

John Barnes' Our Town

Of 'etaoin shrdlu,' readers and journalists

Anyone missed old 'etaoin shrdlu'?

This query will mean nothing to you if you are too young...

Back when yours truly was starting out in the field of news writing...

The trouble with a newspaper, a business friend says, goes like this...

Typographical mistakes are objectionable to all readers who know how to spell...

A worried mother wrote, and many others phoned last week taking us to task...

Her letter says: 'Ever since my children have been old enough to understand the meaning of the word...

When my 9-year-old son saw the photograph in your newspaper, he was quick to point out...

Art Buchwald

A 'Dear Artie' column

DEAR ARTIE: My husband came home at 10 o'clock last night, tired and worn out...

DEAR ARTIE: I am a bachelor and I like to have a good time. The other day I was waiting in a long line for gas...

DEAR ARTIE: I am in love with a young, handsome, wealthy boy from one of the best families in town...



HEY, IF THIS IS WHAT 600 INTERVIEWEES OFFERED FROM SACRAMENTO, WHO ARE THE OTHER 220 MILLION OF US TO DISAGREE?

while playing with a group of neighborhood children.

QUOTE: 'Only parents' love can last our lives.'

Thinking Aloud

Talking this week with Ann Harris and realized it was exactly a year ago today that Louis was laid to rest...

Traffic Conversion

Being 'born again' is an experience which has received quite a going-over by certain aspects of the news media...

Why is it that a friendly, considerate individual afoot changes often into a dangerous, hateful person while driving?

I drive the John C. Calhoun Expressway to work each morning I drive within the speed limit of 50. Sometimes I drive 45.

You'd think it was I committing a crime instead of the others. They zoom by me so fast I don't roll up the window...

I don't care what the other drivers do. Which ones kill which ones. But I do disapprove of their trying to make me a part of their act.

When we get to where Calhoun Expressway melts into two lanes going left and one going right, things get really interesting.

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The late Billy Lee was the first president, and Peter McCreey then assumed control at a long ago stockholder meeting.

Money awaits these at 419 Southern Esplanade Bldg, otherwise the sum not paid will go to the University of Georgia.

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Gas Diggers

Amid all the current turmoil over oil shortages, not everyone may recall that there has been at least one serious attempt to find oil in Georgia.

In the early 1950's, Carpenter Oil Co. was formed by a group of citizens for the purpose of drilling for oil near Douglas, Ga.

No oil was found though some seven holes were drilled. Gale S. Davis, late of Louisville, was the moving spirit who let the other guy win.

Responded, there are still many people who have not redeemed their stock.

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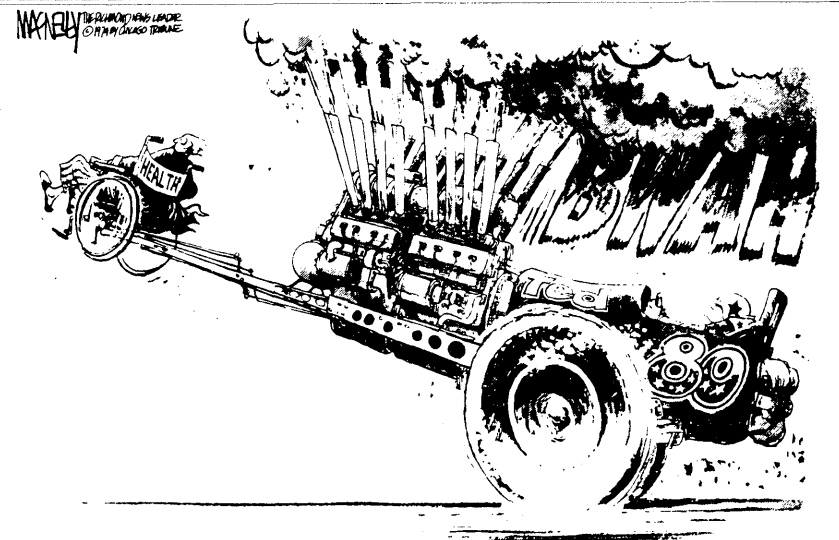
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