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Lazlo writes again! Reprising the inspired lunacy that made his first volume of letters a New York Times bestseller, comedian Don Novello slips back into his all-American alter ego, Lazlo Toth, and provides a new round of correspondence with politicians, celebrities, and royalty. It's a quirky cultural history, social satire with a twist. Here are letters of congratulation-to newly elected Ronald Reagan ("This is my dream come true!") and letters of outrage-to Pepsi ("Take the Madonna commercial off the air!"). Letters filled with fresh ideas-proposing to Swanson a "Fit for a President Microwave Dinner" series, including the Jimmy Carter Camp David Accord Style Fried Chicken and Grits. And letters of advice-how Coca-Cola should handle the "pubic hair in the can of Coke" reference during the Thomas hearings. And the best part: the replies. CITIZEN LAZLO! Over 100 new letters. We missed you. 61,000 copies in print.

.com HAIL, CITIZEN LAZLO! The history books say that Richard Nixon resigned because of a bungled break-in at the Watergate Hotel, but that isn't so: Tricky Dick had to change addresses to escape the rabid admiration of Lazlo Toth, one of the most authentic lunatics in the history of American letters. That's "letters" as in literature, because Toth is firmly fictional--but also "letters" in the literal sense, too. The flood of correspondence (complete with songs) that drove Nixon from office has been immortalized in Citizen Lazlo, a very strange and very funny book. Nixon wasn't the only target for Toth, a comic creation of Don Novello, himself better known as Saturday Night Live's Father Guido Sarducci. In a prose style all his own--"To President Ford (the best!) ..."--Novello's equal-opportunity annoyance pecked out effusive missives to huge corporations (McDonald's), kitschy pop stars (Sammy Davis Jr.), and the occasional Third World strongman. Quoth Citizen Lazlo to Spain's Francisco Franco: "You are not just a general--you are truly a Generalissimo! Keep it up!" From the Back Cover Mr. Novello's new collection of Lazlo letters is hilarious. They reveal that our canned culture is on automatic--the lights are on, but nobody's home. -Francis Coppola "Lazlo Toth is truly a man of letters. Not since Robert Bly have I seen this much mail bonding." -Robin Williams "It is good to know, in these troubled times, that the small but significant voice of Lazlo Toth can be clearly heard through the cacophony of Big Business, Big Government, and even Big Religion. Hooray!" -Jerry Garcia