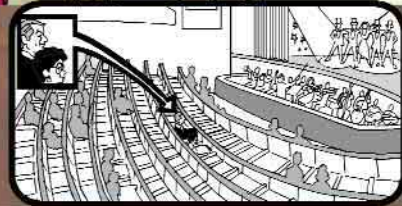




AN ONLINE PURCHASE



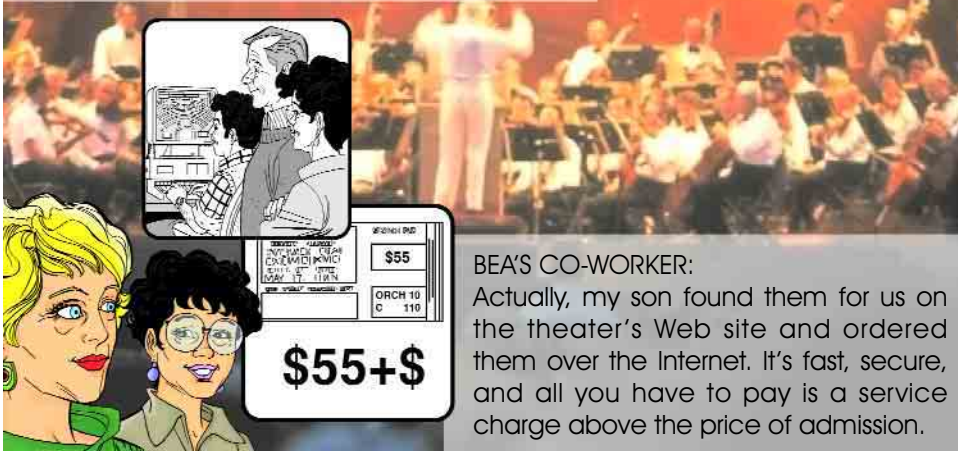
BEA:
I heard you got tickets for
opening night of the new
musical.



BEA'S CO-WORKER:
Yeah, we've got orchestra
seats in the center section.



BEA:
How did you manage that? I called the box
office one week after they went on sale, and
they were already sold out.



BEA'S CO-WORKER:
Actually, my son found them for us on
the theater's Web site and ordered
them over the Internet. It's fast, secure,
and all you have to pay is a service
charge above the price of admission.

\$55+\$

LONDON: COAT-HANGER SURGERY

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"Would any doctors please make themselves known to a member of the crew?" The summons was aired over the public address system of a British Airways flight from Hong Kong to London, after British passenger Paula Dixon, 39, complained of severe pain. Told that Dixon had been involved in a motorcycle accident on her way to the airport, fellow passengers Dr. Angus Wallace and Dr. Tom Wong diagnosed a collapsed lung—and embarked on emergency surgery. Using the airline's five-star brandy as a disinfectant, the doctors pushed one end of a urinary catheter into a bottle of Evian water and, with a probe fashioned from a coat hanger, inserted the other end into an incision in Dixon's chest. By releasing air pressure that had built up in her chest cavity, the operation allowed Dixon's injured lung to reinflate. Wallace later told reporters that he helped himself to the remaining brandy: "I can tell you I needed it!" Dixon was rushed to a hospital after touchdown and released three days later.

