

Our World

Gorbachev Has Birthmark Removed

MOSCOW (Goiter) - Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev underwent a three-hour operation yesterday to remove the characteristic birthmark on his forehead above his left eye.

The operation occurred at Moscow General Hospital and was performed by Dr. Stanley Robinson, the American plastic surgeon who lightened the skin of pop-superstar Michael Jackson.

Dr. Robinson used the same laser-bleaching therapy which was so successful in changing the skin colour of Jackson.

"The only difference in this particular case is that Gorbachev keeps his hands away from his crotch," said Dr. Robinson.

Gorbachev is expected to make his first public appearance since the operation as a keynote speaker at a national fundraiser for the hair club for men.

Man Jailed For Selling 'Pope Soap'

VATICAN CITY (EP) - A panhandler was arrested outside the entrance to the Vatican for peddling cheap souvenirs of the Pope.

The Pope was offended when he heard that tourists to the Vatican could purchase souvenirs which were modified versions of popular children's toys. When being removed from the entrance, Vatican Police confiscated the illegally made toys from the man. On his table were sets of "Demolition Derby-Popemobile Set"; Barbie's Fun with Nuns Convent House; and "Pope-on-a-Rope" soap dispensers.

The Pope himself was so outraged he had the man jailed for six months for profiting from his likeness.

The vendor, 33-year-old Thomas Delvecchio, is now living at the Vatican City Correctional Institute, and says he prays nightly to be forgiven. "It's better to have hope in your soul than soap in your hole," he said.

Lorena Bobbit Offered Film Role

HOLLYWOOD (EP) - Movie producers in Hollywood refuse to comment on rumours that Lorena Bobbit has signed on to a new film being made.

The film is widely known to be the next in the popular thriller series "Nightmare on Elm Street," which introduced the horrible child-killer Freddy Kruger to millions everywhere.

When stormed by reporters, movie producers kept mum, but would not deny the rumours.

The next film is slated to be released early next year, probably after Christmas. Although Bobbit is not expected to have a major part, she will play as Freddy's romantic interest until he pisses her off, after which, he will no longer have a major part.

Old Dog Learns Alphabet

DALLAS (UPC) - A 14-year-old Border Collie has successfully barked the alphabet in front of a room full of surprised witnesses.

Nicknamed "Lassie," the old dog was trained over a three-month period by owner Nellie Perks. This feat earns Lassie an entry into the Guinness Book of World Records, which is published annually.

Perks said she taught her dog the trick after seeing the same thing taught to a young child on "Sesame Street," and Lassie got excited.

When asked for comment, Perks said, "A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z. Now I know my ABC's, next time won't you play with me."

Weather

TONIGHT: Sunset late. TOMORROW: Sunrise early

Forecasts for the Maritimes issued at 5 a.m.:

Synopsis

As far as we know, there really isn't anything we can say about the weather besides this: Who cares anyway? We don't. Why should we waste our time with this column? If it rains, this will get wet and ruin all our hard work. If it shines, the rays will bleach the ink on this paper making it very difficult to read. If it blows, you, being the stumbling idiot you are, will lose this newspaper from your hands and will have to chase it down the street, much to the delight of passing Fredericton motorists who are bored and will find you extremely entertaining. Speaking of Fredericton motorists, it really doesn't matter how bad the weather is. They'll still drive at least 10km under the posted speed limits with the same skill as they do in even the most severe of winter storms. It would probably be best for you if weather conditions were nice, like a spring day. That way, when you take your pet for a walk on the trendy green, you can clean up its shit with this shit. And guess what! You've read this far and haven't even realized that this whole column is one big fucking paragraph. Now that's something.

Outlook

Somebody somewhere is obviously missing the point. Isn't an outlook the same as a synopsis? Is the weather in Fredericton going to change so drastically that we need this much space to tell you about it? Doesn't it seem silly to you that this paper comes out too late in the day for this section to be of any use to the average person? Where are our heads? Let me tell you my outlook. In 1973 there was a big flood in the downtown from the rising waters of the mighty Saint John. The same thing happened again in 1976. The river flows one way, Queen Street runs the other way. The Westmorland Street Bridge crosses the river, and Regent Street goes up a very large hill. Somehow, all this is related in the big scheme of things. Maybe if we built our offices downtown instead of uptown we could have made some difference in future flooding. We could act as a dam for the city of Fredericton. And why not? We already hold back the news, unless it comes up from Saint John way of course. Maybe we could hire the mayor to help out. His perm could absorb a lot of water. Anyway, please still buy our paper, it smells really good when its hot off the press.

