

Interesting Martial Arts Stories - 2
From: www.your-martial-arts-resources.com

Yoga with Douche Bag:

From: http://www.pugbus.net/artman/publish/20060602_22_douchebag.shtml
(June 2, 2006):

New York - God, I hate my yoga teacher. And my hate compels me to return week after week to see just what this model-turned-actor-turned-Hindi-with-tattoos will do to piss me off next.

I can barely keep from Om-ing my way into a primal scream every Wednesday night. To make things worse, the guy is an idiot. The poster boy for himbos everywhere. The fact that the class is filled with cute girls in skimpy clothing giggling at his every "joke" only makes me more incensed.

And no, Douchie, I don't want to come to your Friday late-night cello-accompanied Bikram class. Even if you offered free sex. And a massage. And a homecooked vegan meal. I am not even vegetarian.

What kind of a teacher stops class with "Okay everyone, look up here and watch me perform a handstand into crow into chaturanga into titibasana into warrior with my dick out"? A freak who really is just craving attention and actually has no real interest in a little something called teaching.

Douchebag, why don't you butt off and practice your goddamn meditation and the yogic way of non-violence and what-all instead of turning my neighborhood yoga studio into a Chippendales venue. And take your fifth chakra ass tattoo with you.

Part Duh

Ah, towering half-spokesmodel, half-android, airbrushing-come-to-life demigod that deems to teach me yoga, how I cannot quit you.

Last night found me back. Again. I swear, it's like crack. Or a speedball. Or shopping at Opening Ceremony. I am hooked.

Faced with a sweltering studio baked in Ninth Avenue's afternoon sun, a lesser teacher would have jacked the fans, or at least kept the air circulating with open doors and windows. A lesser yogi would have taken mercy on our dripping wet bodies, our coughing on stale air, our sliding on the floor slick and slippery with sweat.

But then, that lesser teacher wouldn't be Douchie now, would he?

No, givin' 'em hell is the way of the Douchester. Bring on the Bikram, mother-lovers.

Luckily, I had a towel with me. And I indulged myself with plenty of child poses. Going easy on myself sure wasn't easy. The disapproval of Douchie hung heavy in the room.

A soul far braver than I began rolling up her mat prematurely. "This IS a level two class," Douchie said. "We DO partake of the more challenging poses." And partake we did, in a Sisyphean, skin-melting struggle from side plank to rock star.

After the poor girl left, Douchie sprung this rhetorical nugget of Hindi philosophy on us: "Why is it always that the ones who need yoga the most are the first ones out the door?"

Those of the too-intimidated-to-leave variety contemplated this mind-boggling conundrum all the way from upward-facing dog to reverse triangle. I could only reflect on the sadness of those who refuse the help of the Douchester.

After executing some fancy-pants warrior one into goddess pose, we were in a deep spread-leg forward bend. Apparently, too deep. D was pressing down on a cute girl's back and then—splat!—she's splayed out on the floor. Oops, the floor's a little wet, dude. Par for the course I guess, but at least the girl on the next mat asked her, "Uh, are you alright?"

Douchester is so up with people.

I am struck by what an extraordinary yoga class this is. Something as simple as a supine side twist becomes so much more. The girl next to me got a special treat. "Knees to one side, look to the other. Okay now, grab my forearm," a bulging, super-tan shaft popping with veins, mind you, "and relax." Douche pulled the girl's torso up to the level of his kung-fu-pant-wearing crotch. Her face slowly, gently disappeared from view. Now, that's a deep stretch.

Finally, thankfully, winding up, we're in a happy baby, a.k.a. dead bug pose, on our backs with knees in, and wide. Ready or not, it was time for my own close-up. "Let me help you with that," said Douchie. He stood over me, placed my feet on his shins, moved my arms out of the way, and proceeded to bear down with all his weight until my knees were pinned behind my ears. I was unsure where to look so I closed my eyes.

They say if you look into its eyes, that's the beginning of the end.

Funeral set for victim of advertising balloon:

From: <http://tampabays10.com/news/watercooler/article.aspx?storyid=32719>
(June 2, 2006):

Lutz, Florida – Funeral services are scheduled for one of the victims found dead under an advertising balloon in Lutz over the weekend. It happened in front of Lake View at Calusa Trace condos.

