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Fraternity workers staff Project Athena workstations for Clearinghouse.

## Thistle stories have little effect on fraternity rush

By Linda D'Angelo

Four articles which ran in the September *Thistle* and focused on the negative aspects of fraternities and fraternity rush had little effect on rush, according to Inter-Fraternity Council President Tony Gerber '90.

"RUSH: An Insider's Guide," which detailed behind-the-scenes mechanisms used by fraternities during rush, was written by Alpha Tau Omega President Penn Loh '90 and member Archon Fung '90. A three article series by Caroline Jean Lee '91 focused on alleged problems of sexual harassment in the fraternity system.

The main reason for the articles was to "inform freshmen about rush before rather than afterwards," Loh said. Most of the information given to freshmen about fraternities and their rush practices are "sanitized," Loh explained, and this was an attempt to give freshmen "the whole scoop."

Almost a third of freshmen asked had neither read nor heard about the articles. Of the remaining two-thirds several felt that, although the articles seemed a bit exaggerated, they were "helpful." One transfer student had heard several freshmen saying that they would not rush any fraternities because of the article. He explained that because this would increase the number of freshman seeking dormitory housing, it would be more difficult for him to get the dormitory of his choice.

While a few other students discussed the negative effects of the articles, some saying that the articles made them a little wary of the rush process, the majority stated that the four *Thistle* articles had no effect on their rush.

Kappa Sigma Rush chair Derek Mohar '91, like most of the fraternity rush chairs asked, also felt that the articles had little effect on rush. Because the fraternities and sororities "thought it through and were very prepared, there wasn't much of an effect," he explained.

The sensationalistic nature of the articles (especially the three by Lee) also lessened their effect on rush, Gerber said. The tone, as well as the use of examples that "were blatantly untrue," made them "more of a stereotype rather than an honest warning" to freshmen, he added.

"People should be made aware of these issues," but "because the articles were not done in a professional manner they didn't even serve that purpose," Gerber said. Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) Rush Chair Miles Arnone '91 agreed, stating that while the "articles discussed issues of an important nature, they discussed them in a way that trivialized them."

Since the articles did not provide "the frats' side," they also "damaged their own credibility," Arnone said. If the authors had "wanted to make a point, they needed a more balanced view," he noted.

Lastly, the articles "failed to address that IFC includes sororities, coed fraternities and a female living group," according to pika resident Joseph Vanderway '89. In so doing the articles supported the "idea that rush is for men," he said.

## Clearinghouse staffed by IFC

By Irene C. Kuo

This year's R/O Clearinghouse was staffed by fraternity members, the first step of a plan by the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs to turn the operation over to the Inter-Fraternity Council. In recent years, the workers consisted entirely of dormitory residents.

Despite the change, the purposes of the operation remain the same, according to Bob Rich '90, a fraternity member who coordinates Clearinghouse with Furio Ciacci '90, Jay Berkenbilt '91, and Andrew Greene '91. These purposes are:

- to assist the independent living groups with their rush by keeping a list of the ILGs seeking people and by helping them locate students they wish to rush;
- to assist the ODSA by keeping track of room assignments and by providing the office with up-to-date information on the progress of rush;
- to provide a communications medium during R/O; and
- to provide freshman housing locations to the registrar and to directory services.

"The ODSA felt that the IFC should be involved with running Clearinghouse because the IFC benefits a lot from the operation," Rich said. "Eventually, the hope is to have the people involved with the systems project working, in paid or unpaid positions, under the IFC."

No abuse so far

The "Clearinghouse 1989 Manual for Workers" specifically prohibits workers from "monitoring or otherwise requesting information about a new student for purposes other than rushing (e.g., dates, parties, solicitation, activities, athletics)" and prohibits release of information to the press and unauthorized persons.

Very strict security codes and an honor system have prevented any abuse thus far, Rich said. Fraternity members are involved at the lowest, or "worker," level of the committee, since their inclusion this year is only an experiment. To further ensure security, workers this year cannot generate lists of freshmen who have visited a house or find out how many visits they have made.

Since "administrators," who have more access to the database, are required to have had ten hours of previous Clearinghouse experience, these posts are still comprised of dormitory residents. Rich, however, foresees changes next summer; of the seven "masters," who are responsible for the functioning of the database, two belong to fraternities.

First year Athena was used

This year also marked the first time Project Athena was used to run Clearinghouse. From 1975 to 1988, the committee relied on "Deep-thought," a computer in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science that was decommissioned this spring.

John T. Kohli '88, William E. Sommerfeld '88, and Ezra Peisach '89, last year's Clearinghouse coordinator, rewrote the old software, written in the mid-seventies in a language called BCPL, into C. Before 1975, Clearinghouse relied on blackboards.

Rich said the new system has minor bugs, but has not been out of service for more than 10 minutes. During the blackout last Thursday, committee members relied on print-outs of freshman names.

The experiment of adding IFC members and using Project Athena has worked well, according to Rich. Clearinghouse has received fewer complaints from fraternities about rude workers. "Frat people can sympathize with the rush situation," he concluded.

## Cambridge rent control laws may change

By Reuven M. Lerner

The Cambridge election commission voted last week to change the wording of Proposition 1-2-3, according to an article in last Thursday's *Cambridge Chronicle*. The referendum, which would allow tenants to buy their rent-controlled apartments, is scheduled for a vote in November. The decision has left the referendum without any definite wording.

A 1979 city ordinance prohibits tenants from buying their rent-controlled apartments without a removal permit. Proposition 1-2-3 would modify this rule, allowing "any tenant who has occupied a rent-controlled unit for at least two years . . . to buy it . . . if the tenant and landlord both agree."

On August 10th, Republican Commissioner Artis Spears, who had earlier voted in favor of the referendum, announced that she had changed her vote, and moved for a re-vote on the referendum's wording. With one of the two Democratic commission members away on vacation, the previously approved wording was rejected by a vote of 2-1.

Supporters of the resolution disapprove of several phrases that were added to the original text. They say that if the resolution mentions the words, "changing rent control" in the preamble, people will be less likely to vote for it. Opponents say that proposition supporters simply want to deceive voters.

Referendum opponents also favor the inclusion of the words, "without the presently required removal permit." They feel that by mentioning the removal permit, they would remind residents of potential change in the rent-control law.

## Tosci's to open in Student Center

There will be a Toscanini's Ice Cream store in the Julius A. Stratton '23 Student Center "by the first week in October," according to owner Gus Rancatore. The opening will end a year-long production process that was "time-consuming and frustrating," Rancatore said.

It was MIT who approached Rancatore with the idea of opening a Toscanini's in the Student Center, after having conducted surveys to determine which stores would excite student interest. Although "not that enthusiastic" at first, Rancatore decided it was a "good opportunity" as well as a "fun thing to do," he said.

Originally, Toscanini's was to occupy the space now occupied by Newbury Comics, and had that been the case the store would have been "open long ago," Rancatore said. Instead the store was relocated to beneath the outdoor stairs, an area which was once handicapped access ramps.

The enclosure of this area was simple, but the fact that it was not part of the original structure led to several constructional problems, such as "extraordinary heating and cooling costs," Rancatore said. At one point it was estimated that construction costs would reach \$250,000 "before furnishing or equipment," he noted.

The new Toscanini's also ran into financing problems. Initially, MIT had agreed to finance the project, but then decided against it. Alternative financing also fell through before financing for the store was obtained.

