

WHAT'S A HARD-BOILED MUG LIKE ME DOING IN A CANDY-COATED TOWN LIKE RIVERDALE? I JUST FOLLOW WHERE MY FEET TAKE ME. THE NAME'S **SAM HILL**, AND I'M OUT TO BRING A BIT OF ORDER TO THIS CRAZY, MIXED-UP WORLD. THE WIND WAS COLD. COLDER THAN THE GRAVE THAT'S WAITING FOR ME OUT THERE, SOMEWHERE. I NEEDED AN OASIS. SOMEWHERE TO WET MY WHISTLE BEFORE I CRACKED WORSE THAN MY LIPS.



LADY LUCK WAS SMILING ON ME THAT NIGHT. BUT YOU NEVER CAN TRUST THE LOOKS SHE GIVES YOU. I GOT MORE THAN I BARGAINED FOR IN WHAT I LIKE TO CALL...

Sam Hill IN **THE CASE OF THE LONG CON**

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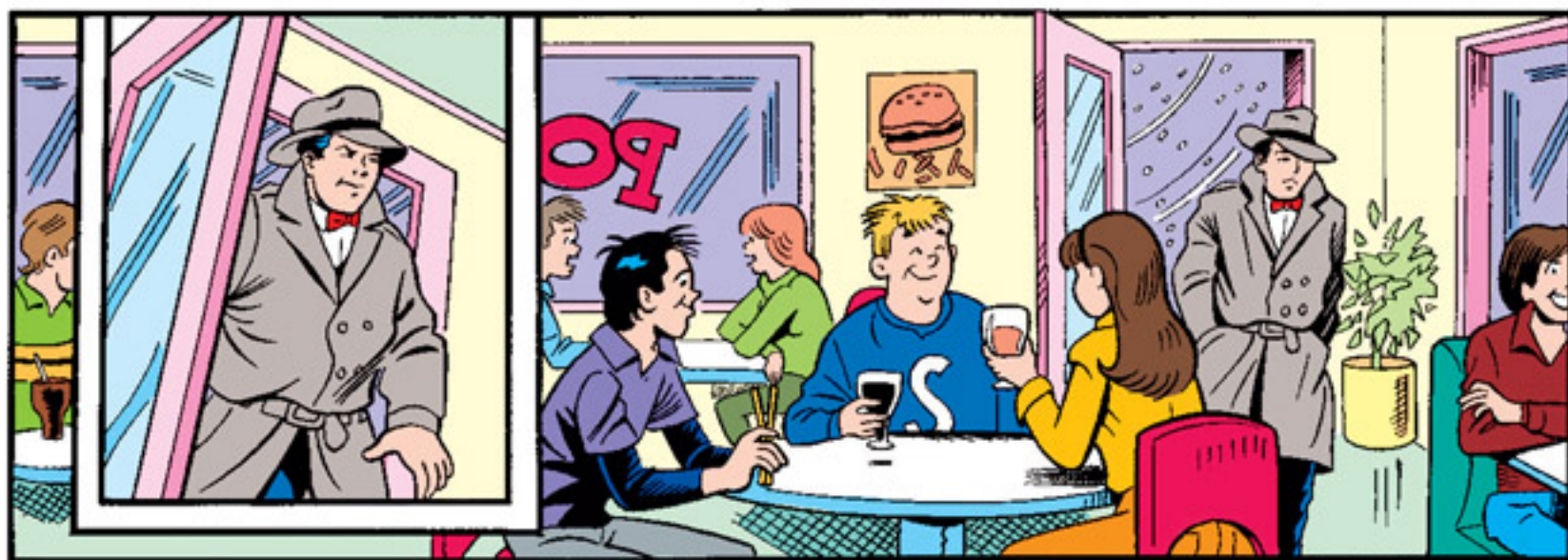
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RIVERDALE. THE KIND OF TOWN WHERE KIDS STILL "GO STEADY," CURFEWS ARE OBEYED, AND THE WORST CRIME ON RECORD IS SERIAL JAYWALKING. I WAS OUT OF MY ELEMENT.



