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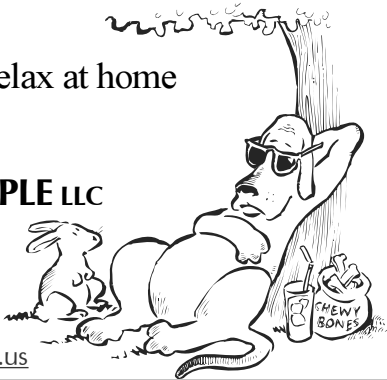
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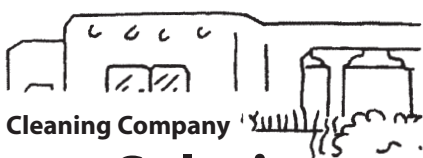
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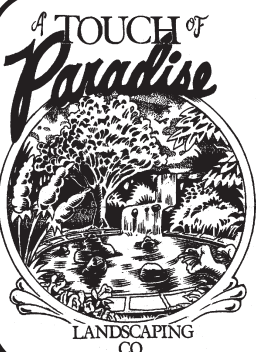
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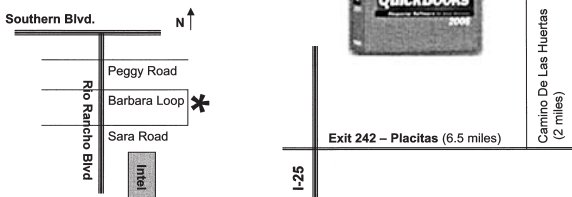
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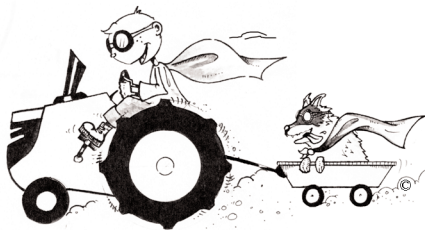
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—BETSY MARSTON

**CALIFORNIA**—Sometimes you can be too vigilant. Someone who spotted a black bag on the side of a road in eastern California reported that it had a suspiciously "foul odor." A sheriff's deputy investigated, says the *Grass Valley-Nevada City Union*. Inside the bag, wrapped in a blue towel, was a dead fish.

**MONTANA AND ALASKA**—A big bad wolf killed more than 120 sheep in eastern Montana last year, but don't blame one of Yellowstone's wild wolves, says the *Billings Gazette*. The culprit was a domestic animal, the product of "human-manipulated breeding" combining genes from wolves in the Great Lakes region, Alaska and the Lower 48 states. "You just don't see that Heinz 57 hodgepodge in wild wolves," said Carolyn Sime, head of Montana's wolf program. No one has a clue about where the voracious sheep-eater came from, she added, since the domestic wolf business is a "closeted industry." Meanwhile, in Juneau, Alaska, a lone black wolf dubbed "Romeo" by locals loves to romp with dogs on frozen Mendenhall Lake; he's even allowed people to touch him. The *Juneau Empire* newspaper ran pictures of Romeo loping off with a pet pug in his mouth, as if the dog were a rabbit. The wolf finally dropped the pug — apparently unharmed — on its back. Because animals that lose their fear of humans often end up shot, state biologists may pepper the friendly wolf with beanbags or rubber bullets to teach it to back off.

**NEVADA**—As the *Salt Lake Tribune* put it, "Not everything done in Vegas stays in Vegas." The Utah-based online genealogy service Ancestry.com recently posted marriage and divorce records for Las Vegas from 1956 through 2005, so celebrity groupies can now look up the unions and dis-unions of everyone from Elizabeth Taylor to Elvis Presley.

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## Similies, silly

—UNCLE DUFFY

Her face was a perfect oval, like a circle that had its two sides gently compressed by a Thigh Master.

His thoughts tumbled in his head, making and breaking alliances like underpants in a dryer without Cling Free.

He spoke with the wisdom that can only come from experience, like a guy who went blind because he looked at a solar eclipse without one of those boxes with a pinhole in it and now goes around the country speaking at high schools about the dangers of looking at a solar eclipse without one of those boxes with a pinhole in it.

She grew on him like she was a colony of E. coli, and he was room-temperature Canadian beef.

She had a deep, throaty, genuine laugh, like that sound a dog makes just before it throws up.

Her vocabulary was as bad as, like, whatever.

He was as tall as a six-foot, three-inch tree.

The revelation that his marriage of thirty years had disintegrated because of his wife's infidelity came as a rude shock, like a surcharge at a formerly surcharge-free ATM machine.

The little boat gently drifted across the pond exactly the way a bowling ball wouldn't.

From the attic came an unearthly howl. The whole scene had an eerie, surreal quality, like when you're on vacation in another city and *Jeopardy* comes on at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30.

Her hair glistened in the rain like a nose hair after a sneeze.

## UNCLE DUFFY

Long separated by cruel fate, the star-crossed lovers raced across the grassy field toward each other like two freight trains, one having left Cleveland at 6:36 p.m. traveling at 55 mph, the other from Topeka at 4:19 p.m. at a speed of 35 mph.

They lived in a typical suburban neighborhood with picket fences that resembled Nancy Kerrigan's teeth.

John and Mary had never met. They were like two hummingbirds who had also never met.

He fell for her like his heart was a mob informant, and she was the East River.

Even in his last years, Granddad had a mind like a steel trap, only one that had been left out so long, it had rusted shut.

Shots rang out, as shots are wont to do.

The plan was simple, like my brother-in-law George. But unlike George, this plan just might work.

The young fighter had a hungry look, the kind you get from not eating for a while.

He was as lame as a duck. Not the metaphorical lame duck, either, but a real duck that was actually lame, maybe from stepping on a land mine or something.

The ballerina rose gracefully en pointe and extended one slender leg behind her, like a dog at a fire hydrant.

It was an American tradition, like fathers chasing kids around with power tools.

He was deeply in love. When she spoke, he thought he heard bells, as if she were a garbage truck backing up.