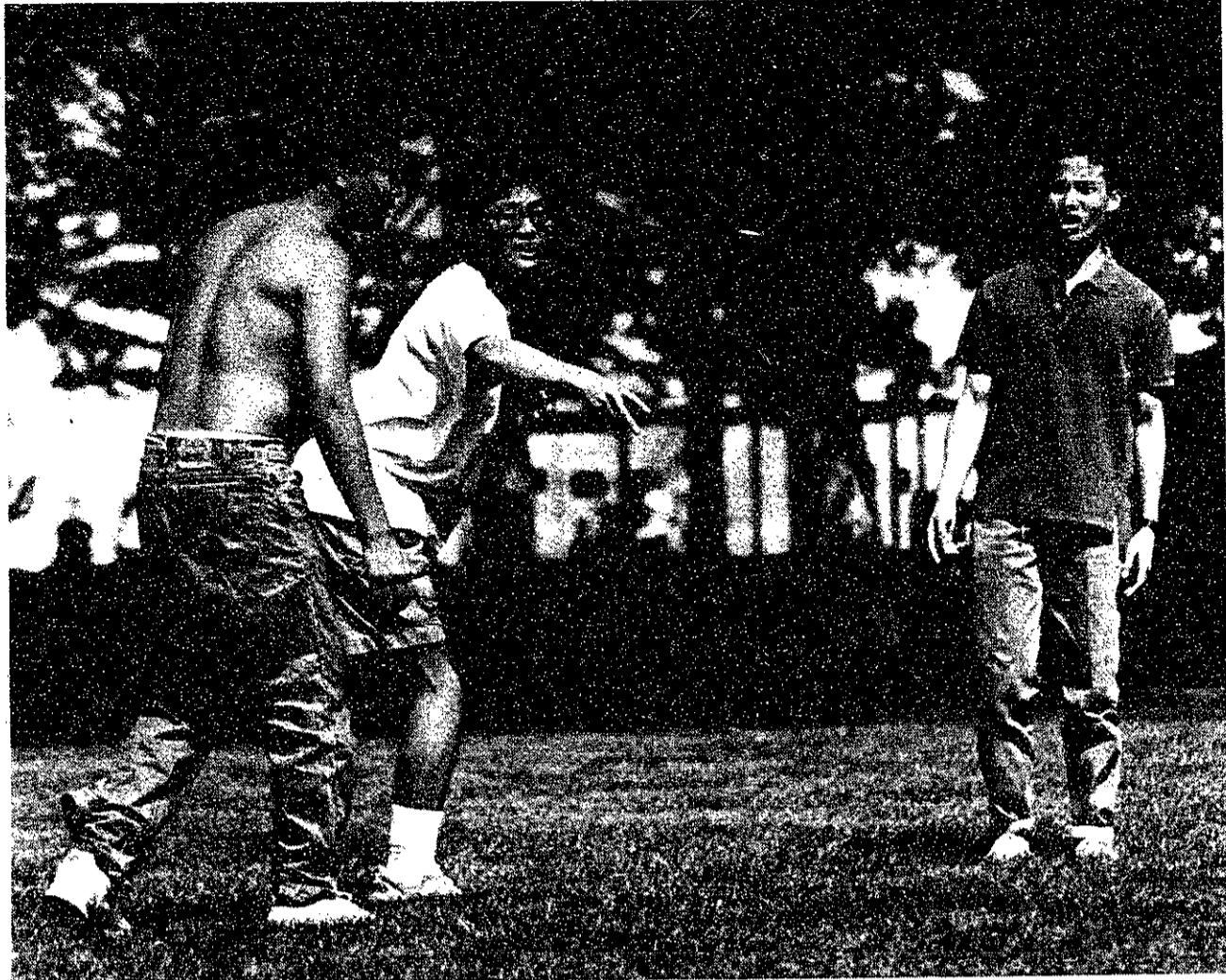
Rancatore noted that "everyone worked overly long hours to get everything straightened out" and was "sorry for all the delays."

Although the project became "much more of an ordeal than" he had anticipated, Rancatore was very appreciative that "over a period of time MIT and Toscanini's worked things out so that it would be affordable to put an ice cream store" in the Student Center.



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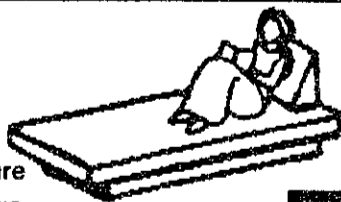
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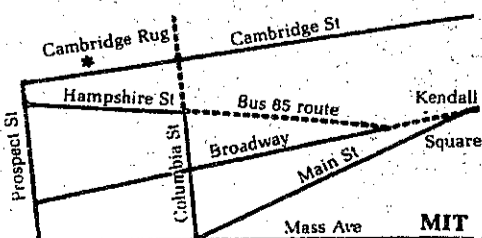
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## World

### Soviet ethnic violence continues

Nationalist leaders in the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan say a strike has shut down most of the area's factories, stores and trains. The Azerbaijanis want control of a disputed territory now administered directly from Moscow.

### US aid to Columbia arrives

Two US military transport planes arrived in Colombia Sunday, carrying the first of the equipment the US is sending to help Colombia wage war on drugs. The US has promised \$65 million dollars worth of aid. As the American ambassador was making a speech at the airfield where the planes landed, reporters heard gunfire in the distance. The sounds turned out to be from a man with an automatic rifle, who killed one other person, and wounded twelve. Police shot and killed the attacker before he could do any more damage.

### 58 arrested in South African protest

While South Africa's acting President, F. W. De Klerk, declared yesterday in his final campaign speech that white domination must end, police disrupted rallies by anti-apartheid activists.

In their biggest ever beach protest Sunday, thousands of blacks marched at a beach designated for whites only. Police made 58 arrests, but waited two hours before breaking up the protest.

Police have released Anglican archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Reverend Allan Boesak, and other anti-apartheid leaders. They were arrested after a meeting in a Capetown church was declared illegal.

### Cuban airliner crashes on takeoff

It's feared the death toll in the crash of a Cuban airliner will reach at least 135. Cuban officials say all but one of the 126 people aboard died when the Soviet-made jetliner crashed on takeoff last night in Havana. At least ten people on the ground are feared dead, as well. One official says that a thunderstorm during takeoff may have been a factor in the crash. The airliner was en route to Milan, Italy.

## Nation

### Bush may have contacted Iranian leaders

The White House is denying a report that President Bush has been in contact with the new Iranian leadership. The official Iranian news agency says Bush has sent letters to Iranian leaders as recently as three weeks ago. A U.S. spokesman says that the last message was sent through third parties six weeks ago.

### 100,000 riot in Virginia Beach

National Guard troops patrolled the streets of Virginia Beach Sunday following an early-morning riot in the Virginia resort city. Much of the main resort strip was closed for the day and city officials considered imposing a curfew Sunday night. Officials estimated 100,000 people, mostly college students, went on a rampage that led to injury for four people and the looting of more than 100 stores. While the NAACP says that "police reaction would have been different if the students had been white," the mayor of the town says that police acted with "extraordinary restraint."

## Sports

### Injuries plague Pats

The news was not encouraging for three New England Patriots' defensive starters serious injuries in Friday night's pre-season finale. Cornerback Ronnie Lippett and defensive end Garin Veris will be lost for the entire National Football League season following surgery to repair leg injuries Saturday at Massachusetts General Hospital. And outside linebacker Andre Tippett underwent surgery yesterday on an injured shoulder. The team said Tippett will definitely miss the regular-season opener, September 10th, against the New York Jets. Any further time Tippett misses will be determined by what doctors discover during surgery.

### U/S. Open continues

Ninth-seeded Tim Mayotte yesterday moved into the quarterfinals at the U.S. Open Tennis Championship for the first time in his career. Mayotte ousted seventh-seeded Michael Chang. Sixth-seeded Andrew Agassi also advanced to the quarterfinals, beating Jim Grabb.

Steffi Graf, the top-seeded woman at the Open, defeated Ros Fairbank, and number-eight Helena Sukova beat Larisa Savchenko.

## Local

### Officers injured in cruiser crash

Boston police report three officers were injured yesterday afternoon when two cruisers crashed. A police spokesman declined to release their names immediately. He says they were responding in the cruisers to a call for aid. All three were taken to Boston City Hospital. The crash took place in south Boston at about 5:00 pm, at the corner of West Dedham street and Shawmut Avenue. Police say details of the accident are still under investigation. A hospital official said they were being treated late today, and described them in medically stable condition.

## Weather

### Good weather for moving in . . .

**Tuesday afternoon:** Today's weather will reach a high of 74°F.

**Tuesday night:** This evening will be partly cloudy, with a low of 54-58°F.

**Wednesday:** The day will start with some low clouds and fog, which will make way for sunshine later in the afternoon. High will be 76°F.

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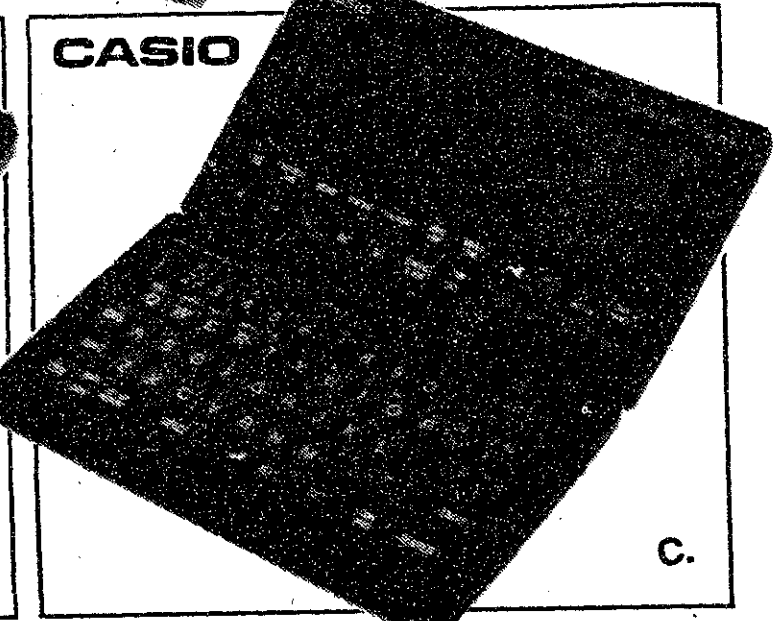
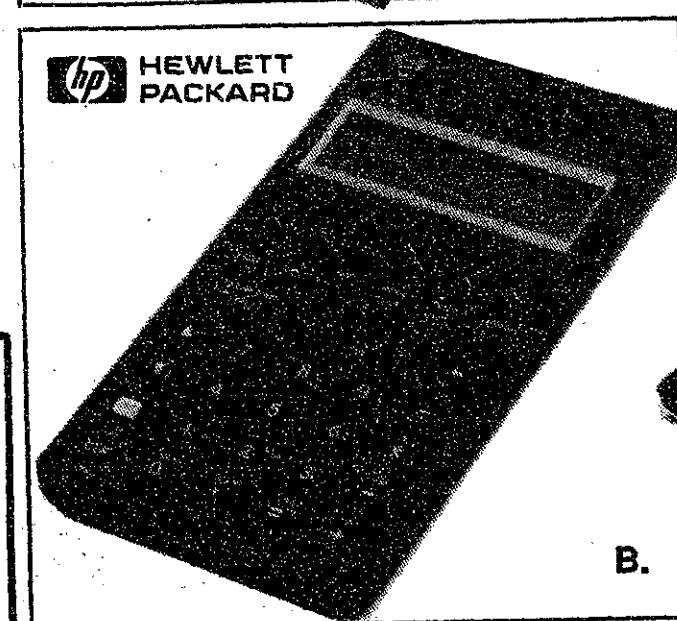
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# opinion

