

Artichokes

A disturbing incident occurred in the IGA grocery store of my home town of Post Falls, Idaho last month. You may not have heard about it because of all the international news from North Korea, Syria, and Israel recently, but it's important to remain current on what's happening in your local community as well.

It seems that Arti, a large, muscular rancher from just outside town, was shopping for groceries during his weekly visit for supplies and got into a ruckus with the cashier over some vegetables he was buying. There was a special on fresh corn at \$4.00 per bag on Fridays rather than the normal \$5.00.

It was Saturday and Arti wanted to purchase his bag of corn for the sale price of \$4.00. When the clerk pointed out that it was Saturday and the sale price only applied on Fridays, Arti became very upset, reached over the counter, and strangled the clerk to death.

The store manager heard shouting and screaming coming from up near the front of the store and ran to investigate. Upon seeing Arti still grasping the clerk around the neck, he tried to intervene and confront Arti. Still incensed by not being granted the sale price on his bag of corn, Arti released the clerk and strangled the manager as well.

The next morning, the newspaper headline read, "**Arti Chokes Two for a Dollar!**"

(Original story told by John Morris)