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### TYPICAL TUESDAY FOR BELUSHI

Years before [John Belushi](#)'s death in 1982, Page Six reported on the "Saturday Night Live" legend's hard-partying lifestyle — and his disastrous first-ever television interview. Belushi booked his first-ever talk-show appearance on local program "Midday Live" hosted by Bill Boggs in 1977. Page Six reported that on the set the day of the show: "Come 11:30 a.m., and Bill Boggs' assembled guests included Steve Allen, David Brenner — but not John Belushi. A phone call to Belushi's apartment roused the slumbering star from his reverie." His response? "Start the show without me," cried the trouper, "I'm on my way." Then at the WNEW-TV studio, "an unshaven Belushi appeared on all fours, crawling onto the 'Midday' set." When Boggs asked the star about how the "SNL" cast gets their material, Belushi answered, "We all sit around and get high on marijuana." Then, "As Boggs turned to his other guests, Belushi, obviously feeling unloved, threw a glass of water at him. Then he kicked over a table filled with plants." If that wasn't enough, "A newswoman walked onto the set and began whispering in [Belushi's] ear. 'What's going on?' asked Boggs. 'I don't know who this person is,'" shot back Belushi. "But she's asking for sex."



Bill Boggs with John Belushi.