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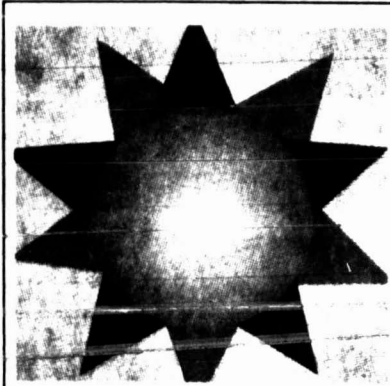
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PAMPA — The traditional Community Worship Service sponsored by the Pampa Unified Ministerial Alliance will be Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m. at Briarwood Full Gospel Church at 1800 W. Harvester. The worship service is a long tradition in the Pampa area and brings citizens together as a community, crossing denominational and theological lines.

PAMPA — Community Partners, a group of concerned citizens and law enforcement people will hold its monthly meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Sheriff's Office Classroom. Any interested citizen is invited. For more information call Leslie Gershmel at 669-1012 or Jodalene Doyle at 669-7351.

DALLAS (AP) — Two children were found dead Tuesday night and their mother was hospitalized after apparently attempting suicide, police said.

The girls, ages 15 months and eight years, may have been given sleeping pills and strangled, officials said.

However, Lt. Bill Walsh said it would be up to medical examiners to determine the exact cause of death.

The children lived with their mother north of Love Field airport. Police said it appeared she had been separated from her husband for several weeks.

- David Patrick Bronner, 35, carpenter.
- Gordon 'Sonny' Evert Golden, 55, warehouse supervisor for Cabot Corporation.
- Helen M. Koch, 87, Umbarger resident since 1928.

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Focus groups' report... Change needed, but what kind, how much?

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

Many Pampa residents understand there needs to be change, although how much and what kind of changes are matters of debate.

That's one of the conclusions of Caroline Chamblin who recently completed a series of focus groups for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. Approximately 100 citizens took part in one of the groups that met the last week in October.

Chamblin said because participants were volunteers they did not form a scientific random sample but did represent the "informed and aware Pampa public." Most of the participants were business owners or managers but Chamblin said

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there were farmers, ranchers and a "sizeable number" who were retired from Cabot, IRI or Celanese. One participant was 20 but the average age was around 45-50.

The sessions started with a survey of the history and present conditions of Pampa and then moved into where the participants want Pampa to be headed economically.

Chamblin said participants were aware that Pampa had shrunk in population and business but some were surprised at how much.

Each group discussed what kind of businesses they wanted to come to Pampa and what kind of business were realistically possible to attract here.

She said a lot of the participants talked about bringing retail shops and computer

companies to the area. She had to tell them that the "IBMs of the world" want to be in large metropolitan areas. These companies hire younger-than-average workers while the work force in Gray County is considerably older than average.

Participants filled out surveys regarding industries that have moved or want to move to an area like Gray County. They rated the industries from very acceptable to not at all acceptable.

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"Curly," played by Thann Scoggin, "Laurey," played by Rose Fruge, and "Jud Fry," played by Dillon Hill, are some of the participants in the Pampa High School choir's production of Oklahoma. The show has changed its performances to Thursday and Friday night, in addition to its Sunday matinee.

Playoffs prompt date changes for PHS musical

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

Due to the Pampa Harvester playoffs in El Paso on Saturday afternoon, the Pampa High School concert choir's musical production of *Oklahoma!* has changed dates.

The show is now scheduled to perform in the M.K. Brown Auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 19, and Friday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. The Sunday, Nov. 22 matinee performance is still at 2:30 p.m.

The first musical collaboration of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, *Oklahoma!* had its Broadway premiere in 1943 and is full of

such classic songs as "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'," "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top," and "People Will Say We're in Love."

Under the direction of Fred Mays, the play is being produced with the assistance of Jennifer Scoggin, Sandy Crosswhite, Dean Birkes, Marilyn Shelton, Carol Fruge, Tabitha Lane, Kimberly Cory and Courtney Lang. Choir parents, in addition, constructed the "outstanding sets," according to Jennifer Scoggin.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4.50 for students and will be available at the door, or can be purchased from any concert choir member by calling the PHS choir room.

Raid seizures to pay for drug sniffing canine

Panhandle drug dealers are paying for the war on drugs in the 31st Judicial District.

"That dog will be available to all the law enforcement agencies in our area."

— District Attorney John Mann

District Attorney John Mann said this week that the drug sniffing dog he plans to get will be bought with funds from property seized during drug raids. Mann's office has seized a number of vehicles that have been auctioned off. They have also seized large amounts of cash and, in one case, a house from which drugs were being dealt. Several of the vehicles have been turned over to law enforcement agencies. The van that Pampa Police Department is using in their DARE program was the result of such a seizure as is a pickup being used by the Panhandle Drug Task Force.

Money from drug seizures is split among law enforcement agencies involved, depending upon the situation and amount involved. Mann said the money that his office receives through the program is going back into fighting his war on drugs.

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Academic quality, legislative session update on agenda

A public hearing on the 1997-98 academic excellence indicator system will be presented in an annual performance report at the top of the next Pampa ISD Board of Education meeting.

And, board members will hear an update from State Rep. Warren Chisum on some of the education issues facing the state legislature next year.

Board members will stay busy Thursday night giving consideration to a number of issues for this month's agenda.

Action items include consideration of the 1998 tax roll, designation for the 97-98 fund balance, and a consideration to waive the health insurance premiums for January, 1999.

Consideration will also be given to the 1998-99 textbook selection committee for books that are up for adoption in elementary mathematics, middle school mathematics, secondary level world history, choir, aquatic science, geology, meteorology, oceanography, and technical theatre.

The board will also consider a request by Wilson Elementary for two days of staff development for inclusion training on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

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Abstinence class director pleased with presentation

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

What is love? A noun or a verb? A warm, fuzzy feeling, or the act of making a commitment to another person? These were a few of the questions Pampa youth were asked Tuesday as part of a presentation within the school district's abstinence education program.

