



Homicidal virtual villain loose in L.A.

by Fannie Fulmer

America Today freelance writer

Police are reporting that a virtual reality program has infiltrated the real world, resulting in the death of numerous innocent victims at the Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium. Authorities are asking all citizens to stay away from this Sadistic, Intelligent, and Dangerous situation until it is.....

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Software engineer sues, claims games were stolen

by Boris Billings

America Today freelance writer

An engineer at a software company has filed a lawsuit against a co-worker, accusing him of stealing the plaintiff's video game concepts and passing them off as his own. The plaintiff, a video arcade owner, mysteriously disappeared when attempting to hack into his company's....

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Top-secret files stolen from CIA

by Carol Carter

America Today freelance writer

The Central Intelligence Agency announced yesterday that their non-official cover (NOC) list was stolen from deep inside a vault at Langley Headquarters. The list is believed to reveal the identities of hundreds of undercover agents.....

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Harvard student faces double lawsuit

by Edgard Erdmann

America Today freelance writer

Two members of the Harvard crew team have filed a lawsuit against a classmate, accusing him of intellectual property theft. Additionally, the defendant is being sued by a close friend in regards to his wrongful termination and having his stock ownership in the company severely reduced....

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Nation's computer systems attacked

by Dave Dorfman

America Today freelance writer

Tech giant Gregg Microsystems has been discovered to be secretly working with a cyber terrorist group in a joint effort to bring down the nation's computer infrastructure. In a related story, systems analyst A. Bennett has been cleared of all murder charges when it was... ..



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Tech company reports embezzlement

by Andrea Adams

America Today freelance writer

A computer company has reported that \$305,326.13 was apparently embezzled by several members of their programming staff via funneling of fractional cents into a secret account. The crime was not caught initially due to a large fire at their headquarters which destroyed most of their records.....

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Armored car robbed in broad daylight

by Ingrid Ibsen

America Today freelance writer

An armored car full of gold bars was apparently robbed yesterday in an elaborately coordinated scheme that involved the hacking of LA's traffic light system, a carefully timed street explosion, and three Mini getaway cars. Witnesses say that the armored car literally disappeared from the street. "One minute it was there, and the next... .."

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Horse race betting scam discovered

by Greg Gates

America Today freelance writer

Two men are at large for setting up a fake off-track betting establishment and swindling a local citizen of \$500,000. According to eyewitnesses, it was all part of a long-con scenario that had played out... ..



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Multiple casino heists have authorities baffled

by Johnny Jennings

America Today freelance writer

The Las Vegas sheriff's department is reporting that three casinos were simultaneously robbed during last night's big fight. Officials remarked that this was eerily similar to a crime committed 41 years ago, but that..... ..

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Man poses as pilot, doctor

by Kirk Kupacic

America Today freelance writer

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is attempting to track down an individual who has been posing as various professionals, often forging checks under his presumed identity. Law enforcement officials know little of this individual, except that he's young, highly resourceful, and a fan of the comic book hero The Flash..... ..

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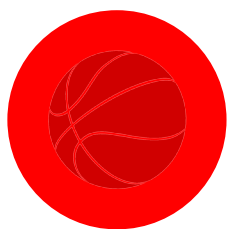
Diamond theft turns bloody

by Heidi Hornik

America Today freelance writer

Several people were shot yesterday when a gang of "colorful" individuals robbed a local diamond store. Despite the fact that the police were already present at the scene, they could not prevent the robbery, resulting in the death of many innocent citizens, as well as the undercover cop that had infiltrated the gang. The diamonds were..... ..

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Western U suffers postseason ban

by Luna Laramie

America Today freelance writer

The NCAA announced yesterday afternoon that Western University has been prohibited from tournament play for the next three years. The investigation was prompted after the team's head coach admitted that boosters had paid three star recruits to play basketball for the Dolphins. In addition, a point-shaving scandal.... ..

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Pennant-winning season marred with controversy

by Patrick Parkinson

America Today freelance writer

The owner of the Cleveland Indians was banned from baseball yesterday for acting against the best interests of her ballclub. The former show-girl attempted to assemble the worst team in baseball history so she could relocate the team..... ..

