

CAVALIER CIGARETTES

PRESENTS

MY FRIEND IRMA - SHOW #33

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STUDIO 13
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CAST

IRMA.....MARIE WILSON
JANE.....CATHY LEWIS
O'REILLY.....GLORIA GORDON
WANDERKIN.....KENNY DELMAR
AL.....SID TOMACK
CLYDE.....ALAN REED
GERALD.....STANLEY ADAMS
MAN 1.....BARNEY PHILLIPS
MRS. CLYDE.....MARY SHIPP
MRS. RHINELANDER..MYRA MARSH
HAZEL.....JEAN HOWELL

PRODUCER:	CY HOWARD	LUD GLUSKIN AND HIS ORCHESTRA
DIRECTOR:	PARKE LEVY	REHEARSALS:
WRITERS:	STANLEY ADAMS	CAST: 5:30 - 8:00
	PARKE LEVY	TAPE: 8:00 - 8:30
ASSISTANT:	KENNY McMANUS	STUDIO B
SOUND:	JACK DICK	
ENGINEER:	JIMMY MURPHY	
ANNCR:	BOB LEMOND	
	JOHN JACOBS	

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IRMA -A-
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- 1 1ST ANNCR: CAVALIER Cigarettes ...
- 2 2ND ANNCR: CAVALIER Cigarettes ...
- 3 1ST ANNCR: America's great new King-size Cigarettes ...
- 4 2ND ANNCR: Bring you - MY FRIEND IRMA ...
- 5 1ST ANNCR: Created by Cy Howard, transcribed from Hollywood, and
- 6 starring Marie Wilson as Irma and Cathy Lewis as Jane
- 7 (APPLAUSE)
- 8 MUSIC: JANE THEME

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"MY FRIEND IRMA"

1 JANE: ~~You~~ know a famous philosopher once said, "To err is human, ³⁰
2 to forgive, divine". I want you to meet the divinest
3 person in the world, me, Jane Stacy. Because every hour
4 on the hour I am forgiving ~~my~~ friend, Irma. Why do I say ⁴⁵
5 this? Well, take yesterday...Irma took my shoes to be
6 fixed and when she brought them back, I said, "Irma, all I
7 wanted was the heels fixed. You had them raised two
8 inches...Why??? And Irma said,

9 IRMA: ~~WELL~~ NOW THAT YOU'RE WEARING YOUR HAIR SHORTER, I THOUGHT ¹⁰⁰
10 YOU WOULD WANT YOUR HEELS HIGHER SO YOU CAN BE THE SAME
11 HEIGHT.

(COMMERCIAL)

OPENING COMMERCIAL

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1 1ST ANNCR: There's a new cigarette you see in an ever-growing
2 number of smokers' hands these days. Have you
3 noticed? It's king-size Cavalier...made by the makers
4 of Camels. Yes, people who like a long cigarette are
5 finding that for extra mildness and fine flavor, the
6 right choice is king-size Cavalier!

7 2ND ANNCR: When thousands of smokers compared king-size Cavaliers
8 with the cigarettes they'd been smoking, 8 out of 10
9 interviewed said Cavaliers are milder! Try king-size
10 Cavaliers!

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1 MUSIC: THEME

2 IRMA: JANE?

3 JANE: Yes, what is it, Irma? 1:50

4 IRMA: ARE YOU THINKING OF BAKING A CAKE TODAY?

5 JANE: No, I don't think so..Why?

6 IRMA: I MAY WANT TO STICK MY HEAD IN THE OVEN AND TAKE GAS.

7 JANE: ~~What???~~ 2:00

8 IRMA: OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME..YOU GO RIGHT AHEAD AND ENJOY
9 YOURSELF.



~~10 JANE: IRMA WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?~~

~~11 IRMA: OH, NOTHING..NOTHING AT ALL...IN THIS WORLD IT'S EVERY~~

~~12 MAN FOR HIMSELF..WORRY ABOUT THE OTHER PERSON. LIVE~~

~~13 LAUGH AND BE MERRY.~~

14 JANE: Now what's this all about? Are you angry because I won't
15 take you with me to my club meeting tonite?

16 IRMA: YES...AND I WANT TO KNOW WHY NOT?

17 JANE: Well for one thing you wouldn't understand the discussions.

18 ..We of the 20th Century Philisophical Society talk about 2:15

19 Albert Einstein, Salvidor Dali, William Shakespeare...

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1 IRMA: SO WHAT..BOILED DOWN IT'S LIKE ANY OTHER GIRLS CLUB..A
2 BUNCH OF WOMEN TALKING ABOUT FELLOWS.

