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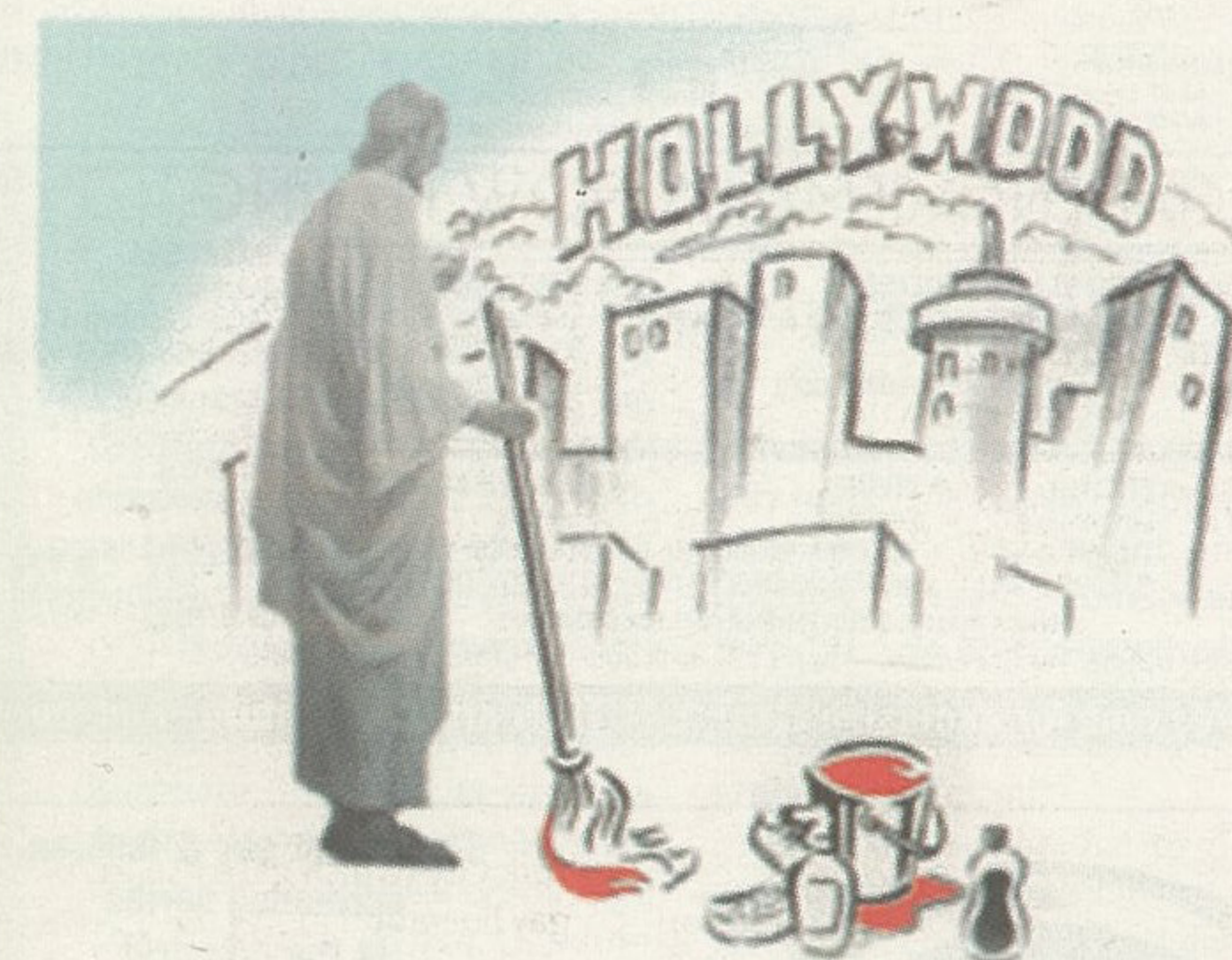
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NEW on the SHELF

BY CHRISTOPHER CAPPIELLO

NORTHERN EXPOSURE

Although he’s written several hilarious nonfiction books, out comic Bob Smith gives us his first novel with *Selfish & Perverse*, an entertaining tale that takes readers from Hollywood soundstages to remote Alaskan fishing villages as Nelson Kunker, a 34-year-old gay Hollywood writer, tries to reignite his dreams. When circumstances land Nelson in Coffee Point, Alaska, on a fishing trip with a handsome salmon fisherman and a hunky Hollywood star, the sexual and emotional sparks fly. Smith’s sardonic humor shines through, particularly in his sex scenes, where eroticism, awkwardness and Nelson’s wry commentary combine to arouse and amuse in equal measure. \$26, CARROLL & GRAF



A THOUSAND WORDS

We somehow missed this gem on its summer release, but it’s well worth a slightly late mention. Using only black-and-white drawings, illustrator Andy Hartzell delivers a sometimes funny, sometimes heart-wrenching allegory with *Fox Bunny Funny*, a kind of cartoon silent movie about identity and self-acceptance set in an anthropomorphic world of foxes and bunnies. With six small panels on a page, Hartzell’s story begins with a fox teen who has a secret. When his mother catches him bouncing in his bedroom in a bunny costume (a kind of drag, really), he is sent to a hellish fox scout camp where he learns the brutal ways of bunny killing. But his inner bunny isn’t so easily squelched in this expertly drafted fable that resonates with surprising power for anyone who has ever questioned their sexuality. \$10, TOP SHELF



TWISTED SISTERS

For readers who were introduced to Timothy Schaffert’s work with last year’s hilarious *Devils in the Sugar Shop*, Unbridled Books has released his first novel, 2002’s *The Phantom Limbs of the Rollow Sisters*, in a new softcover edition. Like *Devils*, this quirky, darkly comic novel is set in Nebraska and features Schaffert’s sardonic humor and eccentric characters. Mabel, 21, and Lily, 19, are the titular sisters, living in their grandmother’s junk shop off a country highway since their father’s suicide and mother’s disappearance. Lily and her slacker boyfriend hit the road to find the girls’ mother in an adventure partly inspired by famed Midwest serial killers Charles Starkweather and Caril Ann Fugate. Clever and offbeat, Schaffert’s writing shines in the details—like the fact that the town’s barber has a vast collection of Suzanne Pleschette films. \$14.94, UNBRIDLED BOOKS



SECRET AGENT MAN

Armed with bulletproof mousse, Uzi-like blow dryers and no body fat, hairdresser-by-day Jayms Blonde battles environmental baddies in his off hours to save the planet “from bad hair and bad air.” New York-based writer Robert W. Cabell creates an over-the-top gay fantasy world in *The Hair-Raising Adventures of Jayms Blonde*, his illustrated novel that takes us from Hawaii to Hong Kong for Blonde’s increasingly outlandish battles with the forces of ZENRON (Zealous Environmental Nazis Ruthlessly Obliterating Nature). Like James Bond and M, Blonde gets his secret assignments from the RuPaul-esque Mama. Also like Bond, Cabell employs deliciously shameless names for his characters, like Hung Lo and Harri Kummalo. This one feels like the first in a delightfully silly series. \$14.95, IUNIVERSE

