

human rights offenses occurring in the U.S. saying, "This is serious because, the United States is seen as, or is supposed to be, the standard bearer and defender of human rights in the world, so when these types of things happen on U.S. soil it sends a bad message to the rest of the world. It almost makes the U.S. seem very hypocritical." Ironically, with all of the letters coming to the BCSO from France, no such letters have come from any Amnesty branches in the U.S. When asked about this, Benelhadj said, "I do not know. The campaign (against taser use by U.S. law enforcement) is something that should be known about by all Amnesty International members. It is strange to me, because we would not know about these things if not for the U.S. Amnesty offices." The taser incidents that the letters are addressing occurred before the current Sheriff, Tim Gobble, was in office. Gobble, aware of the seriousness of these allegations, has drastically scaled back the availability of tasers to his deputies. Currently, only a handful of BSCO deputies have access to them. Gobble stated that his office is still getting bombarded with letters from France. Gobble also stated that the letters tend to say the same thing, with the only difference being the signature. The Sheriff says the investigation determined, "no wrong-doing" in the McCargo incident, but he stresses that the incident took place before he took office.

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My Favorite Grandmother

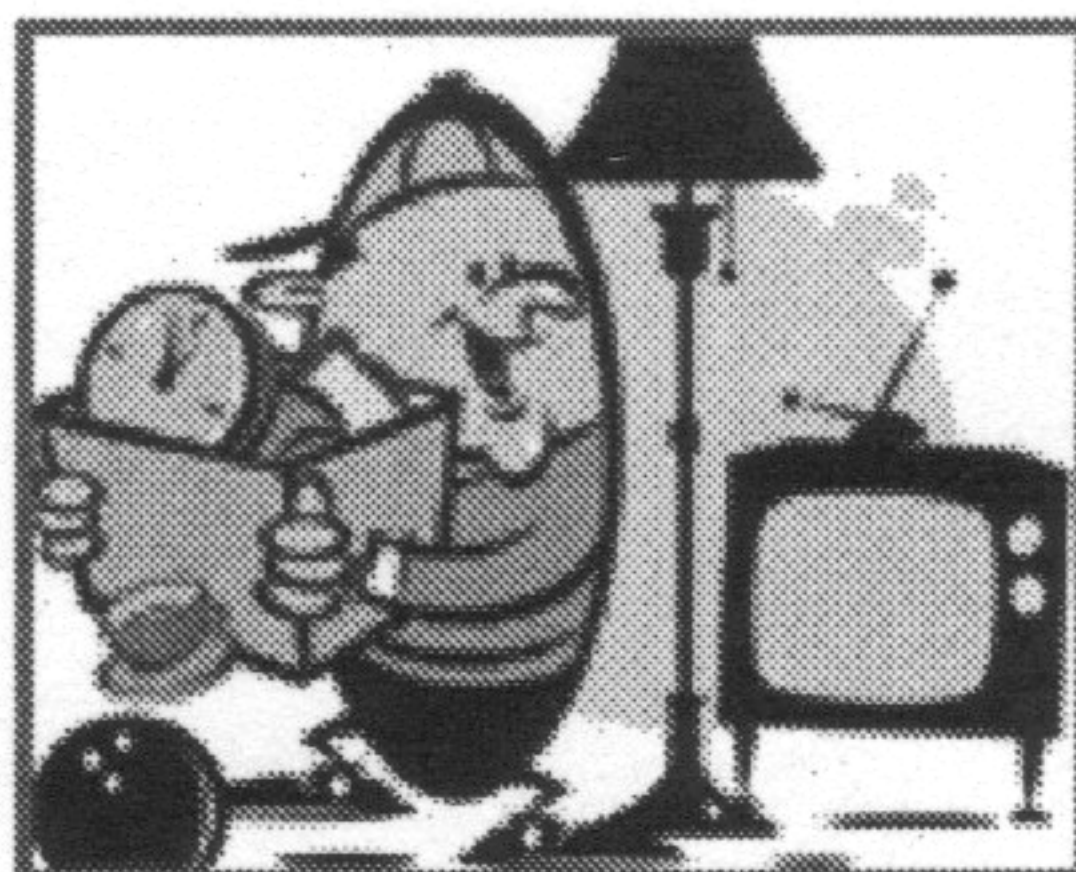
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