

Follies not in shortfall – especially for Floridians

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Favors?

A high school in Pennsylvania collected some interesting favors for juniors and seniors leaving prom this year. The prom committee ordered 450 shot glasses for the students, which they received as they left the dance. Apparently, the prom committee had a lower budget this year, so they couldn't get the same souvenirs as last year's committee. Although the principal signed off on the order, the memo read "prom souvenir, "not specifying shot glasses. The assistant principal said he's sure this will never happen again.

The Buzz Stinger: Needless to say, the school's "stop teen drinking" initiative failed miserably.

Sisterly shenanigans

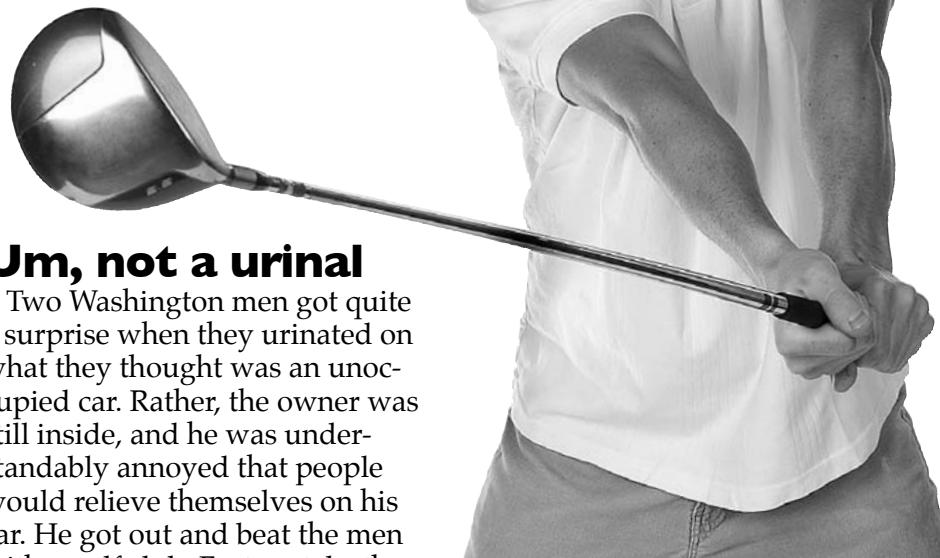
You can get a lot of things on Craigslist, but apparently a person isn't one of them. A 16-year-old girl in Kansas found herself in big trouble when she listed her 4-year-old sister for sale on the popular classifieds site. She made the post as a joke, but it turned into a big deal when somebody saw it and called 911. Authorities contacted Craigslist, which pulled the ad immediately. Once it was determined the posting was a joke, police decided not to file charges. However, they didn't find the prank very funny.

The Buzz Stinger: That's nothing. I tried to sell myself in a garage sale one time. Ahh, those were simpler days.

SPELL chek

The point of a forgery is to make something so close to the real thing that you don't get caught. So, if you're going to forge a cashier's check, you might want to invest in a spellchecker so you can spell "cashier's" correctly. One man in Louisiana found himself in that predicament when he tried to pass off a "cahier's" check as the real thing. Oh, and he used an FBI office as his shipping address. Since both of those acts are illegal, police arrested the man and found out he was a fugitive from Georgia, where he'd committed a similar crime.

The Buzz Stinger: Let's hope they don't find out it was actually a misprint from the check company.



Um, not a urinal

Two Washington men got quite a surprise when they urinated on what they thought was an unoccupied car. Rather, the owner was still inside, and he was understandably annoyed that people would relieve themselves on his car. He got out and beat the men with a golf club. Fortunately, the worst injury was a possible arm fracture. Police are still looking for the car's owner. While urinating in public is a crime, police said they doubted the men would be charged.

The Buzz Stinger: Always assume a microphone is on, always assume the camera is running, and always assume the car is occupied.

Forget something?

It seems bank robbers find every day new and interesting ways to get caught. In one Kansas City man's case, he just up and left his wallet behind. He walked into the bank May 7 and demanded the teller give him all the \$100 bills in the drawer. He walked away with more than \$3,000. Unfortunately, he was so nervous he left his wallet on the counter. With that, it was easy to identify the culprit.

The Buzz Stinger: No, dude, that was my ... brother's wallet. My evil twin brother's. I left my wallet in my other boxers.

Absent minded

It's not just bank robbers leaving things behind. A car thief in Houston made the same mistake.

The Buzz Stinger: Raise your hand if this sounds like a family reunion!

It's in the water

Florida is just a very "special" state. Yet another woman in Florida got herself into trouble, although whether alcohol was involved, we don't know. She just showed up at a stranger's house in the middle of the night, asking for cigarettes. Oh, and she was completely naked. Deputies found her later wandering through a trailer park with only a pair of boxer shorts on. Although she was arrested and taken to jail for disorderly conduct, she was released on her own recognizance.

The Buzz Stinger: I always doff my clothes before going to ask my neighbors if I can borrow something.

Hot commodity

In yet another Florida story, a woman from Sarasota stole from the local Wal-Mart. Did she take food? Clothes? Jewelry? Actual money? No. She stole \$1,000 worth of razor blades. She and an accomplice were caught on a surveillance video shoplifting the razor blades. She was arrested on an unrelated petty theft charge, and was later charged with grand theft.

The Buzz Stinger: I think she must've caught Bigfoot and is gonna give him a good shave.

Bad Cozmo!

A dog in West Virginia has done the impossible — stopped the mail to seven houses. Because of Cozmo, a 20-pound Jack Russell terrier, mail service has been halted on his road until his owners get rid of him. According to the Postal Service spokeswoman, a mail carrier was injured when he tried to run away from Cozmo. Although his owners insist he's never bitten anyone, they do acknowledge Cozmo does get out of the yard from time to time. So far, they haven't been able to find a new home for the dog, and mail service along their route will not resume until they do.

The Buzz Stinger: They really should stop carrying that beef jerky in their pockets.

He attacked a man and stole his car in October 2008 and led police on a chase. The pursuit ended when he crashed the car. The suspect managed to get out of the vehicle and eluded police, but he left his cell phone behind — and it was loaded with evidence, including self-portraits. Police have released the photos in an effort to capture the thief.

The Buzz Stinger: Just wait till the guy calls to try and get it back.

Family fun

We all have those family members — the ones who just go kind of crazy occasionally — or often. So did one young man in Florida. He was out on his back porch, chilling with friends, when his aunt showed up and started yelling at him. He went into the kitchen. She followed. When he asked her to leave, she pushed him. Then, she did try to leave, at which point he blocked her way. She proceeded to slap him and kick him in the groin. Rather than collapsing into a ball of pain and agony, he picked up his aunt, carried her out the front door and dropped her on the ground. The aunt was charged with domestic battery. She was heavily intoxicated at the time of the incident.