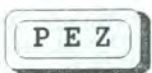




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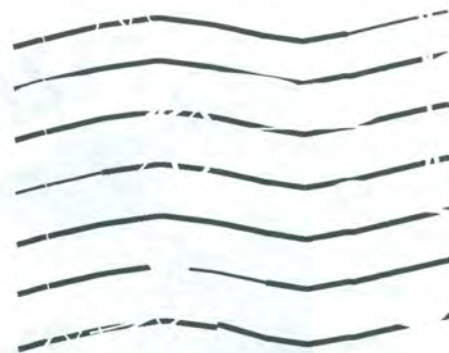
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INSIDE
STUFF



Welcome to issue #4! So little space, so much information! I had so much stuff held over from this issue, I have practically already filled the next newsletter! One small correction... last issue I reported that Maxx comic #51 mentioned PEZ. Well, Maxx comics don't go to 51. Maxx the cartoon, however, does air on MTV and they have mentioned PEZ on the cartoon before. My informant obviously got the cartoon confused with the comic. Oh, I forgot to mention last issue...3 movies featuring PEZ aired on 3 consecutive nights last December. Stand By Me, The Client, and E.T. all aired on different networks the 3 days before Christmas. Last thing...send me your birthdays. I'll include them on the calendars. Who knows, maybe someone will send you a PEZ. Until next time...keep those letters and phone calls coming...and enjoy the newsletter! (dm)

ON THE COVER: This "PEZ Family" card was found by Karen Lynn at a store called "WHAM" in Portland, Oregon. The inside of the card says "HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SOMEONE WITH REAL PEZ-ZAZI!" The back of the card says it was drawn by artist Eric Kimball and manufactured by *Oatmeal Studios*...Box 138 Rochester, VT 03767. Thanks Karen!



I want to thank everyone who writes or calls each month. The number of letters is growing everyday. I receive at least 2 or 3 letters or subscriptions EVERYDAY! I got 20 letters in one day back in February! And the word about TFPS is really spreading. I open letters from all over the U.S., as well as Canada, Europe, Australia and even Tokyo. So don't forget...be included on page three of TFPS! Send me your letter along with a rare PEZ if you want your letter printed. (I'm kidding, I'm kidding) Thanks again all you PEZheads out there! Keep those letters and PHOTOS coming.

Dear Dennis,

I just got my new TFPS, and I was so pleased to see PEZ grace the same page as my name! As for the question of the month, my PEZ Body Parts are slightly different. John Maynard brought them over from Germany for my birthday. The cave-man suit is on Barney Rubble, appropriately, the skeleton is on my Dr Skull A, the knight suit is on the new Bugs Bunny, the dress is on PEZ-a-saur, and the Robin Hood is on another PEZ-a-saur. I have a question...on the back of the PEZ watch there are pictures of PEZ bears that, when you squeeze them, a PEZ pops out. A little twisted, but I would like some info on them. Also, how much would a PEZ mistake go for? Let's say I ran across a Kermit without eyes, how much would it be worth? Thanks so much for fostering my passion!

Sarah Burpee Merrimack, NH

Dear Sarah,
Dream Castle, the company that made the PEZ watches, ran into financial trouble before they could finish the planned PEZ bears. They

were bought out by a company called Janex, but there is still no word on the future of the bears. Bud Danberg of PEZ Candy thinks they are still on the drawing board for a future release. Also, there are collectors that buy PEZ mistakes, but I don't really know what they would pay. I have sold several "defects" in the past in the \$15-\$20 range. But they **MUST** remain in the package to be of any value.

Dear Dennis,

I love your newsletter. You have done the PEZ community a great service. I have a few questions. Does anyone know about some new Warner Bros. stickers? I thought I had heard something about such a thing. Also, in last month's issue you reprinted an article about Scott McWinnie. I hate to show my ignorance, but what does "gray goods" exactly mean? I object to this term. I have been collecting PEZ for a long time, and some of my favorite pieces are from the "Canadian-only" variety. It really isn't fair that there are other countries that have different varieties of dispensers that we can't buy at our local drug store. I have been very lucky to have met a Canadian friend at the Cleveland Convention. Her name is Mary Lou, and we are constantly swapping dispensers through the mail. Well anyway, please clarify this term for me, and also inform me of what newer items are available overseas.

Gene Young Danville, IL

Dear Gene,

Thanks for your letter. An example of a "gray" good could be something like a color variation that is sold here by a dealer claiming it is authentic, when it never really was sold in ANY market. Scott has told

me he just wants to protect the consumer from getting ripped off. And yea, I do wish we had more of the foreign PEZ available here. But look at it this way, at least you have developed a relationship with Mary Lou and other non-US collectors.

Dear Dennis,

I just received my first TFPS newsletter. All I expected when I opened that envelope was an outstanding newsletter, but to my surprise I found not only that, but a membership card and certificate as well! Wow thanks! I have an idea. Why not have a page for a "collector of the month"? It would be a chance for collectors to briefly tell about themselves and their collection. Once again, thanks for a marvelous newsletter!

Aaron Gajewski, Grosse Pointe, MI

Dear Aaron,

The first issue of TFPS featured a collector profile on the back page...and future collector profiles will be sure to follow. Send me a picture of you and your PEZ and I'll put you in! Thanks for your letter!

Dear Dennis,

The anticipation is mounting for issue #4. You're doing a great job and it's nice to see so many "young" collectors involved, which in my mind will keep PEZ collecting alive for years. I have been fortunate thru publications such as yours to meet a lot of PEZheads by mail which daily creates a learning experience for me. Keep up the good work and I look forward to future issues.

Gary Olsen Stanhope, NJ

Dear Dennis,

I want to thank you and say how much I enjoy receiving and reading the newsletter. I read it over several times after receiving it. Through the sales/wanted section I have been in contact with other collectors and have found PEZ's I needed for my collection. Since in my area I can't find too many, not even new releases.

So thanks to all who have helped me.
Pat Fuhrer Jamestown, NY

Dear Dennis,

I love your PEZ video! I saw it at the last Ohio convention. Are you going to be selling copies of it? I have a couple of items to add to the "PEZ Screenplay" section of your newsletter. I saw a Peter Pez in the kid's movie "Heavyweights", and also in an episode of TV's "Family Matters." Also Entertainment Weekly magazine mentioned PEZ in their "What's Cool" issue. I enjoy your newsletter a lot, especially the letters, calendar pages, and regional news!

Patty Roy Brant Rock, MA

Dear Patty,

Thanks for the kind words and information. If you liked what you've seen of the PEZ video I began several years ago, you're in for a surprise. The video has grown to an hour long extravaganza of PEZ clips from television and the movies...including some stuff I know you haven't seen! I do not sell the video...but I will have several dozen copies available for "trade" in Cleveland.

