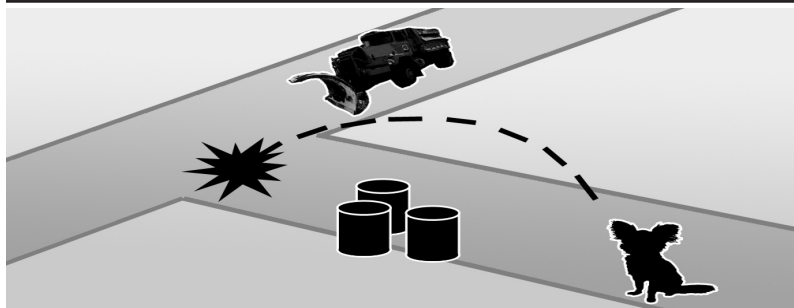


“YES, THE HERALD, WE DO STILL EXIST”



SMEDRESMAN/STAFF GRAPHIC DESIGNER

An artist's rendering of Snickerdoodle's projectory into the path of the snow plow.

Chihuahua finally punted

By Alex Maggio
STAFF REPORTER

After decades of putting up with constant yapping and copiously strewn dog turds, an area man fulfilled his lifelong dream when he snatched his neighbor's chihuahua out of her purse and maliciously punted it down the street. Sean McDaniels, 37, a veteran tow truck driver, seized 68-year-old neighbor Silvia Fawnsworth's three pound pet, Snickerdoodle, after a confrontation over Fawnsworth's plans to host a Tiny Dog Lovers Association potluck at her house on Super Bowl Sunday. McDaniels apparently sprung into action after Mrs. Fawnsworth suggested that he was "a silly man" for thinking dozens of obnoxious small animals in close proximity to his widescreen television might disrupt his enjoyment of the game.

Snickerdoodle sailed impressively

above several large garbage bins before getting pasted by a municipal snow plow in the street, leaving scattered pieces of miniature pink tutu in its wake. But McDaniels insisted he could have done better.

"It rolled off the side of my foot as I kicked it. My technique's a little rusty and I haven't really kicked any animals in years. But I think I could have nailed that thing 50 feet on a good day, easy."

"I guess you could say I poached it," he added, chuckling.

The news that Snickerdoodle could have been kicked farther will probably be little consolation to Mrs. Fawnsworth, who Owings Hospital officials say is still in shock and communicating only in muffled yelps.

Mr. McDaniels remained unsympathetic. "I think I'll take advantage of that senile bitch being gone to move my fence another two feet into her backyard," he said.

Rapper Birdman added to WWF's endangered species list

By Ivan Dremov
STAFF REPORTER

"Artists like him are few and valuable to the biosphere that is earth," proclaimed World Wildlife Foundation Chairman Forrest Ware Wednesday as he announced the latest inductee into the Endangered Species Hall of Danger. He was talking about none other than New Orleans native Bryan "Number One Stunna" "Baby" Williams, better known to Middle America as Birdman.

First Birdman sightings by the WWF occurred months ago when network television began running ads promoting the Birdman Lugz shoes, which feature faux fur on many of their models. "After those ads the WWF realized that this Birdman is a blessing from God, funneling American shoe consumerism into a valiant cause of worldwide bird protection," commented Regis Philbin, the emcee of Birdman's induction. "When they investigated Birdman's identity through internet searches, they realized that he was not only a shoe wizard, but a hip-hop performer and entrepreneur eligible for a spot in the Endangered Species Hall of Danger."

Indeed, the WWF Constitution was amended in 1992 to reserve

such a spot for a rap artist. However, the Worldwide Wrestling Federation's constitution was erroneously delivered to the World Wildlife Foundation offices due to the incompetence of FedEx. Former WWF chairman Moses Moreland found the provision comical enough to induct Snoop Dogg into Hall of Danger in 1994. "This man fully realizes the abuse American dogs take from unsanitary pet ownership and he entered the rap career to represent, as his song says, all his dogs," proclaimed Philbin at that induction over a decade ago.

However, Snoop Dogg did not come to WWF conventions and would not even mail his own albums as donation to WWF fundraisers, donating only bulk quantities of unsold CD's by the Eastsidaz, a failed rap group he tried to produce in the 2000. Ware noted, "We had to take Snoop out of the Hall of Danger not because he was a poor animal rights activist, but because he started appearing in movies and in commercials, becoming an invasive, parasitic specie worthy of extinction. The spot sad idle but thankfully we now have the Lugz tycoon Birdman!"

Spin magazine critic Rock Ware (unrelated) was not enthused about



SMEDRESMAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Clad in festive garb, Chairman Forrest Ware honored Birdman's achievements.

the Birdman induction, however. "Snoop has platinum albums, but Birdman has never had a top ten hit and he can't rap fast," Ware observed. "Still, I do dig his nightwig cream Lugz combat boots I got on eBay for under \$60." Though Birdman was absent at the induction, Chairman Forrest Ware was sure that "Birdman is probably too busy combating temperate deforestation, setting an example, while we fatty ourselves on these hors d'oeuvre."

