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10 th Annual Spring Educational Trade Fair a Success!

WBAALAS would like to thank everyone who attended this year's Trade Fair. It was definitely one of the best ever!

The WBAALAS Board and members would like to say a special thanks to all of the contributors at this year's Trade Fair. Gary Millen – AALAS: Then and Now. Gary touched on the milestones we've seen in AALAS. Shawn Hooper - One Person's Career Path in Laboratory Animal Science. Shawn shared that what sparked her interest in the field was the book "CoCo". Dr. Cindy Pekow – Why Do We Have IACUC's? Cindy actually met CoCo when the Gorilla knocked on her door at a University and signed "Do you have candy?" An interesting story of trick or treat! Kris Cackett - Compressed Gas Safety and Handling. Wendy Conte – Gas Anesthesia Waste Control. Patty Wood – The Benefits of Animal Research. It's always wonderful listening to Patty. She is an inspiration. Kym Sutton – CALAS: What's going on this Year. And a special thanks to our moderator, Sally Iritani.

Many thanks to Allentown Caging, Animal Specialties, Britz Heidbrink, VetEquip, Harlan, Lab Diet and Lab Products for sponsoring refreshments.

We'd like to recognize all of the generous organizations and people who donated raffle items to make the Trade Fair even more fun-your support is vital to the branch and we really appreciate all you do- AnCare, Allentown Caging, Britz-Heidbrink, Charles River Laboratories, Edstrom Industries, Lab Products, Lithgow Services, Pharmacal, Quip Labs, Tecniplast, VetEquip and World Courier.

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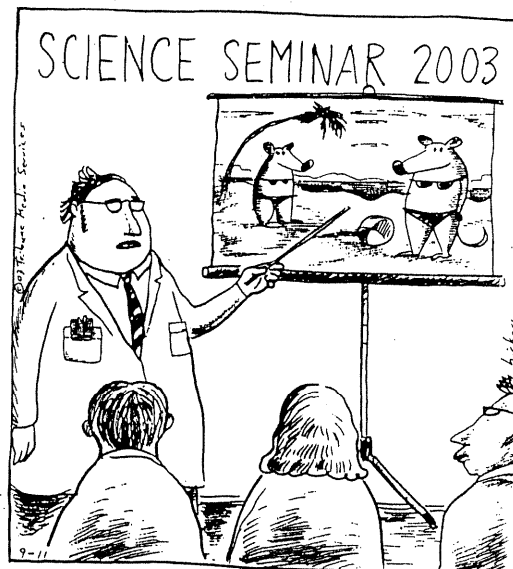
Technician of the Year for 2005 was awarded to Huong Dang from the VAMC, Seattle. Congratulations and thank you Huong for your dedication to the animals in your care!

Member of the Year for 2005 was awarded to yours truly. Wow, what an honor and a surprise! (*Thanks Carlos*!) I really do appreciate the recognition for my work as your newsletter editor for so many years. Being editor has allowed me to participate "behind the scenes" as Gary said and anyone that knows me, knows I don't particularly like being in the public eye. If you attended the Trade Fair you know I have resigned as your newsletter editor in order to give someone else a chance to participate "behind the scenes" in WBAALAS. Thanks again to all of the members for taking the time over the past years to open the newsletter and stay updated with the activities in the branch. And to all of the many board members I have had the pleasure of working with and getting to know, thanks for your contributions, ideas and friendship. WBAALAS is a wonderful organization that I have been very proud to be associated with. Thanks and goodbye.

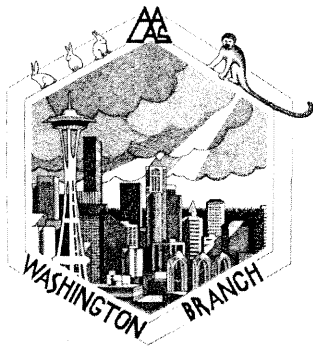
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Present

2005 IACUC Regional Education Conference

June 23-24, 2005
(Thursday afternoon and all day Friday)
Downtown Seattle

Conference Highlights

- Featured speakers: Helen Diggs, DVM, UC Berkeley
Kathryn Bayne, AAALAC International
Robert Gibbens, USDA, Director of Western Region
Axel Wolff, OLAW Director, Div. of Compliance Oversight
- Sessions: Beginner and advanced topics
Discussions with IACUC members and administrators
Regulatory issues
New technologies in animal research
- Opportunity to interact with peers and colleagues

Who Should Attend

- New and experienced IACUC members and administrative personnel
- Lab animal veterinarians and staff

Conference Value to Attendees

- Solutions for common problems seen by OLAW, USDA, AAALAC and other IACUCs
- Appreciation for IACUC's role and contribution in the process of biomedical research and discovery
- Overview of basic IACUC organization and function
- Review and update of animal use regulations
- Introduction to new technologies in animal research
- Networking opportunities with colleagues

The most valuable parts of the conference for the 2004 attendees:

- “The overall information about the various agencies and how they interact. I appreciated the ‘nuts and bolts’ information.”
- “The great experience of speakers and what they shared.”
- “Networking – meeting others from different institutions.”

