

The New Republic

While lecturing on language the renowned Toni Morrison explains how the Ku Klux Klan rides across her tongue:

It must suggest and be provocative at the same time. It is the thing that black people love so much—the saying of words, holding them on the tongue, experimenting with them, playing with them. It's a love, a passion. Its function is like a preacher's: to make you stand up out of your seat, make you lose yourself and hear yourself. The worst of all possible things that could happen would be to lose that language. There are certain things I cannot say without recourse to my language. It's terrible to think that a child with five different present tenses comes to school to be faced with those books that are less than his own language. And then to be told things about his language, which is him, that are sometimes permanently damaging. He may never know the etymology of Africanisms in his language, not even know that "hip" is a real word or that "the dozens" meant something. This is a really cruel fallout of racism.

[March 21, 1981]

New York

A revolution grows and gains strength as reported in the lucrative pages of *New York*, a counterculture arms manual:

So why's Mary Tyler Moore being tutored in political science by a Columbia University prof? Because she's prepping to take a more active role in the women's movement.

"I want to be careful I know what I'm talking about," said the *Ordinary People* star. Indeed, she's already done some talking on volatile issues. She's recently appeared in behalf of groups supporting higher welfare payments and opposing abortion curbs, and shared a platform with feminists Gloria Steinem and Bella Abzug at a women's rally in Washington.

[March 30, 1981]

New York Post

Flapdoodle from Mary McGrory, besotted on ceremony:

Okay, so I fell down on the job. I watched Walter Cronkite interview Ronald Reagan, and I paid more attention to him than to the President. I have a weakness for Cronkite, and I was experiencing severe anticipatory withdrawal pains as I saw him gently leading his eighth and last President across my screen. . . .

Cronkite never presumed, never postured, never got in the way of the news. I just don't know how we can face the '80s without him.

He's taken us through some bad times. You remember him choking up when he sat there, the most reassuring figure on the unbearable scene, reporting the death of John Kennedy.

[March 9, 1981]

The Great Book Series

A wild and exciting biographical revelation left for posterity by Kathy, daughter of Walter, while the glorious Cronkite name still has the puissance to fetch a buck:

I was nineteen when I was first married, and I kept that name for some years after my divorce because I liked the anonymity it offered. It was very handy to have a legitimate alias, not to have to answer The Question all the time. I also used to use it when I was broke, for example, and going to the free clinic. I figured they'd just laugh if someone named Cronkite came in and said they were broke and needed help.

I must admit that the power of the Cronkite name was probably a significant factor in reaching people for interviews, but I find it hard to believe that there are people naive enough to think that I "have it made" in my acting career because of my father.

When I first came out to California, I was still using my ex-husband's name. I battled with myself, not to mention with various advisers, about which name I was going to use professionally. I knew

whatever name I used at the beginning of my career I would have forever, and I wanted it to be my *own* name, not my ex-husband's.

I think that one way in which the name has helped in my acting career is that because of its familiarity, a director or casting person might be more likely to remember me than if I were Kathy Smith. And that certainly helps.

Besides, in an odd way I felt that I owed my father that, the pleasure of pride in me if I did make it. I hoped to bring further honor and fame to an already famous name.

On the Edge of the Spotlight: Celebrities' Children Speak Out About their Lives

by Kathy Cronkite

[William Morrow and Company, 1981]

The New York Daily News Tonight

Garry Wills makes the kind of logical deduction for which he is so venerated amongst adepts of the Struthious School of Power Politics:

Sure we can win in El Salvador if that means supplying the force to put down rebels. But, after that, who rules, and how? Do we? If so, we inherit the hatreds of the people we want to rule. And the best fortress of a prince, again according to Machiavelli, is the love of his subjects. How can a people love us when we profess disregard for their rights, and boast that we are using them to hurt others? Those who can conquer but not control are just conquering themselves.

[March 3, 1981]

The Nation

A rare specimen of the abstruse drolleries that move the stone-faced readers of the *Nation* to lapse into happy hour:

As a service to *Nation* readers, Andrew Houlding, managing editor of the *New Haven and Fairfield Advocates*, who was last heard from in these pages with a piece on wiretaps ("The Wiring of New Haven," June 7, 1980), has compiled a kind of Self-Defense Catalogue for the Bugged Liberal in the Reagan Era. Anyone who is worried about being tapped, bugged, or otherwise eavesdropped on will be interested in these devices, all of them actually on the market.

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[February 14, 1981]

The Boston Globe

Another of the eudaemonic tales of the New Age, this time about that Vesuvius of passion, Elizabeth Denison Dunker, erstwhile wife of Heinie Dunker, the investment banker now deceased:

Elizabeth Dunker is an elegant 75-year-old woman who wears her silver hair in a bun at the nape of her neck, favors floor-length skirts over slacks and plays the harpsichord. She doesn't fit anyone's stereotype of a lesbian.

But a softball glove, a gift from her lover, sits among the other mementos from a long life. At age 73, Dunker joined a Cambridge woman's softball team, fell in love with the pitcher, and decided she was a lesbian.

[February 2, 1981]

The Indianapolis Star

A concerned Americano writes to syndicated sage, Letitia Baldrige, regarding the questionable behavioristic psychology of an American original:

Dear Ms. Baldrige: I have a friend who is about to give what she is billing as a "Hostage Party" for a mutual friend, one of the returned hostages who lives in our area. She is going to present to each guest a paper "ball and chain" to wear as party favors. The guests will be met by a hostess armed with a "machine gun." She is having a cake made in the shape of the American Embassy building in Tehran, and things like that.

I think it's in extremely bad taste, but she won't listen to me. She is inviting the press "to cover" this unusual event, so she'll gain notoriety herself. Should I do anything more about it?—Initials and city withheld.

It sounds worse than just "extremely bad taste." Talk confidentially to a member of the hostage's family, then relay the reaction to your hostess friend. If she has any understanding of the words "friendship" or "compassion," she'll drop her grim circus idea of a party.

[February 1, 1981]

The Washington Post

A felicitous asseveration on the Atlanta killings from an anonymous "man in the street" delivered over to a grateful newsman at the illustrious *Post*:

I don't think it is a sick person. I think it is organized. The blatant racism that we suffer in America is just another level of the killing of black children in Atlanta. Ronald Reagan himself is a sign of that racism—his whole diversion of funds from social programs to the military budget. I don't think Reagan has any concern in seeing that racial violence be stopped.

[March 11, 1981]

Miscellaneous

A terrifying communiqué sent to our offices by a group of Tucson, Arizona Night Riders:

February 4, 1981

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Sincerely,
Members of
Family Violence
Coalition

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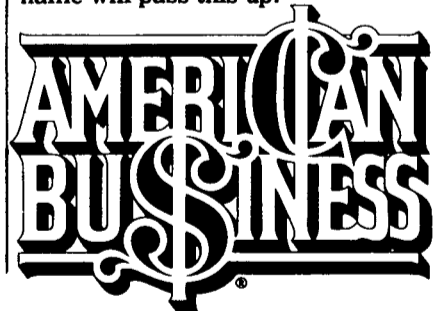
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