

# Trick or But Single!

We wanted to introduce you to a very special pumpkin. And to remind you to keep plenty of copies of the *but* single on hand for a very special occasion at the end of the month when ghosts, witches, werewolves, vampires and other assorted monsters might drop by. What might happen if you ran out of *but* singles to give your visitors? Pretty scary!



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## Is Big Butt really out there?

The legends began on the American frontier, and from the early days most settlers filed Big Butt under the same heading as Paul Bunyan and the tales of humming-bird-sized Texas mosquitoes. The legends continue to this day, and we watch the amateur videos, we look at the blurry photographs, we listen to the wide-eyed narratives and we usually suspect hoax and delusion. But always, a few stories stand out because we can't easily dismiss them.

Does Big Butt exist? Dr. Generous Longwind, speaking to *TNB* by telephone while on tour to promote his new book *In Search of Big Butt*, wouldn't give us a definite *yes* or *no*. "I wrote this book to put the myths and legends to rest for good," he said. "I set out to prove that Big Butt doesn't exist. But legends don't die easily. The more I studied Big Butt, the more I came to believe that the stories about him might have some basis in fact.

"First of all, I discovered that every culture has a legend of Big Butt. The Spanish call him *El Asso Grande*, the Germans *Der Gross Buttzen*. Many Native American tribes had legends about a creature they called *The Big Cheeks*. The Russian term for Big Butt translates into English roughly as *The One So Big He Will Crush Us Like The Czar If He Sits On Us*. And the Chinese term can mean either *One Extremely Blessed With Size Where He Sits* or *Dangerously Large On The Bottom*, depending on how you pronounce it.

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Many amateur photographers have taken photos of their close encounters with Big Butt. Some are most certainly fakes, all are poorly focused, and not one could constitute solid evidence of Big Butt's existence. But while we can easily dismiss the majority of them, a few remain that we can't, and they tease us with one simple question—does Big Butt really exist?

## BUTZVILLE PICTURE OF THE MONTH



### The Buttzville General Store

This month we salute the General—Buttzville General, that is. If you're looking for something general, why go anywhere else?

## Did Stone Phillips Lie?

He looks right at you from your TV screen, and he speaks in a deep clear voice, every word balanced and correctly pronounced. He knows the story, and he speaks the truth, whole and nothing but, as he understands it. If some questions remain, if some elements lie in shadow, he tells you. He separates fact from fiction, and clearly defines each.

And he says to one guest, as we listen attentively, "We know that you once lied on an employment application, so how can we believe anything you say?"

If you can't trust Stone Phillips, who can you trust? Certainly he never lied on an employment application. Or did he?

Rumors ran wild through the network news world this week that Stone once told his fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Olga Fatblitzer, that his dog had eaten his homework. Stone has not yet made any formal statement regarding the rumor, but NBC source hint that they expect Stone to issue a full denial soon.

Jane Pauley, Stone's *Dateline* partner, said that she supports Stone, she would believe anything he says, and she questions the accuracy of an older woman's memory of an event that occurred so many years ago.

"This statement may be a classic children's excuse," she added, "but if Stone said it, maybe it really happened to him—we can't simply assume it's a lie."

Mrs. Fatblitzer stands by her story, and says the years have not dimmed her memory. "When most kids say that, you want to pick them up and shake them and say, 'Do you think I'm that stupid?' But with Stone, it was so precious, he was so sincere and apologetic, it made you want to believe him."

Stone's teacher did not suddenly decide to go public with this story. Instead, it came up in casual conversation with a friend, Mrs. Heidi Blabber. Mrs. Blabber promptly sold the story of the exchange to *The National Enquirer* for a reported \$150,000. *The Enquirer* has not yet published the story, which may contain other sensitive material from Stone's formative years.

"She told me a lot of stuff," said Mrs. Blabber. "Dirty fingernails, socks that didn't match, I couldn't believe it! She said that half the time he forgot to tuck his shirt in, and he almost never got his hair parted straight!"

Mrs. Fatblitzer said she doesn't remember (continued on other side)



## IN THE NEWS

**But** Definition of the Month  
**ar•but•us** (är•but•'təs). *n.* plant that has clusters of fragrant pink and white flowers and a highly pleasing shape.