3 JANE: Forget it Irma.

4 IRMA: SO I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO ASSOCIATE WITH YOUR FRIENDS. 2:30

5 JANE: It's not that at all.

6 IRMA: THEN I'M TOO STUPID!

7 JANE: I didn't say that.

8 IRMA: OH, THEN YOU DON'T THINK I'M STUPID.

9 JANE: Oh, I didn't say that either....it's just that..well for
10 instance last week we discussed the topic, "What is to be 2:45
11 gained piercing the Super Sonic Barrier" What would your
12 comments be?

13 IRMA: I'D SPEAK MY MIND...I'M AGAINST ALL SURGICAL OPERATIONS
14 EXCEPT TONSILS AND ADENOIDS.

15 JANE: There..see what I mean?

16 IRMA: WHY WHAT'S WRONG?

17 JANE: The Super Sonic Barrier is a point beyond the speed of
18 sound.

19 IRMA: SO WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE WHAT I SAY IF THEY'RE
20 GOING SO FAST THEY WON'T HEAR ME ANYWAY.

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3:00

- 1 JANE: ~~And I'll be in Baltimore before you, I'm sure!~~..I,
2 personally would love to take you to the meetings, but I
3 barely got into the Society myself.
- 4 IRMA: (SADLY) I'M JUST AN OUTCAST..~~...A CRUMBLING LOG ON THE SEAS~~
5 ~~OF LIFE... YESTERDAY'S PAPER IN SOMEONE'S HATBAND..AN OLD~~
6 ~~COIN ON AN EMPTY BOTTLE..A BROKEN DOWN OLD TOY IN THE CITY~~
7 ~~TRIP~~...A FORGOTTEN OLD HORSE SENT OUT TO PASTURE..
- 8 JANE: Hey, Trigger.
- 9 IRMA: YES?
- 10 JANE: Will you stop off on your way to the glue factory and
11 pick up today's mail?
- 12 IRMA: THE MAIL?
- 13 JANE: Yes.
- 14 IRMA: MRS. O'REILLY BROUGHT IT UP THIS MORNING...HERE IT IS.
- 15 JANE: Oh, thanks...Bills..bills...Oh, Irma here's one for you. 3:30
- 16 IRMA: THANKS ... OH, IT'S FROM HOME.
- 17 SOUND: OPENING ENVELOPE
- 18 JANE: Oh, that's nice...what do the folks have to say?
- 19 IRMA: IT'S FROM MY FATHER..I CAN TELL BY MY SISTER'S HANDWRITING.

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1 JANE: What? Oh, yes..I remember..your father can't write.

2 IRMA: THAT'S RIGHT...NOW LET'S SEE...(READS) DEAR DAUGHTER; IT 305

3 GOES TO SHOW THAT NO MATTER HOW DARK THINGS LOOK THERE'S

4 ALWAYS A BRIGHTER SIDE...YESTERDAY FLORABELLE WAS HIT BY

5 A TRUCK. ~~WE ALL CRIED UNTIL THE NEWS SAID THAT~~

6 ~~UP TEN CENTS A POUND!~~

7 JANE: Irma! Who's Flora Belle? 100

8 IRMA: MY MOTHER'S PET COW. THEY WERE VERY CLOSE FRIENDS...THE

9 WHOLE FAMILY WAS VERY SENTIMENTAL ABOUT FLORA BELLE.

10 EVERYTIME MOTHER HAD A BABY, FLORA BELLE HAD A CALF. THEY

11 HAD THE SAME DOCTOR. 115

12 JANE: My he must have been a busy little man, calling for lot's

13 of hot water and plenty of straw. What else is new?

14 IRMA: OH, JANE ISN'T THIS EXCITING?? 130

15 JANE: What's that?

16 IRMA: LISTEN...(READS) YOUR BROTHER GERALD HAS BEEN DOING VERY

17 WELL ON HIS LECTURE TOUR...ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

18 JANE: Your brother?

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1 IRMA: YES, HE'S THE GENUIS IN OUR FAMILY...HE WAS ALWAYS
2 EXPERIMENTING...I REMEMBER ONE YEAR HE MADE A BIG
3 EXPLOSION IN THE HEN HOUSE..THERE WERE FEATHERS OVER
4 EVERYTHING..POOR MOTHER..SHE HAD TO KNIT SWEATERS FOR
5 TWENTY-TWO CHICKENS. ✓ 5:00

6 JANE: Read on, Cookie?

7 IRMA: (READS) GERALD WRITES HE IS WINDING UP HIS LECTURE TOUR
8 THIS WEEK IN NEW YORK, AND HE WILL VISIT YOU ON THE 22ND.

