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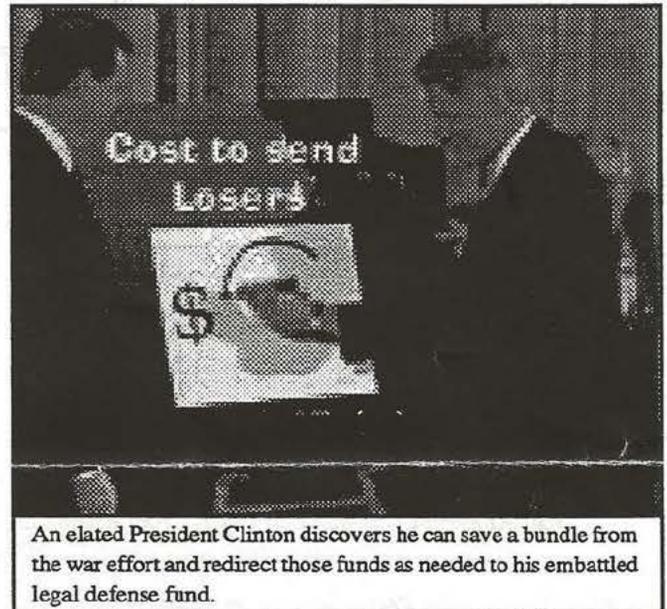
"If we were Mike Hammer - we'd be Hammer in the morning..."

Clinton Threatens Sending Losers to Iraq Breaking Saddam's Resolve

Washington DC. - Following Iraq's having blinked in the recent international game of 'chicken' anonymous sources deep inside the White House confirmed the recent military buildup and threats of military strikes upon Iraq were simply a ruse to direct attention away from the President's real strategy - packaging up and sending the entire lot of Style Invitational Losers to Baghdad. The Administration planned to pawn off this option to the American people as a cost saving measure citing the expense of an airdrop for a crate of Losers as far less than the cost of a single cruise missile, and the havoc they could wreak upon the enemy would be significantly worse. To achieve even greater savings Clinton planned to charge the Losers their airfare even though participation would not have been optional. It was never determined whether there would have been an in-flight movie or a complimentary beverage service.

Clinton knows firsthand the lethality of the weapon he planned to deploy on the Iraqi leader. The president himself has been its target many times. The ongoing Monica Lewinsky scandal is just one example of how he has been burned. By redirecting the bitter humor of these weekend punsters the President hoped to topple the Iraqi leader as well as get them off his own butt.

Approval among the Losers was mixed as some thought it would be a cool road trip while others were concerned with the sleeping arrangements. Dave Zarrow was all for it claiming that "...by simply crossing out 'West Virginia' and writing in 'Baghdad'" he had a whole stack of jokes just ready to go. Sarah Worcester on the other hand was looking forward to taking advantage of the mission to film her upcoming movie *Gator of Arabia* the long anticipated sequel to *Gatorado*. "As American dogs and puppets of the imperialist west we'd been unable to secure filming rights in the Middle East" said Worcester. "But if we're going to invade anyway I say *'Lights, Camera, Action!'*"



Normally the Republican response would be counter to that of the President, however in this particular case there seemed to be a lot of bi-partisan support. Newt Gingrich was quoted as saying "Those damn Losers have chewed my ass one too many times. Payback is hell!" Meanwhile, the senators from West Virginia wanted to pass the bill twice just to make a point.

Reaction from the international community has been less supportive. The UN Secretary General condemned the measure citing human rights concerns [for the Iraqis]. "To be sure, we frown upon the bombing campaign, but sending these Losers, that is inhumane." Russian diplomats who had planned on taking their place as human shields for the bombing campaign fled when faced with news of the Loser drop. "For some things there is not enough vodka in the world."

The Indian delegation to the UN summed up the international mood best: "While we feel that to have such a situation would be not in the interest of anyone, we must also point out that the special prices for the Super Dog and the Large Gulp are only for a limited time."

The Editor's Choice Awards



Every year,* just before the final points are tabulated and the *Flushies* are awarded, the editor of Depravda announces nominees for the Editor's Choice Awards. The *Eddies*, or "Golden Lobes" as they have become known**, are awarded to Losers in each of several categories, some more pointless than others. This year's set of nominees are a truly superb group having sent Loserdom to new depths. So start working on your acceptance speeches. The *Eddies* will be awarded at the annual April awards ceremony***.

*. Technically speaking, this is the first year we've ever done this.

** . Yeah, I just made that up.

***. We could have had our own awards ceremony, but figured it would be easier and more cost effective to sponge off all the hard work that someone else had already put into organizing the *Flushies*. I mean why pay for something I can get free right?

The categories and nominees are...

Least Comprehensible Article or Series

- "Paul Kondis Presents - Rotisserie League '97"
- "Peyton's Coyner"
- "F2 Troop - The Loser Stats Page"
- "Top Ten List - Instructions for Entering"
- "Depravda Aug. '97 - The Dave Zarrow Issue"

Lamest Lamelight

- David Genser - "In the Lamelight - David Genser"
- SueLin Chong - "In the Lamelight - SueLin Chong"
- Joel Knanishu - "In the Lamelight - Joel Knanishu"
- Kevin Cuddihy - "In the Lamelight - Kevin Cuddihy"

Most Provocative Photo Sent to the Editor

- Jennifer Hart "Losers in the Shower"
- Helene Hadduch "Merry Christmas"
- Sarah Worcester "Gatorado- Behind the scenes"
- SueLin Chong "Just Edit Out the Guy Next to Me"

Most Salacious Offer to the Editor (real or imagined):

- Jan VerrEy - "Bite Me!"
- Judy Daniel - "Why I want Depravda"
- Jennifer Hart - "Let's Trade Pictures"
- Monica Lewinsky - "Can I proof that for you?"

