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Pryor's Lighting Matches Again

Iam fighting mad. **Richard Pryor,** on a wave of his super popularity, has just released one of the most irresponsible movies of all time.

I've been a Pryor fan for a long time. I can stand behind him when he says it is time to bury the word "nigger" for good. . .that it's no longer a fair jest between blacks. He's had a lot of messages and he's not been afraid to stand up and sell them.

This time he's sold out. "Some Kind Of Hero" is a slap in the face to anyone who has ever worked his way through college, paid his dues for a good job and created something solid for himself and his family. White audiences that see the film may reinforce negative stereotyping.

"Hero" starts out as a stunningly sensitive tragi-comedy about a Viet Nam POW who gets ripped off by the army and comes home to find his wife unfaithful and his mom recovering from a stroke. It's heavy stuff for comedy, but the laughs are subtly and superbly delivered.

The brilliant first half, in fact, is so well done that it must be blamed for selling the conclusion's anti-social message. Pryor goes for revenge and the movie rarely gets funny again. His pathos, as he fumbles one stick-up after another, barely holds the plot together. Finally, he makes a score that sticks.

What Pryor advertises loud and clear to his young fans is that it's OK to rip off the establishment if you've been dealt a bum hand. He goes further and suggests one will get away with it! This is a vicious message to dump on a Reaganomics Spring. Who is Pryor lighting the matches for? "Some Kind Of Hero" leaves some kind of bad taste.

Incidentally, **Margot Kidder** plays a two-dimensional hooker turned girl friend and takes a fast slide from the notoriety of her Lois Lane character in "Superman" to a guaranteed nowhere.

Scared? You can be certain I was. When the 12-foot monster jumped out of nowhere in a dream sequence from "The Hobbitt," my heart nearly stopped. And then we all laughed.

I was sharing a school matinee of an oversize puppet show by the **Theatre Sans Fil** at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Seeing **J.R.R. Tolkien's** story in the company of an all-children audience is refreshing; kids laugh in different places. Adults have been sneaking into the evening performances, I hear.

"Hobbitt" is a part of a two-week Imagination Celebration with art, storytelling, theatre, dance, music and puppetry, an extension of the Kennedy's Center's on-going National Children's Arts Festival. The education department of the Center has worked since 1976 to stimulate Fine Arts for children nationally. Many of the productions wil be on tour in outreach festivals, Milwaukee April 24, Marin County, California April 30 and Seattle May 3.

A special feature this year is the original opera for children, "A Bride From Pluto" by Gian Carlo Menotti, commissioned by the Kennedy family in memory of the late President.

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Stephanie Mills played a pivotal role in a marriage. Seems Polygram considered her vital to the roster in signing a distribution agreement with 20th Century-Fox Records. Her new album, "Tantalizingly Hot," will be out May 10; the first product under the new deal. Other acts in the package, however, include the Chi-Lites, the Dells and Carl Carlton.

Is *Billboard Magazine,* the 88-year-old *grande dame* of the music industry, in trouble? The trade paper recently fired dozens of employees in Los Angeles, New York and Nashville and permanently closed the Chicago office. Included in the sweep were high ranking editorial staffers. Competitors *Record World* and *Cashbox* are rumored to be in worse shape.

Remember the incredible jazz vibraphonist **Red Norvo?** He's still around, with a touch softer than air on silk, playing Charlies in Georgetown recently. Sidemen were guitarist **Tal Farlow** and bassist **Steve Novosel.** Norvo was a force in the twenties!

George Washington frequently dined at Gadsby's Tavern in old Alexandria, Virginia. Two hundred years later, the quaint pub still operates as one of the best moderately priced restaurants in the D.C. area. A new publick table on Sundays and Mondays is superb!

