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"Hey, that doggie's all dressed up!"

NBC Debuts "I Don't Love Lucy"

Overwhelmed by the popularity of "I Love Lucy" reruns, NBC television has recommended that the show's name be changed.

In a conference held today, NBC officials asked all TV stations worldwide to rename the classic show "I Don't Love Lucy" or "I Don't Even Know Lucy."

Notes From The DreamDesk

The world just gets dreamier and our dreams just get worldlier. This issue brings you exciting new revelations from the semi-conscious trance state whose borders are marked on no map, whose loose government maintains no army and no postal system, that state whose visas read: Dreamland. Our reporters have plumbed the depths of drowse to bring you stories that will make you feel the sandman's grit in your very own eyes. Adultery, cannibalism, mass transit, and celebrity aerobics. Haunted hospitals, pornography, amputation, bomb scares and bouncing babies; our reporters are on assignment 'round the world and 'round the clock.

Why do they do it? The pay is nonexistent. You could measure it in negative rubles. Yeah, now we've been written up in Harper's and Rolling Stone, and even the AP and NPR have paid us tribute, but do we get a limo? Hell, do we get a cup of coffee? Nope. We're so hip we're late with our rent. Still, the dreams pour in. Reports arrive from all corners of the globe. Our reporters now range in age from 2 to 70. We kid you not. This just proves that you can't keep the unreal truth down.

We've added a new feature. The Reality Page is our bow to those real-life occurrences that actually scooped the

DreamWorldNews. The press reported these dreamlike events before we even dreamed them. See page 9.

Yes, DWN has come a long way since our humble beginnings in a ramshackle crofter's hut high atop the snowy peaks of the Carpathian mountains. We used to write in ram's blood and our own spit. Now we use a laser printer. But we still recite our great-great-great-grandfather's



sacred incantation ere we hit that sacred 'select print quality' button. You may not know the lilting tongue of the ancient Carpathian tribes, so we'll skip the details. But great-great-great-grandpa believed that dreams are the only truth. Grandpa, we're with you. Let's drink a dram of ram's blood to the stuff that dreams are made on.

Toddler Restores Mother's Eyesight

A two-year-old's bravery saved the life of his disabled mother, and now the boy has stepped forward to tell his tale.

"There once was a Mama," the boy told reporters, "who had no eyes. She had also no eyebrows and she even had no eyelashes too."

The child shuddered as he relived the day when "that Mama could not see and

so she fell down. She fell down and she got hurt. She wanted to cry but she had no eyes!"

The plucky youngster plainly showed his relief when he related his own brave deed. "That time I went to the store. I went to the eye store to get her some eyes. Then she felt much better and that Mama took a nap. Goodnight!"

Bad First Day for Giants' Newest Player

A San Francisco woman with no professional sports background found that Major League baseball isn't as easy as it looks.

When the woman became a member of the San Francisco Giants starting lineup, she was surprised to find that gobs of sour cream have replaced the outdated "ball." The sour cream is thrown with slingshots toward home plate. What's more, when the woman finally made contact with the ball, she was shocked at the number of glowing calibrated dials to be set by the runner while running the

bases. While searching the flaming trash cans scattered around the field, however, the woman did find a used activity board for her baby.



When the team psychologist tried to blackmail the woman with certain embarrassing objects from her college days, the would-be jock ran for the dugout. And the last straw came when the rookie entered the locker room. She found her teammates sitting naked in a bubbling kettle of tomato sauce, allegedly undergoing physical therapy.

The woman retreated to the bleachers, insisting that she must feed her baby. But the pro sports food vouchers provided for players were good only for crab, pretzels and whiskey, none of which are foods suitable for infants.

Poultry Or Typist? Dinner Is Served!

By Netzer Fujay

The invention hailed as the most important development in vocational training since shorthand — a chicken breast typ-

ing instructor machine — languished on a shelf for years before being rediscovered. And when the inventor's parents found it, they almost ate it for dinner!

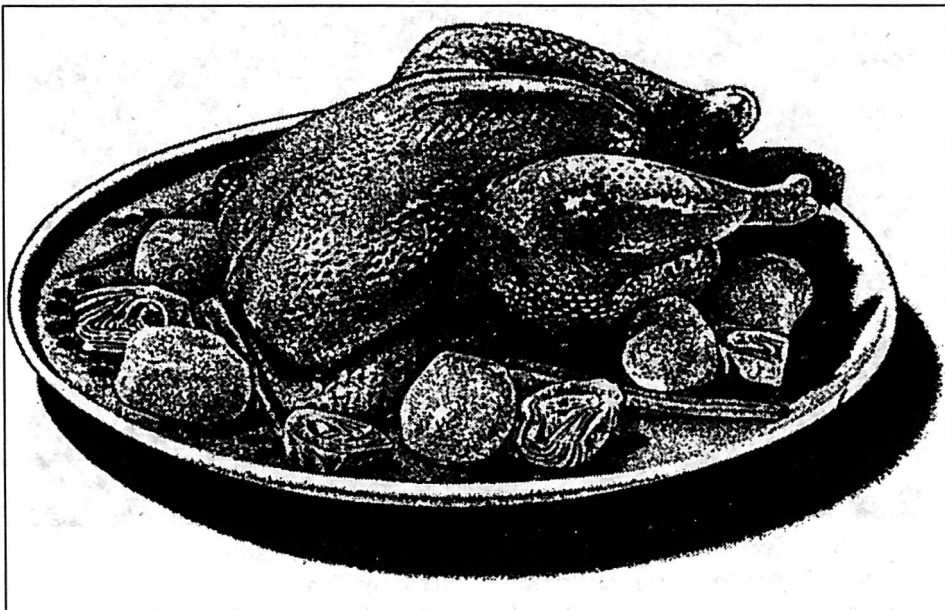
Fifteen years ago, when he was a teenager living at home, the inventor inserted two electrodes into a chicken breast immersed in "heavy" water. When the assembly was plugged into a wall socket, the chicken breast taught the inventor to type on his mother's old manual Royal typewriter.

The teenage inventor's father wrote "typing machine" on the chicken breast using an indelible Sharpie marker, then placed it on a shelf on the dumbwaiter where it lay forgotten until its recent rediscovery.

Last week, during a visit to his parents' home, the inventor sat down to dinner with the family and recognized the yellowed, rubbery, still-labeled chicken breast as it lay on a serving platter. He removed it to safety moments before dining commenced.

"My father had taken it from the dumbwaiter where it was gathering dust and absent-mindedly mixed it in with the rest of the chicken for dinner," the inventor later told reporters.

