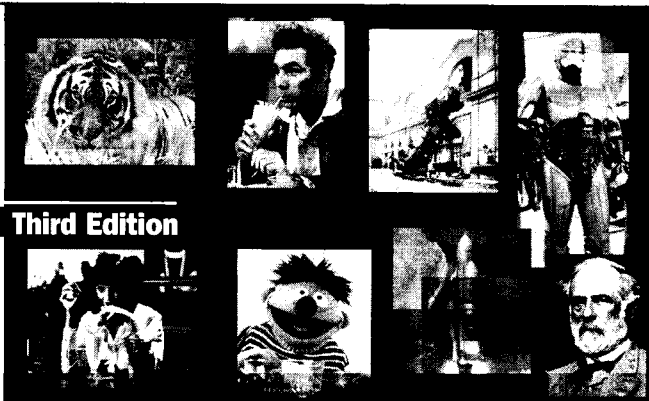


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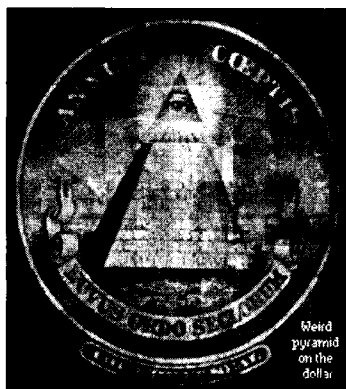
*In the next five minutes, where else on earth could you:*

- Trade information and comments with almost 25 million people around the world?
- Get a fast answer to any question on a scientific, computing, technical, business, investment, or other subject?
- Join over 11,000 electronic conferences, anytime, on any subject imaginable, "broadcasting" your views, questions, and information to millions of other participants?

*It's all on the Internet!*

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*Your first stop along the Information Superhighway: newsgroups devoted to the mechanics of using the Internet and to its unique Net Culture.*