Germans up to something

By Sean Gandert and Dan Nagler
STAFF REPORTERS

A team of U.N. inspectors headed by Zbeigniew Wloscowicz released a report Tuesday concerning a “definite increase in shiftiness” within the borders of Germany. “You just never can tell with those guys,” Wloscowicz stated before the General Assembly yesterday.

Wloscowicz went on to outline the facts supporting his claim: among them, a sharp spike in German defense spending over the past several months; the recent government takeover of a nuclear power plant in Niedersaschen province; the construction of a large, bullet-shaped monument in Berlin entitled “This is Not a Domsday Device;” the government-sponsored “Win a Free Rosh Hashanah Vacation!” sweepstakes; and a report published by the Gessellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (German Chemistry Society) entitled “How to Convert the Blood of the Swedish into Precious, Precious Rubies.”

German Prime Minister Gerhard Schröder loudly denounced the controversial report in a press conference this morning. “While we respect Mr. Wloscowicz and his so-called ‘findings,’ it is absolutely certain that Germany does



TOOLE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

German Prime Minister Gerhard Schröder recently sought to counter UN inspectors’ allegations by reassuring the world community that everything in Germany is a-ok.

not intend to reclaim the territories of Nordschwieg, Alsace-Lorraine, Saltzbourg, the Sudetenland, Namibia, Tanzania, New Guinea, or Burundi — especially not Burundi. Most of the preparations you have been hearing about, in fact, are simply part of our annual Oktoberfest celebration; we’re really pulling out all the stops with the parade this year.”

When a reporter commented that 2004’s Oktoberfest had, in fact, ended on October 3, Prime Minister Schröder stood absolutely still for 17 seconds. He then slowly backed away from the podium and darted around a corner into a waiting helicopter.

Though U.N. officials are “hesitant” to render premature judgment on Wloscowicz’s report, responses from the international community range from dismissive to alarmed to (in the case of Russia) inebri-

ated. Many American officials, in particular, have expressed marked concern. “Wait just a goshdurn minute — I thought we’d already finished off all the krauts and now were going after the towel heads. Don’t tell me a few of them’re still left,” said Democratic Senator Zell Miller. “Luckily we took care of them sneaky Japs in that thar Second World War, or we’d be fightin’ on three fronts.”

France, too, seemed particularly alarmed by the reports. In fact, already many French have begun burning their own buildings just to make sure that they get done right this time.

“There’s no hope for the future,” said Jacques Chirac this morning. “This is in all likelihood the greatest threat in our nation’s history. In hindsight, I probably shouldn’t have exchanged all our guns for croissants. Vive la France!”

ABP announces new, more expensive breakfast sandwich

By Ramie Speight
STAFF REPORTER

Popular restaurant chain Au Bon Pain announced today that they will introduce a new special sandwich, The ABP Premium High Cost Mega Meal. ABP CEO Richard Lehman says that he expects high-price foods to be the next big wave in the food industry.

“We’ve seen many food trends in recent years, including low-fat, low-carb, and low mouse-droppings,” Lehman said. “I expect that high-price foods will be sweeping the industry within months of our product’s debut.”

So what is it exactly that makes a high-price sandwich? Lehman explains: “These sandwiches reach a new level of luxury. Each sandwich comes on your choice of white, wheat, or cashmere. Upgrades to luxury sauces, including extra-fancy ketchup, are available at extra cost. All of the meat used in our high-price sandwiches comes from humane-practice butchers. All of the animals were raised in palatial farms where they were given daily sunrise walks and spa treatments. Only the most masochistic animals were selected for meat to ensure that they enjoyed the butchering process. For those customers who are even more sensitive to animal rights, sandwiches with live animals are available as well.”

ABP’s high-price sandwich has already been introduced in several test markets. Following ABP’s lead, popular coffee chain Starbucks has introduced “extra-expensive” as one of its many customized drink options. Cosi has introduced coin-operated rent-a-chairs.

“These sandwiches reach a new level of luxury. Each sandwich comes on your choice of white, wheat or cashmere. Upgrades to luxury sauces, including extra-fancy ketchup, are available...”

Richard Lehman
ABP Chief Executive Officer

Although the new product generally has been well-received, customers have had a few complaints. Au Bon Pain frequently runs out of key ingredients needed to make the sandwich, including meat and bread. As compensation, ABP offers a sandwich made entirely of lettuce and tomato at a .0005% discount. (Discount not available between the hours of 12 and 6 p.m., and only during eclipses, both solar and lunar.)

Weather

Today: Freeze your ass off.
Tomorrow: Buy new pants,
schedule reconstructive surgery.

Page 7

Organic food poisoning is better for you, studies show

Page 3

Girl in section way too surprised you’re straight

Page 4

Missionaries introduce Christianity, gelatin to indigenous cultures

Page 4

News

iPod spotted listening to second, smaller iPod

Page 7

Homosexual and homophobic freshmen share room, homosexuality

Page 8