## What would they give for your MIT bed?

Column by Karina O'Malley

A friend called me and after chatting a minute or so she said, "Look, can I meet you for lunch? My dime is running out." Sure enough, the operator came on and said, "Please deposit it..." I said, "See you at the Mandarin," and we hung up. Over lunch, Colleen told me her plan. "I've saved the last two SSI checks and I'm going to catch a bus to Virginia. I have a friend there. She says we can get a two-bedroom apartment for \$300 a month." I wished her well with mixed emotions. I would miss her terribly, but Colleen was getting out! She was leaving the ranks of the homeless.

And I thought of Margaret Woodruff, a mutual friend of ours, who is now permanently housed in the Forest Hills Cemetery. She had been unable to find a place to rest during the day of the Marathon last spring. She wandered all over the city, but her usual haunts were filled with tourists and spectators. By the time Rosie's Place opened their doors that night, Margaret was exhausted. Several hours later her heart failed and she died.

Colleen and Margaret are two of the many women I met while working at the Cambridge Armory Shelter this winter. There I learned for the first time the real cause of homelessness: the lack of affordable housing. Many of the guests work a 40-hour week, support children, and struggle to come up with the first month's rent, last month's rent, and security deposit needed to get an apartment in Boston. There are very few success stories, and many of the ones who do find housing, like Colleen, have to leave the city.

The blame for this lies on many heads and there is no benefit to pointing fingers after the damage is done. But Boston rents are skyrocketing and forcing more and more people out onto the streets, and something must be done.

As new MIT students, many of you received a copy of *Rachel and Her Children*, an excellent source of information about this national concern. More compelling than any book, though, are the sights new students at MIT have been treated to for years. About a ten-minute walk away, Central Square is a popular hangout for Cambridge homeless, and, there, many students see for the first time members of this subculture. There is the tall, long-haired, unkempt man wrapped in a green blanket asking for change. There is the woman sitting by the bus stop talking to herself. There are the drunken men sleeping by the Sal-

vation Army. These are the stereotypes. They exist, and are a constant source of angst for shopowners and the MIT administration — who feel their presence drives away customers and potential donors, and generally lowers the property value.

On the campus itself, homeless people find refuge in the heated classrooms at night or at the cheapest coffeehouse in town. If they are the stereotypical homeless — unwashed, inarticulate, anti-social, and possibly thieves — then the Campus Police will don their rubber gloves and escort them to the city limits.

Many are not so obvious. It used to be that these easily recognizable street people were the entire homeless population. Alcoholic, mentally ill, or socially maladjusted, they are incapable of keeping an independent household. Now, as *Rachel and Her Children* mentioned, the fastest-growing subset of homeless is families — single parents with small children. And in Boston, as the housing crunch tightens, many homeless are the working poor. They are holding down jobs and working long hours and just not making enough to afford the \$600 a month studios without sacrificing their food budget. And the longer they are home-

less, the lower their chances are of finding housing.

Many of the measures being considered to alleviate the problem are slow, long-term, and likely never to be implemented. Mitch Snyder, a Washington, DC, based homeless advocate, makes this analogy. "If your house was on fire, you would not walk calmly about, making plans and forming committees. No one would realize there was a fire and no one would help. Well, the house is on fire, and it is time to start screaming and running. People are dying in the streets."

In the freshman book discussions on Thursday, keep this in mind. As you sit and discuss and debate about whether there is a need, and who deserves help, and what should be done, people are in danger. People are suffering. And people really are dying from homelessness.

Be thankful for that twin extra-long bed MIT makes you sleep on. It is better than nothing.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Women's R/O Committee should have sent book to all incoming students

The incoming freshmen would be better served if all MIT students, men and women, received a copy of *The New Our Bodies, Ourselves*. The Women's Residence/Orientation Committee is making a sexist blunder in thinking that only new MIT women need to read and think about nutrition, abortion, violence against women, birth control, and sexuality. If the Undergraduate Academic Support

Office was able to send all incoming students another book, then funding issues alone did not keep all students from receiving *The New Our Bodies, Ourselves*. Women have been reading books with a male bias for years; the Women's R/O Committee missed an opportunity to encourage men to read a book written for women from the point of view of women.

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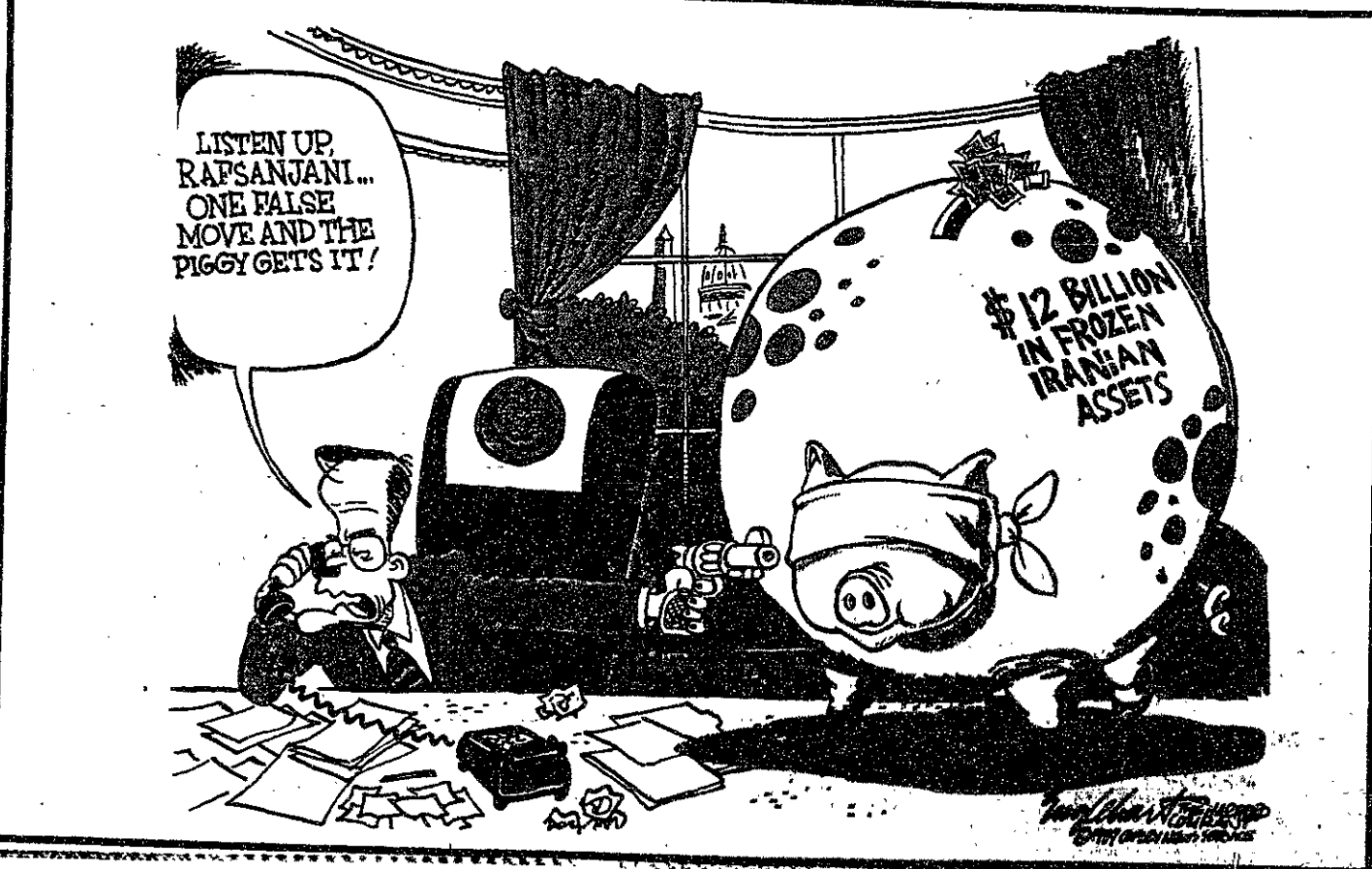
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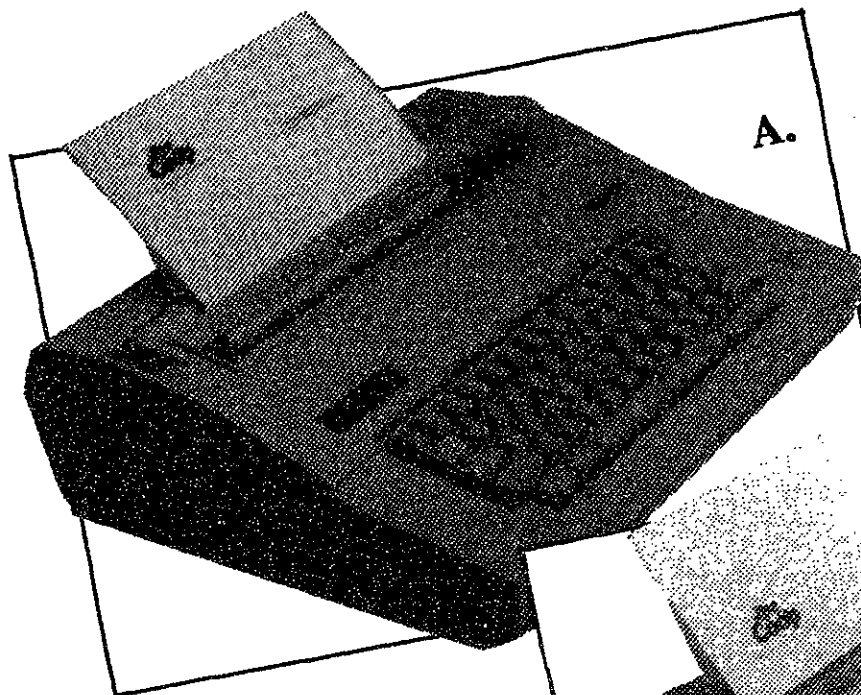