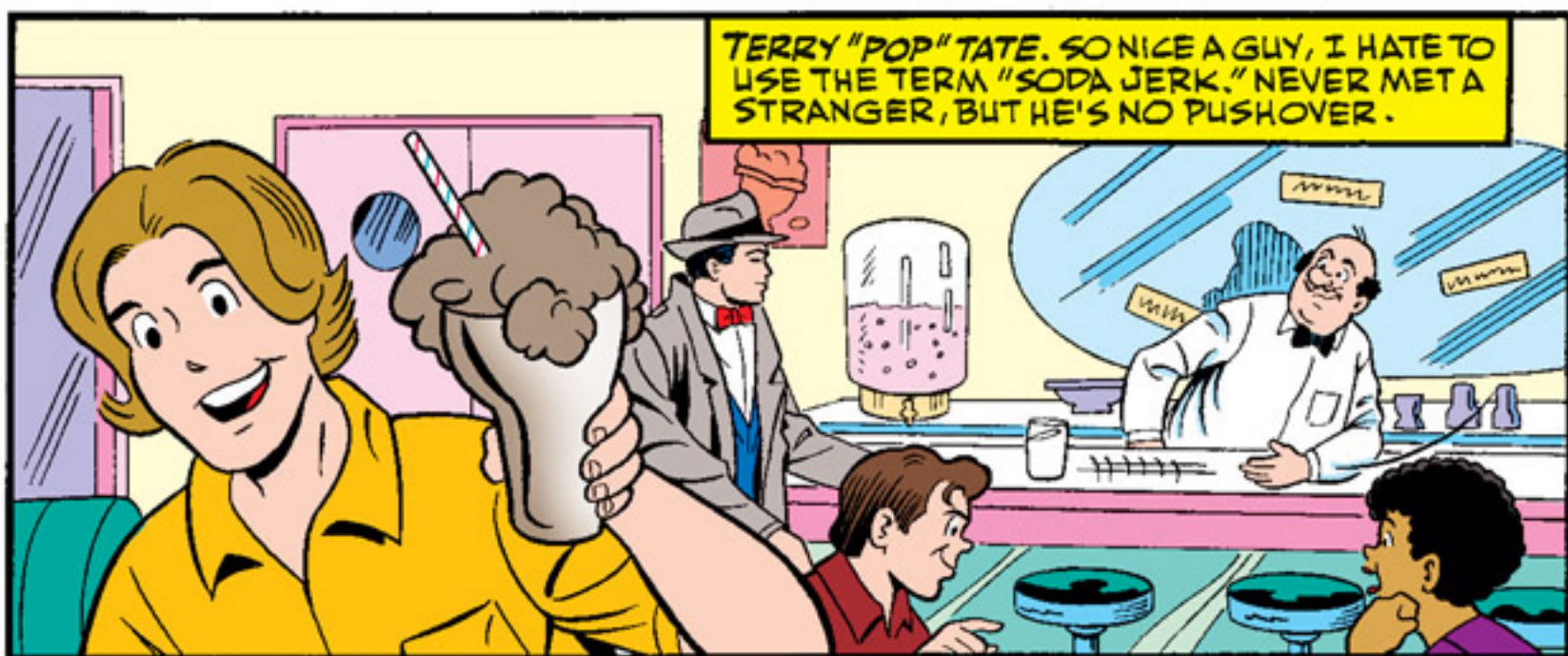
SO I NEEDED SOME OF MY ELEMENT IN ME.

GET ME A TALL COLD ONE, WOULD YA, POP? WHOLE MILK, NONE OF THAT SKIM NONSENSE.

AS I LIVE AND BREATHE--
SAM HILL! SURE!
I'LL GET THAT
RIGHT AWAY!

