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The official newsletter of
THE FLIPTOP PEZERVATION SOCIETY

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Welcome To THE FLIPTOP PEZERVATION SOCIETY Newsletter

Published by Dennis Martin

For those of you who don't know me...let me introduce myself. I am married and have two daughters and a baby boy due in December. I work as a television director at the local ABC affiliate in Birmingham, Alabama. I've been collecting PEZ for about 5 years and am constantly striving to learn more about PEZ and the hobby. That's why I decided to do this newsletter. I want it to serve as a conduit for information for all collectors. Many of you have seen my PEZ video. I spent two years diligently collecting clips from movies and TV shows that featured PEZ. I plan to bring that same enthusiasm and drive into this newsletter. I hope you all will support me in this effort and make it a success for us all. So what can you expect in the

coming months?

5 more issues of fun, stories, and information...plus some special ideas that you collectors are going to love! Thanks again for supporting me and The Flip Top PEZervation Society. Don't forget that this is your newsletter too. Any articles, letters, photos etc that you want to



Dennis Martin John Burke (Personal FX)

share will be GREATLY appreciated!

Seinfeld's favorite neighbor "Kramer" (or Cosmo to his mom) is featured on this poster from the What On Earth catalog. Surrounding the photo are props from various Seinfeld shows. One of which is a Tweety PEZ! The poster costs \$9.95 and can be ordered from What On Earth at 216-963-3000. (ask for item #G2709)



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What Is He Doing!?

If you take a look at the PEZ Checklist in this issue...you'll see I tried to list slight differences in head variations for identification purposes. "rem"= removable, and A, B, C etc. means face mold is very similar with slight differences. A **remake** is a totally new look for a dispenser. That's why, for instance, the bunny w/fat ears isn't bunny D...because it looks totally different from previous bunnies and deserves it's own name. I hope the rest is self explanatory. Let me know what you think about it. We need to make it user friendly for everybody!

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

The next fun filled newsletter from The Flip Top PEZervation Society isn't far away. If you want to place an ad, story, photo...anything, please send it to me by October 15th. Let's make OUR newsletter a huge success!

PEZ Pony Express

Dear Dennis,

Hello! So glad to see you are undertaking the task of a newsletter...it's important for us to keep up on PEZ news, conventions & other info. Most important, we can't lose touch with each other! Good luck as a publisher...we all appreciate it!

Holly Schryver LaCosta, CA

Dear Dennis,

I am glad to see you will be taking on the new PEZ newsletter. Judging from your PEZ movie, which I have enjoyed many times, you will be sure to bring a fresh, original look to the newsletter...and I know how knowledgeable you are. Good luck on your new venture.

Joan Wallace Springville, NY

Dear Dennis,

Please sign me up for The Fliptop PEZervation Society club for PEZ collectors. It really sounds exciting! The newsletter sounds like it's going to be very informative with lots of new ideas...especially photos, pull-out calendars and collector interviews. Oh...I can hardly wait! I also hope it will include the new issues of dispensers and when they will be available and list of one's that will be taken out of production as well. Good luck with your new PEZ newsletter!

Sharon Davis Olmsted Falls, OH

Dear Dennis,

I'm so glad you decided to do a newsletter! Please sign me up. I like how you are marketing it as a club. What kind of club activities do you have planned? Do club members get any other benefits? Good luck on the club/newsletter. Let me know if I can help.

Alice Johnson Memphis, TN

Dear Alice,

Thanks for your letter and words of encouragement. We have several ideas for future club activities in the works. Stay tuned. Plus...here's some incentive to send in your ideas. The club member who contributes the most to the newsletter will receive half off on next years membership! (dm)



Photo from Orlando Sentinel

Dear Dennis,

I saw your ad in Positively PEZ and would like to join the PEZervation Society. I know there's going to be a couple of newsletters...but I say the more the merrier! I love reading anything to do with PEZ! I just

went to the Cleveland convention with a stop along the way at the PEZ factory. We had a lot of fun! (myself, my husband, and my 2 boys) I'm looking forward to your first newsletter!

Patty Roy Brant Rock, MA

Dear Dennis,

I've been collecting PEZ for two years now and have about 150 of them. I have been able to find a few old ones, Full Body Santa, Frankenstein, and my best find of them all is the Psychedelic Eye that I bought for \$6.00, and the guy asked me if it was too much. I took it and ran! I find that what antique dealers we have here in this small town are holding on to them. So I buy through the sales list in the PEZ newsletters or through shows or dealers, and pay a price for them. But if I want them, I pay. I couldn't go to my first convention this year like I'd planned because my nephew decided to get married that same weekend. Maybe next year. Well, good luck with the newsletter.

Pat Fuhrer Jamestown, NY

Dear Dennis,

We were so glad to get your information about The Fliptop PEZervation Society. Please sign us up! Congratulations and best of luck in starting the newsletter. We are so glad to be part of the PEZ family!

The Dales Chino, CA

NOTE: Membership #'s (on your card) will be used in the future for auctions and other stuff. Stay tuned!

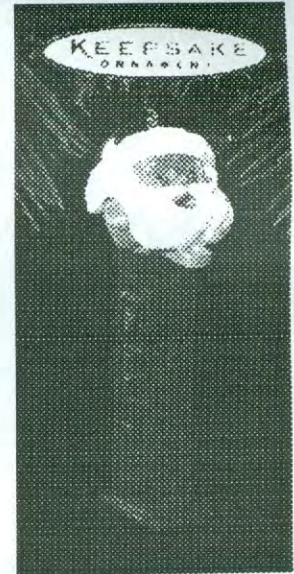
PEZ STOPS TRAFFIC



Recently my brother-in-law asked me to drive his friend home after playing basketball in our driveway. My brother-in-law rode along to show me where his friend lived. On the way, we struck up a conversation about PEZ. The friend had seen my collection in the house and wanted to know all about the hobby and the different dispensers. We talked the whole way to his house, which was a few miles away, and dropped him off. Then we turned around in his driveway and headed back down his street toward home. When we got to the end of the street, I looked up at the STOP sign and instantly got a chill down my back. There on the sign someone had painted PEZ! I don't know if the unknown vandal was talking about the candy dispensers... or these were just his initials. Regardless...I thought it was an incredible coincidence since that had been the topic of our conversation just seconds before. I rushed home and returned to the scene of the mystery with my camera to record the evidence. I don't know if I'll ever know who put PEZ on the sign, but it sure made for an interesting afternoon! (dm)

NEWSFLASH... PEZ Are Turning Up Everywhere!

It seems every time I turn around someone new is jumping on the PEZ bandwagon. (Which isn't necessarily a bad thing!) Now you can pick up your favorite Warner or Peanuts dispensers from your local AMWAY dealer! They sell a set of dispensers (4 Warner or 4 Peanuts) and 36 packs of candy for \$9.95. Also, the PEZ Hallmark Christmas ornament should be available by now at your local Hallmark card shop. It's a slightly smaller one piece version of Santa C with candy shooting out of his neck. It retails for \$7.95 (dm)



PEZ from Amway!



PEZ STICKERS!

