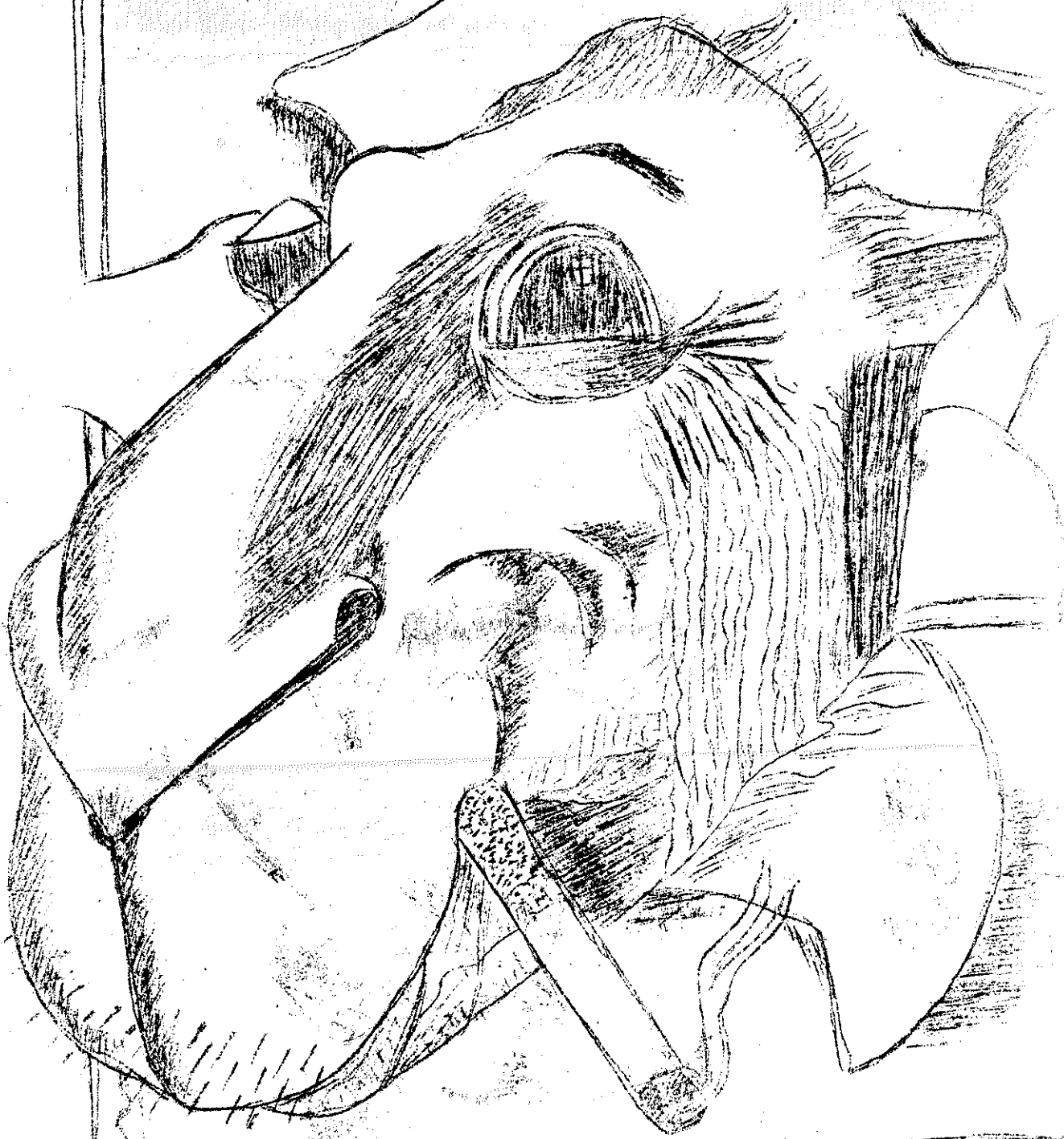


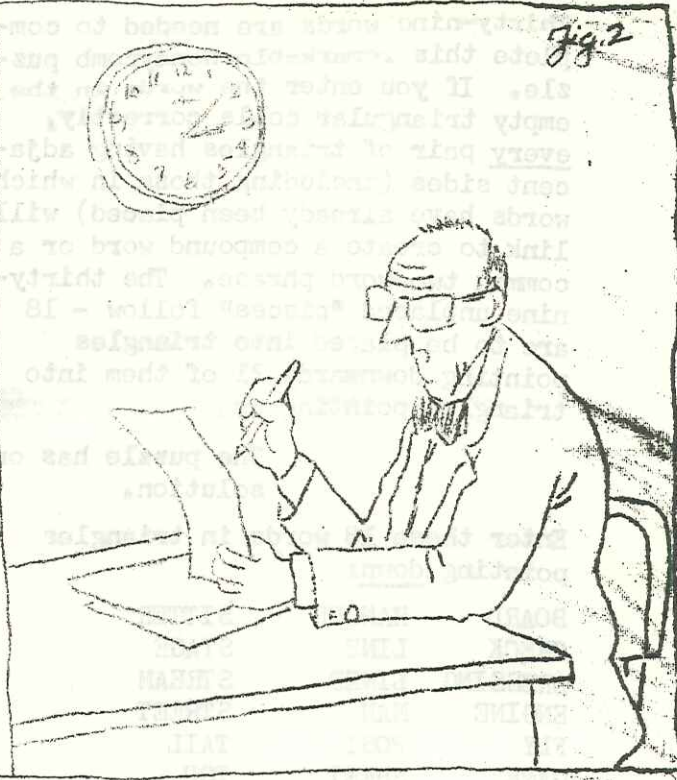
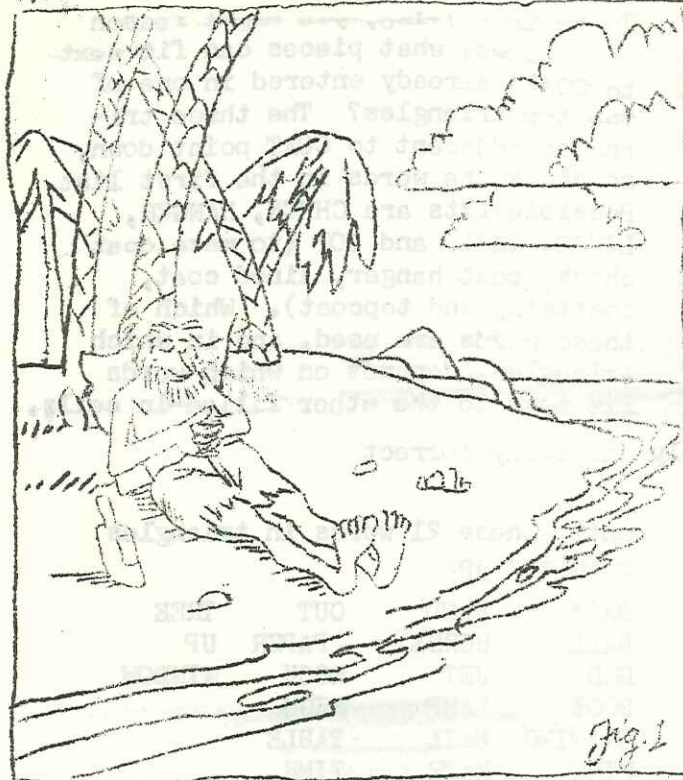
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# CAMEL

EXPRESS



## WASTED & USEFUL LIVES



Another you'll-get-it-when-it's-ready Camel Express - each one better than the last. I haven't much to say here. My tenure as editor (a loose term) is close to over, and if you heard some discussions here in the office, you might think it had not even begun. I'm rewriting this, in fact, because Tom said the first effort wasn't funny. If it had been anyone else's comment, I'd have ignored it. But with TD's reputation as a Renaissance man and literary critic, well. . . I only hope this attempt meets his criteria. He also mentioned it needed to be "more caustic", but that's a difficult tone for me to adopt. Oh, it's a sad day for we of the Old Guard.

Zinder has been the crossroads for quite a number of trips lately - the Ambassador spent a few pleasant days here, Phyllis and Jerry on normal tournées and always tourists and vacationing PCV's. Of course, we in Zinder never lack for companionship. We've started a fraternity here for a bit of brew quaffing. Clarke's the president because he has experience. Tom's vice-president because he lives with Clarke. Joel was chosen to be secretary because of the way he crosses his legs. Jim's the social chairman because he needs it. Clem, sorority liason, and I'm the historian because I can't do anything else. We're trying to convince the "girls" to organize a sorority so Clem and Jim will have something to do, but so far not much

interest.

The in-service training for TEFL and YD volunteers offered us all something different. It was an informative time for all involved, but sometimes the workshops got in the way of the dinners and parties. Especially enjoyable was the opportunity it provided to show our brousse brethren that city life isn't so simple. The French Store doesn't always have butter, and camembert cheese gets so tiring after a while. And eggs! If they only knew how much more expensive they've become since I've been a resident. Hopefully this crusade for an increase in living allowances will go through. With just a little more I'll be able to go to the nightclub every Saturday night instead of just once a month.

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# HONEYCOMB JIGSAW (GAMES Magazine)

Thirty-nine words are needed to complete this remarkable honeycomb puzzle. If you enter the words in the empty triangular cells correctly, every pair of triangles having adjacent sides (including those in which words have already been placed) will link to create a compound word or a common two-word phrase. The thirty-nine unplaced "pieces" follow - 18 are to be placed into triangles pointing downwards; 21 of them into triangles pointing up.

To begin solving, you might reason as follows: what pieces can fit next to COAT, already entered in one of the top triangles? The three triangles adjacent to COAT point down, so check the words in the first list. Possible fits are CHECK, HANGER, LINED, TAIL, and TOP (to make coat check, coat hanger, lined coat, coattail, and topcoat). Which of these words are used, and in which triangles, depends on which words fit next to the other filled-in cells.

