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But if you look through the issue, you'll see that while we spent a lot of bucks for "True Facts," none were contributed by me. In fact, in all the years I've been doing this, I've only found one item on my own—a headline in the *New York Times* that said "Death: A Wound That Can Fester."

The sad fact is that, except for that one inspired moment, I wouldn't recognize a "True Fact" on the hoof if it ate my lawn and had a litter on the back deck. For me, it's got to be shrink-wrapped, labeled, and put in the "True Facts" refrigerator bin at the supermarket where I know what's what.

In other words, if I see a "True Fact" in the newspaper surrounded by all that journalism I just don't know enough to laugh. If it doesn't arrive in



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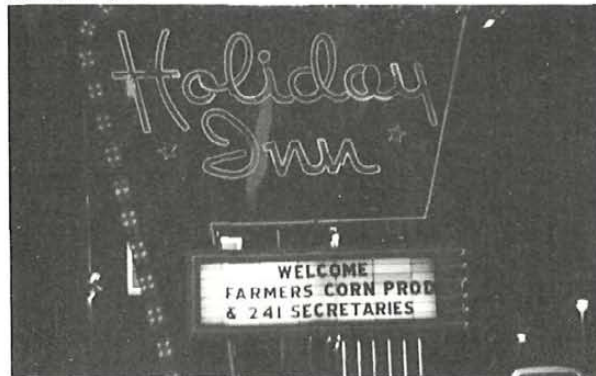
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Ball - Lust

Dacia Denise Ball and Jeff Alan Lust were married Dec. 28 in First United Methodist Church, Abilene, with the Rev. Earl E. Ball officiating.

Her parents are Earl and Wanda Ball of Truth or Consequences, N.M. His parents are Lloyd and Louise Lust of Littlefield, Texas.

Matron of honor was Belinda Richey, and attendants were Diana Rodman and Mary Daniel.

Scott Latham was best man and Alan Dav-enport and Tim Crane were groomsmen.

The bride attends McMurry College, Abilene.

The bridegroom works for First United Methodist Church, Abilene, and attends McMurry College.

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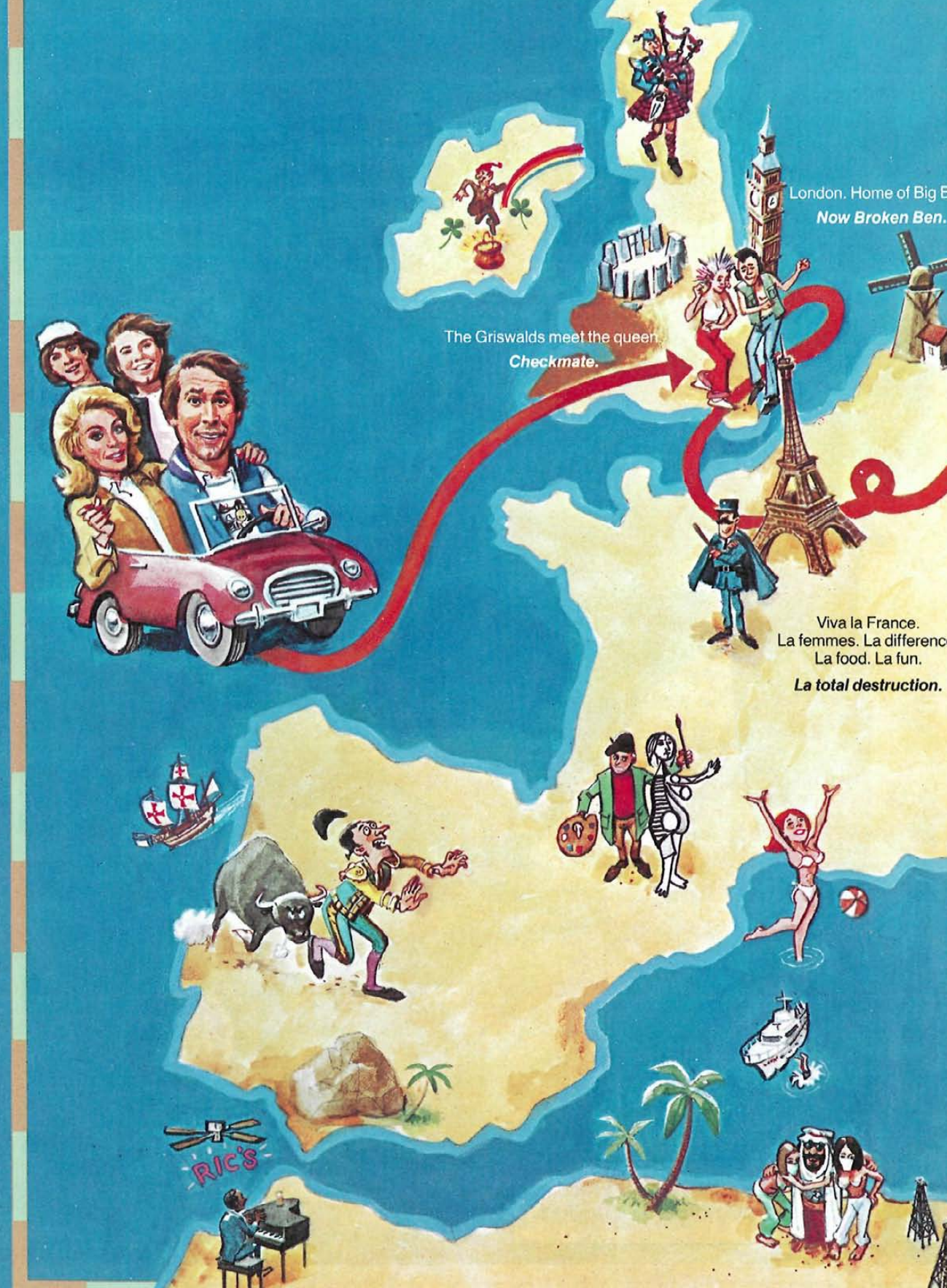


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A twenty-eight-year-old Toronto man died after falling from a stepladder headfirst into a vat of pizza dough. *New York Post* (contributed by Leanne Bloom)

After a suspicious fire burned through Domino's Pizza store in Boulder, Colorado, police arrested Kirk Alan Hough, twenty-eight, and charged him with first-degree arson, second-degree burglary, and theft of trade secrets.

Hough was manager of nearby Little Caesar's Pizza. *Boulder Daily Camera* (contributed by Steve Kulpa)

The *San Francisco Chronicle* gave this account of a pizza robbery in Birmingham, Alabama:

"The thief, a woman described as being 'almost 200 pounds,' lumbered from the bushes Thursday in south Birmingham and accosted Brenda Hollingsworth, a delivery girl for the Little Italy Pizza Parlor.

"Hollingsworth was carrying a pizza back to her car because no one answered the door at the apartment number she had been given.

"The woman asked Hollingsworth if that was the seventeen-dollar pizza she had ordered.

"She had to have been the one who called it in because I never told her how much the pizza cost. It was a large pizza with everything on it but anchovies," said Hollingsworth.

"Hollingsworth said the woman told her to wait while she went upstairs for some money, but instead she returned with a revolver. She told the girl she was sorry, but she 'just wanted the pizza.'

"Hollingsworth said the woman 'casually walked away with her gun in one hand and the pizza in the other.'" (contributed by Robin Papp)

According to the *Rocky Mountain News*, a seventeen-year-old driver delivered a pizza to a mobile-home park in Gillette, Wyoming, and "after collecting payment and making change he urged the customer to 'have a nice day.'

"The driver said the customer responded with one punch to his face and six to his stomach." (contributed by David Verdun)

Pizza delivery girl Lisa K. Freeman, twenty-two, working for Domino's Pizza in Flagstaff, Arizona, was robbed of a pizza at gunpoint. According to the *Arizona Republic*, it was a "jumbo, sixteen-inch pepperoni pizza with peppers." (contributed by Ed Walker)



Ken Thoresen

In El Cajon, California, pizza delivery boy Kenneth Sauade was robbed of a pie from Domino's Pizza. A report in the *Miami Herald* quoted police as saying the pizza was "laden with pepperoni, cheese, and extra onions." (contributed by Steven Roberto)

John Clark and Gary Kumba, both eighteen, were taken into custody by police in Ocean Beach, New York, for eating pizza on the street. *UPI* (contributed by Larry Bridges)

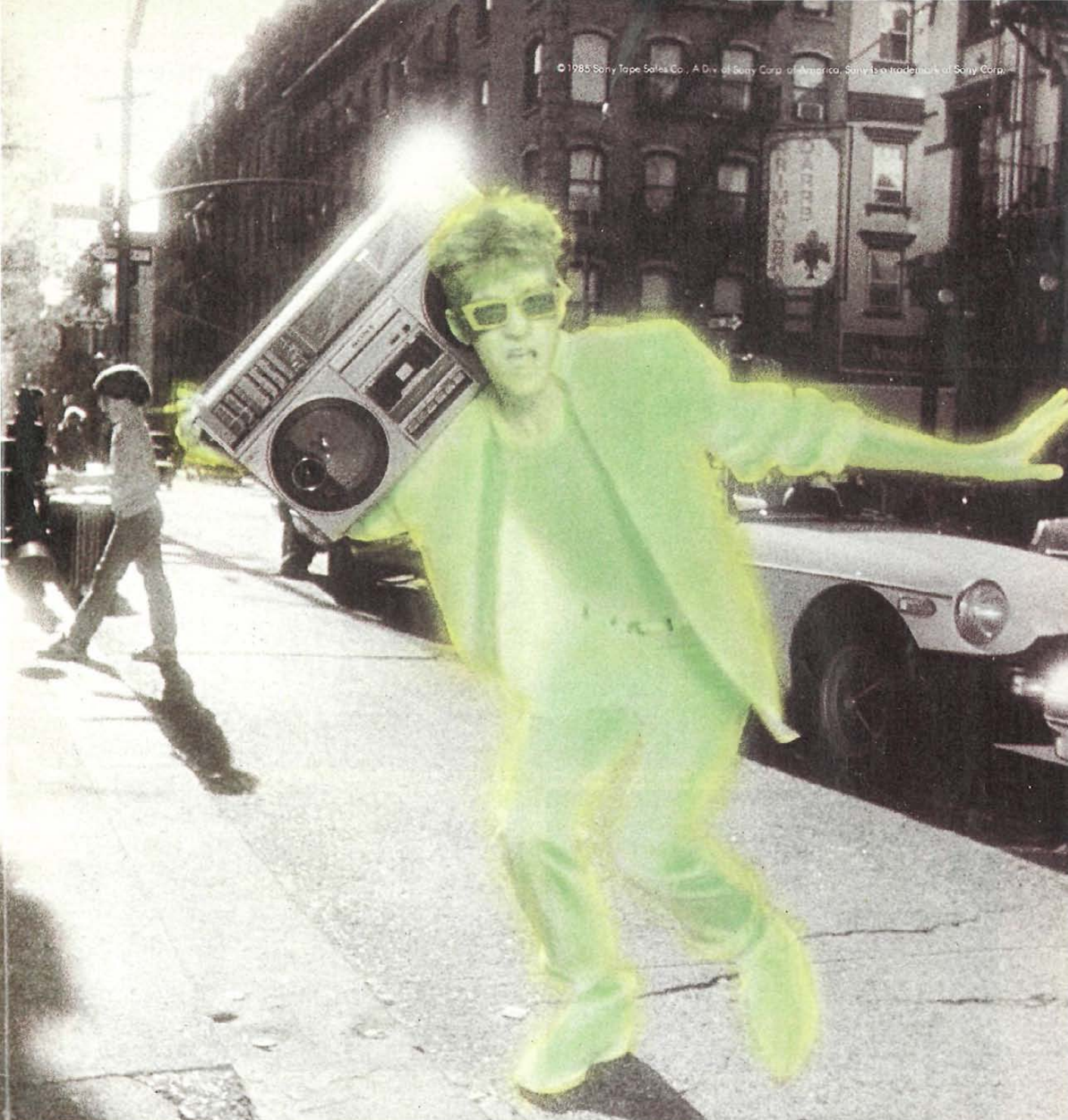
Pizza delivery boy Mark Baker, twenty, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Michael Donahue, thirty, were bitten in a fight with a would-be pizza thief in a university dormitory. According to the *Minnesota Daily*, "Baker was about to enter Pioneer Hall when a man with a gray ski mask came up behind him and grabbed the pizza. As the thief was running away, Baker managed to trip him, and Donahue, who had ordered the pizza, came out to help. The three fought and the thief escaped after biting both Baker and Donahue. He left the pizza behind." (contributed by Mark Treleven)

This story appeared in the *Washington Post*:

"A Pizza Hut commercial portraying a condemned man eating pizza as a last meal won't be shown in South Carolina—where two weeks ago condemned murderer Joseph Shaw ordered pizza before dying in the electric chair—a Pizza Hut spokesman said Wednesday. The ad shows a condemned man ordering a pizza, then, pardoned at the last minute, refusing to give up his pizza. The ad's showing was a 'mistake' and it probably will be pulled from all markets, a spokesman said." (contributed by Ronald M. Pawlik)

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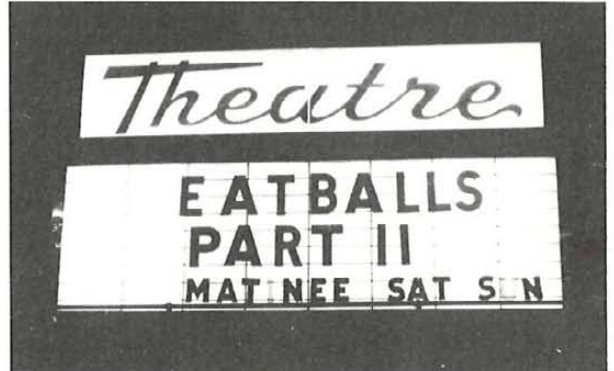
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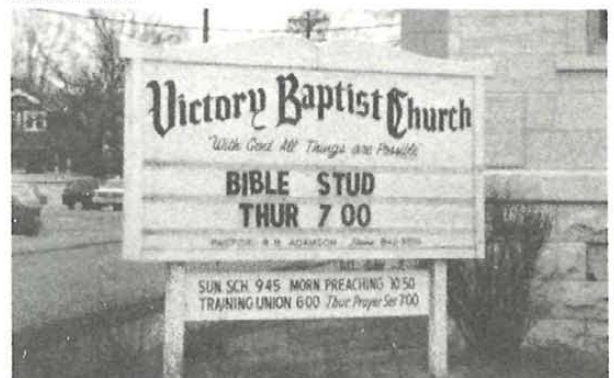
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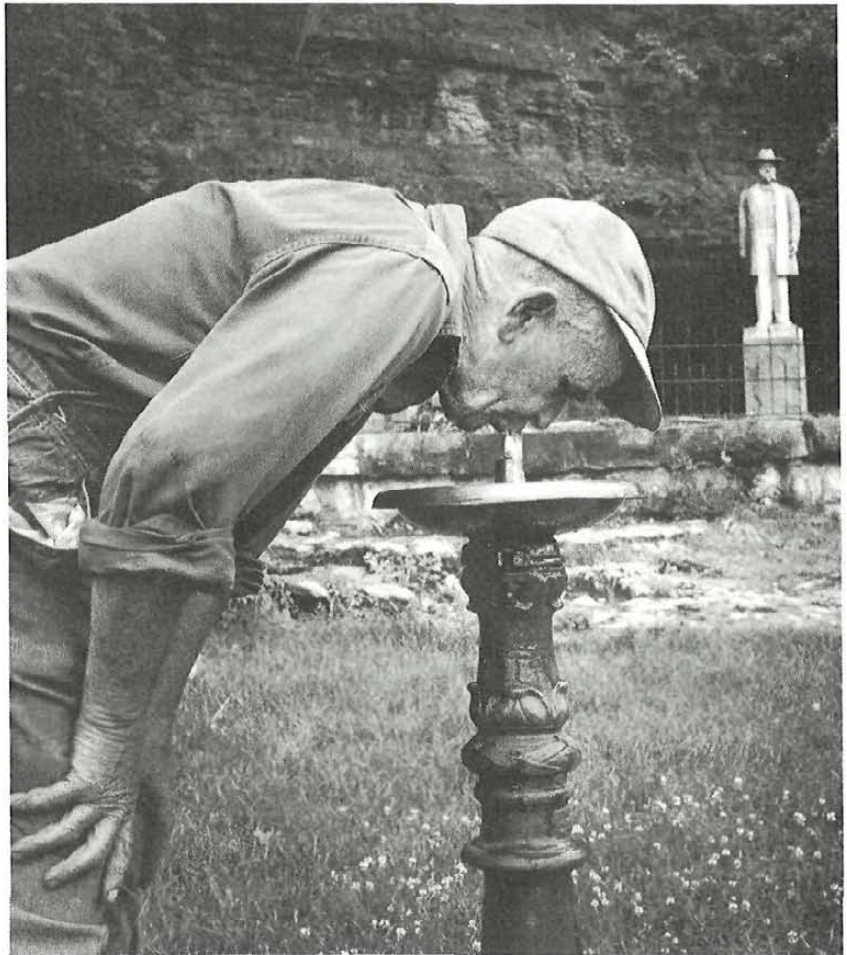
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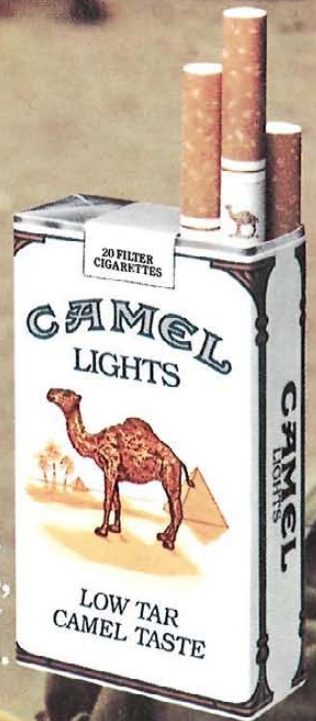
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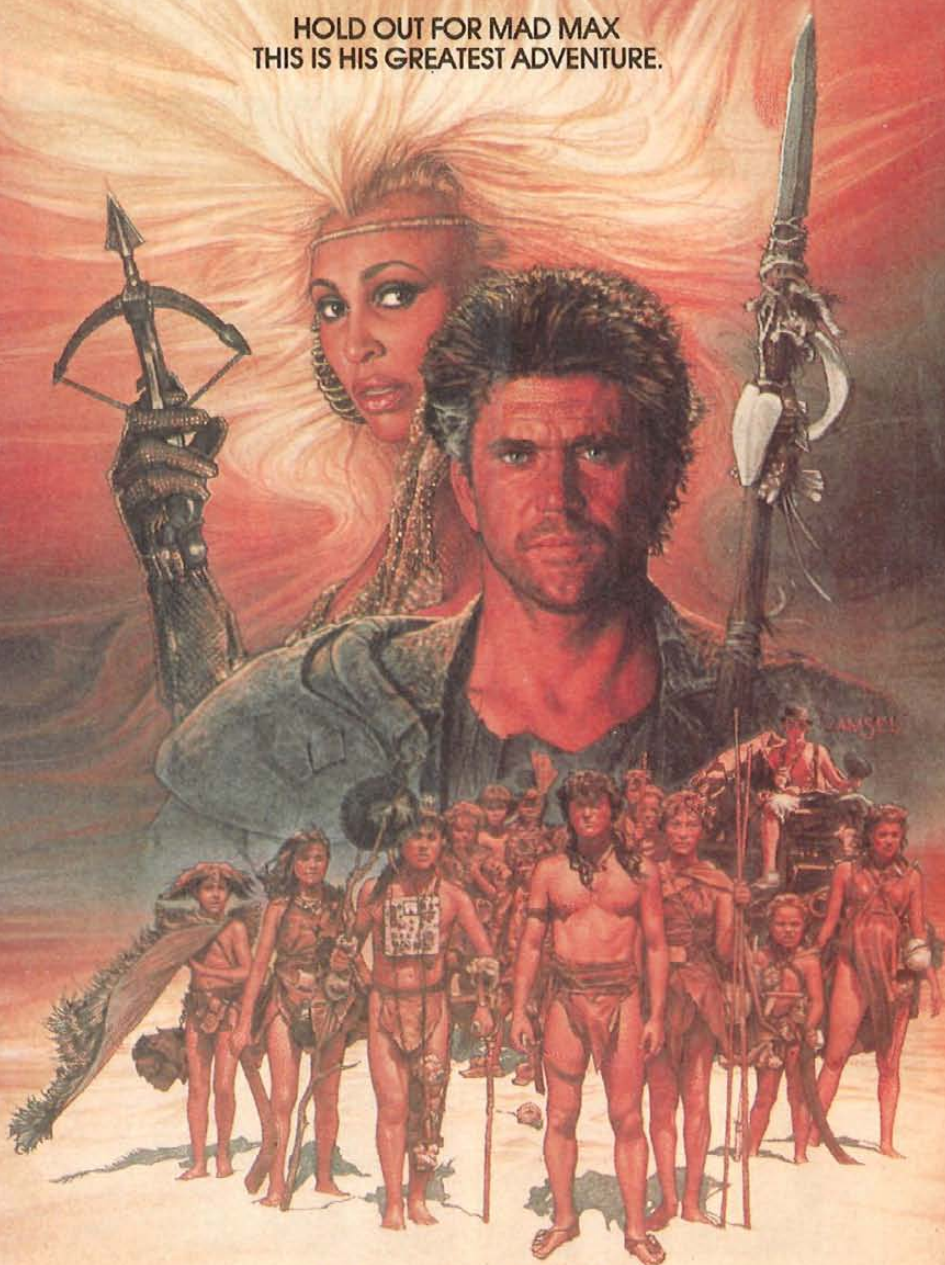
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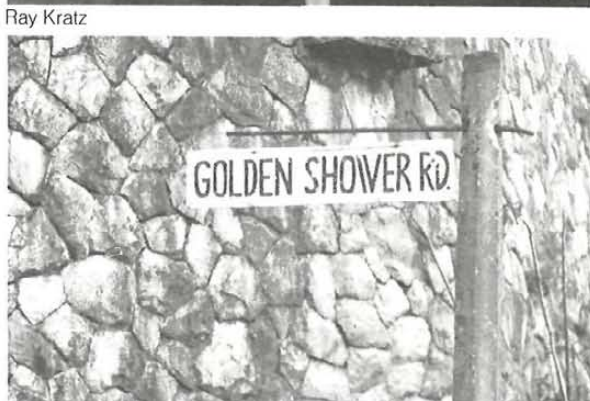
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See the store above with the sign that says "PE NIS"? You might not believe it, but this storefront in Marblehead, Massachusetts, is the most popular "True Facts" photo subject ever. It has been submitted at least weekly for nearly two years.

I've seen pictures of Penni's in the spring, Penni's in the snow, Penni's in the twilight, Penni's with blowing leaves, and more than one blurry shot of Penni's taken from a moving car.

Some of the Penni's photos submitted showed preppy types posing in front of the store, cardigans tied smartly around their necks. And at least one non-preppy guy posed his dumpy wife in front of the store in an apparent attempt to get her photo into the magazine.

Recently I talked to Al Penni, the store manager, who told me that as many times as he and his brother replace the sign's missing "N," someone takes it down.

"It's become kind of a local conversation piece," he said. "Now people take pictures of the store all the time."

I think Al and his brother are getting tired of the notoriety, and frankly, so am I.

So here, finally, is a photo of Penni's vandalized store sign. From now on, no more photos of Penni's, okay?

And leave Al's sign alone, too.

