



# The Tattler

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## Blanca Baby Makes Good - Graduates From Ivy League University

Against seemingly impossible odds, Sallie Dietrich, a former resident of tiny Blanca, Colorado, graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York with a dual degree in French and Sociology.

Born to stone mason and dirt farmer parents, Sallie overcame her humble roots and extraordinary adversity in the high, frigid desert land of southern Colorado, and later as a homeless waif in Lincoln, Nebraska. While in Lincoln, she persevered in her efforts to polish her skills in academics, charm, grace, etiquette, and weaponry. She was eventually accepted into the hallowed halls of Cornell, where she studied wine among other things, and wielded her épée against students from the other Ivy League schools.

Asked about her accomplishments, Dietrich yawned, "Yeah, well, so?"

Attending the splendid commencement ceremony were her glowing mother Wanda Dietrich, proud father Larry and her doting sister Elizabeth with companion Stephen Crimmins.



*Fashion Maven*

Fashion maven Wanda Dietrich went a bit over the top in 2010, demanding that her husband and daughter shave her head so that her earrings would be visible. When it was suggested that being bald was not particularly fashionable, she responded, "That's why this is going to be the year of the hat!" Indeed, she had already begun to buy hats before her head was shaved. Friends and relatives got into the spirit as well, contributing to Dietrich's now-extensive hat and scarf collection.

"I really like the way my earrings pop now," she drawled. "I have acquired a collection of really great headgear that complements my jewelry. I should have done this years ago." Recently, however, she has begun to complain that her head is cold. This winter air can be brutal, but my earrings are still showing. It's worth it," stated Dietrich, putting on yet another sweater.



## Introduction

Welcome back, ever-faithful readers! The Tattler was on hiatus last year, but is back this year, in all its sensational(!) glory. How this rag has survived year after year must elude you as it does us, but perhaps the sensationalism is its secret. In any case, here it is again...

## the 2010 Tattler!

## Thespan Experience

After a lifetime of musical performance and a year of dance experience, aspiring thespian couple, Wanda and Larry Dietrich attempted to run away from home and join a traveling troupe of actors. Thus it was that the couple found themselves on a train bound for nowhere in Fremont, NE, at tryouts for a period murder mystery. Although Larry failed to even qualify for an audition, Wanda landed the titillating role of Bridget O'Shaunessy, a young socialite of questionable reputation. Ignoring mutters of "typecasting" from the rest of the company, Dietrich threw herself into the role, amazing everyone with her audacious acting.

Fortunately, the play had a very short run, lasting only until the train came to a halt, back in Fremont.

Larry Dietrich, masking his bitterness at not being selected for a part, claimed to have enjoyed the evening. "At least I got a meal out of the deal," he muttered when asked about the experience.

"It was a fantastic opportunity, I really enjoy acting - and I'm good at it. I would like to thank my mother, my father, all my siblings, the producer, my dog Monty, my cat Carmen. . ."

Dietrich was still thanking people when this reporter left in order to file the story before deadline.

## Man Runs Marathons, Loses Shoes

Lincoln miscreant Larry Dietrich evidently anticipates the need to flee long distances. He has now participated twice in the Lincoln Marathon, and most recently finished squarely in 986th place. When asked by the Tattler about his running goals, Dietrich beamed, "Next year, 985th place, and eventually I'll work my way up to the gold medal!" The Tattler refrained from pointing out the mathematical weakness in Dietrich's plan.

An even stranger affectation has surfaced in the last several months: Dietrich has frequently been seen running out the front door wearing bizarre footwear, or sometimes with no footwear at all, warbling "I want to be free..."

Dietrich's wife Wanda has expressed concern over Larry's habits, but stated, "As far as I can tell, he's not doing anything illegal. They already caught the Barefoot Bandit, and it wasn't him." The Tattler will keep the readers informed as to whether there is a second Barefoot Bandit.



