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Alice Awards Trolleys

A new arrival to our town this week was Alice, the noted computer bon vivant, and my friend. She was reported to be here to present free copies of *WindoWatch* magazine to all federal employees along with a complimentary cardboard computer for wallet or purse.

The talk around the cocktail circuit is that old Alice has a few tricks up her sleeve to ease the bipartisan tensions. She intends to unveil Translator 1.01 for Windows, and Translator 1.01 for DOS 8.0. Each is quite different, and the two together are expected to make a splash at the upcoming Computer Press Party that is being thrown at the Lincoln Memorial real soon now. In gratitude to us hardworking writers, we will get chicken a la king and jelly donuts and a free trolley ride between the Building Museum and the Botanical Garden. Workers are hard apace laying the tracks for the trolley, which have been appropriated from excess Education funds.

Anyhow, the buzz at the latest Garden Club Institute bubbler is that Alice has devised a device for divining exactly what congressmen are saying, and translating it over headphones so that the guys in the opposite corner will understand. She calls it delicatessen translation, and we can hardly wait to try it on for size. And just in time for that recess period we have all been counting on.

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