I'm still amazed at what people will send to "True Facts." For example, do you have any idea how many people moon for a camera, then send the picture to me? We're talking hundreds of moons, even an occasional mob moon like the one at the end of this piece, which allegedly involved 350 rear ends on a New Jersey beach. (This display—believe it or not—was intended to send a message to the Soviet Union.)

Another popular trick is to make up a penis to look like a long-nosed face, take a picture, and send it in. I've seen lots of those, so don't send any more, okay?

One guy, apparently naked but for a long overcoat, went out onto Hollywood Boulevard (or wherever it is that the stars leave their footprints in the cement), took a dump on Ronald Reagan's footprints, then sent me the picture.

Did he really expect me to buy a picture of a pile of shit on a sidewalk?

As you may have guessed, many of the photos on these pages are not ones I ever intended to buy. But this does seem like a good opportunity to let some of you get it out of your systems, especially those who get a kick out of the sign at the local radiator shop that says "Best Place in Town to Take a Leak." As you can see, it's not exactly a rare find.

Along with the aforementioned, here are some photos you can now stop submitting:

- your friend in a funny hat
- "Dead End" signs with cemetery backgrounds
- dogs pissing on "No Dogs Allowed" signs
- signs that say "The Boss Told Me to Change This Sign, so I Did"
- mooners other than lovely women
- anything named S&M
- dry cleaner signs that say "Drop Your Pants Here"
- signs that say things like "Warm Beer and Lousy Service"
- "Thou Shalt Not Park Here" signs
- "Don't Even Think of Parking Here" signs
- "Sleeping Policeman" signs from Jamaica
- faggot advertisements from Britain

- "Homo Milk" signs
- anything named Hooker
- any sign from Intercourse, Pennsylvania
- anything named Gay
- squashed animals on the road with white lines painted over them
- vegetables that look like genitals
- ladies' room signs that say "Women—No Dogs"
- any sign on a truck or a ship with the word "reefer"
- any more packages of "Mother Fukker's Nuts"

Thanks for your cooperation.

Some would-be "True Facts" contributors don't understand salesmanship. Take Hugh Pritchard of Eugene, Oregon, who submitted a photograph along with a letter that said: "You used to have a section for signs that were ridiculous. It's not in this issue. I wonder if you'll continue it. Who can tell with you schmucks."

Well, Pritchard, this schmuck didn't buy your picture, and it serves you right.

Other would-be contributors make a better impression, though. For example, Doug Grant of Carroll, Iowa, sent in a newspaper clipping from the *Des Moines Register* and included the paper's masthead as

proof of "the article's authenticity and non-contrivance," as he put it. Then his cover letter continued:

"Here in Iowa, most people hate Minnesota and Minnesotans. People here make jokes—like (question) What do you call 10,000 Minnesotans at the bottom of the Mississippi River? (answer) A start.

"And, Welcome to Minnesota—Gateway to North Dakota.

"And (question) Why do all the trees in Iowa bend northward? (answer) Because Minnesota sucks."

But I didn't buy his item either, so don't start writing cover letters full of jokes, okay?

This true fact ran in July of 1981:

"According to police, Michael Chaplin, twenty-six, gunned down his former girlfriend on a street in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, then made off as he had arrived—driving a street sweeper."

In 1982, "True Facts" received a letter from Mr. Chaplin, then in prison. He was rather proud of having been included in "True Facts" and asked for a copy of the magazine in which "his" story had appeared.

As a matter of policy, I do not give away free magazines to the subjects of "True Facts."

However, if approached by an armed man driving a street sweeper, I might reconsider.

In November 1981, "True Facts" ran a photograph of a menu posted outside a Newark, New Jersey, restaurant. The name of the establishment as it appeared on the menu was "Big Black Ass Cowboy." The photo was credited to one Avery Frost of Jersey City, New Jersey.

Soon an irate lawyer called, claiming to represent the owner of "Big Black Ass Cowboy." The attorney said his client was hopping mad because his name was not Avery Frost and he did not live in Jersey City.

I explained to Mr. Cowboy's attorney that the photo credit referred to the guy who took the picture, not the guy who owned the sign.

Maybe they should cover photo credits in law school.

Once I went on a college radio station in Manhattan to promote a "True Facts" special. We had people call in with their favorite funny news stories. It went over pretty well, so I came back, this time with Mike Reiss and Al Jean to spice up the commentary. That went so well that I agreed to come on a third time.

But this trip things were different.

The first caller wanted to tell a joke, but the host explained that the show was about *true* funny stories, so no jokes.

Ten minutes into the show there were still no other callers, so we babbled on while the host kept giving out the telephone number. After fifteen minutes on the air, the same guy called back and asked if he could tell his joke now.



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The host hung up on him.

Before the show, I had asked my sister to call. She told me she was going to listen, but apparently she had changed her mind—the phone didn't ring.

Here we had a powerful radio transmitter in the middle of the biggest city in the country, only one guy was listening, and he didn't get the point. After another fifteen minutes on the air, I suggested that we should have let the guy tell his joke. Almost instantly the guy called again and, with permission, told this joke:

A little Indian boy asked his father how an older brother, Running Water, had gotten his name. The father replied, "Because your brother was conceived beside a brook, my son."

Then the boy asked how his sister, Wild Flower, had gotten her name.

"Because she was conceived in a beautiful field of flowers, my son," said the father, who looked at his son for a moment.

Finally he said to the boy, "Why do you ask these questions, Broken Rubber?"

Later my sister said she had been listening all along. She said she was actually dialing the telephone when the guy told the joke. But then she decided the show was too awful, and someone she knew might hear her.

If an unattended, idling car somehow gets into reverse gear, it will go around in a circle until it runs out of gas, stalls out, or hits something. You might not know it, but it happens all the time—not in front of your house, maybe, but somewhere.

When it happens, people stop and stare in amazement. Then they call the police, the volunteer fire department, and the local newspaper. And someone in town always clips the story and sends it to "True Facts."

That's how I know it happens all the time.

But other strange things happen all the time as well.

For example, you probably didn't know that in Shelbyville, Tennessee, a bird dog stepped on the trigger of his master's gun and shot him. Or that in Twin Falls, Idaho, a small poodle-terrier in an idling van jumped on the gearshift lever, put the van in reverse, and ran over his master. Or that in Strasbourg, France, a woman was allegedly pushed out a fourth-story window by her pet poodle.

And right now, for all you know, an innocent-looking Pomeranian may be drowning your neighbor in his own bathtub for no good reason at all.

It happens all the time.

On the other hand, people are as likely to bite off each other's noses, ears, tongues, fingers, toes, and penises as house pets are. I know because those detached body parts become the subjects of ghoulish news stories:

"Police Hunt Missing Nose"

"Dog Swallows Master's Severed Finger"

"Duck Finds Penis, Waddles Off with Critical Evidence"

Ears are the most common victims of human bites, followed by noses. These usually come off in violent fights. Tongues and penises, however, are more likely to come off in sneak attacks. In fact, in order to get oneself in a position to bite off another person's tongue or penis, one must, in all likelihood, be acting in a very friendly manner.

But when it comes to people who bite off body parts, we shouldn't be surprised by a little treachery, should we?

Not long ago, the Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, *Times Leader* (which presumably employs editors or proofreaders or something) covered the wedding of Thomas Durkin and Mame Broody. According to the paper, the wedding party included people with names like Gloria Snockers, Lilac Arug, Amos Behavin, and Hugh G. Wrection.

At about the same time, the *Columbia* (South Carolina) *Record* published an employment agency's classified ad in the help-wanted section under "Secretary." It read: "Several Positions w/Top Co. Fuck Your Way to the Top!"

Both items obviously contained the work of jokesters, the kind of thing newspapers hate—but everybody else loves.

Yet I only received one copy of the Durkin/Broody story, while those little ads from South Carolina poured in for over a month.

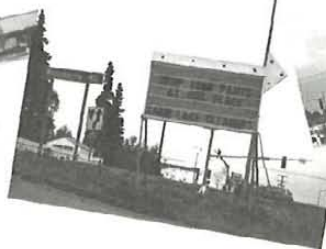
That certainly ought to tell us something about the state of the economy. Or the job market. Or modern newspaper-reading preferences.

Or something.

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THE SOUND AND THE FURY

In St. Petersburg, Florida, twenty-eight-year-old Joseph St. Pierre was awarded \$25,000 in a lawsuit against the McDonald's hamburger chain. Among the problems St. Pierre claimed were caused by a meal at McDonald's was "chronic uncontrollable gas."

"From the time I get up in the morning to the time I go to bed at night," he told the jury, "I do nothing but pass wind."

St. Pierre also told the panel that one friend now refuses to go to dinner with him and his employees at Largo Carburetors Ltd. "won't stand in back of him." (St. Petersburg, Florida) *Evening Independent* (contributed by Donald R. Gollither)

The Times of India published this item:

"The daily output of flatulence from a single sheep contains enough methane gas to power a small truck for forty kilometers, according to a New Zealand scientist, reports Reuters from Wellington.

"Dr. David Lowe told a conference of meteorologists that New Zealand could solve some of its fuel problems if it found a way to harness the less savory by-product of its seventy-two million sheep.

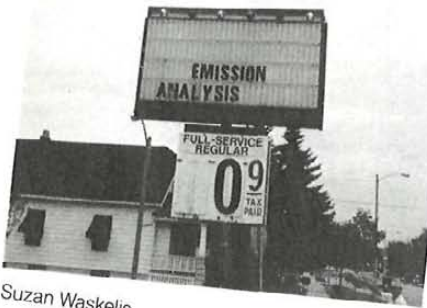
"He said the total daily methane output of New Zealand's sheep was one thousand tons. If a sheep was put on the back of a utility truck with a bale of hay and connected to the engine 'with the appropriate fittings,' it could run the vehicle for about forty kilometers a day, he said." (contributed by M. S. Naik)



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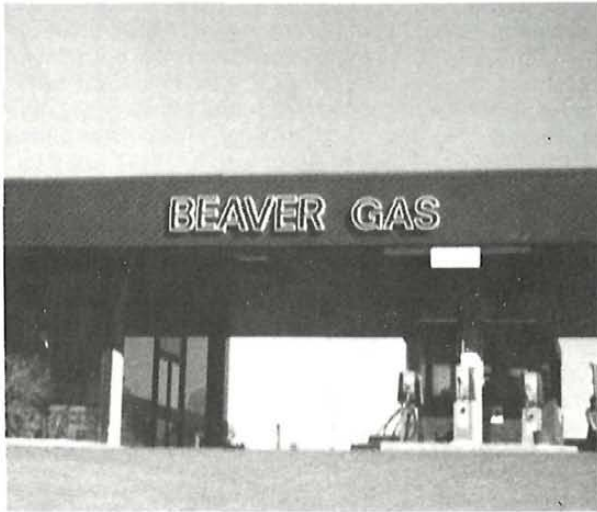


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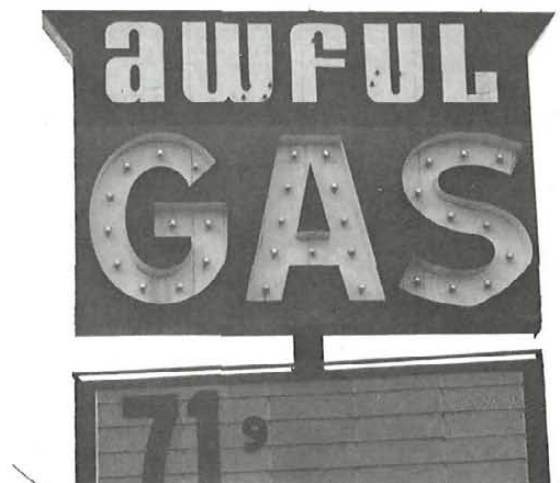
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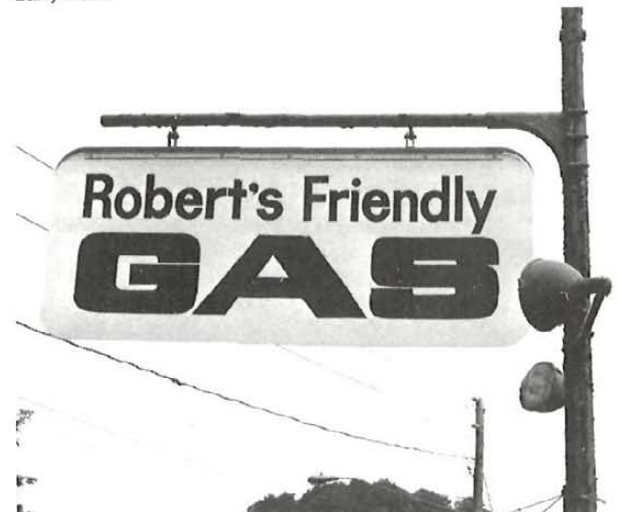
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TRUE MISCELLANY

Thirty-three-year-old Morganna Roberts, a dancer known as "Morganna, the Kissing Bandit," was arrested at a nightclub in Dallas, Texas, for allegedly beating a customer over the head with her breasts. *AP* (contributed by Richard Brantt)

This item appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*:

"Tel Aviv—Israeli police broke up a brawl among monks performing the traditional after-Christmas cleanup of Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity.

"A monk was injured when he was struck above the eye and bitten during the fight among fifty monks from the Greek Orthodox and Armenian sects, Israeli radio said.

"It said the dispute was over which sect should have the right to clean a certain wall of the church, which is on the traditional site of the birth of Jesus." (contributed by Eve Allen)

Police in Billings, Montana, charged Richard Leo Murphy with the robbery of a food store after successfully lifting a fingerprint from an onion he allegedly carried to the checkout counter before demanding the contents of the cash drawer. *Salt Lake Tribune* (contributed by Dan Chure & Lorraine Ferris)

Elated by the pending victory of their soccer team, fans in Buenos Aires rushed onto the field before the game ended and stripped the players to their underpants. Adrian Domenech, captain of the Argentinos Juniors, fought off a transvestite trying to take his shirt, and officials were forced to suspend the game with four minutes left to play. *Ottawa Citizen* (contributed by Dave Rooney)

Prison officers in England were alarmed when the driver of a bus transporting dangerous prisoners began acting erratically. He repeatedly stalled the bus, deliberately drove on the wrong side of the road, and never got out of second gear. Officials later learned that the newly hired prison bus driver was an escaped mental patient. *Manchester Guardian* (contributed by N. Booth)

The following story appeared in the (Sunbury, Pennsylvania) *Daily Item*:

"Pittsburgh—Police said a thirty-three-year-old paraplegic lied in order to obtain sympathy money when he reported being robbed and thrown from his wheelchair by muggers outside a federally subsidized apartment building for the elderly.

"Police told concerned residents of the housing complex that the man, identified as Stanley Phillips, is a convicted burglar who lost the use of his legs two years ago while trying to burglarize the house of a legless man in nearby McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania." (contributed by R. Goff)

Because of severe budget cuts, city workers in Buenos Aires, Argentina, decided to save on light bulbs by replacing the burned-out bulbs behind the red and green lenses in traffic signals with bulbs removed from behind the yellow "caution" lenses. *UPI* (contributed by Ed Walker)

When Peshori Lal went to Indian government offices in Kanpur to apply for a ration card he was given a form, which he filled out and returned. Later he learned that, instead of a ration card application, he had filled out a nomination form and that he was now a candidate for Parliament in India's general election.

After the error was discovered, though, Lal decided he liked being a candidate for national office and refused to withdraw. *UPI* (contributed by Ed Walker)

Commuters in Calcutta, India, have found that they can stop electric trains by throwing banana leaves onto the overhead wires. According to a railway spokesman, as many as four trains are stopped every week by commuters hurling banana leaves. "They are either too lazy to go to the nearby station," he said, "or they do this for fun." *Bangkok Post* (contributed by P. E. Bemis)

Lawyers in Kuwait are searching for legal precedents to help them settle the case of an Arab man who wants the kidney he donated to his brother returned. The kidney donor filed suit claiming his brother "turned out to be unworthy of the sacrifice." *Minneapolis Star* (contributed by Carl Behr)

During the busy Christmas theater season in London last year, producers encountered a severe shortage of dwarfs. Theatrical agent Johnny Laycock, a leading supplier of dwarfs and midgets, said he was overwhelmed. "I've got twenty-nine out now and I'm looking for more," he said.

The problem was blamed, in part, on the record number of productions of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. *Los Angeles Times* (contributed by David L. Ostovich)



Law student Thomas Wray Marsden, twenty-eight, of Oxnard, California, asked his live-in fiancée's help in planning a murder which could not be detected by autopsy. He told her the "perfect murder" project was a school assignment. The woman, who worked in a hospital, took the problem to a pathologist she knew.

The doctor said that an injection of potassium chloride—a common salt substitute—would cause the heart to stop, yet would be undetectable in the body five hours after death. He also said that the victim should first be rendered unconscious with chloroform.

Marsden discussed the "perfect murder" with his fiancée for a number of weeks; he also asked her to bring home some chloroform to "treat a horse he owned." Then he suggested that they take out insurance policies on each other, since "he was in his last year of law school and if anything happened to her, he would be able to keep up the payments on their condominium."

Finally, Marsden attacked her with the chloroform. According to the *Sacramento Bee*, this is what happened:

"After wrestling with her unsuccessfully for several minutes, Marsden got off the victim, walked into the bathroom, and said, 'I knew it wouldn't work.'" (contributed by Karen Muldoon)

A man arrested for urinating on public property in Mexico City turned out to be a plainclothes detective. While uniformed officers were transporting him to the police station, their squad car was intercepted by a number of detectives who demanded the release of their fellow plainclothesman. The uniformed officers called for and quickly got backup, and a twenty-minute skirmish ensued in which a man on each side was wounded.

In the end, however, the uniformed cops won, and the detectives were all taken into custody. *Mexico City News* (contributed by William Burrill)

According to the Calendar of Events published in the *Journal Enquirer* of Manchester, Connecticut, the 8:00 P.M. Thursday meeting of Overeaters Anonymous was scheduled to be held at the Bonanza Restaurant. (contributed by Lee-Ann Artiaco)

The following item appeared in the *Australian*:

"Thieves in a middle-class Sydney suburb purloined a car. A few days later, however, it reappeared with a note explaining that it had only been stolen because of an emergency, and the thieves were most apologetic. So much so that they offered a compensating free meal at a nearby restaurant.

"With their faith in human nature restored, the car owners checked, found the meal had actually been paid for, and went.

"While they were eating their house was ransacked." (contributed by Robert Pounds)

Tommy Cribbs, the sheriff of Dyer County, Tennessee, was arrested in Van Buren, Missouri, after police noticed his car in the parking lot of Smalley's Motel. A car of that description had been used in the theft of two sheep from a nearby farm. Officers who were questioning people at the motel were led to Cribbs after a sheep was thrown from the window of his room. (Memphis) *Commercial Appeal* (contributor's name withheld by request)

Oklahoma City basketball coach Abe Lemons publicly disagreed with others in his profession who discourage college athletes from leaving school to turn pro.

"What's an education?" he is quoted as saying. "It's good for the average guy, but if somebody hands a poor kid two million dollars to go around half-naked, bouncing a ball, he'd better take it. Then if he wants a diploma, he can always buy a college and put his name on it like Oral Roberts did." *Austin (Texas) American Statesman* (contributed by James P. Forrest)

The estate of millionaire Dennis Barnhart, who was killed in his Ferrari, is suing the car's manufacturer. The suit charges that the Italian sports-car maker failed to warn buyers that the Ferrari is a high-performance car. *USA Today* (contributed by Frank Mastropolo)

According to a study conducted by Dr. Lawrence D. Budnick and published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, some eight thousand people are injured by toothpicks each year. The study cites a number of fatalities, including the case of a fifty-one-year-old California man who died after inhaling a toothpick. (Hackensack, New Jersey) *Record* (contributed by Duck Divet)

In Hudson, Quebec, an unemployed man whose wife had just left him fired hundreds of rounds from a .22-caliber rifle, a shotgun, and a high-powered bow inside his home, which was quickly surrounded by heavily armed police. He emerged from the house unarmed, played with his dog, and nonchalantly began cleaning up his yard, at which point he was placed under arrest. *Canadian wire services* (contributed by David Richardson)

San Francisco mayor Dianne Feinstein, upset at the comments of those who opposed her choice of a new baseball stadium site, was quoted in the *San Francisco Chronicle* as follows:

"Every site proposed to date has some problems with it." She added that "these premature ejaculations by the committee members are frankly not at all helpful." (contributed by S. Miner)

The Soviet Union is dispatching experts in aerobic exercise to famine-plagued Ethiopia. *Soviet Sport*, a Russian publication, explained that "in Ethiopia there are now a great many who want to practice rhythmic gymnastics. Soviet specialists who have been specially invited will help set up aerobics sections in this African country." *San Jose (California) Mercury News* (contributed by Wanda Brown)

Robert Lenkiewicz, an artist in Plymouth, England, had the body of a dead friend embalmed to keep as a memento. The friend, a seventy-two-year-old tramp named Edward McKenzie, agreed to the plan before his death. Due to the objections of Plymouth authorities, however, Lenkiewicz has hidden the body.

"When the legal questions have been sorted out, I will bring him home, where he will remain for the rest of my life," said Lenkiewicz. "Something like a large paperweight in the library." *UPI* (contributed by Barbara Ritter)

School authorities in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, suspended teacher Doris Price after it was learned that she was selling M&M's to her students for fifty cents a package. Price's record also showed that she had sold tickets to a school play that was supposed to be free. (Cleveland) *Plain Dealer* (contributed by Dennis Kumor)

As workers at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Watts Bar Nuclear Plant waited for clearance to continue their work, a supervisor noticed they were idle and, to make them appear busy, ordered them to "go over there and bore a hole in the wall." The incident came to public attention after plant managers discovered thirty-six holes in the wall that spelled out the word "hole." *Knoxville (Tennessee) News-Sentinel* (contributed by Sam Stapleton)

Editor Zachary Stalberg of the *Philadelphia Daily News* fired editorial cartoonist Rob Lawlor after receiving a letter from the attorney for Lawlor's estranged wife; the letter referred to a Lawlor cartoon depicting a starving Ethiopian child trapped behind the bars of a universal product code. It seems that the numerals Lawlor used in his depiction of the universal product code included his wife's unlisted telephone number. (Hackensack, New Jersey) *Record* (contributed by Duck Divet)

When the National Aeronautics and Space Administration deliberately crashed an airliner at Edwards Air Force Base in California in December of last year, the test dummies on board, including both white and nonwhite specimens, were carefully integrated. It took a last-minute rearrangement of dummies.

According to the *New York Times*, the first batch of dummies to be delivered were all white, and technicians began installing them in the airliner seats, routinely working from front to back. A later batch of black dummies from another manufacturer wound up installed in the rear of the plane, so the dummies were rearranged "to produce a random mix."

"We switched because of a potential perception," explained a NASA spokesman. (contributed by Duck Divet)

Wildlife managers at the Los Alamos National Laboratory have asked a Minnesota researcher, Valerian Kuechle, to design and construct a tiny electronic instrument to be implanted near the sphincter of a wild deer to detect muscle movement when the deer defecates. Since fecal-pellet counts are an important means of estimating deer population, the new device will result in more accurate estimates.

Meanwhile, according to the *Minnesota Daily*, "Kuechle may also participate in a study of coyote scent-marking behavior that would require a device to record the frequency and location of coyotes' urination on scent posts." (contributed by Chris DiPietro)

At an Exxon gas station in Sunnysvale, California, a worker ignited the pumps when he used an acetylene torch to remove the "No Smoking" signs. *San Francisco Chronicle* (contributed by Zook)



This item appeared in a *Chicago Tribune* article on the Ku Klux Klan:

"Fifteen robed Klansmen marched into the Iredell County Jail in Statesville in January last year, offering to post \$50,000 bond for Milton Mayfield, a twenty-year-old black man charged with the rape of a white girl who was walking home from school. Mayfield declined the offer." (contributed by Kendall Hartwig)

Therman Mirick's dog brought him the evening paper for years, picking it up in the yard and holding it until Mirick came home from work at 5:30 PM. But when the *Roswell (New Mexico) Daily Record* switched from afternoon to morning delivery, the Miricks' black Labrador retriever continued to pick up the paper and guard it until 5:30.