Registration:

On-line registration will be available at www.nwabr.org by April 1, 2005.
For more information, contact Reitha Weeks, at NWABR: 206-956-3651 or rweeks@nwabr.org

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Thursday, June 23rd: 11 am to 6:15 pm

Friday, June 24th: 7:30 am to 5:00 pm

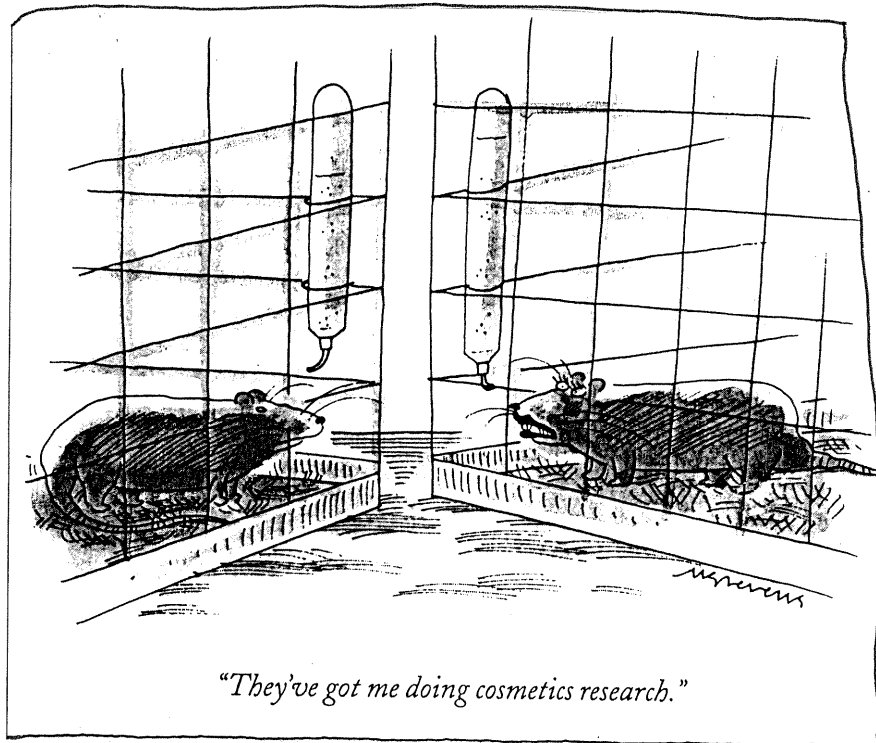
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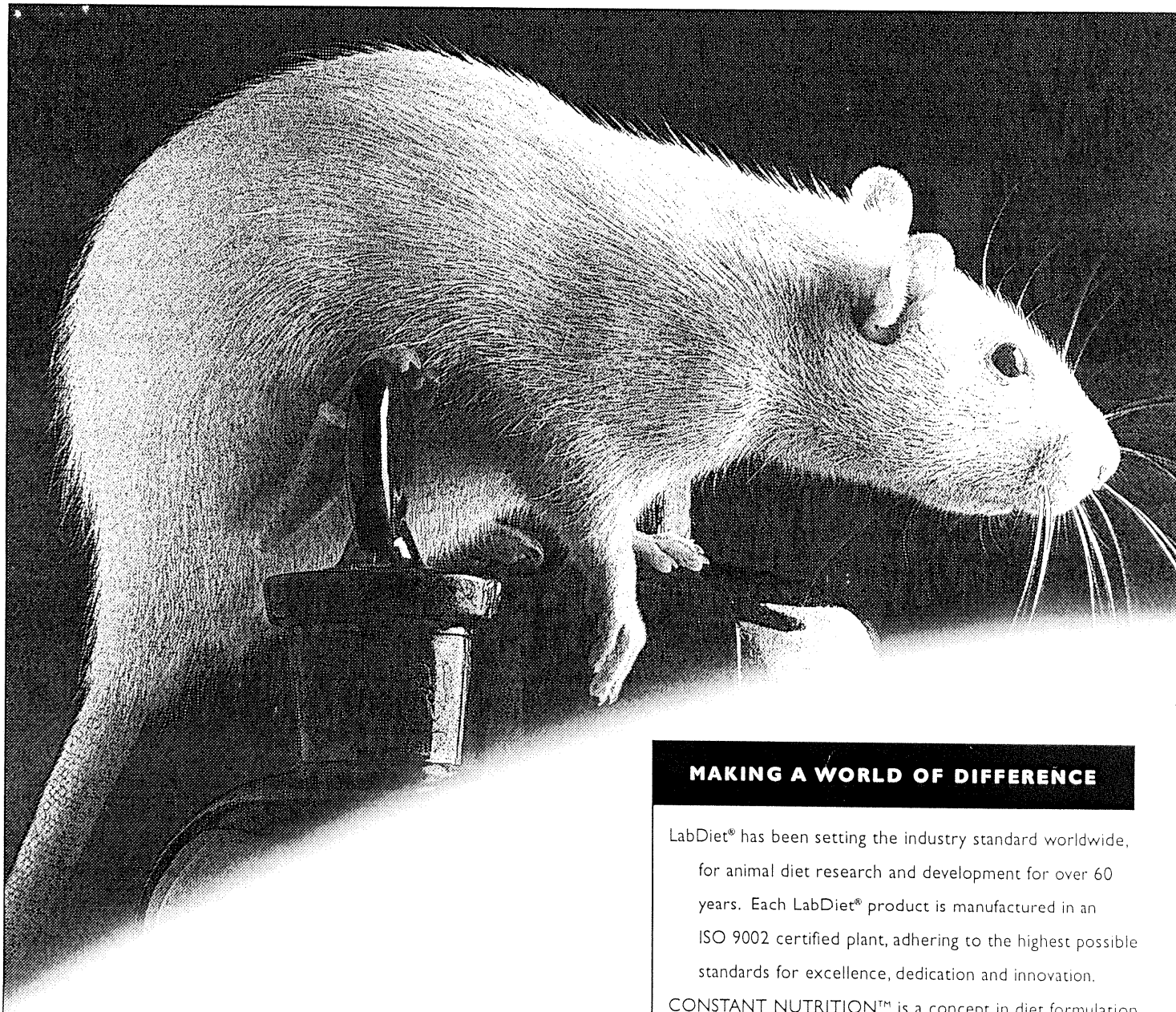
