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Ask Us

Q—When are the Goodfellows and Toys for Tots collection campaigns going to begin, or have they been dropped this year?

A—The Goodfellows drive will start up in the next few days, and an application form will be available to be published in the Snyder Daily News sometime this week, a spokesperson said. We've received no word on the Toys for Tots campaign this year.

Local

Stanfield

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 5 p.m. today at the school.

Hermleigh

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7:30 this evening in the high school library.

Museum

Scurry County Museum will be open Tuesday until 9 p.m., in conjunction with Western Texas College's tree lighting and Christmas concert.

WTC classes

Western Texas College will dismiss classes at 1 p.m. Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holidays. Dorms will close at 2 p.m.

Dorms will reopen at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28. Classes will begin the following day.

Madrigal

Snyder High School choral department will host its second annual Madrigal dinners on Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 6-7 at Snyder Country Club.

Tickets, $15 each, may be reserved by calling the high school at 573-6301.

Dedication

The deadline for senior dedication ads in the 1994 Tiger's Lair is Wednesday, parents are reminded. The dedication, accompanied by photo and $30, whould be mailed to Snyder High School or brought to the journalism room before or after school.

Photos will be returned next fall when yearbooks are delivered.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 55 degrees; low, 28 degrees; high Sunday, 66 degrees; low, 31 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 31 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 16.10 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the mid 40s. South wind 10-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and breezy. High in the mid 70s. Southwest wind 15-20 mph and gusty. Thanksgiving day forecast, mostly cloudy and turning colder with a slight chance of rain or snow. Lows mid 20s to near 30. Highs mid 30s to around 40.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:42. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:18. Of 325 days in 1993, the sun has shone 318 days in Snyder.

WHILE SUN SHINES — Doyle Hayes made compost over the weekend from leaves he gathered and placed in a covered area and mulched with his mower. He uses nature's way to replenish the nutrients needed for his garden area. (SDN Staff Photo)

Increase in juvenile crime leads to shortfall in budget

A growing juvenile crime problem, one that mirrors a dilemma state-wide, has resulted in a budget shortfall in Scurry County for 1993.

Larry Thompson, juvenile probation officer, met with the commissioners court this morning and advised them of a need for almost $35,000 for incarceration of juvenile offenders.

Thompson told the court that he had already expended budgeted funds, and an increase in the number of repeat offenders requiring confinement has resulted in the budget shortfall.

Currently, a total of $22,732 is owed to juvenile detention centers in Lubbock and Sweetwater. Thompson estimated that the amount to be owed at the end of December will be another $11,910.

The court instructed county auditor Eddie McHaney to prepare a budget amendment for consideration at next Monday's meeting.

Thompson said that five juveniles currently are in custody. Three are in Sweetwater and two are in Lubbock. Thompson said only felony offenders are being locked up.

In the past, juvenile authorities placed them on probation. Because of probation violations, the courts have had no choice but to sentence them to a detention facility. Thompson said the sentences range from about 45 days up to six months.

Although expensive, as much as $84 per day, Thompson said detention has resulted in fewer burglaries here.

Thompson, in answers to questions posed by commissioners, said it is still more cost-effective to contract juvenile beds than try to build and operate a facility.

In the only action item Monday morning, commissioners authorized the county tax office to increase its change fund from $500 to $800. The adjustment was recommended by the auditor's office.

The court, for the second consecutive week, tabled action on an agreement between the county and Snyder EMS for ambulance service. County Judge Bob Doolittle suggested that approval follow tomorrow's 5 p.m. joint session with the city council concerning final action on the shared services agreement.

Ted Winter, a representative of the Snyder Softball Association, met with the court concerning the use of the girls softball fields in Towle Park by Snyder High School.

Winter said the school had authorized a UIL program for girls starting in the spring of 1995. Use of the fields for practice was sought.

Judge Doolittle said he would ask Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom to meet with SHS Athletic Director David Baugh to discuss use of the fields and maintenance.

The court recessed until 1:30 p.m. today, at which time commissioners were expected to vote on appraisal board members and

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CMH prison health care pact will see revisions, CEO states

Cogdell Memorial Hospital will lose its contract to provide pharmaceutical services for the Price Daniel Unit, but other expected changes in its prison health care agreement add up to a positive financial outlook, board members were told this morning.

CEO Tim Lancaster told the board that Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Amarillo will begin handling pharmaceutical services for area Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutions in January.

Cogdell currently contracts with the Health Science Center to provide pharmaceuticals for the Price Daniel Unit. Cogdell is also paid about $1,200 per inmate to provide health care for the local prison unit.

Lancaster said that the capitation rate, or rate paid to the hospital per inmate, will also be lowered, under new contract revisions. However, he said, Cogdell will come out ahead.

"Actually, this will be better financially for us," said Lancaster. "They are going to reduce the capitation, but we were spending more than that on pharmacy items."

Lancaster said the only bad news to come out of the revisions is that the employee hired to perform the pharmaceutical work will be out of a job. That person has been notified and is currently seeking employment.

Lancaster said that in the past, Cogdell had to absorb out-patient costs for the prison unit. Under the revised agreement, TDCJ will pay more of those costs. "I expect it will be either 80 percent of the customary fees or the same as medicare rates. We don't know which, yet," Lancaster said.

One other portion of the contract will call for Cogdell to pay a

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Campaign finance debate continuing

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democratic leaders, hoping to adjourn for the year with a campaign finance package in hand, hunted for last-minute votes today for a measure some had labeled "fraud" rather than reform.

Hurrying to complete as much as possible before Congress adjourns, probably either late today or Tuesday, House leaders also tried to round up enough Democrats to fend off a bipartisan bid to cut another $90 billion in federal spending over five years.

House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., predicted the campaign finance bill would pass, but acknowledged it was close. "This is a very difficult, hard thing to do ... Each member feels he or she is an expert on this," the speaker said.

On Sunday, the House rejected, 220-207, a move to block the Democratic leadership bill on campaign finance from coming up.

Maverick Democrats, with the help of most Republicans, wanted to offer a bipartisan alternative they said accomplished true reform. If they had won, the House campaign finance bill effectively would have been dead for the year.

The White House has lobbied heavily against the $90 billion deficit package by Reps. Tim Penny, D-Minn., and John Kasich, R-Ohio, and complained its Medicare cuts would hurt next year's effort on health care reform and drain already-tight state budgets.

Penny and others complained that Democratic leaders had threatened to yank federal projects out of the districts of any lawmaker who voted for the $90 billion deficit package.

Assassination site to be designated a national landmark

DALLAS (AP) — The widow of former Texas Gov. John Connally was to return today to the site where bullets rang out 30 years ago today, killing President John F. Kennedy and seriously wounding her husband.

Nellie Connally agreed to make the official presentation in midday ceremonies today in downtown Dallas of a plaque designating the assassination site as a national historic landmark.

She and her husband were riding in the same open-air limousine with President Kennedy and his wife, Jacqueline, when sniper's fire in Dealey's Plaza on the west end of downtown Dallas changed history.

The program, open to the public, included traditional American music by the Dallas Wind Symphony and gospel spirituals by a community mass choir.

Several students from Dallas public schools were asked to read passages from JFK's writings.

For the ceremony, the city of Dallas ordered Dealey Plaza and the adjacent Triple Underpass closed to traffic for most of today, beginning several hours before the 11:30 a.m. CDT ceremony and continuing until mid-afternoon.

The designation of the assassination as a national historic landmark was granted on Oct. 12 by Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt.

"Designation of the assassination site as a national historic landmark represents a clear mandate to preserve this tragic, but important part of history to serve as an educational guide for future generations," said Walter S. Blake, president of the Dallas County Historical Foundation.

"Therefore, the dedication ceremony will focus on our responsibilities in a democracy to preserve both good and bad history, and on the positive legacy of John F. Kennedy that lives on to inspire countless Americans who are not yet born," Blake said.

The sixth floor of the old Schoolbook Depository Building, where Lee Harvey Oswald was said to have fired the shots that killed Kennedy and wounded Connally, is now a museum. It has drawn about 400,000 visitors a year.

Reservations for 'Amhal' being taken

Ritz Theatre's production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" opens Thursday, Dec. 2, in the North Elementary auditorium.

Reservations are being taken now at the Senior Citizens Center.

The play will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 2-4, and at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 5. Tickets are $6 each.

The character of Amahl will be played by two people. Reid Johnson will take the role on Dec. 2 and Dec. 4; Trey Gorman will play Amahl on Dec. 3 and Dec. 5.

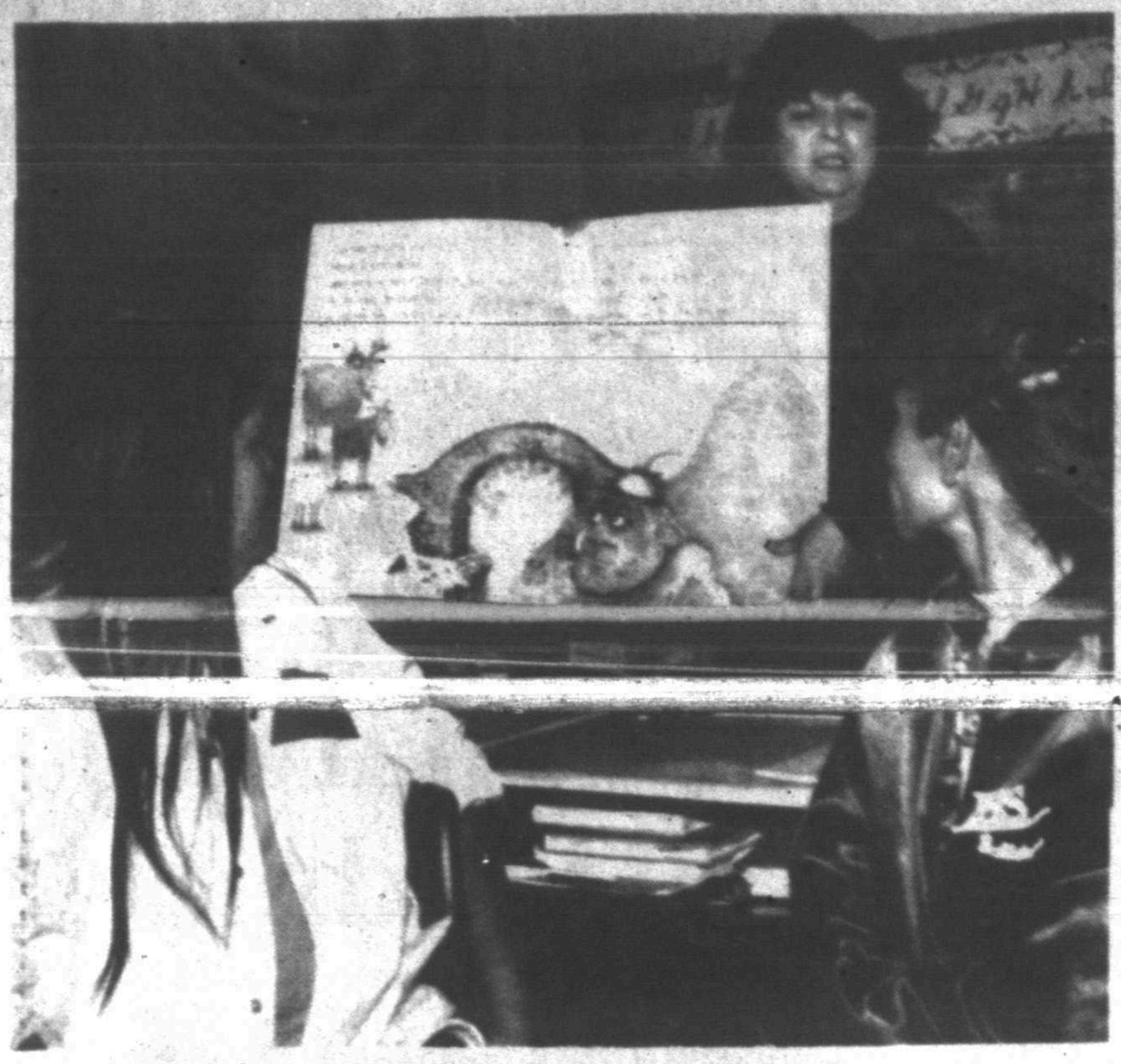
Other cast members include Melanie Smith as the mother; John Palomaki as Kaspar, Jimmy Hall as Melchoir, Doug Fishel as Balthazar and Matt Cross as the page.

The shepherd chorus includes Marci Dennis, Emily Hataway, Judy Smallwood, Kelly Fishel, Donnie Burk, Ken Spoor, Patti Fishel, Kersten Fishel, Rebekah Thornton, Tim Dea and Lloyd Cummings.

The play is being directed by Doug Fishel. Kay Kennedy and Lynn Wormeringer are the pianists.

Reservations can be made weekdays from 2-5 p.m. by calling the Senior Center at 573-4035.

HOLIDAY PREPARATIONS — [illegible], volunteer, helps decorate the Scurry County Museum for its annual Christmas Happening, set for Sunday, Dec. 5. A performance by the Snyder High School choir, Santa's appearance, pinata games, a Mexican market place and other activities are planned. (SDN Staff Photo)



BILINGUAL PARENT MEETING — Many parents attended the bilingual parent meeting held recently in Central Elementary to discuss child-parent school communication, how to help with reading and homework, and math manipulatives to make and use at home. Childcare was provided by the SHS homemaking class. Turkey and fruit baskets were given away. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Mental abuse undermines self-esteem

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: We've heard a lot about physical abuse, but what actually constitutes mental abuse?