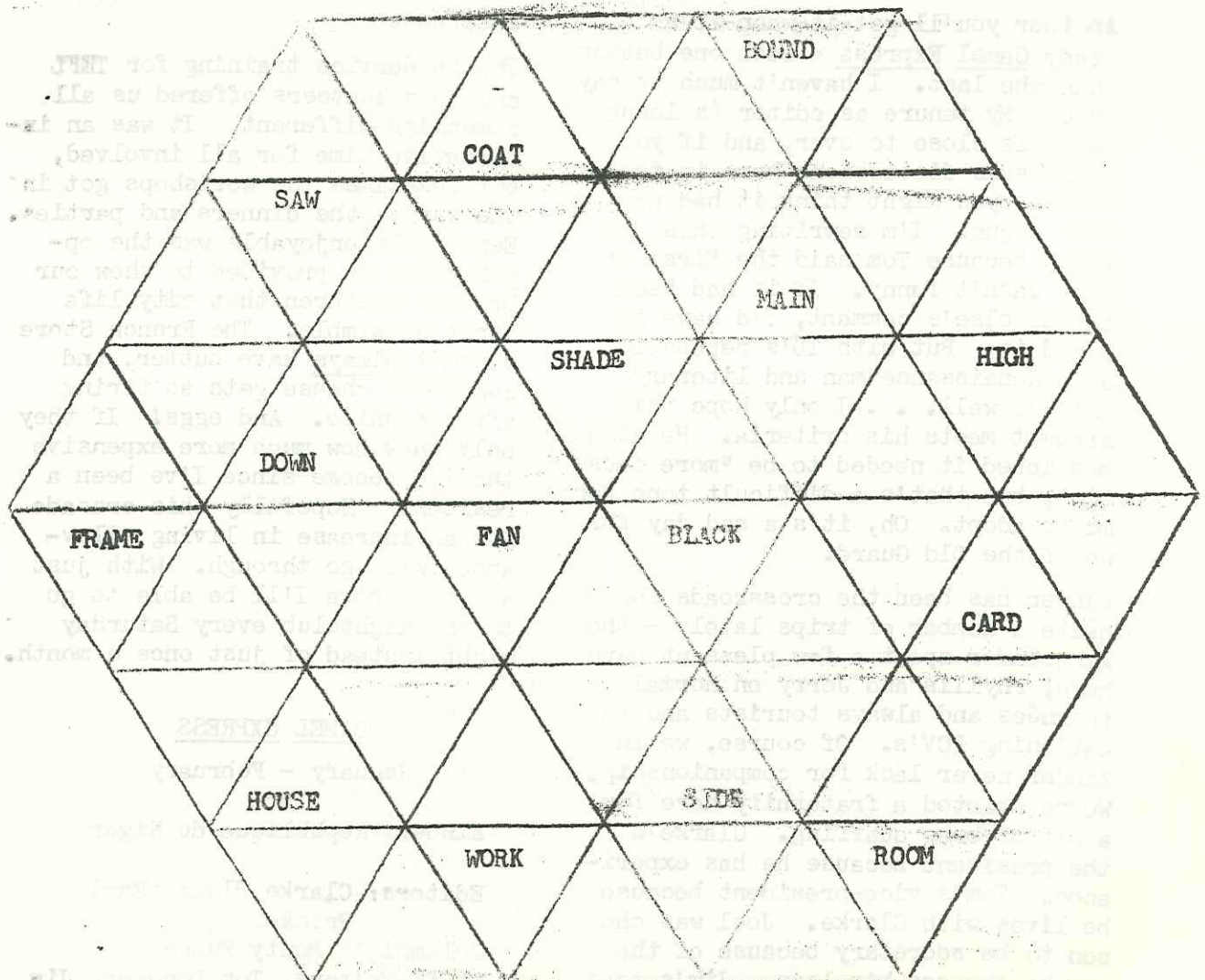
The puzzle has only one fully correct solution.

Enter these 18 words in triangles pointing down:

BOARD	HANGER	SITTER
CHECK	LINE	STAGE
DRESSING	LINED	STREAM
ENGINE	MAN	STREET
FLY	POST	TAIL
GAME	SHEET	TOP

Enter these 21 words in triangles pointing up:

BACK	HAND	OUT	TREE
BALL	HORSE	PAPER	UP
BED	JET	ROCK	WINDOW
BOON	LAMP	STYL	
DRAWING	MAIL	TABLE	
FIRE	MATE	TIME	



You will find an abundance of games and the like in this issue, more perhaps than before. There are reasons, but if people enjoy them and do them, then there's no reason for an explanation, is there? But we won't know unless you tell us, will we? BP 228, Zander.

## NOTES FROM PEACE CORPS WASHINGTON

The following is a statement from Richard Celeste given at the world wide country directors conference.

Where is Peace Corps? The question posed by the Nepalese is a good one, and, in fact, their hunch comes very close to being correct. Although Peace Corps is not a new country, it may very well presage a new world. For the concept of Peace Corps, that mythical place from which volunteers originate and to which they return at the end of two years, prefigures a world in which the barriers between nations will be fewer, the distance between deprivation and satisfaction smaller, and the ignorance of each other's ways that separates people from people will be diminished.

Peace Corps is indeed a kind of world with a geography and a vision all its own that remains very much alive in the hearts and minds and hands of more than a million people around the world who have served as or been touched by its grass roots ambassadors. The constitution of the new world of Peace Corps has its own bill of inalienable rights. It states that all human beings have the right to pursue and secure the seven basic human needs: food and water; health and nutrition; knowledge and skills; economic development and income; housing; energy and conservation; and community service. To me, that commitment to work toward this goal for all people represents the kind of higher sense of citizenship that knits us all together on this globe.

As a former school teacher, I learned to look to education as the catalyst for economic and social change. The Peace Corps clearly has a role in education: in teaching people to use new tools, to master new trades, to discover and develop new food sources, to live longer and better. Yet, as any good teacher knows, there is always a subtle balance to be maintained in education between teaching and learning. A teacher is always learning from students and fellow teachers.

Here, in the Peace Corps, the same delicate balance holds true. The Peace Corps Volunteer is a skilled teacher,

trained perhaps as a fishery specialist or as a health professional. But unless that volunteer becomes a lester, becomes a student of the new culture, nothing will change, the skills he or she brings to the new environment will lie fallow.

For this reason, when people ask, "Is the Peace Corps a developmental or a people-to-people program?", I am forced to answer, "Both and in about equal measure." For the Volunteers do best for the people they serve, and who derive the most satisfaction for themselves are those who have the chance to work at a meaningful task in a tough and demanding setting and who succeed in integrating themselves into the culture. Work is the critical place, work is the link where education begins to happen on both sides: the student really learns because the teacher is learning with him.

The education of America is an aspect of Peace Corps that is rarely discussed. For so long, Americans have underestimated how much we have to learn. The history of the next ten years will have to do with where we "missed the boat" in the last ten. And that history is already being written—whether we like it or not, we are being forced into a new era of interdependence. Our cities look no different than those of Columbia or Kenya. Our own homegrown brand of rural poverty looks no different than that of Nicaragua. At last America is forced to realize that we are no different than those we sought to help. The fish ponds in Thailand are no different than the ones built in Appalachia by VISTA volunteers. In many cases they may be the same fish.

What is the role of the Peace Corps in the '80's? It is the same as it was in the sixties and seventies: to foster understanding, to promote peace, to educate ourselves and others. Somehow we have been last to understand

that third goal. The third world has understood it for some time. I was especially pleased when, in inviting the Peace Corps to return to Tanzania, President Julius Nyerere said, "I would be happy to have your volunteers share in the work we are doing. I would especially like to educate your Americans."

**T**he decade that lies ahead is rich with promise for the Peace Corps. It has been called the Peace Corps' "second spring". A fertile metaphor for a fertile era. For nearly twenty years, the Peace Corps has made an investment in people and today these people are scattered about the globe in all walks of life. What ideas have they reaped and sown? The second spring will be the result of their efforts to learn, to listen, to bring back suggestions, to work for change, to re-evaluate and force the hand of evolution. For evolve we must. Change, we must if the Peace Corps is to fulfill its mission. What can you expect from Peace Corps in the years that lie ahead? The Peace Corps of the eighties answers that question in the same voice as the Peace Corps of the sixties: "You ask our policy? I will say it is to wage peace." An idealism of the most practical kind.

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#### "THERE WAS MORE HOPE IN THE '60s"

(The following was taken from U.S. News and World Report of Nov. 26. In it, Phyllis and four other country directors were interviewed about their feelings on Peace Corps, now and in the future. This is Phyllis' response.)

If you talked to intellectuals in Niger and asked what they think about America, they would probably tell you, "America has a very strange foreign policy- particularly in Africa."

Some people are confused, too, about Peace Corps volunteers, because we come off just wanting to help and not asking anything for ourselves. That raises some suspicions in people's minds. "There must be a reason for your being here," they

seem to be saying, because volunteers who come from other countries have big salaries and live very well and stay in big cities. In contrast we are in the villages and live pretty much like the people themselves.

Among the villagers, I would say that Americans enjoy a better image than the French, who have long controlled many of the country's resources. Yet there's no move to kick the French out of the country. That is because France supports its former colonies right on down the line.

The U.S. has a much different kind of foreign policy than the French have. When the Nigeriens saw the U.S. pull out of Iran, a country with which it had a long association, they learned something about the nature of American foreign policy- and I'm not saying that the U.S. should or should not have pulled out of Iran.

The US should be giving more aid to Niger. I went there for the first time in 1968, and I can tell you that the people's commitment to development is very impressive. The U.S. waits too long before giving aid to developing countries. We wait until there is a civil war or threat of war, instead of making friends on an ongoing basis.

I've been in Niger six years, and it has become my second country. I speak the language and have many friends. And although Niger is an Islamic country, I've found that being a woman has aided me in my work. I've encountered less male chauvinism there than in Western communities.

What strikes me most when I come home is the anger over inflation, considering the prices I have to pay in Niger for American goods. When I visit a supermarket in the U.S., I'm amazed at the variety of goods available, even though prices are higher. Once you live somewhere else, you realize that people live very well in the U.S. Americans do not have much to complain about.

I don't think Americans have a lot of hope right now. It's not like the 60s when we believed that, if we just gave it enough thought, we could correct society's problems. There would be no more poverty, there would be no more war.