21-year-old Jason Ackerman will be buried Wednesday. Ackerman was a student at USF, held a black belt in Tai Kwon Do and volunteered at the Children's Cancer Center. His family runs a prominent jewelry business in the Bay area.

Ackerman and 21-year-old Sara Rydman were found dead Saturday morning underneath a deflated promotional balloon in front of the Lake View condos.

Major Bob Shrader of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office said, "It's my understanding that it is or was filled with some kind of gas. What it was I don't know. We'll have to determine that through further investigation."

Investigators do not suspect foul play. Both victims were found fully clothed.

Christina Saunders, a neighbor, said the red balloon was put up Friday and described it as "100 feet with string."

Investigators are still trying to determine the exact cause of death, but anti-drug experts say that there is a growing trend of people inhaling helium and other gasses in an attempt to get high. "Sure, we've all inhaled [one small breath of] helium from a balloon, but when you do anything in extreme it can always be harmful," said Dr. Preeti Jois-Bilowich of the emergency room at Tampa General.

"The helium displaces all of the oxygen from the lung tissue and you actually have sudden death," she went on to explain.

A medical examiner has yet to determine or release the exact cause of death.

'Nacho Libre's' Jack Black Challenges Steven Seagal:

From:

http://www.starpulse.com/news/index.php/2006/06/08/nacho_libre_s_jack_black_challenges_stev
(June 8, 2006):

Jack Black is so impressed with his own wrestling prowess after training for new movie Nacho Libre he's keen to try out his fighting skills on martial arts action man Steven Seagal.

The movie funnyman trained with a real-life Mexican wrestler to play the Spandex-clad hero of the new film - and how he fancies his chances against Seagal.

Black tells Sports Illustrated, "I should take down someone who is strong, so Steven Seagal (would be perfect) - with his ridiculous Indian gear, ponytail and swagger.

He's the best fighter in the world in his own mind, so I'll take him down two notches with my Anaconda Squeeze and Face Melter."

Black also quips he has developed his own unsavoury wrestling move: "The Wind of A Lion is basically a submission hold. You get the guy down, you sit on his face and then you release the lion's wind. That usually spells complete defeat."

Toothy challenge:

From: <http://www.pr-inside.com/toothy-challenge-r12380.htm>
(July 21, 2006):

A Chinese grandmother has pulled a four tonne truck, loaded with people - using only her teeth.

Wang Xiaobei, a 72-year-old from the Shandong province, successfully dragged the truck for more than ten metres.

The grandmother revealed her incredible strength was a result of 30 years of martial arts training.

Xiaobei, who pulled two cars with her teeth last year, said she was determined to attempt a tougher task this time.

The plucky woman now has her sights set on an even harder challenge - pulling a train carriage.

Man arrested for allegedly wearing ninja-like mask:

From: <http://www.wftv.com/irresistible/9660389/detail.html>
(August 10, 2006):

Florida -- Tampa police said a man was arrested for wearing a ninja-style mask. Police were called to investigate a call about loud music being played on Tuesday, and a "concerned citizen" told officers that a masked man was walking down the street.

Officers found Arthur Richardson with a T-shirt around his head and face, leaving only his eyes uncovered. He was arrested and charged with a misdemeanor for wearing a mask on the street. He was released later that day.

The charge is very rarely used, but a police spokesman said the law exists because of the close association between mask-wearing and troublemaking.

The only day of the year when the rule is dropped is Halloween.

Samurai attacker pleads guilty:

From: <http://www.buffalonews.com/editorial/20060810/5042117.asp>
(August 10, 2006):

New York -- A Bronx man pleaded guilty to manslaughter for killing his wife with a samurai sword in their apartment almost three years ago, with prosecutors saying he will spend 18 1/2 years in prison under plea agreement.

Ivor Forbes was naked and covered in blood when police arrived at his Bronx apartment Dec. 7, 2003. "I'm God! I'm immortal!" he screamed at the officers, who fired 14 shots at the suspect, striking him in the legs.

