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Puss in boot

Car owner Bob Jackson couldn't believe his eyes when he opened his boot.

For inside, curled up in the corner, he found his pet cat 'Tiddles'.

"He must have got in while I was washing the car on the drive, and I reversed the car into the garage not realising he was there", he told us afterwards.

Cat

Remarkably Tiddles the cat was none the worse for wear after his frightening experience.

"It's a lucky thing cats have nine lives", added a relieved Bob after forgiving his mischievous moggy.

Strange Experience

The other night I had a strange experience. I dreamt that I was Charlie Nicholas, the Arsenal and Scotland football star.

Imagine my surprise when I awoke to find that I was.

Charlie Nicholas
London

I think the Royal Family are marvellous. They do a wonderful job.

Mrs L. Hammond
Suffolk

Knockers

What a beautiful bottom gorgeous Glenda has in volume 15, No. 7. I hope we'll be seeing more of the same in future issues.

E. Richards
Derby

My 12-year-old daughter is a big fan of recording group Duran Duran. So we are buying her their L.P. for Christmas.

Mrs I. W. Holdanc
Berkshire

Tell us your most interesting Christmas present story. £5 for the best one received.

Mrs Ivy Jones
Devon

Here you are. Let's hear any other suggestions readers have.

Here a picture of some cows?

P. Barker
Rotherham

Car Trouble

In a crowded car park my husband and I were unable to find our car.

We felt proper fools when, after 3 hours, we remembered we don't have one.

Luckily we both saw the funny side.

Mrs E. Rolands
Coventry

I notice that this issue of Viz costs 35p as opposed to 30p previously.

I am sure that this was unavoidable due to increased production costs. Even at 35p, Viz is still a great buy.

Mr B. Bromley
Kent

Readers letters should be sent to 'Letterbox' at the address on this page. Prizes will be given for each letter published.
Players and spectators could hardly believe their eyes when they arrived for a fourth division match in Potizi, Bolivia. For the match referee, Mr Boco Perez, had arrived wearing his shorts back to front.

A cake factory worker in Argentina was sacked after customers complained of motorcycles in their cakes. Ricardo Gomez later told police how he had stolen a total of 174 motorcycles and disposed of them by putting them in cakes.

Doctors in Chile could hardly believe their eyes when they examined X-rays of 56 year old traffic warden Enrico Parana. Inside him they found a total of 436 motor cars, weighing no less than 75 tons.

A court in Brazil recently fined a rest home owner the equivalent of £2.5 after hearing how he had sold old age pensioners for pet food. Alfredo de Fascos told the court he had sold 33 residents to his brother’s dog food factory by mistake.

Eighteen-year-old Wendy Thompson couldn’t believe her eyes the day she won first prize in a Viz Comic pop competition. For Wendy, who comes from Fulchester, hadn’t even entered.

But neither had anyone else, and so Wendy’s name was picked out of several thousand listed in a telephone directory. And her prize: A night out with her pop idol, Shakin’ Stevens.

“It was a dream come true”, she told us after the couple had dined at a top restaurant.

“Afterwards Shaky took me dancing. It was great. An experience I shall never forget”, said an excited Wendy.

“I shall be placing a regular order for Viz in the future”, she added.
Yes, YOU can win a journey to the stars on America's famous Space Shuttle 'Columbia'.

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1. Name the crew of the first Space Shuttle mission.
2. How many people watched the event on worldwide T.V.?
3. What were their names?
4. Complete the following sentence in not more than 12 words.
   "I think that the Reagan administration should spend much more money on space research than on aid to third world countries because..."

Left school?
No job?
No money?

Then fuck off.

GnatWest
THE FRANK BANK

Marmalade the cat almost got himself into a real jam the day he got lost in a biscuit factory.

Pussy

For the ginger kitten nearly lost all of his nine lives at once when he fell into a packaging machine. The poor pussy ended up packed in a biscuit tin along with two pounds of custard creams.