Biggest Loser:

- Paul Kondis
- Charlie Steinhice
- Dave Ferry
- Kevin Cuddihy
- John Kammer

Hey Pal, I Am Going to Publish These Pictures if I Don't Win One of Your Damned Awards :

- Jennifer Hart
- Dave Zarrow
- Steve Dudzik
- Sandra Hull
- Mary Olson

HORRIBLESCOPE

PISCES/FEB 19-MARCH 20

Pisceans are insane and natural born killers, to wit, the following pisceans: The father and son team of Elden Carnahan and Mike Connaghan [Carnahan changed his name for obvious reasons]; Jan VerrEy [she is beginning to look and act like Ruth Ann Aron]; and, Helene Haduch [who sometimes disguises herself as a can of Coors Lite]. Sharing the same birthday with Haduch, Carnahan and VerrEy are Sirhan-Sirhan and Adolph Eichmann. Connaghan shares a birthday with Mr. McGoo and Sally Jesse Raphael. It is believed that the Loser pisceans are behind the mysterious deaths of those involved in Whitewater. They've all been spotted in Arkansas and Texas and VerrEy was stopped on the GW Parkway, not far from Turkey Run Park, for driving 10 miles an hour. If you look closely at the Zapruder film at the woman in the red dress, you can see the monogram "EC."

Pisceans are very creative. Connaghan is busy at Fort Belvoir building a spy plane out of cheese and tongue depressors; Haduch is working on her Easter outfit, an interesting number in green and silver, much like a package of frozen Birdseye Asparagus; VerrEy has patented the A Head for Success line, an attractive accessory for the knees. "It's amazing what you can do with old shoulder pads and velcro." Carnahan created NRARs...res ipsa loquitur.

Pisceans should wear shades of ecru and never leave home without their chain saws.

Hotmail to the Editor

Dear editor-in-Situ,

That recent break-in at the Washington Post by a bunch of rowdy humorists got me to thinkin' about security at Depravda HQ. Could the same bunch get into your offices and wreak general havoc, run amok and leave frightening messages on computer screens? Do you have a security plan or armed guards with "shoot to kill" orders?

- D. Throat

Dear D,

We live to be invaded. If only anyone would think highly enough of us to invade. To illustrate my point, last week we had about a dozen protestors outside. Now these weren't your average spontaneous demonstrators. No, I had to pay top dollar to get those folks out there. Why the Depravda readership doesn't protest more is beyond me.

Dear Editor,

Has the Rev. Moon expressed any interest in buying your paper? Would you sell out if the price was right?

- Just a Curious shareholder

Dear Shareholder,

The good Rev. Moon knows a good investment when he sees it which is why he has pretty much steered clear of Depravda stocks. Meanwhile, how dare you question my integrity like that!!! Would I sell out? Hell yes I would sell out in a second. I wouldn't care whether the price was right or not. In case I haven't made myself clear in the past, this space is for sale. I will report anyone's twisted thoughts as gospel truth for a buck (and let me emphasize that's with a 'b').

Dear Editor,

If a rag like the Post can get new presses and add color, why can't you?

- Fuji Ishihara

Dear Mt. Fuji,

I can and frequently do add color. Personally I like red and that's the color I am most likely to add. Lately though I've noticed I am running out of red and am considering adding blue instead because I have lots of blue. You too can add color. According to the NRARS by-laws it is perfectly acceptable to color in your Depravda. I recommend Crayola crayons although some people prefer markers. I think markers tend to bleed like a murdered Grace Fuller and so I avoid them.

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PAUL KONDIS PRESENTS...

Rotisserie League '97

The Loser Rotisserie League and Dude Ranch took several weeks off this past month, so its athletes could compete in the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Due to the time difference between there and here (when it is February here, it is winter there), few viewers were still awake when the Loser Moguls were aired. Which is a good thing, because the U.S. Loser contingent (dubbed by some as the "Nightmare Team") did not feel they had to prepare themselves for the competition, hitting numerous brunches and happy hours, and in general disappointing an entire nation. And not just any nation. A really big nation (bigger than the state of Texas), with an especially grumpy population, one that will not accept not losing.

The feeling here is that the U.S. Loser team needs to apologize to the louder grumpy people of the nation, grovelling if necessary, until each population entity ("person") forgives each Loser. The scheduled restart of the season may be delayed a day or two. The Olympians must also return to Japan to make their beds, which they left unmade on their departure. But the question is: Why did they lose, er, not win, um, not do what we wanted? Which brings us to the difference between U.S. losing and international losing. In international losing, the columns are wider, allowing more entries to be printed, and thus more points racked up by the superstars. And the situation promises to worsen, as a smaller playing field has been set for play beginning this month.

U.S. losing has developed into a much more physical game, relying on threats, excessive whining, or puns to get ink. The heavy reliance of the Americans on colostomy bag humor also cost them dearly. Perhaps the Americans should regularly enter international contests to better acclimate themselves to the level of competition, as some are beginning to do now. Some success has been made in Toronto by Paul Kocak, and in New York by Jean Sorensen and a rubber squeaky toy. But these successes must be built on, the losers must realize that they are losing not just for themselves - not just for that bust of Richard Nixon for their mantle, or those bumper stickers for their walls - but for their co-workers, their neighbors, and Ombudsmen everywhere.

