Blackmailer gets caught going big-time

By MARILYN BATES

I cornered the kids in the living room. "OK, everybody freeze. I want to hear the whole sordid story. Who's going to start?"

Two pair of hands pointed to my younger son, and two voices chorused. "him."

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"Let us proceed then," I instructed him. "I want to hear in your own words the sorry tale of how you de-scended to the practice of espionage and blackmail upon members of your own. Institute.

scended to the practice of espinage and blackmall upon members of your own family."

"Well." he began reluctantly, "one day I was out in the backes looking for bugs to feed my turtie. I was using my magnifying glass and my jumor binoculars cause you can see to find them better. They hide under the leaves sometimes and."

"Too not deviate. Continue, please."

"Then I saw a car stop in front, and she was in it." He pointed to his sixter. "She was with this creepy guy with the bushy hair you and dad don't be and they sail in his car almost ten minutes. He had his arm around be to I could see them real plain with my binoculars. So when she got not I came out of the backes and I still her that if she cleaned my room or three Saturdays. I wouldn't tell you or dad about the creepy guy."

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next Saturday, then all of a sudden she ran out yelling and holding her nose cause she found my dead toad lie got out of his box and went and died somewhere in there, and I couldn't lind him."

"I'm not surprised." his sister suiffed. "His room is a health hazard It should be disinfected and furnigated."

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"What happed then?" I prodded my son
He hesitated. "Well, she was cleaning my room real good til she found my toad, and I wanted her to keep on doing it, so I followed her around after school a few times to see if 1 could catch her doing anything."
"A few times," his sister shneked. "That gross little kild shadowed me cverywhere I went for a weck, waring that crummy ski mask where only his eyes show, and pecking at me through those stupid binoculars One drop the shadow of the mait shop until they caught him and made him leave. because he didn't have money to buy anything."
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1 stared in horror at this full fledged member of the baby Mafia. "Then what?" I stammered.

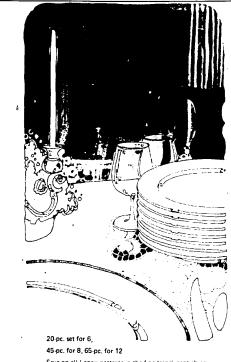
"Then what?" I stammered
I couldn't follow him anywhere
cause he always talks you into letting
him drive the car around." he glared
at me in rebue. "He says he needs it
cause his bike doesn't work right
letting the matter with it, but
when I told him it was going to tell
you, he just laughed. So one time
when he was gone I looked in his
room, and guess what I found in the
cresser, hid under his Tshurs."
"I'm afraid to."

"There was a magazine fall of pictures of ladies without hardly any clothes on." his voice was trumphant, "and that's why he cut my part of the lawn last time, and he's supposed to do it, Saturday too." "Oh, no." It assured him, "your life of crime is over, and your only concern now is that the courts deal merefully with you."

And to think that if he hadn't sit-thered out of the bushes that after-non, binoculars pressed against his nose, magnifying glass in hand, it might have gone on forever He sidded over to where I stood inspecting the slight damage I had just done to the car when I backed out of the garage, and offered to exchange his silence for mine. He would not squeal to his

father about the crease in the bump-er, if I did not mention what his teach-ter told me about his hardwriting and tall the business of the same that absolute power corrupts abso-ted to the same that absolute power corrupts abso-spelling at open house last night.

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