I still have a great deal of hope, so I don't fall into that category of Americans caught up in the malaise President Carter talked about awhile ago. No doubt, some people believe that life won't ever be as easy as it was before. However, if you lose hope that tomorrow things can change, then today can be awfully difficult to bear.

MEMORANDUM TO PEACE CORPS  
VOLUNTEERS/NIGER:

As I exit my desk area, memories of the past three and a half years association with Niger begin to make me think what a dynamic experience it has been . . . especially with the success, I feel, we have had in our programming goals assisting the people of Niger.

As your former desk officer, I would like to thank you all for the efforts you've placed in doing your individual tasks. In looking through my files, I'm amazed at the empty folder I had marked for "complaints." As most of you probably know by now, the new desk officer, Randy Boyer, brings lots of experience from her former position covering the programs in Mali and Upper Volta. Her assistant, Sarah Smith, will also be providing a great deal of support for you. Both Randy and Sarah are former Peace Corps Volunteers.

Please feel free to communicate with me at the same address in Washington. I shall remain in the Africa region working on special projects. Hopefully my upcoming travels will mean a trip to Niger.

Bob Taylor  
11/23/79

WILLIAM A. DAVIS, JR.,  
APPOINTED PEACE CORPS  
AFRICA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON D.C.- William A. Davis, Jr., 37, a former attorney with Covington & Burling, a Washington, D.C. law firm, has been named director of the Africa region of the Peace Corps. His appointment was announced by Peace Corps Director Richard F. Celeste.

"Bill Davis brings to the Africa regional directorship qualities of leadership and enthusiasm, intellect and articulateness, familiarity with the development process at the community level, a long-standing interest in Africa, as well as strong organizational and interpersonal skills," says Celeste. "He will provide fresh and distinguished leadership for the Africa region."

Raised in New York City and long time resident of Massachusetts, Davis directs Peace Corps programs involving more than 2,366 volunteers and trainees in 24 countries in Africa, the largest Peace Corps region.

"What I want to do is take a close look at the Peace Corps projects that are most effectively meeting the development goals of the countries and filling the most pressing social service needs of the people, and adapt them to the goals and needs of all the African nations we serve," maintains Davis, who became regional director in October.

"And I think that it is equally important to prune out programs that do not adequately approach the Peace Corps goals of giving individual volunteers a realistic understanding of the problems and aspirations of the people in the Third World, and in turn, enrich their perception of what America is all about," he continues.

"I feel strongly that the Peace Corps must broaden its appeal to blacks, Hispanics and other American minorities to generate a true international understanding of the unique ethnic harmony that makes our country great."

An attorney with Covington and Burling for nearly three years, Davis specialized in international law, energy and environmental legislative development. Previously, he was an associate professor of law and urban studies at MIT in Cambridge for two years. From 1968 to 1972, Davis served first as assistant director and then as executive director of the Circle, Inc. and the New England Community Development Corps., two affiliated community development organizations in the Roxbury section of Boston, Mass.

A 1963 cum laude political science graduate of Amherst College, Davis received a Rotary Fellowship to pursue African studies the following year at the University of Ibadan in Nigeria.

During the summer of 1961, he took part in Operation Crossroads Africa work-study program in Senegal and Guinea, which stimulated his interest in Developing Countries. In 1962, as an intern at the United Nations Secretariat, he studied the foreign policies of Ghana and Nigeria as they affected the Congo crisis.

A 1968 graduate of Yale Law School, Davis received a master's degree in urban studies in 1972 from Yale University.

# ¡SAYAMU DRZUWA!

AND YET ANOTHER STAGE -- THIS ONE IS  
BEING CAPABLY DIRECTED BY DAVE BORGE  
AND TOM SHAW. WELCOME TO ALL TO THE  
TOUGHEST JOBS YOU WILL EVER LOVE.  
HOPE YOU GET A CHANCE TO MEET US.

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Deborah Ann Christensen (St. Paul, MN.)

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John Frederick Grettenberger (Cadillac, MI.)

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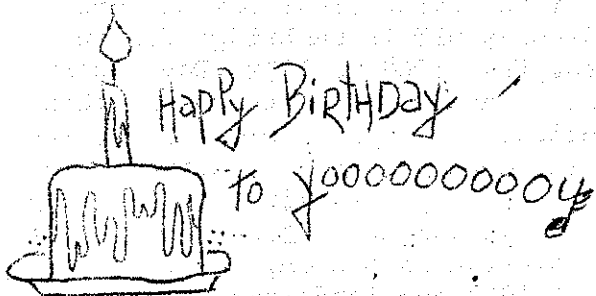
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Linda Bonato (Security, CO.)  
Susan McCoskrie (Bethesda, MD.)

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Joli Burrows (Vermillion, OH.)

LAB TECHNICIANS:

Barbara Wilson (Lafayette, IN.)  
Karen Mortensen (Rock Island, IL.)

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A TRUE STAGIAIRE POEM FROM  
ONE WHO MISSES IT:

Open sewers fill my nose  
Especially when I doze.  
The Chef du Salade  
Makes me malade.  
When I can't think "dit-on"  
I always feel shit-on.

- Mary Abraes  
Maradi

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FIRST LAW OF WING WALKING:  
Never leave hold of what you've  
got until you've got hold of  
something else.

- Georgetown Daan  
Donald Herzberg

MERRILL'S MAXIM OF INSTANT STATUS:  
In a democracy you can be respected though poor, but don't count on it.

- author Charles  
Merrill Smith

GETTY'S REMINDER:  
The meek shall inherit the Earth,  
but not its mineral rights.

- J. Paul Getty

JANUARY: M.J. Mann (1), Belle Verbics (2), Mary Jo Cashel (7), Maria Mar. (10), Bess McDavid (16), Terry Hanson (13), Fuzzi Burnett (19), Nancy Dillon (22).

FEBRUARY: David Smith (5), Floyd McGrath - wherever he is - (5), Mary Beth Taliaferro (9), Mr. Mike Naugle (18), David Bush (22), Peter Gordo (28). SORRY - Jay Owen (11).

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An interesting thought from Terry Hanson - if you were asked to select the 5 American authors or poets who are most representative of America and her culture, who would you choose, for what particular works and why? Want to have a contest? Send them in. . .

# TRIVIA

## 2079

The following are the results of National Challenge No. 141, in which you were to invent a trivia question for the year 2079. (Borrowed from the Washington Post Magazine/ Oct. 28, 1979.)

### FIRST PRIZE

- Before the invention of clonology, in what awkward fashion were babies conceived?
- Why are White House lawn carts called "Chryslers?"

### SECOND PRIZE

- Of the 52 major league baseball teams, which ten started out as the Washington Senators?
- What was the original name of the island off the coast of Florida?

### HONORABLE MENTION

- Who was vice president during the Stassen administration?
- What was the name of the last male pope?
- In what year did the prime lending rate go back under 45 percent?
- Which horse won last year's Indy 500?
- What language was originally spoken in the country formerly called the U.S.A?
- Amy Carter Rabinowitz, the celebrated concert violinist, had an uncle who made a fortune selling sand to Libya. What was his name?
- Who was the first U.S. president to resign from office twice? And how much did he pay for his New York City condominium?
- What former president was going to whip another former president's pet donkey?
- What was "money"?
- In what year did Arizona become our westernmost state?

- Who replaced David Eisenhower as Richard Nixon's vice president in the political scandal of 1987?
- What large Ohio city was torn down to make way for the Dennis Kucinich Memorial landfill?
- Where was the Panama Canal?
- In what year did the cubs move to Washington D.C?
- Whose toupee is in the Sports Broadcasters Hall of Fame?
- In what year did Saudi Arabia start admitting the American boat people?
- How much did Elizabeth Taylor weigh when she married Billy Carter?
- How old is George Burns?
- Who was Walter Mondale's running mate in 1976?
- How was Three Mile Canyon formed?

-J. Baxter Newgate

# CRUEL SHOES

by Steve Martin

Anna knew she had to have new shoes today, and Carlo helped her try on every pair in the store. Carlo spoke wearily, "Well, that's every pair of shoes in the place."

"Oh, you must have one more pair?"

"No, not one more pair. . . Well, we do have the cruel shoes, but no one would want. . ."

Anna interrupted, "Oh yes, let me see the cruel shoes!"

Carlo looked incredulous. "No Anna, you don't understand, you see, the cruel shoes are. . ."

"Get them!"

Carlo disappeared into the back room for a moment, then returned with an ordinary shoebox. He opened the lid and removed a hideous pair of black and white pumps. But these were not an ordinary pair of black and white pumps; both were left, one had a right angle turn with separate compartments that pointed the toes in impossible directions. The other shoe was six inches long and was curved inward like a rocking chair with a vise and razorblades to hold the foot in place.

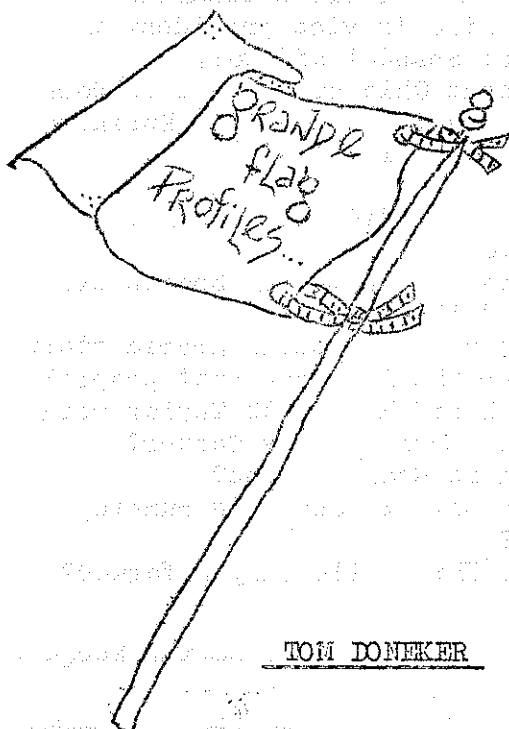
Carlo spoke hesitantly, "...Now you see why. . . they're not fit for humans. . ."