Kitten

Shopkeeper Bill Johnson heard the kitten's cries for help as he was stacking biscuits on shelves at his shop in Sheffield.

"He was in remarkably good shape considering what he's been through. He must have survived by eating biscuits".

Cat

Marmalade's owner, Mrs Betty Miles of Carlisle was delighted to get her cat back safe and sound.

"I should think he's had enough biscuits to last him all of his nine lives", quipped Mrs Miles who will be keeping a closer eye on Marmalade in future.

Spider Joke

Your flies are undone.
Ever since the day Tony White began playing guitar at the Tea Time Cafe customers had been flooding in. But Tony’s girlfriend, waitress Cindy Johnson wasn’t too happy...

BUSINESS IS BOOMING THANKS TO YOU, TONY. IF ONLY OLD MRS MORRIS WOULD PAY YOU FOR YOUR TROUBLES. SHE’S SUCH A MISER.

OH, FORGET IT CINDY. I JUST LOVE TO SING AND PLAY GUITAR

Later, at closing time, Mrs Morris was counting the day’s takings...

I’M AFRAID I’VE BROKEN ANOTHER STRING. MRS MORRIS. I’VE ONLY GOT ONE LEFT NOW. COULD I POSSIBLY HAVE A FEW PENCE TO BUY SOME NEW ONES?

NO YOU CANT! MONEY - ITS ALL YOU PEOPLE EVER THINK ABOUT. WELL I CAN MANAGE PERFECTLY WELL WITHOUT YOU. YOU’RE FIRED!
That evening...

If only I had a decent guitar then I could play in a band.

We'll work something out Tony, I know we will.

LITTLE DOES TONY KNOW, I'VE BEEN SAVING MY TIPS. NOW I CAN AFFORD TO BUY HIM THE GUITAR HE'S ALWAYS WANTED.

Tony's future looked bleak...

Oh dear, nothing to play on, and nowhere to play. What will I do?

If only I had a decent guitar then I could play in a band.

We'll work something out Tony, I know we will.

Little does Tony know, I've been saving my tips. Now I can afford to buy him the guitar he's always wanted.

Next day Cindy takes her savings and goes to buy the guitar.

It was more expensive than I'd thought, but Tony deserves it.

Oh no! A car.

There go my savings. And Tony's hopes of a job. Sob, sob.

Hey you're Billy George, the famous pop singer.

Shucks! I seem to have broken your guitar.

I'm terribly sorry babe, I didn't see you.

Cindy explained how Tony had lost his job playing in the Tea Time Cafe, and how she had saved up to buy him the guitar.

Hmmm... I'd like to meet Tony. Maybe I can help.

It was my boyfriend's actually.

... And so he'll never get a job now.
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THANKS VERY MUCH.

But old Mrs Morris wasn't celebrating...

YOU MUST BE MRS. MORRIS. I'LL BUY YOUR CAFE.

HERE'S £15,000. DON'T COME BACK.

AND I WANT YOU TO RUN THE CAFE FOR ME. CINDY.

YOU'RE IN CHARGE FROM NOW ON.

OH THANKYOU MR. GEORGE.

A few weeks later and the cafe is full once more. The customers had flooded back to hear the sensational sounds of Tony's guitar.

I SAY ISN'T THAT TONY WHITE, THE NEW POP STAR?

YES IT IS, AND I'M THE NEW MRS. WHITE!

VICTOR and his Boa Constrictor

One day I wonder if anything exciting will happen today, Boa Constrictor.

Suddenly! YUK! YUK! YUK!

Help! Fulchester Bank has just been robbed! SHRIEK!

Well done, lad. Your snake's saved the day. Here's £100!

Pank Manager

Well, shit!

Now for a feast, eh, readers.

What? We'll see about that!

Umpf!

Gaaa!

Where's my Swiss army penknife?

Oh! Crumbs!

Baby eaten by my own pesky snake!

