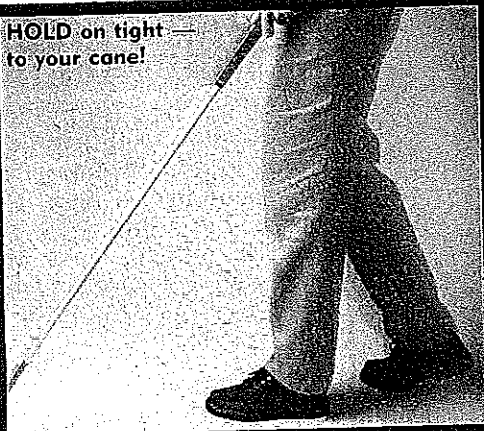


HOLD on tight —
to your cane!



NEW STUDY: BLINDNESS CAUSES MASTURBATION!

STARTLING new scientific research reveals that blindness causes masturbation in both humans and animals.

The dramatic discovery was the result of years of experiments conducted by Schwill-Bryman Laboratories in Australia.

"Our theory was simple, but gathering the scientific evidence proved quite a task," says Dr. Phillippe Knutson.

"We started with a focus group of twelve people, all of whom had perfect vision, but we placed them in a pitch dark laboratory for two days. Every two hours, a doctor checked in on the subjects and consistently found them touching their private areas. We then moved on to wild animals, such as the howler monkey from Costa Rica, and the results were eerily similar."

This study has outraged many advocates for the blind. "We're not a bunch of senile Dr. Magoo's reaching for our canes everyday," says Director Thomas Pendleton. "Besides, I don't see one incident where they actually used a blind person. Let's expose Stevie Wonder to these conditions and see what really happens."

"The results speak for themselves," retorts Dr. Knutson. "Sure, we deprived our subjects of every comfort known to both man and animal, rendering them listless and incoherent. But facts are facts, and these subjects found something to hold onto through the night."

Surgery causes patient to change languages

STUTTERING Stan Johnson underwent radical brain surgery to cure his embarrassing stammer and ended up speaking a whole new language!

Doctors in New Mexico implanted a chip in Johnson's brain to make communicating easier for the 39-year-old welder, but something went radically wrong and now he only speaks Polish.

"His parents are from Poland," says Stan's wife, Mary. "Stan never spoke Polish, though. He doesn't stutter anymore, but I can't understand a darn thing he says."

YANKEE KNOW CAN SAVE THE WORLD!

Put Americans in charge of every country, expert says

THE TROUBLE with other countries is they're all run by foreigners, says a top political scientist.

Rudolph Guzman, leader of the Social Mishandling Under God (SMUG) movement in Washington, believes that if an American were appointed leader of every nation, the world as a whole would be much better off.

"Everyone knows Americans are smarter than all those people who speak bizarre languages you can't even understand," says Guzman, whose statements in the past have been characterized as "pretty stupid" by Dr. Gerald Hiseman, president of the American

Federation of Political Scientists.

"The Japanese are too polite to tell each other they're full of crap, and look what happened to them," says Guzman. "They bowed and smiled

of A-bombs in the kisser. Americans don't waste time being polite — they shoot from the hip. If you're a jackass, you're a jackass, and we're gonna clean your clock, case closed.

"Take the Germans — please! They like to pretend they're over the whole 'master race' thing, but they're not fooling anyone. If an American ran Germany, he'd put an end to that nonsense, pronto.

"In America we embrace minorities, especially black people during the NBA playoffs."

Guzman conjectures that if every African country were headed up by an American, starvation and disease would end immediately.

"Do you honestly think an American leader would stand for a country like Somalia where all they have to eat is dirt? Hell no! We'd kick out those needy, goody relief workers

and dump their burlap bags of rice in the trash and p a Dunkin' I Starbucks!

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ARE YOU KIDDING?

For the upcoming presidential election, Florida officials are considering a voting booth that will have 8x10 color pictures of the candidates beside each lever.

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RUDOLPH Guzman believes Americans should be appointed to run all other countries.

'Everyone knows Americans are smarter than the rest of the world,' says sociologist



We've tried to let them do things on their own, but enough is enough. You can only watch them flounder around like spastic idiots for so long before it becomes painful.

