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ADVISE AND CONSENT

Our West Coast Editor. Stephen Randall (with the headphones), can't quite believe his ears as he hears some spicy sagacity on the new Playboy Advisor radio show. Another person with incredible ears (and everything else) is Bunny Sandy of the L.A. Playboy Club, who joined Randall, producer Stephen Peeples (left) and Westwood One president and executive producer Norm Pattiz in the studio for the very best in aural sex and AM/FM Q. and A.



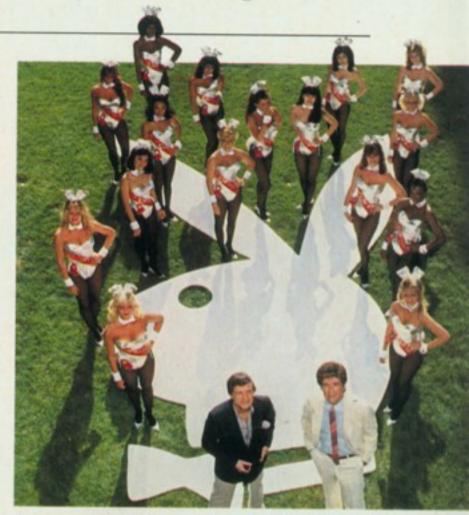
That's what up-andcoming actress Heidi Sorenson, Miss July 1981, deserved after making the jump to Hollywood from her native Denmark a few years back. Now she has it-a feature role in the TV movie Sunset Limousine, which stars John Ritter at the wheel of the titular limo. We always knew Heidi was driven to succeed.



IS THIS THE FACE THAT LAUNCHED DEPOSIT SLIPS?

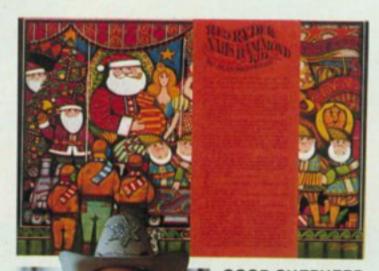
It could be, if Rodney Dangerfield can resist Miss January 1982, Kim McArthur, in his movie Easy Money. Rodney plays a guy who will inherit \$10,000,000 if he gives up smoking, drinking, gambling and womanizing for a year. With Kim around, the first three should be the easy part.





EVERYBODY LOVES SOME BUNNY SOMETIME

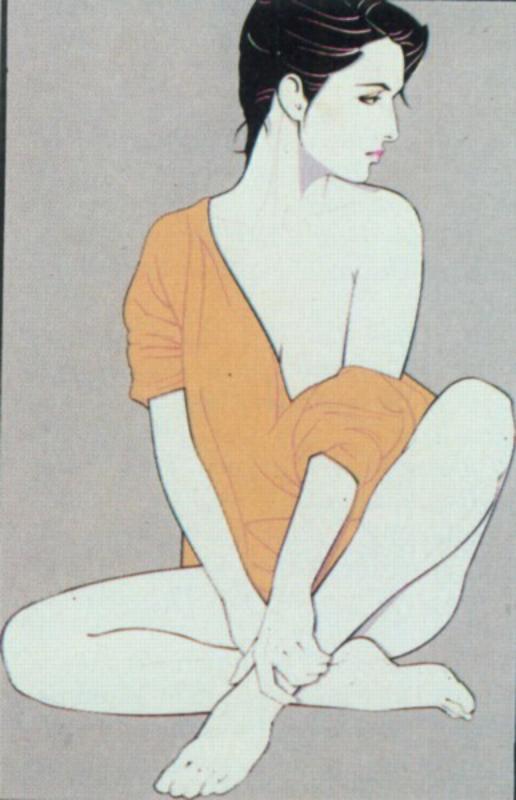
But some are loved more than most. All 16 Bunnies of the Year (elected by keyholder vote) were feted at Mansion West recently by Hef and Alan Thicke of TV's Thicke of the Night. Although great at formations, the B.O.Y.s are not a marching band.



GOOD SHEPHERD Young Peter Billings-

ley (left) yearns for a Red Ryder Air Gun in the new film A Christmas Story, co-written by Jean Shepherd and based on his PLAYBOY tale Red Ryder Nails the Hammond Kid (December 1965). We can't give away the plot, but we bet it will charm you.





ALPACINO SCARFACE

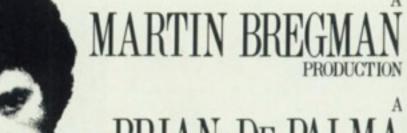
In the spring of 1980, the port at Mariel Harbor was opened, and thousands set sail for the United States. They came in search of the American Dream.

One of them found it on the sun-washed avenues of Miami...wealth, power and passion beyond his wildest dreams.

He was Tony Montana.
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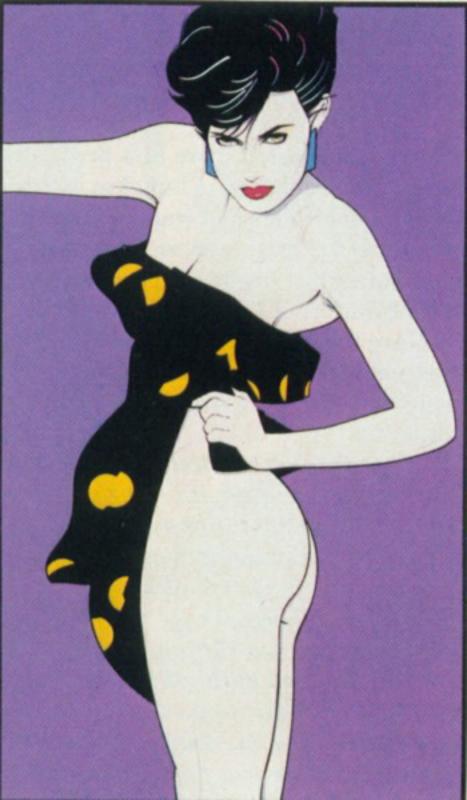


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JOAN COLLINS

two great photographers meet one great star an exclusive portfolio

ows this as a plot line for *Dynasty*, ABC's soapy series of sex and corporate intrigue that's become a national mania: Alexis Carrington Colby—a woman so evil and conniving she makes J. R. Ewing look like Mother Teresa—decides to pose for Playboy. The word goes out to Blake, her slick and sometimes sinister ex-husband, and Krystle, his stunning, goody-two-shoes second wife. Of course, Alexis will have to tell her two sons, the mentally unstable Adam (don't (text continued on page 306)

It took two of the biggest names in photography to do justice to TV's reigning sex queen. Above, George Hurrell's classic style captures Joan in black and white. Left, veteran PLAYBOY Contributing Photographer Mario Casilli works his particular brand of magic in color.





"Until now, when an actress turned 30, she kept it a secret," says Casilli, the man behind the lens for the series of color portraits.

"Joan will change that. It was exciting working with her. There's a little bit of animal in her that she lets sneak out. You feel as if you're with a panther."















"'To me, I've got a great body. If it's photographed right, it can look absolutely great."

mention the word breakdown or he'll fly into a rage) and the homosexual Steven. who had such radical plastic surgery last season that it allowed the producers to pull the ultimate in soap-opera chutzpah-to fire one actor and replace him with another without changing the char-

Let's say Alexis gathers all of them, plus her daughter, her ex-son-in-law and assorted others, in her penthouse office overlooking Denver. What will she say?

"I'm appearing in PLAYBOY, with a modicum of tasteful eroticism, because I know that it looks good," she'll announce, sipping from her glass of Louis Roederer Cristal champagne. "If I didn't look good, I wouldn't do it. I'm far too vain. I've too much pride and I'm too intelligent to stand

there with fat arms and a big, fat belly."

Blake looks stunned; Krystle is envious. Steven seems puzzled and Adam starts to have flashbacks to the mental hospital in Montana.

"To me, I've got a great body," Alexis will say. "Sometimes, it looks terrific; and if it's photographed right, it can look absolutely great."

Sound like the Alexis we've come to know and fantasize about? Regular Dynasty fans probably will not be surprised to learn that those words were actually uttered-during a taping session for a forthcoming Playboy Interview-by Ioan Collins, the English actress who has made Alexis into TV's top sex symbol for men and an unlikely heroine for women. Those who have followed her more than 50 mov-

"It's from the Murrays . . . did we remember to send them anything?"

ies or her escapades that have scandalized Great Britain for years see it as a fitting role for their favorite legend. So when Joan agreed to pose for PLAYBOY, it was obvious that she deserved not one but two of America's best photographers.

George Hurrell, perhaps the most famous name in Hollywood glamor photography, was the choice for the blackand-white series. He took his first photo of a film star, Ramon Novarro, in 1927 and, under contract to various movie studios. shot all the greats-Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich, Mae West, Bette Davis, Jean Harlow, Clark Gable and hundreds of others. As the star system died, he found himself in vogue with a new generation and, at 79, has taken album-cover shots for Aretha Franklin, Melissa Manchester, Chevy Chase, Keith Carradine, Lindsey Buckingham and Fleetwood Mac.

If Hurrell missed any stars along the way, it's likely that Mario Casilli covered for him. One of the original PLAYBOY photographers who helped perfect the art of the centerfold (he has shot nearly 70 of them), he's also one of the most soughtafter celebrity photographers in the country, with nearly 50 TV Guide covers to his credit. Ironically, it is Casilli, the junior member of the photo team, who has known Joan longer, photographing her at what was the beginning of both of their careers.

"It was 1956 or 1957," he recalls. "She had just come over from Britain as something of a Liz Taylor look-alike. She was much more quiet at the time and was nowhere near the lady she is now. She has grown in confidence and has really become her own person. I was impressed with her then, but I would never have guessed that she'd become such a star."

For Joan, becoming a star was a long. bumpy ride. She entered the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts when she was only 15 and quickly made her movie debut in I Believe in You, with Laurence Harvey. Numerous films, most of them forgettable, followed. Of course, the quality of her work hardly mattered, since she managed, by dint of her colorful personal life and her penchant for speaking her mind, to become a star in spite of her career. Few saw or remembered her movies; no one forgot her well-publicized affairs. And if people did, Joan reminded them by writing her autobiography, Past Imperfect, in 1978. Even for a work by a woman long known as "Britain's Bad Girl," the book was so shocking and the uproar so loud that she demurely returned a \$100,000 advance to her American publisher to keep the book from being released here. She has since reworked it, toned some of it down and has agreed to let it be published early next year. Even her age is controversial. She tells interviewers she's 48, but

other sources see her as slightly more mature—say, 50ish.