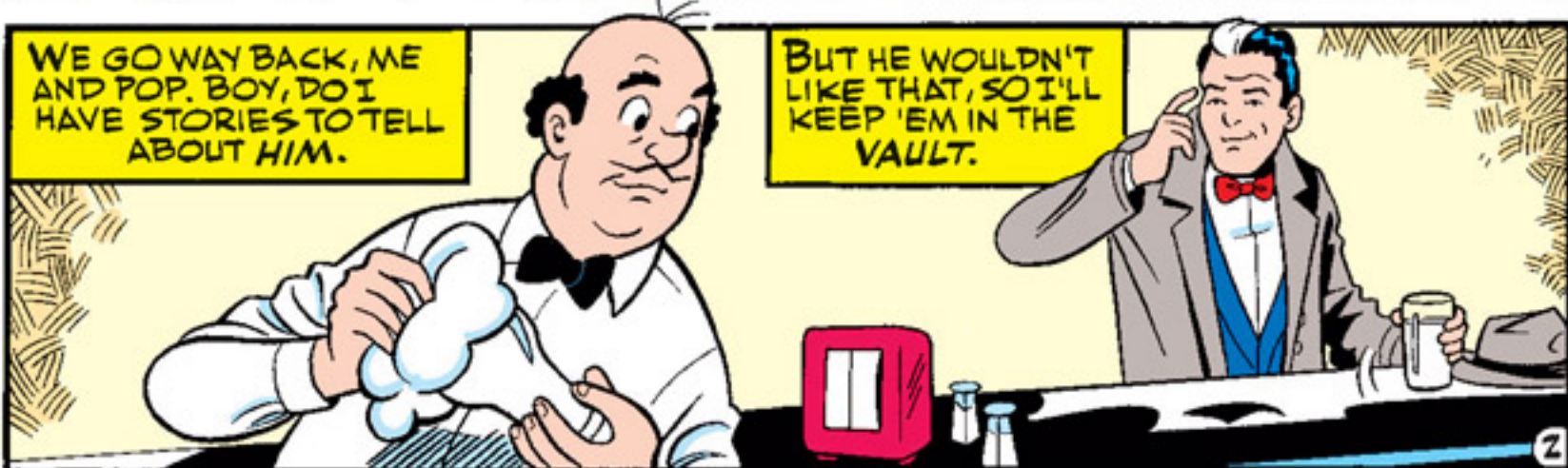


TERRY "POP" TATE. SO NICE A GUY, I HATE TO USE THE TERM "SODA JERK." NEVER MET A STRANGER, BUT HE'S NO PUSHOVER.