## In loving memory



Frank R. Dietrich

January 4, 1914 – December 14, 2009

Christine D. Dietrich

June 15, 1915 – December 16, 2009

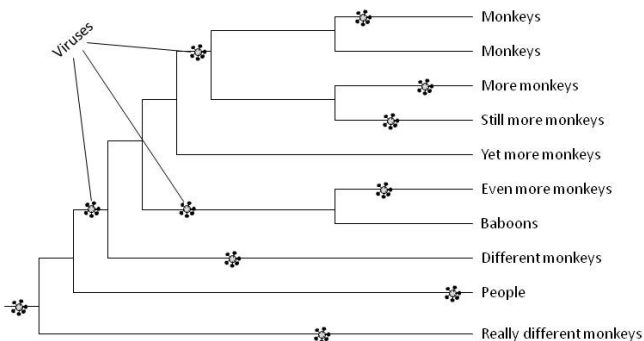
## Dietrich women studying to become incomprehensible

Elizabeth and Sallie Dietrich, daughters of Wanda and Larry Dietrich, have both undertaken the pursuit of advanced degrees in Incomprehensibility, thus extending the accomplishments of their teen years to an astonishing level.

Elizabeth, for reasons known only to herself (and possibly her academic advisors), went to Gibraltar last year to collect monkey blood. After that trip, she began babbling incessantly about her findings, going so far as to have her "insights" about the Barbary Macaque published in a scientific journal.

"I don't even understand the title," complained her mother. "I think the language may have Greek or Latin roots, though," she continued, as she doggedly turned the text this way and that. "I like the boxes and lines on her poster," beamed her proud father. "It has nice colors, too. I think it would make a good board game. Just take out all those big words."

Reached for comment by the Tattler, Elizabeth stated, "The unique phylogenetic position of this species allows us to state that the antiretroviral restriction factor evolved in the common ancestor of the Asian macaques after their divergence from *M. sylvanus*."



Not shown: lots of monkeys; lots of viruses.

Younger daughter Sallie, now attending the University of Minnesota, is also studying law, a field known for its arcane, impenetrable linguistic stylings, and incessant obfuscations. "She tells me that she is studying contract law, tortes and, um, crème? I have no idea whether she's learning about law or cooking," worried her mother. "I just hope it's legal." Sallie assured The Tattler that her studies are all about law, then offered the reporter dessert.

## Pink Ribbons Banished

Wanda Dietrich, a woman whose checkered history includes wrangling horses, cattle, rattlesnakes, and children, recently declared that she doesn't need any touchy-feely stuff in her fight against breast cancer. She reportedly said to one person, "I don't need any of those [expletive deleted] pink ribbons. I'm set to go to this awesome new spa."

The Lincoln woman stubbornly insisted on riding her non-pink bicycle to her numerous treatments. "It was even more expensive than last year's spa but they had an awesome tanning bed," she said. "I fear I stayed in a bit long; they pretty much fried me."

Dietrich is expected to make a complete recovery, despite the notable absence of pink ribbons.



Wilber, Nebraska

## Proud Couple Returns from Czech Capital

Publicity mongers Wanda and Larry Dietrich bragged to The Tattler about a journey they took last year to the "Czech Capital." The Tattler was immediately skeptical, not only because the Dietrichs' dubious reputation had preceded them, but also because they claimed to have pedaled their bicycles the entire way. The truth later became evident, thanks to Tattle-Leaks.org.

Dietrichs applied their deluded thinking to the signs they encountered during their journey. Thus, they interpreted "Big Blue River" as "Moldau", "Gary's Bar and Grill" as "Prague Alehouse", and "Hotel Wilber" as "Prague Castle", and, for that matter, "Wilber, Nebraska" as "Prague, Czech Republic." Amazingly, the Dietrichs correctly interpreted "Vítáme Vás" as "Welcome." Fortunately for the geographically challenged Dietrichs, the hospitality of the good people of the city was unparalleled, and the naïve couple was indeed made welcome during their visit to the historic location. In the culinary realm, they had delicious kolaches and specialized meats, but the most exotic Czech food appeared to be the deep-fried pickles that were served with hamburgers at the quaint "alehouse." Dietrichs were given a lovely room in the "castle," and treated as royalty.

Further investigation into the couple's claims reveals that Wilber, Nebraska calls itself the Czech Capital of the USA, not the capital of the Czech Republic.

The years **2009 and 2010** have been challenging but rich years for the Dietrichs, as they have been for many of you. We want to know how much we appreciate your friendship, love, and support. Please keep in touch; we hope to see you and hear from you often, and hope the year **2011** is rich, rewarding, and joyous for you.

## Tattler Available Online

Haven't had your fill of the *Tattler*? There's more! You can view current and past editions of the *Tattler* along with more photos and supplementary material on the Web at <http://lincolndietrichs.org>. To keep in touch throughout the year, look for the Dietrichs on Facebook.