Dear Dennis,

I loved my first newsletter. You did an excellent job! In the newsletter, I saw where there is a Ceaco unlicensed puzzle, and Ertl truck banks. Do you know of anyone who sells these items?
Meribeth Aldridge West, MS

Dear Meribeth,

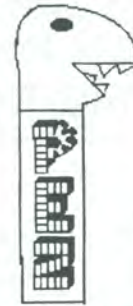
The Ceaco puzzle was pulled off the market because it was unlicensed. It was sold in 2 sizes. This puzzle and the trucks can be found from some of the dealers in the classified section of this newsletter.

Dear Dennis,

I'm a new member of TFPS. I recently bought the brand new PEZ truck. I would recommend that everybody get one quick

because there are only 1000 left! It is very nice and makes a great gift. My Bar Mitzvah is coming up and I told all of the people who are invited to send me PEZ dispensers and things like that. So by

February 24 my collection should reach the 200 point! Peter Groverman Philadelphia, PA



Jurassic Park
PEZ



Artwork by
Peter Groverman



WANTED: hat & collar for Jiminy Cricket. Also looking for Camel & Pig whistles, Foghorn Leghorn, Chip, Angel, Henry Hawk, Thumper & PIF at reasonable prices. I have Ambassador PEZ cards for sale \$3.00 each or trade. Also looking for collectors button from first Ohio convention shown in Richard Geary's book "More PEZ Collectibles"-page 70, and PEZ van shown in same book -page 36. PATTY ROY P.O. Box 493 Brant Rock, MA 02020 617-834-9749

PEZ Display Cases For Sale! Custom designed for PEZ. Each clear acrylic 2' x 2' case holds 48 dispensers and is wall mountable. Only \$100 plus shipping. Individual 2' x 4" shelves are also available. Send SASE for details. GENE SCHENBERG 2631 Southern Hills Blvd, Suite 1 Arlington, TX 76006 (817) 649-2786, fax...(817) 649-2916, or e-mail at OSIINC@aol.com

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

The next fun filled newsletter from The Fliptop PEZervation Society isn't far away. If you want to place an ad, story, photo...anything, please send it to me. The deadline is APRIL 15th, so for goodness sakes, hurry!

Membership in The Fliptop PEZervation Society is \$18.00 per year. (\$20.00 Canada, \$28.00 overseas) Members receive 6 issues of the official club newsletter, a membership certificate & card, and eligibility for future special events and collectibles. Individual newsletter back issues are available for \$4.00 each. Advertising rates are as follows; classified...free, 1/4 page...\$10.00, 1/2 page...\$20.00, full page...\$30.00. And as always, if you buy 5 ads, the 6th one of equal or less value is free. Advertising space is available on a first come first serve basis. TFPS reserves the right to refuse any advertising. To subscribe, place an ad, or for more information contact DENNIS MARTIN/TFPS 2328 Farley Place Birmingham, AL 35226. Phone (205) 822-8745. The Fliptop PEZervation Society is not associated with or sponsored by PEZ Candy inc. PEZ is a registered trademark of PEZ Candy Inc.

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5611 Lehman Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820
 Phone (517) 669-5931
 Please add \$4.00 postage

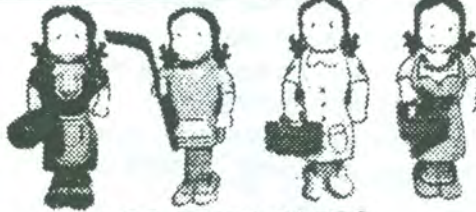
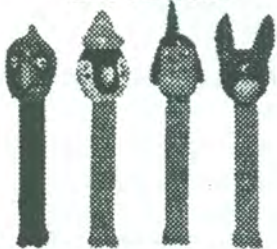


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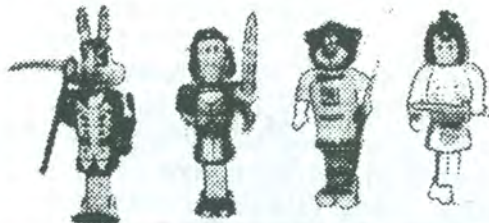
SHOE STAND FOR PEZ \$.50 EA. OR \$55.00 FOR 144 Always Buying PEZ



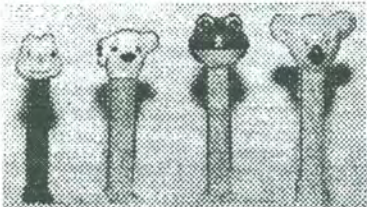
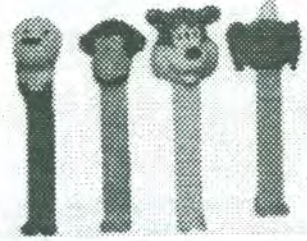
PEZ MERRY MUSIC MAKERS
 8 different mint on card
SET FOR \$27



PEZ BODY PARTS
 \$27.00 per set Ask about New PEZ Body Parts
 Wile E. Kintz Louie, Mowgli and Petunia sold separately



\$15 EA.
 Doz Melody maker
 Monkey Melody Maker
 King Louie
 Mowgli
 Lil. Wolf
 Barney Bear
 Baloo
 Dumbo



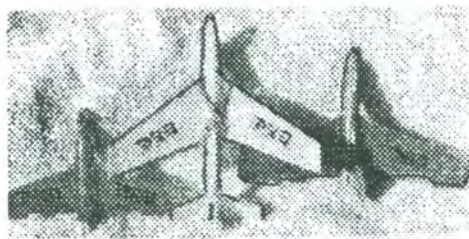
Thumper, Dalmatian, Frog Melody Maker,
 Koala Melody Maker...\$25.00 ea.



Tom, Jerry, Tuffy, Droopy, Spike, Roadrunner
\$5.00 each, MOC



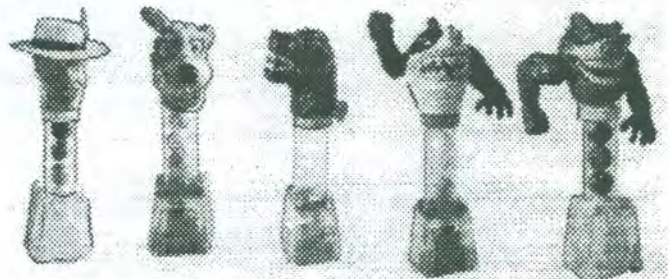
Scrooge, Gryo, Beagle Boy, Webby, Green
 Hat Duck Child.....5.00 each, MOC



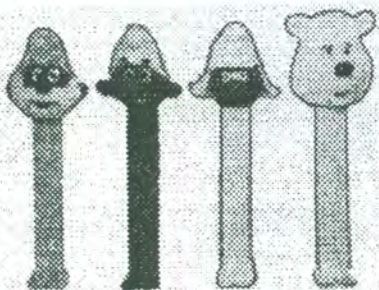
\$75 set PEZ Planes from Germany,
 3 to a bag with header card



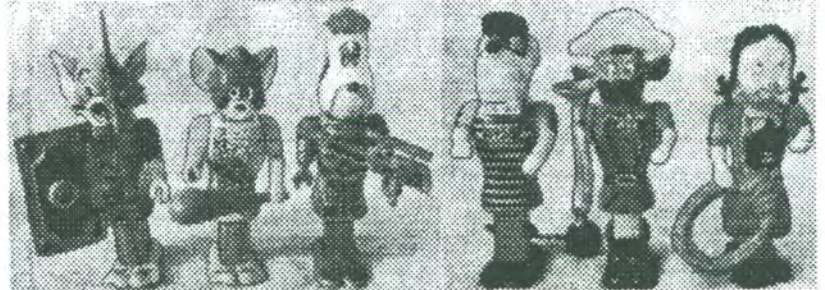
Practical
 Pig A, no
 feet (1967)
 ..\$15.00 ea.



