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Today in 2004

Databases investigated

- Do they tell the truth?
- Are they always correct?
- How do we find mistakes?

Our intrepid reporters uncover strange events at Sandy Floor's Circus

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Investigating charts
An in-depth guide to graphs and their uses.

Is Betty innocent?

Two years ago Dumbo the world famous flying elephant disappeared. Although Dumbo has never been found there have been reports that an elephant answering his description has been seen in Disneyland.

After a very fast investigation three clues were discovered.

1.a **green nose** was found on the ground near Dumbo's tent.

2.a clown with **blue hair** was seen creeping around the elephants enclosure

3.a hat with **four sequins** was found in a caravan.

The clues matched the description of Coco the clown who was arrested and sent to prison.

Now another clown has been arrested after it was discovered that all the ticket money was

stolen last week.

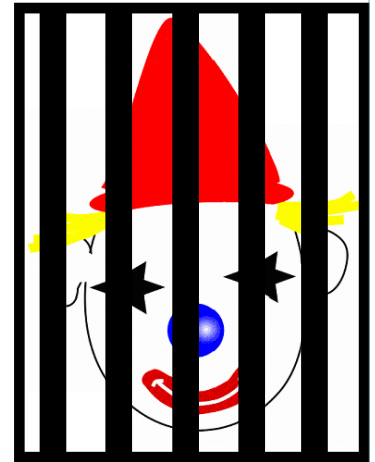
Witnesses said that some **yellow** hair was found in the ticket office, the empty cash bag was found under a caravan and lying in the grass near it was **blue** nose and a clown's hat with **two** sequins

Detectives investigating the crime used the same database that was created when Dumbo went missing and discovered that Betty matched the clues. She has been arrested but is claiming that she is innocent.

She says that there must be a mistake in the database and someone else is responsible.

As she was taken away she called out, "I was with my friend lollipop, ooh, ooh, ooh."

Can we prove she is innocent? Is there really an error on the data-



Betty puts on a brave face behind her prison bars

base?

We have found out that the detective who arrested Betty used the database information WITHOUT looking at the original photographs.

The search is on to find the missing photos.

Will they prove who is innocent and who is guilty?

Ringmaster takes a holiday

Following the loss of all the circus ticket money ringmaster Tel Emnow has been overcome with a fit of depression. His doctors have advised him to take a holiday and he has reluctantly agreed to do so.

Circus owner Sandy Floor said that his daughter Dusty would take over as ringmaster while Tel was away. Sandy said he wasn't sure where Tel had gone on holiday but hopes he has a good rest while he is away.