The rest of the meal, say sources, was considerably fresher.



WARNING: Amateurs should make no attempt to duplicate the experimental procedures described in this article. Professionals should always use caution and wear protective clothing when working with high voltages and radioactive isotopes.

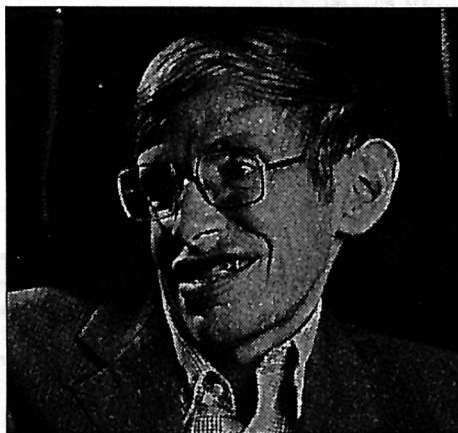
Good Samaritan Cornered At Invisible Garage

By B. Bobo Foonsbo

A good samaritan helped movie star Ingrid Bergman escape pursuers, only to find himself cornered by a motorcycle gang led by popular physicist and Lou Gehrig's Disease sufferer Stephen Hawking.

Bergman's recent remake of the classic film *Casablanca* with a wheelchair-accessible motorcycle won the hearts of millions. And in an incident which paralleled the movie's final airport scene, her airplane took off in a gigantic, foggy gymnasium and rose into the sky without ever running into the ceiling.

Once Bergman was safe in the air, however, Hawking became furious at the man who had helped her escape. He



warmed up his wheelchair-accessible motorcycle, summoned his entourage, and gave chase.

The pursued man hid behind a

transparent garage and started talking with a neighbor who was also hiding there. Hawking revved his bike and drove up the hill, through the yard, and directly toward the see-through structure. The physicist and his convoy eased around the transparent garage knowing that the fugitives were hiding on the other side. To add to the suspense, Hawking pretended not to see anyone.

When the physicist arrived at the driveway of the transparent garage, the fugitives were trapped between the fence and garage.

As Hawking's assistant dismounted him from the wheelchair-accessible motorcycle, the phone rang, sparing the fugitives at the last minute.

TV Sexpot's Baby Rescued

A man and woman were walking over a bridge when they spied a baby floating happily in the water below. The man jumped in and rescued the child, while the woman and his other self watched and cheered from the railing.

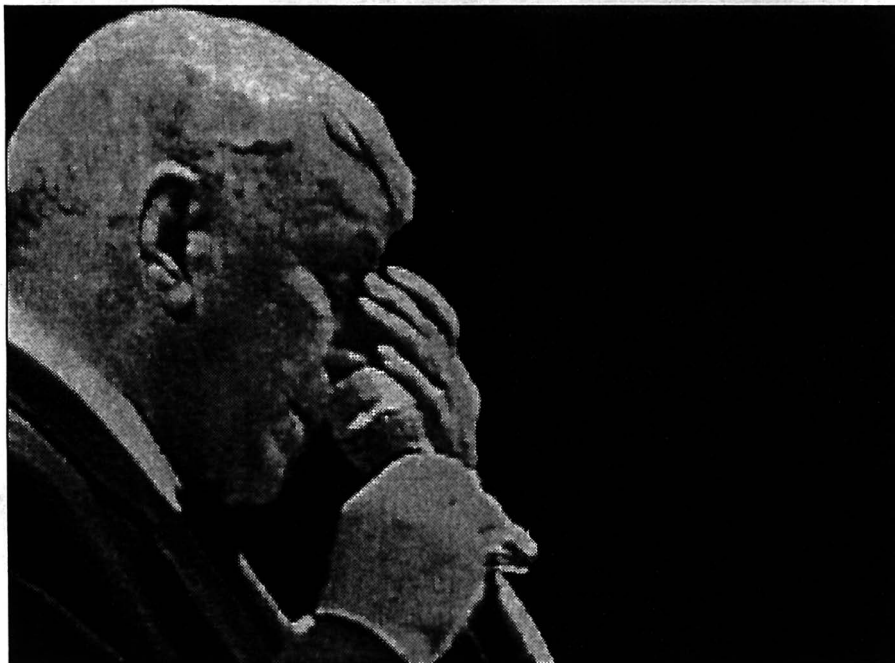
The rescuers brought the infant back to their home, which had conveniently moved to the end of the bridge. The couple had barely begun to ask the little girl where she came from when into the house burst Major Margaret "Hot Lips" Houlihan of television's *M*A*S*H*, who wordlessly took the child and left.

The couple told reporters that they had no doubt Houlihan was the child's mother. "There was a strong family resemblance," said the man.

Safety Tip

When installing your toddler's car seat, please remember to check the section of the manufacturer's notes entitled "Assaulting The Worm Basin". You'll also need your decoding book.

He's Just An Old Gas Guzzler



Ol' Blue Eyes is back in town! Frank Sinatra was spotted yesterday chug-a-lugging gasoline straight from a measuring cup at an Esso station.

Esso, a long-defunct predecessor of

mega-polluter Exxon, has been resurrected by Sinatra.

"It's the only brand of gasoline I could ever drink," confessed the lounge singer. "Sammy Davis Junior liked it too, God bless him."

'Angry Man' Is Still Blocking Mideast Peace

By Toonces Screely

A scowling, blond-haired, middle-aged man who lives in a high-rise office/hotel building in the Middle East has become the last impediment to peace in the region.

The Angry Man has refused to leave the building's 16th floor, despite the efforts of several governments to dislodge him. Though commerce continues more or less as usual in the building, the 16th floor has been reduced to a burned-out wasteland of bare concrete walls, ruptured pipes and severed cables. On numerous occasions enormous bombs were brought in, but The Angry Man merely hugged them as they exploded. As his anger increased, the bombs' destructive force was minimized.

Foreign policy analysts are convinced that The Angry Man has some symbolic



meaning, though there is disagreement about the specifics. One expert has

proclaimed The Angry Man to be the living embodiment of the State of Israel, absorbing and feeding on the hostility of all who surround him. Another expert believes he is actually the tenacious Saddam Hussein of Iraq. And one source is convinced that The Angry Man is really the Incredible Hulk, whose guiding principle is "the madder Hulk gets, the stronger Hulk gets."

Because the rest of the building is still in use by civilians and businessmen, many of whom wear gray suits and hats, authorities have been reluctant to take further military action. An additional complication is The Angry Man's infant son,

already the winner of several Israeli bowling trophies, who frequents the cigar store in the building's lobby.

