

# Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

### The Male Water Bug Becomes a Reluctant 'Baby-Sitter'

Even if the poor dope was receptive to reasoning, which of course he isn't, it would be impossible to convince the male giant water bug that his wife had his best interests of the species at heart when she holds the poor guy and securely cements a group of eggs onto his protesting back.

his cringing back, a group of eggs.

After they are once in place she abandons them and him. Then the poor sap is stuck with the entire "litter." They will always be with him until the baby-demons hatch and cast themselves from the parental back.

Fully grown they will be just about the fiercest and most blood-thirsty inhabitants of the fresh water pond. Each will be armed by Nature with a pair of powerful jackknife-like holding arms, and a sharp beak that will penetrate the bodies of small fish, frogs, snails or any other small denizens of the pond in which they live.

The fact that he is about the largest of the true bugs helps him not at all, for his scheming and determined wife is just as big; just as strong and twice as active. Besides she is stubborn. Countless generations of her ancestors have assisted her in developing a "holding technique" and, too, she possesses the compelling instinct to place her eggs where they will have a reasonable chance of hatching. That place is right smack on her husband's back.

### He's Stuck

Chances are, once the eggs are attached, the whole unpleasant business is forgotten. He's stuck with them, so he makes the best of it. He has become an insect "baby-sitter."

It's obvious he is never wholeheartedly in favor of the role he is forced to play. If he was he would not struggle so fiercely but so hopelessly. He always loses, for in spite of his most strenuous efforts his wife holds him while she lays and with waterproof "glue" cements to

### Paralyzes Victim

When the bite is made in the body of the struggling victim, a powerful digestive fluid is injected which quickly and effectively stupefies and paralyzes the victim. When the struggles cease, the force-like forelegs release their hold. The beak now becomes a tube through which the victim's body juices are sucked up and into the stomach of the water bug.

When fully grown the giant water bug may be all of three or four inches in length with a dark brown flat body and wings with which to leave the pond-home and fly to some electric light in a nearby city where it will be called by some interested observers an electric light bug. Its rear legs will be developed into oars, or what is commonly called "swimming legs." Inbred in the females will be the inherent compulsion to deposit her eggs on her husband's protesting back, to make him an unwilling victim, caught in the backwash of biological necessity.

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### They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

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### STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 22 - APR. 20	1 Accent	31 You	61 To
2 Personal	32 You	62 Gained	62 About
3-7-12-19	3 You	33 And	63 Cheer
4-5-7-12-19	4 Don't	34 Calm	64 Economy
5 Show	5 Show	35 Be	65 And
6 Matters	6 Matters	36 Are	66 And
7 Should	7 Should	37 An	67 Control
8 Hectic	8 Hectic	38 Today	68 Today
9 Be	9 Be	39 No	69 Who'll
10 Day	10 Day	40 I	70 Some
11 Remain	11 Remain	41 Annoying	71 New
12 Be	12 Be	42 Hiding	72 Privacy
13 A	13 A	43 Mind	73 Be
14 Afraid	14 Afraid	44 Show	74 Self
15 Press	15 Press	45 Telling	75 The
16 To	16 To	46 Advantage	76 Behavior
17 Take	17 Take	47 Reach	77 Sacrifice
18 Hour	18 Hour	48 I	78 Happen
19 Agreements	19 Agreements	49 Agreements	79 Day
20 Luck	20 Luck	50 Reach	80 Of
21 Problem	21 Problem	51 With	81 Be
22 Speak	22 Speak	52 Now	82 New
23 Go	23 Go	53 I	83 You
24 Some	24 Some	54 You	84 Faced
25 Others	25 Others	55 Others	85 Opposite
26 Good	26 Good	56 Matters	86 Project
27 Old	27 Old	57 Need	87 Things
28 Into	28 Into	58 Be	88 Be
29 Turn	29 Turn	59 Others	89 Ends
30 Year	30 Year	60 Must	90 Action
31-35-44	31-35-44	61-65	91-95
32-35-44	32-35-44	66-70	96-100
33-35-44	33-35-44	71-75	97-100
34-35-44	34-35-44	76-80	98-100
35-44-77	35-44-77	81-85	99-100

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### Doubly Smart

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by Marian Martin

## Defense Planners Backed Into Corner By Road Clearances

Washington—(UPI)—Remember an old story about the man who painted himself into a corner and couldn't get out? This is the situation in which some of the nation's top defense planners think we're in right now.