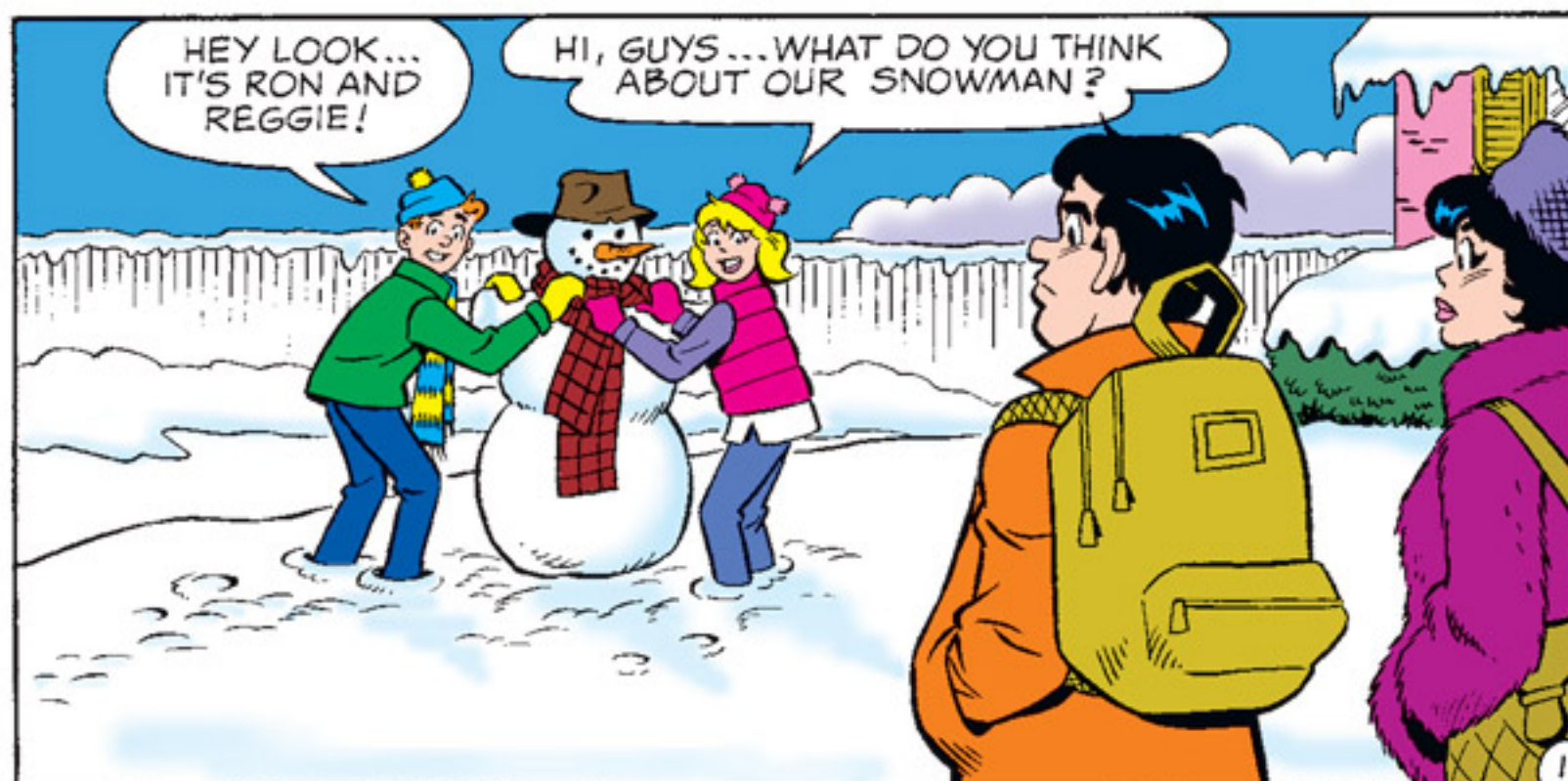
WE GO WAY BACK, ME AND POP. BOY, DO I HAVE STORIES TO TELL ABOUT HIM.

BUT HE WOULDN'T LIKE THAT, SO I'LL KEEP 'EM IN THE VAULT.





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HMMM... IT'S YOUR **BASIC** MODEL, SOOO DERIVATIVE!

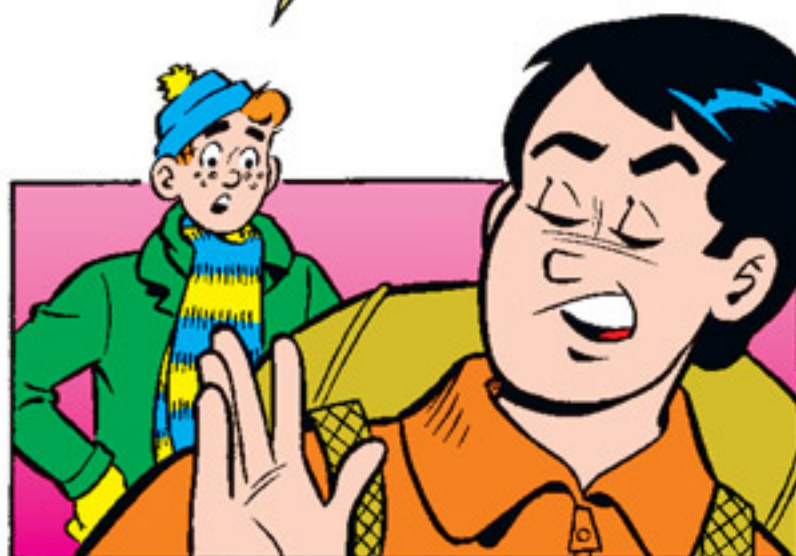
THE HAT IS A BIT **RETRO**!

