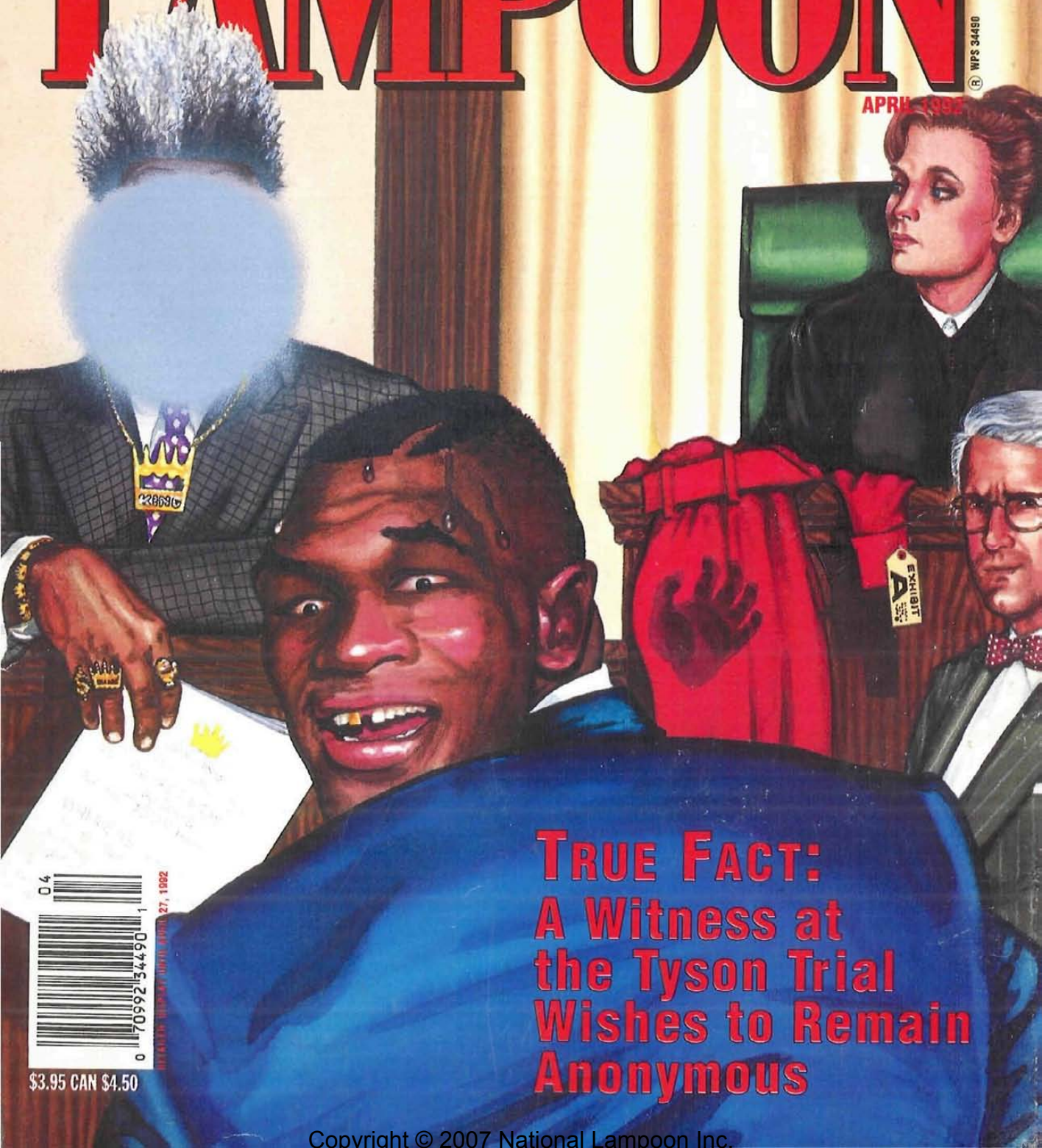


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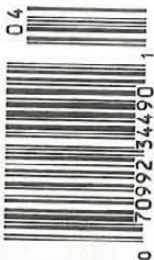
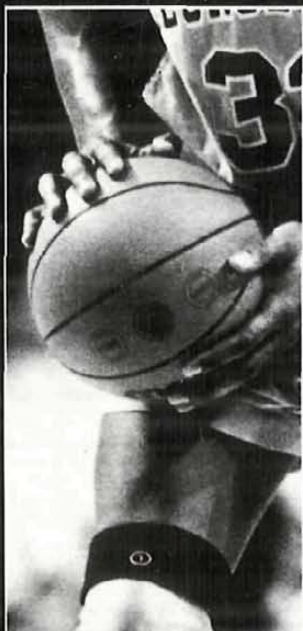
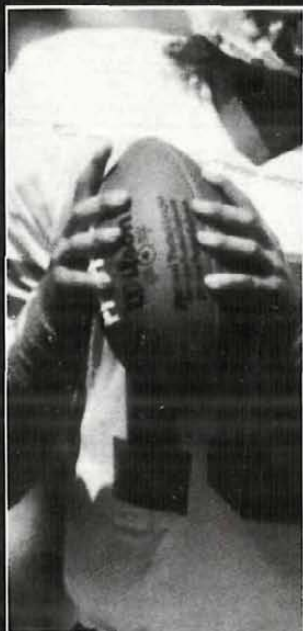


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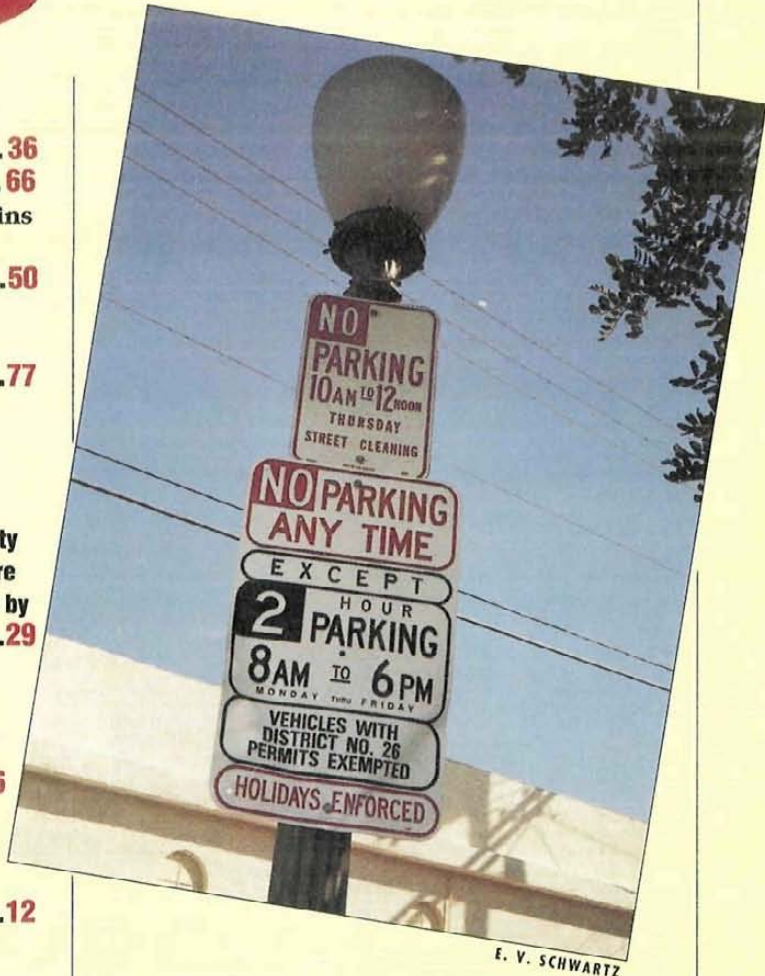
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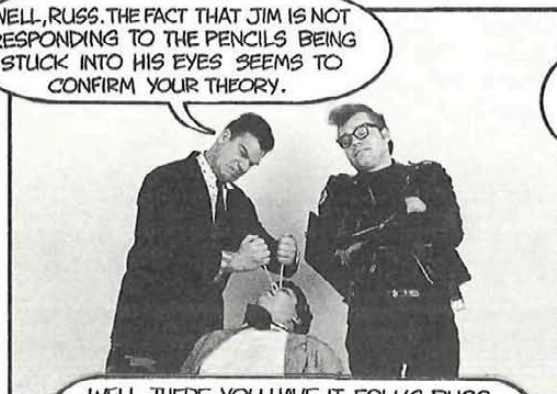
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EDITORIAL

Flipping through the pages of this True Facts issue—or any True Facts issue—one gets the sense that God, if there is one at all, is more a capricious genie than a benevolent lawyer. The only thing we know in our experience that really does exist is chaos, we reflect as we look at the wacky-Chinese-restaurant pictures. And when we hear about the guy beating his wife to death with banjos, it strikes us that the world is upside down in the True Facts universe, spun, it seems, by serendipity, coincidence, and luck (dumb or otherwise). For top-flight humorists such as ourselves, True Facts proves our grand attempts at amusing tales and unexpected ideas are humbled into stale predictability by the infinite madness of the real world. It seems that, like the tree, only God can make a True Fact.

For example:

- Josephine Head and Bill Fuck are to be married during a private ceremony in Fart Falls, Montana. Head, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimbo Timbo-Crimbo of Lasersurgery, Iowa, is a laboratory test animal for Livermore Laboratories. Fuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hi I'm A Goddamn Stupid Fuck of Saucyfloss, California, is a kindergarten student. This will be Head's eighty-third marriage, Fuck's first.

- Eighty-year-old June Sarris of Madison, Wisconsin, discovered the

bodies of fifteen of her closest friends planted head first in her backyard garden recently. A local radio station,



which killed the friends and planted them as part of a promotion, confessed to having used "poor judgment" in its actions, saying that the stunt would have been better if the bodies had been planted feet first.

- A dog, a cat, and a kissing gourami

fish, which had formed a direct-mail and political consulting firm that grossed nearly fifteen million dollars in 1990, were arrested in connection with the arson deaths of three J.C. Penney employees last year in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

- Niles, Ohio, city councilman Otto Wilson returned home Friday from a three-hour council meeting to find his house had been broken into by Jesus Christ, who prepared himself a meal from food in Wilson's kitchen before leaving the house and returning to heaven.

- From the Police Blotter of the *San Jose Mercury News*: "Los Angeles police officers responding to a noise complaint in the Charles Laughton housing projects arrested a Chicken McNugget at 4:30 P.M."

- The July 5 lineup for the third race at the Belmont Park racetrack included horses named Red Rocket, Deep Pocket, DC Socket, Heart-Shaped Locket, Judge's Docket, and Davy Crockett. The horses were owned by men named Jerry, Larry, Cary, Barry, Harry, and Terry, respectively. The sons of the men were named Sean, Ron, Don, Lon, John, and Vaughn, respectively. The girlfriends of the sons were named Nina, Tina, Gina, Christina, Dina, and Sheena. The dogs of the girlfriends were named Scruffy, Fluffy, Tuffy, Buffy, Puffy, and Muffy. The

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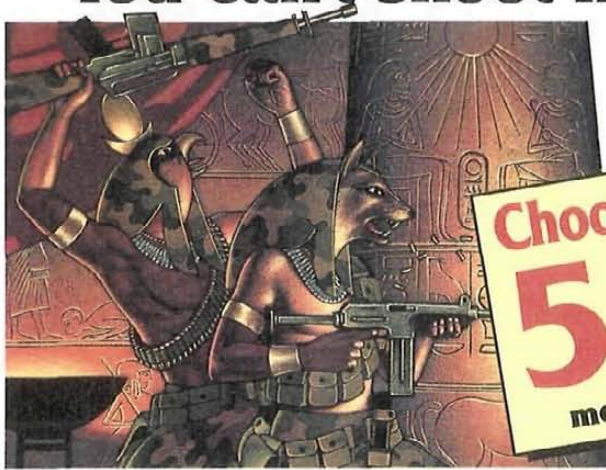
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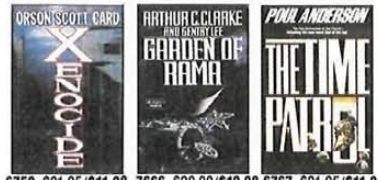
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Sirs:

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Pat Sajak
Wheel of Bleach

Sirs:

Regular price, four bucks, four bucks, fifty bucks, four bucks.

The Pizza Hut Hooker
In the parking lot

Sirs:

I am hustled out of bed every morning at five. The sun is just peering out as I'm handed an indifferent mix of sugar, flour, and water. The polyester work clothes itch as today's sweat mixes with yesterday's and last week's. I guard my food warily, and then wolf it down. Now they lead me down a dingy corridor into the poorly lit back room. A simple sign, "Employees Only—Keep Out," does not describe at all what is to follow. Once again it is time to make the doughnuts.

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
Working again

Sirs:

Last fall's Clarence Thomas mess left a foul taste in my mouth. The issue of sexual misconduct aside, I resent the accusations of a "lack of blackness" in Justice Thomas's character and political sensibilities. This egregious point of view presumes that

all African-Americans should march in lockstep when it comes to their support of affirmative action and entitlement programs. If Clarence Thomas stands up for what he believes, he cannot be a traitor to his race. He is simply another voice in the diverse chorus of Black America. I long for the day when each person is judged as an individual and not simply as an adjunct member of his or her race or ethnic group.

Slappy White
Las Vegas, Nev.

Sirs:

Life is difficult for us of the Phylatia Luthus phylum. We live only a scant thirty-two minutes, during which time we must mate, give birth, and write a short letter to the publication of our choice.

Apollonia Milicent Thraft
Okefenokee, Fla.

Sirs:

Pick a number between 1 and 10, but don't tell me what it is. Okay. Now add 32. Multiply by 9. Add the digits together, in your head... Okay, good. And presto! Your original num-



"To life!"

S. GROSS

ber was 4. What do you mean, "no"? Okay, okay. Give me a minute.

Blackstone
All-knowing, all-seeing

Sirs:

All work and no play does make Jack a mighty dull boy. But he's working for me now, so I don't really give a good goddamn how interesting he is.

Roland C. Tycoon
Forty-third floor
Corner office
Houston, Tex.

Sirs:

Found the glitch. After you multiply by 9 but before adding the digits together, subtract the first digit from the total. Add the digits together... and let me work my magic... Okay. The original number was... 7! No? Aw, fuck. This is embarrassing. Don't move. I'll be right back.

Blackstone
Pretty powerful

Sirs:

They double- and triple-team me, but it's no use, because they are, after all, penguins. I lead the league in sacks down here!

Admiral "Refrigerator" Perry
Due south

Sirs:

This is it. Divide the sum of the digits by their difference. Add your mother's age when she birthed you. Now don't tell me the sum. Okay, okay... your original... Sorry, what was that sum? Goddammit, I'm the magician! Just tell me the fucking sum. All right, then. Your original number was 6. Aw, nuts.

Blackstone
Available for birthdays

Sirs:

Hey, I got a great idea—*Silence of the Clams!* Do you get it? Clams don't make any noise, right, and then there's that popular movie called *Silence of the Lambs*, and so you, like, put the two together, and right there, you get something kind of funny. But honestly, it's probably not quite funny enough to do a whole feature on it, so there it goes, into the letters column, with all the other weak jokes you guys think of that don't have much potential and aren't really good enough for anything else. So there—after all these years, I think I've finally figured

how you guys do it. Cancel my subscription, you lazy half-assed bums.

Bernie Kravitzky
Twenty-year subscriber
Saginaw, Mich.

Sirs:

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Sirs:

I will now share with you my sure-fire recipe for endless, rich comedy. You say a word ending in -er, like hitchhiker, or advertiser, and then I snap right back by repeating the word, and then saying, "I don't even know 'er." Pretty cool, huh? See, look: Butter? *I don't even know 'er!* Refrigerator? *I don't even know 'er!* Liquor?

I don't even know 'er!

Wait, there's more! Hammer? Cauliflower? Tower of Power? *I don't even know 'er!* Ha! This thing's sure to be the "Name Game" of the nineties. Just thought I'd give you a chance to jump on at the ground floor.

Perry Friedman
Patents Pending, N.C.

Sirs:

So in the morning we were supposed to have this open forum on the ozone layer, only the AC was broken at the Hilton so we all scattered. Which was okay with me because I think everyone gets ideas that are too complicated. I keep saying: "Simple things to save the earth!" Like who wants to hear about auto emissions?

Don Henley's Diary
Walden Mud Flats, Mass.

Magazine People:

This letter is literocentric. Out of solidarity, it must end now.

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LETTERS

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Sirs:

Here's one for all you fruity-tooty college punks. Everyone knows when you eat food you shit shit. So how come when I eat shit I don't shit food? Ha! I can't wait to hear the answer to this one.

Chuck "The King" Montefusco
*Still working at that place
 you worked at that one summer*

Sirs:

Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. Fool me three times, shame on you. Fool me four times, shame on me. Fool me five times and I'll blow your head off with a shotgun.

Bob Wiggits
 Cedarville, Ohio

Sirs:

Take me out to the ballgame, take me out to the crowd. Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack, then clean it up when I get carsick and vomit on the way home.

Your Seven-Year-Old Nephew

Sirs:

Kings are appointed by God, and their every wish must be obeyed. And I'm not just saying that 'cause I'm king—I'd say it no matter who I was.

King James
The early seventeenth century

Sirs:

I'm flipping through the latest issue of *SI* and I spot this article about an upcoming LPGA Tournament down in Charlottesville. It's a big event. Lots of media coverage, and all the top lady golfers are going to be there. Then I read on and it says these gals are playing for—get this—"a \$1,000,000 purse." Yeah, right. What's the next tournament going to be for—matching shoes? Fuckin' broads, man. Go figure.

Jimmy Connors
 Center Court, Tenn.

Sirs:

You know those mysterious drops of liquid that hit you on the face when you walk down the street, and you always assume they're from an air conditioner, but then you look up and there isn't an air conditioner on the

whole block? Don't worry, it's just me, my Super-Secret Long-Distance Liquid Projectile Transfer Device, and a bottle of stale Yoo-Hoo.

Alan P. Guerrerruero
 New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Have you, too, noticed that America seems to be decaying from within? Would you like to know why drug abuse, AIDS, divorce, unemployment, prostitution, and violence are allowed to run rampant, unraveling the very fiber of our society? Do you ever wonder who or what is responsible? Well, my friend, I'll tell you. I'm a little embarrassed to say it, but it's actually my fault. It started off as a high school graduation prank a couple of years ago and jeeze, I guess it got a little out of hand. Sorry.

Fred
 Columbus, Ohio

Sirs:

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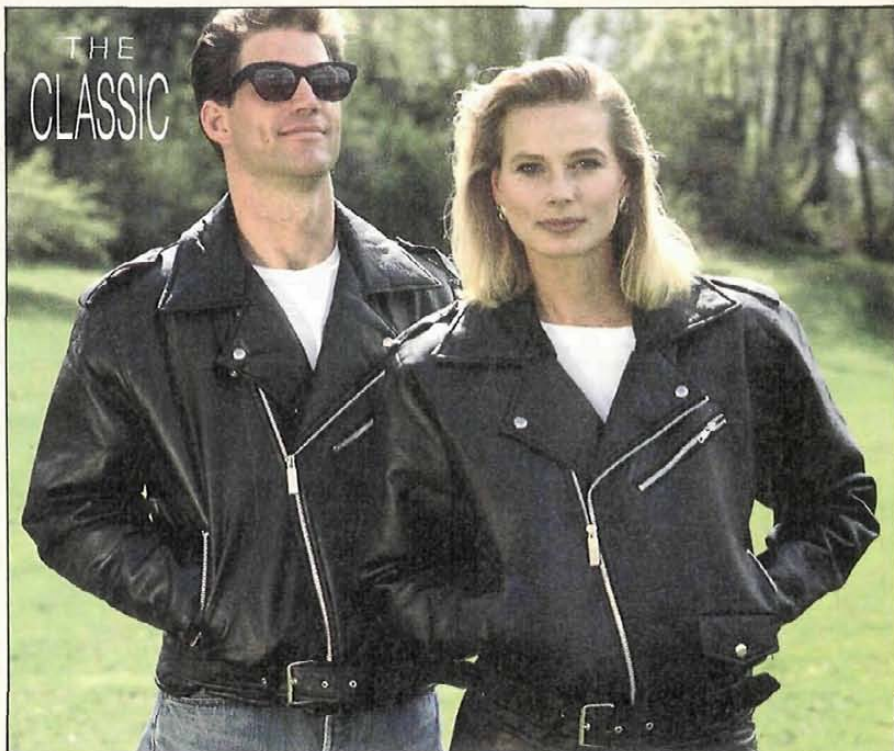
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Eli "Socks" Gallagher

EDITOR'S NOTE: Eli "Socks" Gallagher has a bottle cap lodged in his throat, at least that's what we think he said, and has taken the month off. In his place, we are happy to publish the transcript of an Albertville overview from the International Olympic Committee official recorder, Juan Antonio Samaranch, Jr.

Ladies and Señores,

I'd like to explain a few things about the papers you've just been handed, the official and final scores and findings for the sixteenth modern Winter Olympic Games. Because of momentous changes in the Soviet Union, there have been some...uh...interesting questions of representation and...who's from where and what countries are called....I don't want to get into this all again, but here are the final scores and rulings as Dad and I, I mean as the chairman and I, see them. This is not a press conference, and there will be no questions. As the affidavits—see appendix A—indicate, the decisions of the judges are sworn to be impartial.

We're in asterisk city here, so it's probably easiest to go through things page by page.

PAGE 2:

Until we get a ruling one way or the other, the IOC is recognizing the breakup of Ukraine into Uk and Raine. You'll see that the United Kingdom is abbreviated throughout this document as GB, to avoid any confusion.

That said, and fully aware of Uk's financial problems, we respectfully stand by the IOC's decision not to let the Uk team compete in the two-man bobsled trials in a "real waxy refrigerator box."

The same goes for the Rainian petition to participate in the men's single luge by sliding in "real shiny snowpants" with a newspaper stuffed in the seat. The same ruling applies to Loathia's aluminum garbage-can lid. Fair's fair.

Also on Page 2, the IOC has no position on the Republic of Loathia's expulsion of the indigenous Sloths. The men's 1,500-meter speed skating results stand as written. Once the Sloths get their own country we'll be happy to have them join in the international brotherhood of athletic etc.

PAGE 3:

This is just a summary of the events surrounding the suspensions.

Paragraph 1: Upper Quisling athletes suspended on evidence of doping blood with urine.

Paragraph 2: Lower Quisling athletes suspended on evidence of doping urine with blood.

I think these speak for themselves.

PAGE 4:

Formal complaints in re the Estonian flag—depicting, as it does, a white circle on a field of crimson, black swastika, vampire bat rampant. You'll see that we rely on the precedent of China/Taiwan, and, without reopening that whole can of worms, we'd rather have the parties in conflict work this out themselves. If Croatia wants the exact same flag, that's just tough. Dad—uh, that is, the chairman—suggests the addition of a couple of stars or something. We'd be more involved if the Estonian team had won anything, I guess that's obvious.

It's not in here, but I'd like to add

my two centimes on this new idea a bunch of the new countries, especially around the Caucasus and the Baltic—you know who you are—have been floating. This is the idea of pre- and post-event testing to see if a participant is, or has become, a Mason. Now, the Olympic code isn't written in stone or anything, but technology seems to have failed us on this; I've made inquiries, and this will have to wait. So keep your so-to-speak "pants on." All right, next:

PAGE 5:

Bizarro Croatia's 297.1 in the women's 70-meter slalom stands.

PAGE 6:

Strike this section. Until cooler heads prevail, the marksmanship half of the biathlon is canceled. Our deepest and most sincere regrets to the survivors of the Lisztomanian team. Etc. Etc.

PAGE 7:

You can make all the allegations you like, but we have yet to see evidence that Katarina Witt asked for or enjoyed being tarred and feathered and having her head shaved in the manner of the collaborator woman in France in the Robert Capa photograph. If this kind of derivative behavior happens again, expect the sternest kind of rebuke.

PAGE 8:

This is just our position on radioactivity as a disqualifying factor for athletes. This policy is open to change and so, heh-heh, are they.

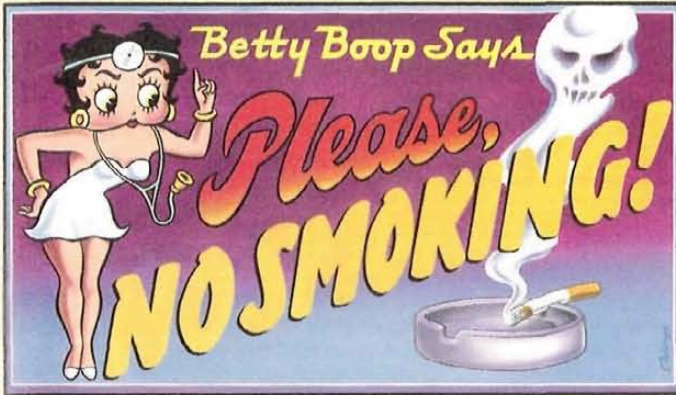
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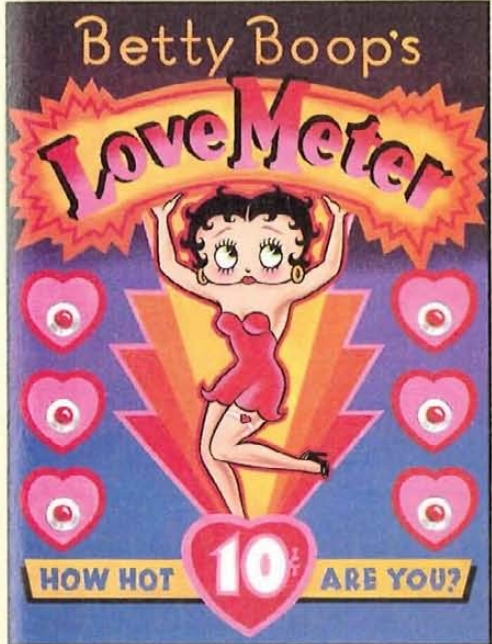
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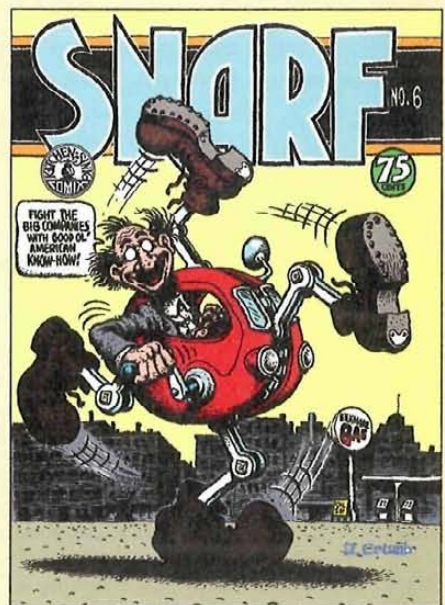
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A CANDID REVIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PRESS

THE COVETED TUBERS

Well, the Nielsen sweeps are upon us like a recurring rash, and the worst thing about them is contemplating CBS's rerun-retrospective policy, because it means that a special titled *The Very Best of "Major Dad"* is sure to be on our screens in ten years or so. The second-worst thing about the sweeps is that the Potato is required to finish watching a bunch of local news tapes in order to award the Coveted Tubers for the last sweeps month.

The Coveted Tubers are awarded for outstanding merit and/or sensationalism by a local television news bureau during a sweeps month. Amazingly, this is their very first presentation, even though the news departments have been earning them for years now. Without further ado, let's bring out the stars of *Baywatch* in their spangly gowns and get to presenting:

- **Best Teaser.** "While parents watch news, kids take drugs. Find out why!" WDET in Detroit wins the first Coveted Tuber of the evening with this appeal to the guilty/gotta watch paradox. Second place goes to WMCO in Nashville for "If Elvis were president—the surprising findings."

- **Best Overreacting "Consumer" Series.** Nothing gets the viewers tuning in like showing that their personal lives are fraught with danger, and sweeps months are filled with salmonella scares, radon leaks, and toxic work sites. (Useful metaphors for the sources of national and international news that fill the rest of the broadcast, really.) Since virtually every station in the country has a bullshit "consumer" advocate, you'd

think this race would be close, but one look at Kansas City's KBKC series on unsafe furniture, *Sit Back, Relax—and Die!*, and anyone could see why it was no contest. Let's see the segment on prospective recliner accidents sold as a video!

- **Best Gratuitous Use of Sex.** Everyone's got a "Sex for Sale," "Sex in the Boardroom," "Sex Fraud," but only Houston's KERL had *The Sexy Parts*, a rehash of "surprising scientific findings" on what men and women find sexy that gave us segments on "breasts," "buns," "stomachs," and yes, even one on "personality." Honorary Coveted Tuber to anchor Don McBain for banter line "Well, I'm a butt man myself, Kim."

- **Best Gratuitous Use of Human Tragedy.** It was just an ordinary University of Kentucky scrimmage—until a stray pass sent twelve-year-old Alex Mortenson into the hospital with a coma! Made to order for emotional appeals and up-to-the-minute updates, but only WIPT had the guts to round up brain-transplant volunteers and get Kentucky coach Rick Pitino to lead the Greater Lexington area in prayer—and the balls to bill itself as "The Mortenson Family's Choice," until Alex came out of it and everyone lost interest.

- **Best Tie-in with Fictional Network Programming.** A sentimental category for the Potato, who remembers the days when news had to be something that actually happened. Nowadays, hell, it's filled with Randy Quaid interviews and "Could 'Teenage Cannibals' happen here?" For sheer

irrelevance, though, the Coveted Tuber in this tough category goes to WCBS in New York, which, after the *Memories of "M*A*S*H"* special, asked a bunch of prominent local clergy to recall "their favorite Father Mulcahy story."

Well, that's all the time we have for this special awards ceremony. Tune in next sweeps month, when our hosts will be Robert Guillaume and the Kodak All-American Cheerleading Squad.

YOU CAN HAVE ANY OPINION YOU LIKE, SO LONG AS IT'S OURS

Nightline's recent discussion of "bipartisanship" was a classic example of what might be called the Balance Fallacy, or the belief that "there are two sides to every issue," as dumb third-grade teachers like to put it.

Let me explain. The idea behind most network news is to present two sides no matter what, in order to cover themselves from accusations of being fawning, lickspittle power worshipers. But what if the first view is completely erroneous—even if it comes from the president? (Amazingly, it has happened.) Of course, the other side, if it hasn't been whipped by fear of the White House, notes that the view is erroneous. The White House then claims that it is not. With the Balance Fallacy that is currently in effect, the debate ends there; objectivity is served, even if no conclusion has been reached.

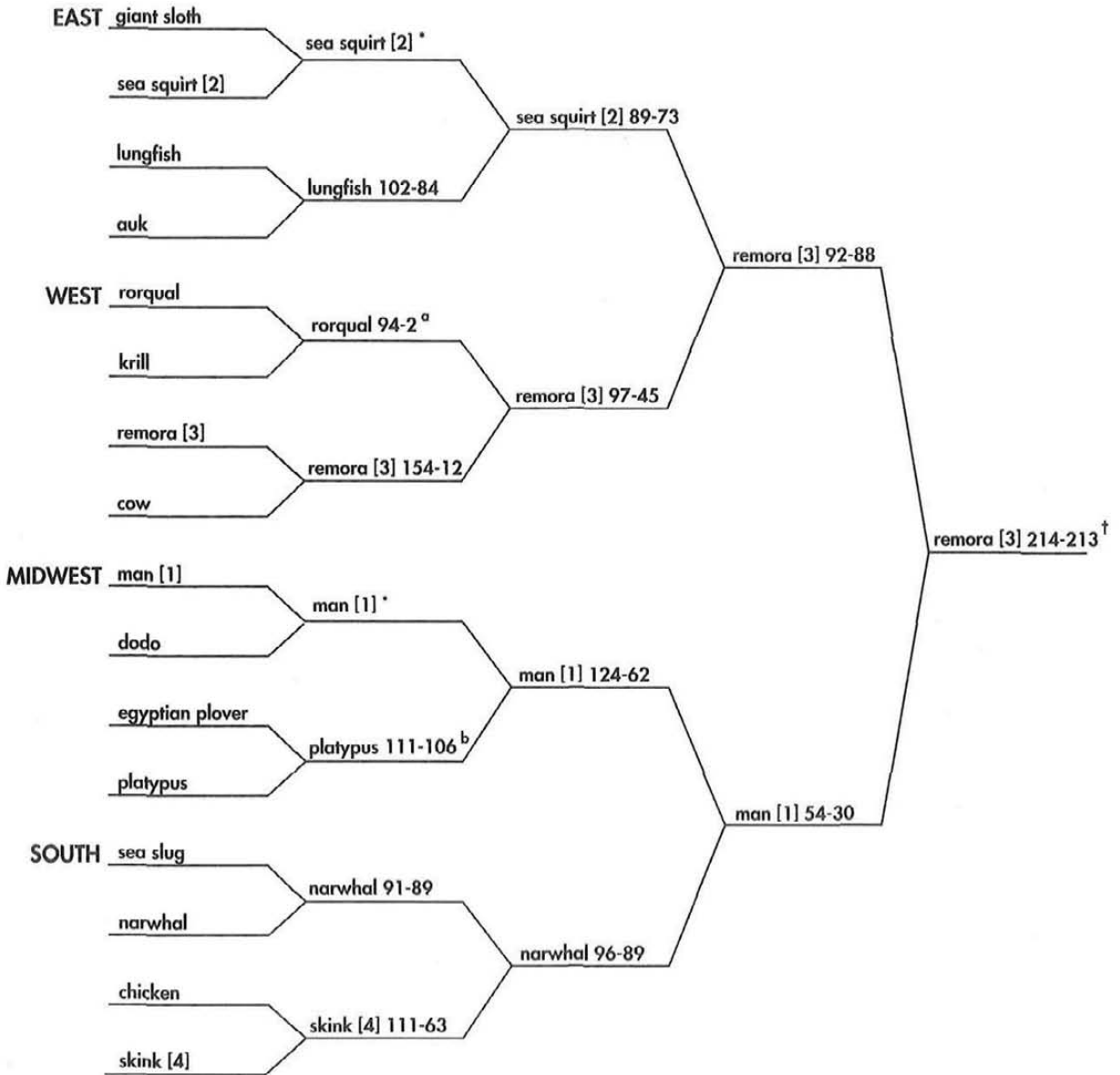
For example, let's say George Bush claimed that everyone in America who wasn't a welfare cheat had a job. THE CONTINUED ON PAGE 84



"Hey, want to see some sewage?"

