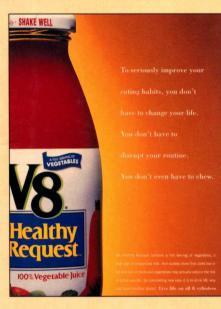
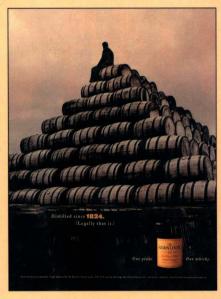
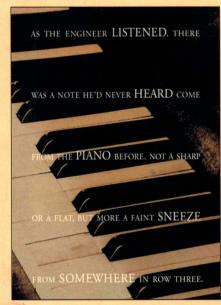
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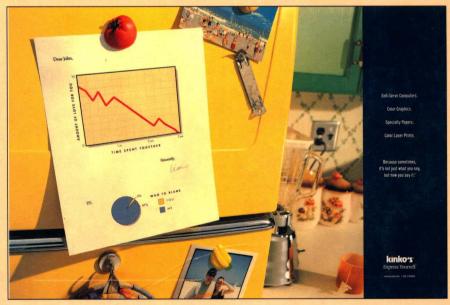
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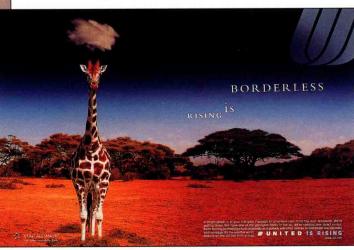
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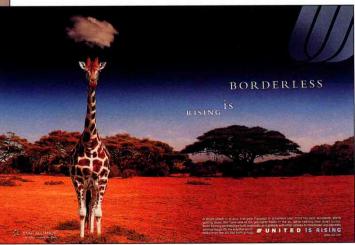
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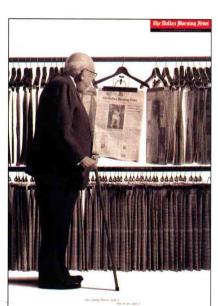
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Less precious, but similar in its never-saw-it-coming benefit is Wrangler boot leg jeans (85 E): "Our jeans will make you taller. If you wear them with boots."

Auction Universe (Spotlight, 139) practically ridicules anyone, or at least any male, who might buy the Barbie it sold last October. That'll get an ad-viewer's attention. It makes more sense when you realize that, unlike most "stores," its inventory is one-time-only.

Rhode Island Transit Authority (124 C) tries a similar tack when it leads with a no-parking knock on Newport tourism. In this case, though, I have to wonder if they're crossed the line to biting the hand that feeds.

Other strangely disguised benefits? How about Sony Playstation (34 A) telling readers "if he's at home, he can't cheat on you"? Is this really targeting women? My hunch is that its secret audience is men, secretly telling them that playing video games is fully as manly as playing the field.

Harder to describe and easier to debate is some understated art directing seen this issue. None leave any doubt that they're ads, yet something in their design, to me, anyway, whispers "trust me"; Boca Burger (55 E), Bayer (Spotlight, 61), Merrill Lynch (168 A) and, most subjective of all, Sprint (37 E). Would you agree, or am I imagining, that even after a second look, after you know—you really know—it's an ad, Sprint still basks in the unbiased aura of official pronouncement?

Companion to this layout trend is the continuing push for "photojournalistic" pictures, seen in, for examples, adidas (102 B) and VW (Spotlight, 20). (Is "photojournalistic" the new "slice-of-life"?)

But enough ad philosophy. Allow me one more snide question, then on to our quarterly awards.

Is it intentional, subconscious or merely coincidence that all three mixer ads (page 46) look like font file chop suey? Vita-Mix perhaps a bit less than the others, but... digital drop shadows under elegant script over a roman text face and a sans serif logo? Come on, guys. Blenders blend things into a unified whole. These blender-type layouts are like vacuum cleaner ads layered in dirt because some smart AD said, "that's what vacuum cleaners do."

Take a look instead at the handsome typography of Mr. Coffee across the spread. No, don't. I take that back. Make that two snide questions. Maybe I'm getting way over-picky here but couldn't there have been just a wee bit of copyfitting to keep "New Look" and "Series" together on one line?

So forget type. Move your eyes down (page 47

still) to the season's **best front-and-back table-ware photo.** The edgeless glass is a marvelous *trompe l'oeil* setting. It'd work on its own, but combine it with the flip-page payoff and you've got yourself one smart dish ad.