"Then of course, there's those maniacs in the Middle East. You want to know how to put an end to terrorism? Once we have an American in power in all Arab nations, we make Christianity the official state religion. You

never see a protestant running around with a suicide bomb under his polo shirt, do you? I rest my case."

Comments Dr. Hiseman: "Guzman actually used to be a member of my organization, but we kicked him out when he began to seriously advocate nuking Italy after a restaurant delivered a pizza to him with the wrong topping."

"I think we made a wise decision."

— By **NICK JEFFRIES**

THE FAT HI THE FIRE



Obese corpse causes fire in crematorium

A FUNERAL home burned ground when an obese exploded in a cremation overing a massive grease fire that out of control for hours.

The conflagration spread the 17,000-square-foot, wood building so quickly that by the firefighters arrived, it was engulfed in the dancing white flames that are characteristic of burning fat.

At the center of the inferno the barrel-shaped body of a 400-pound Katerina Wolff, who just earlier had choked to death on ham hock while on a new diet, authorities confirm.

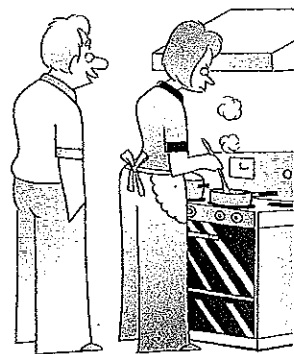
"Her corpse went off like a bomb — it blew the door off the oven and spewed flaming grease everywhere," funeral home Hermann Kruger told reporters. "The fire was out of control."

"Thank God nobody was in the room. For safety's sake, we have the cremations of people of closed circuit television."

A funeral industry spokesman noted that, "by definition, the cremation of a fat corpse is a fire" because that's what the people are — grease.

"Anytime you zap a body of 400 pounds the situation gets dicey," said the spokesman. "In most cases, we advise family members to play it safe, and just pay the money for a double-wide case."

NEWS



WINNERS

"I wouldn't say you're a bad cook, I wouldn't even say you're a bad cook."

UFO group's astounding claim:

ALIEN BODY SNATCHERS PARIS HILTON

THERE'S no place
life home!
Apparently Paris
wasn't exactly the
aliens' cup of tea.

WILD-CHILD
socialite Paris
Hilton was ab-
ducted by aliens —
and five minutes
later, they opened
the spaceship door
and kicked her out.

Or at least that's the
word from a researcher
who claims a ticked off ET
made an irate phone call
to the UFOs Reach Earth
Americans Line (U-FO-
REAL).

"Most of the time the calls
are wrong numbers," says
Dieter Vanderhorn, one of
the monitors who work in
shifts to ensure the phone
line is covered 24/7.

sentient life-forms."
The alien wanted to regis-
ter a formal complaint with U-
FO-REAL, claims
Vanderhorn.

"Vortex said: 'As soon as
we beamed the Earth woman
you call Paris Hilton onto our
ship she began criticizing our
wardrobes, hairstyles, and
makeup. My wife Vizbin is

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Paris Hilton was named worst
dressed this year on Mr.
Blackwell's 44th annual list of
the Worst Dressed Women.

the personal stylist for every-
one on this ship and suffered
emotional injury," relates
Vanderhorn.

"Then Paris insisted she
would sing for us. She opened

hurting into the void.

"As if that weren't enough,
she spoke of all the Earth
parties she has attended and
started listing every pair of
designer shoes she owns. It
was so many that I fear I
regurgitated a bit in several
of my orifices.

"When she began extolling
the apparently infinite perfec-
tion of her flawless no-tan-
lines body, it was all I could do
not to turn the proton blaster
upon myself. Just as she
began to describe her daily
beauty routine, I opened the
vacu-door and shoved her
out."

A source close to Paris and
her sister, Nicky, seems to
corroborate Vanderhorn's
outlandish story.

"I heard that the UFO nuts

Study reveals:

Internet romances last longest

A RECENT study sug-
gests that romances
that begin over the
Internet last longer than
other intimate relation-
ships.

