

THINGS

No One Ever Tells You

By Jim Aylward

People who see me walking along in the supermarket walk right up to me and ask, "Whole wheat bread?" I tell them where it is: the bakery to the left, prepackaged bread to the right. They say, "Okay," I've sold something for the market, and I've helped someone toward a better life. That's the kind of a guy I am.

They have no idea they've just conversed with the mind behind "Things No One Ever Tells You." If I were to tell them I make a living on nude airlines, the brain surgeon with a sixth-grade education, the doctor who examined 32 dead patients in one day, the Swedish database for silicone breasts, and the politician who wants all congressmen to have psychiatric tests, they'd think I'm crazy. And...that's a possibility. On the other hand, they don't have to know I do this. They just think I'm the guy who knows where the bread is. And I do. I just happen to know all this other great stuff too.

A woman went to her bank in Stockholm to see if her federal child-care allowance had been deposited into her account. She found that the Swedish government had mistakenly given her \$10 billion.

"Well, it's a bit better than the \$322 I usually get, but if it were just \$10 more..."



An Argentine politician has submitted a bill that would require his fellow congressmen and him to undergo psychiatric tests before they could serve in the Senate.

What is he? Crazy? If we did that here, we'd immediately lose the eccentric vote.

A man walking along a roadway in Ludington, Michigan, was wearing clothes so conspicuous – a blue shirt and blue pants with orange stripes down the side – that passing police thought he was an escaped prisoner.

They held him until it was determined he was merely a very poor dresser.

Scientists are working on turning newsprint into food. The newspaper is supposedly an excellent source of carbohydrates.

"I'll have the Newsburger, please, but hold the front page!"

After they exchanged wedding vows in a small chapel in Tokyo, a young couple embraced for the traditional kiss. Then, encouraged by friends' raucous shouts, they engaged in a display of smooching so passionate, the bride's father ran up and whacked the groom on the back of his young head.

"Where does it say, 'Love, honor, and devour?'"

A 40-year-old man had a thriving brain surgery business in Fayoum, Egypt, where he saw 200 patients a week and operated on many of them. Police arrested him when they discovered he was grossly unqualified, having only a sixth-grade education.

Well, he never said he was perfect.

Customs officials at Maiquetia International Airport in Venezuela, inspecting a package before shipment to London, found the declared "miracle herb from the rain forest of Peru" actually to be 230 pounds of cocaine.

I'm not certain it will help my arthritis, but on the other hand, if I take it, maybe I won't really care.

A new charter service from Naked-Air.com is offering nude flights from Miami to a clothing-optional resort in Cancun, Mexico. You pay \$450 and put a little something on when you go through customs.

"Coffee? Tea? Thong?"

A Lake City, Florida, man went to court to change his name to God. The judge refused, so he changed his name to I Am Who I Am.

That is he.

In a show of exuberance at his wedding in Amman, the newlywed groom fired his automatic rifle into the air, killing two of the guests.

"Remember our wedding day, Hon? When I shot our guests? And you had that startled-fawn look on your face? God, you were beautiful!"

Fourteen women have already signed up for a contest in the southern New Zealand town of Wanaka searching for "The Perfect Woman." The qualifications may differ from most, however. Organizer Stu Bart wants women who can stack bales of hay, change tires, and put up fences.

I think I'm in love!

Some football stars care about scoring on the field. Recently, members of the Bridgewater-Raynham High School football team in Massachusetts had the chance to watch a striptease at a pregame party, but they refused. One of the dedicated players said: "This is football. We don't do that sort of thing."

"We don't?"

A new poll in Britain found that the typical driver there will curse 32,025 times behind the wheel in an average lifetime.

That's nothing. I do that here in Florida in an average week.



A man being held on weapons charges escaped from the police station in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, and then flagged down the first bus he saw.

It was full of policemen who were out to hunt him down.

A Yemeni man named Yahya was married for 15 years to a disagreeable and quarrelsome woman, who yelled at him at the top of her considerable lungs. Finally, unable to take it any longer, he divorced her and married someone else. His new wife, he says, is deaf and dumb.

Yahya, that's okay for now. Wait until she starts passing you notes in CAPITAL LETTERS with exclamation points!!

Virgin Atlantic Airways has had to replace the plastic baby-changing tables recently installed on its Airbus jets. Customers have been using them for making love.

"Oh! Baby-changing tables! Now I get it!"

A man sped past a highway camera installed on a road in Perth, Australia, to catch speeders.

Then he returned and stole the camera.

The Ichub Club in Bangkok is getting a heavy dose of regulars ever since it started offering karaoke for fat people two nights a week.

"Is it Tons of Fun Night yet?"

It's the "breast of times" in Sweden, where health officials have created a database with the names of all Swedish women with silicon breasts.

Of course, there's already an American equivalent: the Beverly Hills phone book.

An Illinois doctor was nabbed for fraud after an examination of bills he sent to medical insurance companies revealed he falsely claimed to have seen 180 patients in just one day. Records indicate that 32 of those people were actually dead.

"Okay, let's move this along now. Doctor will see all the dead people first, if you'll just line up over here."

An armed man tried to rob the post office in Halmstad, Sweden, by demanding that the cashier transfer \$37.2 million into his bank account.

In order to facilitate that, he gave his account number.

The Florida school system is ending the practice of allowing students to come to class wearing pajamas.

"Teach, it's night school! Give us a break! You know what I'm sayin'?"

A Pennsylvania man fell asleep at the wheel and crashed into a school bus. At his trial he told the judge he'd been incredibly tired because he'd been up all night, counterfeiting checks.

So much for honesty.

A Portuguese woman knows how to show her husband she has nothing to hide. Maria Manuela shed her clothes and walked naked through the streets of Lisbon to prove she'd do anything for her man. He says he'd do the same if she asked.

Maria, don't ask.

After sunbathing on the French Mediterranean, people have been stepping off the beach and walking seminude through the upscale resort of La Grande Motte to their hotels, upsetting retirees who live there. Police now give first-time offenders a large T-shirt to wear.

"Mildred, this young woman coming along needs an extra-large T-shirt, and I need something to clean these specs fast!"

The Rotary Club in the remote mining town of Kalgoorlie, Australia, held a charity auction, at which the prize was the services of a member of Parliament for a day. The winning bid of \$540 was made by the madam of Langtree's brothel. She had him clean the place while wearing a frilly apron.

"And Honey, today you will do blinds!" ●

Residents of an island off the coast of England are being asked to take showers together to conserve water.

The shortage is so severe on Lundy Island that drinking water is being shipped in, and seawater is used to flush toilets. One official says: "We're asking people to have a shower or bath with a friend. We get a lot of positive comments from that."

"Friendship! Friendship! Just the perfect blend-ship!"

It's easy to find the city dump in West Covina, California.

It's on Aroma Drive.

