THINGS No One Ever Tells You

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I like to think of myself as a concerned person. I'm concerned about those people who follow global warming, and are not in any way worried about Brad and Jen. Or Brad and Angelina. Or Brad and anybody.

I'm concerned about medical conditions that ad agencies reduce to letters – RA, ACS, MS. I'm concerned about LMNOP, and I don't even know what it is.

I'm extremely concerned about today's blockbuster movies, where short blockbuster stars mutter to other blockbuster stars who mutter back over five-alarm sound effects. I'm concerned there is no Selznick anymore.

And I'm really concerned about Turkish men pretending to be their own mothers, housewives in Wales shopping in vibrating panties, and the woman who won millions in the lottery, and just wants a long-handled brush for her toilet.

These concerns and more, much more, follow in this latest edition of "Things No One Ever Tells You." Read on, and then tell me you're not worried too.



A British graffiti artist smuggled one of his "artworks" into New York's Museum of Modern Art and hung it on the wall.

Three days went by before anyone noticed it wasn't part of the collection.

A Slovenian TV show found out a fashion model was some kind of genius. The show's producers intended to mock Iris Mulej by filming her as she took a series of intelligence tests, but found that her IQ was 156, higher than the nuclear physicist who took the same tests.

Yes, and his legs weren't that great either.

A potential employer kicked back a California woman's resume because he thought she was fooling around about her address. She was not.

It happens that she does live on Dork Street.

The Czech government has found a unique way to cut back on official bureaucracy. They eliminated the bureau assigned to cutting back official bureaucracy.

It was a bipartisan effort.

After his mother died, a man in Istanbul, Turkey, disguised himself as an old woman, and went to the bank to collect her pension. His deep voice, and other things, gave him away.

"Well, I have a terrible cold, and I'm so winged out from my cough syrup, I can't even find the strength to shave!"

A 33-year-old housewife in Swansea, Wales, bought herself a pair of vibrating panties, designed to provide stimulation during day-to-day activities. On a trip to the supermarket to buy milk and bananas, she became so aroused, she fainted. Her undies were still buzzing when paramedics arrived.

"I'll have whatever she's having!"

A 22-year-old man in a bar in Murdoch, Australia, rigged up a power-drinking device... a helmet with a hose attachment hitched to a keg of beer. An electric motor was added to push the brew through the hose and into his mouth.

No heavy lifting.

To get back at his wife for taking sides against him in a family dispute, a man in Italy refused to have sex with his wife for seven years.

But after that...

Actress Pamela Anderson says she was dining with hotel heiress Paris Hilton, when Ms. Hilton slammed down the menu, shouting, "I hate to read!" She then demanded the waiter read the entire menu to her.

Pamela Anderson said, "I mean, I'm blonde, but c'mon!"

Fed up with drunken, rowdy teenagers hanging around in front of his shop, a merchant in the Rhonda Valley of Wales, installed loudspeakers and started playing medieval Gregorian chants on a continuous loop. The young lads left and haven't come back.

"Bloody awful, inn'it? Worse than that Pavarotti stuff!"

To combat the truancy problem in Tennessee schools, prosecutors called a meeting of the parents of the children who were repeatedly absent.

About 40 percent of the adults never showed up.

A signed portrait of Camilla Parker Bowles, donated to a charity auction, received a smaller bid than a pile of 15year-old horse dung. The photo fetched only 15 pounds.

The dung went for 70.

Motorists spotted a man lying on the Trans Canada Highway in Burnaby, British Columbia, in pre-dawn darkness, and called police. They believed he was dead. It turned out he wasn't. He was out of gas and got down on the roadway "to attract attention," so someone would help him. The Mounties told him they didn't recommend that procedure.

Yes, but it worked, didn't it?

Police cited a Wisconsin high school student for disorderly conduct, after he wore a dress to his prom. Kerry Lofy, who is straight, attended the dance in a slinky black, spaghetti-strap cocktail number, and danced with a gay friend to make a political statement.