"Put them on me!"

"But. . ."

"Put them on me!"

Carlo now all arguments were useless.  
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BORN: 1953, Zionsville, Penn.  
(IN a manger.)  
HOME: Zinder, Niger  
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Learning to  
spell, firing my houseboy, subli-  
mating my lusts.  
FLUENCIES: Authentic frontier jib-  
berish.  
RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS: My first  
lesson plan.  
CURRENT PROJECT: My 2nd lesson plan.  
RAISON D'ETRE: The wind on my helmet,  
the mobylette pedals under my feet,  
zooming along at 45 k's an hour. . .  
I know what it is to be free.  
FAVORITE PLACE: Back in the saddle.  
SPARE TIME: Solitaire, avoiding bor-  
ing people, sleeping, blowing my nose.  
LAST BOOK READ: Zen and the Art of  
Mobylette Maintenance.  
MEMORABLE QUOTE: He is either dead  
or teaching school.  
Boisson PREFEREE: Grand Flag.  
"I drink lots of Grand Flag because  
I believe in getting into the local  
culture."

He knelt down before her and forced her feet into the shoes.

Anna crawled over to the mirror and held her feet up where she could see.

She paid Carlo and crawled out of the store onto the street.

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Dear Monty,

Dear Dick,

FRIDAY

Children's show where learning  
is fun with characters like  
Big Pintard.

Stagiaires dress in crazy clothes  
and do stupid stunts as hostess  
Phyllis hands out prizes.

Disaster faces the Angels when replacement parts for baby scales fall in short supply. Becky Raymond; Farrah Fawcett-Majors, Bigger Bacher; Jaclyn Smith.

Bizarre stories about unbelievable events in an unreal world.

The hillbillies try to stock  
the cement pond with capitaine.  
Fati Mae: Sally Struthers.

11:30 Late Movie

"Gone With the Harmattan" -  
Epic film of love, life and  
adventure in Southern Niger.

Don't miss the classic scene of the burning of Maradi. Ray Jussaume: Clark Gable, Mary Kay Fox: Olivia de Havilland.

# SATURDAY

7:30 C \* E \* G

"Trapper" Jeff Drumtra and Scott "Hawkeye" Smith try to get Klinger to stop wearing drag to the Maison des Jeunes in Guidan Roumji. Hotlips Ribaudo: Loretta Swit.

8:00 The Sonneman Files

Dr. Jim and Eugenia fly to Ouaga to combat an epidemic of ear wax buildup. Dr. Jim: James Garner.

9:00 Tillabéri R.F.D.

Farmer Floyd buys gri-gris for his sugar cane with surprising results. Floyd: Carroll O'Connor.

9:30 Leave It to Suleiman

Suleiman makes an obscene batik at the MJC and has to show it to his parents. Suleiman: Michael Jackson.

10:00 Sahel Trek

The mammy wagon, "God's Power", encounters a mysterious alien force that prevents it from leaving a Voltaïque border post. El Hadji Suru: William Shatner.

11:00 News - Sports - Weather

11:30 Saturday Night Dead

Semi-live show where PCV's play solitaire, read and watch their fingernails grow.

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(from a B.C. comic strip)

1st man: (eating a sandwich)

2nd man: What's that you're eating?

1st man: A camelburger.

2nd man: Where'd you buy that?

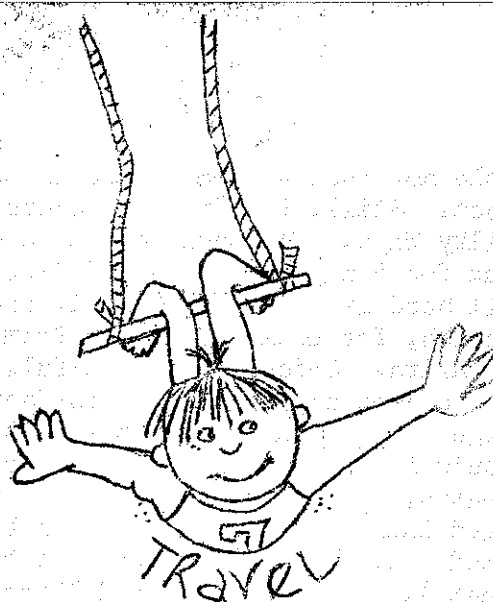
1st man: At the place with the golden humps.

thanks to Hank Winkenwerder, the fisheries volunteer in the desert.

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Like all weak men he laid an exaggerated stress on not changing one's mind.

- Somerset Maugham



## KANO

Merre McGehee tells me that there's a Hausa proverb, "Tasher Kano, ba dama;" roughly translated, "At the Kano autogare there is no room." On a recent trip to Kano, two PCV friends and I found this to be true. Luckily, we made our way out on two donkeys and a packrat and lived to warn the rest of you. Here are some tips for Niger PCV's going that way.

Plan a lot of travel time. Kano is even bigger than Zinder; it has more than 500,000 people. It's easy to get lost, and it's better to do that in the daylight. Pam and I were ready to leave the center of the universe at 7:00 AM. The taxi finally pulled out at 9:00. We met Gwen in Magaria at 11:00. The three of us were on the road to Kano at noon. Arrival time: 4:30. In principle, it's a four or five hour trip from Zinder, and the road has to be the best in the Sahel, but taxi de brousse is, after all, taxi de brousse.

Before you plan your schedule, remember that in Kano they shop early. We went there to buy some mayonnaise, though unfortunately they didn't have the right brand. One of the best reasons to make the trip is to take advantage of the American style supermarkets and imported goods not available in Niger. To avoid disappointment, note that on weekdays most stores are open from 8-noon and from 2-4. On Saturdays some of them follow the regular weekday schedule, but most keep shorter hours, 10-12. On Sundays there is only one foodstore open, Kingsway, and we were told it's more expensive than the others. Hours: 10-12.

To encourage internal manufacture the Nigerian government has somewhat restricted the importation of foodstuffs lately. Less is available.

able now than at some times in the past. Still, they have Snickers and Milky Ways. We bought a bottle of rum for 5 naira, about 1100 CFA. All hard liquor is relatively cheap; scotch, for example, ranges from 9-16 naira. Spices are plentiful. The stores have canned goods: soups, vegetables, tuna and meat - just as you'd find in any A & P. For some reason, the Kingsway was big on packaged Chinese dinners. There's baby food (well, maybe somebody has bad teeth). Honey, jams and jellies in great quantities. I bought some chocolate syrup just because it was there - in short, the Kano foodstores are full of assorted luxuries. They are worth the trip.

The central market is like the Iowa State Fair; it sprawls. If you like it, it will keep you entertained for a week. The enclosed sections are cozy arcades and even paved, but it's damned foul in spots, too. Walking with my eyes to the mud (as usual) I nearly locked horns with a herd of cattle heads being tossed bloody from the back of a pickup. Nescafe, sugar, drinking chocolate, oatmeal and other standard items are 10-15 o/o cheaper than in Zinder. The selection of produce was excellent when we were there though not especially cheap. You might try bargaining for bigger things; radios, tape players, fans, and almost anything manufactured is said to be cheaper in the market there. Market Day is Sunday, but like Niamey's Grand Marché you can do all right most any time.

They speak English in Kano. If you get a thrill reading the back of a box of Omo, you haven't seen anything yet. The billboards lining the highway into town were, well, satisfying. British imperialism has its gratifications. "Broken" is cool, and amusing, and confusing. There's a lot of good English spoken, but a lot of the other too. PC Niger came close to losing a perfectly adequate TEFL professor after a communication problem led to a shouting match, a shoving match, and the near murder of a lunatic little taxi driver. It was worth the trouble, though, when I grabbed his hand and he screamed, "Don't touch my toes." Taxis are 90 kobos per carful, almost anywhere, but make sure the price is understood before you move.

Kano has other attractions. Gwen, Pam and I had a wonderful dinner at a Chinese-Nigerian restaurant called the Pink Peacock. When was the last

time you had good eggrolls? There are other places to eat; some of the best and most expensive at the skyscraping new hotels. At the biggest of those -- I've forgotten its name -- there's a four-story courtyard bar straight out of the newest Atlanta Hilton. I'm sure it's not the only place in town to get a drink. Movies are in English, too. There was a rock concert the night we were there. Explore. In the realm of the more everyday they sell great sucking oranges on the street. There's ice cream. The old city is well-known for Hausa architecture. You'll see the old city walls. Somewhere there's a library with an English language collection on Hausa culture. The U. of Kano is full of British and American professors. Notice how the city's being planned and compare it to our own Niamey.

Where do you stay? We were told before we left that the cheapest hotel would be the Francais. Perhaps this is so, but we didn't need it. The S.I.M. (Sudan Interior Mission) Guesthouse was pointed out to us by a friendly British fellow, and it was a very agreeable place to spend a night. The rooms must be the cleanest in West Africa. You can take a hot bath if you like, towels and soap provided. Afterward you can have a meal in a cafeteria that smells like gingerbread, served American food by nice older missionary ladies who wear white anklets. Sunday services are there, but optional. On the Eye Hospital Road, near Airport Road, about 11 naira apiece for bed and breakfast. If we went to Kano again, though, we'd stay at the CUSO Hostel. CUSO is the Canadian equivalent of PC. Many Canadian volunteers passed through Niger on their travels this past summer and were impressed by PC hospitality. At a meeting this fall (take heart, Ad Hoc Committee) CUSO volunteers in Nigeria voted to open their hostels to traveling PC's at a charge of 2 naira/night. For that you're guaranteed a mattress and a shower. In Kano, the address is 6A, Enagu Rd., near the New International Hotel.

We enjoyed our trip. We ate well, spoke English, bought some stuff, and saw a new/old city. The autogare truly is a mess; you'll probably pay more to get out than you

- Jim Delehanty  
Zinder

• J.D.

## TRY YOUR HAND

How many hands do you have? Well, that depends on who you are. If you're Venus de Milo, none; if you are a person, two; if you're a clock, three probably; and if you're a game of bridge, four. You'll need eighteen hands to finish this puzzle - one for each clue below. Every answer is a familiar phrase or expression containing the word "hand". For example, "beyond compare" would be OUT OF HAND.

