

Then there was the time at Carriage Square lot

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know everything there is to know about the world; they become confrontational and they can be mouthy. When you tell them to do something, by the time they finished arguing with you about it, they could have had it done.

You can't battle with them over every little thing or get into constant screaming matches or else you're going to go nuts.

What I used to do, although it took me a while to figure this out, was whenever they had a temper tantrum, I'd laugh. That would ease my own tension and at the same time make them crazy. I win.

I had another parking lot incident in Milton at Carriage Square. There were no parking spots until I pulled around the corner, spotted one and quickly moved into it. But, then I noticed that there was a van which had also been headed for that spot. He would have seen it first, because he was

coming straight on, so I figured it was probably his spot and I should back out. I don't want to be a parking spot stealer.

Instead, he pulled up directly behind me, stopped and got out, boxing me in. I got out of my vehicle, prepared to be told off. He completely ignored me and went into the store.

If he had said something nasty to me, I would have probably replied, "Too bad, you loser."

But, because he said nothing, I ended up being the loser, and felt guilty, even though I got the parking spot. I lose, he wins.

It's like the old saying: You catch more bees with honey than with vinegar. Although, as they said on a television show the other night, why would anybody want to catch bees?

So, I'll make up my own saying, which is pretty lame, but I think is true: It's a lot sweeter being sweet than sour.

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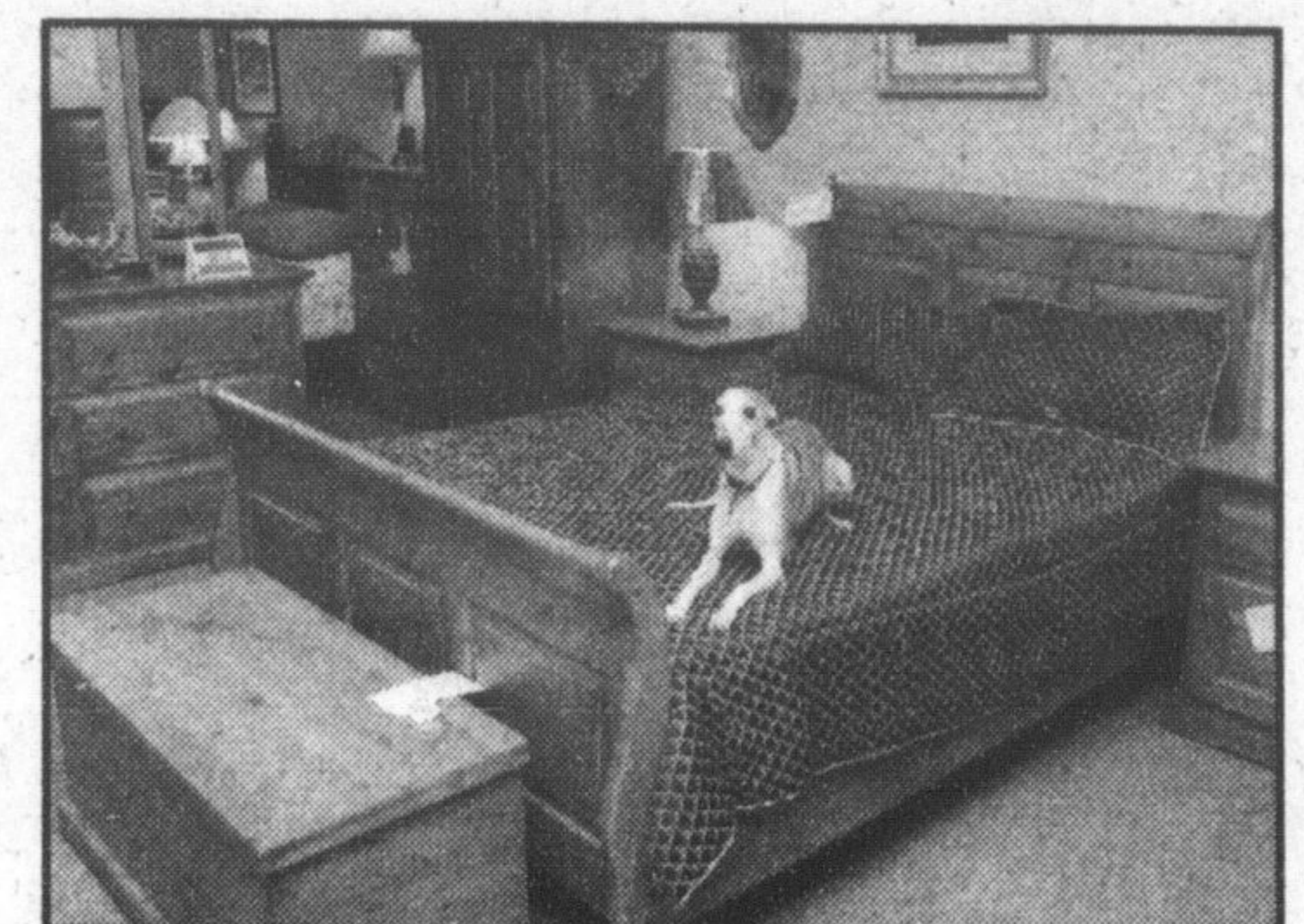
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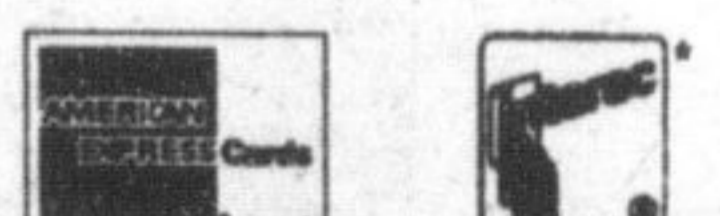


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