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Ex-Van Halen frontman knocks himself out of tour:

From: http://ananova.com/news/story/sm_822499.html?menu=news.quirkies
(September 20, 2003):

David Lee Roth has cancelled the rest of his US tour after injuring himself performing "a very fast, complicated 15th-century samurai move" during a recent performance.

The former Van Halen frontman, who is known for his athleticism, was performing a gig in Philadelphia when he cracked his face with a long piece of wood.

"It was an incident onstage where he was doing a kung fu manouvere and he got hit with a staff that he uses," Roth's spokesman Todd Brodginiski said.

The 47-year-old singer needed 21 stitches on his face because of the accident in Philadelphia.

He has called off seven dates of the tour of clubs and theaters because of the injury. Two dates had been cancelled because of Hurricane Isabel.

Roth has said in a statement he is finding it hard to sing and dance with the injury, but that the dates may be rescheduled next year.

Mr Brodginiski said sales were strong on the tour before the injury.

IOC vice president arrested:

From: Associated Press
(January 27, 2004):

Seoul, South Korea -- Suspended IOC vice president Kim Un-yong was arrested Wednesday following investigations into possible embezzlement of funds from taekwondo organizations.

Kim did not respond to questions by reporters as he was whisked away by car.

Officials from the prosecutors' office and the court were not immediately available to comment.

IOC spokeswoman Emmanuelle Moreau said Kim's IOC membership would remain suspended "until the inquiries in South Korea and by the IOC ethics commission are finalized."

Yonhap news agency, quoting unidentified prosecution sources, said Tuesday that Kim is accused of embezzling \$3.34 million in funds from the World Taekwondo Federation and the Seoul-based World Taekwondo Headquarters that issues

taekwondo credentials. Kim also faces accusations he received money in return for helping two men become members of the Korean Olympic Committee.

Kim is South Korea's best-known sports official and a longtime member of the IOC. He helped taekwondo become a medal sport in the Olympics in 2000, and played a big role in helping South Korea host the 1988 Summer Games.

Kim ran for IOC president in 2001 but finished a distant second behind Jacques Rogge.

Early this month, Kim resigned from top posts at the World Taekwondo Federation and the World Taekwondo Headquarters. He also stepped down as a national legislator.

«Ninja» robber wanted tip-off money:

From: <http://pub.tv2.no/nettavisen/english/article204831.ece>
(January 27, 2004):

After robbing a gas station dressed as a ninja warrior, the robber himself allegedly called the local paper to make some extra cash.

The robber who walked into a gas station in downtown Arendal around 5 a.m. Tuesday and threatened the person on duty to hand over money, apparently wanted to get a hold of some more cash.

After robbing the gas station around 5 a.m., he allegedly called the local paper to give them an eye witness description of the crime. The reason was that he, according to Agderposten, only got his hands on some petty change after the robbery. The man now wanted to get a hold of some more money by tipping off the paper.

He told the paper that he had seen the robber.

«I saw a man run into the gas station. He was wearing something that looked like a ninja hood, carrying a knife, and he had a sword sticking up from the back of his pants.»

The man left both his name and number and insisted that the tip money had to be awarded to him of the best tip-off.

However, when the police viewed the tape from the video surveillance cameras there was nothing which indicated that the robber had a ninja mask on, and this made the police wonder.

The police could, however, confirm that the robber had something unidentified sticking up from the back of his pants, where a ninja sword is most likely placed.

The police decided that there certainly was something that did not quite add up. Around 7:30 a.m. yesterday, the man was arrested by the police.

Rune Boye, special officer at Arendal police station, said Tuesday to TV 2 Nettavisen, that the robber had only gotten away with some cash.

«When it comes to the statement that the robber and the person who tipped-off the paper is the same person, I don't know anything about that,» Boye said to TV 2 Nettavisen Wednesday morning. «I have not been informed by the Agderposten who tipped them off about the case.»

He stated that the accused was questioned Tuesday and he will be questioned again on Wednesday.

«I do not wish to comment on what the man has said during the questioning,» Boye said.

According to Boye, the accused has as of yet not admitted to the robbery.

Kung Fu Fighting:

From: <http://www.dmps0911.com/police/criminalstories.html>
(July 10, 2004):

A subject reported to Des Moines Police that he went to a local Asian market to buy some crank.

An argument ensued between the reporting person and an individual in the store. Reporting person stated that when the "suspect" pointed a gun at him, he retaliated by throwing a "kung fu" style karate kick at "suspect."

The reporting person's kick missed the "suspect" and instead, struck an aquarium in the market. Reporting person suffered from deep lacerations to his right foot and ankle.

Subject limped to a local hotel where he was then taken to a hospital for treatment of his wounds.

