

Children Pen Letters to God

The phenomenal success last year of a small book titled "Children's Letters to God" convinced the publisher that adults like to open that kind of mail. So a second delivery has brought a book titled simply enough, "More Children's Letters to God."

Like the first volume, which to date has sold more than 340,000 copies, "More Letters" contains nearly 40 child-authored notes to God, compiled by Eric Marshall and Stuart Hamble and illustrated with childlike sketches by a 34-year-old naval architect named Yanczi Posnakoff.

And like the first, the sequel is loaded with everything from touching love letters ("I just feel good now that you are everywhere. That's all.") to direct challenges of God's powers like this one:

"Dear God,
If you are so smart let's see if you can read what I am saying — it's in my own code and no one knows it:

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"If you can read it, make it rain tomorrow so I will know. Your unknown friend, Gabe."

Gabe undoubtedly has a lot in common with Linda, who

asked God, "Do you let your children stay up for-Get Smart. I have to know."

Spence bravely informed God that he ranked 10th among the things he liked, trailing behind such items as going to movies (1st), flying in jets (5th) and drinking tea (7th).

Some other gems: "If you made the rule for kids to take out garbage please change it." "I wished on a star two times but nothing happened. Now what?" "I read your book and I like it. Did you write any others? I would like to write a book someday with the same kind of stories. Where do you get your ideas?"

Gathered from post offices, teachers and parents, most of the letters were written by youngsters from 5 to 10. But perhaps the most touching one to be found in either of the two collections is printed toward the end of "More Children's Letters" and reads:

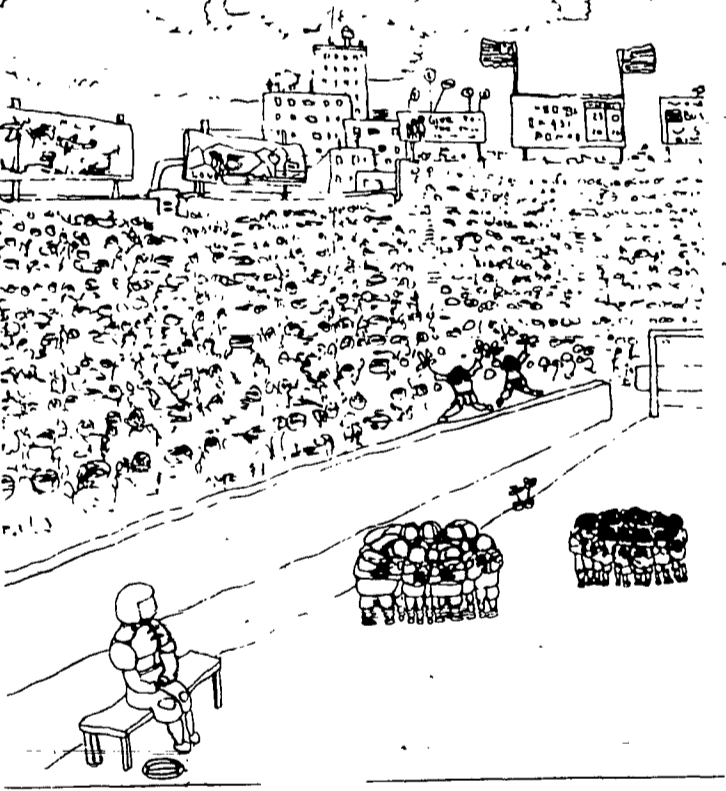
"Dear holy God,

"Would you make it so there would not be any more wars? And so every one could vote. And have plenty of food for meals. Also every body should have a lot of fun. I hope you do not think this is to selfish. One of your friends, Nancy"

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Dear God,
I don't think you were listening when I asked you to make me a better player, so I am sending it by mail so you can read it when you have the time. Here is my picture so you will know who I am so long, baby

MESSAGES TO GOD. A letter and accompanying illustration from "More Children's Letters To God," a sequel to a collection of children's letters to God that was published last year and sold more than 340,000 copies.



Folk Ballet at Eastman
The American Folk Ballet comes to the Eastman Theatre Saturday, March 9, presented by the Civic Music Association.



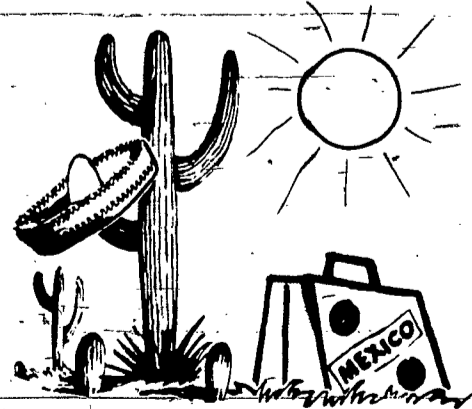
Featured Role
Charlene Caliana portrays the Queen in "Pass in Boots," to be presented by the Rochester-Rochester Company, Fri., Feb. 23, 2 p.m. at Rush-Henrietta Senior High School. Performance is a fundraiser for the Rush Cooperative Nursery School. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

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Cleveland (NC)—A television series dramatizing the Life of Christ in the form of 15 Rosary Mysteries will be shown on some 200 U.S. TV stations plus the world-wide Armed Forces TV network, according to Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., originator of the Family Prayer Crusade.
Traditional titles of the Mysteries will have updated wordings. Therefore, the Annunciation becomes "The Word was Yes"; the Visitation, "The Sound of Praise."
The series will be shown in segments — five Mysteries for the Easter period this year and five for Christmastide; plus the final five for Lent of 1969. The movies, however, are so produced that they can be used any time in the future. At the close of each episode in the Life of Christ, there is a discussion which relates the events of modern life. Show business celebrities discuss the subject with Father Peyton.
The priest also announced two new Family Prayer Crusade projects: A do-it-yourself arrangement under which any diocese can conduct its own prayer crusade with help from Father Peyton's staff, and a training center in which Family Crusade experts will train priests from anywhere for crusade work.

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