1. magic trick \_\_\_\_\_
2. sly \_\_\_\_\_
3. instruction manual \_\_\_\_\_
4. personally select \_\_\_\_\_
5. from original source \_\_\_\_\_
6. call to ship's crew \_\_\_\_\_
7. odds evener \_\_\_\_\_
8. by a wide margin \_\_\_\_\_
9. oracle's script \_\_\_\_\_
10. it's worth two in the bush \_\_\_\_\_
11. tear wiper \_\_\_\_\_
12. Houdini's bracelets \_\_\_\_\_
13. Beatles' hit \_\_\_\_\_
14. cravat \_\_\_\_\_
15. Paul Newman movie \_\_\_\_\_
16. standing somersault \_\_\_\_\_
17. little brother's clothes \_\_\_\_\_
18. conversely \_\_\_\_\_

(Games magazine)

1. "Come down the stairs to meet you," the usher said.

2. When the gate of his cage was opened, the \_\_\_\_\_ he was going to a \_\_\_\_\_ zoo.
3. Children in school are not \_\_\_\_\_ to talk \_\_\_\_\_.
4. My \_\_\_\_\_ won't \_\_\_\_\_ up because she's \_\_\_\_\_ gambling.
5. His \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ if \_\_\_\_\_ stop jogging.
6. Many witnesses said he was \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime.
7. "This is the \_\_\_\_\_ I ever ate," the diner complained.
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ down the \_\_\_\_\_ till he reached the lake; then he \_\_\_\_\_ across.
9. Would a \_\_\_\_\_ sung in a \_\_\_\_\_ be called a horse opera?
10. \_\_\_\_\_ need \_\_\_\_\_ when they ring for the nurse.
11. The priest can't \_\_\_\_\_ someone who \_\_\_\_\_ on others, but at least he \_\_\_\_\_ for him to improve.
12. When the shepherd asked, "Did \_\_\_\_\_ see \_\_\_\_\_ under the \_\_\_\_\_?", I knew he didn't speak proper English.

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- Max Beerbohm

Robert Frost

Bertrand Russell

TO: All second year volunteers  
FROM: Elizabeth Ernst, APCD/Ag,RD

The Peace Corps of Tunisia is looking for volunteers with strong backgrounds in agriculture or rural development who would be interested in extending for two years of hard work in Tunisia. They would be extension personnel with the Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture. Training would begin about July 6, 1980, and the end of service would be June 30, 1982.

The assignment would be in rural sites working side by side with small farmers who are involved in either vegetable production, fruit trees, forage crops or dairy/sheep/beef production. Candidates will have Tunisian counterparts. A minimal practical field experience of two years is a prerequisite, and four years would be preferable since the PCV's must gain the trust of the farmers with whom they'll be working. Both singles and couples are acceptable, and the Country Director's recommendation is required.

In addition to special leave opportunities, volunteers accepted in the program will receive intensive Arabic training and will have additional technical training from Tunisian agricultural personnel and volunteers currently serving there.

Volunteers interested in this program should write to:

Mr. Hedi Naouali  
APCD/Ag, RD  
Peace Corps  
8 Avenue Louis Braille  
Tunis  
Tunisia

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A plane will arrive on January 23 with SEEDS, so those of you with gardens or secondary projects should contact Elizabeth for some of your very own.

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The dynamic principle of fantasy is play, and as such it appears to be inconsistent with serious work. But without playing with fantasy no creative work has ever yet come to birth. The debt we owe to the play of the imagination is incalculable.

- Carl Jung

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Words in this remarkable form appear twice: left to right and again from upper right to lower left.

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## PREDICTIONS 1980:

Following exhortations by the major party candidates to "vote for whom you believe", the American people elected Walter Cronkite by write-in. .... the Ayatollah Khomeiny wins the Nobel Peace Prize for solving the Middle East situation by making allies of the US and the PLO..... Rod McKuen and Erich Segal share the Nobel Prize for Literature in an unprecedented tie. Honored for the totality of their distinguished work, Segal was noted especially for Oliver's Story which the jury described as "sensitive but erotic, savage but kind - in short, a true work of art"..... the government will solve two problems by building prisons around bankrupt businesses (Chrysler, Lockheed). Prisoners provide the labor, eliminating the major expense and keep business booming ..... at the same time, providing penal reform with a new twist..... Richard Nixon's memoirs will be offered in cassette form (Jimmy Stewart as narrator) and bookstore owners will have difficulty classifying it, having to choose from autobiography, fiction and inspirational. The 12-minute gap will be faithfully reproduced..... Jane Fonda, for her portrayal of a contented suburban housewife in "A Man's Home Is His Castle", wins the Oscar for Best Actress. Charles Bronson shares the spotlight for his sensitive interpretation of a male nurse in a prison hospital in "Bed Wetters". .... Phyllis Dichter proclaims herself PGD for life and moves the Bureau to Bilma..... The Beatles will not reunite. The New Wave fades, as expected, but Disco grows and becomes a part of everyone's life due to the significance of the lyrics.

Last month we presented a stolen article from the Gabon Gab dealing with self-evaluation of your teaching. Well, there just happens to be a follow-up article to that one. These activities are designed to help pinpoint what areas each teacher needs to improve and what areas teachers should continue as they have been. By answering these questions on paper, one can readily see and focus in on these two areas. Let's face it - Jerry and Joel and Mary Lou are great for advice but they can't be there all the time, n'est-ce pas? This activity helps to evaluate a single lesson.

### LESSON ANALYSIS CONTINUUM:

Your personal analysis of your teaching self is by far the most meaningful analysis, and your most useful analyses are the ones that can easily be translated into specific directions. The lesson analysis continuum is a useful tool in generating steps for you to use to improve your teaching.

As soon after teaching a lesson as possible, fill in the worksheet seen below.

1. Find the spot on the continuum that best describes your feelings of how the lesson went. A zero means that it went as badly as possible. An eight means that it went as perfectly as possible. You are not allowed to rate the lesson exactly in the middle; therefore no four is on the continuum.
2. List in question 1 all the factors that contributed to your rating the lesson as high as you did. If you rated a lesson a 5, why wasn't it a 3, or a 2, or a 1? Make this list as complete as possible. When you feel you have run out of factors, try to add two more.
3. List in question 2 all the factors that you think might have made the lesson better. To insure that the sentences are in a form that can be easily translated into action, start each item on the list with "I will...". Check this list for completeness by asking yourself, "Would this lesson now be as perfect as possible?" Keep adding to your list until you can answer that question affirmatively.
4. Rank the items on both your lists according to their potential importance in accomplishing your goals, putting a 1 after the most important item and so on.
5. On the bottom of the worksheet write four or five self-contracts, two as a result of your responses to the first question, and two as a result of your responses to the second. Begin each of your self-contracts with "I will..." The next time you teach a similar lesson, refer to your self-contracts.

# WORKSHEET

Date:

| worst possible lesson | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | perfect lesson |
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1. What factors contributed to your rating this lesson as high as you did?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

2. What would you do to make it a perfect lesson?

- a.  
b.  
c.  
d.  
e.

- ### 3. Self-contracts:

- a.  
b.  
c.  
d.  
e.

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On the following page is a text / exercise coming from PC in the Central African Republic. It was thought to be a nice change from Mills, and if you'd like to see more new texts along these lines, let's have some feedback.

## Simple Psychology

Abdou Boubou and his friends ate lunch near the river one afternoon. They suddenly heard a great splash. A cry for help followed the splash.

"It's the tax collector," yelled one of the villagers. "He has fallen into the river!"

The tax collector could not swim. The men quickly jumped in after him. "Give us your hand!" they yelled.

"Just give us your hand so that we can save you," yelled the men again. The tax collector raised his head for a second time. Again he sank.

1. Rewrite the entire text combining sentences 1 and 2, 6 and 7, 11 and 12 by making one of each pair of sentences into an adverbial clause (clauses beginning with when, because, although, while, etc.)

2. Rewrite the entire text changing the underlined sentences from direct speech to indirect speech.

The tax collector's head appeared above the water for a third time.

Abdou yelled, "Take my hand!" The drowning man immediately grabbed his hand. Abdou pulled him ashore.

The tax collector lay on the ground, panting for breath. The men surrounded Abdou.

"How did you manage to save him?" they all asked.

"It's simple psychology," said Abdou. "A tax collector is a man who always takes. He cannot give anything, not even his hand to save his life," he explained.

1. Rewrite entire text with adverbial clauses, as above.

2. Rewrite entire text changing underlined sentences to indirect speech.

3. Rewrite the entire text, finishing the story in five or six sentences. Tell what happened to the tax collector as he lay on the ground, panting for breath.

## The Stranger

Late one afternoon Abdou Boubou met a stranger along a dusty road.

"How long will it take me to walk to the next village?" asked the tired stranger. Abdou silently stared at the stranger. He said nothing.

Puzzled, the stranger thought to himself, "He is either stupid or deaf." So he asked again louder, "How long will it take to the next village?" Abdou heard him, thought about the matter, but still did not answer.

Now the stranger shook him. He angrily asked for the third time, "How long will it take me to get to the next village?" Mullah still made no reply.

"You are neither stupid nor deaf. You are an ass," yelled the angry traveller. He turned angrily away and began to walk with great quick strides towards the village. Abdou watched him for a minute or two.

"Why is he so angry?" Abdou wondered. He called the stranger.

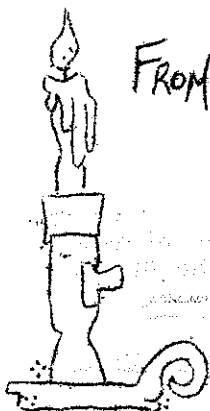
"What do you want?" asked the man.

"It will take you about 15 minutes," said Abdou quietly and thoughtfully.

"Why didn't you tell me that before?" the surprised stranger asked Abdou.

"How can I tell," asked Abdou, "until I see how fast you walk?"