Oh lordy! I've accidentally pushed the office safe out of this 4th storey window.

Meanwhile. (Anyway, you cramp my style.)

So I think we should go our own separate ways, Boa Constrictor. The party is over.

There... Free at last!!

End
SUCH IS MY NAME, THEREFORE IT WOULD ONLY BE CORRECT TO MAKE AN ASSUMPTION THAT THIS COMIC STRIP IS IN SOME WAY ABOUT ME.

YOU ARE OFFERING THE SALE OF Pears at a price of three for a pound, surely this is not in keeping with your business.

YOU ARE BUYING ANYTHING YOUNG MAN? I WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME SOCKS!

CRACKER—FIREWORK, PAPER CYLINDER CONTAINING SMALL TOY ETC. AND EXPLODING WHEN ENDS ARE PULLED, THIN, CRISP BISCUIT...

YOU'RE BLOODY CRAZY!

Mr LOGiC

SUCH IS MY NAME, THEREFORE IT WOULD ONLY BE CORRECT TO MAKE AN ASSUMPTION THAT THIS COMIC STRIP IS IN SOME WAY ABOUT ME.

YOU RUN A CLOTHING STALL DO YOU NOT?

CRACKER—FIREWORK, PAPER CYLINDER CONTAINING SMALL TOY ETC. AND EXPLODING WHEN ENDS ARE PULLED, THIN, CRISP BISCUIT...

THE MAN ON THE RIGHT RUNS A CLOTHING STALL YET HE APPEARS TO BE SELLING PEARS. A FLESHY FRUIT WHICH TAPERS TOWARD THE STALK, SURELY THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF MISDEMEANOUR, I SHALL MAKE RELEVANT INQUIRIES.

YOU'RE BLOODY CRAZY!

YOU'RE BLOODY CRAZY!
Having kidnapped their fish-like keeper and replaced him with an inflatable replica, Grimthorpe City boss Gus Parker was expecting an easy win over Fulchester United...

**Billy the Fish**

But nearby, in a window overlooking the ground...

**Hey! Where's the keeper?**

**Uh?**

**Pop! The new fish-like number one seems to have exploded!**

After the match, United coach Syd Preston was tidying up when...

**This tattered balloon is a clue. The fish type goalie must have been kidnapped and replaced by a life-like inflatable replica!**

But whoever burst the balloon wasn't to know that...

Indeed officer, someone is out to murder the brilliant fish keeper! But who?

Funny! Terry Jackson has left his locker open...

Meanwhile Gus Parker and a victorious Grimthorpe side had returned to their training camp where the real Billy Thomson remained a helpless kidnap victim...

Fourteen nil, eh Boss? A good result. Pitty about the inflatable keeper bursting.

Only a minor setback to my wicked plans, Wilf.

Now that United will be looking for their missing star, we will have to hide him somewhere. A place they would never think of looking... right in the middle of the Grimthorpe City goal!

You won't get away with it, Parker. I'll never play for Grimthorpe City! Never!!

May I introduce Mr. Romano, a discredited hypnotist? No doubt he will soon change your mind!

You feel tired... You are falling asleep...

With a Grimthorpe City strip suspended from this specially adjusted coat hanger Billy Thomson will be unnoticed in our goal! And we will be unbeatable!!

Is Billy set to play for Grimthorpe under Romano's evil spell? Has he played his last game for United? And who is out to murder Billy the Fish? Find out in the next episode.
North East based band DUTCH have decided to think big. For as lead singer Jon explained: "You have to think big if you want to get anywhere these days."

HAD

Recent events had been going badly for the band, and morale reached an all time low in 1982 when they almost won the televised 'Battle Of The Bands' competition. "We came second", Jon recalled grimly. "But it was far too close for comfort."

Eventually Jon decided to make the 'big' decision, and his first move was to look for new management. "We went to see Foundry Entertainments in Newcastle and I liked what I saw. They had a big office, big furniture. They even wore big trousers. I could tell they were thinking big, so we signed up."