Upon returning, (perhaps not realizing that the losers did not lose in the Olympics), the Washington Post feted the team with a lunch and insults. Some were so feted out that they missed the scheduled brunch the next morning, despite the delayed starting time, the trendy location, and the lack of a Duelling Loser Band performance. (The prevailing sentiment toward the Loser Olympic Team was evident at the brunch, as several customers were spotted passing up an opportunity to get their Style sections autographed by the champions.)

Next month: R Gorby Reports from L.A.

Next Month's Featured Team: The Losers

Snowdomes Under Construction

by: Sarah Worcester

To Make a Snow Dome - You will need:

A big wide-mouth jar*

Patching Cement for wet areas (look in the waterproofing aisle at the hardware store. It comes in manageable sizes.)

Play-doh, clay, or an appropriately sized plastic container to be used as the form for your cement platform.

Plumber's putty

Plumber's Goop adhesive (great stuff.)

Glitter

Surfactant (essential!) Go to the garden center and ask for 'sticker-spreader' which is used to make fungicides and insecticides spread over sprayed plants more evenly.)

Duct tape and plastic tape

Distilled water (optional - can use tap water)

Alum (available at the pharmacy counter) (optional)

Magic Markers and/or fabric paint

Figurines, plastic aquarium plants, etc., for making your tableau. (Toy aisles in drug stores and dollar stores are good sources for material. Craft stores sometimes have good stuff, too. Pay special attention to scale.)

A cookie or candy tin to mount the snow dome on.

First make the cement platform. It should fit inside the jar lid with about 1/4 inch gap all around. You can make a form for it out of clay or play-doh, or, if you are using the Superdeals nuts jar, a Land-o-Lakes Margarine tub is the right size. Make sure the platform is tall enough. For the Superdeals nuts jar, it should be between 1 1/2 and 2 inches high. The cement sets very quickly, so have everything ready ahead of time. Mix it a little soupy and pour it into your form, smoothing the top as much as possible. You should be able to remove it from the form in a few hours. Let it dry for a day or so. Make sure there will be clearance for the jar once the platform is attached inside the lid. The platform can be adjusted, flattened, or reduced in size by rubbing it on rough concrete (like a sidewalk.)

You will have figured out what you want your tableau to be already, because you will have assembled the figures for it. Here are some ideas just as starting points:

--Little tiny soldiers from an army set (bought at the dollar store) battling and/or being eaten by giant crabs or kitties or bugs.

--A wedding cake bride and groom with one of the heads cut off and replaced with a dog head.

--Big rats chewing on a man with a handlebar mustache (Thanks, Jennifer!)

--A man throwing a bowling ball at a triangle of human heads.

--A snowy mountain scene with ski tracks leading to one pine tree, with a mark from an impact low on the trunk of the tree. (You could include a figure, but that might be in poor taste.)

--A pretty forest pool with just the taillights of a sunken car peeking out from the surface of the water.

*.Perfect plastic jars are sold in the Giant Superdeals section filled with mixed nuts, dry-roasted peanuts, or trail mix for \$5 or \$6. I forget the brand name, but the nuts aren't half bad. Lechter's carries similar plastic jars for \$4, but these are empty and intended for food storage. On the other hand, with the Lechter's jars you don't have to remove the label. (I use Goo-Gone for label removal.)

Anyway, you get the idea. Rocks, plastic trees, toy figures, etc. can all be bent (or cut) to your will in creating your object d'art. Plumber's Goop is a wonderful adhesive for these efforts. It is clear, waterproof, easy to work with, and holds quickly. You will probably want to do a little painting or coloring in your scene, if just to cover up the cement platform or add a little blood. Fabric paint is easy to work with and is washable. Magic marker also works on some surfaces. The cement platform gets Gooped into the jar lid. (For best results, coat both surfaces and allow to partially dry before joining.) Let everything dry for several days before doing the final assembly.

Final Assembly: Set your tableau (jar lid with attached platform and tableau) in a sink or container of water for a couple of hours before final assembly. This is necessary to force the air bubbles out of the cement platform. Fill the jar halfway with distilled water, add about 1/4 tsp of alum, and add a little less than 1/4 tsp of surfactant. GENTLY swirl to dissolve thoroughly. You may wish to let it sit for a while. Add about 1 tsp. of glitter. Make a rope of plumber's putty and force it down into the gap between the edge of the jar lid and the platform. Make sure it fills the gap at the bottom. Too much is as bad as too little. You want enough to seal the jar, but not so much that it squishes out inside the snow dome and messes up all your efforts. (I use plumber's putty because I want the dome to be drainable and refillable. You could use Goop, but if you make a mistake you're screwed, and then you can never store the dome in an attic or garage -- it will freeze and crack and leak when it thaws.)

Set the jar in the kitchen sink and gently fill the rest of it with distilled water up to the very top (or even a little higher than the top if you have bubbles to get rid of.) Put the lid on the jar and tighten it down, being careful to avoid shredding the putty. When the lid is tight, seal the joint with duct tape (which you may wish to reduce in width) and cover the duct tape with some opaque plastic tape. Finally, Goop your finished snow dome to the top of a cookie tin. (You can use anything as a platform, but just make sure it is strong enough to hold the dome, which is heavy.) What will shock and amaze you is how much the water magnifies your tableau.

You are now the proud creator of a snow dome that may not be worth \$65,000, but is certain to have your family scheduling you for an evaluation of your mental stability.



