

100 FUNNY THINGS
WE “hate” ABOUT
BASKETBALL

BY

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“Crazy” George
Schauer

Dedicated to The Six Degrees of Howard Garfinkel, whose mother discovered Judy Garland 🌈 and to Will, Vera, Leigh, and Robin Klein... Charles “Doc” Turner, The “Glider” Tom Konchalski, Hubie Brown, the “Sandmen” Dennis Jackson, the “Alligator” Mike Fratello, the “King” Frank Marino, Willie Negron... George Rivenburg and his family, Herb and Melanie Kutzen and Dan and Jane Kagen of Lake Bryn Mawr Camp, and to the historical legacy of the Five-Star Basketball Camp that continues to operate today... can never forget Camp Rosemont, Pitt, and Radford... and the Ranners of the Fireside... and to all the high school and college coaches, counselors, lecturers, referees, station masters, staff, recruiters, employees, influencers, guests, “waiters”, kitchen staff, and most importantly... to EVERY single one of the 250,000 hard-working, passionate “little one-star” campers, who have grown up, and have, hopefully, raised their own families... where THE LOVING WILL NEVER STOP... instilled by Garf’s hilarious “Five-Star Osmosis”... on and off the basketball court since 1966... and to all who have passed on, are still living, or are yet unborn!

And... Thank you Shapiro... wherever you may be! 🙏



- The #1 thing we MUST “hate” the MOST is that this entire generation of basketball players ...NBA...WNBA...College...High School... down to Bidy Ball...male and female..never got to see MJ play in person! HE IS NOT JUST A PAIR OF “AIR JORDANS!” Ha! 🤔



- 2) Curry's mouthpiece Hanging out of his mouth! What? He never drank milk out of a bottle as a baby? 🤔
- 3) Going to the end of the bench to sub a kid and he's wearing no shorts..just his warm-up pants on!
- 4) saying "she really stepped up her game"..what..did she get on a Stairmaster?
- 5) Calling a championship a "chip" sounds like fingernails on a chalkboard! Ha!
- 6) shooting into an Eclipse with a gym that has windows in the second half of an away game.
- 7) Wilt Chamberlain left off every GOAT list!
- 8) The Matador Defense.. Waving both arms as she drives in for an easy layup!
- 9) Logos that have replaced center jump circles..pandering to TV and the Almighty Dollar! \$ 🏀 \$
- 10) Missing breakaway layups over the front of the rim because the bench forgot to yell "use the glass!"

11) Girls high school benches that scream D- Up- Up-Up!
D-Up-Up-Up! The entire game!!

12) The layup, free throw, 3 pointer, half-court shot at half-time, and the dad can't make the layup!

13) College free throws with no dribbles or 25 dribbles.

14) Using the phrase "my bad" like that's supposed to excuse everything.

15) FIBA basketballs with the ugly faded yellow plastic panels around the ball..what..is there a leather shortage in Europe?

16) "Winning" is always about "overcoming adversity"..never about "the other team sucked!"

17) Nosebleeds that won't stop on the court..makes the trainer look like he flunked out of Med School

18) Having to play against a team of McDonald's All-Americans while my team eats at McDonald's!

19) Girls and women who do chest bumps.. Doesn't that hurt?

20) Participation trophies are in the boxes out in the hallway..go get one!

21) TV announcers saying she didn't "settle" for a three..what didn't she do..get off Conestoga Wagon Train and live on a ranch?

22) NBA Kung Fu leg kicks on 3 pointers and the defense gets called for a foul?

23) old school twine nets that flip up over the rim

24) blaming a loss or a win on the "home court advantage?" You either played good enough to win or you didn't!

25) having to wash your uniform by hand and to make sure it was dry by morning..you had to wrap it and 5 towels and keep twisting the water out!

26) the teen mother who is friendlier than Morganna the Kissing Bandit!

27) Without Howard Garfinkel, Tom Konchalski, Bob Gibbons, and Bill Cronauer, we just have scouts today who are just creative writers that don't stick their niece out and say what true level a high school kid should play at... Keyboard Cowards!

28) arguments in the park about perfect swishes on rims with no nets...

29) Joker's 1950's style jarhead haircut..he looks like Paul Bunyan in bib overalls with an axe.. But wow can he hoop!

30) Refs that can't cross half court reffing their 6th consecutive youth games!

31) trying to sprint too fast in long uniform shorts that look like dresses!

32) College coaches with curfews! It's always your best players who get caught!

33) NBA headbands! They will not be banned until somebody gets choked to death!

34) Looking into the stands for your girlfriend, parents, or AAU coach!

35) kids that switch jersey numbers without telling their coach

36) the NBA Tunnel Walk is supposed to impress me?