DEAR READER: Mental abuse — especially in its mild forms — may be difficult to define. To some degree, this may be similar to the oft-quoted comment of the Supreme Court justice when asked to define pornography. He said he might not be able to define it, but he certainly knew it when he saw it. Mental abuse, in my view, is an attitude or series of acts that are perceived by the recipient as threatening or unpleasant and that may undermine his or her sense of security and well-being.

Of course, to a great extent, we are all the givers and receivers of mental abuse at one time or another. All you have to do is eavesdrop on a bunch of children in a schoolyard. Or listen to government proclamations.

However, mental abuse may be more of a legal concept than a medical one, although victims may be prone to depression and other health problems. Unquestionably, serious mental abuse — such as that suffered by prisoners or even by children and spouses in extreme situations — would be recognizable by anyone. It's the more subtle forms that I suspect bother you. And me. This is a difficult concept, in part because what is interpreted by one person as an abusive situation may be normal and completely tolerable for another.

Therefore, I have concluded that in many instances, the presence or absence of mental abuse might have to be decided on a case-to-case basis. I'd be interested to hear what other readers have to say about the topic of subtle mental abuse.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How much vitamin C should be taken to ward off stomach cancer and lower cholesterol levels? I'm 70 and have recently undergone triple bypass surgery.

DEAR READER: Recent studies suggest that 1,000-2,000 milligrams of vitamin C MAY help prevent stomach cancer and reduce serum cholesterol. However, this relation has yet to be confirmed, so you should ask your doctor about whether to use vitamin C — or whether other cholesterol-lowering strategies might be more appropriate, as, for example, the use of niacin or Metamucil, along with a low-fat diet.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1993

More emphasis than usual might be placed on your organizational and leadership abilities in the year ahead. Over the coming months you could build quite a reputation for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You've heard that old adage, "If you want something done right, it's best to do it yourself." Try to keep this in mind today, instead of looking for persons on whom you can lean. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is a good day to focus your efforts, energies and abilities on a secret ambition you've been nurturing. Go all out, without revealing what you're trying to accomplish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be hopeful in all of your endeavors today, especially those where you're tied in with a persons with whom you've been lucky previously. This is a day when good things might be repeated.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The reason you failed to achieve a specific objective up until now is not because it's too tough, it's because you haven't tried hard enough. You'll perform well under pressure, so go all out today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Persons with whom you're involved will believe in you today once it become evident to them you truly believe in yourself and the ideas you espouse. To thine own self be true.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today if you're lucky, and there are strong indications you could be, your good fortune might come through others rather than through anything you do for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today even when you're dealing with groups, you'll have the delightful faculty for making each person feel he/she is the target of your special attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Two intertwined objectives you presently have can be achieved today if they are both given top priority. It's not too important as to which you do first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though you might not deliberately court competition, it looks like it might seek you out today. Don't let this intimidate you, because challenge simulates your courage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something you've been wanting to change, but as yet haven't, should be attempted today. You might not do it perfectly, but the results will be an improvement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It will be up to you to take the initative today in a partnership arrangement. If you wait on your counterpart, what you want done might be postponed for quite awhile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be alert for opportunities today that could enhance your material security or add to your resources in some significant manner. If you're sharp enough, you'll spot it.

Graduation slated for drug program

AUSTIN (AP) — A new prison substance abuse treatment program is set to graduate its first class of inmates.

But the idea has garnered as many critics as it has supporters and faces a tough question from both groups — does it really work?

The nine-month program is a manifestation of a promise by Gov. Ann Richards, a recovering alcoholic, to expand drug and alcohol treatment programs in prison.

"When you've got 80 percent of the people in (prison) who are addicted, it's pretty obvious that when you put them back out there on the street, they're still going to be addicted and they're going to commit their crime to get the drugs again, and you have got to break the cycle of that behavior," Richards said.

The program, she said, teaches inmates to accept responsibility, shows them there are people they can trust and helps them find follow-up care "to help them lead a straight and narrow life."

There are three treatment phases: in-prison therapy, a three-month halfway house program and an outpatient phase when the inmate is freed, said Dorothy Brown, coordinator for the prison system's treatment programs.

But it's costly — about $8,000 per inmate — and some critics say it isn't worth the money.

George W. Bush, Richards' GOP rival in next year's election, is one prominent critic of the program.

"He isn't convinced of the long-term effectiveness," said Karl Rove, Bush's campaign consultant.

U.S. lawmakers often allies one minute, but foes the next

By David Espo
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barely 12 hours after an unusual bipartisan majority pushed the North American Free Trade Agreement through the House, Republican Whip Newt Gingrich was fuming at the Democrats.

They were pressing ahead with year-end plans to vote on a long list of bills over Republican objections, he said. Particularly galling was a decision to deny GOP lawmakers so much as a vote on a provision to soften legislation cracking down on violence at abortion clinics.

"Ask them if in any way there's bipartisanship of any kind" on the bills, Gingrich said heatedly.

So much for the idea that after the cohesion on NAFTA, tensions between Republicans and Democrats would yield to a new era of enlightened bipartisanship.

"I think there will be other opportunities" for bipartisanship, House Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash., said the morning after the vote, mentioning health care legislation and other bills. But, he added quickly, "I don't think it is necessarily a week-by-week act of bipartisan cooperation that would put aside our differences on every issue. That is obviously not going to happen."

President Clinton's 1994 legislative agenda is crowded with items that have the potential to divide the parties — health care, welfare and campaign finance reform among them.

Yet virtually everyone — Clinton, Foley, Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole, Gingrich — expresses the hope that bipartisan solutions can emerge, particularly on health care.

Don't look to NAFTA as an indicator of success.

That's more likely to be determined by the issues themselves, and the political forces at work.

Dole worked hard to pass NAFTA in the Senate. Asked about health care Sunday on NBC, he said there was a lot of work to do.

"We're opposed to price controls, employer mandates and mandatory alliances, plus a lot of new entitlement programs that cost hundreds of billions of dollars," he said, ticking off his objections to Clinton's plan.

"We will disagree a lot," said Howard Pastor, Clinton's chief congressional lobbyist. "Bill Clinton is ultimately a good Democrat."

The tensions do reflect fundamental differences between Republicans and Democrats. Those differences were displayed this year on economics, when Senate Republicans killed Clinton's stimulus program, and Democrats passed the administration's package of tax hikes and spending cuts over unanimous Republican opposition.

It's also an article of faith that party cohesion leads to success at the polls. And Democrats — with Clinton in wholehearted agreement — want to strengthen their majority next year. Republicans sense an opportunity to gain 10 or 20 House seats.

Still, the NAFTA vote probably makes some difference.

"I met a lot of Republican members I'd never worked with before," Rep. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., said the morning after the vote. "That's going to make it easier in the future."

Not surprisingly, some Democrats on the losing side of NAFTA predicted bipartisanship would vanish overnight.

"How many Republicans do you think are going to vote for universal health care?" asks Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., a NAFTA foe.

EDITORS NOTE — David Espo is The AP's chief congressional correspondent.

American Airlines lists options for ticketholders

By The Associated Press

—Rebooking passengers on other American flights or, if there are available seats, putting them on other airlines. This is one of the busiest travel weeks of the year and American's competitors say the number of empty seats is dwindling. Delta Air Lines has said it is nearly sold out for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the following Sunday.

—Dropping its normal fee of $25 for using a discounted ticket on a flight less than a year in the future. Also, the discount will still apply.

—All ticket holders who don't want to use their tickets can get refunds. That includes travelers who have advance purchase tickets that are typically non-refundable.

—Any American passenger who is unable to travel at an acceptable time between Tuesday and next Monday will get a refund and a $100 voucher good for travel on American for the next year.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 34-MA L.M. Wilson in the Diamond M field, 12 miles southwest of Snyder. The well produced 11 barrels of 32.4 gravity oil and 41 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,396-3,284 feet, and location is in Section 183, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Hondo Drilling Co. will drill the No. 9 W.E. Foree in the Tonto field, seven miles northeast of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,400 feet, location is in Section 25, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Felderhoff Production Co. will drill the No. 1 Sterling unit in the High Five field, 7.5 miles southwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, location is in Section 122, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Stevens and Tull Inc. will drill the No. 1 Hackberry in the Hackberry field, four miles south of Southland. Contracted for 4,350 feet, location is in Section 1,250, AB&M survey.

Palmer Oil Properties will drill the No. 13-2B Lott in the Coulter field, 12 miles southwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 6,000 feet, location is in Section 13, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

J.M. Huber Corp. will drill the No. 4 King in the Buenos field, 10 miles northwest of Post. The venture will be drilled to 9,000 feet, and location is in Section 1,301, BS&F survey.

Shenandoah Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 5-20 Macy Lott in [illegible] Lazy JL field, 10 miles south of [illegible]t. Planned for a depth of 6,000 feet, drill site is in Section 20, Bl.ock 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Fisher County

Sharp Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 1 Paul Hunter in the Frankus field, 2.5 miles northwest of Royston. Planned for a depth of 6,500 feet, location is in Section 75, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Marshall R. Young Oil Co. will drill the No. 7 Henry C. McKinney in the Pardue field, eight miles east of Rotan. Planned depth is 5,500 feet, and location is in Section 105, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Midland Oil and Gas Inc. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Roundshot in the Round Top field, nine miles northeast of Roby. Drilled to 5,007 feet, location was in Section 78, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Midland Oil and Gas will plug and abandon the No. 2 Wllingham in the Norand field, eight miles southeast of Rotan. Drilled to 1,595 feet, location was in Section 82, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Boswell Energy Corp. will plug and abandon the No. 1-259 Wood, a 6,702-foot wildcat located five miles west of Longworth. Location was in Section 259, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Limark Corp. will plug and abandon the No. 2-A Edwin Aiken in the Bernecker field, four miles west of Claytonville. Drilled to 6,825 feet, location was in Section 249, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Limark Corp. will plug and abandon the No. 3-A Aiken in the Bernecker field, four miles west of Claytonville. Total depth was 6,759, and drill site was in Section 249, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Parallel Petroleum Corp. has completed the No., 29-1 Corning-Loudamy in the Patience field, 13 miles north of Big Spring. The well produced 658 barrels of 32 gravity oil. Perforations were from 8,872-894 feet, and location is in Section 29,m Block 33, T&P survey.

Baytech Inc. will drill the No. 1 Underwood in the Luther East field, one mile east of Luther. Planned for a depth of 8,100 feet, location is in Section 3, Block 32, T&P survey.

Parallel Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 1-28 Schuelke in the Patience field, 14 miles north of Big Spring. Contracted for 9,600 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 33, T&P survey.

Kidd Oil and Gas will drill the No. 1 Lynn in the Vealmoor east field, seven miles east of Luther. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, drill site is in Section 21, Block 27, H&TC survey.

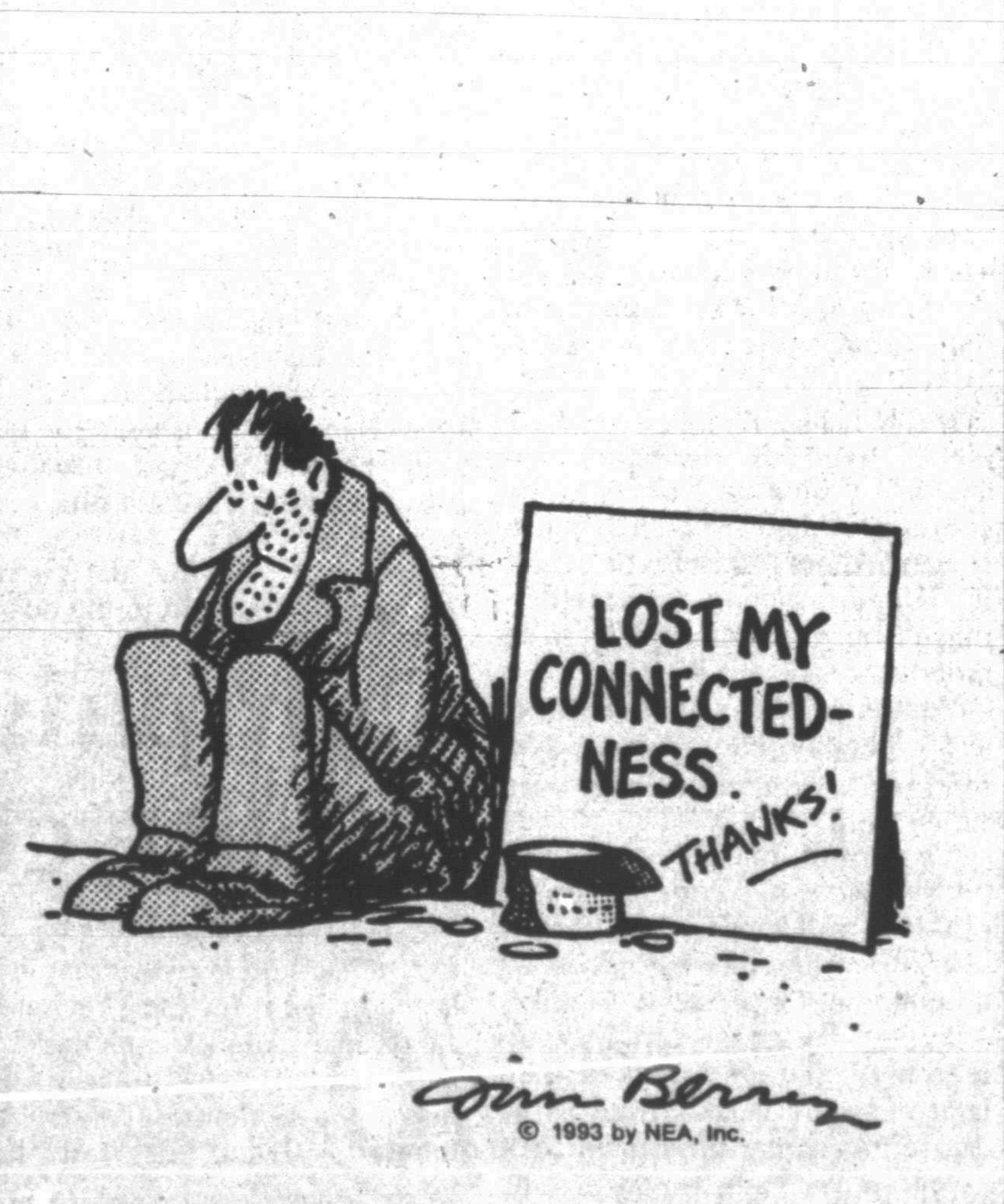
Nolan County

R.L. Akins Corp. will plug and abandon the No. 1-115 Kilgore in the Group West field, four miles southeast of Maryneal. Drilled to a depth of 7,098 feet, location was in Section 115, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Gresham Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 1 Clifford Wilson, a 6,800-foot wildcat located 6.5 miles south of Roscoe. Location is in Section 81, Block 23 T&P survey.