FLIX: 2 diff. MASK MIB.....\$8.00 set
 2 diff. Street Sharks MIB.....\$8.00 set
 Godzilla MIB.....\$2.00 ea.



Ice Bear,
 Smurfette,
 Smurf &
 Papa Smurf,
 all loose
\$5.00 ea.



6 New Body Parts (Legionair, Cavalry Officer, Cowgirl, Caveman, Convict,
 Robot).....\$42.00
 (Easter and Santa Body Parts also available at \$25.00 ea.)

The Original... The Biggest
PEZ-A-MANIA 6 Collectors Convention
 July 19 & 20, 1996 Cleveland, Ohio

Join convention organizer Jill Cohen and hundreds of fellow collectors for an informative and fun-filled weekend. Meet master Pez collectors and all major PEZ dealers. Add to your collection. Learn from the experts. See more PEZ than you ever imagined!

CONVENTION AGENDA

FRIDAY-Pick up registration souvenir bags and informal room hopping throughout the day.
 6 pm Pizza & Pasta party (reserve in advance) 7 pm Bingo for PEZ!

SATURDAY-8 am Convention open for dealer set-up. 9 am Convention registrants admitted.
 10 am Convention open to general public (\$5 admission, \$2 kids under 12)
 1:30 pm Convention closed. 2:30 pm Auction begins. (convention registrants only)

HOTEL RESERVATIONS 1-800-334-3741

The Cleveland Airport Marriot is convenient to the Ohio Turnpike and major expressways. Free transportation from the airport.
 Be sure to mention PEZ-A-MANIA to receive a special block rate of \$72 per room.
 A limited number of Breakfast-For-Two packages are available at \$79 per room.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS-JUNE 18

Any reservation received after the deadline date will be accepted on a space or rate available basis. **Book Early!** Every hotel in the area sells out every weekend in the summer. Last year several registrants were not able to find rooms in the area, and others had to pay a much higher rate.

----- **Convention Registration** -----

Please register _____ people at \$20 per person. (\$25 after June 18)

NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	PHONE (include area code)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER MORE PEOPLE PLEASE USE THE BACK. Confirmation letters will be sent for all registrants except for those received the last week prior to the convention.

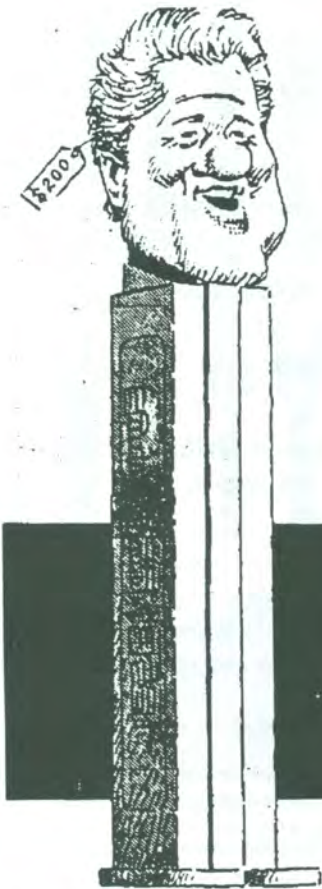
Please register _____ people at \$10 per person (\$5 kids) for Friday night pizza party)
 Souvenir T-shirts _____ \$12 each. Indicate sizes ___S___M___L___XL___XXL
 Souvenir Sweatshirts _____ \$23 each. ___S___M___L___XL___XXL
 T-shirt & Sweatshirt are not included with registration and will be more expensive at the convention.

Please reserve _____ dealers tables at \$25 each. (\$30 after June 18) _____ Half tables at \$15
 Dealer tables are only available to convention registrants.

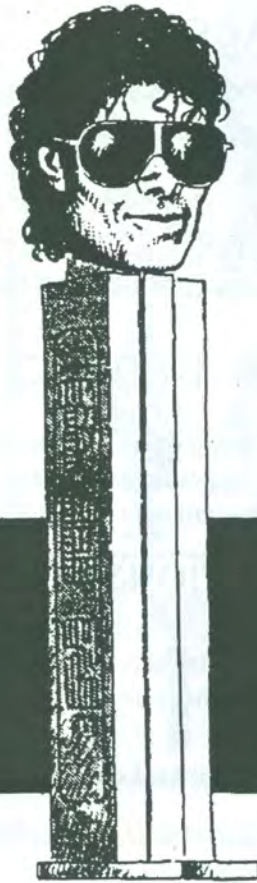
Please make check payable to Jill Cohen & send registration to PEZ-A-MANIA, P.O. Box 18139, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118-0139. If You Have any questions or require more information, please send a self addressed stamped envelope.



DISPENSERS



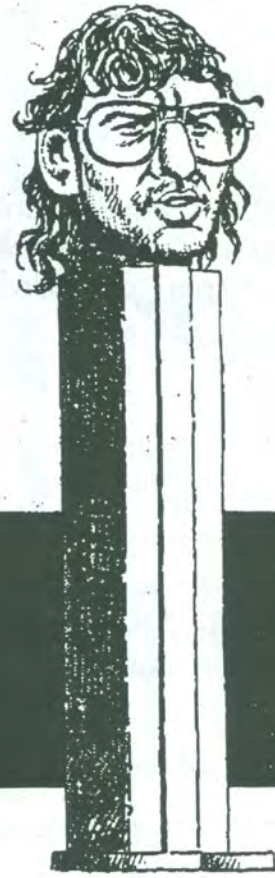
Model x4726 President Clinton



Model x7629 Michael Jackson



Model x 6715 Shannen Doherty



Model x1967 David Koresh



Reason model was discontinued:
Dispensed from both sides
of models mouth.



Reason model was discontinued:
Constant reshaping of head made
this particular model too costly to
produce.



Reason model was discontinued:
Ejection device proved too violent.



Reason model was discontinued:
Candy was too hard to get out.

THAT DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT

WRITERS: ERIC GOLDBERG & MARK HOWARD ARTIST: JOHN SEVERIN



Model x8271 Michael Jordan

Model x9753 Freddy Krueger

Model x4920 Delta Burke

Model x0681 Joe Camel



Reason model was discontinued:
Dispenser did not have enough
PEZ to cover it's gambling debts.