Ed Ainsworth with White Heart Communications of Lubbock presented students at both the middle and high school with multi-media presentations on topics of love, decision making, and how these relate to teens today as they determine whether to consider the choice of

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abstinence. Ainsworth presented the last of his programs to an auditorium of sixth graders at Pampa Middle School after first addressing the PHS student body and later addressing middle school seventh and eighth graders together.

He engaged students while using animated slides, photographs, games, and heartfelt excerpts from letters written by

Texas teens explaining why they now wish they had waited before having sexual intercourse.

Stacey Ladd, Director of Gray County's *Worth the Wait* abstinence education program said she was pleased with the presentation.

Attending all three presentations, she pointed out that Ainsworth changed each program, adapting to the age level he

was addressing. "I thought he did a good job," she said Tuesday evening.

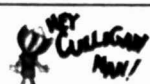
This is the first year *Worth the Wait* has been responsible for providing the district with an abstinence-based education program.

The program has included classroom curriculum taught by community members and leaders, presentations like Ainsworth's motivational programs, and surveys evaluating student attitudes toward sexual behaviors.

Ladd also said the results of the initial student surveys distributed in October won't be available until around the first of the year.

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Farm Credit Bank reports strong third quarter

AUSTIN —The Farm Credit Bank of Texas and its affiliated lending associations recently reported strong third quarter financial results, highlighted by record loan volume for the 81-year history of the lending cooperative. Loans outstanding totaled \$4.256 billion at Sept. 30, 1998, up from \$4.046 billion at Dec. 31, 1997. This growth in loan

volume is due primarily to a \$197.1 million increase in the long-term mortgage portfolio since year-end 1997. Loan credit quality remained high with overall acceptable credit quality for the district at 97.3 percent at quarter end. High risk assets decreased 15.9 percent from \$67.9 million at Dec. 31, 1997, to \$57.1 million at Sept. 30, 1998.

Combined net income of \$65.8 million for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 1998, was 8.6 percent higher than the \$60.6 million reported for the same period in 1997. Net income for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1998, totaled \$19.4 million. Contributing to the bank's strong financial results was a \$9.9 million increase in net interest income for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 1998, compared with the same period of 1997.

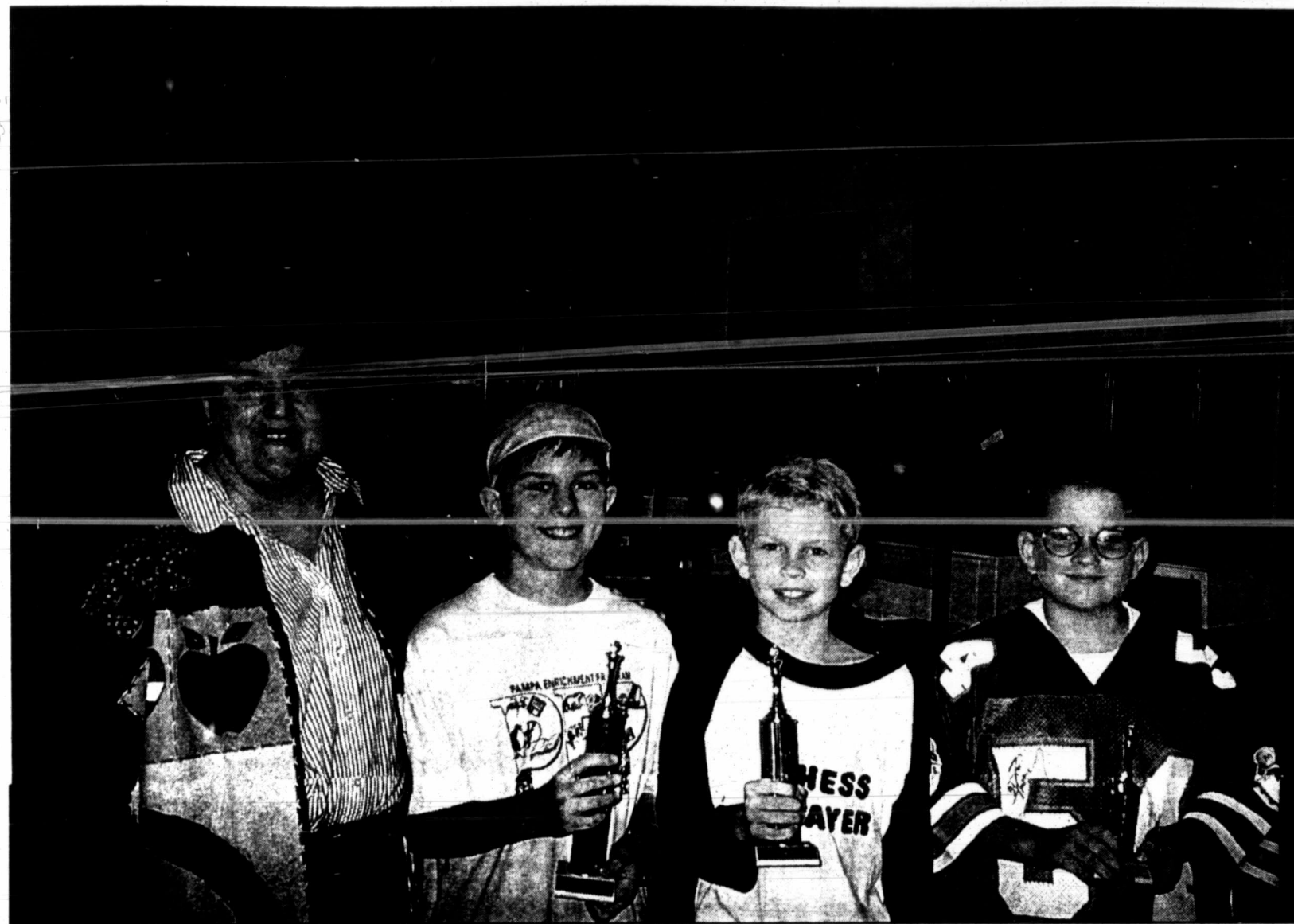
"The bank's strong financial performance this year can be attributed primarily to competitive loan pricing, strong marketing efforts, continuing demand for rural real estate and a buoyant general economy across the South," said Arnold Henson, FCBT chief executive officer. "Although drought earlier this year and low commodity prices have affected many of our customers, these conditions have not yet had a significant

impact on our loan portfolio. However, we remain concerned about the longer-term effects on our stockholders," Henson said. "Tenth Farm Credit District leaders are continuing to work with federal and state officials to secure both long- and short-term alternatives to enhance the viability of agricultural producers."