Dwarf woolly mammoths, about half as big as full-size mammoths, lived on Wrangel Island, 100 miles off the Siberian coast, 6,000 years after the larger beasts had become extinct, reports National Geographic.

Berry's World



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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall; 7:30 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-1141 or 863-2349.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

Beta Delta Phi; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 7 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

TOPS TX56: 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-1141, 573-5867.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M, 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101 573-1141 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961.

THURSDAY

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308 or 573-1141.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4-and 5-year-olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave M, 8 p.m. For more information call 573-1141, 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-1141. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Vietnamese vets can't forget war

THUAN THANH, Vietnam (AP) — Twenty-six years ago, Sgt. Le Dinh Lau was paralyzed in both legs during an American bombing attack on his unit. Now 57, he spends most of his days in a wooden wheelchair, unable to forget.

"I hate the U.S. government," he said. "I can't forget the war because it changed my life. I can't move because of it. If I wasn't injured, I could have done anything."

His legs limp, his life defined by the yellow walls of the compound where he lives, Lau can now do very little.

He and about 50 others in the government home for paralyzed and brain-damaged veterans 30 miles southeast of Hanoi are given free room and board, plus a monthly allowance equivalent to $24.

The home is clean and spacious and the residents are well fed, but the television is apparently reserved for special occasions, so the only daily distractions are chess, the radio and newspapers. Most of the veterans spend the days in their wheelchairs under a broad tree in the compound.

As Vietnam seeks normal relations with the United States, these veterans, like thousands of others all but forgotten in similar homes across the country, live with their terrible wounds and memories.

About 1 million soldiers on the communist side were killed in the decade from 1965 to 1975. Countless soldiers and civilians were wounded.

The United States, which supported South Vietnam, withdrew in 1975 and the country was reunified a year later under communist control.

Lau's 53-year-old wife, Cao Thi Khanh, who led a unit of 11 soldiers, met her husband at the veterans' home after she was wounded by shrapnel from an American bomb in 1968. She lost her left eye and passes out for hours at a time because of brain damage.

"When I was young, U.S. bombs and U.S. soldiers took my life," she said, sitting with her husband and children in their one-story, two-bedroom house in a row of dwellings in the compound. Across the way is an apartment-style building for single veterans.

It is a clean, airy home, decorated with colorful calendars and family pictures.

Their eldest son could not find a job in the province and is looking elsewhere. The youngest is still in school. The couple's daughter, Le Kim Thu, 20, has a scholarship at a teachers' college.

"The U.S. government has caused a lot of trouble, injuries, and death to my parents and other people," the daughter said. "But now, the U.S. government knows it made a mistake and so it is good to make friends with the U.S. In the world today, peace is very important. It is not necessary to be hostile with each other."

Out in the courtyard, more disabled veterans joined the others under the tree to enjoy the late-afternoon breeze.

Sgt. Do Van They, 52, bathed and clean shaven in a white, short-sleeved shirt and blue cotton pants, sat in his wooden wheelchair and said he had nothing to do with his life. Before the war, he had hoped to be a teacher of mathematics or physics.

"I had a lot of dreams," he said, but they ended when he was shot in the back during a battle with the Americans. "If the U.S. soldiers hadn't come here," he said, "I would be normal."

He said he harbors no animosity toward the American people, but does not extend that generosity to their leaders.

"The Vietnamese government has opened its mind to relations with the U.S., but the U.S. government still hasn't recognized its mistakes," he said.

Yarrow's spiny lizards use a third eye on top of their heads to find their way home in the rocky canyons of the southwestern United States and northern Mexico, says National Geographic.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 11-22-93
♠ K Q 5 3
♥ J 10
♦ K 8 3
♣ A 8 4 2

WEST
♠ 10 4
♥ 7 6 4
♦ 10
♣ K Q J 10 9 7 6

EAST
♠ J 9 8 7 2
♥ K 9 5 3 2
♦ 6 5
♣ 3

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ A Q 8
♦ A Q J 9 7 4 2
♣ 5

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	4 ♣	Dbl.	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Dive into the pool of team play

By Phillip Alder

Most tournament players prefer team events to pairs. In teams, it is just a matter of making or breaking the contract; overtricks are almost irrelevant. In pairs, however, every trick is vital.

The most popular form of team play is Swiss Teams. A reference book on this subject is Harold Feldheim's "Winning Swiss Team Tactics," republished by Lorold Associates ($12.45, The Bridge World, 39 West 94th Street, New York, NY 10025-7124). It covers all aspects of Swiss Teams, including strategy, and ends with a 50-question quiz.

Today's deal comes from the book. You are shown only the North-South hands and asked to plan the play in six diamonds, West having overcalled four clubs. West leads the club king.

It isn't easy to reach six diamonds after West's annoying overcall. Experts play North's double as showing "convertible values." This means that North is promising sufficient high-card values to act at the four-level. If the opener has a balanced hand, he will pass. But if it is unbalanced, he can bid and expect to find some useful goodies in the dummy.

Did you play dummy's club ace, draw trumps, take the heart finesse and win all 13 tricks? Wrong!

You have 12 top tricks: three spades, one heart, seven diamonds and one club. To ensure these tricks, you should play *low* from the dummy at trick one. In real life, East was void in clubs and West had the heart king. Playing the club ace at trick one cost the contract. East ruffed, and South had an unavoidable heart loser.

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Lotto Texas

One ticket, purchased in South Texas, correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket is worth $3 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 8, 12, 23, 29, 39, 44.

In addition to the jackpot winner, there were 150 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $1,136. There were 7,354 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $84. And there were 131,557 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $3 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are results of Lotto Texas Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in this order:

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(six, seven, nine)

