Case #1: Oh, Deer!

Police Report: The body of a female deer was found behind a fence along a busy two-lane road on the edge of the city limits of Charlotte. Animal Control was called and reported no apparent wounds on the body. It was not hunting season.

Weather Report: Daytime temperatures have been fairly consistent for the past three weeks, ranging from 70º to 74º F.
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Case #3: Dandy's Death

Police Report: The body of a young male horse was found in a pasture in a small town near Wilmington. The autopsy from the vet school reveals that the cardiac glycoside, oleandrin (a powerful heart stimulant), was present in the body. Oleandrin is found in the oleander plant. Oleander is a common ornamental shrub in this area, but none grows within 200 feet of the pasture.

Weather Report: Daytime temperatures have been unusually warm over the past three weeks, ranging from 84º to 86º F.
Case #4: Porky’s Peril

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