THE PATHETIC ANIMAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

by Jonathan Schwarz



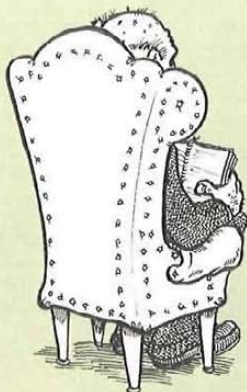
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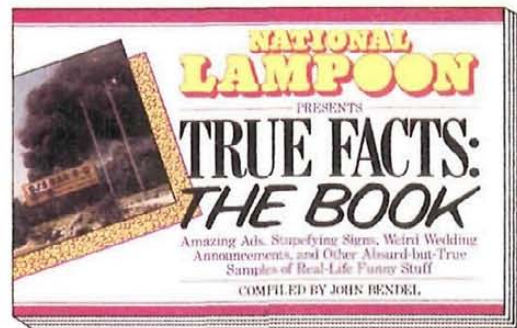
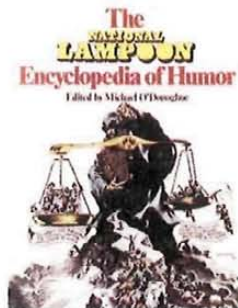
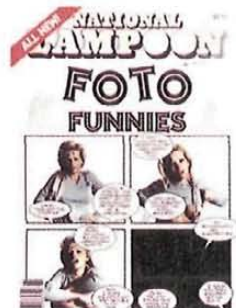
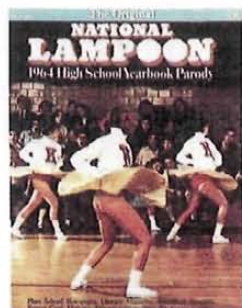
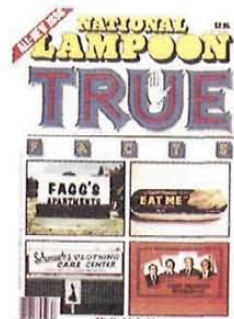
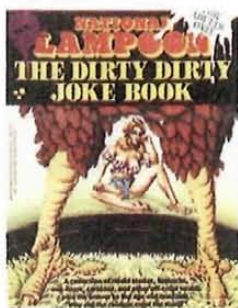
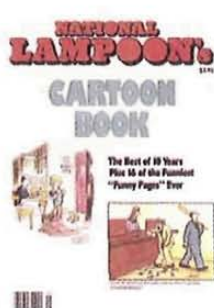
^a krill protests playing against whale

^b plover protests playing without symbiotic crocodile host

I've never LAID DOWN ON ONE OF THESE THINGS BEFORE. Does anyone ever lie on his stomach? In the cartoons the guy's always lying on his back, that's why I asked. I guess if the guy lies on his stomach, that's a sign of something, right? LIKE HE'S CRAZY OR SECRETLY GAY? ACTUALLY, IT'S KIND OF COMFORTABLE ON MY STOMACH. DO YOU MIND if I lie like this? I can see you now. I bet that's why they make people lie on their backs, so they can't see you. Don't worry, if you want to pick your nose or adjust your pants, go ahead, I won't mind. The reason I said that thing about the cartoons is that I've never actually done this before—as I might have said on the phone, coming here wasn't my idea. You know what else? In the cartoons, you've always got a beard. HOW COME YOU DON'T HAVE ONE? JUST ASKING, THAT'S ALL. I used to have a lamp like that. Did you actually read all those books? Just asking. Hey, I bet I know why you have the Kleenex there—the chick before me was crying, right? Was it because she doesn't have a boyfriend? Am I close? Okay, you don't have to tell me, but I've got some real-world advice you can pass on to her. You're the brain expert, but I'm out there in the singles mix, so I'm kind of an authority. TELL HER TO LOSE ABOUT TWENTY POUNDS. She should get one of those StairMasters—seriously, you've got a pen and paper there, write it down. StairMaster, one word, spelled like it sounds, they're not that expensive, and you can do it in front of the TV or whatever. YOU COULD EVEN HAVE ONE IN HERE. HEY, THAT'S A GREAT IDEA—"Shrink your head and your hips, all for one low price." Actually not that low, but I mean compared to joining a health club and everything. Not that I'm complaining about the price, I mean I saw on those diplomas outside how you went to medical school and everything. That must be kind of weird, going to medical school and learning all about bones and bacteria and stuff and then all you do is talk to fat girls who don't have boyfriends. I mean, do you ever sit there and think, "What a fucking waste of time it was learning about bones—I COULD HAVE BEEN SEEING MOVIES OR MEETING BABES, but instead I sat in some classroom watching a professor take a corpse apart and identify all the bones." I mean it's not like you can tell this chick, "I know why you're depressed, there's too much bacteria in your bones." SO IT WAS KIND OF A WASTE OF TIME, YOU have to admit. Look, I said you could go ahead and pick your nose, you don't have to do that deal where you just brush it with your thumb, that never solves anything. Just pretend I'm not here. Anyway, as I mentioned, coming here wasn't my idea, it was some people at work, and it seems to be a condition of my continued employment. What I want to know is, if I'm driving them crazy, shouldn't they be coming in here? Maybe you could give them some kind of a discount rate and squeeze them all onto the couch. WHAT ARE YOU WRITING DOWN NOW? I BET YOU'VE RECONSIDERED THE STAIRMASTER THING. JUST DON'T FORGET TO CUT ME IN on the profits. Actually, I've got a better idea—why don't you just send me some of the chicks, after they've slimmed down and gotten un-crazy. WHY NOT? WAIT, I KNOW—YOU KEEP THE BEST FOR YOURSELF, RIGHT? Must be pretty convenient with the couch and everything, some babe's lying there whining about how no guys like her, and you can stand up and say, "Why, one of them does, little lady." It's a perfect make-out situation, don't tell me you haven't at least thought about it. Plus she's out of here an hour later. What do you mean, time's up? There's just one thing I didn't mention—I WANT TO KILL MY FATHER AND FUCK MY MOTHER. Joke, joke, I was joking. What are you writing down now? I hope you didn't take that seriously. Anyway, if you can just write a note to my boss explaining how I'm normal and everything, that would be great. CATCH YOU LATER.



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dogs were killed by disease, poisoned cheese, bad fleas, swallowed keys, stings from bees, and Rick Dees, respectively.

- Terry Caldwell, director of promotions for WEZY-FM in Madison, Wisconsin, said "the station used poor judgment" after it had the friends of listener Joyce Lawrence, eighty-three, killed and planted upright in her garden as a promotion. "We should have planted them head first," said Caldwell.

- Investigators looking into the disappearance of a piece of elbow macaroni from the cupboard of Lucy Curtis of Harmon, North Carolina, discovered it in a silverware drawer.

- Egyptian postal officials claim King Tut receives sixteen tons of mail each year. "Much of it is junk mail, like catalogs and contest announcements," said Ahmed Chaffa, "but most of it is from learned professors and members of Mensa, the high-IQ society."

- Charles Manson was elected honorary pope by the Sacred College of Cardinals during halftime at a special charity basketball game with wheelchair-bound vets.

- Seventy-nine-year-old Eunice Rathman of Madison, Wisconsin, awoke to find eight of her best friends being planted head first in her backyard garden as part of a promotion for a local radio station. In a public statement, WEZY-FM's director of promotions said poor judgment was used and that he "should have killed Rathman's friends first" before planting them.

Then, if all of these facts are odd-but-so, why didn't they make the cut? Simply because they failed the stringent entrance requirements all True Facts must undergo. Some were *torn*, not *cut*, out of the newspaper; some were submitted anonymously; some failed to give us an indication of the source. And the Manson fact suffered the most common fate of rejected True Facts submissions: *the person who submitted it forgot to include his T-shirt size.* In fact, of the hundred million True Facts that come into these offices every day, only a tenth of those ever make it into the magazine, or on a mug, or on a T-shirt, or in the True Fact-a-Day Calendar, or in one of the True Facts books or movies, or even in the planned theme park outside Copenhagen, Denmark, scheduled to open in 1993.

And we are pleased to say that,

for those facts, immortality awaits. Under a recent agreement concluded by True Facts impresario John Bendel with the Library of Congress, one copy of each True Fact that sees the light of day will be struck in bronze, and the entire collection will be stored in a vacuum container at temperatures approaching -200 Kelvin under a lead-lined mountain in West Virginia, we can't say where. So, if plowing through this issue feels like it's taking forever, you can be sure that it doesn't just seem that way.

PLUGS FOR TWO BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE:

Mountains in West Virginia or no, without the outsize efforts of our art and copy departments, this issue wouldn't exist at all. We also want to take the time to extend the Order of the National Lampoon, First Class, to Mr. John Bendel. Thanks to this issue, we have an ever-increasing appreciation of his job as True Facts wrangler, and we hope we returned the True Facts to his deluxe kennel on Philadelphia's Main Line none the worse for their trip to New York.

Also, Eric Goldberg took the concept of unpaid intern in directions nobody had ever thought possible. Eric came to us from the legitimate stage—still the purest form of acting, by the way—and did the shitload of scutwork with a tirelessness that was even more commendable than it was inscrutable. Kudos to all. ■

LETTERS

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Sirs:

We know you'll love this summer's hot flicks featuring some of Hollywood's most original thinkers!

The Lockhorns. Charles Durning and Michelle Pfeiffer, made up to look ugly again, play America's favorite feudingest couple!

Mary Worth. America's least-read comic strip becomes a *cause célèbre* when abstruse French filmmaker Jean-Claude Darryl proclaims it a work of genius.

B.C. This boffo movie's got what *Quest for Fire* and *The Clan of the Cave Bear* didn't: humor. With Roseanne Barr as the Fat Broad.

Cathy. An *Unmarried Woman* for the nineties? Delta Burke stars in this true-to-life comedy about women in the workplace. Hollywood comes to Cathy's rescue in a way her creator never has, as Cathy finally licks her ice-cream addiction (with the help of artfully placed Ultra Slim-Fast canisters here and there), drops Irving, and takes up with a British advertising consultant (Daniel Day-Lewis in the Alan Bates sculptor role).

Peggy Flack
Hollywood, Calif.

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"My compliments to the chef!"



RICHARD SALA



THE EAR

MITCH O'CONNELL

Like the Soviet Union, **Glenn Close** continues to break up piece by piece. Now it's plastic surgery to make her look older, transferring skin to her face from the rest of her body while computer-guided lasers drill holes in her bones to make her lighter and forensic pathologists add clay to her abdomen to fill inexplicable sinkholes.... **David Byrne** hopes his new album will help popularize the traditional gug music of the Aleutian Eskimos. The first single from the album, "600 Words for Snow," is set for a January release.... The end of an era: émigré ballet dancer **Mikhail Baryshnikov** has announced that, because of persistent knee problems, he will no longer be able to perform fellatio. Say it ain't so, Misha..... Fearing a hit from the **Clemens** family, **Nolan Ryan** is said to be afraid to dine in Italian restaurants.... How much does **Kirstie Alley** want to be the new M&M spokeswoman? Enough to shove the tasty pills up her ass when she can't eat any more, as she did last week at a Planet Hollywood soiree.... Invite of the season: **John Gielgud** will show slides from his near-death experience at a Friars Club roast in his honor.... **Ted Turner** had his dick broken off in a fight last weekend.... **Robert De Niro** spotted shitting outdoors in preparation for *Oh, Heavenly Dog!* II.... Latest Tinseltown fad: **unbrushed teeth**.... A big sad face for **George Will** and **Garry Trudeau's** poorly attended gay wedding. And the Ear thought attitudes had changed.... The quote: "I hate this country. You have a lifestyle instead of a life." The source: **French guys**.

FUN FUTURE FACT: Because global warming will eliminate winter as we know it, the White House is considering abolishing March and April, since, as one briefing put it, "if it wasn't for spring, those months would be totally worthless."

WORTH THE TRIP: At the Mud Festival in Bridgeport, Nebraska, held in late March, you'll get a fascinating glimpse into this basic—but too often overlooked—material, as well as a chance to enjoy exciting mud sculptures, mud souvenirs, and the sixty-fifth annual "Big Tits in the Muck" wrestling contest.

SEVENTIES REFERENCES (date indicates peak hipness): "Billy" beer (3/14); *C.P.O. Sharkey* (4/3); Body on Tap shampoo (4/14); the rock group Boston (4/21).

MEANINGLESS FOLK WISDOM: "Blossom by Easter—sleep with my seester."

GREAT MOMENTS IN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

Kennedy Saves West Virginia (1960): Hoping to stop the momentum of John F. Kennedy's campaign, Hubert Humphrey waged an all-out battle in the West Virginia primary. The campaign was nip and tuck, and suspicions about a Catholic in the White House dogged Kennedy, but JFK managed to turn the tide his way when he met with the West Virginia Ministers' Association to seek their endorsement. Not only would he be free from Vatican influence, Kennedy assured the ministers, "but I intend to be the



first president to fuck Marilyn Monroe while in office, and you can't get much more all-American than that." Agreeing, the ministers gave their important endorsement to Kennedy. Once in office, JFK kept his promise, even though he didn't find Monroe attractive at all.

Reagan's Nap of Heroism (1980): While waiting to be introduced as the first speaker at a "Candidates' Forum" in Nashua, New Hampshire, Ronald Reagan suddenly fell fast asleep, his nodding head knocking over a water pitcher in the process. Embarrassing? It might have been—but the knocked-over pitcher doused an electrical fire that



had just started among the wires leading to the podium. Reagan was hailed as a hero, and slept his way into the pages of history.

The Michael Dukakis Joke (1988): In mid-1987, as the Democratic presidential campaign began to heat up, beloved political prankster Dick Tuck lunched with friends. "What we need is a parody candidate," said Tuck, famous for his Nixon impersonations, and with that, a "Massachusetts Miracle" was born. The prank was far more successful than they ever imagined, but, before long, the public tired of the joke. Today most people think that the Democratic candidate for president in the last election was Jon Lovitz.



None Dare Call It...

STARTLING PROOF!

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"THE GASSING OF AMERICA"

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SHELL

- ORIGINAL TRADEMARK HAS 13 STRIPES — UNOFFICIAL U.S. FLAG?
- SHORTENED FROM "SHELL OUT" (1948)
- WHY A SHELL? SEASHELLS BELIEVED TO BE EARLIEST FORM OF MONEY
- SHELL
- SIDWAYS, UNCANNY RESEMBLANCE TO PART OF "HINDENBURG" THAT BURST INTO FLAMES

Gulf

- FORMERLY OWNED & OPERATED GULFS OF MEXICO, TONKIN, GUINEA, ALASKA, MARTABAN, ST. LAWRENCE, CALIFORNIA, & PERSIAN GULF
- PHILLIPS [fr. Gk philos screw + OE lippa (+the) driver]
- CLOSEST WORD IN DICTIONARY IS "PHILISTINE"

TEXACO

- "POINT OF DEVIL'S TAIL" HIDDEN IN TRADEMARK
- SAY IT 10 TIMES FAST
- MYSTERIOUS INITIAL "T" IDENTIFIED AS CHUCK TAYLOR, COMPANY'S SECRET OWNER (COMPARE TRADEMARKS)
- A.K.A. "THE DEVIL'S RED PENTAGRAM"

PHILLIPS 66

- 6 POINTS ON BADGE... MISSING 6?
- POPULARITY OF TV'S ROUTE 66 ENGINEERED BY COMPANY IN EFFORT TO BOOST U.S. GAS CONSUMPTION (1960-64)
- "POLICEMAN OF THE WORLD"

CONVERSE

- Chuck Taylor ALL STAR

TEENSPEAK

Teen Slang Explained

to Parents by a Real Teen

- **Boff:** Rap with, have a discussion with. "Can you believe I boffed Janice again last night?"
- **Stoned:** Giddy with *joie de vivre*. "We were so stoned we could hardly see straight."
- **Blow:** Poetry readings, esp. inspirational ones. "Janice and I did a couple lines of blow while the band was on break."
- **Knocked up:** Visited, esp. by a potential paramour. "I'm not denying Janice got knocked up; I'm just saying it wasn't me."
- **Bong:** A single flower. "Within fifteen minutes, she was so stoned [see above] she was drinking bong water."
- **Abortion:** An expensive, botched auto repair. "So maybe I *am* the guy who

knocked her up [see above], that doesn't mean I'm going to pay for the abortion."

K.B.

ACTIVITIES THE CIA WILL ADMIT TO (IF YOU ASK THEM)

Teaching the contras square dancing (Central America, 1981-1987).

Helping kids with cystic fibrosis (Middle East, 1954-present).

Handing out pamphlet, *Hypothermia and You* (Vietnam, 1961-1973).

C.M.

MY POOL RULES

Running okay.
Everyone must dive into the pool. Old people and sissies do sailor dives.
Bathing caps worn by lifeguards only.
No "soloing" on water

slide—must go down piggy-back.

High dive: cannonballs only. Sissy divers use shallow end. No yelling or talking by lifeguards.

Get in free with open sores or ear or nose discharges.

L.M.G.

THE LOST WISDOM OF ANCIENT EGYPT

When you think about it, the wisdom of ancient Egypt probably hasn't actually been lost. After all, it must have been too important to just carelessly mislay. It could have been secretly passed down generation after generation from parent to child, master to disciple, business part-

ner to business partner. Anyone could be a secret carrier of this information—your wife, husband, boss, mailman, or dog. Given the huge number of people in the world, any of whom could be an adept of the ancient ways, the odds are strongly against it being lost. Ironically, it could even be hidden in Egypt itself. That would be almost poetic justice.

D.O.K.



**THE FOUR SEASONS
IN PARIS AT A GLANCE**

Spring
The latest Bardot is discovered and photographed to excess.

Summer
New slang word meaning "cool" is adopted.

Fall
Junior American coeds/Beaujolais Nouveau sont arrivés.

Winter
Controversy over I. M. Pei Louvre pyramid resumes.

R.S.

**APOCRYPHA OF THE
STEVE GUTTENBERG BIBLE
Chapter IV: Three Wise Men
and a Baby**

1. And when the time was nigh to change the swaddling clothes of the infant, the Magi did consult, 2. And him that was called Thomas didst say, "Thou must change the diaper of Our Lord, Stephen; thou wert holding Him when the waters came forth." 3. And Stephen spake, saying, "Nay, Thomas; thou and I each have held the holy child today, but our brother Ted Danson hath done none such labour, therefore it is meet that he reswaddle Him." 4. Then looked they both toward Ted, who had fallen to sleep in the ox trough. 5. Then flew they into a rage, and shaved they the eyebrows of Ted, and painted they a Magic Marker mustache, even on his upper lip. 6. And tied they together the sandals of Ted, 7. And soaked they the hand of Ted in a vessel of warm water. 8. And when Ted awoke, he was right sore at his brethren, and greatly desired revenge. 9. But the two men were long gone, and had taken the food and the camels and all the strong drink, 10. Leaving Ted alone, with naught but his befouled and besmirched

bedclothes with which to soothe the crying, howling infant Jesus.

K.B.

**CONVERSATIONAL GAMBITS
FOR PEOPLE WHO
ARE FUCKING
FOR THE FIRST TIME**



(F) Congratulations, you're in! Whatever happens next, you can at least be proud of that.

(M) Say, that's a tight/loose fit. You haven't/have done a lot of fucking, have/haven't you?

S.J.

MY LIFE AS A VIDEO

It was night. I stood at the window, waiting for the lights of passing cars to shine through the venetian blinds in such a way that they would cast shadows on my face. Behind me, my wife arched her leg and kicked her shoe off. It fell in a glass of water, which splashed in slow motion. She tossed her head back, her hair fanning out gorgeously behind her. I remembered the time I had upset a table filled with food at a fancy restaurant. It had all seemed to happen in slow motion, back then.

C.M.

**ANALOG/DIGITAL
TIME CONVERTER**

ANALOG: Quarter of one.
DIGITAL: 12:45.
ANALOG: Ten of three.
DIGITAL: 2:50.
ANALOG: "I'll pick you up around seven-thirty."
DIGITAL: "I'll pick you up at 7:40."
ANALOG: "That was a long

movie."
DIGITAL: "That movie was 128 minutes long."

ANALOG: "It's late."

DIGITAL: "It's 12:27."

ANALOG: "It's a long way to your place."

DIGITAL: "Your place is 7.3 miles away."

ANALOG: "Why don't you just spend the night here?"

DIGITAL: "If you hurry, you can catch the 12:55 bus."

I.M.G.

A WORD FROM AST-LITE

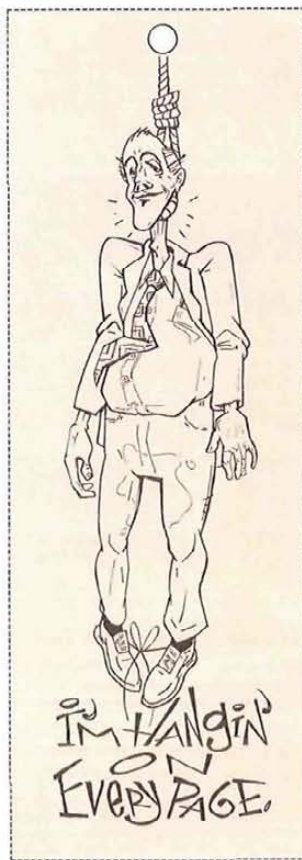
Welcome to the beautiful and mysterious world of Ast-lite Metals! Founded in 1904 by Richard Ast, Ast-lite Metals has been a contributor to the world market for some time. We here on the board of gen-

erals and mercenaries at Ast-lite would like to inform you—the metal consumer—about what exactly it is we do here in the large steel bunker on Mount Metalympus and in the tiny decoder boxes placed in teenagers' mouths as braces.

For many years our number-one product was Jenna-Shield 800—a metal so strong it could eat flesh. But that was, as they say, long, long ago. (Today, none of our products consume *flesh*!)

Our newest line of metals is so spectacular it is hardly even metal. It's just like you and me. (DO NOT TOUCH IT.)

When you see metal in the street, or if you sense that



—Cut bookmark into two pieces, then glue together—
GEORGE BATES

FINAL EXIT
Bookmark

Things to do before finishing *Final Exit*

1. Call cable man and have service terminated.
2. Have a neighbor stop by to take in mail and water the plants.
3. Remove perishable items from refrigerator.
- 4.
- 5.

E.G. & M.H.



it is approaching you from behind, lie down, breathe quietly, and concentrate on the name AST-LITE!

"We rule by serving."
Thank you.

S.P.

MORE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE THE EARTH

- Eat your own shit.
- Rinse dishes off with piss.
- Don't let yourself live for more than twenty years.

K.B.

TWO GAMES WITH ENVELOPES

Unlike their fright of words, envelopes have a destination that circumscribes their purpose. Opposite their gummed scars of adhesive, their business ends are inscribed with full protocols of source and end.

But envelopes are also fun!

1. **The Message in the Bottle.** The contest judges pick names at random from a phone book. You send each of these a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Then you collect all your return mail. After the contest expires, judges will rate each of your returned letters for quality and originality.

2. **The Emperor's New Mail.** You go into a dark, crowded bar. A loud bar. Throughout the bar, you place envelopes stamped PAYMENT ENCLOSED. Photograph the fights. Count the number of people involved in each fight. Time the disruption. Score yourself.

E.Y.

NATIONAL LAMPOON LIMERICK STARTERS

There once was a man named Sig Meanous,

S.J.

NO HAPPY ENDINGS THEATER



Scene: A poor but well-kept suburban home. A dog barking.

BOY: Dad! There's a dog barking outside! Do you think Rover could have followed us all this way to our new home?

DAD: No, son. I didn't really give Rover to the Hendersons. I had him put to sleep.

BOY: Oh.
DAD: Get me a beer, okay?
D.O'K.

A NEW CANDID CAMERA STUNT

The Setup: The victim and his wife and children are at a used-auto lot, taking a car for a test drive. On their return,

a pretense is used to lure the man away from the car.

The Gag, Part I: At this point, an Arab "terrorist" (actually a *New Candid Camera* employee) appears, brandishing an AK-47. Without warning, he opens fire on the car and "slaughters" the man's family (who are in on the gag) right before his eyes. Before the man can react, the "car dealer" (another *NCC* employee), who claims he doesn't "want trouble," drives the man to his house, only to find that it has been burned down and the man's cat, Fredo, has been "staked" to the front lawn.

The Gag, Part II: Just then, two burly "policemen" (also in on the gag) appear at the scene and arrest our victim for murder. Quickly tried and convicted by our "jury," the man spends a sleepless night in "prison" being

FDA ALERT!

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COMPOUND	SOURCE	SYMPTOM
erotochlorine, 4-5 libidinol	nose rings/studs	impotence
"Goofy Dust" (thermoclastic guanide amibulate)	earphone foam pads	loss of lower teeth
fractionated skin oil isotopes	microwaved food	can't tell yellow from orange
modo-bimbotol	Barbie dolls	positivism
green rubidium naivitate	job search service chairs	unemployment
francium-germanium-zirconium	synthetic gems	mixing wine and beer
trilanthum-selenium-iridide	bungee cords	dizziness, head and ankle aches

E.Y.



**JIM
WHEAT'S
PAGE**

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- HOLLER AND SQUAWK
- I WANDERED FROM MY GRAVE
- I'M LOSIN' YOUR MIND
- DEVIL PULL A KNIFE ON "POPS"
- SEEIN' DOUBLE(Left Me Single Again)
- EV'RY TIME THAT TRAIN GONE BY (My Body Starts To Grow)
- MY HOME IN THE STOVE
- HALF A LAUGH (Ain't Quite A Tear)
- NOW AND WHEN, AGAIN
- TIN CAN TYCOON
- SCRATCH MY BACK (If You Want Me To Bark)
- WHO'S THAT TALKIN'?(In My Sleep)
- JINGLE, JANGLE, CLAP & POP
- WHY AIN'T I HERE?(Where You Belong)
- I GO TO CHURCH (On The Way To The Bar)
- SHE SPILLED AN EMPTY BOTTLE
- HEMOGOBLINS (Theme From "Itchy Mama")
- JUST GOT BACK(From Too Far Gone)
- YOU'LL KNOW WHAT I MEAN (When You Feed Me Them Beans)
- NO WOMAN ON EARTH (Wears A Wig On The Moon)
- MONKEY GLUE STEW(What The Goo Man Do For You)
- SHE GETS THE SHAKES(When I Stomps On The Brakes)

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repeatedly poked with a broom handle by his cellmate Bubba (another insider) before awaking the next day—his execution day! He is then strapped into the electric chair, his eyes are taped, and the last rites are read.

But just as the switch is about to be thrown, in comes a call from the governor. The victim is handed the phone...it's Dom DeLuise! "Smile—you're on *Candid Camera!*"

K.B.

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CHELSEA

When my husband and I first heard about Chelsea, a blind, palsied, crack-addicted, HIV-positive, manic-depressive child with fetal alcohol syndrome, we knew we had to have her.

We discussed it with our children, who, being like-minded, quickly agreed.

What we didn't expect was the red tape.

Mongo Social Services was hoping to place Chelsea with a Korean Norwegian family who would raise her in the Jewish faith.

We were so determined to get her, however, that our family converted, and I purchased many books on Norwegian cooking.

We soon found that wasn't enough.

We were interviewed.

The social worker studied our home with a critical eye. "You don't look Korean," she said.

I decided to be honest. "Okay, we're not. But we want Chelsea."

My husband put his arm around me for support, and our six children gathered at my skirt, staring plaintively at Mrs. Grossman.

"Please," I said.

"No."

"Look, let's be real," said my husband. "I don't see you're going to have many takers for a blind two-year-old coke addict with sociopathic tendencies who's probably going to buy the farm any day now."

Mrs. Grossman looked at him. "We'll take that under consideration." With that she left. We heard nothing for six months.

During that time, complications arose. Chelsea developed a severe case of

pneumonia, followed by an unexplainable propensity for setting fires. She burned Sacred Bucks Hospital to the ground, and was subsequently moved to a foster-care facility in Norway. We still wanted her—if anything, now more than ever.

Finally, we heard from Mongo Social Services. I tore open the letter eagerly, only to find a bill for Chelsea's treatment during her bout with pneumonia.

I called Mrs. Grossman. "There was a mistake with that statement," she said. I sighed with relief. "We forgot to bill you for the fire."

"But I thought insurance would cover that."

"It does. But we need the money." I hung up, in shock. When Harry came home that night, I fell into his arms, sobbing.

"Chelsea?" he asked.

I nodded. "We're going to have to come up with another two thousand dollars."

He looked at me. "Honey," he said, "have you ever thought about seeing a professional?"

"A lawyer?" I asked.

"A psychiatrist."

I looked at my husband then, and knew. He was making me choose.

Much as it hurt me, I knew what my decision had to be. I loved Chelsea.

Harry moved out, but unfortunately, his paychecks left with him. In the meantime, Chelsea's bills piled up. Antibiotics, weighted sea-diver shoes, methadone, AZT treatments, water-ballet lessons, psychotherapy, tranquilizers, knee guards, speech therapy, and her Seeing Eye dog.

We sold the house and moved to a one-bedroom apartment in Wheat Ridge. Things were cramped, but we knew it

would all be worth it when we could finally bring Chelsea home.

Our hopes were raised when Mrs. Grossman arranged a visitation for me with Chelsea. I arrived early, wearing what I hoped were happy, warm colors and a welcoming smile.

Finally the door of the padded day room opened, and the dog padded in, followed by a small, rumpled child wearing sea-diver boots and kneepads, her dress smeared with grape jelly and her pockets full of matches. I fell in love in that instant.

"Chelsea," I murmured, moving toward her, but apparently I moved too fast, for the dog lunged at me.

Immediately his trainer entered the room and yanked at the rope attached to the dog's collar. "Off!" he ordered. Killer retreated, and I got to my feet, collecting myself.

"You okay?" the trainer asked me.

"Please," I said to him. "Leave us alone."

He left, closing the door behind him. I turned lovingly to Chelsea, who was sitting in a corner, blissfully unaware of her surroundings and rhythmically striking matches and tossing them to the floor. "Mustn't do that," I chided her. Responding to my voice, Chelsea immediately began tossing the lit matches in my direction. I thought my heart would burst.

But all too soon the meeting ended, and I returned to our low-rent apartment to await the word from Social Services.

It finally came. "She doesn't like you," said Mrs. Grossman.

"I don't understand."

"She dislikes you. In fact, she hates you. She was going to sic Killer on you but the meeting ended too fast."



My hopes rose, ever so slightly. The meeting ended too fast, she had said.

"I'm afraid placement with your family won't be possible."

"But she could learn to love us."

"I doubt that. She tried to set you on fire."

"That was just her way." Didn't they understand? Chelsea was a special child! Disheartened, I hung up.

I broke the news to the kids that night over dinner.

Janet, the oldest, looked pensively at her plate of Beansies and Weenies.

"Mom?"

"Yes, Janet."

"You're insane."

"Hey, we all are," said Mike.

"Not me," said Janet.

She rose from the table. "I'm glad she's not coming to live here. Mom, you've got six kids. Count 'em—six kids. Wake up. Smell the coffee. We live in a dump. We're five hundred thousand dollars in debt and we're not even allowed dogs in this apartment." With that, she ran from the room, sobbing.

The loss of Chelsea affected all of us.

But in a way, Social Services' decision was a blessing in disguise. Chelsea finally succumbed three weeks later. The doctors weren't sure to what; but at least I could take some small comfort in knowing that the kids hadn't grown to know her, to love her, as I did, before she was taken from us.

We've gone on with our lives as best we can. But Chelsea's short life touched us all, and I, for one, know I will probably remain touched forever.

Melinda Brindley

A TALL TALE

America's privately owned soil has nurtured some mighty big men—legends like Slippy Joe Hartford, who actually sold Mother Nature unemployment insurance, or Lightning' Lefkowitz, the Wall Street Flash, who traded bonds so fast that no one could tell if they were really there or not. And every boy in B-school has heard the story of Loophole Sam, who got out of both death and taxes. Yes, the doings and boastings of these tall-in-the-portfolio characters have filled many an annual report, but none of them has ever been bigger or more diversified than a horizon-blocking

butte of a booster they call Johnny Business, and if the busboys have finished clearing the tables, lend an ear to the story I'm about to tell. Lights, please?

Johnny was only the biggest man that ever gripped a boardroom table, and that includes your ex-football players in public relations. Why, when he was born, he was fifteen stories high, with a view of the park on two sides! His pa was a profiteering man with an automobile so long, it started pulling into the hospital driveway the morning Johnny was born, and to this day it hasn't completely arrived. Johnny's mother was the infamous Ma Bell, a broad-shouldered woman who could hear a million conversations at once and still not change her mind.

One day when he was three, she took him out to lunch and said to him, "Son, you gonna be a deal-drivin' man like yo' daddy?" And Johnny—through a representative—answered, "I have no problem with that."

*When Johnny Business was a little baby
Sittin' on his mammy's knee,*

*He said, "Government restrictions on
my right to make a profit*

*Gonna be the death of me, Lord, Lord,
Gonna be the death of me."*

Well, it wasn't long after that Johnny's pa was reduced to nothing by revenooers, and his poor old ma got divested, so Johnny quit Junior Achievement and headed out on his own. Next slide, please. He made himself an attaché case out of an old airplane hangar, and along with his trusty secretary, Babe the Blue Blood, headed south.

"South, babe!" he told her, and held on high a billboard the size of a billboard. "South—to the Sunbelt!"

Johnny Business went to the Sunbelt,

He rented a penthouse there—

*It was up so high, he looked down on
the sky,*

And he had to pay extra for the air,

Lord, Lord,

He had to pay extra for the air!

Johnny was such a fast talker, he could sell feathers to a fish, retail, and in no time he cast a long shadow from Dallas to Atlanta. Old Babe had to do a mountain of Xeroxing as high as the Wrigley Building every morning before breakfast, and what they didn't want kept they used for landfill to build high-rises

on. He had more credit cards than there are things to buy, and he worked it so he could charge the new ones on the old ones, and the old ones on the new ones, and not even your auditor could have figured out who was due what. And when Johnny took a client out to lunch, he drank his martinis out of old water towers from bankrupt railroads. "Here's how!" he'd laugh. "Happy hour is here to stay!"

Of course, people always get jealous when you're big and jolly. Some sunken-eyed baloney-for-lunch types tried to get Johnny tied down, though of course they were too cash-scrawny to take him on in any leveraged way. No, they had to tattle, like a runt to a playground monitor. What happened was, one day Johnny was visiting a mining operation he was thinking of selling, and when he lay on his belly and squinted down that shaft, he didn't like what he wasn't seeing.

"It's Monday, Frank," he told his foreman. "Where are all the miners?"

Frank took to trembling so, his clipboard started to splinter. "They ain't workin', Johnny!" he stammered. "Some kind of itty-bitty scraggly ol' foreign birdy told 'em to go out on strike for safer conditions!"

Johnny's scorn fell like acid rain on alkaline earth. "America didn't get built on safety!" he roared. "Nothin' in life is safe! Gimme that shovel, Frank, I'll do the mining myself!"

