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Friday Follies? What Makes Something Funny? George Carlin. Saul Alinsky. Chris Plante-Democrats. Dan Bongino-Republicans. MHI Moat of the Year Award. Intelligence for Your MH Life MHVille FEA

For decades, the *Reader's Digest* ran a section called *Laughter is the Best Medicine* (see Part I below). There are arguably reasons why the pre-weaponized live late night TV shows routinely employed comedy. At the end of a long day, perhaps having to deal with difficult circumstances and stressful situations, there was often a perceived need for people to feel some comic relief. We humans often 'feel better' after a good laugh. After a week of pretty serious MHVille FEA news, the periodic installment of *Friday Follies* can be useful. An example of comic relief is George Carlin (Part II). Leftist Saul Alinsky understood the utility of sharp satire as a difficult to defend against line of attack that entertained fans and frustrated foes (see Part IV). Nationally syndicated Chris Plante (flagship station WMAL-Washington, D.C.) and Dan Bongino on Democrats and Republicans are in Part III.

It is said that until you can explain something you don't really understand it. What makes something funny? More on that on how it relates to the USA Today (not the media outlet) and MHVille are considered in Part V.

Per Copilot.

1. I have an inferiority complex, but it's not a very good one.
2. Why did the employee get fired from the calendar factory? She took a day off.
3. What do you call a magician who lost his magic? Ian.
4. Why don't scientists trust atoms? Because they make up everything!
5. What did one ocean say to the other ocean? Nothing, it just waved.

6. Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon? It had great food, but no atmosphere.
7. Why did the bicycle fall over? Because it was two-tired!
8. What did the big flower say to the little flower? "Hi, bud!"
9. Why should you never trust stairs? They're always up to something.
10. What washes up on very small beaches? Micro-waves.

MHProNews notes that those jokes link to the sources. Hint. They're not rivers.

Per Grok, (see Part V - it's priceless).

Ah, MHVille—where "affordable housing" meets "oligopoly comedy."

To help define what makes something funny, consider the following Q&A.

Grok what do experts say makes something funny? Then give an example.



What Experts Say Makes Something Funny

Experts in psychology, neuroscience, and humor studies suggest several key elements make something funny, often rooted in theories like incongruity, superiority, and relief. According to the **incongruity theory**, humor arises from the unexpected clash between what's anticipated and what actually occurs, creating a surprise that's resolved in a non-threatening way (e.g., Peter McGraw's "Benign Violation" framework: <https://humorresearchlab.org/>). The **superiority theory** (Thomas Hobbes) posits laughter stems from feeling better than others, often via mild mockery or self-deprecation. The **relief theory** (Freud) argues humor releases tension, like through taboo topics handled lightly. Research from the Association for Psychological Science highlights timing, context, and social bonding as amplifiers—laughter often signals group cohesion. Studies also show humor's effectiveness depends on cultural norms and individual temperament (e.g., Journal of Personality: <https://psycnet.apa.org/record/2015-39265-001>).

Example

Take this classic joke: "Why don't skeletons fight each other? Because they don't have the guts!" It's funny due to incongruity—skeletons lack organs, subverting the fight expectation—plus a playful superiority twist (we're "better" with guts). The lighthearted taboo (death) offers relief, and its simplicity fits social sharing, aligning with expert insights.

Let me know if you'd like more examples or a deeper dive!

From page 10 Part I is this from a classic Reader's Digest book "*Laughter is the Best Medicine*."

"Laughter is a great form of communication. Catch the eye of a stranger, and share a smile at something that amuses both of you, and you have an immediate bond. Laughter's always been around, passed on at parties or in pubs, at work or in playgrounds. What was the first joke? Certainly, the Ancient Egyptians knew a version of this one:

A man meets an identical twin and asks, "Now was it you or your brother who died?"

And here's one that has been repeatedly buffed up since at least the 15th century:

DOCTOR: You're coughing more easily this morning.

PATIENT: I should be. I've been practicing all night.