- 6 Different Flintstones...\$10
- 6 Different MGM's...\$10
- 6 Different Dinosaurs...\$10

- Angel...\$25
- Baloo...\$15
- Barney Bear...\$15
- Baseball Glove & Home Plate...\$250
- Black Batman MOC/MIB...\$2
- Bouncer Beagle MOC...\$3
- Bugs Bunny (dark gray/red nose) NF...\$10
- Capt. America (blue) MIB/NF...\$40
- Capt. Hook NF...\$40
- Candy Shooter (orange)...\$45
- Charlie Brown w/Tongue...\$6
- Chick in Egg (old version, red or green) MIB...\$3 ea.
- Clown w/Chin (yellow hat) NF...\$35
- Cool Cat...\$30
- Cow B (blue head/horns) NF...\$45
- Dalmation Pup...\$20
- Diabolic NF...\$85
- Dog Whistle...\$20
- Dog Whistle NF...\$25
- Donald Duck A, NF...\$10
- Donald Duck A, MIB w/Golden Glow insert...\$20
- Droopy Dog (movable ears)...\$15
- Duck Nephew (blue hat)...\$5
- Duck Nephew (red hat)...\$5
- Duck Nephew (green hat)...\$5
- Duck Whistle ...\$20
- Dumbo (blue)...\$15
- Dumbo (gray) NF, MIB...\$65
- Fireman...\$30
- Fireman, partial cheeks, NF w/vending box...\$35
- Foghorn Leghorn...\$40
- Football Player in vending box...\$135
- Fozzie Bear MOC/MIB...\$2
- Frog Whistle...\$20
- Full Boby Santa NF...\$135
- Goofy (removable nose, DBP 818,829 stem) NF...\$30
- Hulk (dark green) NF...\$15
- Hulk (light green) MIP...\$5
- Hulk (light green) on Hungarian card...\$15
- Icee Bear...\$6
- Icee Bear (purple stem), MOC...\$6
- Jerry (3-piece)...\$15
- Joker (soft head-some paint chipping but displays well)...\$65
- King Louie...\$15
- Koala Whistle...\$20
- Lamb Whistle (white)...\$15
- Lamb Whistle (ivory)...\$20
- L'il Bad Wolf...\$15
- Majarajah NF...\$35
- Merlin Mouse...\$10
- Merlin Mouse NF...\$15
- Mickey Mouse A (removable nose) NF...\$8
- Mickey Mouse A (removable nose) MIB w/Golden Glow insert...\$20
- Mimic Monkey (orange,blue,yellow) NF...\$25
- Miss Piggy (w/eyelashes)...\$10
- Monkey Whistle...\$15

PEZ BODY PARTS!

- Set of 8...\$40 or \$5 each

KABAYAS FROM JAPAN!

- Set of 4...\$20 or \$5 each

- Monkey Sailor NF...\$25
- Mowgli...\$15
- Mr. Ugly (dark green)...\$15
- Ninja Turtles (all bandana's-tongue,frown)...\$2 ea.
- Original PEZ Make-A-Face black shoes...\$1 ea.
- Panther...\$60
- Penguin...\$75
- Petunia Pig...\$15
- Petunia Pig NF...\$25
- Pirate NF...\$30
- Pluto A (flat head) NF...\$15
- Pluto A (round head) NF...\$10
- Police Whistles (8 variations)...\$2 ea.
- Policeman...\$25
- Practical Pig A, NF...\$25
- Practical Pig A (feet)...\$20
- Psycho Lucy...\$30
- Pumpkin A (dark orange face/lt. orange shell)...\$20
- Rabbit (fat ears...yellow, light or dark pink) NF...\$10
- Rabbit (fat ears...ivory) NF...\$20
- Raven (blue head/orange beak) NF...\$30
- Rooster Whistle...\$20
- Rooster (white)...\$20
- Rooster (yellow)...\$25
- Rudolph...\$25
- Sailor...\$80
- Santa C, NF...\$10
- Scrooge (pink stem) MOC...\$4
- Shiek (red band) NF...\$35
- Silver Glow MOC...\$15
- Skull A, NF...\$10
- Smurf...\$6
- Smurf, MIB...\$10
- Smurf (papa)...\$6
- Smurfette...\$6
- Snowman A (black stem)...\$15
- Spacegun (orange)...\$55
- Spiderman, MIB/NF...\$15
- Sylvester (beige w/black stem) MOC...\$4
- Thumper...\$20
- Tiger Whistle (red stem) MOC...\$4
- Tom (3-piece) MOC...\$10
- Tweety (original w/removable eyes)...\$20
- Valentine Girl/Boy, MOC...\$2 ea.
- Webby, MOC...\$3
- Wile E. Coyote...\$20
- Winnie the Pooh...\$20
- Wonder Woman (softhead)...\$75
- Yappy Dog (orange or green) NF...\$35
- Zorro w/Logo, NF...\$50
- TRUCKS
- B8 (pink cab/green truck)...\$35
- B9 (green cab/orange & yellow trucks)...\$35
- B9 (brown cab/butterscotch truck)...\$35
- C1,2,3,4,5,16 (pink/yellow cabs)...\$10 ea.
- R1,2,3,4 (non-movable wheels, 36 variations)...\$2 ea.

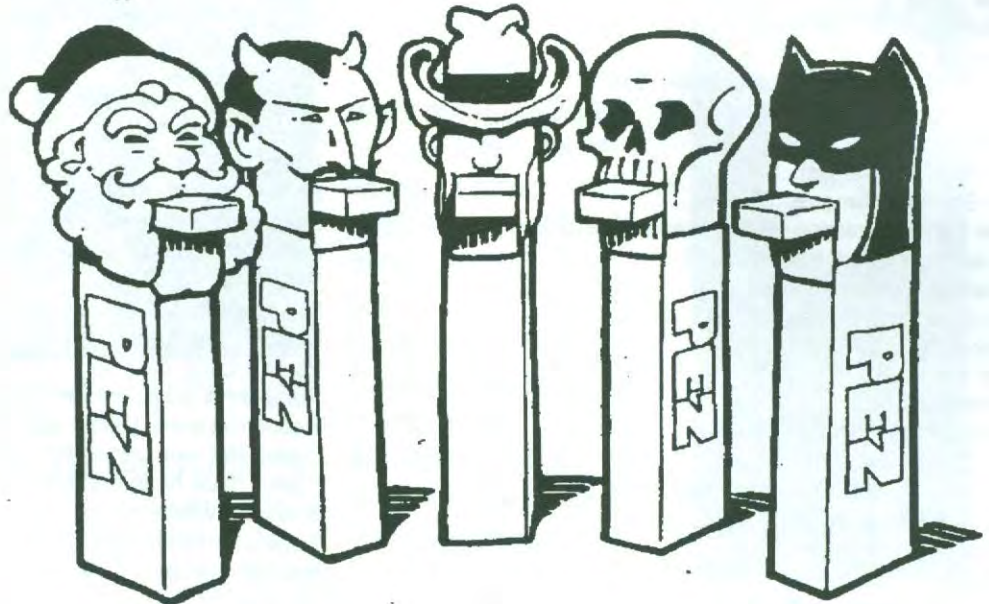
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PEZ-semists Are Optimistic Collectors

