

"The secret to humor is surprise.-Aristotle."

On the Origin of Humor

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Some say comedy is an art, other say it is a science. Personally I think it is more like a religion. One day a long, long time ago a bunch of people got together, mostly men. Primarily because they were sexist pigs at the time but also because women knew when men got together in large groups they were going to either start a war or form a secondary societal structure that would define their lives for thousands of years.

When humor began it was outlawed, the earliest comedy clubs developed the first "Knock

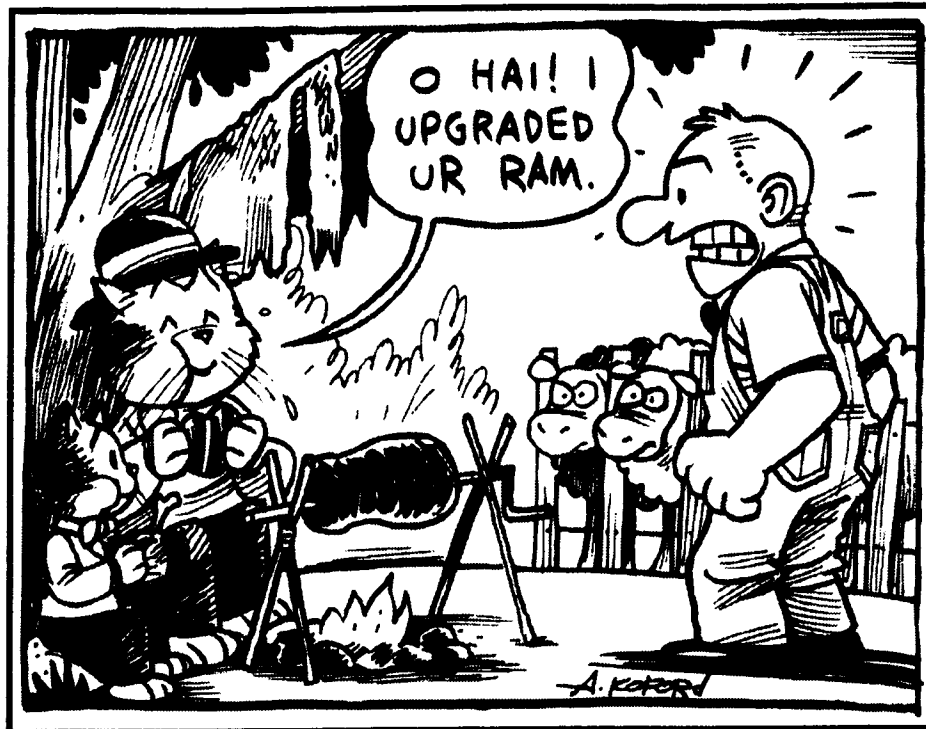
Knock" joke as passwords. When a person would knock twice the guard would ask, "Who's there" and the person would have to respond with the correct phrase and quickly in order to be let in.

Another development that humorists can be credited for is the well know "fish" symbol from Christianity. During the days when humor was outlawed people would indicate the closest comedy club by drawing an arrow shape in the dirt. Soon with all the fishermen that attended comedy events, the indicator changed into a fish.

