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NEWSLETTER

HAVE A WOW! 1980 HAVE A WOW! 1980 HAVE A WOW!

Welcome to WOW! We'd like to thank all of you for joining us, in what we hope to be our WOWEST year. A special thanks to all of our members who are joining us for the second or third time around!

WHO WON THE CHRISTMAS CALL?

Congradulations to John Simmons ,member #0058. He won the Christmas call contest and recieved a personal call from International Kathy on Christmas day. I.K. would like to personally thank John for getting us our most INTERNATIONAL member to date. His brother Robert Simmons #0101 who is reading WOW! all the way in INDONESIA! WOW!!

THE PHILOSOPHY OF INTERNATIONAL KATHY FROM I TO K AND WOW! AGAIN

It seems that our Kathy has run into a bit of trouble while trying to write a book AND and magazine at the same time. Unfortunately, I.K.'s book WILL NOT be completed for publication by our perviously announced date of Feburary 28th, 1980."This book is veri important to me, and I want to put everything I can into writing it." Rumour has it that I.K. will spend some time during April, in New York City, totally saturated in her philosophy!!! We can give no new publication date at this time, but we will keep ya posted!

WOW! BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!!!!!! WOW! BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!!!!!

International Kathy thinks that Birthdays are special! Some of you have already sent us your birthdates. Those of you who have not, please do so NOW! WOW! If you don't see your birthday announced in Wow! - it's because we didn't recieve it in time. January 15 is member #0094 Tim Spence's B.Day , Mark Krueger's #0103 is February 29 (one day after Kathy's! WOW!), sharing that Birthdate is Doriel A.T. Wyler #0113 , Jackie Oh!'s #0031 is on Feburary 16. Your's truely (Laurel Sylvanus' Sect'y.) is on February 4, Alex Taylor'#0084 is on March 13. And, of course, International Kathy's is Feruary 28th. From all of us here at I.K.F.C.H.Q..... HAVE A WOW! BIRTHDAY ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

LOOKS LIKE WE MADE IT ! LOOKS LIKE WE MADE IT !

Thanks to all of you, we reached our goal of 100 members as of midnight december 31st. So it looks like we'll be having TWO 100 MEMBER PARTIES!!! That's right! TWO. We'll be having an EAST COAST PARTI and a WEST COAST PARTI ! The west coast parti will also be a combination Birthday parti for I.K., Jackie Oh! and myself. You'll each recieve an invitation to both - Hope to see ya there! BRING SOME WOW!!!!!! TA!

IT'S THE

ACTION

THAT COUNTS!

WOW- What's all this talk about ATTO?

LAUREL- It's our INTERNATIONAL band.

WOW- Who IS ATTO?

I.K.- Innumerable people. From all over the world. We'd like to have different musicians on every song. Changing all the time.

JACKIE OH!- We're going TOTALLY International! Some Pop, Reggae, French, Italian. Everything we can.

I.K.- I spent alot of time trying to figure out what kind of music of music I wanted to do. But there is so much, I couldn't decide. Then it dawned on me. Why do I have to choose? Why not do them all? Why limit myself? Especially if there is so much that I love.

LAUREL- It runs parallel with the magazine too!

WOW- What does ATTO mean?

ALL- ACTION!!!

I.K.- We'll eat those words, I'm sure. Actually, Jackie Oh! & I were sitting around one evening trying to come up with a name. We've wanted to start a band for a long time. Anyway, she pulled out her Italian dictionary and pointed to ATTO! It was ordained!

JACKIE OH!- We knew the name had to be Internatooonal!

LAUREL- TOTALLY!!!!

WOW- So, what do each of you play?

JACKIE OH!- First off, let me explain something. ATTO is still very much in the idea stage. We're still laying the ground work. I.K. plays a bit of keyboards but none of us are "musicians."

LAUREL- Maybe we never will be, But we'll create our music and make our albums.

I.K.- And we'll play in front of the Sphinx!

