

THINGS

No One Ever Tells You

By Jim Aylward



Some people can't admit mistakes. They never do anything wrong. I'm not one of them. I make boo boos. That's why I produce these columns with easy-drying Liquid Paper correction fluid. A lot of it.

However, I still can screw up. I did it last night with my very expensive, unrubbable muscle rub. See, I bought a tube of "miraculous" muscle rub. I paid \$19.95, plus shipping and handling – what a fool! – for six ounces of ooze no better than the store brand. Last night in bed, I suddenly got an ache in my right bicep/tricep. So I stumbled to the bath, and in the glow from the night-light, I reached up under my sleeping shirt and tried to rub in the rub. It wouldn't work. I rubbed harder, hurting my left bicep/tricep. The stuff just wouldn't go in. Examining the rub carefully, I found I was trying to rub in Rembrandt Age Defying Toothpaste. Extreme Whitening Dental Formula. Never mind.

So, you see, I am not perfect. However, thanks to a gaggle of Liquid Paper, these Things No One Ever Tells You come pretty close. And, best of all, there's no shipping or handling!

A hit man testified in court in Messina, Italy, that he couldn't have committed the murders of two men, as prosecutors charged. He said there was no way he could have done it, because he was busy killing two other men at the exact same time.

A family in Danilovgrad, Montenegro, assumed a World War II artillery shell that had been in their courtyard for 50 years was harmless. When a leg on their kitchen table broke, they replaced it with the shell. While eating dinner, the shell exploded.

"Sylvia, would you pass the...WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?"

Playing with food isn't just kids' stuff. Some 50 percent of women love to stick olives on their fingertips before eating them.

Yes, but it's the gin around the olives that's good for the nails.

Pregnant women in Ecuador cannot be arrested for any reason. That's why a gang of five of them have taken to breaking into homes and stealing valuables with impunity.

"Try and stop me Copper. I'm a Mother!"

It may have been the slowest police chase in the world. Cops in Fortuna, California, recently apprehended a man tooling down the highway atop a ride-on lawn mower at five miles per hour.

"Sonny, if you get outta my way, I'll be in downtown Fortuna by midnight!"

Many women today are sitting on their bathroom sinks to get closer to the mirror, so they can put on their makeup.

Sounds like the subject of a focus group to me.

A 60-year-old woman was found wandering the streets of Lincolnshire, England, and was admitted to a local hospital. She told officials her name was Barry Manilow.

She also claimed to fully understand all of the lyrics to "Mandy." Poor thing.

A Montana judge ruled that when dealing with suspects with multiple personalities, police must inform not only the suspect, but each of the personalities of their rights under self-incrimination.

"Lieutenant, I explained it to him just like you said I must do. Now each one of his personalities wants to call a different lawyer."

While on a shopping trip in West London, a woman allowed her one-year-old son to play with her high-tech electronic car key. He swallowed part of it, a small radio transponder chip that acts as a security device, without which the car won't start.

So...she held the boy's belly up to the steering wheel and turned the key.

After a hard night at work, a prostitute in Bochum, Germany, was walking along to her home, when she was set upon by a robber who took all her money. She reported it to police who were really surprised. They had never seen a 77-year-old lady of the evening before.

"In this economy I should retire? Who's to pay for my Prednisone?"

A thief reached into a car stopped at a light in Redfern, Australia, and snatched a canvas bag from the front seat. Police think he must have been very surprised to find the bag contained a venomous, red-bellied black snake.

Whenever I want to get rid of a venomous red-bellied black snake I always leave it in a bag on the front seat of my car. Works every time.

Four times in the last year, an elderly man has robbed a pharmacy in Marseilles, France, each time stealing the entire stock of Viagra.

I would say that's one satisfied customer.

Some 42 percent of Americans admit to having had sex on the job.

"Don't hold supper for me, Lisa Marie. I'm working a little late tonight!"

A man stole a car in Arnhem, Netherlands, so he could get to court to face charges of stealing cars.

Police saw a man robbing a woman of her cell phone at gunpoint in East London, South Africa. They chased him down, but he told them he didn't have the phone.

So...the cops called the number, and then heard ringing in the man's underpants.

I didn't make this up. This is really from a warning label on an electric massage chair: "Do not use chair without clothing, and never force any body part into the backrest while rollers are moving."

Fill 'er up at a gas station in Thailand and get a free massage. The Thai government is planning to set up massage rooms at gas stations to help motorists relieve stress.

"I don't need a rub! I need you to look under the hood and check the tires! AND I AM NOT UNDER STRESS! GOT IT?"



Pretending to be a sorcerer, an Iranian con artist convinced a man that he could make him invisible for just \$625. The man paid up, and then tried to rob a bank in Tehran. He was very surprised when the customers pounced on him and held him for police.

See, the problem was the \$625. As I understand it, you can't really get a good invisibility job today for less than 10 grand. I mean, if you want it done right.

The Pentagon sent a memo to military commanders encouraging them to increase their cooperation with the media. When reporters asked to see the memo, they were told it was classified.

That's like the boss I had one time. He said, "My door is always open!" As it turned out day to day, his door was almost always closed.

Some Australian women formed a group to practice laughter therapy. They believe it can relieve stress. When they went to a Brisbane park for a session, they were shocked when a ranger threw them out. He said they were scaring the wildlife.

I'd get the hyena to testify on their behalf.

On filing forms in West Virginia, political candidates misspelled the names of their parties. One declared himself a Repucican. Another insisted he was a Democate.

I don't care. I'm a Libertrarian.

The women of Sudan's Loo and Jakani tribes have started a movement to end the East African nation's 19-year-old civil war. They're denying the men sex until the fighting stops.

That just might do it.

A man hired to kill a business rival in London made a little mistake on the address and shot the intended victim's next-door neighbor instead. Court testimony revealed the hit man's fee was \$160 and a used car.

"Good morning! Discount Hit Man!"

Want to lose weight? Just fall in love. The Italian health magazine Dimagrìre reports that being in love reduces the appetite. The effect is only temporary, however. Just 12 percent keep their love weight the rest of their lives.

"But honey, I still adore ya! There's just more to adore now!"

A man drove through a roadblock in Marseilles, France, and was arrested after a high-speed pursuit. He told police he was being chased by Martians.

Well, he'd used the vampire excuse too many times already, so...

Some 36 percent of drivers today admit to changing their clothes while behind the wheel.

Well, of course, but I don't read my e-mail and talk on the cell phone at the same time. ●