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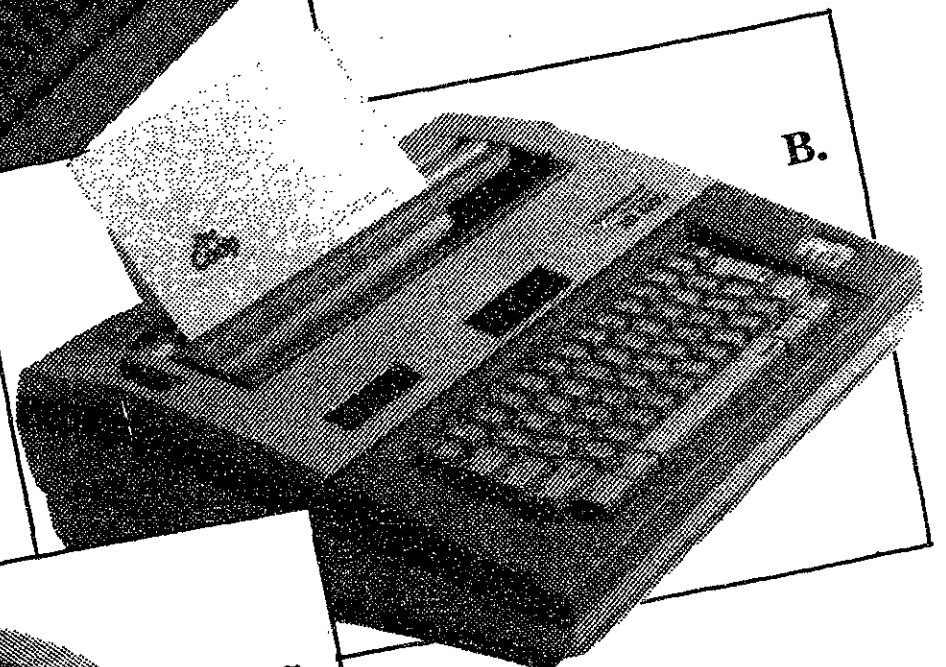