WAS

The next step for Dutch was to actually get big. "We took on a few backing singers, a couple of brass sections, a few pianists and a harp", Jon explained. "But things didn't work out. There was 26 of us all told, and it was very difficult trying to organise rehearsals."

AND

So the band reverted to a four piece line up featuring Jon, Ken Thornton, Paul Campbell and Mark Saville, with Anna Ross providing additional vocals. But as guitarist Paul is quick to point out, the band are still thinking big. "We've all bought bigger instruments", he told us. "And we've added three minutes to the length of all our songs."

At last! Tyneside's time served tunesmiths THE HOSTAGES have a number one hit! They flew straight into our new TOP TEN at number one with their single 'Going Up In The World'.

After making enquiries the band discovered that to have a hit single several thousand copies of a record must be sold in record shops. "We've got a number one single, and that's all that matters", he told us.

"That was when we decided to try the Viz Top Ten", drummer Bryan Sowerby explained. The band scraped together five pounds and sent it in, together with a copy of the record. And that fiver was enough to earn the likeable five piece the coveted Number 1 slot.

Sadly, EMI have since terminated the band's recording contract, but as guitarist Dave Whittaker explained, they don't care.

As you can see there are only 3 records in this issue's Top Ten. So that leaves plenty of room for YOU to have a Top Ten hit! If you've released a record, simply send us a copy, together with a small sum of money or gift. (No perishable goods please). Send your record, together with your enclosures to VIZ TOP TEN at the address on page 3.

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IS THE 'OLD BOY' OF POP OVER THE TOP?

IS BOY GEORGE PAST IT?

Culture Club 'on the way out' - claim

Rumours are rife that 23 sexy singer Boy George is over the hill. And experts believe that his group Culture Club could be on the way out.

Comment

Yesterday a spokesman for his record company told us that George was unavailable for comment.

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Cat in shell shock

Soldiers at the Royal Artillery Regiment had given up hope of finding their mascot 'Sheba' the cat after she had gone missing at their base in West Germany.

That was until observant Gunner Ken Green heard noises coming from an unexploded shell half-buried in mud on the target range.

For the adventurous cat had somehow got lost in the regiment's arsenal and had found it's way into a fifty pound artillery shell.

"How she got in there I'll never know", said Sergeant Bill Brown, who looks after the cat. "Luckily the shell did not explode on impact after it had been fired. Otherwise Sheba would have been a gonner".

Fortunately Sheba was unharmed during her fiery experience, if not a little tired.

"Hopefully she'll have learnt her lesson" said Sgt. Brown.

"She must have used eight of her nine lives at once on this occasion", he added.

BARMY BILL

HEY LOOK! A RABBIT

Toss! BRICK BLAT!
Three Sunderland lads will never forget the day they went shopping in Newcastle. For Martin Brammer, Dave Brewis and Paul Woods stumbled upon Kitchenware Records while trying to buy a set of casserole dishes.

"We saw a sign saying 'Kitchenware' so we just walked in to have a look around. I must have been whistling or something, cos this bloke walked up and offered us a record deal," explained Dave, 27.

But as Paul explained, there had been quite a mix up at the time: "Martin thought he was buying a set of casserole dishes on h.p. so he signed the contract straight away. It was only later when we were told to record a single that we realised we had signed a record deal!"

According to their contract the luckless trio had only 2 weeks in which to record a single.

"It was quite a shock," Dave explained. "None of us had any kind of musical background. We had to go out, buy instruments, and then after a couple of days we tried writing a song."

The song which they wrote was 'Brother Brother' and it was released as their first single in June 1983 under the band's hurriedly chosen name The Kane Gang.

"It wasn't bad for a first attempt," admitted Paul. But their contractual obligations meant that they still had another three singles to record. By the time the second, 'Smalltown Creed' had been released in April 1984, the unlikely threesome were beginning to enjoy life in the music business.

