# A Candid Interview With George Carlin



#### Where did you get your start in the entertainment world?

"I started in radio in 1956 when I was in the Air Force at Shreveport, La. I connected with a downtown station and spent my whole Air Force time employed as a civilian."

### Tell us about your acting career.

"This is important to me because I held my acting ambitions in check because I'd had some bad experiences with trying to do some acting in the 1960's and 1970's. Acting is something I've always wanted to do since childhood. I didn't feel confident before. Now I've worked past most of those internal blocks. I'm free now to pursue this deferred goal."

#### Why did you go to cable?

"I went to cable for two reasons, for the freedom in language and subject matter and the freedom from commercials. You rarely see a

## Cancer Research Specialist And His Wife Arrive In Israel After 7-Year Struggle To Leave The Soviet Union

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Dr. losif Irlin, a worldrenowned cancer research specialist, arrived in Israel Sunday with his wife, Svetlana, also a scientist, after a seven-year struggle to

leave the Soviet Union. dismissed from their colleagues - scientists jobs at the Oncological with the request to help Center of the USSR me in the hope that Academy of Medicine their interference, their when they first applied appeal to the Soviet

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stand-up comic on the networks any more. There's too much interference. On cable you get no interference and no second-guessing.

## What do you think about network television?

"TV is an advertising medium - entertainment and art show up accidentally on it. Having said that, and being on record in opposition to commercial television, I admit that there is a project out there - a six-week limited series that I am

1979.

losif Irlin, 52, held a hunger strike last August, breaking it only when world figures, including Israel's Chief Rabbis, had promised to intercede on his behalf. U.S. The Association of Oncologists and the French Cancer Society were among the world bodies which organized a campaign to obtain his release from the Soviet Union. "I thank you for your very warm welcome, and for all you have done on my behalf," he told reporters at a news conference at the Ben-Gurion Airport upon his arrival here.

Irlin, who has published over 20 papers on cancer research during the past two decades, is expected to take up a research position at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot.

In March, 1981, while he was trying to leave the USSR, he wrote a letter stating: "I am deprived of my work and put in the position of an outcast. The same is true about my wife. Now I have made up my mind to turn to the international scientific been world, to individual for exit visas in April government will help me leave the USSR."

"If the public will accept me as a film actor, I will pursue that as well as my stand-up work. I

Do you want to pursue a film career?

turf and mucking it up a bit."

have a lot of things to talk about yet." (GEORGE CARLIN will be performing at Caesars

seriously thinking about. It's true, I'll be in bed

with the devil, but I like the idea of going on their

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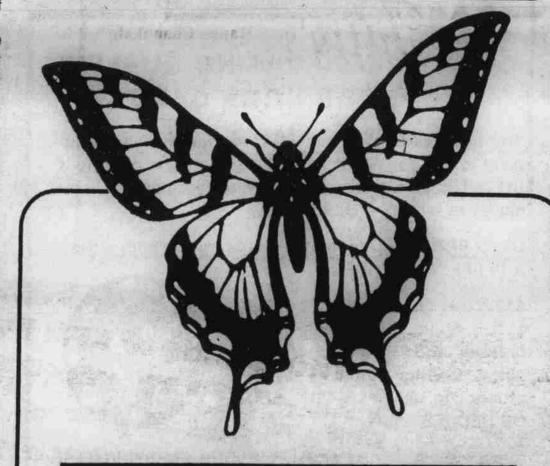
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