Johnny took hold of a gigantic shovel and was about to be both labor and capital at once when suddenly, three little tiny woman lawyers you could barely see came up behind him and hit him with a Cease and Desist whammy. The first one had once gotten Christmas tabled till Easter, and the second one had taken over Hell until the devil could refinance. The tiniest of the three was also the meanest. She was from the IRS, and was so good at tax collecting she could find pockets on a shadow. The three of them together carried a roll of red tape so thick, a man couldn't even think of home without a dozen feasibility studies first.

Of course, Johnny's back was broader than those little woman lawyers were motivated to wrestle, since they worked on salary only, and he threw them faster than rodeo clowns off a bronco. Then he



MORE MONKEYS

went ahead and dug into that mine until it plumb collapsed from happiness. And to this day, folks call the hole he left the Grand Canyon, in honor of the thousand dollars he paid himself to do it.

Then for dessert, he cut down all the forest in those parts, slicker than a ballplayer shaving on a TV commercial. And without those pesky regulators,

Johnny started growing and growing and growing—right in front of the media, so ask them if you don't believe me—and pretty soon it took three strong men just to conceive of how rich he was!

Finally, when Johnny was so big he was actually twice as large as himself, there was a market-rattling explosion that made analysts bark as far away as Tacoma, and when the hype had cleared, there wasn't anything left in Johnny

Business's shoes but the air rights.

He was true to his code, even if he did explode—

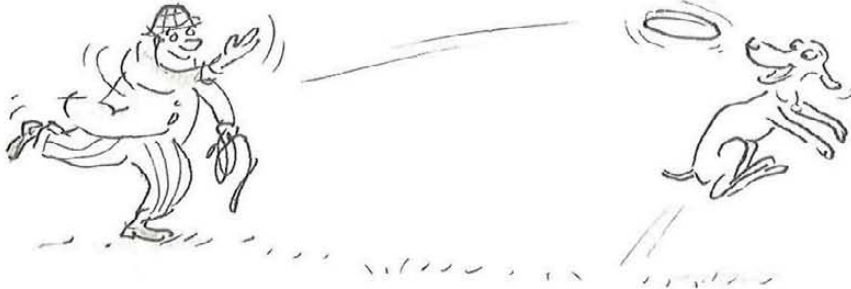
And you have to give him credit, yes you do, Lord, Lord,

You have to give him credit, yes you do....

To sum up, then, where did he get to? Oh, some say he went and jumped out a window, but you and I both know there's not enough distance on this earth for a man that big to fall far enough to hurt himself. Others say he died from a heart attack after all the hard work he should have been delegating, and still others have the gold-plated brass to say they've seen his carcass on display at Neiman-Marcus—but after all the bespectacled Sunday-morning commentary floats into what no one watched yesterday, the real question is, Do dreams like Johnny's ever really die? Sometimes, on an autumn evening, when trading has been particularly heavy, give a listen to the wind. Maybe you'll hear a distant voice saying, "...I'll get back to you!"

That'll be Johnny.

Mark O'Donnell



THE CASE OF THE COMPUTER CRIME (An Omega Boron, Robot Detective, Story)

The Detective-of-the-Year banquet was going along swimmingly, and, as always, there were enough notables on hand to fill a small auditorium. The mayor was in attendance, as were the chief fire marshal and the quarterback of the football team. Also present was Phil Smith, vice president of the Federated Bank, who was serving as this year's master of ceremonies. Only a few seats remained empty at the rear of the large auditorium when Smith stepped up to the microphone. The crowd grew hushed.

"We have five very highly qualified nominees for this year's Detective-of-the-Year award," said the emcee. "Each is deserving in his or her own right, but only one can win. And so it is with great pleasure that I now announce the name of that outstanding individual." He turned dramatically to one side and spoke in a deep, booming voice. "The envelope, please." An assistant produced a tiny white envelope, which, in a calculated attempt to build excitement, Smith proceeded to open as slowly as was humanly possible. The crowd buzzed in anticipation.

"The poor man seems to have a terrible case of arthritis," whispered Omega Boron to the woman next to him. The great robot detective was not entirely familiar with the human ritual of the awards ceremony.

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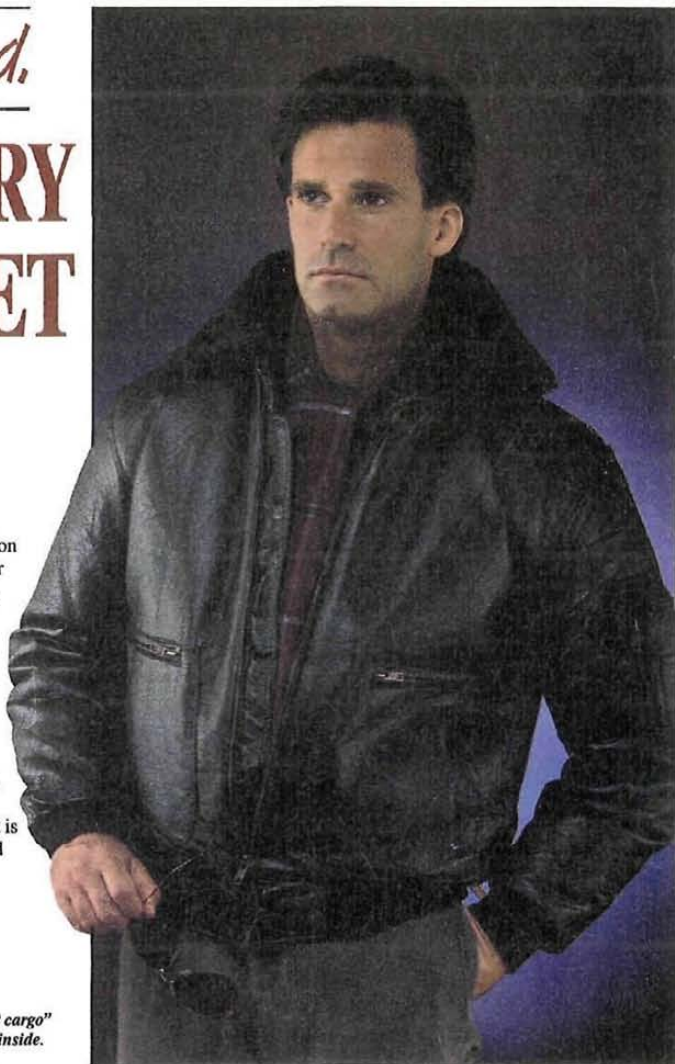
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The emcee cleared his throat. "And the winner is...Omega Boron!"

Boron stifled a yawn and stood up. He did his best to appear stunned, but in reality he had calculated weeks ago that the probability of his winning the award was nearly 90 percent, and so in fact he could hardly have been less surprised.

"Thank you, thank you all," said Boron as he began rolling toward the podium. Meanwhile he was busy diverting energy to his vocal synthesizers for what would doubtless be a memorable acceptance speech.

Just then a scrambled message from Chief Jones came in on Boron's high-frequency circuit. "This is Chief Jones," said the voice once it had been unscrambled. "I know this is an inconvenient time, but I'm afraid there's been a major computer crime. Somebody has electronically diverted over fifty million dollars from the accounts of the Federated Bank. We don't know where it went, or how it was done, but what we do know is that we've got to act fast if we want to have any chance of recovering that money. So put your wheel in gear and get your battery-powered butt down here on the double."

The detective leaned toward the microphone to apologize to the crowd for having to leave so suddenly. "I'm sorry," he said, "but..."

The robot froze mid-sentence as the germ of a theory began to take form within the deepest circuits of his deduction unit. (There was a flaw in Boron's design that rendered him completely unable to move, speak, or

perform any function whatsoever while in the midst of a computation.)

"Of course!" he thought to himself. "It's all so obvious. To infiltrate the bank's computers, the criminals needed a secret password known only to the president of the bank. But that password is stored in an impenetrable locked vault, and aside from that the only one who knows the code is...me!"

The Federated Bank was robbed so frequently that it had entrusted the secret code to Boron so as to facilitate his investigations.

It was then that Boron realized the criminals had used him as a key to unlock the bank's computers. They must have tapped into his memory banks using a ham radio or walkie-talkie, then used his auxiliary transmitters to beam the secret code to the bank's computers and thence to transfer the funds.

"Uggh," Boron emitted. "I feel so violated." Nevertheless, he forced this thought aside and resumed his deductions. "Now let's see. It should be a simple matter to check back through my radio reception log and identify the infiltrator....Yes, yes, there it is. Aha! As if I couldn't have guessed! An inside job. The transmissions came from the cellular phone in Phil Smith's office!"

Immediately, Boron transmitted a sequence of electronic codes that returned the money to the accounts of the Federated Bank. Then, his deduction having been brought to completion, the robot regained control of his body, drew his revolver, and pumped five quick shots into Smith's torso. In all, only four seconds had passed since the call from the chief had come in.

As pandemonium broke out around him, Boron made a quick call to Chief

Jones on the high-priority circuit in order to report the progress he had made on the case.

"Where are you?" screamed Jones. "I thought I told you to get your chromeplated ass down here pronto. You'd better have a damned good explanation for this, Boron."

The robot was nonplussed. "Perhaps you will find this explanation satisfactory," he intoned. "I've solved the crime, located the money, and returned it to the bank. I have identified the thief and shot him stone cold dead in his tracks. In the light of these developments, I deemed my return to the station unnecessary. I intend instead to remain here and accept the Detective-of-the-Year award as originally planned."

"Oh, well, in that case, good work," exclaimed the chief, jokingly adding, "What took you so long?"

Boron interpreted the question literally. "I solved the case in the shortest possible period of time," he droned. "And now, if you will excuse me, I shall get back to my speech."

A crunch was heard as Boron rolled backward over the corpse of the bank executive and settled himself once again in front of the podium. After coaxing the crowd back to their seats with soothing words, he returned to the business at hand. "Thank you, thank you very much indeed," he said in his characteristic monotone. "I'm just sorry that I couldn't share this award with one or more of the other nominees." There was a polite smattering of applause from the audience, the first of two that Boron would receive in the course of his one-hour acceptance speech.

David Cohen



"He wants to know what you did with his neon tetras."

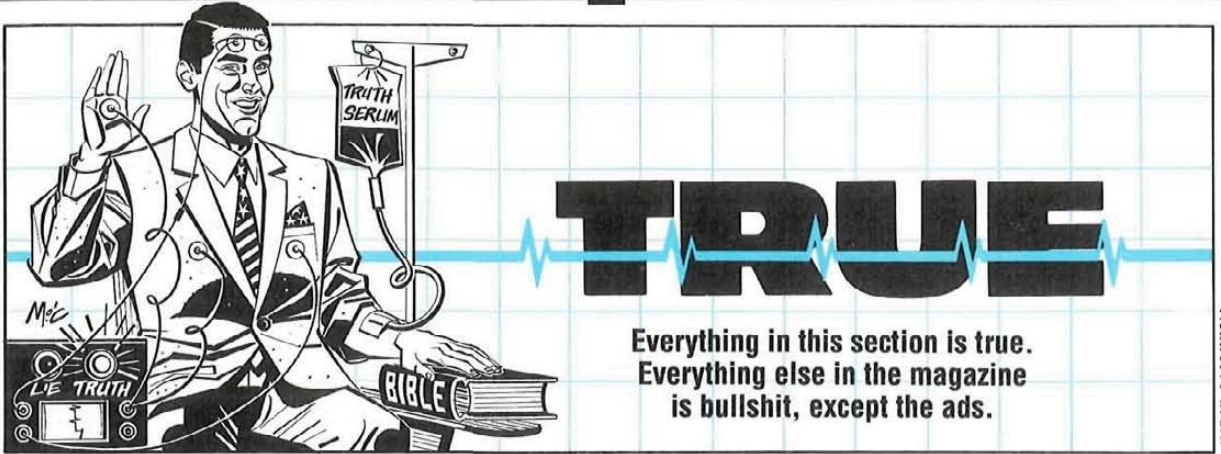
a+b/c

It certainly appeared that a + b had always loved each other. Neither a nor b remembered a separate childhood or adolescence. Meeting and mating in college was a perfect amnesiac collision. Time and love began as each body was thoroughly invaded.

a + b offered each other complete support and absolute attention. Whenever a + b walked, only one intense shadow was cast. The relationship, to any clinical eye, was unhealthy and dependent; however, there was no denying the pair's blissful happiness and devout contentment.

a + b lived a peaceful, isolated life in a rented old cottage halfway up a mountain. Trees and wildflowers filled the landscape. When c was born, a + b were pleased but really more delighted and nostalgic about the creative coupling

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Everything in this section is true.
Everything else in the magazine
is bullshit, except the ads.

MITCH O'CONNELL



E. J. MATTINCE

Welcome once again to the world of feuding families, exploding buildings, and Chinese restaurants that get busted for dragging roadkill into the kitchen. As always, the facts you are about to read are true; none of the names have been changed, and no one is innocent.

We like to think of this True Facts issue as a tribute to a world far more recognizable than the one you see in, for example, *Time*. We like to think of it as a tribute to the idea that truth is not only stranger than fiction, but also cheaper to produce. But most of all, we like to think of it as a tribute to you, our contributors, who go over the paper every morning, a cup of coffee in one hand and a pair of scissors in the other.

For you, the T-shirt is in the mail.

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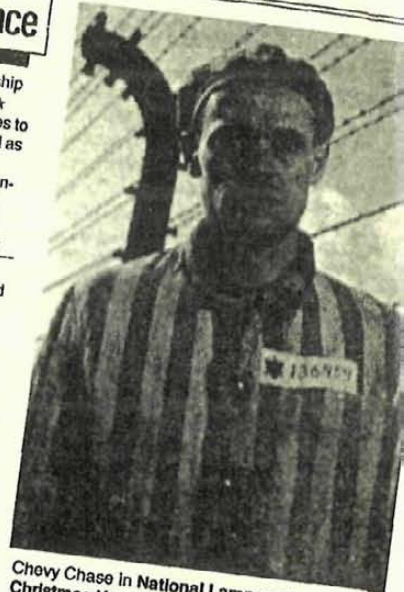
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A DAIRY DELIVERY MAN in Tampa, Florida, was killed when a rack of Nutty Buddies ice cream fell on his head. AP (submitted by Christopher M. Landrum and Christopher A. Foster)



MOVIEGOERS WATCHING *Backdraft* thought shouts of "Fire!" were a joke until they realized the theater actually was burning. Fire officials said that an electrical short had ignited pigeon droppings in the marquee. AP (submitted by Brent Davis, Elise Thompson, K. Weber)



A CAR WINDOW WAS smashed and tree limbs were broken in Babylon, New York, by debris falling from a plane passing overhead. The FAA determined that the debris consisted of three-foot chunks of frozen urine. AP (submitted by John M. Andresen and Gina Morris)

FUK JOO, A MALAYSIAN, was arrested on charges that he illegally smuggled several other Malaysians, including a man named Fatt Chew Chan, into Maine from Canada. *Kennebec Journal* (submitted by Ed Stumm)



PAUL MANN OF MENDON, Massachusetts, arrived at Milford District Court to be arraigned on drug charges but got stuck getting out of his car. Mann, who weighs between 800 and 900 pounds, was finally freed by paramedics, an ambulance crew, and the "jaws of life," but before he could make it to court, he complained of chest pains. The paramedics then wheeled Mann out to a twenty-five-foot flatbed trailer for his ride to the hospital. "He kept a good sense of humor about the whole thing," said one police detective. (Dedham, Massachusetts) *Daily Transcript* (submitted by Jeff Patterson)

TWO BURGLARS IN Wallingford, Connecticut, were arrested after a homeowner caught them cooking a rib roast in her kitchen. "This guy was standing in my kitchen," said the woman. "I said, 'Who are you?' and he said, 'Hi, we're burglars.' They were drunk, really drunk." *Hartford Courant* (submitted by Robert Slusarz)



THE NAVY DENTAL Corps Historical Museum paid tribute to a forty-four-year-old prank last year. George Foster, a Navy dental surgeon working in a Japanese prisoner of war camp, engraved "Remember Pearl Harbor" in Morse code on the inside of dentures intended for defeated Japanese general Hideki Tojo. At the time, Foster was officially reprimanded for his prank. *Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* (submitted by Christopher A. Foster)

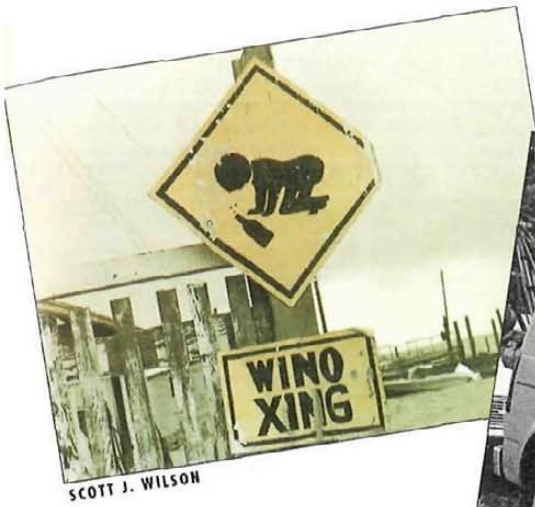
A BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, woman was arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon after she used a shoe to beat a saleswoman. The attack began after the saleswoman refused to repair the woman's shoes for free. (submitted by Don Smith)



A MOUNT CLEMENS, Michigan, man was arrested after police said he attacked officers with his artificial left arm. "The fake arm had electrical pinchers on it, and he tried to grab the officers with the vice-like grip and was jabbing at their eyes," said a police sergeant. Police held the arm as evidence. AP (submitted by K. Weber)



FOUR OF THE FIVE fingers were cut off a large sign in the shape of a glove on the roof of the Superior Glove Works in Georgetown, Ontario. It was not specified which finger was left remaining. *Georgetown Independent* (submitted by Sue Johnston)



SCOTT J. WILSON



JEFF TARENTINO

A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY IN Oregon City, Oregon, grabbed his semiautomatic pistol from his bedside and shot himself in the leg while having a nightmare that someone was attacking him. The deputy said his wife had slept through the episode and had to be awakened to drive him to the hospital. (submitted by Don Culley)



A MAN READING A copy of *Playboy* in a Berkeley, California, diner was asked by a waitress to either put down the magazine or move to another table because the publication was sexist. After the incident was reported in a local newspaper, a "read-in" of *Playboy* was held at the diner, while a counter-demonstration by the Women's Coalition for Power Breakfasts passed out hot dogs, symbolizing the objectification of women. The demonstrations were peaceful, although the organizer of the read-in was hit with a hot dog smeared with ketchup. *Richmond* (California) *Post* (submitted by Daniel Holliman)

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE held in front of a Washington, D.C., gay bar, Queer Nation co-founder Michael Petrelis issued an ultimatum to reputedly gay Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams in the hope of encouraging Williams to end the military's ban on homosexuals. Said Petrelis: "Either come out and use your position to help end this groundless and harmful Pentagon hypocrisy, or stop enjoying the fruits of the gay and lesbian community...." *Our Own* (submitted by JoAnne Schmitz)



THE EXECUTION OF convicted murderer Raj Gopal Nayyar of New Delhi had to be postponed when the executioner fainted. It was his first day on the job. The execution was rescheduled for the following day. (Cleveland) *Plain Dealer* (submitted by Bruce E. Ballash and William L. Burnett)

A ROBBER ATTEMPTING to hold up a convenience store in Jacksonville, Florida, disguised himself by putting a paper bag with eyeholes over his head. The bag shifted in mid-holdup, blinding the man, and when he moved the bag back into place it ripped, exposing the face of a regular customer. "I yelled, 'Bob!'" said the clerk. "Then he ran away." *AP* (submitted by Russell Shumaker)



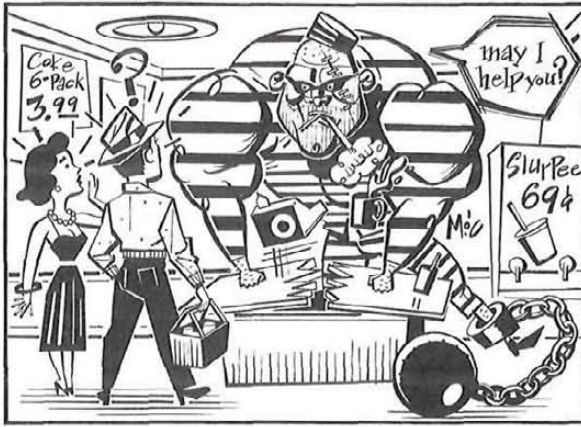
IN COLLBRAN, COLORADO, a horse being ridden by a hunting guide was shot by an Iowa man who mistook it for an elk. (submitted by Mike Hume)



A DOCTOR IN MORTON, Illinois, shot himself after a dinner party at which he had reportedly become angry because his VCR would not operate correctly. (submitted by Mark & Keri Barra)

A MAN IN COLORADO Springs, Colorado, filed suit claiming his initiation into the National Order of Trench Rats—an auxiliary of the Disabled American Veterans—caused an erosion of his sex drive. The man testified that, during the initiation, he was blindfolded and fed spaghetti, which he was told was worms, and led across a floor littered with eggshells and crackers, which he was told was glass. He then smelled Limburger cheese and was told he was required to bob for apples, whereupon the blindfold was removed and he discovered that his face was being forced toward the lap of a naked stripper. Although the man said it was a year before he could tell his wife about the incident, the judge dismissed the lawsuit. *AP* (submitted by Seth Fisher)

TRUE CRIMES I



MITCH O'CONNELL

ALLEN T. WEBB III OF West Goshen, Pennsylvania, filed a complaint with local police after his apartment was burglarized. Webb reported that eight marijuana plants had been stolen. The police then arrested Webb on three drug counts. (West Chester, Pennsylvania) *Daily Local News* (submitted by J. Troy Stinson)

FROM THE BURNEY, California, *Intermountain News*: "A McArthur woman reported that a vacation cabin had been broken into and a window broken. She reported that water from the toilet bowl was missing." (submitted by Erick Studenicka)

IN GILBERT, ARIZONA, police playing softball with a team of young people as a way of improving relations arrested one of their opponents on an outstanding warrant. The police waited until after the game "because we didn't want to cause a problem." The police won the game 19-13. *Chicago Tribune* (submitted by Jeff Patterson)

A DEPUTY SHERIFF IN West Palm Beach, Florida,

was forced to resign after investigators said he stopped female drivers and ordered them to expose their breasts. The deputy told women he was searching for a woman with a tattoo on her breast. *Newsday* (submitted by Maureen Fleming)

MAX COHEN, A seventy-six-year-old San Antonio man arrested for soliciting for prostitution, used his phone call to tell his 102-year-old mother of his arrest. "I can't call my wife

because she'll kill me," Cohen was quoted as saying. AP (submitted by Greg Powell)

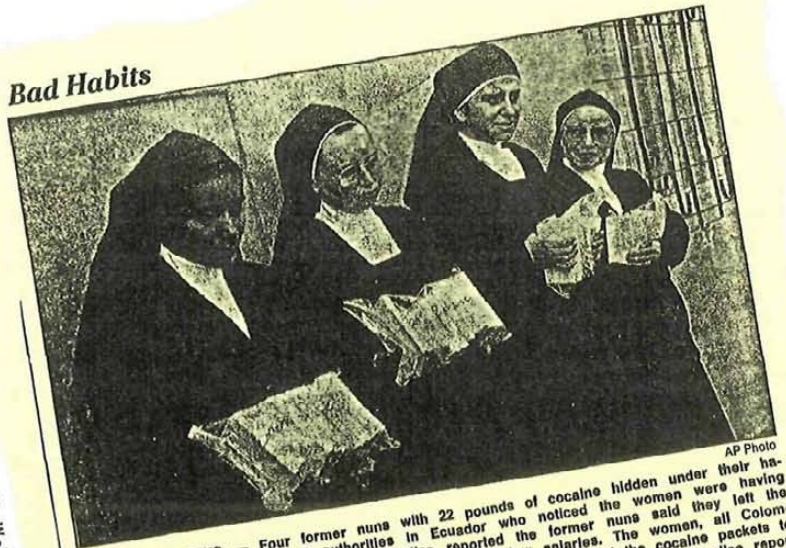
NANCY COYLE WAS surprised when James C. Greig told her he wouldn't be spending the night in the Buffalo, New York, motel room he had rented from her two hours previously. Instead, after leaving a couple of duffel bags behind, he walked out and gave the number of his parents' house nearby. Mrs. Coyle assumed that Greig had found something wrong with the room but was too embarrassed to ask for his thirty-three dollars back. When she went to check, however, she found the stove and thermostat turned up full blast and some \$150,000 worth of marijuana being dried in the bedroom, kitchenette, and bathroom. *Buffalo News* (submitted by Mike Wagner)

A GREENVILLE, SOUTH Carolina, man recently held up a convenience store and knocked the clerk to the ground. When two women entered, the thief tried to pose as the clerk, but was forced to give away the items they wanted to buy when he couldn't figure out how the

cash register worked. Later, fearing the women might be suspicious of his behavior, the man chased them down the road in his car, which he subsequently crashed at an intersection. When a nearby state trooper came to his assistance, the man attempted to strike and kick him, then fled on foot to a nearby junkyard. The suspect showed up again at the convenience store while investigators were interviewing the women and was immediately arrested. He was charged with armed robbery, assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, and assaulting an officer while resisting arrest. (*Greenville*) *News* (submitted by William A. Anthony)

CARRIE LEWIS OF Goshen, Ohio, was arraigned on one count of aggravated murder for allegedly shooting her husband in his sleep. Lewis had called the police to report that her husband had committed suicide. Police grew suspicious when a coroner's report stated that Robert Lewis had sustained three gunshot wounds in the back of the head while asleep. *Cincinnati Post* (submitted by Paul A. Gastright)

Bad Habits



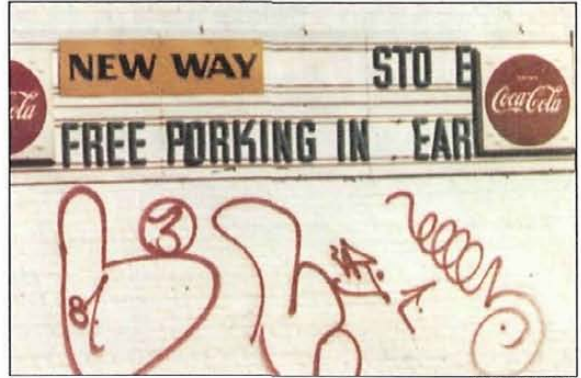
AP/ submitted by K. Weber

SMUGGLING NUNS — Four former nuns with 22 pounds of cocaine hidden under their habits were arrested by airport authorities in Ecuador who noticed the women were having trouble walking, police said yesterday. Police reported the former nuns said they left the Roman Catholic order because of the hard work and low salaries. The women, all Colombian who left the Sacred Heart of Colombia order last year, strapped the cocaine packets to their backs and were walking "like ducks" through Quito's international airport, a police report said. The women and were pulled on drug trafficking charges. The cocaine they were carrying was worth

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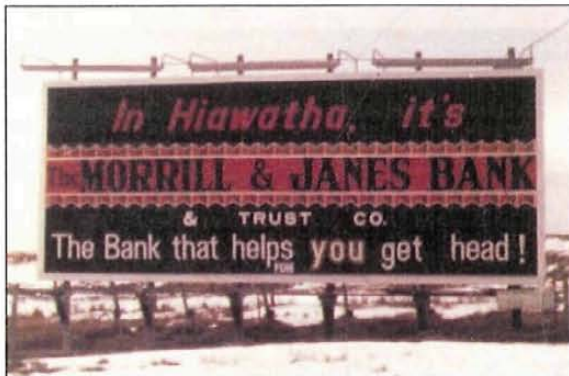
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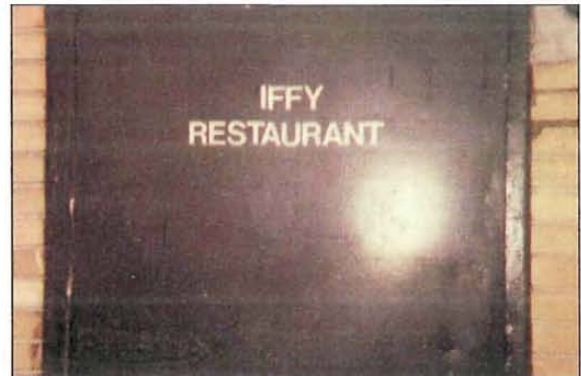
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TRUE ANIMALS

Bartender, There's a Bear in My Beer

IN THE UKRAINIAN city of Kharkov, an escaped circus bear bit the hand of a bar patron and ran off with his glass of beer. The bear was later found asleep in the park next to the pub. AP (submitted by Don Brown)



THE CITY OF NEW Bedford, Massachusetts, was in an uproar after a white-tailed deer in the local zoo was sexually assaulted and beaten to death. The deer had been used in educational programs as a petting animal. AP (submitted by Jason Picca)

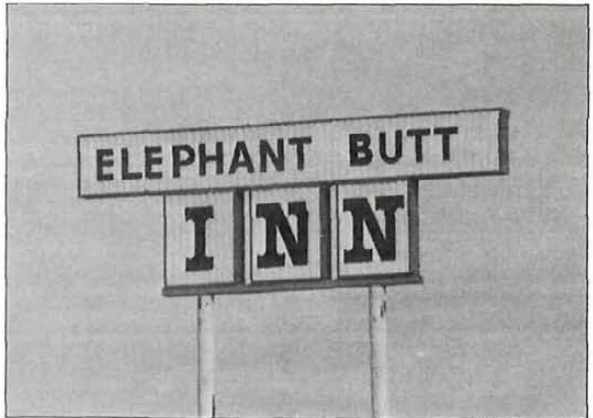


WHILE DANIEL BURN-son, twelve, of Roy, Washington, was explaining his chicken-cleaning technique at the Western Washington Fair, his prize sultan hen passed out in a bowl of soapy water. Acting quickly, Sherry Milligan, a judge at

the fair, grabbed the hen and performed "mouth-to-beak resuscitation." Said Daniel's mother, "She opened its beak and breathed into it." Moments later, the chicken came to with a squawk. According to Daniel, the chicken had been overwhelmed by the crowd. "It's not used to being around a lot of people, I guess." AP (submitted by Richard H. Kingsley, Ian Beckett, David Dines)



RADIOACTIVE FROGS escaped from a pond outside the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. The frogs, which are safe unless eaten, were discovered missing after workers at the installation reported radioactive tires from running over them. Manchester (New Hampshire) *Union-Leader* (submitted by K. Weber)



LUKE M. SHELBY

SEVENTY-SEVEN-YEAR-old Carl Hulseley of Canton, Georgia, was gored to death by his pet goat, Snowball, whom he was teaching to be a "watchdog." Hulseley had been beating the goat "to make it mean," authorities said. After being hit with a stick, the animal butted Hulseley twice and knocked him to the ground. Hulseley managed to pull himself onto the five-foot-high front porch of his home, but the goat followed and rammed his horns into the man. The Cherokee County coroner said the blow "ruptured his stomach and he died." *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* (submitted by Robert L. Stoskopf)



A MAN WAS DISCOVERED trying to steal two lovebirds from a pet store in Hicksville, New York, after his pants started chirping. *Newsday* (submitted by Valerie Palmer)



FROM LIVESTOCK *Market Digest*, the top ten issues of interest to the rendering industry, according to *Render*, the national magazine of rendering:

10. Domestic consumption of lard.
9. Edible tallow exports.
8. America standing tall and proud again after the Persian Gulf War.
7. Tightening vegetable oil market could boost lard prices.

6. Grease theft.
 5. Who will render the older sheep and their by-products?
 4. Odor control.
 3. Too much government regulation of renderers.
 2. Renderers keep their eyes on aquaculture.
 1. Fat facts aren't always facts.
- (submitted by Pat Jones)



BRITAIN'S CROWN Prosecution Service is looking into reports that a diver sexually molested Freddie, a friendly dolphin living off the British coastal town of Amble. (London) *Daily Telegraph* (submitted by John Claxton)



AN ESCAPED 650-POUND cow charged into an office at Opa-locka Airport in Miami, kicked in a wall, dented a desk, crushed a plant, and shattered a coffee table before workers from a local dairy could capture it. Jerry Duncan of Graham Dairy said, "They treated [the cow] real good. They gave it one of the nicest offices they had." *Florida Today* (submitted by Wayne Hessler)



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS reported that a telephone lineman in New Zealand brought a cat back to life after five minutes of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when it succumbed to smoke in a burning house. (submitted by Carol Malecot)

Mass mice suicides in Golan

TEL AVIV (AP) — Scientists say hundreds of mice are committing suicide by jumping off cliffs in the Golan Heights in an instinctive reaction to overpopulation.

About 150 dead mice were counted at the bottom of one Golan cliff, according to Yeroham Kantman, a nature expert at the Keshet Field School near the Israel-Syria border. Kantman said he also saw groups of rodents walking off cliffs in other Golan locations.

He said there probably was not enough food and living space for the estimated 250 million mice of the Golan.

The Golan mouse population has dropped noticeably in recent months, to the delight of area farmers. However, the area's owl population, which survives on a large food supply of rodents, may suffer.