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Say 'Cheese!'

UNB infested with 30-, 40-year old mice

By TIM PORTERHOUSESTEAK
Staff Writer

UNB administrators are puzzled as to why there has been an infestation of aging, two-ton mice scampering about campus.

One theory is that the mice are escaped experiments gone haywire from a Kierstead Hall laboratory. Rumours within the Department of Biology are that the mice have been kept in a storeroom room for many many years.

The university has called in PestQuest, its exterminator and financial planning agent, to exterminate the large rodents.

One characteristic of rodents in general is that they must chew incessantly to keep their teeth at a manageable level, as they grow constantly throughout their lives.

A vigilante group of fourth-year engineering students had constructed a mousetrap, but it could not withstand the stress of the large springs. Besides that, they forgot to put in cheese. Now they must retry and build a better mousetrap.

"We engineers will try anything twice," said Liar FitzGerking.

The terminators say the mice are not life-threatening, and have a life-span of about 30-years.



HEY BUDDY, WATCH YOUR HEAD! - This mouse was seen trying to dig its way into the Student Union office. Also featured in this shot is a late-model Chevrolet half-ton owned by Reginald Steeves of George Street, and a Checker Cab. (Rob Spankhard Photo)

Bostitch Considers SU Position

TOKYO (EP) - A noted Tokyo-based journalist is interested in being the UNB Student Union's new administrator.

Former SU President John Bostitch plans to apply for the job in the next few days, *The Dairy Creamer* has learned.

"I'm definitely interested in this newly-created position because I have first-hand experience," said Bostitch in an interview from his Tokyo condominium.

"Since my untimely departure from the Student Union I have learned a few new things and gained some experience which the Student Union could benefit from," said Bostitch, who for the last three years has been covering the Tokyo Stock Exchange for a leading Japanese newspaper.

"I believe my contacts and knowledge of the stock and money markets could be helpful as the university and the Student Union embark on a major fundraising drive to expand the Student Union Building," he said. "I've learned a few things about how to manage money and how to get the most value for it. The Japanese are wonderful teachers in this regard."

In addition, Bostitch says he has learned a great deal about the media during his tenure in Japan.

"I hope to improve relations between the Student Union and the student media. Should I be appointed by the Selection Committee I believe I have the oral and written communication skills necessary to project a positive image for the Student Union," he said.

Despite differences of opinion with certain senior university officials in the past, Bostitch says that's all water under the bridge now.

"I'm fully prepared to work co-operatively and effectively with all university administrators for the benefit of the Student Union and the students," said Bostitch.

News that Bostitch is interested in the Administrator's job has been met with a little less enthusiasm by university officials. The university's Vice-President Finance and Administration Jim Sullivan says he will have to live with the appointment if that is what the Student Union's Selection Committee decides.

"It's like dealing with the student media," said Sullivan. "They're there so we have no choice but to deal with them."

At least one other university administrator is being less diplomatic than Sullivan. Student Union Building Director Kim Norisk says the Bostitch appointment would not be welcomed by him.

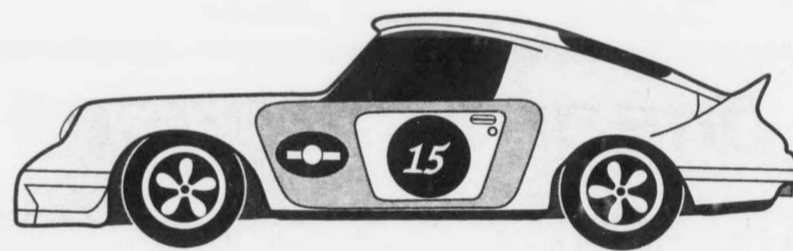
"It would just sour relations between this office and the SU. It's hard for my mind to imagine just how this could possibly take place," concluded Morris.

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