

THINGS

No One Ever Tells You

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Most of us today are all too human. We have frailties. We're not nearly as perfect as we pretend to be. We cut a corner here or there. We...of course, I'm actually talking about me. I can't really speak for you. You may be the one of us who is PERFECT! But I don't think so. I think your carefully worded résumé may include fudging. I think you allow us to believe you're wonderful, when you're merely satisfactory. I'm certain there's something in your life you hope never ends up in the press. Nothing terrible, mind you. Just a little...embarrassing.

What? No vices? Come on. Everybody has a little vice, even if it's just that daily donut with cream inside and icing on top. And sprinkles.

You insist you really are PERFECT? Okay. Then you should love these "Things No One Ever Tells You." Mostly they're about the rest of us in today's world: the ill-advised, the less knowledgeable, the amazingly inept, and the certifiably dumb. Maybe they will provide a little balance in your absolutely PERFECT life.

While you're reading, I want to go over that résumé one more time.

An elderly man in Chongqing, China, looking for female companionship, signed up with a matchmaking service. He says he wants an attractive woman under 60 with her own money. He warns that he doesn't want a serious relationship, and he certainly doesn't want to be restricted by marriage.

He's 94.

A man robbed a bank in Columbus, Ohio, and stuffed the money down the front of his pants, not knowing the teller had tossed in an explosive red dye pack. Police spotted the man about a block away.

He was walking with a decided limp.

A Japanese company has invented a device that translates dog barks into language. "Bowlingual" will soon be in pet stores.

"You want the Friskies? I thought that's what it was, but I wasn't sure."

A restaurant manager in Hong Kong proved the customer is not always right. China Daily reports that when the customer complained of an inedible worm in his food, the manager ate it.

"Waiter, give him another olive!"

A bird added a smoldering cigarette butt to his nest in the ceiling of a Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, home. Fire Chief Donald Konkle says this caused the house to burn, however...

"We weren't able to interview the bird," he said.

Two men who met at an anger-management class in San Francisco were arrested after they got into a fistfight.

A homeowner in Cologne, Germany, hired a woman from a nude cleaning service to dust and vacuum, wearing only an apron. Since the ad promised "satisfaction guaranteed," the man assumed she would offer other such services. When he touched her, she screamed and had him arrested.

"Listen, Horst, I can dust, but you can't touch!"

If the United States attacks North Korea, its million-man army has been encouraged to loudly sing, with great gusto, the song "Long Trip for Army-based Leadership." The Rodong Sinmun newspaper says this will "fill the enemy with terror."

I was on the front lines in Korea in '52, and I can tell you, it scares the hell out of me!

A man hanged himself from a tree in his garden in Botosani, Romania, only to be cut down by relatives. The man now has filed a consumer complaint against the maker of the rope, claiming it was defective.

"Gentlemen, if you had made a proper rope, I would not be writing this letter today!"

After schoolgirls in Lanciano, Italy, spotted a rocking car with foggy windows, they alerted police, who then arrested the couple inside for making love in public. The man was 85, and the woman was 74.

You know the reason for that? Too many stories on CNN about Spring Break in Cancun. Drives the old folks crazy.

A drunken man staggered into an unlocked apartment in Orem, Utah, in the heat of the night and got into bed between a sleeping man and his wife. It was the husband that threw him out.

The wife was probably remembering Jack Benny's old line: "I'm thinking! I'm thinking!"

An 85-year-old woman in New Forest, England, felt that simply filling out medical forms might not be enough. She had the words, "Do Not Resuscitate" tattooed on her chest.

That may get their attention. Of course, they could still operate on the wrong limb.

Workers did such a terrible job of erecting a new government building in Germany, it will cost millions to repair. The building in question?

The Office of the Ministry of Construction.



Food Network chef Jamie Oliver and his wife have named their new daughter Daisy Boo. Her big sister is Poppy Honey.

I don't know about you, but it makes me long for the good old days of Ethel and Bertha.

There's always something new and clever. Odorzout is an all-natural product that eliminates odors.

The company's phone number is 800-88-STINK.

Evidently, they have very tough traffic enforcement in Niteroi, Brazil. A woman has appealed her fine for driving without a motorcycle helmet, on the grounds that she was in her car at the time.