Jewish Week/submitted by Robert Thee

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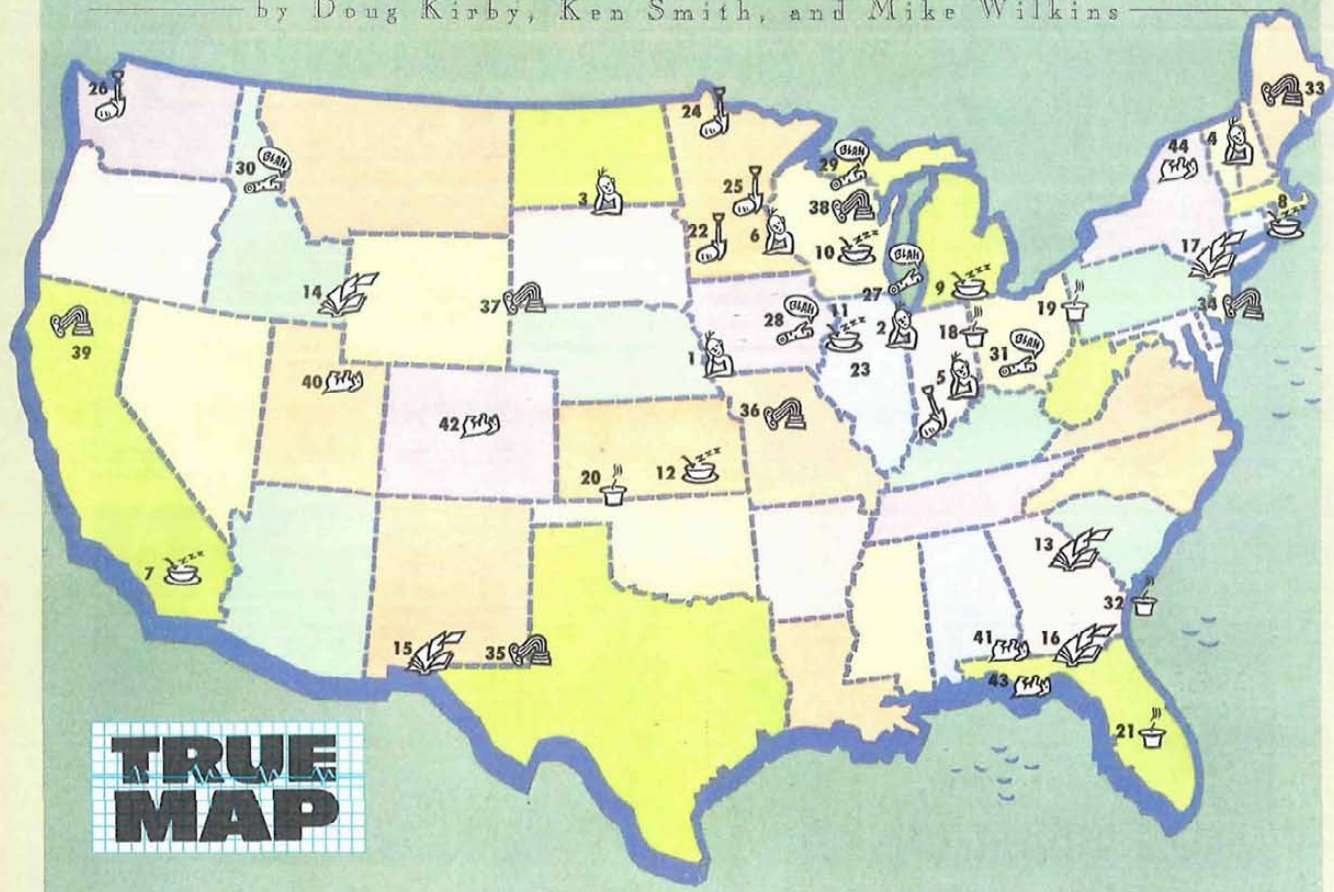
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BOREDOM, U.S.A.

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**TRUE
MAP**

LACKLUSTER PERSONALITIES

- 1. Gerald Ford's Replica Birthplace, Omaha, Nebr.** Our thirty-eighth president's original birthplace was torn down years ago, but now there's a replica near (sort of) its original site on Woolworth Avenue. A phone number is posted for those who want to rent the place for weddings.
- 2. Hometown of Fred MacMurray, Kankakee, Ill.**
- 3. Lawrence Welk's Birthplace, Strasburg, N. Dak.** He was born in a sod hut, but in 1990 Congress granted \$500,000 to build a "German-Russian Interpretive History Center" at the site, with a section expressly devoted to Mr. Wonerful. Strasburg has a population of 623.
- 4. Hometown of Orson Bean, Burlington, Vt.**
- 5. The Indiana Walk of Legends, Indianapolis, Ind.** At the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Hand prints preserved in cement include those of Dan Quayle, Earl Butz, Orville Redenbacher, and Jo Anne Worley.
- 6. The Humphrey Forum, Minneapolis, Minn.** Tells the story of Hubert Humphrey, the man and the idealist. Part of the Hubert Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota.

UNINTERESTING FOOD

- 7. North America's First Navel Orange Tree, Riverside, Calif.** This is the original tree brought from Bahia, Brazil, in 1873. It's marked with a plaque.
- 8. Cranberry World, Plymouth, Mass.** Sponsored by Ocean Spray. Traces the history of the cranberry from colonial to modern times. Visitors can see working bogs, sip free cranberry refreshments.
- 9. Celery Flats Interpretive Center, Portage, Mich.** Highlights the history of celery in the Portage area. Includes a tour of a working celery farm.
- 10. Cranberry Expo, Warrens, Wis.** Opened in 1989, this Midwest rival to Cranberry World features video presentations, guided tours, a museum, and a gift shop.
- 11. Display of 419 Potato Mashers, Ottawa, Ill.** At the "Time Was" Village Museum. Each potato masher boasts a different design.
- 12. World's Largest Grain Elevator, Wichita, Kans.** 2,717 feet long, 100 feet wide, 120 feet high. Owned by the C-G-F Grain Company.

STULTIFYING HISTORY

- 13. Home of the Father of Rural Free Delivery, Thompson, Ga.** His name was Tom Watson and his home was called Hickory Hill. It's not open to the public, but you can drive by and touch the mailbox.
- 14. First Home in Idaho with Electric Lights, Pocatello, Idaho.** It's the Standrod House on North Garfield. The big moment happened in 1902.
- 15. Gadsden Purchase Plaza, Mesilla, N. Mex.** The plaza stands at the exact spot where the Purchase was signed, giving America the lower eighth of Arizona and New Mexico in 1853.
- 16. Last Original-Standing Victorian Bowling Alley in Georgia, Thomasville, Ga.** It's on the grounds of the Thomas County Historical Society & Museum.
- 17. Grave of William Henry Harrison's Mother-in-Law, Haney's Mill, N.J.** Her name was Anna Symmes. She died in 1777.
- 18. The RV Hall of Fame, Elkhart, Ind.** Features a collection of antique trailers, as well as memorabilia,

DULL SHRINES

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historic photographs, and artifacts of the recreational vehicle/motor home industries.

19. The Accounting Hall of Fame, Columbus, Ohio. This can be found in Hagerty Hall on the campus of Ohio State University. Other boring halls at Ohio State include the Insurance Hall of Fame and the Virgil Overhold Agricultural Drainage Hall of Fame.

20. The Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame, Dodge City, Kans. Herb Darby and Grace Casebolt are two of many enshrined here. Features a display of antique textbooks.

21. The Shuffleboard Hall of Fame, St. Petersburg, Fla. Pay your respects to such luminaries as Mae Hall and Lucy Perkins. Features the world's most complete collection of shuffleboard irons and a display of history-making pucks.

LETHARGIC NATURE 

22. World's Oldest Rock, Granite Falls, Minn. It's Morton Gneiss, 3.6 billion years old, at the Yellow Medicine County Historical Museum.

23. Illinois Historical Water Museum, Peoria, Ill. The history of water treatment, from sedimentation to liquid chlorine.

24. Minnesota's Largest Collection of Bird Eggs, Roseau, Minn. All 140 of them. At the Roseau County Historical Museum.

25. Replica Granite Quarry, St. Cloud, Minn. At the Sterns County Heritage Center. It's indoors. Open seven days a week during the summer months.

26. The Hall of Mosses, Port Angeles, Wash. It's in Olympic National Park.

RANDOM BLANDNESS 

27. The International Credit Union Center, Madison, Wis. Visitors are encouraged to "trace the history of debt," peruse the center's dioramas and animated maps, and view a twenty-four-projector multimedia show, "The Credit Union Legacy," in the center's 175-seat theater.

28. Maytag Washer Exhibit, Newton, Iowa. Occupies the second floor of the Jasper County Museum. Features a 1922 Model 80—the world's first Gyrofoam washer.

29. World's Largest Replica Load of Logs, Ewen, Mich. An exact replica of the load of logs assembled for the 1893 Columbian Exposition. It was then, and remains, the largest load of logs in recorded history.

30. Display of 180 Firehose Nozzles, Clarkia, Idaho. On exhibit at the Fossil Bowl Museum, which is adjacent to the Fossil Bowl motocross track. Each nozzle is different.

31. Dull, Ohio.

MONUMENTAL MONOTONY 

32. George Washington Memorial Stump, St. Mary's, Ga. For many years, the center of tourism in St. Mary's was a giant oak tree, planted when George Washington died. In 1986, the tree died. Now all the town has left to promote is the stump, which it does.

33. Captain Hanson Gregory Monument, Camden, Maine. In 1849, Captain Gregory invented the doughnut hole. His hometown of Camden has lionized its native son with a life-size statue atop a pedestal on which his achievement is duly noted.

34. The Carranza Memorial, (near) Tabernacle, N.J. Aviator Emilio Carranza was known as the "Lindbergh of Mexico." He was going to be the first to fly nonstop from New York City to Mexico City, but crashed into the desolate Pine Barrens of southern New Jersey. The children of Mexico raised money to erect a cairn on his isolated crash spot, complete with a bas-relief arrow pointing straight down. Every July, a group from the U.N.'s Mexican consulate drives down from New York and has a little ceremony there.

35. The Flying Paperboy of the Guadalupe Monument, Guadalupe Mountains, N. Mex. Frank Kindell was another doomed aviator, known as "The Flying Paperboy of the Guadalupe." When Kindell and his plane crashed into a mountainside in 1964, saddened newspaper subscribers erected a big propeller affixed to a granite obelisk, marking the remote spot where Kindell "flew across the great divide into eternity."

36. President Atchison Monument, Plattsburg, Mo. This statue honors David Rice Atchison, who was president of the United States for one day in 1850. The Atchison administration's influence on the republic is debatable, however, since he spent the whole day sleeping off a drunk.

37. The Featherlegs Monument, Lusk, Wyo. A 3,500-pound slab of granite marks the final resting place of "Old Mother Featherlegs," a popular Wyoming prostitute. She was murdered in 1879. There is a Leatherlegs Monument in Columbus, Ohio, but he was an Indian chief.

38. St. Urho's Monument, Menasha, Minn. St. Urho chased the grasshoppers out of Finland. In gratitude, the residents of Menasha, Minnesota, have built a large wooden likeness. It is holding a pitchfork, on which is skewered a three-foot-long grasshopper. A

bronze plaque at the statue's base describes the rituals the citizens annually perform in Urho's honor.

39. Ronald Reagan Memorial Tree, Arcata, Calif. Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Sooner or later this will become the Ronald Reagan Memorial Stump.

ANIMAL INANIMATESS 

40. Sea Gull Monument, Salt Lake City, Utah. Erected to commemorate the miraculous delivery of the Mormon Pioneers from starvation. In 1848, their first wheat crop was threatened with destruction by hordes of crickets. After all normal measures had failed, and without the services of non-Latter-day Saint Urho, the Pioneers offered up prayers for their deliverance. Almost immediately, swarms of sea gulls flew in from the Great Lake to the west, devoured the pests, and saved the crop.

41. Boll Weevil Monument, Enterprise, Ala. When the Boll Weevil moved into central Alabama in 1915, it devastated the local cotton industry. Forced to diversify, the farmers turned to new, more profitable crops like tobacco and peanuts. In 1919, the grateful citizens erected a monument to the little blighter—a granite female figure in flowing robes holding a two-foot-long black bug heavenward—just to say thanks.

42. Prunes and Shorty: Battling Burro Monuments, Fairplay, Colo. Prunes was industrious; he served the miners of this region faithfully for sixty years and they built a large shrine in his honor, complete with his collar preserved under glass. Shorty was the town mooch; he rates a tiny pink headstone on the courthouse lawn. Buried along with Shorty is Bum, his faithful dog pal, who lay down on Shorty's grave and refused to eat, until he died as well.

43. The Possum Monument, Wausau, Fla. Wausau has only three hundred people, but is "bountiful with possums." Townsfolk commissioned a large, concrete bas-relief possum carrying its young on its back, and placed it downtown. Wausau also is host to the "Possum Day" celebration every August.

44. Tuberculin Rabbit Shrine, Paul Smiths, N.Y. Out on Rabbit Island in the middle of Upper St. Regis Lake is a plaque bolted to a rock. It honors the rabbits who were injected with tuberculosis by Edward Trudeau in the 1880s. By leaving them on the island afterward, he claimed to have discovered "the importance of environment" in treating the disease. Edward Trudeau was the great-grandfather of antivivisectionist/cartoonist Garry "Doonesbury" Trudeau.

FROM THE HALLOWED GROVES OF ACADEME This Place Fuckin' Sucks



R. J. SWANSON

LEON HAYES, A school-bus driver in Seattle, was suspended after he charged students between fifty cents and two dollars for seats in the back of the bus. *Seattle Times* (submitted by Russell Shumaker)

A DEBATE COACH AT Samford University in Alabama received the death sentence after he was convicted of stabbing his star student to death for being poorly prepared for a tournament. *Dallas Morning News* (submitted by Greg Powell)

IN TALLAHASSEE, Florida, a college student barricaded himself in an office in the state capitol for five hours, demanding imported beer, pizza, cigarettes, jelly doughnuts, Chinese food, and access to

CNN. After his demands were read over an in-house cable system, the student surrendered, carrying a fifth of Jack Daniel's and, in the words of one sheriff, smoking "a big old cigar in his mouth and just having a really good time." Asked why he had done it, he stated, "I needed a soapbox. That's all I want. I can't describe it in one sound bite." AP (submitted by Gina Morris)

FROM REASON MAGAZINE: "In Orland Park, Illinois, a mother has filed a \$225,000 suit against a local high school for unreasonable search of her sixteen-year-old son. After noticing a suspiciously large bulge in the crotch of the boy's pants, school officials thought he might have stashed drugs there. But a strip search revealed nothing but teenage boy. Trying to explain the

mistake to the mother, a sensitive teacher said, 'I don't know how to put this to you delicately, but have you ever heard of John Holmes?'" (submitted by Jeff Bonn)

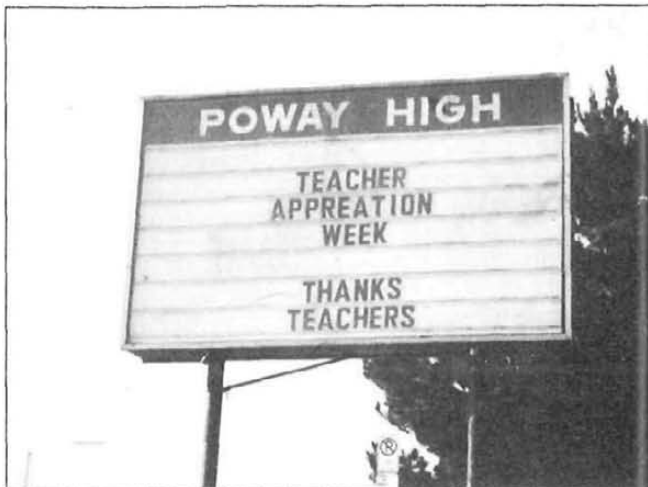
FROM THE ONION, A newspaper published at the University of Wisconsin-Madison: "Complainant in Section O of Camp Randall Stadium contacted officers in regards to an individual whom he had seen urinate into a plastic cup and throw the full cup into the crowd." (submitted by Mark Seierstad)

A SAN DIEGO PRINCIPAL was sentenced to fifteen days in jail for chasing an expelled student in his truck and knocking him down after the student came back onto school grounds. The principal said that he was trying to place the boy under citizen's arrest for trespassing. *Stars and Stripes* (submitted by D. G. Bado)

FROM THE RECORDS OF the National Transportation Safety Board: "[A] student pilot was observed by witnesses to 'buzz' the city of Brighton, flying at a very low altitude. The aircraft was then seen to climb to a high altitude and do a 'wing over' or 'hammerhead' maneuver before descending, nose down, into the ground. Prior to the crash, which claimed the life of the student pilot, he had written a letter to a girlfriend expressing his 'unbelievable talent for flying.'" (submitted by Robert I. Guerra)

FROM AN ARTICLE IN the *Ann Arbor News* on University of Michigan sports camps: "[U-M wrestler] Joey Gilbert, who was third in the nation as a sophomore, came to our camp in fifth and sixth grade with a group of kids from his wrestling club in Illinois," [U-M wrestling coach Dale] Bahr says. "You hope your camps attract some potentially recruitable athletes, that they allow you to get a foot in the door and leave a good taste in their mouth." (submitted by Charles Brown)

ANGERED NEW GUINEA parents attacked a high school principal with axes and knives after some students were suspended for being drunk on school premises. *Milwaukee Journal* (submitted by Greg Reske)



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CHRIS GRIFFIN

THE TRAILER OF A Coweta, Oklahoma, woman exploded after she used eighteen bug bombs—fifteen times as many as she needed—to rid her home of pests. AP (submitted by Christopher A. Foster)

ROGER R. GINGRAS OF Concord, New Hampshire, was charged with disorderly conduct, criminal mischief, and simple assault when, enraged, he knocked a cash register off a counter into a wall. Gingras got upset when told he could not trade a pen and pencil set for a diamond ring. *Manchester* (New Hampshire) *Union-Leader* (submitted by K. Weber)

ANNOYED BY A NEW five-dollar greens fee, a seventy-two-year-old golfer spread chemicals smelling of rotten eggs and cooked broccoli all over her country club. She was arrested and released on \$1,500 bond. *Pittsburgh Press* (submitted by P. J. O'Malia)

IN LOS ANGELES, A sixteen-year-old native of Iran, angry at demonstrators showing support for troops in the Gulf War, was arrested after trying to run them down with his father's Rolls-Royce. AP (submitted by Tony Philpott)



PETER KREMER

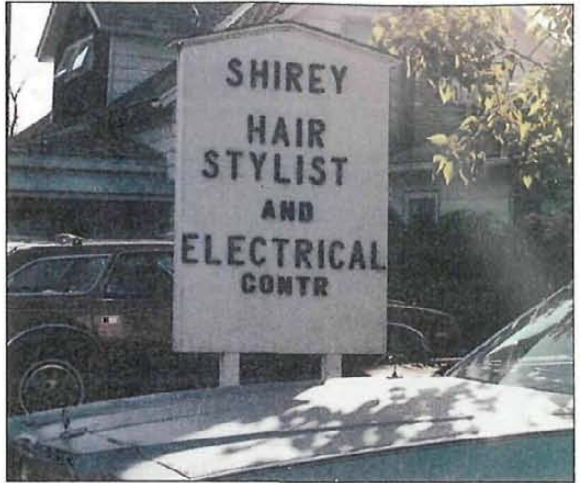
EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Shane Woolley of Baltic, South Dakota, became upset when his rest was disturbed by a local marching band's rehearsal, and tried to run down the band with his car. (Sioux Falls) *Argus Leader* (submitted by Kris Estergaard)

AN ALABAMA MAN suffered severe burns after a homemade bomb blew up in his hands. The man had lost approximately \$600 at a fair and was trying to bomb the game booth. AP (submitted by Eric Dougherty)

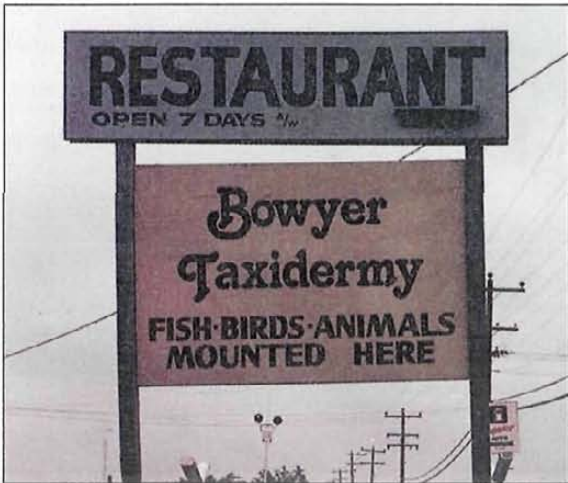
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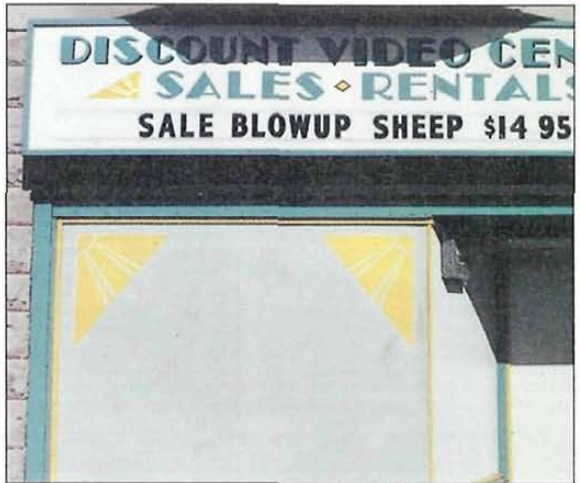
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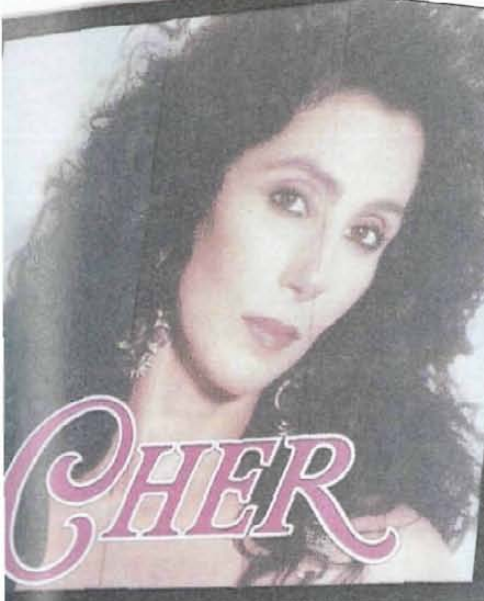
THE CHINESE NEWS agency Xinhua reported that a Beijing man named Wang had his penis stretched from 1.9 to 3.1 inches. Wang stated that the surgery "brought courage, confidence, happiness, and hope back." *Vancouver Province* (submitted by Lorne Pickett)

PENNSYLVANIA District Justice Charles O. Guyer was arrested after promising a man leniency in exchange for letting Guyer shampoo his hair. State police began an investigation after a twenty-one-year-old man reported that Guyer had come to his house, washed his hair, and rubbed his body against him. When Guyer came to the house a second time and gave the man and two undercover agents posing as friends a shampoo, he was arrested. AP (submitted by C. Chadwick, Maureen Fleming, P. J. O'Malia)

AFTER FIRST TELLING her husband she had been raped at gunpoint, Tammilyn Geiger reported the crime to the Pontiac, Michigan, police, who were able to make a composite sketch of the rapist from her description. The alleged rapist, seeing the sketch of himself in the news media, called the police and said the woman had consented to sex at his home, and had even cooked breakfast for him. To prove it, the man retrieved from his trash the eggshells with her fingerprints on them. The woman was subsequently charged with falsely reporting a rape. *Detroit Free Press* (submitted by Stephen E. Gregory, Jr.)



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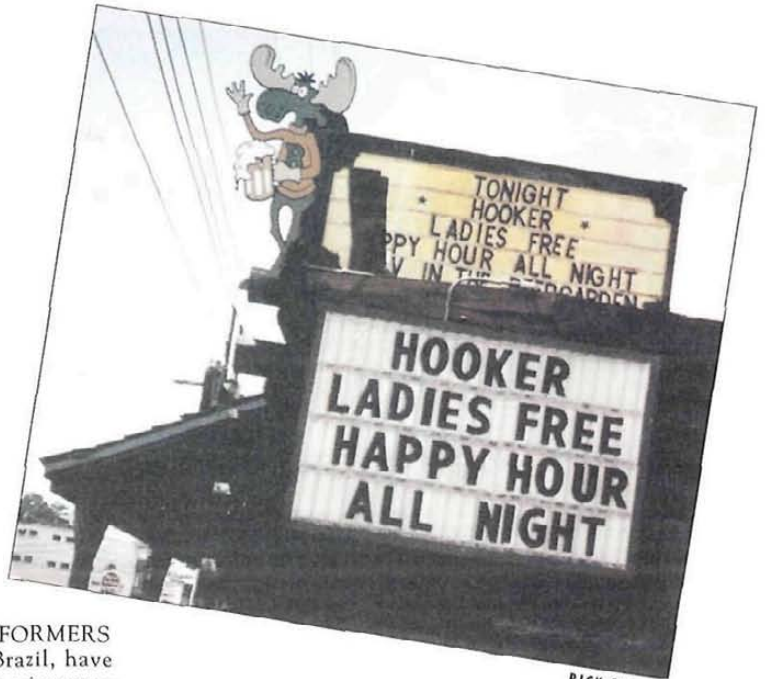


GARY O. HORDVALL

A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD Lewisville, Texas, woman was charged with sexual assault and tampering with governmental records after she masqueraded as twin seventeen-year-old boys in order to seduce teenage girls. Niki Eichman, alternately posing as Tyler Bradd Lawson and Brett Lawson, dated at least four high school girls and probably more before being arrested for sexual assault. Police say the fourteen-year-old girl who filed charges had dated "Bradd" for several months, and the two had had sexual relations. She did not realize, however, that Bradd was a woman until the police told her. *Dallas Morning News* (submitted by Bart Stevens)



MARK WILHELM



RICK RUFFIN

LIVE SEX PERFORMERS in São Paulo, Brazil, have gone on strike to raise wages from a minimum of ten dollars per act to twenty-five dollars per act. A spokesman said the lower wage was forcing some entertainers to perform at least ten times a night to make a decent living. (London) *Daily Telegraph* (submitted by John Claxton)

MORE THAN \$2,500 worth of "domination" equipment, including leather hoods, chains, and whips, was reported stolen from a Fairfield, Connecticut, home, referred to by its owner as his "Dungeon of Domination." (submitted by Bill Lucas)

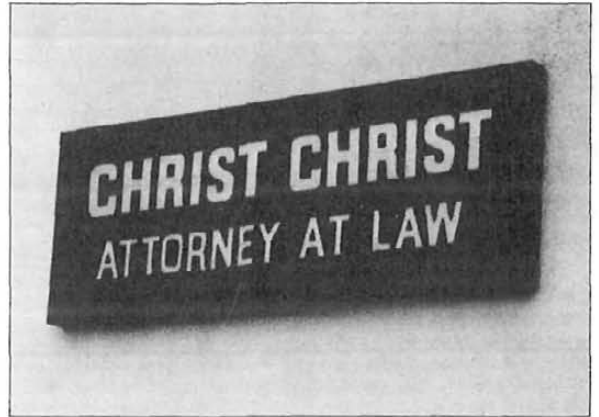
TRUE LAWYER STORIES



MITCH O'CONNELL

A LAWYER FOR ROADIES suing Bruce Springsteen instructed Springsteen that he should say "yes" and "no"

of temporary insanity on charges of possessing LSD and furnishing it to a minor. "You're allowed to practice law if you're insane," Palaschak commented. "If they made all the insane lawyers quit practicing, who'd be left?" Palaschak had previously been under investigation for offering female employees contracts specifying their consent "to all words, acts, sexual innuendo, sexual acts, touching, lewd behavior, etc." *Los Angeles Times* (submitted by David and Terri Ostovich)



JACK I. EAGLE

with adhesive dissolver, causing a rash that left a scar in the shape of the sticker. The settlement compensated the lawyer for lost work time and marital strife. (submitted by Jamica Cain)



FROM THE *LOS ANGELES Times*: "An Anaheim

in the 714 area code—was not racially motivated, but an attempt to create a backlash against the station, which had run a contest using the same number in the 213 and 818 area codes. TV viewers in Orange County jammed Derflinger's line, he said. Because of the station's refusal to change its number or address his concerns, Derflinger said, his customers were unable to reach him and he went out of business in early 1990." (submitted by John Capodilupo)



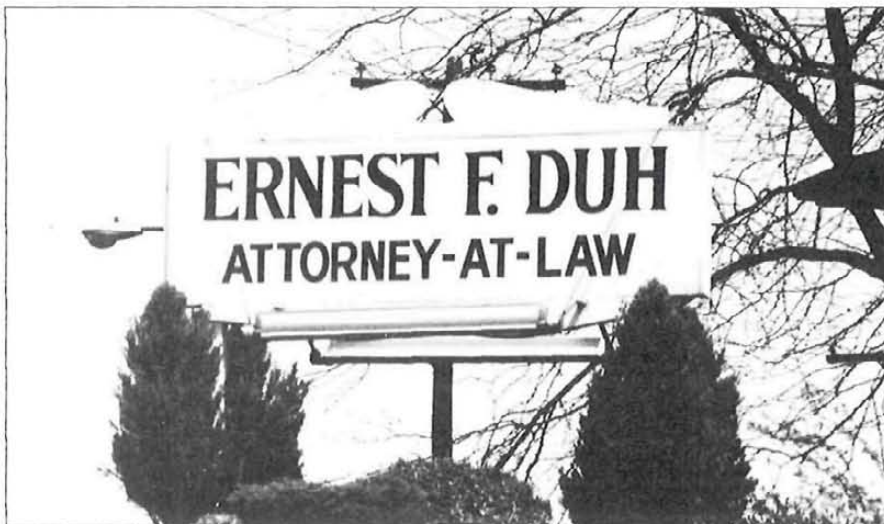
FROM THE *GLOBE AND Mail*: "A man is suing a Montreal suburban hospital because his buttocks were set on fire during an operation." (submitted by Lisa L. Pardy)



A CASE AGAINST A man charged with indecent exposure was dismissed when a court-appointed medic confirmed that the man had no penis. *Roanoke Times & World News* (submitted by Glenn Rose)



COMPOSER ANDREW Lloyd Webber won his case against Craig Tuck, who had unlawfully named his business Andrew Lloyd Webber's Lavatory Cleaning Services. (London) *Daily Telegraph* (submitted by John Claxton)



CAROL F. LADD

instead of "yeah," "nah," "uh-huh," and "uh-uh." "Do you understand that?" the lawyer asked. "Uh-huh," replied Springsteen. (Dedham, Massachusetts) *Daily Transcript* (submitted by Jeff Patterson)



DOUGLAS PALASCHAK, a Ventura, California, lawyer, pleaded not guilty by reason

A NEWPORT, OREGON, lawyer won a \$3,000 settlement in a suit he filed against J. C. Penney. The man claimed that, after he wore a pair of underwear purchased at the store, a tag reading "Inspected by No. 12" stuck to his penis so firmly that he could not remove it. After water and rubbing alcohol failed, a doctor removed the sticker

businessman and the head of Spanish-language television station KVEA in Glendale agreed Friday to meet early next week in an effort to settle a dispute and end a phony 'Turn In an Illegal Alien' hot line that the businessman said he set up as revenge against the station. Bruce Derflinger said the hot line—a telephone number for one of his former businesses

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

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Los Angeles Times/submitted by Mitch Giannunzio

Peters to pull out of two city projects

By Jeff B. Hansen
News staff writer

company be allowed to discontinue work on two city projects. In a separate prepared statement released to...

fraud charges by city attorneys and the state Attorney General's Office. unfair and biased articles... Birmingham (Alabama) News/submitted by Steve Elliott

Navy Apologizes for Tying Sailor to Blast

■ **Military:** It now says it doesn't know what caused

Navy, which had announced in he died.

Los Angeles Times/submitted by Mitch Giannunzio

Well-stocked panty important to good, easy meals

Blade-Citizen/submitted by Jeffrey A. Jondahl

Carbon man sets himself on fire

(Allentown, Pennsylvania) Morning Call/submitted by H. D. Klopp

Barter trade: Negros cocks for marijuana

Philippine newspaper/submitted by Lewis Brown

Hookers plying the Liffey thrill the crowds

By TARA BUCKLEY
A COUPLE of Galway Hookers strutting their stuff drew appreciative crowds to Dublin's quays yesterday. Joined by Bristol Pilot

of all shapes and sizes were led by the non... drift and quickly housed Irish Press/submitted by F. Carbin

Sadness Is No. 1 Reason Men and Women Cry

Omaha World Herald/submitted by Josh Hamilton

Thompson's penis is a sword

Green Bay Press-Gazette/submitted by Mark D. Hahn

DEATH SENTENCES

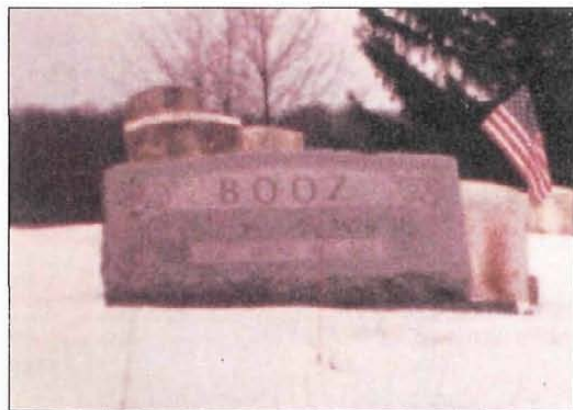
AN ARKANSAS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF DRIVING while intoxicated had his license suspended for ninety days, was fined \$650, and sentenced to one day in jail even though he was dead at the time of his trial. According to the city clerk of Beebe, Arkansas, the judge insisted that "you cannot dismiss a DWI, or nol pros [not prosecute] it. He either has to be found guilty or not guilty." *Arkansas Gazette* (submitted by Rita Smith)



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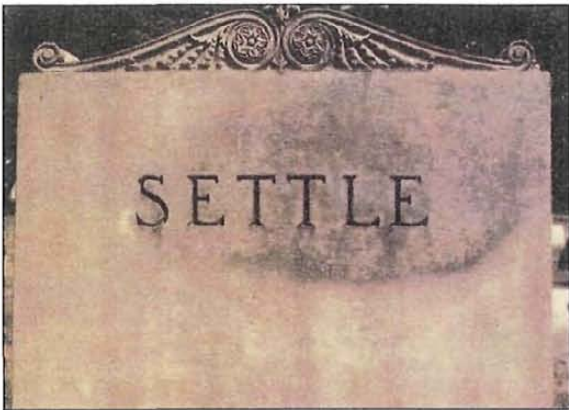


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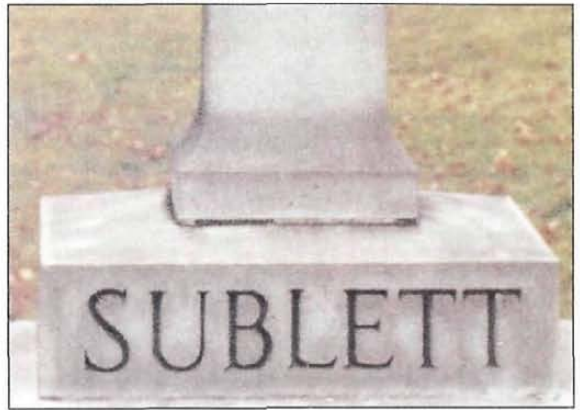


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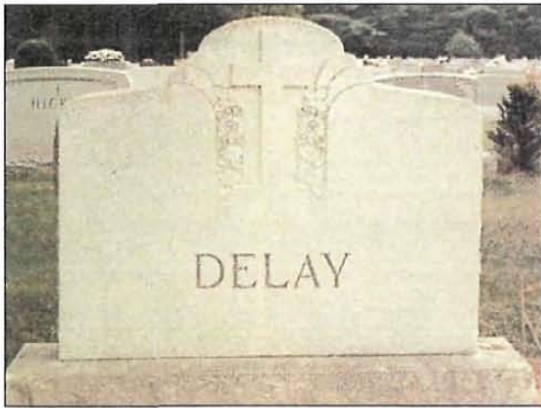
THE MUMMIFIED BODY OF SUZAN KRAMPITZ Carter was found in her condo three years after she was first reported missing. Though family members claim they were told three years ago that Carter's apartment had been searched, Anita Schmidt, president of the Berkeley Square Condominium Association, said that that was impossible. "We hold the right of privacy in very high regard here," she said. *Harrisburg Patriot-News* (submitted by Kathy Hurd)



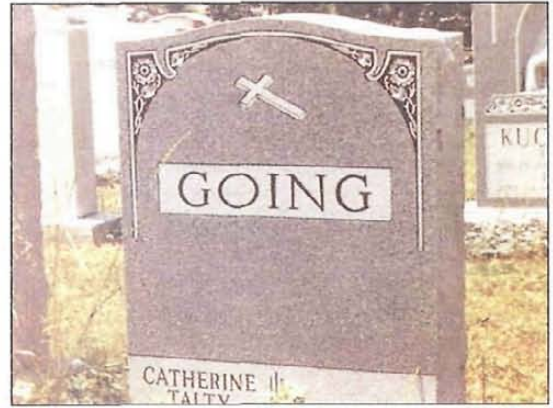
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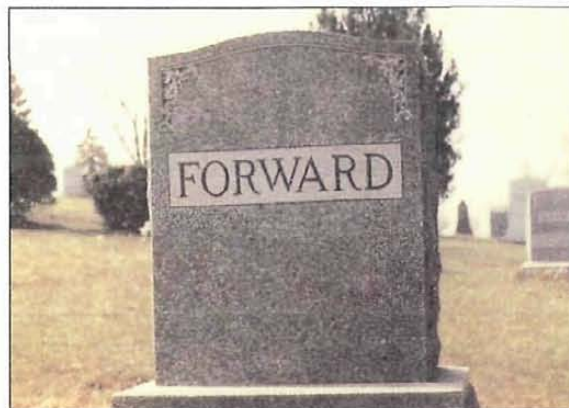
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ARTHUR E. THOMPSON, JR.