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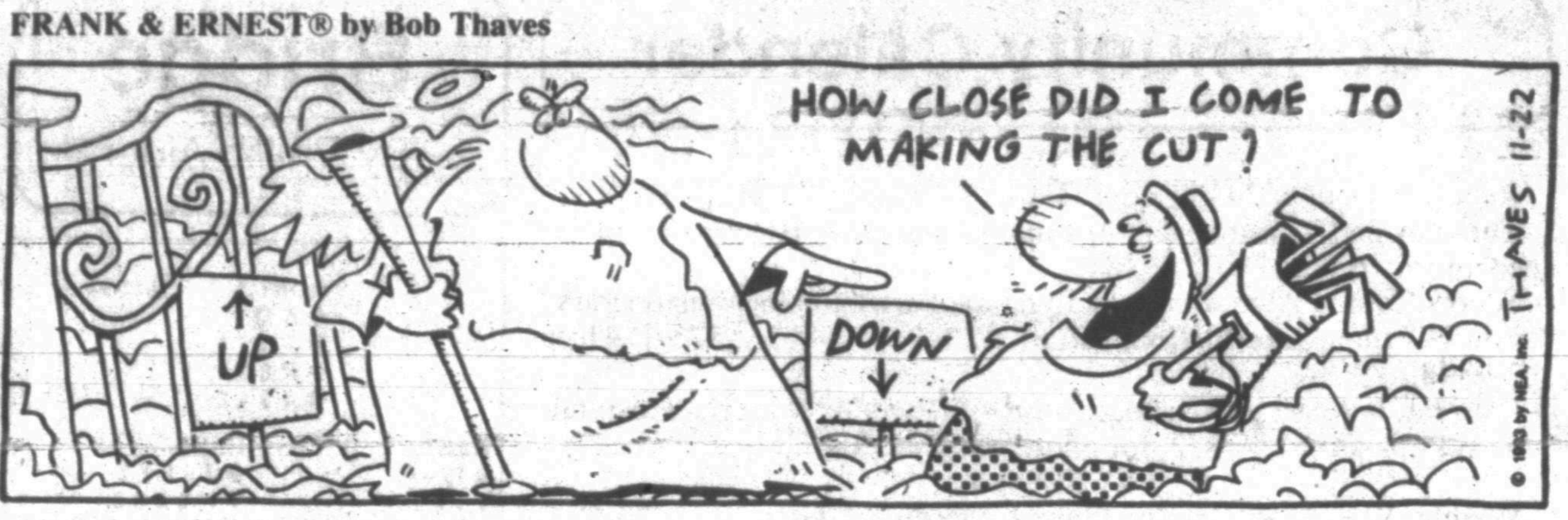
HOW CLOSE DID I COME TO MAKING THE CUT?
UP
DOWN
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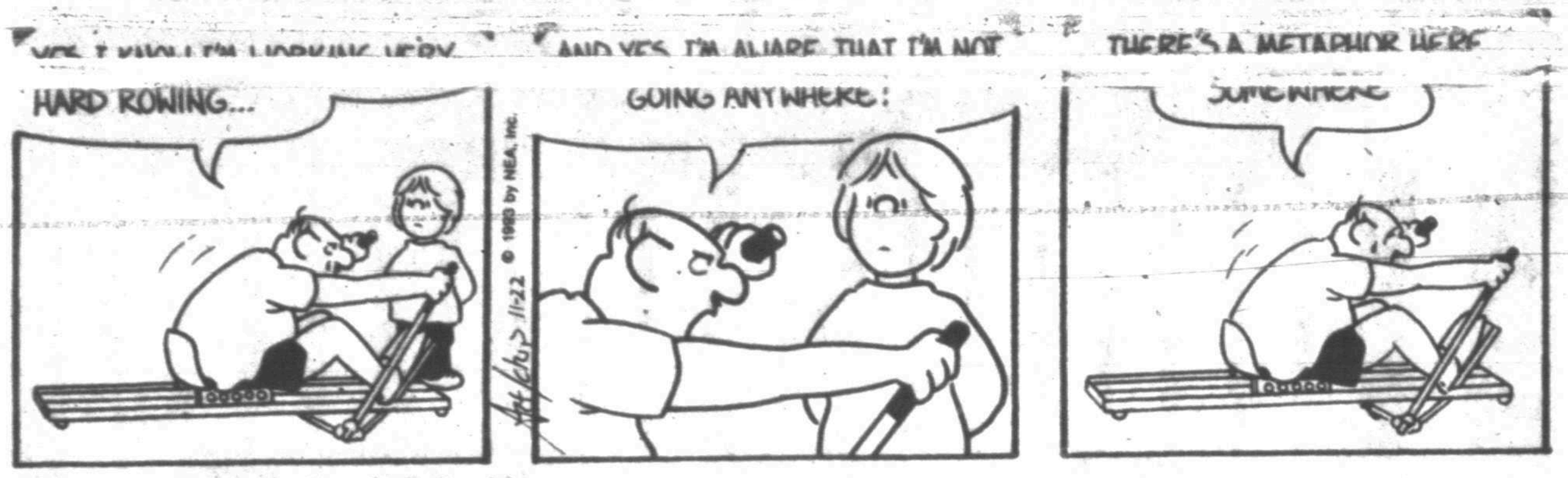
YES, I KNOW I'M WORKING VERY HARD ROWING...
AND YES, I'M AWARE THAT I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!
THERE'S A METAPHOR HERE SOMEWHERE
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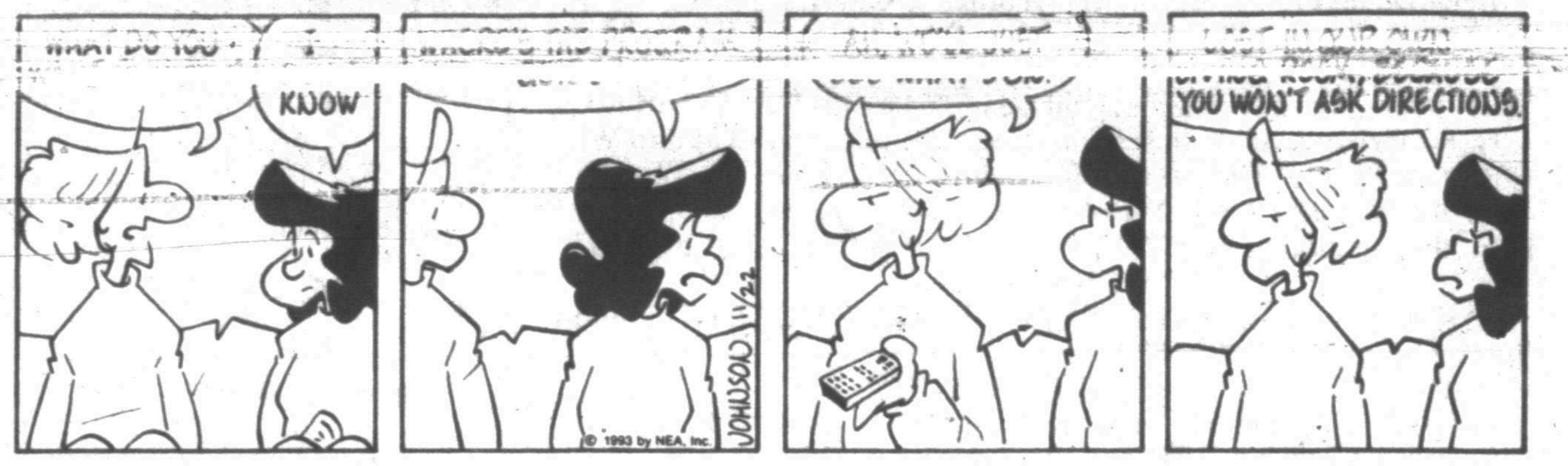
WHAT DO YOU
KNOW
YOU WON'T ASK DIRECTIONS.
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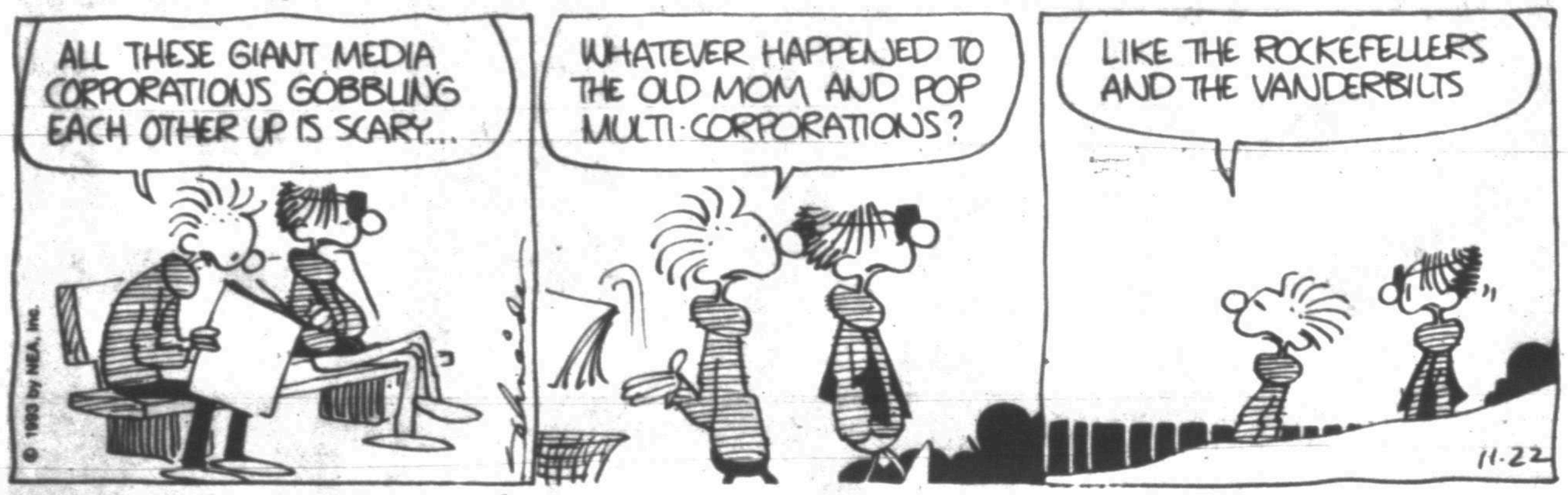
ALL THESE GIANT MEDIA CORPORATIONS GOBBLING EACH OTHER UP IS SCARY...
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE OLD MOM AND POP MULTI-CORPORATIONS?
LIKE THE ROCKEFELLERS AND THE VANDERBILTS
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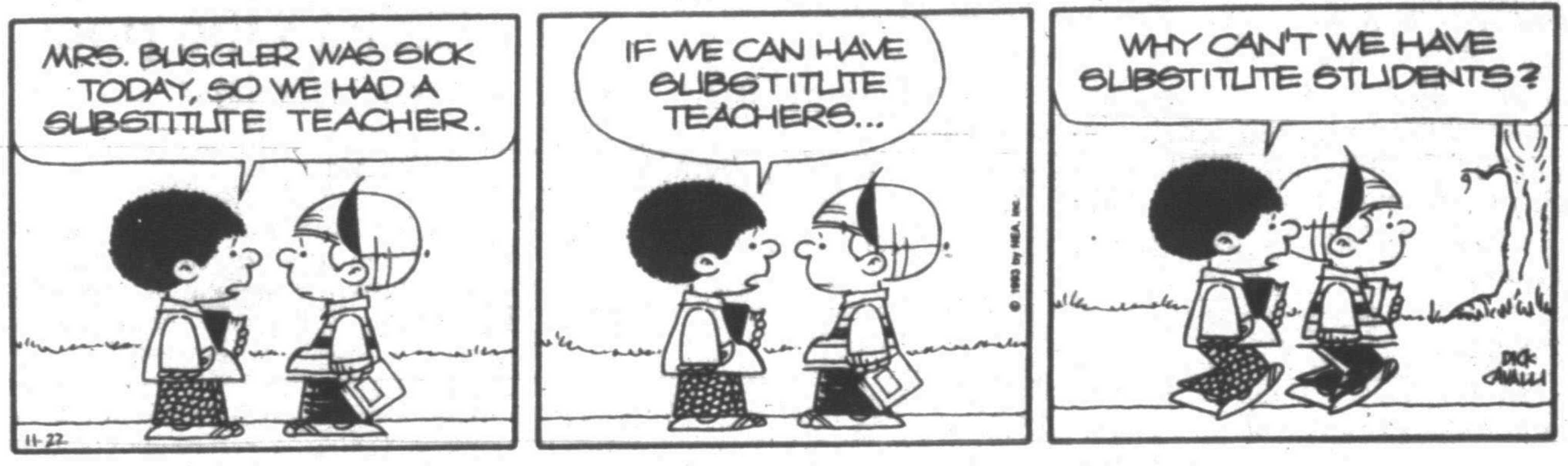
MRS. BUGGLER WAS SICK TODAY, SO WE HAD A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER.
IF WE CAN HAVE SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS...
WHY CAN'T WE HAVE SUBSTITUTE STUDENTS?
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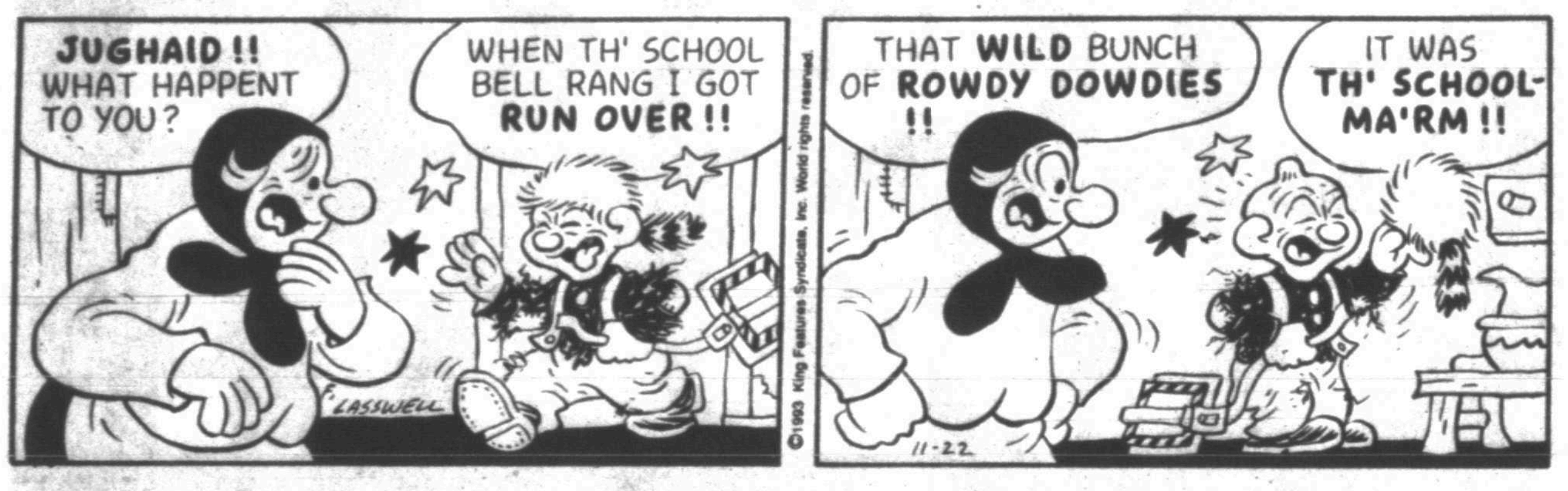
Barney Google and Snuffy Smith ® By Fred Lasswell


JUGHAID!! WHAT HAPPENT TO YOU?
WHEN TH' SCHOOL BELL RANG I GOT RUN OVER!!
THAT WILD BUNCH OF ROWDY DOWDIES!!
IT WAS TH' SCHOOL-MA'RM!!
LASSWELL
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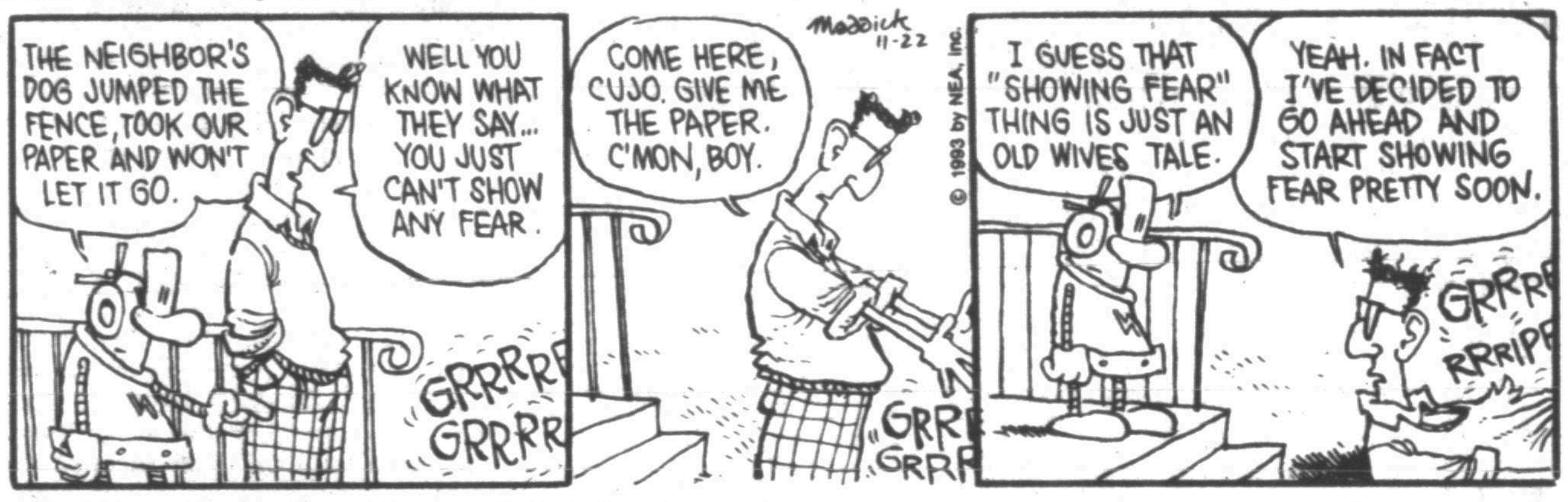
THE NEIGHBOR'S DOG JUMPED THE FENCE, TOOK OUR PAPER AND WON'T LET IT GO.
WELL YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY... YOU JUST CAN'T SHOW ANY FEAR.
GRRRR GRRRR
COME HERE, CUJO. GIVE ME THE PAPER. C'MON, BOY.
GRRR GRRR
Meddick 11-22
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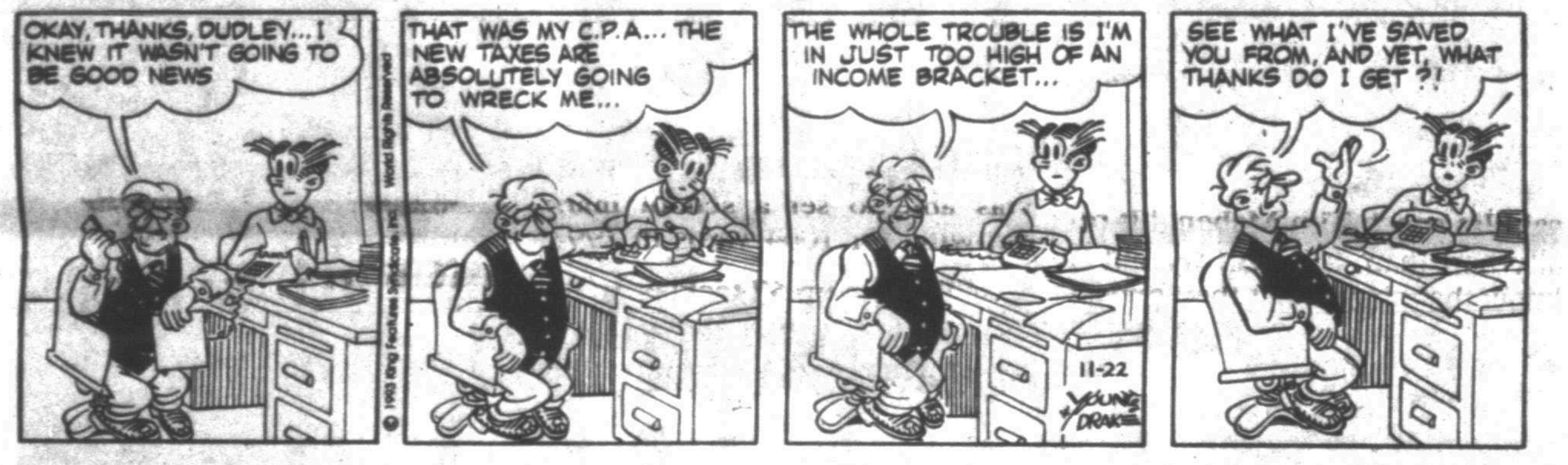
I GUESS THAT "SHOWING FEAR" THING IS JUST AN OLD WIVES TALE.
YEAH. IN FACT I'VE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD AND START SHOWING FEAR PRETTY SOON.
GRRRR RRRIPP