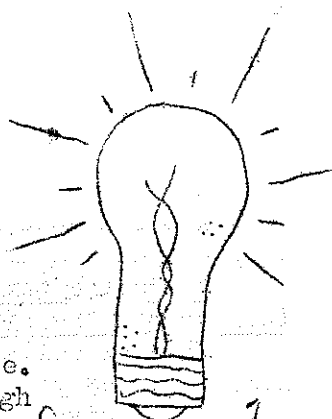
Rewrite the entire text changing the underlined sentences to indirect speech. Remember to change the position of the subject because you will be changing the questions into statements. Remember to change the tenses of the verbs and the pronouns too.



FROM EN BROUSSE

DEAR EARL:

We really enjoyed your from "En Brousse . . . En Ville" article. What we want to know is, even though we live in the same town as you, can we write a letter to you and get our names printed in the Camel Express? I mean, we know all sorts



FROM EN VILLE

of good gossip. For example, did you know that Clark was actually the subject of the 1st Grand Flag Profile? Well, it's true but we can't win the prize because of unfair advantage. And you know what else? He didn't want to put his name on it because all that stuff was true! And then there's that TEFL-YD conference that was in town. God, we know ALL the dirt!! Man, you wouldn't believe all the shit that went down. I mean, we had all sorts of histoires. There was the one about the missing sheets at the Hotel Central. (We know who did it, of course.) Can you believe that they accused us Peace Corps volunteers of something like that? But anyway we know all about it and really want to share it with you and everybody else. So let us know if the column is still on so we can get together and spill the beans.

CLERI & TOM  
(we have it rough too)

DEAR (and I use the term loosely) EARL:

Talk about unmitigated editorial audacity! I pour out my heart to you in strictest confidence, I reveal my innermost secrets and recount the wretchedly lurid details of my disgustingly debauched private life, and what do you do but publicize the thing for all the world to see! And if that wasn't bad enough, you spelled innumerable wrong! The list of atrocities of which I have been unwitting victim could continue for pages, but luckily I'm not a vengeful spiteful hardhearted unsympathetic sort of person. Otherwise I'd lace this letter with unjust accusations and threats of future violence of the most distasteful variety imaginable.

Suffice it to say, cher traître, that well, y'know, um. . . a good editor. . . a good friend. And if your going to clean up someone's language, for goodness sake, make it believable. Could anyone that knew me even slightly imagine me saying - re: the students- that they're hard working little people? PEOPLE? If you'd said stinkers or rascals or vayo s- the editorial substitution could have gone by undetected. But PEOPLE!! Oh, Earl. My faith has been lastingly shattered.

Looking greatly forward  
to seeing your highly  
undeserving self, NINA

(Ed. note: As you can see by the quality of the above letters, the pickins are mighty slim for material for this column. The writers of the first letter look to discredit our ethics and journalistic chutzpah, and the author of the second has delusions of Erma Bombeck. I'm sure we can find something with higher social redeeming qualities to fill this space. Look for Ronald Reagan campaign news next month in this same space.)

# YOU THINK AMERICANS ARE DUMB?

(borrowed from the  
Des Moines Sunday  
Register, June 3, 1979;  
written by Donald  
Kaul)

You hear about how  
uninformed the American  
people are. There are  
polls showing that 86% of  
them think that Zbigniew  
Brezinski is what the Pope  
says when he sneezes and that  
the China Syndrome is what you  
get when you drink the water  
in Peking.

I don't believe a word of it.  
The American people are not that  
dumb. If they were, they would  
not have lost confidence in their  
government. They pay attention,  
don't you worry.

To prove it, I'm going to of-  
fer a quiz right here and now.  
It is a series of simple ques-  
tions to test your knowledge of  
what's happening in the world  
today. A score of 70 % quali-  
fies you as a reliable observer,  
80 as a usually well-informed  
source, 90 as a high-ranking  
official and 100 means you're  
Henry Kissinger.

LAST YEAR MENACHEM BEGIN AND  
ANWAR SADAT WON THE NOBEL PEACE  
PRIZE FOR MAKING PEACE IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST. THIS YEAR PRESI-  
DENT CARTER WAS EXPECTED TO WIN  
THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR:

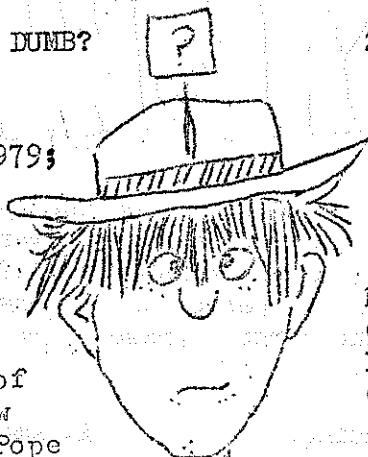
- 1) making peace in the middle  
East
- 2) making peace with Mexico
- 3) making peace with Ted Kennedy
- 4) not bombing Congress

THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IS WILLING  
TO CONSERVE FUEL BY CUTTING  
DOWN ON ITS DRIVING AS SOON AS:

- 1) Congress lowers its salaries
- 2) the Supreme Court poses for  
a nude fold-out in Playgirl
- 3) Hell freezes over
- 4) All of the above

THESE ARE FAMOUS LAST WORDS  
UTTERED BY FAMOUS AMERICANS.  
CAN YOU NAME THE PEOPLE WHO  
SAID THEM?

- 1) "I regret that I have but  
one life to give for my  
country."



- 2) "When things get tough,  
tell them to win one  
for the Gipper."
- 3) "Lordy, look at all  
them Indians."
- 4) "Megan, have you  
seen my socks?"

MATCH THE COUNTRIES IN  
COLUMN A WITH THE COUNTRIES  
IN COLUMN B THAT THEY ARE  
CURRENTLY HAVING A WAR WITH:

| A             | B             |
|---------------|---------------|
| South Yemen   | Vietnam       |
| North Ireland | Vietnam       |
| Cambodia      | North Yemen   |
| Chad          | North Ireland |
| China         | Jeremy        |

DID CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR JERRY  
BROWN START DATING LINDA RON-  
STADT BEFORE OR AFTER HE LOWERED  
HIS EXPECTATIONS, AND IF "AFTER",  
WHAT WERE HIS EXPECTATIONS?

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING HAVE  
NEVER BEEN MENTIONED FOR POLIT-  
ICAL OFFICE?

- 1) Woody Hayes
- 2) Paul "Bear" Bryant
- 3) Bud Wilkinson
- 4) Bob Cummings

WHAT DO THE FOLLOWING POLITICAL  
FIGURES HAVE IN COMMON?

- 1) Margaret Thatcher
- 2) Margaret Truman
- 3) Margaret Trudeau
- 4) Princess Margaret

IS RONALD REAGAN OLDER OR  
YOUNGER THAN:

- 1) Harold Stassen
- 2) The Ayatollah Khomeini
- 3) Marshall Tito
- 4) Gene Autry

WRITE AN ESSAY EXPLAINING THE  
STATE OF CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN  
SOCIETY. INCORPORATE THE FOL-  
LOWING WORDS AND PHRASES:

Congress, gutless, irresponsible,  
energy crunch, inflation spiral,  
multinational corporations, Me  
generation, vulnerable, three-  
inch bolt, fall of the Roman  
Empire, Strom Thurmond.

GOOD LUCK. THE ANSWERS MAY  
BE FOUND BY WRITING TO JOSEPH  
KRAFT.

# WHO SAID WHAT?

Below are two columns, on the left are quotations or paraphrases (covering our bases) and on the right you'll find the name(s) of the person or persons who uttered the words. Answers are provided elsewhere.

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|---|---|
| 1. Do you mind? / You're kidding!   | A. Ambassador Bishop                      |
| 2. What this country lacks is good Christian leadership.  | B. Randy Korthase                         |
| 3. Akwai wasika, ko?  | C. Brenda Talley                          |
| 4. Shiftless African sands....  | D. Hassane Seydou or Amadou Gourmandakoye |
| 5. You should see my bananas.   | E. Bill Zobrist                           |
| 6. She's such a twit.   | F. Earl Bricker                           |
| 7. The kids are so spread out and they never write.   | G. Reggie Glover                          |
| 8. And in <u>this</u> heat. . . . .   | H. Debbie Hubbard                         |
| 9. . . . .  | I. Mary Pat Champeau                      |
| 10. I'd like to talk about . . . V.D.   | J. David Gibbs                            |
| 11. COME on! COME on! Speak aloud.  | K. Roger Shands                           |
| 12. They treat us like mushrooms.   | L. Lola                                   |
| 13. Babbu wasika. (in response to no. 3)  | M. Clem Hearey                            |
| 14. What's this, Walter?  | N. Alice Bonner                           |
| 15. The French are very enthusiastic about their culture.   | O. Amadou, son of Ajibo                   |
| 16. I didn't come here to speak French, I came to teach English.                                      | P. Jim Delehanty                          |
| 17. Take my wife -- please.   | Q. Maigari                                |
| 18. Blow me, baby. (when asked, "What's for breakfast?")  | R. Mike Naugle                            |
| 19. I like this - give it to me.  | S. Mike and Cass Naugle                   |
| 20. What tools?   | U. Djibo, PG guardian                     |
| 21. The trick is to push them over when they're sound asleep.   | V. All YD volunteers                      |
| 22. Pine. (in response to "How are you?")   | W. Any Nigerian student                   |
| 23. That's <u>your</u> opinion.   | X. Phyllis Dichter                        |
| 24. I think I'll do a macramé project with the girls.   | Y. Wendell Pickett                        |
| 25. My house is too dirty.  | Z. Ray Jussauze                           |
| 26. Not without me!   | AA. Tom Doneker                           |
| 27. If you're going to talk politics, you have to speak the language - you have to define your terms. | BB. Jaye Krasnow                          |
|   | CC. Steve North                           |
|   | DD. Kem Duchesneau                        |
|   | EE. John Lemon                            |
- (more on following page)

- FF. Zinder PCV members of  
the French Club
- GG. Jerry Brown

ANSWERS:  
(10C, 2E, 3P, 4EE, 5N, 6AA, 7S, 8BB,  
10L, 11D, 12B, 13U, 14Y, 15A, 16F, 17R,  
18Q, 19W, 20M, 21I, 22O, 23C, 24K, 25G,  
26H, 27Z, 28X, 29FF, 30J, 31GG, 32V,  
33DD) Yes, there is no 9T because  
this offering was revised in a sober  
state.