Nude man arrested after struggle with cops:

From: <http://www.dailyfreeman.com>
(November 21, 2004):

Ellenville - A 37-year-old West Hurley man was arrested after officers found him standing naked on top of a vehicle in a karate type stance, police said.

Ronald W. Camp Jr., of 226 Dewitt Mills Road, was arrested Friday evening on charges of misdemeanor resisting arrest, two counts of misdemeanor criminal mischief, one count of violation disorderly conduct and one count of violation appearance in public under the influence of a drug.

At about 8:50 p.m. Friday a woman and her daughter went to the police station to report that a naked man had jumped on top of their vehicle outside the Village Motel at the intersection of U.S. Route 209 and Maple Avenue, village of Ellenville police

said. Police said the naked man attempted to pull the driver, the woman's husband, out of the car.

Three officers responded to the complaint and found Camp naked, standing on top of a vehicle in a karate type stance, police said. Police said Camp became combative with the driver and while being placed under arrest on the disorderly conduct charge he also became combative with officers and damaged some police-issued items. The officers used pepper spray, which had no effect, police added.

Police said Camp was taken into custody after fighting with officers and then taken to Ellenville Regional Hospital for treatment. He was later transferred to Benedictine Hospital for psychological evaluation, police said.

Investigation showed that Camp had taken approximately two grams of cocaine prior to the incident, which resulted in an extreme violent psychological reaction, police said.

Karate monks stop thief:

From: http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story_16-12-2004_pg9_8
(December 16, 2004):

A Croatian thief got more than he bargained for when he ran into a pair of karate-trained monks as he tried to rob a monastery.

The 35-year-old thief had posed as a beggar looking for a place to stay at a monastery in Zagreb but instead broke into an office there and stole almost £1,500 that had been donated by locals, Vecernji List reported.

But he failed to make it out of the monastery after monks Pejo Orkic, 40, and Ivan Pajtak, 51, cornered him and used karate to first fend off his attacks and then force him to the ground where they held him until police arrived.

The man has been charged with attempted theft and remanded in custody.

Bank robbery after karate encounter:

From: <http://mdailyjournal.org/article.cfm?issue=02-11-05&storyID=39752>
(February 11, 2005):

A San Jose man was arrested Wednesday following what police Officer Steve Dixon called one of the most dangerous and bizarre bank robberies in recent history. Adam Wiles, 33, was booked on four felony counts in connection with a robbery at the Wells Fargo Bank at 3195 Meridian Ave. around 4:10 p.m. Wednesday.

Dixon said Wiles entered the crowded building and waited in line before allegedly holding the entire bank at knifepoint. He then grabbed a female teller from behind and placed the knife at her throat, demanding money, Dixon said. At some point in the robbery, Wiles apparently slashed the knife at a male teller but did not injure the man, according to Dixon. Wiles allegedly fled the bank on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash and was arrested outside a home in the 3100 block of Jarvis Avenue,

where officers had tracked him. What really had police baffled is what occurred minutes before the robbery in the parking lot of a strip mall.

Wiles allegedly approached a man who had parked his car in the area of Meridian and Hillsdale avenues, asked the man for a cigarette and then pulled out the knife, placing it to his throat and demanding his vehicle. What Wiles didn't know is that the man he was trying to carjack is a karate instructor, Dixon said. The man disarmed Wiles and threw him to the ground, at which point he discovered that Wiles was carrying a gun.

According to Dixon, the karate instructor emptied the bullets from the gun and began counseling Wiles on the "bad choices he was making in his life."

The man gave the knife and gun back to Wiles, who then left the scene. "He went right from there to the bank," Dixon said.

Dixon said police always encourage anyone who is the victim of or a witness to a crime to contact authorities immediately. Had the attempted carjacking victim called 911, Dixon said, police would already have been in the area as the bank robbery occurred. Police only learned of the carjacking attempt because the karate instructor noticed Wiles being apprehended and approached responding officers, Dixon said.

Wiles was booked on four felony charges of armed robbery, kidnapping, false imprisonment, and attempted carjacking. He has a prior criminal history and could be prosecuted under California's "three strikes" law, according to Dixon.

Bulgarian is Europe's top Chessboxer:

From: <http://www.ananova.com>
(October 7, 2005):

A Bulgarian has become the first ever European Heavyweight Chessboxing Champion.

Tihomir 'Tiger' Titschko walked off with the title at the in Germany.

The WCBO (World Chess Boxing Organisation) organised the event where so-called chessboxers went through interchanging four-minute-rounds of chess and two-minute boxing rounds.

According to the rules, in a maximum of eleven rounds, a K.O. or checkmate can lead to an early victory.