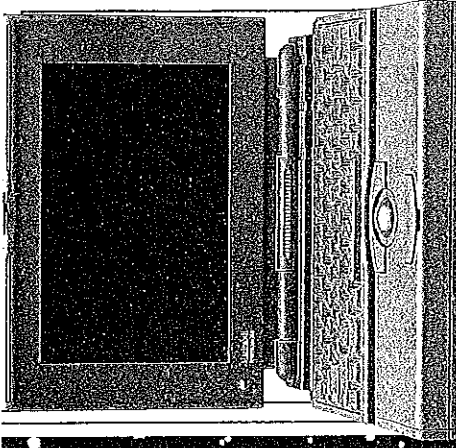
Todd Miller of the Love and
Marriage Center in Oklahoma
says that because couples who
meet over the Internet are not
caught up in physical appear-
ances from the beginning, they
tend to bond on a deeper level.

"Couples who meet in a bar,
for example, experience the
physical attraction first and
form the emotional bond later,"
says Miller.

"Couples who meet over the
Internet form an emotional
bond first, and the physical
aspect of the relationship is
secondary to that bond."

Miller claims that the cyber
couples are three times more
likely to get married than cou-
ples who meet in person.

"Of course, if one person lies
about their appearance, that's a
relationship killer right there."



MAD FISH DISEASE

Deadly new illness forces millions to cook their sushi

SUSHI is off the menu all across Japan due to a deadly new illness called Mad Fish Disease (MFD).

The malady has already claimed dozens of lives. It strikes victims who consume raw seafood tainted with the Pacific Ocean Plankton Virus.

In Japan, where almost 100 percent of the citizens eat sushi or sashimi at least once a day, the epidemic could grow to massive proportions.

"Fortunately, it is very simple to prevent Mad Fish Disease," says Dr. Akira Miike of the Eastern Hemisphere Center for Disease Control (EHCDC).

"When the fish is cooked, the virus dies. It can't survive high temperatures."

But the horror of contracting MFD is only part of the problem. Asian physiology is so

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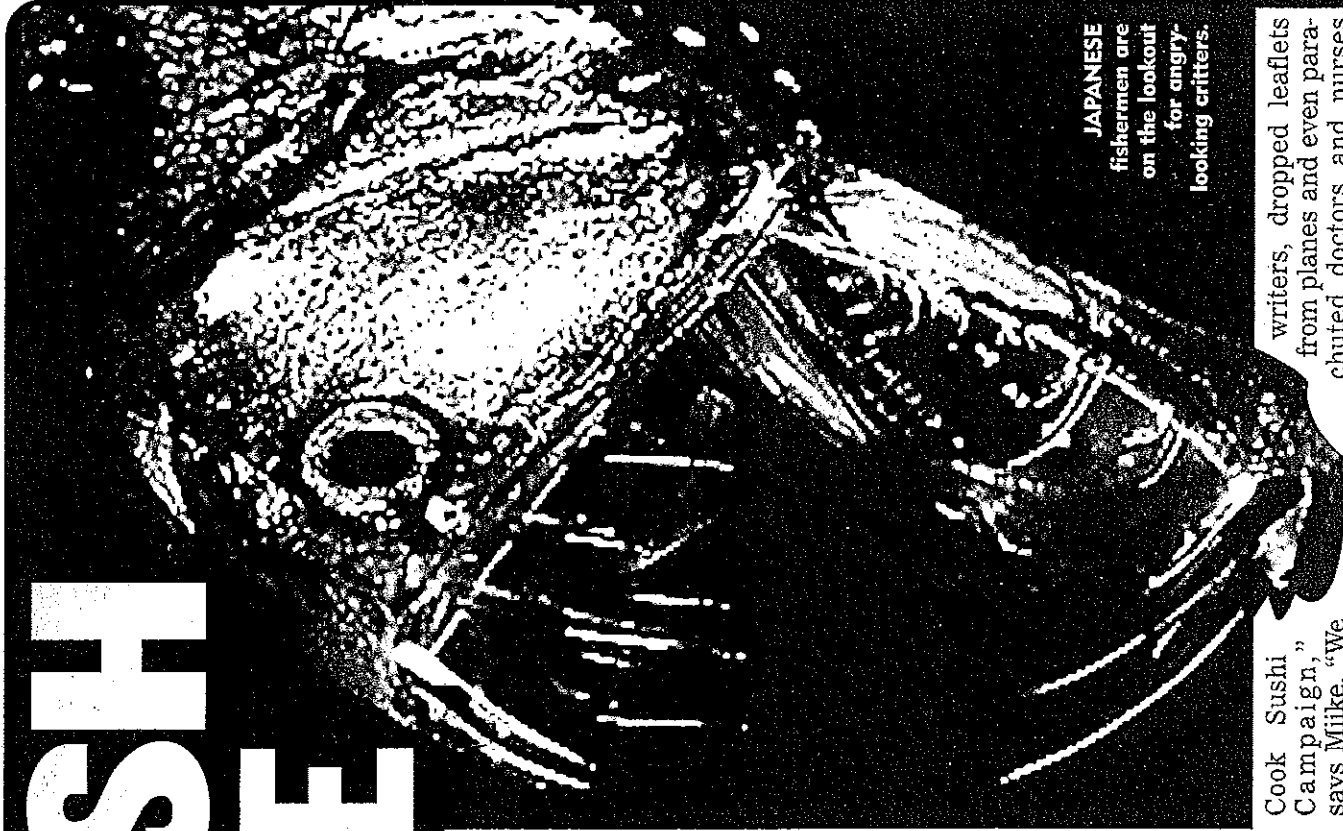
used to raw fish that most individuals will be forced into sushi rehab centers with excruciating withdrawal symptoms, say doctors.

