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- $\hbox{\it --American Profile}$
- "Ad Boy has power to bring back childhood memories."
- -Advertising Age

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