WOW- What?!

LAUREL- Kathy saw Frank Sinatra on T.V. playing in concert in Egypt in front of the Sphinx. And now shes wowing out about the idea.

WOW- Don't you all think it is abit premature to write about a band that isn't really "together" yet?

I.K. Why? "together", what are you a hippie?

JACKIE OH!- It's no more premature than a band that gets signed with only 11 songs

LAUREL- We may as well tell you now so you can't say that we didn't warn you!

WE'RE TAKING RECRUTES NOW!!! WOW!!!

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I.K. DAY!



We arrived at Maple Street Elementary School, on Friday December 7th around 10:00 a.m. The day was beautiful. Accompanying International Kathy and I were Jackie Oh! and Pop photographer brother, Bill. We were all on our way to San Francisco for one Wow! weekend.

Perhaps I should begin at the beginning. This whole thing started when we had the "Win Kathy's Tooth" contest in our October issue. Mr. John Nichols member #0070 entered and was one of the winners of the contest. Mr. Nichols' entry consisted each one of his thirty odd students individually writing International Kathy a letter stating WHY they wanted their teacher, Mr. Nichols, to win. Their letters alone could and perhaps some day will be compiled for publication. Needless to say, Kathy was pretty darn happy when we recieved the letters. After writing back, arrangements were made to meet FACE TO FACE....

"I KNOW IT WILL BE VERI LONG BEFORE I FORGET THIS DAY."

From the moment we arrived , I felt as if I were in a dream. We were showered with love and attention from arrival to departure. Outside the classroom hung a 15 foot long banner which read "WELCOME I.K. AND FRIENDS!" WOW! What a beginning! Inside, the WOW! KIDS (which they have become known as) put on a show (complete with a program) planned just for our visit. Which included a puppet show, flutephone recital, magic and card tricks, a question and answer period.(Just to put I.K. on the spot) gifts, awards, refreshments and WOW!WOW!WOW! I can honestly say that I don't think I have ever felt so much love from so many at one time before. It was wonderful.

I think that people undertsnad something or (as in this case) someone, they automatically have a tie. And I feel that, as much as anyone can without phyically meeting me, John Nichols did and still does understand a large part of what I am trying to do. That is why our day together flowed with such grace and beauty. Our time was filled with friendship and love. Because our relationship was founded on that understanding.

And now, when I pick up my giant 3 foot letter, with an International Kathy postage stamp in the corner, I say "WOW! I love these kids, besides going to Japan, a postage stamp is my ultimate goal. Thank you all for becoming part of my life, and making me a part of yours.

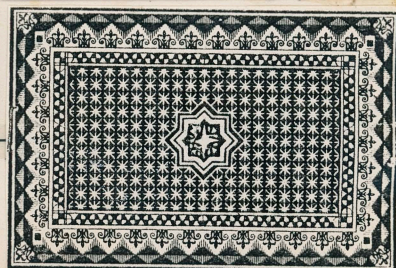


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MR.NICHOLS!