Although you remember them from your childhood and you still see them in the candy displays at the checkout counters of the market, you probably haven't given them much thought. But PEZ candy dispensers, in all their immense animal, comic icon and monster headed variety, are now a genuine, certifiable collectible. For one thing, PEZ (an abbreviated form of the German word for peppermint--pfefferminz) has been around a lot longer than you might have guessed. The candy was created by Eduard Haas III, proprietor of Haas Trading Co., (whose stock

continually added, with about 40 being in production at a time. Don't be fooled by the copycat products that have appeared over the years. Other companies such



in trade was baking powder) in Linz, Austria in 1927, not for children, but for adults as a breath freshener. Production was suspended during World War II, then re-introduced in 1949, when it was packaged in the first headless plastic dispenser (which are now referred to by collectors as "regulars"). PEZ was introduced in the United States in 1952, when the corporation PEZ-Haas was formed and the initial Mickey Mouse capped PEZ dispenser appeared. The candy wasn't produced in this country until 1973, when a plant was built in Orange, Connecticut. The dispensers continue to be made in Austria, Eastern Europe, Mexico, Hong Kong and China. It wasn't long before other flavors of the mini-lozenges were added, concentrating more and more on fruit flavors, and hundreds of other character heads joined the ranks. There were Santas and snowmen and skulls, Wonder Woman and Zorro, panthers and ponies, Batman and Bullwinkle and Betsy Ross. Two full-figured dispensers have been made: a Santa in the late 1950's and a Space Trooper, which came in several colors. Three PEZ guns, which actually dispensed the candy, were marketed between 1952 and 1982. New species are

as Totems, Yummies and Smarties, have imitated the dispenser with a head idea, but there's really only one PEZ! In fact, it is meaningful enough to have been mentioned in two key movies, "ET" and "Stand By Me". Listed below are some recent prices for the rarer PEZ dispensers from sixth edition of Richard O'Brien's comprehensive identification and value guide, "Collecting Toys".

- *Baseball Glove w/Home Plate & Bat, \$125.
- *Bride with White Veil, \$100
- *Green Hornet, \$125.
- *Handgun (mail order premium), \$125.
- *Make-A-Face (similar to Mr. Potato Head, with approx. 24 face pieces, \$200
- *Pear with Visor, \$165
- *Pineapple, \$175
- *Psychedelic Eye, \$150
- *Psychedelic Flower, \$150
- *"Regular" with witch on side, \$175
- *Snowman with arms (1976 Olympics), \$125

?? PEZ TRIVIA ??

From time to time we'll challenge your PEZ knowledge with some fun trivia! No fair peeking at your collection or a PEZ book for the answers! Good Luck!



1. How many female PEZ PAL characters are there?
2. Which eye is the One Eyed Monster missing?
3. Speaking of eyes...which 4 PEZ use the same mold for their eyes?
4. How many PEZ will the octagon stand hold?
5. How many stars are on Uncle Sam's hat?
6. How many stripes on Uncle Sam's hat?
7. How many PEZ characters wear glasses?
8. What do all the PEZ costumes except one have in common?
9. According to an early sales brochure, where does the Sheik PEZ PAL come from?
10. Do Goofy A's ears bend backward or forward?

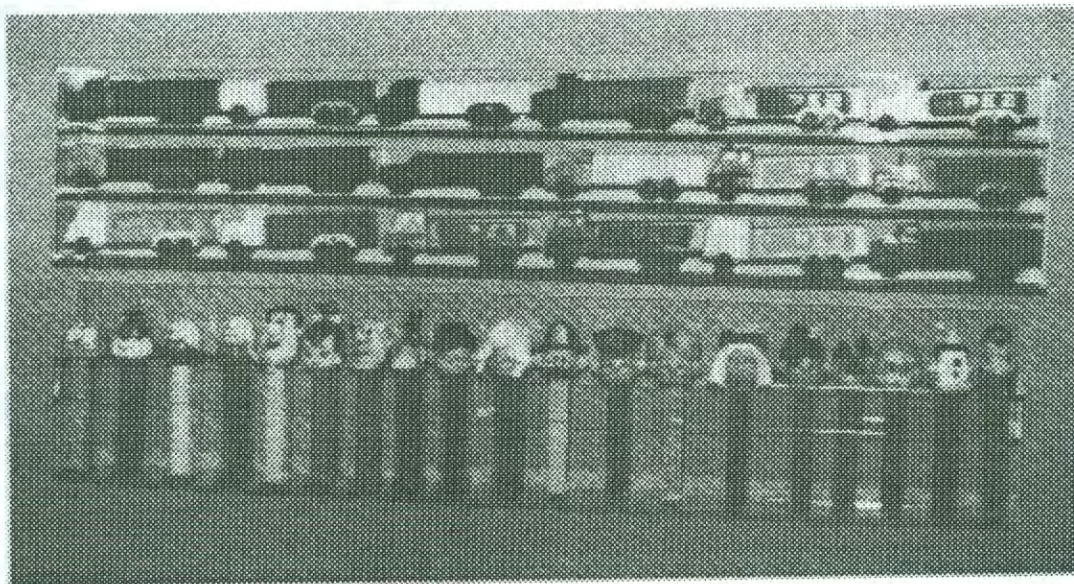
Answers: 1) 3; girl, nurse, bride. 2) left. 3) cow A, raven, duck w/flower, puzzy cat. 4) 6. 5) 11. 6) 21-22. 7) technically 5; Uncle Scrooge A&B, Raven, Gyro Gearloose, & the Penguin wears a monocle. 8) all have PEZ on the front. 9) Kingdom of PEZadonia. 10) trick question...can be either one.

"He stood at the penny candy window pointing. He got five red licorice whips and five black, ten rootbeer barrels, a nickel strip of candy buttons, a packet of Likem Ade, and a package of PEZ for his PEZ gun at home. Between the Costello Avenue Market and the library, he gobbled all the candy in the sack. He honestly meant to save the PEZ for watching TV that night...he liked to load them into the little plastic PEZ gun's handgrip one by one, liked to hear the accepting click of the small spring inside, and liked most of all to shoot them into his mouth one by one, like a kid committing suicide by sugar"

excerpt from Steven King's "IT"

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REGIONAL PEZ NEWS



North East

Word is from this area (and probably some of the other regions) is that Dream Castle has gone out of business and sold all its PEZ dispenser stock to dollar type stores. Look for the PEZ clip-on, bracelet, etc in these stores. **Kathleen Albert** of California says she was visiting the Cape Cod area and found a Tinkerbell and Peter Pan at a flea market and said they were "way below market prices!" She also says she saw some PEZ in the Cambridge area...but they were priced extremely high.

Great Scott!

Scott McWinnie, dd "Pezident" of PEZ Candy Inc. in Orange, Connecticut, tells me that the new line of "Regulars" should be in stores at this time. They are marketed with adult flavors like peppermint, and are currently available in 6 colors: red, blue, silver, white, yellow, & purple! They are apparently sold on a rather plain blue card. Scott also hints that a longtime favorite PEZ could be in for a facelift. Keep your eyes peeled!