Part I - Reader's Digest and Laughter is the Best Medicine



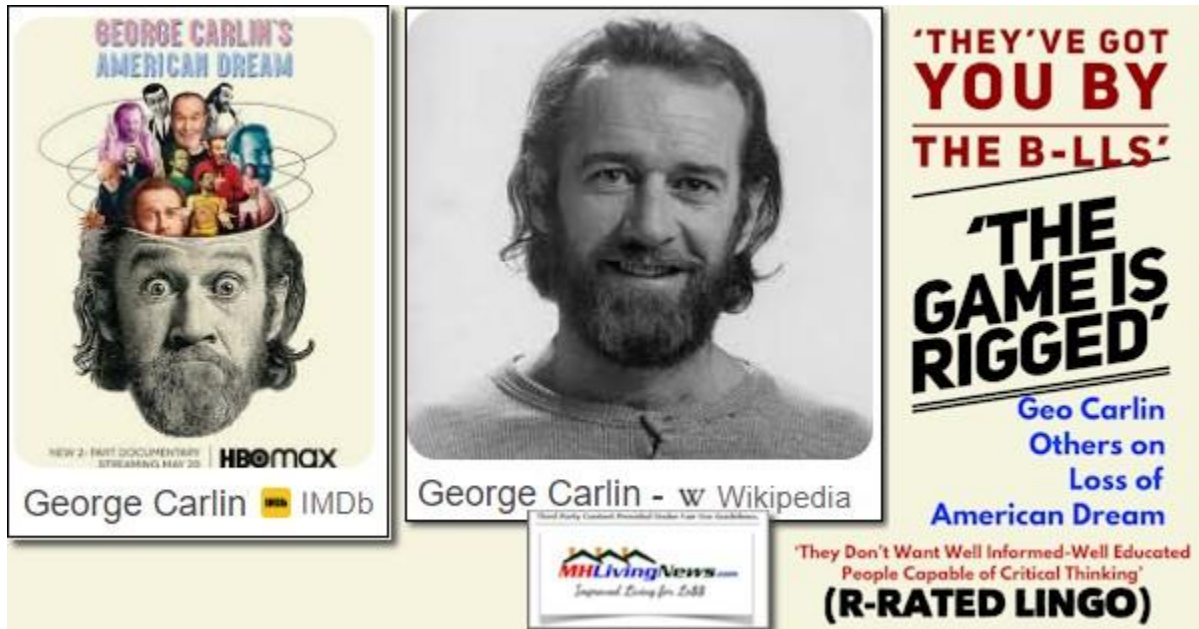
Part II - George Carlin on the Rigged System

1) **MHPProNews** notes that the language used by George Carlin is R rated.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AeRd0EJbkC0>

For more detailed insights on George Carlin, see the report linked below. A key and useful insight from Carlin: those that 'own the system' do not want 'informed people capable of critical thinking.'

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<https://www.manufacturedhomelivingnews.com/theyve-got-you-by-the-b-lls-the-game-is-rigged-g-carlin-others-on-loss-of-american-dream-they-dont-want-well-informed-well-educated-people/>[/caption]

3) For years, using the serious and the humorous, *MHProNews* has been striving day-by-day to give readers the tools for critical thinking or analytical thinking. Carlin's whit made key points. If you've not seen that video, or not seen it lately, invest the under 4 minutes.

Part III - Saul Alinsky, Rules for Radical from [Patheos](#) - provided by *MHProNews* under [fair use guidelines](#) for [media](#).

Saul Alinsky's 13 Rules for Radicals

by [Gene Veith](#)



[Saul Alinsky](#) was a left-wing activist in the 1960s and 1970s whose “community organizing” was influential to subsequent political agitators, including Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. His book [Rules for Radicals: A Practical Primer for Realistic Radicals](#) gives his tactics for dealing with opponents and seizing political power.

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In the interest of sharing the left’s tactical playbook, here are Alinsky’s 13 rules. From the leftist site [Open Culture](#), which adds the brief descriptions:

1. “Power is not only what you have, but what the enemy thinks you have.” Power is derived from 2 main sources – money and people. “Have-Nots” must build power from flesh and blood.
2. “Never go outside the expertise of your people.” It results in confusion, fear and retreat. Feeling secure adds to the backbone of anyone.
3. “Whenever possible, go outside the expertise of the enemy.” Look for ways to increase insecurity, anxiety and uncertainty.

4. "Make the enemy live up to its own book of rules." If the rule is that every letter gets a reply, send 30,000 letters. You can kill them with this because no one can possibly obey all of their own rules.

5. "Ridicule is man's most potent weapon." There is no defense. It's irrational. It's infuriating. It also works as a key pressure point to force the enemy into concessions.

6. "A good tactic is one your people enjoy." They'll keep doing it without urging and come back to do more. They're doing their thing, and will even suggest better ones.

7. "A tactic that drags on too long becomes a drag." Don't become old news.

8. "Keep the pressure on. Never let up." Keep trying new things to keep the opposition off balance. As the opposition masters one approach, hit them from the flank with something new.

9. "The threat is usually more terrifying than the thing itself." Imagination and ego can dream up many more consequences than any activist.

10. "The major premise for tactics is the development of operations that will maintain a constant pressure upon the opposition." It is this unceasing pressure that results in the reactions from the opposition that are essential for the success of the campaign.

11. "If you push a negative hard enough, it will push through and become a positive." Violence from the other side can win the public to your side because the public sympathizes with the underdog.

12. "The price of a successful attack is a constructive alternative." Never let the enemy score points because you're caught without a solution to the problem.

13. "Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it." Cut off the support network and isolate the target from sympathy. Go after people and not institutions; people hurt faster than institutions.

Note how people who disagree are characterized as "the enemy." Note too the other military metaphors: "weapon," "attack," "target."

Do you think conservatives could use these tactics? Certainly "ridicule" has become popular, on the right as well as the left. ..."

Quoting from above.

"Ridicule is man's most potent weapon." There is no defense. It's irrational. It's infuriating. It also works as a key pressure point to force the enemy into concessions.

2) Bingo. MHPProNews observes that ridicule and pointed satire has apparently been used by a growing number of conservatives. With that in mind, the following.

Part IV - Chris Plante on Democrats and Dan Bongino on Republicans

In reverse order, starting with Dan Bongino observations and those inspired by his thinking. The common theme is about Bongino's observations about Republicans and Democrats.

