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*Proof that people still read newspaper classifieds. Take that, [Craigslist!](#)*

From *MLive.com*, via *Poynter Online*: "Kristen DeGroat wants to make one thing clear: Her horse is not on the menu.

Because of a goof at the [Saginaw News](#), a classified ad for her 3-year-old mare, Foxy, ran under the header 'Good Things to Eat' instead of the one for horses and stables. . . .

'I had a lady call whose friend was just in tears over this thing,' DeGroat said. 'It doesn't help that my cellphone number starts with 666.'

More disturbing, DeGroat said, were the calls from people genuinely interested in buying horse meat -- which accounted for about a third of the roughly 60 calls she received."

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*You know, because champion horses spend so much time on their backs.*

From *Bloodhorse.com*, via *Deadspin*: "Roy and Gretchen Jackson, who campaigned 2006 Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro, say they are not involved with plans to unveil a statue in [New York's Central Park](#) that memorializes the late classic winner.

According to a press release Tuesday from the Leo Kesting Gallery in New York, 'The Barbaro Memorial Statue' by controversial sculptor Daniel Edwards will be unveiled April 30. . . .

The press release states that the statue . . . will depict Barbaro 'in the winner's circle, on his back, with his number 8 saddle cloth draping his belly, and hooves in the air, representing his inability to stand on his feet due to the debilitating laminitis which followed the shattered ankle he suffered in the 2006 Preakness Stakes.' "

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*This is both quirky and inspiring, which is a first for this space.*

From the [Indianapolis Star](#), via *Sports by Brooks*: "IUPUI basketball coach [Ron Hunter](#) got his pedicure, his game victory and, as a bonus, more athletic shoes than he'll ever be able to carry to [Africa](#) in July. All on bare feet.

Hunter completed one of the most inspirational walks in this college basketball season by coaching Thursday night's game shoeless for children of impoverished homes. . . .

A staggering 110,000 pairs of shoes have so far been donated to Samaritan's Feet, a nonprofit, Christian-based charity that seeks to put shoes on 10 million people throughout the world over a 10-year span. Close to \$20,000 in cash was donated. More is expected."

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