

When the weather got hot in Philadelphia the subway stations stank worse than usual and the police ~~were~~^{became} even more aggressive.

~~That summer~~ I had to take my search for music teachers provided by the TAO to new digs. Preferably some place with air conditioning.

As luck would have it, a music store close to home had a guy working the counter who was desperate for a banjo teacher. We quickly formed an unlikely friendship.

① Lefty was a middle-aged musician's a