Best use of "suck" in a headline: Amstel Light (13 F). Or is this getting old? Replace that with best use of "did": Dennis P. Levin (126 B).

Best heritage detailing: Mustang (25 D).

Best charts 'n' graphs, with a nod to former *Art Direction* ad cartoonist extraordinaire, Amy Krause Rosenthal: Moen (38 C).

Best headline layout: Pinehurst Candles (40 A). Best headline attempt to sell home cooking to a frazzled demographic that is clearly going the other way: McCormick (55 C).

Best moiré: Jil Sander (75 D,E).

Most mistaken identity: tie. Is that a young Leona Helmsley sipping Cask & Cream (10 B), or an old Governor Ventura working extra hard to remember who he's supposed to be endorsing (B.U.M., 107 D)?

Best color separator portfolio piece: Phoenix (115 E,F).

Best bifurcated layout (just look, you'll get it): Four Seasons (116 A).

Best comic relief from James Earl Jones: Jon Lovitz for the Yellow Pages (125 D,E,F).

Best Christmas spirit for products that have none: Multiple winners, or did you already guess that this award is nothing but a shameless plug for our second annual Christmas idea collection? Ziploc (133 D). Virginia Slims (and how much farther from the Christmas spirit can one possibly get than lung cancer?) (133 F). Heineken (135 E).

Best photo-directing idea: Snyder Healthcare (166 A).

Best fractured financial fairy tale: Dun & Bradstreet (167 C).

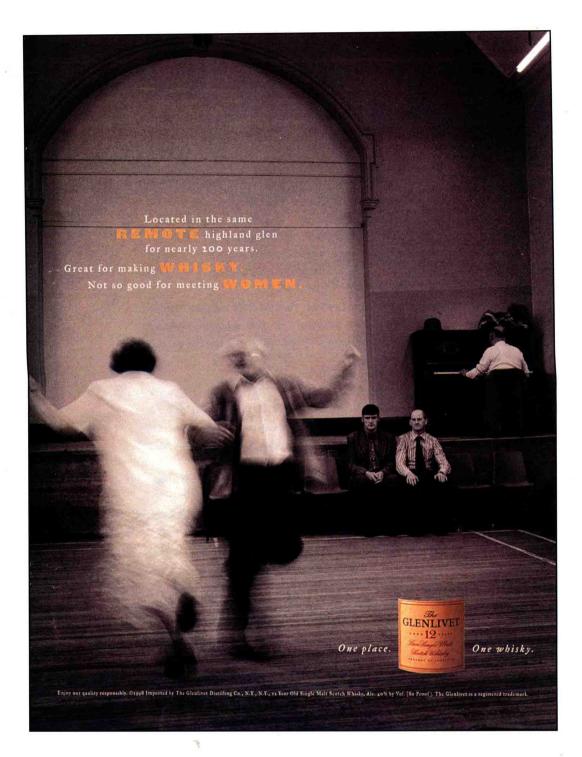
Best real and unclichéd emotional product insight: MasterCard (176 B).

Most fun with underwear and, a double category, best first-name, and hence, unpaid, product endorsements: UnderWearhouse (181 G,H).

And finally, a topic we may need to explore ourselves after offering the preceding unsolicited commentary, **best fine print legal:** Amtrak (190 A-D).

Enjoy.

—Dan Barron



They say that your first brainstorm of a campaign idea should almost invariably be tossed. If a few more spirits advertisers adhered to that rule, there'd be a few less spirits campaigns based on the endearing place (especially to the distiller) where the spirits are distilled.

"There must be a dozen [single malt scotch] brands," TBWA Chiat/Day Copywriter Chris Ford says, "that all do the same thing. Change the typeface and you can't tell them apart. It's some hokey picture of a guy playing bagpipes, and a line like 'we make fine, handcrafted whisky,' or whatever. It feels empty, or more to the point, it doesn't make you feel anything about the brand."