Reason model was discontinued:
Dispenser proved to be too sharp
around the edges.



Reason model was discontinued:
Dispenser kept eating it's own
candy.



Reason model was discontinued:
Gave kids emphysema.

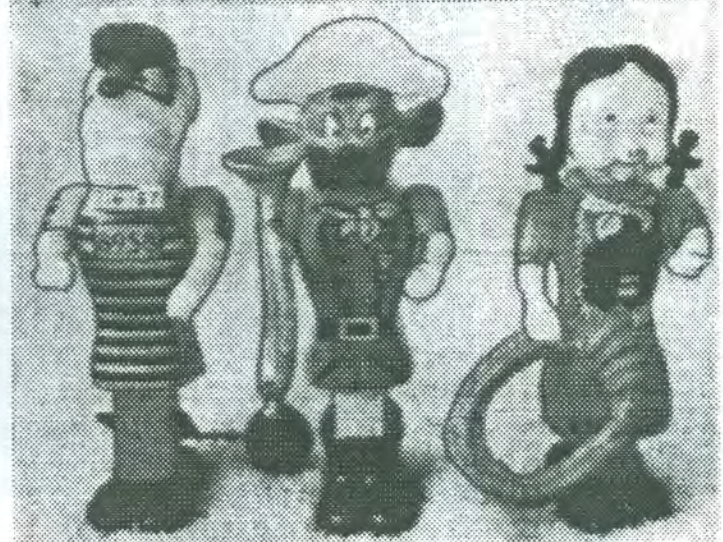
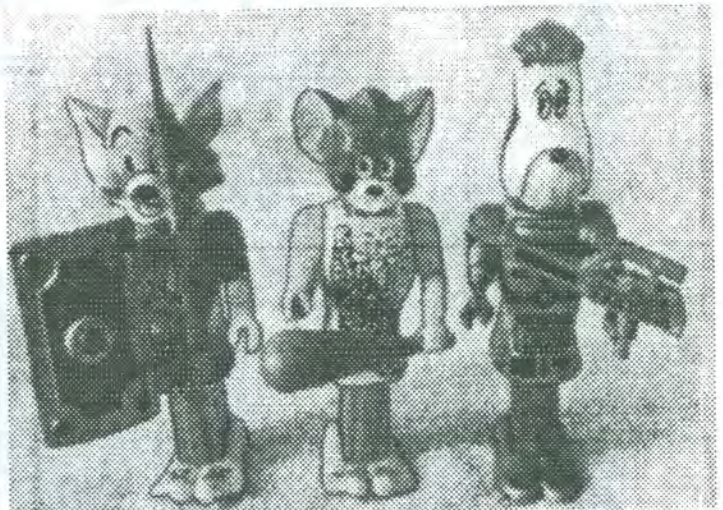
COOL NEW STUFF!



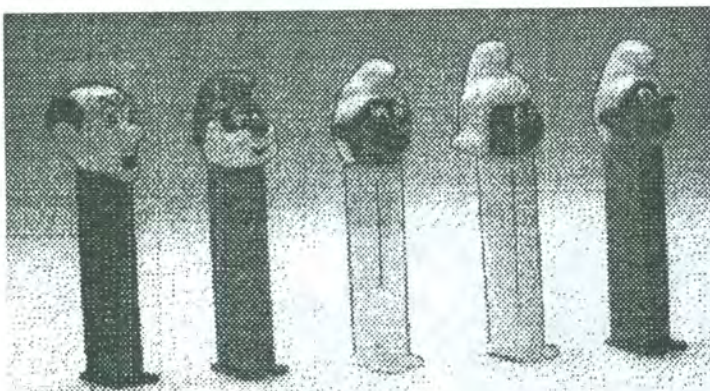
PEZ has discontinued the black Batman and replaced him with a brand new Batman! The new Batman is awesome! He's dark blue (kind of navy) with painted eyes, square superhero jaw and a bigger head. This Batman really looks like the Dark Knight! The new dispenser has arrived at PEZ and will be shipped once all the black Batman have been sold, although some are already showing up slowly around the country.

There are 6 new Body Parts that have just been released in Europe. They are a Legionair w/shield, a caveman w/club, a robot w/gun, a convict w/ ball & chain, a cavalry officer w/bugle, and a cowgirl w/rope. They have not been released in Canada as of yet. The Santa Body Part was released in some parts of Germany and Austria around Christmas. There is also a easter Body Part. It's body has a painters apron and paint pallet.

I received a rough fax of the new Smurf PEZ set to be released in Canada in the spring. There's 4 Smurfs



possibly have different corporate sponsors (ie: the gas station could be made with a Shell Oil logo) These new



and their enemy Gargamel. The Smurfs appear to be re-designed.

Another new item is the PEZ Playworld Gift Sets. They consist of a PEZ, a Body Part, 6 packs of candy, and a fold out cardboard diorama. There will be 5 available overseas: Christmas, Easter, Back to School, an Airport, and a Gas Station! The last two are rumored to



playpacks will probably sell for around \$5-\$6 each.

Sufferin' Succotash!

PEZ CANDY
presents

LOONEY TUNES



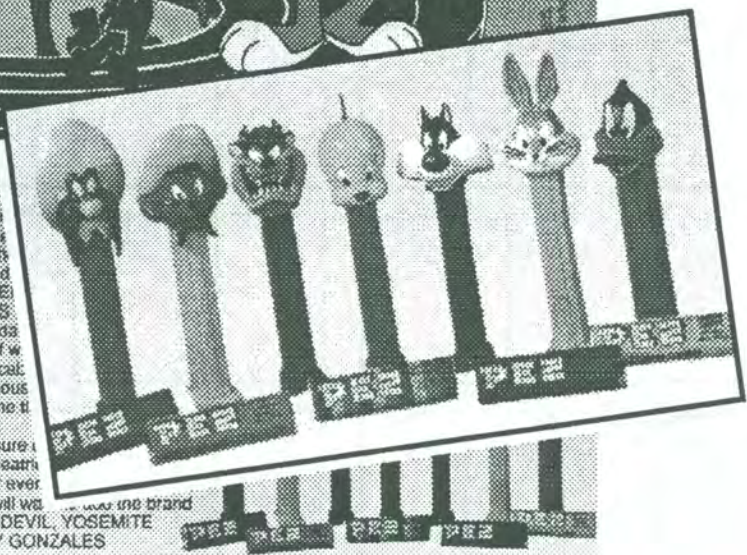
Universally loved by men, women, teenagers and kids, Looney Tunes are truly classic characters for all ages. Appearing on network and cable TV, in home videos, movies, theme parks and ice shows, Looney Tunes characters continue to capture the world's imagination with just the right touch of humor and irreverence.

These funny familiar Looney Tunes characters are supported with massive media exposure, making them perennial picks for year-in and year-out success.

