

# Conductor revises trip for subway passengers

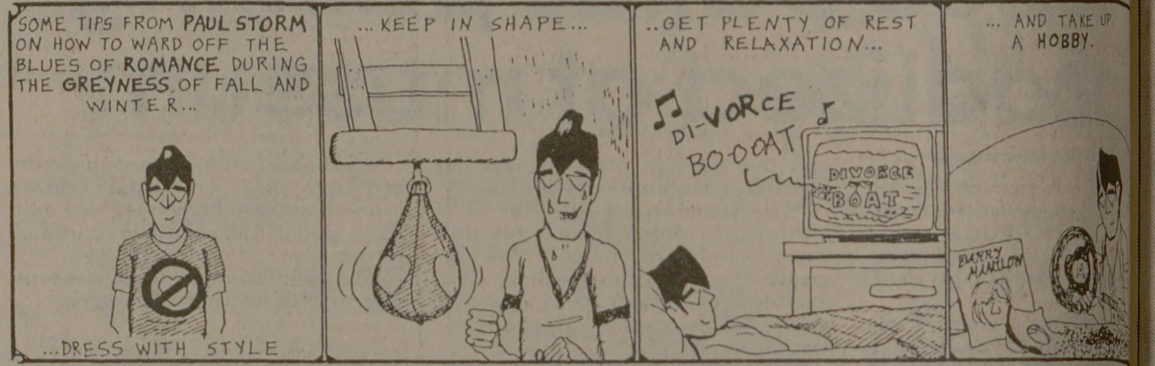
**United Press International**  
 NEW YORK — An angry conductor cursed a group of belligerent subway riders who refused to get off a disabled train, then dealt with the rebellion by taking them on a mystery ride through the bowels of New York City.  
 Transit Authority officials Wednesday said they were "looking into" the Monday incident and said the conductor would be "reinstated in customer courtesy" if an investigation found that he acted abusively.  
 The protest started with more than 80 riders who refused to get off a southbound D train taken out of service at the busy 34th Street station because door-indicator lights failed during the evening rush hour.  
 Most of the 1,000 passengers

obeyed the order to get off the train, but dozens of rebellious riders remained in the car.  
 A TA spokeswoman said passengers were heard to say, "We're tired of being turned off the trains."  
 According to a rider who stayed aboard, the conductor shut the doors and announced on the loudspeaker, if they wouldn't listen to him, he was going to take them for a ride.  
 The passengers said they had no idea where they were being taken or when the ride would end.  
 About 20 minutes later, 80 resolute passengers found themselves at the Second Avenue station, which is not on the D line. The train was greeted by transit police who pleaded with the rebellious riders to get off the train.

Most left, but eight people still refused and remained on the train for another three hours.  
 "We didn't want to arrest them because we try to avoid arresting our passengers," said Ed Silberfarb, a TA police spokesman.  
 "We try sweet reason first," he said.  
 When a TA captain and deputy inspector entered the train to apply "sweet reason," three more riders agreed to leave.  
 But five die-hards upped the ante and demanded they be given a police escort across town to a different stop.  
 About 3 1/2 hours after they first entered the train, the five emerged from the subterranean depths and were taken in a TA police car to their destinations.

## Warped

by Scott McCulloch



## SHOE

by Jeff MacNeil



# Dialysis station backflows

**United Press International**  
 ATLANTA — A dialysis pumping station malfunctioned and sent a formaldehyde solution into the bloodstream of eight patients being treated for complete kidney failure, officials said Wednesday.  
 The pumping station, hooked up to dialysis units at a private clinic that treats patients too ill for home treatment, suffered a backflow problem. None of the eight patients were seriously injured, officials said.  
 "They use the formaldehyde as a cleaning agent," said Terrell Teague, spokesman for the Georgia Department of Human Resources, the agency that regulates private clinics. "It would be fatal in large doses but