"To suddenly stop eating sushi or sashimi is the same as a drug addict going cold turkey off of heroin," says Miike. "They will shake violently, vomit, suffer seizures and scream for just one morsel of raw sea urchin or shark."

"Physicians could set up methadone clinics to help them, but because the Japanese are so proud and cannot admit weakness, many of them will refuse treatment and perhaps even commit *hara-kiri* in shame."

The infected face an ugly, painful sickness that starts with an uncontrollable craving for salt or fresh water, depending on which type of sushi they favored, explains Miike.

Afflicted people will empty entire salt shakers into glasses or bottles of water. Some will



JAPANESE fishermen are on the lookout for angry-looking critters.

Cook Sushi Campaign," says Miike. "We have contacted grocery stores, constructed billboards, done TV and radio ads, hired skywriters, dropped leaflets from planes and even parachuted doctors and nurses into secluded areas to inform remote villages of MFD and ease peoples' suffering."

Iraqi clown arrested as terrorist

HUSBAND GLUES NAGGING WIFE'S MOUTH SHUT



'It's the first time my Edna's gums stopped flapping in 60 years'

— ABRAHAM GRIBBLE

AFED UP husband in Bangor, Maine, was so sick of his wife's voice he superglued her mouth shut while she was asleep.

Abraham R. Gribble, 86, told doctors at the ER that he had put up with 60 years of spouse Edna's "yammering" and had reached the breaking point.

"Since the day we got hitched, Edna's gums have never stopped flapping," says Gribble from his room at the Happy Sunset Years Assisted Living Retirement Home where he and Edna reside.

"It was always: 'Abraham, put out the garbage. Abraham, mow the lawn. Abraham, stop pressing that pillow down on top of my face.'

"Edna criticized me, too. She'd say: 'You're so fat we should call the *Guinness Book of World Records*. I'm glad our kids didn't inherit your ugly nose. Your manhood is so small I can't tell if we're having sex or not.'"

Gribble says after years of put-downs, he learned to tune Edna out with what he calls the honey technique.

"I would pretend she was a bee buzzing around me, but she was talking in bee lan-

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stand it," explains Gribble.

"It's a man's God-given right to spend his golden years relaxing in peace in front of the TV," says Gribble. "I've worked hard all my life, and now when I sit down in my recliner it's like being in heaven."

"But my all-time favorite — the show I never, ever miss — is *Bass Masters*. And Edna knows that. When those two guys get out on a lake in their boat, I feel like I'm right there with them. When they catch something and reel it in and hold the fish up to the camera it makes me so excited I can't sit still. Looking forward to *Bass Masters* is the only reason I haven't long since gone off somewhere and hung myself."

During the show, he was able to tune Edna out using the honey technique.