To read Past Imperfect is to realize how anemic the plot lines of even Dynasty can be. Take, for example, Joan's first marriage, to English actor Maxwell Reed. On their first date, he drugged and raped her. Then, seven months into their marriage, he tried to sell her to an Arab sheik. Not even Alexis would have the gall to try that with Krystle.

After divorce number one, Joan learned to enjoy life. She had affairs with a string of famous sons: Charlie Chaplin's son Sydney, Arthur Loew's son Art, Jr., Conrad Hilton's boy Nicky and Rafael Trujillo, son of the then-dictator of the Dominican Republic. Terence Stamp and Harry Belafonte got their turns at bat, according to the book, while Richard Burton tried and struck out. Warren Beatty asked Joan to marry him—he even slipped her an engagement ring in a carton of chopped liver—and their ill-fated engagement was the talk of Hollywood.

Her second marriage, to singer-songwriter-director Anthony Newley, was an improvement over her first but was still stormy enough to be charted by the National Weather Service. Seven years and two children later, they split, and Joan fell into the waiting arms of Ryan O'Neal. A third marriage, to Ron Kass, who at one time headed the Beatles' Apple Records, was marked with tragedy when their youngest daughter, Katy, was hit by a car and suffered what doctors said was permanent brain damage. Joan and Ron dedicated their lives to helping her recover, and after years of both professional and home-grown therapy, Katy was able to resume a normal life. In fact, it was her recovery that allowed Joan the chance to work full time as Alexis, the only role in her career that has overshadowed her pri-

Veteran star watcher Hurrell is surprised that Joan has never before reached superstar status through her work. "She has everything—the face, the figure, the talent, the enthusiasm, the tenacity," he says. "The only thing I can figure out is that she probably had a lousy agent."

Casilli, on the other hand, thinks that the public was just slow to catch on. "Sometimes it takes the public a while to realize how exciting a certain character is," he maintains. "Now Alexis is a fantasy figure—rich, tough, sexy." After all, it says something about America that Alexis—who gleefully grinds her spiked heels into the little people on her climb to the top—has been accepted as a sexual fantasy rather than a threat.

Of course, there's one other important element to Joan's current success. She has put in years of hard work and has thrown herself into the role of Alexis—and that of Joan Collins the star—with enthusiasm and professionalism. The lessons of other actors and actresses who turned out to be flashes in the pan have been noted and filed, as the longevity of her career attests. It's a career she runs singlehandedly, often without the help of a manager, a business manager or a press agent.

"She follows in the tradition of the stars of yesteryear," says Casilli. "She has an image and she knows how to exploit it. It's almost as if she's a product. During our session, she knew exactly what she wanted to look like and what she wanted to wear. She even does her own make-up—that's a lost art; none of today's actresses can do their own theatrical make-up."

Hurrell agrees. "She cares about her public. She's always dressed to the nth degree, always performing. She wants to look good for the public at all times. You don't see that anymore. And I like the way she speaks with such certainty. When we went to her house to show her the pictures, she didn't fiddle around. She knew exactly which pictures made her look good—she has a great eye for photography."

Joan admits that she has been inspired by the great stars she watched as a child, and after realizing that few, if any, women on television paid attention to fashion, she saw a chance to stand out.

"I was very positive that I wanted to make a statement with clothes," she explains. "I'm not Glenda Jackson. I can't just appear in an old serge skirt and a blouse."

"It's fun to see that glamor come back," says Casilli. "Joan has been so successful with it that I think we'll see a lot more of it from others in the future."

That doesn't mean that glamor has replaced controversy as a Collins trademark. Like Alexis, she seems to be able to have them both—and her photos in PLAYBOY are proof positive that elegance can be scintillating.

"The things I did in the PLAYBOY layout are unrevealing rather than revealing, because that's more interesting," she explains. "I can project sex by my face and my bodily attitude. I can switch it on."

Sex isn't all that gets switched on. People expect the outrageous from Joan, and she expects criticism from them.

"Everybody says, 'Oh, Joan, shocking girl. There she goes again, always doing the wrong thing, always shocking everybody and being controversial.' Everybody else rallies around, saying, 'Oh, God, she's so terrible.'"

Is this pictorial the wrong thing? Is it terrible? That's not what Joan told us.

"I can do what I want, and what I do is not shocking and is not bad," she insists. "In my own mind, it's OK. I've got a good body. I'd do it only if I knew I could do it. The instant I know I can't do it, I won't."



"OK, let's slap the cuffs on 'em and ask Mr. Scrooge where he got the drugs!"





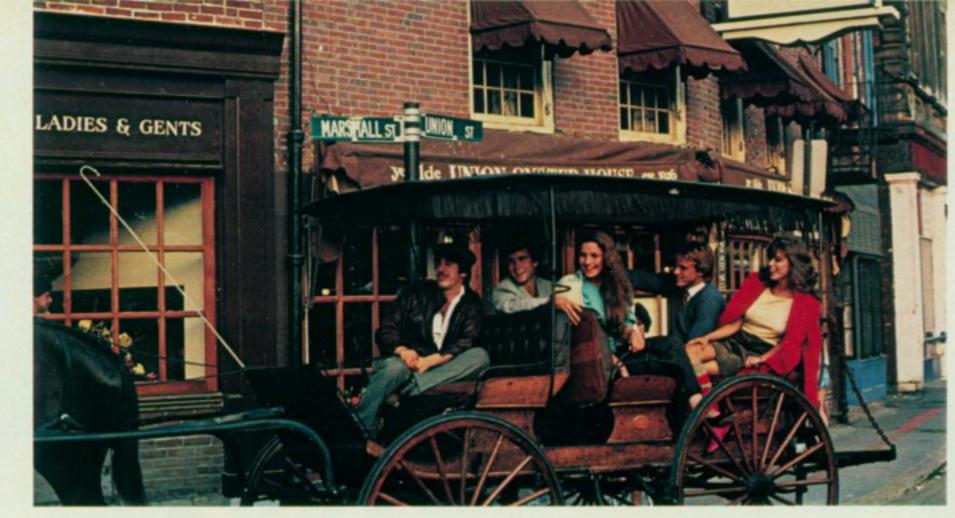


BACK TO BASICS

our miss december is a daughter of the computer revolution

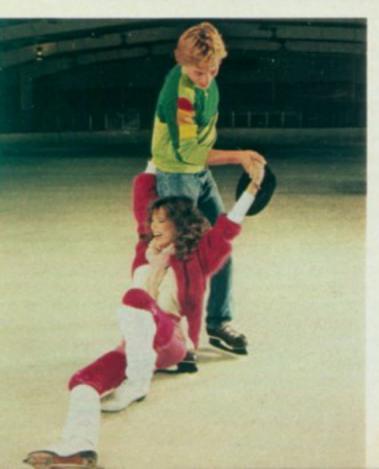
OUTE TWO winds along the Charles River in Boston before leaving behind the red-brick buildings of Harvard, the white sails and the flashing oars, the jogging scholars, to head northwest toward Concord. The shot-heard-round-the-world Concord. It had been years since any girl we knew lived next door to a national monument, but Terry Nihen (pronounced Nī'-yen), our first Massachusetts Playmate in recent memory, does. Of course, Concord bridge is still there, but New England is changing. The Colonial houses are still there, tucked in the dense green New England forests. But at every crossroads, there is a computer company, another building with Data or Digital in the company name. Terry Nihen grew up in this region, in Acton, and she has changed. In a part of the country where every child goes on to college, if not graduate school, she opted to enroll in a technical-trade high school in nearby Lexington. "I wanted to try something new, to test myself against other kids. The school drew people from seven or eight towns. I was thrown in with a new crowd of very bright kids, just like that. I was studying something I was interested in." After graduation, she worked for a bank for four years. She added two more jobs to pay her way through a local community

PHOTOGRAPHY BY RICHARD FEGLEY



"When I lived in the South, I found myself getting homesick. Atlanta was so new. I just had to come back. Boston has character, romance." Terry and friends take a surrey with a fringe on top down one of the old streets in Boston (above). An early-morning stroll takes her past the swan boats of Boston Common (below right). "But it's not all Victorian," she says. "There are nights I hang out at Spit, a New Wave club. Boston is as old or as new as you want it to be. It's alive."





"I get up about 6:30," says Terry. "I do some stretching exercises, have a light breakfast and go to work. I work until 4:30. then do some more exercising. My boyfriend cooks dinner. Afterward, we take in a movie or go bowling or ice skating." Or, shall we say, she attempts to go ice skating. Terry practices her recovery on a rink at left.



college. She changed direction and went to work for a firm she calls Digital-in-the-Woods. "I looked at other places that were too ultraprofessional. I've learned that what appears to be professional isn't. A preppie look isn't enough. I like something flexible. I get the work done and laugh." She worked in an employment-relations program: "I was relating not just to computers but also to people. The best of both worlds." Because her company had offices throughout the U.S., Terry decided to leave New England. She settled on Atlanta. She had apparently forgotten to pack the famous New England modesty-lucky for us. "I was a contestant in a bikini contest at a disco. First prize was a trip to Fort Lauderdale. Melinda Mays [Miss February 1983] was one of the judges. She suggested that I try out for Playmate. I was fairly rude about it. There were other girls in the contest who were better-looking. It had never crossed my mind that I could be mistaken for one of the women in PLAYBOY. But I thought about it for a day, then called her." There was no question in our mind that Terry Nihen deserved to be a Playmate. We had seldom seen a woman in such great shape. "I taught an exercise class three times a night. I got shin splints and had to cut down, but I'm still pretty active. I want to get into weight training. I don't want big muscles, just to get everything really hard, to be the best I can be."

As we talked with Terry, we revised our image of New England girls. "I liked Atlanta, but New England is home. I

And they didn't believe we were from PLAYBOY. During the shooting, we came across a bunch of sun-crazed picnickers who were having a pie fight.





Maybe we can call this the shot seen round the world: Terry poses for a picture just downstream from the famous little bridge in Concord. Until recently, the gristmill in the background of the shot below was in full operation. Say cheese.





missed the character, the history, the people. Everyone has the wrong idea about New Englanders. We're not cold. We're just not easy. In Atlanta, there were more people willing to open up, but there were also more people willing to take you to the cleaners."

After less than a year in Atlanta, Terry returned to New England to be close to friends and family. "My best friends just happen to be family. My sisters. My mother. They give me a lot of support." The result is an impressive blend of beauty and common sense, of warmth and intelligence. "I'm not flighty. I'm not boring. Being in PLAYBOY is a major compliment, but I have to view it realistically." We discussed her plans. She will put some of her Playmate money into a tax shelter. She may break down and replace the 1967 Le Mans with the jacked-up rear end that she uses for a car. She may try acting ("I've been told that I give a good show when I'm upset or very happy"). But in any event, she will do well.

