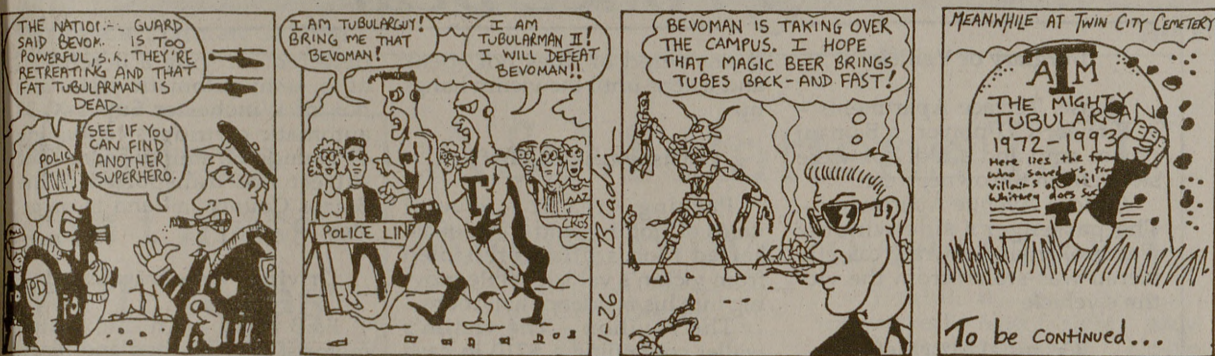


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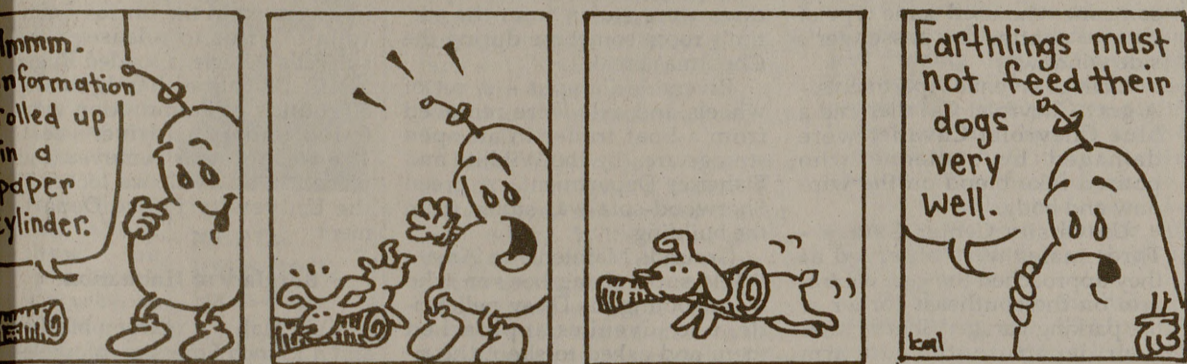
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Bobbitt takes blood test to disprove woman's claim

The Associated Press

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. — John Bobbitt took a blood test Monday in an attempt to disprove a woman's claim that he fathered her son, and said he was shocked that his wife was acquitted after slicing off his penis.

Meanwhile, Lorena Bobbitt began her first full week at a maximum-security mental hospital in Virginia following her acquittal Friday of malicious wounding by reason of insanity.

"I was shocked, and I turned to my mother and said, 'What, she got away with it?'" Bobbitt said of the verdict.

"I believe there's not one shred of truth that came out of her or her witnesses," Bobbitt said in the interview with the syndicated television show "American Journal" to be broadcast Tuesday.

Testimony from Mrs. Bobbitt's friends, neighbors and co-workers described abuse they said Bobbitt inflicted during the couple's four-year marriage. Mrs. Bobbitt's

lawyers argued the abuse drove her to mental illness.

Bobbitt, 26, denied ever striking or raping his wife. He was acquitted of marital sexual assault at a separate trial last November.

Beatrice Williams, 21, who lives on the Tuscarora Indian Reservation north of Niagara Falls, filed a paternity lawsuit against Bobbitt seeking child support for her 1-year-old son, Andrew. Bobbitt has filed for bankruptcy, according to his lawyer.

Williams and her baby also underwent blood tests at the office of her attorney, William Berard III. Neither Williams nor Bobbitt would comment after taking the blood tests.

The results of the blood test, which will compare DNA samples from Bobbitt, Williams and the baby, were expected in three to four weeks.

Mrs. Bobbitt, 24, will be evaluated by staff at the Central State Hospital in Petersburg, Va., who will help determine whether she should stay hospitalized or be released.



