

about Mike McCarty

Veteran klutz Mike McCarty is a walking blooper highlight reel. The Detroit native has worked at three Michigan newspapers as a reporter and copy editor. At all three papers he was a menace to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Now a freelance writer and editor, Mike and his wife, Karen, reside in Grand Rapids, Mich. He is the author of "Michael, Michael, Michael" and other manuscripts. A local entertainer, Mike also has written and performed one-man shows featuring his quirky humor. He also is a regular contributor to The McCarty Metro website.



Mike's newspapers: The Grand Rapids Press, The Upper Peninsula Sunday Times, Cadillac Evening News

Mike's one-man shows: "Call Me Catheran," "Michael, Michael, Michael," "I Can't Face Facebook: I Got the Low-Down, Low-Tech Blues"

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KLUTZ Q&A

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Q. When I make a big blunder in public, how should I respond?

-- Oaf in L.A.

A. Your best bet is to use the rejoinder made famous by TV spy Maxwell Smart in the late '60s: "I meant to do that." -- *Mike*

Q. Is there a way to minimize damage when I fall?

-- Day Tripper

A. Absolutely. Stay as relaxed as possible during the tumble. You may avoid strains and lower your "contact-to-damage ratio." FYI: That is a "stat" that is a figment of TV baseball analyst Rod Allen's rich fantasy life.

-- Mike

Q. Do you know of any song lyrics for lummoxes?

-- Anon.

A. Are you scared of falling off your chair or down the stairs? Give a listen to "Stuck in the Middle With You."

-- Mike