

THINGS

No One Ever Tells You

By Jim Aylward

Why is it?

I mean, why is it the corporals and the sergeants get court-martialed, while the officers spout homilies and phrases that only a bumper sticker would love?

Why is it when a Congressman is found with a stash of cash in his freezer, he says there's a logical explanation? I'd like to hear it, sir.

And, why is it, with more than 100 channels of TV from which to choose, the best thing to watch is a program in which a thoroughly tattooed man has a winking eye engraved on the one remaining blank patch under his right buttock? Now, that's entertainment!

The world today is not exactly logical. At times it's incoherent, over-the-top, and surprisingly pathetic. This "Things No One Ever Tells You" proves the point. After all, when a man goes door-to-door offering free breast exams and finds women who say "Sure!", when yahoos talk on their cell phones while dentists try to clean their teeth, and when people with multiple-personality disorder report someone stealing their checks and filling them out, then maybe it's time to vote the rascals out and vote new rascals in.

It couldn't hurt, and it might even help.

A frustrated German mother called social services asking for help with her daughter's "uncontrollable, immoral, and loose behavior with men." When they sent an investigator, he found that the complaint from Adelheid Schmidt, 93, concerned her daughter, Tina, 68.

Oh, to be 68 and uncontrollable again!

A new study reveals that a third of British women derive more satisfaction from household chores than from sex.

I say give sex a chance.

A man in Grand Junction, Colorado, reported that someone stole 12 checks from his checkbook, then filled them out and cashed them. But, because he suffers from a multiple-personality disorder, the man admitted that maybe one of his 24 other identities committed the crime.

A man smashed his car into the back of a deputy sheriff's patrol car in Seminole, Florida. The deputy found that the man had been eating a bowl of Kellogg's Frosted Flakes at the time.

G-REATT!

A businessman has opened a topless car wash in Burbage, England, enraging some citizens. Despite this, business is good. "Sometimes it's five lads in one car," says the owner, "but we've also had old chaps."

Old chaps need clean cars too.

A woman attending an anger-management class in Valparaiso, Indiana, was arrested when she threatened to kill a classmate.

I think she needs the blue Valium.

A couple in the Mayan Indian town of Oxkutzcab, Mexico, got into a little disturbance. After they hurled knives and fired shots at each other, he ended the dispute by throwing a home-made gasoline bomb, injuring her and burning down the house. When arrested, the husband said he was glad she was hurt, and she said her only regret was that she hadn't hacked off his manhood.

Oh, I think it's way beyond marriage counseling.

One-third of all American men aged 22 to 34 live with their parents, an increase of almost 100 percent in the last two decades.

"Yo, Mama, the meat-loaf ready?"

According to a poll in the *Washington Post*, 94 percent of Americans say they are above average in honesty, 89 percent above average in common sense, 86 percent above average in intelligence, and 79 percent above average in looks.

And their cats' boxes are always fresh and tidy; their garages are never cluttered.

A 14-year-old boy in Golden, Colorado, engaged some girls in a game he invented called Boob Tag. It seems it's just like regular tag with one key difference.

Oh, to be golden and 14 again!

Angry that he had never been given a raise in pay, the manager of a security company in Munich, Germany, robbed the firm of almost \$9.5 million.

Well, if you figure in overtime, reporting early, and leaving late...





A woman was waiting for a space in the parking lot of a Wal-Mart store in Jacksonville, Florida, when another woman pulled her car around and drove into the spot. The first woman, carrying her cane, got out of her car to discuss the matter in a calm and dignified way. Not getting any satisfaction, however, she pulled out the sword hidden in the walking stick, to make her point more forcefully.

As they hauled her away, she was mumbling, "Parting is such sweet Zorro!"

A judge announced in his courtroom in the Philippines that he had supernatural powers, including a psychic ability and knowledge of the future. He told the court this was all because of a covenant he made with "his dwarf friends."

His mental health friends have removed him from the bench.

A British man was banned from his local pub after 30 years of loyal drinking because he found fault with the decor. He promptly bought the place and reinstated himself.

"Besides, I hate lime green and violet!"

The average American consumed about 140 pounds of cane sugar, corn syrup, and other sugars last year. That's 50 percent more than the Germans and the French, and nine times as much as the Chinese.

How sweet it is!

Authorities in the city of Primorje, Russia, have started an etiquette program to soften the hard image of the police. To counter charges that Russian cops are brutal and crude, Inspector Smoren Dubroev has said he will teach officers to appreciate poetry, literature, art, music, and dance, and "would show them how important good manners are at the dinner table."

"Now I know which fork to use and I can discuss Proust, you're under arrest, you fat swine!"

A woman in Cardiff, Wales, had her breasts enlarged from a B cup to a double-D cup. She said she wasn't getting any attention. When she got back to work after the operation, she filed a complaint against her boss for staring at her.

A 76-year-old Florida man went door-to-door and offered women free breast exams. Two women said, "Yes!" Philip Winicoff, who carried a black bag and claimed to be a doctor, actually drives a shuttle bus for an auto dealer.

"Good morning, Madam! I'm the Fuller Breast Man!"

While officials in Tonga were conducting a tidal wave warning drill, the island was hit by an earthquake. Callers to the national disaster office were said to be very confused.

"You're doing a heck of a job, Tonga!"

At the age of 42, printer Benjamin Franklin had an annual income of \$100,000.

Poor Richard wasn't.

The New York metropolitan area is home to 7 percent of the United States population. It's also home to 23 percent of the psychiatrists.

"I'd really like you to go with that, but your time is up!"

For the fourth time, a California carpenter is facing criminal charges for working while nude. Percy Honniball, 50, says he likes "the full range of motion" that being naked provides. He says, "It's comfortable, especially on a warm day." In his most recent incident, he was arrested after he went to get tools from his truck and began sawing wood in the front yard.

An exotic dancer takes exactly one hour to shake off 144 calories.

Trust me. I have long hours of research on this.

A man in Hamburg, Germany, borrowed a Ferrari 360 Modena, and was taking it for a test drive, when he spotted a really pretty woman walking along the street. To impress her, he hit the gas. The car bounded off a tree, hit a road sign, went through a fence, and then smashed into a lamp post.

Impressive.

A new study of Canadian baby boomers found that 58 percent are just too tired for sex. Some 40 percent say they're too busy. In fact, given a choice of sex or a gourmet meal, more chose the food.

I still say give sex a chance.

A symposium is an instructive and very serious affair. Originally, however, the word meant "drinking together." In Ancient Greece it was a catered party at which from three to nine guests would eat, drink, and be entertained by musicians, jugglers, and courtesans.

That brawl you attended last night was a symposium!

Operators of Europe's largest railway station, which recently opened in Berlin, are now admitting they should have designed it with more than one set of restrooms. The \$700 million station serves more than 30,000 people daily. A spokesperson says they plan to build more bathrooms. Now lines for the restrooms extend 100 yards or more.

A survey from Brides.com finds 59 percent of brides-to-be expect to have sex on their wedding night.

Some 28 percent plan to sleep.

Again, I still say...well, you know what I say.

Among the places of business affected by Americans' cell-phone rudeness, was the Great Oaks Family Dentistry in Arlington, Texas. Office Manager Lisa Teague says patients actually carry on phone conversations while hygienists work inside their mouths.

"I'm at the denish now being rude and dishgushing!" ●