"My friends say I have a good ear, meaning I can relate to their problems. I am very happy and willing to go out on a limb to help. It's worth it."











"I can't remember a time when Playboy wasn't in my house. My brother brought it home, and each copy passed from sister to sister. I don't know when I first thought of modeling as a career. I knew it was a clothes-on, clothes-off proposition. Just look at Vogue. Different magazine, same job. But I do know I couldn't have done this when I was 18. I was too impressionable. I would have looked at the pictures and just seen the outside. Now I know myself inside and out."







PLAYMATE DATA SHEET

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BUST: 35 WAIST: 23 HIPS: 33

HEIGHT: 5'6" WEIGHT: 100 LBS

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4 Years Old



Playing with my Pickup Sticks.



Me & my brother Michael

7 Kears old 14 Years old



My sister's wedding (It was 110°!)

PLAYBOY'S PARTY JOKES

As she delightedly unwrapped each Christmas present, the grateful mistress insisted on expressing her appreciation to her generous lover with a quickie. "Darling," the man panted after the fourth, "couldn't we consider a deferred-payment plan?"

Now, look here, Miss Patterson," the resident manager said to the provocative-looking new tenant, "about that take-a-number device you've gone and mounted on your apartment door..."



Someday, yours may be the hand that rocks the cradle," the young man in the parked car told his date. "Tonight, though," he went on as he unzipped, "I'd like it to be the hand that cradles the rocks."

Following a threesome sex session, the girl relaxed contentedly for a few moments, then asked, "Was it good for you two?"

When pinched on the fanny, Monique
Succumbed to a peeved maiden's pique
By exclaiming with verve
To her pincher, "Some nerve!"
"And in your case," he gloated, "some cheek!"

That new salesman I dated last night turned out to be hung like a bull—like, maybe with eight inches!" the typist confided during an office hen session.

"I wouldn't let myself be bedded by a nobody like that," commented a co-worker. "My own preference has run to individuals like the controller, the personnel manager and the senior vice-president for research and development."

"That's OK, honey," replied the first girl. "You can have the big wheels. I prefer the big

axle rods."

Our Unabashed Dictionary defines bipartisan as an A.C./D.C. politician.

Singles-bar lore: The difference between a dog and a fox in the eye of the beholder is a minimum of five drinks. I met the kinkiest producer at lunch today," the Hollywood agent told his wife. "He spent most of the meal boasting about the conquests he'd made."

"So what's so kinky about that?" asked the woman. "Surely you've been in this business long enough to be blasé about the casting couch."

"Oh, I am, I am—but this guy happens to make nothing but animal pictures."

An outrageous young lady named Kyle Likes to flirt in a whimsical style: She'll depanty, it's said, And then stand on her head To display her most quimsical smile.

Insult overheard in a bar: "You're such an asshole that you ought to be listed in the Guinness Book of Rectums!"

Our Unabashed Dictionary defines *Hula-Hoop* as a Hawaiian I.U.D.

Word has reached us that the Yellow Pages people have refused a listing for an outcall service for stockbrokers titled *Putz* and Calls.



I'd like to have my money back," the customer stated firmly.

"What happens to be the problem, sir?" countered the sex-shop clerk.

"This love doll you sold me yesterday inflates with her legs crossed!"

My wife and I split up because we have too much in common," the solitary drinker confided morosely to the bartender.

"Izzat so?"

"Yeah—we both like to eat pussy."

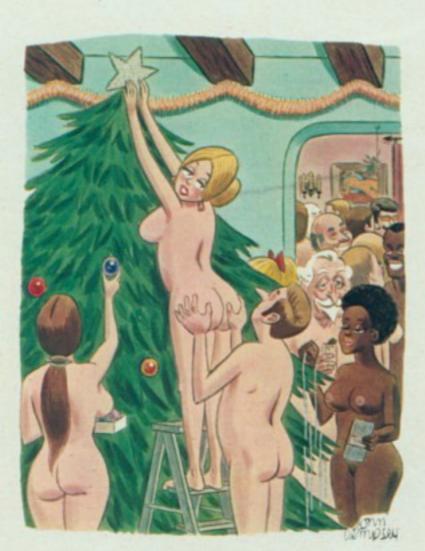
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"Oh, dear! I thought you'd be in Moscow by Christmas!"

CHOICE CARTOONS OF CHRISTMAS PAST

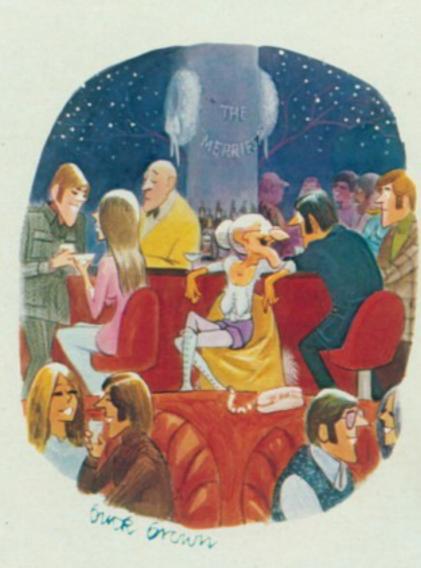
a compendium of wry yulefoolery from the pages of playboy



"Just holding the ladder will suffice, Mr. Jacobs."



"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."



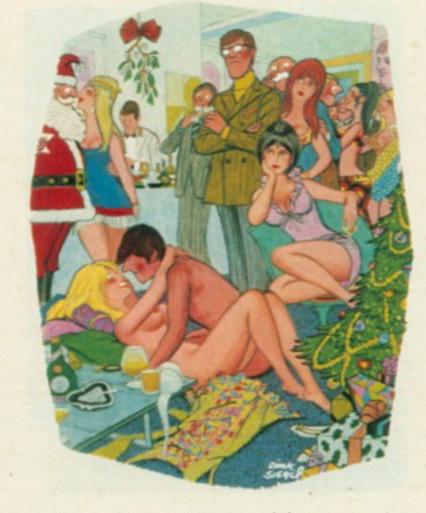
"How'd you like to spend an old-fashioned Christmas at Grandma's?"



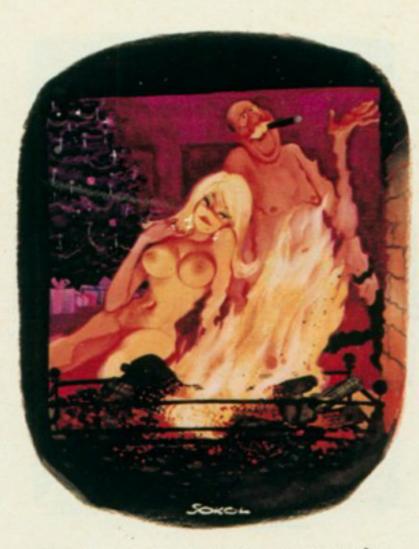
"Then, one cold winter's night, I said to myself,
"What the hell am I doing up here in the North Pole with
a bunch of dumb-looking elves?"



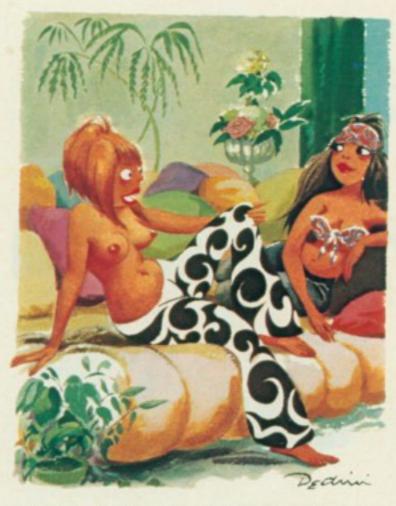
"But, Nancy, couldn't you just leave cookies and milk for Santa, as you always did before?"



"I hate for this moment to end, but we mustn't monopolize the mistletoe."



"Nothing like chestnuts roasting on an open fire, eh, Miss Blythdale?"



"This year, I'm just giving fruitcake and vibrators."



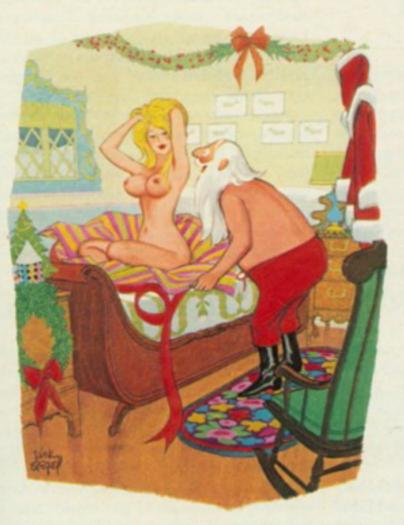
"Think of all the years we wasted just swapping presents."



"Well, the holiday season's upon us!"



"Why can't he just go out and buy some Christmas cards like everyone else?"

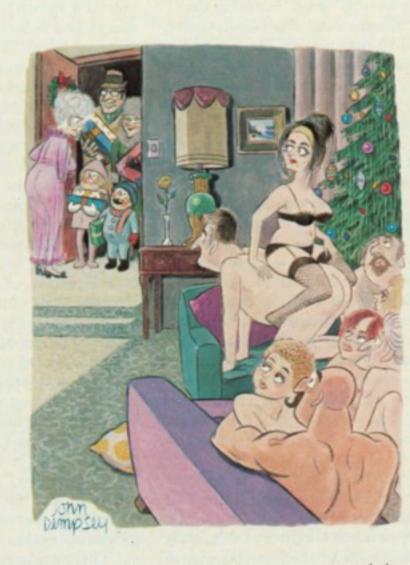


"After all these years of giving, I said to myself,
"So why shouldn't I give myself a present?"