Titschko, 26, weighing 14 stone, won the title after beating German champion Andreas 'Doomsday' Schneider with a check-mate following a dragon-variation of the Sizilian opening in the ninth round.

A spokesperson for the World Chess Boxing Organisation said: "The basic idea in chessboxing is to combine the no.1 thinking sport and the no.1 fighting sport into a hybrid that demands the most of its competitors - both mentally and physically."

Wife Recovers Under Accidental Death Policy After Son Kills Father in Kung Fu Battle Over Tax Return:

From: http://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2005/11/wife_recovers_u.htm
(November 2, 2005):

Willy C. J. Wetzel died on March 16, 1975 at the hand of his son, Roy Wetzel. Roy Wetzel was tried by a jury for murder and voluntary manslaughter . . . and was found not guilty. Mary Margaret Wetzel, appellant and widow of Willy Wetzel, then brought this suit to recover the insurance proceeds from an accidental death policy issued on her husband's life.

At the close of the pleadings, both parties moved for summary judgment, [asking] . . . the court to decide, as a matter of law, whether the death of Willy C. J. Wetzel occurred through "accidental means" within the meaning of the insurance policy on his life.

Willy Wetzel and his son, Roy Wetzel, were experts in the martial arts, including karate, and operated a [martial arts] school... On the day of Willy Wetzel's death, Roy had been working on his father's income tax return. Willy visited his son and began reading the completed tax forms...

As Willy Wetzel started to sign the tax forms, he threw the pen against the drapes and began to scream obscenities. He walked toward the front door mumbling that he was going to lose his house, car and everything. Grabbing a Hawaiian sword, Willy Wetzel turned and let out a battle cry called a "kewah." The fight began.

Willy began to remove the sword from its case when Roy attempted to grab the case. Willy kicked Roy and the sword was bent in half. The hand-to-hand fight continued for approximately twenty-five minutes.

Roy made several attempts to reach the telephone to call for help, but was stopped each time by his father's tactics. Finally, Roy placed nanchukas sticks, used in karate, around his father's head to try to render him unconscious. Shortly after that Roy realized his father was dead.

Based on these facts, we are faced with deciding whether the death of Willy Wetzel occurred through accidental means under the insurance policy in question...

The facts of the case before us show Willy's rage was due to his income tax return and was in no way related to the procurement of the accidental insurance policy. Nor would denying recovery to an innocent beneficiary in this case deter this type of culpable conduct on the part of the insured...

In following this reasoning, we find that the death of Willy Wetzel was due to "violent, external and accidental means" within the meaning of the policy, and appellant, as an innocent beneficiary, must recover.

Snowy quest sours for 'Karate kids':

From:

http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,18732169%255E23109,00.html
(April 6, 2006):

Three men from Singapore have been found safe after getting lost on what they said was a mission to find a legendary karate expert on a snowy mountainside in Japan.

One of the three men told police in Hirosaki, near the northern tip of Japan's main island, that they had come to Japan after his dying father, a martial arts expert, had ordered them to seek out the karate teacher, TV Asahi said on its Web site today.

"Japan looked so small on the world map that we thought we would be able to find him straight away," one of the group, aged between 25 and 50, was quoted as saying.

All three were dressed in light clothing and huddling in an abandoned car when they were rescued from the slopes of 1600 metre Mount Iwaki in the early hours of the morning after calling for help on a mobile phone, a police spokesman said.

"Neither police nor local people know of anyone running karate classes in this area," the spokesman added.

Holland will deport to Serbia ex Yugoslavian secret agent:

From: <http://www.focus-fen.net>
(April 15, 2006):

Amsterdam. Former Yugoslavian secret agent Slobodan Mitric, who spent 13 years in Dutch prison for killing three of his ex colleagues, will be deported to Serbia after 33 years in Holland, his attorney stated cited by Serbian agency TANJUG.

Mitric, a.k.a. Karate Bob, will leave the country April 26th, DPA agency reported. The Dutch Justice Ministry announced Mitric was "not wanted" and it believed it would be safe for him to be deported to Serbia.

Kung fu fan tries to stop train:

From: http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2006-06/03/content_607755.htm
(April 15, 2006):

A 17-year-old boy surnamed Liang almost died when he tried to use a kung fu movement to stop a running train in Laibin Railway Station in South China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Tuesday, Nanguo Jinbao reported.

Liang was pushed to safety by a railway policeman just as he was about to be knocked down. Liang jumped down to the tracks and wanted to use Xianglongshibazhang, a famous kung fu posturing described in many swordsman fictions, to stop the running train.

He was taken into custody for breaking railway rules and said he wanted to test whether or not he could use kung fu to stop the train. Liang is a great fan of swordsman fiction and has also learnt martial arts.