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hello. Welcome to the big belch news. Can you believe our last issue was april 23? I thought I had just made one a few days ago. Well, anyway, come on, come on, come on up to 49!!! Most of you in the Portland, oregon area will recall channel 49. It's KPDX, which is now a My Network affiliate. But it used to be fox, and before that, an independent station. At the beginning of its life it was "home of the staaars!" So why do we care about KPDX? Because this is issue 49. So that means that next issue will be issue #50. I wish we had some gold paper to print it on. Oh well.

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So anyway, I was eating some alphabet soup earlier this week when I saw something that made my heart go in loops. It was in my soup. There, just floating there. You think it would be harmless, but it made me decide to not eat it any more. Because there, right in the center of the

bowl, in my alphabet soup, was a number. A number! In my alphabet soup! I know! Outraged, I called the number on the back of the can. I was confused a little bit because there was another eleven digit number on the can. It was the amount in milligrams of sodium. But that one started with two instead of the one eight hundred number. So I called the soup company to complain. Here is how the soup conversation went.

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Me: Hello. I bought some alphabet soup of yours...

Soup Company: Yeah?

Me: And there seems to be a problem with it.

Soup Company: Oh? What's wrong with your soup?

Me: I found a number in it.

Soup Company: That's it?

Me: I know!

Soup Company: What was the number?

Me: 3.