BLONDIE ® by Dean Young and Stan Drake


OKAY, THANKS, DUDLEY... I KNEW IT WASN'T GOING TO BE GOOD NEWS
THAT WAS MY C.P.A... THE NEW TAXES ARE ABSOLUTELY GOING TO WRECK ME...
THE WHOLE TROUBLE IS I'M IN JUST TOO HIGH OF AN INCOME BRACKET...
SEE WHAT I'VE SAVED YOU FROM, AND YET, WHAT THANKS DO I GET?!
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YOUNG DRAKE

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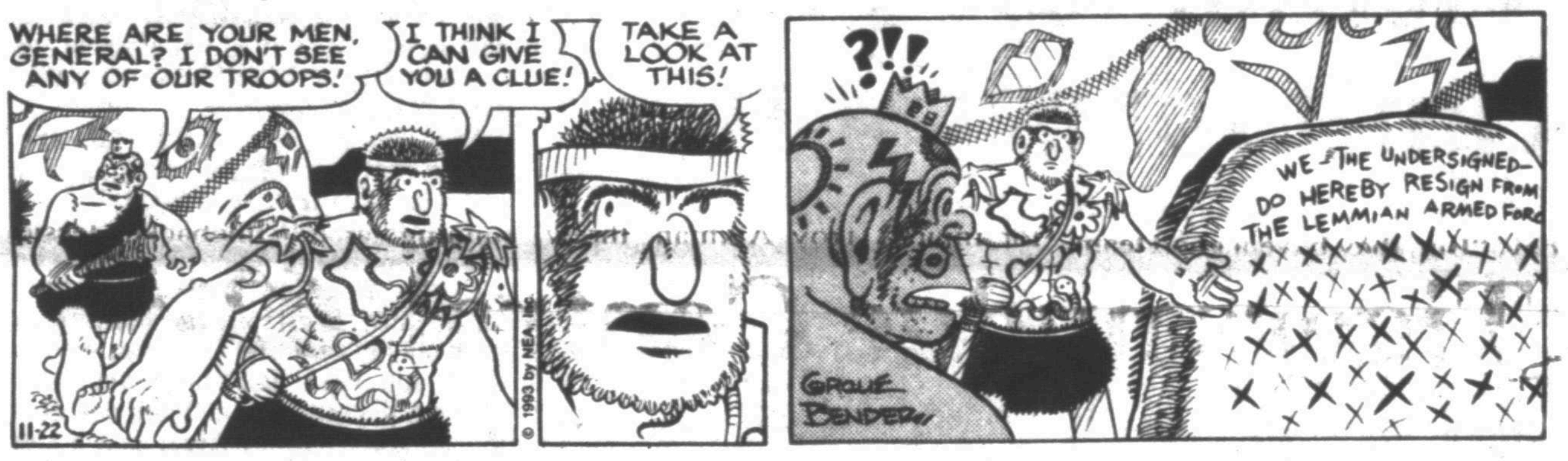
WHERE ARE YOUR MEN, GENERAL? I DON'T SEE ANY OF OUR TROOPS!
I THINK I CAN GIVE YOU A CLUE!
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
?!!
WE - THE UNDERSIGNED - DO HEREBY RESIGN FROM THE LEMMIAN ARMED FORC
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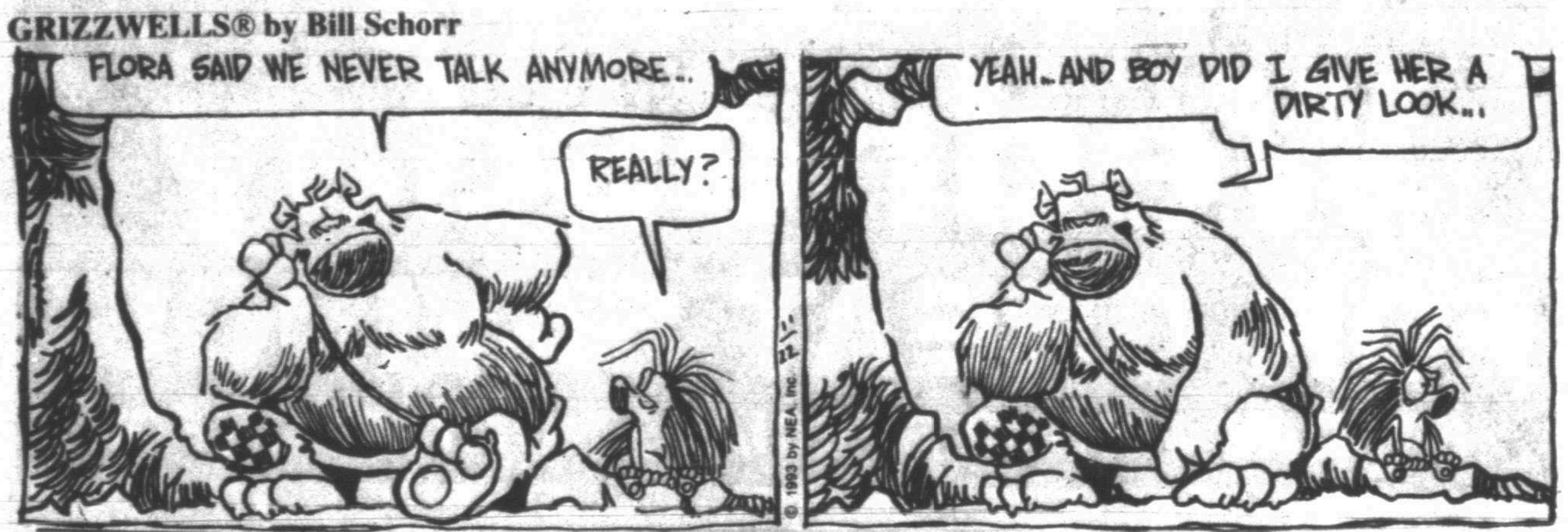
FLORA SAID WE NEVER TALK ANYMORE..
REALLY?
YEAH.. AND BOY DID I GIVE HER A DIRTY LOOK..
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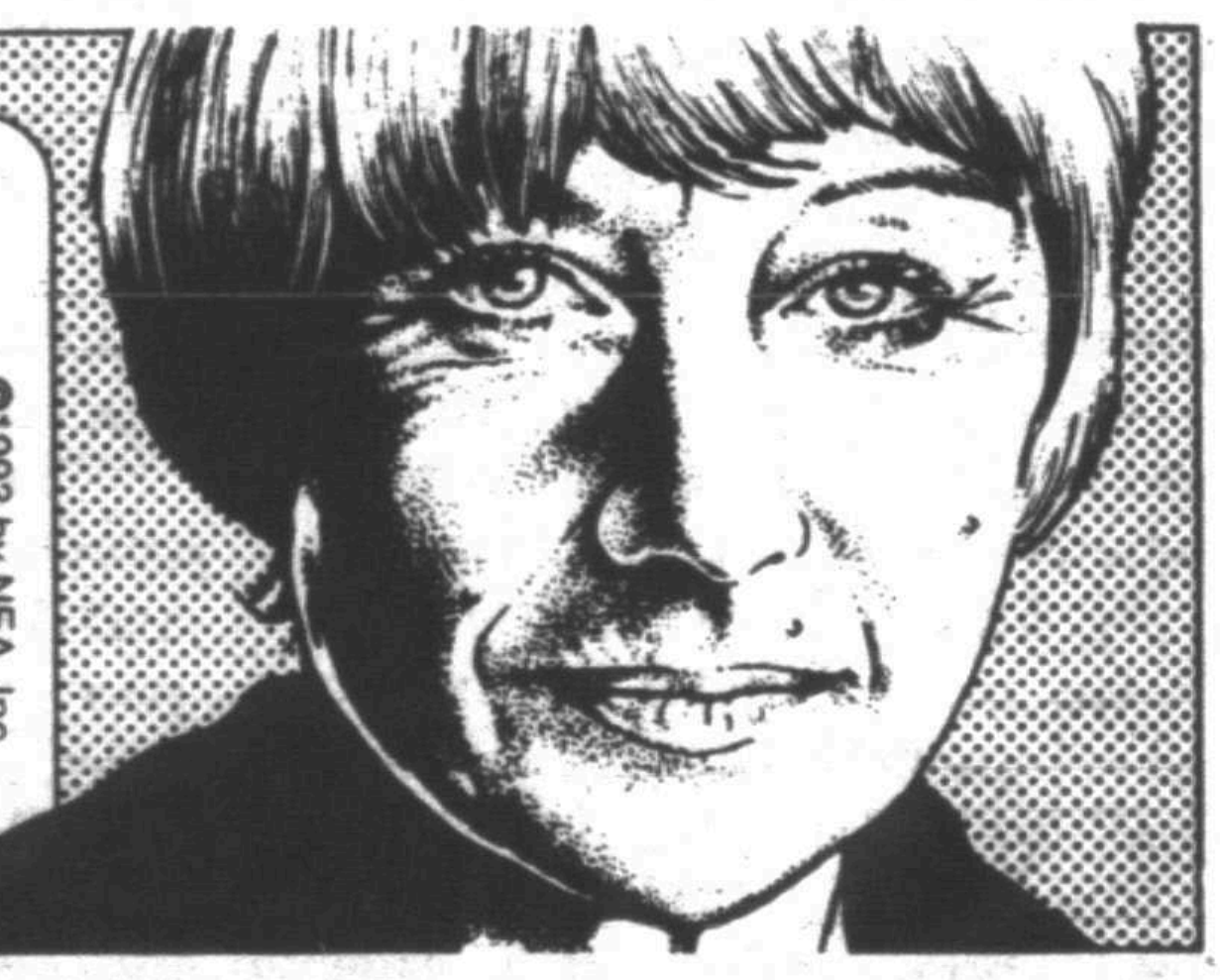
POP CULTURE™ by Steve McGarry



The daughter of a driving test examiner, actress ***Helen Mirren*** learned her craft with the ***Old Vic's National-Youth Theatre,*** the ***International Centre for Theatre Research*** in Paris and the ***Royal Shakespeare Company*** at Stratford. She made her movie debut as ***Hermia*** in ***Peter Hall's*** 1968 adaptation of ***"A Midsummer Night's Dream."***

1. Name the character ***Mirren*** plays in the PBS ***"Prime Suspect"*** series.
2. In which 1980 movie did ***Mirren*** co-star with ***Bob Hoskins***?
3. Name the 1980 movie in which ***Mirren*** co-starred with ***Malcolm McDowell, Peter O'Toole*** and ***John Gielgud.***

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Answers: 1) *Detective Chief Inspector Jane Tennison* 2) "The Long Good Friday." 3) "Caligula"

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Knots in cotton fiber
5 Future bks.
8 French for father
12 Russian river
13 Year (Sp.)
14 Hawaiian food fish
15 Actor Robert De —
16 Guided
17 Outfits
18 Type of tide
19 Weepiest
21 Shakespearean king
23 Deposit
24 Epic hero
27 Spaces
31 Greek letters
32 Quality of sea water
34 Groups of three
36 Born
37 Fertile spots in desert
38 Strummer's aids
40 Energy unit (abbr.)
42 Brother of Jacob
43 Of hearing
47 Motley — (music group)
50 Make muddy
51 A rose — — rose
52 Bundles of hides
53 Mona —
54 Fleur-de- —
55 Hawaiian wreaths
56 Something remarkable (sl.)
57 Superlative ending
58 Anglo-Saxon slave