An angry Jerry Pannullo punched out paparazzi Jennifer Hart immediately after she captured this compromising picture.

In the Lamelight ➤ Elden Carnahan

an expose' by Depravda staff writer Jennifer Hart

After months of tracking the elusive (Elden Carnahan, Laurel), this lowly Depravda reporter located him behind a Multiplex, sleeping under a mountain of Dunkin' Donut wrappers. Seems that Carnahan is such a Leonardo DiCaprio fan (having seen "Titanic" 18 times), he was camping out in eager anticipation of "The Man in the Iron Mask," a.k.a. "Double-Dip DiCaprio Delight." Upon being woken, Carnahan bounded upright, beard bristling, bulging forehead gleaming, and sputtering curses in a fit of self-righteous puritanical tyranny. "Dagnabit, what is it, you uncircumcised Philistine? Feh!"

Hmm. How could I uncover the driving forces behind this law student, renter of backhoes, Bible-quizzing champion, cantata singer, and preacher's kid? Carnahan was glaring at me silently, obviously used to keeping secrets. Could I wheedle information from this man with the shuttered soul? For Depravda's sake, I must try!

"Mr. Carnahan, we would like to know ..."

"Oh, very well, I was born on March 19, 1952, at 9:58 a.m. in Potsdam, New York. I share a birthday with Bruce Willis, Jan VerrEy, Dr. Helene Haduch, Sirhan Sirhan, and Patrick McGooohan. My family moved to Rochester in 1953, and, in fact, my years up there overlapped part of Chuck Smith's college time at the University of Rochester. We then moved to Baltimore in 1966, where I attended a high school called Baltimore City College (BCC), and I still wear my big gold class ring, see?"

"And now you're in law sch ...?"

"I started in August of 1994, at the University of Maryland at Baltimore, just after the founding of the Not Ready for the Algonquin Roundtable Society. Graduation is in three months, May 22. Everyone is invited. After graduation, I don't know what I'll be doing -- it won't be copyrights, I know that, because I got a stinking *C* in that course after thinking I had nailed the exam! I am pissed. For the moment, I plan to go into the General Counsel's office where I work now (Note: He is referring to the Acme Backhoe Company), and I will do as much pro bono or public-interest work on the side as I can get away with, to build experience. Then after a few more years I will take my pension and book royalties and become a full-time pest and gadfly. Or maybe I'll just get out of Dodge and open up a practice in an oceanfront town somewhere. Now that I could get behind. You can all come out to visit."

"And your dau ..."

"April, born in May 1979, and Erin, January 1982. On both days, I had a killer case of hiccups, let me tell you."

"One of your hobbies is fixing up your historic ...?"

"Eisenhower was a tank commander assigned to Ft. Meade, where there was insufficient housing for married officers on-base. He and Mamie took a room in Laurel at what was then Mrs. Ray's boarding house, for the summer of 1919. Some years later, I am sad to report, Mr. Ray personally croaked in that sunporch (not that I am bothered by that). Say, for next summer, I think I should make storm windows. I can make them much cheaper than I can buy them and there are 40 windows, no two alike: it'll be fun!"

"And another hobby is Statistician for ...?"

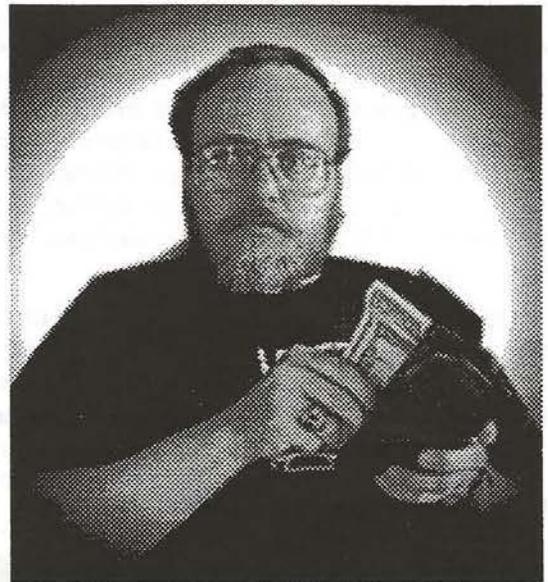
"Having entered every contest since Week 28 -- a streak that still stands, I might add -- I started to keep a small spreadsheet for my own amusement. Yes: I find amusement in spreadsheets. I'm a romantic, so sue me. Then over that first terrible winter of the SI era, I first picked up traces of other Losers, rather like George Smiley waiting in his soul's agony to hear some electronic peeps from his blown agents behind the Curtain. I think Sarah Worcester was the first: she sent me a card. Then Chuck called on a day I hit for 4 ("It's 'Chuck Smith'," whoever answered the phone at my house told me incredulously.) Then Paul Alter surfaced, and then Arthur Adams; thus the founding members of the Society emerged."

"Well, it's getting late, I guess I'd better ..."

"Because I was doing well in the contest by Year 2, I had incentive to keep the data up, despite the ridiculous dual-floppy Epson system I was using at the time. I suppose if I had leveled off at 11 hits, not to be seen again, I would long since have given it up."

"Uh-huh. 'Bye now."

"Say, did you know that Maryland is the only state that allows a cross to be placed at the top of the state flag pole? It is one of only four remaining 'contributory negligence' states. It is the only state that does not have an ethics section on the bar exam. It is the only state with territorial waters that it proposes to defend out beyond the U.S. limit. AND it is one of the few states without any blue in its flag. Yes, life is a stitch here sometimes..."