FROM THE FOREIGN DESK

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS reported that at least three people were killed by angry mobs in Lagos, Nigeria, after rumors circulated that they were genital-stealing sorcerers. According to the rumors, the alleged sorcerers approached strangers and asked them for directions. Later, the victims reportedly said their genitals were missing. (submitted by Ed Springstead)

ACCORDING TO THE Associated Press, young Australian schoolchildren are using chocolate wrappers as condoms. (submitted by Stephen Weir)

ANIMAL-RIGHTS activists raided an English farm and freed 12,000 snails destined for restaurants, painted animal-rights slogans on the barn, and then set it on fire. The owner of the farm stated that if the snails were released into the wilderness, "there is no way they could survive." *Saskatoon* (Saskatchewan) *Star-Phoenix* (submitted by Dean Schikosky)

POLICE IN DISS, ENGLAND, said the stabbing deaths of two men and a nine-year-old boy were the result of a battle for dominance between rival groups in the chicken-sexing business. (London) *Daily Telegraph* (submitted by John Claxton)

A BRITISH HOSPITAL employee was fired for playing a prank on a coworker involving a severed head. The victim of the prank was lured to the mortuary and thrown a bag. When he opened it he found

the head of a man who had been killed in a train accident. (Arlington Heights, Illinois) *Daily Herald* (submitted by Mark Pauga)

A GREEK DEMOLITION contractor whose phone number closely resembled that of a popular radio station attacked the state radio headquarters with a bulldozer after receiving three hundred calls a day from people wanting to chat on a talk show. According to relatives, the telephone company had ignored his pleas for a new number. *Memphis Commercial Appeal* (submitted by William L. Burnett)

THAI AIRWAYS INTERNATIONAL has begun a campaign to hire more attractive flight attendants, and fewer college-educated attendants. Said air chief marshal Kaset Rojananil, "Intelligent women tend not to be good-looking." *Pittsburgh Press* (submitted by P. J. O'Malia)

GERMAN CULTURE minister Helga Schuchard ordered men in her office not to wear ties because they are phallic symbols. (London) *Daily Telegraph* (submitted by John Claxton)

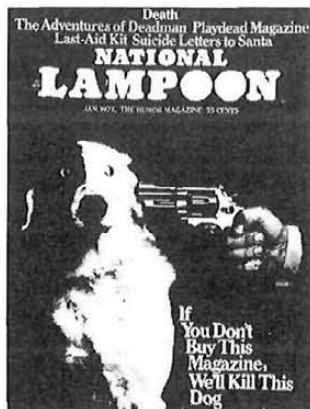
A LAUNDRYWOMAN in the Philippines claims to have given birth to a seven-inch fish. "We will treat her like a human being," said the baby fish's alleged father, Romeo De La Cruz. *Reuters* (submitted by Tony Philputt)

THE GERMAN EMBASSY in Seoul, South Korea, has asked the government to

STOLEN IN THE TRANSLATION— The German Cousin We Never Knew We Had



"Stop Poisoning the North Sea or We'll Kill This Baby Seal"



"The Struggle Continues"

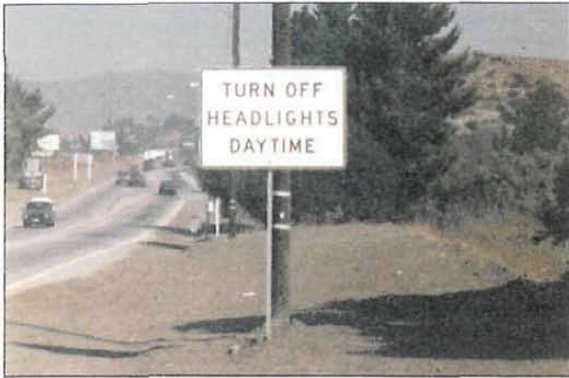


**Titanic is a German satire magazine.
Translations by Eric Yost.**

force the popular Hitler beer hall to change its name, and to remove neon signs and matchbooks bearing the dictator's name and picture, as well as a German flag with a stitched-on swastika. The

owner of the beer hall said he chose the name because it's easy to remember and because Koreans know Germans like beer. *Baltimore Sun* (submitted by Andy Shore)

HUH?



PHILLIP MAYS



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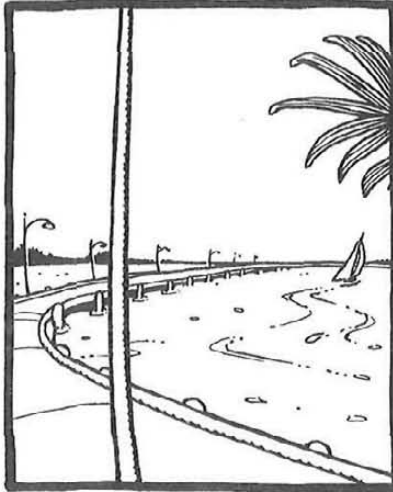


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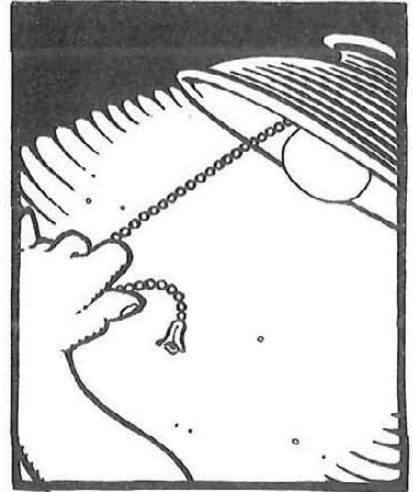


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RICK GEARY'S TOP TRUE FACTS



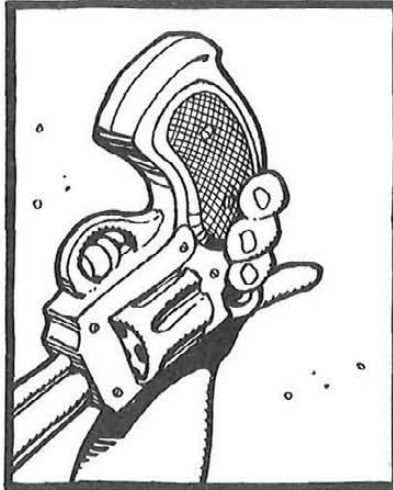
DATELINE: KEY WEST...



A 38-YEAR-OLD WOMAN ONE NITE AWAKENED FROM SLEEP.



SHE REACHED FOR HER ASTHMA INHALER ON THE BEDSIDE TABLE...



BUT GRABBED HER .38 CALIBER REVOLVER, INSTEAD!



SEATTLE...



A FOOLISH THIEF ATTEMPTED TO SIPHON GAS FROM A MOTOR HOME...



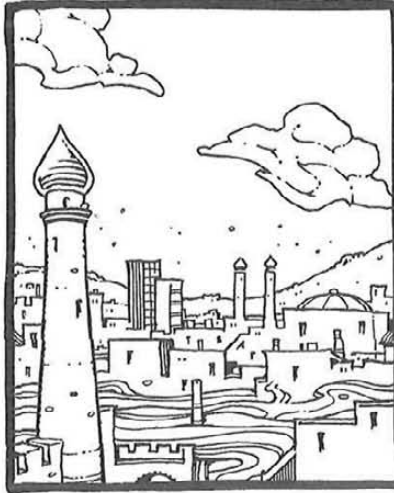
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HE WAS FOUND NEARBY, CURLED UP ON THE GROUND.



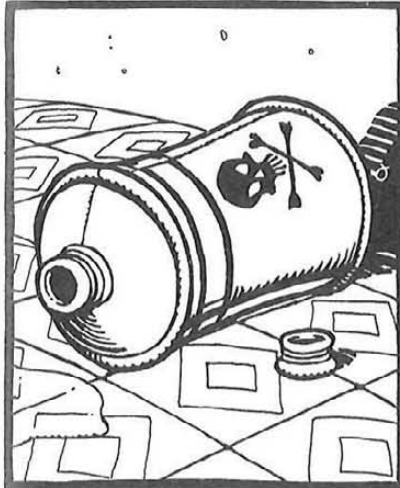
THE OWNER DECLINED TO PRESS CHARGES, FEELING THE MAN HAD "SUFFERED ENOUGH."



IN FAR ISTANBUL...



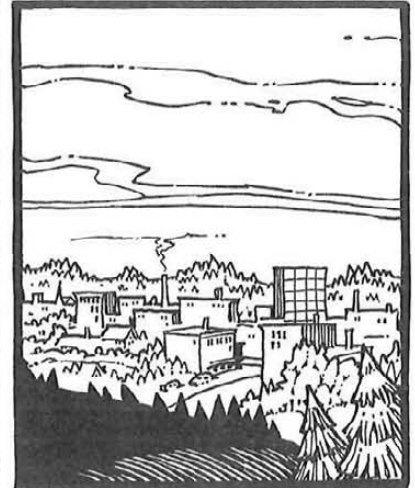
A MERCHANT, 53, WENT INTO PANIC AFTER SWALLOWING A FLY...



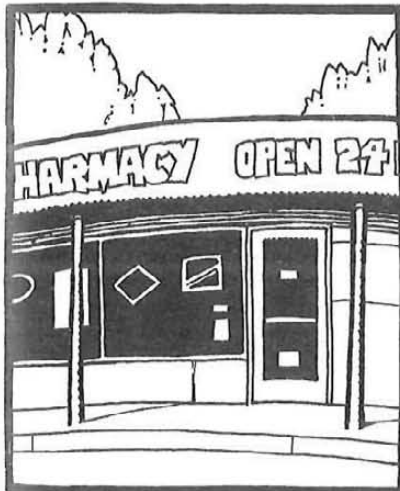
AND GULPED DOWN A QUART OF INSECTICIDE!



"SOMEONE TOLD ME FLIES REPRODUCE VERY QUICKLY," HE EXPLAINED.



WHILE BACK IN SAGINAW, MICH. ...



A SHOPLIFTER ENTERED THE DISCOUNT PHARMACY...



AND CLEARED THE SHELVES OF 70 STICKS OF ROLL-ON DEODORANT!

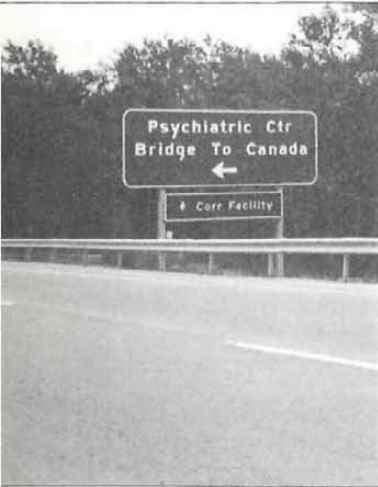


"HE'S PROBABLY THE BEST-SMELLING SHOPLIFTER AROUND," OFFERED THE MANAGER.

RANDOM ACTS OF INSANITY

A WOMAN ON A Berlin-to-Tel Aviv flight tore off her dress and shouted, "Bring me Shamir, I want Shamir," apparently referring to the Israeli prime minister. Passengers reported that she wore nothing underneath her dress. When the plane landed, she danced and skipped as she was taken to a police station for psychological tests. Her only luggage was \$30,000 in a plastic bag. *Reuters* (submitted by Jeremy Sale)

A HICKSVILLE, NEW York, man was arrested for gluing the hand of the Long



ALDEN (NED) HORTON III

Island Railroad passenger who was sitting in front of him to his seat. *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (submitted by Russell Shumaker)

A MAN ROBBED A brother and sister in North Las Vegas, Nevada, at gunpoint and, discovering the two had only twenty dollars between them, bought them beer to show he was not such a bad guy. While he was paying for the beer at a

convenience store, a person walked in complaining about a barking dog; the gunman then walked outside, shot the dog twice, and reentered the store to collect his change. (Los Angeles) *Daily Breeze* (submitted by Elise Thompson)

FROM THE *LUBBOCK Avalanche-Journal*: "Police continued their search for a scissors-wielding robber believed to have been naked from the waist down while holding up a hair salon." (submitted by Drew Blair)

POLICE COULD OFFER no explanation when twenty-seven-year-old Hector Garduno of Chicago, who was in Cook County Circuit Court for driving with a suspended license, walked into a nearby bathroom and cut off his ears with a pair of children's scissors. Police found blood in a washroom stall but did not find Garduno's ears, which they suspected might have been flushed down a toilet. Said a Cook County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman, "[Garduno] made no statements about what the reasoning was. In fact, he didn't even admit to doing it." *Chicago Tribune* (submitted by Christopher Davitt)

A MAN IN BENSLEM, Pennsylvania, pleaded guilty to endangering the lives of other persons after he shot a .380 Walther PPK at a mounted tuna fish on the wall of his apartment. The bullet traveled through the wall into the Domino's Pizza next door. *Bucks County (Pennsylvania) Courier Times* (submitted by Mark Wellbank)



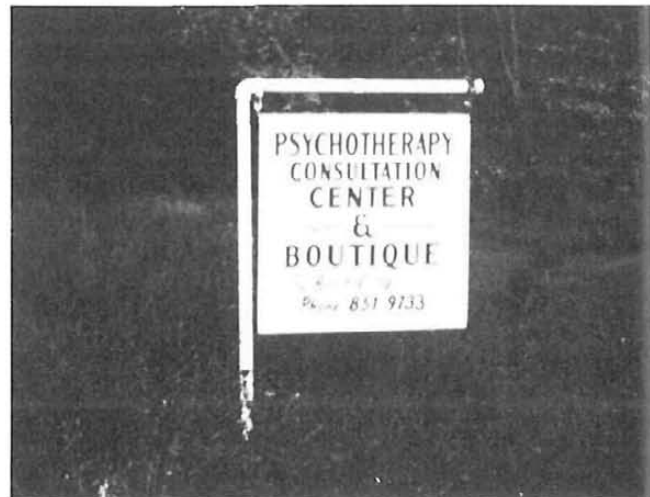
PAUL MCCLUNG

A MAN BEING QUESTIONED in an indecent-exposure investigation in Des Moines, Iowa, dropped his trousers and exposed himself when asked to sign a waiver before questioning. The interrogating detective said he considered the act to be a confession. *Cedar Rapids Gazette* (submitted by Jerry Vander Sanden)

FROM THE POLICE blotter of Elmhurst, Illinois: "An employee of the 7-Eleven was robbed at gun-

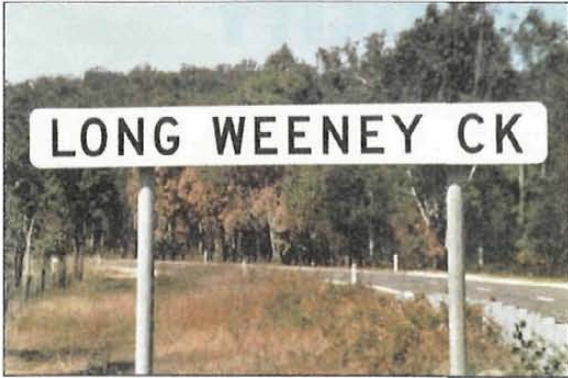
point by a bearded white male. The employee told police the robber walked into the store, pulled a gun, and said, 'I don't want to do anything to you. I just want the money. Just give it to me because I'm a Vietnam vet and I'm crazy.'" (submitted by Chris Miksanek)

A FARMINGTON, NEW Mexico, man was arrested for disorderly conduct when he was discovered cooking hot dogs in a fire on his couch. *Farmington Daily Times* (submitted by Leah Schmitz)



MIKE OTTINGER

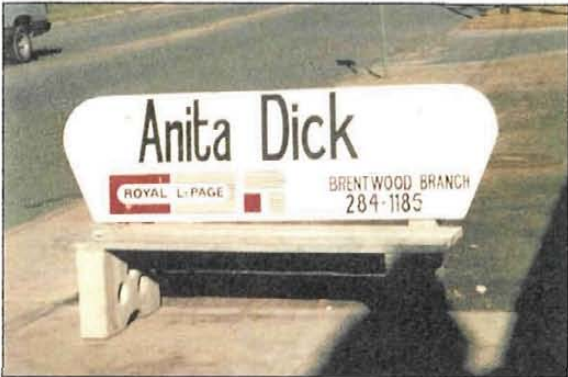
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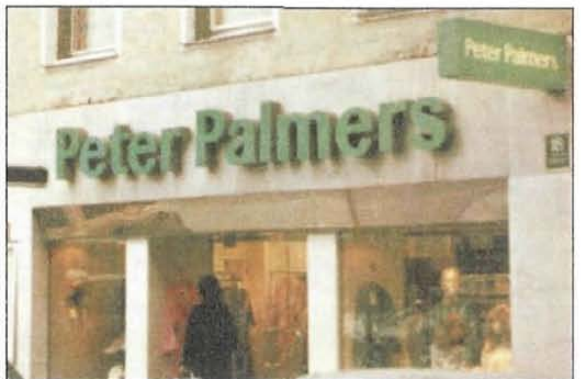
DOUG FARLEY



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TRUE DOMESTICITY With Spouses like These...

Orlando (Florida) Sentinel/submitted by Maria Elena Goodwin

Boring-50 years

Charles C. and Lillian R. Boring, Orlando, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Nov. 10, 1939, in Greensburg, Pa. Their children are Shirley, Arizona; Sandra, Pennsylvania; Charles Jr., Orlando; and Linda Latrobe, Pennsylvania. They have 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He is retired from General Motor Corp., Pennsylvania.



Knott-Smart

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Knott, 8755-1 N. Maplewood, Berrien Springs, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tamatha Lynn, to David Alejandro Smart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Smart of Caracas, Venezuela.

Miss Knott is a graduate of Andrews Academy, Berrien Springs, and is studying dental hygiene at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Her fiance received a bachelor's degree in architecture from Andrews University and is an intern architect for Robert Lee Wold and Associates, Grand Rapids.

A Dec. 17 wedding is planned.

(Beaumont Harbor, Michigan) Herald Palladium/submitted by Rodney Lynch

Omaha World-Herald/submitted by John M. Maxwell

Wager-Betts

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Planning a July 28 wedding at St. Elizabeth Ann Catholic Church in Omaha are Diane Michelle Wager and Gregory M. Betts.

Miss Wager and her fiance are operation supervisors for Idelman Telemarketing Inc. They also attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. David A. Wager of Omaha.

Betts is the son of Gerald E. Betts of Naperville, Ill.

IN A CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, jail, a woman married a man who had shot her in the head and been charged with attempted murder, willful injury, and terrorism. Prior to the shooting, the man had been charged with keeping the woman prisoner for two days and burning the backs of her legs with a heated shovel. Indianapolis Star (submitted by Tony Philputt)

MARGARET EVANS OF Memphis, Tennessee, burned \$186,000 in cash from her husband Robert's safe-deposit box after learning that he was leaving her for another woman. Three weeks later, however, she discovered that the box was leased in the name of "Bob Evans" by someone other than her estranged husband. Her insurance company was not liable for the mistake. AP (submitted by Christopher M. Landrum)

A HUNTINGTON PARK, California, man shot his wife in the head because she hadn't washed the dishes. (Long Beach) Press-Telegram (submitted by Elise Thompson)



A WEST MILTON, OHIO, man bludgeoned his wife to death with two banjos. The first banjo broke while sixty-three-year-old Edward Benson was beating his wife over the head with it. He used a second banjo to finish the job. Dayton Daily News (submitted by Gary McBride)

FROM THE OTHER Paper of Columbus, Ohio: "Two people had dental plates removed from their mouths against their will within an hour's time on August 20. The incidents apparently were unrelated. [One man] sat on his wife and removed her partial plate of teeth. He told police she is a prostitute against his wishes and he thought if she didn't have all her teeth, men would not find her attractive. A man staying at a motel told police he argued with a woman there and she reached into his mouth and removed his upper front dental plate." (submitted by Bob Wood)

(Elmira, New York) Star-Gazette/submitted by William Osgood

Moore-Cox

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Moore of Elmira announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth A. Moore to John F. Cox III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Cox of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The bride-elect graduated from Elmira Free Academy and Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt. She is a medical student at the University of Rochester.

Her fiance graduated from Charlotte Latin School, Charlotte, N.C. and Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. He is a medical student at the University of Rochester.

The couple plan to marry Aug. 11.

DARLENE PHILLIPS OF Belle Fourche, South Dakota, was found guilty of conspiring to kill the eighty-five-year-old man both she and her twin sister had been married to twice. Delores Christenson, Darlene's sister, was acquitted when her attorney convinced the jury she was not intelligent enough to have helped. Darlene's husband, Jerome Phillips, who claims he is actually in love with Delores Christenson, had earlier confessed to smothering the man while his wife held him down. *Indianapolis Star* (submitted by Tony Philputt)

A U. S. MARINE CORPS officer was charged with the murder of his wife after investigators looking into a separate incident discovered a computer file he had created labeled "MURDER." The file contained a twenty-six-step plot for the perfect crime, including such notes to himself as "Alibi/excuse from work," "Make it look as if she left," and "How do I kill her???" *Computerworld* (submitted by Roger Knights)

LOUISIANAN CLARENCE Lewis claims he was shooting out his television set when he accidentally shot and killed his wife. Lewis said his wife would not let their grandchildren watch TV because the house was a mess. Lewis responded by saying he would shoot the TV before he would tell the grandchildren they couldn't watch it. *Baltimore Sun* (submitted by J. Scott Hager)

ACCORDING TO Britain's *The Sport*, "Lovellorn Chris Jewitt hacked off part of his willy with a razor blade," then put it in an envelope and presented it to his estranged wife. (submitted by Stephen Weir)

(Woodbury, New Jersey) Gloucester County Times/submitted by D. Helleck

Just-Fine

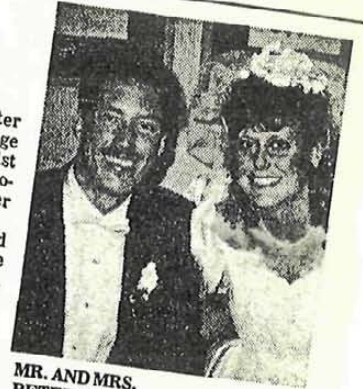
Melinda Louise Fine and Peter Arthur Just were joined in marriage on July 6 at 12:30 p.m. in the East 91st Street Christian Church in Indianapolis, Ind. The Rev. Mark Westner officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fine of Herndon, Va. She was given in marriage by her father. Maid of honor was Shelly Rogers, friend. Bridesmaids included Connie Just, sister of the bridegroom; and Janice Houghton, friend.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Just of Palatine, Ill. Serving as best man was Glen Just, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers included Matt Fine, brother of the bride.

Following a reception at the Hillcrest Country Club in Indianapolis, Ind., the couple embarked on a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean and Florida.

The bride is a graduate of Delaware City Christian School in Newton Square, Pa. and Taylor University in



MR. AND MRS. PETER JUST

Upland, Ind. She is a fourth-grade teacher with Heritage Christian School in Indianapolis.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Hoffman Estates High School and Northern Illinois University in DePauw, Ill. He is employed as a biology teacher and sports trainer with Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis.

The couple resides in Indianapolis, Ind.

SHIT HAPPENS

A WEBSTER CITY, IOWA, man was sentenced to five days in jail for harassment after he enclosed excrement and a profane note along with his payment for a traffic fine. AP (submitted by Melissa Johnson)

BRITISH PALEOSCATOLOGIST Andrew Jones claimed that a thousand-year-old stool found under a Lloyd's of London bank building was "the most exciting piece of excrement I've ever seen." *Newsweek* (submitted by Tom & Marilyn Mooneyham)

A PUBLIC TOILET exploded in a residential area of Beijing, sending a fireball skyward and causing a succession of explosions in the sewage system that shattered twelve manhole covers. Investigators believe the explosions were caused by a buildup of methane gas that

somehow ignited. AP (submitted by Mike Kessler)

MILWAUKEE rock singer Kevin Michael Allin was convicted of provoking a disturbance after a live performance during which he defecated onstage and tossed excrement at the audience. Said Allin, "My body is a rock 'n' roll temple. It's like a communion to my people." *Pittsburgh Press* (submitted by Matthew Hudson)

A MAN INVOLVED IN A property dispute with a woman in Fox Lake Hills, Illinois, took his revenge by defecating regularly outside the front door of her family's house. He was apprehended

when they mounted a video camera on a tripod, aimed at the front door. The man, who brought his own toilet paper with him each time, said he got the idea from watching his dog relieve himself on a neighbor's property. *Waukegan (Illinois) News-Sun* (submitted by Doug Dunbar)

per day to cover bodily noises. The estimated annual water savings is 23,850 liters per woman. (submitted by Joe Herzog)

THREE WORKERS NEARLY died after falling into a "cesspit" behind the Robin Hood pub and restaurant in Pembroke, Bermuda.



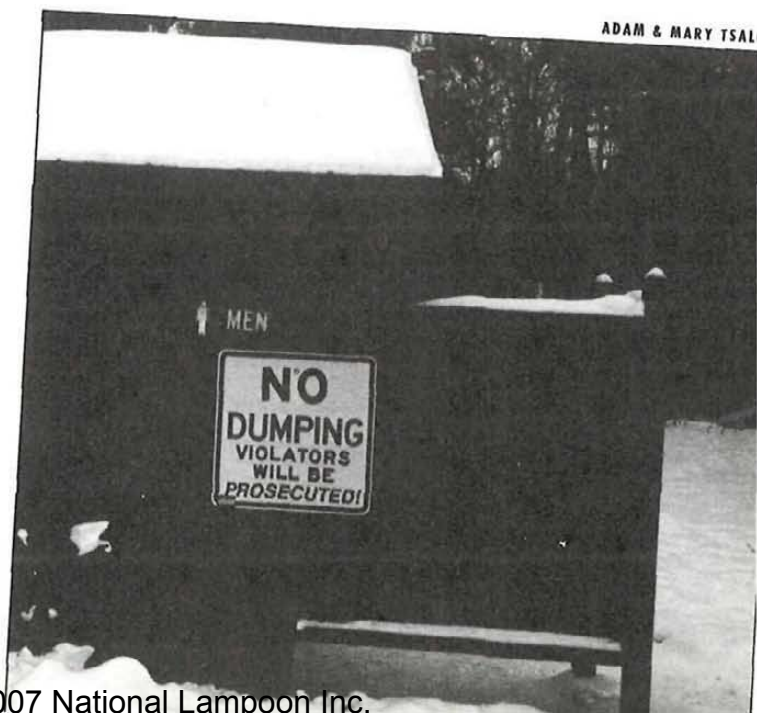
PATRICK BEHLER

A MAJOR WATER SAVER in Japan is the "phantom flushing device," which plays the sound of a flushing toilet, according to *Contractor* magazine. Japanese women average 2.5 flushes four times

The pit was brimming with kitchen grease and raw sewage, accumulated over a period of six months. *Royal Gazette* (submitted by Peter Peaman)



GREG WESEMAN



ADAM & MARY TSAL

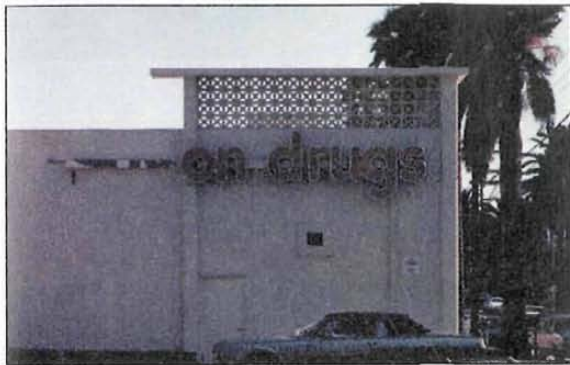
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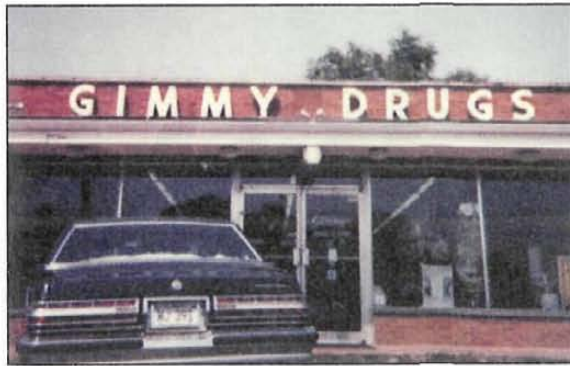
GINA MORRIS



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TOM MCELROY



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TRUE RELIGION Jesus, That's Funny!



PETER VANDER WOUDE



PEDAR NESS



GLENN E. WHITELY



MATT NORSWORTHY

NEARLY HALF OF West Virginian adults believe demons can get you, according to a recent poll. *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* (submitted by Joseph Forbes)



ON THE SOUTH PACIFIC island of Vanuatu, there is said to be a tribe that worships the Duke of Edinburgh, husband to Queen Elizabeth II. The tribe

is reported to have sent the duke his own personal penis gourd. *Vancouver Province* (submitted by Lorne Pickett)



ISRAELI POSTAL WORKERS in Jerusalem receive several thousand letters each year addressed to God. Some are forwarded to Israel from foreign countries. Says one postal official, "We don't

know where to deliver them." *Miami Herald* (submitted by Gina Morris)



A MINISTER IN BLAUVELT, New York, was charged with public lewdness after a state trooper spotted a man jogging naked on the highway. The man was followed to the home of the minister. The min-

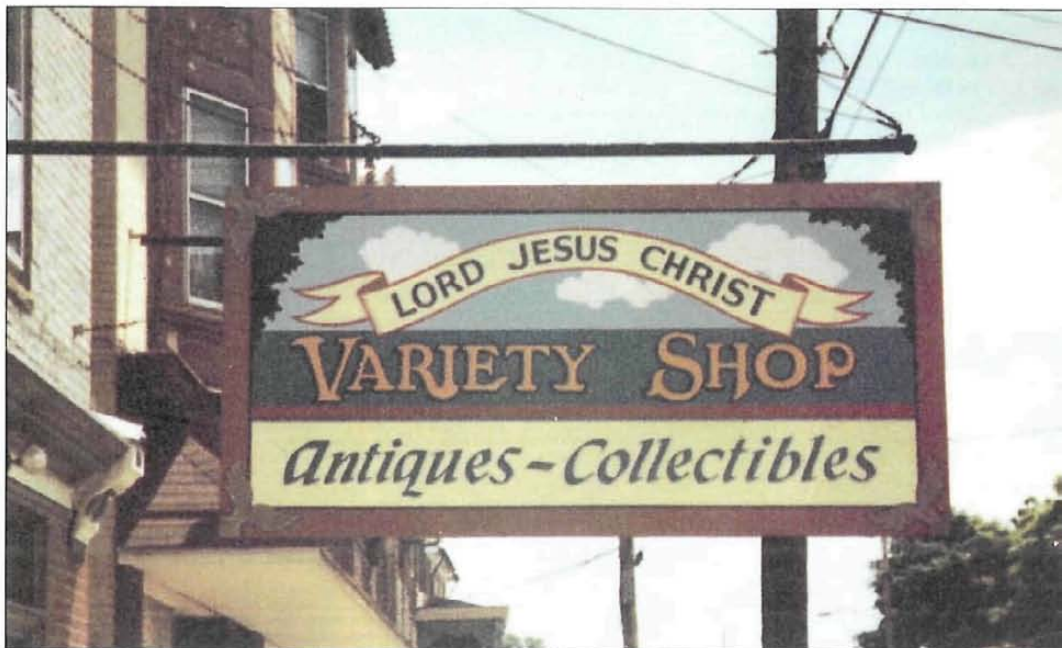
ister said that the police have the wrong man. *AP* (submitted by Andrea Legler-Bradstreet)



THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC Beverage Commission banned the sale of Dixie Blackened Voodoo Lager, brewed in New Orleans, because of the name's association with "witchcraft and



MARK WYATT



ERNIE COOKE

other cult organizations." The Louisiana legislature responded by banning the sale of Lone Star beer. The controversy ended when the Texas agency rescinded its original order. *Los Angeles Times* (submitted by Rob Garrison)



FIVE GROWN CHILDREN kept the remains of their mother in the bedroom of

their house in Brooklyn, New York, for more than eighteen months after she died, in the belief that she would be resurrected. The body was discovered by the woman's niece, who grew suspicious of the family's claim that she was unavailable and had been sleeping a lot. The bedroom had been kept meticulously clean and was filled with flowers and presents for the

woman to enjoy when she came back to life. AP (submitted by Don Culley)



THE STATE OF MICHIGAN canceled plans to teach breathing exercises to kindergartners because of concern that deep breathing could promote devil worship or mysticism. AP (submitted by Lee Edmundson)

BLACKS HAVE BEEN leaving the Lutheran Church in recent years because the services are dull, according to a black pastor at a Lutheran conference. Noting the Lutherans' German roots, the Reverend Ulmer Marshall said, "German music is just not attuned to what many of us are accustomed to and grew up with." AP (submitted by D. Halleck)

TRUE MEDICINE



MITCH O'CONNELL

AN EPIDEMIC OF BREAST development has struck the sheep shearers of Australia's Outback, according to the Christchurch, New Zealand, *Press*. The exact cause of the breast development is unknown, but it seems to be linked to a sling the shearers use to support themselves and give relief to their backs. (submitted by Oswald F. Angst)



ACCORDING TO THE *San Francisco Chronicle*, surgeons have used common household products like Krazy Glue, plaster of Paris, and commercial zippers in surgery. The Food and Drug Administration notes that these practices have not been officially approved. (submitted by Roy Henock)

A NURSE IN LOMITA, California, was arrested for putting insulin in the intravenous solutions of two patients. In her confession, she claimed she did it in order to get medical treatment in prison for her recurring headaches. *Los Angeles Times* (submitted by Richard Goldstein)



A THIRTY-FOUR-YEAR-old Palo Alto woman, who had put off appropriate medical treatment for ten years for fear of the risks of surgery, finally had a 303-pound ovarian cyst removed in a six-hour operation. The woman, who weighed 210 pounds after the surgery, had been bedridden for two years prior to the operation. The cyst was too heavy for any of

the surgeons to lift and had to be rolled onto a stretcher before it was taken away and cut up for microscopic examination. *Los Angeles Times* (submitted by Carl J. Rider and William L. Burnett)



A NEW SUPPORT GROUP has been started in San Francisco for circumcised men. The group, called RECAP, for RECover A Penis, gives men tips on stretching their existing penis skin to form a foreskin. To help achieve this, the group's founder has developed a seven-and-a-half-ounce barbell called Foreballs. The group has a mailing list of approximately two hundred members. *Knight-Ridder* (submitted by Anne Holmes)



THE SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL *Medical Aspects of Human Sexuality* reported a case of a man who lost his left testis and lacerated his scrotum. The man, a machine-shop worker, was in the habit of masturbating by holding his penis against the canvas drive-belt of a piece of machinery, and one day leaned too close to the belt. The man initially stapled the wound closed and resumed work. (submitted by Eric S. Pfeiffer and Chuck Wolf)

IN LONDON, BRITISH surgeons grafted a man's right ear to his thigh after the ear had been bitten off in a fight. Said a surgeon, "The ear was cleaned up as well as could be expected, and was then grafted onto the right thigh, where it will stay for around five months. His position will then be assessed again, and, hopefully, his ear can be moved to its rightful position." *Reuters* (submitted by David Mathison, Douglas Chamberlain, Jay Madden)



SURGEONS OPERATING on what was diagnosed as a tumor on the buttocks of a Hartsville, Tennessee, woman discovered instead a four-inch pork chop bone. The woman could not remember having sat on it, or having eaten it, though it was estimated that the bone had been there for five to ten years. *Family Safety and Health* (submitted by David McKeown)



BRITISH RESEARCHERS have discovered that bills treated with a chemical found in the sweat from men's armpits and groins have a much greater chance of being paid than bills that are not treated. *Reuters* (submitted by Bobby Jones)

(Hemet, California) News/submitted by Kim Jenkins

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MAN'S BEST FRIEND Is That a Gun in Your Paw, Or Are You Glad to See Me?