DOWN

1 Senator Sam —
2 A Great Lake
3 Inability to move
4 Inclines
5 Maltreat
6 Snick and —
7 Soft drinks
8 Strict religious observer
9 Author — Wiesel
10 Carpets
11 Direction
20 Updates
22 Helps
24 Capable of (2 wds.)
25 Italian money
26 Undergarment
28 Hundred-year periods
29 Addict
30 On board ship
33 TV program
35 Of star groups
39 Harsh laugh
41 Useful
43 Folksinger Guthrie
44 Invent
45 River in France
46 Egyptian goddess
48 — — arms
49 Actual being

Answer to Previous Puzzle

L	H	A	S	A				L	A	R	K	S
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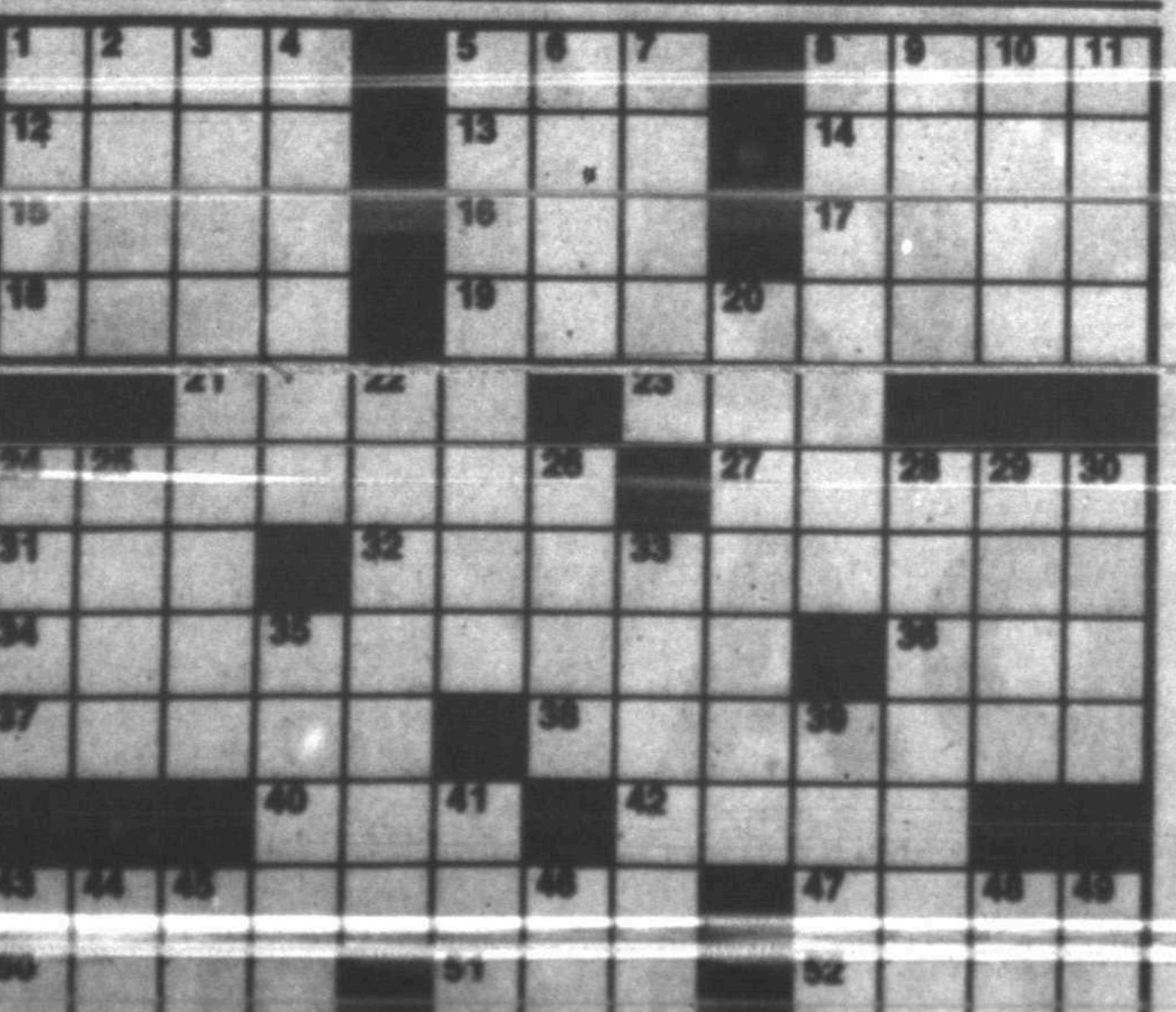

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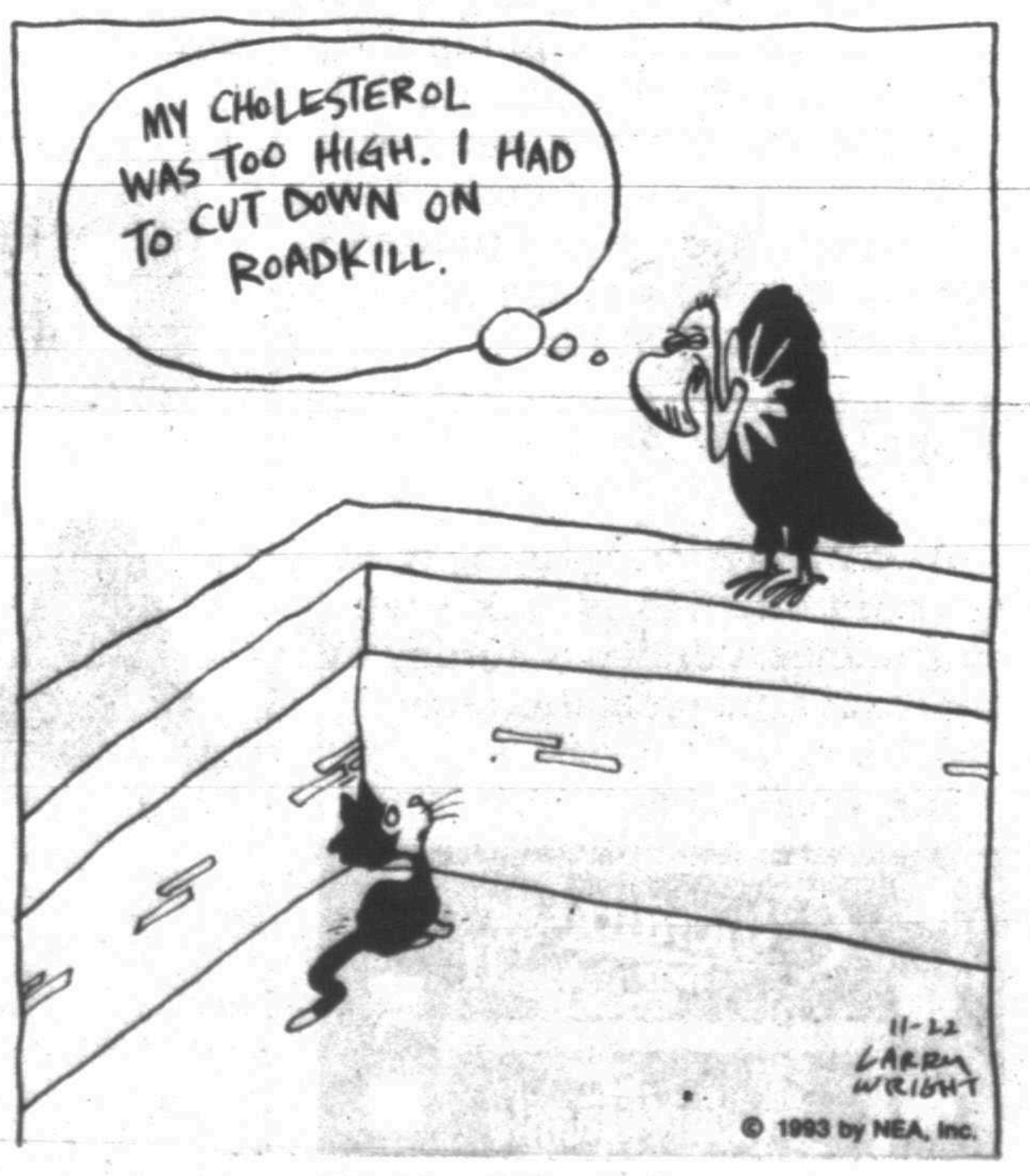
MY CHOLESTEROL WAS TOO HIGH. I HAD TO CUT DOWN ON ROADKILL.
11-22 LARRY WRIGHT
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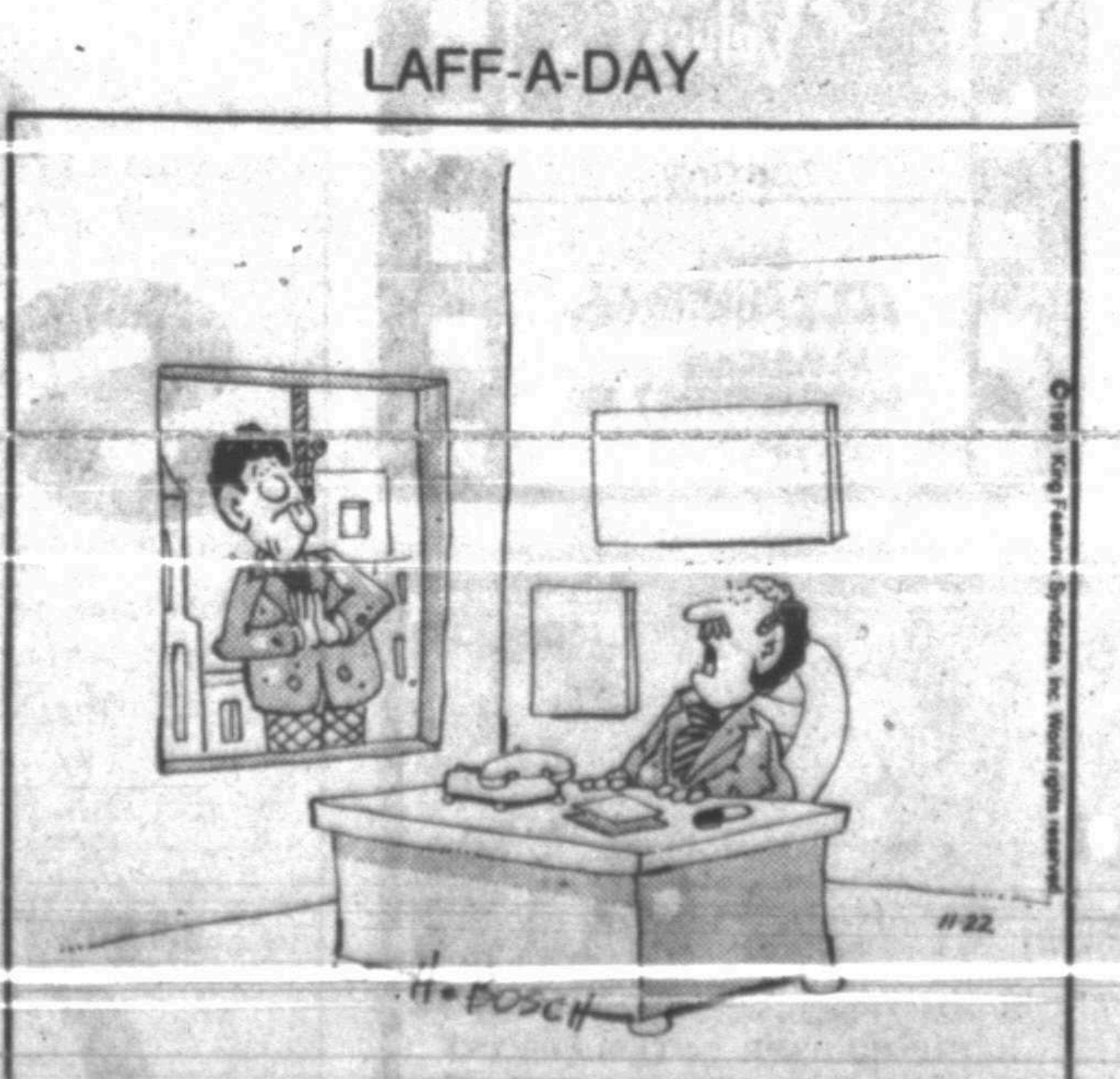
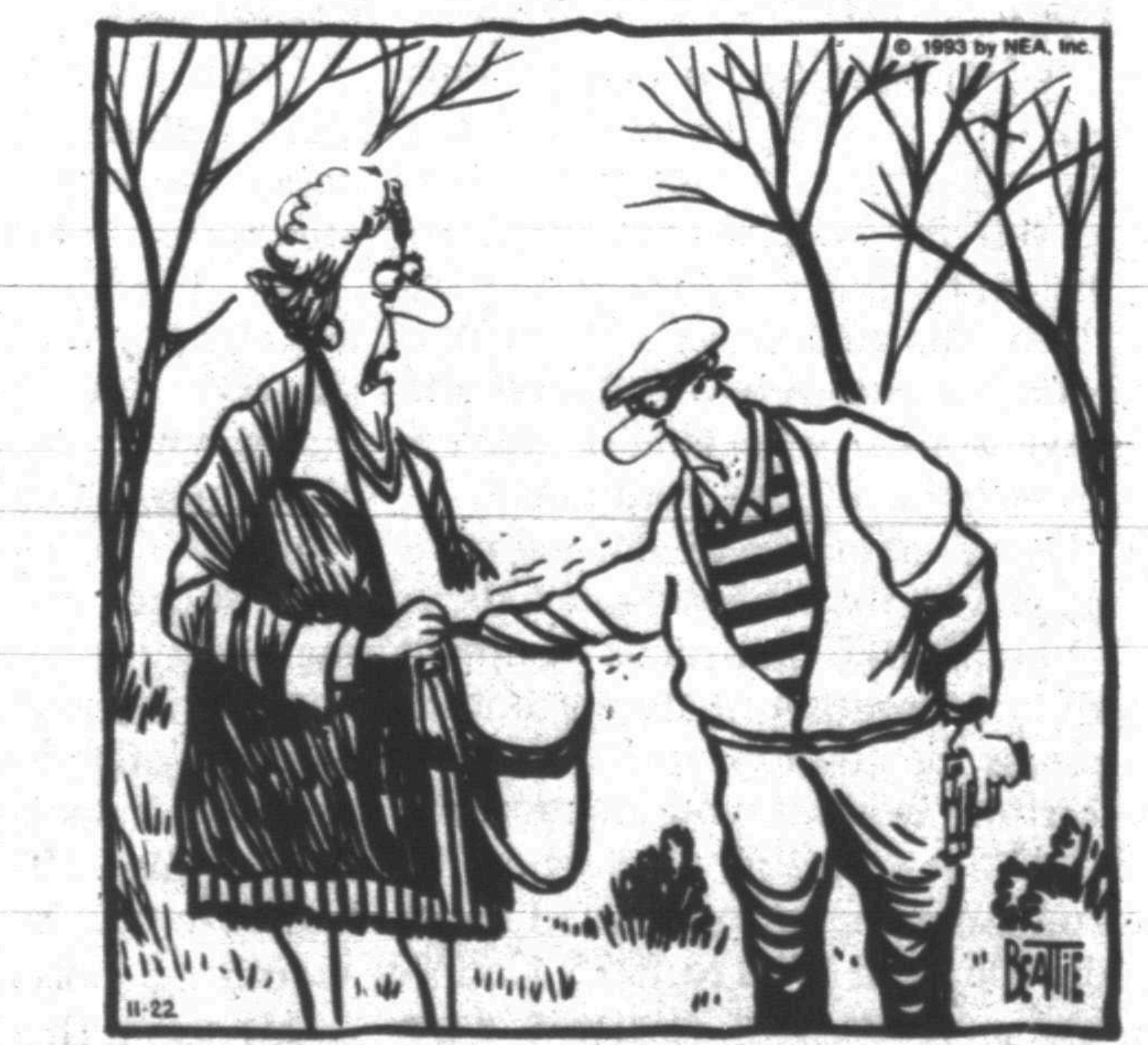
LAFF-A-DAY