Bits and Pieces

OBITUARY:

Last month Depravda™ newsletter introduced a new feature *Dear Cruella*. We were thrilled to have this new and innovative article in Depravda™ and welcomed Cruella to our staff with open arms. So it was with great sadness we learned that Cruella died in February shortly after submitting the her first (and apparently final) column. While general council Chong is pursuing the breach of contract complaint against the estate, we are thankful that since the paperwork had not yet been filed our insurance company is not required to remit any benefits.

Apparently distraught over the death of her lover of 72 years, Henny Youngman, and brunch at the Clarendon Grill [aka Soviet IHOP], Madam Cruella hacked her own head off. She leaves behind a fortune estimated at \$3 billion mostly in bonds backed by the Haitian government. There will be a viewing and eulogy held at the Hard Rock Cafe' in Washington after which the body will be dumped in the Potomac.



In a new exchange program Depravda staff and other Losers visit the *Washington Post*. The Depravda editor was surprised at what a rinky-dink operation the Post was in comparison to Depravda.

Another joke by Anonymous

A rather attractive woman goes up to the bar in a quiet rural pub. She gestures alluringly to the barman who comes over immediately. When he arrives, she seductively signals that he should bring his face close to hers. When he does so, she begins to gently caress his beard which is full and bushy.

"Are you the landlord?" she asks, softly stroking his face with both hands.

"Actually, no" he replies.

"Can you get him for me - I need to speak to him?" she asks, running her hands up beyond his beard and into his hair.

"I'm afraid I can't," breathes the barman, clearly aroused. "Is there anything I can do?"

"Yes there is. I need you to give him a message," she continues huskily, popping a couple of fingers into his mouth and allowing him to suck them gently. Tell him, "there is no toilet paper in the ladies room."



Shortly after recovering from her surgery, Jennifer Hart takes this photo of M.K. Phillips and is hospitalized yet again. Who would have thought that Photography was more dangerous to one's health than Heavyweight Boxing?

Jonathan Paul, having failed to adequately comprehend his diversity training continues to exploit Native Americans



Elden "Baby-Face" Carnahan rules over the NRARS breakfasts with an iron hand. An egg-covered iron hand perhaps, but iron none the less. Don't let the looks fool you, this man is ruthless.

Post editor Frank Ahrens invites several Losers to visit the *Washington Post* and it's not until they arrive that he realizes the magnitude of his error. "What the [##\$&&%^@] hell were you thinking!" Frank's boss was later heard to bellow as Losers destroyed the Style, Fashion and Weekend desks.



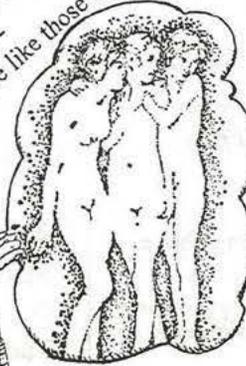
Peyton's Corner

To shake up the schools with a fling you just
Dump 'Hooked On Phonics'
And study Ebonics."
Curse those hairy-toothed too-cunning linguists!



FOR
RICHARD
THOMPSON.

Congress renamed National for Reagan,
Who was known for controller strike-breakin'.
He gave them the dickens -
A scroogey ass kickin' -
His Labor views were like those of Fagin.



Now, this is not Watergate and we know it,
But there're similarities, and just to show it,
On this the case hinges:
The question for the wench is
What did she blow, and when did she blow it?

Sometimes I'll find I'm in a pic!
Because of relations inimical.
Though I claim to be no
A. Pushkin or E. Poe,
I escape through means limerick!

WAIT A MINUTE...
THIS STUFF IS ALL
EGO-DRIVEN!

YEP. AND
A BIT O' ID, TOO.

A CUPPA JOE... AND A
COUPLE O' JOES - HERE'S
A TOAST AND LIMERICK
DEDICATION TO MR. ROMM
& ZARROW THE YOUNGER.

A SMIDGEN O' PRACTICAL POETRY

Extreme(ly Easy) Travel Trivia

by: Doggy Wormer
A Laff a Minute: Week 1

His name is given to a swath thru this town
What he does with his data can make you frown.
Beware his quest to deny fertility,
There'll be screams if he inserts this IAD.

So where on God's green earth have you landed?

Got the answer? E-mail it along with your name, age, nude photo and \$5.00 entry fee to Extreme(ly Easy) Travel Trivia c/o: Depravda Publications. Entries must be received before Depravda ceases publication.

Employees of Access Office Supplies and the federal government are ineligible to win any significant prizes.

March TOP TEN Results

Top ways to get people to enter this silly contest

No entries were received for the March Top Ten Contest

LOSER HAPPY HOURS: A NEW TRADITION

LHH5: Details courtesy of Dave Genser.

Last month's happy hour at the Ritz Carlton in Pentagon City was classy and subdued. Then we showed up. Ten or so hardy Losers rubbed elbows with cigar-caressing yups in \$1,000 suits and tried not to notice the contemptuous scowls of Simone, our Nazi domiwaitress from Sao Paulo. No Monica sightings, either. Sandra Hull did have a mysterious stain on her dress, but it turned out to be from a raspberry hurled by Jan VerrEy. If Paul Kondis had a stain on his dress, I did not notice it.

Due to popular apathy, there will be no happy hour in March. April's HH will be on Thursday, April 16 at 5pm back at the Capital City Brewery near Union Station. Address: 2 Massachusetts Ave., N.E. Phone : (202) Tlpsy 2-2337. Reservations under "Zimbalist." For May, we'll try a new place.

