

“Candy Givens and Candy Taketh Away”

Nobody was sure what the hell happened to Bobby Givens that moonless and frigid night in December. All they knew was his body had been found in the Meramec, down current from Short Bend.

Candy was still in her pink pajamas, cigarette in hand, when the cops showed up with the bad news.

All she could say was “It ain’t possible” and “I ain’t been nowhere, if that’s what yur thinkin’.”

Well, yeah, just about everybody was thinking what Candy thought they was thinkin’, ‘cause just about everybody in ‘na Ozarks had heard them stories about her first three husbands.