

'Sunny Side' helped solve trivia twists

Bifocals trivia:

For the first time anywhere, I have just read the full name of famed poet Edgar A. Guest and his sorely missed son, "Bud," a nickname far more appropriate for the WJR "Sunny Side of the Street" host who entertained us for so many years than had he traveled through life as "Junior."

The "A" stood for Albert. This is the sort of information one gleams from obituary columns. In this case the source being the current edition of Michigan Alumnus, a magazine published six times a year for members of the University of Michigan Alumni Association. Bud, who lived his final years in Troy, was a 1934 graduate of U-M.

Dorothy Packer of Redford, and others who responded so kindly after a recent column which reminded some-

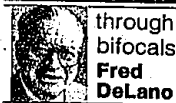
what about the type of yarns which intrigued Bud. He might have enjoyed this one which I came across earlier this year.

HAD BUD still been on the air, I'll bet he could have drawn chuckles by likening it to personal experience.

It's an anecdote about Bill Veeck, the renowned sportsman who died in January, and was recalled in these words by Jerome Holtzman in the Chicago Tribune:

"Veeck purchased a toy gas station for one of his grandchildren, a Christmas gift. It had to be assembled. He stayed up all night, trying to put it together. He was so disturbed that when he paid the bill he tore his check into little pieces and wrote a note to the department store, 'Okay, now you put this together.'"

Can you imagine the flood of replies



through bifocals
Fred DeLano

Bud would have had from his metropolitan Detroit listeners had he spun that one and asked for similar-true tales of woe from do-it-yourself haters?

"Such earthshaking things as which direction the water swirls when it goes down the drain or why a shower curtain always billows inward were the gist of 'Sunny Side,'" wrote Bettelou Peterson in the Free Press after Bud's death.

Then she quoted Guest as having said in an earlier interview, "We got into the darndest things. I'd say I settled that

drain thing five times. You know, looking back, I'd say that was the best part of it all - the fun I gave other people ... giving somebody 15 minutes when he could stop and laugh at something."

FOR AN interesting mind-grabber, consider the very first sentence in a short story by Jeffrey Archer called "The First Miracle." The story is set in Bethlehem and is built around an experience of a Roman lad named - you guessed it - Pontius. The opening line reads:

"Tomorrow it would be 1 A.D., but nobody had told him."

Resultant persual of encyclopedias straightened me out on how calendar historians developed acceptable methods of counting years. Not long ago I brought this up as a dinner table topic when one of the guests was an ulceric college mathematics instructor.

I expressed the hope that both of us will be alive to see the world enter the 21st Century and, posing as an authority, said this would be Jan. 1, 2000. He corrected me politely but firmly, to which I replied that if Bud Guest still were alive I could find out for sure, by golly.

When we got out the books and my friend was proven correct saying it would be Jan. 1, 2001, I made the feeble joke that apparently only on Michigan license plates do we start counting with zero.

By brandy and cigars we were arguing whether a Ferris wheel spins clockwise or counter-clockwise and whether there ever have been any amendments to the Ten Commandments.

Bud, you could have been such a help if you'd only stayed around a while longer.

Farmington readers' forum

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Festival should include dancers

To the editor:
I find it puzzling that during the Farmington Founders Day Festival, my dance studio, 33305 Grand River, in the heart of downtown Farmington, has been excluded from performing at the showmobile for two years now.

In years past the entertainment included many area dance studios who were more than happy to bring forth their talents to add to the joyous occasion of celebrating Farmington's Founders Day.

For the past two years, however, only one dance studio has performed. The Betty Johnston Studio performed nine times in 1988, and five times in 1989 and I was told that my students could not perform.

It seems to me that all businesses in Farmington should be included in the celebration if they wish to be, and these exclusion practices be halted.

Barbara Hatch,
Farmington

Founders Fest lacked variety

To the editor:
Now that the Farmington Founders Festival is over, I need to comment on an observation I made.

I love the entertainment each year. This year, I noticed that Thursday and Friday were almost instant replays of each other. I don't know who was in charge of the entertainment, but I can't help but wonder why there wasn't more of a variety.

Since this event was for Farmington, why wasn't more of Farmington represented?

For example, I know there is more than just one dance studio in Farmington. In fact, there were young dancers in the audience who felt left out. They didn't get to participate because their studio wasn't included in the scheduling. I think it would have been nice for each dance studio to be represented.

Next year, I hope the Festival will be better and we can see a sample of all Farmington's talented young dancers, not just a selected few.

Brenda Verlinde
Farmington Hills

Let's expand entertainment

To the editor:
Until recently, I've always enjoyed the entertainment at the Founders Festival. There always seemed to be a wide variety of performances.

The past two years have been quite a disappointment. I no longer look forward to attending each night because the entertainment is basically a repeat of the night before.

I can't fail to mention that I danced at the festival for many years and found it a great experience and also a lot of fun. I have a very hard time understanding why there is, supposedly, no time available to the many good dance studios of the area, yet, one small studio has now monopolized the show for two years.

I remember sitting for hours watching and enjoying this area's studios perform, and also I enjoyed seeing my competition as a young dancer. Now, as I've said, a lot seems missing.

I hope that this letter influences you some on the agenda of next year's entertainment. I know several other

Farmington citizens that feel the same way.

Mindy Marx
Farmington Hills

Fermi 2: It affects us all

To the editor:
I was hoping that you would have an article about the Fermi 2 nuclear plant in Monroe. This problem affects all of us, not just the people in Monroe. This seriously defective plant is only 30 miles from us. It has had a poor work record and questionable administration by Edison. This plant poses risks to our children, our lives, and the value of our property.

The Fermi 2 plant is due to begin operation at the end of July. This is an outrage! I have written to Governor Blanchard and our congressman. I certainly support the amendment to the Michigan Constitution on the November ballot supported by the Michigan Citizens Lobby. This amendment will prevent Edison and all utilities from using taxpayers' money for rate increases to pay for these plants.

We do not even need this energy source from the Fermi 2 plant to have enough safe energy in Michigan. The Safe Energy Coalition of Michigan is directly trying to stop the operation of this plant.

Carol A. Simmons,
Bloomfield Township

The coverage was excellent

To the editor:
I should like to thank you on behalf of our organization for Louise Okrusky's article in the June 23 Observer.

Personally, I was pleased that the points I wished to make came across so clearly. It was an excellent and well-written piece of journalism. We are always happy when information on our Alliance is made available to the public.

Hopefully, it will enable a few more families to become educated about any problem they have been concealing, thereby adding to our constituency and to a bit of hopefulness in their lives.

Dorothy McQueen, president,
Alliance for the Mentally III of Michigan

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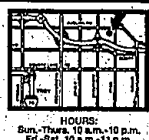
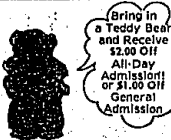
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