

One in a series on lifesaving techniques



When a life depends on you

LONDON, Eng. (Observer)— You're sitting on the beach and see someone drowning, driving on the motorway and see a crash, eating in a restaurant and see someone choking on his food. What do you do? the right prompt action can save the person's life.

When someone starts choking on a piece of food you may have only four minutes to save his life. Bang him hard between the shoulder blades on his back. If that doesn't help try the 'Heimlich hug' (maneuver). First grasp the victim round the waist from behind. Clench one

fist with the thumb side toward the stomach and clasp it with the other hand. The first should be above the navel and below the rib cage. Then give a sudden squeeze, pushing the clenched fist as far as possible into the upper stomach with a lifting thrusting motion. The piece of food should shoot out after one or more hugs. Get the victim to a doctor as soon as possible.

If a child under four chokes, hold him up by his legs and smack him hard three or four times between the shoulders. An older child should be put over your knee, head downwards, and given three or four slaps between the shoulders.

Skiers raise a big stink

By Suzanne Kitts

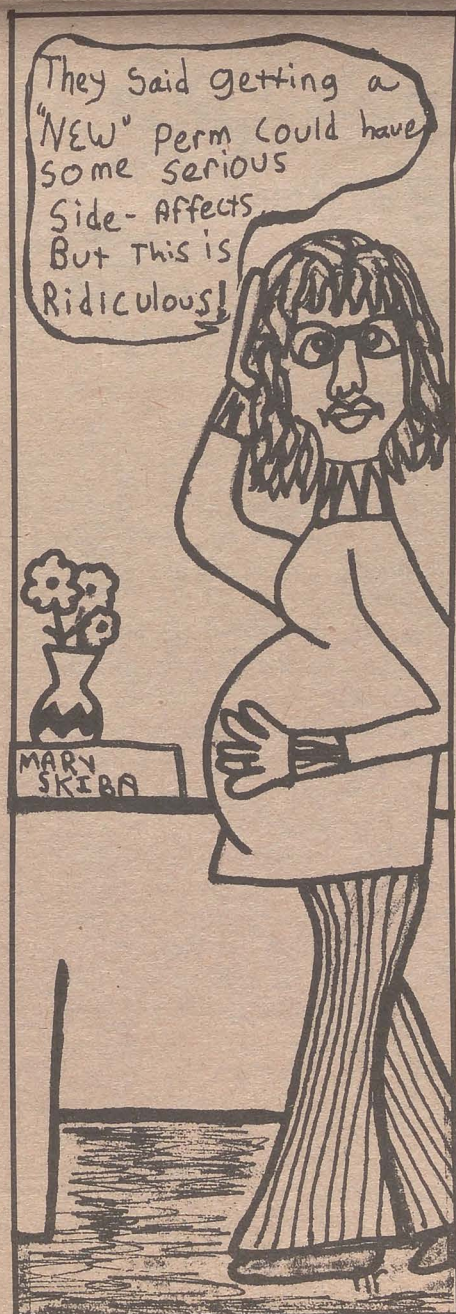
As all sports fans know, every sport has a dangerous side to it. Normally, however, the expected danger in skiing is fractured bones. An experience of two formerly enthusiastic skiers added to the list of possible dangers.

Skiing down the Baker Trail at a fast rate of speed, one of the skiers had the misfortune to run smack into a skunk who was making his way casually across the trail.

Frightened by the human being with enormous feet suddenly disturbing his cross-country excursion, the skunk raised a big stink about the situation. The skiers, who weren't thrilled either, continued down the remainder of the trail.

Making their way into the lodge, the unpleasantly perfumed skiers did not attract crowds.

It's a known fact that it takes a long time to get rid of the sweet smell of skunk, so if you happen to see someone walking towards you with people fainting at their heels and the snow melting, run the other direction.



Chicanos favor own dorm floor

MADISON, WIS. (On-Campus Report)—The recent addition of an honor floor in a Colorado State U. residence hall prompted an unusual request: Chicano students want their own dorm floors, too.

Don Fulton, assistant director of housing, says those students have yet to submit a formal proposal. "If they propose a cultural exchange by not limiting residence to only Chicanos, that's one thing. But saying only Chicanos can live there is probably legally impossible."

Abel Amaya, Centro Chicano director, talks as if he favors an exclusive Chicano floor, however. He says such an arrangement would provide a smooth transition to the university from the "traditional backgrounds" which many Chicano students are accustomed. "Many come from a barrio and feel alienated and isolated at CSU," he says, citing a 60% to 80% dropout rate.

Meanwhile, about 20 students who are being asked to relocate to make room for the honors floor staged a noisy demonstration, chanting obscenities at residence halls officials while a group of high school students were making an orientation visit.

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