Lyle.

phone.

Cy Young Award in 1976 (best pit-

cher in the American League), has

written a wacky novel. The Year I

Owned the Yankees: A Baseball

Fantasy (Bantam). This fantasy,

co-authored by David Fisher,

follows the Yankees for a year

under their new owner - Sparky

"I'm going to be a hands-off

owner," vows Lyle, who then pro-

ceeds to meddle in the day-to-day

He brings in Reggie Jackson as

"ego coach" and Bill (The

Spaceman) Lee as pitching and

cybernetics coach. Lyle also fills

his playing roster with some real

characters. And owner Lyle is not

above trying to take advantage of

non-baseball apparatus - one out-

fielder uses a glove with a cellular

Who says real life is stranger

operations of his new toy.

Cartoons campaign against drug use

By BOB SPENCE **Thomson News Service**

If you are flipping from TV channel to TV channel during midmorning April 21, you will find the same show over and over again.

All major TV networks in Canada, the U.S. and Mexico are participating in a special, event making sure as many children as possible have the opportunity to watch a special cartoon with an anti-drug message.

Cartoon All-Stars to the Rescue aimed at five to 11 year olds - is a 30-minute animated tale that mixes comedy and adventure with serious moments.

Familiar cartoon characters rescue a 14-year-old boy from a life with drugs.

This is the first time animation allowed their studios have



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copyrighted characters to appear in a TV program with characters from other studios.

Among those helping to get the anti-drug message across are Alf, Bugs Bunny, the Chipmunks, Daffy Duck, Garfield, Muppet Bbies, Slimer from the Ghostbusters, the

Michaelangelo from Teenage Mutant Turtles and Winnie the Pooh and Tigger.

The cartoon special, expected to reach 20-million children, is sponsored by McDonalds and Ronald McDonald Children's Charities, in conjunction with the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

The cartoon characters offer such messages as "a real friend won't dare you to take drugs" and "drugs are for losers".

Cartoon All-Stars to the Rescue will be distributed to schools, libraries and video stores following the telecast.

The simulcast airs at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April .21 - on channel after channel.

Will the skies ever be safe again?

Wings, a 30-minute sitcom about. a wacky commuter airline, makes its debut on Global TV April 19.

Wings is the product of some fertile minds. The American sitcom (NBC) is produced by the Emmywinning comedy team of David Angell, Peter Casey and David Lee, the creators of Cheers...

Timothy Daly and Steven Weber portray two entrepreneurial brothers who have little in common. Joe Hackett' (Daly) is Mr. Organized. His younger brother, Brian (Weber), is a free-wheeling corner-cutter.

The supporting cast includes Rebecca Shull as a perky ex-flight attendant - now in her 60s' - who works behind the ticket counter, Crystal Bernard as a svelte young cello teacher who runs the lunch counter and David Schramm as the rough-edged owner of a rival airline.

George Steinbrenner, who has owned and tried to run the New York Yankees for 17 years, believes "owner" is a seven-letter word. He spells it "manager." He has repeatedly told his managers, coaches and baseball players what to do and when to do it - then criticized individuals whether they followed his "advice" or not.

·Now, he can read about the antics of another owner - one dreamed up by one of his former serfs.

Sparky Lyle, a colorful former Yankee relief pitcher who won the

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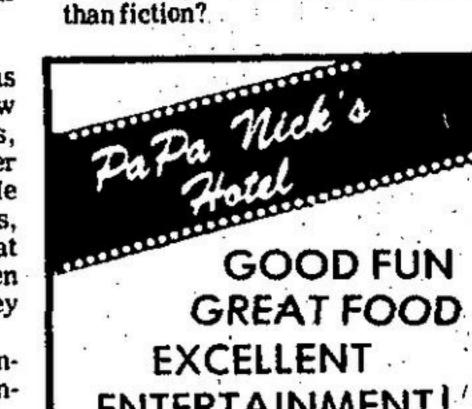
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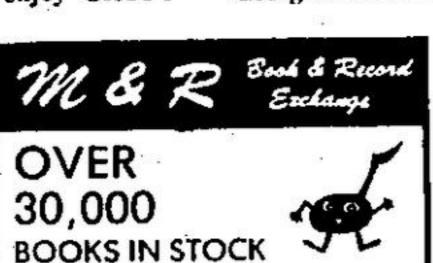
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