South East

Most of the current PEZ are available. Toy's 'R Us, and Walmart have PEZ on card with mostly Warner Bros. Toys 'R Us doesn't seem to restock often. They mostly have candy refills and left over Halloween to offer. Panda seems to be the hardest to find. So far Dinosaurs on the card have only been seen at K-Mart. Dinosaurs can be found in bags at The Old America Store. The Cracker Barrel restaurant always has a big supply of Favorites on hand, and black Batman can be found at several drug stores. FLIX are just starting to show up down south, and so far the Power Rangers have "power" over any others.

P.S.
look for PEZ
article in
SOMA
magazine...
coming soon!

North West

Dan Leonard found an old Popeye B at the Goodwill store recently at a great price. Also...Dan says a woman near him advertised a collection for sale in the paper recently. She had about a hundred pieces, with the oldest stuff being a nurse, original Peter PEZ etc.... and she was asking \$3000 for the collection!

Dan says he passed it up.

Maryann Kennedy says the regulars haven't made it to the stores in her area. (MN) They have the Dinosaurs, black Batman, and the new Santa Hallmark ornament. Maryann says she frequents flea markets and found an old Regular and a gray One Eyed Monster recently at reasonable prices. **John Thompson** says he's about to give up looking at flea markets in Minnesota because PEZ are almost impossible to find! **Peter Cooper** in Seattle also says he hasn't seen the regulars yet. As he says...just the same old Loony Tunes. **Jill Cohen** does, however, have the regulars in her candy store in the Cleveland area..

South West

If you haven't been to the book store lately, you might want to make a trip soon. California's **Steve Glew** has published a nice 4 page article about PEZ (concentrating on the "monster" PEZ) and FLIX in the August issue of Collectible Toys & Values magazine. It's worth a look!



Europe

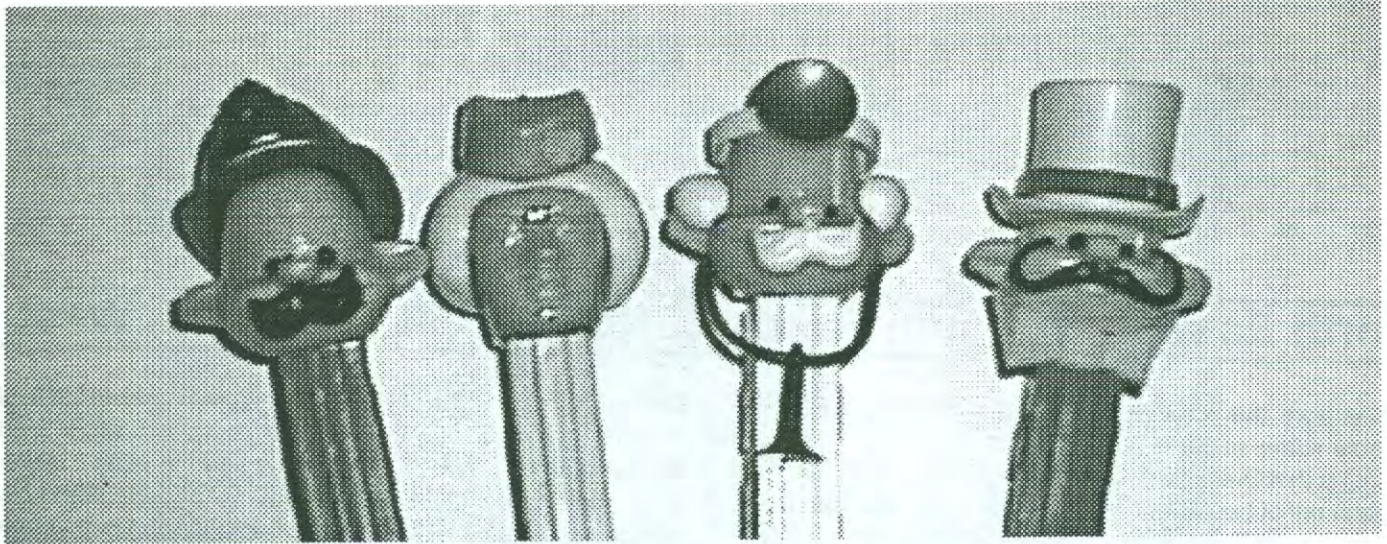
OVER THERE!... **Philippe Danjean** in France writes that they have Hulk, Spiderman, Black Batman, Wonder Woman, new Speedy Gonzales, and new Daffy Duck with purple stems in shops all around France.



"A balanced diet should include at least one food from each of the 15 Basic Food Families: Fruits, Vegetables, Meats, Fishes, Loaves, Hors d'Oeuvres, Canned Goods, Jellies, Snacks, Shakes, Additives, Eels, Those little wax bottles filled with colored suger water, PEZ, and Spam"

quote from The Dave Barry Calender

SEPTEMBER



Honoring Our Laborers On Labor Day

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					TOY SHOW Amityville, NY	TOY SHOW San Jose, CA
3	4 LABOR DAY!	5	6	7	8	9
TOY SHOW Leesport, PA	TOY SHOW Goshen, IN		TOY SHOW Montvale, NJ		TOY SHOW Paramus, NJ	TOY SHOW Eureka Spr. AR
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
TOY SHOW Columbus, OH					ANTIQUA SHOW Carlisle, PA	TOY SHOW Tacoma, WA
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
TOY SHOW East Windsor, CT		TOY SHOW San Diego, Ca		TOY SHOW Woonsocket, RI		TOY SHOW Clarence, NY
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
TOY SHOW St. Louis, MO				FLEA MRKT. Carlisle, PA	TOY SHOW Brooklyn, NY	TOY SHOW Loveland, CO

OCTOBER



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 TOY SHOW Coral Spr., FL	2	3	4 TOY SHOW Montvale, NJ	5	6 TOY SHOW Brooklyn, NY	7 TOY SHOW Danbury, CT
8 TOY SHOW Toledo, OH	9	10 Richard Geary Birthday	11	12	13 ANTIQUE & TOY SHOW Las Vegas, NV	14
15 TOY SHOW Newark, DL	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 TOY SHOW Richmond, VA
29 TOY SHOW Euclid, OH	30	31 HALLOWEEN				

CONVENTION REVIEWS

PEZ-A-MANIA 5.....