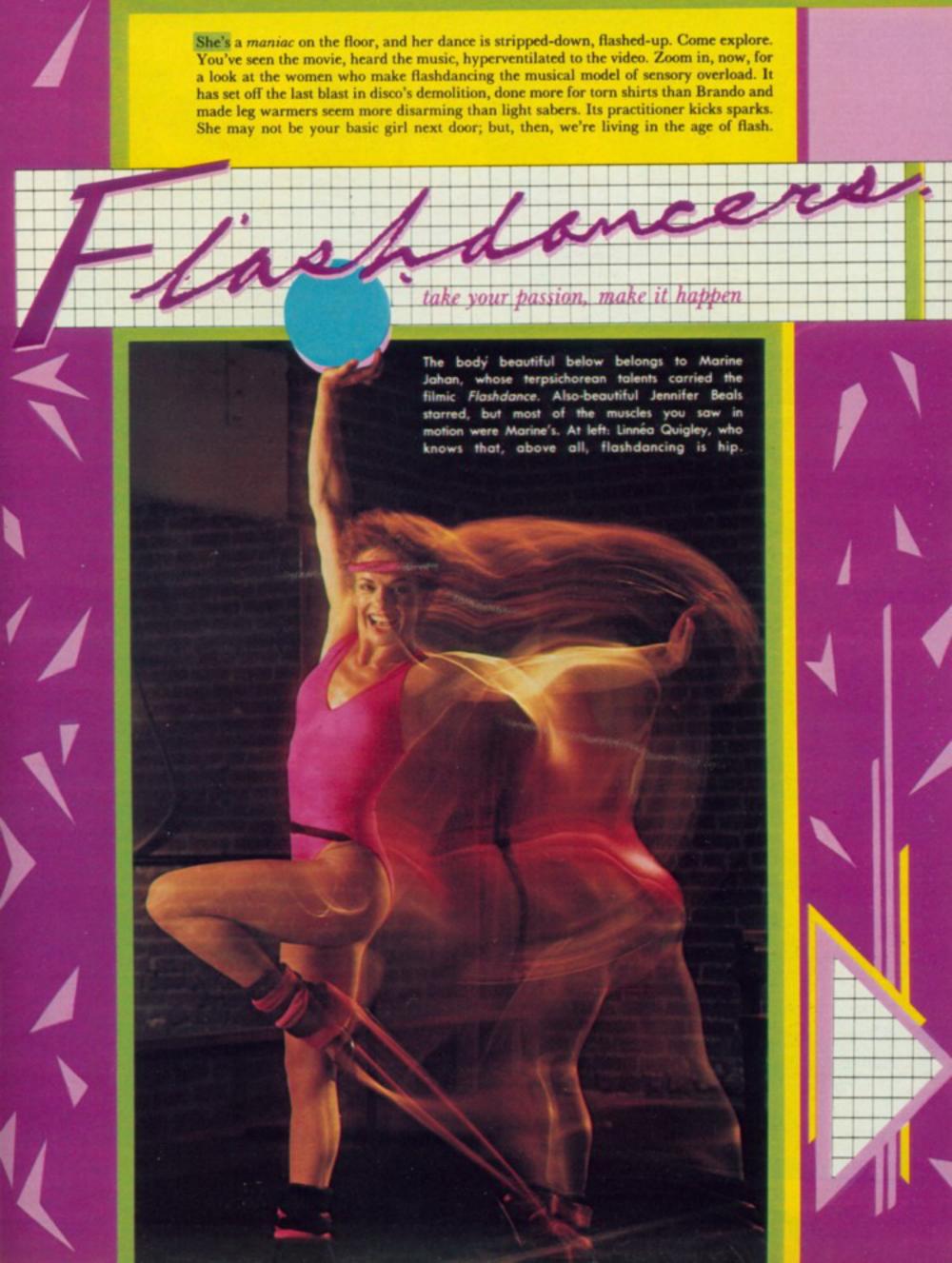
"Memo to the Christmas office-party committee: 'Congratulations, etc., etc.,' signed B. J. Wilkens."

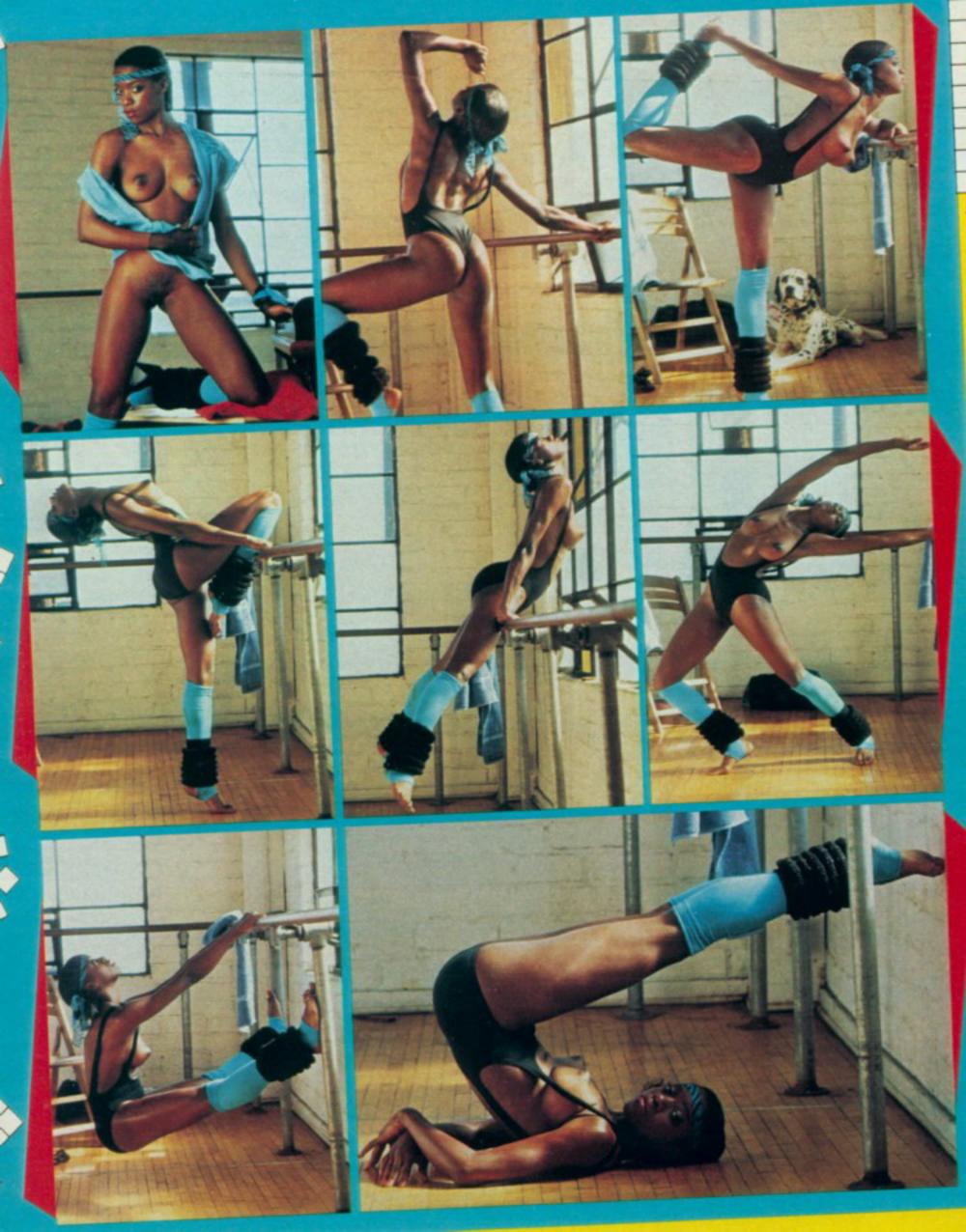




"Surprise, Grandmother! We've come to spend the Christmas holidays with you."



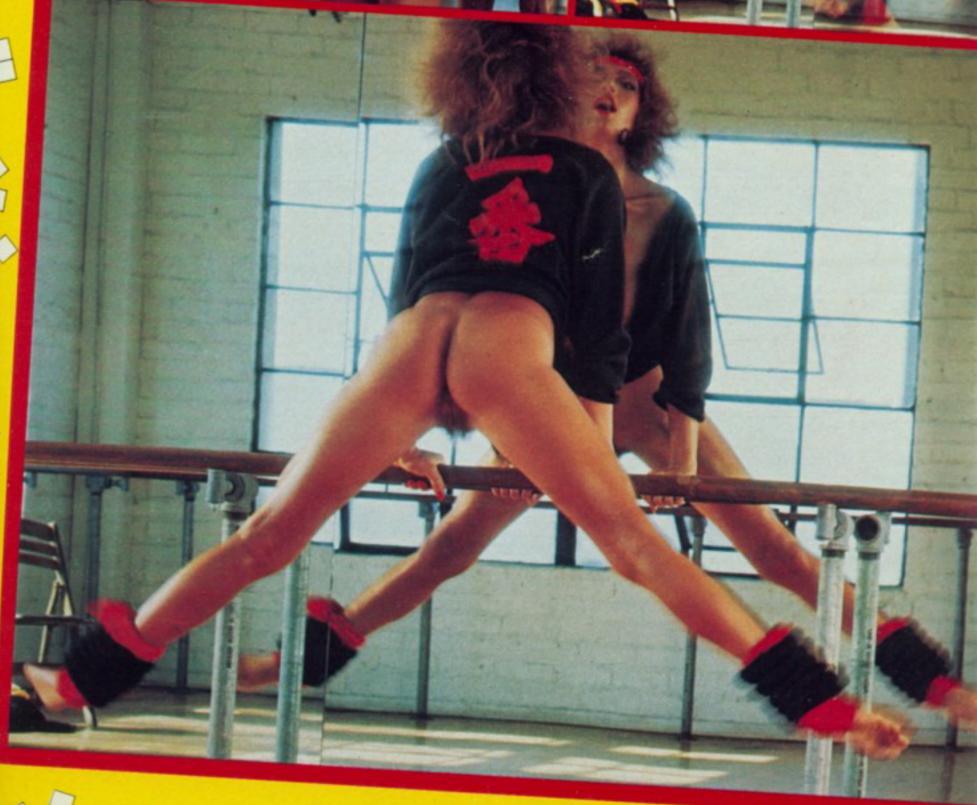




A girl with a very stylish name and all the moves to match, Demetria Garrett (left) stretches her skills in a routine that must be worth at least 8000 words. The Dalmatian in the uppertight-hand corner doesn't belong to Demetria—it's just that whenever she works out, there has to be a fire-department representative on the scene.