The Whine Garden

by: Drs. Style

Dear Doctors Style:

Are you now, or have you ever been a member of the United Federation of Planets? - jtknan@hotmail.com

Dear jtknan@hotmail.com (if that's your real name):
Certainly not! Doctors Style belong to the World Planets Federation, the official federation recognized by the Winter Olympics snowboarding team. With all the problems in the world, you have some nerve asking this question. Actually, we're writing a new book that touches on this topic, "Women Are From Venus, Men Are From Mars, and Losers Are From Uranus."

Dear Doctors Style:

I have recently received several e-mails and annoying phone calls from someone who is trying to get me to become a franchisee of Access Office Supplies. Is this offer legit? Can I truly "make millions in less than one year?" Please advise.
- Desperately Seeking Paper clips

Dear Desperately Seeking Paper clips:

You certainly can make a million dollars in less than one year - in fact this can be done in a matter of days, among Losers. Make a list of 20 Loser friends and tell them that they can start a franchise of Access Office Supplies if they each give you \$50,000. Then tell them to put their names at the bottom of a list and send that list to 20 of their friends. By the way, Doctors Style have immediate melatonin franchise opportunities.

Dear Doctors Style:

Robin D. Grove, Arlington? First it was Robin D. Grove, Washington, then Baltimore, then Columbia, and now Arlington. Can't this gal settle down once and for all? Is she cute? - Great Horned Owl

Dear Great Horny Owl:

You don't think Robin D. Grove, Poster Child for the DC Witness Protection Program, is really his/her name, do you? Isn't it funny that Robin Grove has five letters in the first and last name, just like Jimmy Hoffa? Robin D. Grove collects tropical fish, Jimmy Hoffa sleeps with the fishes. Robin D. Grove had a secretary named Kennedy, Jimmy Hoffa had a secretary named Lincoln. And we have been told that Robin D. Grove, Columbia and Linda Tripp, Columbia were never seen in the same place at the same time.

Dear Doctors Style:

When will we get our first inch of snow? What is the problem? Global warming? El Nino? El Salvador? The turmoil in Serbia? What?? Ski Bum

Dear Ski Bum (or Bumski):

With all the problems in the world, you have some nerve complaining about the lack of snow. Just chill out, pay a visit to the Canadian snowboarding team, take a few deep breaths, and all your concerns will go away. Actually, El Nino is the product of a global virus. That's why it is an anagram for "on-line." If you really want to witness problems, we dare you to trek to a desolate spot where children are below average, the men are weak and the winds are unrelenting -- in other words, Ft. Belvoir.

Wit Happens



posthumously by: Grace Fuller

WEEK 251: QUOTH THE MAVEN

"I am now a crook." --Richard Nixon (Sue Lin Chong)

"Where is the lobe?" --Evander Holyfield (David Genser)

"Daughter is the best medicine." --Woody Allen (Jennifer Hart)

"Because I could not shop for Death, he kindly stopped for me." --Princess Diana (Paul Kocak)

"I made him an offer he couldn't defuse." --Ted Kaczynsky (Jessica Mathews)

WEEK 252: MAKE YOUR MOVIE

"Kisses For My President": Monica Lewinsky (Fred Dawson)

"A Farewell To Arms": Venus de Milo (Dave Ferry)

"Mister Roberts": Lyle Lovett (Sandra Hull)

"Grease": Colonel Sanders (Maja Keech)

"The Blob": Joe Waldholtz (Joel Knanishu)

"Octopussy": Larry King (Charlie Myers)

"Bound": Chuck E. Cheese (Chuck Smith)

"Last Tango in Paris" Lady Di, Dodi Fayed (Charlie Steinhice)

"Pulp Fiction": O. J. Simpson (Paul Styrene)

"Yanks": Jocelyn Elders (Sarah Worcester)

WEEK 254: DOUBLE JEOPARDY!

A: She suggests that she and the president have engaged only in oral sex, not intercourse, and relates how they engaged in telephone sex on a number of occasions late at night.

Q: What did she blow and when did she blow it? (Peyton Coyner)

A: You wake up in position of leadership; you'll muse, "How in the world did this happen?"

Q: What was President Gore's response to Barbara Walter's first interview question? (Stephen Dudzik)

A: "He has been denounced by the president of the United States, castigated by the secretary of health and human services, threatened by the Food and Drug Administration."

Q: "What happened to the last person who refused to supersize Bill Clinton's fries?" (Joseph Romm)

A: Ultrasound probes into the vagina make the extraction and implantation of eggs simple and accurate

Q: What revolutionary procedure for cooking soft-boiled eggs got Dr. Richard Seed expelled from the Culinary Institute of America yet ultimately led him into the field of cloning? (J. Kammer)

WEEK 256: THE PYLE INVITATIONAL

Q: Mary Jo Kopechne's nephew assassinates Ted Kennedy? What do you call that?

A: Chappaquid pro quo. (Grace Fuller)

Q: Why is misspelling "potato" like the White House fence?

A: Dan Quayle will never get over it. (Jonathan Paul)

Q: What Attorney General loves working in all phases of the justice process?

A: Janet Repp

New and Improved Stats Page, as of Week 260

The upper left chart lists all contestants ranked in the Top 50 for Year 5, as of the Report from Week 257. The lower left chart lists all contestants appearing so far in Year 6, as of the distribution of the contest for Week 260. In both cases, Career stats are added, for newer Losers who do not yet appear on the Career list, at right. Right chart lists the Top 50 scorers over all Years: Year 1, Weeks 1-52; Year 2, Weeks 53-103 (no Week 64); Year 3, Weeks 104-155; Year 4, Week 156-207; Year 5, Weeks 208-259; Year 6, Weeks 260-311.