Indeed, 'Closest Thing To Heaven' was a number 12 hit for the group in the UK, and they were soon making their debut on Top Of The Pops. And they expect their fourth single to do even better!

The song they wrote was 'Anarchy in Great Britain'. Nothing happened, and eventually we disbanded in 1976, two days before the punk explosion!"

In 1983 Ada sent a demo tape of a song he'd written called 'Relax' to producer Trevor Horn.

"He didn't reply, but I knew he'd got the tape 'cos the next day Frankie Goes To Hollywood recorded the song and it was a big No.1!"

Ada Wilson is surely the most unlucky pop singer/songwriter in Wakefield. For despite over 20 years in the music business he is still no nearer to having a hit than he was on the day he started.

"I began in 1962 playing at The Cavern Club in Liverpool. Things were going well until I was suddenly kicked out to make room for The Beatles. At first they had asked me to join them, but I missed a bus on the way to the audition and Paul McCartney got the job instead".

Ada spent the rest of the sixties writing new songs.

"In one week I wrote 'Walk On By', 'McArthur Park', 'Yesterday' and 'California Dreaming', but I left them all on a bus. Someone must have found them and ripped them all off".

Ada recently re-recorded 'In The Quiet Of My Room', a single he first released in 1980. The record is available in the shops on the Thin Sliced label, cat. no. TS85. And he plans to follow it up with his own version of 'Nathan Jones', a song which he wrote himself, but which was stolen during a burglary on his flat in the sixties, and was recorded by The Supremes shortly afterwards.

"Anarchy in Great Britain".
ARE SPANDAU BALLET SOFT?

The 'tough
guys' who
drink shandy

EXCLUSIVE

On their record sleeves they look butch. On their videos they look macho. But we can reveal that behind the 'tough guys' image, SPANDAU BALLET are probably the softest band in Britain; unable to drink a lot, and almost totally disinterested in women.

TOUR

We caught up with the band on their recent UK tour and we put it to lead singer Tony Hadley that he couldn't take his drink.

PREDICTABLY he refused to comment. Indeed, all our accusations were greeted by a stony silence from the band.

HOTEL

However, when we spoke to staff at the hotel where the group were staying, our suspicions were confirmed.

We were told how the band had:

- Drank shandy at the bar.
- Gone to bed at 11.00pm.
- Not taken any girls up to their rooms.
- Done no damage in the hotel.

And a chambermaid, who preferred to remain anonymous, claimed that ashtrays provided for the band had been left untouched.

RING

When we rang the group's record company in London a spokesman said it was a bad line and that he would ring us back. But he didn't.
HALLO READERS! MY NAME IS JOHNNY FARTPANTS!

SOMETIMES I CAN'T HELP LETTING OFF...

YO! WHAT A STINK!

THere's always a comotion going on in his trousers!

I've got a noisy bottom!

Jesus, what a whiff!

Oh! Oh! I've blown a hole in my knickers!

But believe me folks, a rumbling bottom can be very useful...

You're fartpants aren't you? I'm going to give you a good bashing!

You see a smelly guff can be very embarrassing...

Oh no! I'll take a proper kicking from basher bloggs!

There's only one copy of 'joke funnies' left and we all want it!

Reader's voice, that sounded like a fridge door opening!

Oh no! I'll take off let off!

In fact I can use my stinky butt for some naughty pranks...

Keep to a strict pump-diet is very important...

In his room... don't worry folks, by firmly clasping this ordinary house-brick between my bum cheeks, I'll be perfectly safe!

No, honest!

So I can brew one up if I see basher bloggs coming!

Ah, but little does dad know, this long, slow pump will form a protective cushion around my buttocks and save me from a whacking!

Readers voice, oh no! you'll get whacked!

Then what do you call this?!

You are in for a spanking young man! Go to your room!

Inside... you've been up to your farting tricks again haven't you son?!
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