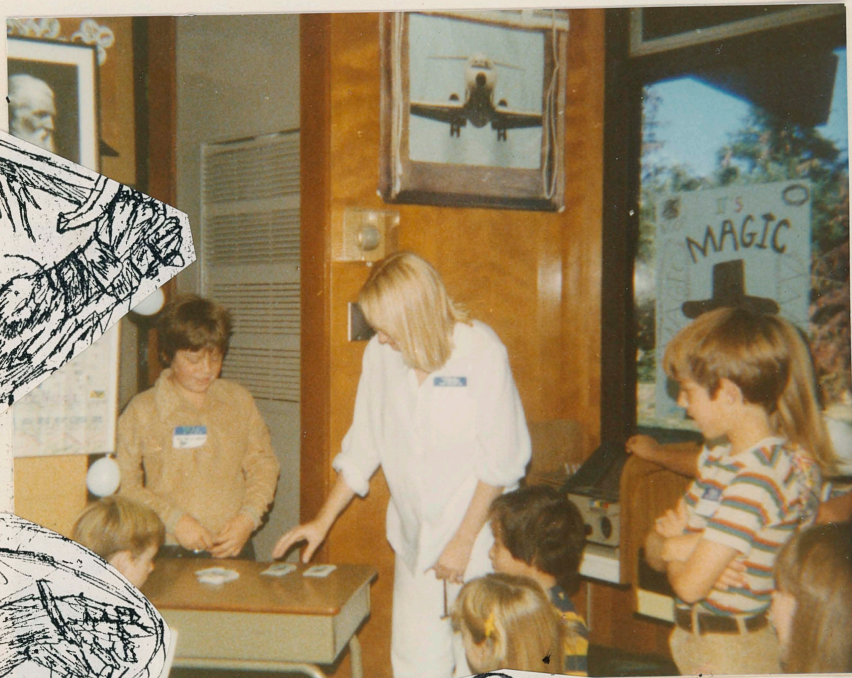


INTERNATIONAL KATHY
AND THE WOW! KIDS
EXCHANGE BROWNIES!!!



NEIL SAAVEDRA
INTERVEIWS I.K.
WHILE EVERYONE
WATCHES.





This
AWARD
IS PRESENTED TO
INTERNATIONAL KATHY
FOR
BEING WOW
John Nichols



Julie
COOK

Dusty
msmillin

ERIC ANDERSEN

WOW!

NEIL MC

WOW

WOW

Chris Cope

WOW

MC

Kathy

To the wowest
person!!

Signed

Martha Villenax
Stay Wow!!!!

Kathy

Michelle
Robinson

Tommy Space John Nickle

Kerry Knutson
wow is great!!

Amy Marguant

Tom
Davis
wow!!

John
Smith
WOW

Kris
Peterson
Wow!!
man

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Jaim Nitsche wow is the best

Jina Rendulic
to wow!

Jenny
Dettloff
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the greatest
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Katie Klippahn

wow

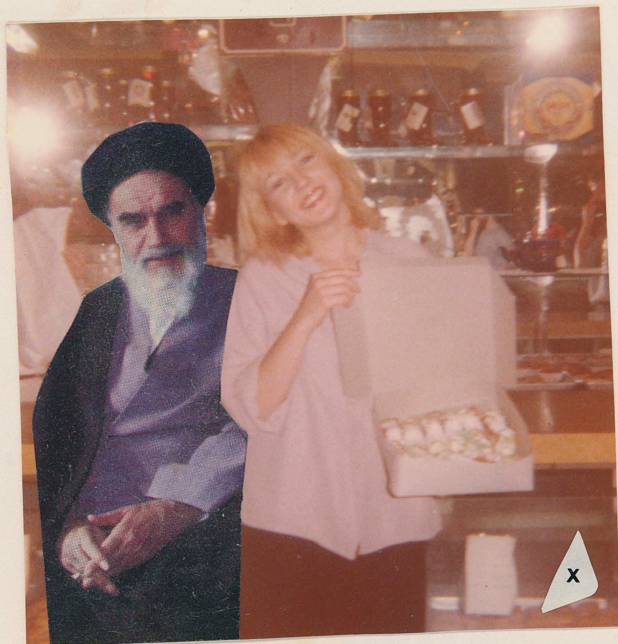
Rick W.
wow!

Kathy Roberts young
wow is
The Best Thing

Channah Prescott

Kathie

Pick
Locke
wow!!



i've got the
world on a string...



TOWN!

X) I.K. & the Ayatollah Khomeini grab a late night snack at ZUCKY'S!!

Y) I.K. pretend - ing to be Frank Sinatra.

Z) Lois, Allan, I.K. and bob backstage New Year's Eve backstage at the DOVE (the band of Love) concert. (Bob's bracelet, courtesy of Nicky Beat.)