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The L-S Syndrome is unique in the annals of the alphabet. Nonetheless, at least a few pairs of contrasting words can be hunted up to represent any combination of two letters.

- An interesting exercise involves the pairs A-A, B-B, C-C, ... Z-Z. Though more difficult to exemplify than the L-S Syndrome, each of the 26 pairs of letters CAN be conquered - with diligence and imagination. See how complete a list of like-letter opposites you can compile, avoiding word pairs that differ only in endings indicating gender (such as DUKE-DUCHESS or WAITER-WAITRESS). Possible solutions on a following page.

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Who ARE These People?????

All of the names listed below have been in the news at one time or another, but if you can identify even five of them, you're hot. A score of ten is sizzling. Get all sixteen and you could put the Encyclopedia Britannica out of business.

1. Louise Joy Brown
2. Sir John Betjeman
3. William Peter Blatty
4. Annabella Batistella
5. Henri Charriere
6. Frederic Dannay
7. Katharine Graham
8. Edward Hilgemeier
9. Leslie King, Jr.
10. Manfred B. Lee
11. William M. Lukash
12. Norris McWhirter
13. Diana Prince
14. Elzie Segar
15. Cheryl Stoppelmoor
16. Minoru Yamasaki

ANSWERS ON A LATER PAGE

The list can be extended at will. It was ~~LESCOP~~ who took up arms against the SOUTH, and de LESSEPS who built the SUEZ canal. One of the most intensely anticipated boxing bouts of this century, involving national and racial prestige, was the one in 1930 between Joe LOUIS and Max SCHMELING. Bolivia has two capitals: LA PAZ is the administrative capital, SUCRE the constitutional capital. For something less than LOVE and SEX, comic strip figure BATMAN has her hero SUPERMAN. And at the highest level, SATAN has opposed the LORD throughout eternity.

### SOURDOUGH STARTER

- 2 cups lukewarm potato water
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar

First make potato water by cutting up 2 medium-sized potatoes into cubes and boil in 3 cups of water until tender. Remove the potatoes and measure out 2 cups of remaining liquid. Mix the potato water, flour and sugar into a smooth paste. Set in a warm place until starter mixture rises to double its original size.

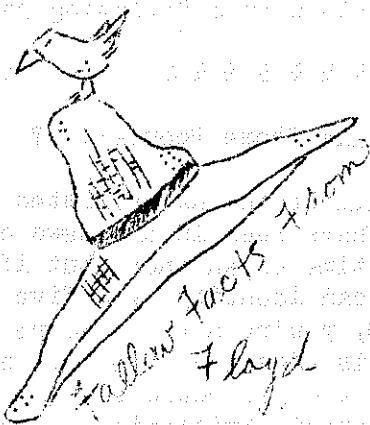
### SOURDOUGH BISCUITS

- 1 cup sourdough starter
- 1 teaspoon each of salt, sugar and soda
- 1 tablespoon shortening
- 3 to 4 cups sifted flour

Place flour in a bowl, make a well in the center and add sourdough starter. Stir in salt, sugar and soda and add shortening. Gradually mix in enough flour to make a stiff dough. Pinch off dough for one biscuit at a time; form a ball and roll it in melted shortening. Crowd the biscuits in a round 8" cake pan and allow to rise in a warm place for 20-30 minutes before baking. Bake at approximately 420 degrees until done.

- Clark Fleege

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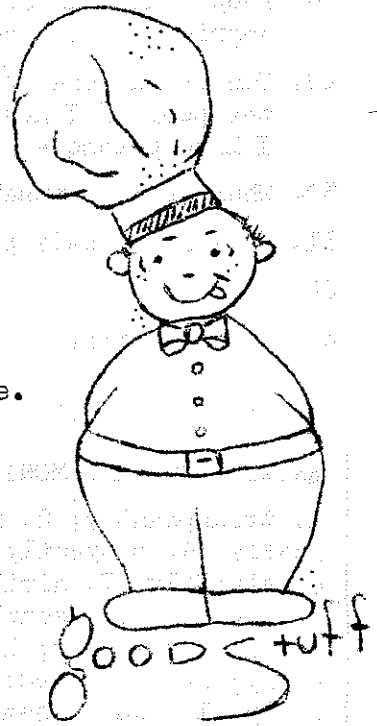
Another column bites the dust - this was written by Floyd, but during the 1978 Summer Omnibus. It's worth reprinting, so as a good-bye (maybe) to Floyd McGrath, here's the 2nd and perhaps the final "Fallow Facts From Floyd". Anyone else qualified or interested?

### GARDENING INDOORS

This article is in response to a real need expressed by PCV's located in areas where fresh vegetables are not available. A detailed explanation will be presented for a method for growing your own vegetables indoors. This method is "semi-hydroponics" which is a controlled method of supplying the needed nutrients and moisture requirements to plants growing in a rooting medium. It is really quite simple, and care in assembly will guarantee a fine crop of vegetables.

How to set up your garden:

- I. Materials:
  - 1 plastic dishpan approximately 9" deep
  - 1 piece of plastic tubing, 18" long
  - 1 clothespin or other device to use as a clamp
  - a gallon container with a lid
  - glue or stopper with a hole
  - handful of pot shards (broken pieces of pottery)
  - liquid fertilizer (fish emulsion or 6 mega or 12 multi-vitamin pills per gallon of water -- KEEP SOLUTION OUT OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT)
  - assorted seeds



## II. Setting up your garden:

- A. Cut a hole slightly smaller than the diameter of the plastic tube in one corner of the plastic pan.
- B. Seal the tube flush with the pan with glue or the rubber stopper so the water will drain completely.
- C. Place pot shards over the opening to prevent clogging.
- D. Fill the plastic pan to within 2" of the top with coarse sand and small pebbles for a rooting material.
- E. Plant root vegetables (carrots, radishes, beets, turnips, etc.)
- F. Place seeds approximately 1" apart in rows 4" apart. Cover with sand and press firmly over the top of the seeds.
- G. Sprinkle fertilizer solution over garden several times a day to keep moist until the seeds begin to sprout, approximately 4-7 days for most vegetables.

## III. The hydroponic method:

When the first sprouts appear, you are ready to use the hydroponic method to promote rapid vegetable growth.

- A. Select the area in your house which receives the most sunlight.
- B. With the pan on a solid surface and the tube firmly clamped, fill the pan with the fertilizer solution until completely flooded.
- C. After the growing surface has remained covered for 30 minutes, drain the solution back into the gallon container. This is done by raising one end of the pan and placing a rock or stick or a book under it to keep it raised. Release the clamp and allow the solution to drain thoroughly.
- D. From April through September repeat the flooding process 3 times daily. For the rest of the year, twice daily should be enough.

## Helpful Hints:

- A. Droopy or wilted looking vegetables can be restored by one or more of the following:
  - more water
  - more food
  - more sunlight
- B. Be sure each draining is complete so that air is allowed to penetrate the root zone.
- C. Thinning will be necessary to allow the best plants to develop to maturity. The thinned vegetables are still high in food value and can be eaten. The vegetable tops of nearly all the root plants make an excellent and nutritious supplement to your diet. Remember that vegetables eaten raw provide maximum nutritional value.
- D. Utilize the water from cooked vegetables for soup stock or return it to your garden by adding it to the fertilizer solution. This stock is still high in nutritive value.

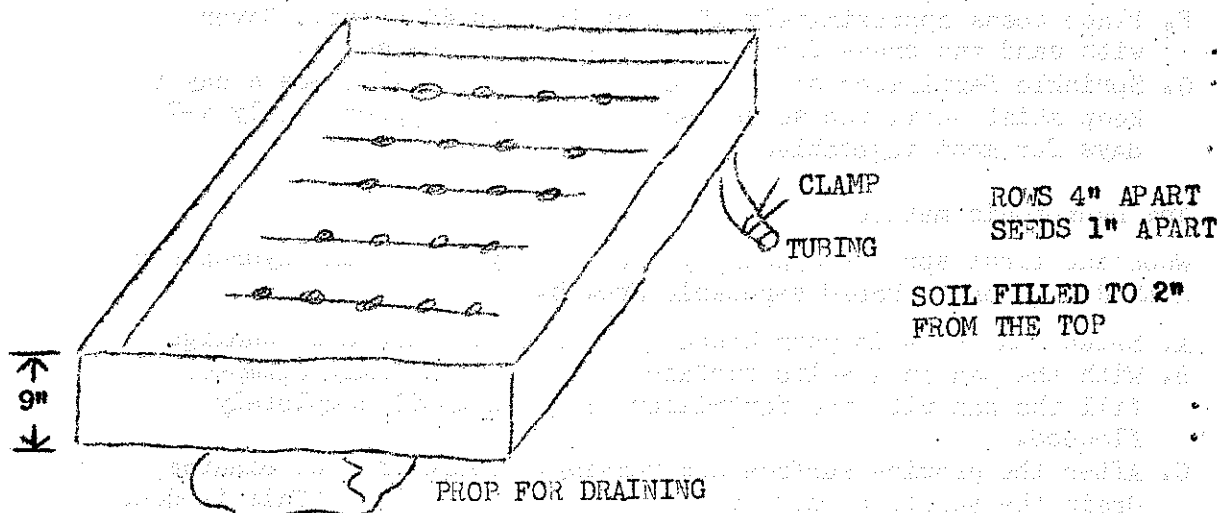
This garden can maintain continuous production simply:

- A. Start new rows of seeds between rows currently being harvested.
- B. Break off outside leaves of leafy vegetables (lettuce, cabbage, spinach, chard, etc.). These plants will produce new leaves continuously.
- C. Green onions and garlic will regenerate their green tops if you leave a small piece of stem intact. Later you may eat the bulb.

## Alternate method:

Construct a wooden box approximately 2' x 2' x 1'. In it put a mixture of 1/3 clay soil, 1/3 sand, and 1/3 decayed organic matter such as mulch, humus or dried animal waste. Planting is done the same way, but watering less frequently. Watering every third day with two quarts of water should be adequate. Fertilizer should be applied about every three weeks. The soil should be allowed to dry almost completely between waterings.