His lawyer, Erik Guenther, said, "The only thing Mr. Lofy did wrong, was wear a purse that didn't match the dress and opentoe shoes."

Spectators rioted at a Berlin performance-art show featuring 100 naked women greased with baby oil. Police had to be called after people waiting in line started jumping over barriers to get a better look.

A woman said she came upon two Ohio state workers in the 31st-floor stairwell of an office building, having sex face-to-face with their pants at their ankles. She reported them. The pair told investigators they were just talking.

Oh, but the things they said!

While examining a zoftig female patient, a doctor in England told her that her stomach pains were definitely caused by her very large breasts. He then undid her bra, cupped them, and said, "These big bosoms are your problem!"

Now, since he was reported, the doctor has very big problems, as well.

A Republican county chairman in Sanford, Florida, was outraged at an opponent's accusation that he had been married six times. He says he has been married just five times.

"I believe in family values!" he said.

Responding to a call that a woman had died in a nursing home in Surrey, British Columbia, an ambulance driver came to take her away. He didn't check the wristband, and instead removed the dead woman's 87-year-old roommate who was sleeping. She awoke on a gurney in the hallway of the morgue.

"I feel quite rested! I dreamed I went traveling in my nightie!"



Wild monkeys have been breaking into a government minister's office in a remote part of India at night, tearing up his papers and wrecking the place. To stop it, he has engaged a trained monkey to guard the offices and to keep his fellow monkeys at bay.

"Yeah, so you're trained? Trained to do what, monkey?"

A man ran up behind a woman walking her dog in San Diego, California, grabbed the bag she was carrying and ran off, thinking he had a sack of valuables.

What he had was a sack of...well, you know what it was.

Surprise! *Restaurant* magazine has a list of the top 10 restaurants in the world, and four of them are British. The top one, the Fat Duck Restaurant, is known for its smoked bacon and egg ice cream.

Goes good with steak and kidney pie.

A man charged with aggravated assault and battery tried to convince a Florida judge that he was crazy, and therefore should not stand trial. He pulled down his pants and shouted, "I ain't in my right mind! I'm goin' to the moon!"

The judge sent him to jail instead.

There are 800 million cars on the world's roadways today.

And 300 million of the drivers in those cars have no idea the left blinker is on.

A man who gets high by sniffing gasoline has been sentenced to three months in jail for violating an antisocial behavior order by loitering around pumps at a gas station in Middlesbrough, England. He was filmed by security cameras doing a dance after getting high on unleaded.

Well, anything with lead wouldn't be good for his health.

Firefighters used an old car from a scrap yard in Hennef, Germany, to practice rescuetraining efforts. They ripped it apart with hydraulic tools and axes, and then found out that the car belonged to a teenager who had parked it there, temporarily.

"It was a classic Valiant! It had push-button drive!"

British men seem to be the world's longest-lasting lovers, clocking in at an average 7.6 minutes for each act of lovemaking.

"They don't call me 'Take-Your-Time Charlie for nuffink!" Lettie Kistler, 86, of Tacoma, Washington, won \$2.04 million in the state lottery, and announced she'd be buying "One of those longhandle brushes to clean the toilet. Then I won't have to lean way over and scrub!"

A long-standing rivalry between two neighboring Buddhist temples in Thailand finally boiled over into a street brawl. Monk Boonlert Boonpan said, "When an ordinary person is given a middlefinger sign, he will be mad. So am I."

Monk rage.

It's true. Some 75 percent of Americans say they have trouble sleeping. Some 33 percent are so tired they're often too sleepy for sex.

"Not tonight, Britney!"

A survey from sunny California finds that 68 percent of women there would rather clean their toilets than try on swimwear in a department store.

A new study by the Federal Reserve finds that good looks add an average of 5 percent to a person's earning power.

All that means is you just have to try harder.

After putting their overweight son on a strict diet, a couple in Frosinove, Italy, discovered he had resorted to eating the dog's food.

They noticed he wasn't getting thinner, but Fido was. ●