"Even my wife couldn't take it off him," said Mirick. "He just keeps it with him in his bed in the backyard." (contributed by Briggs Goddard)

The following item appeared in the police blotter of the *Bellingham (Washington) Herald*:

"A citizen reported a suspicious person lying in the grass Wednesday in the 1100 block of Ellis Street. Police said the man was 'just trying to get his shoes adjusted to his alpha waves.' The man completed the adjustment and went on his way." (contributed by James E. Kozik)

The *Yellow Book News*, a funeral-service trade magazine, reported the wedding of funeral director Ralph H. Cragle to Shelly A. Lawton in Hobbie, Pennsylvania, noting, "Following the ceremony, the couple was given a ride on a manure spreader with tractor driven by Richard Deihl." (contributed by C. Troxel)

According to the *New York Times*, medical care is sometimes hard to deliver in the casinos of Atlantic City.

"A lot of elderly people faint and their loved ones just push them aside and keep right on gambling," one casino nurse is quoted as saying. "People have heart attacks at the crap tables all the time and no one stops playing." (contributed by Lilly Clarvit)

TRUE MISCELLANY

Randy J. Linday, twenty-nine, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, apparently fell asleep while phoning a bomb threat to police. After the call was traced to Linday's home, officers found him asleep on the sofa with the telephone receiver dangling between his legs. *Milwaukee Sentinel* (contributed by Clancy Carroll)

According to the (Las Vegas) *Review Journal*, businesswoman Susan Gottlieb applied for a brothel license in Ely, Nevada, claiming her bordello would be located in a "very small trailer" and would only be open from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and that customers would need written permission to use the facility from their wives, doctors, or the Ely City Council. The name of the proposed business is the Horizontal Bore and Drilling Company, Inc. (contributed by T. Watson)

Officials at the Houston, Texas, zoo have admitted that their coral snake is a rubber imitation. "We had live snakes in the exhibit, but they didn't do well. They tend to die," said curator John Donaho. (Hackensack, New Jersey) *Record* (contributed by Duck Divet)

In England and France, associations of people who stutter are trying to get authorities to reduce their telephone rates because their handicap "forces them to make inordinately long phone calls." *Toronto Star* (contributed by Paul Borg)

Eighteen-year-old Alicia Vallarta, the hearing-impaired daughter of a Mexican diplomat in Washington, D.C., held her interpreter hostage at knife point for three hours in a suburban high school.

The girl's mother, also named Alicia, spoke to the *Washington Post* about the incident. "She must be quite unhappy and dying to be heard," said Mrs. Vallarta. "But I hope she doesn't like all the publicity. ... I will tell her, 'Yes, you kept your father out of work all day, and yes, you kept your mother from making her dessert, but this is not the way to get attention.'" (contributed by Scott Pease)

Police charged that thirty-year-old Kurt Kaiser of Monroe, Illinois, stole a \$350,000, seven-passenger Bell Jet Ranger helicopter from Chicago's Midway Airport. However, Kaiser claimed that he was forced to fly the helicopter at gunpoint by two men whom he dropped off in Wisconsin. Then, he told police, he flew the helicopter to his own house in Monroe because "he was getting hungry."

That was on a Thursday. Kaiser spent the weekend giving helicopter rides to his wife and "half the neighborhood," but on Monday the helicopter's engine stopped working. So Kaiser dragged the machine to Sanger Airport in Joliet, Illinois, and abandoned it there.

Police were led to Kaiser after a Will County sheriff's officer recalled seeing a helicopter "going up and down in this guy's yard." *Chicago Tribune* (contributed by Charles D. Kulczewski)

A book called *Do-It-Yourself Medical Testing*, published by Facts on File of New York City, describes what it calls "nocturnal penile tumescence screening (stamp test for impotence)."

The test requires pasting a strip of postage stamps around the base of a flaccid penis before retiring in the evening. If the perforations between the stamps are broken in the morning, it indicates that "at least one erection probably took place during sleep."

However, the book contains this warning: "Mention must be made of a recent article in a medical journal that reports that postal officials require you to obtain permission from the Secret Service in the Treasury Department in order to use postage stamps for such testing. That same article also notes that use of Christmas Seals for this purpose requires permission from the American Lung Association. Some stationery stores carry glue-backed, or gummed, sheets of address labels that are separated by perforations. And as of now, there seem to be no restrictions on the use of trading stamps." (contributed by E. J. Ulrich)

Forty-two-year-old Perry Bond, who had pleaded guilty to fraud, was the government's star witness in the case against his co-defendant, Robert Wayne, a Miami lawyer. Bond's credibility was central to the state's case, and he spent two hours on the stand detailing the scam.

Then the defense attorney began cross-examination by displaying a life-size picture of Jean Harlow in a bathing suit. He asked if Bond was, in fact, the reincarnation of Jean Harlow. Bond answered solemnly that he was.

"There was nothing I could do," said the prosecutor afterward. "I had asked him if there was anything else at all about his life I should know, but he never mentioned this. He really believes it." *Newsday* (contributed by Samuel J. Furman)

This is part of an article that appeared in the (Adelaide, Australia) *Advertiser*:

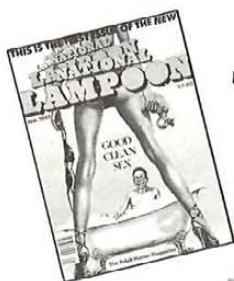
"Sydney—Branding people with tags like wogs, slopeheads, and gooks is a convenient way of identifying immigrants and not necessarily racist, according to a high-ranking NSW policeman.

"The ethnic liaison officer with the Police Force, Inspector Les Thorgood, says Australians are prone to give nicknames and the labels are meant to be affectionate, not derogatory.

"I have a very good friend who told me he could never understand why everybody objected to being called racial names because he felt quite comfortable with being called a dago," he said." (contributed by Fiona Lange)

The Swedish Navy ship *Albsborg*, described as a ninety-two-meter mine layer, sustained a direct hit on the bridge from one of its own anti-aircraft guns during a training exercise. According to press reports, "It was not immediately clear why the gun had been aimed at the bridge." (Wellington, New Zealand) *Evening Post* (contributed by Steve Bradley)

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THOSE DARN SENIOR CITIZENS

In Denver, Colorado, Judge Robert P. Fullerton sentenced eighty-four-year-old Dewey "Pops" Shuey to four years in prison for trying to kill his thirty-year-old girlfriend when he found her with another man. The judge imposed the sentence despite a plea for leniency by Lula Franklin, Shuey's 104-year-old mother. *Kansas City Times* (contributed by John O'Sullivan)

Eighty-eight-year-old Johnny Pitts was knocked from his wheelchair when a car backed into him on a Nashville, Tennessee, street. The driver, twenty-seven-year-old Napoleon Middlebrooks, got out to apologize, but Pitts pulled a revolver and shot him. "I'd rather be dead than mistreated," Pitts explained. *Toronto Sun* (contributed by Paul Borg)

Police arrested two men, aged seventy-six and seventy-seven, after they had a point-blank shoot-out in a Cleveland, Ohio, apartment building. Though twelve shots were fired, neither man was injured, and both were released after refusing to press charges. According to the Associated Press, "Police speculated the bullets went wild because one man had to prop himself up with a cane, while the other had glaucoma." (contributed by Patricia Mathews)

Eighty-three-year-old Lavone Stingley, a woman described as a pillar of the community in Centerville, Ohio, was flagged down by police for running a red light. Stingley allegedly rammed the police car, then pulled a revolver on the officers and held them at bay for ninety minutes.

The standoff ended when police realized that her gun was broken. *Buffalo Evening News* (contributed by M. A. McCarthy)



Eighty-five-year-old Maria Pia Curiani spilled a little champagne toasting the townsfolk of Omegna, Italy. They had come out to witness her marriage to Fulvio Cerutti, nineteen years old.

UPI photo (contributed by David Richardson)

In Los Angeles, Mrs. Alberta Gay, seventy-one, filed for divorce to end her fifty-nine-year marriage to Marvin Gay, Sr., seventy. Mrs. Gay cited "irreconcilable differences." *Miami Herald* (contributed by Fawn Chautinger)

Thinking she was an intruder, 109-year-old Ed Franks of Kansas City, Kansas, shot and killed his wife, Zapora, ninety-one. (Rochester, New York) *Democrat and Chronicle* (contributed by Mark Silberger)

In a ceremony attended by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, Haji Ali Mia Talukder married fourteen-year-old Nurunnahar Begum in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Talukder is 115 years old. *Houston Post* (contributed by Herm Albright)

Vera Todd Hayes, sixty-five, and Florice Bessire, sixty-six, both of La Pine, Oregon, were released from an Australian prison nine years early for good behavior. The two women had been convicted in 1978 of being paid \$250,000 to get a drug-laden van from West Germany to Australia. *AP* (contributed by J. Rizzo)

Eighty-year-old Clarence Holbrook was arrested for shooting seventy-eight-year-old Alex Brun during an argument over the broken fence between their yards in Anaheim, California. *Santa Ana Register* (contributed by Don Sampson, Jr.)

Health-spa founder Jack La Lanne celebrated his seventieth birthday by "swimming a mile with his hands and feet tied while towing seventy light rowboats with a person in each." La Lanne swam for two and a half hours while a chorus sang "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." (Hackensack, New Jersey) *Record* (contributed by Duck Divet)

The (Cleveland) *Plain Dealer* ran this story datelined Krefeld, West Germany:

"Maria Velten, sixty-eight, received three life sentences here yesterday after being found guilty of the murder of three of her four husbands.

"She also was sentenced to fifteen years for six attempted murders. Those victims included her father and an aunt.... The great-grandmother admitted in court to having killed her husbands with poisoned blueberry pudding.

"Velten said her second husband was most difficult to murder. Thanks to his robust constitution, he survived four attempts to kill him with the pudding.

"'For two days running he was raging and grumbling,' but, she said, the fifth pudding finished him off." (contributed by Glenn McDowell)

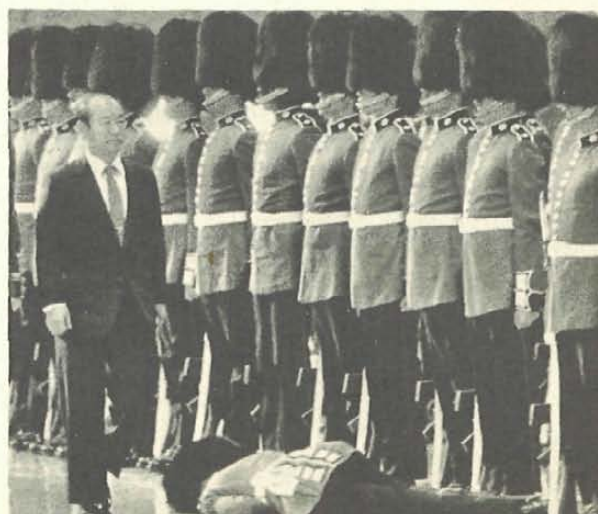
This item appeared in the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*:

"A woman believed to be the oldest resident of Pennsylvania died at Somerset State Hospital at age 111.

"Fairy Florence Pile, a native of Jefferson Township, Somerset County, had been a resident of the state mental institution for ninety-nine years before her death." (contributed by Charles S. Prosser III)

THERE'S ONE IN EVERY CROWD

by Bill Moseley



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TRUE SEX DIGEST: WRITINGS YOU

The following exchange between reader and medical columnist appeared in the (Lagos, Nigeria) Sunday Sketch:

Dear Doctor:

Never would I forget if these problems could be solved very urgently as you used to solve problems of others.

About five years ago, I read in a magazine that sex was the healthiest way of getting slim.

Since then I have engaged in almost everyday sex and masturbation and happily I like my stature.

My health has been adversely affected. Recently I usually feel dizzy and sometimes it would seem if I would be unconscious. When listening or explaining a long story at times I become lost. I always control this strange emotions immediately and come back to normality without anybody knowing.

My penis looks weaker and softer. It costs me a lot of concentration to get it erected and I am no more good in bed. It seems as if my sensitivity has been affected.

I always complain about piles as I am troubled with uneasy itching in my anus.

My eyes are usually weak and unless I rub it several times I cannot concentrate on my studies for a long time.

Recommended glasses given to me by a doctor are useless. I am twenty-six years.

Boferin blood tonic and 7pt were very useful for dizziness. Some doctors diagnosed me for anxiety and some tablets were given to me.

I used Tonovan and Rustinosan to improve my sexual ability. All worked for a short time.

Please would I soon lose my ability to have sexual intercourse? Or is this mental stress? Or hypertension? Or shortage of blood?

Some doctors said it was just a psychological problem. If so, how and where could I be cured?

All anusols etc. used for pile were effective for a short time.

Please how often could I have sexual intercourse without unnecessarily endangering my health?

I am confused. Please help for GOD's sake.

Can I visit you sir?

How far is it true that as long as I continue to eat sweet things my pile would be incurable?

Worried Man
Ibadan

Worried Man:

We are not permitted to be visited please. Excess of everything is very bad. The person who wanted you to loose weight through sexual act had done a lot of damages. You should stop masturbation immediately and try to play love not more than once in a week for sometimes. You should be calm and reassure yourself that you are not a sick person. (contributed by S.W.D.Banks)

These thoughts were published some years ago in the thirty-second edition of the Boy Scouts' Official Handbook for Boys in a chapter titled "Health and Endurance," under the subheading "Conservation."

In this chapter much has been said of the active measures which a boy should take in order to become strong and well. We should be equally concerned in saving and storing up natural forces we already have. In the body of every boy who has reached his teens, the Creator of the universe has sown a very important fluid. This fluid is the most wonderful material in all the physical world. Some parts of it find their way into the blood, and through the blood give tone to the muscles, power to the brain, and strength to the nerves. This fluid is the sex fluid. Where this fluid appears in a boy's body, it works a wonderful change in him. His chest deepens, his shoulders broaden, his voice changes, his ideals are changed and enlarged. It gives him the capacity for deep feeling, for rich emotion. Pity the boy, therefore, who has wrong ideas for this important function, because they will lower his ideals in life. These organs actually secrete into the blood material that makes a boy manly, strong, and noble. Any habit which a boy has that causes this fluid to be discharged from the body tends to weaken his strength, to make him less able to resist disease, and often unfortunately fastens upon him habits which later in life can be broken only with great difficulty. Even several years before this fluid appears in the body such

habits are harmful to a growing body.

To become strong, therefore, one must be pure in thought and clean in habit. The power which I have spoken of must be conserved, because this sex function is so deep and strong that there will come times when temptation to wrong habits will be very powerful. But remember that to yield means to sacrifice strength and power and manliness. (contributed by Michael & Yvette Leitner)

Criminal Defense, a legal journal, published the following motion filed in Ohio by attorney Lawrence Sturz:

The charge in this case is that the defendant did "knowingly establish, maintain, operate, manage, supervise or control a brothel." A companion case filed in Municipal Court under a criminal affidavit signed by Detective C states that on "the 6th day of January, 1978, the defendant did engage in sexual activity for hire, to wit: did offer to engage in fellatio." At the preliminary hearing of the matter, the testimony of Detective C was taken. Detective C testified that the defendant, as the "alleged act of fellatio": "She took her mouth and put it on my penis."

The detective also testified that at the time the alleged act occurred, he was in a large heart-shaped bathtub known as the Love Tub and that he was "sitting on the bottom of the tub, down in the lowest part in the middle of the tub." The prosecuting witness also testified that at the time of the alleged act, the water in which he was sitting was at a depth of "three feet." The detective further testified that when the defendant performed the act of fellatio, she did not go under water at any time.

The defense intends to prove that the detective's testimony is noncredible and physiologically impossible. In order for the facts to have occurred the way Detective C testified, he must have had a penile appendage in excess of three and one-half feet to be able to sit on the bottom of the tub, have it stand erect and sufficiently out of the water that the defendant could have performed fellatio without ever going below water level. This defies human imagination.

Detective C is the only one that can testify to this fact, and will take the

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stand to prosecute the defendant. By virtue of conversation this counsel has had with the officer, the officer has refused to state by way of stipulation the actual length of his penis. Out of modesty I can understand why the officer might be somewhat reluctant.

However, the officer's modesty cannot stand in the way of the defendant's right to put on an adequate defense. Counsel would suggest there are but a limited number of competent manners in which to test the issue involved. Besides the officer's testimony, which credibility is in question, there would be the alternative of having the officer expose himself in front of the jury and at the same time cause himself to have an erection so that the jury can have an actual view of the "best evidence," or in the alternative, the officer could be made to submit to a physical examination by a physician or a surveyor who can certify to the jury that the length of the officer's penis is whatever it may be, presumptively short of three and one-half feet....

The officer did not appear at the trial and the case was dismissed. (contributed by Mike Cafferty)

This was part of an article titled "The Sperm of the Black Rhinoceros" which appeared in Zoom: Janssen in Perspective, a publication of the international drug company Janssen Pharmaceutica. It was subtitled "A Weighty Experiment":

American researchers of the National Zoological Park used this modern technique for the first time on a black rhinoceros bull, the object of the exercise being to collect seminal fluid. The animal was immobilized precisely according to the rule-book. Then the problems began.

Professional inseminators know that bulls with a weak libido can be stimulated to perform as required by excitation of the genital area via the rectum. The researchers proceeded on the assumption that the black rhino would, likewise, not remain insensitive for this kind of treatment. Accordingly, they introduced an electrical probe into the rectum—but to be on the safe side they also arranged for simultaneous mechanical excitation. It was all to no avail: no



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erection, no ejaculation. This really wasn't so surprising because in its natural environment the rutting rhinoceros cow stimulates her mate-to-be with powerful blows of the head to his flank. The blows are usually so vigorous that they cause the bull to belch. In their rough foreplay and mating, the animals grunt and snort and snarl—and sometimes even squeak. Unfortunately the researchers were unable to produce the desired effects and the rutting noises did not, apparently, form part of their vocabulary.

In a subsequent attempt they went to work with more subtlety: the penis was first withdrawn by hand and then wrapped in laminated aluminum foil. The electrodes were moistened with physiological water and then exposed to a current of 200 mA at 22 V. After the eighth excitation the penis finally stiffened and the precious fluid was discharged. Repeated electrical excitation resulted in a further sixty-two ejaculations, after which the rhinoceros was allowed a well-earned forty-five-minute rest. (contributed by Dave Mason)

These letters were printed under their respective headlines in the

"Live Letters" section of the Lagos (Nigeria) Weekend:

"Mojo" for Sale: I have some convincing reasons to put my "Mojo" on sale. Long ago, I ran after women, but these days they are running around me.

My Mojo is eight inches long, three inches wide when it is ready for action; and I have tantalizing pubic hair all over the area.

I don't like slim women because they cry when my Mojo works. But heavy Madams are ideal! Plumpy girls are crazier. Madams give me presents and they pay our hotel bills for screws.

I screwed a nursing sister once and she said she felt like keeping my Mojo in her handbag! This hairy nurse supports me with high vitamin tabs.

Please I want the whole world to know that my Mojo is for sale. My confidential address is with "Live Letters." I am twenty-four years old and have the look of Mohammed Ali.

Hitting the Ball: When in the bedroom a few days ago, I asked a girl to undress; she gave me a stern warning. "Do not let me go from here

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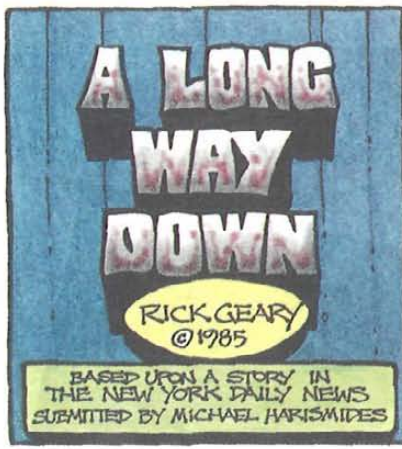
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"THAT'S MY LITTLE ROOM ON THE TOP FLOOR."



"SUDDENLY, I HEARD A SOUND LIKE: 'BLONG!'"



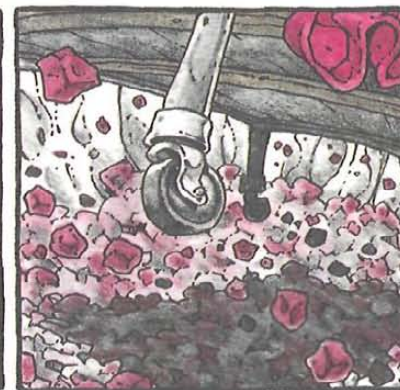
"EVERYTHING COLLAPSED ABOUT ME: I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT."



"LUCKILY, I REMAINED ABED."



"UNDENIABLY A LONG WAY DOWN."



"MY LANDING: UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, NOT TOO BAD."



"IMMEDIATELY, I BEGAN SEARCHING FOR MY SHOES."



"WHY DOES HE LEAVE THE SCENE?"

"I HAD TO GO PURCHASE A NEW WARDROBE."



"UPON MY RETURN, EVERYONE WAS SURPRISED TO SEE ME."



"THE NEXT DAY WING SUN NG IS BACK AT WORK SLICING PORK."

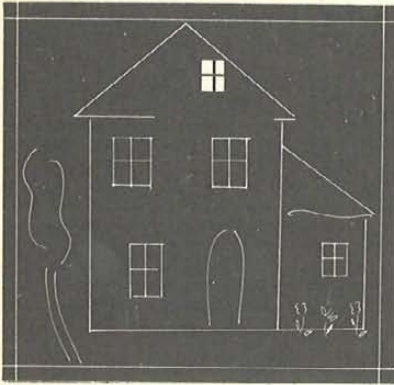
"IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO GO TO WORK: WORK IS ALL."

**EXCLUSIVE: THE UNPUBLISHED STORY OF THE ATTEMPTED
TAKEOVER OF TIME INC. BY NATIONAL LAMPOON, INC.**

**On April 19, 1985,
the chairman of the board
of National Lampoon, Inc.,
deeply disturbed at being outmaneuvered
by Ted Turner in his widely heralded move
to take over CBS,
made a decision.**



EXCLUSIVE: THE UNPUBLISHED STORY OF THE ATTEMPTED TAKEOVER



It came as a result of an all-night think session.

A board of directors' meeting was hastily called.



A press release was essential.

National Lampoon

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FROM: National Lampoon
PRESS OFFICER: George Agostia
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April 19, 1985

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

National Lampoon moves to acquire Time Inc.

In a move described on Wall Street as unprecedented for pure chutzpah, National Lampoon, Inc. board chairman Motty Simmons announced today that his company would soon reveal plans to take over Time Inc. Mr. Simmons said there is no connection between this planned acquisition and the Ted Turner bid for CBS, although he did admit he did once own a basketball team.

"Details will be forthcoming," said Mr. Simmons. "We're still working out the fine points. But one thing for sure - we will not be offering Time stockholders any money for their shares. Only the management and goodwill of the National Lampoon, America's most widely read adult humor magazine."

