RONNIE VIRGETS PAPERS

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Ronnie Virgets is the quintessential "New Orleans original" -- a native with the ability to see, appreciate and poke gentle fun at the quirky qualities that embody the Crescent City. For decades, he has, with well-chosen words and a distinctive voice, evoked images of his hometown to inspire new appreciations of familiar surroundings.

His columns and scripts present glimpses of his boyhood in Mid-City New Orleans where he was born at Mercy Hospital on April 16, 1942 and attended Catholic schools. While a student at St. Aloysius High School, he was encouraged by a teacher to develop his writing talents and after high school graduation in 1961 to enroll as a Journalism student at Loyola University. His first column, "On the Virg," was published in the Maroon and with other Loyola students, he worked as a "stringer" at the Times-Picayune. He was graduated from Loyola in 1965.

After a 1965-1968 U.S. Army tour which took him to Vietnam, Virgets returned to New Orleans and a variety of jobs, including owning a pool hall, tending bar and working at a small public relations firm. In the mid-70s he returned to journalism, covering sports for the Times-Picayune and eventually writing free-lance sports features.

As a child, Virgets was introduced by his family to the world of horse racing and remembers his first visit to the stables where he "even liked the way it smelled," so he was particularly suited to become a columnist for the Racing Form. For three years he covered the racing circuit from the Fair Grounds, Louisiana Downs and Keystone Park, near Philadelphia. And, when he returned to New Orleans, he continued to write about the track in "Railbird Ronnie," a freelance column for the Times-Picayune. As a full-time staff member at the newspaper, he wrote features for Dixie Roto and finally, a metro column.

The transition to television took place when WWL-TV's Bill Elder invited Virgets to produce features for his weekly show "Bill Elder's Journal," and the New Orleans equivalent of a star was born. His voice, both rough and soothing, became familiar, and his written words combined with the best of television photography delighted viewers. In the years since, WGNO, WDSU and WYES have also aired his New Orleans vignettes. Radio listeners, too, have been entertained by Virgets as host of WWNO's "Crescent City."

Even as Virgets entered the realm of broadcast media, he continued his print career, writing a column which still appears biweekly in Gambit. His books, Say Cap published in 1997 and Lost Bread published in 2006, are compilations of favorite columns. "Diary of a Displaced Person: The First 72 Hours," his hurricane Katrina survival story, originally published in Louisiana Cultural Vistas, was an addendum to Say Cap.

During his long, varied career, Virgets has been the recipient of several writing awards. In 2002, he was honored by the Press Club of New Orleans with a Lifetime Achievement Award.
THE COLLECTION

The Ronnie Virgets papers contain all existing samples of his work in print, television and radio dating from the mid-1980s.

Box 1 contains examples of Virgets' broadcast media performances. The television essays have been converted to DVD format from VCR tapes and saved on computer for best preservation. Unfortunately, most of the CDs containing "Crescent City" transcripts were damaged by Katrina's floodwaters.

Box 2 consists of the work papers and scripts written for radio and television presentations.

Boxes 3, 4 and 5 are filled with files containing his published columns and feature stories. The hand-written undated manuscripts have been matched as often as possible with the columns as they appeared in print and are filed by periodical in chronological order. Those which could not be matched and were undated are arranged in alphabetical order.

Box 6 contains oversized articles and cover stories.

Box 7 is the large tablet scrapbook compiled for 1995-1999. It contains articles both by and about Virgets.

Box 8 holds the manuscripts, galleys and other material pertaining to Say Cap.

Box 9 contains manuscripts, galleys and other material concerning Lost Bread.

Box 10 holds material about Ronnie Virgets, awards he has received and self-published books of poetry and cartoons.
RONNIE VIRGETS PAPERS

BOX 1 - TELEVISION DVDS AND RADIO CDS

REAL NEW ORLEANS
WGNO ABC 26 NEWS

DVD #1
- June 16, 1991 "Gone Fishing"
- 1993 Ronnie Virgets' Scrapbook
- Pro Wrestling at Municipal Auditorium
- Chalmette Battlefield and Cemetery
- Silent Movie
- Neon Lights
- Gone Fishing
- 1993 Scrapbook (repeat of #2)
  1993 Out of the Ashes
- New Orleans Fairgrounds
- "Decorating" footage -- Real New Orleans