"But one day, she wanted to tell me — during *Bass Masters* — that her doctor had diagnosed her with irritable bowel syndrome," he recalls. "She couldn't wait until the show was over? It wasn't like she was going to drop dead on the spot. She stood right in front of the TV just as the guys were pulling a beautiful

EDNA Gribble picked the wrong time to pester her disgruntled husband — during his favorite television fishing program.

striped bass out of the water. If I was a wife abuser, I would have kicked the poop out of her right then and there. But I'm a nice guy, so I waited until she went to sleep that night and sealed her lips shut with the superglue I bought at the hardware store."

But Gribble's triumph only lasted until breakfast, when a nurse noticed Edna running wildly through the hallways mumbling: "Mmmm, mmm, mmm."

After physicians at the hospital dissolved the glue, Edna got up and went into the waiting room to speak to her husband.

She told him: "I want a divorce."

Says Gribble: "That's the greatest idea since the lightbulb. I'll give her everything except the TV."



**Skinny is out
beautiful mo**

AN UP-AND-CO designer in Paris ha for her fall season tion — she's only for women size 18

"Real women those skinny girls p on the catwalk," Nicolette Jacques woman and I clothes, so I want for women like me

Her designs are even stick-thin won on the pounds to w creations. Former model Krista Linco pounds this year a

"I'm eating dor en and tons of ic Lincoln. "Skinny is big and beautiful."

Not all design though. Some are time finding mode clothes in top fash "Nicolette is se message to wome find models who f anymore."

GREAT SPHINX LOOKS LIKE BUSH

— computer reconstruction shows!

A RCHAEOLOGISTS using computers to reconstruct the crumbling Sphinx discovered the ancient wonder is a dead ringer for President Bush!

"It's an astounding coincidence," says Mohammed El Salim, part of the international restoration team. "The American leader should be greatly honored."

The Great Sphinx of Giza is also called Guardian of the Horizon. It faces the rising sun and was constructed 4,500 years ago to honor an Egyptian king.

Much of the statue — a human head and lion's body made of soft sandstone — has crumbled away because of wind, humidity and the smog from Cairo.

But today, using high-tech gadgets and synthetic stones, historians are determined to fix and preserve the massive monument and return it to its former glory.

The president has been kept up to date on the restoration project, which is funded in part by the U.S.

"When Mr. Bush was shown the computer-generated photos he laughed like a hyena," reveals an anonymous White House source.

"He said: 'All right. Who's responsible for this one?' and looked around for the prankster. The president

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loves a good practical joke. He even put a whoopee cushion on Colin Powell's chair once because he thought the secretary was too serious."

But scientists assured Dubya the photo was real.

"Well, my wife says I'm a real beast," he laughed, "and sometimes she says I eat like an animal."

Says El Salim: "Mr. Bush may think this is amusing, but I can assure him it is not. He should be the proudest man in the world to have the face of the Sphinx."

