

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Hoyle H. Martin Sr.

Three congressmen from Northeastern states have introduced legislation to encourage and enable workers and community groups to purchase businesses near the point of shutting down. The bill would provide loans for employees to buy stock in firms that are on the brink of folding. Furthermore, the loans would be used for worker or employee-firm offer groups to cover new start-up and initial operating costs.

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Ernest Harburg of the University of Michigan told a group of heart specialists recently that a 10-year study of Detroit neighborhoods revealed that 25 percent of the blacks between 25 - 40 years of age were prime candidates for kidney failure, Strokes and heart disease initiated from hypertension. In summary, the study said high stress black ghetto existence is a major contributor to high blood pressure and premature death.

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Among Harper's Bazaar's published list of the 10 most beautiful women in the United States are Diahann Carroll, 42, and Lena Horne, 60.

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The \$402 in county funds that was used by Commissioner Bob Walton to defray part of the cost of his trip to Europe led Commissioner Ed Peacock to comment that Walton was "stretching reason when he expects the people of this county to pay for a trip to Germany" which he, Peacock, contends was not related to county business. Walton replied to Peacock's criticism by saying, "Perhaps he felt he should have gone. He took time to point my trip. Mrs. Liz Hair takes more trips than I do." Walton added that he felt Peacock's statement was "bordering on racism."

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Bowing to a Civil Service Board order, Charlotte Police Chief J.C. Goodman put officer Ron Cureton back to work with full pay of \$237-a-week pending the outcome of a police investigation into violations of police regulations. A jury has found Officer Cureton not guilty of alleged drunken-driving ticket fixing.

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Hemsley, Sanford To Perform On CBS On The Air

Art Carney has a battered felt hat hanging in his closet. He originally purchased the hat for \$5.00, as a high schooler in the 1930's, and is still with him as a good luck charm.

Anyone who grew up with television in the 1950's will be familiar with that hat. With an up-turned brim, it topped off a costume which consisted of baggy pants and a vest worn over a T-shirt. Inside that outfit was one of the best second bananas in the business: loveable sewer-working slob Ed Norton-Carney's creation, who still generates laughter in late night re-runs of "The Honeymooners," starring Jackie Gleason.

Carney appears with Mary Tyler Moore, Walter Cronkite, Carroll O'Conner, Carol Burnett, Tony Randall, Sherman Hemsley and Isabel Sanford in a retrospective of Saturday night television programming on the final two-and-a-half hour broadcast of "CBS: ON THE AIR," Saturday, April 1, at 8:30 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

"Somehow," reminisces Carney, "I never got the feeling of being a second banana while working with Gleason. The whole cast developed into a team. Jackie was very generous. He let me go ahead full steam. He never held an actor back when he had an idea that would contribute something to the show. He let

us have our say. You know, I think I'm going to have that hat bronzed someday."

There was a touch of irony in Carney's team with Tony Randall for this special broadcast, at CBS Studio Center in Hollywood, in which they recall some of the golden moments of the network's Saturday night programs.

It was Carney who opened on Broadway as the meticulously fussy Felix Unger in "The Odd Couple."

Carney is an unregenerate Randall admirer who recalls fondly their early radio days when they worked on such popular programs as "Gangbusters," "Counterspy" and "Mr. District Attorney."



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