


TIDBITS AND OUTRAGES

LOOKS THAT KILL

After the recent Bing Bang Boom conference in Miami to promote the purchase of smaller weapons, the show's promoter said: "What we're trying to do is show the contemporary woman that she can carry a concealed weapon and still look good."

SURE, NOW IT SEEMS LIKE A QUIRKY HABIT, BUT COME OPENING DAY IT COULD COME IN PRETTY HANDY

In Kingston, Rhode Island, Sara Sprague, a high school student, has been sent to the principal for singing "The Star Spangled Banner."



THE BAND PLAYED "TAKE THE A TRAIN" AS THE GUEST OF HONOR MADE HIS WAY FROM THE BACK OF THE ROOM TO ACCEPT THE AWARD At the 17th Anniversary Dinner of the New York State Rifle & Pistol Clubs, the guest of honor was Bernhard Goetz.

THEY'RE HOLDING OUT FOR INCREASED DENTAL BENEFITS AND A 13% COLA

According to the *Philadelphia Daily News*, the AFL-CIO cannot find a spokesman for their new TV ads.

BRING YOUR #2 FONDUE FORK TO THE EXAM

The Connecticut legislature is considering establishing a state license for restaurant critics.



I HAVE A NUMBER

HIS VISION

HONOR THE DREAM

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 1929-1968

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AS A FLOOD OF JAPANESE IMPORTS CONTINUES TO SWEEP OVER OUR NATION'S SHORES, AMERICAN BUSINESS IS ROLLING UP ITS SLEEVES AND FIGHTING BACK WITH ONE IMPORTANT WORD: QUALITY

An executive of the Beech-Nut Company recently told *BusinessWeek* "So suppose the stuff was all flavor and sugar? . . . Why get so upset about it? Who were we hurting?"

Why feminists should picket
Washington's fancy restaurants.

Which Of The Following Can't Be Found In Fancy Restaurants?

- a) Salmon With Dill
- b) Dom Perignon
- c) Waitresses

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The tuxedos. The soft, diffused lighting that makes almost anyone look attractive. The power lawyers and power politicians, the power journalists and power lobbyists with power money sitting at that discreet table right near the pictures of the Redskins. (*"He'll never get confirmed," he whispered.*) The perfectly timed courses. The best wise-cracking waiters at the Palm. The ones with the Yves Montand accents at Maison Blanche. The Icelandic Arctic Char special. The all-male fleet of waiters that makes you wonder whatever happened to Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. That's what eating in most of Washington's power restaurants is all about.

It's so much a part of our culture as not to be noticed: the fancy restaurant that has everything except waitresses. Every city's got one, especially Washington, where you won't see waitresses at the rough-and-tumble, meat-and-potatoes enclaves like Joe and Mo's, Duke Zeibert's, Mel Krupin's, Gary's, or the Palm. They're not on the menu at

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the hushed and exquisite Le Pavillon or Maison Blanche.

But you can find women working the tables at places like the Kozy Korner Restaurant, right around the corner from the Palm. There you can have your steaming, roast turkey special (\$5.75 including stuffing, potatoes, vegetable, roll, and butter) served up by Bernice (*"but everybody calls me Bonnie"*) Stone, a waitress *"in town for 46 years this August 12."* She's quick to tell you that she sometimes makes \$40 a day in tips for four hours of work. That plus her paycheck of about \$25 a week will bring her just under \$12,000 a year.

Tommy Jacomo, the manager of the Palm, is a little more reticent when the subject of money comes up. He estimates that his guys bring home *"somewhere-around-sevneighthundred-a-week but I really can't discuss it."* That plus a minimum wage salary, health benefits, a pension plan, and profit sharing makes the Palm, in Jacomo's words, *"a dream job for a waiter. Utopia."*