Bird Dog Shoots Man

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A 52-year-old man was hospitalized for treatment of a gunshot wound apparently inflicted by a prancing bird dog, officials said Friday.

Capt. Tony Barrett of the Bedford County Sheriff's Office said Huston Pugh had shot a quail Thursday and pitched the bird out for his dog to retrieve it.

"He had placed his 12-gauge shotgun on the ground beside him," Barrett said. "The dog had brought the bird back to him and was dancing around as Pugh attempted to take it out of the dog's mouth. The dog apparently stepped on the trigger of the shotgun, the weapon discharged and Pugh was struck in the left foot."

Pugh was in satisfactory condition at Bedford County General Hospital.

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Pet cat shoots man

WAUSAU, WIS. (AP) — A 21-year-old man was in the hospital Tuesday recuperating from a gunshot wound inflicted by his cat.

Jeffrey Westerdyk of Wausau was wounded in the shoulder Monday when his cat knocked a loaded .22-caliber rifle from the bed and the gun went off, fire department officials said.

Westerdyk underwent surgery for some internal injuries and was in the special care unit of Wausau Hospital Center.

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Boy's ear is reattached; found in dog's stomach

VINITA PARK, MO. (AP) — An ear found in the stomach of a dog that mauled a 6-year-old boy has been successfully reattached to the injured youngster, who saved two other children from the attack, authorities

the dog, which then jumped over the fence and ran.

Police officer Craig Reitke of neighboring Ferguson saw the dog in a nearby creek bed and shot it four times before it fell, police said.

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IN BELGIUM, A PET spaniel fatally shot his sixty-six-year-old master after bumping into a loaded shotgun in the back seat of the car the man was driving. *Detroit News* (submitted by David Gerrish)



AN INDIANA STATE trooper who thought an injured dog outside a grocery store was creating a traffic hazard drove his car over the dog four times in an attempt to kill it. The dog finally died when another motorist ran it over. Jason Fajt of the Indiana state police claimed there were too many people around for him to shoot the dog, which Fajt said was large and "would not die." *(Cleveland) Plain Dealer* (submitted by Ming Chang)

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A WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, man was revived by his German shepherd after being shot in the back by his own gun. The gun had been loaded and set up and, while the man was checking his target, the dog bumped the open trigger. *Toronto Globe and Mail* (submitted by Kevin Thomas Kelly)

THREE PEOPLE IN PHE-nix City, Alabama, were taken to the hospital for burns after an explosion occurred. The people were washing tar off their dog with gasoline near a water heater. The dog's whereabouts following the accident were unknown. *Birmingham News* (submitted by Sally Johns)

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD Tony McCarty and his mother brought their pit bull-chow mix to the veterinarian for a rabies vaccination and stood watching as the doctor put it to sleep with a lethal injection. The poison had been meant for another pit bull-chow mix that had been brought in for euthanasia. AP (submitted by Jeffery Bowman)

4 die trying to save dog

BLACKPOOL, England (UPI) — Three police officers and a vacationer drowned Wednesday in a series of ill-fated rescue attempts that began when the vacationer's dog bounded into 20-foot seas in pursuit of a ball.

Alistair Anthony, 25, of Glasgow, plunged into the Irish Sea trying to save his pet, a Jack Russell terrier named Henry.

Two policemen and a policeman summoned by Anthony's father jumped into the water to try to rescue Anthony but were swept out to sea and presumed drowned, along with Anthony and the dog, police said.

Two other policemen who joined the rescue attempt were hospitalized suffering from exposure and hypothermia.

(Raleigh, North Carolina) News and Observer/submitted by Kathleen Davis

Puppy blamed for home fire

IOWA CITY, IA. (AP) — The antics of an English pointer puppy are being blamed for a fire Thursday night that heavily damaged a mobile home and claimed the puppy's life.

The fire in the Indian Lookout mobile home community just south of Iowa City caused structural damage estimated at \$12,000 and contained the home was \$8,000.

submitted by Doug McReynolds

Dog found hanging from town's flagpole

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By WILLIAM RYBERG

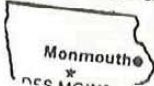
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Why would someone want to hang a dead dog from a flagpole at the park in the small Jackson County town of Monmouth?

Mayor Ron Stender believes it

might have been an attempt at a set-up.

Stender sees it differently. "I don't think it was any threat or anything like that on the humane society fella," said Stender. "I would rather say it was just a prank on a



A THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD boy was arrested for assaulting his mother with their pet chihuahua. Neither victim nor dog was hurt. *Livestock Market Digest* (submitted by Pat Jones)



A RURAL MINNESOTA man and his dog took action when a bear destroyed the man's freezer in search of food. After three separate incidents, Darrell Smith turned his dog, a shepherd-malamute mix, on the bear. When the dog treed the bear, Smith came outside with his rifle and a flashlight to take care of the thief once and for all. Smith fired and the bear fell. The dead bear landed on the dog, killing it instantly. *Cook County News-Herald* (submitted by Eric Shaffer)

MONTREAL, CANADA, will spend \$34,000 to build an experimental bathroom for dogs in a city park. The enclosed facility will have three concrete poles, urinals in a bed of crushed stones, trees, shrubs, and benches for owners. *Los Angeles Times* (submitted by John Capodilupo)

FROM THE EMMETT, Idaho, *Messenger Index*: "Buck Nash said there was a dog in his front yard and that it would not get up. An officer dropped the dog off with the daughter of the owner of the animal. The dog was not hurt, it was just old." (submitted by M. Sankey)

POLICE ARE LOOKING for a dognapper in Emmetsburg, Iowa, who takes black Labrador retrievers, washes them, clips their nails, and brushes their teeth before returning them to their owners. *Iowa City Press-Citizen* (submitted by David Norin)

TRUE CRIMES II

FROM THE POLICE Blotter of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*:

"A man was arrested after he tried several times to run over a woman in his car. The woman grabbed a hoe and hit the car, and he got out and hit her with a crutch."

"A woman said a man parked next to her reached inside her car, grabbed her between the legs, and masturbated. After he grabbed her he drove away. The woman said she would know him if she saw him again."

"A disabled sixty-two-year-old man was fondled at an East Rosedale Street grocery by a woman who laughed in his face as she stole a twenty-dollar bill from his pants pocket, police said. The man, who relies on a walker because he has suffered two strokes, told police he did not encounter the woman until he was ready to pay for his purchases. When he walked up to the checkout line, the woman sauntered up and stuck her hand down the front of his pants. When the man told her to stop, the woman laughed and then jabbed her hand into his left front pants pocket, pulled out a twenty-dollar bill, and ran out of the store, police said." (submitted by Robert L. Stoskopf)

He weighs 475 pounds. *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* (submitted by Robert L. Stoskopf)

A RICHMOND, VIRGINIA man was arrested for possession of cocaine after he passed out business cards reading *Head Crack! Head Crack!, Weight Is So Good True Pipers Will Be Back!, Cook Em Up/Powder!*; 9 p.m.-12 a.m. Mon.-Sun., *Walking corner to corner with boom box.* *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (submitted by Russell Shumaker and John Davis)

IN AN EFFORT TO CLOSE down a strip club in Tukwila, Washington, undercover officers visited the club three to five times a week over a period of six months. In one instance, twelve undercover officers spent two and a half hours buying "table dances" before issuing citations. *Seattle Times* (submitted by Donald B. Kauffman)

FREDERICK COUNTY, Virginia, Sheriff Charles "Chuck" Sturdivant has received several complaints from male deputies who claim

he humiliates them in public by kissing them on the cheek or the ear. "We're the laughingstock of the valley," said John Hoover, an investigator in the department. "The other day, there was an incident where two deputies were having breakfast and these construction workers were blowing kisses at them." In his defense, Sturdivant recently said, "I am not a homosexual. I am not a drunk. I am not a wife-beater." He went on to say that kissing his deputies in public could not be so wrong if the Bible said Jesus also went around kissing everybody. *Washington Post* (submitted by Emily Smith)

FROM THE SEATTLE Times Police Beat: "A banker reported recently that someone poured beer all over his 1986 Honda while it was parked on East Thomas Street. The entire car was covered with brew, said police, unsure of whether the brand involved was domestic or imported." (submitted by John Martinez)

TWO MEN IN ST. PAUL, Minnesota, tried to rob a family by blocking their car and demanding money. When the family refused, locking their doors and windows, the robbers jumped on top of the car and began

pounding on the roof, whereupon the family drove to the police station at breakneck speed. One of the robbers clung to the roof the entire time and was arrested at the station. *Kalamazoo Gazette* (submitted by Vince Delange)

FROM THE ADDISON, Illinois, police blotter: "Police received a report of a stolen box of cereal from a home in the 400 block of Wenbriar Drive." (submitted by Mark Ratkowski)

A TEXAS CONSTRUCTION worker was charged with disorderly conduct after repeatedly pulling his bathing suit down to reveal his buttocks to beachgoers in Galveston. He was hanging upside down by the ankles and bouncing on a bungee cord from a crane platform at the time. *Washington Post* (submitted by Val Karels)

IN AN EFFORT TO crack down on the city's prostitution business, Albuquerque police have gone so far as to disrobe, submit to rubdowns by naked women, and allow their genitals to be touched. "It's not a pretty part of police work," said Police Chief Bob Stover. *Albuquerque Journal* (anonymous submission)

WAYNE LEWIS OF MIAMI was arrested trying to smuggle eleven pounds of crack through the Tallahassee Regional Airport. Officers decided to search Lewis because he fit a profile of drug smugglers who had been using the airport, a police spokesman said. The officers did not initially find the drugs, but a trained police dog sniffed around Lewis's stomach, and some \$30,000 worth of crack hidden in the folds of Lewis's fat fell out.

Man stabbed in drug deal

A Toronto man was stabbed near the heart after a drug deal in a downtown restaurant went sour early Monday, police say. Gerard Thomas, 27, was taken to Bow Valley Centre, where he is listed in good condition. The stabbing took place about 2 a.m. inside the French Mist, a restaurant and strip club at 302 3rd Ave. S.W.

"From the information we have obtained, several men met in the lobby of the restaurant for what was reported to be a drug transaction," said police Staff Sgt. Mike Deal. "Something went wrong."

Police have two suspects, but have made no arrests. Meanwhile, police are still looking for a man in connection

with a shootout Sunday in the stairway of the Golden Nugget restaurant, 130 3rd Ave. S.E.

Police believe two men exchanged fire about 1:45 a.m. in a stairway while 175 customers were being served.

Peter Ngo, 29, has been charged with possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace.

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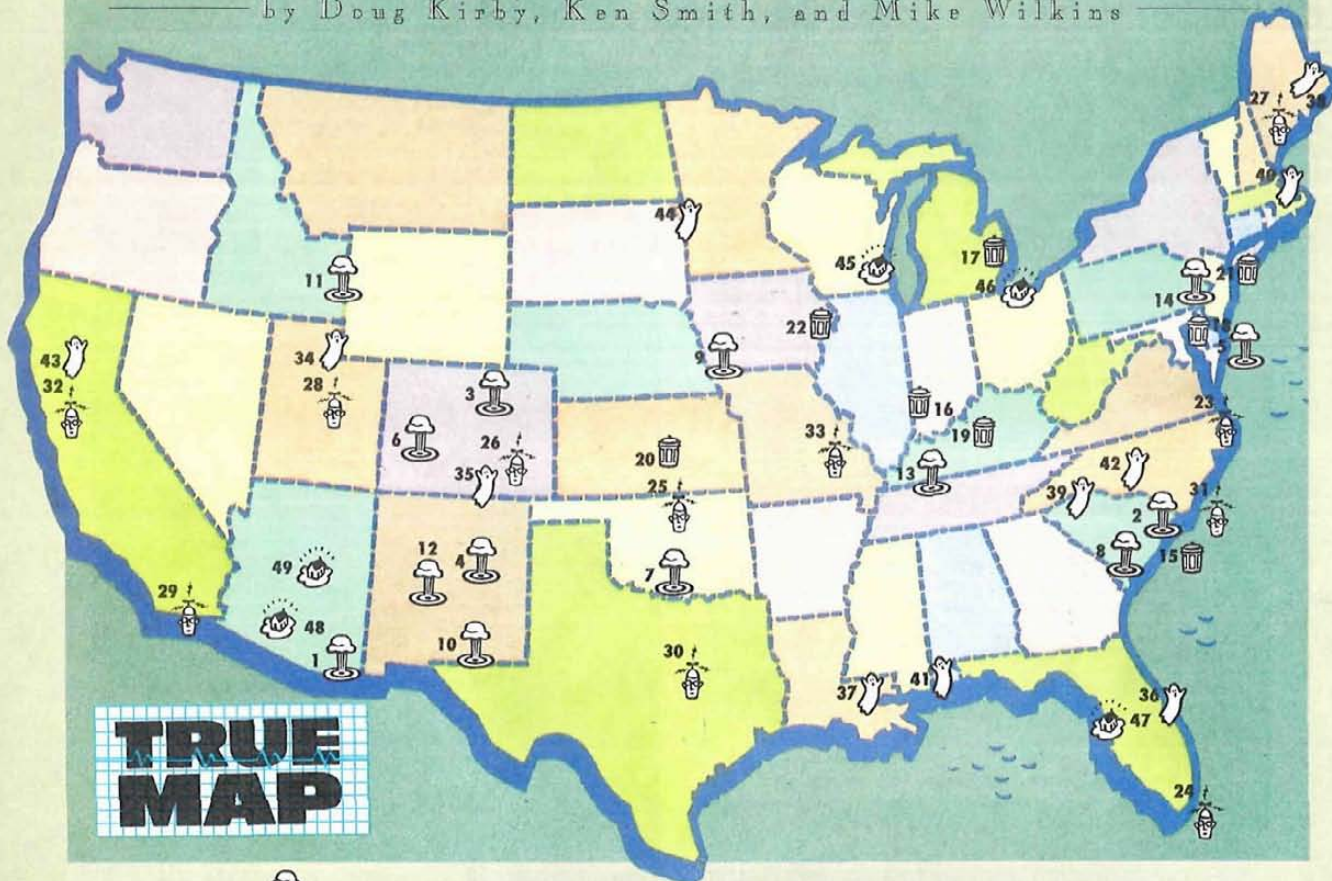
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WILD SCIENCE

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ATOMIC BOMB SITES

1. Titan Missile Museum, Green Valley, Ariz. High-heeled shoes cannot be worn here! When this ICBM launch site was decommissioned by the military, the townspeople turned it into a museum. The featured attraction: a tour deep into a missile silo still housing a 103-foot Titan. The whole silo is on springs. "Designed to withstand anything but a direct nuclear hit," says the smiling guide.

2. A-Bomb Crater, Mars Bluff, S.C. An Air Force B-47 accidentally dropped an atomic bomb on Walter Gregg's farm here in 1958. The non-nuclear material in the bomb exploded, leveling a farmhouse and leaving a crater seventy-five feet wide and thirty-five feet deep. The crater is now a swamp pond.

3. Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant, Boulder, Colo. This is the only facility in America that can produce weapons-grade plutonium, but it keeps catching on fire! The DEP declared the place an environmental menace and shut it down in 1989, but it didn't stay closed for long. Only ten miles upwind from Denver.

4. National Atomic Museum, Albuquerque, N. Mex. Its most popular exhibits are the replica Fat Man and Little Boy bombs, exact duplicates of the noisemakers dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

5. Enola Gay, Washington, D.C. You've seen the bombs, now see the bomber. The *Enola Gay* paid a visit to Hiroshima and is now enshrined in the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum. Only five blocks away is the House where important pro-nuclear legislation is signed regularly.

6. Town Built on Uranium Scraps, Grand Junction,

Colo. Hundreds of homes in Grand Junction were mistakenly built on top of, or in some cases actually out of, uranium mine tailings. Don't worry, says the federal government, it's only low-level radiation....

7. The Atomic Cannon, Fort Sill, Okla. "Atomic Annie" is one of only three atomic cannons ever built in the U.S. This huge artillery piece was designed to hurl nuclear shells far enough so that they wouldn't kill the people who fired them.

8. Road of Nuclear Doom, Jackson, S.C. When you drive Route 125 between Millet and the notorious Savannah River Nuclear Defense Site, you'll need to get a pass and promise to stay in your car. Chronic seepage problems are reported along this twenty-mile stretch. Watch for radioactive turtles.

9. The Strategic Air Command Museum, Bellevue, Nebr. Reach out and touch the largest bombers ever built—ten different models! Seven different types of deadly missiles are in the outdoor garden. Pick up a replica red phone and overhear an end-of-the-world scramble. Watch a slide-show reenactment of "Red Alert," and see the button glow.

10. Trinity Site, Alamogordo, N. Mex. The first ever atomic bomb was detonated here at the first ever Ground Zero, now marked by a stone cairn. The site is only open to the public once a year, on the first Saturday of October. Plan your vacation accordingly.

11. Atomic City, Idaho. This is the only town in the world actually named "Atomic City." The gas station is also the post office, general store, and motel. Great postcards. In neighboring Arco, take a self-guided tour of Experimental Breeder Reactor #1 and see "the hot cell," protected from

you by thirty-four layers of oil-separated glass!

12. H-Bomb Crater, Albuquerque, N. Mex. Another slippery blockbuster, this time an H-bomb, was dropped five miles from downtown Albuquerque in 1957. The bomb was 625 times more powerful than Hiroshima's firecracker, but only the detonation explosives went off. Today the crater is a small sandpit surrounded by desert sagebrush.

13. Paducah, Ky. A town whose postcards once proclaimed it "Atomic City." Since 1951, the Paducah Weapons Works has buried seven million pounds of plutonium locally. It's enough plutonium to kill everyone in Paducah 330 trillion times, but who's counting?

14. Three Mile Island Visitors Center, Middletown, Pa. This place preserves a little bit of American nuclear history, courtesy of General Public Utilities. Don't miss the view of the containment dome from the center's observation deck. The center isn't nearly as popular as it was in 1979, but the souvenir cooling-tower coffee mugs are worth the trip.

SPACE JUNK

15. Replica Moon Footprints, Myrtle Beach, S.C. Embedded in the sidewalk in front of the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. They're replicas of the footprints made by South Carolina native Charles M. Duke, Jr. on the Apollo 16 mission.

16. Virgil I. Grissom State Memorial, Mitchell, Ind. America's unluckiest astronaut was dead four years before this unremarkable building, in a far corner of a state park, was dedicated. A Norman Rockwell painting on display shows him getting ready for the Apollo flight

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in which he was killed. His Gemini copilot, John Young, went to the moon twice.

17. Bicentennial Moon Tree, Lansing, Mich. Moon trees sprout from terrestrial seeds that traveled to the moon. This one, an Apollo 14 sycamore planted in 1976, has had little or no mutating impact on the surrounding flora.

18. Masonic Apron Worn on the Moon, Washington, D.C. At the House of the Temple you can see this cabalist diaper, worn by Buzz Aldrin (a thirty-two-degree Shriner) while he cavorted in the Sea of Tranquility. Does this mean the U.S. has to split the moon with the Masons?

19. Apollo 13 Capsule, Louisville, Ky. See the capsule from the cursed moon mission at the Museum of History and Science. NASA was warned not to give an Apollo mission this number, but did those know-it-all scientists listen? Thank God Gus Grissom wasn't alive to command it.

20. Only Soviet Spacesuit in the U.S., Hutchinson, Kans. The prize exhibit at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center is the spacesuit worn by Svetlana Savitskaya, the first woman to walk in space. It's the only Soviet spacesuit the USSR has allowed to be displayed in the West, probably because it's at the "Cosmosphere."

21. The Moon Golf Club, Far Hills, N.J. The USGA Golf Association Museum in Far Hills, New Jersey, possesses one of our greatest lunar treasures—the six-iron used by Alan Shepard to drive a golf ball on the moon.

22. Future Birthplace of James T. Kirk, Riverside, Iowa. A twenty-foot Starship *Enterprise* replica sits in the town park. A shapeless concrete blob behind Kirk Headquarters marks the spot upon which the captain will be whelped. Townsfolk would like to erect a bronze bust, but Paramount Pictures wants \$40,000 to license the image. Kirk's birthday is celebrated every March 26.

MAD GENIUSES

23. Edgar Cayce Center for Research and Enlightenment, Virginia City, Va. Edgar Cayce was a reluctant psychic who accepted no pay. Born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, he held "readings" twice a day and could diagnose diseases using medical terms he did not understand. Today the center disseminates his teachings. His writings are indexed and available to visitors.

24. Coral Castle, Homestead, Fla. Edward Leedskalnin, who weighed only one hundred pounds, somehow managed to singlehandedly carve and raise into position massive coral blocks—some weighing over twenty-five tons—to build this elaborate castle. He worked at night and died without revealing his secrets. Engineers still haven't figured out how he did it.

25. The Pyramids, Wichita, Kans. Olive W. Garvey began her Center for the Improvement of Human Functioning to "stimulate an epidemic of health for the benefit of humankind." Sprawled over ninety acres, the center is now home to a Biocommunication Research and Biosynergistic Education Institute. The role of the Pyramids, which litter the grounds, cannot be easily explained.

26. The Nikola Tesla Museum, Colorado Springs, Colo. The Nikola Tesla Museum is trying to rediscover the "secrets" Tesla unearthed during his 1899 series of electrical experiments, before he was ruined by Edison and the super-rich. This storefront museum is filled with plasma jars, a Tesla coil, and photos of Tesla surrounded by halos of sparks.

27. Orgonon: The Wilhelm Reich Institute, Ranglely, Maine. Wilhelm Reich believed "orgone

energy" exploded from the body at the moment of orgasm, and if harnessed it could cure cancer. This institute, complete with a "Children's Discovery Room," is devoted to continuing his research. Reich died in prison, firmly convinced that his father was a space alien.

28. Cold Fusion Center, Provo, Utah. If anyone can give us nuclear fusion in a glass of water, it'll be these folks at Brigham Young University. Remember, they laughed at Einstein.

29. Unarius Academy of Science, El Cajon, Calif. The academy sells books, holds meetings, and teaches the followers of UFO-contactee Ruth Norman about their space brothers in the Intergalactic Confederation. Ruth drives a Cadillac with a flying saucer bolted to its roof.

30. Creation Evidences Museum Hyperbaric Time Machine, Glen Rose, Tex. The museum is building a forty-six-ton "hyperbaric biosphere." According to the Reverend Carl Baugh, project director, it will "simulate the pre-Flood atmosphere that led to the dinosaurs. If this experiment is successful, it will upend the theory of evolution." The reverend believes that pressure and heat will turn modern-day lizards into dinosaurs. "Preliminary experiments with tomato plants have already proved successful."

31. Mac Millis's Nursery, Hampstead, N.C. Venus's flytraps grow naturally only within a seventy-five-mile radius of Hampstead. Mac believes the flytrap actually came from Venus. This part of North Carolina is pockmarked with mysterious, shallow meteor craters. Mac, after performing many experiments, thinks the seeds were on those meteors!

32. Alien Rocket Brain, Port Costa, Calif. Clayton Bailey has been constructing robots with transplanted brains in his backyard for more years than anyone can remember. He has a collection of 1947-49 Studebaker rocket cars. He doesn't like visitors.

33. Frankenstein, Mo. The only town in America named after a mad scientist. A large wall mural of Frankenstein's monster graces one of the buildings downtown.

BEYOND SCIENCE

34. The Cursed Resort, Salt Lake City, Utah. The ruins of the Sallair Resort overlook the Great Salt Lake. Built in 1893, burned in 1925. Rebuilt, and then beached when the lake receded. Rebuilt, then burned again in 1970. Rebuilt, then flooded in 1984 when the lake suddenly rose twelve feet. For a religious group that believes in omens, enough was enough.

35. Blue Ghost Lights, Silver Cliff, Colo. They've been darting among the gravestones of Silver Cliff Cemetery regularly since 1882.

36. Town of Spiritualists, Cassadaga, Fla. Five separate spiritualist groups battle for tourist attention in this town: the Psychic Therapy Center group, the Spiritualist Camp group, the Universal Center group, the Hotel group, and the Grocery Store group. You can sense the animosity in vandalized signs and negative auras.

37. Most Haunted House in America, St. Francisville, La. Every plantation home in Louisiana has a ghost story, but this one—the Myrles Plantation—has the most. Generally conceded to be the most haunted house in America, but who wants to spend the night to find out? Built in 1796.

38. Bucksport's Mysterious Tomb, Bucksport, Maine. The tombstone of the town's founder, Colonel Jonathan Buck, is plainly visible from the street. On one side is the image of a woman's stocking-clad leg. It is said this is the curse of a woman Buck had tried as a witch and

burned. Heirs tried to clean the foot off the stone, but it kept coming back!

39. The Little People, Asheville, N.C. Locals swear that Hickory Nut Gorge is inhabited by the Little People, tiny men with light skin, beards, large eyes, and blond, curly hair. They're very kind to most folks, but they hated the Cherokee. Reports of tiny horsemen fighting with swords are not uncommon.

40. America's Stonehenge, North Salem, New Hampshire. This jumble of rocks doesn't look a bit like its European namesake. Was it built by the ancients in 2000 B.C.? Or maybe renegade Irish monks in A.D. 1000? Or bored New Hampshire farmers in the eighteenth century? It originally promoted itself as "Mystery Hill," but too many tourists showed up wanting to see their cars roll uphill.

41. The Singing River, Biloxi, Miss. The Pascagoula produces a singing sound that can be heard best in late summer and autumn. Indian legends explained it, scientists cannot.

42. The Phantom Train, Statesville, N.C. It was first sighted in 1906 and reappears every year on April 27.

43. Toys "R" Us Ghost, Sunnyvale, Calif. Johnny Johanson, a simple 1880s farmhand, severed an artery while chopping wood and died a HORRIBLE DEATH. In the 1980s he was busy haunting the stockroom of the Toys "R" Us store built on that very site. A séance may have made him go away, but no one is really sure.

44. Sica Hollow State Park, Sisseton, S. Dak. "Sica" is the Sioux word for evil or bad. Sioux avoided this place. The hollow echoes with weird groaning and moaning sounds. "Trapped air," say the scientists. Oh yeah? How do you explain the gurgling reddish bogs and tree stumps that glow in the dark???

THE GLORIOUS FUTURE

45. Tommy Bartlett's Robot World, Wisconsin Dells, Wis. Tommy B. owns half the Porsches in Wisconsin and predicts that people of distinction are going to have robots doing all their housework pretty soon. The original mechanical inhabitants of his Robot World scared the kids, so he redesigned them to look like R2D2 and C-3PO.

46. Henry Ford's Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Mich. This mega-museum has a special display of auto prototypes, including scale models of the Lincoln Futura, the Packard Predictor, and the Ford Nucleon, which was powered by an atomic reactor. Full-size dream cars include Ford's X-100 Fiftieth Anniversary model, with an electric shaver and a Dictaphone as standard equipment.

47. Xanadu, Home of the Future, Kissimmee, Fla. Built in the seventies by spraying wet polyurethane foam over gigantic balloons. Its creator, J. Thomas Gussel, tried to generate enthusiasm by explaining: "It's like turning over a Styrofoam cup and living in it!" Only three were built, and the exhibits in this one are breaking down and embarrassingly out-of-date.

48. Biosphere II, Oracle, Ariz. Fifty million dollars have been spent by freethinker Edward Bass on this three-acre steel-and-glass terrarium. Four men and four women will live inside for the next two years. Only sunlight and information will enter; everything else must be produced inside. Questions such as "Who's doinking who?" are not appreciated.

49. Arcosanti, New River, Ariz. This hippie hideaway looks like a space station and calls itself a "habitat of the future." One day Arcosanti will house five thousand, but the place has been under construction since 1965 and its mellow construction crew has completed only 3 percent. This means they'll be cutting the ribbon in the year 2525.

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AMERICA LOVES EATING OUT

BOB BRIGGS, OWNER OF a Domino's Pizza in Independence, Missouri, said he was standing at a street divider in a red "rabbit-like" costume when Bobo the Clown, representing Pizza Hut across the street, "belted him one," knocking him unconscious. AP (submitted by Michael O'Neal)

SEVERAL RESTAURANTS in the Henan province of China were closed by health officials after it was found that they put opium in their dishes in an attempt to get customers addicted to their food. AP (submitted by Scott MacFarlane)

MORT HURST OF ROBERSONVILLE, North Carolina, suffered a stroke after eating thirty-eight soft-boiled eggs in twenty-nine seconds, a new world's record. He subsequently retired from speed-eating, canceling an appearance at a Moon Pie-eating contest in Alabama.

Charlotte Observer (submitted by Charles S. Williams)

Washington Post/submitted by Randy Schubert



Anti-American protest broken up in Manila
 Protesters flee police who broke up an anti-American demonstration by about 1,000 Wednesday outside the presidential palace in Manila shortly before U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle was to arrive for a dinner given by Philippine President Corason Aquino. At least 12 people were injured and two rally leaders were arrested. Police also detained 100 in a crackdown on rallies.

HEALTH OFFICIALS closed a Chinese restaurant in Hillsborough, New Jersey, after an anonymous caller reported seeing a road-killed deer dragged from Route 206 into the restaurant. The buck's blood was found by inspectors to be oozing into a

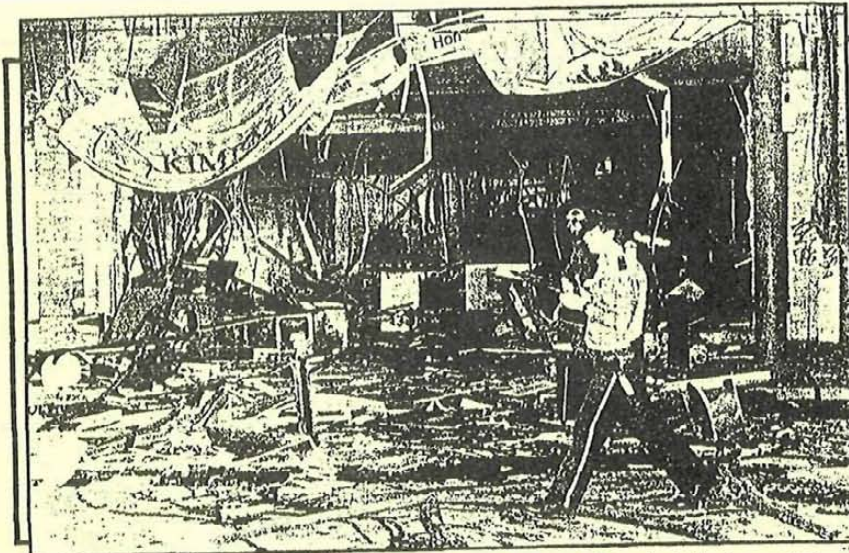
hundred-pound bag of starch. (Newark) *Star-Ledger* (submitted by John Chevalaz)

A MAN ENTERED THE home of Jocelyn Williams in Cambridge, Ohio, and began cooking a pot roast, despite her protests. The man then left for "the Super Duper" to get some potatoes for the

had something to eat. The officer advised him to leave. The man said he still wanted to peel the potatoes and add them to the roast. Again the officer urged him to leave. The man did, but left the potatoes behind. (Cambridge, Ohio) *Jeffersonian* (submitted by Sarah Carpenter)

A RESTAURANT IN China has been exposed for serving dumplings stuffed with human flesh, obtained by the brother of the proprietor, who worked in a crematorium. According to a Chinese report, "The dumplings were very popular because they were cheap and delicious. The restaurant often sold out." Reuters (submitted by Tony Philputt)

PRISON OFFICIALS at the Louisiana State Penitentiary have submitted plans to serve "meal loaves"—all the ingredients of a prison meal baked in a loaf—to prisoners who throw food at guards. According to warden John Whitley, "The idea is if you throw food on an officer, we're going to give you something that won't splatter." *San Jose Mercury News* (submitted by John Hillier)



THE ENTIRE front of Dynamite Pizza in Vancouver is demolished after an explosion that seriously injured an employee.