37) letting the team manager play in the last game and expecting the other team to let him score...

38) Geno always refers to his players as "our guys..."

39) high school player names on the back of their jerseys is not how to spell TEAM!

40) Celebrities who talk to NBA players while the game is in progress and the players talk back..

41) Boys who are allowed to play on girls high school basketball teams..true story! She was faster than Flo Jo!

42) sticky pads on the floor for your shoes are a joke!
Human Fly Paper!

43) any team at any level who refuses to use the 4 player straight link on all out of bounds plays! It cannot be guarded!

44) ANY PLAYER on any team who doesn't show up 15 minutes early for whatever is scheduled..back in the day they would owe the coach 10 Burpees for every minute late!!!

45) Administrators who won't let little kids shoot at half-time!

46) High school players who always "fake hustle"..down in the defensive stance, mean look, slapping the floor! Ha!



47) Basketball Racism: ATHLETIC means a black player..COACHABLE means a white player..are you kidding ? Ha! No place in the game for THIS attitude please!

48) kids that put their shoes on their wrong feet

49) NBA fist bumps on every missed free throw..hey you did great..you missed! Ha!

50) How Pat Riley never took out Starks by letting him "shoot" his way out of 3-17 and the Knicks lost!



51) Calling dribbling skills “handles” ..like it’s your gym bag..maybe it really is from all the “carrying” that is allowed these days!

52) Coaches running lob dunk plays when they are up by 30 against Urkel and the rest of the Smurfs on your team!



53) Teams with the big lead that just stand there and stop playing with 19 seconds ticking away..

54) Harden’s thick black beard..either a nest for crows or to keep his face warm if he ever tries to climb Mr. Everest!

55) The Hope You Miss Defense..not running out to guard the corner 3..that just by glaring at him and “daring” him to miss..he will! But he never does!!  

56) Watching some..somebody learning how to shoot underhanded free throws..uh..just forget it!!

57) Annoying team mascots who won’t get off the floor when it’s time to play again!

58) Garf’s Hates: Pennies, Automated phone messages, Aluminum bats, the 3 point shot

Garf was always VAUDEVILLE!!!

He KNEW exactly what he was doing at 2AM when he was talking hoops and would “fall asleep” in front of ten coaches at the table with a jumbo shrimp hanging from his mouth! Genius INDEED!! 🤪🏀

59) After a loss to a coach who gives you a Jimmy Kimmel monologue in the Handshake Line while you're really upset!

60) Last second buzzer beater..banked in Lucky 3 and everybody dives on top of the kid..one day someone will get really hurt or crushed to death!! And it WON'T BE FUNNY!! 🗑️🏀

61) why more NBA players don't carry themselves OFF THE COURT LIKE LEBRON!!!! Raised by a single mom, stayed with his wife and kids, no domestic violence, built the Promise School and the LeBron James Family Foundation in his hometown of Akron, brought a championship to Cleveland, became not only the leading scorer in the NBA history and a billionaire..but a true role model for kids! And most important, stayed out of trouble and scandals and away from all the haters!!! 🙏🏀🤞

62) Ice bags that won't stop leaking on the floor

63) Chain nets that rip up basketballs after 10 shots

64) Excuses! “But Coach! He wasn’t my man!” Gets you a seat on the end of the bench!

65) Parents that use summer basketball camp for their own vacation and can’t get their son to the games on time!

66) playing with a new leather basketball outside and cringing as it turns into suede... 🤔

67) Coaches who get paid millions to stand on the sideline with their arms folded and never call a timeout when the other team scores 10 straight!

68) AAU Tournaments!! For the amount that parents have to pay, their entire family should get all expenses paid trips to Cancun!!

69) “wedgies”...please keep the basketballs inflated so they can’t get stuck!

70) The fact that “The Joker” loves his horses more than basketball..and he is great because he doesn’t know he’s great AND DOESN’T REALLY CARE which makes him even greater! Poster Child For Humility!!! 🤔🏀

71) Girls singing on the victorious bus ride home..”99 bottles of beer on the wall” all the way down to “one bottle of...” sounds worse than Yoko on her BEST song!

72) NBA Load Management? How about No Play, No Pay Management? Hahahahaha! 🏀

73) The lack today for attention to details and unnecessary waste..on and off the court! The NAPKINS at each table in the dining hall at Five Star Basketball Camp were always exactly counted out at each meal and stapled together!!

74) the dark t-shirts that are worn under the uniform jerseys that show the sweat

75) the water pressure was so low at the park drinking fountains that we had to put popsicle sticks into build up enough pressure to increase the flow to actually get a drink..