The plea deal was reached Tuesday after authorities considered all the circumstances in the case, including Forbes' psychiatric reports, said Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson. Forbes, 35, who was initially charged with second-degree murder, had considered an insanity defense.

Defense attorney Ira Brown said the violent episode was ignited when Forbes lost his job as a computer programmer and suffered a "psychotic break."

But other reports indicated Forbes became enraged after his wife refused his invitation for a threesome with a woman he met on the Internet.

Cops don't always deal with the brightest bulbs:

From: <http://www.cantonrep.com/index.php?ID=312082&Category=8>
(October 8, 2006):

“In what other profession will you find yourself chasing a midget in a tuxedo down a fire escape?”

The slightly politically incorrect question is that of former police officer Scott Baker, who with Tom Philbin has written “The Funniest Cop Stories Ever.” A tale about the well-dressed little person is among them.

“When I was a cop with the NYPD, I saw so many funny things happen on the street that I thought that one day I would collect and write them in a book,” said Baker in the book’s introduction. “This is the final result. For several years I went around interviewing cops from all over the country, and I found that the stories in Baltimore, LA, and everywhere else were as funny as any in New York.”

Consider the story about the muscle-bound man who was collared on robbery charges.

“I couldn’t get him to say anything,” the cop who made the arrest told the authors. “So finally I said to him I was just going to book him on robbery two and that was that. Then he comes alive. His brow wrinkles with concern and his eyes widen, and he says, ‘Robbery two? I just rob one person!’”

As readers might see, police officers don’t always deal in a world illuminated by the brightest bulbs. “The Funniest Cop Stories Ever” (\$9.95, paperback) is “an uproarious ride-along full of illegal antics, human weirdness, and criminal stupidity,” said the book’s publisher, Andrews McMeel Publishing.

Anecdotes include a story about a man busted on narcotics charges who claimed the crack cocaine — and the pants he was wearing — didn’t belong to him. They perhaps are highlighted by the tale of a man arrested on a “mutilated license” traffic charge who argued his license “doesn’t mutilate for another six months.”

The true stories speak about the man who called the jail asking for the return of property confiscated when “you guys incinerated me.”

“You mean you were incarcerated,” the cop on the phone corrected.

“Call it what you want, I just want my property back.”

Now, let’s get back to the short suspect in an assault case.

“Me and my partner, Nicky, get a call to go to a building on Church Street,” chronicle the authors, telling the story from the perspective of the officer who related it to them.

A woman had been assaulted, the cops found. The possible perpetrator had been her boyfriend, a small man — 3 feet 10 inches, to be exact — who “knew karate,” the woman explained. That’s how he was able to kick in her door on his way inside. It was a violent entrance, but at some point, apparently, his intentions had been honorable.

“He was wearing a tuxedo and carrying a violin case,” the woman said. “He was going to propose to me.”

After the idea of marital bliss went bad, the man fled down a fire escape from the woman’s fifth-floor apartment. Police gave chase, radioing back to “Central” as they pursued. They described the man’s stature and attire in case he was encountered by backup cops. A rookie arriving at the scene made a request over the radio for specifics. “What does the suspect actually look like? Do you have a physical description?”

“Nicky gets a strange look in his eyes and gets on the radio,” write Scott and Philbin.

“Dude, do me a favor! Stop any ... midget wearing a tux and carrying a violin case ...”

Gamer acting out a fantasy when he killed co-worker with a sword?:

From: http://www.courttv.com/trials/flemons/102506_ctv.html
(October 27, 2006):

Detroit -- An avid Dungeons & Dragons player "became his fantasy" when he slashed his co-worker to death with a homemade sword in October 2004, his attorney said Wednesday.

Defense attorney David Roby said his client, James Flemons, was in the throes of a schizophrenic episode on Oct. 27, 2004, and believed he was a ninja killing a foe when he attacked and killed his 43-year-old co-worker Anthony Williams.

"He became his fantasy," Roby said. "He was a ninja doing an honorable thing with a person he perceived to be his confederate who he had a beef with."

Roby contends Flemons, 32, suffers from schizophrenia and should be found not guilty by reason of insanity for killing Williams with a 38-inch sword he fashioned at the Peerless Metal Powders & Abrasive plant, where the two men worked.