they were using a solution mixed with water."  
 Robert Krilla, administrator of the Dialysis Clinics Inc. of Atlanta, said the solution that entered the bloodstream of the patients was "probably less than 1 percent" formaldehyde and the patients were exposed to the solution for "about 1 minute."  
 Teague said registered nurses were on duty and disconnected the dialysis units when several patients began complaining of cramps. He said no physician was present but a doctor was called.  
 Krilla said, however, all of the patients recovered and all decided to

leave the clinic before the doctor arrived.  
 Krilla said eight adult patients were involved in the incident Saturday. He said patients coming to the clinic have either suffered complications and are too ill for home treatment or have no one to assist them.  
 The clinic is one of 24 operated by Dialysis Clinics Inc. in New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Florida, Krilla said. He said he believed the clinics all were equipped with similar pumping stations.  
 Teague said the clinic was closed Monday night so equipment could be installed to prevent a recurrence of the problem.

# Grain program will remain

**United Press International**  
 WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration Wednesday ruled out changes in next year's farm program based on estimates corn supplies will be below a level that could have triggered a more generous program.  
 In a short statement, Richard Lyng, deputy agriculture secretary, said, "There will be no modifications in the 1985 feed grains program."  
 "Since feed grain supplies are not expected to reach excessive levels in 1984-85, no further production adjustments will be necessary," he said.  
 The administration had been under pressure from farm groups and members of Congress to sweeten the program for corn and other feed grains that Agriculture Secretary John Block announced last month.  
 But in a world agricultural supply and demand estimates report, the Agriculture Department predicted the nation's corn supply will total 1.05 billion bushels before the 1985 harvest begins.  
 Earlier this year, Congress ap-

proved a provision that called for paying farmers cash to reduce acreage if projected corn supplies would reach 1.1 billion bushels.  
 The estimate was less than the 1.1 billion-bushel trigger level last month when Block announced that corn farmers would be required to reduce acreage by 10 percent to qualify for farm program benefits.  
 Then earlier this month, analysts raised the projection to 1.1 billion bushels, raising the possibility that Block might add a 5 percent paid diversion to the existing program.  
 The latest report reduced the projection once again because corn use over the past several months was a little greater than expected and supplies on hand as this year's harvest began were measured at 722 million bushels, down 66 million bushels from an estimate issued Oct. 12.  
 The 722 million-bushel total was the smallest in eight years. Use of corn for feeding livestock and other uses was 540 million bushels, the lowest in more than a decade, but

more than expected.  
 Although corn supplies are expected to be a bit tighter, the program made no changes in prices for this marketing year.  
 The range for 1984-85 prices is \$2.65 to \$2.95, down from an average of \$3.20 for 1983-84.  
 The report also said the wheat stocks report implies that of wheat for feed this year may have been 50 percent more than a high level in the summer of 1983.  
 Feed use for 1984-85 may be greater than for any marketing year since 1950, including 1983-84, wheat likely accounted for 35 percent of all grain feeding this year as a result of short corn supplies.  
 But with large quantities of wheat being exported and in transit, government said final figures currently indicated.

# Bush says he's every bit a Texan

**United Press International**  
 WASHINGTON — Vice President George Bush, brushing aside challenges to his stated legal residence, said Wednesday the piece of land he owns in Houston makes him every bit a Texan according to state law.  
 In an interview with CBS television affiliates in the Southwest,

conducted over a satellite linkup, Bush was asked by a reporter in Houston how Texans are expected to consider him one of their own if all he has to show is "a vacant lot and a voter registration card here in Houston."  
 "Because the Texas law says you don't have to have a house in Texas," replied Bush, who lives in Wash-

ington and has a house in Kennebunkport, Maine. "Many congressmen don't."  
 The vice president, with a declared net worth of more than \$2 million, said he has "limited resources these days." Although he and his wife, Barbara, left Texas four years ago, Bush said the parcel of land he owns in Houston enables them still to call the state their home.



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