

# Alien beings take over television

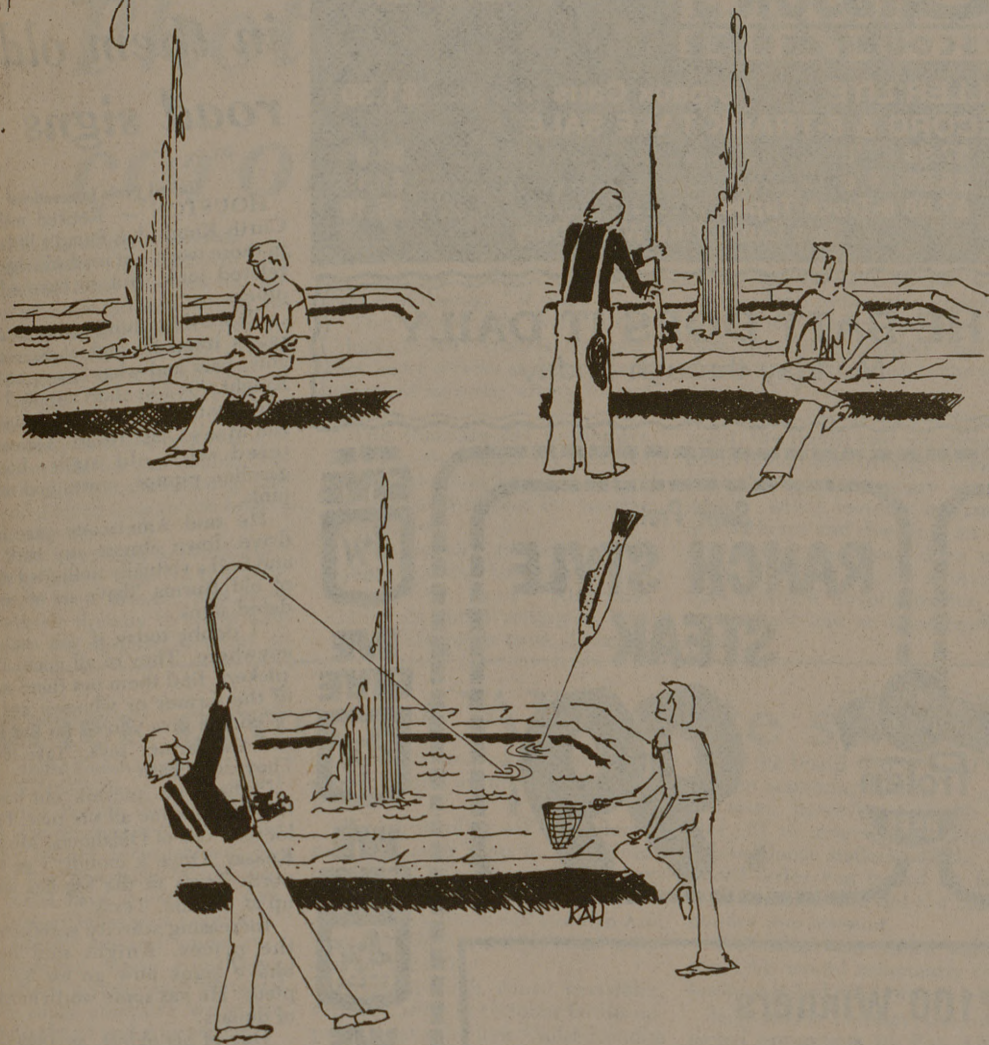
United Press International  
NEW YORK — "Star Wars" may turn into star bores as aliens from outer space invade the inner sanctum of the living room.

Television Network, insisted some of his top executives watch the movie to see the wave of the future. Since then, and compounded by the success of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," science fiction and fantasy are turning up on the airwaves as the networks try to hitch

their schedules to a star. One alien invasion took place last Saturday on NBC when the Bionic Woman was trapped inside a buried pyramid in Southern California, where she ran into a sentinel waiting for the aliens who visited earth 5,000 years ago to return.

Where else but Southern California? Lee Siegel, executive producer of the show, said, "By investigating this phenomenon of aliens visiting earth, we hope to suggest answers to problems that have plagued mankind for centuries."

funny cartoon



## Checkers test child psych

United Press International  
TORRANCE, Calif. — A psychiatrist has come up with a simple test using checkers to help determine the problems of disturbed children.

Dr. Ronald Levy, who recently completed postgraduate training in child psychiatry at Harbor General Hospital, calls the method the Statogram. "He said it produces insight into the young patient's family relationships by simply having the child move labeled checkers around a piece of paper."

In a report at a meeting of the American Academy of Child Psychiatry, Levy said the Statogram provides a pictorial representation of the child's perception of his closeness to each member of his family.

Levy tells a child he is going to play a game. Then he places a sheet of paper on a table along with a box of checkers and says, "One of these checkers is you." The child picks out

a checker and Levy labels it. The child then tells the doctor who lives with him, and chooses a checker for each person. As the child picks them up they are labeled for Mom, Dad, Sis, Brother, and so on, including deceased parents and siblings and those living away from home.

The checker representing the patient is placed in the center of the paper. Another checker is presented and Levy says, "This one is your mother. Where does she go?"

The child will place the checker labeled Mom on the paper according to the dictates of his feelings at the time, either close to or away from his own.

Levy said he found many children put relatively large distances between themselves and members of the family with whom they were having strained relationships.

He is careful in choosing his words to prevent influencing the child's responses. Once the checker

is placed, the child is asked, "Is she closer or further away from you?" or, "Where would this person be if you were angry?"

"The featurelessness of the checker lets the child make of them what he feels," Levy said. "What we are doing is working with the child's natural tendency to imagine and to play."

Once the family relationships are studied with the child in the center, the procedure is repeated with each member of the family in the center of the paper. Different arrangements are made by the child through his perception of family relationships.

Then Levy draws circles around the checkers to make a permanent record of the various arrangements for study at a later time.

The formative work, he said, involved Statograms of 25 patients at Harbor General including educationally handicapped children.

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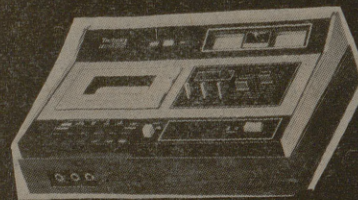


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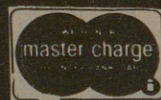
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