Deputy Prosecutor Kam Towns told the jury she agrees that Flemons had a problem with Williams.

But she believes Flemons' actions were not based on fantasy. Towns said Flemons was instead acting out his "own grudge and own anger" against Williams and his other co-workers who he thought were bullying him over his obsession with fantasy-based games, his black nail polish and other eccentricities.

The prosecutor said Flemons believed Williams was throwing shards of metal at him and calling him names when he decided to take out his anger out on Williams as revenge.

She told that jury Flemons' anger was put into action when he attacked Williams and "chopped and chopped and chopped until he almost cut off his head."

Towns told the jury they would hear during the trial that this was not the first time Flemons responded to conflict by raising a sword.

Before the trial began, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry ruled that prosecutors can tell the jury about Flemons' prior conviction for felonious assault.

In 1998, Flemons was convicted of attacking his uncle and a police officer with a samurai sword. He was sentenced to two years' probation.

The prosecutor said Flemons' actions after Williams' killing showed he knew he had committed a crime.

"He waits for the police to come because he knows what he did was wrong," Towns said. "He positioned him like Jesus on the cross to apologize because he knew what he did was wrong."

She said Flemons gave himself up to police and also gave a voluntary statement in which he said he killed Williams out of revenge for being bullied.

Although there is little doubt that Flemons is mentally ill, Towns said, his illness fails to meet the definition of legally insane.

In Michigan, a person is deemed legally insane if, as a result of mental illness, he fails to appreciate the wrongfulness or criminal nature of his actions.

Roby, however, said Flemons' attack was an extension of his fixation on things "like Dungeon & Dragons and board games and fantasy things, video games and an obsession with swords," Roby said.

Flemons was interested in mystical pursuits such as Santeria and voodoo, Roby said, and those interests sent him into a "gradual decline into his own private hell."

If Flemons is found guilty of first-degree murder, he will automatically be sentenced to life in prison without parole. A verdict of guilty but mentally ill, however, would mean a life sentence in the prison psychiatric ward.

If the jury returns a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity, Flemons would be sent to the state's mental health facility, where the doctors would maintain sole discretion over his fate. They could opt to release him at some point if they consider him well. The jury also has the option of finding Flemons guilty of second-degree murder, which would require the judge to sentence him.

Before the openings began, Towns argued successfully to the judge that Flemons was trying to make the jury believe he was insane by displaying on his shirt a hand-drawn picture of an eye in the center of a triangle.

Judge Annette Berry ordered her deputy to confiscate the picture. As he did so, the deputy also removed other such pictures from Flemons' pockets and socks.

Samurai sword-wielding man's arrest caught on tape:

From: http://wcbstv.com/watercooler/watercooler_story_301183025.html
(October 28, 2006):

German police arrested a man who was wielding a samurai sword outside a railway station in Hamburg.

The man brandished the sword at workers at the train station after attempting to leave the station without a ticket.

He then fled the scene and station staff called the police.

The man was later captured on videotape swinging the ancient sword violently at police as they attempted to disarm him.

They eventually managed to overpower the man with the help of a broom and no shots were fired.

The suspect was detained by police in the parking lot of a nearby hotel.

Samurai superhero saves cops:

From: http://www.metro.co.uk/news/article.html?in_article_id=32585&in_page_id=34
(January 11, 2007):

He's a mysterious crusader who suddenly appears from nowhere, he helps the police catch criminals, then disappears into the night.

No, we're not talking about Batman or Superman, and the location isn't Gotham City or Metropolis.

We're talking about 'The Flashing Blade' from Tyneside.

The enigmatic hero struck as two unarmed detectives tackled a violent gang of criminals in a street in South Shields.

The villains were armed with knives, chains and a hammer. The detectives had only their wits.

Suddenly a man appeared and shouted: 'Leave him alone, he's a police officer!'

He ran up to the criminals, slashing frantically with the 3ft sword and caught one of them on the arm.

His actions panicked the gang and the police were able to arrest three of them. Officers could only give his description as white, in his 40s, or medium build, about 5ft 10ins with a moustache.