Cleveland, Ohio July 14 & 15

The word from Ohio is that PEZ-A-MANIA #5 was a huge success! Over 500 people attended this years convention! And with over 30 dealers from all over the U.S. and Canada, collectors of all levels could add to their collection. The new PEZ Body Parts were a hot item as well as the new non-U.S. Daffy Duck & Speedy Gonzales remakes. Also, excited convention attendees got a

"The new PEZ Body Parts were a hot item as well as the new non-U.S. Daffy Duck & Speedy Gonzales remakes."

look at some new PEZ shoes being manufactured by IT'S PLASTIC. The convention started off Friday with tons of room hopping and then "Bingo for PEZ". Over \$2,000 worth of goods were distributed. The Goote family and Gene Young were double winners! The Prodigy PEZheads, coordinated by Conita Williams, produced a fundraising PEZ quilt that raised \$462 for the MS 150 Bike-A-Thon. An additional \$160 was raised by auctioning two FLIX prototypes that were donated by Sid Diamond, President of FLIX. The auction was chocked full of good items and good buys. For example; Nurse w/ blonde hair-\$48, Blue Pony w/ insert-\$57, Frankenstein-\$175, European Catalog-\$20, PEZ Klub hat-\$12, Aqua Smurf-\$40, All red Whistle MIP-\$33, Uncle Sam-\$57, Jiminey Cricket MIB-\$80, Gorilla MIB-\$35, Zorro w/ Logo-\$35, Li'l Lion MIB-\$34. Overall, PEZ-A-MANIA 5 was a great convention and most attendees said they can't wait until next year! **Jill Cohen**

ST. LOUIS CONVENTION.....

St. Louis, Missouri June 9 & 10

This year's St. Louis convention started out Friday with a buffet and then, what seems to be a trend in PEZ conventions, PEZ bingo. The lucky winners walked away with neat prizes like T-shirts, sweatshirts and of course PEZ! There were about 15 games that lasted around 2 hours... then the room hopping began! Saturday saw many PEZ dealers ready to

sell their stuff...and PEZ collectors looking for those needed collectible. John Devlin says about 120 people registered for the convention, which makes this the biggest St. Louis gathering

yet. People came from all over to buy PEZ. One person even came from Hong Kong! Registrants all received a T-shirt designed by John Devlin that featured a Crocodile, Roar the Lion, and Elephant PEZ all under the St. Louis Arch. One of the highlights of the show was Sue Sternfeld's unusual black Batman w/cape. It was a foriegn premium associated with the first Batman movie. Throughout the show there were raffles & door prizes. Following the show was the PEZ auction. Some of the PEZ bought and sold were; Stand By Me-\$45, 6 assorted Totems in box-\$45, PEZ kite MIP-\$25, Capt. America-\$20, Raven-\$22, Uncle Sam-\$56, Holiday display box-\$45, Nurse MIP-\$45, black Fishman (damaged)-\$115, Green Hornet-\$104, Witch A-\$55, Diecut Mickey-\$75, Football Player-\$56, & One Eyed Monster-\$56. Thanks for a great convention John! See you next year. **(DM for) John Devlin**

Merry Music Makers?

I found this photograph in a 1970's teen magazine while cleaning out my father's attic. The caption reads "The PEZband...Mike Gorman, Tommy Gauvenda, Mimi Betinis, Mick Rain". I don't recall ever hearing anything from this group..but Sue Sternfeld allegedly has a 45 rpm from them. I wonder if it's the same group that called themselves "The PEZ People" in the movie "The Big Picture"? If anyone knows more about this group, let us hear about it!



WELCOME TO MY FIRST AD IN THE FIRST EDITION OF THE FIRST FLIPTOP PEZERVATION SOCIETY CLUB NEWSLETTER!

In honor of the first issue, I am offering several specials. For all orders over \$50.00, shipping will be free. For all orders over \$125.00, discounts of 10% will be given. All current Pez \$1.00 if not listed below. Flix Power Rangers (set of 5) will be offered for \$20.00 a set on the blister cards. These offers will expire October 1, 1995.

I apologize for not being able to deliver the Regulars at the Cleveland Convention. **I NOW HAVE THE REGULARS.** They are only being offered on blister cards. There are six different colors. Each blister card has six peppermint refills. They are being marketed as breath mints. I am selling them for \$2.00 each. Quantity discounts available.

NINJA TURTLE FLIX ARE NOW AVAILABLE DIFFERENT TURTLES - \$2.00 EACH MIB

Arlene	\$5.00	Icee Bear	\$6.00	Rabbit, fat ears N/F MIB	\$8.00
Baloo	\$16.00	Indian Whistle	\$6.00	Raven	\$35.00
Barney	\$5.00	Jerry multipiece head	\$15.00	Rhino Whistle	\$6.00
Barney Bear	\$16.00	Jerry w/painted face	\$10.00	Roadrunner	\$8.00
Batman, black	\$1.25	King Louie	\$16.00	Santa, N/F	\$10.00
Batman, N/F	\$10.00	Koala Whistle	\$20.00	Santa, N/F, MIB	\$12.00
Batman, N/F MIB	\$15.00	L'il Wolf	\$16.00	Santa, pre 1994	\$3.00
Bouncer Beagle	\$6.00	Lamb Whistle	\$20.00	Sheik	\$25.00
Bugs Bunny, N/F MIB	\$15.00	Louie	\$6.00	Silver Glow	\$20.00
Bugs Bunny, old	\$3.00	Maharajah	\$40.00	Smurf	\$6.00
Camel Whistle	\$50.00	Mimic Monkey	\$35.00	Smurf, N/F	\$15.00
Charlie Brown w/frown	\$6.00	Miss Piggy w/lashes	\$10.00	Smurf, N/F, MIB	\$25.00
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Droopy moveable ears	\$15.00	Penguin Whistle	\$6.00	Tom painted head	\$10.00
Dumbo, blue head	\$16.00	Peter Pez	\$3.00	Tom, multipiece	\$15.00
Dumbo, gray head MIB	\$50.00	Petunia Pig	\$16.00	Tuffy multipiece	\$15.00
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Garfield w/teeth	\$6.00	Policeman	\$15.00	Tyke	\$15.00
Goofy B, rev. teeth	45.00	Pooh	\$25.00	Webby	\$6.00
Goofy, N/F MIB	\$15.00	Popeye C, red hat MIB	\$50.00	Whistles	\$2.00
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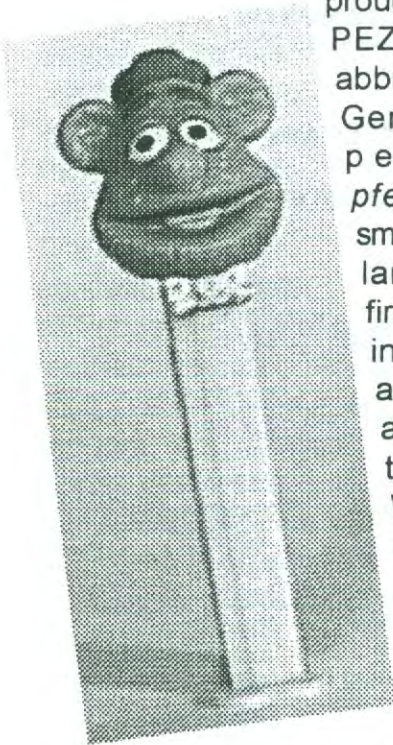
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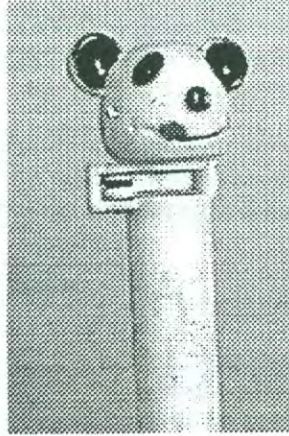
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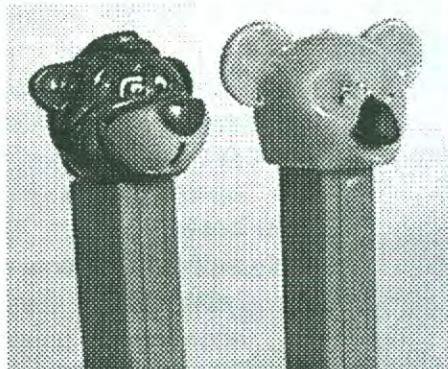
In the 1950's, when I was a kid, having a PEZ container hanging from your rear pants pocket was a status symbol equal to wearing a Davy Crockett coonskin cap or having handlebar streamers on your bike. In fact, a generation of baby boomers enthusiastically bought into the advertising tag line "Flick your Bic" precisely because they had grown up proudly flicking their PEZes. PEZ is an abbreviation of the German word for peppermint-*pfefferminz*. The small hard rectangular candies were first made by Edward Haas in 1927 in Austria. Haas aimed his new candy at the adult market. PEZ production was interrupted by World War II, but in the late 1940's PEZ reappeared in Europe, this time with a plastic dispenser. Those first dispensers had no heads. But by 1952, when PEZ-HAAS, Inc came to the United States, dispensers in the shape of robots, Santas and space guns reached out to the kid trade too, and became a sensation. Although that first flush of faddish success passed by the mid 1960's, PEZ is still producing both candy and dispenser today and, driven by baby boomer nostalgia, the toy containers have become a hot collectible. In the last years, PEZ collectors have come up with their first reference book, a newsletter, and a dozen sales of individual dispensers at prices over \$400 each. Each PEZ dispenser is made up of: a cartridge where the candy is loaded; a head (the part that tilts back); the stem,



