

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

- May 23, 2003 - July 23, 2003 - Stories
- 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

- 2001 Jefferson Parish Stories. An hour-long program underwritten by Jefferson Parish and Lakeside Shopping Center. Narration by RV (2 copies)
- 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

- Reflections
- Going to Town
- Fireworks
- Rain
- Sister Mary's Pralines
- Freckles
- Jazz Camp
- Who Lives There?
- Runway Model
- Warehouse District
- Thoroughbred
- Charity Hospital Volunteer
- Saints Home Finale
- St. Aug Serenade
- Mr. Bingle

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 Bagneris
- 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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |
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DVD #12 - Bridge House Commercial

DVD #13 - Family Feud

“CRESCENT CITY” RADIO SHOW CDs WWNO

DATE	PARTICIPANTS	TOPICS
CD #1 February 1, 2002 Le Chat Noir	Ronnie Virgets, host Astral Project Tom McDermot Lil Queenie Bruce Raeburn Peter Finney Live Nude Radio Players Don Lee Keith Ron Swoboda	History of “When The Saints Go Marching In” Super Bowl Mardi Gras Movie misconceptions of New Orleans Covering sports Virgets’ monologue – neighborhood football

CD #2 September 26, 2003 Le Chat Noir Education (Damaged CD)	Ronnie Virgets, host Hank Mackie Astral Project Al Kennedy Live Nude Radio Players	Jazz in the public schools Static
CD #3 October 31, 2003 Le Chat Noir "All Kinds of Saints" (Damaged CD)	Ronnie Virgets, host Astral Project Rob Tim Laughlin	All Saints Day Static
CD #4 January 23, 2004 Le Chat Noir New Orleans Culture (Poor Quality)	Ronnie Virgets, host Astral Project Bruce Raeburn Leroy Jones Rickey Graham Bob Bruce Live Nude Radio Players Ed Clancy	Death of Ty Tracey Downtown Danny Barker N.O. Saints Jelly Roll Morton
CD #5 February 20, 2004 Le Chat Noir Mardi Gras	Ronnie Virgets, host James Gill Arthur Hardy Donald Harrison, Jr. Live Nude Radio Players Astral Project	History -- Mardi Gras in other places "A Mardi Gras Carol" Comus Indians
CD #6 March 19, 2004 Le Chat Noir	Ronnie Virgets, host Teresa Anderson Angelo Brocato Bruce Raeburn Live Nude Radio Players Astral Project	St. Joseph's Day Altars Louis Prima Irish Channel
CD #7 May 21, 2004 Le Chat Noir	Ronnie Virgets, host Ellis Marsailis Jason Marsailis Phister Sisters Bruce Raeburn Live Nude Radio Players Astral Project	Slang -- Hot vs Cold Family values Boswell Sisters Jazz Fest
CD #8 May 20, 2005 Le Chat Noir Summer Vacations	Ronnie Virgets, host Andre Coudrescou	Yellow Fever Summer in New Orleans

CD #9

Three Days of Katrina (2 copies)

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

2. March 16, 2003
 - 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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda -- Daughter • American Flags • Autumn • Battle of New Orleans • Birds • Birthday feature • Bookie Joint • Bus riders • Campaign Signs • Carwash | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D-Day Museum • Dr. Jock • Feeding animals • Fog • Garage Sales • Grocery buggies • Hands-on (WDSU) • History of Flags • Hotel Monaco • Hubig's Pies |
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- Cemetery Time

7. TV Scripts

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jazzfest • Jefferson Parish (WYES) • Leni Riefenstahl • Libraries • Napoleon and Jefferson • Newspaper photos • Oysters • Photography • Pianist • Porches | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prom queen • Rain • Rex Costumer (WYES) 1/16/02 • Saints Alive • Shots for future segments • Signs • Strangers • The Prom • Urban Islands • Young Love |
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- Zoo monkeys
- WGNO Promo

RADIO SCRIPTS

7 Radio Essays

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| • Begging | • Poker Night |
| • Dumb dog | • Saints |
| • First Books | • Science Project |
| • Ghosts by the side of the road | • Thanksgiving/Fair Grounds Opening
2005 |
| • Going over backwards | • The Battle of New Orleans |
| • Hunkering before hurricanes | • Time passages |
| • Lovebugs | • Touch football |
| • Mardi Gras Masking | • Weight-lifting |
| • New grandson | • Young Love 2/05 |
| • Nutbreads | |

WORKS IN PRINT

BOX 3 - GAMBIT WEEKLY COLUMNS 1989-2002

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 1989-1995 | |
| • May 2, 1989 | New Orleans Ladies |
| • November 22, 1994 | All Good Catholics Pray |
| • March 21, 1995 | A Bench of Your Own |
| • March 28, 1995 | Dream Courier |
| • May 16, 1995 | The Real E.R. |
| • June 6, 1995 | Equestrian Thespian |
| 2. January-March 1999 | |
| • January 12 | The Spirit of Re-Giving |
| • February 2 | Diagnosis: Boredom |
| • February 16 | Quite A Catch |
| • February 23 | Who Killed Cock Robin? |
| • March 2 | A Poet Remembered |
| • March 16 | Death's Shadow |
| • March 30 | 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

8. January-April 2001

- 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

11. January-June 2002

- January 1 Mixed Nuts
- January 15 Emptying the Notebook

- 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 Cruellest 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
6. January-May 2006
- 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
7. June-September 2006
- 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