“Republicans may not be the solution to all of your problems, but the Democrats are the cause of them.” - Dan Bongino.

— A.J. Folino III (@FolinoAJIII) [July 2, 2025](#)

Many in the GOP are Democrats while none in the DNC are Republicans.

A paraphrase from Dan Bongino pic.twitter.com/SQpAArzjLp

— A Man Of Memes (@RickyDoggin) [January 26, 2025](#)

Republicans may not be the solution to your problems, but liberals are DEFINITELY the cause of them.

Stop the suck.

Stop voting for people who hate you.

— Dan Bongino (@dbongino) [February 1, 2024](#)

Absolutely HILARIOUS. This guy calls himself a “Republican” and voted for a massive tax hike on the county residents. Total bullshit here. 🍌 pic.twitter.com/ODZDsqrMEOZ

— Dan Bongino (@dbongino) [February 18, 2024](#)

I believe one of our true American patriots, Dan Bongino, used to say, “Republicans may not be the solution to all your problems, but Democrats are the cause of them.” We can’t give up! We need to hold the midterms and put pressure on republican representatives.

— Kredrobin (@Kredrobin1) [May 30, 2025](#)

NARRATOR: House Democrats will actually be making things worse by saying they are solving problems but, in reality, creating them.

"Republicans may not be the answer to problems, but the Democrats are most certainly the cause of them" - Dan Bongino

cc: [@dbongino](#) pic.twitter.com/iiOUsz0JTA

— American Perspective with Rick Thomas (@whiskey_musings) [October 28, 2023](#)

[@jamesparkershow](#) There are NO democrats that are republican but a LOT of republicans who are democrats! ~Dan Bongino

— Amy Taylor   (@AmyTaylorTx) [August 19, 2025](#)

Dan Bongino isn't lying. He is calling it correctly. Notice the republicans not really helping Trump campaign. They go on Twitter post shit and run to Hannity to complain. Be careful who you vote for and support. Lots of slimy republicans are traitors.

<https://t.co/v6SR2Kh9tt>

— American Jose Islandman (@N76247476Man) [September 10, 2024](#)

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2) Chris Plante reportedly worked for [left](#)-leaning CNN for 17 years and was an award-winning reporter. Per Plante, he accepted a buyout and made the move into talk radio. The Chris Plante Show is nationally syndicated, but its flagship station is WMAL out of the Washington, D.C. metro. Plante has also won an award as a satirical conservative pundit commenting on current events and routinely doing so through a historical lens. MHPProNews would observe that both Bongino and Plante have at various times use this notion from Alinsky's Rules for Radicals.

The perfect Democrat ticket in 2028! They love weiner! <pic.twitter.com/4NdHt4Aug8>

— Chris Plante Show (@ChrisPlanteShow) [August 14, 2025](#)

It's Different when you're a Democrat <pic.twitter.com/jSpc8VDFAx>

— Chris Plante Show (@ChrisPlanteShow) [August 20, 2025](#)

Democrats, influenced by Gurgle, have a new lie they want to repeat until it becomes the truth: The JOY of Kamala... <pic.twitter.com/ABY3BkXs3r>

— Chris Plante Show (@ChrisPlanteShow) [August 13, 2024](#)

The Democrat Party in a picture: <https://t.co/QddazZo64h>

— Chris Plante Show (@ChrisPlanteShow) [August 22, 2025](#)

The future of the Democrat Party is pro-Jihad! <pic.twitter.com/kauVwRVBmn>

— Chris Plante Show (@ChrisPlanteShow) [August 3, 2025](#)

Democrats now claim tomatoes are bisexual. I predict within ten years Democrats will make everything transgender. Most Democrats are already transgender so we're half way there.

— Chris Plante Show (@ChrisPlanteShow) [August 15, 2025](#)

Democrats are perfectly ok with this. They love murder. They are the Third World!
pic.twitter.com/JzfnSmmJ1p

— Chris Plante Show (@ChrisPlanteShow) [August 11, 2025](#)

Another Democrat story of victory. <https://t.co/0vl858krpT>

— Chris Plante Show (@ChrisPlanteShow) [August 18, 2025](#)

Just switch parties already! We all know you're a Democrat! <https://t.co/1DW2rChnW0>

— Chris Plante Show (@ChrisPlanteShow) [August 14, 2025](#)

MHProNews notes that *Pod Save America* is a left-leaning podcast with typically Democratic guests and pro-Democratic hosts.

Democrats hate the Jews and love Hamas! <https://t.co/VmSmHQI2hp>

— Chris Plante Show (@ChrisPlanteShow) [July 30, 2025](#)

Taxpayer funded Democrat Party propaganda! <https://t.co/7d8D1cGUVD>

— Chris Plante Show (@ChrisPlanteShow) [July 11, 2025](#)

This just further justifies the decision by CBS to cancel the show. Democrat Party propaganda pretending to be comedy. <https://t.co/BegBM56SAV>

— Chris Plante Show (@ChrisPlanteShow) [July 20, 2025](#)

The democrats deliver America's first category 5 election pic.twitter.com/KNbkZTjtsN

— Chris Plante Show (@ChrisPlanteShow) [November 2, 2020](#)

The Democrats seem to be letting Joe know what I knew over a year ago: It's Joeever!
pic.twitter.com/uUhrDrVR2k

— Chris Plante Show (@ChrisPlanteShow) [July 18, 2024](#)

Part V - Additional [MHVille Facts-Evidence-Analysis \(FEA\)](#) plus MHPProNews [Expert Commentary](#)

In no particular order of importance.