- The **BUGS BUNNY** and **TWEETY SHOW** is ABC's #1 rated program over the past 5 years in household delivery and is the longest running Saturday morning children's program in television history.

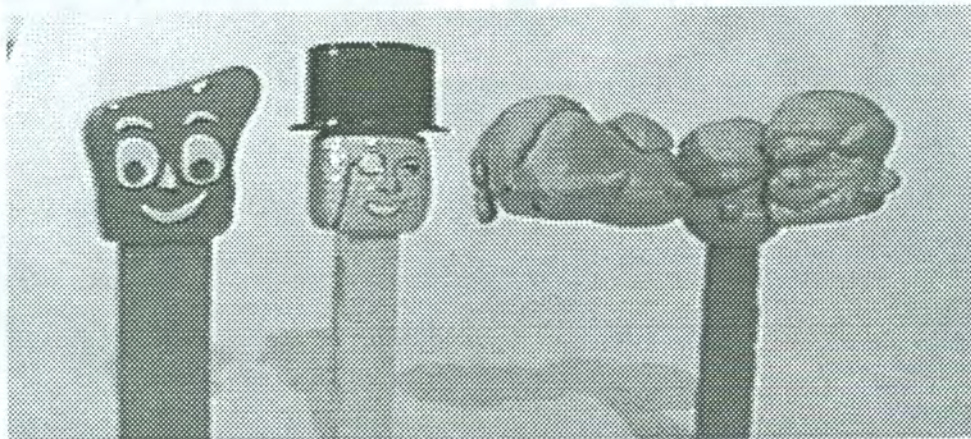
- In just a few short years, this show now ranks as one of the most syndicated TV hits.
- **SYLVESTER** and **MYSTERIES, INC.** are the most popular Looney Tunes cable TV seven days a week.
- Over 50 hours of work on network and cable over 32 million households.
- Highly rated prime time shows each year.
- Additional exposure in theme parks, videos, theatrical shows and other ever-expanding markets.

Kids everywhere will want to own the brand new **TAGMANIAN DEVIL**, **YOSEMITE SAM** and **SPEEDY GONZALES**.



This is the first sales brochure from the new and improved Warner Brothers dispensers announced by PEZ in February. They should all be available around April, except Sylvester, which will be introduced later.

M A R C H




CUSTOM PEZ OF THE MONTH

Gumby

Mr. Peanut

Mt. Rushmore

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
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MARCH

TOY SHOWS, ANTIQUE SHOWS, FLEA MARKETS

3rd Sacramento, CA toy show Scottish Rite Center (916) 448-2655

16th-17th Tampa, FL toy show Ft. H. Hesterly Armory (305) 942-9929

24th West Greenwich, RI toy show Coventry Elks Home (401) 621-7848

23rd-24th Atlantic City, NJ Conv. Center. (largest indoor antique show in the US)

30th-31st Miami, FL- collectible toy show Mahi Shriners Hall

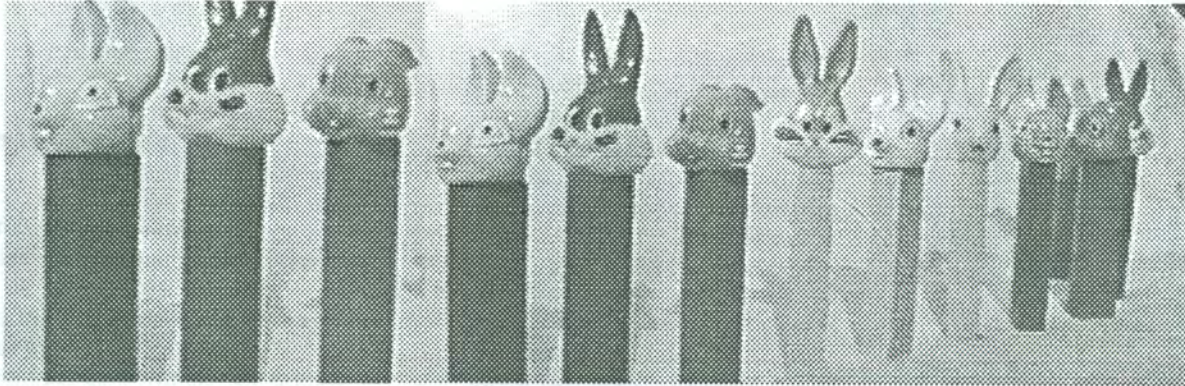
31st Portland, OR collectible toy show (503) 282-6640

BIRTHDAYS

- 1st-Ron Howard-"Opie"
- 3rd-Alexander G.Bell-inventer
- 7th-Michael Eisner-Disney
- 14th-Billy Crystal-actor
- 20th-Mr. Rogers-TV neighbor
- 21st-Capt. James T. Kirk-will be born in Riverside IA in the year 2228-Captain of USS Enterprise.
- 23rd-Liz Daly-Illinois PEZhead
- 24th-Harry Houdini-magician

National Frozen Food month...1st-Lindbergh baby kidnapped (1932)...4th thru 10th-National Procrastination week... 8th-Spaghetti Bridge Building Contest (Canada)...11th thru 16th-American Bowling Congress Convention (Salt Lake City)... 14th-National Save A Spider day...19th-Mary Tyler Moore last episode (1977)... 20th-Spring begins...26th-Annual Make Up Your Own Holiday Day...28th-Three Mile Island disaster (1979).

A P R I L



Waiting in line at the "1996 Easter Bunny Try-outs"

APRIL

TOY SHOWS, ANTIQUE SHOWS,
FLEA MARKETS

6th Winterhaven, FL

"Anything" collectible show
Chain O' Lakes complex
(941) 646-0245

14th Cleveland, OH

antique toy show
Holiday Inn Westlake

14th Newark, DE Collectible Show

Univ. of Delaware Field House

14th Allentown, PA

Collectors Expo '96
Merchant Square Mall
(201) 385-1557

28th Pittsburgh, PA toy show

950 Ohio River Road
(412) 934-3226

21st Cincinnati, OH toy show

Shrine Oasis
1-800-392-TOYS

BIRTHDAYS

3-Tony Orlando-singer
5-Gregory Peck-actor
7-Tony Dorsett-football player
8-Buddha-religious leader
12-David Cassidy-singing partridge
12-David Letterman-funny guy
23-Lee Majors-6 million dollar man

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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National Humor month...National Welding month...1st-April Fools day...2nd-International Childrens Book day...4th thru 10th-National Reading A Road Map week...6th-Cosmonaut day (Alamogondo, NM)...6th-National Plan Your Epitaph day...7th-Daylight Savings begins...11th-Apollo 13 launched (1970)...12th thru 14th-UFO Conference (Eureka Springs, AR)...15th-Tax deadline...15th-Titanic sank (1912)...21st-Red Baron shot down (1918)...26th-Hug An Australian day.

