



“Close
Encounters
of the
Fourth
Estate”
Northwest
Arkansas
Gridiron

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Northwest Arkansas Gridiron "Close Encounters of the Fourth Estate"

We're On Our Way

Entire Cast.

The Snoozeroom

A look at the operations of a modern newspaper, the Daily Snooze.

Editor, Lens Cap, Brenda Blabb, Scoop VanLaningham, Steve Quirk, Guy Barnestorm, Dave Deadmark, the Advertising Man.

Comment from the Capitol

A report to the people from a member of Congress.

John Paul Hammerhead.

A Word from the Sponsor

Bill Underling.

An Evening with the Quorum Circus

A civics lesson for everyone as county government comes alive.

Judge Jester, Lonnie B. Good, Marilyn the Clerk, Peg Answersure, Ralph Rookie, J. C. Canttall, Peggy Fizzle, Jack Amaze, Gene Havealittlefun, Peter Sharkskin, Kenneth Ourman, Jerry Henhouse, Louis McJunkie, Larry Foullips, Loyd Swoop, Bryan Joker.

Johann Sebastian Crock Lives!

Crock, Springdale's resident foolosopher, tells it like he sees it through his very red eyes.

Johann Sebastian Crock.

The Airplane Ride

You meet the strangest people on airplanes these days.

The Pilot, Bill Clinton, David Pryor, Charles Bishop, the Priest, the Student.

The Gospel of Springdale City

The man who took the dirty magazines off the racks returns to say his piece.

The Once and Former Police Chief, Rowdy Rabble Rousers.

On the Road with Preacher Roe

A sermon on public safety.

Preacher Roe.

The Sheriff and the Sniper

"Ready! Aim! Oops!"

Sheriff Herb Sheriff, Deputies, a Narcotics Agent.

The Adventures of Robbin' HUD

How a federal agency takes from the rich, takes from the poor and runs.

Robbin' HUD, Hassle D. Lay, the WALNUT Organizer, the Chorus.

INTERMISSION

Timely News Update

The television news report which bites through the crust of the stories of the day and spits them out.

Support Your Local Constable

Yo're inna heap o' trouble, boy.

The Benton County Waterhole

Life in a dry county can be...well, dry.

Miss Centennial

Springdale's beauty pageant hopefully to end any other ideas of having a beauty pageant.

Yeah, Yeah, We Know Who You Are

...But a little reminder never hurts.

Don't Feel Sorry for Lou Holtz

Other sports, including football, do have a place at a basketball-oriented college.

Stash the Trash

Maybe someday they'll open a sanitary landfill and nobody will have any garbage left.

Still Sinking After All These Years

A major new medical facility goes down, down, down in history and other places.

Roll 'Em and Weep

"If Cronkite calls, tell him I'm considering other offers."

Let's Play Politics

A game of skill and luck in which one contestant wins and the others pretend they really don't mind.

We've Had Our Say

Brenda Blabb, Scoop VanLaningham, a Concerned Citizen, a Commercial Announcer.

The Constable.

The Judge, the Prosecuting Attorney, two Justices of the Peace.

Zee Whackery, Dingbat Walker, the Contestants, the Lecherous Male.

Bill Clinton.

Lou Holtz, Frank Broyles, Houston Dale Nutt, Steve Little, the Student Manager, the Sports Writers, the Other Football Players.

Carl Carpenter, the Environmentalists.

The Administrator, the Reporter, the Photographer, the Surgeons.

The TV Reporter, the Photographer, the Public Official.

Molly Hall, Don Pardo, Jay, David Pryor, Ray Thornton, Jim Guy Tucker.

Entire Cast.

Our Thanks To...

...The numerous groups and businesses which have assisted in presenting the Northwest Arkansas Gridiron.

Arts Center of the Ozarks, Springdale.

Benton County Democrat, Bentonville.

McBride Distributing Co., Fayetteville.

Ozark Mountain Smoke House, Fayetteville.

Rogers High School.

Springdale News.

Springdale Public Schools.

The Village Vista, Bella Vista.

The Production

This list includes the people responsible for putting this gridiron on stage. They are the people who wrote the scripts, provided the talent and handled the seemingly endless number of things involved in transforming the gridiron from an idea into a reality.

Upon request, we'll specify who acted, who sang and who handled props. But we'll never tell who wrote which scripts.

Planning Committee:

Brenda Blagg, Dave Edmark, Peggy Frizzell, Kathy Hurt, Ron Hurt, Kathy Mandrell, Elena Odio, Suzy Perkins, Scott VanLaningham.

Cast:

Harry Marsh, master of ceremonies.

Nova Teeter, piano.

Charlie Alison, Guy Barnes, Brenda Blagg, Philip Bruce, Clay Carithers, Dick Clohecy, Don Cowan, Glynda Duncan, Dave Edmark, Peggy Frizzell, Kathy Hurt, Ron Hurt, Mike Irwin, Steve Kirk, Donna Lonchar, Mary Mann, Dennis O'Neal, Midge Phillips, Kandy Power, Donna Rakestraw, Valerie Tolman, Jodi VanLaningham, Scott VanLaningham, Steve Voorheis.

Libby Rhodes, technical director.

The Gridiron

Gridirons as we know them today originated in 1885, when a group of reporters in Washington, D.C., became actors for an evening and lampooned the prominent people of the day. Gridirons are now held in major cities throughout the nation with the foremost among them being the National Press Club's annual roasting of national politicians with the president himself in the audience.

This is the first gridiron ever presented by members of the Northwest Arkansas press corps. Area politicians and other famous figures should beware—it won't be the last.

The Sigma Delta Chi Chapter

The Ozarks Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi (SDX), is the Northwest Arkansas branch of a worldwide association. Journalists, educators and students are united in the organization. SDX seeks to raise the competence of its members, to recognize outstanding achievement by journalists, to recruit and hold able young talent for journalism, to advance the cause of freedom of information and to elevate the prestige of journalism.

The Ozarks Chapter is one of the newest groups to be chartered by the SDX national board of directors. The charter was granted in August 1977 to the local organization of newspaper, radio, television and public relations employees and journalism teachers.

The chapter is presenting the gridiron as a fund-raising event. It is hoped that journalism scholarships and public seminars featuring nationally-prominent journalists will be funded from the gridiron's proceeds.