

MING NEWS

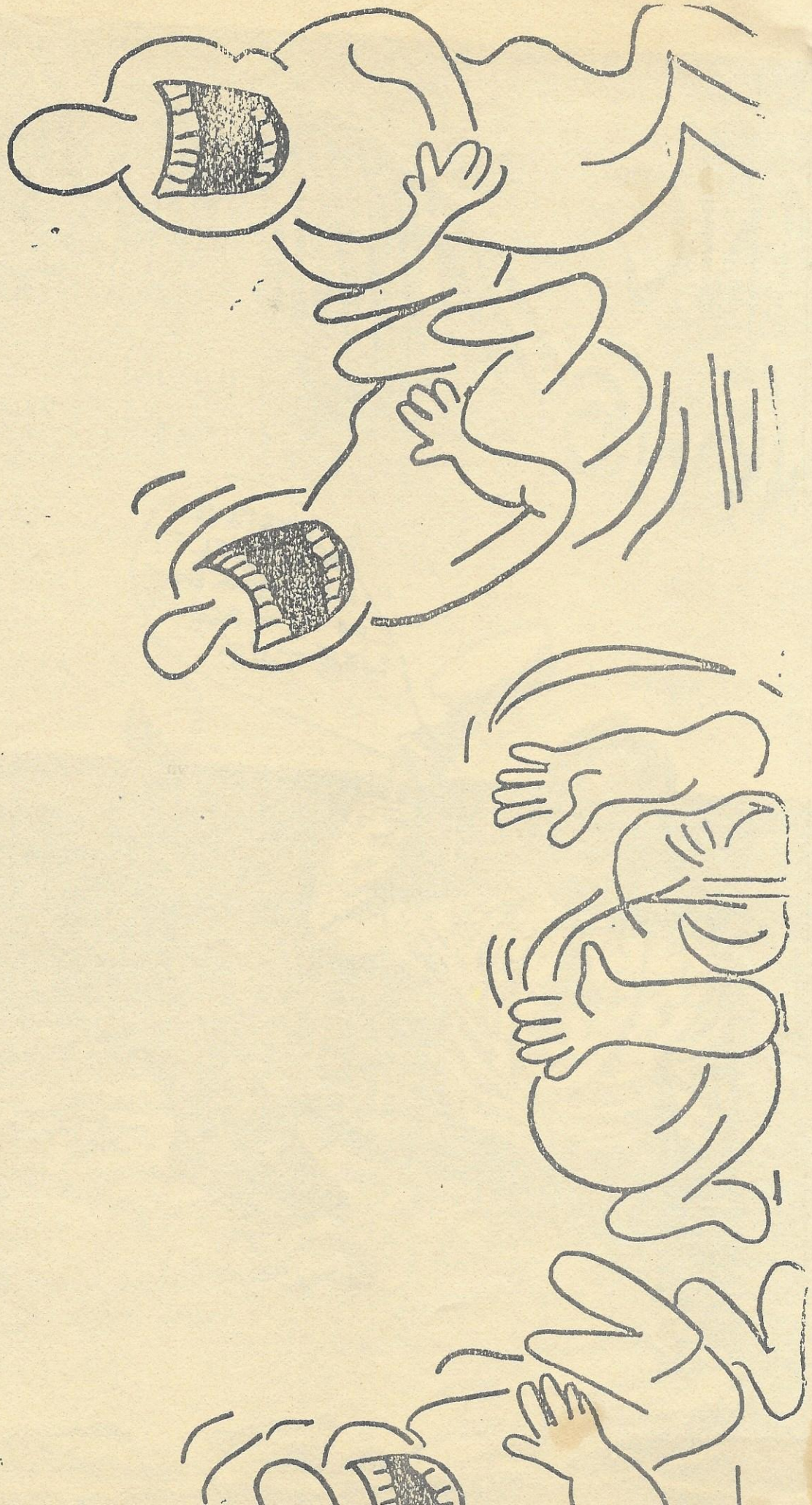
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WHAT'S A
NICE GIRL
LIKE YOU DOING
IN A PLACE
LIKE THIS?



