



Conan and sidekick Andy Richter encounter a couple of gremlins

scanning the hyperlinked headlines that range from “Is there a ‘Late Night’ drinking game?” to “Where did Conan go to college?” and “Is there a Conan comic book?” He does have an occasional quibble—“Don’t let my girlfriend see that!” he cries when his current relationship is described as “not serious” (the note has since been removed)—but generally, he says, the information is right on the mark. There’s a strange interlude as O’Brien reads an entry aloud: “‘Why was Conan so nervous early in the show?’ You try replacing David Letterman—hey, that’s what it says! ‘You try replacing David Letterman.’ This is great! It’s eerie, though.”

O’Brien seems nonplussed by this unusually intense ego-surfing session. “It’s just a little too strange to hear people talking about you—it’s probably not healthy, don’t you think? We’ve been doing our show for almost four years, and it’s amazing that there’s that much information about it. I mean, *I’ve* forgotten stuff. I’ve seen the Conan Purity Test, and Andy Richter and I were having a hard time answering some of the questions, like ‘What did Conan say in the sketch when Andy is shot out of a cannon?’”

And O’Brien feels some of his fans may be taking the show just a bit *too* seriously, in the obsessive fashion of JFK conspiracy theorists and, well, Heaven’s Gate suicides. “X hasn’t been on the show lately. That symbolizes O’Brien’s dissatisfaction with the NBC peacock. Obviously he’s angry at the NBC management team.’ It’s that same mentality applied to a dumb late-night TV show.”

But, ever self-effacing, O’Brien chalks up much of the interest to the



CONAN CHATS

PRODIGY

Question: Explain a typical day... morning till taping.

Conan: Roll out of bed at four in the afternoon. Andy pours hot coffee into me until five. Tape the show. Head out for a night of drinking with my good friend James Caan. Then the process repeats.

Question: Who was originally the host of “Late Night”?

Conan: His name was David Letterman. Ask your parents.

Question: Are you gonna do any movies soon?

Conan: Yes, but unfortunately I’ve only been offered European porn. Still, it’s good exposure.

RENAULT/GLOBE PHOTOS (3)

Online & After Hours

You’ll find the official homes of the late and the good at nbc.com, cbs.com, etc., but if you want an even later angle...

Letterman!

The Most Powerful Man in American Broadcasting

www.geocities.com/timesquare/5511/third.html

Brian Deal’s page devoted to “The Most Powerful Man in American Broadcasting” includes valuable tips for those lucky enough to attend a taping of the “Late Show with David Letterman”: “Use the rest rooms. It breaks the monotony of standing in line, also it’s very cold inside and you will have to go!”

Leno!

The Unofficial “Tonight Show” Site

www.cs.vu.nl/~rfennema/tonight

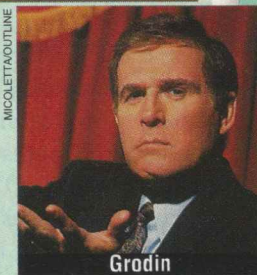
“We started this page when we could still see the show, but it’s a lot less fun now,” lament the Dutch proprietors of The Unofficial “Tonight Show” Site. The local cable provider swapped NBC for CNN on January 1, 1996, thus pulling the plug on Leno.

Grodin!

Who The Hell Is Charles Grodin?

www.socool.com/socool/ojgrodin.html

“Who the Hell is Charles Grodin?” asks SoCool Bob on his spleen-venting page, taking the former actor to task for his CNBC coverage of the O.J. Simpson trial: “What unique qualifications and source of information does Charles Grodin have, that he should presume to broadcast to the American people, and those abroad, that despite the declaration of a legally constituted jury that O.J. Simpson is not guilty of the dual crimes of killing Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman, that Charles Grodin KNOWS otherwise?”



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Grodin

Snyder!

The Late, Late Show

www.cbs.com/snyder/

Ever wonder about that super-tan guy who shows up each night on CBS after Letterman? Are you one of those people who is curious about this guy’s appetite for extreme close-ups of his pancaked nostrils? Well there aren’t many of you, because Tom Snyder doesn’t appear to have a single fan page. This official page will fill in any gaps in your clearly comprehensive knowledge of the man.

Sanders!

The Larry Sanders Show

www.hbo.com/larry/cmp/larrysandersshow/

Official, yes, but the show that chisels the highest comedy from the spiritual abyss of late-night chat shows has a site that extracts the same from the hubris and modest design-sensibilities of bandwidth-greedy Web hacks. —B.S.