I'M AFRAID THIS WOULD **NEVER** CUT IT IN THE **SNOWMAN LEAGUE**!

THE **WHAT**?



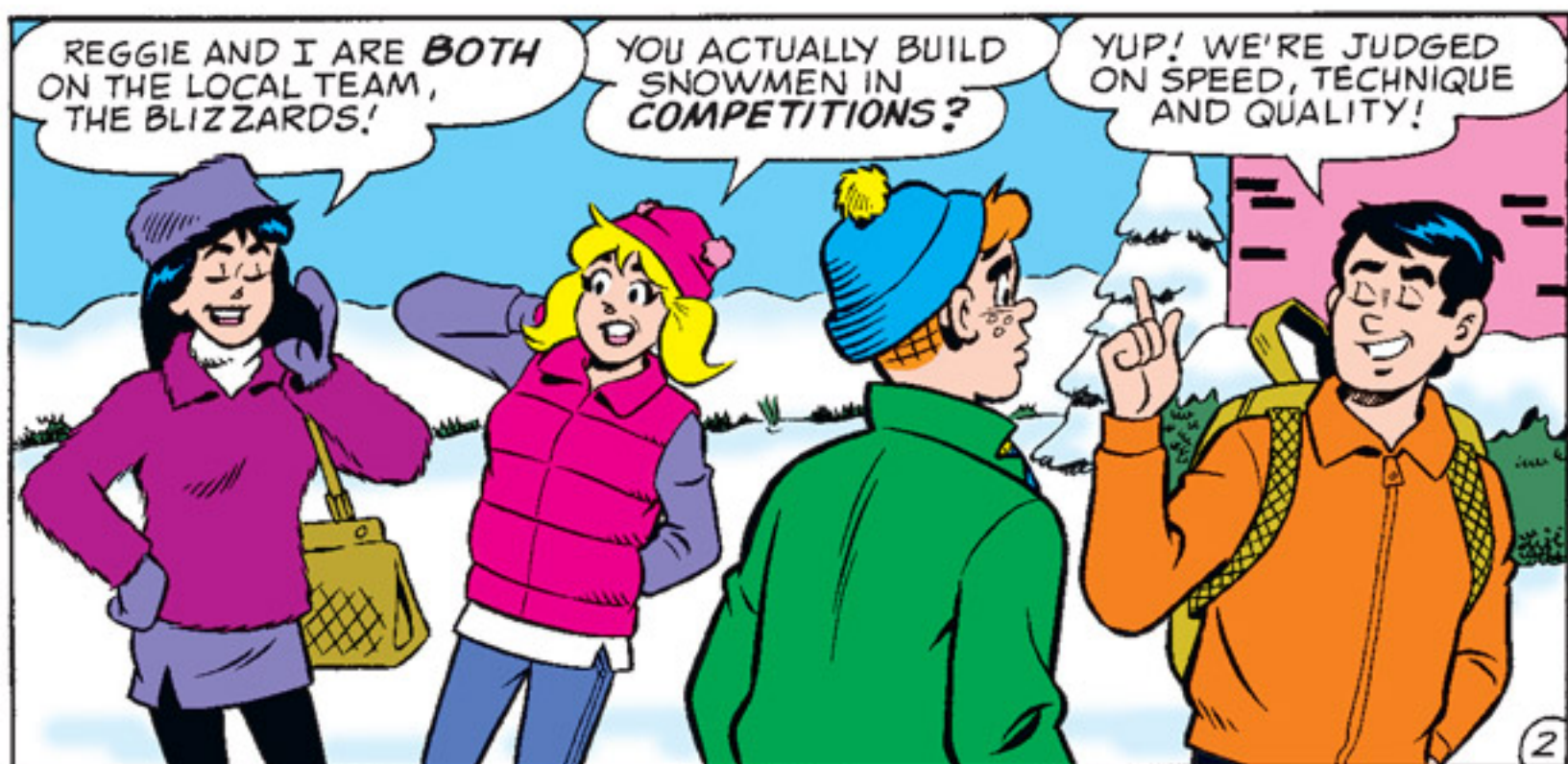
THE SNOWMAN LEAGUE... IT'S JUST BEEN ORGANIZED! WE HAVE **SNOWMAN BUILDING** COMPETITIONS!