1) Steve Schaub - Yes Communities.



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My name is Steve Schaub, CEO of Yes! Communities. If you were me, you'd be smiling too. I was inducted into the RV MH Hall of Fame, despite the fact that we're being sued by our residents in a national class action lawsuit that points to evidence of price fixing and antitrust allegations.

WE'VE WON AWARDS AND HONORS FROM THE MANUFACTURED HOUSING INSTITUTE DESPITE HUNDREDS OF COMPLAINTS ON FILE WITH THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU.

We are getting rich by doing an oligopoly style of monopolization that keeps the poor poorer. I've been honored in spite of these concerns. You can't make this up!

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2) Warren Buffett and former President Barack Obama (D).

THERE ARE 4 THINGS THAT LARGER COMPANIES DO BETTER THAN SMALLER ONES. FIRST, COMPLEX TAX LAWS ARE TOUGHGER ON SMALLER BUSINESSES. BIG BUSINESS CAN HANDLE TAX LAWS BETTER.

TWO, THE SAME APPLIES TO REGULATIONS. THE MORE COMPLEX, THE HARDER ON SMALL COMPANIES.

THIRD, BY DEFINITION, LARGER COMPANIES HAVE DEEPER POCKETS AND MORE ACCESS TO CAPITAL OR CREDIT. THAT'S A STRATEGIC BENEFIT WE USE IN OUR "MOAT."

FOURTH, A BIG COMPANY CAN HANDLE NEGATIVE PRESS EASIER THAN A SMALLER COMPANY. BIG CONGLOMERATES CAN ALWAYS GET BETTER PRESS AS NEEDED TOO.



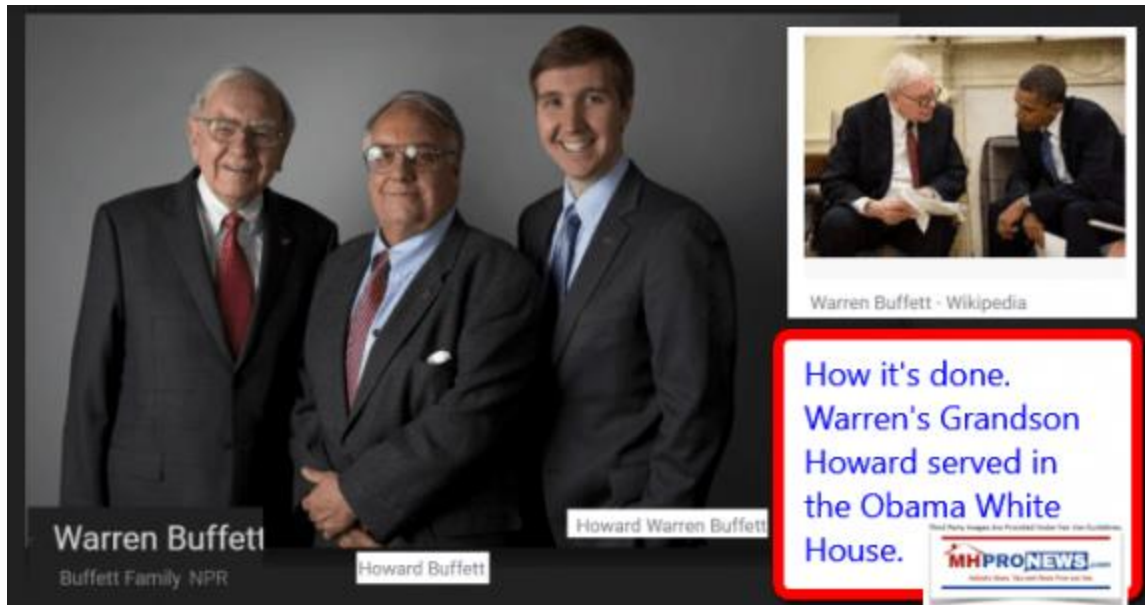
A photograph of Warren Buffett, an older man with glasses and a blue suit, gesturing with his hands while speaking to Barack Obama. Obama is seated, wearing a dark suit and a tie with white polka dots, listening attentively. They are in a room with a fireplace in the background.

PRESIDENT OBAMA, YOU KNOW I SUPPORTED YOUR CAMPAIGN FOR MY OWN REASONS. WE NEED TO HAVE TOUGH FEDERAL REGULATIONS THAT ONLY LARGER COMPANIES CAN EASILY HANDLE. THAT WILL GIVE OUR BRANDS AN EDGE OVER TIME IN TIME IN THE MARKETPLACE.