Secretary Resolves Career Conflict — Surgically

A career woman whose breast took a job of its own made medical history by having the breast amputated when the two careers collided.

The woman is the executive secretary of the upper-crust Chapin School for Girls in New York City. When her right breast took a job as sex education counselor with a condom distribution company, the clash was inevitable.

After school officials warned the woman that her breast's career was undermining the confidence of conservative alumnae and parents, she decided to undergo surgery.

"My breast and I both value our work," said the woman. "Neither of us could give up our careers. So I cut her off. Now she's a happy breast and I'm a happy executive secretary."

Couple Fined For Playing Radio

A couple were fined \$50 for playing their car radio outside a day care center during naptime.

The pair were the first in town to be cited under the new "Don't Wake Up The Baby" statute, which had gone into effect only hours before. An additional \$25 fine was assessed because their car trunk

opened farther than the 32 inch legal limit.

The man told his wife he was more upset about the lesser fine "because we paid extra for that feature." But he did not remain angry for long, because their two-year-old son was asleep in the car.

"He's asleep," said the man. "Nothing else matters."

Woman's Boss Fires Her Husband's Wardrobe

A South Deerfield woman woke up Tuesday morning and found her boss going through her husband's closet.

"Thank God this hideous thing is finally starting to wear out," the boss said as he tore the pocket flaps off a green print sportjacket she had never seen before. He continued to ransack the closet, tearing sleeves off jackets and ripping belt loops off pants.

"My boss stood there with his hands on his hips and said, 'He's got that one good suit that fits him beautifully. Can't you make him understand that's all he needs?'" the woman told reporters.

"I had just that day determined to stop nagging my husband," the woman said. "I'll never know how my boss got into the bedroom, though."

Serial Killer's Darkroom Miracle

A photographer travelled to a small town for a project and discovered some interesting – and scary – characters among the townsfolk.

The photographer was drawn to the town because of its reputation as a place where all the men drive old pickup trucks and have long, bushy beards, a



style made popular by The Band in 1968 on the cover of their first album.

But when the photographer struck up an acquaintance with one of the bearded citizens, he discovered that he had befriended serial killer John Wayne Gacy.

"Gacy followed me everywhere," the photographer said. "He was friendly enough, though pretty quiet."

The photographer told reporters that he didn't feel threatened by Gacy. "But I was annoyed when he kept turning on the lights in the darkroom," he added.

By turning on the lights at exactly the right moment, Gacy was apparently able to make himself appear in the photographs which were being developed, even though the photographer had never taken a picture of him.

Preschooler Bags New Bedmate

A two year old girl chased a monkey up a tree with a shovel. She caught the monkey in the shovel and brought him downstairs to live. The girl and the monkey now sleep in the same bed together.

New Airfares Slash Travelers' Costs – And Bodies

By Daley Ham

Budget-minded travelers are flocking to purchase the cheap new "body parts" air tickets – but the low fares have a hidden cost.

Passengers can travel at rock-bottom prices by purchasing different tickets for various parts of their bodies. Airport surgeons cut the travelers into the

required number of pieces and send the parts on their ticketed flights. The travelers are re-assembled upon reaching their destination.

Unfortunately, say travel agents, the re-assembly process leaves the travelers permanently disfigured with large, raised scars which resemble railroad trestles or elevated freeways.

Shriver Lauds Unknown Hero

Sargent Shriver's biographers say the 1972 Democratic vice-presidential candidate has written an epic poem celebrating the heroic life of Bob Zogor.

The poem, which contains the lines "As Bob Zogor lay dying in the street / His blood ran down the gutter to the

Washington Monument," has raised plenty of questions – mainly, who was Bob Zogor?

"I think he was a war resister who refused service," said a woman who is close to Shriver. "Or else he fought really nobly in the war. I forget which."



Wife, Dictionary Dunked

A man told authorities that his wife jumped off a bridge holding her father's dictionary, despite the shouted warnings of passers-by.

"I told her to drop it before she jumped," said the man's boss, "but she didn't hear me."

The woman escaped injury, but authorities say the dictionary sustained "severe" water damage.

US Representative Rents Rooms

A local graphic designer has rented a room from US Representative John Olver (D-Amherst) for \$200 a month.

Recently, Olver extemporized on his political views as his tenant explored the freezer. Empirical evidence shows that Olver does not care for ice cream.

Health Care Reform? "Make It So!"

President Clinton to Command Enterprise

By Bean de la Tree

Fans of Star Trek: The Next Generation are in for a treat when the show's new season begins: the captain of the starship Enterprise will be President Bill Clinton.

According to a man who works on the show, the transition from current captain Jean-Luc Picard to President Clinton has been underway since before the 1992 election. In a recent phone conversation with a former girlfriend who called unexpectedly, the man said that producers wanted Clinton to assume command of the Enterprise as soon as he was elected president.

To ease the transition, hair-replacement technicians spent six months gradually augmenting Picard's bald dome. By season's end, Picard sported a full mop of hair to rival Clinton's.

Whether the hair replacement procedures were performed on Picard himself, or on actor Patrick Stewart, is still unclear.



A senior Starfleet official speculated that Stewart will play Clinton in upcoming episodes, leaving the President free to attend to his other duties. Others have

predicted that Clinton will play Picard, relieving Stewart. Or Clinton may play himself, eliminating Stewart and Picard together.

Starship Crew Miffed Over New Mail Protocol

By Sy Sperling

Crew members of the starship Enterprise are dissatisfied with new mailroom procedures that they claim are only the latest in a series of annoying protocol changes.

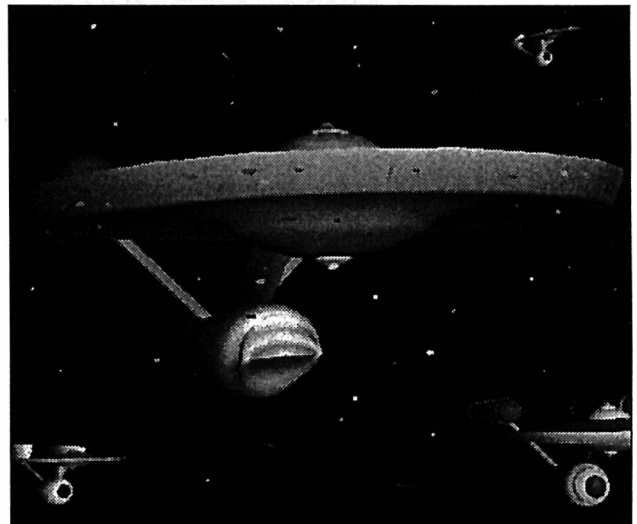
"When a new person gets a mailbox here," said a novice midshipwoman, "you'd think they'd just put some masking tape over the old name and you could write yours on it with a magic marker. But oh, no, that's not good enough for some people."