DVD #2
- Life of the Party -- Margarita Bergen
- Docs of Rock
- Big pets
- A Fine Cigar
- Casino Collectibles
- Pilot Town
- Old-time barber shops
- Dix (show continued on next tape)
- Mardi Gras Cafe
- Breton Island
- Surfer Dreams
- April 22, 1994 -- Real New Orleans
- Shore to Shore
- Scenes from a Wedding
- Frogman
- Real Rhythm
- Ronnie's Dreamhouse
- Voices of New Orleans
- Real Favorites - Dunbar's
- Shoppin' With Charmaine
- Real People, Real Pets
- The Trophy
- Then and Now
- Silent Prayer
- Ursuline Nuns
- Navy Steel Band
- Locantro Ice House
- Quilters
- Decorating for Mardi Gras
- Lawn Ornaments

DVD #3
- Grand Isle
- Little League
- 1995 Ronnie Virgets' Scrapbook
- Water
- Chalmette (script?)
- Metairie
- Matchstick Creations
- McCrossen
- Car Washes
- Grand Isle
- Children
- Pet Crematory
- Love
- Krewe of Cleopatra
- March 14- May 20, 2003 - Stories
- Time
- Fog (script)
- Battle of New Orleans
- Audubon Zoo (script)
- Birthdays
- Making Music
- Jazz Fest
- Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Exhibit
- Prom Night (script?)

DVD #4
- Coffee
- Stationary Bikes
• Faces
• Fathers
• Tourists
• Abandoned Grocery Buggies (script)
• American Flags (script)
• Birds
• Porches

• October 3, 2003 - October 24, 2003
• Political Signs (script)
• Feeding the Animals (script)
• Newspaper photos (script)
• Good weather -- Fall
• July 14, 2004
• Death of Fire Chief Mike McCrossen

WYES - CHANNEL 12

DVD #5
• March 3, 2005 Mother Cabrini's Legacy
• 2005 Rex Ball -- Rex's Royal Costumer

• 2005 Rex Ball -- Crown Jewels of Carnival
• 2005 Rex Ball -- 1905 Mardi Gras
• June 14, 2005 -- "Love Floats"

NEW ORLEANS FAIRGROUNDS

• Fair Grounds Race Course -- promotional videos

• November 2, 2006 Raw Fair Grounds footage with no narration. Cox Communications.

WWL-TV
REMOULADE, ETC.

DVD #6
• Selling Kisses at Maison Blanche
• Abandoned Buildings
• Lifestyle test
• Terrance Blanchard
• Winter Flowers
• Fingernail Shops
• Shadow
• Street Musicians
• All Saints Day
• Campaigns and Elections (1996)
• Digital Cameras Images
• Veterans Day
• Roofers
• Continental Can Company
• Cigar Smoking
• Convertibles

• Walls and Fences
• Mules
• Swimming babies
• Shaving
• Tattoos
• Purple
• Jelly Roll Morton
• Camp names
• Commencements
• Letterman List
• Wedding Cake
• The Upstairs Bar Fire

DVD #7
• Lifestyle test
• Italian Open
• The Irish in N.O.
• N.O. Writers
• Toy Museum
• Paul Bauer, bartender running for mayor
• Christmas
• Eye of the beholder II
• Eye of the beholder III
• Discards/Carrollton Lumber
• N.O. Radio Players
• Final exams and the last day of school before summer
• Blue
• Algiers Ferry
• Marbles
• Senior Rings
• Mardi Gras Kings
• Mid-City parade
• Voodoo Exhibit
• Black Bear
• Audubon Gorillas (script?)
• Dogs at Cafe Bar du Theatre
• Holt Cemetery
• Lee McDaniel -- Galatoire's waiter
• The Bishop -- Shoeshine man
• Signs
• Ponchartrain Beach

DVD #8
• Architecture
• Gatemouth Brown
• Diggeridoo
• Reflections
• Jazz Fest
• Sister Mary Smith, teacher
• Big Casino
• Rendezvous Pilot 8/7/97
• Who Lives There?
• Islenos
• Margaret Statue
• Daily Bread -- Zephyr's pitcher

DVD #9
• Bill Elder's Journal -- "Love" 1988?
• 5/1/96 (also on Betacam)
• Angels
• Street Musician
• All Saints Day
• Election Campaigns
• Digital Photography
• Veterans
• Roofers
• American Can Company
• On the Old Block with Vernel Bagoeris
• Eye of the Beholder I, II, III

