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High-society punk devotees who want just the right hair color to match their Hefty Garbage bag dress or razor blade earrings are dashing over to see a man named Martin Huckle. Huckle is the man behind jingles hair salon — reportedly the place to have one's hair dyed lavender, blue, or puce.

Since the colors are produced by harmless vegetable dyes that wash right out, one doesn't necessarily need a garbage bag full of money to achieve that fullsome, trashy look. And if you're going to venture into the exciting world of punk hair, you might wish to know that THE color right now is aubergine (Pron: o-bear-zhine) — or eggplant to you. (Newscrip)



William Matons, a former vaudeville dancer and now a regular act on the Federal Court Circuit, almost scored a contempt charge by showing up in court in full military regalia as General Hershey Bar or General Waste Morland — depending on which day it was.

With phony ribbons and toy airplanes hanging from his shoulders, Matons was scolded by Magistrate John Kronenberg for turning the court into a theatrical show. But when Matons protested that Will Rogers wore his cowboy hat and western attire when not performing onstage, Judge Kronenberg stopped him in midsentence saying, "You've struck a responsive chord. I (will not) lift a hand against Will Rogers. I (cannot) cite you for contempt."

Matons' assault and battery charge is still pending, however. (Newscrip)



As many a frustrated commuter knows, trains just do not stop to pick up frantic travelers who were late to the station. But in case you're ever stranded in the Alaskan wilds, it might be nice to know that one train will stop for you — the Alaska Railway between Fairbanks and Anchorage.

"We run a more personal train," explains engineer Jerry LeBlanc. "If somebody jumps out of the woods, we stop." If that somebody is a hunter, he can bring his freshly-killed bear or moose aboard: too — at one dollar per hundred pounds. But he'll have to check his gun in the baggage department. (Newscrip)

Con Edison, faced with millions of dollars in law suits resulting from the disastrous black-out of July 13th, would love it if everyone believed that the whole affair was the result of a lightning bolt — that good old Act of God.

But according to Frank Lauria, writing in High Times magazine, not everyone is sure that's all that happened. The Committee to Nationalize Con Ed, known as CONCON, recently released the following facts:

Moments before the blackout, the night sky was illuminated by a sudden brightness which reputable observers said "lasted much longer than lightning." Soon after the shutdown, the Indian Point Nuclear power plant was surrounded by State Troopers who kept all unauthorized civilians away.

And then, for many hours, the entire island of Manhattan was sealed off, since not only tunnels, but unaccountably, bridges, were closed down. And finally, for over 24 hours, New York City suffered a news blackout quite separate from any power failure — the radios playing soothing music and issuing bland assurances.

CONCON concludes that Con Ed isn't telling everything it knows. (Newscrip)



G. Gordon Liddy, whose illegal activities and loyalty to Richard Nixon made him a convict, has just published his own expose of the prison system in Esquire Magazine.

Liddy, who obviously prides himself on doing time in real prisons, as opposed to prison camps such as Allenwood, saves most of his contempt for the guards, or "hacks and screws." The guards, says Liddy, have condemned themselves to thirty years to life in prison for a meager salary and all they can steal, just because they're afraid of life "on the outside". He describes them as "losers", of low intelligence, education and competence.

The prisoners, however, have "superior" genes, are psychologically stronger, have aggressive personalities and above all, are "risk takers."

But, as Liddy sees it, although the "prisoners hold all the high cards," the effects of racism have so divided and weakened convicts that they are at the mercy of their enemies, the guards. Liddy believes there's a message here for all Americans. (NDS)



A California entrepreneur has come up with a weapon for non-smokers who are tired of being assaulted by the tars and nicotine exuded by their smoking friends.

Paul Wright of Bakersfield is selling non-smokers a spray can loaded with lemon-scented mist, and he says he can't keep up with the demand.