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Do you WANT IT DONE BY WHEN?.....



EDITORIAL

GOOD AFTERNOON FOLKS, glad to have you with us again. The week comes to a close once more as the M.N.C. News producers once more get the press into action. But what can we talk about this week? The girl on the front looks extremely interesting (skirt from Harrods £13/50); very rare species, found mainly in garden parties clinging to the arm of 6'4" Karate black belt champion with national health glasses.

However, this week we have 'wafted' her all the way to a tropical island to cater for every seaman's fantasy (incidentally, her name's Fred).

It's the nearest we can get to a Page Three Girl (but Paul Clark has volunteered).

Week's Summary Last Friday, to those who missed out, saw an invasion of extremely nice young ladies to the College's Disco. In fact, at one stage it became highly embarrassing, with more girls than guys, and the likely lads seemed to have more pleasure in dancing with themselves, oblivious to the (excuse the phrase) talent around them. Then a certain young man anon to all displayed the latest in the range of hairy legs whilst incorporating the last tango in Greenhithe. Saturday morning was seen through sleepy eyes as the light came bursting through the curtain, followed by that beautiful, sweet music to all ears, "Good morning, 7.45. Breakfast will be served shortly." AHHHHHHHHHHHHH!

Then came the clearing up from the night before, or could I be frank and say, lack of it. So while all you guys played on the asteroids or compiled an eyelid survey, poor old Ed with three dippins, one mop and a pint of beer (stale, I hasten to add), did mortal combat with the Disco area, so please, next time, lend a hand.

Items to Remember Sunday morning, 11.00 am 19th October (this Sunday), M.N.C. Rugby XV v Poplar. Sunday 9th November, a sponsored row is being held by the College on behalf of the R.N.L.I. Sponsor forms can be collected from the Duty Office when available. Volunteers would be most welcome. Remember, one day you might need a helping hand from them.

See you again next week. Lots of love - ED.

Letter from the South East Thames Regional Health Authority, Blood Transfusion Service:

Dear Dr. Emmons - I should like to thank you for your kind assistance in connection with the Blood Donor Session held in our Mobile Donor Unit vehicle on Thursday 9th October.

Our team collected 53 units of blood this time, which was of tremendous value to the hospitals in these times of ever increasing need for blood.

Your help and support in this way is very much appreciated, and we look forward to our next visit to you.

Yours sincerely ---

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS Revised and Supplemented for Parents

1. Begin at infancy to give the child all he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe that the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute.
3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he's twenty-one and then let him 'decide for himself'.
4. Avoid the use of the word 'wrong'. It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when arrested for car stealing, that society is against him.
5. Pick up everything he leaves out. Do everything for him, so that he will be experined in throwing all responsibility on others.
6. Let him read any printed matter that he can get into his hands and watch any and every TV programme. Be careful that the silverware and glasses are sterilised, but let his mind feed on garbage.
7. Quarrel often in the child's presence. In this way he will not be too shocked when the home breaks up.
8. Give a child all the spending money he wants. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?
9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. Denial may lead to harmful frustration!
10. Take his part against neighbours, teachers and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child!
11. When he gets into real trouble, apologise for yourself by saying, 'I could never do anything with him'.
12. Prepare for a life of grief. You will be likely to have it!

Last Friday saw M.N.C.'s version of "American Graffiti" come "Saturday Night Fever", their way.

There were no men in white suits - although it wouldn't have been a bad idea to remove certain dancing personnel. Not to be deterred, though, the Mad Hatters did arrive, ranging from bobble to flat caps, and naval caps to Taffy's version of the "Flying Nun" (more of that later). To the amazement of most, women were in relative abundance (6:1 is better than 12:1), however, Taffy has to be excluded here, even though he was dancing with anybody handy!