Detective Inspector Peter Bent, of South Shields CID, said although The Flashing Blade had helped police, he couldn't condone his actions.

He said: 'There is no doubt this person assisted the police.

'He said to the people involved in the incident: 'Leave him alone, he's a police officer', and started swinging his Samurai sword.

'It needs to be said we cannot condone vigilantism or people running around with swords or weapons.

'It will be up to the Crown Prosecution Service whether they see his actions as justified or going beyond reasonable force.

'At the same time we cannot get away from the fact that he has come the aid of a police officer and may well have prevented a police officer from being seriously harmed.'

Three men aged 29, 42 and 43 were remanded in custody by South Tyneside magistrates yesterday over attempting wounding charges.

The injured man didn't require treatment.

Judo boy, 12 nabs driver:

From: http://www.people.co.uk/news/tm_headline=judo-boy--12-nabs-driver---&method=full&objectid=18606260&siteid=93463-name_page.html
(February 11, 2007):

A drunk driver was wrestled to the ground and arrested - by a judoloving 12-year-old.

Peter Clatworthy held Kristoffer Worley, 19, for 10 minutes until cops arrived after he smashed into three cars and tried to stagger away from his van. Two drivers suffered whiplash injuries.

The Nottingham pupil said: "He swung a punch but I dodged and swept his legs from under him using a judo move."

Mum Lesley, 39, added: "He's a hero."

Worley was jailed at Nottingham Crown Court for a year for dangerous driving.

Numchukkas by night:

From: http://www.scene.co.nz/cms/crime_stoppers/2007/03/art1000659.php
(March 1, 2007):

A man practising his moves with numchukkas and a machete in a Sunshine Bay car park at night has been arrested.

Acting sergeant Terry Wood says the local has been charged with possessing offensive weapons.

He was "by himself practising martial arts" at 11.30pm on February 20, Wood says.

“A guy rang us – he was a bit worried about it. He said the guy’s behaviour was a bit odd, when everything was taken into account.

“The informant approached him in a friendly manner to say ‘G’day’.

“The man said nothing in return and got out a machete, which he placed on his car and stared at him, and so he backed off.”

Wood says when police arrived the man with the weapons seemed "a bit blank".

Man pulls van with nose:

From: http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_2269314.html
(April 2, 2007):

A Chinese man says he used kung fu to pull a van more than 40 feet with his nose.

Fu Yingjie pulled the van, weighing more than 1.5 tonnes with the driver, for 13.3 metres.

He told Xinhua News that he used his right nostril to suck one end of a thin line into his stomach.

"Once the line reached my stomach, I used kung fu to lock it with the stomach opening," he said.

The other end was tied to the van which Fu then pulled across People's Square in Shishi city, Fujian province.

His family has been practising Kung Fu for 14 generations, and is well-known locally for such stunts.

Two teens in ninja costumes arrested in flag thefts:

From: <http://www.wsaw.com/home/headlines/6951017.html>
(April 10, 2007):

Wisconsin -- Tomahawk police say they've arrested two teenagers in full Ninja costumes in connection with the theft of U-S flags there.

They say a man walking his dog just before 2 a.m. reported seeing two males in ski masks get into a van, which sped off.

Tomahawk police say an officer later spotted the van, and apprehended a 16-year-old boy and a 17-year-old boy.

They say five flags that had been stolen last night and early today were recovered.

The officers said they had been taken from Tomahawk's public library, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Department of Natural Resources office, the Tomahawk Fire Department and from Sara Park.

Police say there have been 17 flags stolen at Tomahawk during the last several months.

Market proves tough target for 'ninja' attack:

From:

<http://www.courant.com/news/local/hc-ninjarobber0426.artapr26.0.3380512.story?coll=hc-headlines-home>

(April 26, 2007):

For three Simsbury High School students, The Country Market in Higganum proved tougher to crack than Fort Knox.

Their target, state police say, was the store's office. Once inside, they expected to find enough cash to buy a computer. They were familiar with the terrain, since one of them used to work at the store and his mother still does.