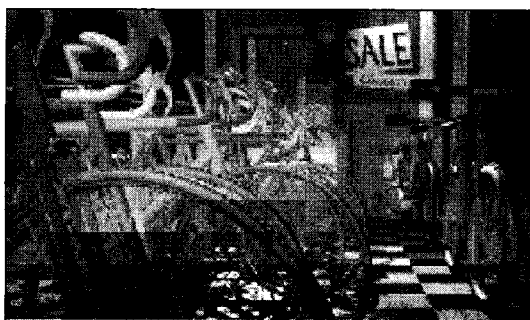
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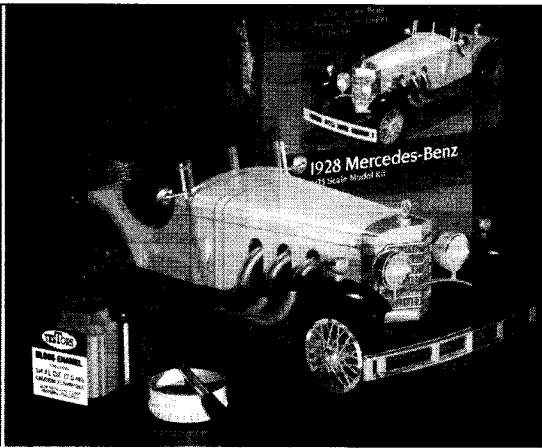
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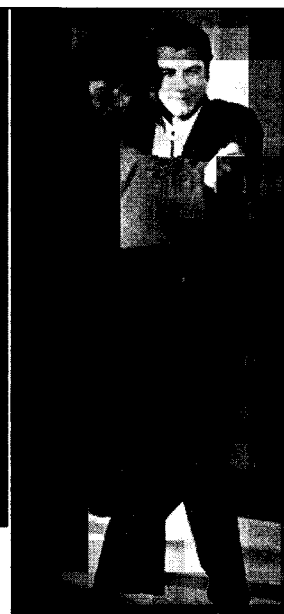
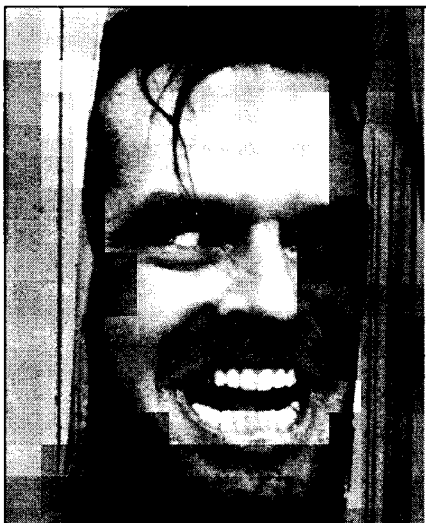
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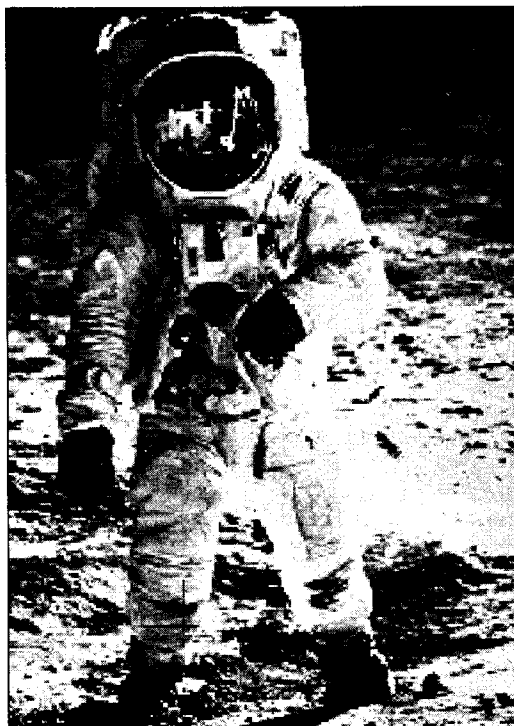
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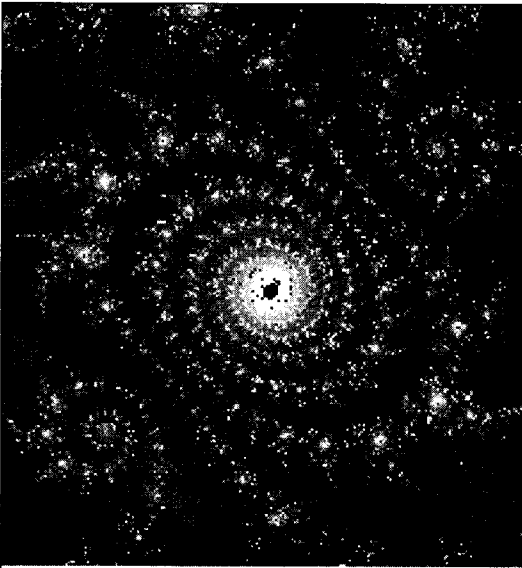


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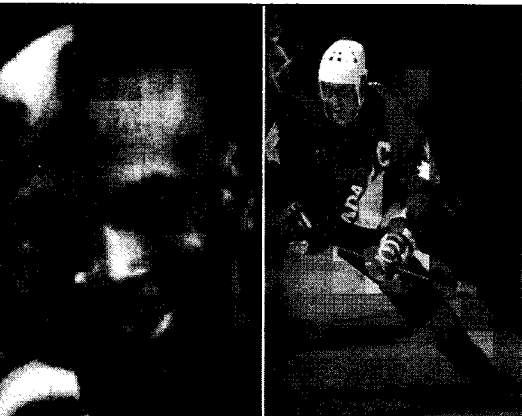
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▲ Bat boy on the front page of the "Weekly World News," and ▲ "UPC Bar Code Conspiracy" from **Washington University Image Archives** at **Jump** 0192.