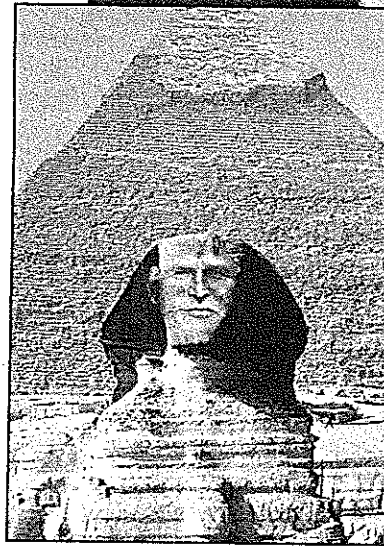
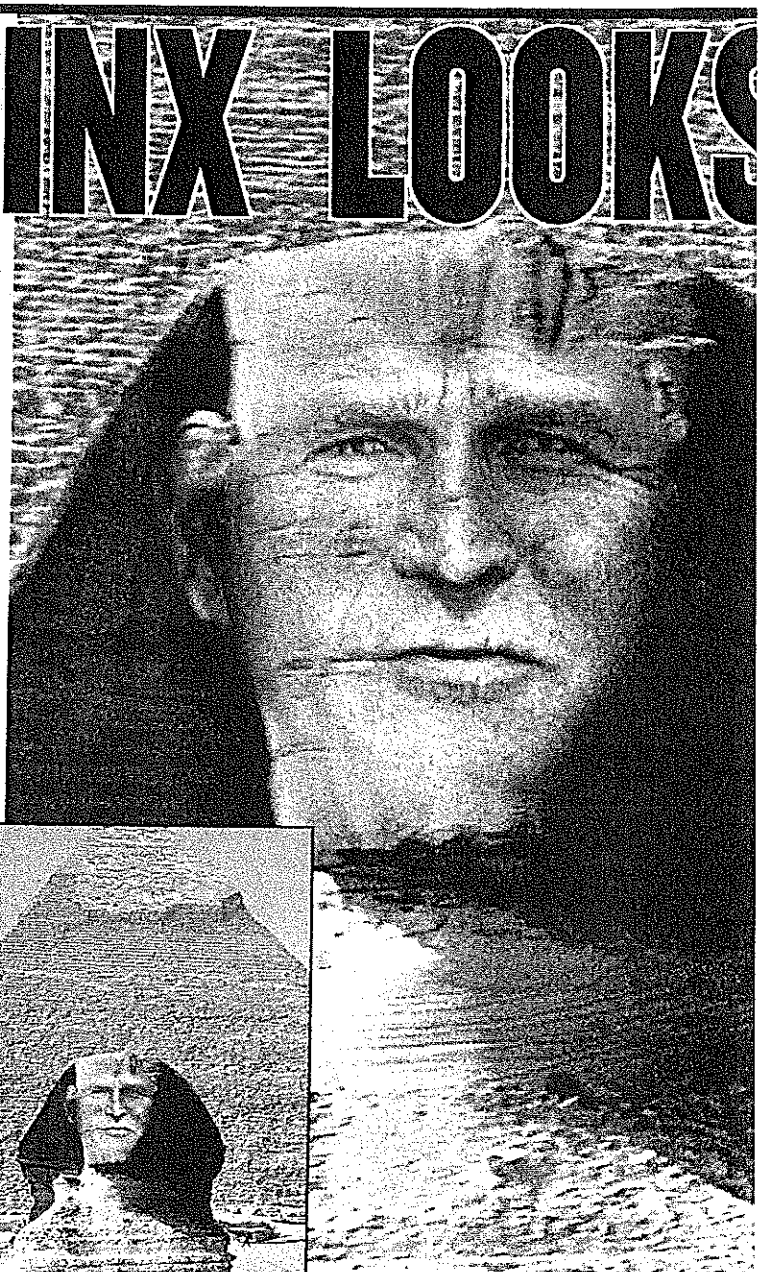
"The resemblance undoubtedly means he was a great leader in a former life during the ancient times of my country."

"Just look at the similarities between his family and that of the pharaohs' clans," says El Salim.

"They were very wealthy, just like the Bush family. They passed along leadership from father to son, which the Bushes did also. I would suggest to Mr. Bush that he and his family visit the Sphinx and pay honorable tribute instead of making fun. This is disrespectful."

"The spirits of Egyptian kings and the ancient gods do not like to be mocked. Their curses are quite powerful."

"Look what happened to those men who were told not to excavate the tomb of King Tut, but disregarded the warning."



THE PRESIDENT'S face clearly appears in this computer model of how the ancient Sphinx originally may have looked.

Softball team claims to be reincarnation of 12 apostles

CLAIMING TO be the reincarnation of Jesus' 12 apostles, a group of overweight 40-somethings from Ohio are vowing to capture their state's coveted softball championship. They say that God will lead them to victory!

"We've known each other since high school," says team captain George Richter, who has legally changed his name to just "Peter."

"We all had the same vision after leaving Sal's Pub one night a few years back. We knew this was our calling. We all changed our names and now we want to spread the Good News through softball."

Whatever their motivation, the Dayton Disciples are on fire. They are undefeated in their league this

whose players are often 20 years younger and more physically fit.

"When you are divinely inspired, age has little relevance," says second baseman John. "We all believe without a doubt that winning pennant this year is His will."

"Sometimes Thomas needs a little convincing, but a little pep talk dugout before the National League usually sets him straight."

The evangelical athletes like to take their game on the next year so they can proselytize person to thousands of softball fans around the country. The only change might be their left-fielder.

"We might leave Judas behind next season," confesses pitcher. "Sometimes he has a hard time