ITALIAN WHITE

You recall when I wanted to be like the Italians and painted the bathroom Italian white.

Inexperienced in these matters, I used enamel instead of latex, and stunk us out of the house.

Older & wiser I always use waterbase paints now like when I painted the porch Spanish red.

TELEPHONES

I am crazy and afraid of telephones terribly awkward in restaurants painfully shy around strangers. I fall down stairs to impress women forget the names of everyone I meet and have a difficult time remembering the details of my own life.

Available subjects for small talk are limited to minor aches and pains redundant annoyances
I take bad weather personally and wince when I smile.

I will never call you up to make a luncheon date nor will I invite you over for snooker, chips and dip I can't pronounce the names of french wines and if I ever drown I'm certain it will be in a hot tub.

What's your excuse?
You're attractive, well dressed
you have marketable skills and
are gainfully employed in a growing industry.
You are blessed in the social graces
and know how to operate food service machines.

So what's your problem? Are you not revered in your profession? Admired by your colleagues? Isn't it true you balance an active family life half a dozen rewarding hobbies armies of friends, while fully meeting the demands of a challenging career and still find time for personal development, athletic endeavors, quiet introspection?

I'm half crazy, and totally incompetent. What's your excuse?

BUSCH GARDENS

You smell the beer as you approach on the freeway. It's free the admission and the beer but you might pay a buck to park.

They have exotic birds from all over the globe flaming red orange and pink flamingos coke bottle blue toucans and an amphitheatre where a girl in a hostess uniform gets a spectrum of parrots to mouth off at her.

There are beer pavillions at every turn, that's the real attraction, handing out big dixie cups of free foamy brew and everyone

walks around smashed in the hot sun enjoying the birds.