The bank and its affiliated Federal Land Bank Associations and Production Credit Associations reported assets totaling \$4.7 billion at Sept. 30, 1998. Together, these lending cooperatives comprise the Tenth Farm Credit District, the largest lending organization serving the states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.

Nationally, the Farm Credit System reported combined net income of \$342 million and \$1.008 billion for the three and nine months ended Sept. 30, 1998, respectively. This compares with combined net income of \$328 million and \$935 million for the same periods in 1997.

Chess tournament



(Community Camera photo)

Fourth and fifth grade elementary students recently participated in The Pampa Enrichment Program Chess Tournament, Elementary Division II. Winners are pictured from left, Kay Harvey, P.E.P. teacher at Austin and Lamar Elementary; Christopher Smith, first place; Bryant Noble, second place; and Aaron Pepper third place.

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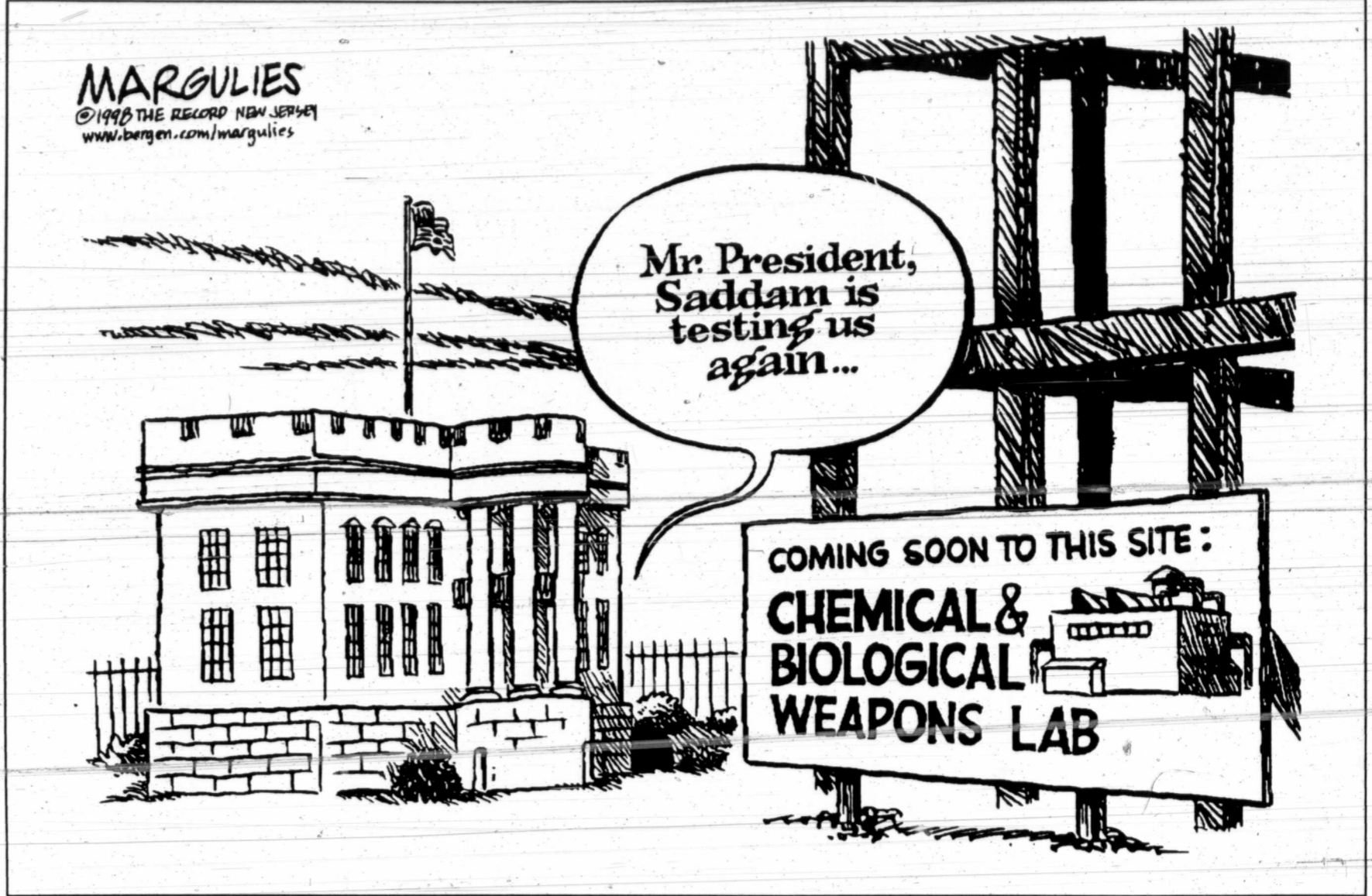
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Opinion

The only way to beat Saddam Hussein is with common sense

■ Another conflict with Saddam Hussein won't solve any of the basic problems.

Here we go again. The United States keeps trying to force Saddam Hussein to allow United Nations inspectors into all suspected Iraqi weapons-development sites, yet each time the wily dictator makes American officials look incompetent or inept.

In the years after the Persian Gulf War, Saddam has been Public Enemy No. 1 for the United States, alternatively agreeing to and defying inspection orders. Saddam's antics have brought the two nations to the brink of war several times. It's hard to deny that Saddam is besting the United States and using his defiance as a way to deflect criticism at home and build support in the Arab world.

