## Quirks in the News

#### 58 percent believe in love at first sight

United Press International NEW YORK — A public opinion survey indicates 58 percent of Americans believe in love at first sight, but 37 percent are skeptical about the possibility. Five percent told the interviewers they had no opinion on the subject.

The findings of the Merit Report were the same among all regions, age groups and income levels but differed by sex. Men said they believed in love at first sight by a 30 point margin, but women by only a 14 point

The study by Audits & Surveys Inc., was based on interviews conducted Jan. 31-Feb. 4 with a probability sample of about 1,200 adults, 18 years and older, living in telephone households in the continental United

# Passersby scramble for eggs

United Press International PITTSBURGH — The eggs went over easy when a truck carrying 26,000 dozen of them overturned on a busy city highway, providing the makings of a free breakfast for about a dozen poachers who happened along.

The truck, carrying the eggs from Coldwater, Ohio, went out of control on an exit ramp off the city's Parkway East Friday and hit a guardrail, which ripped open the left side of the trailer.

Half the cargo spilled onto the pavement as the rig overturned, officials said.

About a dozen passersby, however, picked their way through the gooey debris and salvaged an undetermined number of hardy eggs that survived the crash.

## Times are a-changing

United Press International LINCOLN, Neb. — The red, white and blue wasn't meant to be purple, say students at the University of Nebraska.

On March 4, members of a group calling itself the ANAR-KY Party displayed an American flag dyed purple at a campaign booth while they ran for election to the university's Association of Students.

The flag was no laughing matter to the student association, which may file a complaint in student court against ANAR-KY's unsuccessful presidential candidate, Joni Jacobs — who also faces state charges of mutilating a U.S. flag.

"I want to make sure students and the general public are aware neither I nor students in my administration condone such blatant disrespect for our country," student president Dan Wedekind said.

### No injury for insult

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SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.
— A group of language watchers says a Michigan State University trustee has been given its greatest honor — an award for his skill in insulting people.

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Peter B. Fletcher, an Ypsilanti businessman, was given an award Friday by the International Society for the Revival and Promulgation of Vituperative Speech—a group dedicated to the "craft of elaborate insult."

The award was in memory of Samuel Johnson, a British lexicographer who worked on some of the first English language dictionaries.

Fletcher's award was based on several of his comments, including one to a federal highway engineer upset by treatment he received from Fletcher when Fletcher was chairman of the Michigan State Highway Com-

mission.

"Only the emotionally insecure, mentally limited and professionally indolent would have the time or inclination to take umbrage at my comments," Fletcher told the man. "It was a very cold day and possibly the minuscule federal brains became congealed standing outside so long away from their customary desks."



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