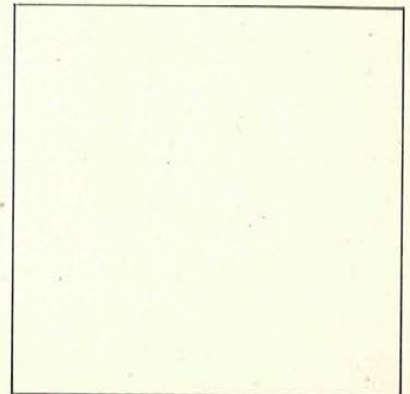
Insiders say that Mr. Simmons plans to offer stocks, bonds, debentures, options, IOUs, small advertisements in the National Lampoon, and "anything else we can get our hands on for control of Time."

"Most important," the National Lampoon chairman said, "we will offer Time stockholders cash dividends of around \$100 a year and discount tickets to all National Lampoon motion pictures. We will pay for this by selling Time magazine, Fortune, and Henry Luce III."

"Time," said Mr. Simmons, "is just like Newsweek anyway, so it's unnecessary, and Fortune was okay when there was only a handful of millionaires, but now that almost everyone's a millionaire, you can read about them in People. I cannot estimate what we will get for Henry Luce III, but I have already received an offer of \$800 for the sofa in his office," Mr. Simmons added.

The official offer for Time from National Lampoon, Inc., a publicly held company with stockholders numbering way up there, will be made after all proper filings with appropriate government departments have been made. "We have already started working on this," said Mr. Simmons. "We will shortly file with the SEC, FCC, ROTC, and ASPCA."

Mr. Simmons said that this was a serious offer. He stated grimly at a press conference this morning: "I don't get much more serious than this."



Nobody published it.

OVER OF TIME INC. BY NATIONAL LAMPOON, INC.

A letter of intentions demanding a top-level meeting was hurriedly dispatched to Time Inc.

A week later an answer came.

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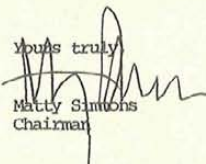
April 21, 1985

Board of Directors
TIME INC.
Time & Life Building
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New York, N.Y. 10020

Sirs:

This is to inform you that National Lampoon, Inc. is contemplating the acquisition of your company. We demand an immediate top-level meeting with your board of directors to discuss the matter.

Let's not pussyfoot around.

Yours truly

Matty Simmons
Chairman

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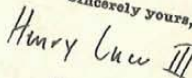
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Sincerely yours,

Henry Luce III
Subscription Chap

A group of National Lampoon executives went to Time Inc. to demand an interview with the board of directors.



They couldn't get past the guards.



Another meeting of the National Lampoon board was hastily called.

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We had failed.
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LOOK AT THIS!
THIS CAN'T BE TRUE.

High jumper left dangling

CHICAGO (UPI) — A woman who took sleeping pills, ammonia and wine before jumping from her apartment yesterday got her robe caught on the metal window frame and dangled 18th floors up.

Firefighters finally rescued the 49-year-old woman who apparently had a history of psychological problems. She was not identified.

The woman was listed in serious condition in hospital, a hospital official said.

Firefighters rushed to the highrise on Lake Shore Drive after it was reported that the woman was hanging upside down outside the window.

NO?



REALLY, NO ONE COULD DO THAT. SEE..?

WE GIVE ELROD THIS MIXTURE OF SLEEPING PILLS, AMMONIA, AND WINE....



HE'LL NEVER MAKE IT TO THE WINDOW.

GOSH! YOU'RE RIGHT.



BUT WHY WOULD THEY LIE AND CALL IT TRUE FACTS?



IT'S A HOAX PERPETRATED BY NATIONAL LAMPOON TO DISTRACT THE PUBLIC FROM IMPORTANT NATIONAL ISSUES LIKE CORRUPTION AND ATROCITIES.



False arrest: Zipper was broke but he's in the money


Albany (AP)—A man arrested for indecent exposure when the zipper broke on his pants has been awarded \$200,000 by a state Supreme Court jury for false arrest.

John Citro, 31, said he lost his wife and his job and became addicted to anti-anxiety drugs as a result of the incident. He had sued Mall Properties Inc. and Janoff & Osham Inc., operators of the shopping center where he was arrested, and security officer Paul Hine, who collared him.


Citro, who now lives in California, was arrested Oct. 16, 1978, after a woman reported him to guards. According to court testimony, Hine had Citro taken to police headquarters even though Citro said he hadn't noticed his zipper was broken and his fly was open.

The woman decided not to press charges, and a police officer gave Citro a pin for the zipper, but Hine filed his own complaint. The charge was later dismissed.

A GUY'S ROD DOESN'T JUST AUTOMATICALLY HANG OUT IF HIS ZIPPER COMES DOWN.



YOU HAVE TO REACH IN, GRAB IT, AND PULL IT OUT.





Woman Accused in Theft of Torch in More Trouble

The Boyle Heights woman accused of taking an Olympic torch from a 13-year-old handicapped boy last August during a photo session with the mayor on the steps of Los Angeles City Hall ran into more trouble Friday.

For the second time, Joann Pierro, 33, showed up late in Municipal Court to answer to the petty theft charge and a fed up Commissioner Harold Crowder ordered bailiffs to take her into custody.

The bailiffs searched her hand bag and found what they thought was vial of the drug PCP.

They called Los Angeles police, who took Pierro to Sybil Brand Institute for Women, where matrons searched her person. They found six diamond rings, two sets of diamond earrings and two gold necklaces in Pierro's vagina, police Lt. Dan Cooke said.

Cooke said Pierro was charged with possession of PCP after police tested the contents of the vial and found it contained more than 32 grams of the drug. She is being held in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

As for the jewelry, Cooke said police are not yet sure who it belongs to.

Pierro had been charged with petty theft in the loss of an Olympic torch during a ceremony Aug. 29 for runners who had participated in the Torch Relay.

During the ceremony a woman offered to hold the torch belonging to young Jerry Ortega while he helped another handicapped youth down the steps. When he returned, the woman and the torch were gone.

Police, acting on a tip, recovered the torch in September from a home in East Los Angeles and returned it to the boy.



Low act

WELLINGTON detectives have been investigating if it is physically possible for a man to push his private parts under a toilet cubicle door.

On Tuesday a woman using the toilet in a Lambton Quay office block was confronted by a man who pushed what appeared to be a penis under the door, police said.

He was seen leaving the toilets by another person who described him as a European, about 1.74m tall, with medium length blond hair.

Police believe the object may have been artificial.



Woman's Beard Costs Job

SEATTLE, July 21 (AP) — Beverly Bonnell says she was dismissed from her job as a front desk clerk at the Y.M.C.A. because she refused to shave off her wispy black beard. Vivian Katagion, her supervisor, said that although the beard was unacceptable, Mrs. Bonnell was not dismissed but quit. Mrs. Bonnell contended she had been told she would be dismissed if she refused to shave and added, "This is a Christian organization and they don't understand the body God gives you."



Iowa City police were called to the Iowa City Public Library early Thursday afternoon to investigate a complaint that a woman was beating her head against the wall of the record room.

Upon investigation police found that the woman was uninjured. They said the woman told them she was imitating Janis Joplin.



Company, store sued over spiders

The Associated Press

A northern Idaho couple Wednesday sued the makers of Kotex Maxi Pads and Safeway Stores for negligence, charging they manufactured and distributed sanitary napkins infested with spiders.

In a complaint filed in 4th District Court in Boise, Mark S. Boyko and Eva Elaine Boyko of rural Sandpoint claimed Mrs. Boyko was injured by bites from spiders nested in a Maxi Pad she used for a day and a half.

The suit charged Kimberly-Clark Corp., the maker of the product, was negligent in design, manufacture, handling and sales of the Maxi Pad, and that Safeway Stores Inc. was negligent in failing to inspect the napkins for contamination. The Boykos also charged both firms with breach of implied warranties, according to the suit filed by attorneys Lynn Luker, Boise, and David C. Ackley, Priest River.

Efforts to contact Kimberly-Clark officials were unsuccessful Wednesday afternoon. Safeway officials had no immediate comment.

The complaint asked payment for medical expenses, loss of earnings, loss of consortium, comfort and support, and general and punitive damages from "serious, painful and debilitating injuries to both body and mind."

The Boykos said in the suit that Mrs. Boyko purchased a 36-count box of Kotex Maxi Pads at a Sandpoint Safeway store on Sept. 19, 1983. She began using one of the pads Sept. 20, and the next morning began experiencing "genital discomfort."

By that evening, the complaint said, Mrs. Boyko's vaginal and perineal areas were "swollen and covered with large bumps." Mrs. Boyko said she suffered hemorrhoids as a result of itching in the affected area, as well as fever, stomach cramps, swollen legs and "fire-like" pain in her vaginal area.

She removed the pad later and found it infested with a nest of "several" spiders from one quarter to three-eighths inch long, the suit claimed, and her doctor diagnosed her as suffering from multiple spider bites.



AND THIS...

HAH!

BOGUS DOCTOR JAILED FOR SEX "INJECTIONS"

Hong Kong, Oct. 23, Reuter
A bogus doctor who convinced a woman he could inject her with medicine through sexual intercourse has been jailed for four years by a Hong Kong court.

The court was told that Lam Tao, 42, told the 20 yr. old woman that he could cure her skin rash if he swallowed medicine and then had sex with her.

Lam, who pleaded guilty to deception charges, had intercourse with her more than 10 times, the court was told.

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT MEDICINAL SPERM IS SUPPOSED TO BE APPLIED TOPICALLY.

I USE IT ALL THE TIME.

MY DOCTOR IS VERY VIRILE..



Police Hunt Flasher

CODY, Wyo. (UPI)—Police are looking for a flasher who leaves nude snapshots of himself on the windshields of women's cars.

Police Chief Fred Wyatt said a woman last week reported finding a Polaroid snapshot of a nude man on her car with an obscene message scribbled across it. It was the fifth such report this month, Wyatt said.

Wyatt said the photograph was taken by using a mirror "and the face is always cut off." Wyatt said the man always writes "silly messages" on the bottom of the photo.

IF THIS HAD REALLY HAPPENED, THE WOMEN WOULDN'T BE REPORTING IT... THEY'D BE COLLECTING THEM LIKE BASEBALL CARDS!



THIS IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG, WRONG, WRONG!

I SAW IT.

IT WASN'T THE VIRGIN MARY...

IT WAS MADONNA.

Image of the Virgin Mary said to shine from Chevy

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Religious pilgrims, cure seekers and curious onlookers are flocking nightly to a south side home where light reflecting off a 1975 Chevrolet creates what some believe is the image of the Virgin Mary.

And a teenage boy who first saw the reflection and whose family owns the car has told his parents he believes the image and a recurring dream are signs of his impending death.

Mary Ibarra, whose 1975 Chevrolet's bumper and porch light project the image onto a neighbor's house, said the crowd became abusive and restless when she turned off the light Friday night. She also said "an old lady was trampled" Saturday night.

The sick and disabled, many in wheelchairs, have come hoping the image will cure them. Some kneel to pray and others sing hymns while candles flicker just below the reflection.

AMUSED YOUTHS, listening to rock music blaring from portable cassette players, walk through the crowd, and some rock the car to make the image move back and forth across the wall.

"Something very beautiful is happening here," Mrs. Ibarra said over the weekend.

She told the San Antonio Express-News that her 15-year-old son, Domingo, discovered the image Wednesday night and told her it was a sign of his death, that the Virgin Mary had "come to see me, because my time is coming up."

The boy also told his mother he has had a dream since last year in which a passing motorist shoots him to death on his 16th birthday, which is Oct. 24.



THIS SHOWS HOW MUCH THIS GUY BENDEL KNOWS ABOUT BEING GAY.

GAY MEN ARE HAIRY AND MUSCULAR AND THEY WEAR LEATHER UNDER-PANTS!

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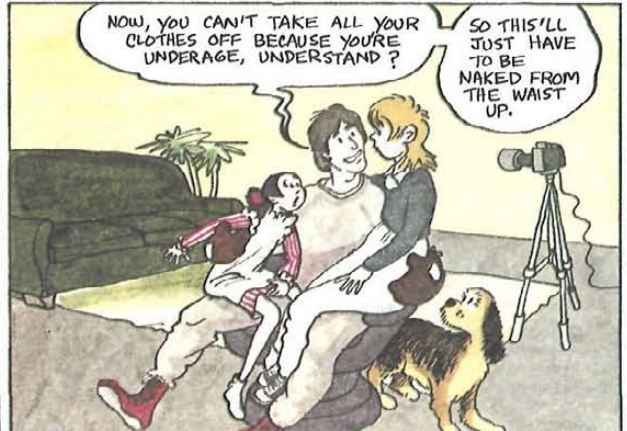
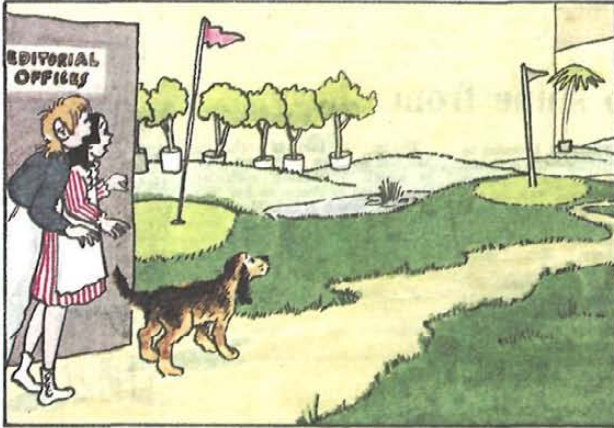
GAY TIME PLANNED: An expedition to the foothills of Mt. Everest is being planned by a team of British homosexuals. Philip Judson, a 36-year-old research scientist, said he hopes to take a party of 12 gays — not necessarily all male — to the Himalayas in November. The aim is a four-week expedition that would take the climbers to the base camp 18,000 feet above sea level on the 29,028-foot peak, he said. Judson is chairman of the national Gay Outdoor Club founded to link homosexuals interested in outdoor activities like rock climbing and hill walking and to campaign against what they consider their unfair image. "Gay men are supposed to be delicate flowers sitting amongst potted palms, imbibing pink gins and talking about opera and ballet," said Judson. "The club may help to show how wrong that popular image is."

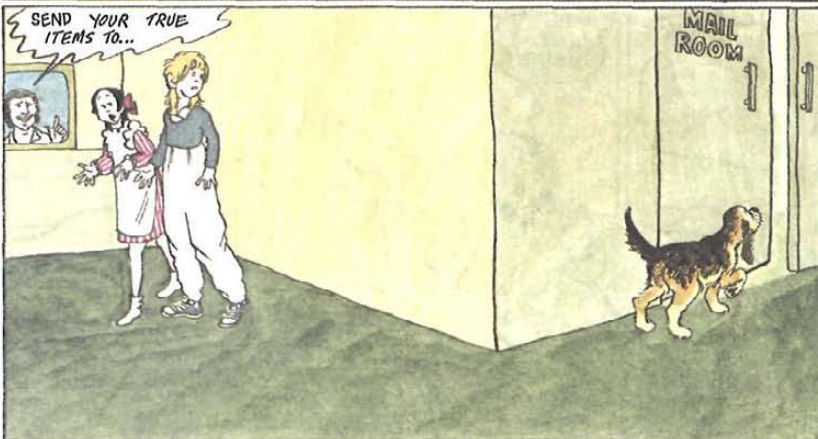
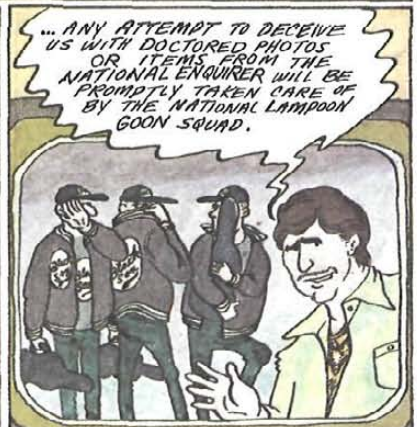


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A WASTE OF GOOD CHAMPAGNE

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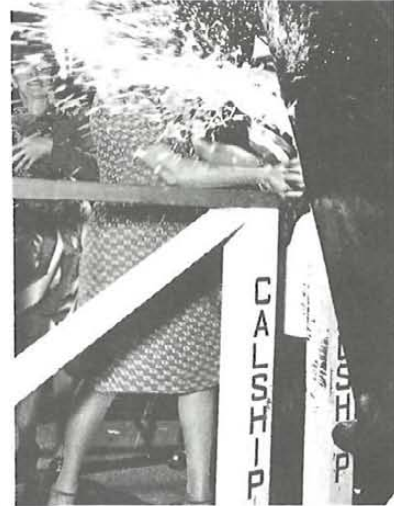
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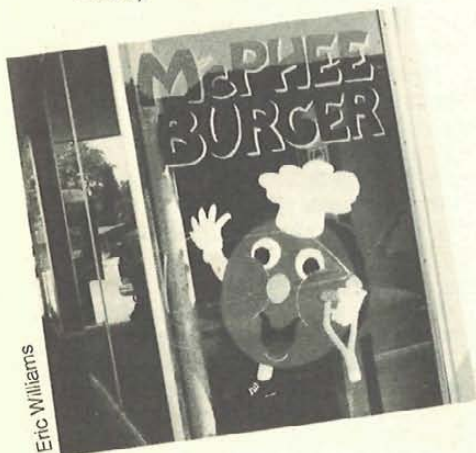
Lynn Ruby

THOSE HANDICAPPED RASCALS

In Cincinnati, Ohio, a blind man and a ninety-three-year-old neighbor fought over a public bench. According to the *Seattle Times*, "The dispute between the two, who live in the same apartment complex, began when Richard Allen, fifty-seven, was crossing the street with his Seeing Eye dog, Gypsy. Lawyer Dykes, ninety-three, who was seated on his favorite bench, started calling the dog names, police said. The blind man and his dog headed for the bench. But when Allen tried to sit down, Dykes hit him with his cane. Allen had the upper hand in the ensuing fight." (contributed by Bill Muse)

Nineteen-year-old Elvis Candelaria, who is deaf, broke into the A-Action Auto Parts store in Chicago but failed to hear the burglar alarm, which summoned police canine units. Candelaria also failed to hear officers with bullhorns threaten to release the dogs if he didn't come out with his hands up. The dogs found Candelaria and bit him twice before officers placed him under arrest.

"He's gonna have to pick another profession," said Assistant State's Attorney Theodore Burtzos. *Chicago Sun-Times* (contributed by Barry Butler)



Eric Williams

This item is from the *Toronto Sun*: "A Scarborough man who belongs to the Anybody Can Waterski Association for the blind suffered multiple head injuries yesterday when he struck a jump ramp." (contributed by Dave Tardelli)



Greg Charboneau

Paraplegic Roberto Marino Cruz, who is paralyzed from the waist down, was charged with aggravated battery after he killed a bully in his Miami neighborhood. The victim had taunted Cruz for six weeks, and on the day of the killing he had knocked Cruz out of his wheelchair "several times," according to neighbors. Later that day, when Cruz saw his tormentor standing in front of a grocery store, he lifted himself into his hand-controlled 1973 Cadillac, aimed for the man, and crushed him against the storefront. Cruz then backed his car over the body for good measure. *Knight-Ridder Newspapers* (contributed by Gary Raymond)

This item appeared in the Long Island, New York, paper *Newsday*:

"QUADRIPLAGIC SHOOTING: A quadriplegic's mother told the *Charlotte Observer* her son, Terry McGinnis of Huntersville, North Carolina, held a gun in his mouth and shot a man by pulling the trigger with his tongue in an argument about the car crash that left the suspect paralyzed.... The victim was listed in satisfactory condition." (contributed by Robert A. Boyce)

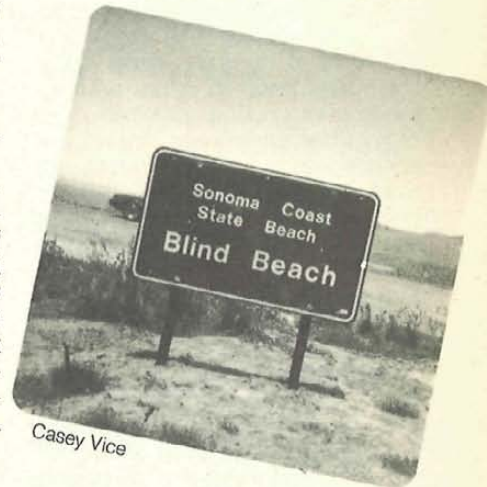
In Sunnyvale, California, police arrested Bailey King, twenty-eight, and charged him with driving his wheelchair under the influence of alcohol. King was seen "weaving in his motorized wheelchair back and forth at speeds up to ten miles per hour.... He was driving away from another man who was chasing him on foot."

King refused to reveal who had been chasing him or why, and when police were unable to load his six-hundred-pound wheelchair into their patrol car, it was towed away. *San Francisco Chronicle* (contributed by Mick Daniels)

Twenty-five-year-old Gregory Doss of Peoria, Illinois, was charged with drunk driving and sentenced to two days in jail after an automobile accident. Doss, who is legally blind, claimed he was driving a drunk friend home. *AP* (contributed by Ron Hooker)

This item appeared under the dateline Hernando, Mississippi, in the *New York Times*:

"A paraplegic and another man have been charged with cattle rustling, the authorities say. The arrests came last week after deputies hid near a dead black Angus cow that a witness said had been shot from a van, said James Riley, sheriff of DeSoto County. He said the disabled suspect, Edward D. Geant of Memphis, was driving a van equipped with a wheelchair lift and special controls." (contributed by Duck Divet)



Casey Vice

Mark D. Dupuis, thirty, and **Robert H. Connor**, twenty-six, both of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, were injured in what the *Berkshire Eagle* called "a spectacular motorcycle accident."

"Police said Dupuis, the more seriously injured of the two, skidded on his cycle 164 feet, hit a tree, and flew off the bike and through twenty-foot-high branches of a tree forty-two feet away. The cycle then went back across the road and hit Connor and his bike.... Police said Dupuis has only one arm and one leg and should not have been driving the motorcycle." (contributed by Dave Carl)

YOUR CROOKS AT WORK

Four bandits described by police as "turkeys" broke into the home of sixty-five-year-old mango farmer James Smith and demanded that he hand over the "\$65,000 and the heroin." Before realizing they had the wrong house, the men mistook an electric can opener for a telephone and tore it from the wall. They also stole the only drugs they could find—Smith's nitroglycerin pills.

Speeding away from Smith's Homestead, Florida, home, the four got lost and began looking for the Florida Turnpike. Finally, seeing what they thought was a turnpike tollbooth, they sped through in Hollywood get-away fashion.

The "tollbooth," however, was actually a guardhouse at the entrance to the Homestead Air Force Base, where they were nabbed by military police. *New York Times* (contributed by Duck Divet)

This item appeared in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*:

"Police in Humble, Texas, say a shoplifter tried to make off with twenty-seven pounds of meat—most of it in her underwear. 'Inside her panties was a 12.85-pound rib-eye roast and a 1.55-pound package of beefsteaks and another pound and a half of beefsteaks and another two pounds of beefsteaks,' according to Assistant Police Chief Don Maddox." (contributed by Bob Bartberger)

According to an Associated Press story, "Two members of Buffalo's burglary task force said they became suspicious Sunday when a man fell off his bicycle in front of them and spilled \$156 in coins, 97 packages of cigarettes, 1,033 lottery tickets, four bags of potato chips, and a flashlight." The rider was later charged with the burglary of a nearby tavern. (contributed by Mark Silberger)

In Syracuse, New York, Shelton Earl Kirkman was charged with attempted robbery after he walked into the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and announced a holdup. Police said Kirkman was "stupofied" when told he was not in a bank. AP (contributed by Mark Silberger)

In Memphis, Tennessee, two men pulled up to a First Tennessee Bank drive-up window and placed a holdup note in a pneumatic tube cylinder. According to AP, "Police believe the men were unfamiliar with how such a system works because they put the cylinder back into its tray but failed to press the button which would have sent it to the teller." The men waited for a while but finally pulled away, leaving the note to be found by the customer in the car behind them.