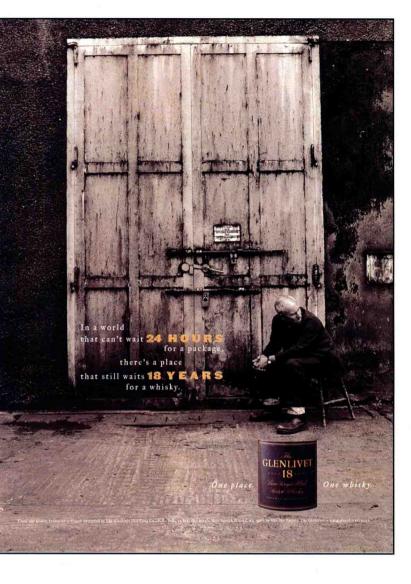
When Ford and his Art Director partner David Carter went fact-finding last March at the client's Scottish highland distillery, you can bet your haggis that a campaign based on Scotland was not what they had in mind. What changed?

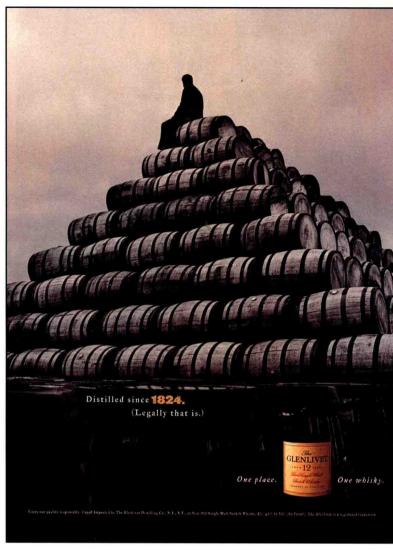
"It's an amazing place. There's this amazing, grey, moody sky. And

the people there—we spent some time with them; the town of Glenlivet is a pretty small place—the people are remarkably unaffected by the revolutionary pace that life has taken on in the larger population places. There's no cineplexes, no 7-11s. A few pubs, a few stores, a few farmhouses. A lot of them work for the distillery in some capacity. They have this good-natured humor: proud, but self-effacing at the same time."

Ford was obviously taken with the local color. But so are many liquor advertisers. What steps were taken to help Glenlivet pull off what so many others had failed at?

"One," the first one Chris Ford mentions, "was to get Nadav Kander to shoot it. He's an





amazing photographer. David Carter had shot with him before, on Saturn, and was very impressed. He is always thinking. Some of the shots were conceived in advance, but a lot we didn't think of till we got there. Like the dance hall. The composition of that shot, getting the guys in there is cool. And just the way Nadav would stop, see something, take a picture. He had kind of a photojournalistic approach. That was our brief.

"The other thing," Ford continues, "it just seemed no one was capturing the spirit, the history of the place. The highlands are a harsh, out of the way place. A couple hundred years ago it became a bootlegging area—there are still maybe 40, 50 distilleries within a hundred mile radius—originally because there was no way the English excise men could get up there to enforce any kind of tariff [remarkably similar to the Kentucky and Tennessee distilling history]. The Glenlivet, we can't say it's the first distillery, but in 1824, it became the first legal distillery, and the first you could ask for by name, when the owner made a deal with the English. A lot of

people felt he was caving in. He had to carry pistols around to protect himself.

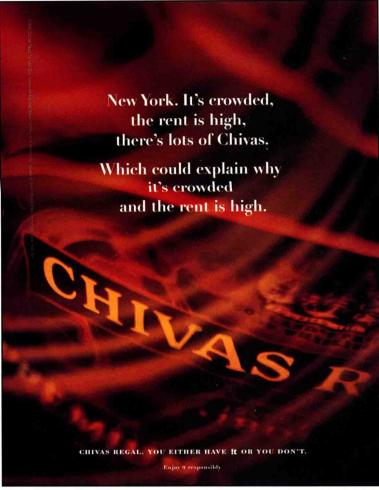
"But face it, there's only so many facts about scotch you can use. I'm trying to develop a strong voice, a character to the campaign. Single malt scotch has such a stodgy reputation here in America. If you could see the people there who make it and drink it," Ford connects the 'Scottish flavor' concept to the underlying marketing demographics, "it's such a difference. [Rather than keep talking about 'finest scotch quality'] I wanted to give the brand some of Scotland's personality, its humor, so that we could coax some of the people who now drink blended scotches or other premium spirits to try it. It's a much bigger pool to draw from."—db