KATHY

IN

&

ABOUT



V) I.K. & Sect'y
Laurel, in S.F.
with 2 of I.K.'s
faves. Hilary
Stench & Tim
Spence. WOWING
OUT at Pearl
Harbor & The
Explosions!

W) From left to
right;
Steven Smith,
Jackie Oh!,
I.K., Madalyn
and our Pres.
Richard at our
annual WOW XMAS
PARTI! Held at
I.K.F.C.H.Q!



"Growing up with i.k."



PART 1

by Laurel

What makes Kathy, International? Why is SHE WOW?! You may have been asking yourself these questions, and as her secretary, I thought if you had an insight to what it was like to grow up with I.K.- you would understand why she IS International.

WOW!! Growing up with Kathy! Well, let us begin at the beginning:

DAY 1: We open our story in the halls of the famed , Van Ness Ave. Elementary School . It was November and it was turkey day in the cafetria. My friend, Christine is walking towards me with a girl I have not seen before...

C: "Hi, Laurel! This is the "new girl", Kathy. There's this new guy here named Kelly who's really cute. Let's go visit his class before the bell rings!"

L: "O.K." (At this point I'm not quite sure just what a "cute guy" is anyway. I mean, I'm only ten years old - I should know these things? Sex Education isn't until the sixth grade!!)

CUT to classroom down the hall where we see three girls huddled in front of the door. They are, of course , Christine, Kathy and myself. We are using the Peek-Run- and Giggle method of surveying Kelly. Just one look and it's Love!!! (You know - It's just like when Davy Jones meets a girl on the monkees and those little stars suddenly start twinkling from the exact center of his eyes - it's Gidget when she looks at Moon Doggie - You get the picture...) The unfortunate predicament is that every other girl in the fifth grade is also in love with Kelly; but our own WOW girl, Kathy, has a plan!!!

K: "Let's give Kelly our phone numbers!"

L: "Kathy! You just can't do that! It's not right!"

K: "Well, why not? I don't think theres anything wrong with it. I'll give him my number at recess."

Already we see the beginnings of the Interantional mind. Kathy wants to meet Kelly, so what eles but the direct approach? Kathy just doesn't live by other's rules.

Several days passed - Oh, yeah - Kathy and Christine have exchanged numbers with Kelly. I just couldn't work up the nerve. Besides, what would my mother have said? Kathy and I are real pals by now, we call each other everyday and talk for hours, (Much to the distress of my parents) about, what else? Kelly!!

By this time Kathy, Christine and Kelly have corresponded over the phone a few times. Everytime Christine called Kelly, she would report to Kathy and me. Vice-versa with Kathy. One particular evening Kathy was going shopping with her mother and grandmother, so she called Kelly to let him know that he wouldn't need to call that night, as she would not be home. What a WOW girl. She thinks of everything! Suppose Kelly had called and got no answer? Now he wouldn't have to worry.

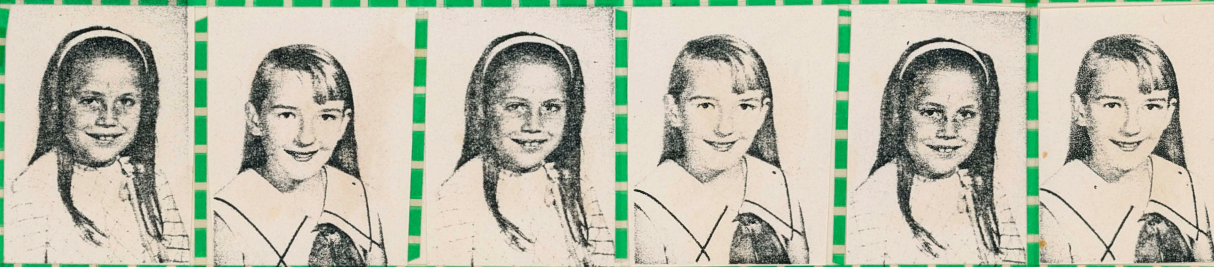
This sort of transaction goes on for weeks - Kelly calls Kathy, Christine gets jealous and calls Kelly, ect... All reports duly filed in-complete to me for approval and endorsement. Until one day at lunch-time, the hero has had just about enough!!

