

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

DANGEROUS TOY ALERT By Marston Tidwell Bugle Staff Writer

SHOCKED PARENTS DEMAND PERMANENT BAN

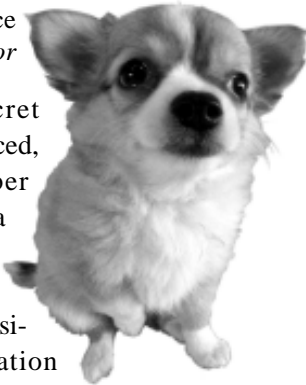
North Bergen Bureau— The Spasbro Toy Corporation is under fire from consumer groups, and suits have been filed in 20 states, asking local municipalities to ban the wildly popular Deathbot 3000. "Toy" is hardly the definition of the transforming robot. The so-called toy is outfitted with a sophisticated aiming system that allows it to fire BB's at a rapid rate. The design of the Deathbot incorporates technology and computer chips that were used in the best selling shooter computer game, "Bludgeon Master."

Everyone at one time or another has been admonished by a parent, "Don't play with that, you'll put your eye out!" In this case it's true. The Deathbot's aiming software seeks out an eye, any eye, even a picture of an eye, and fires a BB at it. Spasbro spokesman Dale Helfman has agreed to appear on Fox 'N Friends to reassure the public. "We're sure that in the right hands, the Deathbot 3000 is perfectly harmless."

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT? RUMORS IMPLICATE ARMY

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BB— A secret memo has surfaced, dated September 21, that shows a directive from the President's office to the Presidential Information Security Service to initiate Operation Who Let the Dogs Out. The memo went on to say that once the operation was in motion, to "allow the dogs to do their work without interference, and brief all ground personnel as to the safety issues regarding the dogs and the mechanized training teams."



Speculation around the Beltway is that this is some new anti-terror training involving dogs, possibly chihuahuas, and a technologically advanced support system which would include robotic handlers.

Secretary of Defense Gates was less than forthcoming about the Operation, threatening to "find and prosecute the individual or group that intercepted this lawful order. Nobody has a need to know about what we do in the war on terror."

In Tucumcari, New Mexico, citizens were roused from their beds Tuesday night when a small army of chihuahuas invaded

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Deborah Smiley, mother of thirteen year old Brandon (below) disagrees. "They should have put a warning label on it, or at least fix the robot so it shoots at something other than an eye. Our son isn't happy about the eyepatch he has to wear now, but he won't even look at anything else, he still wants to get out and play with the deathbot."



Injured by Deathbot

House Assemblyman Humphrey "Hump" Sternworth has declared his readiness to bring a legislative remedy.

"No one should



When you've been really, really, really bad.



Deathbot 3000 prepares to fire.

be shot in the eye by a robot, so I will bring a petition to the Assembly to force a recall of this insidious and dangerous weapon that

[see "It's No Barbie" A5]

INSIDE BUSINESS

Make It All Go Away!

Puhhleeze, will somebody just put a stop to this meltdown? Ohmigod, my Hummer's nearly outta gas, *Helllllp me!* **F1**

NATION

Bailout Lottery Idea Floated

Pick a card, any card, sucker. We can't afford to bail out everybody and his financial advisor, so we'll have a lottery. The lucky number for today is... **A3**

ENTERTAINMENT

Katie Perry Kissed a Girl

And she liked it. Then she did some laundry, made a ham sandwich, drank a beer, and liked all that, too. **D3**

LOCAL

Mob Burns Brewery

Blaze guts The Lecherstone after pub owners refuse protection from the Charles Manson Lincoln Gang. **A7**