Only 7 percent of couples spend time with each other just before bed. Some 42 percent say they would rather watch at TV.

"Honey, I can't talk to you now. I have to watch *Blind Date!*"

The Baton Rouge Advocate says a Louisiana burglar took a shower and changed his clothes in the home he had just robbed in the town of Mandeville.

They call that making a clean getaway.

An old lady, out for a little jog, was arrested in Bergen, Norway. Police assumed she had escaped from a nursing home, and they tried to talk some sense into her. The 94-year-old runner said, "The police couldn't believe such an old lady could be out jogging!"

It's amazing what a high-protein diet and a 10-mg Prednisone can do.

A man in Texas was sentenced to eight years in jail for aggravated assault. Then, he turned around and mooned the judge.

His new sentence is eight years and six months.

A man in Germany pulled his car over so he could snort some cocaine. He didn't realize he was parking in a space reserved for police cars outside the Innstadt police station.

I wonder what he snorted before he snorted the cocaine.

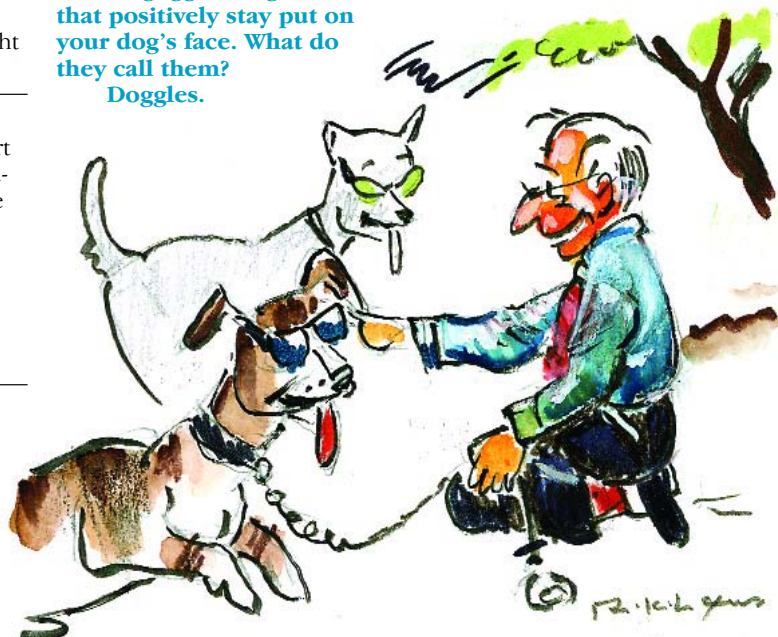
A 26-year-old porn star, running for a seat in Chile's parliament, promised that, if elected, she will bare her very large breasts every time fellow lawmakers quarrel with her about legislation.

"I respectfully, but happily, disagree!"

A 19-year-old computer whiz arrested for drunken driving in Besacon, France, went to his hearing at a police station where he saw a computer not in use. He used it to break into the police database, then erased his record. He replaced it with a smiley face.

The police, when they discovered it, didn't even crack a grin.

Sunglasses for your dog? Why not? Ken and Roni DiLullo of Los Gatos, California, have invented aviator goggle sunglasses that positively stay put on your dog's face. What do they call them? Doggles.



In order to get attention from attractive women, a short, fat Florida man has been pretending to choke. Then, after the ladies perform the Heimlich maneuver, he hugs and kisses them out of gratitude. When a local newspaper wrote about the man, other women came forward. He's done this at least six times. He is described as 5-foot-6, 245 pounds, with a bald spot.

Hey, a fat man's gotta do what a fat man's gotta do.

About 20 years ago, a waitress named Mary stripped down and streaked through the Targhee's Trap Bar and the Grand Targhee Ski and Summer Resort in Alta, Wyoming. In tribute, the locals named a nearby mountain Mary's Nipple. Complaints from today's tourists have forced a change. The mountain has been renamed Mary's.

It sounds so...unfinished. An overzealous traffic warden in Manchester, England, ticketed a driver the minute he pulled into a parking space marked "Buses Only!" The recipient of the ticket was driving a bus at the time and so told the warden.

"This IS a bus! See...big, long, huge! A bus! This is NOT a Hyundai, Cyril! THIS IS A BUS!" ●