- November 28 Shrinking Giant
 - November 28 Hollywood Hustle
 - December 12 Queen of Proofs
 - December 26 Sad Day at the Track
9. January-April 2007
- January 9 Everyone's A Winner
 - January 30 Never a Dull Moment
 - February 6 Of Love, Crown Royal and Swedish Meatballs
 - February 20 Brilliance from the Icehouse
 - March 6 The Never-Ending Story
 - March 20 Honor Guard
 - April 3 The Philosophy of Conac
 - April 17 Rags to Riches, Saws to Diamonds
10. May-August 2007
- May 1 The Reign of Rain
 - May 15 Hap's Stance
 - May 29 Love Bites
 - June 12 Left Field
 - June 26 Let's Go Viking
 - July 10 End Game
 - July 24 The People That Care Forgot
 - August 7 A True Gentle Man
 - August 28 Nonhumanities
11. September-December 2007
- September 11 A Stage for the Air Violin
 - September 25 A Rainy Day in Serio's
 - October 9 Sound Effects
 - October 23 Keeping it Real in New Orleans
 - November 6 In That Number
 - November 20 Racetrack Characters
 - November 20 Not So Cleansing Rain
 - December 4 The *Real* Heroes of the Silver Screen
 - December 18 Past Perfect
12. January-April 2008
- January 1 Hail to the Chief
 - January 22 Capturing the Summit of Mount Snow Crab
 - February 12 Lofty Dreams
 - February 26 Dream Cleaver
 - March 11 The Closer

- April 2 The Tail-end of Civilization
- April 15 Barstool Banter
- April 22 Just a Little Off the Top

13. May-August 2008

- May 6 Chairman of the Board
- 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

14. September-November 2008

- September 30 A Lifetime at the Laundromat
- September 16 Equine-imity
- 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

2. Mardi Gras Guide 2001-2002

- 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

3. Mardi Gras Guide 2006-2007

- 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

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Battle of New Orleans | • John Law |
| • Brian Krantz | • Monarchy |
| • Catalogs | • Movies Seen Twice |
| • Cause of Death | • Photographs by Sydney Byrd |
| • Dean Pellegrin | • Write Stuff -- Western Civilization |
| • Degas 1998 (?) | • Write Stuff: Irish Poets |
| • Don Lee Keith | • Write Stuff: Prison |
| • Fading Krewes | • Write Stuff: Love |
| • Fitzmorris Brothers | |
| • Happy Ticket | |

BOX 6 -- COVER STORIES AND OVERSIZE FEATURES

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • 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 |

BOX 7 - SCRAPBOOK 1995-1999

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|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| • August 1, 1995 | Hard Drives | Gambit |
| • August 15, 1995 | Knights of Another Age | Gambit |
| • August 1995 | Manning and Henderson | New Orleans Magazine |
| • August 1995 | Sundance Morgan | New Orleans Magazine |
| • August 22, 1995 | Hero or Hooligan? | Gambit |
| • August 29, 1995 | Fallen Gamblers | Gambit |
| • September, 1995 | "On the Air "Column | Times-Picayune |
| • September, 1995 | Tuna on canvas | New Orleans Magazine |
| • Sept/Oct, 1995 | "Sixty" | Louisiana Horse |
| • 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 |

- January 1996 Since '66, the top five news stories
 - 1996 Chief
 - 1996 A Different Drummer
 - 1996 Mardi Gras Man
 - 1996 Pre-Season Fun
 - February 4, 1996 Great Getaways
 - February 4, 1996 10 years if Krewe's Point of Vieux
 - February 4, 1996 Records falling with mercury
 - February 1996 Gators on ice
 - February 16, 1996 On the Verge of Carnival

 - February 18, 1996 Bunny Matthews Cartoon
 - February 18, 1996 Taking its time
 - March 1996 Lagniappe's Hot Stuff
 - March 1996 The Comeback Kid
 - March 7, 1996 Holy Smoke
 - Spring 1996 David Treen
 - April 1996 A diamond in the rough
 - April 1996 Touch of Egypt on Tchefuncte
 - April 19, 1996 Tracks made to two tributes
 - April-May 1996 Faces of the fest
 - April-May 1996 There's no business like show business

 - May 5, 1996 Picture from the past
 - May 26, 1996 N.O. Press Club awards
 - June 9, 1996 R.S.V.P. Partying Shots
 - February 2, 1996 Lagniappe's Hot Stuff
 - Summer 1996 WWL-TV's Eyewitness News
 - Summer 1996 John Fred
 - October 29, 1996 Golden Gryphon Society flier
 - November 3, 1996 Feast With the Stars flier
 - 1996 Vintage Fair Grounds
 - February 4, 1997 Let them eat Cake
 - February 9, 1997 Tucks on a roll
 - February 1997 Tucks
 - 1997 Canoeing story
 - May 19, 1997 TP fisheries series wins...
 - May 27, 1997 Go Native!
 - August 13, 1997 Leavitt leaves big shoes
 - 1997 Big Easy does it
 - November 9, 1997 Virgets Territory
 - November 1997 Bookstar welcomes Ronnie Virgets
 - November 1997 Special Flavor
- New Orleans Magazine
Mardi Gras Guide
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New Orleans Magazine
St. Tammany News-
Banner
Times-Picayune
Times-Picayune
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New Orleans On Parade

• November 25, 1997	Book signing announcement	Gambit
• 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

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1. Media associations

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

2. Press Club Award

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

3. Various

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

4. Photographs

- ca. 1999 Tennessee Williams New Orleans Literary Festival
- ca 2000 Norby's LSU-TU Wheelbarrow parade
- March 23, 2000 "Here Comes JK" -- New Orleans Fairgrounds
- January 15, 2001 "I'm Not Sure" -- New Orleans Fairgrounds
- 2004 Press Club Awards

Awards

- 1st Place Sports Feature Press Club of New Orleans 2003
- RTNDA Writing Award 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
- Cartoons *Ronnie Virgets: Wastes Time...Annoys Others*
Doodlebug
Local Color 2009