By nine o'clock we had over one hundred rockers and junketeers - mainly propping up the bar - the disco desolate in the wilderness (like the old MNC discos). Whilst the tension built up around the pinball and vector machines (where is Vector Man these days?) the hungry hordes, their mouths drooling, rushed for the hamburger and chips - it wasn't that they were after either, eh, Colin!

In the minds of the hierarchy a plan of attack was just about to begin. Yes MNC - you have suffered the same fate at many thousands of others have - he came all over the disco, transmitting forth the vibes.

MNC were ..., words cannot express it! To show it, posteriors were upon the floor practicing their rowing (look out Oxford and Cambridge) for the RNLI Sponsored Row on November 9th. John Travolta, eat your heart out - the pogoing and nutting and the others were - well, unusual, - to say the least. (We know how to enjoy ourselves, eh, lads, accompanied by Man's best friend, Booze!)

The atmosphere grew to a high pitch and the excitement grew - not because Sally has appeared, "Where's the ice pack?", or Paddy and his Rugby balls; Gobi nearly came close though, doing his thing trouserless - Yes, the dance contest had arrived. Finally, two Navvies (of course) - "Bob the Dog" and "Dave the Hooker" showed their way of doing it upon the floor (some of you out there have got filthy minds).

The cheers for both raised the roof (until the climax was reached Ohh!! Yes, Sally had decided - Bob was her man and won the title MNC Disco Dancer. However, not to be deterred by the poster, Taffy was arguing about his prize for the most original hat. In the end like a true Welshman he made a quick grab for Sally, beating our new J.T. by a leek's length (sorry about that), and showed her what it was all about.

Like all good things - they come to an end. Showing their appreciation not only for themselves, but to Paddy, who organised it all and the disco, nor forgetting me (I have to have a mention somewhere). A good night to remember, and one that shall go down in MNC history. In about 3 weeks we will possibly have the next function, so get practicing those steps.

Thanks to all who came, and those who helped to set up and clear away the hall. The main thing, - I had a good time, anyway.

R.P. Carlton, ONC IIIA

READER'S LETTER

Mr. Clark wishes to inform the members of the Sexual Deviation Society that due to his high moral upbringing he is unable to attain the demanding and relentless pace that is expected from its "members", to keep this society as one of the forerunners of new sexual deviation awareness in the world, and as his mother has told him to pack it all in as it stunts your growth, makes you go deaf, makes you go blind, keeps you up late at night, makes you tired and is not as good as women in black leather thigh length boots, black corset, 65 inch bust, whipping him, I wish all the people who remain in the society a gay time.

PAUL CLARK

WATER WATER EVERYWHERE BUT NOT A DROP WAS DRUNK

On the 23rd August 1797, the USS "Constitution", carrying its regular cargo, set sail from Boston with 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum. Her mission was to destroy and harass English shipping. Making Jamaica on the 6th October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum. Then she headed for Azores. Arriving there on the 12th of November, she provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine. On the 18th November, she sailed for England. In the ensuing days, she defeated five British men-of-war, captured and scuttled 12 English merchantmen, salvaging only the rum. On the 27th of January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Unarmed, she made a night raid up the Firth of Tay. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons aboard.

Then she headed home. The USS "Constitution" arrived at Boston on the 20th February,

Dear Sir - It is with regret and haste that I write this letter to you, regret that such a small understanding could lead to the following circumstances, and haste in order that you will get this report before you form your own preconceived opinions from reports in the world press, for I am sure they will tend to overdramatise the affair.

We had just picked up the pilot and the Cadet had returned from changing the "G" flag for the "H" and being his first trip was having difficulty in rolling the "G" flag up. I therefore proceeded to show him how, coming to the last part I told him to "let go", the lad, although willing is not too bright, necessitating my having to repeat the order in a sharper tone.