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	30	P.M.	What's	M.A.S.H.	T.Brown's	M.A.S.H.	P.M.	Atlanta	Tic Tac
	45	Magazine	Happening	"	Journal	"	Magazine	Hawks	Dough
8	00	O.E.D.	Bret	O.E.D.	Who Will	The Waltons	Happy Days	vs.	Happy Days
	15	"	Maverick	"	Protect	"	"	Cincinnati	
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9	00	CBS Movie:	Flamingo	CBS Movie:	American	Merv Griffin	Three's	"	Three's
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11	00	News	News	News	Twilight	M.A.S.H.	News	"	News
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	30	Late Movie:	Tonight	Charlie's	Dick Cavett	Odd Couple	Nightline	Family	Nightline
	45	"	"	Angels	"	"	"	TBS Theatre:	"
12	00	"	"	"		Perry Mason	Fantasy	"	Fantasy
	15	"	"	"		"	Island	"	Island
	30	"	Late Night	Rockford		"	"	"	"
	45	"	"	Files		"	"	"	"

Wednesday Evening

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7	00	CBS News	Family Feud	Jeffersons	MacNeil/	Welcomeback	Good Times	Carol	Joker's
	15	"	"	"	Lehrer	Kotter	"	Burnett	Wild
	30	P.M.	What's	M.A.S.H.	Town	M.A.S.H.	P.M.	Atlanta	Tic Tac
	45	Magazine	Happening	"	Meeting	"	Magazine	Braves	Dough
8	00	CBS News	Real	CBS News	National	The Waltons	Greatest	vs.	Greatest
	15	Hour	People	Hour	Geographic	"	American	Cincinnati	American
	30	"	"	"	Special	"	Hero	"	Hero
	45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
9	00	WKRP In	Facts Of	WKRP In	Middletown	Merv Griffin	The Fall	"	The Fall
	15	Cincinnati	Life	Cincinnati	"	"	Guy	"	Guy
	30	Baker's	Love Sidney	Baker's	"	"	"	"	"
	45	Dozen	"	Dozen	"	"	"	"	"
10	00	Baryshnikow	Quincy	Shannon	Mark	News	ABC News	"	ABC News
	15	In	"	"	Russell	"	Closeup	"	Closeup
	30	Hollywood	"	"	Matters Of	"	"	TBS News	"
	45	"	"	"	Life&Death	"	"	"	"
11	00	News 2	News	News	Twilight	M.A.S.H.	News	All In The	News
	15	"	"	"	Zone	"	"	Family	"
	30	WKRP/	Tonight	Charlie's	Dick Cavett	Odd Couple	Nightline	TBS Theatre:	Nightline
	45	Movie:	"	Angels	"	"	"	"	"
12	00	"	"	"		Perry Mason	Love Boat	"	Love Boat
	15	"	"	"		"	"	"	"
	30	"	Late Night	Rockford		"	"	"	"
	45	"	"	Files		"	"	"	"

Thursday Evening

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	15	"	"	"	Lehrer	Kotter	"	Burnett	Wild
	30	P. M.	What's	M.A.S.H.	Almanac	M.A.S.H.	P.M.	Sanford &	Tic Tac
	45	Magazine	Happening	"	"	"	Magazine	Son	Dough
8	00	Magnum,PI	Fame	Magnum,PI	Undersea	Metromedia:	No Soap,	TBS Movie:	No Soap,
	15	"	"	"	World Of	"	Radio	"The Rare	Radio
	30	"	"	"	Jacques	"Split"	Mork &	Breed"	Mork &
	45	"	"	"	Cousteau	"	Mindy	"	Mindy
9	00	Cagney &	Diff'rent	Cagney &	Sneak	"	Barney	"	Barney
	15	Lacey	Strokes	Lacey	Previews	"	Miller	"	Miller
	30	"	Gimme A	"	Fawlty	"	Taxi	"	Taxi
	45	"	Break	"	Towers	"	"	"	"
10	00	Knot's	Hill Street	Knot's	Doctor In	News	20/20	"	20/20
	15	Landing	Blues	Landing	The House	"	"	"	"
	30	"	"	"	Dave Allen	"		"	"
	45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
11	00	News	News	News	Twilight	M.A.S.H.	News	All In The	News
	15	"	"	"	Zone	"	"	Family	"
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	45	"	"	Angels	"	"	"	"	"
12	00	"	"	"		Perry Mason	Vega$	"	Vega$
	15	"	"	"		"	"	"	"
	30	"	Late Night	Rockford		"	"	"	"
	45	"	"	Files		"	"	"	"