U.S. military action against Iraq again seems imminent with President Clinton ordering additional firepower to the Persian Gulf. The reason: Iraq's Oct. 31 announcement that it would not cooperate with the United Nations Special Commission — inspectors charged with monitoring Iraqi arms developments in the wake of the Gulf War.

Saddam says he won't cooperate with weapons inspectors until the United Nations begins lifting the economic sanctions Iraq has endured since the end of the Gulf War. U.S. officials have promised punishing airstrikes if Saddam doesn't have a quick change of heart.

There's no reason, of course, that surgical airstrikes against Iraq, or even another full-scale U.N.-backed war, will achieve the desired results. As long as Iraq is committed to developing biological and chemical weapons there is little anyone can do about it. Such weapons, after all, can be manufactured in small, hard-to-find facilities.

The rationale for force, Cato Institute fellow Doug Bandow said, "is this notion that we can't let them get away with it; so, we'll drop a few bombs whether or not it achieves anything." There also is "the symbolic sense, that we have to show we're tough. The real problem for America in terms of credibility is to draw lines" and not take action when the Iraqi government crosses them.

America needs to rely on more traditional defense ideals, by promoting regional balances of power that don't require U.S. intervention to deal with the whims of every dictator, Bandow explained. He sees no end to the cat-and-mouse game with Saddam, because American officials do not give him any incentive to comply with the weapons agreement.

One way out of the morass, he said, is to include an end to sanctions — a cruel policy that has inflicted suffering on Iraq's poor and middle classes and bolstered Saddam's hold on his nation — as part of a final deal to allow for weapons monitoring. Ultimately, Bandow said, the best way to protect against the use of horrible weapons is the same policy that worked against Eastern bloc regimes: deterrence. Instead of trying to monitor a nation's internal actions, America should announce that it will respond accordingly if a nation uses its arsenal.

The alternative to these suggestions is for the United States to continue down a road of perpetual arms monitoring and military bravado and economic sanctions — not only against Iraq, but against other current and future dictators who embark on weapons programs. This is a foreign policy for empires, not for constitutional democracies.

There's reason, also, for skepticism about the information American officials are providing to justify another overseas military action. For instance, much evidence has emerged indicating the "secret chemical weapons plant" the U.S. bombed in Sudan in August may only have been a pharmaceutical plant.

You can't dispute that Saddam Hussein is a nasty fellow. But Saddam is the only one who benefits when America plays his devious game. It's time to pull back the troops, encourage regional powers to first handle any threats on their own and adopt a foreign policy more in keeping with common sense and the U.S. Constitution.

—Odessa American

Thought for today

"I have found some of the best reasons I ever had for remaining at the bottom simply by looking at the men at the top."

Frank Moore Colby

Conservatives demoralized

In the end, he saw what was best for his party and his nation. Though a lifetime of striving and hard ambition ill prepared him for it, he sacrificed himself.

No, we are clearly not talking about Bill Clinton. He is famously deaf to appeals to anything beyond his own self-interest.

Newt Gingrich can take comfort that at least he rose above that standard.

The race is now on to interpret the results of the last election, and in truth, a lot does depend upon what verdict is ultimately reached. If Republicans conclude, as the media devoutly hope, that conservatism caused the disaster of 1998, the near future will include Speaker Gephardt.

When Michael Dukakis lost in 1988, liberals within the Democratic Party argued passionately that liberalism had not been repudiated, rather it had not been tried. They scorned Dukakis for failing to wear his ACLU membership and liberal voting record as badges of honor. The problem, they concluded, was the messenger, not the message.

But others inside the Democratic Party were concluding otherwise. Presidential standard bearers had been hewing to the liberal line in each contest since 1968 — a strategy that yielded one win and five losses in 20 years. It was Bill Clinton who perceived that a Democrat had to seem more centrist to win.

A false parallelism would suggest that conservatism is now the albatross for Republicans. But if that were true, why were so many Democrats sounding like conservatives in the 1998 election? They ran as tough-on-crime, tough-on-spending middle of the roaders. It



Mona Charen
 Syndicated columnist

may be a bunch of hokey — Democrats will certainly vote as liberals once safely in office — but the fact that they feel the need to impersonate Republicans at election time is revealing.

But even if Democrats know how to imitate Republicans, it is not clear, after 1998, that Republicans know who they are supposed to be.

The party that roared into congressional power in 1994, talking revolution and dreaming of eliminating whole government departments and agencies, is now a shell. Few conservative initiatives have come from Congress since welfare reform (though, to be fair, that was major). It did pass a bill that would have offered choice in education to the District of Columbia, and the president vetoed it. And there were other good bills that went nowhere, thanks to a combination of timidity and mulishness on the part of Republicans in the Senate.

Gingrich, for all his faults, did push through a tax cut, but Republicans in the Senate killed it. At moments like that, you wonder whether these Republican office holders aren't better equipped for another line of work, say, insur-

ance adjusting. Because if you cannot make and defend an argument for tax cuts in the midst of the greatest surplus in living memory, you are not cut out for politics.

What were they afraid of — that Clinton would say, "We must save every penny of the surplus for Social Security"? Well, heck, Clinton devoted \$20 billion of those precious surplus dollars to new spending. Couldn't the Republicans just possibly have pointed that out? Neither party was reserving the surplus for Social Security; the choice was between new spending and handing it back to taxpayers. But in the end, there wasn't even that alternative. The Republican Party simply agreed to spending on a bacchanalian scale.

If Republicans are allergic to arguments and persuasion, what are they doing in politics?

It may seem unfair to browbeat Republicans for their timidity even as Democrats have shown themselves as positively corrupt in 1998, willing to boost a perjurious, debauched and utterly unrepentant leader.

But Republicans thought they could win on the cheap this time around, relying on outrage at Clinton to spur their base. They wanted the electorate to act, even as they themselves hesitated. But conservatives, just like other voters, need a bit of inspiration along with their anger. And because the Republicans signally failed to offer them that, they stayed at home. In 1994, 37 percent of voters labeled themselves "conservative." In 1998, only 31 percent did so.