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Knights' owner arrested

by Oliver O'Grady

America Today freelance writer

In the aftermath of the Knights' dramatic pennant-winning walk-off home run, not all is joyous. Yesterday, the team's owner was arrested on charges of attempting to deliberately lose the series by using bribes, extortion, and blackmail with scandalous photographs. The owner.... ..

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Country club conducts illegal tourney

by Quentin Quick

America Today freelance writer

A local Country Club is under investigation for conducting an illegal match-play event involving wagers of up to \$160,000 per team. Eyewitnesses included a nose-picking brat, an obnoxious real-estate developer, and a former club-carrier of the Dalai Lama..... ..

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Chicago fixes games, players banned

by Morgan Michener

America Today freelance writer

Almost the entire starting line-up of the Chicago White Sox were indicted after evidence emerged that they helped fix last year's World Series. The players were offered more money to deliberately lose to the Reds than they would have been paid if they were victorious. Their star..... ..



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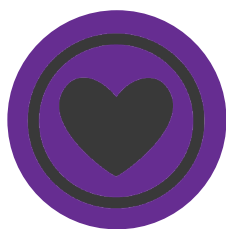
Energy Corp charged with attempted murder

by Nora Nusbaum

America Today freelance writer

The Energy Corporation, sponsor of this year's championship team, was formally accused of attempting to murder the league's star player Jonathan. Team Houston beat New York 1-0 in the final match, but not without a price. Numerous players suffered burns, broken bones, and even death from violent collisions with motorcycles which circled the track..... ..

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President suffers stroke, passes away

by Rory Rodericks

America Today freelance writer

In shocking news, the President of the United States passed away last night after suffering a fatal stroke while speaking before a joint session of Congress. The President was in the middle of admitting his involvement in a savings and loan scandal, when he suddenly collapsed to the floor. Sources close to the President said he had been acting differently recently, almost like a different person....

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Lawyer defends judge who jailed him

by Tenley Thomas

America Today freelance writer

Baltimore defense attorney Arthur Kirkland announced that he will be defending judge H.T. Fleming in an upcoming sexual violence case. Ironically it was this same judge that jailed Kirkland for throwing a punch at him during a previous trial... ..

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Hot guy forges love letters

by Ulrich Underhill

America Today freelance writer

The relationship of two of the hottest singles in a small ski-town has ended. Apparently the hunk was sending his girl love letters that were actually written by his boss, the fire chief. The woman, an astronomy student, said, "I can't believe I fell for his tricks. Normally I have a nose for these things.....

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Graduate faces plagiarism charges

by Sarah Summers

America Today freelance writer

A recent Grand Lakes University graduate has been accused by the administration for submitting an English paper that he didn't write. The University is alleging that the wealthy graduate had paid noted author Kurt Vonnegut to write the essay for him, which was in violation of the.... ..

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U.S. Talks

Asking America what they think

"Is it okay to plagiarize crossword puzzles?"



"Stealing a gimmick from another paper is just about the worst sin imaginable."

Jbi Mrebado
Manager, Whole Foods



"Plagiarism should be a crime. Except for when I was in college. Oh, and also my job interview."

B. L. Maseyo
Groundskeeper, Busch Stadium



"I once caned the paper boy for using one of my knock-knock jokes. So, that'd be no."

Rip Fiorfe
Propane tank salesman

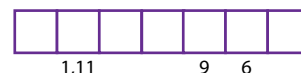
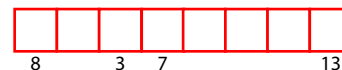
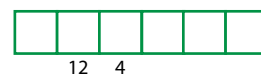


"Do you know Will Shortz? I play Scrabble, and I'd love for him to sign my rack."

Chris F. Tomaffis
Fulfillment Associate, Amazon

Daily Puzzle

Our crossword is temporarily on hiatus. In the meantime, please enjoy the puzzle below.



You'll discover what each set of blanks requires...and what you should search for next!