9 JANE: That's three days.

10 IRMA: GEE, MY OWN BROTHER GERALD..A FAMOUS LECTURER.

11 JANE: Hm..what do you know..? So that's where all the Peterson
12 brains went... 5:15

13 SOUND: KNOCK ON DOOR

14 JANE: Come in.

15 SOUND: DOOR OPENS

16 WAND: If you don't mind, it's me, Maestro Wanderkin...Hello
17 Janie and Irma...My two little sweethearts...Like a 5:30
18 Sunday dinner..From soup to nuts.
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- 1 JANE: Why, Maestro.
- 2 WAND: ~~A neganda I got from the other...~~
- 3 ~~Kropotkin~~..Well girls, what's new?
- 4 JANE: Irma just received a letter, too...Her brother, Gerald
5 Peterson is a lecturer, and he's been on a nation-wide
6 tour. 5:45
- 7 WAND: Irma's brother a lecturer? I can't get over it..Irma I
8 didn't know you had such a distinguished brother.
- 9 IRMA: OH, OUR FAMILY HAS NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF.
- 10 WAND: Tell me, how many children are there in your family?
- 11 IRMA: BESIDES GERALD THERE ARE NINE OF US. 6:00
- 12 WAND: And what are their accomplishments?
- 13 IRMA: WELL SIX OF US ARE FAILURES..BUT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE
14 OTHER THREE BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING YET.
- 15 WAND: Well if such a celebrity is coming to visit us, I think 6:15
16 we should take appropriate steps to entertain him.
- 17 IRMA: OH, THAT'S ALRIGHT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BOTHER, BESIDES JANE
18 IS GOING TO BE SO BUSY WITH HER CLUB MEETINGS...
- 19 JANE: Busy? Who me? Why, Cookie, you're coming to the meetings
with me. 6:30

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- 1 IRMA: I AM?
- 2 JANE: Yes..You and your brother. I've got it!!
- 3 IRMA: WHAT JANE?
- 4 JANE: That Hazel Carson has been so uppity since she brought that
6:45
5 novelist to lecture at our last gathering, and this is my
6 chance to get even with her. I'll invite the entire club
7 here, have your brother lecture, and let Hazel see that we
8 know intellectual people too.
- 9 IRMA: GEE, IMAGINE ME GOING TO MEETINGS AND DISCUSSING CULTURAL
7:00
10 THINGS LIKE MUSIC AND ART...OF COURSE, I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED
11 MUSIC.
- 12 JANE: You do?
- 13 IRMA: YES. WHY ONLY THE OTHER NIGHT AL TOOK ME TO A CONCERT AND
14 I HEARD BEETHOVEN'S UNFINISHED SYMPHONY.
- 15 JANE: Wait a minute...Beethoven never wrote an Unfinished Symphony.
- 16 IRMA: I KNOW, BUT AL DIDN'T HAVE ANY TICKETS AND WHEN THE USHER
7:15
17 CAME, WE HAD TO LEAVE.
- 18 JANE: Oh, I see. Well, Cookie, I'm going to arrange things
19 right now, and I'm going to do them up real.
- 20 SOUND: REC UP DIAL
- 21 IRMA: WHO ARE YOU CALLING, JANE?

7:30

1 JANE: You'll see...Hello..Hazel Carson? This is Jane Stacy..I
2 would like to invite all the girls of the Philosophical
3 Society to a special meeting at our apartment this Friday
4 afternoon...What's the occasion? Irma Peterson's brother
5 is a distinguished lecturer...What? Of course not..you
6 know I don't drink..Please notify the membership. What?
7 Just a moment? (TO IRMA) Irma, is your brother a Linguist?

7:45

8:00

8 IRMA: NO HE THROWS RIGHT HANDED.

8:15

9 JANE: Thanks..(INTO PHONE) I assume the lecture will be in
10 English..Good-bye.

11 SOUND: REC DOWN

12 JANE: Well that's taken care of...Now we'll invite all our
13 friends..The Maestro, Mrs. O'Reilly..Richard and his
14 mother.

8:30

15 IRMA: JANE, DO YOU THINK MY AL WOULD FIT IN AT THIS MEETING?

16 JANE: Yes, if he'll stay in the kitchen and chop ice.

17 WAND: Jane, by the way, where is Irma's brother staying?

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1 JANE: Staying? Oh, I forgot all about that...I suppose he'll
2 go to a hotel. Have you any suggestions? *8:45*

3 WAND: Well, that all depends what he lectures about.. If he is
4 an expert on wild animal life.. He'd enjoy staying in
5 my room.. right now it's open season...

6 MRS. O: (OFF SINGING) If I was the only girl in the world, *9:00*
7 And you were the only boy...

8 WAND: What a thought...this would positively be the end of
9 the human race!

10 SOUND: KNOCK ON DOOR.

11 MRS. O: (OFF) Yoo hoo..anyone at home?? *9:15*

12 JANE: Come in, Mrs. O'Reilly.

13 SOUND: DOOR OPEN

14 MRS. O: Hello Girls....Hello Maestro...

15 JANE: Well, look at you..what stunning new shoes.. What's the
16 occasion?

17 MRS. O: Nothing special...but Cinderella always has to be ready *9:30*
18 in case some Prince Charming should come along and want
19 to drink champagne out of one of her slippers...