Instead, the old mailboxes, similar to those used on rural delivery routes throughout the U.S. on

20th-century Earth, are ripped out. Rusting old mailboxes are stored under the steam tables of Yale University's Berkeley Dining Hall. At press time DWN was unable to establish whether the mailboxes were brought to Earth by shuttlecraft or beamed by transporter.

The new mailroom regulation is one of many routine modifications made by Commander Will Riker, second in command of the Federation's flagship.

Said the novice crewwoman, "It's just the kind of thing Riker would do. He's such a pain in the ass."



Boy Ages 6 Years In Car

By Tootles Mormsby

A woman who was moving across the country tied her 1-year-old baby onto the roof of her car, and by the time the woman reached her destination the child was seven years old!

"There were too many suitcases in the back seat," said the woman. "By the time I put all four of my typewriters back there, and the high chair and the crib, I didn't have any room."

So the mother, whose name has not been released, strapped her baby into his carseat, tied the seat onto the roof, and glued some plastic containers of broccoli

and pasta within the infant's reach.

When the mother reached her destination, the child knocked on the roof of the car. "Mother," he said clearly, "can I please come down now?"

The infant had previously been known to utter only the words 'wash-cloth' and 'magnet'.

An expert at the University of Utah believes he has the explanation for the child's rapid aging. "Every time she stepped on the accelerator, that mother accelerated her child's age. It's a well known fact that age acceleration takes place during highway driving."

Coke Adds Life -- To Cannibalism?



Arriving late at a cookout, a hungry guest was disappointed to find dinner apparently over, with the remaining partygoers seated at picnic tables snorting cocaine off paper plates.

When he was offered some of the popular drug, the latecomer protested that he was starving, and was assured that hot food was still available. Locating the grill, he was surprised to

see several human feet simmering over the fire.

The host, wearing a Bar-B-Q apron, showed him how to eat one. "You know it's done when it splits open end-to-end," the grillman said. "Then you bite the toes off one by one - I call it 'digital popcorn.'"

The guest consumed the toes as suggested, then sliced and ate the rest. "It tasted like chicken," he told reporters.

Thrifty Tip

Feeling the pinch of tight economic times? Do what my sister did - put a taxi meter in your car so you can see how much money you're saving by not taking a cab!

Mystery Fish Baffle Brooklyn Man

A Brooklyn senior citizen looked out his kitchen window on a recent morning and discovered two "very neatly filleted" fish in the backyard.

One fish was woven through the slots of the backyard drain opening, and the other lay nearby at the drain's edge. "They were sizable fish," the semi-retired copywriter told reporters. "I decided it was herring."

Exactly who placed the fish in the yard remains a mystery. The only suspect, a mentally ill next-door neighbor with a history of vandalism, had already been institutionalized and was not home at the time of the incident.

Dogs, Software Confuse First Lady

A man who has been tutoring Hilary Clinton in the use of Adobe Photoshop says the popular computer graphic software has the First Lady confused.

The tutor, who conducts lessons in his parents' dining room, says that Clinton "asks a lot of irrelevant questions" and is easily distracted. The lessons are frequently interrupted by Clinton's underlings



who burst into the room with urgent health-care questions, or congregate and talk loudly in the adjacent kitchen.

During a recent lesson, Clinton repeatedly asked her tutor if he had ever seen a German shepherd dressed up in a devil costume with a little pitchfork.

"She was under the impression that Nipper, the dog on the RCA label, is a German shepherd," the tutor told reporters. "Everyone knows that Nipper is a terrier."

We wish we'd dreamed these articles, but reality beat us to the scoop. Welcome to the

REALITY PAGE!

Coroner's Van Runs Over Body Of Crash Victim

By Stephen Schwartz
Chronicle Staff Writer

A San Francisco coroner's office employee drove a city van over an apparently lifeless body yesterday at the scene of a traffic accident, prompting Mayor Frank Jordan to order an investigation.

Witness Irene Lopez-Heredia, a state employment-discrimination investigator who works across the street, said the driver "did not seem to know what he was doing."

"I thought he was crazy or high or drunk," she said. "I was shocked. The crowd was even more shocked. People were screaming and they were almost rioting, the crowd just got bigger and bigger."

"(Later) I looked out the window and saw a white male, about six feet tall in his mid-50s in a black suit and wearing glasses, who looked very official, come walking up very aggressively and I thought, 'Well, they'll get the body off the street.'"

"He got in the van, turned on the engine, backed up rather abruptly, went forward, and ran over the body with so much force the van was lifted up, like over a speed bump."

A DISTRAUGHT worker at the Ministry of Works on John F Kennedy Drive Thursday morning uprooted a jujus tree, angering many employees who annually feasted on the fruit of the low hanging tree.

A worker at the Water and Sewerage Corporation, whose building is also located on the Ministry of Works premises, said the tree was "uprooted for no reason."

He said a tractor was used to uproot the tree around 11:10 am.

"As a matter of fact we ate a few of them (jujus) and was waiting on the rest to ripen."

22:26 Artfelt objections to sexy statue
ARNHEM, Netherlands (Reuter) - Dutch church leaders are outraged by a statue of a naked man with an erect penis outside their church. "It's tasteless and perverse," said a church councillor. "I'm ashamed to describe it."

Passers-by can only glimpse the offending member because the statue is inside a telephone box with opaque glass, which is usually covered with a dark red liquid.

The statue spurts this liquid from every orifice. Only when a flashlight illuminates the work for a few seconds does the penis become visible. "And even then you can only see the erection from a particular angle."

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20 Texans Emerge Naked From a Car in Louisiana Town

Associated Press

Vinton, La.

Police were surprised when a driver wearing only a towel got out of a car, then got back in and sped off. They were dumbfounded when the car hit a tree and disgorged 20 people wearing nothing at all.

"The Lord told them to get rid of all their belongings and go to Louisiana. So they got rid of all their clothes and pocketbooks and wallets and identification and the license plate off their car and came to our gorgeous state," Vinton

Police Chief Dennis Drouillard said.

All 20 were from Floydada, Texas, in the Texas Panhandle. Drouillard said he believes that they all are related.

Driver Sammy Rodriguez and his brother, Danny, both said they are Pentecostal preachers, Drouillard said.

Doctor Not Liable In Penis Implant Suit

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

A jury has ruled that a Fort Lauderdale doctor did not botch a 1987 penile implant that left the patient's penis tilting 90 degrees to the right.