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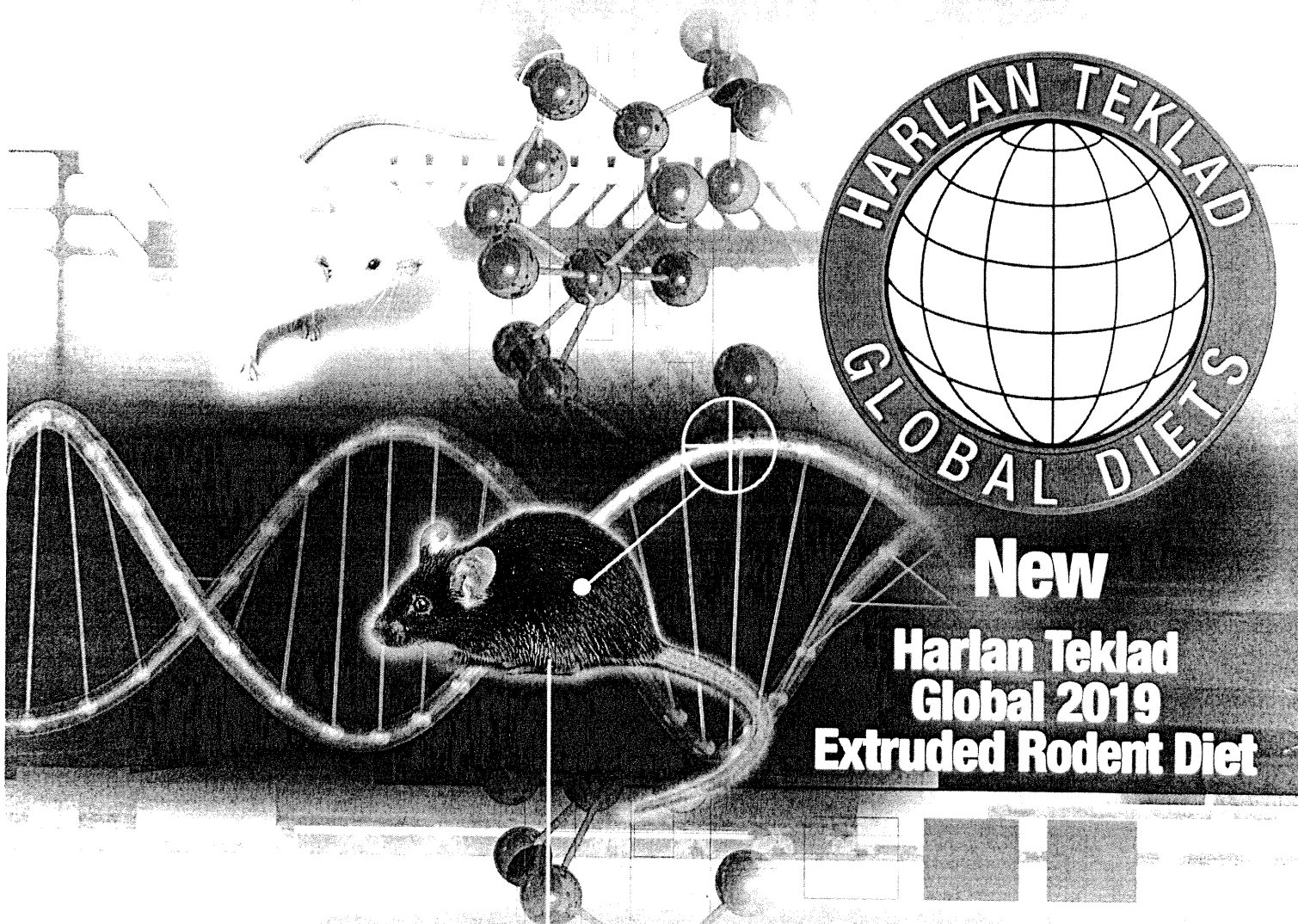
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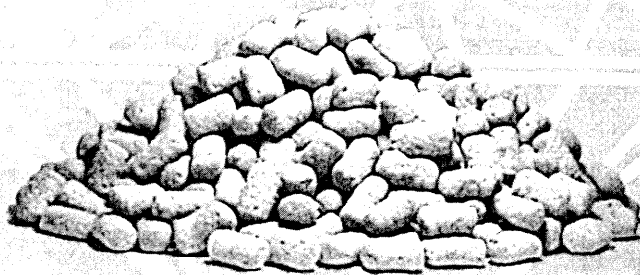
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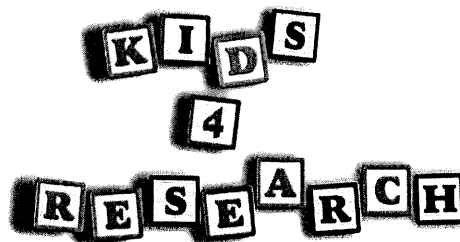
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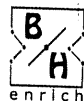