It's ironic, isn't it, that in the year of the Democrats' most searing scandal, it was Republicans — and conservatives who were demoralized.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Wednesday, Nov. 18, the 322nd day of 1998. There are 43 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Nov. 18, 1928, the first successful sound-synchronized, animated cartoon, Walt Disney's "Steamboat Willie," starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York.

On this date:
 In 1820, U.S. Navy Capt. Nathaniel B. Palmer discovered the frozen continent of Antarctica.

In 1883, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time zones.

In 1886, the 21st president of the United States, Chester A. Arthur, died in New York at age 56.

In 1936, Germany and Italy recognized the Spanish government of Francisco Franco.

In 1966, U.S. Roman Catholic bishops did away with the rule against eating meat on Fridays.

In 1976, Spain's parliament approved a bill to establish a democracy after 37 years of dictatorship.

In 1978, California Rep. Leo J. Ryan and four other people were killed in Jonestown, Guyana, by members of the Peoples Temple.

The killings were followed by a night of mass murder and suicide by 912 cult members.

In 1987, the congressional Iran-Contra committees issued their final report, saying President Reagan bore "ultimate responsibility" for wrongdoing by his aides.

Ten years ago: President Reagan signed legislation creating a Cabinet-level drug czar and providing the death penalty for drug traffickers who kill.

Five years ago: The U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in approving legislation aimed at protecting abortion facili-

ties, staff and patients. American Airlines flight attendants went on strike. They ended their job action four days later. Representatives of 21 South African political parties approved a new constitution.

One year ago: The FBI officially pulled out of the probe into the TWA Flight 800 disaster, saying the explosion that destroyed the Boeing 747, killing all 230 people aboard, was not caused by a criminal act. In the biggest banking deal in U.S. history, First Union Corp. announced the purchase of CoreStates Financial Corp. for \$16.1 billion.

The new dark age of American politics

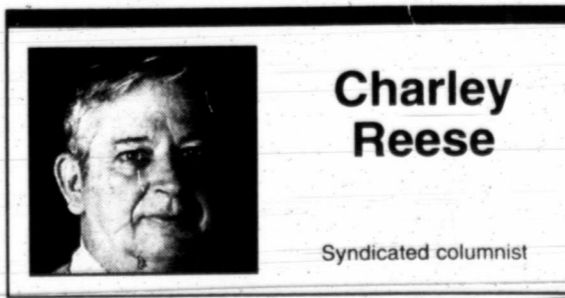
As professional politicians say, all elections are local. It really is hard to draw any national meaning from the results.

Among the variables: the quality of the candidates in each race; how much money they have; how well they spend it; what the issues are in a particular race; what their positions are; how well or badly they are organized.

Nobody is going to vote for a senator or congressman he wouldn't otherwise vote for just to send a message that he doesn't like Bill Clinton — or, for that matter, that he does like Clinton. Politics doesn't work that way. The notion that the popularity or unpopularity of one politician can be transferred to another is a myth.

Outside of the blindly partisan, who would vote for a dead rat if it wore the right party label, most Americans vote for the person, not for the label, or on the basis of some special factional cause, such as abortion.

As much as political party bosses like to read election results as a party victory, that is rarely the case anymore in America. The political parties are in decline. Candidates used to rely on the parties; today, the parties must rely on the candidates, as most have nonexistent organizations. Neither the Republican nor the Democratic Party stands for much of anything. Some will say the election is a defeat of the



Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

Christian Right (have you ever wondered what happened to the Christian Left?). Anyone with eyes, though, knows that in the postmodern arena of America the lions have long outnumbered the Christians. Christians, once you weed out the phonies, are a shrinking minority in America.

If that were not so, Clinton wouldn't be so popular and the pornography, gambling and morally corrupt entertainment industries wouldn't be so profitable. I keep telling you, folks, you're in the new Dark Age. Just because there is a lot of light pollution and high-tech stuff doesn't change the facts. Rome was a high-tech society in its day. It was not the technology that went bad.

I voted in this past election, but then I tore up my voter registration card and tossed it. It's probably still a good idea to keep voting for

the lesser of two evils, but for me personally, I'm taking a sabbatical from politics. I've voted for 40 years, and things have only gotten worse.

It seems to me that our real problems are not political ones. Unless we can correct the damage done by public education and somehow educate children as to the history of their country, its political philosophy and its geography, then holding elections becomes a rather pointless exercise.

Nor is there much point to elections if people think that morality, fidelity, honor and truth-telling are unimportant. Many folks like to dismiss morality as superstition, but most moral codes are based on careful observation of human nature and human history. Morally corrupt societies collapse for the most pragmatic of reasons: They become dysfunctional. It's behavioral science, not superstition.

Mao Tse-tung, that champion Chinese mass murderer, once said of guerrilla warfare that the people are the sea and the guerrillas are the fish. That's true. Che Guevara, a leftist hero of the '60s set, got wasted in Bolivia because he didn't know that Bolivian Indians don't like foreigners even if they are Marxists.

The rule also applies to democratic societies. You are never going to get a government any better than the people.

Infamous Texas murderer executed

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
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HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — His 6-foot-3, 250-pound bulk strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney, Kenneth Allen McDuff's eyes were shut, his mouth open. His prison-white complexion had turned to purple.

Thirty-two years after committing the first three of what authorities believe is more than a dozen murders, it took just eight minutes for McDuff to die Tuesday night.

A man considered one of the most vicious and sadistic killers ever in Texas, a killer condemned three times, was gone after a couple of gasps, a snort and a long exhale.

"We don't have closure in our family," Brenda Solomon, whose daughter, Melissa Ann Northrup, McDuff was convicted of killing six years ago, said after watching his lethal injection. "We have a chapter in our family's lives that's over."

"He's going where he needs to go," she added. "He looked like

the devil."

