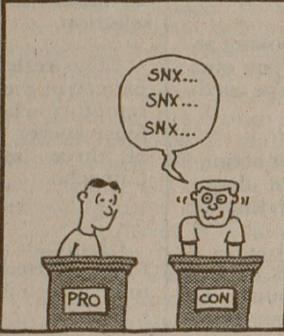
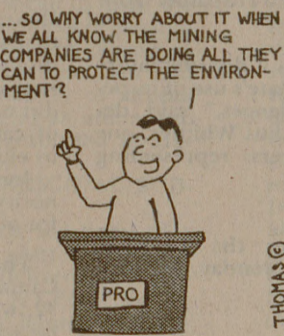


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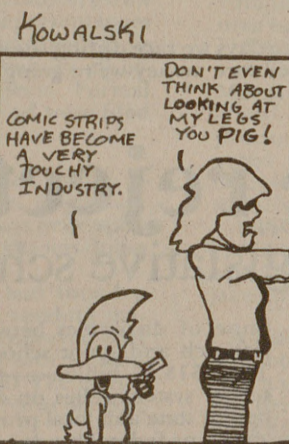
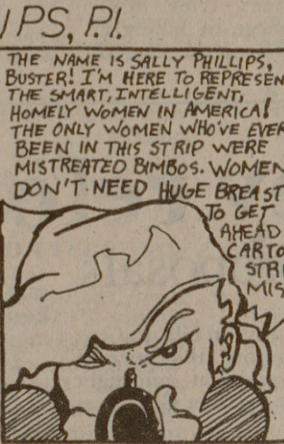


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Heart assist implant runs on batteries

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Heart Institute surgeons plan to implant a battery-powered heart assist device that will enable a patient to move freely and perhaps leave the hospital while awaiting a transplant.

Surgeons, however, must first get federal approval, said Dr. O.H. Frazier, director of the Houston-based institute's cardiovascular surgical research laboratories and heart transplant service.

The institute and Thermo Cardiosystem Inc., a bioengineering company, already have applied for a Food and Drug Administration investigational device exemption that would permit them to use the battery-powered device in patients awaiting heart transplants.

The two entities have worked together on heart pumps for several years, and their experts believe the battery-powered device is an important step forward.

Current heart assist devices are powered by large air-driven pumps, making movement cumbersome for patients.

"With this newer electrical pump, you do have a wire through the skin, but it's battery-controlled," said Frazier, who hopes the implant can be made this summer.

The heart assist pump or left ventricular assist device performs most of the pumping function of a normal heart's left ventricle. Many patients can live for months with the device.

One Texas Heart Institute patient has lived 233 days with the air-driven pump replacing most of his natural heart's function.

Namibia set free from S. Africa

Independence marks democratic triumph for last African colony

WINDHOEK, Namibia (AP) — Namibia became the world's newest nation Wednesday as Africa's last colony celebrated the end of 75 years of South African rule with traditional tribal dances and choirs singing liberation songs.

"The season for violence has passed for Namibia and the whole of southern Africa. It is above all a moment for hope; hope that the future of this vast and beautiful land will bring peace."

— F.W. de Klerk, South African President

The South African flag was lowered for the last time just after midnight local time by South African soldiers and the new blue, red and green Namibian flag raised by Namibian troops to a bugle fanfare. Thousands of blacks and whites cheered and clapped the flag ceremony, but some yelled "Down, down!" as the South Africa flag was lowered.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar hailed the new nation's independence as a triumph for democracy. "The independence of

Namibia also marks the triumph of the international rule of law," he said. "The achievement bears eloquent testimony to the norms of democracy and human rights."

Perez de Cuellar swore in former guerrilla leader Sam Nujoma as the first president of the new nation's government. "Africa's last colony is from this hour liberated," Nujoma said in his inaugural address.

Choirs sang "God Bless Africa" as the crowds cheered in Windhoek Athletic Stadium. Tribal dancers sang and jumped with joy as hundreds of foreign leaders and officials watched the celebrations.

South African President F.W. de Klerk marked the end of his nation's rule of Namibia by calling for peace in the region. "I stand here tonight as an advocate for peace," he said. "The season for violence has passed for Namibia and the whole of southern Africa."

"It is above all a moment for hope; hope that the future of this vast and beautiful land will bring peace," de Klerk said.

Soldiers of the new Namibian army in blue uniforms and green berets marched briskly through the stadium to the beat of drums as officers bearing swords barked commands. About 25,000 spectators, some of whom waited 12 hours for the ceremony, roared approval at their first sight of the new army.

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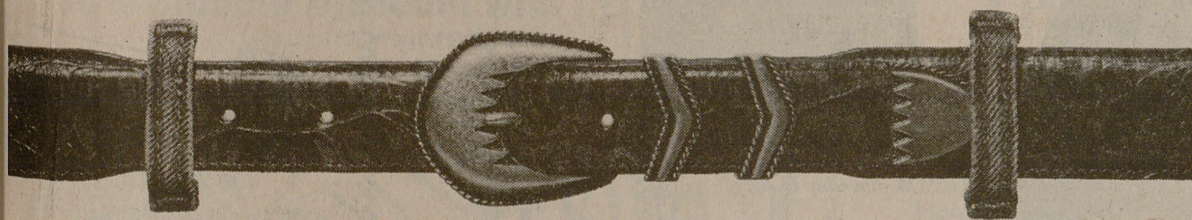
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