You can decorate your house by planting additional vegetables, herbs and flowers in containers with adequate drainage. Place them on windowsills, tables, or suspended from the ceiling. Larger plants that take longer to mature and need more space such as tomatoes, bell peppers, zucchini, cucumbers and green beans are more successfully grown inside by using this method. If you like, you can even try growing watermelons, canteloupes and honeydew melons around your walls. They will require some support but will do quite well inside with minimal care. ENJOY!!!



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#### Possible solutions to WORDROW: Secret Links

- A - asleep/awake; arctic/antartic
- B - brain/brawn; bearish/bullish
- C - charge/credit; concave/convex
- D - dawn/dusk; dot/dash
- E - entrance/exit; enduring/ephemeral
- F - friend/foe; flora/fauna
- G - guys/gals; gander/goose
- H - his/hers; heaven/hell
- I - impulsive/inhibited  
intelligence/idiocy
- J - Jack/Jill; judge/jury
- K - kith/kin; knight/knave
- L - lord/lady; latitude/longitude
- M - mountain/molehill;  
maximum/minimum
- N - name/number; niece/nephew
- O - off/on; orient/occident
- P - push/pull; pleasure/pain
- Q - quantity/quality; quarter/  
quadrennum (1/4 year vs. 4 years)
- R - rags/riches; reactionary/radical
- S - saint/sinner; save/spend
- T - thick/thin; turmoil/tranquility
- U - usual/unusual; Uрга/Ulan Bator  
(former and current names of  
the capital of Mongolia)
- V - virtue/vice; victor/vanquished
- W - wax/wane; warp/woof
- X - xenophile/xenophobe  
xerophilus/xerophobic
- Y - yin/yang; yestermorn/yestereve
- Z - zig/zag; zero/zillion

#### Who ARE These People???? - ANSWERS:

1. first test-tube baby
2. British poet laureate,  
since 1972
3. author, The Exorcist
4. a/k/a Fanne Foxe, one-time  
Capitol Hill stripper
5. escapee from Devil's Island,  
a/k/a "Papillon"
6. co-creator of Ellery Queen
7. publisher of The Washington  
Post
8. man who blew the whistle
9. Gerald Ford's name at birth
10. see no. 6
11. physician to President Carter
12. Editor, Guinness Book of  
World Records
13. Wonder Woman's alter ego
14. creator of Popeye the Sailor
15. a/k/a Cheryl Ladd
16. architect, NYC's World Trade  
Center

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Wanted to sell - portable type  
writer, 5000 CFA, good condition.  
Contact Angie Williams, Niamey.

Wanted to buy - a used, 6 string  
guitar (acoustic). Contact  
Karen Mortensen, lab tech  
stagiaire, Niamey.

SUGAR BOWL

Alabama 24  
Arkansas 9

COTTON BOWL

Houston 17  
Nebraska 14

(winning TD in the last minute)

C.E.G. ZINGOV BOWL

4ème B 3  
5ème B 2

(won in penalty kicks)

ORANGE BOWL

Oklahoma 24  
Florida St. 7

ROSE BOWL

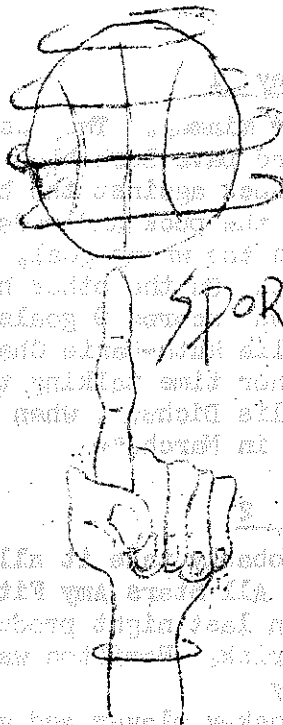
U.S.C. 17  
Ohio State 16

(winning TD in the last minute)

TOILET BOWL

Fay 0  
Ramadex 0

(both teams stuck to their running game)



by Ring Doneker, Jr. and  
Red Hearey with an assist  
by Howard Mayer

DAREDEVIL MOBYLETTE RIDING has been introduced by Cynthia "Crash" Evans. Her novel technique of riding through potholes without hands distinguishes her from those cyclists without style. When complimented on her panache, she replied, "You gotta believe in your machine."

NNHL (National Nigerien Hockey League)

EAST

WEST

|           | W  | L  | T  | Pts |              | W  | L  | T | Pts |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|--------------|----|----|---|-----|
| Bilma     |    |    |    |     | Tahoua       |    |    |   |     |
| Bruins    | 12 | 3  | 5  | 23  | Twits        | 15 | 3  | 2 | 32  |
| Maradi    |    |    |    |     | Gaya         |    |    |   |     |
| Marauders | 10 | 6  | 4  | 24  | Gropers      | 10 | 3  | 7 | 27  |
| Tessaoua  |    |    |    |     | GuidanRoumji |    |    |   |     |
| Treefrogs | 8  | 8  | 4  | 20  | Grunts       | 10 | 5  | 5 | 25  |
| Matamaye  |    |    |    |     | Dosso        |    |    |   |     |
| Monkeys   | 4  | 6  | 10 | 18  | Dopes        | 5  | 10 | 5 | 15  |
| Magaria   |    |    |    |     | Niamay       |    |    |   |     |
| Maulers   | 2  | 12 | 6  | 10  | Nerds        | 0  | 33 | 0 | -47 |

Bilma 2, Magaria 0

This, as usual with Magaria games, was marred by violence. Led by the Maulers' flesh-eating defenseman, Gwen "Cheap Shot" Updegraff, the benches were cleared during two separate brawls. Updegraff was suspended by NHL Commissioner Daouda Borge for three months for, in his words, "mistaking a tuareg sword for a hockey stick".

Tessaoua 4, Guidan Roumji 0

This historic rivalry was again a hard-fought battle, closer than the score indicates. As always, Grunt defenseman, Mike Klinger, played a tough game. Unfortunately, for the third time in a row, he was totally outclassed by the leading scorer of the NHL, Treefrog Center, Dave Gibbs. Tessaoua Goalie, Katie "Betcha can't get it by me" Rorison, registered her first shut-out this season.

Gaya 2, Matamaye 1

The winning goal in this match came with less than two minutes left in the third period. Moments after normally cool Matamaye captain, Jaye Krasnow, was ejected for protesting an offsides call, Groper defenseman, Belle Verbics, cleared the puck from behind their goal. Wing Randy Korthase picked it up and scored on a one-on-one.

Maradi 24 Niamey 1

This game was a good effort by Niamey. They scored their first goal this season, coming about after Nerd Dave Bush blew Marauder forward Brian Kern away with a blistering body check against the boards. Upon picking himself up, the dazed Kern stole the puck and made a brilliant fast break. Unfortunately, he went towards the wrong goal, and he caught Maradi goalie Mary Abrams completely unaware. On the other hand, the Marauders' powerful forwards, led by Cass Naugle who scored 9 goals and 8 assists, had a better than average night. Nerd goalie Ruth-Marie Chambers, always a favorite with the fans, spent most of her time talking to them. Thus the 24 goals were scored. Nerd Coach Phyllis Dichter, when asked about the loss said, "What do I care? I'm leaving in March."

Tahoua 4 Dosso 2

Tahoua, the team that will probably take it all this year, did it again. The best line in the league, All Stars Amy Fitzpatrick, Terry Hanson and Charmie Hamilton clicked again last night producing all four goals. Hanson scored two as did Fitzpatrick. Hamilton was shut out when a rookie teammate, upon hearing her say

"Make like a hockey player and get the puck out of here."

took her seriously. Ray "Not your usual hockey player" Jussaume was ejected from the game after an argument with referee Mamoudou Issa. After the game, Issa was asked about it and said, "That 'be' wanted me to see fine offside. What does he think this is, the SALT Talks?"

\* JOKE.

#### WNHL NOTES:

We have some unfortunate news for you hockey fans. Two franchises have recently folded. Douthi was not able to function after two star players left. We were told by Coach Marc Litton that Dave "Hey Man" Sanders was sent to the minors for his notorious "lack of guts". He was followed by Pete "Blind Side" Cowans. His official reason for leaving was a chronic back injury, but we have reports of his starring this season with the Vodkas of the Russian League, Stolichnaya.

Moving farther West, the Tillabéri team also bit the dust. George "Iceman" Russell retired after management refused to trade him to Matamaye. There is hope that we may see the Tillabéri Ticklers back on the ice soon. Coach Floyd "Veggie" McGrath is in the USA on a talent search. His main concern is finding a replacement for Karen "Hot Stuff" Curtin who played out her option.

#### SPORTS PORTS PORTS PORTS PORTS PORTS PORTS PORTS PORTS

##### ANSWERS: TRY YOUR HAND

1. sleight-of-hand; 2. underhanded;  
3. handbook; 4. hand pick; 5. first-hand;  
6. "All hands on deck"; 7. hand-dicap;  
8. hands down, handily;  
9. handwriting on the wall; 10. a bird in the hand;  
11. handkerchief;  
12. handcuffs; 13. "I Want To Hold Your Hand";  
14. four-in-hand;  
15. Cool Hand Luke; 16. handspring;  
17. hand-me-downs; 18. on the other hand.

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I know it's a strange request, but Carol Pint is planning to take a motorcycle trip or something and needs rain gear. Contact her here in Zinder.

##### PARE A PAIR OF PEARS

1. I'll, aisle; 2. gnu, knew, new;  
3. allowed, aloud; 4. Auntie, ante, anti;  
5. heel, heal, he'll; 6. seen, scene;  
7. worst, wurst; 8. rode, road, rowed;  
9. chorale, corral;  
10. patients, patience; 11. praise, preys, prays;  
12. youse, ewes, yews, use.

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The longest sentence ever published appears in Victor Hugo's Les Misérables; 823 words long, it takes up three pages. Hugo also wrote the shortest letter. To find out how the book was selling, he wrote to his publisher, "?" The reply was "!"