usually imprinted with the word "PEZ", a patent number and the country of origin (Austria, Yugoslavia, Hong Kong, or the U.S.); and the feet, which are stand up tabs on the bottom of the stems (these did not appear until the early 1980's). Rare PEZ include such cultural touchstones as a mustached Alpine Bavarian man of the 1972 Olympics, a snowman from the 1976 Innsbrook Olympics and wolf mascots from the 1984 Olympics. In 1962, a Lions Club International convention custom ordered lion headed PEZ favors and in 1982 Donkey Kong cereal carried a donkey headed PEZ premium. **(Editor's note: I print articles as they are written. It was actually a monkey PEZ)** Musical PEZes have whistles in their heads and PEZ trucks come complete with moving wheels and flip-top cabs.



Rare color variations in PEZ stems can mean high resale prices and non-PEZ plastic candy dispensers such as Lions Novelties Inc. and Totems (both 1970's) are also highly sought after. Bear related PEZ can be easy to find. The panda is in current release as a reissue and costs only 99 cents. Fozzie Bear is also currently available in some areas. Baloo, Winnie the Pooh, and Barney Bear are all current foreign issues, available only in Europe, Canada and Australia. These can cost anywhere from \$15 to \$30 from U.S. dealers. Color variations on an original panda (i.e. red instead of black stem) or a Totem brand panda or brown bear from the early 1970's might bring well over \$100 each. In flavors like strawberry, lemon, orange, and grape, PEZ still encourages fans to "collect them all". It's a more expensive thing to do than it was 50 years ago...but it's still great fun!



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PEZ CHECKLIST

SEPTEMBER 1995

CHRISTMAS

- Angel A*-painted eyes
- Angel B-rem. eyes
- Angel Ornament
- Rudolph
- Santa A-long face
- Santa B-small face
- Santa C*-big head
- Santa w/eyes
- Santa Ornament
- Snowman A-rem. pieces
- Snowman B-molded pieces
- Snowman C-1 piece mouth

CIRCUS

- Big Top Elephant/flat hat*
- Big Top Elephant/pointed hat*
- Big Top Elephant/hair*
- Clown w/chin*
- Clown w/collar
- Gorilla
- Li'l Lion*
- Mama Giraffe
- Mimic the Monkey*
- Monkey Sailor
- Pony Go Round*
- Roar the Lion*

CRAZY FRUIT

- Orange
- Pear
- Pineapple

DIE-CUTS

- Bozo
- Casper*
- Donald Duck
- Easter Bunny
- Mickey Mouse

DINOSAURS (1994)

- Brutus
- Chaos
- Titus
- Venezia

DISNEY

- Baloo*
- Bambi
- Bouncer Beagle (1992)
- Captain Hook
- Chip*
- Dalmation Pup
- Dewey (blue cap)
- Donald Duck-small head
- Donald Duck remake (1989)
- Dopey
- Duck Child*
- Dumbo*
- Goofy A-rem. teeth
- Goofy B*-tem. teeth/nose
- Goofy C*-solid teeth
- Goofy remake (1989)
- Gyro Gearloose (1992)
- Huey (red cap)
- Jiminy Cricket
- King Louie*
- Li'l Bad Wolf
- Louie (green cap)
- Mary Poppins
- Mickey Mouse A-cut face
- Mickey Mouse B-painted
- Mickey Mouse C-rem.nose
- Mickey Mouse D-solid nose
- Mickey Mouse remake (1989)
- Mowgli*
- Peter Pan
- Pinocchio A*-painted face

- Pinocchio B*
- Pluto A*-rounded head
- Pluto B*-flat head
- Pluto remake (1989)
- Practical Pig A-round hat
- Practical Pig B-crooked hat
- Scrooge McDuck-smaller
- Scrooge McDuck remake
- Snow White*
- Thumper*
- Tinkerbell*
- Webby (1992)
- Winnie the Pooh
- Zorro A-straight mask
- Zorro B-curved mask
- Zorro w/logo

EASTER

- Bunny A-one piece
- Bunny B-one piece
- Bunny*-fat ears
- Bunny (1990)
- Chick in Egg w/Hat A*-diecut eyes
- Chick in Egg w/Hat B*-painted eyes
- Chick in egg w/Hat C*-egg remake
- Chick in Egg w/o Hat*
- Duck w/Flower*
- Lamb
- Rooster*

EERIE SPECTRES

- (all rubber heads)
- Air Spirit
- Diabolic
- Scarewolf
- Spook
- Vamp
- Zombie

FULL BODY

- Santa Claus
 - Space Trooper*
- ## HALLOWEEN
- Blob Octopus*
 - Dr Skull A-smaller head
 - Dr Skull B (1991)
 - Fishman*
 - Mr Ugly*
 - One Eyed Monster*
 - Pumpkin*-small head
 - Pumpkin remake (1991)
 - Witch (Regular)
 - Witch*
 - Witch 3-piece A*
 - Witch 3-piece B (1991)

HUMANS

- Astronaut 1*-small helmet
- Astronaut 2*-big helmet
- Cowboy*
- Football Player*
- Pilot
- Spaceman
- Stewardess