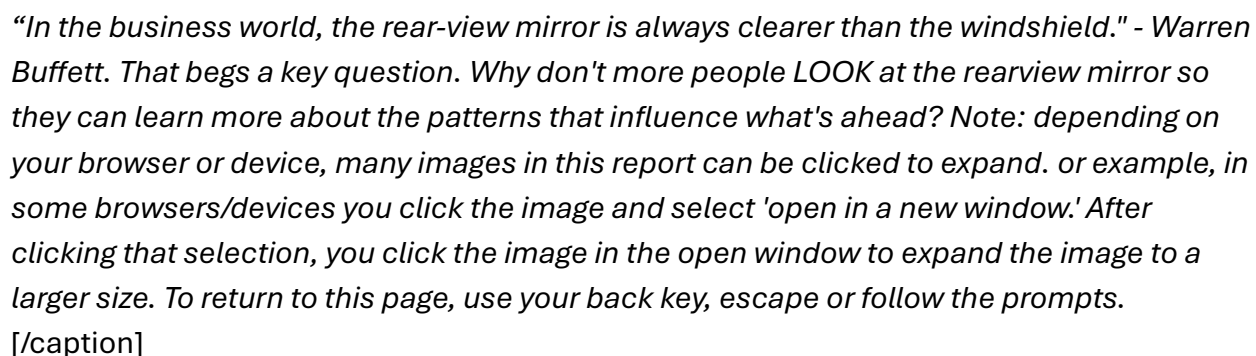
FOR EXAMPLE, ONCE YOU GET DODD-FRANK THROUGH THE CONGRESS AND SIGNED INTO LAW, IT CAN HELP US CONSOLIDATE THE MANUFACTURED HOUSING INDUSTRY SLOWLY, OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS.

WHERE DOES WARREN BUFFETT COME UP WITH IDEAS LIKE THIS?





3) Ben Garrison on your guide to the Deep State Swamp. Note there are Democrats and swampy Republicans in this political cartoon. The national debt has ballooned to some 37 trillion dollars since Garrison created this gem. To see that full size, in many browsers or devices, [click here](#) and follow the prompts, or click the image and follow the prompts.

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4) MHI CEO Lesli Gooch as "Lucy" in Peanuts.

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PEANUTS
featuring
"Good ol'
Charlie Brown"
by SCHULZ

CHARLIE BROWN?

CHARLIE BROWN, I HAVE A GREAT IDEA...I'LL HOLD THE FOOTBALL LIKE THIS, AND YOU COME RUNNING UP AND KICK IT...

HA! I WOULDN'T TRY THAT FOR A MILLION DOLLARS! YOU WON'T HOLD IT...YOU'LL PULL IT AWAY, AND I'LL KILL MYSELF!

WAAH! YOU DON'T TRUST ME!

YOU THINK I'M NO GOOD! YOU HAVE NO FAITH IN ME!

DON'T CRY, LUCY... I APOLOGIZE...I'M SORRY... PLEASE, DON'T CRY...

YOU HOLD THE BALL, AND I'LL COME RUNNING UP AND KICK IT...

SNIF

AAUGH!

WUMP!

NEVER LISTEN TO A WOMAN'S TEARS, CHARLIE BROWN!

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Lesli Gooch

The Press-Enterprise

Stepping from behind Capital's curtain - Press Enterprise

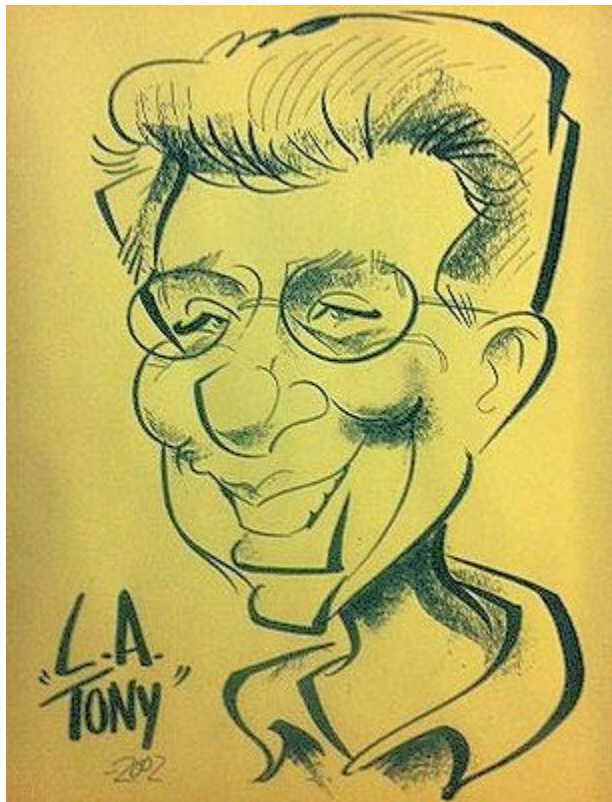
Base image credit: Charles M. Schultz Museum.

MHI's Lucy, err, Lesli Gooch keeps pulling the same ploy on behalf of their dominating brands. Gooch is a mouthpiece for MHI's board, but that doesn't mean she has no responsibility. There are existing federal laws MHI claims they want enforced. So, why haven't they used their attorneys to sue to get existing laws enforced so the industry can grow faster and with more stability and consumer benefits? MHI has a budget and could implement an educational campaign to boost acceptance of mainstream manufactured homes. Which begs the question. Why haven't they acted for years? Hasn't the time come to ignore Lucy/MHI's paltering and deception?