Captain Clyde Keenan, commander of Memphis's violent-crime squad, commented that sending a note to a drive-up teller wasn't the smartest way to rob a bank.

"I'm surprised they didn't send a gun through and tell her to hold it on herself while she put the money in a bag," he said. (contributed by J. Rizzo)

In London, England, David Lindsay Slater, thirty, was arrested and charged with shoplifting after he was caught with two pet pythons stuffed in his underwear. According to the *Victoria* (British Columbia) *Times*, "A sales assistant became suspicious when she saw Slater walking out of the shop with a strange gait." (contributed by Michael Humble)

Donald and Freda Haney, a husband-and-wife holdup team, entered the public library in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and demanded that the librarian hand over the money collected for overdue fines. But when that turned out to be only a few cents, the woman whispered to her husband, "I guess we picked the wrong place to rob."

The couple then "strolled to the rest rooms" and later were arrested by police as they sat reading magazines in the library foyer. *Buffalo News* (contributed by William R. Swanson)

The News-Press of Santa Barbara, California, reported a "garbanzo bean crime wave," apparently centered in nearby King City. "More than a ton of beans have been stolen," noted the paper. "The situation is so bad a bean task force has been launched." (contributed by Wayne B. Norris)

In Kingston, Ontario, a thirty-five-year-old transsexual was charged with two robberies, allegedly carrying out one as a man and the other as a woman.

According to the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, "City police charged Douglas Melvin Johnson with the armed robbery of a convenience store. Provincial police charged Cathy Johnson with robbing a home in nearby Kingston Township the same day.

"When arrested, Mr. Johnson was on parole from the all-male Joyceville Institution and living at the Elizabeth Fry halfway house for women." (contributed by Adrian Dorn)

The Toronto Globe and Mail reported this conversation between a Bank of Montreal teller and a first-time bank robber in Vancouver:

"This is a holdup. Gimme all your money."

"Where's your gun?"

"My friend's got it and he'll use it."

"Where's your friend?"

"He's at the back of the line."

"What's he wearing?"

"A brown jacket."

The teller looked over the line, according to the paper, but didn't see a man in a brown jacket.

"He's gone."

"Well, give me the money anyway."

"Wait right here. I'll have to ask my boss."

The teller left the counter, conferred with her supervisor, then returned.

"You can only have \$150."

"Oh, that'll do."

Police were waiting at the door as the man turned to leave. (contributed by Mark Jette)

In Redding, California, Deputy Ed Pecis stopped twenty-eight-year-old Brian Haschke for a traffic violation and found he was wearing seven pairs of pants, all with store tags still attached. Haschke told Pecis he wanted to "make sure he stayed warm." *Orlando Sentinel-Star* (contributed by Randy Rice Gettings)

According to the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, a man entered a convenience store in Winnipeg, Manitoba, several times before he finally told the clerk that he had planned to rob the store, but "I left my gun at home." (contributed by Michael Humble)

A robber walked into the bankrupt Heritage Bank in Anaheim, California, and handed a note to a Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation supervisor. It read: "Give me all your money, or I'll start shooting."

"I'm sorry, sir, but we're not a bank anymore," said the supervisor.

The robber shrugged and left. *Los Angeles Times* (contributed by Gary J. Prebula)

The *Times* of London reported an attempted robbery in South Yorkshire. According to the paper, a man walked into a branch of the National Westminster Bank "after making an appointment with the sub-manager to discuss opening an account for an electronics business.

"But as he sat down in front of the manager's desk he produced a revolver, pointed it at the manager, but said nothing and made no demands.

"After a few seconds, he shrugged his shoulders, put his gun away, took off his false moustache, and left, saying 'I'm off then.'" (contributed by Robin Benson)

The *Plain Dealer* gave this account of a robbery attempt in Cleveland:

"A man approached teller Freida Wolfe at 3:50 P.M. Wednesday in the Union Commerce Bank and said, 'Open the vault!'

"Wolfe explained that the vault had a time lock and wouldn't open. Then the man demanded the keys of all the tellers, but changed his mind, turned, and ran, police said."

He apparently stood pushing on the door for several seconds before someone yelled "Pull!" After pulling the door open, he escaped. (contributed by Bill Magyar)

Police in Mexico City arrested an armed man who was running around a residential area in his underwear robbing pedestrians. Waldo Rojas Hernandez, twenty-eight, told officers he worked in his underwear because, if caught, he could claim to have just been robbed himself. (Memphis) *Commercial Appeal* (contributed by Charles Peck)

This item came over the AP wire: "Newbury Park, California—An attempt to use a German shepherd dog to rob a gasoline station was foiled when the attendant slugged the dog in the mouth, police said Saturday." (contributed by Patrick Harris)

In Swansea, Massachusetts, thirty-two-year-old Paul Bernier fainted while trying to rob the Lafayette Co-operative Bank with a plastic toy pistol. Later, his getaway car was found with the keys locked inside. *Coloradoan* (contributed by Sukey Conlin)

Twenty-eight-year-old Robert Elgin Taylor was charged with robbing the Li'l General Store near Fort Lauderdale, Florida, while wearing a T-shirt with a picture of a gun on it and the caption "When Smith & Wesson Speaks, Everyone Listens." He was wearing the same shirt two nights after the robbery when he was arrested.

"Maybe it was his favorite shirt," said a police spokesman. "Or maybe it was his only shirt." *Miami Herald* (contributed by Sam Fields)

In Los Angeles, two men were chasing a robbery suspect down Vanowen Street when the man broke into a building to hide. However, nineteen-year-old Hernandez Rodriguez had inadvertently broken into the Hollywood Dog Training School, where he landed in the kennel stall of the lead guard dog. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, the dog didn't attack Rodriguez, but held him until police arrived. (contributed by P. A. Hacker)

In Sunnyvale, California, Michael John Prefling and Anthony Cesario, both forty-two, were arrested and charged with stealing \$300,000 worth of Stayfree Maxi-pads. *San Francisco Chronicle* (contributed by Jon Beers)

In Fremont, Nebraska, Dodge County Sheriff Richard Wennstedt was sentenced to ninety days in jail for taking \$210 in county funds for his personal use. Although Wennstedt was denied work release to carry out the duties of sheriff during the day and return to his jail cell at night, he did continue to receive his sheriff's salary while in jail. *Omaha World-Herald* (contributed by Bill Stadtwald)

Forty-eight-year-old Maria Unsworth of London was charged with stealing from the hotel in southern England where she worked as a cleaner. According to Reuters, Unsworth's haul included "five crystal chandeliers, 236 sheets, 180 pillowcases, 426 towels, 30 kilograms of butter, 60 ashtrays, 283 rolls of toilet paper, 350 pieces of silverware, 13 coffee percolators, 10 kettles, a folding bed, and one toilet seat."

Police discovered most of the goods stacked neatly in her home. (contributed by Gary Raymond)

Eddie Willard Julian, thirty-seven, served time for robbing a bank on Peachtree Road in Atlanta twice in 1980. Last November, Julian was arrested again and charged with another holdup—at the same bank. *Atlanta Constitution* (contributed by J. F. Nonidez III)

After allegedly robbing the Security Pacific National Bank in Oxnard, California, twenty-two-year-old Lee Cooper was followed to a nearby automated laundry, where he frantically searched through \$13,492 in cash for a bill small enough to work in an automatic changemaker. He needed change for a pay toilet.

According to AP, Cooper was "very excited" and he needed "very badly to use the bathroom." (contributed by R. W. Guenther)

YOUR CROOKS AT WORK

Police arrested sixty-eight-year-old Delbert Duffy Murry of Prineville, Oregon, for holding up the Santiam Valley Bank in Mill City. After claiming to have explosives, Murry demanded a check "in the low five-digit figures." He was captured thirty minutes later in his getaway car, stuck in a traffic jam. *Stayton (Oregon) Mail* (contributed by Rich Kingsley)

After tying up the employees in the back of the Payless Shoe Store in Augusta, Georgia, a robber went out front to loot the cash register, but encountered a customer. He sold the man a thirty-two-dollar pair of shoes before fleeing with the store's cash. *Augusta Herald* (contributed by Rodney Belcher)

According to the *Reno Gazette Journal*, sixty-four-year-old John Albert Cook of King's Beach, California, was "arrested, charged, and convicted of a bank robbery in just over five hours."

The paper reported that Cook entered the Security National Bank in Hawthorne, Nevada, at 10:30 in the morning, passed a holdup note to a teller, and made off with two thousand dollars. However, Cook came back in a matter of seconds, returned the cash, and sat down to wait for law officers. He was arrested by the Mineral County sheriff, who took him to District Court for arraignment, where both a judge and a public defender were immediately available. Cook waived his right to a preliminary hearing, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to seven and a half years in jail.

By 4:00 P.M., Cook was on his way to the state prison in Carson City. (contributed by Gregory Russom)

In Seattle, Washington, when a fast-food employee asked a customer to repeat his order, the customer pulled out a gun and demanded "a cheeseburger, and make it quick."

After getting his burger, the man paid his bill and left. *Star* (contributed by Joe Forbes)

This story datelined Baton Rouge, Louisiana, appeared in the *Arizona Republic*:

"A man described by a federal judge as the 'most inept counterfeiter I ever heard of' was sentenced to five years' probation for cutting the corners off \$20 bills and pasting them on a \$1 bill.

"U.S. District Judge John Parker said he saw no sense in mutilating a genuine \$20 bill to make a bogus one.

"Parker sentenced James E. Sanders after noting that the defendant had a drinking and drug problem that probably contributed to the counterfeiting charge and seven previous burglary arrests.

"Defense lawyer Richard Randolph told the judge that Sanders is not criminally inclined but has a "weekend-frolic temperament." (contributed by John Andresen)

When Milton Montgomery answered the door of his Memphis home, a strange man asked if he could come inside to pray. The sixty-one-year-old Montgomery let in the man, who then asked if he could pray over Montgomery's wallet. When Montgomery handed him the wallet, the stranger put it in his pocket and left. (Memphis) *Commercial Appeal* (contributed by Patrick Hopper)

Burglar James Kadar was arrested in the house of a Charlton, Massachusetts, woman who came home to find him taking a bubble bath in her upstairs bathroom. *UPI* (contributed by C. A. Brown-Bender)

A robber walked into the Wooden Nickel Tavern in Tucson, Arizona, fired three shots into the ceiling, and demanded the contents of the cash register. For some reason, however, the patrons of the bar began laughing. Unnerved by the laughter, the robber fled without the money.

Police were unable to explain why the tavern customers found the shooting incident funny, but a spokesman commented, "If they all had been sober, I don't think they would have laughed." *unattributed* (contributed by Greg Gott)

SHOW US YOUR WEAPON

Bandits in Newark, California, twice held up the Newark Short Stop convenience store at fire-extinguisher point.

"We're looking at this as serious armed robbery," said police detective Steve Holbert, who called the robbers' technique "pretty unusual."

To discourage such robberies in the future, store manager Ron Pratt installed his own fire extinguisher next to the cash register. "If I'm here when they come back again," he said, "I don't intend to let the horses out of the corral." *San Diego Union-Tribune* (contributed by Steve Macy)

When Danish authorities attempted to deport twenty-year-old convicted burglar Andrzej Jaroslaw Karasinski, he hijacked the airliner bound for his native Poland and diverted it to Vienna, Austria. Police there arrested Karasinski and found that the gun and hand grenade he had used to hijack the plane were actually partially chewed rye bread colored with shoe polish. *San Francisco Chronicle* (contributed by Marty Kurzfeld)

Twenty-nine-year-old Christopher Williams was convicted of robbing the El Greco Pizza store in New Brunswick, New Jersey, of \$150. Williams walked into the store, threw a snake on the floor, and, when the store manager bent down to catch the snake, hit him on the head with a brick. (New Brunswick) *Home News* (contributed by Scott Kominkiewicz)

In Dallas, Texas, twenty-seven-year-old Ronnie Joe Wilson was robbed at pigeon point. According to the *Omaha World-Herald*, Wilson "was standing on a downtown sidewalk when a husky man stepped up beside him, pulled a dead pigeon from his pocket, and aimed the bird at Wilson...."

When Wilson refused to turn over his money, however, the robber knocked him down and hit him with the pigeon. (contributed by Dave Marshall)

WHO NAMED THE BUSINESS?



Jim Kelly



Robert N. Weiner



Louisa Beal



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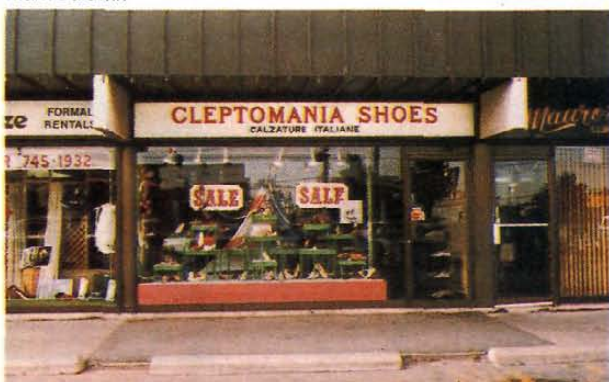
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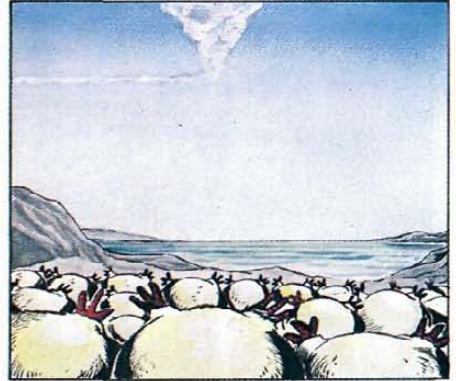
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TRUE ANIMAL FACTS

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PENGUIN HARASSMENT

A MEXICAN NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT BORED ROYAL AIR FORCE PILOTS STATIONED ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS HAVE DEVISED WHAT THEY CONSIDER "A MARVELOUS NEW GAME," NOTING THAT THE LOCAL PENGUINS ARE FASCINATED BY AIRPLANES, THE PILOTS SEARCH OUT A BEACH WHERE THE

BIRDS ARE GATHERED AND FLY SLOWLY ALONG IT AT THE WATERS EDGE. PERHAPS TEN THOUSAND PENGUINS TURN THEIR HEADS IN UNISON WATCHING THE PLANES GO BY, AND WHEN THE PILOTS TURN AROUND AND FLY BACK, THE BIRDS TURN THEIR HEADS IN THE OPPOSITE

DIRECTION—LIKE SPECTATORS AT A SLOW-MOTION TENNIS MATCH. THEN, THE PAPER REPORTS, "THE PILOTS FLY OUT TO SEA AND DIRECTLY TO THE PENGUIN COLONY AND OVERFLY IT. HEADS GO UP, UP, UP,

AND THE TEN THOUSAND PENGUINS FALL OVER GENTLY ONTO THEIR BACKS!"

SUBMITTED BY: LORRIE FERRIS & DAN CHURE / AUDUBON MAG.



ELEPHANT BEANS VISITOR

COCO A BULL ELEPHANT AT THE COLUMBUS, OHIO, ZOO, THROWS A WICKED CHUNK OF CONCRETE. GLEN HONAKER, 36, IS LIVING PROOF. HONAKER RECEIVED A CUT HEAD FROM A BASEBALL-SIZED PIECE OF CONCRETE TOSSED BY COCO. THE ELEPHANT APPARENTLY BECAME UPSET WITH A LAUGHING CROWD NEAR HIS PEN. "HE HATES VEHICLES," SAYS JACK HANNA, ZOO DIRECTOR. "HE'S BUSTED THREE WINDSHIELDS. WE USED TO TAKE A ZOO TRAIN PAST HIS PEN, BUT WE STOPPED LAST YEAR BECAUSE COCO THREW THINGS AT IT." HANNA SAYS THE ZOO WILL GIVE HONAKER A FREE PASS TO USE AFTER HE RECOVERS.

SUBMITTED BY: FREDDY WAGUESPACK, JR. USA TODAY



LOVE NEST

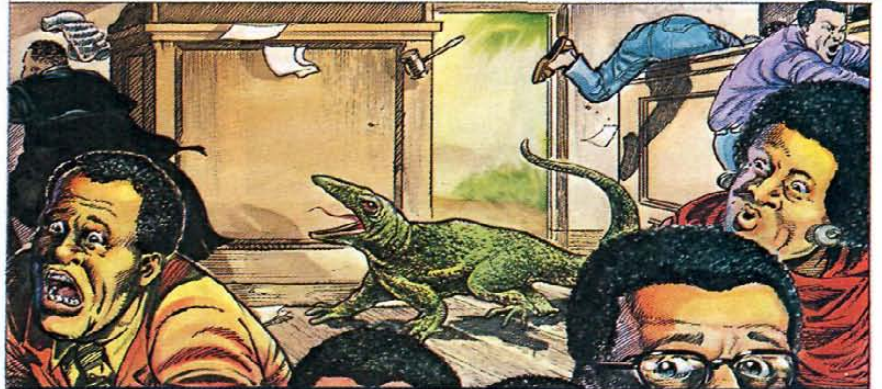
IT'S DIFFICULT TO GET IN THE MOOD WITH A CROWD LOOKING ON, SO OFFICIALS AT THE OAKLAND, CALIF., ZOO ARE GOING TO BUILD THEIR ELEPHANTS A LOVE NEST. ZOO OFFICIALS HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY HAVE HIRED AN ARCHITECTURAL FIRM TO BUILD A NEW ELEPHANT ENVIRONMENT THAT IS CONDUCIVE TO MATING. "OUR IMMEDIATE GOAL IS TO DESIGN A SUITABLE AND COMFORTABLE ENCLOSURE FOR BREEDING ELEPHANTS," SAID GENERAL MANAGER WILLIAM MOTT, JR. THE NEW ELEPHANT HOME WILL GIVE THE ANIMALS SOME PRIVACY. THEIR CURRENT HOME IS AN OPEN PEN WITH A SMALL POOL AND CONCRETE SLAB THAT IS ALWAYS IN VIEW OF VISITORS. "JUST LIKE HUMANS, THEY REQUIRE PRIVACY. IN THE AFRICAN VELD... THEY CAN GO AROUND BEHIND A HILL OR MOUNTAIN?"

L.C. WEBER / SLOUGESTER CO. (N.J.) TIMES

GIANT LIZARD VISITS COURTROOM

THE APPEARANCE OF A GIANT MONITOR LIZARD IN A NAIROBI, KENYA, COURTROOM SO STUNNED SPECTATORS AND POLICE THAT 20 SUSPECTED CRIMINALS ESCAPED IN THE CONFUSION. THE THREE-FOOT-LONG LIZARD CAUSED A STAMPEDE IN THE COURTROOM DURING WHICH ONE WOMAN WAS INJURED WHEN SHE FELL FROM A TABLE SHE HAD JUMPED ON TO ESCAPE THE CREATURE. BY THE TIME THE LIZARD WAS BEATEN TO DEATH BY BAILIFFS, ALL THE SUSPECTS AWAITING TRIAL HAD DISAPPEARED. AFTER ISSUING WARRANTS FOR THEIR ARREST, MAGISTRATE FREDRICK MWAWASI SUGGESTED THAT THE COURTHOUSE BE DECLARED A NATIONAL PARK.

J.R. LEONARD
S.F. CHRONICLE





HUNTERS' CRUEL TRICK BACKFIRES

A SAPHISTIC STUNT WITH GELIGNITE AND A CAPTIVE RABBIT BLEW UP IN THE FACES OF TWO PRANKSTER RABBITERS.



TWO MEN ON A SPOTLIGHTING EXPEDITION REPORTEDLY TIED A STICK OF GELIGNITE TO A RABBIT THEY HAD BY HAND. THE FUSE WAS LIT AND THE RABBIT RELEASED.



LAUGHTER EVAPORATED AS IT DOUBLED BACK AND HOPPED FOR COVER UNDER THEIR TOYOTA FOUR-WHEEL-DRIVE UTILITY.

QUENTIN P. SMITH
THE ADELAIDE ADVERTISER



SLEEPING GUARD LIES IN WAIT

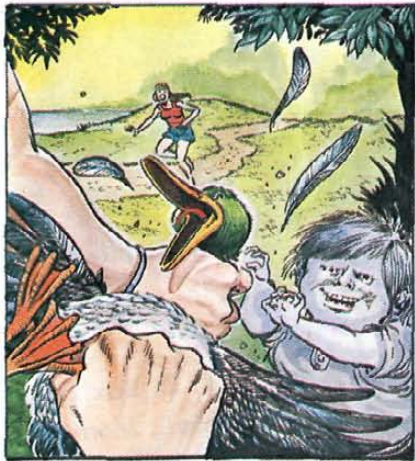
FONTANA, CALIF. (AP) - A GUARD DOG AT AN AUTO DEALERSHIP APPARENTLY SLEPT WHILE TWO YOUTHS VANDALIZED ONE CAR AND PUSHED ANOTHER THROUGH A HOLE IN A CHAIN-LINK FENCE. THEN THEY WERE CHASED BY POLICE ON FOOT AND IN A HELICOPTER, AUTHORITIES SAID.
BUT THE DOG DIDN'T STAY ASLEEP WHEN THE COMMOTION SUBSIDED AND AUTHORITIES WERE CHECKING THE FENCED-IN AREA. IT STIRRED-AND BIT A POLICEMAN ON THE KNEE.

JOE FORBES / PITTS. PRESS

DOG HOOKED ON BUTTS

TIPPY, A 10-YEAR-OLD SIBERIAN HUSKY, HAS BEEN A LITTLE ON EDGE LATELY BECAUSE HE WAS FORCED TO GIVE UP CIGARETTES. TIPPY IS OWNED BY JOSEPH MALINKEY, AND UNTIL EARLIER THIS SUMMER WAS IN THE HABIT OF WOLFING DOWN BUTTS LEFT IN ASHTRAYS AROUND THE HOUSE BY MALINKEY'S MOTHER-IN-LAW, V. JEROME. TIPPY'S PROBLEMS BEGAN IN JULY WHEN JEROME QUIT SMOKING. THE 105-LB. DOG HAD TO FACE THE FACT THAT HE WOULD NEVER AGAIN HAVE CIGARETTES. JEROME, A THREE-PACK-A-DAY SMOKER, GOT A PRESCRIPTION FOR NICOTINE GUM TO HELP HER QUIT. NORMALLY PLACID TIPPY SEEMED TENSE. HE FOLLOWED JEROME AROUND THE HOUSE. SHE SUSPECTED THE DOG WAS HAVING NICOTINE FITS, SO SHE OFFERED THE DOG SOME NICOTINE GUM. "HE JUST KEPT CHEWING IT," JEROME SAID. "I THOUGHT HE WOULD SWALLOW IT, BUT HE KEPT ON CHEWING."

L.M. FERRETTI
FRESNO BEE



WOMAN CHARGED IN FIGHT OVER DUCK

POLICE SAID TAMMY BOWDEN, 21, WAS CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANOR ASSAULT AFTER PUNCHING AND BITING A DALLAS WOMAN, WHO IS A MODEL.
THE MODEL TOLD POLICE SHE WAS JOGGING AROUND THE LAKE WHEN SHE SAW MS. BOWDEN CHOKING THE DUCK. BUT MS. BOWDEN TOLD POLICE SHE AND TWO FRIENDS WERE HOLDING THE DUCK FOR A CHILD TO PET.