1 WAND: Or take a bath in the other. 9:45

2 MRS. O: I'll have you know I wear a five shoe.

3 WAND: It must be wonderful to have feet that you can fold in

4 half before you put them into the shoe.

5 MRS. O: Another remark like that and you're going to get a very 10:00

6 close look at my shoe..but where I put it you won't be

7 able to see it!

8 JANE: Now look before you get into that Mrs. O'Reilly, let us

9 give you the news..Irma's brother is very successful

10 lecturer and he's coming here.

11 MRS. O: Glory be...Irma's brother??

12 JANE: I can't blame you for being surprised....Knowing Irma 10:15

13 anyone would assume that the rest of her family was

14 (SPELLS) D-E-M-E-N-T-E-D.

15 IRMA: They are not Democrats. 10:30

16 WAND: I can't get over it. Irma's brother should be such a

17 brilliant man.

18 MRS. O: Well it happens in many families...Where children are

19 completely opposite...Take me.. I have a sister who is

20 not at all attractive 10:45

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1 WAND: You're the pretty one?

2 MRS. O: That's what they say..

3 WAND: How much do they charge to see the other one?

~~4 MRS. O: Oh, keep quiet....By the way, Irma, is your brother,
5 single?~~

6 IRMA: YES.

7 MRS. O: How old is he?

8 IRMA: THIRTY-THREE

9 MRS. O: Oh, well, I guess if he's in good health it's all right.

10 WAND: Don't worry so much about his health....worry about his
11 eye-sight because once he sees you, you're through!

12 JANE: Now, let's not stand here admiring each other..there's

13 so much to do.. Mrs. O'Reilly you're invited to the

14 lecture here this Friday.

15 MRS. O: Oh, how nice of you, Janie..Shall I bake a cake?

16 WAND: No, they are not discussing the Stone Age! Janie, is
17 there anything I can bring to the lecture.

18 JANE: Well, do you have any extra chairs?

19 WAND: Yes, I have a large folding chair.

1 MRS. O: Maestro, I don't recall giving you a folding chair.

2 WAND: No, but you gave me a sofa, and anytime anyone sits
3 on it it folds up. 11:30

4 JAN : Just bring yourselves to the meeting I'll take care of
5 everything else. Oh, no! Look what time it is..Come on
6 Irma we'll be late for work.

7 IRMA: DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME JANE.,I DON'T HAVE TO BE THERE
8 EARLY TODAY.. MR. CLYDE HAS TO GO TO COURT THIS MORNING.

9 JANE: Oh, defending someone? 11:45

10 IRMA: YES, HIMSELF. HE THREW AN INKWELL AT ME AND HIT THE
11 LANDLORD.

12 ORCH: STINGER,

13 SOUND: DOOR OPENS

14 CLYDE: Good morning, Miss Peterson. 12:00

15 IRMA: HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT AT COURT MR. CLYDE?

16 CLYDE: I was fined fifty dollars...The next time I throw
17 anything at you don't you dare duck.

18 IRMA: YES SIR. MR. CLYDE, GUESS WHO MY BROTHER IS. 12:15

19 CLYDE: Your brother?

1 IRMA: YES.

2 CLYDE: Don't tell me..let me figure this out myself. Well,
3 off hand I would say he was the village idiot.

4 IRMA: NO.

5 CLYDE: A stand-in for the headless horseman. *12:30*

6 IRMA: NO.

7 CLYDE: Well I've exhausted every clue you've given me. I give
8 up.

9 IRMA: MY BROTHER HAPPENS TO BE A VERY BRILLIANT MAN...

10 CLYDE: Your brother?

11 IRMA: YES.

12 CLYDE: Well wasn't that mean of him to ~~do~~..take everything and
13 leave nothing for you. And what does this brilliant
14 brother of yours do?

15 IRMA: HE'S A LECTURER, AND JANE WANTS YOU AND YOUR WIFE TO
16 COME OVER FRIDAY TO HEAR HIM.

17 CLYDE: Well if we can get some work done today, I can find time
18 to make it...Now let's get some dictation done. *13:00*

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1 IRMA: OKAY..WAIT UNTIL I GET READY...LET'S SEE...PENCILS,
2 CLIPS, ERASER, CARBON, TYPEWRITER RIBBON, PAD,
3 FOUNTAIN PEN, INK ERADICATOR, BLOTTERS, CHEWING GUM,
4 ~~EYE SHADE, SCOTCH TAPE, BINDERS...~~ 13:15
5 CLYDE: The Mayo brothers don't call for that many things when
6 they go into surgery! Are you ready now?
7 IRMA: I THINK SO.
8 SOUND: DOOR OPEN.
9 MAN: Is this the office of Mr. Clyde? 13:30
10 IRMA: YES.
11 MAN: Here are the two garbage cans you ordered.
12 CLYDE: Two garbage cans?
13 IRMA: YES..YOU TOLD ME TO ORDER TWO CANS.
14 CLYDE: You idiot..I told you to order two tickets for "Can Can".
15 It's a musical. 13:45
16 IRMA: OH MISTER...YOU BETTER TAKE THE CANS BACK AND BRING ME
17 TWO MUSICAL ONES.
18 MAN: What?

