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Hello and welcome to the first edition of Summer Two Bits. Only four issues of the Technique are re-leased every summer, and I know it’s going to be hard to cope with the reality of the Two Bits man’s contact with his followers being reduced in frequency and in length. Therefore, in the interest of curtailing the devastating symptoms of withdrawal, I am determined to write a Two Bits column so riveting and remarkable that it will tide over my permanent entertainment section are dedicat-ed to doing everything possible to produce ice cream some day. I began to think about the Vi-agra car win the Coca-Cola racing family 600 by exhibit-ing tremendous endurance in the face of the longest race of the sea-son. I began to think about the Viagra car. The name is so famous already, why would Viagra have to endorse a racecar to gain extra pub-li-city? And then it hit me like a stiff board. Viagra, being advertised through the same medium by which cigarettes and beer are advertised, furthers its cause quite nicely. Via-gra is simply carving out an image for itself saying, “Hey sports fans! The reason that you’re having trou-ble with your sexual functioning is not because you’re getting too old, or because you’re repressed homo-sexuals, but because you’re lacking a product as necessary and as cool as cigarettes or beer.”

The Two Bits man understands that these are hard times. But just remember, it won’t be long until the Two Bits Man’s adorable rant and raves, sarcastic charms, and daz-zling wit, once again reclaim their regular weekly delivery. Soundful, this is the Two Bits man saying, aside from buying you ice cream, I’ve done my part and your bore-dom is no longer my problem.
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