THE MODEL TOLD POLICE SHE STOPPED AND TOLD MS. BOWDEN TO RELEASE THE BIRD. WITNESSES SAID MS. BOWDEN TURNED ON THE MODEL AND RANCHED HER, PULLED HER HAIR, SCREAMED PROFANITIES, AND FINALLY BIT HER ON THE SHOULDER.



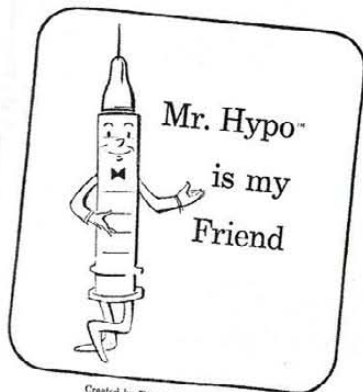
ALTHOUGH "MESSING WITH THE DUCKS IS AGAINST THE LAW," SGT. J. NEWTON SAID, THE DUCK WAS NOT INJURED AND MS. BOWDEN WAS NOT CHARGED WITH THAT OFFENSE. "WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO CHARGE SOMEBODY WITH, ASSAULTING A DUCK?"

R.M. MAGERS
DALLAS MORNING NEWS.

FREE LITERATURE: TAKE ONE

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A WAY WITH WORDS

Cookie Predictions

In the words of their collector, Bob Grossblatt, what follows are "real honest to God fortunes from authentic Chinese fortune cookies":

A shoemaker, but will turn politician afterwards.

For better luck, you have to wait until winter.

Everyone needs to feel wanted, but not on dangerous missions.

To know someone, you have to know them internally.

If you speak aloud, you risk being overheard.

Who knows the answer to life?

Food is a great pleasure, but so is eating.

Love is the same as life, but not the opposite.

Old friends are those you have know a long time.

Work is necessary, but not working.

We have good sleep with empty dreams.

Don't be a weed in the garden of life.

Dear Mr. Chairman of Large American Company

This letter was sent to a number of American corporate chief executives by a Soviet émigré living in France:

I apply to you because you have possibilities to realize big useful technical inventions and because I really know the principle of a car which can work without any fuel.

From my fundamental data, you can see that I worked as a designer (inventor) on big posts in the most modern complex military technique field at the best design company of the U.S.S.R. In this field they need the most talented engineers, who make complex things in reality.

I think the most interesting and correct thing for you is to see in life how

this new principle of propulsion works and we can arrange it. I can answer on any your questions. I think you and me can use our good possibilities and find a suitable way to know, try and help each other in order to risk nothing.

I am eagerly awaiting any your answer.

(contributed—more or less—by a corporate chairman who must, unfortunately, remain anonymous)

And When You Can Read Their Handwriting, You're Sorry You Did

What follows are "quotes gleaned from annual summaries, incident reports, ward charts, and other documents at a mental health facility in the Midwest," according to the alleged Ph.D. who submitted them. "They were authored by professionals with at least one graduate degree," wrote the Ph.D., who requested anonymity for reasons known only to him and his therapist.

He sustained a head injury from a door requiring stitches.

Jason was brought back to the cottage by a guard with a rash.

He can bring one from many of the same but he cannot read.

There is a resident in front of the clinic with one eye lying on the ground.

Dorothy is confined to a wheelchair with a clubfoot.

Jason continues running out of the building barefooted and infected toe will not come back.

She has a marked humpback and walks with her feet.

Willis had been transferred from the General Hospital where he had had a biopsy performed on a suspicious lesion of the foot. The diagnostic impression at that time was mental retardation, severe.

She does not like for her hair to touch her head.

She was followed by her family doctor until his death as a child.

Who Was Driving That Lamppost?

The following items were culled from the files of a London, England, auto insurance firm and contributed by Aaron Rubin:

I collided with a stationary tramcar, coming the other way.

I left my Austin 7 outside, and when I came out later to my surprise there was an Austin 12.

The water in my radiator accidentally froze at 12 midnight.

Car had to turn sharper than usual, owing to an invisible lorry.

With regard to the gentleman's nationality, he is a Dutchman and will be taking out civilization papers in due course.

The motorcycle was stolen in the night whilst in bed.

I consider that neither vehicle was to blame, but if either were to blame it was the other one.

I knocked over a man. He admitted it was his fault as he had been run over before.

If the other driver had stopped a few yards behind himself, the accident would not have happened.

She suddenly saw me, lost her head, and we met.

I bumped into a lamppost, which was obscured by pedestrians.

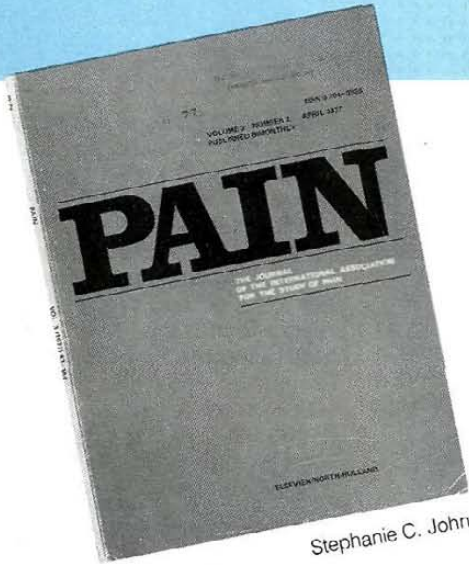
A lamppost bumped into the car, damaging it in two places.

A load of coal in sacks turned out of a coal yard sharply.

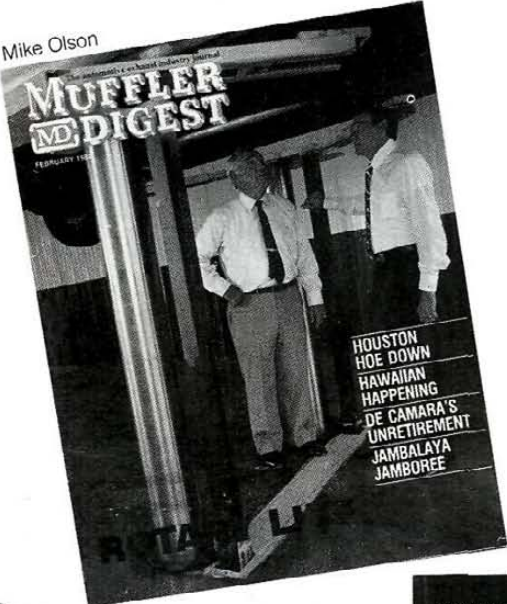
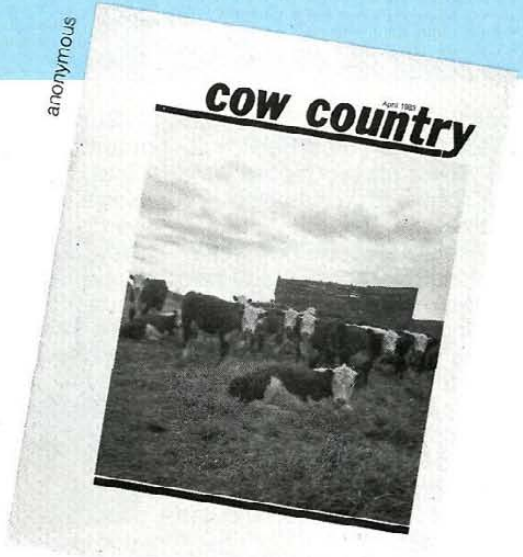
I can give no details of the accident as I was somewhat concussed at the time.

I unfortunately ran over a pedestrian and the old gentleman was taken to hospital very much regretting the circumstances.

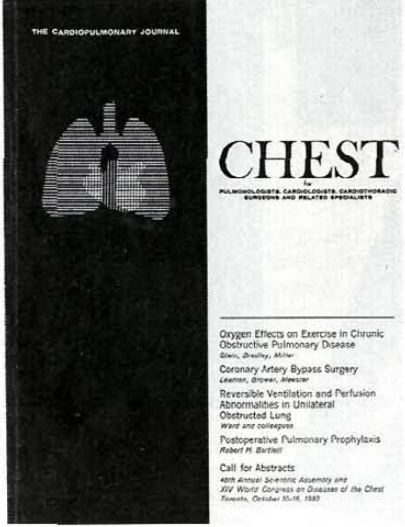
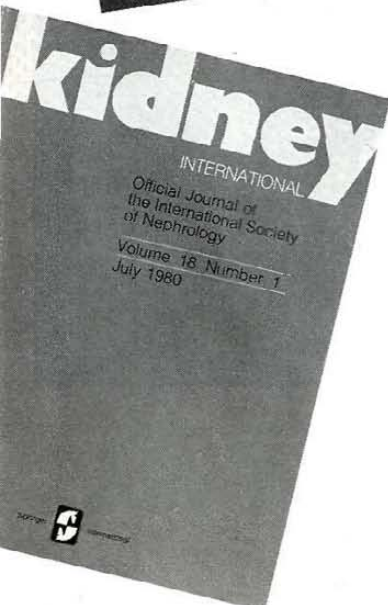
I thought my side window was down, but it was up as I found out when I put my head through it.



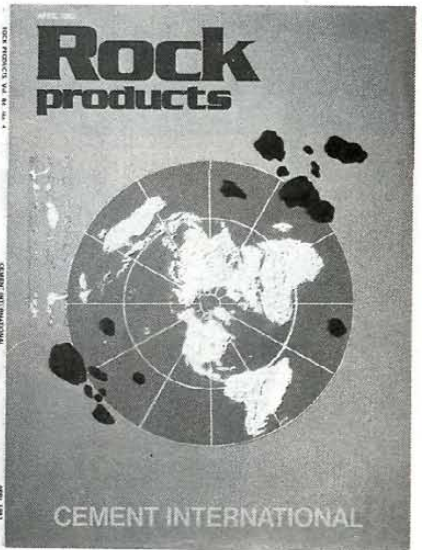
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MOOSE NEWS

According to the *Billings* (Montana) *Gazette*, the Forest Service accidentally blew up two moose while using explosives to create potholes in boggy areas.

Gary Altman, a wildlife biologist for the Kootenai National Forest, said that the two moose had walked onto the blasting site in the time it took workers to check the charges and run about a thousand feet to the detonation equipment. He added that the meat couldn't be salvaged because of the force of the explosion.

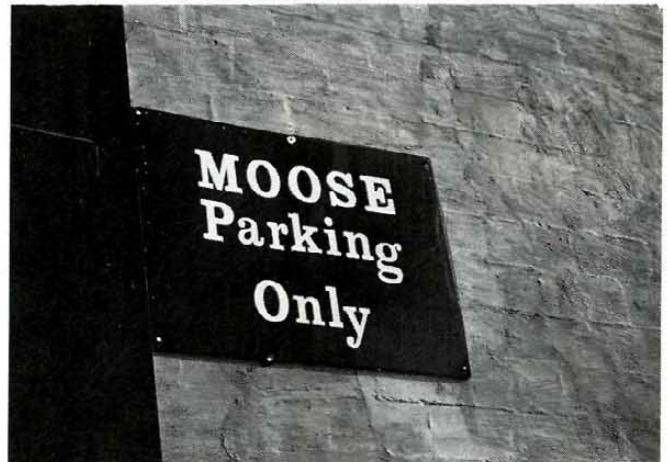
The blasting was part of an effort to improve moose habitat. (contributed by Mark Faby)

Authorities in Vermont and New Hampshire believed that illegal moose killings there were drug-related. According to the *White River Valley Herald* of Randolph, Vermont, the Vermont Fish and Game Commissioner claimed that poachers were trading moose meat for narcotics. (contributed by David Powell)

Susan Butcher lost the lead in a marathon dogsled race along the Gold Rush route from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska, when one of her dogs was "stomped to death by a moose." (New York) *Daily News* (contributed by Lew Weidenfeld)

Willis M. Crossman, thirty-five, of Granville, New York, was convicted in Rutland, Vermont, of transporting a moose head across state lines. (Glens Falls, New York) *Post-Star*

An Alaska Railroad freight train on a run between Anchorage and Fairbanks hit and killed twenty-four moose in a single night. "I've been here fourteen years and I can't remember anything like it," said Arnold Polancheck, assistant general manager of the railroad. "Normally you hit one or two on a trip." *New York Times* (contributed by Duck Divet)



NUCLEAR FUNNIES

This item appeared in the *Kansas City Times*:

"The Hertfordshire County [England] Civil Defense Committee has appointed Joseph Brady of Shenley village to the post of Local Contingency Warning Supervisor.

"In the event of a nuclear war, Mr. Brady's job is to run down the main street of the village banging a trash can lid,' said a Defense Committee spokesman. 'We realize that a whistle is the ideal instrument for this purpose; however, you can make a lot of noise with a trash can lid in four minutes.' " (contributed by John O'Sullivan)

According to the Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Laboratory employee newsletter, nuclear tests sponsored by the lab will be named after historically important towns in California and Nevada. The new source of nuclear-test names was the result of a contest at Livermore, which produced other suggestions, such as trees, birds, and cartoon characters.

Prior to the new category, nuclear tests at Livermore were named after cheeses. (contributed by Peter Fraser)

One result of nuclear testing at the Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Laboratory was this recommendation to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) as reported in the *Rocky Mountain News*: "In the event of nuclear attack, factory workers could protect themselves by jumping into large pools of water wearing as much clothing as possible and remaining under four feet of water." (contributed by Patrick Ashburn)

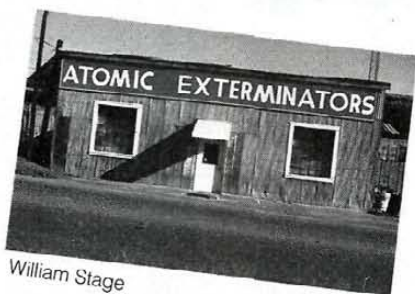
FEMA has revealed more of its contingency planning:

"In case of nuclear attack," reports the *Charlotte Observer*, "the U.S. Postal Service has two buff-colored cards it wants you to fill out before and after you flee your home. The first, an Emergency Change of Address, is to be mailed promptly to your home post office. So is the second, a *Notification of Safe Arrival*."

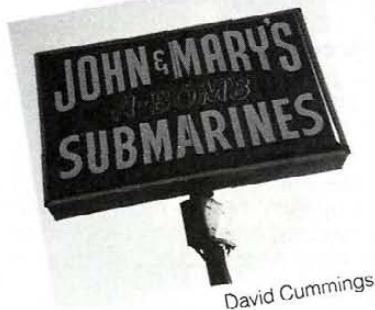
FEMA also recommends that citizens "be sure to brush off fallout particles from their clothing and remember that radiation sickness is not catching."



Pedar Ness



William Stage



David Cummings

Families evacuating target areas are advised to lock their doors and bring their credit cards with them. (contributed by L. C. Thimijan)

Electrical contractor Larry Nudelman, thirty-eight, was dismissed from his job at the Perry nuclear power plant in North Perry, Ohio, after he used the plant's loudspeaker system to play the theme from *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* during an emergency drill.

"It was just a cute way to say good morning," said Nudelman. (Hackensack, New Jersey) *Record* (contributed by Duck Divet)

According to the *Washington Post*, a survey of students at Ohio State University showed that 28 percent of the pet owners in Columbus, Ohio, "would ignore evacuation orders in the event of nuclear war if told to leave their animals behind." (contributed by Kevin Burke)

The following exchange was published in the "TV Q&A" column of *TV Guide*:

"Q. If we become involved in a nuclear war would the electromagnetic pulses from exploding bombs damage my videotapes? Should I store them in a lead-lined container?

"A. To the first question, yes. To the second question, I don't know, but you'd better crawl in and join them." (contributed by Kevin C. Brandt)

The AD&S Products catalog features a product called the "Nuclear Mail Box," a twenty-two-pound, galvanized-steel-plate rural mailbox that will reportedly stop a bullet from ten feet. Says AD&S, "We'll guarantee that this mail box will survive a nuclear explosion or we'll refund double its cost." (contributed by Joseph Forbes)

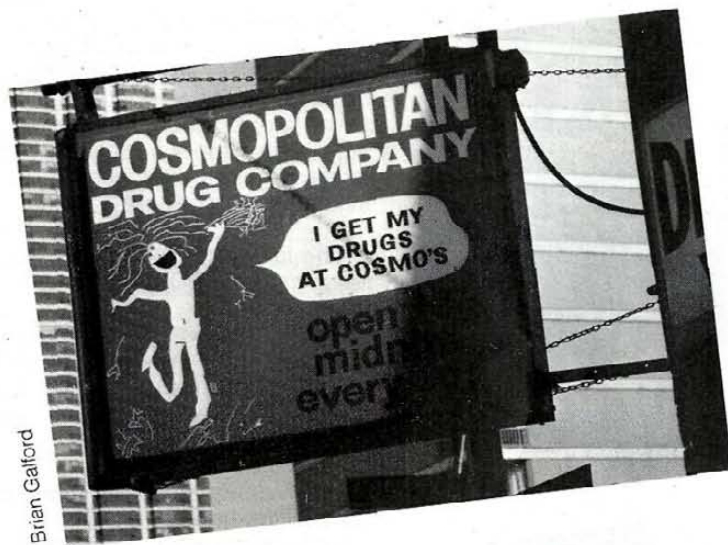
This item appeared in the *San Francisco Chronicle*:

"Vienna, Austria—Vandals in Vienna have wrecked a private bunker designed to withstand an atomic attack, its owner said yesterday." (Steve & Michelle Mattos)

A U.S. Energy Department report prepared by Indiana professor Thomas Sebeok suggests establishing a kind of atomic priesthood to spread myths that would keep future generations away from nuclear waste dumps, which will be dangerous to humans for centuries to come.

Sebeok said the warnings could be perpetuated through "folkloristic devices, in particular...an artificially created and nurtured legend." It would be up to the atomic priesthood to see that the warnings are heeded "if not for legal reasons, then...with perhaps the veiled threat that to ignore the mandate would be tantamount to inviting some sort of supernatural retribution." *UPI* (contributed by Mr. & Mrs. Jeffry Matthews)

FUN WITH SUBSTANCES



This story appeared in the *Lynwood* (California) *Press*:

"Sheriff's deputies early Sunday morning nabbed a man as he was dragging a complete toilet across the lawn at 11410 California Ave.

"Deputies said they stopped Eric Jones, twenty-three, and asked him why he was dragging a complete toilet—tank and all—across the lawn, to which the man allegedly replied, 'Who? Me?'

"Deputies said they searched Jones and found a bottle containing half an ounce of a substance resembling PCP." (contributed by Craig Marshall)

Police in Key West, Florida, arrested twenty-year-old Joseph Lummarind after they found him "extremely intoxicated, stumbling and babbling incoherently." In addition, Lummarind was "covered literally head to toe with white spots" and "had a strong odor of liquid paper correction fluid about him." When a search turned up three plastic Baggies caked with dried correction fluid, Lummarind admitted that he inhaled the stuff, adding that he was "addicted" to it. *Key West Citizen* (contributed by Gene B. Gracer)

This story, datelined Nashville, Tennessee, appeared in the *Chicago Tribune*:

"A handful of drug and alcohol patients at the state correction depart-

ment's hospital for the emotionally disturbed overpowered two guards and a nurse early Saturday, broke into a pharmacy, and took large doses of drugs before being subdued... About 100 policemen were called to the facility, but the patients were overcome by the drugs and there was no serious disturbance." (contributed by Woody Turner)

According to the *New York Times*, two gunmen walked into a Brooklyn pharmacy, announced a holdup, and took two employees prisoner. Police arrived on the scene and tried to talk the robbers into coming out, but by then the two men were busy consuming prescription drugs off the shelves. After about forty minutes,

the hostages called the police and said it was safe to come in, since the gunmen had both passed out. (contributed by Ken Jacowitz)

Los Angeles police said that under the influence of PCP, twenty-seven-year-old Walter Murphy burrowed into a hole in the ground and suffocated. Murphy's mother said that her son had begun digging holes six months earlier and that he sometimes stayed in them for weeks at a time. A police spokesman said that Murphy believed he was a gopher. *Orlando* (Florida) *Sentinel* (contributed by Gary McKechnie)

Partygoers in Conover, North Carolina, mistook a bottle of lye for white wine and five of them drank from it, even though the first to take a swig "held his stomach and fell on the floor throwing up."

According to the (Raleigh, North Carolina) *News and Observer*, "His reaction did not stop others from trying it because they thought it was some kind of German wine no one could handle." (contributed by Jeff McIntyre)

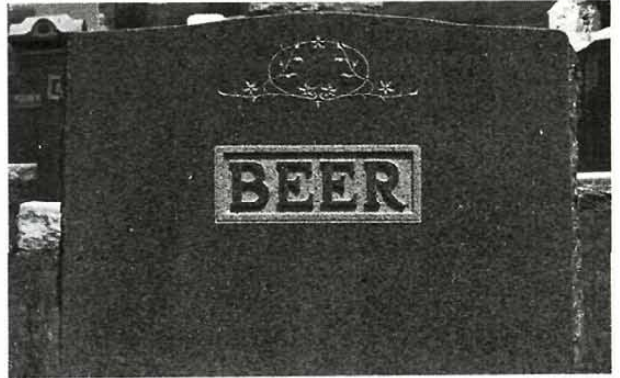
Twenty-seven-year-old Roger A. Landry of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, was discovered sniffing glue in an apartment hallway and arrested for inhaling a toxic substance. It was Landry's twenty-second arrest on the same charge. (Warwick, Rhode Island) *Evening Bulletin* (contributed by Ed Sousa)



WE REALLY MISS YOU



Arthur E. Thompson, Jr.



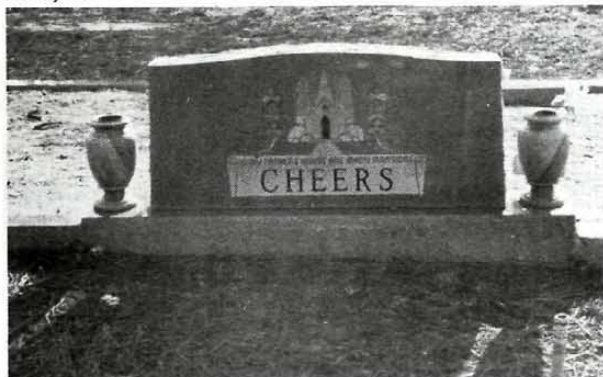
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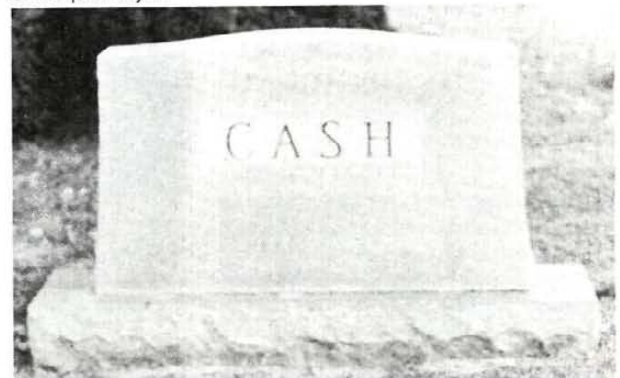
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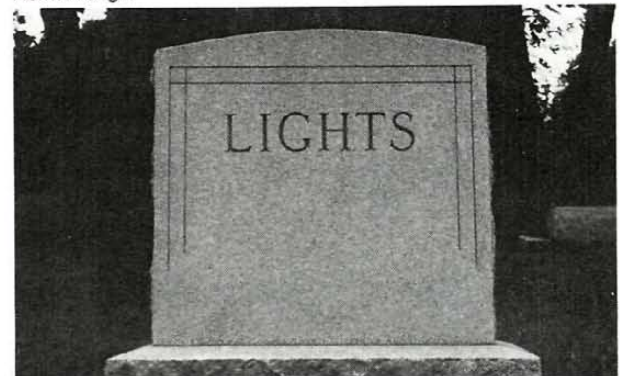
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ARE OUR READERS' LIVES HORRIBLY WARPED B

It's easy enough for the editors of this magazine to sneer contemptuously when they hear they may be responsible for publishing dangerous material, but although they may scoff at (and possibly even enjoy) the idea of causing their readership serious psychological harm, some of the things going on around the country today more than hint that perusing *National Lampoon's* regular feature "True Facts" may indeed cause genuine, possibly irreparable, mental damage to the innocent children who trustingly digest every word in this publication because their well-meaning mothers and fathers tell them to do so—very likely because they themselves have already been driven mad by being exposed to thought-provoking material irresponsibly made available in the pages of this magazine.

