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Secaucus

Hello Grumpy and Doc. How's it hangin,' Happy? Blueberry pancakes on a light blue plate. Every motel glows golden.

Albuquerque

One moustache hair at moustache level on a filmy bathroom mirror. A red velvet spread on a big round bed. Dear Ma: We saw a bearded lady.

Kittery

Climb a chain link fence. (The latch won't budge.) Wriggling cartoon bodies in a dirty pool. A blown-up chaise drifts beside the state's largest lobster. We're younger at the other end.