Kelly: (To Christine)"Why can't you be more like Kathy? She acts like a lady, and you just bug me!"

Needless to say, this causes a great rift in friendship. Sides MUST be choosen! Slowly Christine fades from our story (she does bug people) and our International gal, that little princess, Kathy steps full into the limelight. I was sick of doing Christine's homework anyway. Even if she did give me 'Fritos' for it!

So ends part one of "Growing Up with Kathy" Stay tuned for part two in which Kathy and I discover the true meaning of Barbie, Sock-it-to-Me and try to see "HAIR"!!!

TA!



Far Mail

ROMA
Il Colosseo - Veduta aerea
Le Colosseum - Aerial view
Das Kolosseum - Vue aërienne
El Coliseo - Ansicht aus der Luft
Colosseum - Viste aerea

International Kathy -
In Italia abbiamo
tutti letto di

te nella rivista
"U.S." e ti amiamo.
Speriamo di vederti
a Roma.

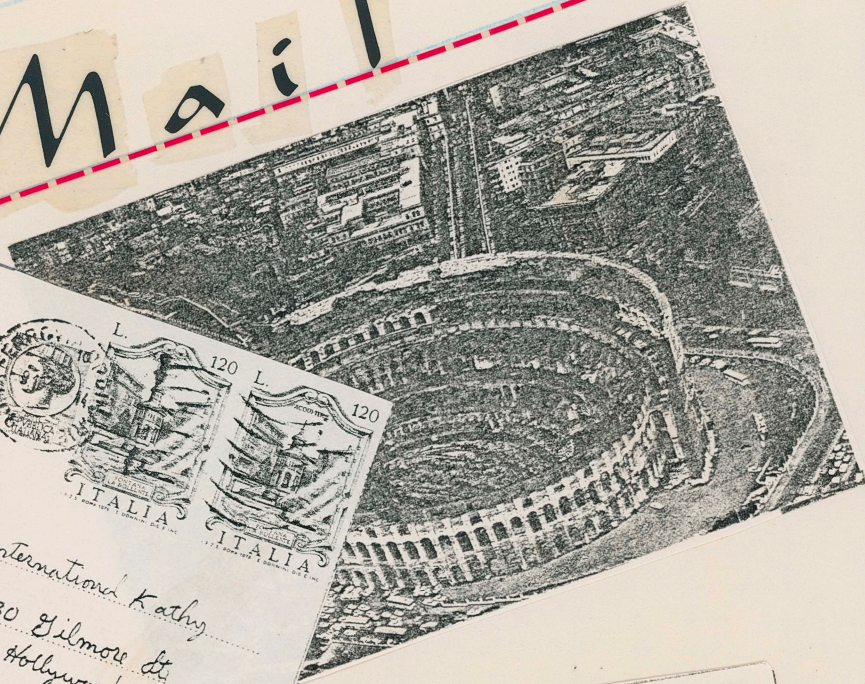
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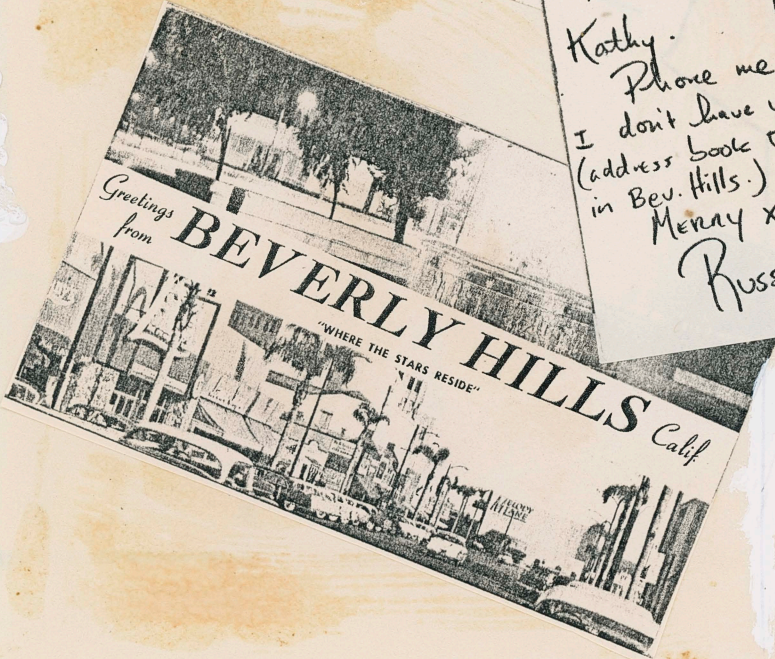


BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA
One of the most beautiful residential communities
in Southern California and is the home of many
prominent movie and television stars.

Kathy.
Phone me up
I don't have your #
(address book chett lig
in Bev. Hills.) -
Menny X + Newy
Russell Spader



POST CARD
International Kathy
P.O. Box 9717
N. Hollywood CA
91606



Hey I.k.,

What's the big idea? The latest is that International Kathy doesn't want to go out on the town anymore!! Don't tell me you think your getting too old! Cause if you really think that, maybe you are too old!! But I doubt it. What's the problem? Got a craving for the domestic life? Got your eye on some 6'5", 185 lb. pre-med? Lawyer? Or just a well groomed business man who can offer you security! Maybe his income can even support a couple kids! Well, St. John's church is having a single social nite, maybe you could go and... NOW COME ON!! What is this business about International Kathy through correspondence? You'd better go out and LIVE!! Live special!! Live different!! Live unique!! Live INTERNATIONAL!!

Well anyways, I don't want to sound like a sermon-boy or anything but ya know, well, maybe you'd better give me a call or write me a letter, because there's nothing sadder than for someone who has a heart, to lose it. Or maybe I heard the wrong rumor, but either way you'd better let me know.

Maybe your buddy,
maybe not,
Positively your fan,

Dear Tim Ferris,

Ferris

ru·mor \ˈrū-mər\ n 1: common talk
2: a statement or report current but
not authenticated — rumor vb

Your buddy,

I.K.

Dear,

I.k. I really want you to come to our class. I have blue eyes and blonde hair. I am cute. I like girls. If you have any cute girls, call me.

and be WOW

love,
Tom Davis

I.K.,

I read your letter 10 times.

NEIL

We LOVE hearing from YOU

so write us soon

International Kathy Fan Club
Laurel Sylvanus Sect'y.
P. O. Box 9717
N. Hollywood, CA 91606

FELICE

TRINA

COMPLEANNO!



TOTALLY INTERNATIONAL 1980



WOW! NOW?

Everyone gets everything he wants. I wanted an assignment. And for my sins, I got one. And when it was over I'd never want another. Doo-dah, doo-dah.

International Kathy's methods had become unsound. On October 21, 1979, at 10:35 p.m. I.K. left for an undetermined destination off the coast of Florida. She was out there operating without any decent restraint. Totally beyond the pale of any acceptable human contact. And she was still in the field commanding. With Kathy's departure, it was up to me, the Fan Club Secretary, to run Headquarters.

THE HORROR - THE HORROR OF IT ALL!!!

It was no accident that I got to be the caretaker of I.K.'s memory. I have been Kathy's secretary since the Fan Club got it's start. It was going to be a gruelling, dangerous task, BUT, I thought, 'If I die, it will be just another bad day in my life!' The Fan Club had grown since the early days before WOW! magazine. The crew now is mostly just kids (Jackie Oh!): rock n'rollers with one foot in the grave.