"Forget it, Ferguson...I'm never hiring you back!"

BEATTIE BLVD.™ by Bruce Beattie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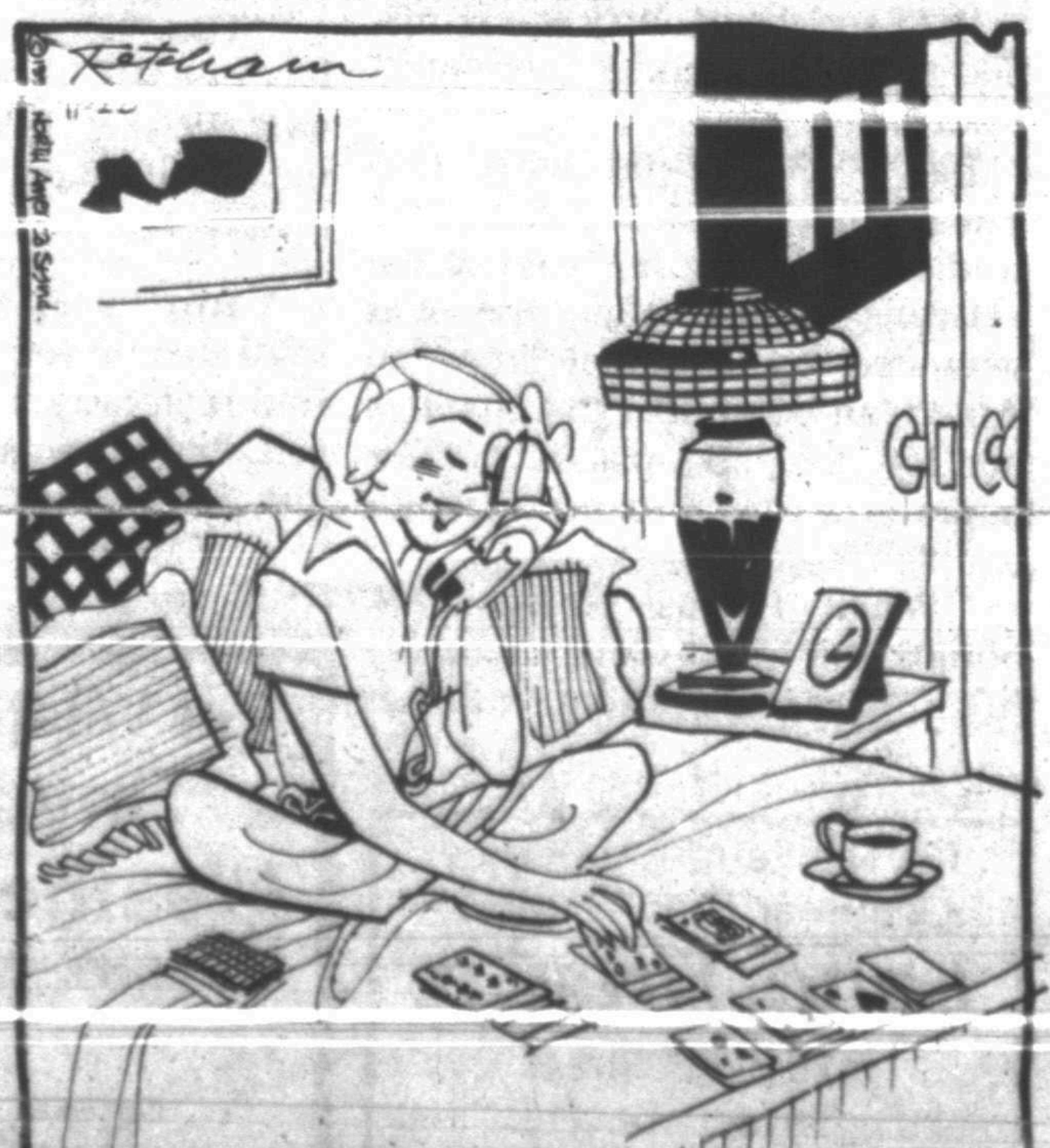
BEATTIE

"I can't ever find anything in my purse. Want my wallet? Go ahead, give it a try."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"DENNIS DOESN'T WANT A CLASSIC THANKSGIVING DINNER. HE SAID IT WOULD TAKE ALL THE FUN OUT OF IT FOR THE TURKEY."

Dusters scalp SJC in tourney contest

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Western Texas College women's basketball coach Ron Jones captured a milestone win on Saturday when his Lady Dusters rolled to an 82-70 victory over Seminole Junior College in the final round of the St. Gregory's Classic here.

The loss was the first of the season for SJC, now 7-1.

"This was one of a couple of games we were pointing to when the season started," Jones said. "We wanted to play well against Seminole because we knew they have a good team and a good program.

"They've been the team to beat in Oklahoma for several years and they were ranked No. 2 in the nation most of last season.

"I was very pleased with the game," the coach continued. "It was by far the best game and the best opponent we've had all season. We played well and we played as smart a game as I've seen us play."

The Dusters used the outside play of freshman Carri Moss, who scored a team-high 27 points, and the inside execution of sophomore post Paulita Murrell, who accumulated 19 on the night, to get past SJC.

"Carri really put on a show," Jones said. "She was a real dominant player in high school and she showed that same type game."

Moss hit six baskets, including four from 3-point land, and was a perfect 9-for-9 from the free-throw line. She scored 24 of her points in a second-half run that broke a 37-all halftime tie.

Murrell hit seven field goals and converted 5-of-8 from the line.

Dee Ella Lewis was Seminole's top producer with 27 points.

The Dusters bring a 6-2 season mark back home for a rematch with Cisco Junior College tonight at 7:30 at Scurry County Coliseum.

"We played kind of flat last time we saw Cisco," Jones said of the Dusters' 76-62 win last Tuesday. "But, they have a good team. They're tough to beat."

WESTERN TEXAS (82) — Carter 1 0-0 2; Veitenheimer 0 2-4 2; Moss 6 9-9 27; Johnson 2 1-4 6; Roland 2 4-4 8; Thompson 3 0-0 7; Wilson 2 3-4 8; Cates 1 1-4 3; Murrell 7 5-8 19; TOTALS 25 25-38 82.

SEMINOLE JC (70) — Dockery 6 3-3 16; Dilks 3 1-3 9; Cortez 1 2-2 5; Crawford 1 0-0 2; Lewis 10 7-14 27; Weaver 3 0-0 6; Yarborough 2 1-2 5; TOTALS 25 14-24 70.

Halftime score: WTC 37, SJC 37; **3-point goals:** WTC 7 (Moss 4, Johnson 1, Thompson 1, Wilson 1); SJC 6 (Dockery 3, Dilks 2, Cortez 1); Total fouls: WTC 23, SJC 29; Fouled out: WTC — none; SJC — Dilks, Crawford, Yarborough. **Records:** WTC 6-2, SJC 7-1.

sports

Eleven Tigers selected to '93 All-District 2-4A grid squad

LUBBOCK — Senior Larry Thompson leads a group of 11 Snyder Tigers honored recently with selection to the All-District 2-4A football team.

Thompson earned first-team recognition at split end and was named to the all-loop second team as a defensive back.

Thompson snagged 28 passes during the 1993 season for a team-record 594 yards and six touchdowns. His totals include a seven-catch, 222-yard outing at Lubbock Estacado in the second week of district play.

He also set the team standard in the defensive backfield with three interceptions.

Also representing Snyder on the first team are senior guard Brad Hart, noseguard Chris Mills, safety Matthew Cave, and punter Chris Mitchell.

Second teamers from SHS are center Brian Lickey, defensive end Jeff Armstrong, linebacker Nathan Zalman and DB John Clinkinbeard.

Tigers earning honorable mentions were tight end Jimmy Henry and DT Emiliano Chaidez.

Running backs Damien Nails of loop champion Plainview and Estacado's Talion Scott shared MVP honors and Plainview's Steve Parr was selected the league's Coach of the Year.

Joining Thompson on the first-team offense are center Freddy Tackett, guard Josh Roberts, tackle Cody Lindeman, kicker Tony Santos, and tight end Ross McCoy of Plainview; wide receiver Kendrick Hollie, kicker Chris Addington and quarterback Shane Stewart of loop runner-up Frenship; tackle Albert Trevino of Estacado; and Levelland tackle Brandon Gray.

Defensive first-teamers include MVPs Steven Riddley and McCoy of Plainview, along with teammates Bill Bradley and Toby Santos, defensive linemen, linebackers Cleat Bell, Tommy Gomez, Chris Cannon and Michael Rodriguez, and DB Tory Bryant; NG Trent Taylor and DB Hollie of Frenship; and Levelland linebacker Chad Walker.

Hart, a senior, anchored a Snyder line that protected Cave during a record setting passing season. Behind Hart and Co. Cave was able to set a school mark, throwing for 1064 yards in 1993.

Mills rang up 67 tackles on the year, including a record-tying 11 for losses, and a team-best six sacks.

Cave was credited with 49 tackles, two behind the line of scrimmage, three interceptions and five knocked down passes.

Mitchell wound up the season with a 38.1-yard average on 49 punts.

Zalman led the Tiger defense in '93 with 84½ tackles, 11 for losses, a sack, three hurries and a fumble recovery. Armstrong chipped in three sacks, eight tackles behind the line, a total of 39½ tackles and a blocked kick from his defensive end spot.

Clinkinbeard, Snyder's left cornerback, swiped two passes, recovered two fumbles and blocked two kicks in his all-district season.

Henry, converted from an interior lineman as a junior to a tight end for the '93 campaign, snagged 15 passes for 161 yards and a TD, while Chaidez, also a senior, had 54½ tackles, three sacks, five hurries and a fumble recovery.

The all-district team was selected by a vote of member coaches in their annual postseason meeting.

All-District 2-4A football
First team
Offense

Center: Freddy Tackett, 6-0, 210, sr., Plainview; **Guard:** Brandon Gray, 5-11, 196, sr., Levelland; Josh Roberts, [illegible], sr., Plainview; Brad Hart, 5-11, 200, sr., Snyder; **Tackle:** Cody Lindeman, 6-1, 240, sr., Plainview; Albert Trevino, 6-1, 240, sr., Estacado; **Tight end:** Ross McCoy, 6-5, 215, jr., Plainview; **Wide receiver:** Kendrick Hollie, 6-1, 170, sr., Frenship; Larry Thompson, 6-0, 175, sr., Snyder; **Running back:** Damien Nails, 5-8, 165, sr., Plainview; Talion Scott, 5-7, 155, Sr., Estacado; **Quarterback:** Shane Stewart, 5-8, 131, sr., Frenship; **MVP:** Damien Nails and Talion Scott; **Coach of the Year:** Steve Parr, Plainview.