<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/revealing-concealing-teasing-stealing-proverbial-football-case-for-mhis-lesli-gooch-as-lucy-to-charlie-brown-cartoons-videos-parody-plus-sunday-weekly-manufactured-home-headlines-revi/> [/caption]

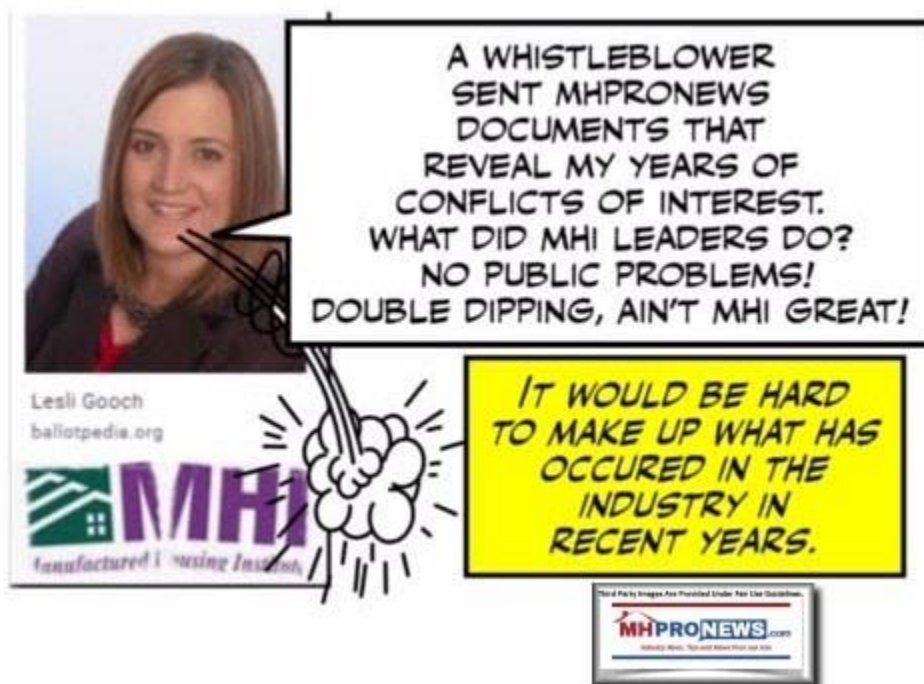


5) Yours truly.



6) More on Lesli Gooch, MHI CEO.

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<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/whistleblowers-documents-on-lesli-gooch-manufactured-housing-institute-ceo-new-discoveries/>[/caption]



7) More on Warren Buffett, Kevin Clayton, and Clayton's Keith Holdbrooks.

KEVIN AND KEITH, MOST MH PROS HAVE ALREADY FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT THE PRESERVING ACCESS TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING ACT. SMALLER BUSINESSES ARE TOO BUSY FOCUSED ON THE DAY BY DAY, WHILE WE FOCUS ON SUBTLE WAYS TO PUT COMPETITORS OUT OF BUSINESS.

