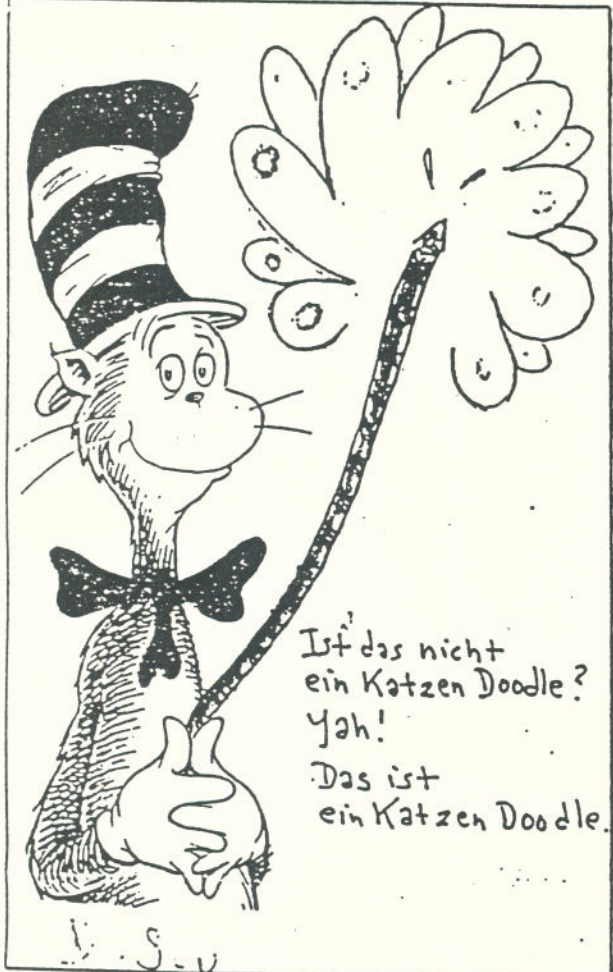
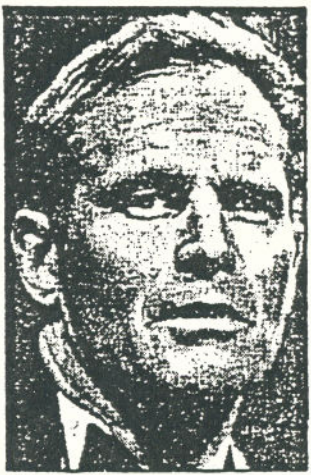


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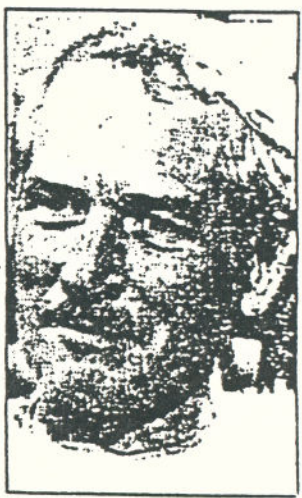
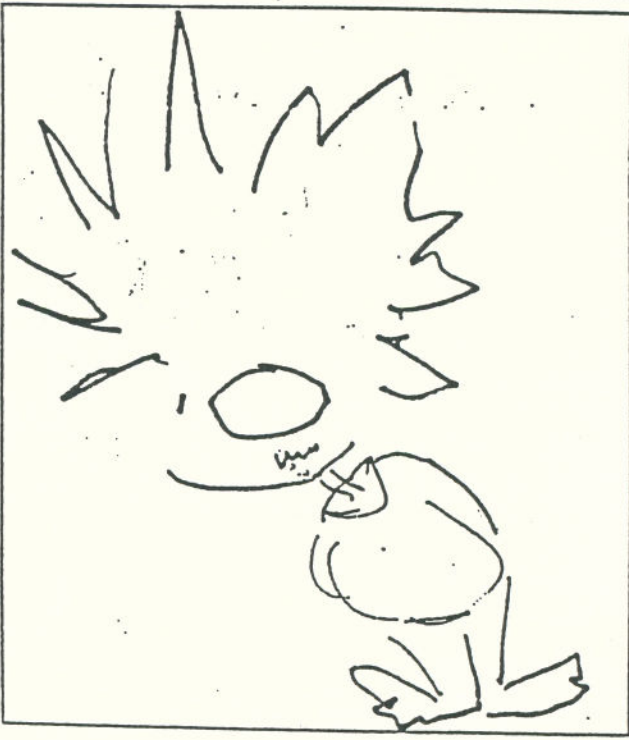


Ist das nicht ein Katzen Doodle?
Yah!
Das ist ein Katzen Doodle.

Dr. Seuss donated a drawing of the Cat in the Hat.



Charlton Heston, above, donated a drawing of cameramen at work that he drew while between takes of the movie "Khartoum" in 1965.



Paul Newman, above, donated drawing of a creature, at left.

Celebrity doodles expected to draw generous crowd

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Do you doodle? If so, you're not alone. So do Vincent Price and Charlton Heston, not to mention Paul Newman.

Chances are your doodles aren't particularly valuable. But theirs are. The Back Alley Theatre in Van Nuys learned that last year, when it made more than \$10,000 at its first Doodle Auction.

The event will be repeated Sunday afternoon at the Sherman Oaks estate of Jerry Berns, 13232 Magnolia Blvd. About 70 celebrity doodles will be auctioned off at the affair, which will also feature a buffet dinner and open bar.

Details of the auction, like the items themselves, are sketchy. But the doodles will be available for viewing beginning at 3 p.m., and the bidding will begin around 4:45 p.m.

Michael Nadar of "Dynasty" will reprise his role as celebrity auctioneer. Former Los Angeles Raider Lyle Alzado also will be on hand.

The most money spent on a single doodle last year was \$675, according to Laura Zucker, producing director of the Back Alley. That went for a pen-and-ink drawing by Charlton Heston.

Zucker stressed, however, that many of the drawings went for far less money. A Dick Clark doodle sold for only \$15.

Several historical items will be auctioned off this year, including a post card from George Bernard Shaw and William Makepeace Thackeray's drawings of 10 distinctively clothed characters.

Among the contemporary celebrities who have contributed their scribbles:

Leonard Bernstein drew some bars of music and wrote under them the words "make your two hands one hand."

Johnny Carson contributed an

autographed necktie. Disney animator Jay Gould donated a drawing of Mickey Mouse on a cloth napkin.

Dr. Seuss offered a drawing of — what else? — the Cat in the Hat.

Charlton Heston sketched some cameramen at work while he was between takes filming the movie "Khartoum" in 1965.

Paul Newman drew a simple little creature.

Lesley Ann Warren donated her lip print.

Peter Ueberroth's doodle consists of the names of potential World Series teams and possible match-ups.

Jon Voight contributed a pencil sketch of a king holding a child.

Joan Collins drew a self-portrait.

Tickets, which are \$35, are on sale at the theater, 15231 Burbank Blvd. in Van Nuys. They will also be available at the door. For more information, call (818) 780-2240.