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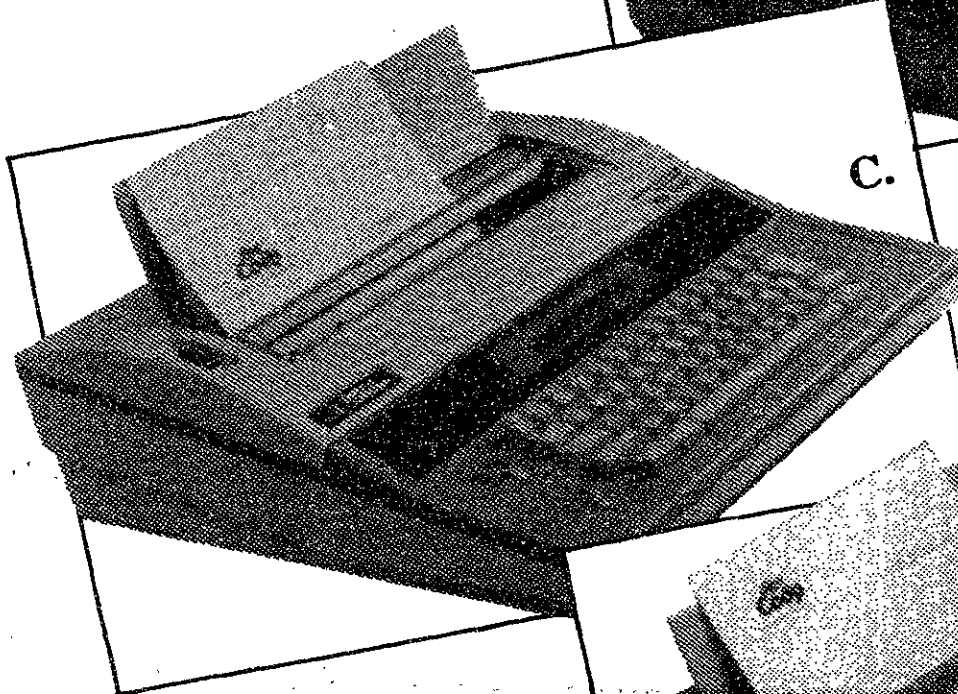
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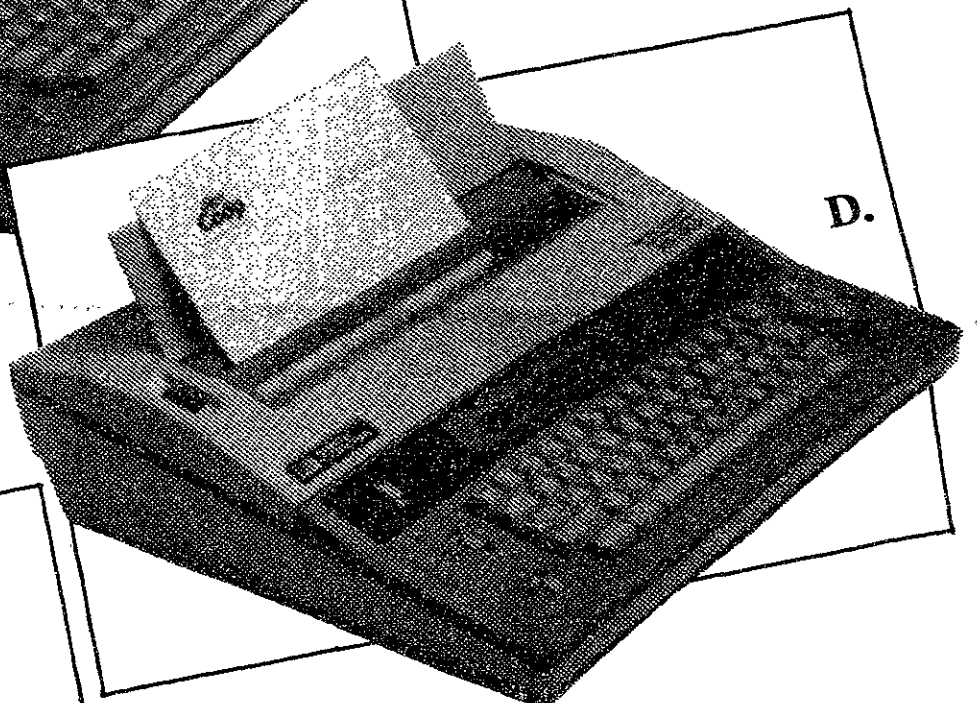
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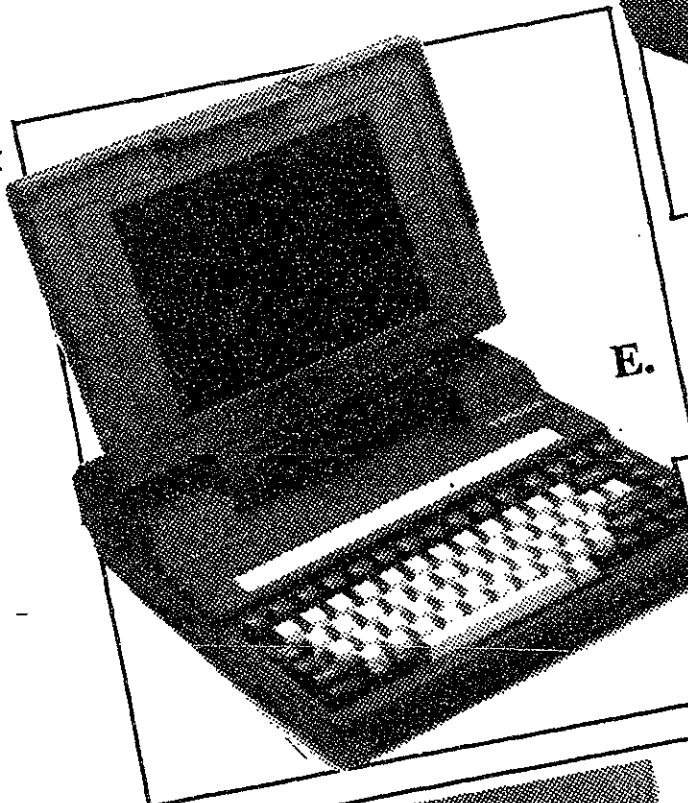
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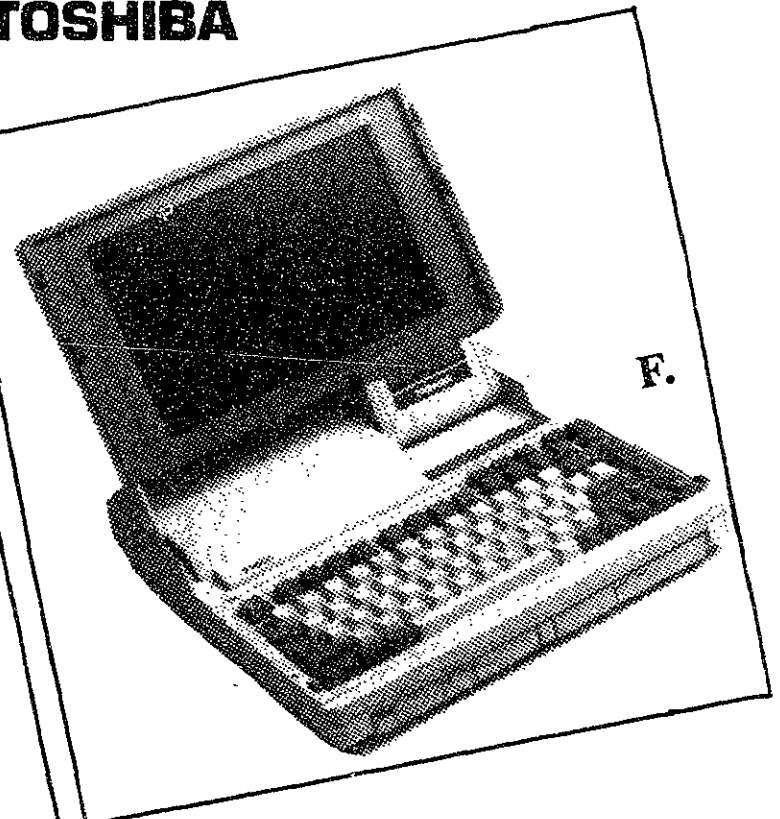
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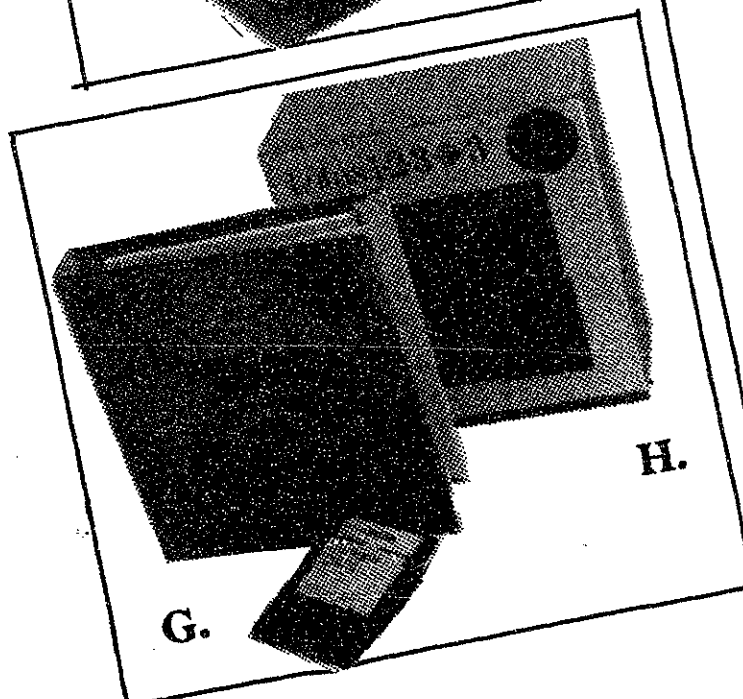
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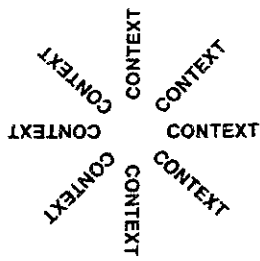
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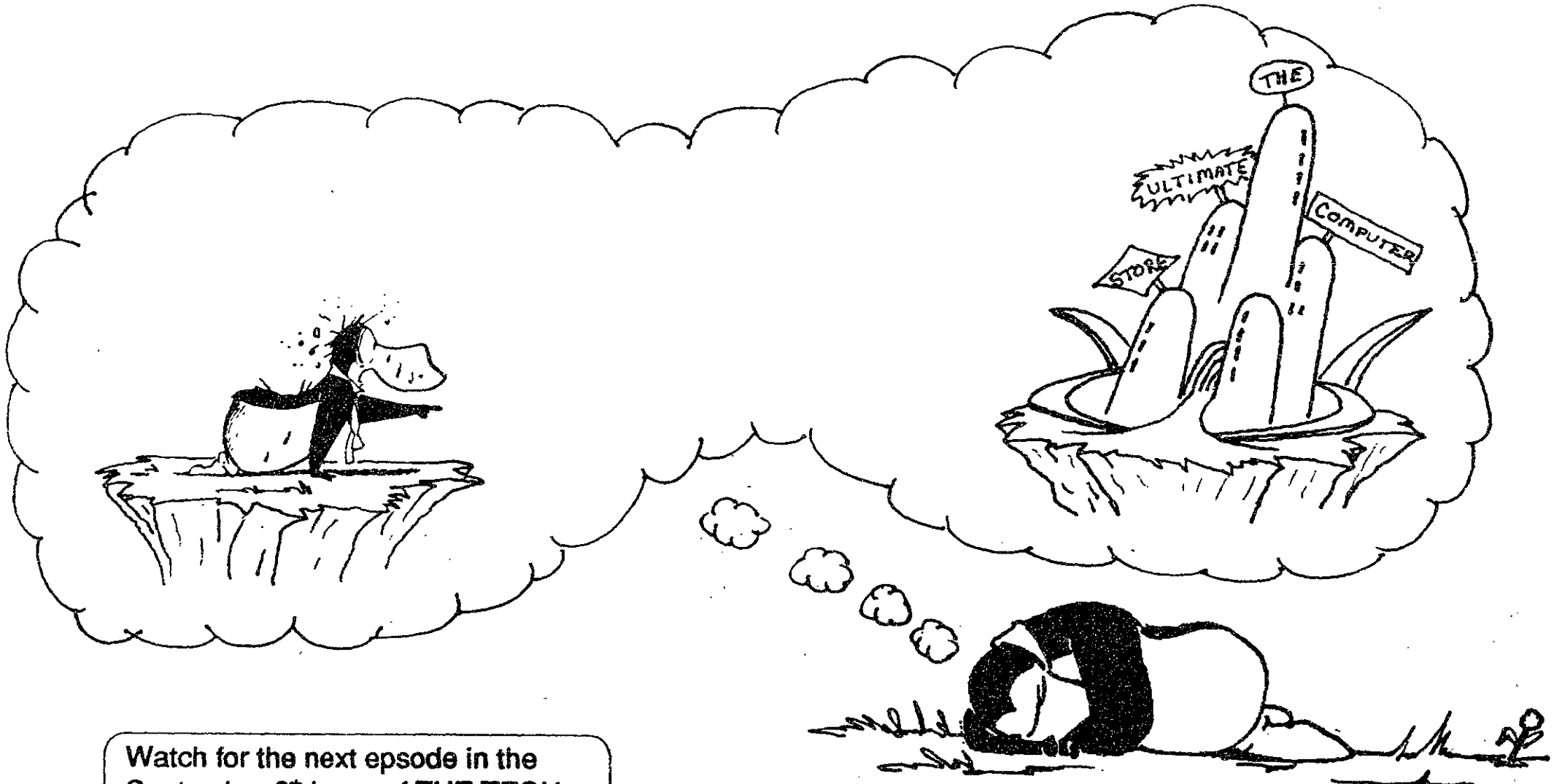