The cans, which market for \$4.95, carry instructions advising, "When cigar, cigarette or pipe smoke is detected, aim atomizer at source and spray for one second. If smoker becomes irate, spray again." Some folks think the can ought to also carry the warning, "Caution: using this can may be dangerous to your health." (Newscrip)



A Toronto man has been told that he CAN go home again, but he's going to have to play a rather strange game. He's free on bail as long as he doesn't talk to his wife or go near her. But he's allowed to live with her.

Bomman-Halli Varadarajan was charged with common assault against his wife in June of this year. He was released on bail but was told by the judge not to go to his house. He promptly went home and was subsequently arrested and sent to jail for breach of bail.

This week, Judge Hugh Lock dismissed the opinion of the first judge on the grounds that it was not legal, since Varadarajan was part-owner of the house. He can go home as long as directly or indirectly, which means he can't even communicate with her through his two children. (Newscrip) (Credit: Bob Kennedy, CHUM Radio, Toronto, Ontario)



A group of residents from Park Forest, Illinois has saved hundreds of trees and bushes from the path of a bulldozer, while at the same time landscaping the grounds of a local school.

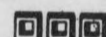
When the people learned that a planned development would doom the trees, the residents began transplanting the basswood, white ash, dogwoods, red and burr oaks and crabapple trees, some up to

25 feet tall, to the grounds of Lakewood school. The native plants are thriving, and the project saved the school a pile of money. (Newscrip)



It now costs a dollar to cross San Francisco's famous Golden Gate Bridge. But if you've ever thought of crashing the bridge — don't — because bridge employees will manage somehow to take their tolls.

Last year, for example, an elderly gentleman drove up to the toll booth, only to discover he didn't have the required fare. The toll collector told him he could mail in his toll, if he left behind an item for security. So the gentleman left the only valuable thing he had — his false teeth. Another impoverished driver handed over the registration card to his junky auto, while a third left behind a potted Christmas tree until he could come up with the fare. (Newscrip)



The American Hospital Supply Corporation of Evanston, Illinois says it has just produced the first completely artificial voice machine available to thousands of speech-impaired persons.

A handicapped person can use the Phonic Mirror Handi-Voice to utter electronically pre-programmed words and phrases such as, "I can't talk. I am using an artificial voice." The machine can also construct words using phonetic methods, and speaks in a male-sounding voice with a slight Scottish accent for some reason.

The machine, which will sell next year for around \$2,000 (dollars), should be of help to deaf-mute persons, those who have undergone surgery to remove their vocal chords, and victims of such diseases as multiple sclerosis. (Newscrip)



Florida school bus driver Leona Penny just got so fed up with her busload of 57 screaming kids, she suddenly turned the bus around and headed for the Indian

River County Jail. The students — ranging from sixth to ninth graders — weren't actually tossed into the clink, but kept in a waiting room until their parents came to pick them up.

Mrs. Kenyon Fish, the school district transportation director said that taking the children off to jail is a normal procedure if they're creating a safety hazard. "You'd think we never took kids to jail before," she said. (Newscrip)



The next time you sit down to read a book you might find yourself listening to it as well. Transparent records about two inches in diameter may soon be pasted on the pages of your favorite novel, and the characters will be able to come alive via an invention called the microphonograph.

The information on the records will be played by a special device which looks like the base part of a telephone. The player will turn, rather than the record.

The microphonograph will not be sold separately, but in a package with a particular book or product. The first book to employ the new micro records will be the Young Children's Encyclopedia put out by Encyclopedia Britannica.

In the encyclopedia, children will be able to hear things like a tree pictured on the page talking about how it grows. (Newscrip)



There are hundreds of women around the nation who routinely try out to become cheerleaders for their favorite team in the National Football League, but many might have second thoughts about making the squad if they knew about the working conditions.

The Chicago Bears' "Honey Bears" are a good example of what NFL cheerleaders must put up with. The Honey Bears have had to fight to get warm-up jackets to protect their scantily clad bodies from the cold, they're only paid \$10 (dollars) a game plus some expense money, and they're left defenseless against the fans who mob them after the game. The women say they're easy targets because "they're recognized because they're carrying their pompons with them". (Newscrip)

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