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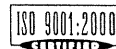
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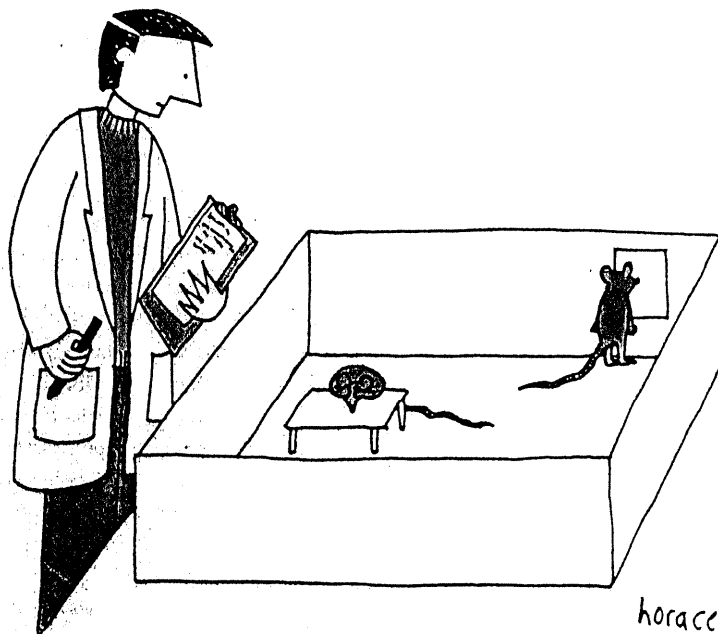
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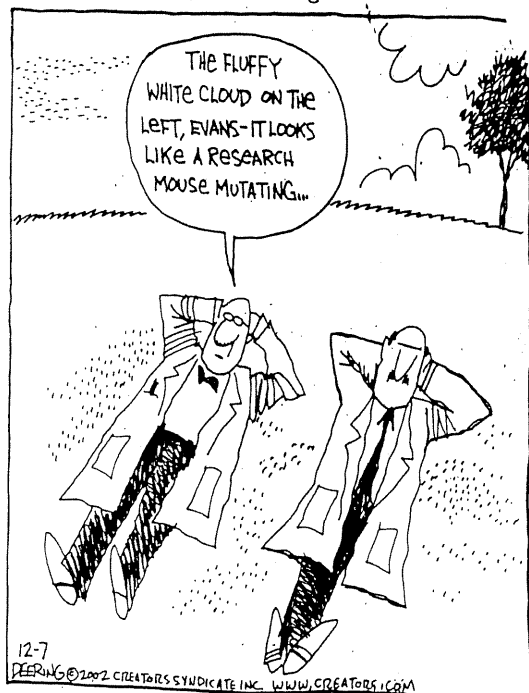
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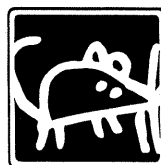
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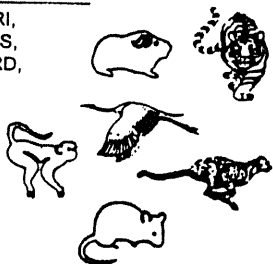