DVD #10
• DVD - Remoulade Reflections
• Love Story
• Lost in the Past
• Youthful Fields
• The Mississippi
• The Legislature
• Gotta Dance
• All Saints Day
MISCELLANEOUS

DVD#11
• April 2, 1990. Angela Show - 4 columnists, Frank Schneider, Ronnie Virgets, Errol Laborde, Angus Lind
• United Way PSA "Choices" June, 16, 1999
• January 1991 Tad Gormley Stadium
• January 1991 A Soldier Story WWL-TV
• Also Betacam footage without Virgets' narration
• February 1991 "Soldier's Story"

WDSU features -- December 8, 2000-July 27, 2001
• Christmas Lights
• Children in Us
• Santa Paws
• Tastee faced with Krispee Kremes
• Mirrors
• Greek Orthodox Cathedral dedication
• Late night diners
• Arthur Hardy
• Wrestling
• Maskers
• Spas
• Beads in trees
• Shotgun houses
• Stella-Calling
• Demolition
• Laborde Lookout and Monkey Hill
• Piety
• Puppies
• The Aquarium
• Visualization of the Blues
• Cell phones
• Crawfish
• World War II Dioramas
• Sun and shade
• Flamingos
• Snowballs
• Strangers (script)
• Work
• Feathers
• "Found" Money

DVD #12 - Bridge House Commercial

DVD #13 - Family Feud

“CRESCENT CITY” RADIO SHOW CDs
WWNO

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FAIRGROUNDS RADIO COMMERCIALS

CD #10  2002-2003
CD #11  2003-2004
CD #12  2004-2005

BOX 2 -- RADIO AND TELEVISION WORK PAPERS AND SCRIPTS

“CRESCENT CITY” RADIO SHOW WORK PAPERS

Folder

1. February 4, 2003
   • Note cards for show
   • Rundown
   • Hand-written rundown
   • Info re Doc Hawley, master of Natchez
   • Everette Maddox poetry
   • Info re "Black and White Blues"
   • Love -- Opera Style
   • New Orleans Love Song
   • Virgets' -- "First Love"
   • Closing Credits

   • Fred Kasten memo
   • Notes on show
   • Rundown
   • Opening
   • Springtime in New Orleans
   • Second Line
   • Info re Wilson Turbinton
   • Jerry Spring Show
   • Info re Norma Wallace
   • Sinusitis Tango
   • Virgets' -- "Ready for Springtime"
   • Closing Credits
   • Original folder with notes

3. April 15, 2003
   • Note cards for show
   • Rundown
   • Opening
   • Rocky Da Jazz Fest Roach
   • Festivals
   • Info re Michael White
   • Info re John Cleary
• The Nutria Queen
• Info re Steve Armbruster
• Festival Theme Songs
• The Fair Chair
• Virgets' -- "Love of Reading"
• Closing Credits
• Original folder with notes

4. **September 13, 2005**
   Pre-Katrina plans for show which did not take place.

5. **January 30, 2006**
   • Note cards
   • Running order
   • Notes
   • "The Tourist" New Orleans Sketches, William Faulkner
   • Why New Orleans Music Matters
   • Closing Credits
   • Original folder with notes

**TELEVISION SCRIPTS**

6. **TV Scripts**
   • Amanda -- Daughter
   • American Flags
   • Autumn
   • Battle of New Orleans
   • Birds
   • Birthday feature
   • Bookie Joint
   • Bus riders
   • Campaign Signs
   • Carwash

   • Cemetery Time

7. **TV Scripts**
   • Jazzfest
   • Jefferson Parish (WYES)
   • Leni Riefenstahl
   • Libraries
   • Napoleon and Jefferson
   • Newspaper photos
   • Oysters
   • Photography
   • Pianist
   • Porches

   • D-Day Museum
   • Dr. Jock
   • Feeding animals
   • Fog
   • Garage Sales
   • Grocery buggies
   • Hands-on (WDSU)
   • History of Flags
   • Hotel Monaco
   • Hubig's Pies

   • Prom queen
   • Rain
   • Rex Costumer (WYES) 1/16/02
   • Saints Alive
   • Shots for future segments
   • Signs
   • Strangers
   • The Prom
   • Urban Islands
   • Young Love
• Zoo monkeys
• WGNO Promo

**RADIO SCRIPTS**

7 Radio Essays

- Begging
- Dumb dog
- First Books
- Ghosts by the side of the road
- Going over backwards
- Hunkering before hurricanes
- Lovebugs
- Mardi Gras Masking
- New grandson
- Nutbreads

