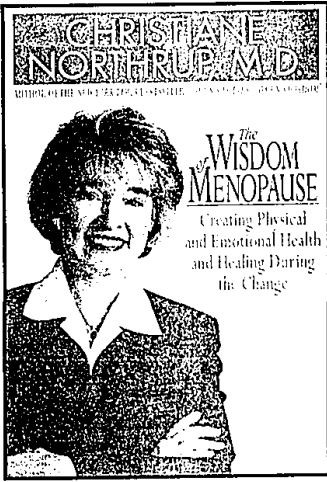


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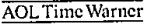
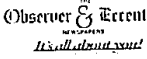
The bottom line is this: The menopausal transition no longer means you've entered life's final chapter. Rather, it is a passageway to a new beginning, a second spring.

- Christiane Northrup, M.D.

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Pet owners say the darndest things

Britney Spears. Christina Aguilera. The 98 N'Sync Street Boys on the Dream-Town Block.

These musical acts prove that you don't need any substance to have success. Just slap something together that's fun and bouncy and, voila, you own a mansion.

In keeping with this lower standard of entertainment, I present a column with no real substance.

Every year, I keep track of some of the stranger things my clients have said to me. I know everyone says things improperly now and again, and I am certainly not mocking these people. Some comments come from so way out of left field that they are pretty amusing.

Some misstatements are routine. It seems everyone mispronounces Rottweiler as "Rock-welder." I don't even want to discuss how people say Shih Tzu or Bichon. I get consistently asked for a "distemperment shot" for a mean cat or dog. (The vaccine protects against the virus called distemper...it has nothing to do with the critter's crankiness!)

There's a certain level of comment that stands out from the commonplace, a full step greater...or sillier, depending upon your perspective. So, please don't view this as an indictment of the intelligence of the people who said these things. It's just a moment in time.

And it's strictly entertainment. A job applicant telling us about her experience: "I did a lot of euthanasia's at the Humane Society...they called me the Great Raper!" (We hope she meant "Grim Reaper.")

"Can you give me a Pacific diagnosis?"

"She can't control her peeing. I think she has continuity."

A suggestion of how a fish survived when he wasn't fed: "Maybe he eats allergy off the bottom of the tank."

- Dog breeds always seem to

inspire unique pronunciations.

"He's part Doberman Pigeon."

About a bouvier/Labrador retriever mix: "He's half boobier."

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license."

"I'm really worried about hip displacement."

"If he's kept in a cage, won't he feel annihilated from the rest of us?"

A jittery dog prompted an owner to warn me: "He's feeling a little Nazi about all this."

After watching her son weigh himself on our lobby scale, a mom asked: "Does that measure human or animal weight?"

"I feed him Kibbles and Bites."

"Will I need to buy a yearn for the ashes?"

"I've been training canine dogs for over 10 years." (Canine dogs are the best kind of dogs!)

"Should I rub some Nero Sporum on the rash?"

An owner was very concerned about his dog's chipped canine tooth: "Can a dog do okay with a broken Kalline?"

"Isn't rat poison a conge- lent?"

A client, responding after hearing a cat had both eyes removed because of glaucoma: "She doesn't have any eyes? Is she blind?"

And one of my all time favorites, a client caught up in the Anthrax scare:

"I'm worried someone's going to get a dust cropper and start spreading Amtrak."

Take Home Message: None, really. Just have a great new year and next time you're in a music store, check out CD's of Muddy Waters, or Miles Davis, or even Mozart. Having substance can be a good thing, too.

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DR. BRAD DAVIS

"He got into a drawer and he suffered!"

Describing her dog's diet: "Usually I feed him nothin' but vy-cena sausages." (After she repeated this several times, I realized she was speaking of Vienna sausages.)

"Can you tell me anything about Hand and Month Disease?"

"Could you check his prostatic?"

"He was throwing up so much, I thought he was the Exodul!" (Unless the dog was parting the water in the swimming pool, I think he meant "exorcist.")

Sometimes comments are written, not spoken...this is from a thank you card:

"You are the lust and your staff is supper."

"He was vomiting vile."

"Is the stuff coming out of his butt the fastoola?" (Note: I never figured out what "fastoola" is, but it sounds like Italian food, doesn't it?)

"My dog's problems run the ga-moot."

Another doctor refused to write a prescription, concerned it might affect her Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) license: "She didn't want to prescribe it because she was worried she'd lose her DNA



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