Bi-centennial

- Betsy Ross
- Captain*
- Daniel Boone*
- Indian Brave*
- Indian Chief*
- Indian Maiden
- Pilgrim*
- Uncle Sam*
- Wounded Soldier*

KOOKY ZOO

- Cockatoo*
- Crocodile*
- Cow A*
- Cow B*
- Panda A*-rem. pieces
- Panda B (1990)-painted pieces

- Panther
 - Puzzy Cat*
 - Raven*
 - Yappy Dog*
- ## LICENSED CHARACTERS
- Annie
 - Asterix
 - Bozo
 - Bullwinkle*
 - Casper*
 - Muselix
 - Obelix
 - Peter PEZ A
 - Peter PEZ B (1993)-new decal

Flintstones (1993)

- Bamey .
 - Dino
 - Fred
 - Pebbles
- ## Garfield (1988)
- Arlene
 - Garfield
 - Garfield w/teeth A
 - Garfield w/teeth B-dif. decal
 - Garfiled w/visor
 - Nermal

MGM

- Bamey Bear
- Droopy Dog A-rem. ears
- Droopy Dog B-painted ears
- Jerry A*-all painted
- Jerry B*-rem car pieces
- Jerry C-rem. nose/ear pieces
- Spike A*-painted eyes
- Spike B-decal eyes
- Tom Cat A-all painted
- Tom Cat B-rem. pieces
- Tom Cat C-new painted
- Tuffy A-all painted
- Tuffy B-rem. ear pieces
- Tuffy C-rem nose/ears
- Tyke A-painted eyes
- Tyke B-decal eyes

Univ. Monsters

- Creature from the Black Lagoon
 - Frankenstein
 - Wolfman
- ## Muppets (1991)
- Fozzie Bear
 - Gonzo
 - Kermit the Frog
 - Miss Piggy A-eye lashes
 - Miss Piggy B-no lashes

Peanuts (1990)

- Charlie Brown
 - Charlie Brown w/eyes closed
 - Charlie Brown w/frown
 - Charlie Brown w/tongue
 - Lucy
 - Lucy w/eye whites
 - Snoopy A-open eyes
 - Snoopy B-eyes closed
 - Woodstock
 - Woodstock w/feathers
- ## Popeye
- Brutus
 - Olive Oyl
 - Popeye A*-painted face
 - Popeye B*-solid pipe
 - Popeye C*-rem. pipe

Smurfs

- Papa Smurf (1989)
 - Smurf *(1986)
 - Smurfette (1989)
- ## Superheros
- Batgirl (soft)
 - Batman*
 - Batman (soft)
 - Batman w/cape*

- Captain America*
- Green Hornet*
- Hulk A*-smaller head
- Hulk B (1991)
- Joker (soft)
- Penguin (soft)
- Spiderman A-smaller head
- Spiderman B (1991)
- Thor
- Wonder Woman A-emboss star
- Wonder Woman B-flat star
- Wonder Woman (soft)

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (1994)

- Donatello (purple)
- Donatello w/teeth
- Leonardo (blue)
- Leonardo w/teeth
- Michelangelo (orange)
- Michelangelo w/teeth
- Raphael (red)
- Raphael w/teeth

Warner Bros.

- Bugs Bunny*
- Bugs Bunny remake (1995)
- Cool Cat*
- Daffy Duck A-rem. eyes
- Daffy Duck B-painted eyes
- Daffy Duck C-decal eyes
- Daffy Duck remake (1995)
- Foghorn Leghorn
- Henry Hawk
- Merlin Mouse
- Petunia Pig
- Roadrunner A-painted eyes
- Roadrunner B-decal eyes
- Speedy Gonzales*
- Speedy Gonzales remake (1995)
- Sylvester A-long hairs
- Sylvester B-short hairs
- Sylvester C-whiskers
- Tweety A-rem. eyes
- Tweety B-painted eye
- Tweety C-decal eyes
- Wile E. Coyote*

MERRY MUSIC MAKERS

- Camel
- Clown*
- Dog
- Donkey
- Duck
- Frog
- Indian
- Koala*
- Lamb*
- Monkey
- Panda*
- Parrot*
- Penguin*
- Pig
- Rhino
- Rooster*
- Tiger

MISCELLANEOUS

- Baseball Glove
- Candy Shooter Gun*
- Icee Bear
- Make-A-Face
- Personalized*
- Psychedelic Eye*
- Psychedelic Flower*
- Regular*
- Regular "Box"*
- Regular US Zone
- Regular w/advertising*
- Silver Glow A-dull silver
- Silver Glow B-chrome silver
- Space Gun* (1950's)
- Space Gun * (1980's)
- Whistle*

OLYMPICS

- Alpine* (1972)
- Snowman (1976)
- Vucko Wolf* (1984)
- Vucko w/cap* (1984)
- Vucko w/helmet* (1984)

PEZ PALS

- Boy*
- Boy w/cap*
- Bride*
- Doctor
- Engineer*
- Fireman*
- Girl*
- Groom
- Knight*
- Maharajah*
- Mexican Boy*
- Nurse*
- Pirate
- Policeman
- Ringmaster*
- Sailor
- Shiek*
- Sheriff

PREMIUMS

- Arithmetic*
- Cocoa Marsh*
- Donkey Kong Jr.
- Golden Glow
- Hippo
- Lion's Club Lion* (1962)
- PIF the Dog
- Sparefroh
- Stand By Me

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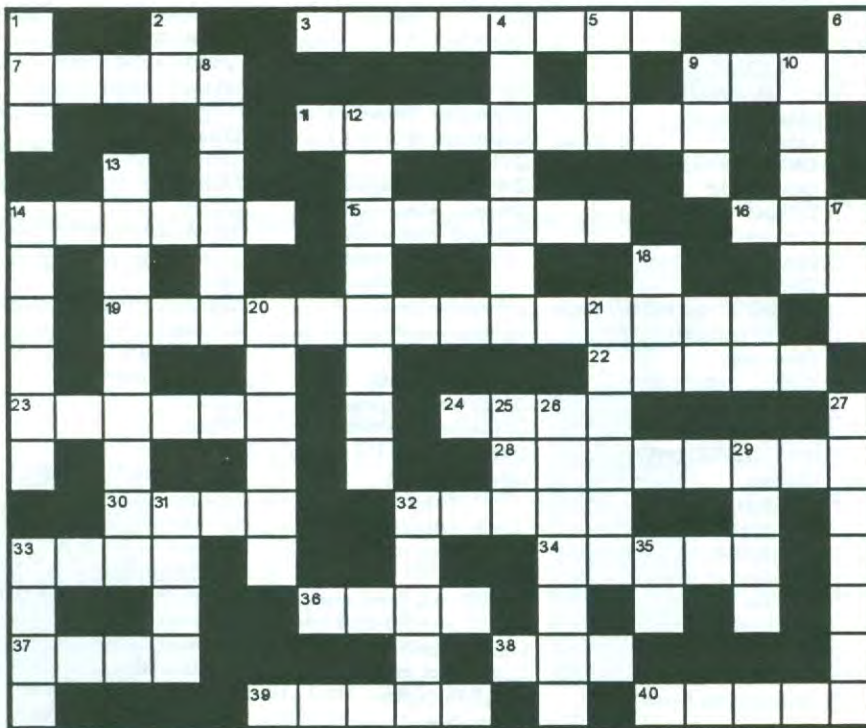
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- Cab #1*
- Cab #4*
- Cab #16*
- B-double axle, indented fender**
- Cab #8*
- Cab #9*
- Cab #13*
- C-double axle, fender not indented**
- Cab #1*
- Cab #2*
- Cab #3*
- Cab #4*
- Cab #5*
- Cab #16*
- Cab #R1*
- Cab #R2*
- Cab #R3*
- Cab #R4*
- D-double axle, stationary wheels (1991)**
- Cab #R1*
- Cab #R2*
- Cab #R3*
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DREAM CASTLE

