

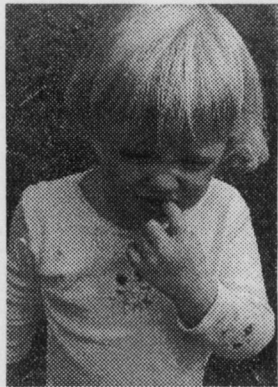
The Flip Side

Danger Nose No Bounds

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What do you get if you cross two of America's favorite pastimes, nose-picking and driving?

That's right, folks: a dangerous situation.



the readers, the child-spankers, the cigarette lighters, the pizza man, the lost... And chances are we are all guilty of the most horrid and risky of these offenses.

The nose pick.

Now I will share with you just one example of how this hobby, although both fun and fulfilling, can lead to severe and even fatal consequences. The names that appear in this story have been changed to protect the innocent and the guilty. None of these events may be used or reproduced (no - not

even for educational purposes) as they have been copyrighted and will soon appear in an upcoming episode of the popular hospital drama ER.

Awanda Meeler was driving down Fiendly Avenue one warm, quiet afternoon. The sun was shining as five o'clock traffic

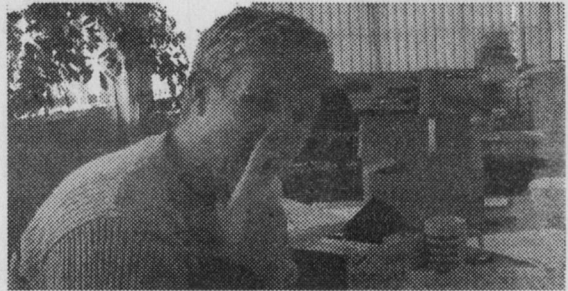
began to congest the streets. Awanda, distracted by the bumpin' music from her car stereo (too loud — those damn youngsters and their loud music), was engaged in a hot and heavy game of hide and go seek in her nose. And the boogers were losing. Triumphant, Awanda made the stretch for that booger way in the back, that last tenacious glob of goo, a crusty Custer at his last stand.

Just as Awanda was going for the gold (green gold, that is), a small maroon Camry jerked into her lane, right in the path of her four ton Jeep. Awanda

came to her senses; death was imminent if she did not do something, and quick. She slammed on the brakes, adrenaline pumping throughout her.

The car came to a complete stop, just before it would have smacked into the Camry. Awanda was relieved but felt a shooting pain in her head. Thinking the pain to be coming from her brain, Awanda looked at her rearview mirror in horror. Her right pointer finger was lodged up to the knuckle in her nose. It was touching her brain!!! Rescuers arrived on the scene within minutes. Awanda's finger was dislodged from her nose only after a crow bar, a small hamster named Chester, an overripe banana, two goldfish, a pine tree, three bilingual tourists from Belgium, and the Jaws of Life were employed.

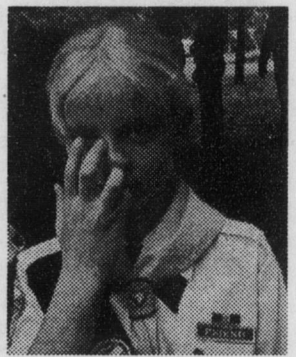
The Department of Motor Vehicles, encouraged by this and other such accident reports, is currently seeking to



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establish a law that would make nose-picking while driving a criminal offense, much like drinking and driving. If stopped and questioned, motorists may be asked to show policemen their fingers, which will be searched for booger evidence, and may be subjected to extensive nasal cavity searches.

This, my friends, can happen to you. Young Awanda Meeler, the tragic



heroine of our gruesome tale, was one of the lucky ones. Take heed. Friends don't let friends pick and

H o r r o r s c o p e s



Aries

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20) - This week your moon is rising over Venus and your left foot is with Madonna. Stay with your instinct and you will wind up with absolutely nothing. Instead, always second guess yourself. That's the only way to get what you really want.



Taurus

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 20) - I am feeling... a walrus, no, a water buffalo.. It is a large presence in your future. Oh wait that large presence, that's your mom.



Gemini

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 21) - Don't even bother. With anything. Stay in bed. Seriously.



Cancer

CANCER (JUNE 22-JUL 22) - You are philosophical in thought, wondering why the chicken did cross the road. The answers are right in front

of you. it's a chicken it's thinking "cluck. cluck cluck-cluck."



Leo

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23) - You will soon be coming into economic prosperity. The stars are telling me that Harris Teeter is holding a special sale on Ramen Noodles - 8 for \$1.00!



Virgo

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEPT 22) - There is immediate and lethal danger waiting for you this week. Whatever you do, Virgo, please do not pick your nose while driving in your car for the next few days. There is nothing but trouble in that situation.



Libra

LIBRA (SEPT 23-OCT 23) - Horray! This is your week, Libra! Everything is coming up roses for you. That dream crush you've been eyeing across campus for weeks will fi-

nally ask you out on Saturday. Your teacher will give you the best grade in the class for that history paper you spent half an hour on, and...oh, wait...never mind, I was thinking of Pisces.



Scorpio

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22) - I'm receiving some very powerful suggestions from your sister planet Mercury this week, Scorpio. You know those jeans you bought from the Banana Republic on Tuesday for \$29.99? Not only were they made in a third-world country, they still make your butt look big!



Sagittarius

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21) - One of your traits, according to the 2001 edition of *The Dummies Guide to Astrology*, is "optimistic and freedom loving." Come on, Sag, who are you kidding? What possible reasons could there be for being optimistic in your life? Face reality, man.



Capricorn

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20) - It's true what they say, Capricorn -- Smoking does cause cancer! But here's the good news. It's too late to do anything about it now, so puff away!



Aquarius

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19) - The water sign, you guys should watch out maybe someone will find out. Then they will put your hand in warm water while you are sleeping and you will wet the bed. Again.



Pisces

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20) - Hooray! Pisces, this is your week to shine! You will be receiving a bonus from your boss, two of your least favorite classes will be cancelled, and, oh wait...Sorry, Pisces, I must have been channeling Libra.

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