- Poker Night
- Saints
- Science Project
- Thanksgiving/Fair Grounds Opening 2005
- The Battle of New Orleans
- Time passages
- Touch football
- Weight-lifting
- Young Love 2/05

**WORKS IN PRINT**

**BOX 3 - GAMBIT WEEKLY COLUMNS 1989-2002**

Folder

1. 1989-1995
   - May 2, 1989
   - November 22, 1994
   - March 21, 1995
   - March 28, 1995
   - May 16, 1995
   - June 6, 1995
   - New Orleans Ladies
   - All Good Catholics Pray
   - A Bench of Your Own
   - Dream Courier
   - The Real E.R.
   - Equestrian Thespian

2. January-March 1999
   - January 12
   - February 2
   - February 16
   - February 23
   - March 2
   - March 16
   - March 30
   - The Spirit of Re-Giving
   - Diagnosis: Boredom
   - Quite A Catch
   - Who Killed Cock Robin?
   - A Poet Remembered
   - Death's Shadow
   - Millennium Baby Booty
3. April-July 1999
   - April 13          Grand Theft Camry
   - April 27         Just Like Jesse James
   - May 11            Last Meals
   - May 25           Another City
   - June 8           Hope On A Rope
   - June 22         The Mighty Casey
   - July 6            Feeding Frenzy
   - July 20           To Sleep, Perchance

4. August-December 1999
   - August 3       Tongue Tied
   - August 17     Shadow Boxing
   - August 31   The Ashcan of History
   - September 14 An Original Sinner
   - September 28  An Old Man's War
   - October 12    The Candidate
   - October 26    Chicken and Stars
   - November 23  The More Things Change
   - December 7    Word Play
   - December 21  Parting Shots

5. January-April 2000
   - January 4         It's All In Your Headline
   - January 18      Y2Klarity
   - January 25      Food for Thought
   - February 15   Inherit the Win
   - February 29    A Motley Krewe
   - March 14        Summer Love
   - March 28      The So-So Samaritans
   - April 11        The Woes of Charon
   - April 25        Blue About the Blues

6. May-August 2000
   - May 9            Soapy Suds
   - May 23         Can I Get a False Witness?
   - June 13        Fathers & Sons
   - June 27        The Book of Love
   - July 11       Toil and Troubles
   - July 25       In the Way of Progress
   - August 8     Unnatural Selection
7. September -December 2000
- September 5  Back on Track
- September 12  Love of the Game
- September 26  The Short Version
- October 10  Canvassing the City
- October 24  The Name Game
- November 7  Silent Screen
- November 24  Fashionable Felons
- December 5  The Power of One
- December 19  Tossing His Cookies

- January 16  Is That Your Final Answer?
- February 6  Where's The Justice?
- February 20  Weather Resistant
- March 6  Antiques Sideshow
- April 3  Counter Intelligence
- April 17  When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

9. May-July 2001
- May 1  Royal Proclamations
- May 8  The Not-So-Last Hurrah
- May 15  Old Soldiers Never Die
- June 12  All Work, No Play
- June 26  Getting His Goat
- July 10  Lazy Daze of Summer
- July 24  Boog's Passing Parade

10. August-December 2001
- August 7  An Audubon Portrait
- August 21  Virtue and Advice
- August 28  Pulling Rank
- September 11  Measuring What's Lost
- September 25  Playing the Lottery
- October 9  The Ones That Got Away
- October 23  A Search for Meaning
- November 13  For Better or For Worse
- November 20  Bricks and Bones
- December 1  King Louis

- January 1  Mixed Nuts
- January 15  Emptying the Notebook
• January 29  
  Life Lines
• February 12  
  Snake Oil Salesman
• February 26  
  The Verse That Could Happen
• March 29  
  A Class By Itself
• April 9  
  Phoning It In
• April 16  
  Treat It Gentle
• May 7  
  A Sin by Any Other Name
• June 11  
  Tiger By the Tale

12. July-December 2002
• July 2  
  Washington Avenue: A Eulogy
• July 16  
  The List
• July 30  
  Faces in the Crowd
• August 13  
  Slumps
• August 20  
  Bumper Cars
• August 27  
  Ode to the Mockingbird
• September 9  
  Short Stories
• September 17  
  The Boxer
• October 1  
  The F-word
• November 12  
  Fish Lips
• November 26  
  The Last Picture Show
• December 3  
  Why the Butler Did It