76) trying to teach kids to shoot with arc by shooting over brooms..there ain't any 6th graders 9 feet tall!! 🤦‍♂️

77) Calling a high vertical jump, “mad hops”..as if he’s an angry kangaroo 🏀🐨

78) Thinking that you are way better than you really are..or..thinking that you aren't as bad as you really are..

79) The Greek Freak playing full-court one against five!!



80) The little girl who always cries on purpose whenever her team loses so her mom feels sorry for her and buys her ice cream to see her smile!

81) Teams that commit so many ticky-tack fouls you would think they are exchanging Cooties!!!

82) School choirs at games that sing "God Bless America".. "land that tie love"...instead of "land that I love"..It's NOT about Thailand!!

83) Reporters that ask NBA players stupid questions after the game (see Youtube)

84) ANY coach who stops practice and makes the whole team run suicides if the worst shooter on the team can't make 2 free throws in a row!!

85) NBA stars who have to smile and play "charades" with hand signals whenever they make a big "3"

86) Before the game, the coach who is undefeated with a 28 point average winning margin tells you how much his team is struggling...

87) sneakers on feet that are 2 different colors and don't match the uniforms

88) Stephen A. is now an expert on politics and EVERYTHING else! God bless him! To use his own description.. "Let's give the brotha a hand!"

89) trying to dribble a loose ball that a kid dives on the floor for and he's all stretched out like he's Marques Haynes!!

90) Running straight to the corner to receive an inbounds pass when facing a full-court press!

91) ANYBODY who thinks it's so cool and safe to play pickup in runners and slides instead of tightly tied basketball shoes 👍🏀

92) How about all the single moms who raised their kids alone..there ain't enough gold in Fort Knox to pay them for THEIR NIL...!!!

93) How great would everybody's life be if you didn't like something or somebody you could just get in the Transfer Portal of Life and be whisked away to a Tropical Island with your entire family and get paid on top of everything 🏖️☀️🌴💰 Wow!!

94).. The heavy-set kid who doesn't realize he split his shorts in the back..but you can't take him out because on defense he covers more paint than Sherwin Williams..

95) I can teach you everything I have learned, but not everything I know. There is no substitute for Life's Lessons..not learned in just one practice, one game, one year, or one life 🙏✌️🏀

96) having to squeegee off the puddles on the camp courts after it rains and then it rains AGAIN!!

97) poor foreign basketball campers whom, steal college logo clothing in the bunk, hide it under the cabin, pack it up on the last day and take it back to their country..they sell it on the black market, and feed their family for a month!!

98) Players of all ages, boys and girls, men and women, who used to wear knee pads but would not dive on the ground for a loose ball if their life depended on it!!

99) when your assistant coach keeps going to the scorer's table to check the book and you find out he's checking her...

Bonus - 100) The Great Game of Basketball..and the United States of America...was built by the blood, sweat, tears, love, hard work and God by all people of colors and nationalities..nobody got paid a nickel of NIL money for their name or what they looked like!!! 🏀

Who is “Crazy” George?

“Crazy” George Schauer is the longest running “little grassroots” professional one-man basketball show in the history of basketball..since 1970..and by the Grace of God, still going strong! He has been blessed to perform in 48 states and 16 countries...at summer camps, school assemblies, coaching clinics, halftime shows, state fairs, hospitals, amusement parks, shopping malls, discos, banquets, bar mitzvahs, telethons, and carnivals. In 54 years, over 11,000 shows in front of more than 12 million people live!

From Cleveland, Ohio, George Schauer was an average high school basketball player with above average desire and fire!! Because he learned unique basketball tricks, he earned a 3 year full-ride basketball scholarship to the University of Minnesota after one year at Ashland College. He became the featured “star” in Bill Musselman’s famous Pre-Game Warmup. He only scored 2 points in his entire career, but the game was stopped when he swished it from the corner because he was mobbed by the cheerleaders and dance team, his face covered with lipstick!

After graduation in 1974, still as George Schauer, he landed on the front page of the New York Times, spinning a basketball on his nose against a seal in the Bronx Zoo. The seal won, but the newspaper labeled him “Crazy” George, and a career was born! He has driven over 3 million miles traveling the USA, and has worked in promotion for eleven different teams in seven different leagues, including 4 NBA teams. He has been the Goodwill Ambassador for the G League Texas Legends since 2011.

His greatest honor was being inducted into the legendary Five Star Basketball Camp Hall of Fame with the likes of Michael Jordan and Hubie Brown. “Crazy” George has changed his name twice, to “Generous George” in 2013 in honor of the Sandy Hook shooting victims..and to “Thankful George” in 2024 as suggested by NBA Hall of Famer Del Harris, after miraculously surviving COVID, two mini-strokes, open heart surgery, cow valve replacement, pacemaker, and a mitralclip procedure!