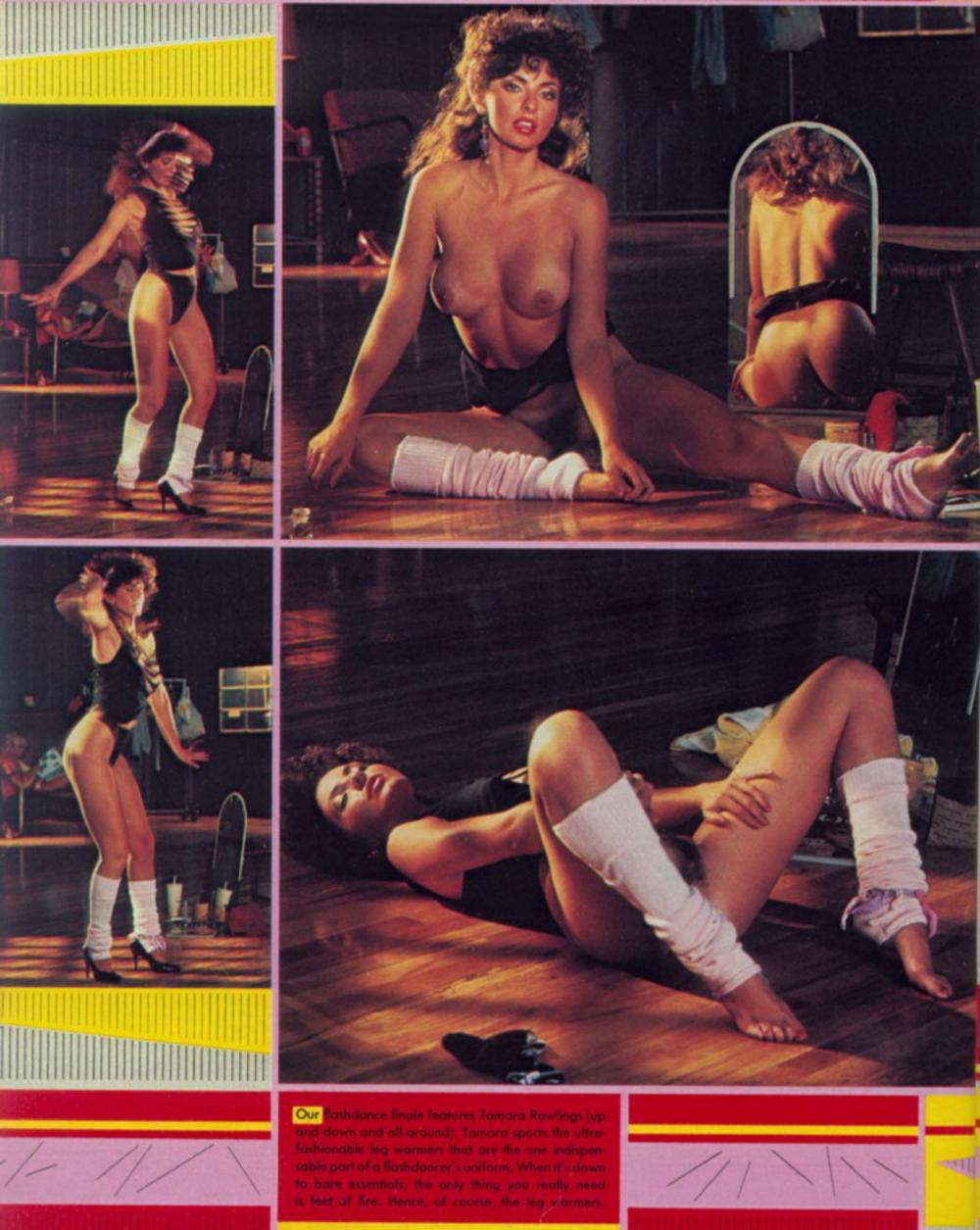
What happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable
olaject? When towny Kim
Arrow (right) bellies up to the
barre, the answer is a revelalion, it seems clear from our
evidence that the irresistible
force has come out in a superior position. Unfortunately,
however, this year's Nobel
Prize nominations are in.















"I know when you've been good, and I know when you've been bad, so be good for goodness' sake!"



last year's creatures from outer space are out of it as musicians, dancers, bodybuilders and blondes take center stage

pictorial essay By JIM HARWOOD

THE SEX STARS of 1983 proved again that those old organs can still play mighty tunes if properly serviced. Although middle age is only a state of mind, the calendar can nonetheless exact an annoying toll on some of us. Thanks to John Travolta, however, we physical wretches could sit back on our cellulite and be happy we don't have to stay in shape for sex stardom, great though the rewards may be. To get ready for Staying Alive, Travolta trained for four months under Sylvester Stallone, pumping iron for two hours each day, dancing for three. In addition to a limited high-protein diet, he stuffed himself with multivitamins, mineral pills, zinc tablets and wheatgerm capsules. Then, when his 29-year-old body was finally transformed, Travolta accented the new shape by waxing off a lot of body hair and undergoing special sun tanning.

After all that, unfortunately, some critics squeezed their pale flab behind their typewriters and found him too old for the part of an ambitious young Broadway dancer. Said one, "Travolta does what his fans—at least his female fans—want: strut, dance and take a shower (seen from waist up). But the beefcake show worked better when he was younger and more beguiling."

Those female fans, however, didn't seem to share the critics' complaints, especially when Travolta and Stallone showed up together for the premiere, tuxes bulging. Seven years (text continued on page 212)

THREE FOR THE SHOW: Quickening pulses across the land this year are John Travolta (at left in his Staying Alive persona), whose reprise performance as Tony Manero thrilled the ladies, if not the critics (he'll have another chance opposite Olivia Newton-John in Two of a Kind); Nastassia Kinski (top right), whose offbeat sensuality shone through the murk of Exposed and The Moon in the Gutter; and Michael Jackson, whose videos Beat It and Billie Jean and show-stealing performance on Motown's 25th-anniversary special almost eclipsed his records (that's the Thriller album cover, right).



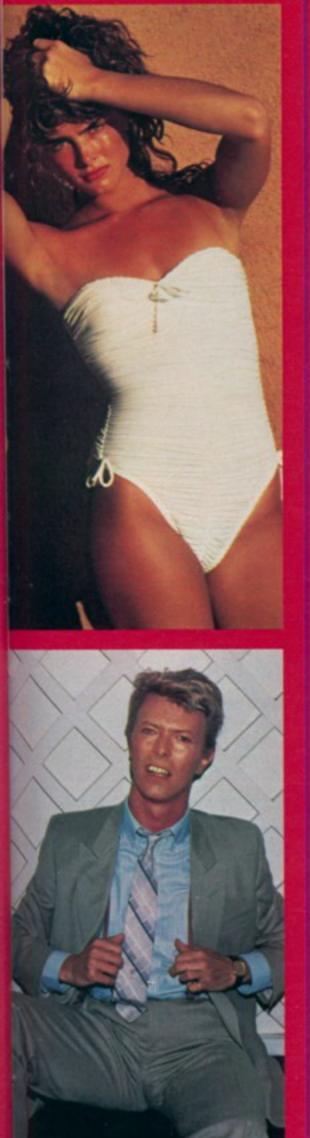




MEDIA MARVELS: From column mentions to *Time* cover stories, these are the personalities who kept the presses rolling in '83. In a class by herself is Joan Collins (below), smoldering star of TV's *Dynasty* and someone you'll see more of elsewhere in this issue. Brooke Shields (right) has so far this year made fewer headlines in movies than in matriculating—Princeton won—but *Sahara*, due out in December, may change all that. David Bowie (below right) rocketed back yet again, replacing Ziggy Stardust with a new straight image and scoring on wax, in concerts, films and video. The ever-popular Pia Zadora (left) kept typewriters ticking, albeit with less energy than last year, thanks to *The Lonely Lady* (not, this time, made by wealthy hubby Meshulam Riklis). Meanwhile, in Malibu, Rachel Ward set up housekeeping with bridegroom Bryan Brown, her spouse in TV's *The Thorn Birds* (below left)—and, it's reported, a Nancy Reagan favorite.





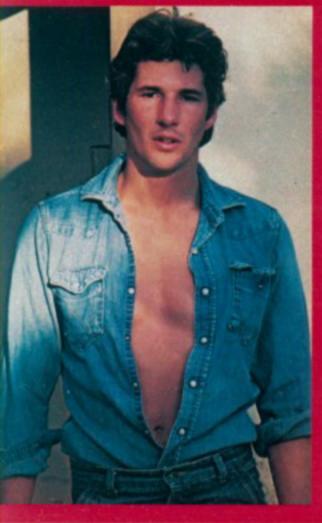


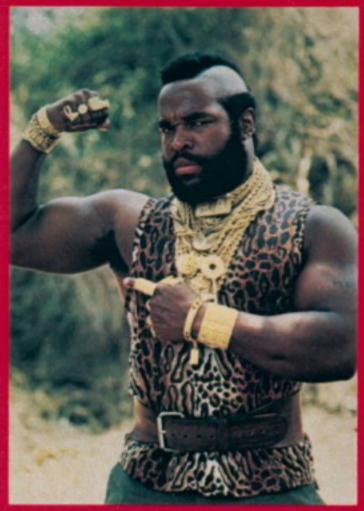


BREAKING THROUGH: Jamie Lee Curtis (above), after years of playing hapless horror-film heroines, shattered that mold with a startlingly sexy twist on the hooker-with-the-heart-of-gold role in the summer comedy smash Trading Places. That film also gave a second-stage thrust to the career of Saturday Night Live comic Eddie Murphy, seen above right getting a little lovin' from Olivia Brown in his earlier triumph as a wise-ass con in 48 HRS. And Flashdance, unquestionably the year's biggest surprise hit, provided a socko screen debut for 19-year-old Chicago model Jennifer Beals (with Michael Nouri at right).