NEW PEZ TRUCK #2

\$40 plus \$4.00 shipping
(\$3 shipping each additional truck)

VALENTINE BOY-Original-n/f...\$25

VALENTINE GIRL-Original-n/f...\$25

(all items no feet unless specified)

Air Spirit-\$85
Angel-\$35
Annie...\$85
Astronaut 2-aqua helmet...\$95
Baloo-w/f...\$15
Bambi-black nose...\$30
Barney Bear-yellow or red stem w/f...\$15
Baseball Glove, Ball, Bat, Home Plate...\$450
Body Parts-8 different...\$5 each
Bugs Bunny-dark gray/red nose n/f...\$10
Camel Whistle-MOC w/f...\$65
Candy Shooter-orange...\$50
Captain Hook...\$35
Cat w/Derby (red face)-MIP PEZ candy Ad insert...\$70
Charlie Brown-eyes closed w/f...\$75
Chick in Egg-blue egg...\$15
Clown w/Chin-MIP-green hat w/B8 costume...\$65
Clown w/Chin-yellow hat...\$40
Cool Cat...\$45
Crocodile...\$75
Dog Whistle-w/f...\$20
Dog Whistle-n/f...\$25
Donald Duck A-MIP w/Golden Glow insert...\$20
Donald Duck Diecut...\$120
Dopey...\$135
Droopy Dog-movable ears, w/f...\$15
Duck Nephew-blue hat...\$6
Duck Nephew-red hat...\$6
Duck Nephew-green hat...\$6
Duck Whistle-w/f...\$25
Dumbo-blue w/f...\$15
Dumbo (gray-MIP)...\$65
Fat Ears Rabbit (ivory) w/Secret Code Flasher insert...\$60
Fireman-partial cheeks in yellow vending box...\$40
Fishman-(green head/orange stem)...\$135
Foghorn Leghorn-w/f...\$50
Frog Whistle-w/f...\$20
Golden Glow regular-slight tarnish...\$115
Goofy-removable teeth & nose-DBP 818.829 stem n/f...\$30
Goofy A-removeable teeth, MIP w/Secret Code Flasher insert...\$60
Hulk-light green-MIP w/f...\$5
Hulk-light green-mint on American card...\$6
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Icy Bear-white or purple stem...\$6
Indian Squaw...\$70
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Jerry-3 piece w/f...\$15

Koala Whistle-w/f...\$20
Lamb-old (white face) MIP-old wild cherry & lemon candies...\$35
Lamb Whistle-(white) w/f...\$15
Lamb Whistle-(ivory) w/f...\$20
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Maharajah...\$35
Merlin Mouse...\$10
Mickey Mouse A-removable nose-n/f...\$8
Mickey Mouse A-movable nose-MIP-w/Golden Glow insert...\$20
Mimic Monkey-orange,blue,yellow face-n/f...\$25
Miss Piggy-w/eyelashes w/f...\$10
Mr. Ugly (dark green) w/f...\$15
Mr. Ugly (dark green) n/f...\$20
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Monkey Sailor...\$25
Monkey Whistle-w/f...\$15
Mowgli-w/f...\$15
1980's Space Gun (orange)...\$65
Octopus (red)...\$75
Olympic Snowman-long carrot nose...\$350
One-Eyed Monster (gray)...\$95
Original PEZ Make-A-Face black shoes...\$1 ea.
Panda A-(removable eyes)...\$20
Panda Whistle-old (removable eyes)-MIP...\$25
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Pirate...\$30
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Policeman...\$15
Police Whistles-8 variations w/f...\$2 ea.
Popeye A (cream face)...\$135
Popeye C-(white hat) w/pipe...\$45
Practical Pig A-MIP w/"I Love PEZ" sticker...\$55
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Rabbit-fat ears (yellow or pink)...\$10
Raven (blue head/orange beak)-w/f...\$30
Regulars-new MOC (6 colors) \$3 ea.
Regulars-not on card...\$2 ea.
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Rooster (yel. face/orang. comb)-MIP w/B4 costume...\$65
Rooster-white w/f...\$20
Rooster-yellow w/f...\$25
Rooster Whistle-w/f...\$20
Santa C-MIP...\$15
Sheik (red band)...\$35
Sheriff...\$90

Silver Glow-MOC...\$20
Skull A-n/f...\$10
Smurf...\$6
Smurf-MIP w/f (blue,white,red stem)...\$10
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Tyke-MOC w/f...\$15
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REGIONAL

PEZ NEWZ



➤ **Welcome to the new and improved Regional News!** Dennis Martin (that's me) down here in Birmingham, got a cool birthday present last month. It was a new computer mouse pad printed with the TFPS logo. Awesome! Also, I found a dozen Dream Castle PEZ watches in Toys 'R Us around Valentines day. I was under the impression these had been currently discontinued. Has anyone else found a surplus of these?

➤ **Gene Young** says he finally found the new Daffy Duck in Illinois, but no sign of the regulars. He found 6 carded hulks in a local department store and is taking them to Cleveland to trade.

➤ **Someone in Canada** saw the Suzuki commercial (with the PEZ) in English & French. They wrote to say they got a PEZ in the package with a Suzuki logo on it. The manager of a Suzuki dealership got it from a salesman. Was this a new promo item? PEZ representatives say that Suzuki did buy a quantity of He-saur PEZ as a giveaway to people that test drove their cars, but PEZ was not aware of Suzuki stickers that may

have been added later.

➤ **Someone on America Online** wanted to buy some PEZ, including the Lobster PEZ(?) They go on to say they heard rumors it exists in New England. PEZ of course confirms this is just another silly rumor and that no lobster PEZ exists.

➤ **You think YOU** have a hard time loading your PEZ dispenser...PEZ legend **Maryann Kennedy of Marshall, Minnesota** broke her arm in January after she quote "got airborne off her steps." We hope you feel better soon Maryann.

➤ **P-E-Z on T-N-N.** The Nashville Network aired a show Tuesday February 13 that featured PEZ. The show was called **Exclusively Leeza**. In the show she interviewed **Robert Renyolds**, Bass player for **The Mavericks**. He showed off his **MASSIVE** collection of dispensers... many still mint in package!

➤ **Richard Geary** will appear on an upcoming episode of the **Jim J and Tammy Faye show!** He will talk about PEZ collecting and show off some of his dispensers. Stay tuned for more de-

tails!

➤ **From The WEB...** there's this place in Madison WI, called **Ella's Delicatessen** and **Ice Cream** that features actual collections inside the tables. On of them has those magnetic shavings on faces, and you can move them around with the magnetic pens while waiting for your meal! But the best of all is the **PEZ table!** It encases a couple dozen PEZ dispensers and some candy, along with info on the very cool product!

➤ **Peter Groverman of Philadelphia** went "antiquing" in mid February in Lancaster, PA. He said he found just about every PEZ in the world...from European issues to fruit heads. Yet he found a "sucker" who sold him a PEZ boy for one dollar!

➤ **Gary Doss** was featured in a national wire service news story last month. Gary has a PEZ museum in Burlingame, CA. He also operates the **Burlingame PEZ page** on the world wide web.