LID: Loser ID—the order in which the various Losers made their first print appearances.

Dbu: Debut—Week in which you made your first appearance.

Rk: Rank. Year-5 rank is position among 379 Losers so far in the Reports published for Year 5; Year-6 rank is position among 3 Losers so far in Year 6. Career rank is position among 1933 Losers appearing since Week 1, including the Year-6 data.

Ws: Wins. **Ps:** Pens awarded for 1st Runner-Up. **Shs:** Shirts awarded for other Runner-Ups.

Stks: Bumperstickers awarded for Honorable Mentions. **Es:** Ears No One Reads.

+/-: Change in rank since February issue, Year 5 or overall.

Pts: Points—print appearances, Year 5, Year 6, or overall. Includes points for Czar abuse and idea contribution that are not listed separately.

Cons: Consistency—average points per Week since your Debut: Year 5, Year 6, or overall.

Pace: Number of Year-5 or Year-6 Points you will have at the end of Year 5 or Year 6, if this keeps up.

As always, each Loser's enlightened self-interest is our best quality check, and we are proud to receive your complaints at carns@erols.com.

LID	Name	Dbu	Rk	+/-	Ws	Ps	Year 5					Career				
							Shs	Stks	Es	Pts	Cons	Pace	Pts	Cons	Rk	
1400	Genser, D.	157	1		2	2	6	67	12	91	1,820	95	147	1,455	7	
110	Witte, T.	7	2		3	1	11	56	4	76	1,520	79	233	0,932	2	
152	Hart, J.	11	3		3	2	10	51	1	68	1,360	71	216	0,878	4	
777	Beland, R.	73	4		1	1	10	39	9	63	1,260	66	194	1,049	5	
1297	Paul, J.	136	5		1	5	5	43	6	61	1,220	63	124	1,016	9	
83	Smith, C.	6	6		4	1	2	38			48	0,920	48	342	1,363	1
273	Carnahan, E.	22	7				3	31	3	42	0,840	44	226	0,962	3	
98	Dudzik, S.	7	8	+2			6	23	3	37	0,740	38	142	0,568	5	
1673	Blyveis, B.	202	9	-1	3	3	3	27			36	0,720	37	38	0,679	27
1431	Hull, S.	161	9	-1	1	1	7	23	2	36	0,720	37	66	0,680	15	
788	Sorensen, J.	75	11	+1			5	28			35	0,700	36	103	0,563	10
1055	Grinath, A.	106	12	-1	1		3	26			30	0,600	31	78	0,513	13
655	Romm, J.	58	13				1	5	21		29	0,580	30	154	0,774	6
1712	Dalton, B.	211	14		1			24			25	0,532	26	25	0,532	39
752	Kammer, J.	71	15			1	2	14	5	22	0,440	23	89	0,476	12	
367	Zarrow, D.	30	16			2	2	16			20	0,400	21	75	0,330	14
536	Worcester, S.	46	17			2	3	10			17	0,340	18	94	0,445	11
1701	Hoven, N.	208	18	+6			1	1	13		15	0,300	16	15	0,300	62
1340	Reese, S.	145	18			1		14			15	0,300	16	38	0,336	28
1742	Genz, M.	219	20	+3			1	2	11		14	0,359	15	14	0,359	63
243	Ferry, D.	18	21	-2	3	2	3	6			14	0,280	15	31	0,130	34
417	Chong, S.	35	22	-3	1	1		11			13	0,260	14	49	0,221	23
1772	Cortina, J.	225	23	-2		1	3	8			12	0,364	12	12	0,364	70
1301	Steinhice, C.	136	24	-2	3		1	8			12	0,240	12	24	0,197	43
1707	Laporte, P.	209	25	+3			1	10			11	0,224	11	11	0,224	75
1708	Mayer, L.	209	25	+3			1	10			11	0,224	11	11	0,224	75
1070	Connaghan, M.	108	27	-3		1	2	7			11	0,220	11	32	0,213	31
175	Cuddihy, K.	13	27	-3			2	8			11	0,220	11	61	0,250	17
174	Fox Roe, M.	13	27	-3			2	8			11	0,220	11	25	0,102	42
1481	Kleinbard, D.	169	27	+4	1	1	3	6			11	0,220	11	13	0,146	66
85	Grove, R.	6	31		2	1		7			10	0,200	10	53	0,211	20
1065	Kocak, P.	108	31	+9			1	9			10	0,200	10	22	0,147	46
781	Mathews, J.	74	31	-1			1	7			10	0,200	10	50	0,272	22
301	Weinstein, J.	24	31	+13	1	1		6			10	0,200	10	20	0,086	52
760	Arnold, G.	72	35	-4	1	1	1	5			9	0,180	9	32	0,172	32
1563	Frankenfeld, P.	188	35		2	1		6			9	0,180	9	12	0,171	71
65	Hammer, M.	5	35	-4			2	7			9	0,180	9	26	0,103	38
496	Alter, P.	41	38	+4				7			8	0,160	8	25	0,116	40
203	Delduke, P.	14	38	-3			1	7			8	0,160	8	22	0,091	47
1037	Fahy, S.	104	38	-3		2		6			8	0,160	8	10	0,065	83
783	Martin, J.	74	38	-3				8			8	0,160	8	20	0,109	51
878	Pannullo, J.	84	38	-3	1	2	1	4			8	0,160	8	40	0,230	25
1240	Litz, T.	125	43	-3	1			6			7	0,140	7	56	0,421	18
1178	Ashley, R.	120	44					5	1	6	0,120	6	10	0,072	82	
1283	Stromberg, R.	134	44					6			6	0,120	6	7	0,056	105
1861	Midgley-Biggs, K.	244	46	-3				5			5	0,357	5	5	0,357	132
1806	Knoblauch, D.	231	47	+6	1			5			5	0,185	5	5	0,185	133
1453	Aragon, R.	165	48	-4		1	1	3			5	0,100	5	6	0,065	115
1454	Coe, C.	165	48	-4		1	1	3			5	0,100	5	6	0,065	115
1066	Knanishu, J.	108	48	-4			1	4			5	0,100	5	24	0,160	44
547	Meyerson, N.	46	48	-4			1	4			5	0,100	5	7	0,033	111
1388	Myers, C.	155	48	-4		1	2	2			5	0,100	5	8	0,078	93

