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From Publishers Weekly

In Utah, first cousins can marry, but only after they're 65 years old. Training a bear to wrestle is a felony in Alabama. In Delaware it's illegal to sell perfume as a drink. Seventeen-year-olds Jeff Koon and Andy Powell collect these and other wacky laws in You May Not Tie an Alligator to a Fire Hydrant: 101 Real Dumb Laws. Some of the laws show compassion (in Florida's Jupiter Colony Inlet, you can't launch missiles at birds), while others are just plain bizarre (in Oklahoma, hamburgers purchased on Sunday can only be eaten in the restaurant).

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Andy Powell will graduate from high school in 2002. So far his grades in mathematics have been pretty good. After starting his first Web site with Jeff in primary school, their site listing stupid laws made Yahoo!'s site-of-the-year list in 1998. Jeff Koon will graduate from high school in 2002. His favorite subject is history. Appearing on the Montel Williams Show with Andy in summer 2001 crowned his dot.com career.

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