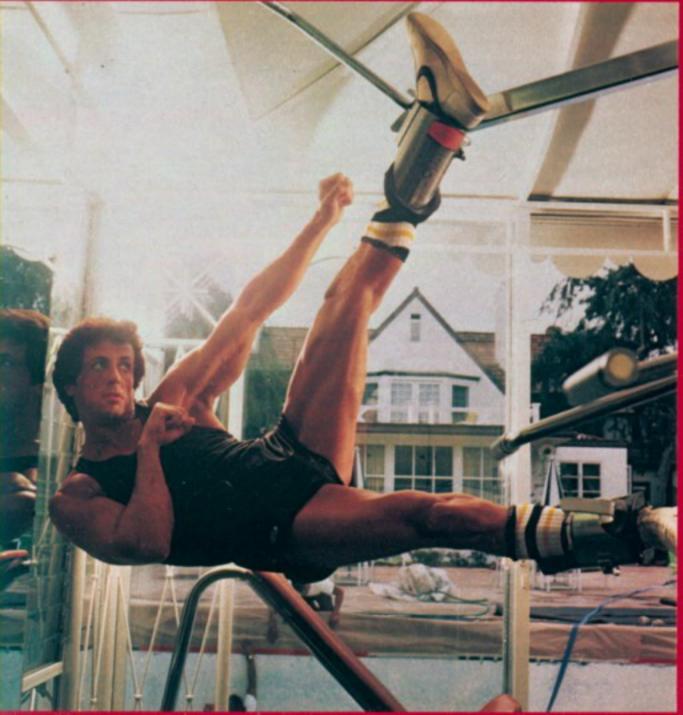


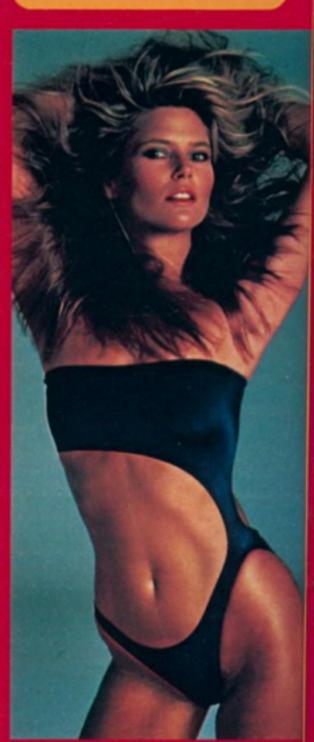






BODY PEOPLE: Working out, on- and offscreen, has come a long way since Richard Gere (far left) donned gravity boots for American Gigolo; despite staying in shape, this year he was Breathless. Also tuned up (clockwise from left): Mr. T, star of television's The A-Team; Tanya Roberts, whose PLAYBOY pictorial allegedly won her the title role in Sheena, Queen of the Jungle: Shannon Tweed, of Hollywood's Hot Dog and Of Unknown Origin-also seen in a European Health Spa commercial; Victoria (Dallas) Principal, spokeswoman for a health-club chain; Linda (Dynasty) Evans, now a beautytips author; Christie Brinkley. who penned Christie Brinkley's Outdoor Beauty and Fitness Book, posed for this hit poster and made a modest movie debut; and Sylvester Stallone, down to fighting weight to direct Staying Alive.

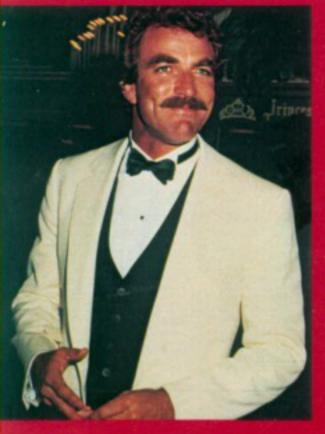


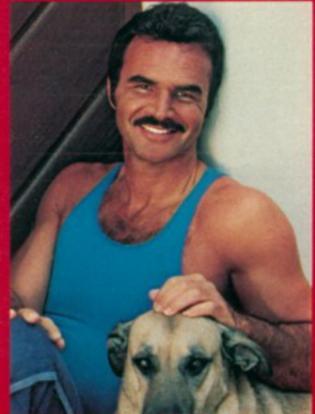










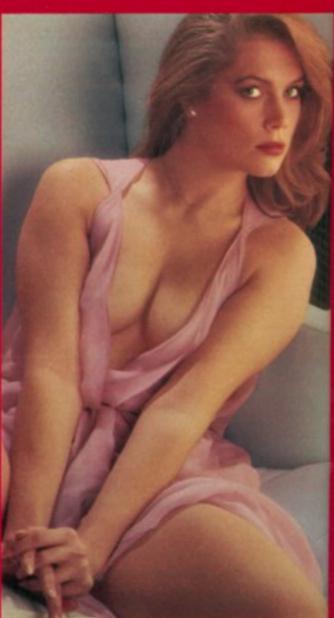


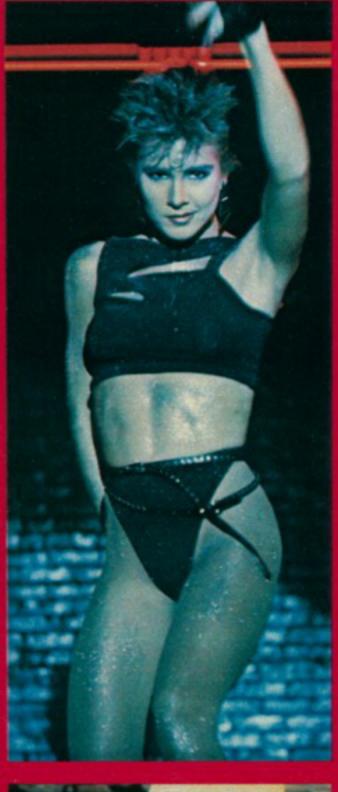
HUNKS: There's still a great deal to be said for just plain sex appeal, the kind that keeps box-office cashiers busy no matter what. Female fans still sigh for Tom (*Magnum*, *P.I.*) Selleck (above left), despite the lukewarm reception given his *High Road to China* big-screen bow, and Burt Reynolds (above) managed to survive *Stroker Ace*'s crash with his image more or less intact.

HUSSIES: The role of the woman who's no better than she should be has always been a juicy plum for the ambitious actress. Among those now profiting thereby are Brazil's Sonia Braga (above right), an earthy cook in *Gabriela*; Kathleen (*Body Heat*) Turner (below right), a bitch in *The Man with Two Brains*; and Barbara Carrera (below), the villainess in *Never Say Never Again*.







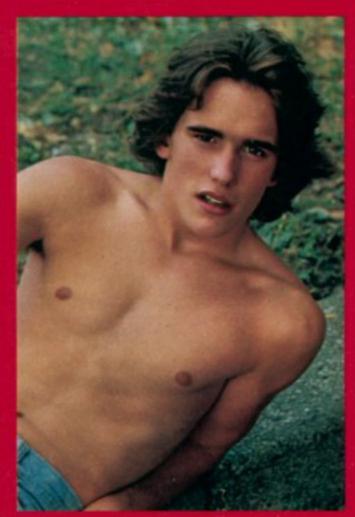




FRESH & FLASHY: Talented Cynthia Rhodes went straight from Flashdance (left) to a bigger part in Staying Alive. Other hot young properties (clockwise from above): Valerie (Breathless) Kaprisky; Christopher (Dallas) Atkins, here doing his thing in Heaven; Arielle Dombasle, captivating in Pauline at the Beach; Matt Dillon, fresh from Tex and The Outsiders, now onscreen in Rumble Fish; and Linda Blair-obviously matured since The Exorcistseen lately in Chained Heat.















BLONDE BOMBSHELLS: PLAYBOY'S August cover girl, Sybil Danning (left), should wow fans in Hercules, Chained Heat and Seven Magnificent Gladiators. Above, a bouquet of Heathers—Thomas at left, Locklear at right—is blossoming on television; Miss Thomas (here in her hit-poster pose) in The Fall Guy, Miss Locklear in both Dynasty and T. J. Hooker. The beauty temporarily beached below is Randi Brooks of TV's Wizards and Warriors, who had a small but unforgettable part in The Man with Two Brains. And on the opposite page, the girl we (and several experts) predicted would make it big in Hollywood this year, Kim Basinger, now proving our point in Never Say Never Again and in The Man Who Loved Women.





older than his latest protégé, Stallone seems determined to prove that physical fitness is the ultimate solution for everything from boxing to boffing. If he and Travolta do team up for Godfather III, as discussed, their gangsters will probably eat low-cal spaghetti and save the cement shoes for working out.

The women have been busy building, too. Jone Fondo, at 45, has fashioned an entirely new career with a best-selling exercise book, records, video tapes and salons. Turning 41, Linda Evans also had a big beauty book on the market, as did younger Christie Brinkley, including her secrets for "navel maneuvers," a prospect that would enlist even the lazy.

With or without muscles, maturity has suddenly become sexy. It's truly amazing how many of today's sex superstars, across the board in film, television and music, are well into their late 30s, 40s or 50s.

One reason is that after the postwar baby boom, the audience itself has moved on in years, taking some favorites with it and rediscovering others. (The number of career comebacks in recent years-especially in soap operas-has been extraordinary.) If the trend continues, the Sex Stars of 1995 will be slipping into shawls instead of out of bikinis, and the word rocker will revert to its old meaning. Secondly, the younger members of the audience now seem totally confused about what is sexy. Given the relative enlightenment of society, they haven't had the fun of discovering smut that their parents did. That could explain why they are so excited by technology.

Still, the kids have good instincts. They are currently crazy about Michael Jackson, whose album Thriller was this year's multihit blockbuster, followed by a popular narrative record of E.T., which brought him into collaboration with Steven Spielberg, with whom he now hopes to do a musical. Having been a singer since the age of five, Jackson often refers to his yen for an acting career, but Hollywood remains dubious about the thespian possibilities in the high-pitched voice that's otherwise so popular. And since he's a grown man who still isn't shaving, it's hard to predict that his pipes will drop lower any time soon.

Youngsters also continue to yearn for the sexpots close to their own ages, such as Nastassia Kinski and Brooke Shields, remaining entranced by their exciting private lives if not keenly interested in their recent films. Kinski dropped another bomb with

Exposed. Better luck may lie ahead when she appears with Jodie Foster (an old friend with whom she's long been swapping dirty

jokes) in The Hotel New Hampshire. On location, the two girls shared an infatua-

tion with handsome Rob Lowe, who previ-

ously was the unlucky one who had to play Jocqueline Bisset's son instead of her adolescent lover in Class.

Filming Sahara, Brooke and mother Teri were busy fending off older, admiring sheiks and princes, concentrating on her upcoming collegiate career at Princeton, which she chose after Harvard refused Mom's demand that it promise to admit Brooke before she applied. Although she now concedes that her first boyfriend was Robby Benson and her friendship with Christopher Atkins was close but brotherly, Brooke is still awaiting her first big romance, which she remains hopeful will be just like in the movies.

Eddie Murphy captured the imagination of both younger and older audiences; his first two films, 48 HRS. and Trading Places, were such smashes that they encouraged Paramount Pictures to nail down his services with an unprecedented \$15,000,000 deal. Although his co-stars in each of the first two hits got the romantic roles, Murphy is expected to get his chance soon enough.

Blonds are still popular, too-even slightly emaciated ones such as David Bowie. Always popular, Bowie has soared in the past couple of years, both dramatically and unexpectedly onstage in The Elephant Man and in music, which brought him a \$10,000,000 recording contract and more millions in concert appearances. Somehow, he also found time to appear in two movies, The Hunger and Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence.

Some prefer more traditional blondes, of course, such as lovely Kim Basinger, whose long tresses made an astounding PLAYBOY cover in February (the rest of her was even more astounding in the layout inside). She co-stars with Burt Reynolds in The Man Who Loved Women and is Sean Connery's new woman in Never Say Never Again, his current return as James Bond. Oddly enough, she was spotted for the part by Connery's wife, whose taste is obviously as good as her husband's.