- Wristwatch*
- Clip-on*
- Necklace*
- Bracelet*

*=heads w/color variations

PEZ PUZZLE

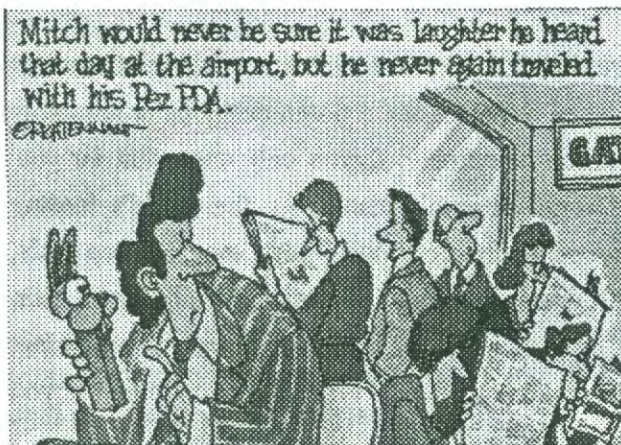


ACROSS

3. Cold Bruin.
7. On top of stems.
9. _____ Bunny.
11. Kawabunga dude.
14. One of the Glows.
15. Met the Mayflower
16. Opp. of on.
19. "High" ball.
22. Her sun will come out
23. A Dispenser & a flavor.
24. Father of Fliptops.
28. Superhero never
immortalized as a PEZ.
30. Winged Warrior.
32. Merlin & Mickey.
33. Simpson daughter.
34. Haulin' PEZ.
36. Mary's favorite PEZ.
37. Flower toting fowl.
38. PEZ porker.
39. Halloween hag.
40. Pucker-upper.

DOWN

1. Nurse ,Bride, Angel and
Witch are all one.
2. Place in classified.
4. Caped Crusaderette.
5. How many PEZ most
collectors want.
6. German zone.
8. Fast Rat.
9. Early container name (not
cardboard)
10. Disney Dingbat.
12. Popeye's passion.
13. Have hats or hair.
14. Anchors away!
17. _____ eared bunny.
18. Groom, Batman & Santa
are these.
20. G. Washington's favorite
flavor.
21. PEZ poltergiest.
25. Arizona State Univ. abbrev.
26. PEZ motherland.
27. Frosty fliptop.
29. A Face
31. Chickens hate 'em.
32. Monkey.
33. Woman.
35. Opp. of down.



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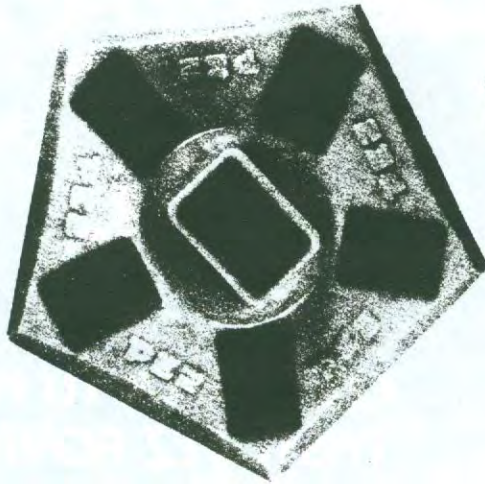
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BACKPAGE NEWS

COLLECTOR SPOTLIGHT

(A.K.A. PROBING THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS)

SHARON DAVIS
of Olmsted Falls, Ohio

(I spoke with Sharon by phone in mid-August. Here's some excerpts from our conversation)

Vital Statistics: Sharon Davis...Married with one son, age 11, and one weiner dog named Roxie.

TFPS: OK Sharon, how long have you been collecting?

Sharon: I've been collecting PEZ for about 2 years.

TFPS: Why do you collect PEZ?

Sharon: I think their cute and they look good on display. My son thinks their cool. I like toys and PEZ just fits right in. I have PEZ at home, in my car, and about 50 on my desk at work.

TFPS: Where do you work?

Sharon: I work as a word processor for the electric company.

TFPS: What do the people at work say when you tell them you collect PEZ?

Sharon: They usually say something like "Oh my god that's cool". They always want to know more or see my PEZ book with all the pictures. They just can't believe there are so many PEZ!

TFPS: How Many PEZ do you have?

Sharon: I have about 180 different ones...but many more duplicates.

TFPS: What's your favorite dispenser?

Sharon: The ponies! I love them! I just picked another one up at the convention .

TFPS: Speaking of conventions, how many have you been to?

Sharon: I've been to 2 of the PEZ-A-Mania conventions here in Ohio.

TFPS: How did you get started collecting PEZ?

Sharon: My son used to have a shoebox under his bed full

of PEZ. Everytime we would get him one or a babysitter would give him one he would save it. Then I bought a toy magazine and saw an ad for the PEZ convention in Ohio. I knew my son had a bunch but didn't know how collectible they were. I went to the convention and was overwhelmed! I've been an avid collector ever since!

TFPS: Who has been your biggest PEZ influence?

Sharon: I'd have to say Richard Geary. He has been so helpful to me as a collector. My family met him at a toy store in Cleveland and we have been friends ever since. My husband bought some great PEZ from Richard behind my back as a Christmas gift. I almost cried on Christmas morning. They were great! Richard also gave me a great PEZ paperweight with an Indian in it!

TFPS: Tell us about your rarest find.

Sharon: We'll, about 2 weeks ago, I found a Nurse with white hair at a local flea market for \$9. That was a great find!

TFPS: No kidding? That's great. Well, which PEZ do you want the most that you don't have?

Sharon: Probably a Casper die-cut. I have a regular Casper that I got from John LaSpina at the convention, but the diecuts are really cool and I need one for my collection. I understand they are getting hard to find though.

TFPS: Do you collect PEZ paper items?

Sharon: Of course! I collect anything PEZ!

TFPS: What else do you collect besides PEZ?

Sharon: I collect fast food toys of all kinds. In fact I'm a member of the Northeast chapter of the McDonalds Collecting Club.

TFPS: Where do you get most of your PEZ?

Sharon: I get new ones from Drug stores and Toy Stores. The old ones I find at flea markets and garage sales. I found a clown with chin at a garage sale yesterday for \$1. He was missing his hat, but how could I pass him up for a dollar!