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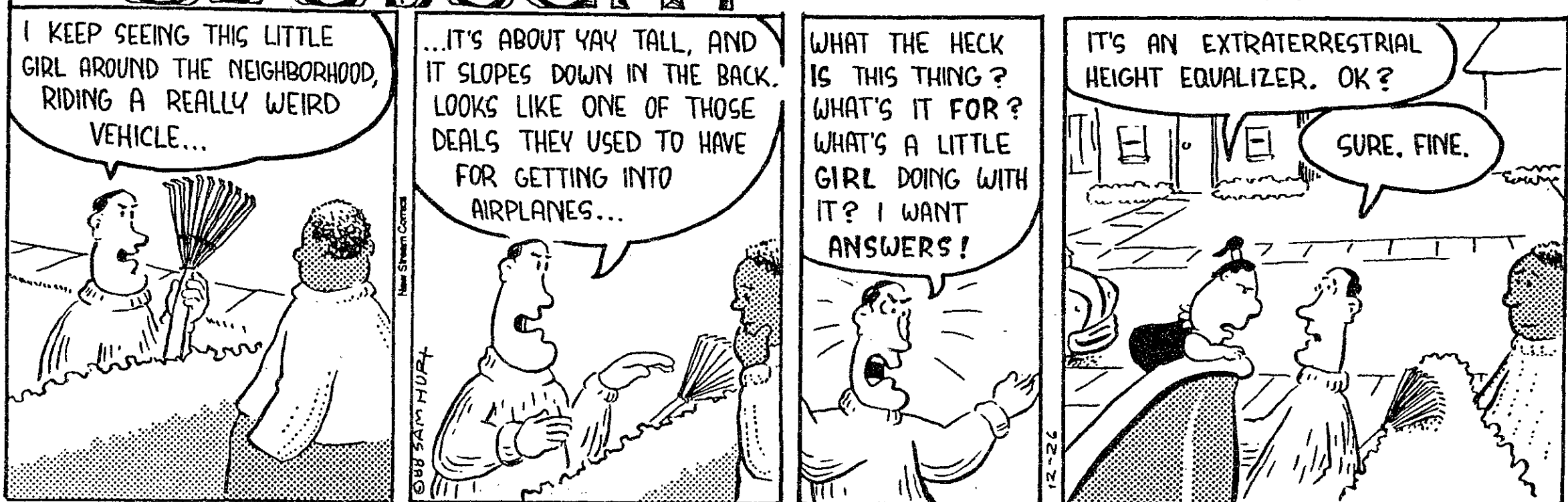
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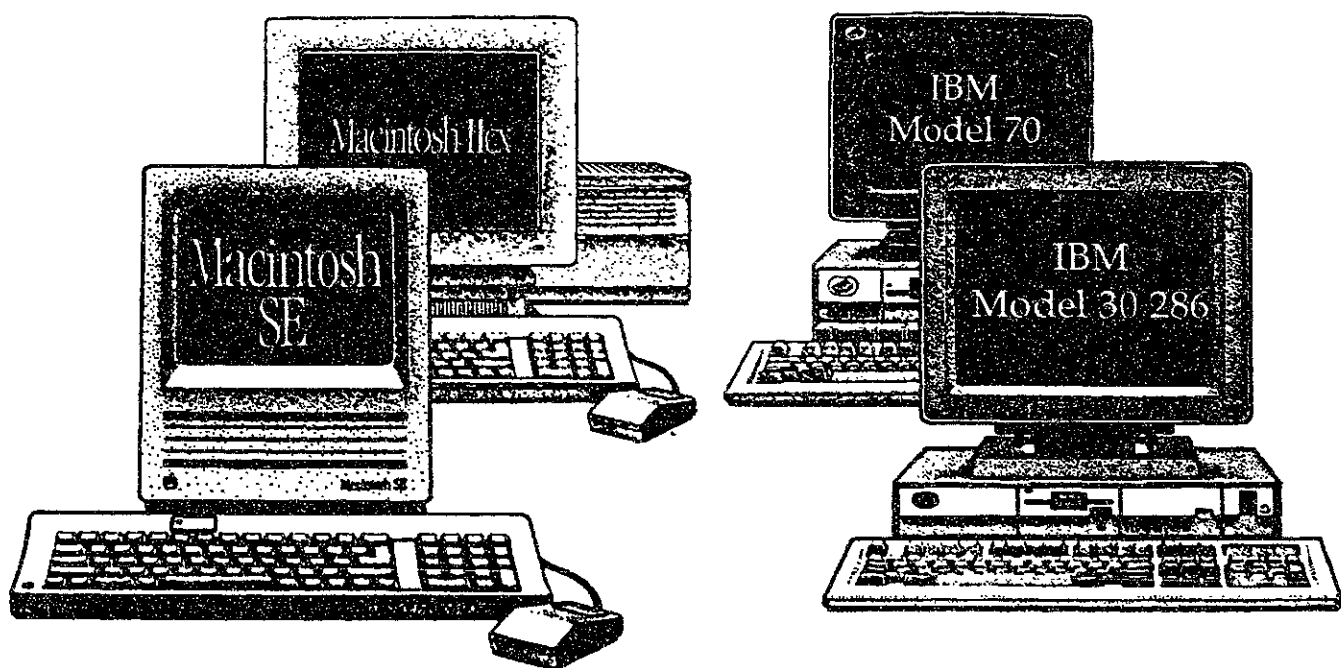
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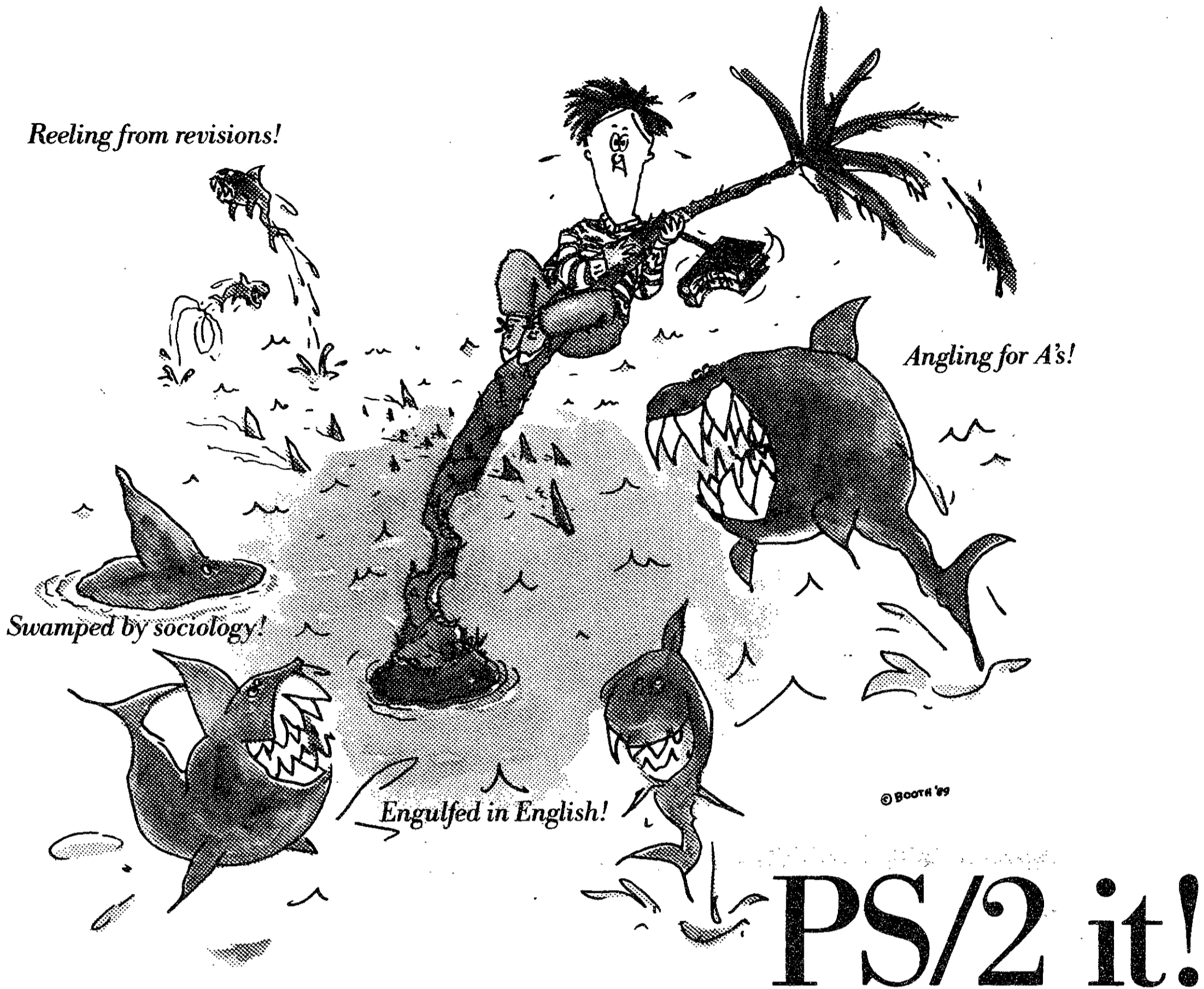
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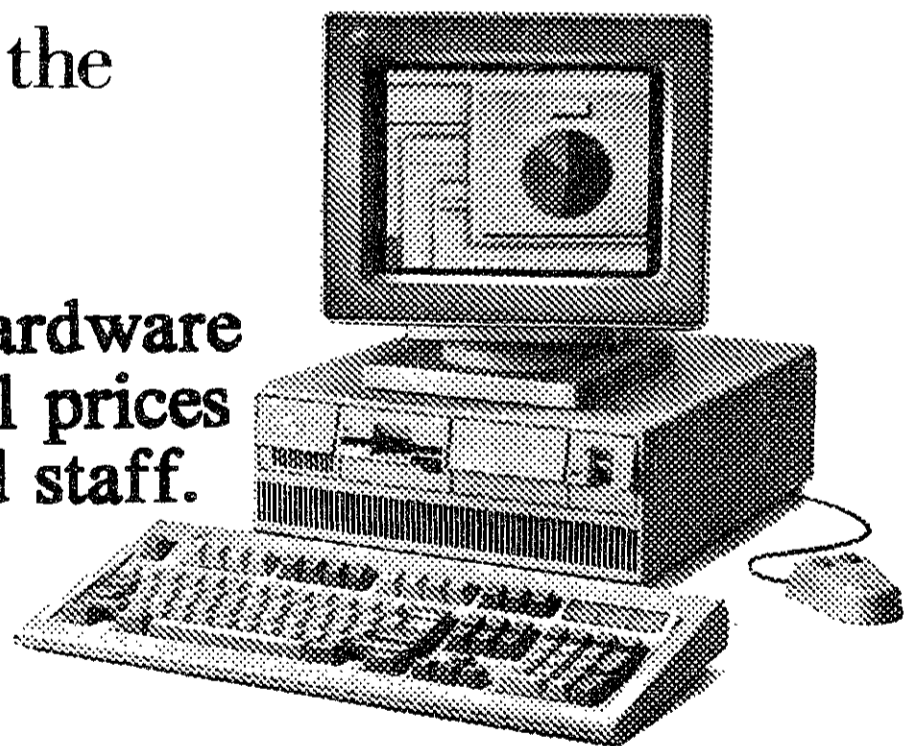
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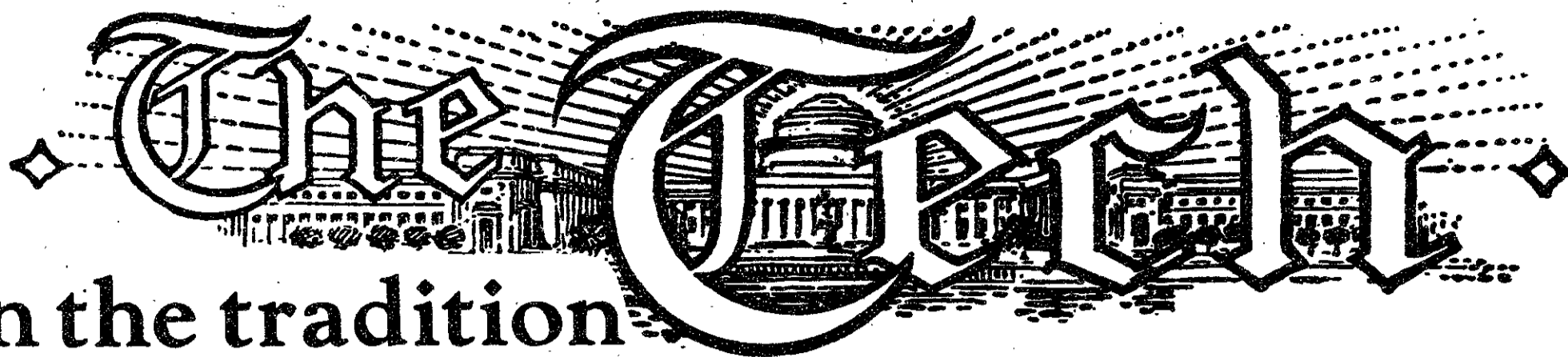
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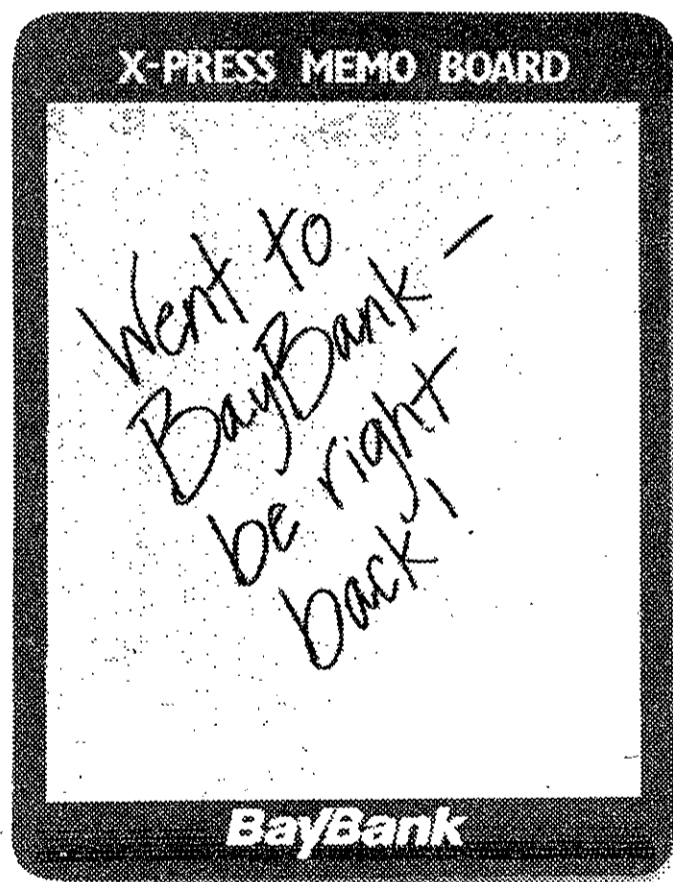