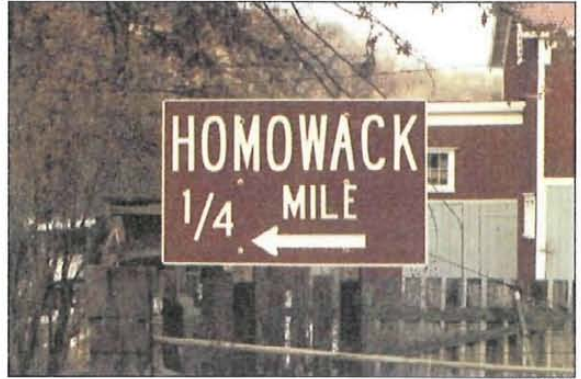
Explosion blows man into street

VANCOUVER (CP) — Police, fire and medical workers were amazed that a restaurant worker survived a powerful pre-dawn explosion yesterday.
 The severely injured 24-year-old man was thrown from the kitchen through the front of Dynamite Pizza and through plate glass windows onto the street.
Walked from rubble
 "Believe it or not, he walked out of the rubble, then was transported by ambulance," said Vancouver General Hospital spokesman Susan Okerstrom.
 Every window in the two-storey building housing the pizza shop and several other businesses was blown out.
 Vancouver police Insp Brian McGuinness said the employee may have been cleaning the oven with gasoline before the explosion.

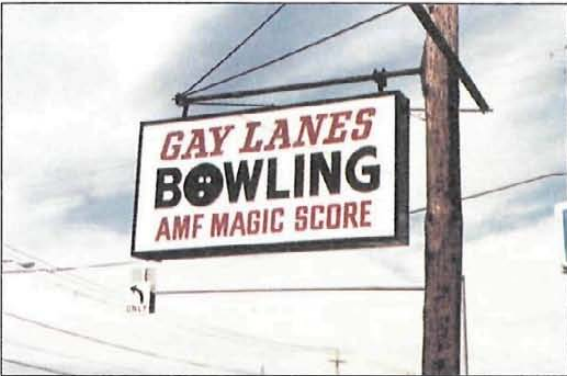
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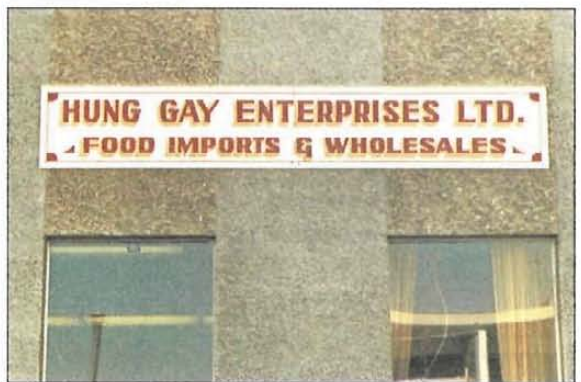
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THE CITY COUNCIL OF New Orleans voted unanimously to ban condoms and "any other sexually oriented device" from being thrown during this year's Mardi Gras Carnival. Condoms now join "insects, marine life, and other animals (dead or alive) on a list of Carnival throws prohibited in New Orleans parades." (New Orleans) *Times-Picayune* (submitted by James S. Sigrist)

ARUN VOHRA, AN Adopt-a-Highway volunteer from Bethesda, Maryland, warned the State Highway Administration about a diseased pine tree in front of his house. Workers were sent out immediately and proceeded to cut down two pine trees, three blooming dogwoods, and a giant lilac tree. When Vohra complained that the crew missed the pine tree he had mentioned, a foreman

marked the sick tree with a ribbon so there would be no mistake the next time. Another crew returned, this time cutting down a healthy ninety-foot cedar. *Daily Oklahoman* (submitted by Greg Powell)

THE MIDDLESBORO, Kentucky, city council declined to name a street after Middlesboro native Lee Majors. Said a city councilman, "Lee Majors already has a football stadium. Why should he get a street, too, just because his daddy had a house here?" *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (submitted by Russell Shumaker)

THE ENVIRONMENTAL Health Network of Mill Valley, California, is asking county officials to declare its meetings perfume- and fragrance-free, because pungent odors make some people sick. *AP* (submitted by Christopher Meusel and Stephen E. Gregory, Jr.)

A MAN RUNNING FOR an unpaid seat on the Franklin County Charter Commission in Massachusetts was threatened with a

\$2,000 fine after he failed to tell election authorities where he got twenty-five cents for a letter he wrote to a newspaper during his unopposed campaign. (Fall River) *Herald News* (submitted by Paul C. Smith)

THE PRACTICE OF voting for absent colleagues in the Texas state legislature was banned when it was discovered that a legislator had been recorded as having voted several times during the day he was found dead in his apartment. *Dallas Times Herald* (submitted by T. J. Lane and Kevin Young)

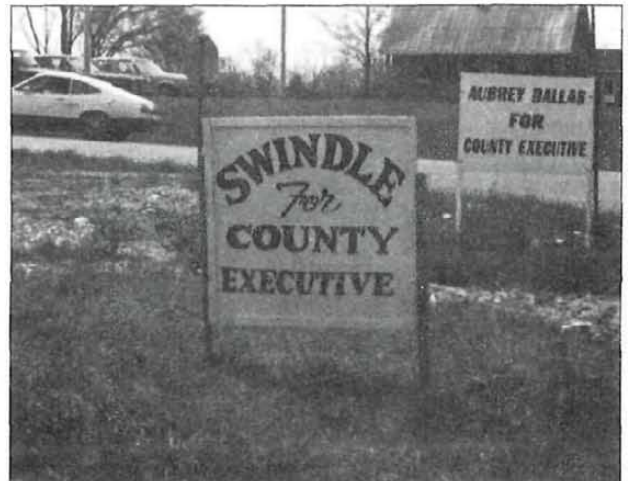
THE PORTAGE, PENNSYLVANIA, town council voted to fire one of its only two policemen. At the same meeting, the panel approved the purchase of a new police cruiser, bringing the total of police cars up to two. *Pittsburgh Press* (submitted by Joseph Forbes)

SOME RESIDENTS OF Sylva County, North Carolina, have petitioned to change the name of their road to Cedar Valley Road. It is currently called Nigger Skull Road. *AP* (submitted by Tony Philputt)

NDP candidate
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In the editing of a report yesterday of federal election nominations, Fern Wolf, an NDP candidate in Halton-Peel, was referred to as a male. The Star regrets the error.

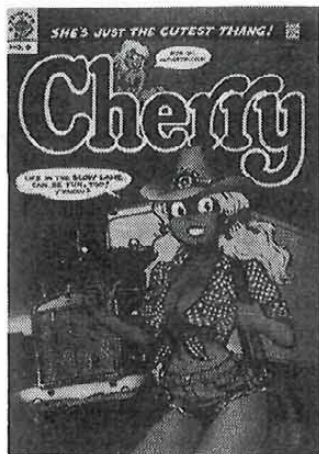
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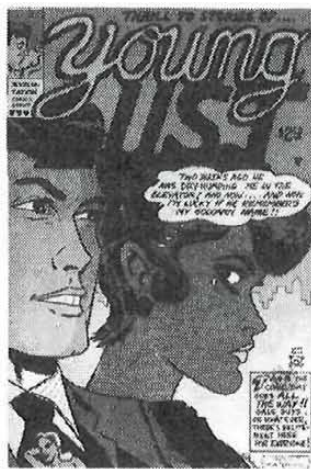
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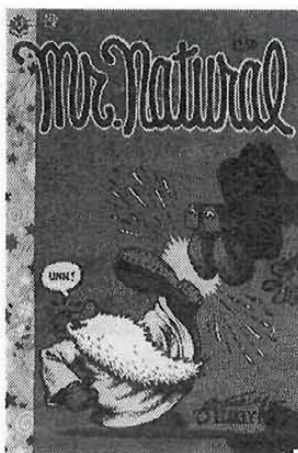
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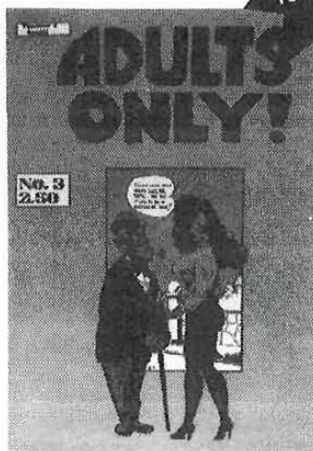


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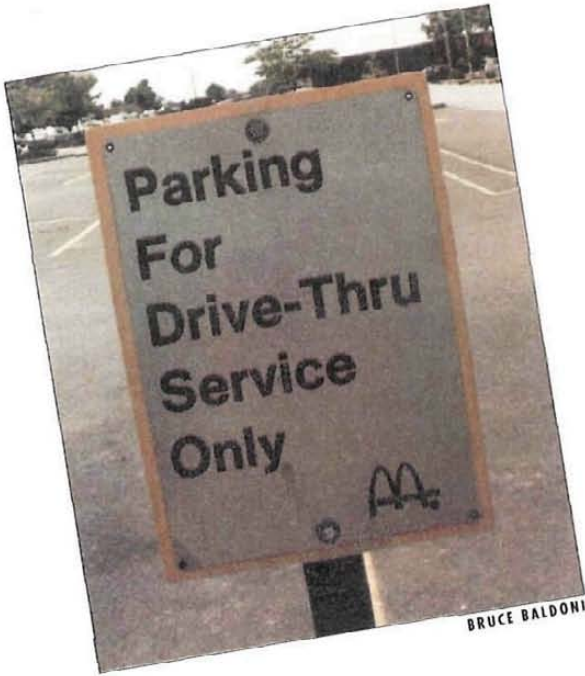
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IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW Mexico, a man tried to start his Chrysler Cordoba by pouring gas in the carburetor, causing a fire. The man then dropped the burning plastic jug, which rolled under two adjacent cars, also setting them on fire. In the rubbernecking that followed, two passing cars collided. *Philadelphia Inquirer* (submitted by John Thomas McNamee)

BROOKLYN METER MAID Priscilla Clark ticketed an ambulance that was double-parked while the drivers were removing a seventy-eight-year-old heart-attack victim from his apartment. A Traffic Department spokesman said, "Our wardens have to enforce the traffic laws no matter what the vehicle." *Car and Driver* (submitted by Michael Sherman)

A MAN PARKED HIS CAR on a railroad crossing and attempted to rob a tourist train in Virginia City, Montana. The train hit his car and knocked it off the track. There were no injuries, although his wife, who was in the car at the time, "was pretty mad," said police. *Montana Standard* (submitted by E. C. Shone)

A THIEF TOOK A 1962 flatbed truck belonging to Richard Snyder of Roseville, California, rewired the running lights, fixed a headlight, changed the oil, adjusted the clutch, and sent Snyder a letter telling him where he could find the truck. *AP* (submitted by G. J. Lundblad)



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A SEVENTY-FIVE-YEAR-old man in Kewanee, Illinois, scolded two young men for parking in a handicapped zone. A short time later, the elderly man was accosted by the two men, who rammed a potato up his rectum. *Alton Journal Star* (submitted by Bob Gilmore)

JACK FEESER OF Hanover, Pennsylvania, won a \$15,000 Geo Storm hatchback in a Kiss Our Car contest sponsored by a local car dealer and radio station after he kissed a car for 145 hours and fourteen minutes. *Harrisburg Patriot-News* (submitted by Kathy Hurd)

A GERMAN TOURIST IN Elko, Nevada, was killed when a car jack he ran over tore through the floorboard and impaled him. *Fresno Bee* (submitted by James P. Barrett)

TRUE YOUNGSTERS

TWO TEENAGE BOYS walked into the Extra Base Baseball Card store in Forest City, Florida, and asked if they could leave a gift they had bought for their dad—in a gaily wrapped box measuring four by four by three feet—in the store overnight. After the store closed, an accomplice concealed in the crate broke out and escaped with forty-five dollars from the cash register before the store's alarm went off. *AP* (submitted by Christopher A. Foster)

and the ironic basis of my satire was missed." *Pittsburgh's Out* (submitted by Joseph Forbes)



A NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, woman awoke to find a burglar coming up the stairs brandishing a knife, and locked herself in her bathroom. When she finally ventured out, she discovered she had been robbed of some \$600 in cash, as well as some jewelry. In exchange, however, the burglar had left



MARCUS WHIFFEN

the child was placed in the custody of the state Division of Youth and Family Services. *Atlantic City Press* (submitted by Peter J. Valla)



TWO TEENAGERS IN Manchester, Connecticut, repeatedly called the house of a friend and burped into the phone before the friend's mother informed the police. Charges were dropped after the two teens agreed to perform thirty-five hours of community service. *AP* (submitted by Dean Schikoskv)



MEMBERS OF A VAN Nuys, California, Girl Scout troop were barred from a Los Angeles shopping mall in accordance with a mall policy designed to prevent gang violence. "We were stopped at the door and said we could not enter because we were a gang," said troop leader Lois Young. "The guard said a

group with more than three people was a gang." The Scouts, aged fourteen to eighteen, were eventually allowed to shop after promising to be quiet, stay in groups of three, and remain at least five feet apart. Security officers trailed the Girl Scout troop for the entire visit. *Los Angeles Daily News* (submitted by Jim Henderson)



NEARLY 150 GUESTS AT a wedding reception in Monrovia, California, got into a free-for-all brawl in the parking lot that resulted in ten injuries and four charges of assault with a deadly weapon. According to police, the fight began between twelve-year-olds, one from the bride's side and one from the groom's, and escalated as adults began arguing over which twelve-year-old had started the fight. *Reuters* (submitted by Glenn Korman)

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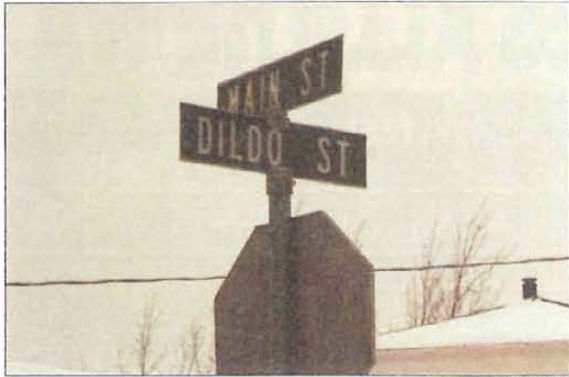
A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER in Frederick, Maryland, published a column suggesting that Boy Scout leaders issue a "gay-bashing merit badge" for castrating gay men. According to the column, requirements for the badge should include subduing and tying down gay men in public parks. Then, "with your Swiss army knife, perform castration. Apply tourniquet to wound and call 911. Retain trophy and make into a neckerchief slide." Later the writer, syndicated columnist Tom Shultz, said, "I feel sad if my editorial intention was misconstrued

his four-year-old daughter. The woman said that throughout the robbery, she had heard the child saying, "Daddy, I'm hungry," and "Daddy, I have to go to the bathroom." The burglar has not been apprehended, and

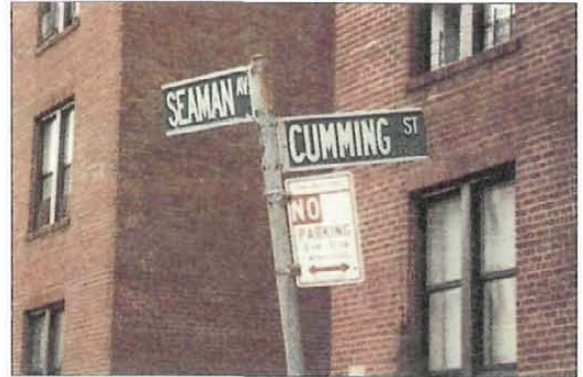


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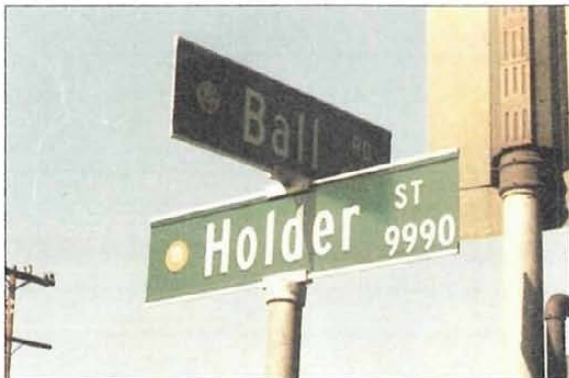
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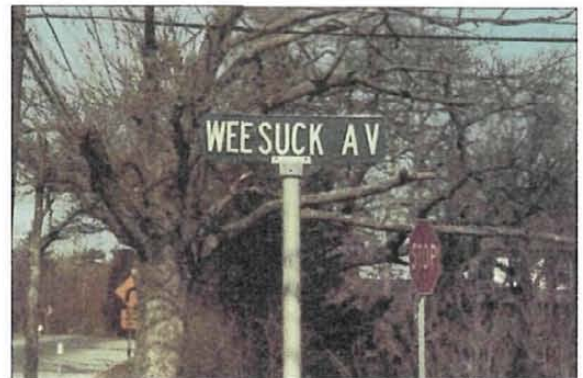
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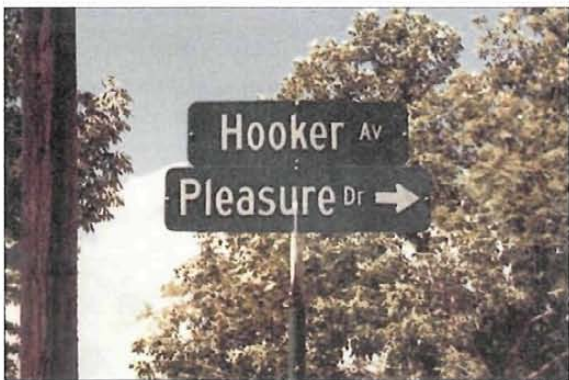
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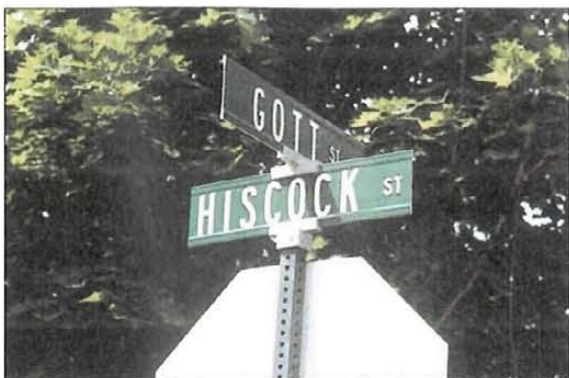
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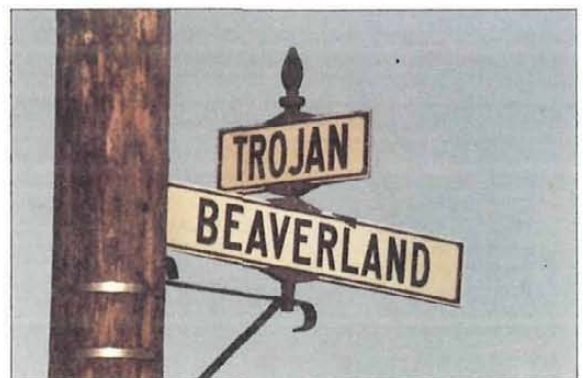
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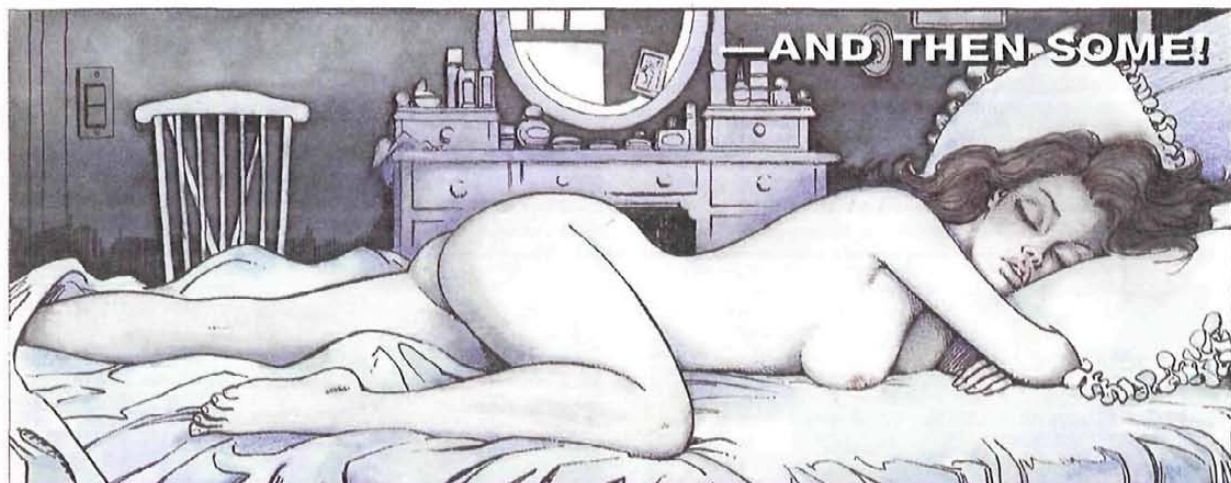


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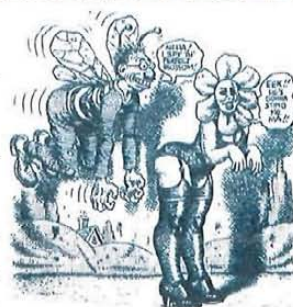
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TRUE BOOKS

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POSSESSING THE GATES OF THE ENEMY: A TRAINING MANUAL FOR MILITANT INTERCESSION,

by Cindy Jacobs (Chosen Books, 1991).
Synopsis: Satan's going to destroy the world unless we pray awfully hard to stop him. God wants good things to happen, but, being polite, he doesn't want to intrude in our affairs. Through prayer, we have to formally invite him; but sometimes, one person praying isn't enough—God misses it. A bunch of people, say fifty, praying for a long time, say twenty-four hours, works much better.

Representative quote: "I earnestly believe, however, that the effectual, fervent prayers offered up to God on that day in Pasadena had a direct bearing on the Senate's vote."

Noteworthy flaw: Jacobs stresses the importance of humility while at the same time taking credit for all the changes in Eastern Europe and, indeed, all good things everywhere: "I believe personally that every time history is made moving circumstances toward the will of God, intercessors have been there."

I REMEMBER, by Dan Rather, with Peter Wyden (Little, Brown and Company, 1991).

Synopsis: Folksy, beloved newsman Dan Rather takes us on a journey back to his rural Texas boyhood, revealing perhaps more than he imagines.

Representative quote: "Friendships were true friendships then. My best friend from the age of three was Georgie Hoyt, who lived across Prince Street from us. He was a year older, tall and beefy, a powerhouse. Georgie was my leader and protector. I always felt safe when he was around. Besides, he was stimulating company. Georgie was muscular beyond his years. He had dark, wavy hair, languid movements, and spoke with deliberation."

Noteworthy flaw: Includes long, clip-job "the way we were" passages noting things like average price of a movie ticket (25.2 cents) and population of Texas (1.9 million).

THE LEFT-HANDER SYNDROME, by Stanley Coren (The Free Press, 1992).

Synopsis: Left-handed people don't just have trouble using scissors—they

suffer from "handism," a form of discrimination that haunts their every moment and cuts short their lives.

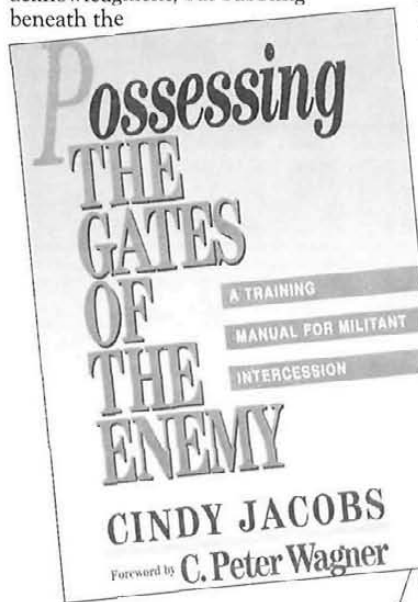
Representative quote: "What is needed is an activist group that will serve as the spokesman for left-handers."

Noteworthy flaw: Book is still bound on the left, forcing lefties to hold it in their right hands while reading.

STARSEED, THE THIRD MILLENNIUM: LIVING IN THE POSTHISTORIC WORLD, by Ken Carey (HarperSan Francisco, 1991).

Synopsis: There is this big, collective intelligence in the universe that, every once in a while, speaks its mind directly into the mind of former-poor-Missouri-carpenter-now-well-off-channel-to-cosmic-wisdom Ken Carey. Individuality is a sham, which can be avoided by returning to this large, coral-like soup of eternal awareness. A great, exciting, nonspecific thing will happen soon.

Representative quote: "The experience of being is slowly uplifting the hearts of millions, not yet breaking lavalike—as it soon will—through the crust of illusion into general human acknowledgment, but bubbling beneath the



surface of human lives, altering subconscious predispositions, shifting the deeper things."

Noteworthy flaw: The experience of being hasn't learned the value of short, declarative sentences.

THE SURFIN'ARY: A DICTIONARY OF SURFING TERMS AND SURFSPEAK,

compiled and edited by Trevor Cralle (Ten Speed Press, 1991).

Synopsis: Surfing is a distinct, noteworthy culture, like ancient Egypt, and deserves to be documented and understood.

Representative quote: "Because surfspeak is so totally dynamic and culture specific (or culture bound, as some linguists prefer), its varied meanings and usages can never be fully conveyed to an outsider who hasn't ridden the big one."

Noteworthy flaw: Contains four photographs, one in full color, of frightening, surf-addled author sporting bad ABBA Swede hairdo and piercing maniacal stare.

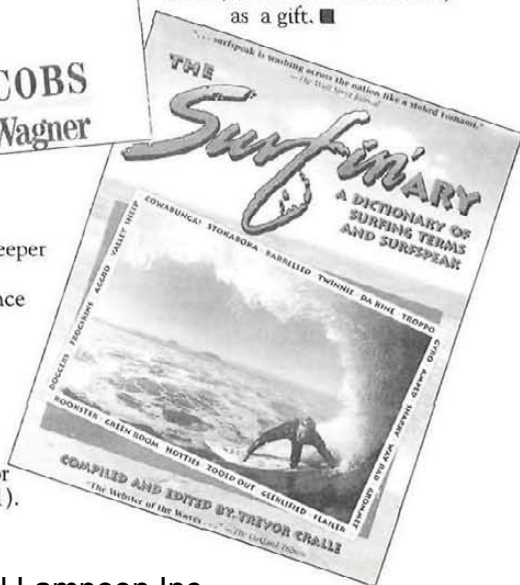
BREAKTHROUGH DREAMING: HOW TO TAP THE POWER OF YOUR 24-HOUR MIND, by Dr. Gayle Delaney (Bantam Books, 1991).

Synopsis: Rather than merely giving us a chance to, say, screw Madonna, dreams are instead candid portraits of our true feelings—if properly analyzed—and can be controlled and manipulated to solve problems and make vital life decisions.

Representative quote: "An example of this would be dancing on the Queen Elizabeth 2 while crossing the Atlantic. We would want to know what life is like, or supposed to be like, on this ship and what it is like to be dancing there in the dream. We could also want to know if the ship is on a normal, regular route, and how this one is different from its other routes."

Noteworthy flaw: Dr. Delaney doesn't really tell you how to interpret your dreams, but rather how to be a good amateur psychotherapist and help other people interpret their dreams.

Those interested in their own dreams should, perhaps, give the book (a fourteen-dollar value) as a gift. ■

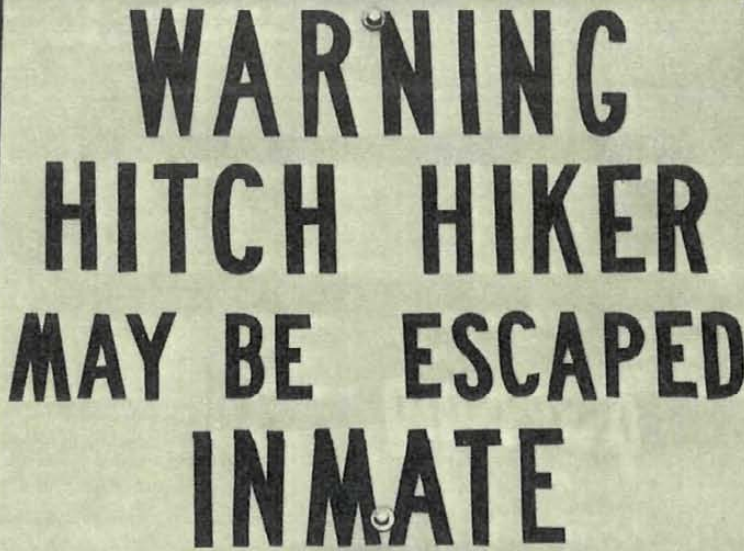


TRUE MISCELLANY II

A DEAF FACTORY worker in Glasgow, Scotland, was fired for throwing tea at his ex-girlfriend because she was nagging him in sign language. (London) *Sun* (submitted by Dave Clark)

including one woman who wound up paralyzed from the neck down. The woman, who had signed a waiver acknowledging the risk prior to the test, was paid forty-nine dollars for her

A WEIGHTLIFTER IN Saginaw, Michigan, was found dead by police with a barbell pinned against his throat. Said the man's



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A RHODE ISLAND woman reported seeing two women stuff a girl into a car trunk, cover her with a blanket, and drive off. Twenty minutes later, Warwick police stopped one of the women near her home. The woman opened her trunk to reveal a hairdressing mummy. (Santa Monica) *Outlook* (submitted by Derek Thorn)

DURING EVACUATION tests on the McDonnell Douglas MD-11 plane, forty-seven people were injured,

participation. A spokesman said that despite the woman's injury there were fewer broken bones over all than had been expected. AP (submitted by Bobby Jones and Andy Shore)

A MOOSE DRAGGED A child's swing set entangled in his antlers through an Anchorage, Alaska, neighborhood. After unsuccessful attempts to free himself, the moose returned to the original site and was found resting there, still connected to the swing set. AP (submitted by Andrew C. Freeman)

brother, "He probably went to put the bar back in the holder, thought it was there, and let go." *Kalamazoo Gazette* (submitted by Vince Delange)

BOXING PROMOTER Don King had this to say on the World Boxing Council's refusal to sanction the Holyfield-Foreman fight: "When the British were taxing us without representation, and because they thought they were more powerful to intimidate the thirteen colonies and beat them into submission under the Pavlovian theory."

Reuters (submitted by Tony Philputt)

A MAN WITH A T-SHIRT wrapped around his head robbed two convenience stores in Chandler, Arizona, by threatening to hit the clerks with large rocks he was carrying. The suspect was later found hiding in a tree. *Mesa Tribune* (submitted by Bill Wilczynski)

POLICE AND EMERGENCY medical service workers rushed to the home of a sixty-eight-year-old Colonie, New York, woman after she called for help on her medical-alert necklace. When they arrived, Helen B. Noonan told them she had called because she needed a light for her cigarette. *Albany Times Union* (submitted by Kevin DeLaughter)

WHILE STOPPING FOR gas, a truckdriver from Louisville, Kentucky, discovered a human hand clinging to his trailer. The hand belonged to hitchhiker Nancy Melke, and had been torn off when the truck hit it as it passed her by on Interstate 75. (Corbin, Kentucky) *Times-Tribune* (submitted by Melinda Smith)

THIS CLASSIFIED AD appeared in the Athens (Greece) *Shopper*: "Invalid man without right leg is looking for another invalid (same defect) but left leg. I want to buy a pair of shoes. Size 43." (submitted by Athan M. Vellianitis)

AFTER DRINKING SIX OR seven pints of hard cider in a picnic area, Marc Grant of Taunton, England, put his foot on a duck and pulled its head off while several children stood watching. (London) *Daily Telegraph* (submitted by John Claxton)

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WILLIAM DON TIPTON, who had visited his mother's grave almost every day in the year since she died, was struck and killed by lightning at the grave site. (San Bernardino County) *Sun* (submitted by Pat Smith)



AN OKLAHOMA MAN drowned while trying to put on a pair of swimming trunks tossed to him from a boat after his had fallen off. (Los Angeles) *Daily Breeze* (submitted by Elise Thompson)



IN A FUNERAL HOME IN Hamden, Connecticut, the family of the deceased Thomas Eagan discovered the wrong man wearing

Eagan's suit. As it turned out, Eagan had been cremated in place of another man who died the same day. AP (submitted by K. Weber)



A LAW STUDENT IN Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was identified by her stepfather

apartment that evening, her roommate told her to call her family, who were making funeral arrangements. The student recalled asking her stepmother, "Hey, Patti, what's up?" She said, "They're planning your funeral. Where the hell are you?" The victim was another student with the same build, hair color, hair barrettes, ear piercings, and key rings. AP (submitted by Norman Sandler)



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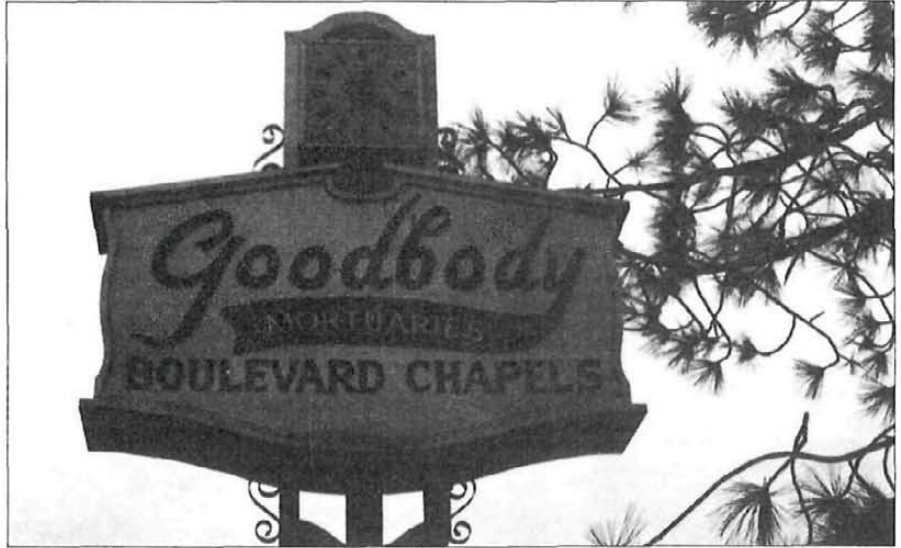
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CHRIS KREITLEIN

and grandfather as the victim of a car accident after the crash had obliterated the victim's face. When the student walked into her

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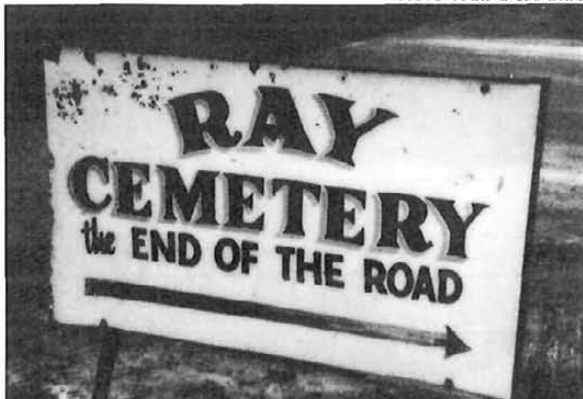
TINERAMA NEAGU OF Bucharest was pronounced dead of a heart attack when the seventy-one-year-old man collapsed after choking on a fish bone. But three days after his burial, surprised cemetery workers heard someone knocking on wood. When they dug out the coffin and opened the lid, Neagu was lying wide-awake among the wilted flowers. His wife fainted when he returned home, and it took him three weeks to persuade the police,

luggage X-ray machine revealed that an Indian man's suitcase was filled with bones. The man was allowed to go after telling them that the bones were his father's remains, which he carries with him wherever he goes. *Reuters* (submitted by Melissa Johnson)



JOSEPH ROSSI RECENTLY unveiled a children's play area built onto his family's funeral home in Niles, Ohio. Other area funeral homes have made plans to add children's areas as well. *Niles Times* (submitted by Ron Fulton)

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that had produced the infant. Always dutiful, a + b took meticulous care of c and were in many ways sensational parents. They listened carefully to c's infant babbling, suffered graciously through c's negative stances and gawky periods, and persevered during the energetic, euphoric highs. Fully accepting c as a special adornment, a + b bought challenging toys and correct educational books, and in time dispatched c to the most demanding and progressive pre-kindergarten in the area. All the while they never neglected each other for an instant.