It all began back in 1956 when the federal government began building a 41,000 mile network of highspeed limited access superhighways.

At about the same time, the government began building the high new missiles and rockets for the nation's defenses and deep space probes. These missiles, mostly built on the west coast, sometimes have to be hustled around the country fast.

Someone Goofed

Now, you might think this brand new road system might be just the thing for moving missiles. But somehow someone goofed and the missile builders and the road builders didn't get together.

And so today, thousands of the overpasses constructed to carry local traffic across the interstate system are too low for the missiles and the trailers they travel on. Also, the new superhighways have extremely limited access and it's difficult to leave them in search of by-passes.

A number of solutions have been proposed.

—Raise all the 8000 overpasses now in the interstate system to an adequate height. This might be all right except that Bureau of Public Roads specialists estimate it would cost more than \$500,000,000 and no one is quite sure what an adequate clearance would be.

—Forget the nice new superhighway and move the missiles by train and barge. But most railroads have bridge widths of only 12 feet and barges are terribly slow.

Even so, this is the way the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is planning to move its 1,500,000 pound thrust super booster, the Saturn.

To Go by Barge

With a staggering girth of 22 ft, the Saturn will be moved by barge north along the Tennessee river, west along the Ohio, down the Mississippi, across the Gulf of Mexico and around the Florida peninsula to Cape Canaveral.

Another idea, toyed with by the defense department, was to make a sky hook out of a number of blimps and float some of the space monsters around the country.

And finally, there's the possibility of lowering existing missile trailers. This week, committee interrogation of defense department and trucking industry officials brought out some of the highly technical difficulties faced in moving oversized loads on the nation's highways.

The Atlas missile, loaded on its specially designed "franciscaner," has a vertical clearance of just under 14 feet. This was the bureau of roads' requirement until the new 16-foot clearance was announced last month.

But the actual clearance is only one part of the problem. For the missile movers, faced with 85-foot-long loads, pointed out that the roads under the bridges were often "dish-ed."

This, they explained, meant that the front end of a load would start climbing up the incline on the far side under an overpass before the rear end of the load had reached the low point.

The result: Clearance needs for long loads are often a good deal higher than the actual distance between the road bed and the overpass.

## Valley Boys Sell Candy for Camp

Several boys in the Medford area are earning their way to the Young Men's Christian association's Diamond lake camp this summer by selling candy mints in the valley. YMCA officials have announced.

Jim Covert is presently leading the selling with 10 boxes sold, entitling him to three weeks of camp this summer. Ken Rogers has sold six boxes, YMCA officials said.

Any boy wishing to sell candy mints to earn his way to camp may contact the camp office in the YMCA building to obtain an application to sell, which must be signed by the boy's parents.

Dates for camp are July 17 to 23; July 24 to 30; and July 31 to Aug. 6. The camp is open to any boy between 8 and 15. A day camp for boys 6 and 7 will be operated from June 20 to July 2.

Additional information may be obtained from the YMCA camp office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. daily and between 10 a.m. and noon Saturdays.

## CREDIT UNIONS BOOMING

New York—(UPI)—There are now 1,005 credit unions in operation in New York State with resources of more than \$220 million serving approximately 600,000 members, the New York State Bankers association reported. Credit union dividends run as high as 5 1/2 per cent annually. Of 152 state chartered credit unions, the association said, 81 paid dividends of 4 per cent or more annually while 18 paid between 5 and 5 1/2 per cent.

## DRIVING YEAR

Detroit—An average automobile driver in the U.S. is at the wheel 7,800 miles per year.

## The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. E.J. — When are we going to hear those wedding bells?

June J. — He isn't quite ready to settle down.