McDuff, 52, whose history of mayhem earned him the moniker of predator and monster, became the 17th Texas inmate to be executed this year. The punishment was carried out after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a request that he have more time to conduct tests on hair samples authorities said linked him to Ms. Northrup's death.

"I'm ready to be released," McDuff said when asked by Warden Jim Willett if he had any final statement. "Release me."

Release is what he got in 1989, 17 years after an earlier death sentence was commuted to life when the death penalty was ruled unconstitutional by the high court.

He had been condemned for the 1966 fatal shooting of two teen-age boys in Fort Worth and raping and strangling with a broomstick their 16-year-old female companion.

But after his sentence was commuted, he won parole about 17 years later when parole board members, facing severe crowding in Texas prisons, released him

along with thousands of inmates so they could free space for newly convicted felons.

Ms. Northrup and an Austin woman, Colleen Reed, 28, were killed a short time later. Other women turned up missing in the Temple-Waco area of Central Texas and McDuff was suspected.

"I think this is a culmination of a period when the prison system in Texas was not functioning properly," Allan Polunsky, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, said Tuesday. "It was a tragic series of circumstances. Hopefully, we've learned."

Sensational coverage of his case and public outrage over his release and killing spree prompted parole officials to tighten their procedures. His name also served

as a buzzword as Texas embarked on an unprecedented \$2 billion prison construction program.

"The citizens of Texas should feel a greater level of comfort now knowing we have 140,000-plus prison beds to hold violent offenders," Polunsky said. "That wasn't the case before."

That's of little solace to the survivors of victims killed after McDuff was released.

"It should never have happened," Cindy Easley, whose three relatives were killed in the 1966 Fort Worth spree. "All of his (subsequent) victims would be here if they would have executed him the first time."

"He should not have been released. You just don't release a triple murderer."

McDuff became the subject of a nationwide manhunt and was arrested without incident May 4, 1992 in Kansas City, where under an assumed name he was working as a trash collector. He was condemned for the Northrup killing. Then he was condemned for the Reed murder.

Ms. Northrup, pregnant and the mother of two, was abducted March 1, 1992, from a Waco convenience store where she worked. Her body surfaced weeks later and dozens of miles away in a Dallas County gravel pit. Her hands were tied behind her and she had been strangled with a rope.

Ms. Reed was abducted from an Austin car wash, tortured and raped. It wasn't until last month that authorities found her skele-

ton, buried along the Brazos River south of Waco. Unearthed nearby were the remains of two other women, also believed to be McDuff victims.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Tuesday McDuff secretly helped authorities by taking them to Ms. Reed's body and drawing maps to show where the other women were buried. In exchange, a prison sentence was reduced for his convicted drug dealer nephew, the paper said.

"It's been a long time. We've been through a lot," Lori Bible, Ms. Reed's sister, said Tuesday night. "I had to learn to forget the last three hours of her life and remember the 28 years before."

"It's over. He's gone."

'Burglar to the stars'

BALTIMORE (AP) — Police have caught up with a man accused of stealing sterling silver worth millions of dollars from celebrities including rocker Bruce Springsteen in years of careful burglaries.

Taking only sterling silver items, Blane Nordahl made more than 100 burglary stops during a 14-state spree that stretched from sportscaster Curt Gowdy's house in Florida to Springsteen's place in New Jersey to Ivana Trump's home in Greenwich, Conn., prosecutors contend.

"He's the burglar to the stars," Robert Honecker, a prosecutor in Monmouth County, N.J., told The Philadelphia Inquirer for an article today.

Baltimore County authorities were expected to charge Nordahl, 36, today with possessing instruments of a crime, and police were preparing charges for 12 burglaries.