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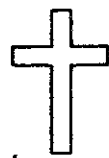
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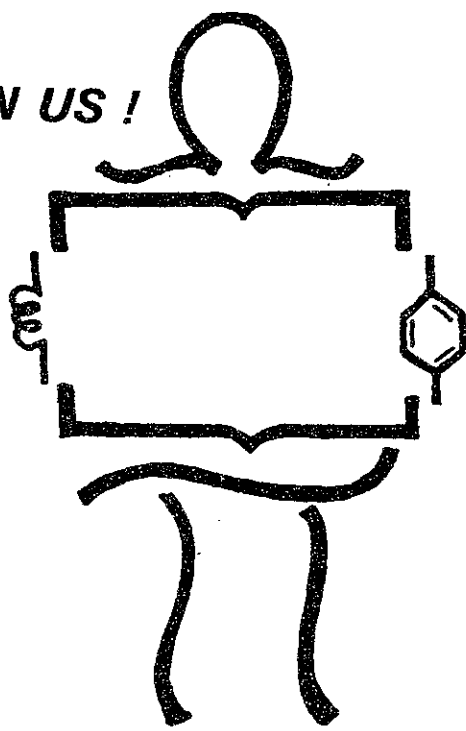
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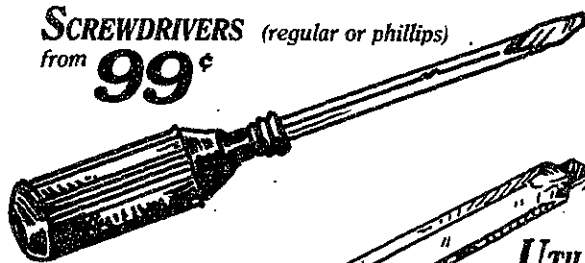
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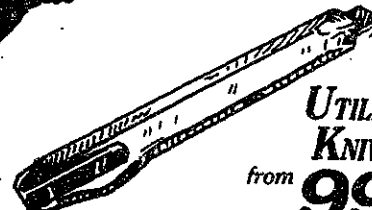
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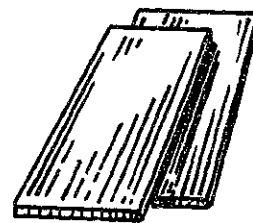
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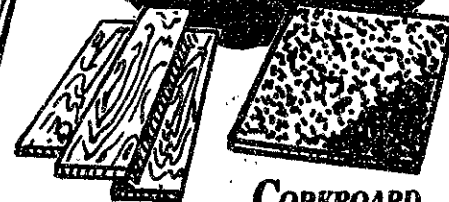
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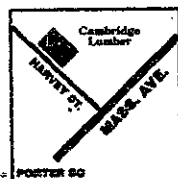
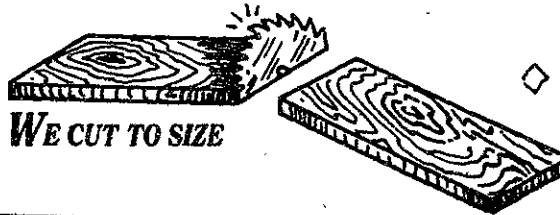
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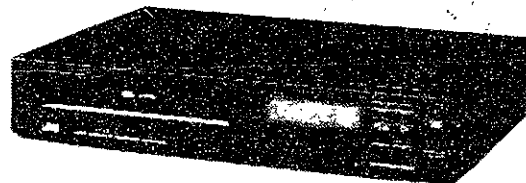
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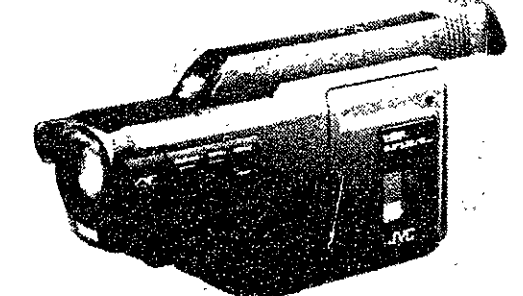
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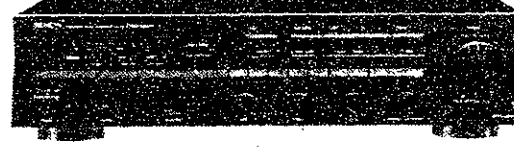
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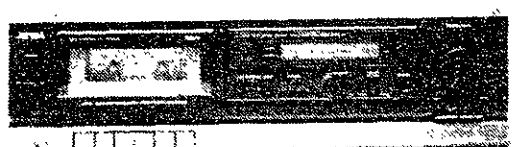