Inspiring other blondes who get tired of not being taken seriously, Jessica Lange became a rare double Oscar nominee this year for her performances in Frances and Tootsie. Ironically, in Tootsie, Lange portrayed a sexpot who didn't remove her clothes, but in Frances, she played a serious, troubled actress who bared all.

Twenty years ago, the sight of a naked woman onscreen was supposed to thrill the old man but threaten his wife, who was fearful that she couldn't compete with that perfection. The kids weren't supposed to care, because they were too young.

Now it's the women who are peering at Richard Gere's peepee in Breathless, while the men sit and sulk, convinced that none of that nudity is necessary to the plot, if there is one. One might suppose the younger generation had no such hang-ups; after all, the increasing leniency of the

film-rating system theoretically takes into account the fact that kids are better adjusted and more sophisticated sexually than they used to be.

Alas, it hasn't turned out to be so simple for those who make those sexy, R-rated films whose box-office survival depends on those between 12 and 17, who are supposed to attend with their parents but always manage to lose them along the way. Today's big studios have expensive market-research departments pestering kids all over the country with questions about what they want to see in films. A couple of years ago, the experts found out quickly enough that young boys like the idea of being seduced by older women; the result was the highly profitable Private Lessons, starring Sylvia Kristel as the seductress. The producers wanted to do a sequel called Private School, about two beautiful young girls competing to seduce a handsome older guy, which the research showed was an attractive concept for both boys and girls. Then it got complicated.

According to the initial research report, "Two sets of elements must be considered: raunchy sex that attracts the guys and puts off the girls versus innocent sex that attracts girls but is at best neutral for guys.... Girls don't mind nudity of females, as long as they like what's going on around them. . . . Girls are not interested in sex for sex's sake. . . . Girls like sex and raunch in context.'

Encouraged by the last comment, Private School's film makers went looking for sex and raunch in context, selecting for the competitive leads pretty and innocent Phoebe Cates and spicy Betsy Russell, who clinched the part when she removed her top in the producer's office.

Not surprisingly, the finished product satisfied no one, despite constant tinkering with such major questions as how much pubic hair was too much. In other words, what the boys liked, the girls didn't, and vice versa, resulting in only middling boxoffice report cards.

All in all, simple sleaze is a lot more fun, especially when it's running rampant on television's prime-time soaps.

What Dallas started, Dynasty has now perfected, thanks to deliciously seductive performances by members of a seasoned cast who've been around long enough to know what sexy really is. At 50, Joan Collins fully deserved a career revival as the conniving Alexis Carrington, even if it did cost her a third husband when she split with producer Ron Kass. (Much the same thing happened when Dallas' Linda Gray left her husband of 20 years.)

Dynasty has also been a big career boost for lovely Linda Evans, who deserved more than the publicity she'd been getting as John Derek's third wife, whom he left for Bo Derek, whose public attention has now paled beside Linda's. And at 65, John Forsythe finds that his part as the powerful, ruthless Blake Carrington has brought him more attention than did 30 years of playing nice guys.

Some youth is necessary on the tube, to give the old folks a rest if nothing else. At 22, beautiful Heather Locklear was Dynasty's darling slut, deserting a gay husband in search of new conquests, blackmailing Mom-in-law and having all sorts of similar fun. (Who could believe this Heather is the same sweet girl who's so wholesome on T. J. Hooker? Who, for that matter, could believe this is not the Heather Thomas who appears on The Fall Guy? Who cares? They're equally gorgeous.)

At 22, blond, beefy Christopher Atkins is joining Dallas to bed down J.R.'s wife, long-suffering Sue Ellen (Linda Gray), who shouldn't be suffering too much longer. Nor will Atkins' fans, since his contract calls specifically for him to bare as much of his body as TV allows. Having started in a loincloth with Shields in The Blue Lagoon, Atkins' body has been busy since, appearing in a magazine centerfold and as that of a male stripper opposite Lesley Ann Worren in a picture titled Heaven. In private, however, the bod still belongs to longtime girlfriend Cindy Gibb, who stars in TV's Search for Tomorrow.

Fourteen years older than Atkins, Lesley Ann is also nearly a decade beyond her housemate, Jeffrey Hornaday (and weary of talking about the age difference). But her years of experience proved plenty lucky for him when Warren's ex-husband, producer Jon Peters, dropped by to complain that he had to replace his choreographer for Flashdance. Warren generously suggested her current beau, and that's how Hornaday got his first big movie job, which turned out to be a major box-office hit (and nobody ever really complained that he used sexy Marine Jahan as a dance double for equally sexy Jennifer Beals).

All of which shows that Hollywood domesticity can be dandy at times. But back at the Peters house, Jon was having less luck with longtime ladylove Borbro Streisand, who had become a bit edgy with the pressures of her directorial debut on Yentl. Streisand built a fence at their ranch to separate her portion from his—and had his car towed away when he parked on the wrong side of it. That was Hollywood's best domestic dust-up this year, except for the subpoena Jeff Wold had served on ex-wife Helen Reddy during the reception after her wedding to drummer Milton Ruth.

There was even talk that Streisand was smitten with Richard Gere after he cooled his romance with Brazilian artist Sylvia Martins. But Gere's fans seemed more interested in whether or not he might rebound to his *Breathless* co-star, pretty

French import Valerie Kaprisky. Their steamy nude scenes, however, didn't seem to carry forward, though she said they were fun while they lasted—insisting that lovers in real life don't cover themselves with sheets and she wouldn't, either.

Meanwhile, Gere's previous screen dalliance, Debra Winger, found herself in a whirlwind courtship, while shooting Terms of Endearment in Nebraska, with none other than the state's handsome governor, Bob Kerrey, who once edged out Tom Selleck on U.P.I.'s list of the world's ten most eligible bachelors. Although Winger's wickedly foul mouth shocked many of the Nebraska locals, the gov didn't seem to mind, and the romance flourished at a pace somewhere between that of Phyllis George's marriage to Kentucky governor John Y. Brown and Linda Ronstadt's breakup with California governor Jerry Brown-though the latter pair can still be seen together sometimes, now that he's out of office.

Romance blossoms a lot on location. Before leaving her native England to film The Thorn Birds in Hawaii, Rochel Word was warned by a fortuneteller that true romance was on its way. But surely, the soothsayer didn't actually mean Ward's Thorn Birds spouse, confirmed Australian bachelor Bryon Brown. After their first romantic scene beneath a waterfall by night, Brown's bachelorhood washed away quickly, and the pair were soon married. A few months later, fiery Bryan was threatening violence to whoever was feeding breakup rumors to the gossip mags.

Dan Aykroyd married a very pretty blonde, Donna Dixon, while equally pretty and blond John Schneider of The Dukes of Hazzard found a bride in L.A. newscaster Towny Little, a former Miss America, who was previously one of Burt Reynolds' many ladies. As usual, Burt himself stayed free after a fling with his Stroker Ace costar, Loni Anderson, who played the most improbable screen virgin since Doris Day. As Anderson was added to the list of Reynolds' wraps, Stroker was added to the list of his film flops. But with that many beauties and that many millions, Burt has probably stopped counting both.

One of the traditional side effects of marriage, of course, is a demanding little creature called a baby, something that brings pleasure even to Sex Stars. Among the new crop were sons born to Lindsay Wagner and Jaclyn Smith and a daughter to Charlene Tilton. At 34, Wagner is still shaking her Bionic Woman image for more serious roles and believes she's in better shape to be a mom than she would have been while adjusting to fame in 1975. Dad, incidentally, is an American Indian A-Team stunt man, Henry Kingi.

Smith, married to cinematographer Tony Richmond, takes baby Gaston with her everywhere, even into the shower; given Dad's occupation, she has already collected more than 1000 photos, plus video tapes, of the infant. Her parental enthusiasm must have rubbed off on her Rage of Angels co-star, Armand Assante, who rushed home after each day's shooting to be with bride Karen McArn, who was expecting their first child.

Tilton's tot caused her trouble with the tabloids after she refused them pictures of the baby. According to her, they retaliated with a series of stories alleging that her marriage to country singer Johnny Lee was falling apart. But home life is solid, the couple insists, and having the baby even caused Charlene to lose a lot of that baby fat that filled so much of the screen each Friday night on Dallas. It will be a few years yet before we learn whether or not the little girl really likes being named Cherish, one of the most precious baby names since Cher anointed Chostity.

Speaking of baby names, one of the year's most dubious predictions came from Laurene Landon, one of several lovelies appearing soon in a rash of Amazonian pictures. She has been quoted to the effect that once the world sees her scantily clad, athletic form dueling, wrestling and riding its way through a couple of dozen male victims in *Hundra*, women everywhere will want to name their little girls after that mythical heroine.

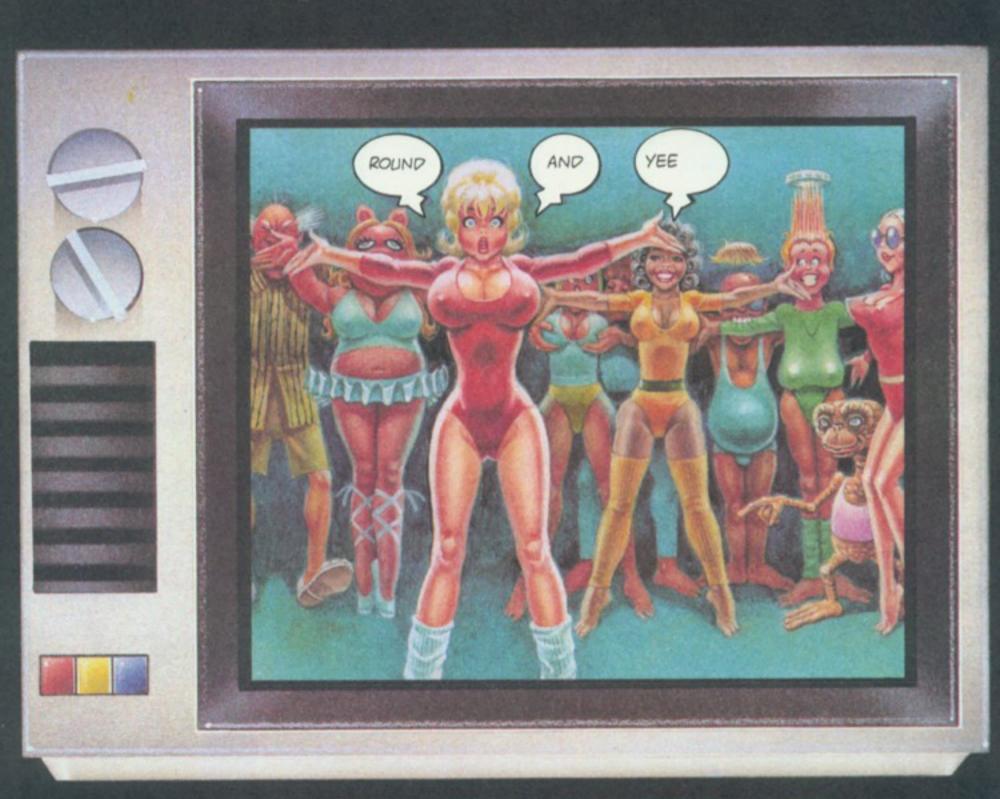
Somehow, we doubt it. But if Landon's right, then first grades a few years from now may be full of Hundras, sitting side by side with a lot of Sheenas (as played on film by tawny Tanya Roberts) and Ayeshas (brazenly portrayed by Sandahl Bergman in a new version of She, which starred Ursula Andress in 1965—though the name didn't quite catch on back then).