As time really wore on, a + b grew increasingly bored with c. As c's face formed and in it theirs disappeared, c became uninteresting to a + b. In all honesty, a + b began impatiently waiting for c to complete high school and scamper off to college, fashioning an interesting and rewarding career far, far from home—so that once again, after eighteen years, the tiny house halfway up a lovely mountain would be privy only to a + b's secrets, moods, and noise.

Then a + b's world shorted out; the dream folded like a slapstick comic's tent. There would be no "Goodbye, c—c, goodbye." c refused the full scholarship offered by an elite university. And c would not permit a + b to pay for a

college career that could "only lead to a crass computerized profession."

It was like a mighty bong in their ears. b struggled mightily within the couple's creed of nonviolence and did not strike c. a decided to help b pummel their child, though, if an attack was ever initiated.

Instead they made up a list of one hundred demands that c must adhere to if c wished to continue to live in the lovely cottage halfway up the mountain. Outstanding among these rules were: c must work full-time and pay monthly rent; c must vacuum the rooms weekly and change all bed linens each Saturday, on which day c was also to do the laundry; c must clean the cat box, and not merely scoop out the turds but change the damp litter as well; c's friends could no longer just drop in—a + b must be consulted before any invitations were issued. If these rules were not strictly obeyed, c would be subject to a minimum seven-dollar fine and put on probation, during which time the length of c's tenancy would be reconsidered. a + b mailed the extensive list in a registered letter, which c signed for and read carefully and solemnly.

a + b had lived in the charming cottage so comfortably for more than twenty-five years that they did indeed come to forget they had never owned it, but were in fact mere tenants. Therefore the eviction notice was an incredible shock in its own right; compounding the tragedy, it was c

who was evicting a + b.

Soon after signing, in triplicate, a + b's complicated rules of tenancy, c had suddenly run off and married d. d's father was heralded as King of the Malls. c's very first act, following the honeymoon, was to buy the cottage from its easily persuaded owner and have a + b served with a formal eviction notice.

A few days later, c + d drove to the cottage. c strode alone up the sidewalk into the cottage.

c began formally. "It's good to be back. The place looks so much smaller, and so do you."

a held back a sob. b coughed nervously. c pointed out, "There never was any need to write a manifesto of rules. I knew how you both felt since I was born."

"Which means?" b asked sharply.

"You tolerated me."

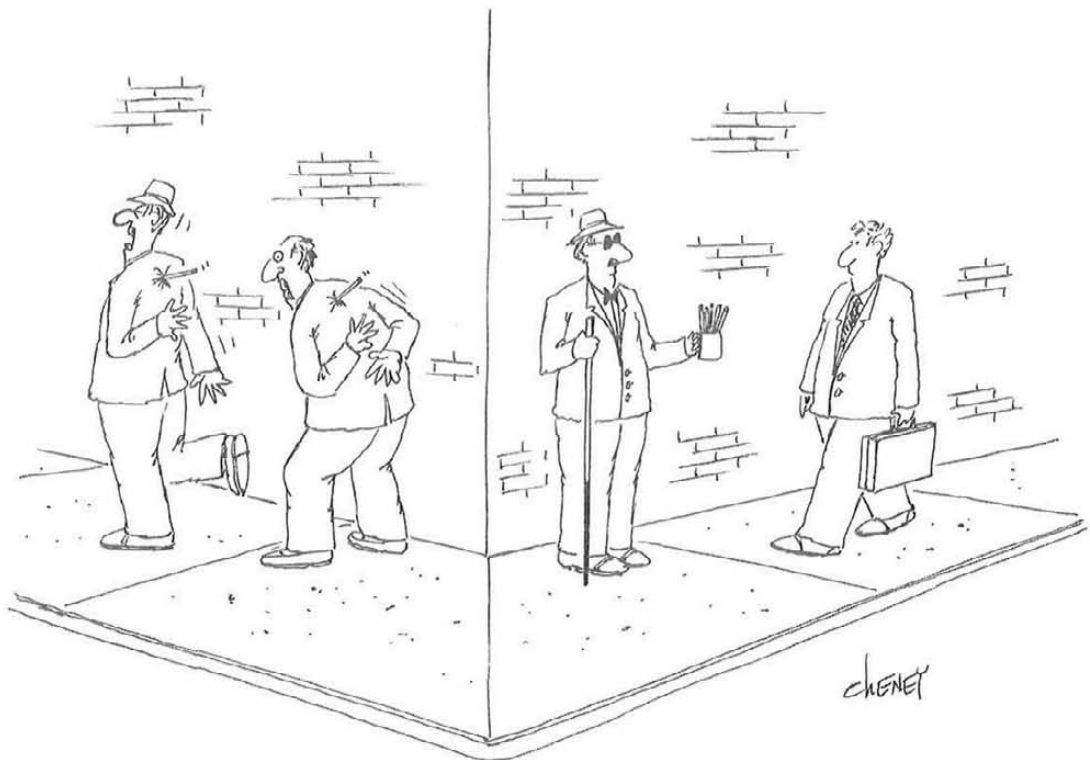
"And you?" a asked.

"Oh, I loved you both. I still do. You have much to offer and learn from. I thank you for what I took and what I learned, but I must break away from you now, clean and true. I must be strong and be done with both you and b."

a hissed, "To buy this house, to buy our place!"

"I want to contain my childhood memories. This house is better than any photo album; you keep the album, I'll take the house. Indeed, I *have* taken the house. And when there are babies I'll build additions."

"Can we, will we be able to..." b



wistfully began.

"Oh sure, you can visit. But it would be best to stay at a nearby motel, at our expense, of course. I really think you will be marvelous grandparents, you know so damn much, but until then..."

a + b thought there was going to be a splendid gift from c's tremendous reserves. The couple anticipated c presenting a fat check for another cottage up another mountain, or even a bit farther, down in the lush valley. a planned to look away, dramatically sigh even, as c handed over a tribute of undying and perhaps unconditional love.

But c added brusquely, "But until then you have fourteen days left here. There's much to do. Of course, take all the furniture, rugs, dishes, and paintings. All of your decorations. But touch nothing in my room. Please thoroughly clean the fridge and oven. The deposit and interest accrued during the last decades will be sent to you within the month."

And c left, after kissing them both goodbye.

"Failed, failed so badly!" a hoarsely cried.

b, a brilliant mathematician, flashed a rare silly smile and replied, "We may

have produced a grand success! Our child's sort of a gracious, wise monster. c is already a winner—and no degrees!"

a really began crying. "We showed c the power of the selfishness of our love," b continued, "and he has acted independently and ruthlessly in his own fashion. We have really done quite well, though I will miss this place terribly."

Then b sat down and was quiet for a long time. a stopped crying and began rubbing b's neck. Subdued lovemaking would surely follow.

Back in the car, c smiled happily and patted d. d stirred and went back to sleep. c visualized the next two weeks—buying a large camper, returning to the mountain and bivouacking, observing a + b's scurried retreat on the dawn of the fifteenth morning, darting across slippery grass under a red sky, then storming the once inaccessible dwelling, flinging open the doors—winning, winning! The house would be c's, and stubborn, unfair love finally would be coaxed from its confines. d, awake now, leaned against c and like a bored, ferocious animal sucked c's thumb all through the drive back down the mountain.

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"Oh God—it's the Brendan Behan Walking Tour."

THE POTATO

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news mavens would then, in their fearless, bulldog way, find video of unemployed yet upright Americans. After that, the White House would fuss a bit, and then withdraw its claims. End of story. The most obvious fact, however, would go unreported: that the White House would say and do anything, up to and including an endorsement of cannibalism ("It's tasty, nutritious—people helping out other folks, sacrificing, we're for that"), if it thought it could get votes in the process.

Which brings us to *Nightline*. The issue in question was, are the Democrats "too oppositional" and therefore "afraid to work for real solutions"? This was the phrasing Koppel used. Naturally, the spokesmen for the Donkeys, "Fiery George" Mitchell (D-Boredom) and Richard "The Inspirer" Gephardt (D-Emptiness), said that this was not so. The Democrats merely *seemed* non-bipartisan, Mitchell said, because they were the victims of "an administration unwilling to compromise." Then, with all the originality of a wacky neighbor in a sitcom, Newt Gingrich (R-Peabrain) repeated the original question, the twist being that it was restated as an assertion: the Democrats were "bent on confrontation." The Donkey Twins repeated their denial.

The miracle here, of course, is that viewers, including this Potato, had not already switched to the Weather Channel at this point. What was not miraculous was that the Law of Balance was strictly followed. No one contradicted the original premise, since doing so might have constituted thought. No one offered that bipartisanship was a terrible thing that has choked off genuinely new thinking for twenty years, or that cooperating with this administration would be like walking into your boss's office and laying a variety of severance packages on his desk.

No, the Law of Balance prevailed. And that is why news television is so boring that people like me have to be paid to watch it.

POTATO CHIPS

Nice try on the comics section, *New York Times*. But tell Safire he's got to cut copy, because at this point no one's even seen the main character for the speech balloons....Connie Chung still not pregnant. Why is *60 Minutes* not on this scandal?...Amused by *Good Morning America's* "Perk-Off" campaign, where Joan Lunden is challenging Katie

Couric and Paula Zahn to match up "bright, wide smile to bright, wide smile." There's no question that in-depth stuff like this is what the morning news programs—those children of news and entertainment divisions that increasingly sport the most backward and incestuous features of both—deserve; still, the Potato hopes to wake up one day and see one of those pretty women look at the camera through a haze of cigarette smoke and say, "It's just so pointless being here, you know?"...*Washington Post* bucked the anti-incumbent trend nicely with recent editorial "It's the People, Not the Pols." Fave line: "Clearly, the problem is simply one of education. The American people simply have not been taught why this is the best government for them"....It just shows that no one is really watching network news when Dan Rather can say, "Fuck, I stumbled" at the beginning of a segment without anyone commenting at *all*....Did you see James Baker fall asleep right in the middle of being interviewed by MacNeil/Lehrer? The Potato didn't,

having beaten the good secretary to the nod by a few minutes....The Potato hears that NBC attempted to "pre-project" the results of the New Hampshire primary by secretly planting transmitters in the brains of a select group of voters. The plan failed, however, because instead of transmitting from the voters' brains to NBC, the feed went the opposite way, and New Hampshire psychiatrists were inundated with complaints about people waking up with nightmares about Willard Scott. NBC is reportedly making it up to the victims by allowing them to be extras on *Cheers*....*Cosmopolitan* staffers just threw a little party for themselves, and with good reason: they had just run the same article ("How to Get the Man of Your Dreams") for the one hundredth consecutive issue....Wish somebody would get off their knees and report that President Bush replied to a question last week entirely in nonsense syllables. "Rowbrathershrugrab" is not Bushspeak—it's babble. Maybe it's the feed on my dish.... ■



"No, I'm not expecting a child. On the contrary, I just ate one."

LETTERS

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Sirs:

So me and my roommates go to Galveston for spring break, right? So one morning me, Mike, and Lou are getting stoned in the hotel room, but Dave's still asleep. Also, his pecker is hanging out of his boxers. Mike takes this black Magic Marker and puts a dot on the end of Dave's dick to wake him up, because we've been totally screaming at him to wake up and get stoned with us and he won't because of the insane amount he drank last night. He doesn't wake up, so as a joke Mike puts a few more dots on the dong in question, but the fucker keeps sleeping. So I grab the Marker and color in the whole head of his dick Magic Marker black and tuck it away, so it'll be like a surprise for him. Anyway, me, Mike, and Lou just keep smoking till we can barely see straight, and finally the smoke alarm wakes Dave up and he goes to take a

piss and starts screaming because, like, his dick is all black. He starts crying and asks us to drive him to the hospital, but we have this stoned hallucination that we're glued to the furniture so we can't. So we have to tell him the truth, that he doesn't actually have AIDS or something, just Magic Marker on his dick, and he eventually finds it funny after smoking a lot of dope. But get this: it turns out Dave actually does have AIDS, which he probably contracted from a hooker we got him on his nineteenth birthday. I know this story is kind of sad and fucked-up, but also funny, like black humor. I hear you guys like that fucked-up black humor stuff, so I figure you might want to print this, especially because there's an actual black dong involved. But actually, the main reason I'm writing you is I was wondering: how come you never made an *Animal House II*? See, that's like Dave's last Ryan White-style wish, to see *Animal House II* while drunk, so if you don't hurry up you won't get his seven bucks.

Steve
UCLA

SPORTS DESK

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This section reiterates our most profound outrage etc. at the massacre of Kirkistan's ice dancers by Turdish rebels. Dad says the Olympics are no place for this kind of ethnic conflict plus we hope for all the best for both sides in that beleaguered war-torn blah blah blah, the ideals that the Olympic movement stands for, blah blah blah. Okay.

Finally, please note our use in this paper of "nordic" with a small "n." We have no opinion about racial purity one way or the other and don't endorse it, per se, at this point in you-know-what.

Both Dad and I had hoped to be able to answer a question that has come up a couple of times about the 1936 Games, but, unfortunately, we have no more idea where Garmisch-Partenkirchen was than anyone else does.

That said, good night, buenos noches, best of luck, work out your salvation with fear and etc., see you in Lillehammer. ■

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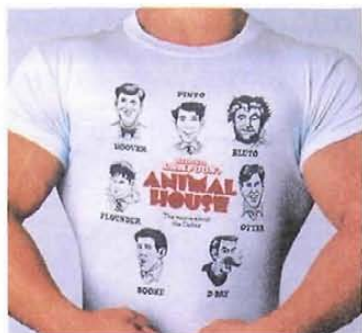
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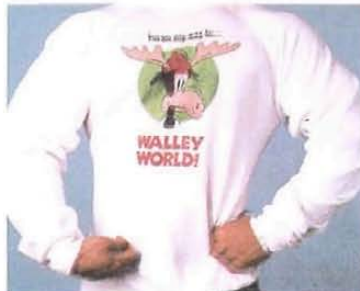
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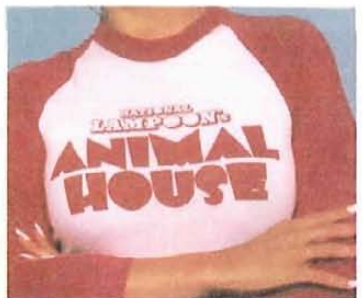
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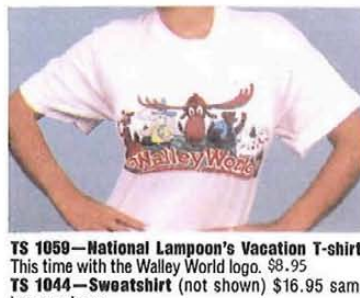
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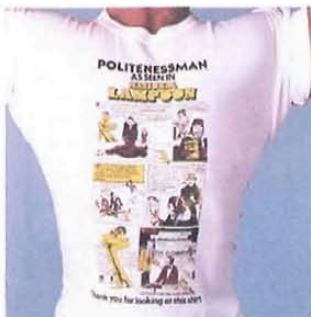
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—Washington Post

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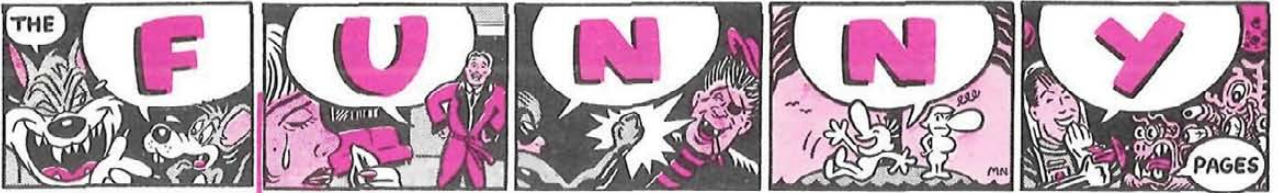
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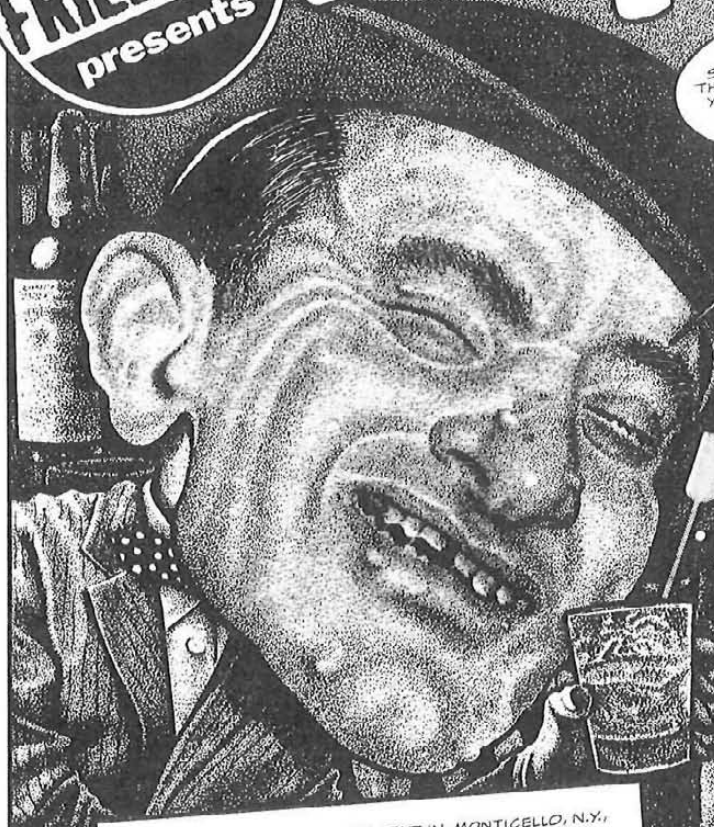
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YEAH, SO
LIKE I WAS
SAYIN', WE TOOK
THEM HUNGRY RATS,
YA SEE, AN' WE
PUT 'EM ON TH'
HERETIC'S
BELLY...

A
ROLL
OF
WHITE
PAPER
TOWELS
HAS
SELECTED
MAYOR
OF
MAYOR
TO
FACE
HIM
FOR
THREE
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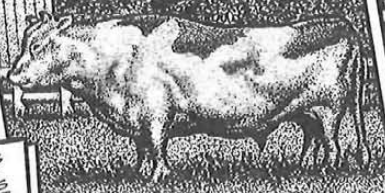
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...WE GOT IT FROM RASCAL HOUSE, AND YOU KNOW THEIR BAGELS ARE BEAUTIFUL, HOT, BUT WITH THE NOVA LOX, IT GETS STUCK IN YOUR TEETH, THE PIECES, AND YOU GOT TO USE THE FLOSS ALL DAY, THE WAX KIND, NOT TO MENTION THE HEARTBURN FROM THE ONIONS, THE GAS, OY, I HEAR FOR THE TOILET...

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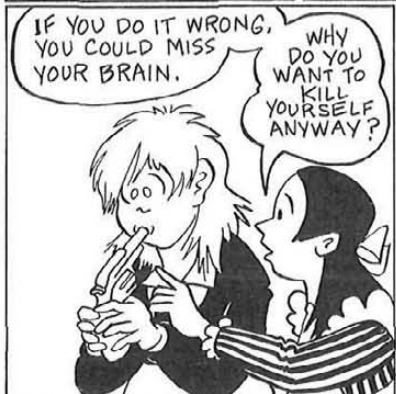
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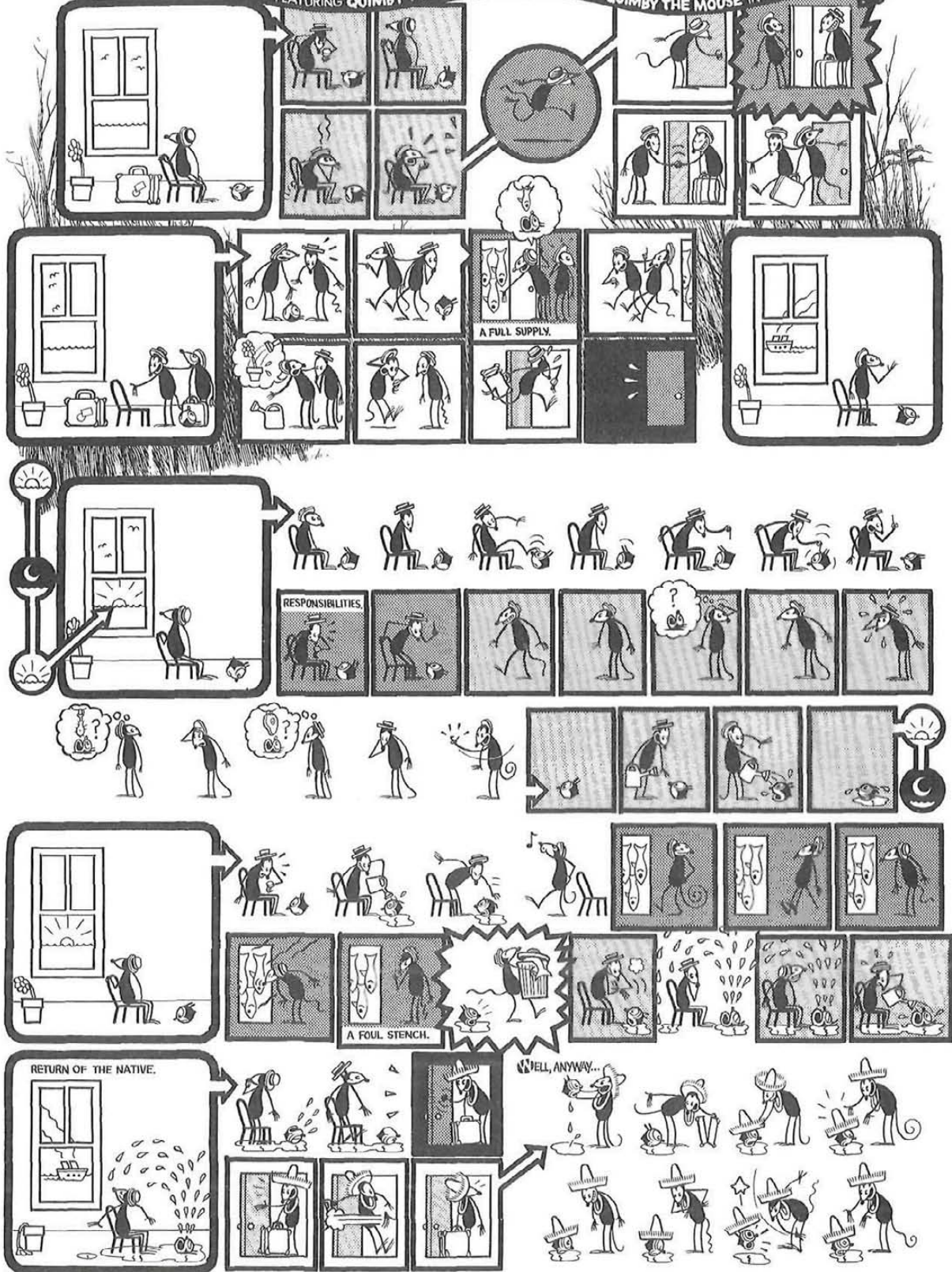
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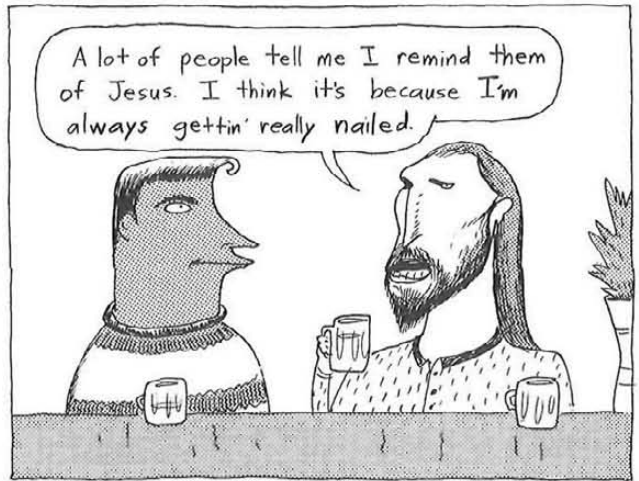
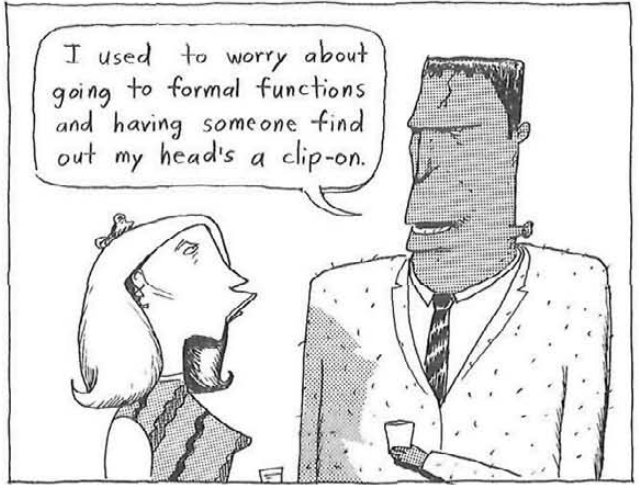
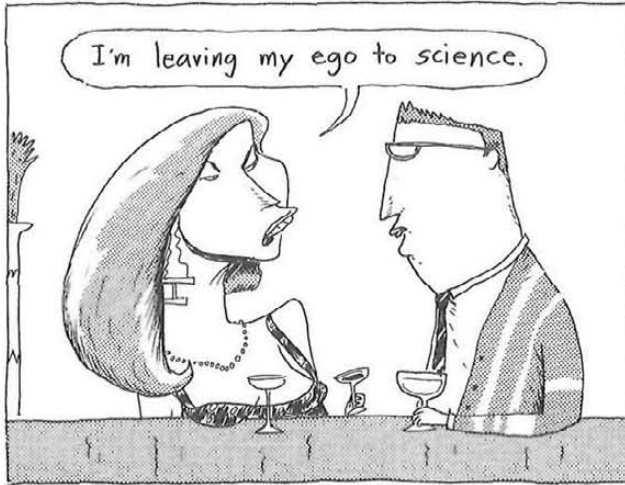
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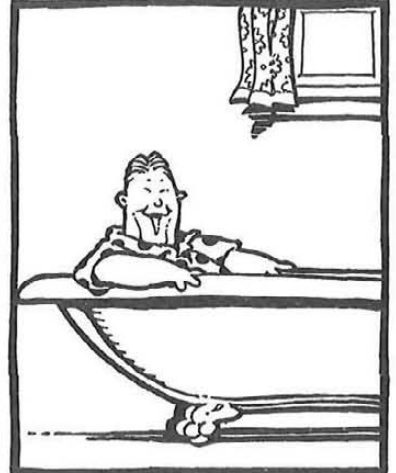
IT MADE ME GAG, THAT'S
FOR SURE.



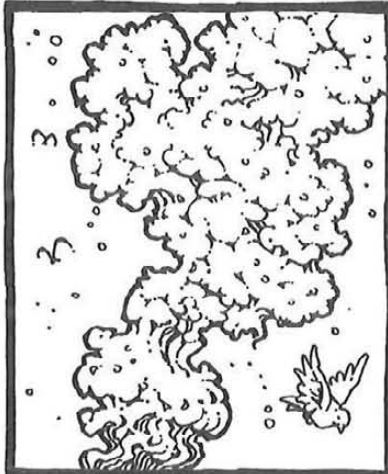
IT WAS PURCHASED FROM THE
ESTATE OF SOME POOR FELLOW
WHO JUST KEELED OVER DEAD.



DAVE THOUGHT THIS A REAL
HOOT.



DESPITE MY ENTREATIES, HE
CONTINUED TO WEAR IT AT
EVERY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.



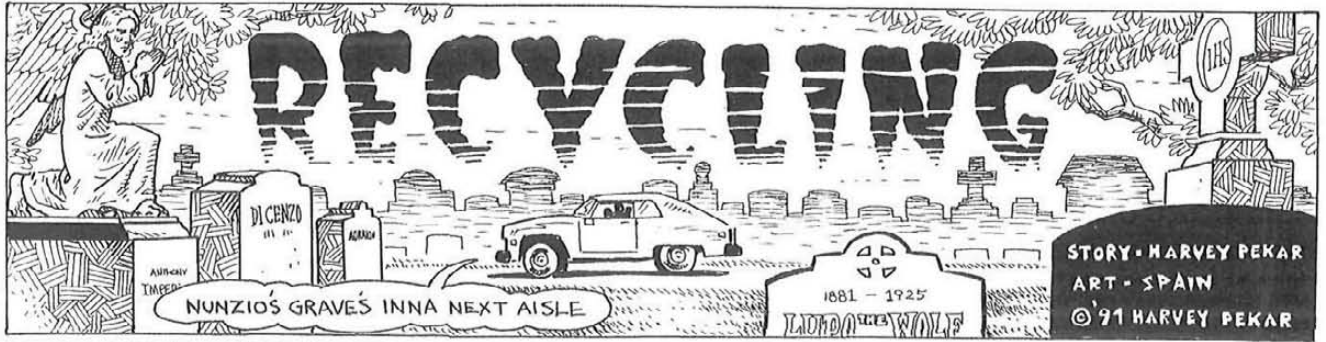
THEN ONE DAY, INSTEAD OF
WASHING THE SHIRT, I TORE IT
TO SHREDS AND SET IT AFIRE.

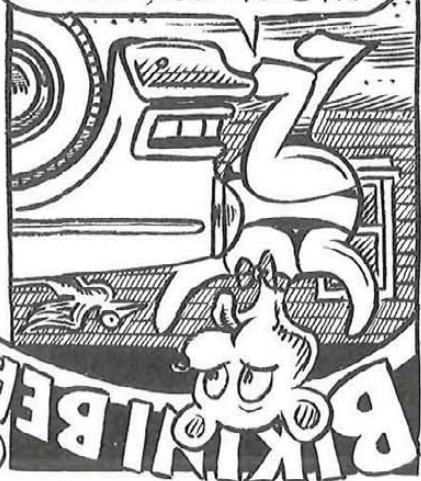
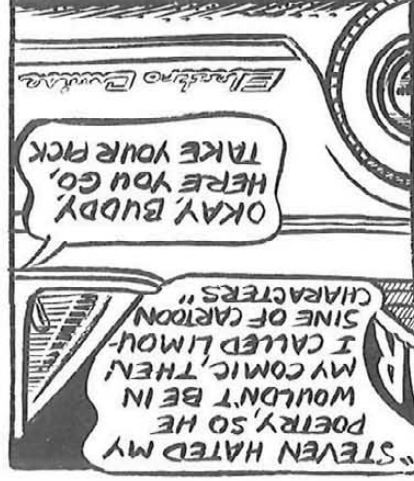
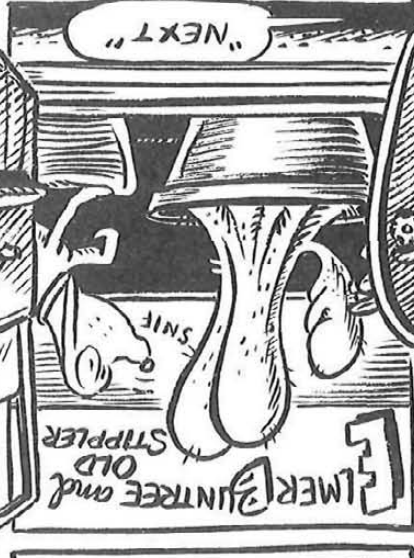
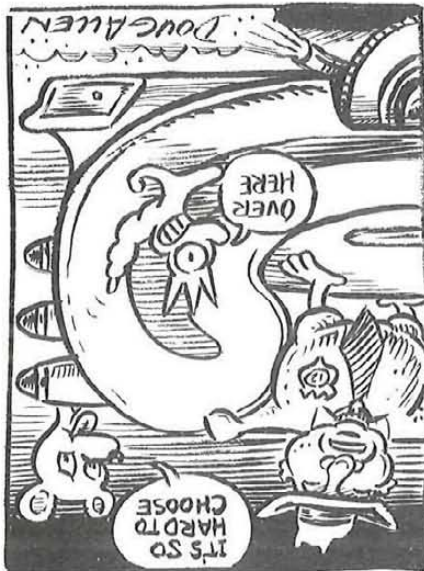


WHEN DAVE ASKED WHERE IT
WAS, I REPLIED: "GEE, I
HAVEN'T SEEN IT, HONEY."



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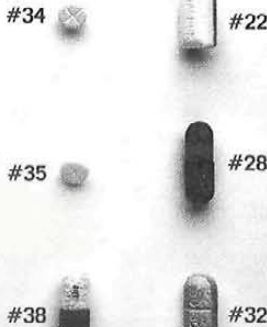
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