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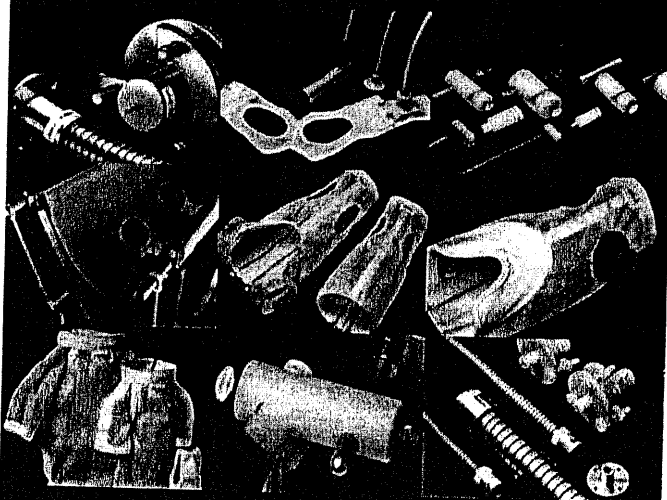
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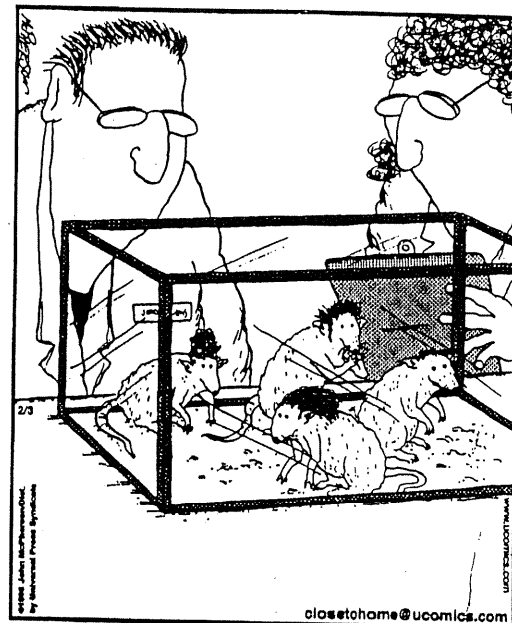
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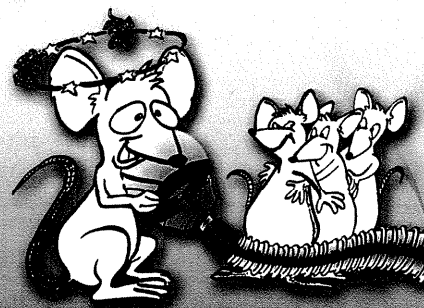
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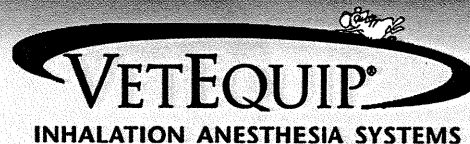
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