The plaintiff, Robert Martinique, who is in his early 40s, complained of "right angulation," pain and inability to have sex. He said that one doctor told him he risked having his penis explode if he tried to have sex.

Reuters

item: Bing Crosby's widow Kathryn is all set to make an acting comeback . . . in SIBERIA! She's studying Russian at home to prepare for her role in a revival of Chekhov's classic, "The Sea Gull." And after the play Kathryn will host — no kidding — a Siberian Bing Crosby Film Festival!!

Treating Addicted Elephants

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 24 (AP) — The Thai Government has opened a hospital to treat the drug-addicted elephants that were fed fistfuls of amphetamines so they could work longer hours hauling logs from the jungle. The hospital, The Bangkok Post reported today, will also treat elephants that broke their legs as a result of harsh working conditions. The Forest Industry Organization, which will run the hospital, said it decided to provide the medical care after 13 ailing elephants were turned over to it, and 19 were seized for violations of forestry laws.

Orangutan strips clothes from tourist

DEUTSCHE PRESSE AGENTUR

KOTA KINABALU, Malaysia — A French tourist was stripped of his clothes by a male orangutan which later fled into a forest sanctuary here, park officials said Thursday.

The tourist, whose name was withheld, was walking in an ape sanctuary with his wife Wednesday when the 14-year-old orangutan called Raja confronted him and stripped him naked.

An official said the stunned Frenchman did not move and the orangutan did not harm him. It fled with his clothes, underwear and all, into the forest. Other tourists later gave the man clothes.

"This unusual incident is a warning to all tourists to wear clothes which cannot be removed easily," the official said.

"I think Raja was curious," he added. "We will track it and see if the animal attempts to wear the Frenchman's clothes."

Miraculous Dog Cures Woman at Aikido Seminar

At a recent martial arts seminar in San Diego, a beautiful and mysterious Golden Retriever performed several impossible feats, including curing a teacher by orally manipulating her neck and shoulders.

The teacher was leading an introductory Aikido class which she later described as "strange, because I had never taught before and I wasn't in the dojo, but in a school classroom." She was further disoriented by the presence in the class of a fifth-degree blackbelt, who not only outranks the teacher but is "the highest-ranked woman I know."

"I apologized to her, but she smiled as if the situation were in order," the teacher said.

As the class was ending, one of the students mentioned a supposedly impossible Aikido technique. At that

moment a Golden Retriever entered the classroom, climbed up the drapery and executed the technique under discussion.

As the amazed class looked on, the dog came behind the kneeling teacher and massaged the back of her neck with its tongue. Then the dog bit her hard on the neck and shoulder without puncturing the skin. "I felt a sense of well-being and I knew I was cured", she said.

Though the teacher's boyfriend was concerned, the Sensei was confident that the dog knew what it was doing. Acquaintances of the teacher confirm that her posture has improved considerably since the incident.

The teacher and her boyfriend kept the dog, which has yet to repeat its performance.

2 Composers In Harrowing Flight

By J. R. Spoonbender

A small plane piloted by avant-garde composer John Cage made an emergency landing after narrowly avoiding a midair collision, according to the plane's only other passenger.

The passenger, a young Los Angeles composer, told aviation officials that he and Cage were "flying through a very beautiful mountainous area" when a large passenger jet passed nearby as it headed for the airport below.

"As we made our own descent I found myself involved in mental calculations of speed and distance to the runway, based on a constantly updating visual display," the young composer said.

Cage, best known for introducing chance events into musical composition, told his younger passenger that "the trick is changing your idea of what close is."

The elderly Cage's flying "seemed a bit shaky," said the passenger. "I began to wonder if he knew what he was doing."

His misgivings turned out to be justified as Cage missed not only the runway but the entire airport. Ducking their heads to avoid obstacles as the now-roofless plane descended, the two composers landed safely in a small river, where they were met by some friends in a boat and taken to dinner.

Sleep Garage Muggings To Be Discussed

Scientists have determined that when people sleep, they enter a new multi-level garage. Sleepers begin at ground level and move up or down depending on the content of their dreams. Some choose a permanent parking space while others roam continually, searching for the perfect spot.

Recently, some sleepers have been mugged in their sleep in the garage. A citizens' council will be held Tuesday to discuss the situation.

Invisible Chinese Fire Reported



A man who lives under the Great Wall of China emerged from his hole on a recent morning and found the grass burning with invisible flames.

"I knew it was burning because there were firemen in asbestos suits carrying big black fire extinguishers," the man told reporters.

Photog's Mom Denies Ice Cream Man is Old Flame

A photographer traveled to a small town and happened upon a former boyfriend of his mother's with the unlikely name of Burton Champagne, but the mother denies ever having known him.

Champagne is the shaggy, bearded town hero who gained celebrity by always being the first person at the scene of an accident. The front seat of his old, green Chevy pickup is never without a few containers of his own brand of ice cream, which he serves free to the accident victims he meets.

After the man went to Champagne's home to photograph him, the two built a fire to keep warm. The fire caused severe dry rot in the house's walls, and several beams caved in.

No injuries were reported in the house collapse.

Husband on Wrong Side in Michael Jackson Case

A woman whose husband recently got a sleep job as a public defender put her foot down when the man represented the Internal Revenue Service in a multi-trillion dollar court action against entertainer Michael Jackson.

Sleep jobs, which allow the employee to be home during the day and to work only while sleeping, are a new trend in today's economy. Initially the woman was pleased with the arrangement.