Plan A, in which one of them hid inside a sealed cardboard box that was carried, Trojan Horse-like, inside the store by the other two, failed when the would-be burglar burst from the box before the store was empty.

Plan B, four days later, was less subtle: A masked, ninja-wearing, machete- and- baseball-bat waving frontal assault. That didn't work either.

There won't be a Plan C.

On Wednesday, state police charged 18-year-old Alessandro Acosta, a champion swimmer, with attempted robbery, attempted larceny, burglary and weapons charges, as well as tampering with evidence, threatening and other charges.

Police expect to make two other arrests soon, said Sgt. Salvatore Calvo. In an arrest warrant for Acosta, police identify Robert Long Jr. and Konrad Bosselman, both Simsbury High School seniors, as Acosta's partners in the April 13 burglary and Long as Acosta's partner in the April 17 attempted robbery.

According to the arrest warrant, Long used to work at The Country Market, and his mother, Margaret, still does. Police said Long, Bosselman and Acosta decided to rob the Tylerville shop so Long could buy a computer.

On the first attempt, Bosselman climbed into a cardboard box that Acosta and Long sealed with duct tape and carried into the store before closing time, police said. Bosselman was supposed to cut his way out of the box with a knife after closing time and steal money from the office.

But Bosselman told investigators that he got hot inside the cramped, unventilated box and cut his way out too soon, according to the warrant. He grabbed the box and ran when spotted by a worker, police said. The worker saw Bosselman drive off in a car registered to Acosta's mother.

Four days later, Acosta and Long returned to Higganum to try again, this time dressed like ninjas and armed with a baseball bat and a 23-inch-long machete that

belonged to Long's father, police said. Long told police he wore an executioner's robe over the ninja outfit, police said.

Shop owner Sheryl Nosal told police the robbers barged in around 7:30 p.m., after the shop had closed, waving the machete and bat at her and her 15-year-old daughter, who were standing behind the deli counter, and demanded money, police said.

Nosal told officers she screamed, "Get out!" and then she and her daughter dashed into the office. One of the robbers tried to bust the door down, Nosal said, but she blocked the door while dialing 911. At the same time, her husband, Robert, also dialed 911 from another part of the store.

Nosal believes the robbers ran when they heard her dial 911, but not before she recognized the voice of one of the masked men as belonging to Long, who had worked at the shop for almost two years, according to the warrant. His mother has worked there 10 years.

Police said Long and Acosta admitted they threw the bat and a stolen license plate out the car window after the attempted robbery, and that Long ripped up the gown and tossed it out as well, according to the warrant. They returned the machete to Long's home, the warrant says.

Acosta and Long told police Bosselman allegedly did not participate in the second robbery attempt because he was doing community service in Old Saybrook that day as part of his probation for a previous offense. Information was not available about the nature of that crime.

Acosta appeared in Superior Court in Middletown Wednesday. Judge Barbara Bailey Jongbloed reduced Acosta's bail to \$50,000. Acosta posted bail and was released. He is due in court again on May 9.

Last year, as a junior, Acosta swam on a team that won the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays for Class L schools at the state championship meet in New Haven. He was a runner-up in both the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard butterfly.

Coach Peter Milliken said Wednesday that he was shocked by Acosta's arrest. He said that Acosta decided not to swim with the team this year because he had joined a year-round team in hopes that it would improve his opportunity to get into a good college.

"He was a very dedicated athlete, always paying attention to what we were doing and very focused," Milliken said. "He always took care of business in a very legitimate manner. This just doesn't sound like the student I coached."

Long and Bosselman have both made the honor roll at Simsbury High.

In postings on MySpace.com, a social networking website, Long calls himself a "dork" and says, "some people think I'm crazy because I what I do in the halls at Simsbury High School but im really not that crazy. I have alot of trust issues."

Long said he wants to meet "anyother misunderstood people who don't have a reason 2B that way." Long's MySpace.com page features an anime video clip about ninjas accompanied by the Sifl & Olly song, "Ninja of the Night."

Ninja breaks into home, attacks people:

From: <http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/strange/news-article.aspx?storyid=81701>
(May 9, 2007):

Florida -- A man dressed like a ninja broke into an Orlando home, smashed furniture, attacked two people and then vanished without a trace.