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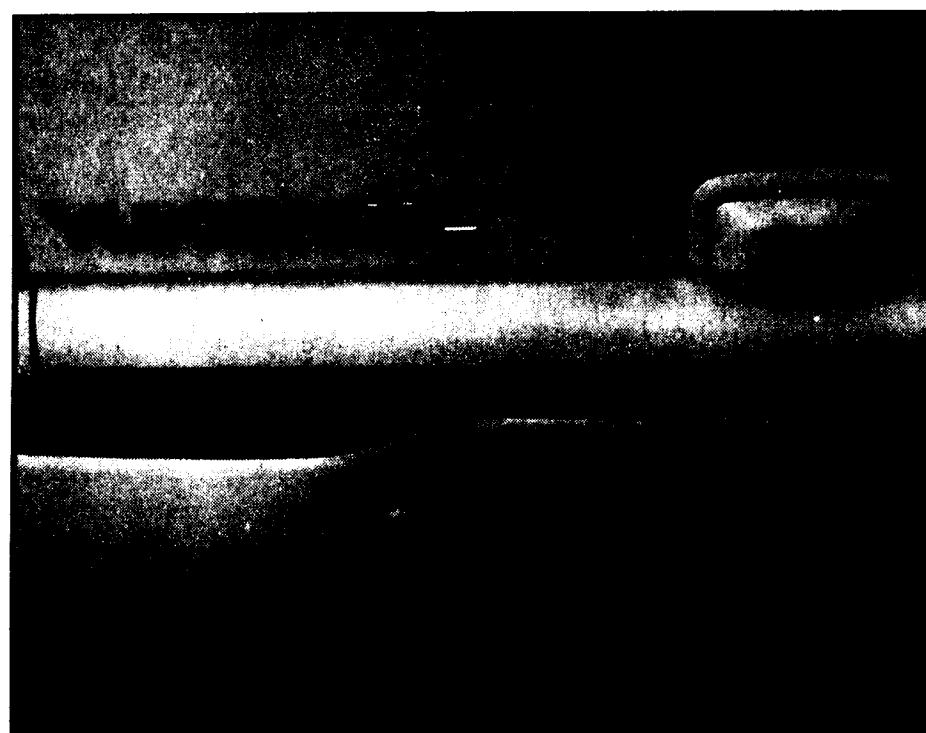
Laugh Out Loud Cats #24

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Our LA Correspondent, Jerry Pohl is confounded with the two original muses of comedy.



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Astrology
I tried to look up at the sky last night to read the stars, but it was really cloudy and it got cold so I went inside. I guess that means winter in Erie sucks.

Aries March 21-April 19 - Your significant other is cheating on you. Yes, this is true for every Aries in a relationship. If you're not in a relationship then you dodged a serious bullet.

Taurus April 20-May 20 - You may be in an unusually assertive mood today, and this can be played to your advantage if you plan ahead. I recommend against kidnapping someone to make them watch a slideshow. That might be coming on too strong.

Scorpio October 23 - November 21 - The clouds will part and the sky cracks open / And God himself will reach his fucking arm through / Just to push you down / Just to hold you down. Sorry, I was listening to my iPod when I wrote yours. I forgot what the real one was.

Gemini May 21-June 21 - Winter is intensifying and it can be frustrating, but try to keep a steady mind and prepare for spring. Now's a good time to work on reinventing yourself, but that is not a cue to dress up as Hunter S. Thompson. Dressing like Hunter doesn't solve anyone's problems, just ask Hunter.

Sagittarius November 22-December 21 - Uninstall all those gaudy-ass Facebook applications. Don't argue with me.

Cancer June 22-July 22 -- Y'know how the cancer symbol is a crab? Well guess what?

Capricorn December 22-January 19 - As soon as you have a chance grab a fortune cookie. Take the paper out, read it, re-read the fortune and take it to heart. Keep that fortune on hand, whenever you need advice; make it your mantra in bed. Hee hee hee.

Leo July 23-August 22 -- Cloverfield: What are you waiting for, see this movie! Also, buy a large coke at the theatre and oppose music downloads. One nation, one people, one Volkswagen. Rock over London, rock on Chicago!

Aquarius January 20-February 18 -Your friends in high places will surprise you with a newspaper page dedicated to you. Happy Birthday Jerry!

Virgo August 23-September 22 - Just a warning, you're well on your way to becoming the crazy cat lady. If you're a male Virgo, your fate is equally grim. Sell your Warhammer figurines and find a life outside of Metroid speed runs.

Pisces February 19-March 20 - With the potential of the 2008 election, now is as good a time as any to electrify your interest in politics. Before heading to the voting booth, ask yourself: "Whom do I see winning in a bicycle joust?"



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