Tough dog litter laws is the reason the beautiful horse's ass will once again settle in L.A....And finally, MICK JAGGER has worn out his penis. The seven-inch billion-dollar dingus is shot. According to those who know, "it looks like the thumb on an old glove."

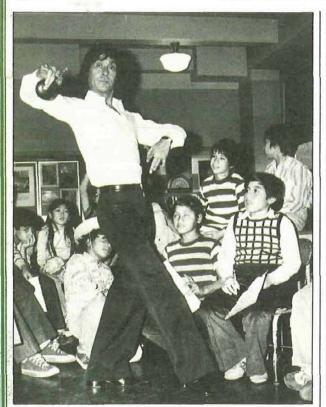




Chicago, Illinois Jacqueline Mudge, otherwise known as "Jackie the Masked Jacket Ripper," is caught in broad daylight tearing the jacket of a young, innocent schoolboy. Mudge has been prowling the streets of Chicago for years, attacking people from behind and pulling their jackets off. Police estimate that she has ruined over two thousand dollars worth of jackets.



Vatican City Pope John Paul II ignores the cries and pleas of children attending the first annual Italian Juvenile Beggars Association. The association was organized as a labor union for poor young people, offering protection, medical benefits, a pension plan, and suggested guidelines for a minimum dole. The little beggars had hoped to obtain the endorsement of the new pope, but he declined until he "had more time to study the matter."



Des Moines, Iowa Gregory LaChance of Philadelphia gives local schoolchildren a demonstration of "flouncing," a Romanian gypsy folk dance using yo-yos. LaChance, whose father was the premier flouncer of Bucharest before World War II, is on a concert tour that will take him to over five cities.



Rome, Italy The "Mighty Martyrs" of the St. John of the Cross monastery speed to victory in the annual Tiber Regatta. The Martyrs are local monks who have been rowing together for nine years. They wear their traditional rowing hats as they capture their third championship of the meet.

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