1 CLYDE: There's been a mistake...get those things out of here.

2 MAN: Okey.

3 SOUND: DOOR CLOSE.

4 CLYDE: Can't you ever get things straight? Last year I
5 asked you to get me ~~tickets~~ for South Pacific and you ^{14.00}
6 bought me steamship tickets for Australia. Now take
7 this letter.

8 IRMA: YES SIR.

9 CLYDE: Dear Madam: My client instructs me to inform your
10 husband that she ~~was~~ careful when she backed the ^{14.15}
11 bumper of her car into your hot house and ruined your
12 prize snapdragons.....Sincerely, Milton J. Clyde.

13 IRMA: GOT IT.

14 CLYDE: Read it back.

15 IRMA: (READS) DEAR MADAM: MY CLIENT INSTRUCTS ME THAT YOU
16 BETTER BE CAREFUL BECAUSE HER BUMPER IS DRAGGING AND ^{14.30}
17 WHEN SHE GETS HOT SHE MAY SNAP AT YOUR HUSBAND.

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1 CLYDE: Get out of here! Get out of here you idiot!

2 IRMA: BUT..

3 CLYDE: Go home!

4 IRMA: ALL RIGHT, BUT WILL YOU COME TO MY BROTHER'S LECTURE

5 FRIDAY?

6 CLYDE: Yes, only because your brother may discuss ivory *14.95*

7 hunting and I want to see what a price he puts on your

8 head! *14.50*

9 ORCH: END OF ACT.

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1ST ANNCR: Would you like a really new experience in smoking pleasure? Try new king-size Cavalier cigarettes, made by the makers of Camels! Yes, try king-size Cavaliers for a really new combination of great mildness and fine flavor!

2ND ANNCR: When thousands of smokers from coast to coast compared king-size Cavaliers with the cigarettes they'd been smoking, 8 out of 10 interviewed said Cavaliers are milder! And, mind you, Cavaliers were compared with all the other leading cigarette brands, perhaps the brand you now smoke!

1ST ANNCR: 88% of the vacationists interviewed at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin...85% of the airline hostesses interviewed in New York...said Cavaliers are milder. And here's what Miss Frances Bolin, hostess for Colonial Airlines said: "I found Cavaliers definitely milder than the cigarette I'd been smoking, and Cavaliers taste especially good to me, too!"

1ST ANNCR: Yes, king-size Cavaliers' fine, light tobaccos are specially blended to bring out all their mildness and flavor..blended by the makers of Camels. And king-size Cavaliers are priced no higher than leading regular-size brands. You get extra length and extra value at no extra cost. So try king-size Cavaliers!

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1 MUSIC: THEME

16:23

2 JANE: Well this is Friday, the day Irma's brother arrives to
3 lecture to the Philosophical Society...You know, I feel
4 a little proud about it...I'm sure all our friends and
5 fellow club members are going to be impressed. ~~Irma~~
6 ~~has decorated the apartment and you should see it. On~~
7 ~~the wall, she's hung her graduation picture taken the day~~
8 ~~she graduated from grammar school...it's easy to pick~~
9 ~~out Irma because all the other pupils look like they~~
10 ~~could be her children. Then she has other little~~
11 ~~touches around the room. When she was a teenager, she's~~
12 ~~hung a little sign "Class of 1955" - 195, the sig~~
13 ~~ment is gone.~~ Do you know what we've been doing
14 these past two days? Having little cultural discussions,
15 so we'll be ready if Irma's brother asks us questions
16 after the lecture. Irma.

16:45

17 IRMA: YES, JANE.

18 JANE: Name the five continents.

19 IRMA: SALT, VINEGAR, MUSTARD, PEPPER AND PICKLES.

20 JANE: Not Condiments. Continents. I'll give you a hint. The
21 first continent is North America. Now what's the second?

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- 1 IRMA: ER....SOUTH AMERICA?
- 2 JANE: Good...now what are the other three?
- 3 IRMA: EAST AMERICA, WEST AMERICA, AND INSIDE AMERICA.
- 4 JANE: What??
- 5 IRMA: OH HOW STUPID OF ME..I LEFT OUT MINNESOTA. 17:18
- 6 JANE: Irma, read your geography book. Maestro are you willing
7 to try Historical Dates?
- 8 WAND: Fire away. 17:30
- 9 JANE: 1492?
- 10 WAND: Discovery of America.
- 11 JANE: 1776?
- 12 WAND: Declaration of Independence.
- 13 JANE: 1006?
- 14 WAND: Norman Invasion of England.
- 15 JANE: 50 B. C.?
- 16 WAND: Er, uh...er..Birth of Mrs. O'Reilly? 17:45
- 17 MRS. O: Don't be funny.