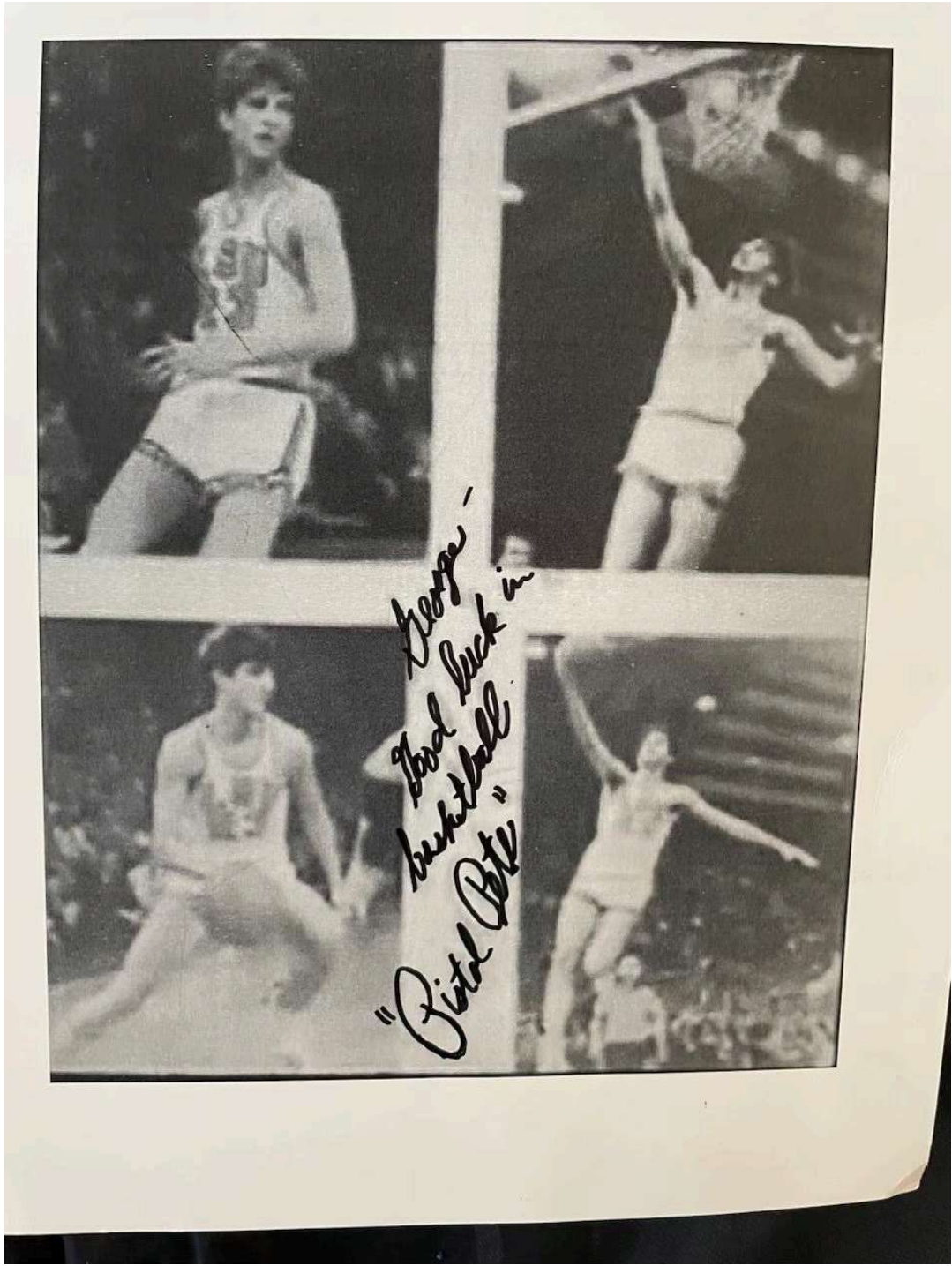
“Little” George Schauer says, “I will always be grateful to God and all the wonderful “little” teachers and my “little” WHS classmates who helped me in the past and RIGHT NOW..and people like “little” Bill and Kris Musselman, “little” Ed and Annie Castellano, “little” Bob Foley and “little” Greg Pritchett, “little” Kevin Wilson, “little” Brad and Seth Greenberg, “little” Meadowlark Lemon, “little” George and Elene Bruns, “little” Pat and Denny Stern, “little” Dick and Lorraine Vitale, “little” Jerry and Shirley Printer, and “little” Dan and Lynn Zivko..”little” Hal and Trudy Wissel, “little” Phil and Judy Martelli, “little” Chris DiJulia, “little” Jim and Dianne Murray, “little” Jack and Jane Fertig, “little” Peter Lai, “little” Chris Terrance, “little” Rich Wolfe, and “little” Donnie and Lotta Nelson, “little” Bill and Elizabeth Boyce, “little” Malcolm and Carey Farmer, my “little” cardiologist Dr. Alaiti, my 24/7 caregiver “little” Stacey Bartell...and to all the countless “little” people who have directly steered and saved my life many times...and to “little” Herb and Carla Welling...with their comedic awareness of Curry Kirpatrick, Marv Kessler, and George Raveling...and “little” Scott Peterman of Hoop Scoop for this incredible production!!! I am most proud of “little” Tanya Crevier and her “little” brother Bruce, “little” Jim “Basketball” Jones and Brenda, their son “little” Parker “Basketball” Jones, and Lebron’s HS teammate “little” Corey Jones, “little” Dave Hopla, and “little” Jack “Blackjack” Ryan...all who saw my show and have created

