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Patter of Tiny Minds

I KEEP TRYING to make something of the fact that: Mill Valley's Steve Watts believes the Trans-america pyramid isn't a building at all "but actually the tip of a giant spike driven through the earth from China." Steve, being only 13 years old, may have an overactive imagination. However, we're checking . . . Caenfucius say: I'll believe there's a gas shortage when Govt. officials give up their limou-
 . . . believe there's an energy shortage when
 . . . turn off those lights that
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A NOTE from Harriet Maclean of San Rafael, now abroad: "There's no escape. We just arrived in Lowes, Sussex, the essence of provincial England — tiny streets winding uphill to castle ruins, half-timbered coaching inns, prams outside the fishmonger's, quiet evening strolls in perfect safety. And in the middle of it all, a street named Watergate, narrow, twisted, its end not in sight" . . . Speaking of all that, Atty. George Gallant of Washington assures S.F.'s Laurence Dawson that "what we are seeing is only the tip of the Ellsberg" . . . And whereas we suspected Baskin-Robbins would come up with this timely ice cream flavor, it is Dave Johnson at Swensen's on Durant in Berkeley who has actually produced Impeach-Mint, a "not unsavory" combination of peach and mint. No ketchup.