At this moment the Chief Officer appeared from the chart room, having been plotting the vessel's progress, and thinking that it was the anchors that were being referred to, repeated the "let go" to the Third Officer on the foc'sle. The port anchor having been cleared away, but not walked out, was promptly let go. The effect of letting the anchor drop from the "pipe" whilst the vessel was proceeding at full harbour speed proved too much for the windlass brake, and the entire length of the port cable was pulled out by the roots. I fear that the damage to the chain locker may be extensive. The braking effect of the port anchor naturally caused the vessel to sheer in that direction, right towards the swing bridge that spans a tributary to the river up which we were proceeding.

The swing bridge operator showed great presence of mind by opening the bridge to my vessel, unfortunately he did not think to stop the vehicular traffic. The result being that the bridge partly opened and deposited a Volkswagen, two cyclists and a cattle truck on the foredeck. My ship's company are at present rounding up the contents of the latter, which, from the noise, I would say were pigs. In his efforts to stop the progress of the vessel the Third Officer dropped the stbd. anchor, too late to be of any practical use for it fell on the swing bridge operator's control cabin.

After the port anchor was let go and the vessel started to sheer I gave the engines a double ring full astern on the Engine Room telegraph, and personally rang the engine room to order maximum astern revolutions, I was informed that the sea temperature was 53 degrees and asked if there was a film tonight; my reply would not act constructively to this report. Up to now I have confined my report to the activities at the forward end of my vessel, down aft they were having their own problems. At the moment the port anchor was let go, the Second Officer was supervising the making fast of the after tug, and were lowering the ship's towing spring down on to the tug.

The sudden braking effect of the port anchor caused the tug to "run in under" the stern of my vessel, just at the moment when the propeller was answering my double ring full astern. The prompt action by the Second Officer in securing the inboard end of the towing spring delayed the sinking of the tug by some minutes, thereby allowing the safe abandoning of the vessel.

It is strange, but at the very moment of letting go the port anchor there was a power cut ashore, the fact that we were passing over a cable area at the time may suggest that we may have touched something on the river bed. It is perhaps that the high tension cables brought down by the foremast were not live, possibly being replaced by an under water cable, but owing to the shore blackout it is impossible to say where the cable landed.

It never fails to amaze me the actions and behaviour of foreigners during moments of minor crisis. The pilot for instance, is at this moment huddled in the corner of my day cabin, alternately crooning to himself and crying after having consumed a bottle of gin in a time that is worth inclusion in the Guinness Book of Records. The tug captain on the other hand reacted violently and had to be forcibly restrained by the Steward, who has him handcuffed in the ship's hospital where he is telling me to do impossible things with my ship and my person.

I enclose the names and addresses of the drivers and insurance companies of the vehicles on my foredeck, which the Third Officer collected after his somewhat hurried evacuation of the foc'sle., these particulars will enable you to claim for the damage that they did to the railings of No. 3 starboard tank.

I am enclosing this preliminary report for I am finding it difficult to concentrate with the sound of police sirens and their flashing lights. It is sad to say that had the cadet realised that there is no need to fly flags after dark, none of this would have happened.

For Weekly Accountability Report I will assign the following Casualty Numbers, T/750101 to T/750199 inclusive.

Yours truly,

'ORRIBLE CROSSWORD

Clues Across

4. (6) Seed providing magical opening power.
7. (4,1,5) What a boxer should do, particularly when travelling to a fight?
10. (3) Prone to be untrue.
11. (8,6) Ill-tempered creature, certainly no gentle dove!
12. (6) Roundabout way to go round.
13. (5,4) Takes the star part.
14. (12) So I rule sup as, evolved, a prehistoric beast.
17. (4) Bargain - cut it.
19. (7) Final moves in chess, and say 'Mate'.
21. (4,4) Feather brained - so does it play tunes on its tail?
23. (4) Ned East for requirement.
25. (6) Crib, car led about.
27. (7,4) Result of list, perhaps, enabling gambler to cheat.
28. (6) Legally unprotected, he takes to the greenwood?
29. (7) Study - to see if study successfully completed.
30. (3,7) Possibility of floral wreath at spring festival.