Have you had a good time shouting cruel insults at crowds running in panic from a few seemingly innocent oranges? Take a look at this and join the human race.



Oranges Crush Teen to Death

TARRAGONA, Spain (UPI)—A West German teenager was crushed to death by 16 tons of oranges that spilled from a truck swerving to avoid a traffic accident, authorities said yesterday.

A Civil Guard spokesman said Ingrid Kerztin, 17, was walking along a national highway Tuesday when a truck transporting oranges careened off the road to avoid colliding with cars parked in the left-turn lane.

Kerztin, who had arrived in Tarragona with her parents the same day, was buried under the 16 tons of oranges that slid off the truck. When police uncovered her an hour later she was dead, they said.

Ever snorted in disgust at the sight of whole families cowering before perfectly innocent-looking soft-drink dispensers? Read this excerpt from "True Facts," tough guy, and you might be a little more understanding in the future.



Pop Machine Falls, Kills Angry Dad

SAFETY HARBOR, Fla. (UPI)—Daniel Erickson, apparently angered when a soft-drink machine gyped him, shook the machine until it fell on him and killed him, authorities said.

The Pinellas County medical examiner's office yesterday reported that Erickson, 24, died of suffocation in the accident Monday night. He also suffered a broken right wrist, a slightly damaged liver, and bruises on both arms.

Erickson, the father of four, was found lying on the floor of a recreation room of his apartment complex, the vending machine across his chest.

Authorities said Erickson apparently had been shaking the machine after it failed to return his money or provide a drink, and it toppled onto him.

The six-foot-seven-inch machine weighed between 700 and 1,000 pounds, investigators said. Erickson's torso was roughly outlined in the machine's cracked Plexiglas front.

Apartment managers said Erickson had banged the machine against the wall earlier in the day when it took his money without providing a drink. They said he rejected an offer of reimbursement and left.

Assistant manager Debbie Austin said she taped an out-of-order sign across the coin slot.

Officials of the company that owned the machine said they were surprised the five-foot-ten, 190-pound Erickson could topple the machine.

Do you chuckle condescendingly over women driven hopelessly insane by sadists flashing their chopped chicken parts? Maybe this'll make you laugh out of the other side of your mouth.



Fumes Kill Two in Food Vat

EL DORADO, Ark. (AP)—Two workers died Saturday when they were overcome by ammonia fumes in a vat of chopped chicken parts. Jewell Thompson, 50 years old, put on a gas mask at a Country Pride Foods plant and entered the vat to unclog a valve but apparently detected ammonia fumes and started to climb out, the police said. He was within a foot of the top when he fell back in. Willie Earl White, 56, called for help, then entered the vat to save Mr. Thompson but was also overcome by fumes.

And this could maybe just wipe the smirk off your face concerning those unfortunates whose lives have been blighted by Lipstick Phobia.



Robert Stevens, 46, an employee of Germaine Monteil Cosmetics in Deer Park, New York, was critically burned when a vat of molten lipstick toppled over on him. (UPI)

And don't try to tell me you haven't callously teased your wife or girlfriend over her morbid fear of elephants, fella. See if this shocking story doesn't make you just a little more understanding.



Circus Trainer Crushed to Death As Electrocuted Elephant Falls

SPRINGHILL, La. (UPI)—A two-ton Burmese elephant helping erect a circus "big top" was electrocuted by a power line, falling and crushing her trainer as workers looked on in horror.

Officials of the Roller Bros. Circus identified the victim as Tim Mericash, 23, of Norwalk, Ohio. Mericash was killed instantly by the electricity and by the weight of Ellie, his elephant, authorities said Tuesday.

"Sparks were jumping and it seemed like it went on for an eternity before the fuse blew," said circus supervisor Jim Silverlake. "The tent was so full of smoke you couldn't see what was going on."

The bizarre accident occurred as Ellie and several workers were trying to erect the Roller Bros. big top in the center of a shopping center parking lot.

Silverlake said the elephant was pulling a chain intended to hoist the tent's center pole when it struck overhead power lines.

Sparks from the contact also injured worker Mickey King, who was taken by helicopter to Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock, Ark. He was listed in satisfactory condition.

Mericash's body was removed from the scene after a wrecker was used to pull Ellie's huge body aside.

Springhill is about 40 miles northeast of Shreveport on the Arkansas line.

Feel pretty superior to the countless thousands suffering from "gravy fear"? See if this doesn't knock you off your high horse.



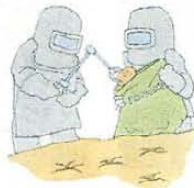
Gravy Vat Fall Kills Man

WARREN (AP)—An Elias Bros. worker died five hours after he fell into a vat of hot gravy at the restaurant chain's kitchens in suburban Detroit, police said.

Witnesses said they heard Nazar Zia, 28, of Royal Oak screaming after he fell into the vat at the company's commissary in Warren, said Warren police inspector Robert Graham.

Zia suffered severe burns, a brain hemorrhage, and a broken pelvis and back. He died about 7 p.m. Monday in Warren's BiCounty Community Hospital, Graham said.

My guess is that by now we've probably made our point so well that a mere glance at the following will be enough to give you a severe allergic reaction for the rest of your life to potatoes.



Man Dies Under Potatoes

WIGGINS, Colo. (AP)—One man was dead and another was suffering from broken bones Sunday a day after support beams in a farm warehouse gave way and a cascade of potatoes buried the men up to five feet deep.

Scott Tidemann, 32, of Wiggins was rescued within a few minutes, but it took firefighters 40 minutes to dig out Henry Ruppel, Jr., 39, of rural Fort Morgan, officials said Sunday.

Morgan County Coroner F.D. Jolliffe said Ruppel had suffocated. He was found buried under five feet of potatoes.

Are we starting to get to you? Then reading this might make you a little more tolerant of those suffering so horribly from the epidemic of Cupcake Fear presently sweeping the Midwest.



Argument over Cupcake Ends in Death

INDIANAPOLIS—An argument over a cupcake ended in death for an Indianapolis man, police said.

So I think it's only fair to warn you that one single peek at this last item may make you live to curse the day you started to read this article.



A man fell into a pit full of cow dung near Ahmedabad, India. Fortunately, he was in one of the few places on earth where six passersby were willing to dive in after him. Unfortunately, they all died. (Reuters)

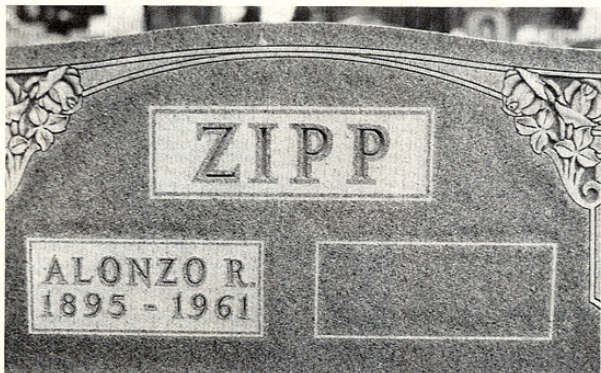
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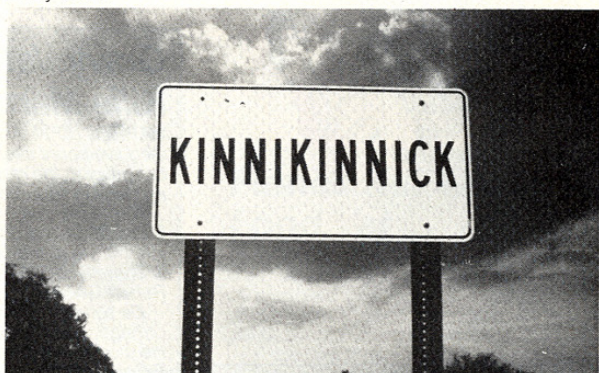
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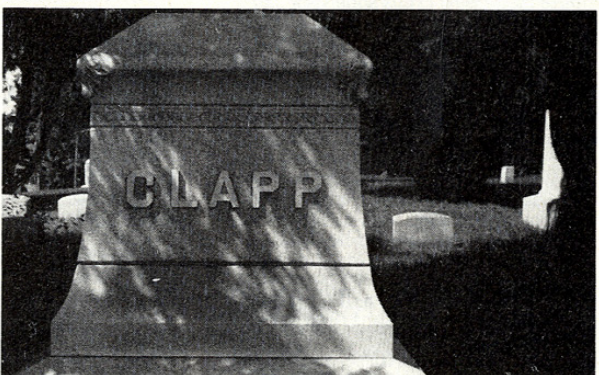
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TRUE CONFESSIONS

My favorite "True Facts" contributor is a guy named Herm Albright.

I've never seen him or spoken to him. But I'll tell you one thing: Herm Albright knows how to submit a "True Fact."

His stuff always arrives in a neat envelope. Each story is pasted down on a separate sheet of paper with his name and address and the name of the newspaper the story was clipped from. The guy's a pro.

I will not print the name of the worst contributor, but I will tell you that he reads newspapers with headlines like "Dead Mom Gives Birth in Coffin." He indiscriminately tears out hundreds of stories without using scissors or a razor, then stuffs them all into a bulging envelope and expects me to read them. He might as well have all his subscriptions routed directly to me.

In between are many variations. For example, there's a guy in Atlanta who apparently reads through English-language publications from the Far East. That would be great except for the fact that he joins all his little clippings together into large agglomerations of paper and tape that resemble a new art form. I'm reluctant to buy any one story lest I break up the mosaic.

Some people send in entire newspapers, along with elaborate instructions regarding where the check should be sent and how their name should be spelled. They don't say what's so funny in the newspaper or what page it's on.

Then there are the broadcasting people who tear the stuff right off the news wires. Not only do they get away with not paying for a newspaper, they usually send submissions through the company postage meter in a company envelope. They also write jazzy cover letters trying to sound real chummy. But I never fall for that.

People in advertising also seem to go in for clipping "True Facts" on the job. They're also the most likely to enclose a crabby cover letter. They write stuff like "Use this instead of the terrible drivel you've been running lately." You'd think advertising people would be more sales-minded.

My favorite stuff comes from law-

yers. It arrives in very official-looking envelopes with the names of the partners thermographed on the upper left-hand corner in letters that rise a half inch off the paper. The letter inside is on stationery that costs a couple of bucks a sheet, and it says something like "Whereas the 'True Facts' section of *National Lampoon*, hereinafter referred to as 'True Facts,' publishes amusing items, I am submitting the enclosed for perusal by the 'True Facts' editor or editors," etc. etc. It's meticulously typed and signed in bold script by one of the partners. Then the submission turns out to be some stupid story about a guy who fell off a roof and broke his ass in three places, or about some guy who threw up on a judge.

Or else it's a picture of a radiator-shop sign that says "Best Place in Town to Take a Leak."

There have been certain stories which captured the imagination of "True Facts" readers over the years. Back in the early 1970s, for example, "True Facts" ran an item about a Hershey Chocolate plant worker who fell into a vat of chocolate and died.

Distributed over a major news wire, the story appeared as one of those familiar three-line fillers in papers across the country. But it seemed to have special meaning for *National Lampoon* readers. After it showed up in "True Facts," people began sending in clipped news stories about similar fatalities. As of 1985, those stories are still coming in. Now every time some poor slob fries while pissing on a live wire or suffocates in a vat of health food, the story finds its way to "True Facts."

But the most popular item ever to arrive in the "True Facts" mail has never actually been published in the column.

When it first hit the wire services in April 1981, newspaper people around the country called to ask if I accepted facts over the telephone. (I don't.) After the phone calls, the story dominated the mail for more than three months, and—since some people don't send clippings until they've turned yellow and crinkly—it keeps showing up. Anyhow, I figured

the whole world had read the story already, so I never ran it.

But now I've decided the readers were trying to tell me something, just as they were with the story of the guy in the chocolate. So here, after four long years and thousands of submissions, is the most popular "True Fact" in *National Lampoon* history:

"Thirty-three-year-old Orval Wyatt Loyd, an auto mechanic from Virginia Beach, Virginia, hacked his mother-in-law to death in her garage with a hatchet. Loyd told investigators he mistook her for a large raccoon. AP"

There.

I hope you're all happy now.

While we're on the subject of contributors, there are a few things I'd like to talk to you guys about. For example, why can't you put your name and address on the stuff you send in? Especially on the backs of photographs? Why do I have to do it? Do you think I have a pool of secretaries and clerks?

Well, I don't. I open and read all this stuff myself, on my front porch. It's bad enough the neighbors think I'm out of work without my having to copy your names down on all the junk you send in. So let's shape up, okay?

On the other hand, I'd like to thank you for the paper clips. In the five years that I've been editing "True Facts," I've never had to buy paper clips. They arrive by the hundreds in the mail each week, and I save them.

Just for the record, I don't care for plastic paper clips, or paper clips in other than metallic colors. I happen to be running low on large ones.

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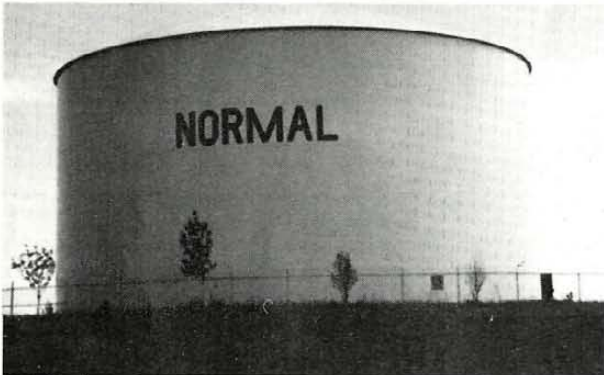
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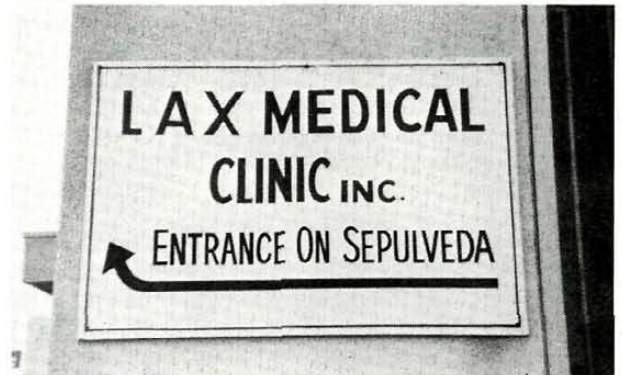
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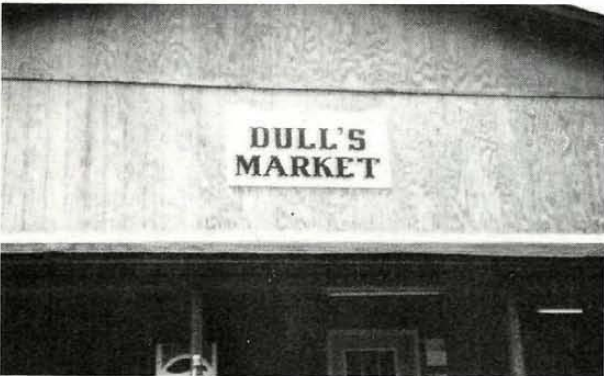
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A Liverpool, England, fireman, Michael Ascot, changed his name to Michael John Silly Arse. He claimed the name change was for the benefit of starving Ethiopians. "It must be humiliating to beg for food," said Mr. Silly Arse. "So I thought I would do something very humiliating to help. This was the most humiliating thing I could think of." *Christchurch* (New Zealand) *Press* (contributed by A. S. Dawson)

According to *Electronic News*, "A defense contractor by the name of Rigging Technology, Inc.... was debarred from government business for rigging bids." (contributed by Bill Musgrave)

The Coca-Cola Company sued Frederick Koch of Brattleboro, Vermont, after he changed his name to Frederick Coke-Is-It. Mr. Coke-Is-It made the change because he was tired of people mispronouncing his former name "Cotch." *Toronto Star* (contributed by Deborah Fisher)

Joe Honesty, forty-two, was arrested for robbing the Handy Way Food Store in Starke, Delaware. *unattributed* (contributed by Bruce Hammersmith)

William Sober, thirty-six, was arrested for drunk driving in Edgewood, Pennsylvania. *Pittsburgh Press* (contributed by Charles A. Sherer)

A company named Zero Resources, Inc. defaulted on loan payments to the Northshore Bank in Houston, Texas. *Houston Post* (contributed by Eric Parkinson)

Ronald McDonald, twenty-seven, was arrested for threatening an employee of Hardee's in Fayetteville, North Carolina. *Charlotte* (North Carolina) *Observer* (contributed by Jim McQueen)

Rex Robert Frink, thirty-nine, of Austin, Minnesota, changed his name to Welcome Pleasure Freely. "It's poetic, it's English, it's a sentence, and it speaks to me," said Mr. Freely. *Arkansas Gazette* (contributed by Ed Pierce)

According to an obituary in the (Hackensack, New Jersey) *Record*, "Marguerite Posthumus, a lifelong resident of Passaic, died Wednesday. Before retiring twenty years ago, she was an accountant with the National Casket Company." (contributed by Duck Divet)

Ronald Reagan, twenty-seven, was arrested for drunk driving in Andover, Massachusetts. *Lawrence* (Massachusetts) *Eagle-Tribune* (contributed by Yale Lynch)

Ronnie Reagan, thirty-two, was arrested in the manslaughter death of his eighty-one-year-old father in Sevierville, Tennessee. *Seattle Times* (contributed by Patrick Smith)



"Tex" Ritter, twenty-seven, and Roy Rogers, thirty-seven, were arrested and charged with fraud in Ontario, Canada. *Sudbury* (Ontario) *Star* (contributed by Terrence J. Fielding)

Robin Hood, nineteen, was arrested for trying to sell stolen silverware in downtown Winchester, Virginia. (Frederick, Maryland) *News-Post* (contributed by John D. Connell)

Doris Day, twenty-eight, was arrested in Reading, Pennsylvania, for child abuse. *Reading Times* (contributed by Scott Wierzbicki)

Jaguar Ferrari Tonniges of Lincoln, Nebraska, named his newborn son Austin Healy Tonniges, carrying on a family tradition begun by his father, who named his children after his favorite sports cars. Besides Jaguar Ferrari, twenty-three, the elder Tonniges has two other children, Lancia LeMans, twenty-two, and Aston Martin, eighteen. *Atlanta Constitution* (contributed by Kevin F. Egan)

In Portland, Oregon, the Bonfire Restaurant was gutted by fire, while the Smoke Shop next door suffered smoke damage. *Buffalo Evening News* (contributed by Michael Forczek)

In London, England, Kenneth Pigeon was caught breaking into a company club by security guard Reginald Peacock. He was arrested by detective officer George Bird. *Stars and Stripes* (contributed by David M. Harrison)

Dr. George G. Innocent was charged with grand theft and fraud in Sacramento, California. *Modesto* (California) *Bee* (contributed by Scott Redenbaugh)

Dr. Ngozi Aal-Anubiainhotepokorohamz of Raleigh, North Carolina, gave her newborn son eight thousand names, which she claims is a world's record. Reportedly, the child's complete name will fill thirty-four single-spaced typewritten pages.

According to the *San Jose Mercury News*, "The baby's name will start with Dr. Semaj (the first five letters of his first name are 'James' spelled backward), followed by the names of several world heads of state... a few historical names, some ancestral names, some names of people who might influence the child's life, and the mathematical term 'pi.'" The baby's name begins with "Dr.," the mother said, "to emphasize the importance of a name."

Aal-Anubiainhotepokorohamz and her husband changed their names and those of their children three years ago.

They used to be named McGirt. (contributed by Scott I. Dickerman)

A twenty-three-year-old man was arrested in London, England, for blocking traffic outside Parliament while he played the clarinet for two hundred fellow demonstrators. The demonstration was in opposition to the arrival of American nuclear weapons in Great Britain, explained Martin Felix Oddstocks McWeirdo El Tutti Fruiti Farto Hello Hippopotarnus Bum. (London) *Times* (contributed by Deborah Fisher)

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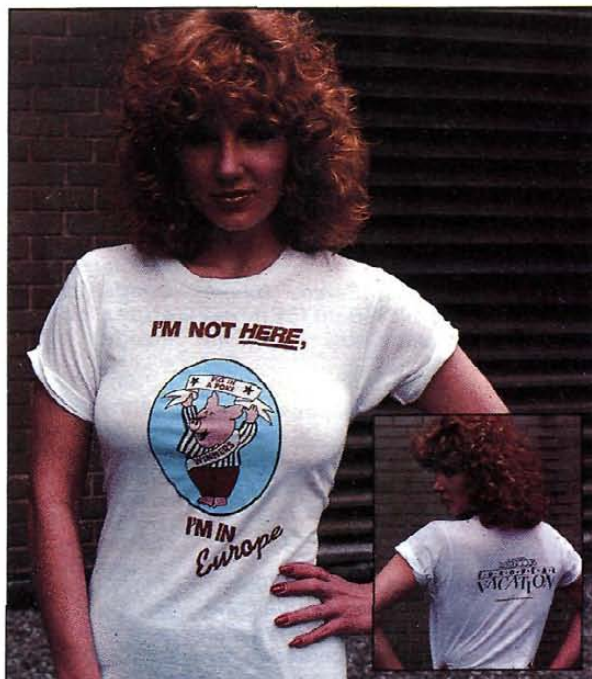
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What follows is the latest collection of excerpts culled from unsolicited manuscripts sent to a prominent editor of fiction who wishes, understandably, to remain anonymous.

It was just like an old Alan Ladd movie I saw with Veronica Lake.

Leonard had long ago given up dreams of becoming another Ernie Pyle, the famous correspondent, Pulitzer Prize winner or great playwright.

"I'm glad I'm not out on a night like this," Sarah said.

"We need the rain, Sarah," Daniel rebuked her. He picked up the newspaper and was soon absorbed in its pages.

Josh was at his sexual peek.

"Oh," Madeline purred, "those Scampies were so good—we should go out for candlelit dinners more often."

Sunday night was like a well-loved mistress, who had been beautiful and exciting and was now turning old and ugly and ready to be discarded to my book of memories.

Stanley raced his mind, ignoring the grinding and screeching gears, to retrace what the hell had happened.

Kathy liked going to the supermarket. That was where she bumped into all her neighbors.

Except for his eyes, which were very dark and heavy-lidded, he seemed to Josephine to be mostly nondescript and somewhat ponderously asexual. But what of herself. She looked down at her pendulous breasts, her varicose veins, the loose skin at her elbows, her stretch marks. How distinctive was she?

The country of Catalonia lies between France and Spain along the Mediterranean Sea like a misplaced wedge, as if squeezed between the super countries to keep them steady.

"An omelet for mademoiselle," Jimmy announced, "and an 'amburger pour moi.'"

I think that was when I fell in love with him.

"I went to J. R. Irving's house," she sobbed, "and he tried to have his way towards me."