WEATHER

Wednesday: decreasing clouds; highs in upper 60s

Thursday: partly cloudy; highs in 60s, lows in 40s

Extended: cloudy, chance of rain; highs in 50s, lows in 30s

Michael Jackson settles molestation lawsuit

The Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Without admitting guilt, Michael Jackson settled a lawsuit that said he molested a young boy. Terms of the settlement left the boy "very happy," the youngster's attorney said Tuesday.

Various reports put the settlement at least \$10 million.

"I am very happy with the resolution of this matter," said Larry Feldman, attorney for the boy, now 14. The boy, Feldman told reporters, was also "very happy with the resolution of this matter."

The settlement probably would

end the criminal investigation, experts said.

Feldman and Jackson attorneys Johnnie Cochran and Howard Weitzman said terms of the settlement were confidential. The three attorneys met privately in the chambers of Superior Court Judge David Rothman before the announcement.

Before the hearing, a source close to the case said the settlement was "in eight figures." The source spoke on condition of anonymity.

A joint statement from Weitzman and Cochran, and read by Cochran, maintained Jackson's innocence.

"Michael Jackson has main-

tained his innocence since the beginning of this matter and now, since this matter will soon be concluded, he still maintains that innocence," the statement said.

"The resolution of this case is in no way an admission of guilt by Michael Jackson. In short, he is an innocent man who does not intend to have his career and his life destroyed by rumors and innuendo," it said.

The lawsuit filed in September alleged that Jackson, 35, committed sexual battery, seduction, willful misconduct, intentional infliction of emotional distress, fraud and negligence in a campaign to entice the boy last year.

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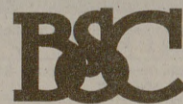
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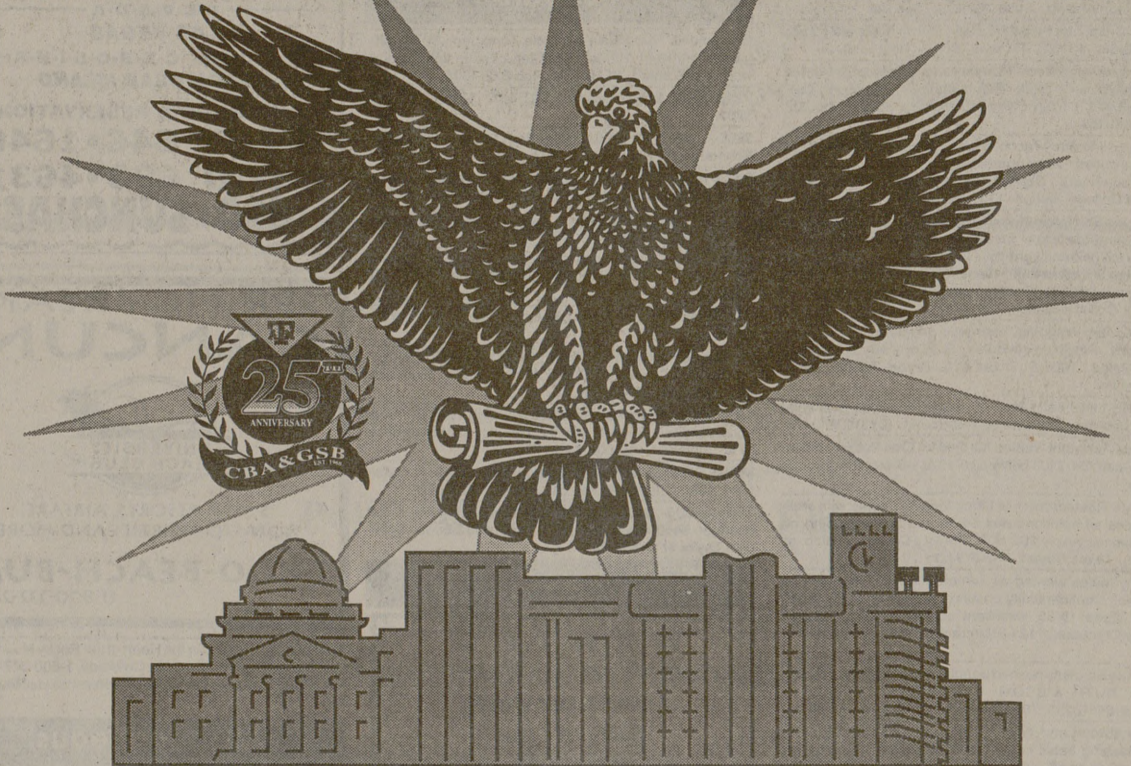
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