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1 JANE: Maestro..you better check the Encyclopedia..Alright
2 Mrs. O'Reilly, it's your turn...Who was Madam Pompadour?
3 MRS.O: She was the Sweetheart of King Henry, and she has *18:00*
4 beautiful red hair...something like mine.
5 JANE: Mona Lisa?
6 MRS. O: That's a famous painting, and I'm told the smile on the
7 girl resembles mine. *18:15*
8 JANE: Sabu?
9 MRS. O: Sabu????
10 WAND: Mrs. O'Reilly, he's the Elephant Boy, and if you'll
11 notice what he rides you'll find a resemblance there too.
12 JANE: Now look, *18:30* we can't take this thing lightly because all my
13 friends including Mrs. Rhinelanders are going to be here
14 and I don't want any embarrassment of any sort.
15 IRMA: WELL I WON'T EMBARRASS YOU JANE, I ALREADY KNOW ALL THE *18:45*
16 FIVE CONTINENTS.
17 JANE: Well that's what I call a good student..Name them.
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1 IRMA: NORTH AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA, EUROPE, ASIA, AND...AND...
2 OH I ALWAYS FORGET THE FIFTH ONE.
3 JANE: Well maybe this will help you...This continent is
4 moist and humid, overgrown..many men have died there.. 19:00
5 WAND: My room is a continent??
6 JANE: Irma, it's Africa... and if you don't remember -
7 SOUND: KNOCK ON DOOR 19:15
8 JANE: Come in.
9 SOUND: DOOR OPENS
10 AL: H'ya folks...Hello Chicken
11 IRMA: Oh, hello Al, honey.
12 AL: Hey, what's this invitation I got? Are you on the level?
13 Have you got a brother who is a famous lecturer???
14 IRMA: THAT'S RIGHT AL...ISN'T IT EXCITING? 19:30
15 AL: Well personally I'm not impressed. To me lectures are
16 all the same...A bunch of words and they all end the same.
17 Thirty days, ninety days or report to your parole officer.
18

1 JANE: Al it's not that kind of a lecture..But come to think of
2 it, we don't know what he's going to talk about. 19:45

3 AL: Well Chicken, I hope he specializes in Mathematics
4 and medicine.

5 IRMA: WHY?

6 AL: Because I got a problem I could use his opinion on.

7 IRMA: WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

8 AL: If you give a race horse a shot at what pole are you
9 suppose to start whipping him? 20:10

10 JANE: Al, if you attend this lecture you will not say a single
11 word.

12 AL: Well can't I make any contribution to the success of the
13 evening? 20:15

14 JANE: Yes, at a signal from me you can begin emptying ashtrays.
15 Irma, our guests will be arriving any minute..you better
16 bring out the hors d'ueures... ~~did you chop the olives?~~

17 IRMA: ~~NO, AND I ROINED TWO KNIVES.~~

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- 1 JANE: ~~Irma, first you're supposed to take out the pills.~~
- 2 ~~Well, never mind the crives!~~ Do we have any salmon eggs?
- 3 IRMA: YES, BUT THEY'RE NOT ANY GOOD. 20:30
- 4 JANE: Why not?
- 5 IRMA: I'VE HAD THEM IN THE OVEN ALL WEEK AND NOT ONE OF
- 6 THEM HATCHED!
- 7 JANE: Alright just get the cheese and crackers.
- 8 SOUND: KNOCK ON DOOR
- 9 JANE: Come in.
- 10 SOUND: DOOR OPENS 20:45
- 11 JANE: Well, it's Mr. and Mrs. Clyde. Won't you come in.
- 12 CLYDE: Good evening, Jane.
- 13 MRS.C: Hello Irma.
- 14 IRMA: OH, I'M SO GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT. ~~THAT'S A VISIT!~~
- 15 MRS. C: Hasta la visit?
- 16 IRMA: THAT'S SPANISH FOR "GLAD YOU COULD COME". TONIGHT
- 17 WE'RE ~~ALL~~ BEING CULTURAL.

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1 MRS. O: Hello Mrs. Clyde.

2 MRS. C: Hello, Mrs. O'Reilly.

3 MRS. O: And you, Mr. Clyde, I always get such a kick seeing

4 you...you look just like my poor dead husband. 21:00

5 MR. C: Thank you. Tell me, are you and the Maestro still

6 carrying the torch for each other?