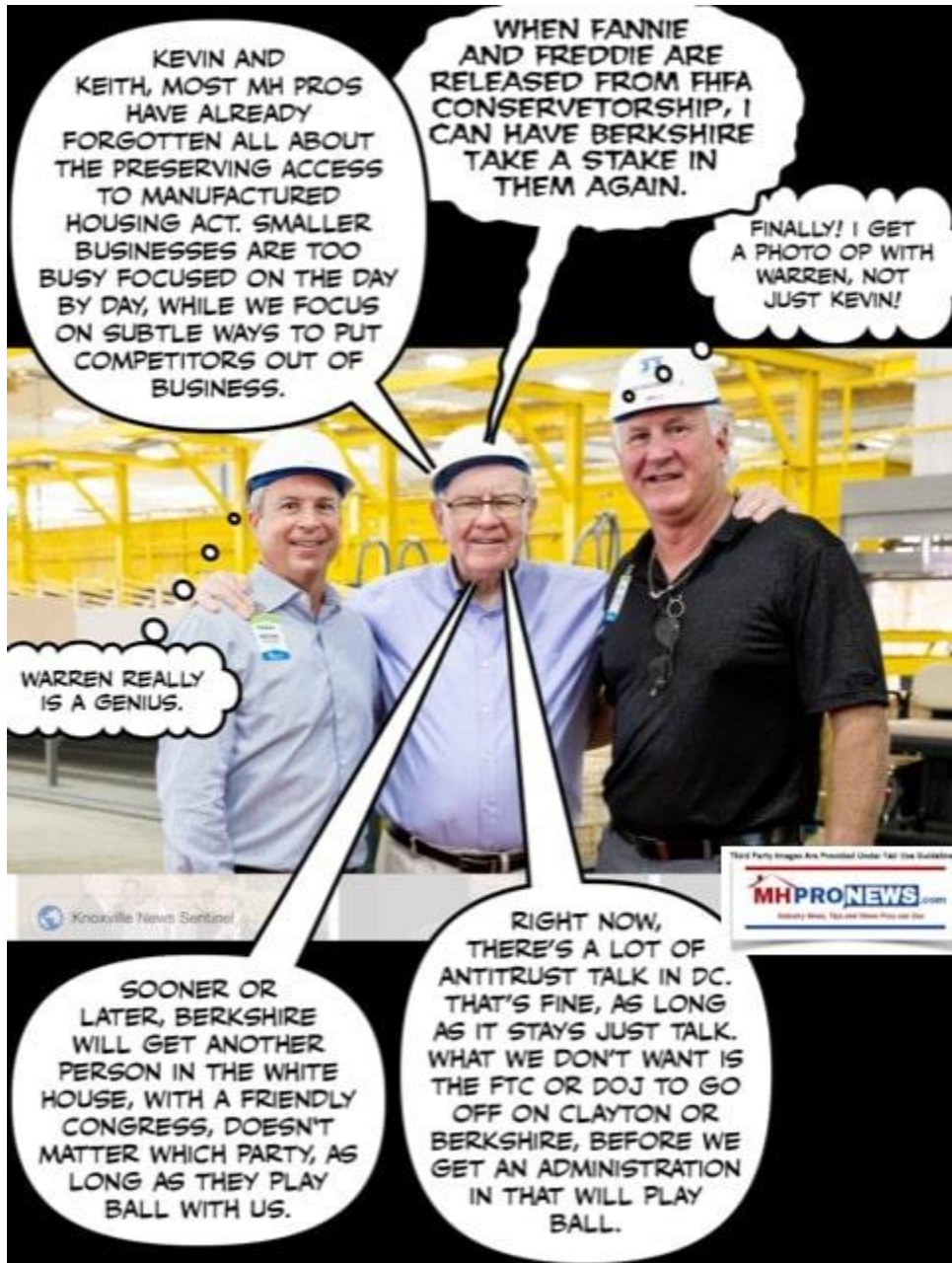
WHEN FANNIE AND FREDDIE ARE RELEASED FROM FHFA CONSERVATORSHIP, I CAN HAVE BERKSHIRE TAKE A STAKE IN THEM AGAIN.

FINALLY! I GET A PHOTO OP WITH WARREN, NOT JUST KEVIN!

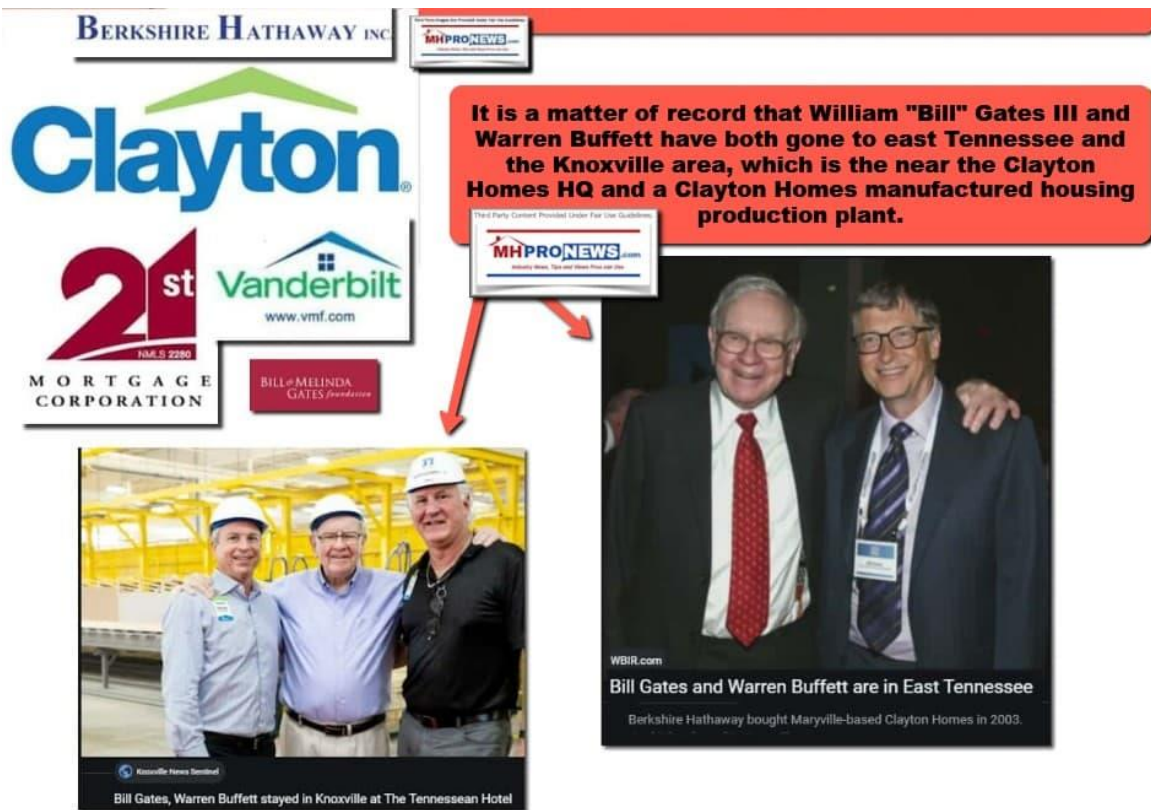
WARREN REALLY IS A GENIUS.

