Home Country

What is really a name anyway?

We'd finished coffee your wife introduced other. We'd never nicknames when she loiter in the Mule Doc. You know, I never other name, either. Barn truck stop's did get her first parking lot before go- name. ing fishing when Janto see Doc.

our local art teacher. her that." "When I moved here,

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"Well ..." Doc said, ice said. ice Thomas came over "that's the name she goes by. Ever since we does. I think Elvis we got married, she "Mornin' boys! Hey got married, she Doc, I'm curious," said wants people to call

We looked at each

said Herb. "I never knew it, either." "When Mrs. Doc said. was born," Doc said, "her folks stuck her Dud said. Doc just with a name that shook his head. would drive most peoents. She messed old-fashioned names about with a bunch of that nobody would

first name, Doc," Jan-

and were committing herself to me as Mrs. known her by any finally got old enough to be embarrassed, "She has to have a but they didn't take. Does she look like a Cookie to you? Yeah.

> had a first name, too," Doc said. "But my Doc." wife, well, she's kinda touchy about hers. But she does have one, you know." "What is it, Doc?"

> > "It's a kind of bird,"

"Look," said Doc, ple to maim their par- "it's just one of those

"I think everyone Me, either. So when called herself Mrs. "Hermione?" asked

Dud. Doc shook his head. "Murgatroyd?" asked Herb. Nope. "Phalarope?" asked Dud, again. "Phalarope?" we

said, "Well, Doc, I know there are moments ... you know, personal moments,

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doctor by morning."

Dud scratched his chin. "Old fashioned ... hmmm, hey, I got it! Pocahontas!"

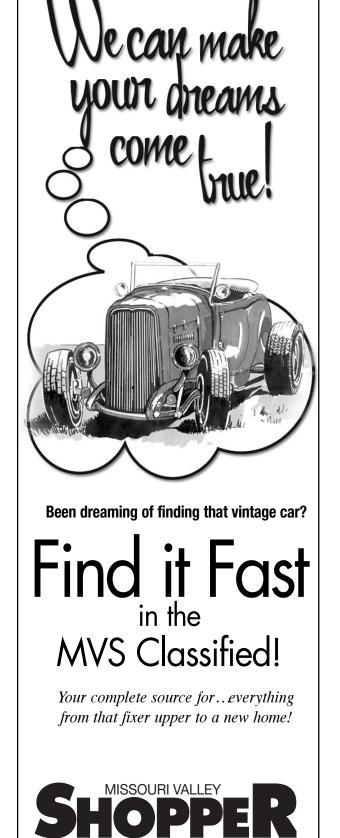
Nope. So then Janice

ever name a girl any when there are just more, and she can't the two of you tostand it. If I told you gether, and it's rowhat it was, this town mantic, if you get my would be without a drift. What do you call her then?"

Doc smiled. "I call her 'Yes Dear'."

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