7 MRS. O: Well lately, he's being a little difficult. Mr. Clyde,

8 you're a lawyer..what's the law on "Breach of Promise?" 21:15

9 MR. C: Oh, is there a breach of promise involved?

10 WAND: I promised to move but she hid my trunk.

~~11 MRS. O: Oh what a charming apartment you have, Jane.~~

12 JANE: Thank you.

13 IRMA: SOME OF THE THINGS ARE MINE.

14 MRS. C: Yes so I would imagine....why that's an extraordinary

15 piece.

16 JANE: You mean the cupie doll with the flag in one hand and

17 the clock in her stomach?

18 MRS. C: Yes.

1 ~~JANE: What's wrong?~~

2 ~~IRMA: I would have had two but they were both killed.~~

3 CLYDE: Yes, I remember. I defended you in court. You hit
4 the ~~population~~. Shall we take seats, Jane.

5 JANE: If you don't mind.

6 MRS. C: Jane, have you any idea what the lecture is going to
7 be about?

8 JANE: ~~No~~, but I'm sure it will be interesting. I understand
9 Irma's brother lectures all over the country.

10 IRMA: AND WE'RE READY FOR ANYTHING. I HAVE BEEN PRACTISING ALL
11 WEEK GETTING SMART. DO YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE FIVE
12 CONTINENTS?

13 MR. C: Really?

14 IRMA: YES...NORTH AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA AND...WELL, ANYWAY,
15 I KNOW THAT MACORONI INVENTED THE FIRST TELEGRAPH BOY.

16 SOUND: KNOCK ON DOOR

17 JANE: Come in.

18 SOUND: DOOR OPENS

21:30

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22:00

1 MRS. R: Good evening, Jane.

2 JANE: Well, Mrs. Rhineland. .how nice. You know everyone
3 here.

4 CAST: AD LIB HELLOS

5 MRS. O: Well, if it isn't my dear friend, Mrs. Rhineland. I
6 see you've put on a little weight, cutie.

7 MRS. R: I suppose these summer cottons do fluff out a bit. 22:15

8 WAND: Mrs. Rhineland, you look lovely and as far as weight
9 is concerned, Mrs. O'Reilly may not be wearing cottons,
10 but she's still got more fluff.

11 MRS. R: Oh you two are still at it. Irma, I just can't tell you 22:30
12 how thrilled I am to know I'm going to hear your brother
13 speak. You must be very proud of him.

14 IRMA: OH, THAT'S NOTHING. OUR WHOLE FAMILY IS TALENTED. DO
15 YOU KNOW THAT MY MOTHER CAN MILK A COW AND KNIT A SWEATER
16 AT THE SAME TIME. OF COURSE, SOMETIMES THE SWEATER 22:45
17 CAN ONLY FIT THE COW.

18 JANE: ~~Irma, take a seat and be a child.~~

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1 AL: Hi Mrs. Rhinelander. I was in the kitchen.

2 MRS. R: Well, Al...what's new?

3 AL: I'm working..got a job.

4 ~~MRS. R: My, the whole world is changing.~~

5 SOUND: KNOCK ON DOOR ... DOOR OPENS

6 JANE: Come in girls.

7 HAZEL: Oh Jane, this is such an exciting night. I hope the 23:00

8 lecturer is as interesting as the novelist I had at the

9 last meeting.

10 JANE: Well we can't expect to equal your accomplishment, Hazel.

11 After all, how many people write books on "The Sex Life

12 of Tadpoles" Irma, will you take the girls' coats. 23:15

13 IRMA: RIGHT IN THE BEDROOM GIRLS.

14 SOUND: KNOCK ON DOOR

15 JANE: Come in. 23:30

16 SOUND: DOOR OPENS

17 GER: Irma Peterson live here?

18 IRMA: GERALD! MY OWN BELOVED BROTHER!

1 GER: Hi sis.

2 IRMA: THIS IS JANE.

3 GER: Hello.

4 JANE: Gerald, I can't tell you what an honor this is. We've
5 all been looking forward to your arrival with breathless
6 excitement and just the thought of having you lecture
7 to us...well, it's just too thrilling for words. 23:45

8 GER: Yeah, huh!

9 IRMA: GERALD, THESE ARE ALL OUR DEAR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF
10 THE PHILO-SLOPPY SOCIETY. 24:00

11 JANE: Philosophy.

12 GER: Nice to know you.

13 IRMA: HOW'S THE FAMILY, GERALD?

14 GER: I haven't been home much..you see my lecturing keeps me
15 jumping around but I got a letter from Mother. ~~Another~~

16 ~~One got kicked by a nurse and we're being sued by the~~

17 ~~neighbor~~

18 ~~IRMA: WHY?~~

1 GER: He landed in their glass house.

2 IRMA: WELL, HE ALWAYS LIKED TO TRAVEL.

3 GER: And Sister Phoebe....

4 JANE: Can't we discuss this later when we're having

5 refreshments. The girls are so impatient to hear

6 your lecture.