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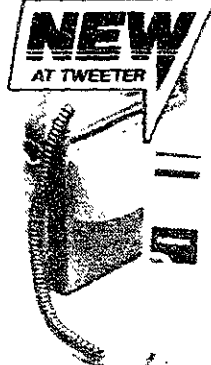


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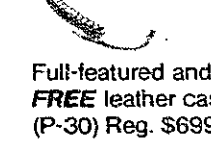
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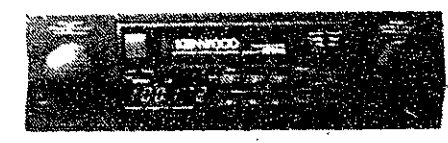
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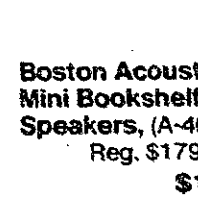
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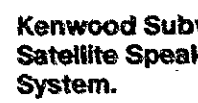
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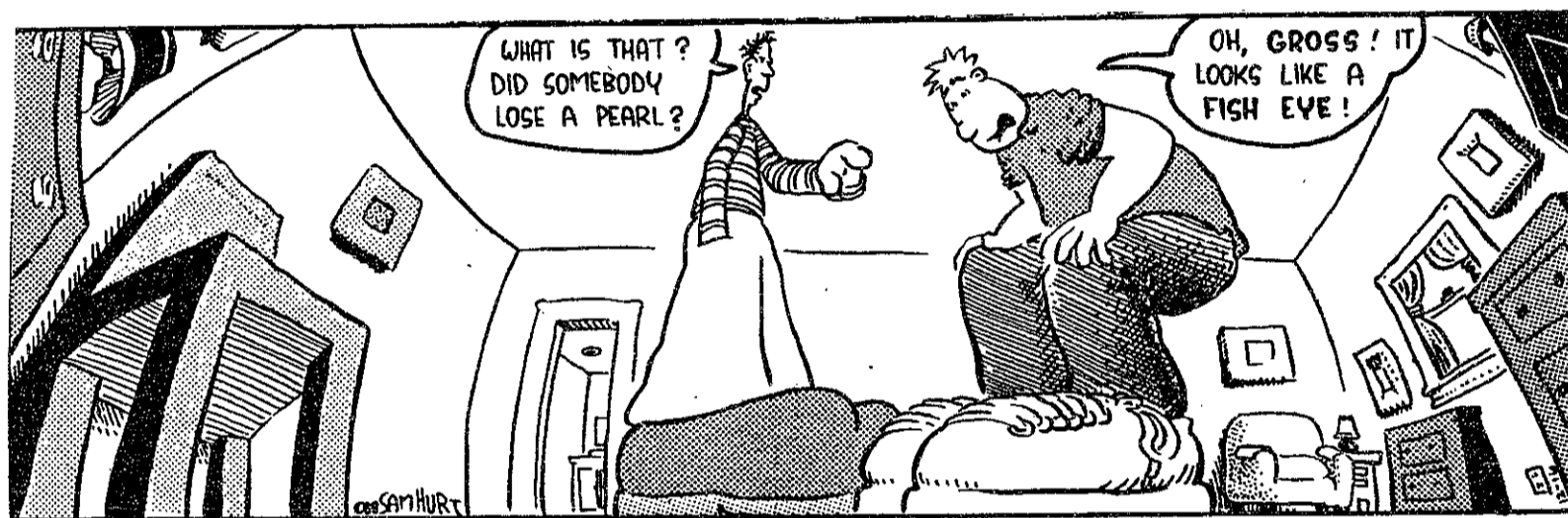
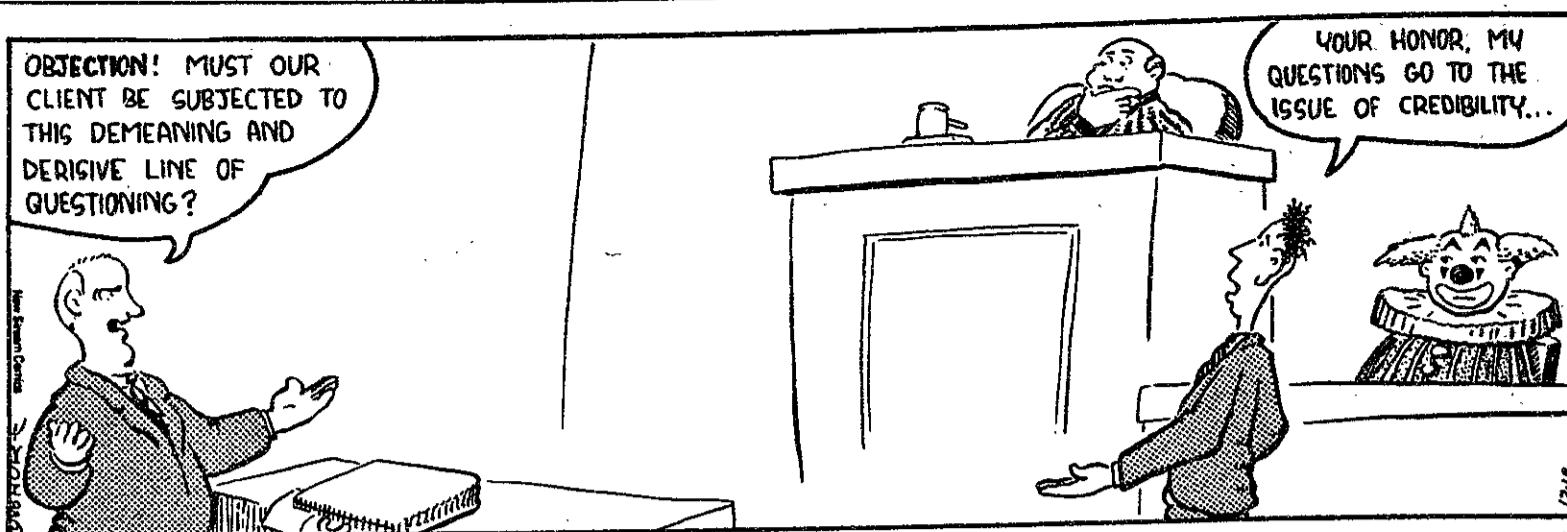
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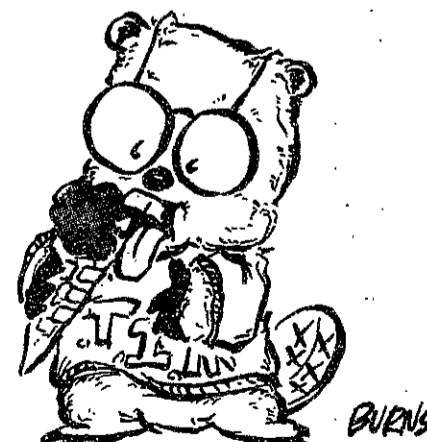


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