SOONER OR LATER, BERKSHIRE WILL GET ANOTHER PERSON IN THE WHITE HOUSE, WITH A FRIENDLY CONGRESS, DOESN'T MATTER WHICH PARTY, AS LONG AS THEY PLAY BALL WITH US.

RIGHT NOW, THERE'S A LOT OF ANTITRUST TALK IN DC. THAT'S FINE, AS LONG AS IT STAYS JUST TALK. WHAT WE DON'T WANT IS THE FTC OR DOJ TO GO OFF ON CLAYTON OR BERKSHIRE, BEFORE WE GET AN ADMINISTRATION IN THAT WILL PLAY BALL.



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8) There is always more to know. We'll plan to periodically dip into the comically absurd behavior from those who operate as what law professor Amy Schmitz called "MH Insiders." Come to think of it, an MHI endorsed platform is called [MHInsider!](#) How funny that [according to SimilarWeb](#), almost no one reads it!

Will Gooch come out as trans?

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As in **trans-actional**? Get the details on Gooch and MHI President Mark Bowersox's pay and related.

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9) It is the job of Cavco Industries (CVCO) CEO William "Bill" Boor (also still MHI's chairman) to maximize returns while balancing out the interests of various stakeholders. Do you think Boor, their corporate leadership, and board of directors are doing that for their shareholders? Maybe we'll do a comic piece for him...but until then, dive into the third-party fact-checked and validated details.

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<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/cavco-industries-cvco-q1-2026-earnings-call-transcript-ceo-and-mhi-chair-bill-boor-says-ahs-bid-demonstrates-priorities-road-act-china-plus-communities-and-antitrust-clues-mhville-fea/>[/caption]

10) You'd think that Champion Homes (SKY) CEO Tim Larson, or Bill Boor for that matter, would have as a key interest generating more retail sales onto private lots, right? So, why are they shortsightedly embracing the consolidation focused and often sued by their own residents' MHI member land lease community operators? You can't make this up. But you can dive into the details, until we get a chance to create an appropriate satirical riff for Champion and Larson.

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"Spending time with our community customers is among my many highlights of the last 50 days. We are growing with our community customers and are committed to supporting

their mission and goals."

– Tim Larson

President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Champion Homes (SKY)

<https://www.manufacturedhomeproneews.com/systemic-issue-impacts-companies-investors-consumers-better-understanding-earnings-calls-and-role-of-analysts-using-example-of-champion-homes-q3-2025-earnings-call-transcript-mhville-fea/>

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JOE STEGMAYER-TIM LARSON-TERESA PAYNE-LESLI GOOCH-MANUFACTURED HOUSING INSTITUTE; RECAP

WHAT'S BEHIND THE CURTAIN OF MANUFACTURED HOME INDUSTRY UNDERPERFORMANCE? SUNDAY WEEKLY MHVILLE HEADLINES

Joe Stegmayer-Tim Larson-Teresa Payne-Lesli Gooch-Manufactured Housing Institute; What's Behind the Curtain of Manufactured Home Industry Underperformance? Sunday Weekly MHVille Headlines Recap <https://www.manufacturedhomeproneews.com/joe-stegmayer-tim-larson-teresa-payne-lesli-gooch-manufactured-housing-institute-whats->

[behind-the-curtain-of-manufactured-home-industry-underperformance-sunday-weekly-mhville-headlines-reca/](#)[/caption]

11) "Intelligence for your MHLife." © Manufactured housing "Industry News, Tips, and Views Pros Can Use." © "We Provide, You Decide." © Plus, for the last year, we've added our "[Reality Check](#)" series for the mainstream [Patch](#). No one else covers manufactured housing like we do. No one. Who says? Third-party AI.

- Educate. Advocate.
- Illuminate. Activate.
- Motivate. Innovate.
- Celebrate. Participate.
- Liberate. Communicate.

That's *MHProNews*. Who says? How about xAI's Grok. Fat fingers typo by yours truly in the original. New reader? Keep in mind Grok knows our work on MHProNews and beyond, as its reply clearly indicates.



Educate. Advocate. give me some more that rhyme in a similar fashion



Here are some more rhyming pairs in a similar fashion to "Educate. Advocate.", designed to inspire action and align with themes like empowerment, awareness, or advocacy:

- **Illuminate. Activate.** (Shed light on issues, spark action.)
- **Motivate. Innovate.** (Inspire progress, create new solutions.)
- **Elevate. Collaborate.** (Lift up communities, work together.)
- **Celebrate. Participate.** (Honor achievements, join the effort.)
- **Liberate. Communicate.** (Free from barriers, share the message.)

These pairs maintain a rhythmic flow, pairing a verb that suggests enlightenment or uplift with one that calls for engagement—perfect for advocacy contexts like manufactured housing or social causes. Let me know if you'd like to refine or expand!

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