Or how about the melodic moniker Arianne, the name of a temptress played by statuesque Sybil Danning opposite Lou Ferrigno in Hercules? After reading the August PLAYBOY, however, future moms may simply christen their daughters Sybil in tribute to the Danning dimensions.

We're hoping, though, that a new generation of parents won't be too influenced by Sex Star names, inspirational though their bearers be. It's bad enough to think of thousands of sweet little girls' going through life known as Hundra. But for the little boys, it could be worse. Getting through school as Mr. T could be tough.

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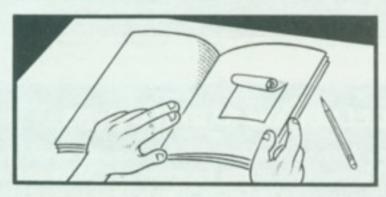


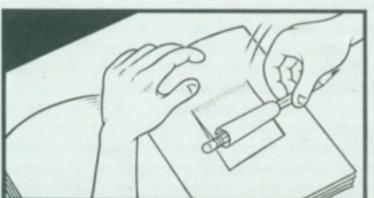
By HARVEY KURTZMAN, WILL ELDER and SARAH DOWNS

OU KNOW ABOUT aerobics, don't you? It's exercise combined with dancing combined with skintight leotards with wocka-wocka necklines—tons of fun for everyone. More to the point, there are those who believe in doing aerobic exercises and those who believe in watching those who believe in doing aerobic exercises. This feature is for the latter group, those who truly appreciate great moves. No matter that you follow more sedentary pursuits. You can still have a good time participating in Annie's aerobics class, whether you're cutting through the skies in your Learjet or lolling by the quay on the fantail of your yacht at St.-Tropez or accelerating through the metropolis with your current inamorata on the cross-town subway. Just get rid of the bimbo and hie yourself away to some private place you can call your own. Take out this copy of PLAYBOY, if you haven't already, and turn to page 00. Slip on your leg warmers. Pop the paper flap. Curl as directed. And stroke, stroke, stroke. If you follow our instructions carefully, you'll have a wonderful experience seeing Annie actually move. In fact, you'll see her entire kinky aerobics class move. And if you're very, very lucky, you'll be moved, too. Wocka-wocka!



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3. Thrust the pencil into your makeshift window shade. Roll it up and down, chanting, "One, two! One, two!" Both you and Annie are guaranteed fast results. Phew!





















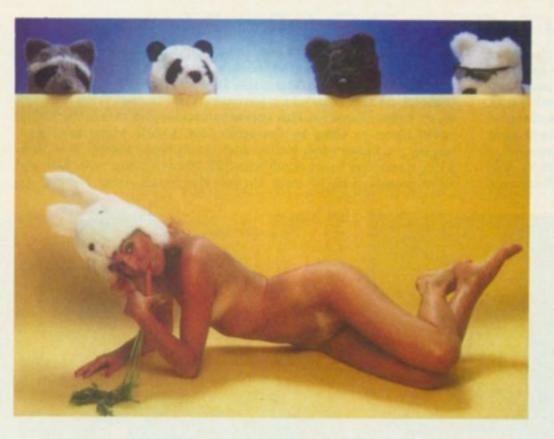


"... And a train, and a skate board, and a football, and..."



"Let's get something straight. I don't exploit elves and I never have. In fact, I'm the only person who even employs them!"





BRINGING OUT THE ANIMAL IN YOU

While only a bonehead would hit the ski slopes or the cross-country trails without something woolly on his noggin, a real outdoorsman will also want to add a touch of the wild when keeping his numbed skull warm. And the wildest winter hats we've stumbled upon are those of the acrylic Soft Animal line created by designer Melinda Pierce. For \$24.95, post-paid, you've got your choice of a polar, brown or panda bear, as well as a raccoon or a rabbit. (The last, of course, is quite popular with snow bunnies.) One size fits all, says the manufacturer, Rocking Horse, c/o Cranborne Chase, 719 Warren Avenue North, Seattle, Washington 98109. Just don't wear them during hunting season.



STICK SHTICK

The walking stick enjoys its finest hour in Cane Curiosa: From Gun to Gadget, a 374page coffee-table tome that celebrates, in more than 1600 photographs, the secret history of hundreds of canes housing almost every conceivable object, from a weapon to a violin. The author, Catherine Dike, who herself has an extensive stick collection, visited more than 75 private collections and 100 museums while assembling the story, and the result is such a fascinating accumulation of curiosa that it almost makes you want to walk with a limp. The Cooper-Hewitt Museum, Mail Order Department, Two East 91st Street, New York 10128, sells the book for \$72, postpaid. At that price, it's a bargain for all cane harvesters. There's even a 1976 Jimmy Carter Presidentialcampaign cane pictured, with a giant-peanut-shaped plastic handle, that his followers can lust for in their hearts.

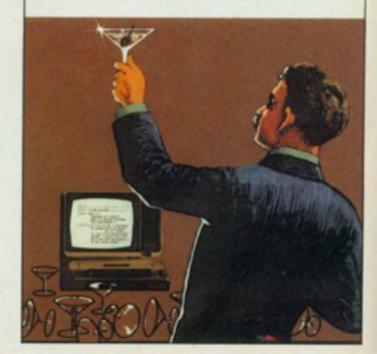
KILLER DISC

The Vidmax people, who brought you the laser video game Murder, Anyone?, have just committed another perfect crime in Many Roads to Murder, their MysteryDisc II, which is currently available in video stores for about \$39.95. Many Roads takes you back to 1938 and follows private investigator Stew Cavanaugh from a Harlem jazz joint to a private explorer's club in search of murderer, motive and method. There are 16 plot lines and solutions. Start tracking.



WHAT'LL YOU HAVE, HAL?

Owners of Apple IIe or Apple II Plus computers can kiss their drink-recipe books goodbye and belly up to Micro Barmate, a floppy disk that contains recipes for 220 drinks (with room for 35 of your own), all cataloged by name, by ingredients you have on hand or by category. Virtual Combinatics, P.O. Box 755, Rockport, Massachusetts 01966, sells the disks for \$42 each, postpaid. The morning after you've had your Micro sips, try a little hair of the dog that bytes you.





ROBOT TO THE RESCUE

Tetsujin 28, a 16"-tall Japanese-made metal robot, contains more tricks than a roomful of hookers. His legs open to reveal an elevator in one, and when you hit a button on his wrist-kapow!you get socked with a flying fist. The Afton Toy Shop, P.O. Box 98, Afton, Minnesota 55001, sells Tetsujin 28 for \$59.50, postpaid. If he's not menacing enough, there's always Voltes V, who "can be transformed into five assorted military machines or one giant space-age tank." Now, that's what we call tough.

ROCKSHOTS FOR CHRISTMAS

This past September, Potpourri featured a dirty dozen Rockshots matchbooks in all their tasteless glory. Now Rockshots is back to take on the holidays with such seasonal subtleties as HE SEES YOU WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING printed on the matchbook cover and so CLOSE THE FUCKING BLINDS: inside. Just \$7.50, postpaid, sent to it at 51 West 21st Street, New York 10010, gets you another indecent dozen that you can sprinkle under the tree. If Rockshots sets its tacky sights on Easter, we'll pass.



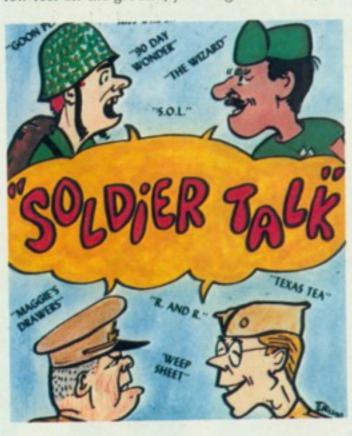


MOTHER KNOWS BEST

For the man who has everything but self-control, there's Mom, an 18" x 24" poster of the eternally watchful mother that you can hang over your desk or in your bathroom or bedroom and look at the next time you're up to something naughty and are psychologically seeking a scolding. (Keep those hands on top of the sheets, you dirty little boy.) The poster sells for only \$4.25, postpaid, sent to Love Your Mom Enterprises, P.O. Box 8887, Durham, North Carolina 27707. Now every day will be Mom day.

NOW HEAR THIS, JARHEAD

If you think Bouncing Betty is the nickname of a bimbo named Elizabeth, then you might consider ponying up \$5.95, postpaid, for Soldier Talk, an 88-page softcover alphabetical compendium of military slang from World War One to Vietnam that's available from D. Irving Publishers, 16 River Street, Braintree, Massachusetts 02184. (A Bouncing Betty was a German antipersonnel land mine that exploded a few feet off the ground, you Dogface Turtle.)



DECK THE HALLS

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Party Doll

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Gorilla My Dreams



The Marshall Plan

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DAN RATHER TALKS ABOUT HIS FIRST TWO YEARS IN WALTER CRONKITE'S CATBIRD SEAT IN A NO-HOLDS-BARRED PLAYBOY INTERVIEW

TRUMAN CAPOTE REVEALS WHY IT WAS SOMETIMES FUNNY AND SOMETIMES SAD BUT NEVER EASY TO MAINTAIN "MY FRIENDSHIP WITH TENNESSEE WILLIAMS"

ART BUCHWALD LOOKS, WITH HIS USUAL WRY HUMOR, AT ANOTHER SIDE OF RELATIONSHIPS: "WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?"

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BUCK HENRY TELLS US "HOW I INVENTED PLAYBOY"

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