

BITS AND PIECES

Comics couture; swan song for 'Fatman'

Comic-book heroes making a fashion statement. Lawrence Cunningham's "The Men in Black" will soon find its way to the big screen. Columbia Pictures has bought the film rights to Cunningham's comic-book series, seeing in the property the potential for a succession of movies. "The Men in Black" follows the adventures of Jay and Kay, who dress à la the Blues Brothers, drive black convertibles and face supernatural and extraterrestrial menaces.

It ain't over till you get that last check. *Jake and the Fatman*, which continued to earn good ratings even after production ended last spring, may find its way into syndication in early 1993. Star Joe Penny, who has a financial interest in the show, explains his reasons for quitting his role and ending the series. "We did five years and at the end of the fifth year I said I didn't want to do any more. Of course, they wanted to do more, but I didn't want to — I was done with it, I had finished it. I thought I had done everything I could creatively, and I think for me to stay on the show would only hurt the show because I wouldn't be there because I wanted to be. I'd only be there because of money, and I don't think that's a good motivator to be at a job, if you don't have to."



Paula Zahn

But did she say the secret word? *CBS This Morning* co-anchor Paula Zahn recently won \$12,752 as a mock contestant on Bill Cosby's syndicated game show, *You Bet Your Life*. Zahn's stint on the quiz show came during an interview of Cosby.

They'll save a lot of money on special effects. NBC is developing a docudrama about Hurricane Andrew intended for broadcast this season. For full realism, the telefilm will incorporate news footage shot by NBC affiliate WTVJ-TV in Miami.

TRIVIA, ETC.

'toon trivia: What's up, Doc?

By Steven Alan McGaw

Questions:

1. What studio produced *Looney Tunes* and *Merry Melodies*?
2. Who's "smarter than the average bear?"
3. In 1914, Gertrude revolutionized the 'toon universe, becoming the first animated character with her own truly distinct personality. What kind of creature was Gertrude?
4. Name the 1940 short in which Bugs Bunny made his debut.
5. Who's been known to exclaim "Sufferin' succotash!"?
6. Identify the versatile talent who provided the voices for Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd, Daffy Duck and countless other cartoon favorites.
7. Name the cartoon series (it once aired in prime time) loosely based on Jackie Gleason's *The Honeymooners*.
8. Where did George Jetson work?
9. Long before the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, this shell-backed swash-buckler defended damsels in distress. Name him.

Answers:

1. Warner Bros.
2. Yogi Berra.
3. A dinosaur.
4. Sylvester the cat.
5. Mel Blanc.
6. *The Flintstones*.
7. Spacey Sprockets.
8. Touche Turtle.

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Fridays on CBS, Estelle Getty and Cheech Marin star in *Golden Palace*. Betty White also stars.



Jazz great Max Roach discusses the art of drumming in *Behind the Scenes*, Saturday on PBS.



J.C. Chasez is a Mouseketeer in *The Mickey Mouse Club*, weekday afternoons on The Disney Channel.