"If you mean rape, I'm with you all the way," Donnie said.

"Soot yourself, baby," Willy shrugged.

Joanna loved to watch a fireplace burning. It had a soothing effect on her spirits.

Lunch whizzed by.

People in these parts mine their own business, the sheriff told Terry.

"I have no more tears to shed," sobbed Hanna Jerome as she faced her brother James, of medium height and slender.

They made love in the master bedroom, where lovely Oriental courtesans watched them from the walls and, perhaps, learned.

"Make believe you're brave," she whistled, "like Mama always told you."

As they sat by the fire this early April evening, Art said, "Think I'll unplug the TV. Don't want the tube to blow." He was a man of few words.

The words gushed from Tom's mouth like water from a high-pressure hose.

Sandy's most noticeable writing characteristic was her vivid imagination.

Ned's eyes flutter open one at a time and he rolls over on his back. His mouth tastes like cold peanut butter.

He was not an unusual man. His hair was streaked with gray and he was clean-shaven. He weighed about 165 pounds and was about six feet tall—or perhaps it should be said that he was about six feet long, for when they found him he was stretched out on the sidewalk. He was dead.

Joe liked the new policewoman. She was smarter and better at filling out forms than he was.

He had a gigolo's mouth and a pawnbroker's eyes, but somehow all I could see was his surfer's body.

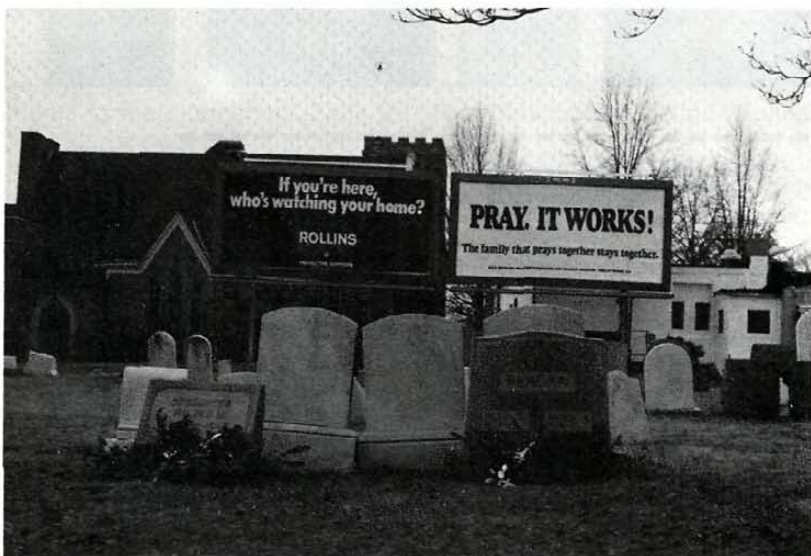
Nelson, a very ambitious individual, enjoyed his job as a fiction writer for a small magazine.

"Don't worry, Mrs. Cranston, Linda won't escape this time, even if I have to tie her to the bed," the handsome doctor said.

Linda, slightly surprised at his comment, lightly punched him in the arm. They smiled affectionately.

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WHAT A WAY TO GO

Here are two stories which belong together. The first appeared in the *Minneapolis Star & Tribune*:

"A U.S. soldier, who apparently was demonstrating how a friend died in a recent accident, lost his balance and fell to his death from a fifth-floor hotel balcony in Panama City, Panama."

The second story appeared in the *New York Times* under the dateline Amarillo, Texas:

"Two workmen helping re-create the scene of an electrocution earlier this week for a safety inspection were killed Friday by a shock from the same high-voltage wire." (contributed by George Mikutowski and Chuck Eldering)

In Sabattus, Maine, a thirty-three-year-old woman and her Cub Scout son died in their "severely overloaded" car. When they hit an oncoming truck, the pair were crushed by the car's contents—newspapers from a Cub Scout collection drive. *Key West Citizen* (contributed by Fawn Chautinger)

According to the *Boston Globe*, thirty-six-year-old James Byard, a respiratory therapist, died in the gas storage room of a Rumford, Maine, hospital from an overdose of nitrous oxide, sometimes called laughing gas. Officials said that Byard was found with a gas mask over his mouth, connected to a tank of nitrous oxide, but it was "unclear why Byard put the mask on his face." (contributed by Kevin Andresen)

A fifty-four-year-old employee of the Manor Hill Food Corporation in Baltimore, Maryland, was pouring cole slaw ingredients into a large commercial blender when he lost his footing, fell into the salad, and was killed. *Baltimore News American* (contributed by Richard W. Hopkins)

Daniel Erickson, twenty-four, of Safety Harbor, Florida, was shaking a soft-drink vending machine which had taken his money without dispensing a drink when the half-ton machine toppled over and crushed him to death. **According** to the *Pittsburgh Press*, "Erickson's torso was roughly outlined in the machine's Plexiglas front." (contributed by Joseph Forbes)

A twenty-eight-year-old worker at a commercial kitchen in Warren, Michigan, died after falling into a vat of hot gravy. *AP* (contributed by Michael Humble)

At the bottom of Apex Mountain in Penticton, British Columbia, a ski resort employee died after he ran into a light pole. The twenty-four-year-old man had ridden down the ski slope on a cafeteria tray. *Toronto Star* (contributed by Rod MacDonald)

In Chesterfield, England, a ten-year-old girl died from eating her own hair. (New York) *Daily News* (contributed by David Delancy)



According to this 1909 headstone, young George Spenger "lost life by stab in falling on ink eraser evading six young women trying to give him birthday kiss in office Metropolitan Life Building." (contributed by Carol Abramsky)

In Douglas, Georgia, a fifty-nine-year-old worker at the Golden Poultry processing plant drowned to death after falling into a twenty-two-hundred-gallon vat of chicken blood. *UPI* (contributed by Robert Meikle, Jr.)

Elephant trainer Tim Mericash, twenty-three, died in Springhill, Louisiana, while helping to raise the tent of the Roller Brothers Circus there. He was supervising Ellie the elephant when she stepped on a wire, which electrocuted her instantly. The dead elephant then collapsed on Mericash. *Toronto Star* (contributed by Jim Smelle)

In Sydney, Australia, a sixty-two-year-old woman was killed when her lover beat her over the head with a pet rock he had given her. (Vancouver, British Columbia) *Province* (contributed by Jeff Hanna)

In Wiggins, Colorado, thirty-nine-year-old Henry Ruppel, Jr. died after the support beams in a farm warehouse gave way and he was buried in five feet of potatoes. *Darville* (Virginia) *Register* (contributed by Gary Thompson)

In Royalton, Minnesota, a forty-three-year-old farmer died after he fell into an eight-foot-deep manure pit. (Dubuque, Iowa) *Telegraph Herald* (contributed by Pat McCauley)

A seventeen-year-old German tourist in Spain was killed when a truck swerved off a road in the town of Tarragona and dumped its sixteen-ton load of oranges on her. (New York) *Daily News* (contributed by Don Vaughan)

According to a *New York Times* item datelined El Dorado, Arkansas, "Two workers died Saturday when they were overcome by ammonia fumes in a vat of chopped chicken parts." (contributed by Duck Divet)

In Sento Se, Brazil, ten fishermen died when the truck they were riding in overturned and they were crushed under the eleven-ton cargo of salted fish. *AP* (contributed by Jessica Dines)

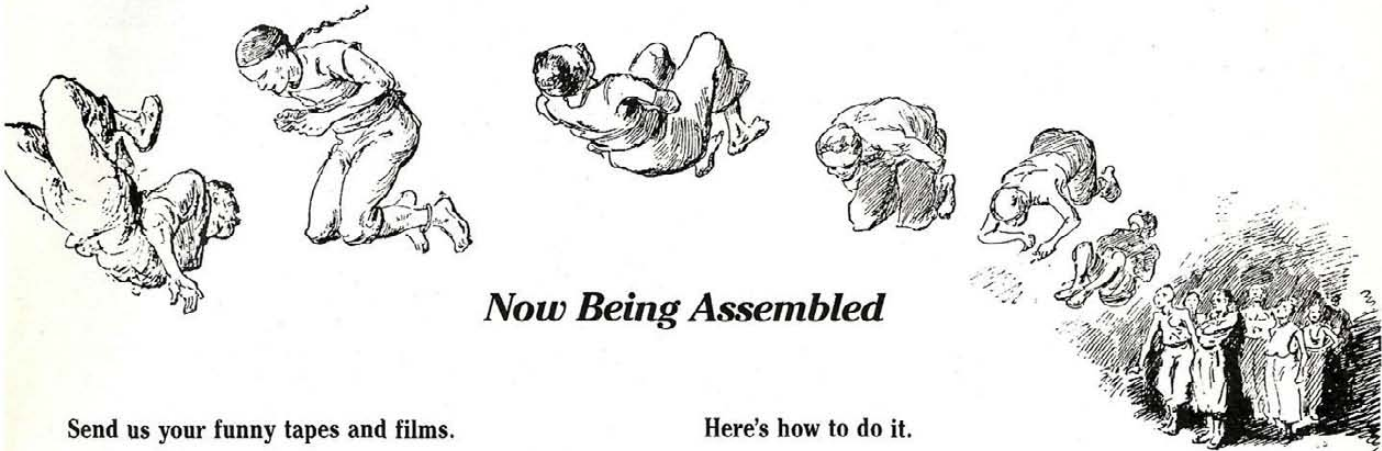
In City of Industry, California, a twenty-two-year-old worker at the Golden State Foods Corporation plant was crushed to death when he fell into an industrial meat grinder. *Rochester Democrat & Chronicle* (contributed by Linda Whitney)

A seventy-two-year-old South African man bled to death after he was cut by the shattered porcelain of a toilet bowl that collapsed beneath his weight in a Cape Town hotel. (Montreal) *Gazette* (contributed by David Moroz)

Officials were unsure of exactly what caused the death of sixty-four-year-old William Gilboe of Center Line, Michigan, but for the nine months prior to his death Gilboe had suffered from a case of the hiccups. *Detroit News* (contributed by Allen C. Murphy)

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FAMILIES IN LOVE

A gun battle erupted during a family get-together at the home of elderly Homer Rathbone near Hot Springs, North Carolina. When it was over, one of Rathbone's sons was dead and a second was wounded, along with his wife. Gunfire broke out during an argument over who had done the most for Dad. *Newport* (Tennessee) *Plain Talk* (contributed by Odie Hall)

Victor P. Dupuis, twenty-six, of Fall River, Massachusetts, was attending a boxing match when he was told to hurry home because his wife had died. But when the distraught Dupuis arrived home, he was so angry to find his wife, Linda, alive that he beat her over the head with a chair. *Fall River Herald News* (contributed by Jeff Hayle)

According to the *Tampa Tribune*, eighty-year-old Curtis Waters died "after being shot by his wife, Elizabeth, fifty-two, during what police said was a domestic argument. According to the police, the couple were arguing when Curtis Waters reached under the cushion of his chair and pulled out a .38-caliber revolver. Elizabeth Waters then reached under her own chair cushion and got a .32-caliber revolver. She shot her husband three times." (contributed by Susie Davis)

Patti Ann Wallace, twenty-six, was charged with first-degree murder after she shot and killed her husband, Ronald Lee Wallace, twenty-eight, during a party to celebrate their eighth anniversary. Police in Severn, Maryland, also reported that in the rush to get Wallace to a hospital, an unidentified party guest ran over Albert Schrupp, another guest, who was lying, apparently passed out, in the driveway. *Milwaukee Sentinel* (contributed by Dale E. Bowden)

After an unidentified man shot himself to death in Corpus Christi, Texas, police determined that the twenty-year-old newlywed was dependent because his wife refused to sleep with him. She told officers that her birth control prescription had run out. *UPI* (contributed by Stephen N. White)

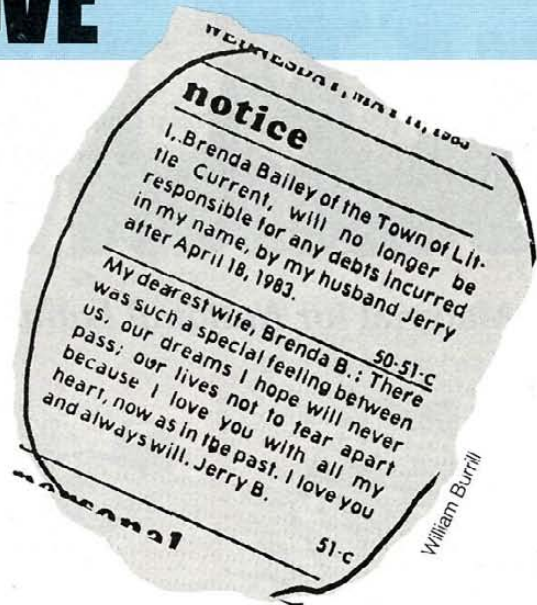
At a Mother's Day gathering in Houston, Texas, a forty-eight-year-old woman shot and killed a guest after he suggested that she was ungrateful for her Mother's Day presents. The woman had been given a plaque with the Twenty-third Psalm inscribed on it, but had thrown the plaque and her other gifts in the garbage. (Birmingham, Alabama) *Post Herald* (contributed by Edouard Bruchac)

Paul Treannie, forty-eight, and his wife, Joanne, thirty-four, "felt totally that everyone in the world had given them a raw deal," so they signed a suicide pact. The Treannies drove from their St. Cloud, Florida, home to a secluded spot in the Ocala National Forest, where Joanne shot herself in the chest with a .38-caliber revolver, collapsed in convulsions, and died. After witnessing his wife's death, Paul Treannie changed his mind about killing himself and then drove to a friend's home. *New Haven* (Connecticut) *Register* (Robert Larsen)

This story appeared in the *London* (Ontario) *Free Press*:

"London—A judge gave Mehran Derakhshan a divorce Thursday, ending a marriage his wife walked out on after two minutes. Denise Mathew Derakhshan, twenty-two, complained of a headache immediately after her wedding ceremony two years ago and vanished with a friend. Derakhshan has not seen her since.

"Denise never gave me a reason



for walking out,' said Iranian-born Derakhshan, twenty-six." (contributed by Fred Hinnegan)

In Henrico County, outside Richmond, Virginia, Judge E. Ballard Baker agreed to allow Bruce Swain to serve the last ten months of his wife's one-year sentence for cocaine possession. Swain convinced the judge that, because his wife was experiencing a high-risk pregnancy compounded by psychological problems, he should be allowed to serve the remainder of her sentence.

While Swain was in jail, however, his wife, Carmen Bernice Marino, departed with the baby and filed for divorce. *AP* (contributed by Pam Wood)

After an argument over the family's vacation cabin, two children of eighty-year-old recluse Blanche Hansen refused to speak to each other for years. Finally brought together to settle the estate of Blanche's brother Harold, Robert Hansen and his sister Carol Evenson buried the hatchet. According to the (Hackensack, New Jersey) *Record*, after exchanging friendly greetings, Robert Hansen asked, "So where are you keeping Mom?" Evenson replied, "We thought you were taking care of her."

The reconciled siblings found their mother's remains on the floor of her Duluth, Minnesota, house, where she had apparently been entombed for more than a year. (contributed by Duck Divet)

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"A tennis ball? How can I?" I asked, surprised.

"I mean that round fleshy object therein," she explained.

"Which corner?" I asked, maintaining a good balance as I carved her legs up to W-position.

"You lazy leaner; don't ask me stupid question," she retorted.

"You goddamn whore, I have never heard of a tennis ball in a woman's hole," I flashed back as I could not hear the insult.

"Please, get up!" she shouted.

"Oh no. Please wait," I pleaded as I knelt more closely to her.... I let go a good thrust of my manhood and at once she jerked backwards with a pitiful scream, "ash!"

And she said, "Oh yes you've hit the tennis ball. Please come again to-

morrow." (contributed by S.W.D. Banks)

This letter was published in the Detroit Medical News:

Dear Sirs:

I feel that the following case is worthy of the attention of the local medical community and therefore present it to you for publication.

Recently, the Emergency Medical Service responded to a call from a person who had discovered a man and woman conjoined as for intercourse, and unable to separate themselves due to pain. It was with some difficulty that they were transported via a makeshift double stretcher to the emergency room of the Woman's Hospital. Here the emergency room physicians were confronted with two people suffering from hysteria, extreme pain, and no little embarrassment, unable as previously described to disengage themselves from each other. It was prematurely decided that the two were trapped by a case of vaginismus as described in a *Philadelphia Medical News*. An anesthetic with

muscle relaxants was administered to the lady. However, even during this anesthetic, the gentleman was unable to extricate himself, and an examination revealed no spasm, indeed, quite a patulent vaginal introitus. After recovery from the anesthetic, a more careful history from the lady revealed the recent introduction of a homemade intrauterine device to prevent pregnancy. At this juncture, the physicians postulated, as proved correct, that the device had somehow become entwined between the male glans and the female cervix, forbidding separation. The problem was eventually solved by the use of *more anesthetics, an operating esophagoscope, and cutting forceps*, which successfully severed the I.U.D. and thus separated the two suffering individuals. Both patients were given tranquilizers to help them over their traumatic experience.

I feel that a warning to the profession of this possibility is in order.

Sincerely yours,

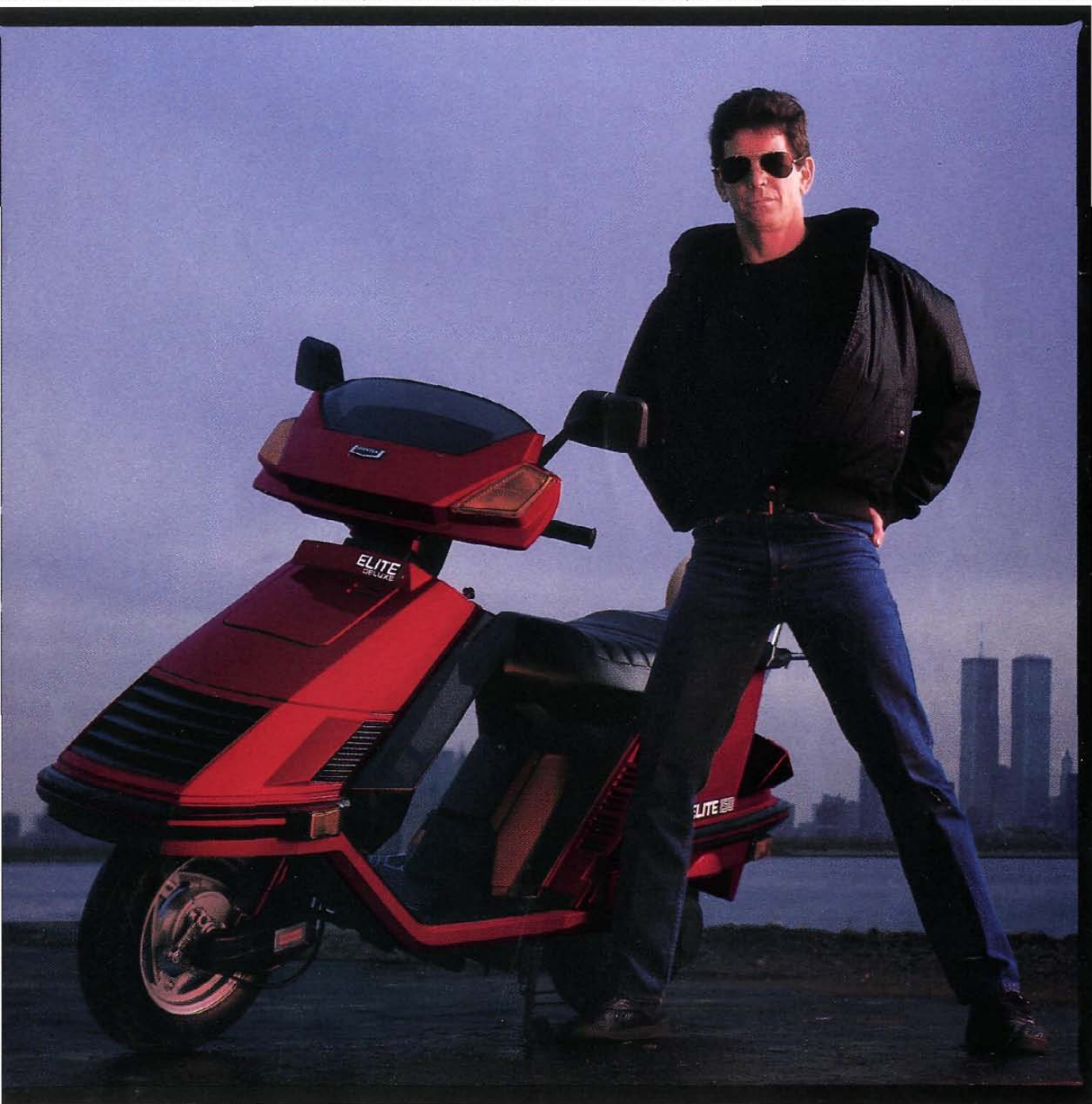
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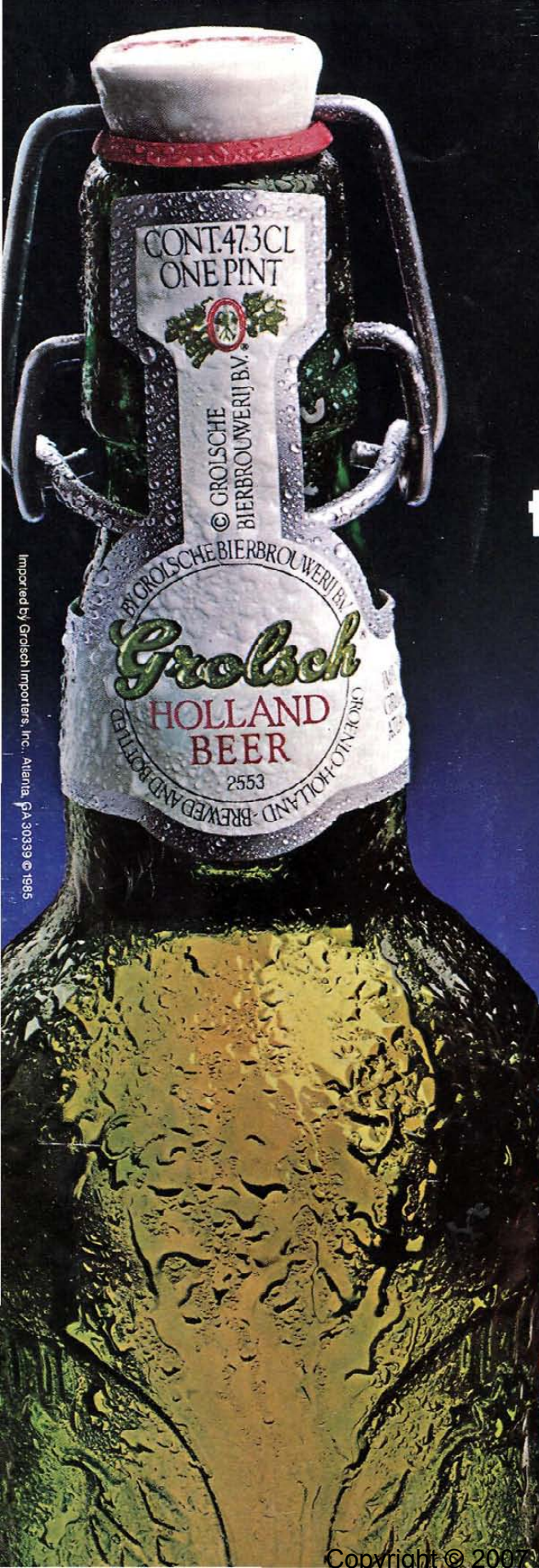
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