Three people were inside the home watching a movie Sunday afternoon when the ninja ran in, punched one man in the mouth and then kicked another man.

The victims reported that the costumed man slammed the DVD player and VCR into a dresser. Then he pulled out a knife and started waiving it around. The victims say the intruder didn't steal anything from the house but took several pictures with his cell phone camera.

When it was time for the ninja to make his escape, he didn't disappear in a cloud of smoke. The victims say the man ran down the street to a black BMW and drove off.

Council meeting open to public -- and to ninjas:

From: <http://www.caller.com/news/2007/may/13/police-residents-left-violence-to-tv/>
(May 14, 2007):

Texas -- The backstory on a mysterious ninja seen at City Council last month has been uncovered.

In a centerspread of a new free publication, The Vent Daily, Mayor Henry Garrett is pictured with said ninja.

The ninja showed up at City Hall on April 24 just as the five-hour meeting was ending.

Dressed in a black robe with a mask leaving only his eyes visible, the ninja peered out from behind a column in the City Council chambers for a few minutes before Corpus Christi Police Sgt. Nick Narvaez kicked him out.

Thats when the ninja approached the mayor for a photo.

He didnt have his hood on when he came up, Garrett said.

The ninja asked for a pic. Garrett obliged. The ninja pulled on his mask, shook hands and then he was gone.

It was really quick, Garrett said.

The photo spread features the ninja at several other Corpus Christi locales and is under the headline 101 things to do in Corpus Christi (Ninja Edition). Its only a partial list, though. As the article states, Completing this list would surely result in our deaths, thus we are forced to provide you with only 12 things to do in C.C. if you are a ninja.

Vegetarian beheaded six victims in rows over meat:

From: <http://www.independent.ie/world-news/asia/vegetarian-beheaded-six-victims-in-rows-over-meat-681821.html>
(May 23, 2007):

A vegetable trader has been arrested on suspicion of killing and beheading at least six of his employees, and dumping four of their torsos outside the high-security Tihar jail in Delhi.

Police said yesterday that Chandra Kant Jha (40), had confessed to killing the six people in the second grotesque case of serial killing to shock the Indian capital within six months.

Mr Jha is said to have killed one man because he would not comply with his request to stop eating meat and another for having an affair with a friend's daughter. Two others were murdered because Mr Jha believed they were womanisers who drank too much.

A police statement said that Mr Jha - who was acquitted of another murder in 1998 after four years in jail awaiting trial - had left a letter with one of the corpses dumped outside Tihar jail, indicating that he got a "thrill out of committing such a brutal crime".

Mr Jha's victims were mostly migrant men in their twenties from the impoverished northern states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

Newspaper reports said that he would tie their hands on the pretext of punishing them and then strangle them using "nunchucks", or "nanchaku", a martial arts weapon made of two wooden sticks connected by a chain.

He would then have his dinner in the same room as the corpse, before cutting off the head and the limbs.

Rajesh Kumar, the joint commissioner of Delhi Police, was quoted as saying: "Jha is a psychopath as he enjoyed his every single killing. He used to kill people after he got annoyed with the victims, who had worked with him, over trifling issues."

Robin Hood-inspired 'ninja' arrested:

From: http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Quirks/2007/06/13/upi_newstrack_quirks_in_the_news/2322/
(June 13, 2007):

Police in Italy arrested a Russian man who, dressed as a Japanese ninja warrior, allegedly terrorized rural northern Italy with late-night robberies.

The thief dressed all in black with a knife strapped to his leg and carrying a bow and arrows had been terrorizing farmers by smashing into their homes and demanding cash and valuables.

He was emulating Japanese ninjas, who were specially trained in martial arts and weaponry and used as spies and assassins in the 14th century.

A suspect was arrested Monday night when an elderly farmer startled a thief by discharging a rifle. The alleged thief fled on a bicycle but was chased and caught by police in a nearby deserted farmhouse, the report said.

The suspect was identified as a former member of the Russian army. He apparently had his literature confused, as the suspect told police he modeled himself on Robin Hood, who rather than stealing from the poor, stole from the rich to give to the poor.