CAREER STATS ONLY						
Rk	+/-	LID	Name	Dbu	Pts	Cons
1		83	Smith, C.	6	342	1.363
2		110	Witte, T.	7	233	0.932
3		273	Carnahan, E.	22	226	0.952
4		152	Hart, J.	11	216	0.878
5		777	Beland, R.	73	194	1.049
6		655	Romm, J.	58	154	0.774
7	+1	1400	Genser, D.	157	147	1.455
8	-1	98	Dudzik, S.	7	142	0.568
9		1297	Paul, J.	136	124	1.016
10		788	Sorensen, J.	75	103	0.563
11		536	Worcester, S.	46	94	0.445
12		752	Kammer, J.	71	89	0.476
13		1055	Grinath, A.	106	78	0.513
14		367	Zarrow, D.	30	75	0.330
15		1431	Hull, S.	161	66	0.680
16		204	Kondis, P.	14	63	0.259
17		175	Cuddihy, K.	13	61	0.250
18		1240	Litz, T.	125	56	0.421
19		233	Styrene, P.	17	54	0.225
20	+1	85	Grove, R.	6	53	0.211
21	-1	841	Krattenmaker, K.	80	52	0.292
22		781	Mathews, J.	74	50	0.272
23		417	Chong, S.	35	49	0.221
24		139	Mellema, K.	10	41	0.166
25		878	Pannullo, J.	84	40	0.230
26		287	Thring, M.	23	39	0.167
27	+1	1673	Blyveis, B.	202	38	0.679
28	-1	1340	Reese, S.	145	38	0.336
29		241	Malcolm, L.	18	35	0.146
30		184	Sullivan, M.	14	35	0.144
31		1070	Connaghan, M.	108	32	0.213
32		760	Arnold, G.	72	32	0.172
33		676	Smith, J. C.	60	31	0.157
34		243	Ferry, D.	18	31	0.130
35		327	Coyner, P.	26	27	0.117
35		321	Patishnock, G.	26	27	0.117
37		226	Gearly, T.	16	27	0.112
38		65	Hammer, M.	5	26	0.103
39		1712	Dalton, B.	211	25	0.532
40	+4	496	Alter, P.	41	25	0.116
41	-1	222	King, S.	16	25	0.104
42	-1	174	Fox Roe, M.	13	25	0.102
43	-1	1301	Steinhice, C.	136	24	0.197
44	-1	1066	Knanishu, J.	108	24	0.160
45		148	Caron, C.	11	23	0.093
46	+7	1065	Kocak, P.	108	22	0.147
47	-1	203	Delduke, P.	14	22	0.091
48	-1	35	Segal, S.	4	22	0.087
49	-1	548	Dawson, F.	47	21	0.100
50	-1	215	Rooney, C.	16	21	0.087

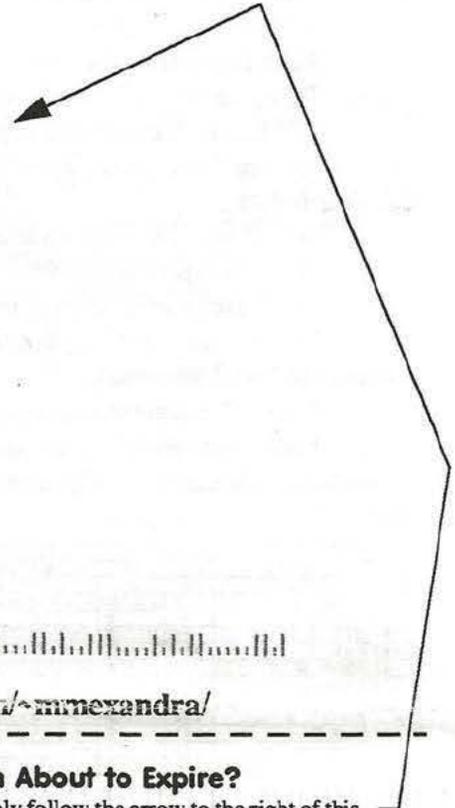
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				Es	Pts	Cons	Pace	Pts	Cons	Rk
1280	Farquhar, M.	133	1		1	1.000	52	3	0.023	236
752	Kammer, J.	71	1		1	1.000	52	90	0.474	12
1399	Strider, B.	156	1	1	1	1.000	52	8	0.076	93

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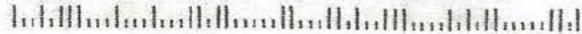
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