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by R. DeLuna



I'M SO EXCITED! I'VE NEVER DONE THE HALLOWEEN THING AS A COUPLE!  
YEAH, I KNOW!

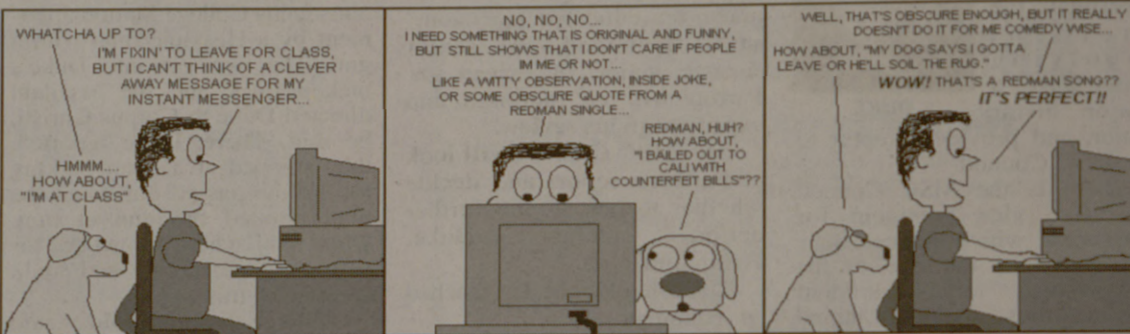
I MEAN, WE CAN BE ANY OF THE GREATS! TARZAN AND JANE! BONJIE AND CLYDE! BUFFY AND ANGEL!  
YUP!

HOW'S IT COMING OVER THERE?  
JUST ABOUT READY, GIVE ME A SEC...

OH YEAH, FLOWER'S REALLY GONNA DIG THESE COSTUMES...  
WHY COULDN'T SHE BE HERE AGAIN?

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**Beernuts** by Rob Appling



WHATCHA UP TO?  
I'M FRIN' TO LEAVE FOR CLASS, BUT I CAN'T THINK OF A CLEVER AWAY MESSAGE FOR MY INSTANT MESSENGER...

HMMM... HOW ABOUT, "I'M AT CLASS"?

NO, NO, NO... I NEED SOMETHING THAT IS ORIGINAL AND FUNNY, BUT STILL SHOWS THAT I DON'T CARE IF PEOPLE HATE ME OR NOT.  
LIKE A WITTY OBSERVATION, INSIDE JOKE, OR SOME OBSCURE QUOTE FROM A REDMAN SINGLE...

REDMAN, HUH? HOW ABOUT, "I'VE BILED OUT TO CALL WITH COUNTERFEIT BILLS"??

WELL, THAT'S OBSCURE ENOUGH, BUT IT REALLY DOESN'T DO IT FOR ME COMEDY WISE...  
HOW ABOUT, "MY DOG SAYS I GOTTA LEAVE OR HELL SOL THE RUS"?

WOW! THAT'S A REDMAN SONG?? IT'S PERFECT!!

**U.S. military building database of terror suspects' biometrics**

(AP) — The United States is compiling digital dossiers of the irises, fingerprints, faces and voices of terrorism suspects and using the information to track their movements and screen foreigners trying to enter the country.

Since January, military and intelligence operatives have collected the identifying data on prisoners in Afghanistan and at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. There are also plans to extend the collection process to Iraq in the event of a U.S. invasion.

With this project, the U.S. government has taken biometrics — the measuring of human features — well beyond its most common use to date: verifying people's identities before giving them access to computers or secure areas.

"We're trying to collect every biometric on every bad guy that we can," said Lt. Col. Kathy De Bolt, deputy director of the Army battle lab at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where the

biometric tools being used were developed.

"Any place we go into — Iraq or wherever — we're going to start building a dossier on people of interest to intelligence. Even if they get released, we have face and voice clips. When they come into one of our checkpoints, we can say, 'You're this bad guy from here.'"

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biometrics are more reliable than others. For example, the intricate patterns in the iris, the colored part of the eye, are considered better identifiers than even fingerprints.

