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black boxes, or maybe brown paper bags. Everyone drove big cars that used lots of gas, and they drove them on highways where the speed limit was 70 m.p.h. Sure, everything wasn't roses and apple pie. But a man knew how to be a man and he didn't go around whimpering about how tough he had it. Now maybe I'm old-fashioned, but what's so bad about all that? (The audience cheers.)

And tell me this, what do we have, for all our modern affluence and enlightenment? We have computers, not just at the space stations of NASA, but in our living rooms. Computers that will someday keep tabs on all of us and allow Big Brother to put his iron grip on our freedom. Instead of the symphonies and Dean Martin, we have heavy metal rock and rollers who are poisoning our children's minds with their trashy music, dirty long hair and decadent lifestyles.

Maybe I'm cynical, but sometimes I think we'd all be better off if there were a nuclear war. The final war. The only cure for this disease called Man.

In the final analysis, who could possibly mourn our departure? Certainly not the insects that would eventually inherit our earth. And even if there is a God, certainly He would not mourn the disappearance of the one mistake he had made in an otherwise perfect universe. Mankind will vanish as he has lived, alone.

Tom (returning unexpectedly): Hey man, lighten up. You're going to kill our ratings.

Glenn: I thought you were in Moscow.

Tom: I was, but the whole thing got called off. It turned out Andropov wasn't really dead. He was just playing a little joke on some members of the Polit-

buero. It seems that this was in retaliation for the time one of them put rocks in his bed.

Glenn: Ha, ha! That Yuri always did have quite a sense of humor. I love that guy. It's great to hear he's still with us. (Audience applauds.)

Tom: "Go ahead, make my day."

Glenn: "Ask not what you can do for your country, but what it can do for you."

Tom: "Up, down, turn around, please don't let me hit the ground."

Glenn: I'm bored with movies. Why don't we become food critics instead — real men-about-town.

Tom: Yeah, I've been eating at the Super Sub a lot lately. I usually order a ham, turkey and cheese on wheat bread. Then I go next door to the 7-11 and get a Big Gulp. It really satisfies.

Glenn: I like to go to IGA and get a big piece of steak. Sometimes when I'm drunk and hungry I eat it raw.

Tom: I used to go to McDonald's, but then I got tired of it. I think the one by the airport might be the best, at least as far as decor goes.

Glenn: It's true. Atmosphere really influences how much you enjoy your meal.

Producer (appearing ominously in monitor): Well, sorry boys, but it looks like your time is up. Just remember, until next time keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars.

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