

WRPD
...IS ABOUT...

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...AND THE 5 OF THEM RIGGING WHAT'S LEFT OF THE SHIP TO RUN THEIR OWN TV STATION, WRPD.

...A HUGE, DERELICT, ALIEN SPACE PROBE CRASHING ON THEIR PROPERTY

...THE ALIEN DEVICE, CREATURE, CALLED CAM THAT HAD BEEN NAPPING IN IT...

YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN WITH IT NOW.

Spade Phillips, P.I.

by Matt Kowalski

GREETINGS, ALL YE NOBILITARIAN READERS. TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO ENHANCE YOUR CARTOON EXPERIENCE BY INTRODUCING YOU TO THE CHARACTERS OF THIS COMIC STRIP.

FIRST WE HAVE ROLF AND DOLF - TWO GERMAN BORN SCIENTIFIC GENIUS...

VAT YOU ZEE HAZ NUTTING TO DO VIT MRS. NEWZBOMBS MISSING CATZ?

NEXT IS BECKY COBB - A SEVEN YEAR OLD TOMBOY WHO IS ABOUT TO LEARN THE MEANING BEHIND THE PROVERB "YOU CAN'T MAKE A PARACHUTE OUT OF A PAPER TOWEL."

AND ME... I'M TOM CRUISE

NOT REALLY TOM CRUISE (ACTUALLY BORIS YELTSIN)

Tubularman

by Boomer Cardinale

ENTER ROSS WAINRIGHT, PH.D. STUDENT... AFTER HEARING A VOICE FOR HELP, ROSS RUSHES TO THE NEAREST PHONE BOOTH IN ORDER TO CHANGE INTO... TUBULARMAN!!

COOL I CAN CHANGE IN HERE.

WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT IS A PHONE BOOTH DOING IN THE MIDDLE OF G. ROLLIE?

HELP!

...AND SO BEGINS ANOTHER EXCELLENT ADVENTURE.

NUTS.

TO BE CONTINUED...

What's Up

MONDAY

AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION: Membership drive all day today through Sept. 11 in Blocker and the MSC. For more information call Lori, 846-2915.

CLASS OF '92 COUNCIL: Traditional "Howdy Dance" at 8 p.m. at the Texas Hall of Fame. Everyone is welcome. Admission is \$3.

TUESDAY

WATER SKI CLUB: General meeting at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower. Please check monitors in the lobby for room number. For more information call Brandon, 693-4553, or Toni, 846-4136.

MEDICINE TRIBE: General meeting at 5:30 p.m. Meet in front of the Academic Building behind the Sul Ross statue. For more information call Irwin, 696-3349.

COMMUNITY OF SINGLE ADULTS (COSA): Meet for dancing at 8 p.m. at the Texas Hall of Fame. All single adults welcome. For more information, call Don, 846-1370.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 013 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the date of the event. The Battalion will only publish the name and phone number of the contact if asked to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. Any questions should be directed to Holly Becka or Todd Stone at 845-3313.

Electric wires used to keep birds away

DALLAS (AP) — A North Texas entrepreneur is using non-lethal, electrified wires to persuade birds to take their droppings elsewhere.

"People chuckle and say, 'You do what?'" said Richard Selzer of Rockwall. "We relocate birds." Selzer's company, Flyaway, lines building ledges with wires that produce enough electricity to persuade birds to flock somewhere else.

His method has freed hospitals, hotels, restaurants, courthouses and churches in several states from persistent pigeons and other fowl.

"The word gets out among the pigeons that the building is off-limits," Selzer said. "The birds will come up and hover and then go away because they know if they don't land, they don't get shocked."

The fledgling firm now faces a challenge larger than the fowls it's geared to chase away. Selzer says he wants to convince the federal government that he can make the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials bird-

proof. "They roost inside in the winter and use Thomas Jefferson as a perch," said Dr. Donald Messersmith of the University of Maryland, who's helping determine how to drive out the birds.

"The droppings fall on everything." Bird infestations is a major problem at the Lincoln Memorial, which is enclosed on three sides, said Messersmith, a member of a National Park Service project to preserve the two monuments.

"The wind doesn't blow through, so it's warmer," he said. "The birds are bad enough that they have to clean Lincoln about once a week."

The preservation project's lead architect said he wants to give Flyaway a try because the 4-year-old firm has refined the shocking technology.

Unlike older systems, Selzer's uses only one wire per ledge because pigeons land on and take off from the edge in a sort of dive, he said.

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