their OWN basketball shows and careers..who continue to travel around the world, PROTECTED BY GOD, to inspire millions of kids to keep working hard, helping others to stay focused on what they CAN do, to Keep the Ball Rollin' no matter what..and to NEVER GIVE UP HOPE!

A sincere THANKS to you ALL for being my INSPIRATION!!! 🙏🏀❤️



George Schauer and his mother Kay Schauer, 1970



George Schauer got to meet his hero, Pistol Pete, in 1970



Bill Musselman, Ashland College, gave me my Big Chance!! 1970



Flip Saunders and George Schauer, Gophers 1974



Mike Monson, Gopher's Unicyclist, Pre-Game Warmup, 1975



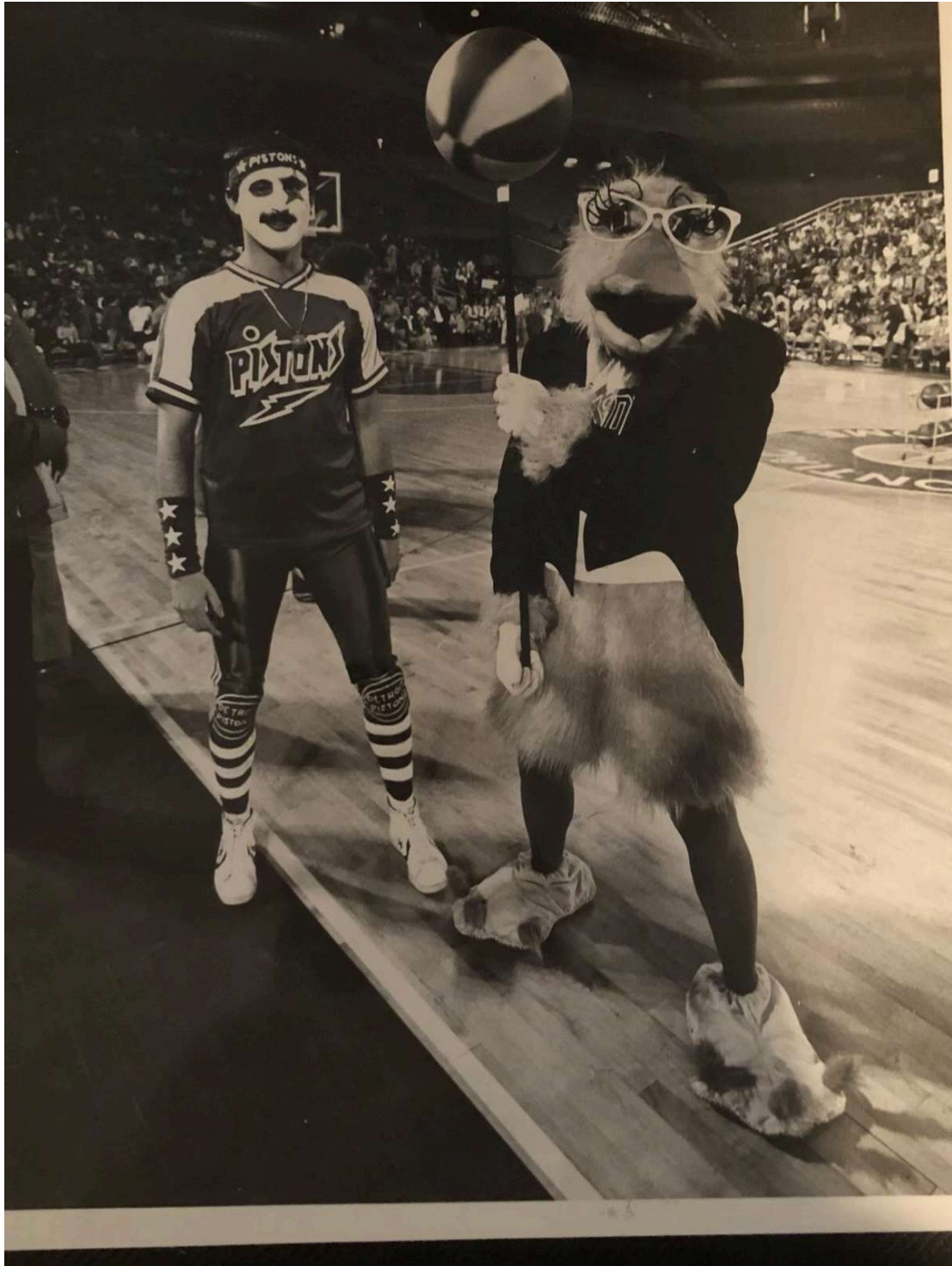
This was in 1975 when I dribbled on the Berlin Wall! I looked up and there were machine guns pointed at me! Wow, was I stupid back then! Ha! The Berlin Wall was torn down in 1989! 🙏💖🌍