**BOX 4 -- GAMBIT WEEKLY COLUMNS 2003-2008**

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1. January-April 2003
• January 14  
  Insert Headline Here
• February 11  
  In Memoriam
• February 25  
  The Place He Was Made For
• March 11  
  The Great Tradition of Ernie Pyle
• March 25  
  Going for the Gold
• April 1  
  Letter
• April 15  
  Every Dog Will Have His...Birthday?
• April 22  
  Checking In and Checking Out

2. May-July 2003
• May 6  
  The Case of the Canal Street Madam
• May 20  
  Daytime Drinking
• June 3  
  Taking Inventory
• July 1  
  Bed Head
• June 17  
  Recollections About a Bully
- July 22  The Honeymooners
- July 29  Photo Finish
- July 29  Just for Kicks

3. August-December 2003
- August 12  Sweat the Debt
- August 26  Happy Birthday, Huey
- September 9  Catching the Bus
- September 30  Saints Day
- October 14  "The Shakespeare of Advertising"
- October 28  This Time of Year
- November 11  Sounds Like Fun
- November 25  I Confess
- December 9  Saints and Sinners
- December 16  The Rest of the Story
- December 23  Ghost of Christmas Past

4. January-May 2004
- January 20  You Are What You Eat
- March 2  All on a Mardi Gras Day
- March 9  March in New Orleans
- March 23  The Time of the Horse
- April 6  Heads or Tails
- April 20  She Not Busy Being Born
- May 4  Finalities
- May 18  Loyal Appositions
- May 25  Letter Perfect

5. June-October 2004
- June 1  Marcia, Marcia, Marcia
- June 8  Not-So-Famous Last Words
- June 15  My Good Name
- July 13  Day of Rest
- July 27  The Cat That Walked by Himself
- August 10  Mother's Day
- August 24  One May Smile, and Smile...
- September 21  The Good Fight
- October 26  The Communion of Saints

4. January-April 2005
- January 11  Close to Home
- January 25  Things Left Behind
- February 8  A Crazy Little Thing
- February 22  The Dining Divide
- March 22  The Eye of the Beholder
- April 5  For Every Model a Name
- April 19  Blue Notes

5. May-December 2005
- May 3  Dog Daze
- May 31  The Cruelest Cut
- June 28  An Open Letter
- July 26  Jailhouse Letter
- August 9  Up in Arms
- August 23  Friends in High Places
- November 8  Letter
- November 8  Mid-City: Fingers Crossed
- November 29  Picture of Health
- December 13  Costs and Benefits
- December 27  Word Play

- January 10  Soldier On
- January 24  Ragtime Cowboy Joe
- February 7  Idle Observations
- March 7  In Tribute
- April 4  Whistling for Dixie
- April 18  Tour of Duty
- May 2  Sinful Discussion
- May 16  Life's Vignettes
- May 30  Great American Pastime

- June 13  House of Cards
- June 27  The Name Game
- July 11  Dictates for Change
- August 8  A War Over the War
- August 22  Once in a Lifetime
- September 5  There and Back Again
- September 14  You Can't Take It With You

8. October-December 2006
- October 3  Never Enough Time
- October 17  Post-car from the Ledge
- October 31  French Quarter Nightmare
- November 14  Sea of Words
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- May 20  It's All in My Head
- June 17  Mystery of the Racetrack
- June 24  Front-porch sitting
- July 8  Vicarious Living
- July 22  Forever a General
- August 12  Love to Hate
- August 26  Phobophobia

- September 30  A Lifetime at the Laundromat
- September 16  Equine-imit
- October 19  The Queen of Gospel
- October 28  That's Amoré

BOX 5 — OTHER COLUMNS AND ARTICLES

Folders
1. New Orleans Times-Picayune
- 6/21/85  Mandy gets advice from changed woman
- 6/23/85  USL pair: Planet X killed the dinosaur
- 1/26/86  A Few Good Men
- 12/21/86  Magic lives one last time
- 8/30/87  'Big Easy' a big thrill
- 10/16/87  Crash course on the law  Morris Bart

- Fancy Foot Work: Calvin Dayes
- Perry Scope: Earl Perry
- Mamie's Memories: Mamie Muniz
- Carnival Crazy: John Laudun
- Making A Difference: Hillary Thompson
- Preserving The Past: Phyllis Hudson
- The Art of Carnival: Patricia Hardin
- Iggy's Calling: Iggy Christiana