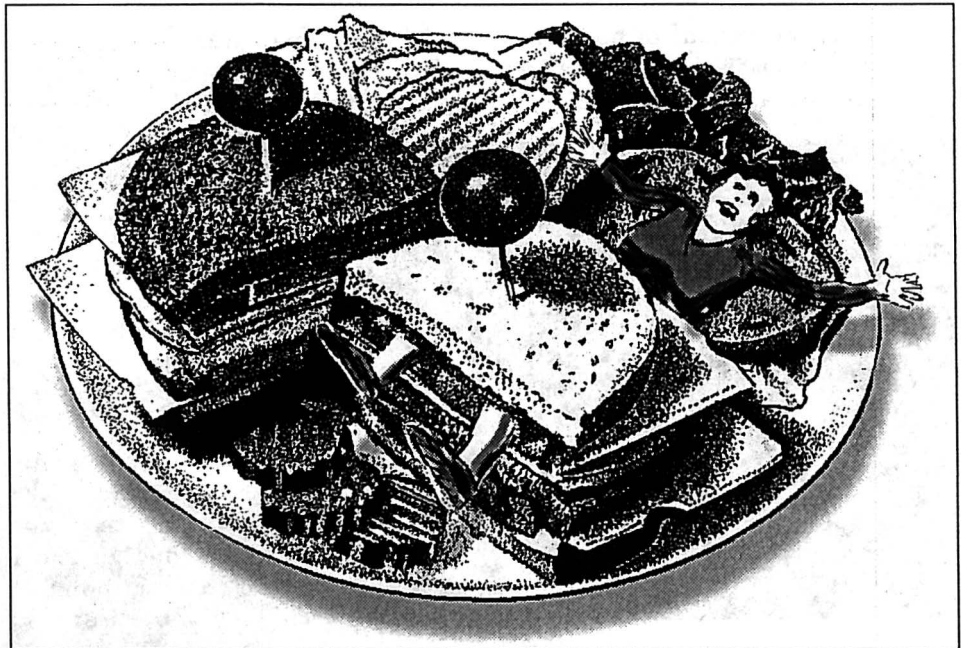
But when her husband defended the IRS, she changed her attitude – even though the amount of money Jackson owed the government would erase the Federal deficit.

"I don't care," the woman told reporters. "I don't like my husband consorting with those kinds of people."

"Michael Jackson may be crazy," she added, "but the IRS still sucks."

New Sandwich Regulations In Effect

"Ed McMahon Ate My Liver"



By Mrs. Salad

A woman who asked for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich was told she could have one only on two conditions: First, she would have to lie inside the immense sandwich while a giant took a bite.

She was promised that no internal organs would be damaged, but the giant – who was either Ed McMahon or Dwight Eisenhower – ate her liver.

"I think it really was Ed and not Dwight," said the woman. "I don't think Dwight would do a thing like that."

The second condition was that the woman must call the sandwich a "PBJ" and must never say the words "peanut butter and jelly sandwich."

"They told me that some people had toddlers, and if the toddlers heard these words anything might happen," said the woman.

Sartorial Splendor Found in Shangri-La

By Zip Lupine

The mystical nation of Shangri-La, long thought to be nonexistent, was discovered "somewhere in the hills" by this reporter and co-explorer Colonel Wilhelm Klink.

Col. Klink, of the ever-popular television series "Hogan's Heroes", was appropriately dressed in his German WWII uniform. The Shangri-Laians, forgotten in time, wear clothing now out of fashion in the US.

Also on the scene was Dave Reckner, manager of rock band The Dead Milkmen. Reckner also wore a German

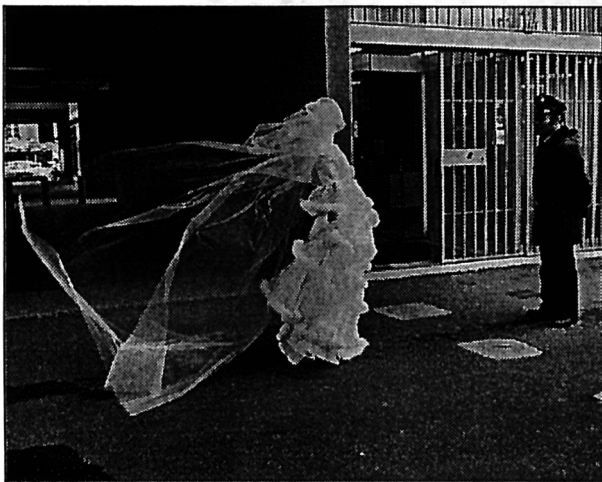
army uniform, though Dean Clean, the band's drummer, was sporting a thoroughly modern T-shirt.

Mr. Clean claimed to be "just visiting" while his wife was rehearsing a musical with Shangri and the La's. The performers were bedecked in gold lamé outfits designed especially for their production by Linda McCartney.

Unfortunately, the rehearsal was repeatedly interrupted by a small white snake on the stage. This reporter was asked to kill the snake with a hammer, despite the fact that the snake later developed legs and a cute face.

Tail-Bearing Cop Sought In Pointing Incident

Shocking allegations of police misconduct were made recently by a local two-year-old at a press conference.



"A policeman was talking to me when I was pushing my stroller to school. That man was pointing at me," the clearly frightened boy told reporters. Though the youngster declined to name the suspect, he did give reporters a precise description of the officer.

"He had a big tail on his back and he had one nose and a big forehead," the boy said.

Asked about his response to the incident, the lad was unequivocal. "I was pointing to the left and I said, 'Don't you point at me!'" the boy recalled.

Sleepy Gumshoe To Take Ocean Voyage

By B. Blorg Zorn

An exhausted detective, whose name has not been released for security reasons, has been transferred to an ocean liner in hopes that he will be able to obtain a nap.

The suspect he had been trailing was also very tired, authorities announced today. The detective's tenacity had both men on their last legs. "He was simply unwilling to go to sleep, in case I escaped," said the suspect. "I tried to tell him that if he would just take a night off I'd do the

same, but he was sure it was a trick."

By transferring the entire operation to an ocean voyage, it is hoped both men will get some sleep. Authorities reason that once the ship is out on the open sea, the detective will see that the suspect has nowhere to escape to. In anticipation of this development, a double berth has been reserved for the two men so that they can sleep in the same room.

"Once these guys drop off, they're going to sleep for a long, long time," explained a spokesman.

Suburb Has Theater, Gay Club, Greek Food

A condominium in suburban New Jersey has become the hot new theater spot for New Yorkers.

The condo, known by day as "Nick's", is owned by a Greek immigrant who serves traditional fare. Actors on huge stilts take over at night when the place also becomes a hot gay pickup scene. Said Flo Rosenfeld, who lives next door, "Our

town already has great outlet shopping and we have a pool in our complex."

A local director puts on five shows a night. The audience dances to a pulsating beat and surrounds the actors as they try to say their lines. Leftovers such as wax beans or Jell-O are taken home from Nick's in a new container made from clear blue styrofoam.

Animal Update

Swan Dead After Rat/Cat Incident

Rats metamorphosed into cats and escaped in slow motion from their cardboard box as a woman watched, sources say.

The woman had bonded with one rat/cat called 'Papa'. When she discovered that her house was slated for fumigation, she chased the animal outside so that it would escape the exterminator's deadly fumes. But the rat/cat jumped into a nearby lake and swam "like a bullet from hell" toward a swan, the woman told reporters.

The swan sensed danger, but could not move fast enough to escape as 'Papa' sank its teeth into the swan's neck. The rat/cat then dragged the swan to shore and deposited it at the woman's feet.

