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He'll dump your lover for you over the phone - and post it online

In most of his previous relationships, Bradley Laborman has been the dumpee rather than the dumper. But the 35-year-old from Mount Pleasant, Iowa, has found a way to turn that ratio around – and make some cash doing it. Last fall, Mr. Laborman launched IDUMP4U.com, an e-business through which strangers pay him \$10 to break up with their significant others by phone. He posts some of the heart-wrenching, sleazy and just-plain-uncomfortable recordings of the calls on his YouTube channel. While he's faced many accusations that his business is mean-spirited, Mr. Laborman said in a phone interview that he believes he's offering a useful public service.

Who are your clients?

I've had college kids, I've had older people. I think I had somebody who was at least 40 in a breakup situation. Surprisingly, it's a lot more female – a lot more females are dumping males.

What reasons do people give you for why they don't want to break up with their partners themselves?

It's fear. I had one guy who couldn't do it because every time he tried to do it, he'd end up having breakup sex with her and get back together. He didn't have the willpower to break up with her. I think a lot of them have tried a couple times to break up with the person, and it's just not getting through to them. ([Recording 1](#)) ([Recording 2](#)) ([Website](#))

Dr. Val Kolpakov has world's largest toothpaste collection



SAGINAW, MI, USA -- Dr. Val Kolpakov, a practicing dentist in Saginaw, Michigan, has collected since March 2002 over 1,800 toothpastes -setting the world record for the Largest toothpaste collection. "I thought that collecting toothpaste was a nice hobby for a dental professional. It allows you to learn more about your profession," he said. "I had friends all over the world, so I asked them to mail me toothpaste from the countries where they lived."

The world's Largest toothpaste collection available to public to view at his practice, Denture Care Clinic at 1227 N. Michigan in Saginaw. Kolpakov, known to patients

as "Dr. Val," said his interest in collecting tubes of toothpaste started when he read about Carsten Gutzeit, a German who collected 500 tubes. He began buying toothpastes on eBay and contemporary versions in stores. Some are whiskey-flavored, some taste like curry and others like bamboo. One dates to World War II and is made with a radioactive compound. About a fourth of his Largest toothpaste collection is displayed in the waiting room at the Denture Care Clinic, 1227 N. Michigan. Kolpakov works there as a denture specialist. ([His Website](#))



Cleveland Cavaliers fans snuggle up to world record for most fleece blankets in one place

Cleveland -- As Danny Green was about to lead the Cavaliers onto the court Friday night at The Q, LeBron James stopped the first-year player. Then, like a parent scolding a child who had made an unspeakable error, James sent Green back to the locker room. "Rookie, put on your Snuggie," James ordered sternly. "And keep those knees high. Don't trip." Moments later, Green dashed into the arena with his plush fleece blanket tied around his neck, taking care to raise the edges of the flowing material to avoid injury when he stepped onto the court. Rookies have to do what veterans say in the world of sports, of course, and when it's Snuggie Night at The Q, the possibilities for ordered pranks are limitless. Green was the only player to sport the Snuggie pregame, but every person at Friday's Cavaliers game received a free maroon blanket with sleeves and helped create a new Guinness World Record for most fleece blankets of one color in one place: 20,562. That number might have to be verified through video and photos, however, because not everyone donned Snuggies during the five-minute span in the first quarter when public address announcer Olivier Sedra encouraged The Q to become a sea of maroon-clad monks. At least one Detroit fan brought his own blue wearable blanket with the Pistons logo on it, standing out from the rest. And some Snuggie haters merely sat in street clothes, refusing to participate.

Hard Times Turn Coupon Clipping Into the Newest Extreme Sport



Texas -- Coupon clipper Erin Libranda of Katy, Texas, after she saved more than \$1,000 on a midnight shopping trip to two supermarkets. Under a futon in her Charleston, S.C., apartment, Stacy Smith has stashed boxes of soy bars, bags of potato chips, bottles of vitamin water, canned vegetables, soup, barbecue sauce and antibacterial wipes. Her bedroom closet is jammed with soda and shampoo, her bookcase with garlic salt and meat marinades. The redemption of coupons spiked 27% from 2008 to 2009. WSJ's Timothy Martin has more insight on the craze, which appears to be about more than just saving money. No, Ms. Smith isn't stocking up for a hurricane. The 39-year-old's apartment is stuffed with groceries because she's one of a growing flock of "extreme couponers." The cleverest shoppers combine dozens of coupons and go from store to store buying items in quantity, getting stuff free of charge. "If you can get 100 packs of toilet paper for free, you're going to," says Erin Libranda, 38. When the resident of Katy, Texas, has amassed enough coupons to buy many months' supply of eggs, she puts tiny cracks in them, adds lemon juice and freezes them. Jill Lansky, 34, of Kalamazoo, Mich., likes to amuse friends by opening a cupboard to reveal 150 bottles of Powerade she bought for 25 cents each, thanks to coupons she collected on CouponForum.com. Jody Wilson, 33, got turned onto the couponing Web site AFullCup.com last March. Since then, she's posted nearly 9,500 messages to the site's forum. "I became extremely addicted," says the credit analyst from Battle Creek, Mich. "There's deal after deal after deal." Couponers trade deal information and coupons themselves through cellphones, Twitter, Facebook, and message boards on Web sites like Slickdeals.net and TheKrazyCouponLady.com, motivated as much by competitiveness as by frugality. Some sites, which tend to make their money from online ads, organize contests to see which member can spend the least cash in a month on essentials. Some couponers brag online about stockpiling free groceries, then selling them at yard sales.

Middle-aged Women Swing Pompoms



Detroit -- Ask Julie Hecker about cheerleading and she'll tell you: "Once it's in your soul, it's in your soul." So what do you do if you're 45 years old and can't bear to hang up your pompoms? Well, if you're Hecker -- entrepreneur, wife and mother of two -- you start the Motor City Rah Rahs. This group of eight middle-aged women dress up -- or strip down -- to their fishnets and go-go boots and hit the road with their pompoms to promote Detroit. "Our city was really desperate for some cheerleaders," she

says. Hecker, who lives in Royal Oak, was teaching her classes at Punk Fitness when the women of the Detroit Roller Derby asked her to form a cheering squad for their meets. Hecker turned to her ready pool of energized dancers. That was four years ago, and since then the Rah Rahs have taken their mobile pep rally to events from the Woodward Dream Cruise to Paczki Day and the Hamtramck Blowout. They were even asked by Detroit City Councilman Kenneth Cockrel Jr. to add some pizzazz to his election night party in November. But mostly the Rah Rahs shimmy at performances of local bands. Their connection to the local music scene is strong. Two of the eight are in bands, and two more are married to musicians. The rest just love the scene and the music. [\(Video & Full Story\)](#)

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