Crazy George had messages for us every visit for many summers.



Crazy George at Camp Greylock, Beckett, MA,
1979, with wristbands!! Ha!



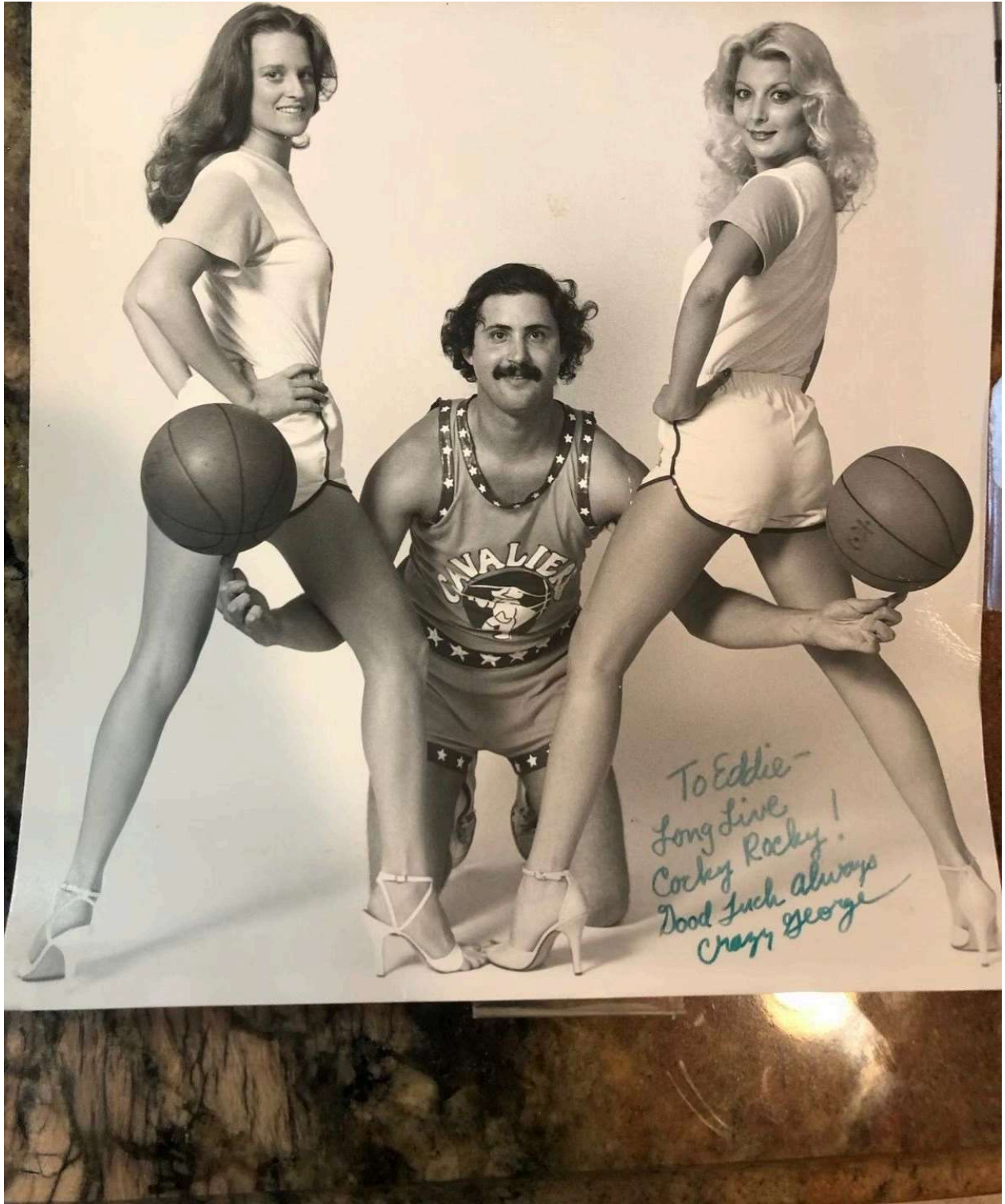
Crazy George and Cocky Rocky, Detroit Pistons Mascots, 1980