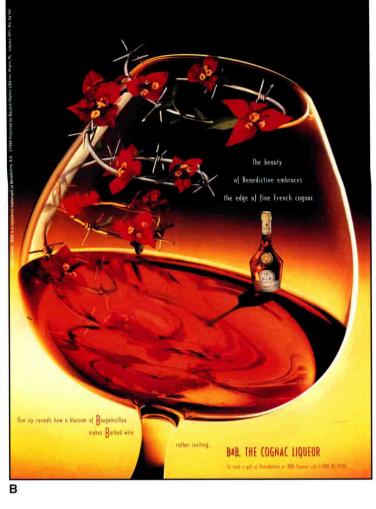
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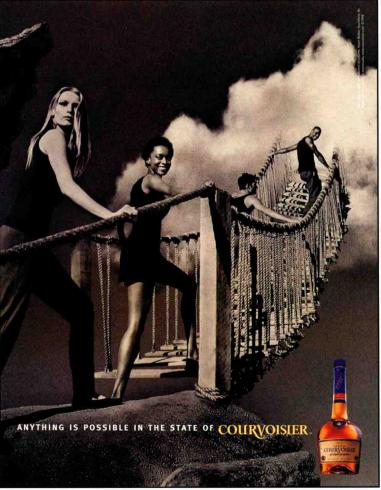
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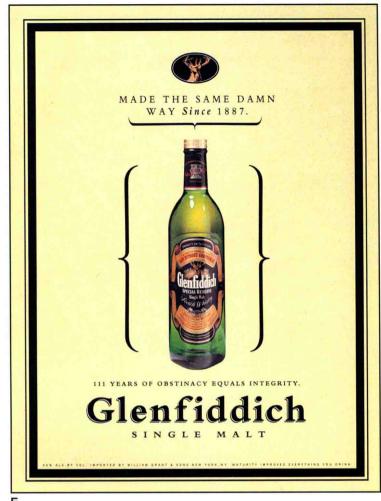
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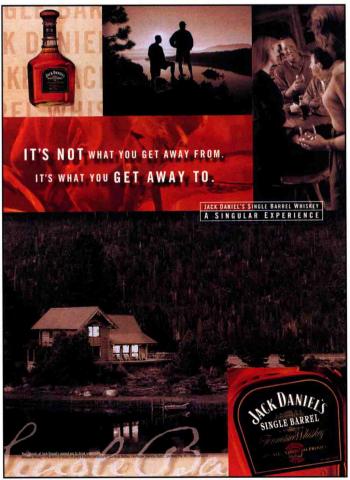
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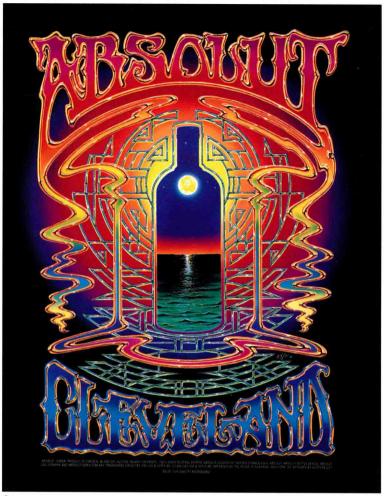




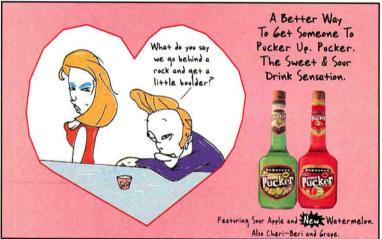
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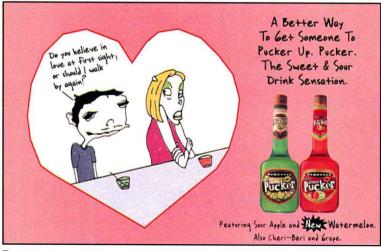


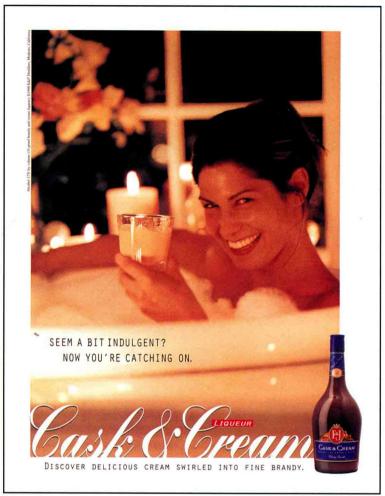






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Client: E&J Distillers/Cask & Cream