The U.S. biometric system, known as the Biometrics Automated Toolset, or BAT, includes about 50 laptop computers equipped with scanners. The information on suspects is stored in a central database at a U.S. intelligence agency — De Bolt declined to say which one — in the Washington area.

An additional 400 laptops are being prepared for a possible Iraq invasion, said Anthony Iasso, a software engineer at Northrop Grumman Corp. who leads the project at Fort Huachuca.

So far, BAT data has been shared with both the FBI and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to help check the identities of incoming foreigners and of foreigners arrested inside the United States, officials said.

**Sniper**

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another crime at any time, anywhere."

He said Muhammad is accused "of an incomprehensible crime, one that had a profound impact on our community and has destroyed the lives of the victims and their families."

"What I'm asking you to do at this point is to wait for the process to work," Wyde said.

The affidavit details evidence found in the 1990 Chevrolet Caprice in which Muhammad and Malvo were sleeping when they were arrested at a Maryland rest stop last week.

The items include a Bushmaster .223-caliber rifle police have linked to some of the killings and a cotton glove stuck in a hole in the trunk. Authorities believe the sniper shot victims through the hole while lying in the trunk.

**Virus**

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precautions for themselves as well as their hunting dogs.

Although Gayle said a dog has a better chance of being hit by a car than becoming infected with the disease, at least four cases of dogs becoming infected with West Nile encephalitis have recently been reported in Louisiana and Illinois.

Immune systems that are not working properly can also contribute to the infection in dogs, Gayle said.

"We need to protect dogs like we would protect ourselves," Olson said.

If they are indoor dogs, keep them indoors as much as possible when mosquitoes are active. If a dog becomes unstable while walking, then becomes comatose or has a sudden decrease in appetite, take the dog to the veterinarian, Olson said.

He said there is no vaccine for dogs and he does not recommend using a repellent

approved for humans on dogs.

Gayle said owners need to also take precautions for their horses by keeping them protected with vaccinations and repellent and reduce their exposure to mosquitoes.

Gayle said he thinks the disease will continue to be a threat as long as mosquitoes still linger in the area.

"The number of cases will decrease as more horses and humans are exposed and become immune to it," he said.

**Planners**

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campus," she said. "We could add buildings and still provide plenty of green space."

Miller said the planners believe adding to main campus would be more convenient to students. She said a concern about West Campus is that it feels more like a business park than a community.

The final product, or "deliverables" will be finished next summer, Abrams said.

"There are two products we have asked them for," Miller said. "A blueprint of the campus highlighting where new buildings might go, and a set of guidelines for the decision-making process."

Dennis owns his own firm in Boston and is one of the top campus planners in the country, Abrams said.

She said Dennis has recently been involved in campus planning at the University of Southern California.

Dennis's personal Web site ([architecture.mit.edu/people/BD/CV-dennis](http://architecture.mit.edu/people/BD/CV-dennis)) lists several similar projects he has worked on, including Cornell University, the University of Miami and Carnegie Mellon University.

Barnes, Gromatzky and Kosarek is an award-winning architectural design firm based in Austin, Abrams said.

According to the Web site, Barnes, Gromatzky and Kosarek has experience with five other universities including the University of Texas at Austin and an institution similar in size to A&M. The firm received the Annual Achievement Award from the American Institute of Architects in Austin in 1999 for its master plan of the Texas School for the Deaf campus.

**Aerospace**

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The need for engineers in defense and computer industries has had the biggest effect on research and the commercial aerospace industry.

Lagoudas said the American commercial aerospace industry needs engineers to keep it from falling behind European competitors such as Airbus.

"We haven't lost our dominance yet, but if we don't do something soon we will be behind," he said.

The commercial aerospace decline, said Dr. John L. Junkins, George J. Eppright chair and distinguished professor of Aerospace Engineering at A&M, is due to Airbus and other European companies relieving billions in government subsidies while American commercial aerospace companies, such as Boeing, are unsubsidized.

**Duke**

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conduct during a University-sponsored trip to Italy. Rowan was accused of drinking too much and making unwanted sexual advances to another student on the trip.

Calling the matter a "difficult, complex personnel situation," Hammond said any disciplinary proceedings against Duke would accord with the MSC constitution and policies.

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