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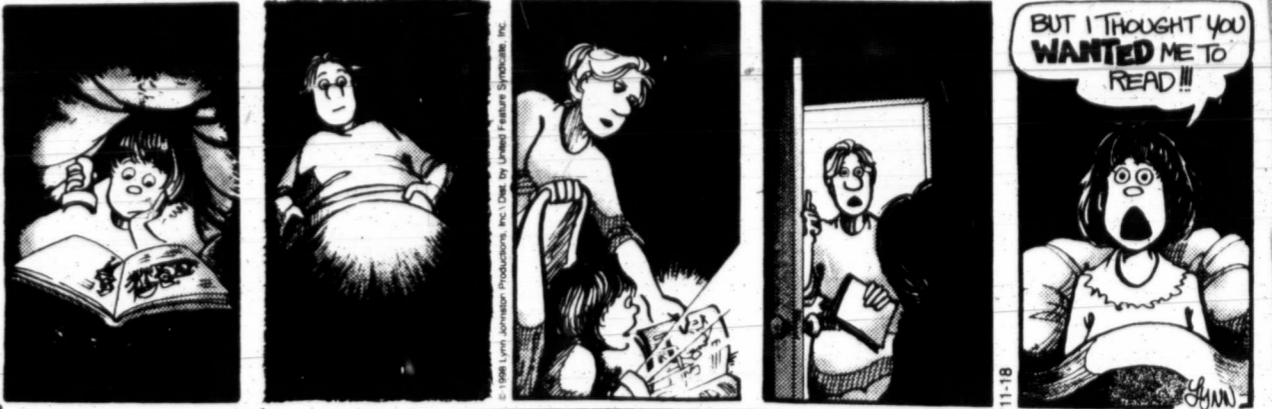
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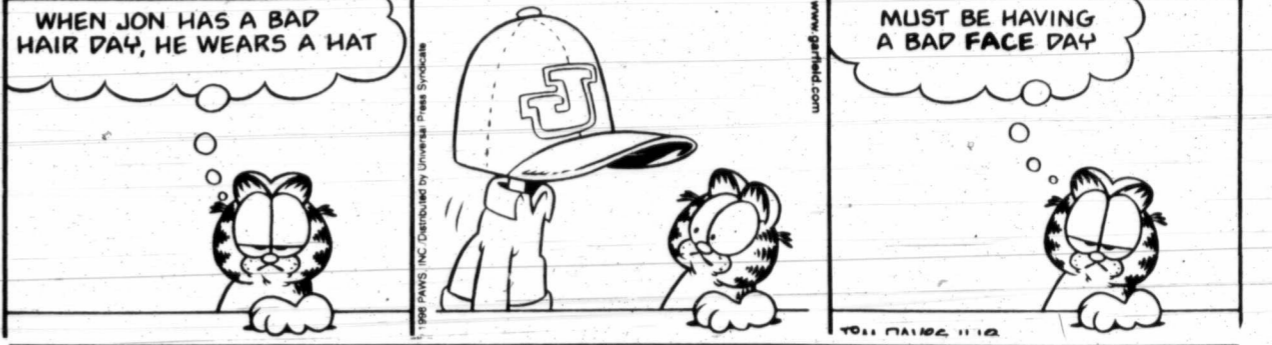
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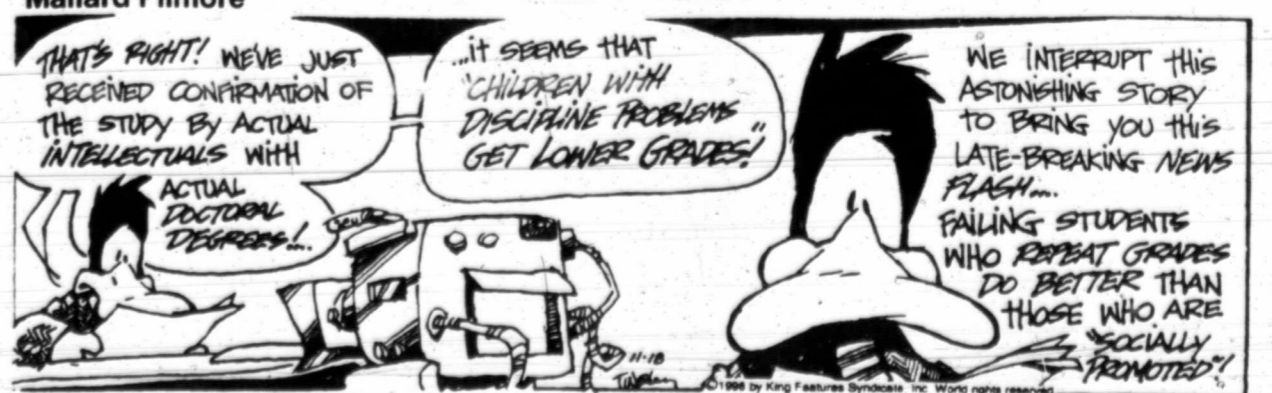
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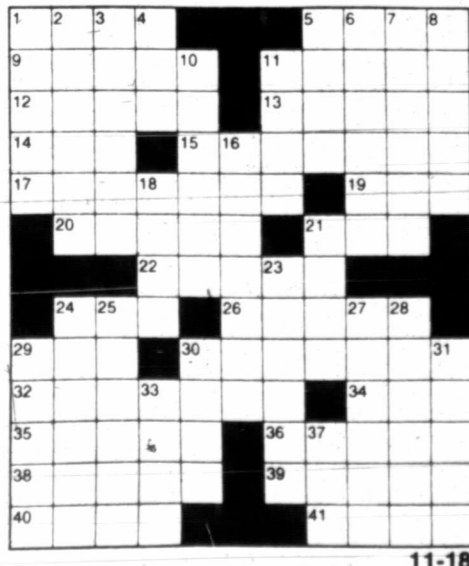
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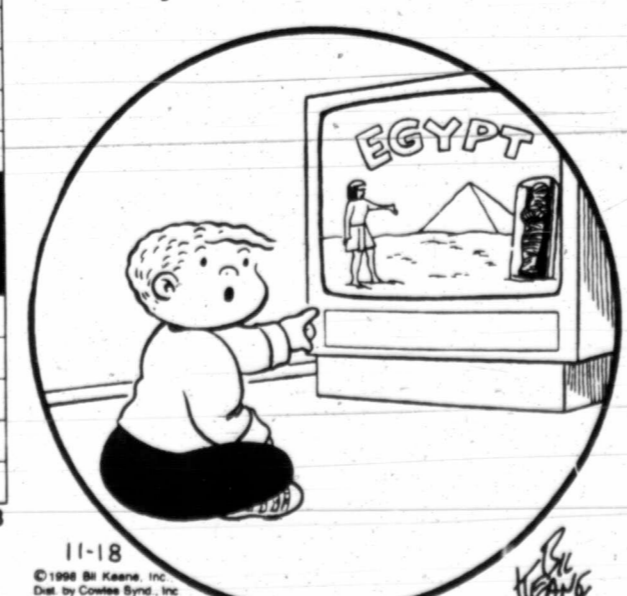


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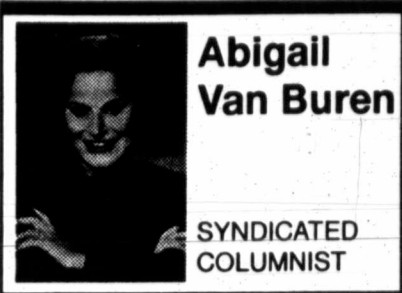