Mrs. E.J. — My daughter June is 24 and has been going with a fine young man for about two years. At first they just dated occasionally, but for the past year they have been seeing one another regularly.

I think it's time we heard something about the wedding bells, but when I ask June she says to leave her alone. I'm not the kind of mother who interferes at every step, but I think I have a right to know what is going on.

My husband and I like Frank, but he isn't very friendly toward us. He tries to avoid coming to the house and sometimes gets June to meet him downtown. It seems to me that if his intentions were right he wouldn't be that way.

June J. — I'm old enough to manage my own affairs without any coaching from my parents. I don't like their interference. My mother keeps reminding me that when she was my age she was married and had three children. Well, then she certainly should realize that I'm old enough to take care of myself.

I think Frank loves me but isn't quite ready to settle down. Sometimes he talks as though he is on the verge of proposing and then he backs down. I know it's leap year, but I don't want to do the proposing.

Frank is an unusual sort of man — moody and easily hurt. My parents don't realize that they make him uncomfortable by acting suspicious of him.

The Council: We don't think the E.J.'s are helping matters by acting suspicious and putting pressure on June as far as this relationship is concerned.

We get the impression that June is just as anxious about this relationship as they are. Frank makes her uneasy too. Obviously she is attracted to him, yet we think she may not want him as much as she thinks she does. If she sincerely wanted him as a husband, she would make an effort to bring things to a decision.

We don't feel June should do the proposing if she doesn't want to, but she should make it clear that she wants to know whether this is a courtship or a mere friendship. If it is not a courtship she should be going out with others. If

## Two Coastal Counties Ruled Disaster Areas

Portland—(UPI)—The coastal areas of Lincoln and Tillamook counties in Oregon have been declared disaster areas by the Small Business Administration, according to John G. Barnett, manager of the Portland branch office.

Reason for declaring these two coastal counties eligible for this assistance is because of the property damage sustained from severe winds, waves and tides of Feb. 9, 1960, Barnett said.

## SCANT RAINFALL

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### MUNICIPAL COURT

Darrell Robert Hageman, 1615 Grand ave., fined with another vehicle, \$25.

Eugene Earl Gemehlich, no vehicle registration plates displayed, \$5.

Paul James Blair, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Jim Richard Westensee, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Cleo Malcolm White, disobeyed traffic sign, \$5.

Richard Leroy Champion, excessive noise, \$2.50.

Kenneth Earl Coleman, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Carl Gardner Burk, no vehicle registration plates displayed, \$5.

Bernard Victor Schieber, wrong way on one-way street, \$10.

William Sidney White, disobeyed traffic sign, \$5.

Harold Wayne Charon, no vehicle registration plates displayed, \$5.

Aaron Everett McCasland, Talent, raced with another vehicle, \$5.

Harold G. Jones, violation of basic rule, \$10.

James Edward Daniel, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Shirley Ann Collins, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Robert Bruce Baker, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Michael S. Stephens, displayed expired plates, \$5.

Walter Jackson Tackett, following too close, accident, \$25.

Ruby Edith Stevens, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Aaron August Walruff, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Jarold Arthur Keith, inadequate equipment, \$5.

Monty Charles Penwell, disobeyed traffic sign, \$5.

Darrell Liburn Smylie, failed to yield right of way to a vehicle on a through highway, \$25.

Robert Clifford Burns, disobeyed traffic sign, accident, \$5.

Nathan Kern Mills, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Walter Kenneth Goldsby, disobeyed traffic sign, \$10.

Thomas Edward Bortis, no operator's license in possession, \$10.

### DISTRICT COURT

John A. Ellis Jr., improper safety chains, \$15.

Oliver Y. Beard, inadequate brakes, \$10.

Charles C. Hoover, failure to signal, \$10.

Cynthia A. Rukovina, violation of basic rule, \$15.

Raymond W. Couser Jr., petty larceny, \$5.

Earl W. Lockwood, failure to stop, \$10.

### CIRCUIT COURT

Lida M. Childers vs. John W. Childers, divorce decree.

Sylvia Virginia Williams vs. Clarence L. Williams, divorce complaint.

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