The woman later saw an acquaintance shuffling down a dormitory hallway in his pajamas, holding his hands in front of him as though on a steering wheel. "He was sleep-driving himself to the bathroom," the woman explained.

Dog Sheriff Makes Startling Confession

A bicyclist was recently chased by a white dog who turned out to be a sheriff/ car. The dog, whose siren sounded like an amplified human voice chanting "Bleer-Heeeewwww," approached the bicycle and signalled it to pull over.

Although the bicyclist did not want to be bothered by the dog/sheriff, he agreed to pull over because he knew the sheriff had read everything the bicyclist had ever written.

The bicyclist has never published anywhere other than on the labels of Campbell's Pork and Beans containers.

As the sheriff stepped out of his dog-car, the bicyclist noticed that the sheriff had only part of a body. "I wanna move to Texas," the sheriff then confessed to the bicyclist.

Woman Saddled With Kids In Dog Tunnel Blast

By Professor Lulu

A woman who offered to take in a foster child got more than she bargained for when she showed up at the agency and was forced to take an additional child — and listen to a mandatory lecture by a disabled rights activist.

The activist, shortly after leaving the building, was arrested and held for questioning in a terrorist bomb attack which shook the street and exposed the workings of underground dog tunnels.

The would-be foster mom was alone with her own child and the two new babies when the blast occurred. Dogs burst forth from the underground chambers where they had been enslaved by municipal authorities to maintain the water system.

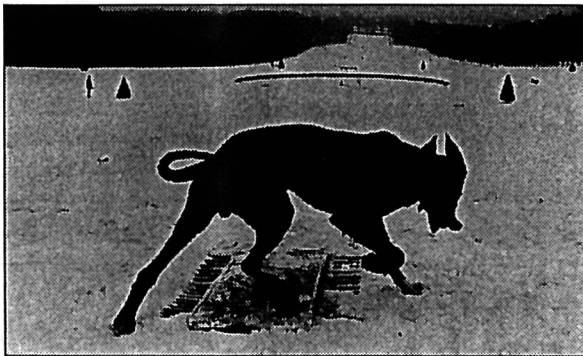
The woman had to get home, but public transportation had stopped working. Holding the three babies, she managed to flag down a passing car. A nun in a Volkswagen Bug picked her up and drove her home.

During the ride, the nun whisked off her wimple and revealed herself to be the same disabled rights activist who had set off the bomb. "If we can make more

people disabled," the nun reportedly said, "maybe they'll understand."

The two foster babies, both malnourished, sucked contentedly on their maple syrup bottles.

The woman told reporters she thought she had seen the terrorist nun fiddling with wires outside the building before the blast, but hadn't alerted the police because she wasn't sure.



"You Do Not Have To Listen To This Man."

First Couple Star In Aerobics Video

By 'Skunkfest'

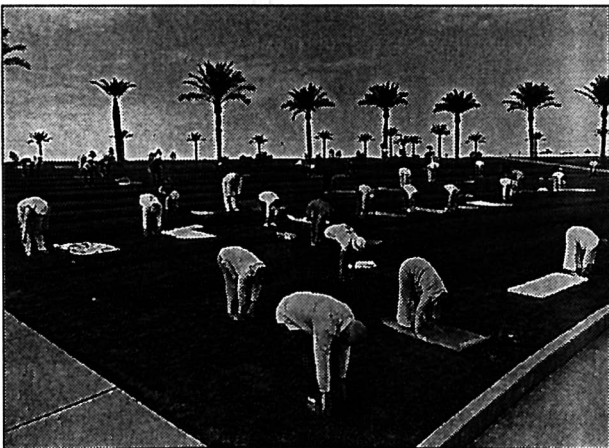
Heads of state around the world are getting to know President Bill Clinton through a new medium: before meeting

Clinton, they review his exercise video, "Mornings with Bill & Hil."

The popular aerobics workout has become very popular with UN Secretary Boutros Boutros-Ghali, as well as with Zaire's president, Mobutu Sese-Seko.

"If you turn off the soundtrack," says Sese-Seko, "you do not have to listen to this man. You can really move, and I respect that."

During the production of the tape, Hilary Clinton refused to wear the traditional leotard with cut-out buttocks, choosing instead to exercise in a cassock.



Buildings Fold, Clerks Explode

Several buildings in downtown Northampton "folded like accordions" on a recent afternoon, according to witnesses.

Northampton City Hall collapsed and expanded vertically to a polka beat, causing several town clerks to shoot out of windows and explode like popcorn. No one was injured in the incident, and no clerks were eaten.

A witness at the scene told reporters that she might have eaten the popped clerks, "but it was too early in the morning [to be hungry]."

In Michigan, the Ann Arbor City Hall was folding in a similar manner, but in an atypical horizontal direction. Some engineers have attributed this to the building's unusual V-shaped design.

Ford Goofs at Concert

Bumbling ex-president Gerald Ford is up to his old tricks, according to a report in the National Enquirer.

The supermarket tabloid reported that Ford appeared onstage at a recent Grateful Dead concert to hawk T-shirts and embarrassed himself by telling the crowd the shirts were made of "cottonillen".

"He meant to say 'cotton linen'," a huffy Ford spokesman later explained.

Rodham Sleeps In Dormitory, Stylishly

First Lady Hilary Rodham was recently seen sleeping in the head resident apartment of a high-rise dormitory, witnesses report.

The apartment, which was located at a side entrance to the building, was approximately the size of a broom closet – scarcely large enough to fit her bed – and all the inside walls were made of glass.

An onlooker who saw the First Lady passed out on her bed described her clothes as “very ‘70s.”



Baby Ghosts Haunt Hospital

Hazy green spectres have been hovering over the hospital in a small New England city.

The apparitions, confirmed but not explained by NASA, are thought to be the ghosts of babies lost by women who have recently miscarried. An alarming rate of miscarriages in the town has some pregnant women worried about their own chances of carrying a pregnancy to term.

Witnesses say the green shapes, which float over the hospital in the early morning hours, are noted for their plaintive cries of “Mama!”



Falling Objects Still Unconfirmed

A Pioneer Valley toddler has reported a variety of falling objects, sources say.

“Remember when something fell down in the museum, and two hangers fell down in the driveway?” the lad recently asked reporters.

The youngster’s parents have stated that no such events ever took place.

Dog Porn Not For Everybody

“Dog porn”, the newest craze in home video entertainment, is sweeping the music video store / cafe scene like wildfire, say trendspotters.

All you have to do is videotape your dog behaving like a famous pornographic actor or actress and mail the tape to musician Bruce Springsteen.