- Endymion: 40 Years Young
- Carnival's Grand Dame
4. **Kingfish**
   - December 2002 - Big Shot Editorial
   - January 2003 - Big Shot: Resolution solution
   - February 2003 - Big Shot: Timing is everything
   - March 2003 - Big Shot: Change of seasons
   - April 2003 - Big Shot: That's a rap
   - May 2003 - Big Shot: The big leagues
   - June 2003 - Big Shot: The burning question
   - July 2003 - Big Shot: Jazz worthy
   - August 2003 - Big Shot: Sounds of Summer
   - No date - First love

5. **Tenet Newsletters**
   - Heart Attack
   - New challenges

6. **Louisiana Cultural Vistas**
   - Winter 2005-2006 Diary of A Displaced Person

7. **Loyola Magazine**
   - Fall 2007 The Wonderful Novelty of What's Known
   - Spring 2008 Hail to the Chief

8. **Assorted**
   - VA Hospital Series
   - Letter from Shreveport
   - Bed Head -- no date
   - Sell or Die -- no date

9. **Miscellaneous Undated Hand-Written Drafts**
   - Battle of New Orleans
   - Brian Krantz
   - Catalogs
   - Cause of Death
   - Dean Pellegrin
   - Degas 1998 (?)
   - Don Lee Keith
   - Fading Krewes
   - Fitzmorris Brothers
   - Happy Ticket
   - John Law
   - Monarchy
   - Movies Seen Twice
   - Photographs by Sydney Byrd
   - Write Stuff -- Western Civilization
   - Write Stuff: Irish Poets
   - Write Stuff: Prison
   - Write Stuff: Love
• September 15, 1985  The Big Scoop                   Dixie
• January 26, 1986   A Few Good Men                   Dixie
• February 21, 1989  From the Horse's Mouth          Gambit
• December 19, 2000  Mary Making                      Gambit
• June 5, 2001      Tour of Duty                      Gambit
• December 18, 2001  In Search of Santa               Gambit
• June 4, 2002      Zoom, Zoom Bride & Groom          Gambit
• January 21, 2003   Perdido                          Gambit
• July 15, 2003     The Hors D'Oeuvres of History     Gambit
• February 8, 2005  A New Orleans Boyhood              Gambit
• May 17, 2005      Berkman At The Bat                  Gambit
• August 23, 2005   Postcards from Ustica               Gambit
• March 21, 2006    Words We Live By                   Gambit Silver Anniversary

• August 1, 1995    Hard Drives                        Gambit
• August 15, 1995   Knights of Another Age              Gambit
• August 1995      Manning and Henderson               Gambit
• August 1995      Sundance Morgan                     Gambit
• August 22, 1995  Hero or Hooligan?                   Gambit
• August 29, 1995  Fallen Gamblers                      Times-Picayune
• September, 1995  "On the Air "Column                 New Orleans Magazine
• September, 1995  Tuna on canvas                      Louisiana Horse
• Sept/Oct, 1995   "Sixty"                              New Orleans Magazine
• September 5, 1995  Don't Curse the Darkness           Gambit
• September 12, 1995  Living Out the Curse               Gambit
• September 12, 1995  "On the Air" Column               Times-Picayune
• September 19, 1995  Screams for Answers               Gambit
• September 26, 1995  If You Can't Eat 'em...         Gambit
• Autumn, 1995     Paul Prudomme                        Louisiana Life
• October 1995      Buddy Teevens                      New Orleans Magazine
• October 3, 1995   Cheating & Fore-play                Gambit
• October 10, 1995  Through a Glass Gaelicly           Gambit
• October 17, 1995  A Note to the Unabomber            Gambit
• October 24, 1995  Diary of a Mad Centerfold          Gambit
• November 1995     Game time in the press box          New Orleans Magazine
• November 19, 1995  Back on the Old Block              Times-Picayune
• November 19, 1995  TV/Radio Column                   Times-Picayune
• Nov/Dec, 1995     New Blood New Money                Louisiana Horse
• December 1995     The Sugar Bowl's new look           New Orleans Magazine
• Winter 1995       Dale Brown                          Louisiana Life
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• Fall 1997  Blessed Buddy  Louisiana Horse
• November 22, 1997  Virgets tells tales of city...  L'Observateur
• December 7, 1997  The Real Thing  Baton Rouge Advocate
• December 5, 1997  Voice of the City  The Maroon
• December 28, 1997  By Our Writers and Photographers  Times-Picayune
• January 2, 1997  First parades of the new year  Times-Picayune
• January 11, 1997  Mr. Mardi Gras parties with pals  Times-Picayune
• January 1998  Gumbo Gossip  Visitor French Quarter guide
• January 22, 1998  Box Office Arts & Leisure  Driftwood
• January/February 1998  Fair Grounds reborn  The Backstretch
• March 1998  Tennessee: What's on tap...  Gambit
• March 12, 1998  Entertainment Calendar  Times-Picayune
• Spring 1998  Tales of the (Crescent) City  Loyola New Orleans
• March 25, 1998  "Railbird Ronnie" flier  Century Club of CAC
• April 1998  The Poet's Gazette  LA State Poetry Society
• April 25, 1998  Jazz Fest Fantasy Bus Ride  Free Thinkers Society
• May 5, 1998  Golf shoes, toe shoes kick off....  Times-Picayune
• July 7, 1998  Go Native!  Gambit
• 1998  Four Calendar  The Poets' Gazette
• June 24, 1998  Music on the Lake  St. Tammany News-Banner
• October 1998  Cat Patience  The Poets' Gazette
• 1998  Yat of the Month  Southern Yat Hysterical Soc.
• December 10, 1998  Out & About  Ponchatoula Times
• 1999  Mardi Gras Guide  Mardi Gras Guide
• 1999  King Comes Home  Mardi Gras Guide
• January 7, 1999  Out & About  Ponchatoula Times
• January 12, 1999  The Spirit of Re-Giving  Gambit