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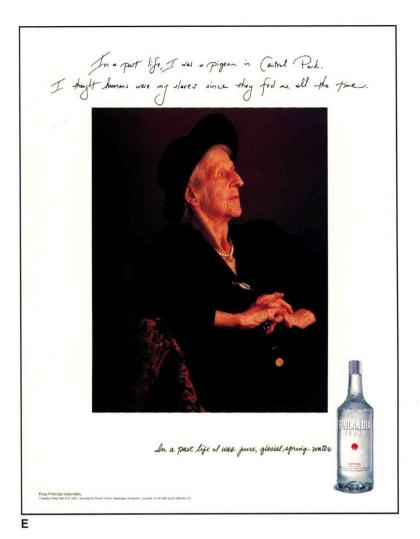
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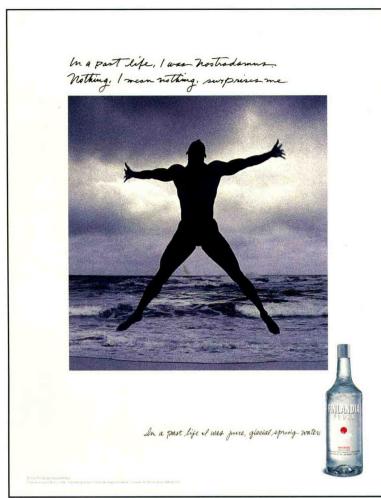
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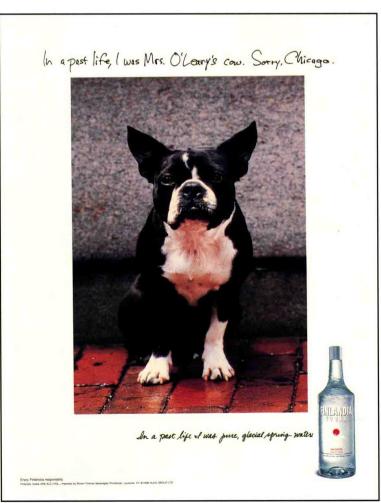
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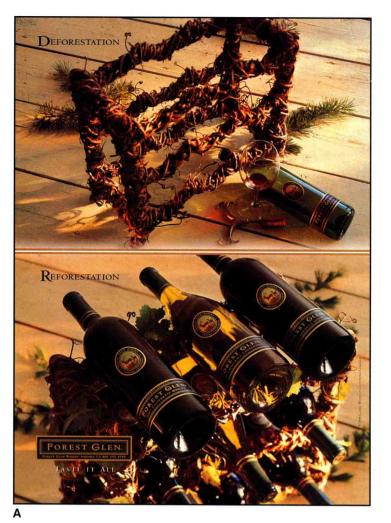
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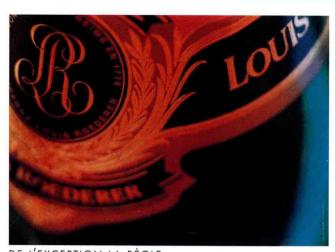
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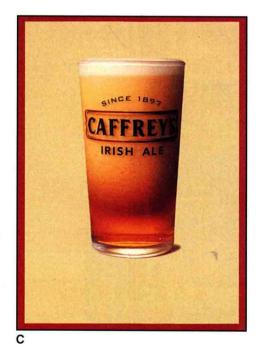


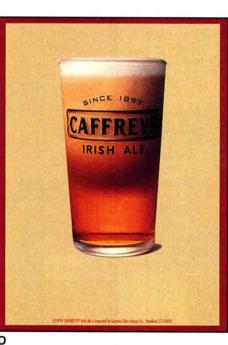
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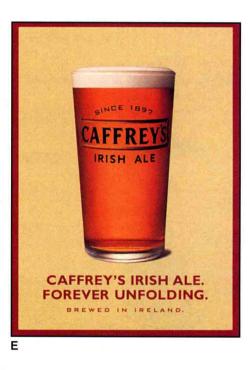
THE EXCEPTION IS THE RULE... SUSTAINING EACH EFFORT UNTIL THAT MOMENT OF PERFECT HARMONY WHICH MARKS THE CULMINATION OF ALL ENDEAVORS... SEEKING OUT THE EXCEPTIONAL BECAUSE NOTHING LESS WILL DO... ALWAYS SEARCHING, NO STRANGER TO DOUBT... EMBRACING EACH DAY WITH PATIENCE ANEW... FOR TWO HUNDRED YEARS NOW, SUCH HAS BEEN THE DESTINY OF THE HOUSE OF LOUIS ROEDERER.



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