

# would you believe . . . . .

Cosmorotics, Incorporated, makers of the world's first edible underpants, has come out with the world's first edible greeting cards. The candy greeting cards are called "notables" and come equipped with a caramel ink pen, so you can write a personal message with natural food coloring. Each box of "Notables" contains 12 delicious cards, a pen and 12 inedible paper envelopes. The box sells for about \$3.00 (dollars). (Earth News Credit: Free Enterprise Magazine)

For years bullets couldn't kill him, but in Fairfax, Virginia last Tuesday, Roy Rogers, King of the Cowboys, was knocked to his knees by a well-aimed cream pie. The pie attack interrupted his speech about what makes America great — God, the family and Roy Roger's roast beef sandwiches. Not one to suffer injustices lightly, Rogers yelled, "Let me get a punch at him," as make-up streamed down his face and police dragged the suspected pie thrower away. Quick to the rescue was Rogers' loyal band, The Sons of the Pioneers. One of the Sons shocked some older members of the crowd by blurting out a saucy threat or two into an open microphone. But in the end, no punches were thrown and the pie-wielding youth was charged with disorderly conduct. And the disgruntled roast beef king finally emerged into the crowd to sing autographs from Roy Rogers and his faithful horse, Trigger. (Earth News)

A hospital in Plymouth, England is using an old but unconventional way to transport blood and urine samples to a cross-town laboratory. They're sending them by carrier pigeon.

According to Mrs. Hilary Sanders, she came up with the idea after some suggested the hospitals could cut their \$9,000 (dollar) a year taxi bill by using pigeons. Mrs. Saunders claims the pigeons will save the hospital about \$8,000 (dollars) this year alone, and she also figures the birds will save time. According to her calculations, it takes a taxi about 25 minutes to drive the samples from the hospital to the lab. But it takes the pigeons only seven minutes — which is important when you consider that some lab analyses must be performed while patients are still on the operating table. (Earth News)

A Dutch veterinarian has been fined approximately \$250 (dollars) for negligently burning down a farm — with a jet of flame from the rear end of a cow.

The veterinarian, who shall remain nameless, was summoned to the aid of a cow with a bad case of gas. As the vet was relieving the cow with an inserted tube, he made the mistake of testing the gas' flammability with a match.

It was extremely flammable. The ensuing explosion set some bales of hay on fire, the hay set the barn on fire, and the fire from the barn eventually burned down the entire farm, for a loss of almost \$80,000 (dollars).

The cow suffered only a case of shock. (Earth News)

If you saw a man coming out of an insurance office with a brown bag over his head, wouldn't you think he was a burglar? Well, a woman in Chesapeake, Virginia saw just that and called the police. It turned out to be a false alarm, however, the man with the bag over his head told police he just had the hiccups and was trying to hyperventilate. (Credit: Mary Jean Ainsley, WNOR, Norfolk, Virginia)

Two former record company salesmen have come up with a way to turn your home into a discotheque, complete with strobe lights, projectors, professional sound equipment and real disc jockeys.

Wayne Rosso and Jim Hurlbut of Los Angeles have loaded about \$50,000 (dollars) worth of sophisticated equipment into a truck and will deliver it to your home, school or favorite hall. In fact, the two claim they have been so successful in recreating "the total atmosphere of a disco," that they plan to franchise their mobile disco operation. (Earth News)

Police are still scratching their heads in Houston. Female escape artist Etta Marie Francis got away from them after she was arrested for shoplifting. Then when she was recaptured Marie Francis really baffled the boys in blue. While she was hand-cuffed in the back seat of a patrol car, she removed her handcuffs, lit a cigarette, then replaced the cuffs. (Earth News.)

Don't pop that beer, open it from the bottom, say beer can collectors. Then, they're more valuable, according to experts on the latest fad sweeping the country.

"Beer can collecting just might be the answer to Hawaii's roadside litter problem," said Gene Gelfo, who recently moved to Hawaii from Youngwood, Pennsylvania. "You'd be surprised at how many people collect beer cans. I've been at it for 15 years."

A can of Hawaii's Primo may sell for as much as \$2.00 (dollars) on the mainland and with the rising price of other domestic and foreign beer cans, citizens may be motivated to hunt them down while at the same time helping to clean the environment.

Or they may just be removing litter from outside to indoors. (Earth News)

There is a new public enemy in Chicago — the sewer rat. In fact, one city councilman estimates that rats now outnumber humans in some areas.

The rodents have apparently grown immune to warfarin and red squill, two commonly used poisons.

To fight the swelling rat population, the city council is encouraging hand-to-hand combat with the beasts. They have placed a bounty of one dollar on each rat killed by a citizen.

Since the "war on rats" began two weeks ago, about \$550 (dollars) in bounty has been paid. One family turned in 40 rats, killed in their back yard. (Earth News)

Animals tormented by visitors at a Soviet Zoo in Central Asia are fighting back. Elephants, not taking kindly to being bombarded with sticks and stones, are now hurling them back at their attackers. And a tiger who was poked with a piece of wire, mauled the hand of his assailant. According to the Zoo director, drunks who tried to climb into the animals' cages to show their couraged have been "rebuffed". The animals may yet get the upper hand. (Earth News)

A group of stewardesses, alarmed by a rising number of assaults on flight attendants, have formed a self-defense organization called "Hands Off Women". The Los Angeles-based group hopes to organize lectures and meetings in other major cities in an effort to reach more stewardesses.

The women are studying basic self-defense tactics with volunteer, off-duty police officers. They say the best bet is for a woman to fight for a chance to escape, rather than trying to injure the assailant.

At least one California stewardess is glad she attended the group's meetings. The 135-pound woman was assaulted in her apartment by a heavy-set man. She threw her attacker down on the floor and beat him. After the man ran out of her apartment, she chased him down the street screaming and yelling till she alerted police officers. The man was convicted of assault, and went to jail. (Earth News)

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## Search Committee News

The Search Committee for a Dean of Arts wishes to announce the names of three candidates for this position. They are:

Dr. P.G. Kepros - Professor of Psychology and Associate Dean of Arts

Dr. D.R. Pullman - Professor of Sociology and Chairperson of the Department

Dr. D.M. Young - Professor of History and past Chairperson of the Department

The candidates will be present at an open meeting to be held in Room 303, Tilley Hall, on Wednesday, October 19, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Each candidate will make a brief statement to be followed by a discussion period during which members of the Arts Council will be invited to put questions to the candidates.

Members of the University community are invited to attend this meeting as observers. In order to allow adequate time for questions from members of the Arts Faculty, it will not be possible to entertain questions from anyone else. However, written comments from all members of the audience are invited and should be received by the Chairperson of the Search Committee for a Dean of Arts, c/o the Office of the Vice-President (Academic), by October 26. All letters received will be treated in strict confidence by the Committee.

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