

"That is the story. Do you think there is any way of making them believe it?" (Plato, 380BC)

WIDESCREEN TV RECALL

By Ed Coonce
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Distortion is Permanent, Broadcasters Alarmed, Blame New Format

North Bergen, April 17 ___ Anchorman Harry Phillips of the Bergen7 local news channel has been experiencing the bizarre aftereffects of horizontal distortion. First noticed over a year ago, the phenomenon started when Bergen7 switched to the HiDef

wide format broadcast mode. Normal in figure A, the distortion is pronounced in figure B, three months later. At a BigNews special broadcast last week, (Figure C) with new co-anchor Lola Witherspoon, it was apparent the distortion had altered his vertical

faciocranial dimensions as well.

Professor Arthur Spillwell, Rector of the East Hell Telecommunications Coalition, believes that the technology required to broadcast in wide format television has been invaded by a digital viral entity that is somehow making the unlikely jump to humans.

"If this is, indeed, a virus, then we will be looking for its origins," says Spillwell. "If it is man made, then it is possibly the most insidious organism ever created."

Several manufacturers, all of them China-based, have launched a research program to find an explanation. At an obscure lab in Shengaleng Province, televisions are being dismantled and scanned with an electron scope. The results will be posted online at distortiontv.com.

[see *How Will This Affect American Idol?* Page A3]



A



B



Figure C

Photo by Fotoluxe

POLITICAL SPIN IS REAL

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IT'S ALL DONE BY MACHINE!

Fairfax, April 17 ___ Just as every Progressive Reality Party candidate has been arguing, political spin is manufactured and fed to an ever-more-gullible public. The proof came this week when undercover operatives snapped pictures of the Spinmaster 180 hidden underneath a convenience store in Langley, Virginia.

The machine accepts input on a breaking story from every major network, then analyzes the content, filters out key phrases, and provides a variety of 30 second sound bites that completely contradict the original story. This altered information is then sold to Fox News and presented as "fair and balanced."

When asked to comment about the



Spin Technician at Work

Spinmaster pictures, NewsCorp's Rupert Shylock said "What pictures? There aren't any pictures."

The obviously frightened clerk at the 7-Eleven above the secret lab was on the defensive, refusing to talk to Bugle reporters. [see *We Knew This Was Coming* Page A5]

INSIDE NATION

Pope Won't Visit Iraq

Just can't get the time right now, spokesman says. Vatican business is hopping, what with the new priest recruitment effort and all. **A2**

SPORTS

Field Ripped Up

The artificial turf on the field at Quaintsville High is full of lead, says Federal agency. Fighting Meerkats look for alternative site. **C1**

ENTERTAINMENT

Robert Plant and Alison Krauss

Zeppelin meets "Brother, Where Art Thou?" Stairway to Heaven passes through bluegrass alley. Listen! **D1**

BUSINESS

Citibank Suspends Student Loans

Not making enough profit off student loans, says spokesman. B of A to follow suit. **E1**