

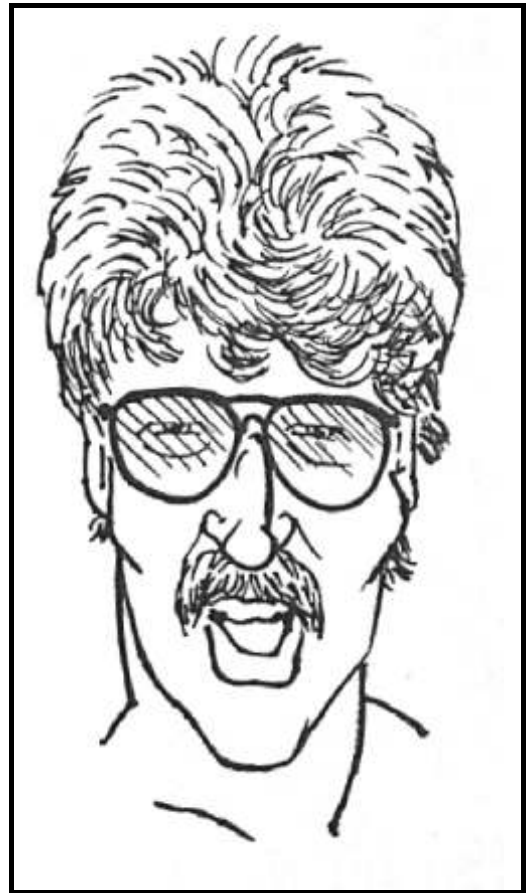
Happening Harry on Beach Volleyball & other assorted subjects

Can you believe that the Summer of 2011 is upon us? It seems like just yesterday it was 2010 and the economy was in shambles. Well guess what? It's a year later and the economy is still a mess. Here's how bad the economy is:

- African television stations are showing "Sponsor an American Child" commercials
- The CEO of Wal-Mart now shops at Wal-Mart
- Bill Gates had to switch to dial-up
- Dick Cheney took his stock broker hunting
- Rapper 50 Cent changed his name to 10 Cent
- The highest paying job in town is jury duty
- I saw a van full of legal immigrants crossing the border **INTO** Mexico
- McDonald's is introducing the ¼-Ouncer
- Exxon-Mobil laid off 24 Congressmen
- A stripper was killed when her audience showered with rolls of pennies while she danced
- I bought a toaster oven and my free gift with the purchase was a bank
- 7 of 10 houses on Sesame Street are in foreclosure.

Of course this situation is painting a very grim picture, but being the optimist that I am, I do see light at the end of the tunnel. For example, the Director of East End Volleyball saved up enough dough to take his new girl friend to a Jet's football game. Afterwards, he asked her how she liked the game. "I liked it, but I couldn't understand why they were killing each other for 25 cents," she said. "What do you mean," our boss replied. "Well, everyone kept yelling, 'Get the quarter back'" What do you expect, she's blonde.

Since we're on the subject of the NY Jets. The



team has had its share of off-the-field problems with the law. In fact it got so bad this season, a number of important questions arose. For example, what do you call a drug ring in the Meadowlands? A huddle. Four NY Jets in a car, who's driving? The police. Why can't Braylon Edwards get into the huddle on the field anymore? It's a parole violation for him to associate with known felons. To add to this travesty, the Daily News reported yesterday that Jet's Stadium is going to take out the artificial turf because the team plays better on "grass".

Beach Volleyball players are notorious for saying stupid things. Take world renowned Karch Kiraly, who was once quoted as saying, "Don't trust volleyball players with your drinks!" Why? "They might spike them!" Now as idiotic as that sounds, there is a horde of supposed intelligent people from the world of politics, finance, show business and sports who are just as moronic: "Those who survived the San Francisco earthquake said, 'Thank God, I'm still alive'. But of course, those that died, their lives will never be the same again" -Barbara Boxer,

US Senator.

"I think gay marriage is something that should be between a man and a woman"- Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

"It's time for the human race to enter the solar system"- Dan Quayle, former US Vice-President on the concept of a manned mission to Mars.

"It isn't pollution that is hurting the environment, it's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it"-Vice President Dan Quayle.

"We are not without accomplishment. We have managed to distribute poverty equally" -Nguyen Thatch, Vietnamese foreign minister.

"And now, will y'all stand and be recognized"- Gib Lewis, Texas Speaker of the House, to a group in wheel chairs on Disability Day.

"I've always thought that under populated countries in Africa are vastly under- polluted"- Lawrence Summers, chief economist of the World Bank, explaining why we should export toxic wastes to Third World countries.

"If you take the out the murders, Washington actually has a very low crime rate" -Marion Barry, mayor of Washington, D.C.

"Sure there have been injuries and deaths in boxing-but none of them serious."- Alan Minter, pro boxer

"My sister is expecting a baby, and I don't know if I'm going to be an uncle or an aunt." Chuck Nevitt, NC State basketball player.

"Better make it six, I can't eat eight." - Dan Osinski. Major League Baseball pitcher, when a waitress asked whether he wanted his pizza cut into six or eight slices.

"He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is."- Lou Duva, boxing trainer, on the rigorous training regime of heavy weight Andrew Golota.

"I'll fight Lloyd Honeyghan for nothing, if the price is right."- Marion Starling

"Guys aren't able to get \$15 or \$20 million anymore, so they have to play for the love of the

game."- Penny Hardaway, NBA Basketball star.

"I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes."- Senior basketball player at the University of Pittsburg.

"I can't really remember the names of the clubs we went to."-Shaquille O'Neal, basketball player on whether he had visited the Parthenon during his visit to Greece.

"I've never really wanted to go to Japan. Simply because I don't like eating fish. And I know that's very popular out there in Africa."- Britney Spears.

Of course, Happening Harry likes to run the gamut of intellectual arenas, so let's take a look at an area of science that's dear to the heart of all beach volleyball players: Beer Drinking. Last month, the University of Miami, School of Partying, released a recent research study that revealed the presence of female hormones in beer. The consequence of that study is that if men drink enough beer, they will turn into women. To test the theory, 100 men drank 8 pints of beer each within a one hour period. It was then observed that 100% of the test subjects:

- 1) Argued over nothing
- 2) Refused to apologize when obviously wrong
- 3) Gained weight
- 4) Talked non-stop without making sense
- 5) Became overly emotional
- 6) Couldn't parallel park
- 7) Brought up annoying details of arguments from 15 years ago
- 8) Had to sit down while urinating

No further testing was considered necessary.

In closing, I'd like to relate a short conversation that took place between beach volleyball great Singin' Smith and his then coach, Mike Dodd. After a particularly disappointing showing at the Manhattan Beach Open, Dodd asked Smith, "Is your bad play due to ignorance or apathy?" Singin' replied, "I don't know and I don't care!" See you at the beach.