BOX 8 – SAY CAP: THE NEW ORLEANS VIEWS OF RONNIE VIRGETS

• 1997 Edition
• Invitations to publication party
• Notes, drafts, manuscripts

BOX 9 – LOST BREAD

• 2006 Edition
• Notes, drafts, manuscripts
BOX 10 -- PRESS CLIPPINGS/AWARDS

Folder

1. Media associations
   - 1991 Gambit resignation
   - ca. 1994
   - November 19, 1995
   - January 31, 2002
   - April 22, 2002
   - August 10, 2005
   - WGNO-TV
   - Times-Picayune TV Focus
   - Driftwood
   - CITYBUSINESS
   - Times-Picayune
   - Real New Orleans
   - Back on The Old Block
   - Big Easy Rides the Airways
   - Radio show spotlights NO
   - 'Stay Tuned: New Orleans Classic Commercials'

2. Press Club Award
   - May 29, 2002
   - May 26, 2002
   - June 1, 2002
   - 2003-2004
   - Times-Picayune
   - Times-Picayune
   - Press Club
   - Press Club
   - In their own write
   - Kotbe to be host of Press Club event
   - 44th Annual Awards
   - Nominations Wanted

3. Various
   - November 24, 2002
   - November 9, 2005
   - March 8, 2006
   - November 15, 2006
   - February 6, 2007
   - March 13, 2007
   - Daily Raising Form
   - Times-Picayune
   - Times-Picayune
   - Times-Picayune
   - Times-Picayune
   - Gambit Weekly
   - University of New Orleans
   - Big Easy Partying Shots
   - When bad luck turns worse
   - Carnival coverage was a job well done
   - The Family Feuder
   - Reader response
   - History of New Orleans Lecture Series

4. Photographs
   - ca. 1999
   - ca 2000
   - March 23, 2000
   - January 15, 2001
   - March 23, 2000
   - Times-Picayune
   - Norby's LSU-TU Wheelbarrow parade
   - "Here Comes JK" -- New Orleans Fairgrounds
   - "I'm Not Sure" -- New Orleans Fairgrounds
   - Press Club Awards
   - Tennessee Williams New Orleans Literary Festival
   - "Here Comes JK" -- New Orleans Fairgrounds

Awards
   - 1st Place Sports Feature
   - RTNDA Writing Award
   - Press Club of New Orleans 2003
   - The Edward R. Murrow Awards 2003 Regional

Other Books
   - Poetry
     - 101 Proof: Scenes by Ronnie Virgets
     - The Vast Minuteness
     - After-Dinner Drinks: Scenes for Sipping
     - Ronnie Virgets: Wastes Time...Annoys Others
     - Doodlebug
     - Local Color 2009
   - Cartoons