➤ **Trucks A & B** were found last month by **Rick Roberts** in Kansas. He got them at a local flea market for around \$50 for the pair.

➤ **Personal FX**, the collectibles show, had a super collector of yo-yos on their show February 19th. They showed a table full of yo-yos, and sure enough, there in the middle, was a PEZ yo-yo! They referenced the PEZ yo-yo several times when talking about advertising yo-yos...then the host picked it up said "I bet those PEZ collectors would love to get their hands on this one!"

➤ **Dennis Miller on HBO special:** "Americans need their political messages like PEZ...in small, sweet packets served out of funny looking heads."

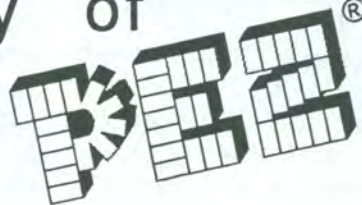
➤ **STUFF I NEED** Please help me out with some future TFPS articles. Send me photos of how you display your PEZ collection. Try to send photos that are NOT dark. I've received several photos already, so be patient... they will appear in an upcoming issue! Thanks....dm

➤ **RUMOR** Some of the Disney characters are rumored to be in line for the next round of re-makes. These days it seems PEZ is doing more make overs than the Oprah Wynfrey show!



A Natural History of PEZ®

by Rob Bernstein



Right before I hit puberty, in supermarkets clear across the country, there existed a backside cereal box offer so saccharine that it must have put Toucan Sam, Lucky, and that silly Rabbit to shame: "Just send in one Donkey Kong Jr. brand cereal proof of purchase plus 75 cents and we'll send you a Donkey Kong Jr. PEZ dispenser!" A good deal—especially when you consider that the Donkey Kong Jr. dispenser, accompanied by the original cereal box cutout, is now worth an estimated \$800 to \$1000 dollars! And all I saved from the '80s were a bunch of lousy Bazooka Joe novelties...

When I was a kid, PEZ was it. Even the candy, which now reminds me of Maalox, tasted delicious. I still buy a dispenser set no less than twice a year. Nevertheless, I'm finding the phenomenon hard to swallow.

Maybe I shouldn't be surprised though, with the way people collect penny banks, zoo animals, and serial killer trading cards. Personally, I've never delighted in collecting things, at least not until now. The more I've learned about PEZ, the more I've been drawn into dispenser collecting; I can't put the PEZ price guide down. It needles me and shows me what a fool I've been for not saving the trinkets of my past, despite my suspicion that they might someday be of value. Flipping through the price guide, I've estimated a dispossession of over two

hundred twenty five dollars in current dispenser value. Then again, I could just be imagining all of this.

What I'm not imagining though, is the frighteningly large following PEZ has somehow managed to attain over the past decade. Do not doubt the seriousness with which these collectors view their hobby. PEZ craved maven Dennis Martin, a television director for a local station in Birmingham, Alabama, serves as an example par excellence. After the dissipation of *Positively PEZ*, a newsletter exclusively about PEZ candy and dispensers, Martin felt the need to start and run his own publication. So he inaugurated The Fliptop PEZervation Society, an organization devoted to "the proliferation of PEZ collecting as a hobby." For eighteen dollars a year, collectors get membership benefits including a subscription to [the club newsletter], which features PEZ checklists, regional reports, interviews with collectors, calendars with PEZ themes, and classified ads.

Most fanatic, however, is Martin's impassioned work on his own custom made dispensers

with all new heads. More crazed than a Scientologist, he has built a collection that includes dispensers depicting ET, Jaws, King Kong and Marvin the Martian. Martin has even written to television shows in an attempt to generate more exposure for PEZ collecting. Geraldo only offered an amused reply, but *Breakfast Time*, a morning program on the cable channel FX, displayed one of his clay PEZ originals.

On the flip-side of infatuation, is the cool-handed Scott McWinnie, the slightly overweening, PR-conscious PEZident of PEZ Incorporated. More concerned with lucre than with collectibles, McWinnie welcomes the growth of the hobby, but is primarily concerned with the dispensers of the future. As one of only three in charge of PEZ, McWinnie is responsible for choosing the latest heads. In an interview with him, I suggested a few ideas of my own, my favorite being the beheaded royalty collection, featuring the piked heads of Anne Boleyn, Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. I also pitched collections for *Melrose Place*, *Star Trek The Next Generation*, and Elvis. He ignored all but the last of my suggestions, explaining that an Elvis PEZsley had already appeared in *The Client*. Apparently, he wasn't happy about it either. "The target audience for PEZ dispensers is children three to twelve. Elvis, as much as I like him, represents a culture we do not wish to depict on children's

products. The nostalgia is that you remember what you bought as a kid."

When I want nostalgia, I go for Smarties, Pop Rocks, grape Now or Laters, Fun Dip, and inexplicably alluring juice-filled wax bars. "What I would like to see from PEZ," I told McWinnie, "is a dispenser with some sort of amusing, pop-culture reference on it." McWinnie dismissed the thought, insisting that to do as I proposed would be a fatal mistake and would turn away the mothers who purchase the candy for their children.

But the question remained: Can an icon of pop-culture like a PEZ dispenser, imitate another icon of pop-culture? Would it be destructive, sort of like Van Damme meeting Van Damme in *Time*

Cop, like matter meeting antimatter, for PEZ to mold a series of *Melrose Place* heads? McWinnie didn't have the answer.

So, I chose to call upon the advice of renowned PEZ expert Richard Geary, radio disc jockey and author of the esteemed *PEZ Collectibles With Price Guide*.

Geary, who has appeared to discuss PEZ and PEZ collecting on *Letterman*, *Entertainment Tonight* and "Loop FM," and who has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, was irresolute about the whole debate. He contended that on the one hand, he wanted to see some more daring dispenser heads, like Elvis PEZsley, but that on the other hand, he completely understood McWinnie's point, "It's for kids."

Which would be fine, were it not for the fact that Geary himself only found an interest in PEZ years after his childhood, in fact, not until after he was married. In the mid-80s, while rummaging through a box in his Madison, Ohio home, he stumbled across three dispensers. "A week later, I went to a flea market and saw a box of them. Then again at the supermarket..." And that started the ball rolling. Today, Geary is somewhat of a hero among PEZ collectors, celebrated for his initiation of PEZ-A-Mania, the very first PEZ convention, in 1990. It was attended by seventy-five fans, traders, and collectors. Today, the convention registers more than four hundred people



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per event, with shows in Missouri, California, Ohio, and New York.

(Basic common knowledge PEZ history that's found in every article about PEZ has been deleted due to space)

In 1952, PEZ blessedly made it's way to the United States. Of course it was a hit, one gustatory secret that Willy Wonka and his hireling Oompa Loompas would never manage to obtain. Better than pennywhistles and moonpies, PEZ "of-fered a lasting momento after all the sweets were gone." At least that's McWinnie's assessment of the PEZ appeal. I disagree.