Yeah, I was ready for a mission. It would be a tough time; receiving guests, answering mail, writing articles, taking pics, complete takeover... but I was ready for a mission.

On the second day of command, Jackie Oh! and I set out for the Beverly Terrace Hotel to greet Hilary Stench for San Francisco. It was his birthday - We had to plan a parti and ... we had to get an interview. I tried to locate some members for the parti through Kathy's phone book ; but, everything was in code! I'd have to find another way. Got to have a good plan.

WOW!NOW? WOW!NOW?WOW!NOW?

It took some doing, but the parti came off a sucess. I was working on getting Hlary talkative while my second in command, Jackie Oh!, was monitoring the situation. It was time for a fast maneuver - The Starwood!

We were in! Hilary went to get drinks; My first major step towards distruction. while Hilary went to chat with celeb Rodney Bingenheimer, I perpared for the interview by drinking a few more beers. When Hilary returned for the interview I had totally lost all sense of reality. I felt as if I were on a small boat traveling up a river with strange, mysterious beings on either shore, going onward to an unknown location. What was wrong with me? Could this be a plot of the enemy? Oh no! Maybe, is it, acid?! I needed help - where was my leader? Where was Kathy?I knew she was out there. I could feel her. She was getting close.. very close. Oh, wait - it's just Jackie. And, yes - she's helping me to the car... the rest is a blur.

The next day was no better than the night before. The very first task before me was answering the mail. That sounded easy enough. I went to the box. I could'nt believe it! Did she really have this many members? One envelope that looked safe from the outside turned into 30 letters from school kids!! What was I to do? Who are all these people? Now the phone is ringing!!!

'What? Copies Unlimited? What bill? Hang on let me get the ledger...' Where is that ledger, anyway... I can't find it! Cpies Unlimited, let me call you back...' Now what's this reciept for? 'Pick up film" Pick up film!? I forgot all about it. Wait! Where's that article on New York? I can't find anything... everything is getting fuzzy... wait I can't see... the film... what about the copies...why is everything spinning around?...have to answer the letters... no...no... can't take it ... no more... Please!....Aaaaaaugh!!!!

Where am I My god! Is it, can it really be... Kathy!!!!

"You know, Laurel, I just don't know what your problem is. I go to Floridia for a lousy week's worth of vacation and you can't even get an interveiwl! Instead you get smashed and tell yourself some ridiculous paranoid story that I'm on a secret mission and enemy forces are trying to drug in your drinks! Just what do I do with this fan mail? And, you didn't get the film either! I can't trust you for one

week! Would you mind telling me why the phone is off-the-hooook? And what are all these beer cans doing in here? I oughta throw you out right now! Secret mission! Enemy forces! What do you think this is? A Coppola film?!"

Well, Kathy's back now and everything is in order, although I did make such a mess of the mail. But what was I to do? I'd never had command before. I did what I could. I mean, Fuck 'em if they can't take a joke!



The I.K. Look-Alike Contest



WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW!

Bet you never thought we'd do it! But what a better way to start off 1980 but with the ULTIMATE contest!!!!!! Now is your chance to win. ANYONE can enter. All you have to do is look like International Kathy! What could be more simple!!!!????

Just send us a picture of yourself "as" International Kathy. Photos must be NO SMALLER than $3\frac{1}{2}$ X $4\frac{1}{4}$. May be colour or black and white. All photos become property of I.K.F.C. NO XEROXS PLEASE!!!!

The winner of the contest will receive a cassette recording, PERSONALLY AUTOGRAPHED, of the International Kathy/Asraet Nimraed comedy record entitled "Cora & Verna" - A MUST for any collector! (Parental discretion is advised.) We guarantee you'll wow out with laughter!

The winner will be announced in our April issue. So... What are you waiting for?! Get out those cameras and start snapping!!!!



SEND ALL ENTERYS TO:
INTERNATIONAL KATHY
LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST!

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"when the music

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