

# Magazine headlines are no help when searching for column ideas

Wednesday morning. Blue skies. I would have to leave for Omaha as soon as my laundry and article were finished.

I swallowed the last sip of my caffeine-free 7-Up and threw the dirty clothes in my car. I dropped by my place of employment to see if my uniform would come out of the locker . . . everything but the socks came out; they had melted to the bottom and ran out onto the floor.

I grabbed a cup of coffee and headed to Daddy's laundromat . . .

What to write about? I grabbed a couple of magazines in hopes that an article would trigger something in my mind that would come out humorous on paper.

## HEADLINES

*For the Woman Who Never Dreamed She'd Someday*



T. Marni Vos

*be Widowed* — lots of laughs in that one, no doubt in my mind — this is the article that will bring people to their knees with laughter.

*The Men Who Make Women Miserable (And the One Kind Who's Right for You)* — hmmm . . . men who make women miserable — Secretary of the Interior James Watt . . . of course, he makes everyone miserable.

It could be men who grow their nose hairs out. Or maybe they have horny convex toenails. Maybe it's an article on chewing tobacco, or a true story about a misogynist.

*Is Your Marriage Meant to Last?* — now there's another topic full of chuckles . . . an article that starts with:

"We said, 'Till death do we part.'"

"A beaten woman spells relief, D-I-V-O-R-C-E."

"I thought it would never happen to me."

"I saw my former spouse in the park with 'nobody,' — well, actually, it was another woman but — anyway, I ran them over with my car. Now I feel so miserable. I feel as if I've really ruined any chances of us getting back together."

*Lose Up to 15 lbs. in 3 Hours and Keep It Off* — right, we're talking funny . . . give them three gallons of plasma at the local blood bank . . . lay on a land mine . . . shave your head, take off your clothes, clip your nails and sit in the sauna till you feel like a raisin.

*How Boring are You? How Boring is your Lifestyle? A quiz:*

T=true

F=false

N=neither clearly true nor false.

1. My daily schedule is too predictable.
2. I watch my plants grow.
3. I am a walking TV Guide.
4. I have a stamp collection.
5. I identify with my goldfish.
6. I love touring brickyards.
7. I think sex is a dirty thing.

*You Want to be Creative, but Are You:*

*Too old?*

*Too busy?*

*Too dumb?*

I don't think I should turn to magazine articles in hopes of triggering something off in my mind . . .

The dryer tumbles to a halt. Maybe I should forget the article and head for Omaha.

**Editor's Note:** The Daily Nebraskan wishes to take this opportunity to extend its congratulations to T. Marni Vos, who was recently recognized on several national newswires and radio networks for her "Second Quarterly Unemployment Calendar."

The calendar gives a humorous view of how to get through unemployment day by day.

"I thought it was a real blessing," Vos said. "I don't want people to think I take unemployment lightly, but I think if you can laugh through it, it can help. Laughter is the beginning of healing."

Vos said the national attention may have gotten just a little out of hand, and overseas.

"My mother lives in Germany, and she opened up a paper over there, and there I was," Vos said.

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