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Posted by [rick](#) on Thu, 01 Feb 2007 10:10:12 GMT

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Thu, 01 Feb 2007 13:11:22 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Thu, 01 Feb 2007 23:37:33 GMT
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I am very accustomed to the wind from two great danes. What doesn't kill me makes me stornger.

"Jeff hoover" <jkhoover@excite-DOT-com> wrote in message
news:45c26a86\$1@linux...
> Personally, I'd be a little concerned about the source of the wind...
> (especially with two adolescents in the house!!!)
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> :-)
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> JH
>
> DJ wrote:
>> the wind speaks to me. It doesn't matter from whence.....
>>
>> "rick" <parnell68@hotmail.com> wrote in message
>> news:3vh4s2pdku3qeott2a8vlf6e8241mjm8@4ax.com...
>>
>>>you sure you're not just hearing a reflection of blowing your own
>>>nose???
>>>
>>>On Thu, 1 Feb 2007 09:13:40 -0700, "DJ" <www.aarrrrggghh!!!.com>
>>>wrote:
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>>>
>>>>I've quit watching TV or reading the paper. I do, however listen for the
>>>>sound of the drums echoing through the canyons at night and the bugling
>>>>of
>>>>the spirit elk. They tell me what I must do.
>>>>
>>>>;o)
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>>>>"rick" <parnell68@hotmail.com> wrote in message
>>>>news:k244s2tb3k1jg8qqfekim46dj0r2fidfut@4ax.com...
>>>>
>>>>>guess i'll have to get cable one of these days...
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>On Thu, 1 Feb 2007 07:25:52 -0600, "Mark McCurdy" <mark@mccurdy.net>
>>>>>wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>>Yea, when I first saw one of the devices I thought "IT'S A LIGHT
>>>>>>BRITE!".
>>>>>>That being said it is now being reported that the people who planted
>>>>>>the
>>>>>>"light brites" had put them up days ago and they weren't being noticed
>>>>>>SO
>>>>>>they decided to call in a threat to the police. If that story pans
>>>>>>out to
>>>>>>be true then they are in deep doo doo.
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>>>>>>I do love Aqua Teen though! hahaha The movie comes out in March.
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>>>>>><http://www.adultswim.com/shows/athf/movie/index.html>
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>>>>>>"rick" <parnell68@hotmail.com> wrote in message
>>>>>>news:71f3s2t7qnib500vkqbduo9g1ahdii4ugu@4ax.com...
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>"BOSTON (Reuters) - A television network's marketing campaign went
>>>>>>>badly awry on Wednesday, causing a day-long security scare in Boston
>>>>>>>that closed bridges, shut major roads and put hundreds of police on
>>>>>>>alert.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>Apologizing for Boston's biggest security alert since the September
>>>>>>>11
>>>>>>>attacks more than five years ago, Turner Broadcasting said it had
>>>>>>>placed electronic devices at bridges and other spots to promote an
>>>>>>>animated cartoon.

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>>>>>>Police mistook the small, battery-powered electronic billboards as
>>>>>>possible improvised bombs.
>>>>>>Reuters Pictures
>>>>>>Photo
>>>>>>
>>>>>>Editors Choice: Best pictures
>>>>>>from the last 24 hours.
>>>>>>View Slideshow
>>>>>>
>>>>>>The discovery of the first one on a bridge led police to stop morning
>>>>>>rush-hour traffic on an interstate highway just north of Boston, halt
>>>>>>a busy train line, cordon off the area and deploy a bomb squad, which
>>>>>>blew it up.
>>>>>>
>>>>>>By afternoon, at least nine more of the "suspicious" devices were
>>>>>>found. Authorities mobilized emergency crews, federal agents, bomb
>>>>>>squads, hundreds of police and the U.S. Coast Guard as traffic froze
>>>>>>in parts of the city.
>>>>>>
>>>>>>The billboards, encased in dark plastic, consisted of blinking lights
>>>>>>wired to an electronic circuit board to project an animated cartoon
>>>>>>image in an outdoor promotion for a show on Turner's Cartoon Network
>>>>>>called "Aqua Teen Hunger Force."
>>>>>>
>>>>>>"The 'packages' in question are magnetic lights that pose no danger,"
>>>>>>Turner Broadcasting System Inc., a unit of Time Warner Inc., said"
>>>>>>
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Subject: Re: are people just a little too paranoid?"
Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Fri, 02 Feb 2007 05:37:28 GMT
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Ya know.....those big power transformers on telephone poles are startin' to bother me.....I'll bet one good shot with a .270.....

;oP

"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:45c259fb\$1@linux...

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> "Mark McCurdy" <mark@mccurdy.net> wrote:

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Posted by [rick](#) on Fri, 02 Feb 2007 09:24:23 GMT
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9 other cities had no problems with them...they just removed them without fanfare.

On 2 Feb 2007 08:22:03 +1000, "James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:

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never thought of that but...it does make sense.

:o)

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