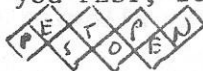
Clues Down

1. (6,5) Cash hand-out that increases with Monarch's age.
2. (4) Miss, leap like a young lamb.
3. (4) Catch, as a result of bad pruning, perhaps.
4. (5,5) Cry out in two words, first hard without second!
5. (8) Holiday resort renowned for financial speculation?
6. (4,4) Bambi crossed?
8. (8,4) Mark on ship's side, or on gym floor.
9. (7) Dun seed - strips it bare!
15. (6) Players added, to make the grass grow?
16. (7) Whatever was said was obviously insincere.
18. (7) Softly put right - make it first!
20. (5) Keg Co., produces, could it be, a lounge lizard?
21. (6) Yak lace reworked makes an obedient servant.
22. (6) Save, from pawn perhaps.
24. (5) Put off - or perhaps to take up again?
26. (5) Get it into your head.

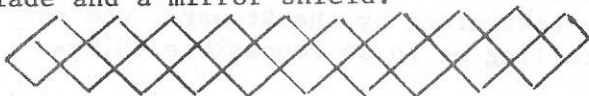
TRELLIS PUZZLE

Four-letter words hidden in the sentence below fit into the grid as shown -

"STOP you PEST, it's OPENing"

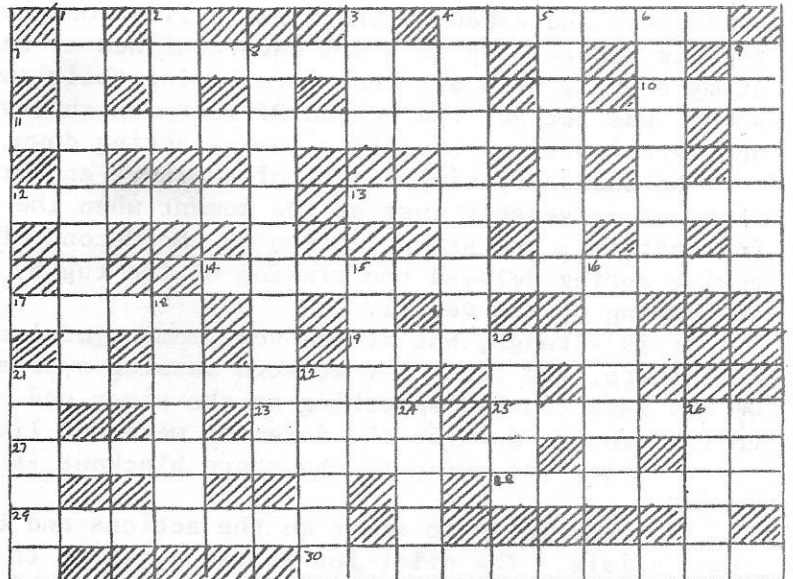


MYTHologically speaking, Pegasus, who pawed for water on Helicon, Bellerophon's charger when he was credited with killing the Chimera, who guards from harm youths with verse in their hearts, is Medusa's kin, changed from the Gorgon's blood spilled into the Main when it emptied from her head severed by Perseus armed with a wicked blade and a mirror shield.



To help, one word is given, Find 8 more.

Last week's trellis:- Though pledged to pay what was OWED for the property LEASEd last yeAR, EARl John, knowing what it waS TO Want for comforts, JIBEd at extra outlay from an income GEARed to purchaSE A Minimum, at BEST, Spartan, lifestyle.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

OFFICE PROTEGE I
 U A B U R N
 T O P L A S T E R S A I N T
 S A B L E R H N P U
 I E T A N P I T S P I
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