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I never see her face,
Only listen to her mezzo-soprano voice
Through static and snow on the line.
She calls from the 610 area code
Requesting another vibrator.
I have to be short,
Give just enough details
About *The Blue Dolphin's*
Dual speed rotating feature,
Vibrating fins and nose.
I imagine she's jotting
Down notes about this silicon
Coded ocean creature.
I imagine their front yard,
Her husband weed-whacking the edges
Of their green lawn, then sweeping
Up the tiny, wet blades with
His special imported hand broom.
She stops scribbling on the yellow
Lined paper, sighs
Miss, is there a one-year warranty on this Dolphin?
How much does such a thing cost?
There isn't a warranty,

But this John Deere of vibrators
Comes
With a special hand cord,
Three AA batteries,
All for \$49 plus \$7
Shipping and handling.
She gives me her husband's
Visa number and expiration date.
I hear him fumble at the door,
Ask his wife who's on the phone.
Does he crank on hot water,
Wash his hands with disinfectant soap?
How do I know she will call me again? ☹