A recent issue of *TV Guide* mentioned that **Yancy Butler**, star of TNT's action thriller *Witchblade*, is "no novice at kicking **butt**..." having appeared in NBC's *Mann & Machine* and CBS's *Brooklyn South*. Another issue carried a piece about the new show *BattleBots*, which features radio-controlled combat robots, under the headline "THESE BOTS GET MEDIEVAL AND KICK RO-BUTT." *TV Guide* also spoke to the **Wayans brothers** regarding their hosting of the MTV Video Music Awards, with the following exchange:

TVG: Last year Chris Rock poked fun at the audience with jokes about **Jennifer Lopez's butt** and Britney Spear's lip-synching...

Marlon: Chris was very funny. But I know he didn't show up at the after-party.

Shawn: And **Jennifer Lopez's butt** was waiting for him.

A new TV commercial for **theStreet.com** raises awareness of a disease we need to watch out for called "headupthe**buttitis**." And a deodorant TV spot makes it clear that "**Degree** kicks **butt**."

As usual, the **Howard Stern** show provided us with new butt references. In an on-air discussion of Raymond Burr's sexual preferences, Howard said, "They should have called him Raymond **Butt**." A female guest named Alex who had received plastic surgery courtesy of the show mentioned that her butt had been done, along with other parts. Robin Quivers said, "She has a great **butt** now." And the surgeon, Dr. Sal Calabro, said, "She now has that heart-shaped **butt**..."



**Red Cent Records Official Statement, 10/1/00, regarding availability of the *but* album vs. the *but* single:**

**The *but* single: is done, available now**

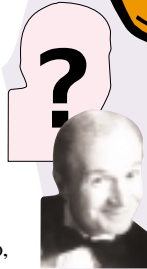
**The *but* album: is not done, not available yet**

### *But* Celeb of the Month

This man is the president of SUNY Westbury, whose logo is pictured at right.

(Answer in next month's TNB)

Answer to September 2000 *But* Celeb of the Month—Red Buttons, pictured at left.



## Does Big Butt Exist?

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"Of course, evidence of Big Butt's existence rests mainly on the oversized butt prints, and again, I found these everywhere around the globe. I found some fossilized prints, and my crew made plaster casts of fresh butt prints in a dozen countries worldwide. I know that many discount the big butt prints, and some of them could be made by a large primate sliding as he sits, I suppose. But when you find many fresh big butt prints in the same area, you have to wonder about such a simple explanation.

"The size of the prints varies greatly. The largest comes from the American West—we estimate the creature that made these weighed at least 700-800 pounds. We found the smallest in Northeastern China—we figured that creature weighed around 400 pounds, and could possibly have been just a fat American tourist.

"The existence of large prints do not prove Big Butt's existence, but we know something sat there, and that something was not small. And in each case the locals told us stories of sightings, and the feelings of dread they had experienced, hearing strange animal grunts, feeling the ground shaking, sometimes smelling a peculiar strong odor.

"You can draw your own conclusions from these stories. If Big Butt doesn't exist, we have no explanation for them. But if he does exist, I think we're now one step closer to finding him."

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## *but but but* now at mp3.com

Red Cent Records has announced that the song *but but but*, from the *but* single, is now available for free download in mp3 form from the mp3.com website. Some other titles available at the site which our readers might find interesting include *Butt Funk* (Dance) by Drax Valenti, *Your Face Looks Like My Butt* (Rap) by SUN, *Poot Butt* (Power Pop) by Nepenthe, *BUTTS'R'US (The Butt Warehouse)* (General Comedy) by RX2, *Butt-Knocker* (Noise) by Binbin McBin, *Butta Scotch* (Rap) by KING SOLOMON, *Butthead* (Pop) by The Lorin Swelk Orchestra, *Beavis and Butthead are Dead* (General Comedy) by Trainwreck Willie, *Move That Butt* (Electronics) by Redstorm and *Butt, Does it Swing* (Swing Big Band) by Paul Toner.



## Did Stone lie?

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saying all these things, and she can't guarantee the accuracy of these statements. But she has no doubt about the *dog ate my homework* excuse. "I remember **that** like it was yesterday."

And what does Stone Phillips have to say about all this controversy swirling around him? Strangely, the man who speaks to us from our TVs several nights each week has so far said nothing—at least for now, he's not talking.



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