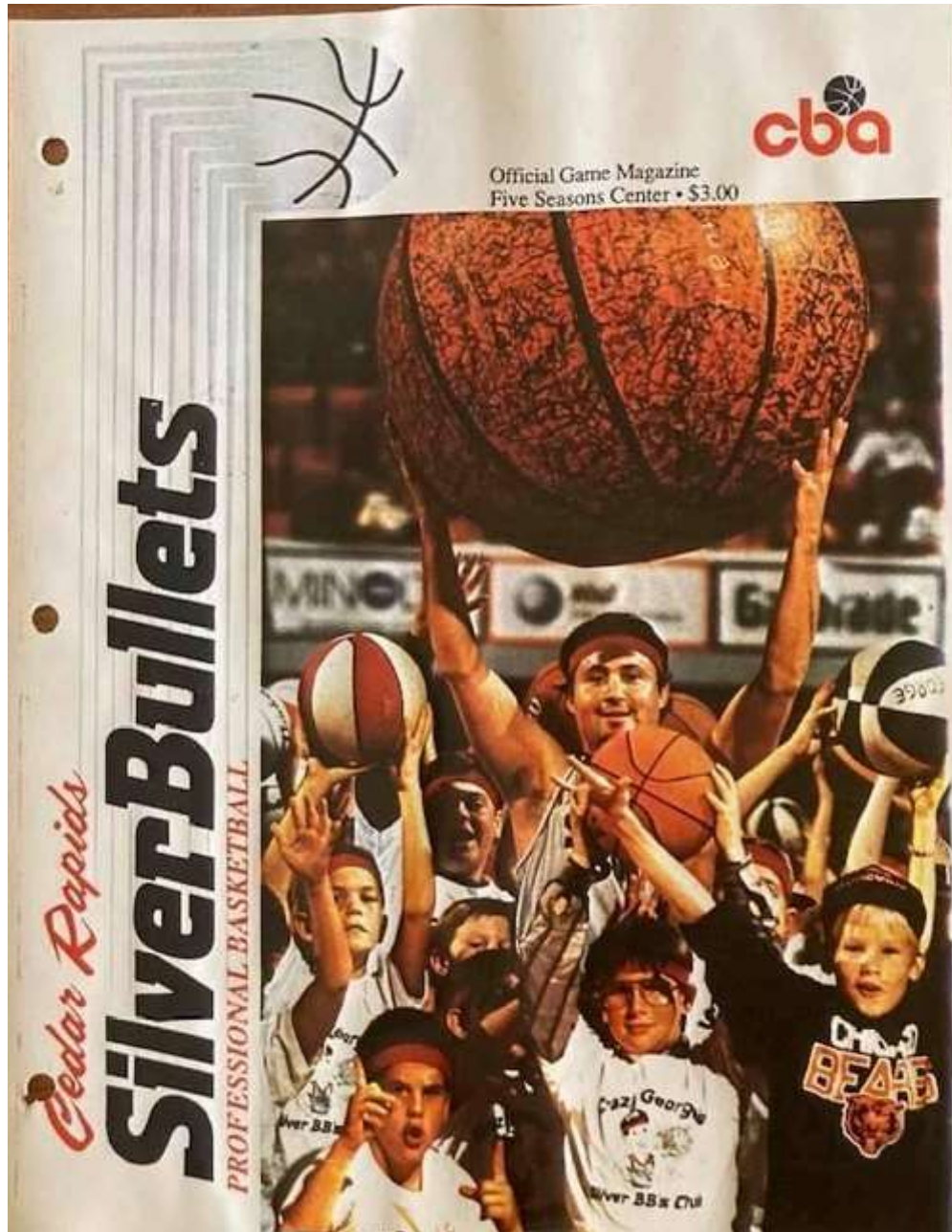
Crazy George at Fresno State 1981



Dr. J and Crazy George, NBA ALL STAR GAME,
Silverdome, 1982



Crazy George Mascot Cleveland Cavaliers 1984



Cedar Rapids Silver Bullets 1989



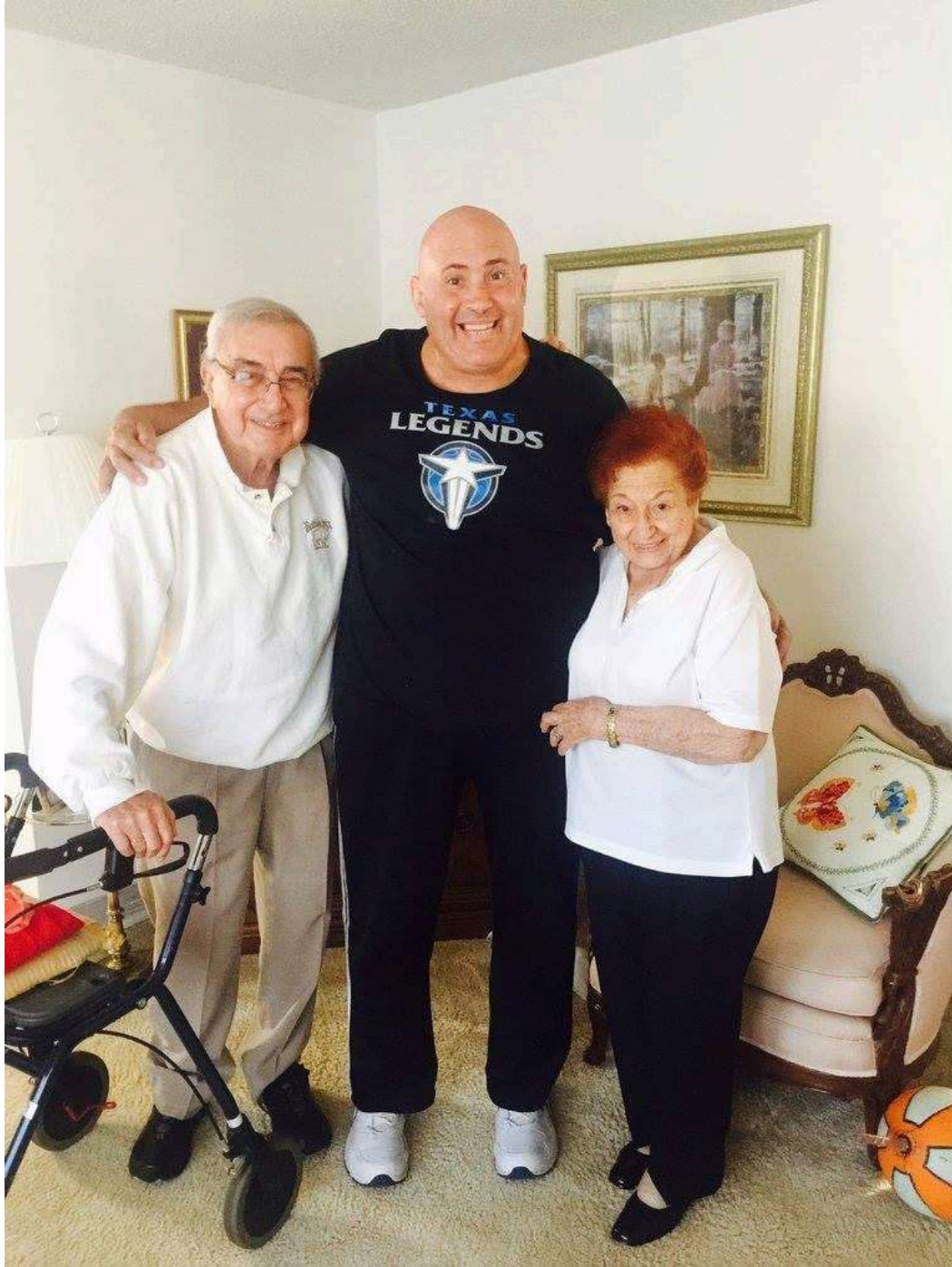
Crazy George Trenton NJ
NBA is Fantastic 1990



Will Klein and Howard Garfinkel... Five Star Camp HOF
Presentation to Crazy George August 29, 2004



Generous George Type One Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Show 2016, Texas Legends



Annie and Eddie Castellano 2017



My Loyal Caregiver since 2022, Stacey Bartell.....A

True Warrior For Brain Health Education Against Domestic
Violence! 🙏✌️😊😇❤️🇺🇸

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Generous George , Covid, 2 mini strokes , heart surgery, cow valve replacement, pacemaker, 2023... Never Gave Up! God Saved Me! 🙏🏀



March 30, 2024, Texas Legends! Comeback Kid!!
Powered By God!!!



My Newest Hero!! 6 year-old Reagan Farmer, Texas Legends, 2024



*“Not all of us
can do great things. But
we can do small things
with great love.”*

Mother Teresa

(this is the very end of our eeeeebook)

We fooled y'all! It really wasn't about "hate"... our little secret was all about "love" 🏀❤️ Thanks for reading! Please share the link with all of your friends...