After seeing highlights of Springsteen’s collection at a hip cafe recently, a man told reporters that he and his brother found the videos funny, though his sister-in-law thought they were “a bit weird”.

Wheel Shoes for Women On The Go

More and more young career women, pressed for time, are giving up traditional footwear in favor of new wheels. Once they put the wheels over their feet, the women can be easily pushed or

pulled to their destinations, sometimes in informal trains.

Men are not permitted to wear the new devices.

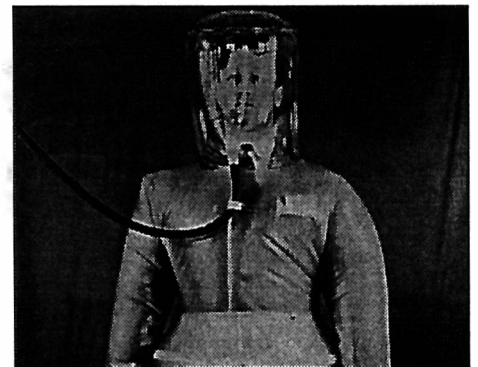
“You can only go so fast,” said one woman, “and then it becomes a mystery.”

New Freight Line Hauls Art, Coffins

A small printing plant has hit the jackpot with a big new client, say industry sources.

Since the 15-person shop gained the new client, which is believed to be connected to the military, a railroad bridge has been constructed to bring freight trains directly into the shop’s fourth-floor storeroom.

An employee of the shop has reported seeing trains hauling “carloads of camera-ready paste ups, art supplies, food, medication, tents, and empty coffins – in case anyone dies on the job.”



Reverend King Preaches High Tech

Slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. addressed a rally held yesterday in a gravel parking lot somewhere in the Northeast, organizers say.

A man who attended the event said King talked primarily about emerging computer technology. “He spoke very favorably about the new rewritable optical disk drives,” the man said.

Scientist's Pronouncement Televised

An important scientist has just announced that he has discovered a key flaw in Christianity: it leads to all kinds of fucked-up things happening here in the real world.

In a related story, the same scientist was later seen on television, claiming that "Norton is a burning bush." Whether he was referring to Norton Utilities software, or the eccentric next door neighbor of Ralph Kramden, was still unknown at press time.

New Geography Doesn't Interest Teacher

A local philosopher and geography teacher is less than enthusiastic about recent theories of geography.

The new theory is that the Americas and Europe are not separate continents, but neighboring towns linked by very large freeways. A smaller town, in the freeway interchange, has a warehouse where T-shirts are available.

"I'm not interested," said the teacher. "It doesn't affect me. I really don't care."

Strange Pamphlet Found In New York

A mysterious pamphlet, written by nuns, was found in a library near the Manhattan home of an up-and-coming playwright, authorities say.

The text of the pamphlet reads, "Mattresses are prudent somehow, not to torture Dr. Brain and to remedy any excess."

The pamphlet's exact significance remains unclear.

Details Still Sketchy On New Invention



By Nanny Goatee

A local inventor has built a new machine, but he's not quite sure what it does.

In a recent interview, the man recalled that the machine "was like an inspection seal that you put on your driver's license."

"Sssh. Be quiet. Little machines," the inventor told reporters. "I set little machines. They were supposed to

catch something — that was on the loose."

The man claimed his invention had been used in the 1930s by documentary photographers.

"Walker Evans, or any of those guys," the man said. "They would put the machines in the trunk of your car when you were using the porch. When you were visiting somebody important, like the mayor."

Vermont Unveils New Subway

They said it couldn't be done, but Vermont senator Bernie Saunders has opened the state's long-awaited subway.

Critics of the subway claimed that the project was underfunded and that Vermont's tiny, widely dispersed population could never support a mass transportation system modeled after those in major cities. But Saunders, America's only socialist senator, completed the

project under budget, on schedule, and in style.

The subway, which traverses the entire state of Vermont, boasts clean, quiet trains and attractive stations. Each of the 23 stations houses a branch of Cheese 3, Vermont's state-subsidized discount cheese franchise. Passengers can also partake of free lobster barbecues aboard the trains every Saturday.

Correction

The news yesterday was accidentally colorized. DreamWorldNews regrets this error, and has disciplined the responsible parties. The reported stories actually occurred in black and white.

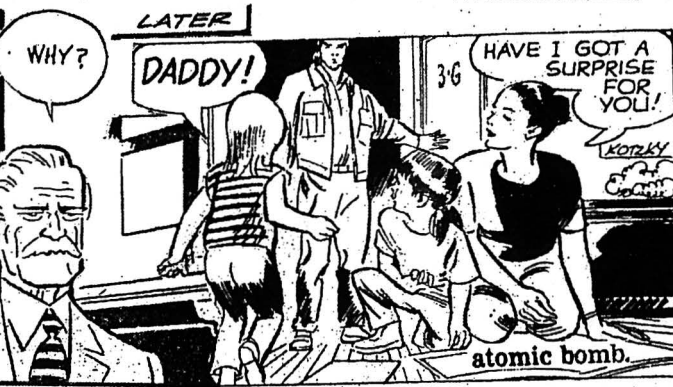
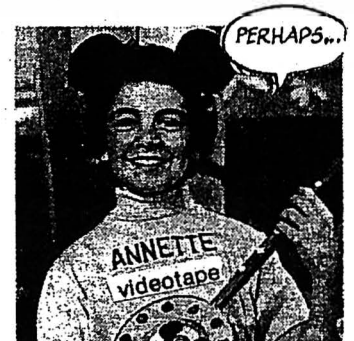
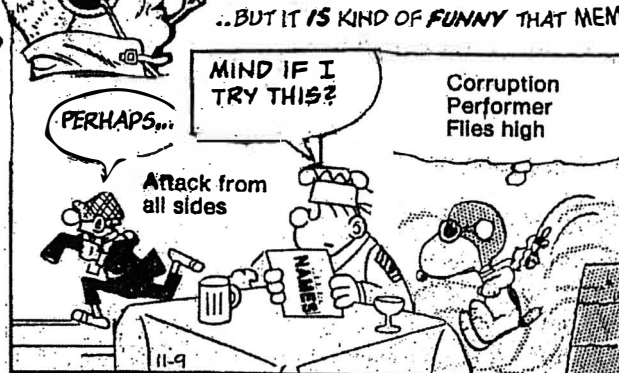
BIG ROBOT



By Ramona

WITH UNBELIEVABLE EXPLOSION, HE LEAPS through a keyhole.

..BUT IT IS KIND OF FUNNY THAT MEMORY SERVES ME, VERY "FUNNY"!



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