REGGIE AND I ARE **BOTH** ON THE LOCAL TEAM, THE **BLIZZARDS**!

YOU ACTUALLY BUILD SNOWMEN IN **COMPETITIONS**?

YUP! WE'RE JUDGED ON SPEED, TECHNIQUE AND QUALITY!





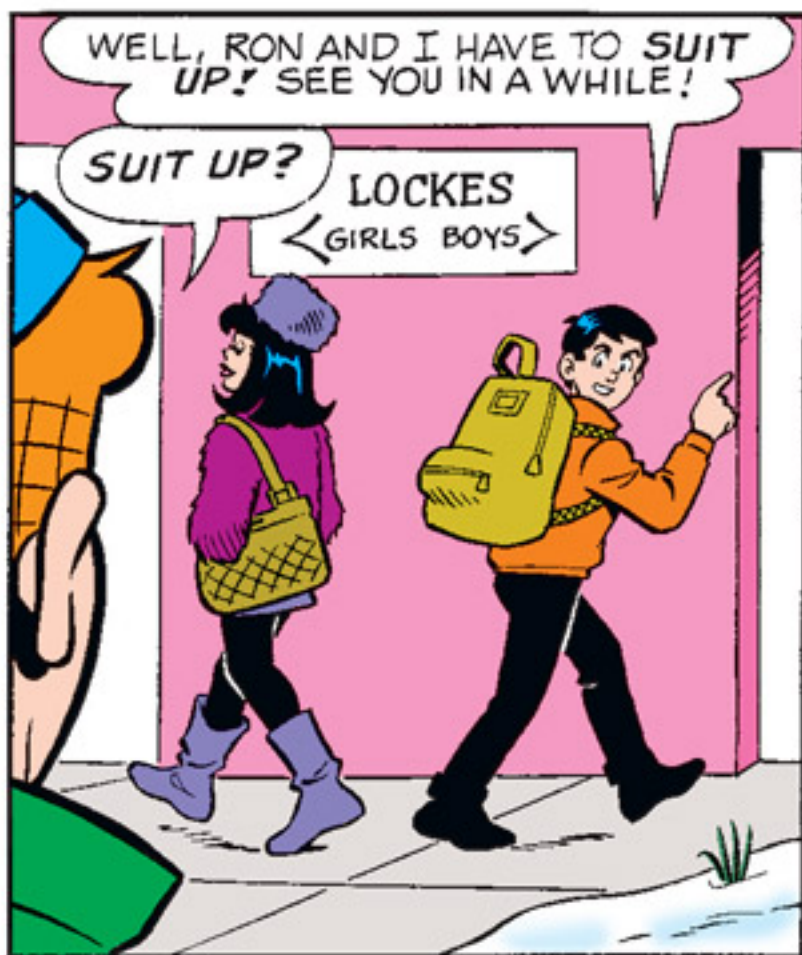
WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO A MATCH AT PICKENS PARK, OUR HOME FIELD!



YOU MEAN YOU ACTUALLY HAVE AWAY GAMES?

WE SURE DO!

I HOPE WE NEVER HAVE TO PLAY THAT TEAM FROM ALASKA! BRRR!



WELL, RON AND I HAVE TO **SUIT UP!** SEE YOU IN A WHILE!

SUIT UP?

LOCKES
<GIRLS BOYS>



A WHILE LATER...

SEE? THESE ARE OUR **TEAM COLORS!** THEY'RE SPECIAL OUTFITS THAT HELP CONTAIN OUR BODY HEAT!

GEE, THOSE MUST'VE BEEN **PRICEY!**



IT'S OKAY! OUR **SPONSORS** PICK UP THE TAB!