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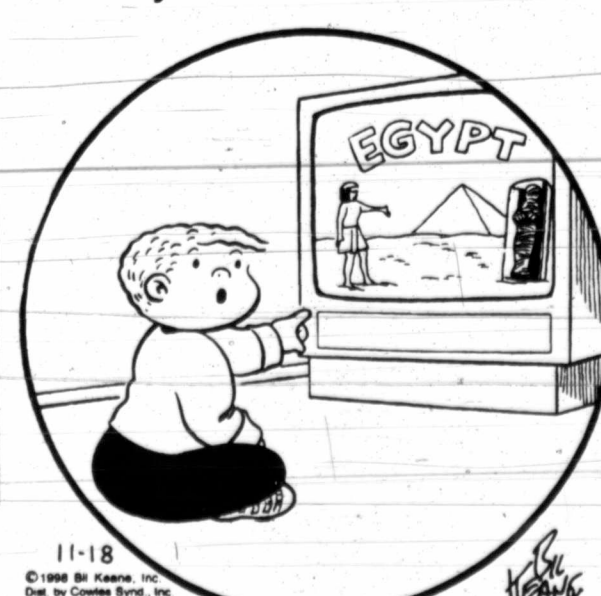
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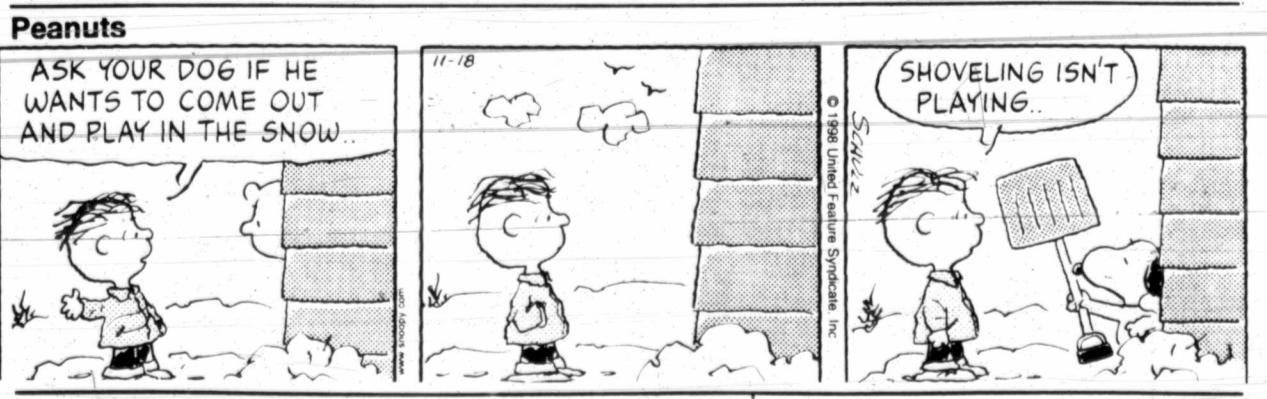
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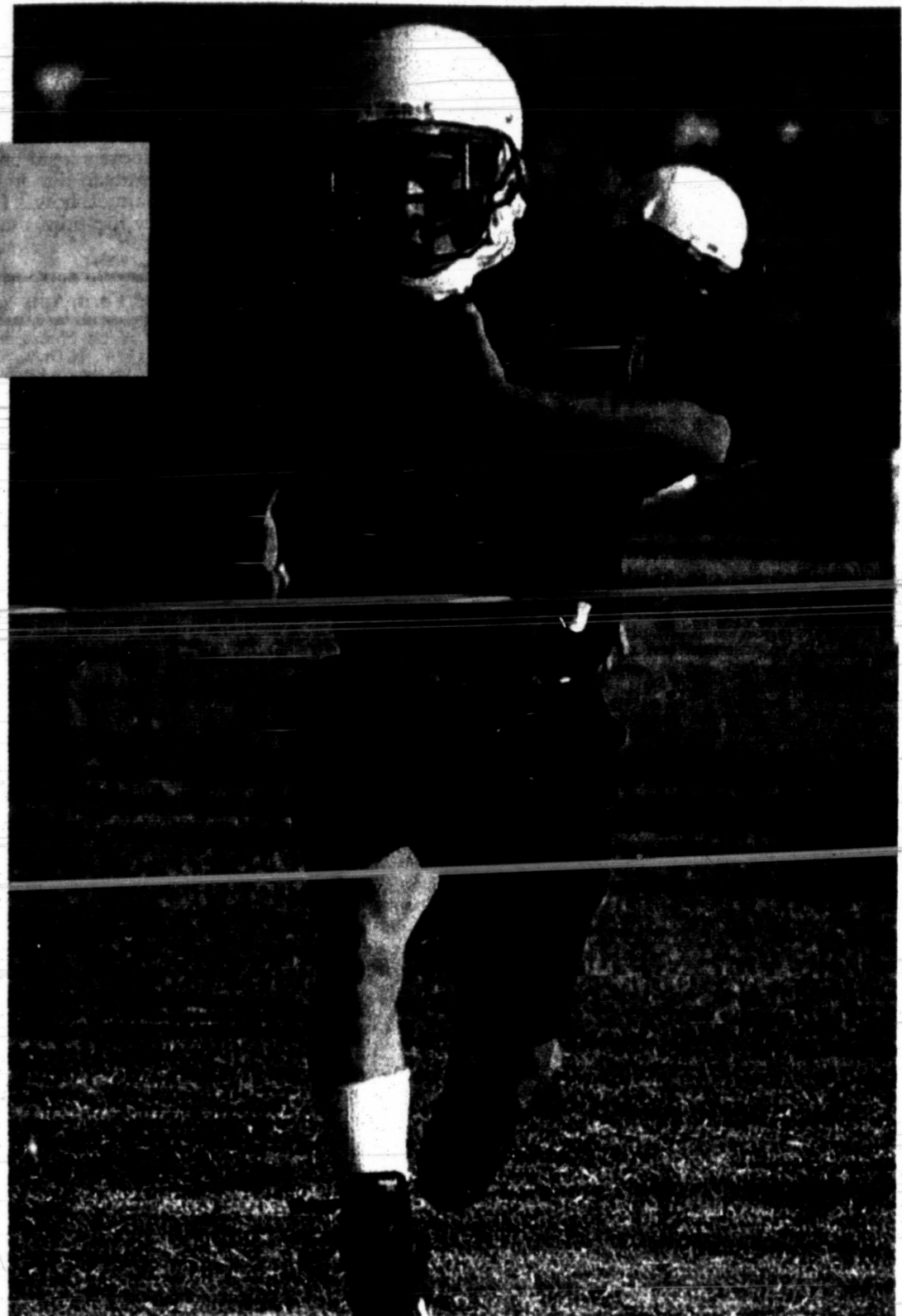
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