

Subject: Question, if I ma
From: Walt Tuvell <Walt.Tuvell@gmail.com>
Date: 12/15/18, 9:48 AM
To: SHarris777@aol.com

Hello, Mr. Harris! I found your email addr at <http://www.sciencecartoonsplus.com/pages/contact.php>, so I hope you don't mind my writing you.

I just have a simple question: When/where was your famous "Miracle Happens" cartoon published?

I've known about that cartoon "forever" (I'm a mathematician, MIT & U.Chicago, PhD), and decide to Google it recently. I did find one page (<https://ask.metafilter.com/261642/Original-magic-happens-here-cartoon>) that claimed it first appeared in the Nov-Dec 1977 issue of American Scientist. That timeline seems approx right to me, though I sort-of thought it was New Yorker, and I haven't been able to find an online copy anywhere to verify.

Thank you in advance!

— Walt Tuvell

Subject: Re:'miracle'

From: Sidney Harris <sharris777@aol.com>

Date: 12/19/18, 9:04 PM

To: Walt Tuvell <walt.tuvell@gmail.com>

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Re: 'miracle'

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From: Walt Tuvell <Walt.Tuvell@gmail.com>

Date: 12/20/18, 11:07 AM

To: Sidney Harris <sharris777@aol.com>

Excellent, Sidney, thank you for the enlightenment! And thank you even more for the enlightenment of your may great cartoons, of course. As for Miracle being the pinnacle, well, what we say? When it's perfect, it's perfect.

FYI, I've recently had the opportunity to include Miracle in court filing of mine (fair use, naturally), and it was mildly controversial because the court clerks said images couldn't be inlined in the argument section of the brief, but had to be moved out-of-line to an appendix. Go figure.

<http://judicialmisconduct.us/CaseStudies/TUVELLvMARSHALL>

Appeals Court

- [Appeal Brief](#) & [Appeals Appendix](#). Dec 17 2018.
 - *Caution:* You should read the Appendix in a full-featured stand-alone PDF reader (desktop/laptop, not mobile!), *not* an in-browser (otherwise, the PDF annotations might not appear properly (or at all), esp. in *OpAnn*).
 - *Note:* The first attempted filing was rejected by the court clerks, for picayune non-compliance with the Court's e-filing rules, particularly regarding the inclusion of an image in a brief (which really has no rational reason to be controversial): [Appeal Brief & Appeals Appendix](#). Dec 12 2018. ☹ ☹ ☹
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— Walt

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