Cracker Jack, I explained in my discussion with him, has the added allure of a hidden prize, buried deep inside a

box of tasty caramel treats. But the fun of the prize is more in it's discovery than the prize itself-most often a disappointing and easily smeared tattoo pack. Similarly, a PEZ dispenser's appeal has

little to do with the object as a toy. Let's face it: Dispensers make lousy action figures. The appeal of PEZ, rather, lies in it's innovation in eating. The moment of greatest satisfaction, or the PEZ "climax," occurs during the actual pulling back of the character head, when the candy pellet is released. Stimulus and response.

Collector David Welch makes a rather different observation about PEZ in his book, *Plastic Candy Dispensers*, claiming that the dispenser resembles a BIC lighter. Considering the product's first intended market, smokers, the comparison makes good sense. But when I brought this observation to McWinnie's attention, he was not pleased, countering that lighters hadn't been invented when PEZ was first manufactured. I tried to goad him into discussing the possibility further, but he obstinately refused, instead choosing to prattle on about the banal. "PEZ is made in an FDA inspected food facility... The dispensers are constructed overseas in Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia, and China. PEZ is in eighty countries, depending on where there are wars each week." Blah, blah, blah.

"This is the worst interview ever. You can print that!" Buy the end of our discussion, McWinnie had grown tired of my badgering questions about the significance of PEZ as a cultural phenomenon. As far as he could see, PEZ was more of a marketing phenomenon, having gained 98 percent awareness among teenagers and 89 percent among mothers with children. So it should come as no surprise that the PEZident and I didn't come to any real answers. But I tried once more before letting him go. "*Melrose Place* head, they could work." McWinnie sighed, still steadfast, but perhaps a touch softened by my stubbornness. So he extended what I interpreted as a peace offering-a PEZ secret, until now undisclosed. "Here's a hot flash. In winter, reaching the market will be PEZ peppermint, an adult candy that "leaves you breathless." *That's* the news? Well PEZ fanatics, there you have it.

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POST HOLIDAY BLUES? DIDN'T GET THE PEZ YOU WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS?

Welcome 1996. Here's hoping we all find a Make a Face mint on card at a garage sale for \$1.00. In the meantime, have fun cruising through my list. Don't forget I also offer layaway. I still have most of the current Pez for sale for \$1. PEZ TRUCKS ARE HERE!! If you haven't already placed your order, there is still time. The Pez Truck #2 is \$40.00 and shipping is \$4.50. I am beginning to pack for the California Convention. I am looking forward to getting out of this cold weather and on to sunny California. I would recommend ordering early, because if California is like any of the other conventions, my Pez stock is usually emptied out by the end of the convention. I am always buying Pez, so if you have any, or know of someone who is selling their collection, please let me know. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain older Pez items.

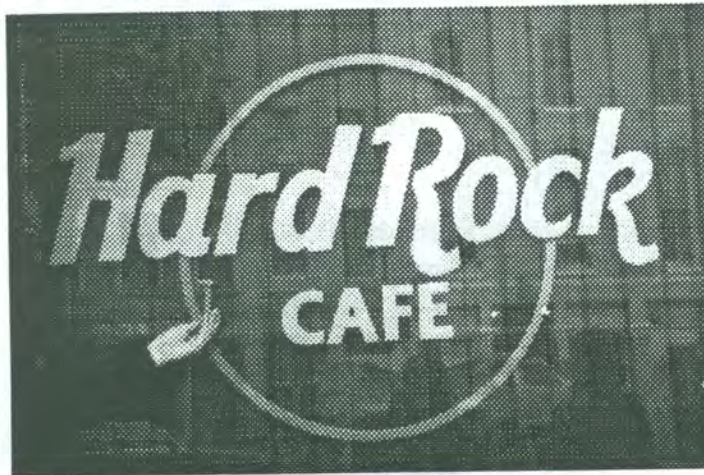
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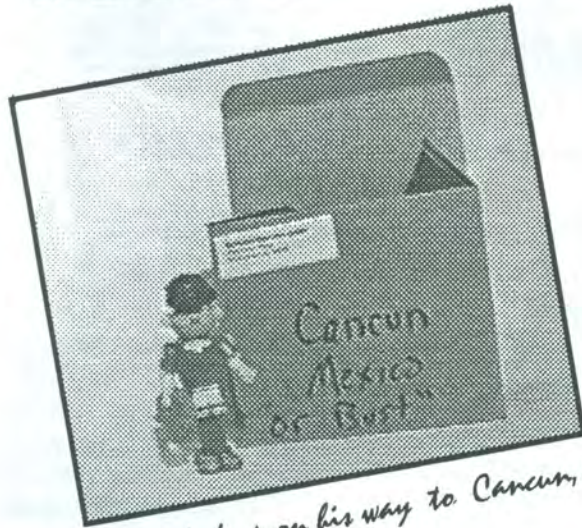
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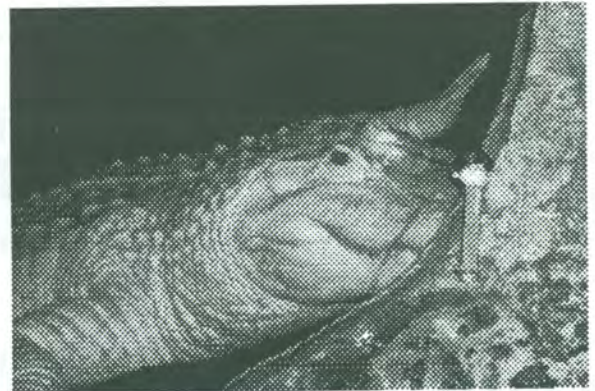
Pedro at the Hard Rock Cafe in New Orleans



Pedro packed up on his way to Cancun, Mexico



Eating at Cafe Du Monde!



About to be eaten by an albino alligator at New Orleans aquarium. Yikes!



PEDRO PEZ. That's his name and traveling's his game. In the last issue we were introduced to Pedro and his quest to travel all around the world. Here's a page from Pedro's scrapbook from his recent trip to New Orleans. Pedro has just returned from Cancun, Mexico...so look for the photos in the next issue. Pedro is "prez"antly booking a trip to Disneyworld and a guest appearance on the "Jim J and Tammy Faye" television show coming soon. If you're planning a trip to, or live near, some famous or interesting place, why not take Pedro along to join in the fun. If you're interested in helping out on the tour, give me a call. Or if you have any ideas on people he should meet or places he should go, let me know. (Dennis Martin...205-822-8745)

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BACKPAGE NEWS

Neat Stuff, a show on *The Learning Channel*, highlighted last year's PEZ-A-Mania convention in a 7 minute segment that aired in January. If you missed it, don't worry. I've included it in the new and improved (hour long) PEZ video. You can see the whole video at PEZ-A-Mania in July...until then, here's a few shots from the *Neat Stuff* segment.