7 GER: Well?

8 JANE: Come on...you don't know how I've been looking forward

9 to this moment. I kind of think of it as my hour of

10 triumph.

11 GER: Well okay if you insist. ✓

12 JANE: Girls, if you'll all take your places.

13 SOUND: SCRAPING OF CHAIRS MOVING..AD LIB VOICES

14 MRS. O: Oh Maestro, would you like to sit next to me?

15 WAND: Why?

16 MRS. O: Well, Gerald may lecture on the "Wonders of Marriage"..

17 and you know...(GIGGLES)

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24:15

24:30

24:45

1 WAND: He may also talk about the "Missing Link" and I don't
2 want to spoil his lecture by letting people think I
3 found it. ✓ *25:00*

4 SOUND: GAVEL

5 JANE: Ladies and gentlemen and fellow members of the
6 Philosophic Society..I can't tell you the honor I feel
7 upon this occasion and how proud I am to have a roommate
8 whose brother is so distinguished a personality. I don't
9 know what Gerald Peterson is going to lecture about but
10 I know it will be a surprise we will never forget.
11 Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Peterson.

12 SOUND: APPLAUSE *25:30*

13 GER: (ALA BARKER) ✓ Alright folks..tell you what I'm gonna do.
14 You say you're feelin' low...you say you're feelin'
15 rundown. Now you there.

16 MRS. R: Me? ✓ *25:45*

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1 GER: Yes. It's plain to see you've had your face lifted,
2 but if you had only bought one little bottle of Mother
3 Clemens Magic Indian Snake Oil, it would have taken
4 off all those ugly wrinkles off your face and give you ^{26:00}
5 the spring of youth and a figure that wouldn't make
6 you look like an upholstered sofa looking for its mate.

7 JANE: Irma, Irma, where are you going? ^{26:15}

8 IRMA: IT'S STUFFY IN HERE. I THINK I'LL GO OUTSIDE AND GET
9 A TRAIN TO MINNESOTA. ^{26:20}

10 MUSIC: TAG

11 BOB: Irma and Jane will be back in a moment.
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1ST ANNCR: Throughout the land, the talk is of a new cigarette --
new king-size Cavalier. What a delight to find a
cigarette that's so truly mild, yet so full of fresh,
rewarding flavor!

2ND ANNCR: How mild are Cavaliers? Well, here is evidence of
mildness no other cigarette offers. Thousands of smokers,
in group after group from coast to coast, compared
king-size Cavaliers with the cigarette they'd been
smoking..and 8 out of 10 interviewed said Cavaliers are
milder! Yes, 8 out of 10 interviewed said Cavaliers
are milder!

1ST ANNCR: No wonder smokers by the thousands are switching to new
king-size Cavaliers! Here's what Carl L. Hartmann,
well-known Chicago yachtsman, said about king-size
Cavaliers: Cavalier is the only cigarette I've ever
smoked that is so mild, yet tastes so good!

2ND ANNCR: And just listen to this: King-size Cavaliers -- made
by the makers of Camels -- are priced no higher than
leading regular-size brands. You pay no premium for
Cavalier's extra length! So try king-size Cavaliers...
now! Get a carton!

27:45

1 JANE: Well, I no longer belong to the Philosophic Society. 27:50

2 In fact, I no longer consider myself a member of society.

3 What can I do? It's my own fault..I should have known. 28:00

4 I make the mistake of thinking anyone related to Irma can

5 be a person and that's my downfall! Well, her brother

6 is gone, thank goodness....Irma, what have you got there?

7 IRMA: A BOTTLE OF MY BROTHER'S SNAKE OIL. 28:15

8 JANE: You bought that?

9 IRMA: YES, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE AROUND IN CASE

10 WE EVER RUN ACROSS A SICK SNAKE.

11 JANE: Well, what is there to say. I think I'll just wiggle to

12 my bed and forget that I ever moved ~~in~~ with MY FRIEND 28:30

13 IRMA.

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ANNCR: "My Friend Irma" is a Cy Howard Production and is directed by Parke Levy who writes the script with Stanley Adams. Marie Wilson is starred as Irma and Cathy Lewis as Jane. Kenny Delmar was heard as Maestro Wanderkin, Gloria Gordon as Mrs. O'Reilly, Sid Tomack was Al, and Alan Reed as Mr. Clyde. Also included, were: Stanley Adams, Barney Phillips, Mary Shipp, Myra Marsh and Jean Howell.

Music was under the direction of Lud Gluskin.

Until next Tuesday, your friend Irma says:

IRMA: HOPE YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE A CAVALIER NEARBY. KING-SIZE?

ANNCR: Bob Lemond speaking, transcribed from Hollywood and saying goodnight for Cavalier Cigarettes. / 2921

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