Defense

Linemen: Trent Taylor, 5-6, 155, sr., Frenship; Chris Mills, 5-11, 200, jr., Snyder; Matt Reed, 6-1, 190, sr., Levelland; Bill Bradley, 6-5, 378, jr. Plainview; Toby Santos, 5-11, 250, sr., Plainview; Ross McCoy, 6-5, 215, jr., Plainview; **Linebackers:** Chad Walker, 5-9, 185, sr., Levelland; Cleat Bell, 5-8, 185, sr., Plainview; Tommy Gomez, 5-8, 180, sr., Plainview; Chris Cannon, 6-0, 190, sr., Plainview; Michael Rodriguez, 5-11, 190, sr., Plainview; **Secondary:** Kendrick Hollie, 6-3, 170, sr., Frenship; tory Bryant, 5-10, 170, sr., Plainview; Matthew Cave, 6-0, 170, sr., Snyder; Steven Riddley, 6-3, 215, sr., Plainview; **Punter:** Chris Mitchell, 5-11, 190, jr., Snyder; **Kicker:** Chris Addington, 6-0, 175, sr., Frenship; Tony Santos, 5-4, 120, sr., Plainview; **MVPs:** Ross McCoy, 6-5, 215, jr., Plainview; Steven Riddley, 6-3, 215, sr., Plainview.

THOMPSON

MILLS

HART

MITCHELL

CAVE

ARMSTRONG

LICKEY

CLINKINBEARD

ZALMAN

HENRY

CHAIDEZ

Aikman and Smith on sidelines...

Falcons upset hurting 'Pokes

ATLANTA (AP) — With Emmitt Smith, the Dallas Cowboys didn't lose. Without him Sunday, they didn't win.

A bruised right quadricep ended Smith's afternoon two minutes before halftime, and the Atlanta Falcons stopped the Cowboys' seven-game winning streak 27-14.

"I took a knee to the quad," Smith said. "I'll take whatever treatment is necessary and see how it goes."

"The good thing is that we can go again in three days," he said. Dallas plays on Thanksgiving Day against Miami.

Atlanta's swarming defense, which shut out the Los Angeles Rams last week, blanked Dallas for nearly three quarters. Deion Sanders, one of the Falcons' best defenders, also contributed on offense by catching a 70-yard touchdown pass and high-stepping to the end zone with 3:51 left.

Even before Smith was injured, he did little. The Falcons limited him to only 1 yard on one carry and 9 yards on four catches.

"I was very upset," Smith said. "We were doing things on the field that we usually don't do. We weren't doing anything right."

The defending Super Bowl champion Cowboys (7-3) had been unbeaten since Smith came back from a two-game salary holdout to start the season. Bernie Kosar, playing his second game for injured Troy Aikman, threw TD passes late in the third and fourth quarters.

"Anytime you are missing a key player, you won't play as well," Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said of Aikman's absence. "That wasn't an individual performance that lost for us today. It was our team that didn't play well today."

The Falcons (4-6) won for the fourth time in five games.

"I'm very proud of the defense for getting all over them and the offense for working the clock," Falcons coach Jerry Glanville said. "Some people said we wouldn't be here for this ballgame, but not only did we show up, we did a great job."

Atlanta set the tone with the game's first possession, grinding out 73 yards in 14 plays that ate 8:48 off the clock and ended on Norm Johnson's 26-yard field goal.

The Cowboys netted only 1 yard, punted and then saw the Falcons march 60 yards in 15 more plays. Johnson capped it with a 24-yard field goal — his 24th consecutive successful kick, five shy of the league record.

Atlanta held the Cowboys to only one first down and 25 yards in the first half and yielded only 230 yards for the game, the first time Dallas failed to net at least 300 yards this season.

"The key was we stopped their running game," linebacker Jessie Tuggle said. "We shut down the run and kept them off the field."

Bobby Hebert took care of the Falcons offense, completing 24 of 32 passes for 315 yards and three touchdowns.

"There's a lot of character on this team," Hebert said. "We played well offensively and defensively and kept them off balance. We controlled the ball and we controlled the tempo."

Hebert hit Mike Pritchard for two of the scores, from 13 yards in the second quarter and 10 yards in the third, giving Atlanta a 20-0 lead.

Pritchard had six receptions for 71 yards.

Kosar, making his first start for the Cowboys since being released by Cleveland two weeks ago, threw a 1-yard touchdown pass on fourth down to Scott Galbraith with 41 seconds left in the third and a 28-yarder to Kevin Williams to cap a 76-yard drive with 1:30 left in the game.

Lady 'Dogs take second

RULE — Ira's Lady Bulldogs grabbed second place at the weekend Rule Turkey Classic basketball tournament, falling in the championship game to the host Lady 'Cats, 54-42.

"They played extremely well," said Ira coach Tim Maben. "It really hurt them to finish second. I know that means that they expect to win now."

Jennifer Rankin scored 12 to lead the 2-2 Lady Bulldogs. Jody Rankin followed with nine and Jennifer Northcott put in seven.

Margie Seballos poured in a game-high 30 points to lead Rule. Teammate Tomika Griffin chipped in 18.

Ira's boys were defeated Saturday, 47-44, by Abilene Christian High School in the tourney's consolation final.

Coy Henderson canned 14 to lead the Bulldogs, while Cory Beltz and Heath Mathis each lifted 10.

The Bulldogs are 0-3.

Both Ira teams will be in action Tuesday at Borden County.

Girls

Ira	8	15	9	10 -42
Rule	16	20	12	6 -54

Leading scorers: Ira — Jennifer Rankin 12, Jody Rankin 10, Jennifer Northcott 7, Angie Robinson 6, Kaey Cauley 4, Brandy Oliver 2, Misty Chance 2; Rule — Margie Seballos 30, Tomika Griffin 18. **Record:** Ira 2-2.

Boys

Ira	16	14	7	7 -44
ACHS	14	8	15	10 -47

Leading scorers: Ira — Henderson 14, Beltz 10, Mathis 10, White 7, Howard 3; ACHS — Smith 16, Buttril 10, Guild 9, Rose 6. **Record:** Ira 0-3.

Tigers nudge Central, 62-58

Snyder's Tigers not only won their second straight basketball game to open the season Saturday, they improved over their Friday performance in the process.

"We looked much better, overall, on Saturday," said Snyder coach Bud Birks, speaking of his team's 62-58 non-district win over visiting San Angelo Central. "I don't really know why we played so much better, because we didn't have time to practice, but we came out and played better in almost every facet of the game.

"We're still making some mistakes that you'd expect from a team that's so short on varsity experience, but we shot better and we rebounded better."

Senior wing Adrian Sneed put in 18 points to lead the Tigers, followed by Jon Patrick with 15, including all four of the team's 3-point buckets, and Jimmy Henry added 10.

"Jon stepped up and had a good game for us," Birks reported. "He had a solid game. He came in and hit a few threes, and that's something we're going to have to have along the way.

"Jimmy had a good game, too. In fact, we had a good game out of our post position all around with Jimmy and Ricky Post."

Post contributed eight points from inside the paint.

The Tigers jumped out to a 15-7 first-quarter lead, before the Bobcats roared back for 23 points in the second period to claim a 30-29 halftime advantage.

Snyder came back and iced the win in the second half with a 33-28 run in the last two quarters.

The Tigers will continue their hectic early-season schedule with a trip to 3A's No. 4 ranked Brownfield today.

Action begins with the JV tilt at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity contest at 7:30 p.m.

Snyder returns home Saturday for afternoon games against Big Spring.

Snyder	15	14	22	11 -62
Central	7	23	12	16 -58

CENTRAL (58) — Eckeberger 3 3-7-10; Lopez 3 2-5 10; Corerson 1 1-2 3; Waller 1 6-6 8; Jones 1 0-0 2; Randle 1 0-0 2; Townsend 4 5-9 13; Dupre 1 0-0 2; Sheridan 4 0-0 8; TOTALS 19 17-30 58.

SNYDER (62) — Lelek 0 1-2 1; Cromeens 0 2-5 2; Griffin 2 0-1 4; Sneed 7 4-9 18; Key 0 0-3 0; Patrick 5 1-3 15; Post 4 0-0 8; Henry 4 2-6 10; Goebel 0 2-3 2; Walker 1 0-0 2; TOTALS [illegible] 12-31 62.

3-point goals: Snyder 4 (Patrick 4); Central 3 (Lopez 2, Eckeberger 1); **Total fouls:** Snyder 29, Central 30; **Fouled out:** Snyder — Cromeens, Sneed; Central — Eckeberger; **Technical fouls:** Snyder — Key; Central — Lopez; **Record:** Snyder 2-0.

Girls basketball game cancelled

Tonight's Snyder-Brownfield girls' basketball games, slated to begin at 5:30 p.m. at SHS, have been cancelled.

The Lady Tigers, now 1-1, will return to action Tuesday at Odessa Permian.

Freshman games will tip-off at 4 p.m. in Odessa, followed by the 5:30 p.m. JV tilt and the 7 p.m. varsity contest.

Snyder will play in the weekend Frenship Tournament, then will return home for a Nov. 30 matchup with Lubbock High.

NFL glance

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	8	2	0	.800	195	129
Miami	8	2	0	.800	218	172
N.Y. Jets	6	4	0	.600	234	170
Indianapolis	3	7	0	.300	154	233
New England	1	9	0	.100	126	217
Central						
Houston	6	4	0	.600	233	177
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	.600	228	173
Cleveland	5	5	0	.500	188	208
Cincinnati	0	10	0	.000	112	241
West						
Kansas City	7	3	0	.700	181	163
Denver	6	4	0	.600	266	188
LA Raiders	6	4	0	.600	184	185
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	165	169
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	164	195

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	7	3	0	.700	220	153
N.Y. Giants	7	3	0	.700	187	121
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	158	198
[illegible]	3	7	0	.300	183	176
Washington	2	8	0	.200	131	239
Central						
Detroit	7	3	0	.700	204	166
Green Bay	6	4	0	.600	225	178
Chicago	5	5	0	.500	161	141
Minnesota	5	5	0	.500	165	200
Tampa Bay	3	7	0	.300	143	261
West						
New Orleans	6	3	0	.667	200	173
San Francisco	6	3	0	.667	255	179
Atlanta	4	6	0	.400	211	236
LA Rams	3	7	0	.300	141	211

Sunday's Games

Chicago 19, Kansas City 17
New York Jets 17, Cincinnati 12
Atlanta 27, Dallas 14
Green Bay 26, Detroit 17
Houston 27, Cleveland 20
Buffalo 23, Indianapolis 9
Miami 17, New England 13
New York Giants 7, Philadelphia 3
Los Angeles Raiders 12, San Diego 7
Denver 37, Pittsburgh 13
Los Angeles Rams 10, Washington 6
Tampa Bay 23, Minnesota 10
Open Date: [illegible]

Monday's Game

New Orleans at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 25

Chicago at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 4 p.m.

NBA glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	7	2	.778	—
Boston	6	3	.667	1
Orlando	5	4	.556	2
Washington	4	4	.500	2½
Miami	3	4	.429	3
New Jersey	4	6	.400	3½
Philadelphia	3	7	.300	4½
Central Division				
Charlotte	6	3	.667	—
Atlanta	5	4	.556	1
Detroit	5	4	.556	1
Chicago	4	5	.444	2
Cleveland	3	6	.333	3
Indiana	2	6	.250	3½
Milwaukee	1	8	.111	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	9	0	1.000	—
Utah	7	3	.700	2½
Denver	4	4	.500	4½
San Antonio	5	5	.500	4½
Minnesota	2	6	.250	6½
Dallas	1	8	.111	8
Pacific Division				
Seattle	8	0	1.000	
Phoenix	6	2	.750	2
Portland	5	4	.556	3½
LA Clippers	4	4	.500	4
Sacramento	4	5	.444	4½
Golden State	3	5	.375	5
LA Lakers	3	7	.300	6

Saturday's Games

Orlando 87, New Jersey 85
Washington 104, Miami 102
Atlanta 96, Charlotte 91
Indiana 100, Boston 94
Denver 90, Minnesota 89
Utah 86, New York 72
Houston 108, LA Clippers 86
San Antonio 101, Milwaukee 97
Phoenix 112, Cleveland 96
Seattle 112, Golden State 97

Sunday's Games

New Jersey 105, LA Lakers 102
Detroit 103, Philadelphia 89
Sacramento 103, Chicago 101
Portland 103, Dallas 90

Monday's Games

Indiana vs. Boston at Hartford, Conn., 7:30 p.m.
Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.
LA Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

SHS JV nips Central 47-46

Snyder's junior varsity boys' basketball team went to 2-0 Saturday with a slim 47-46 victory over San Angelo Central.

Jeff Hobbs, led the Tiger assault with 10 points. Wayne Brazici put in nine and Dean McLeod canned eight.

Snyder will be back in action today at 6 p.m. in Brownfield.

Tech beats UH to earn bowl berth

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Tech did it and Texas is hoping it can, too.

The Red Raiders qualified for a bowl Saturday in spite of their 1-5 start, winning their fifth straight game, 58-7 over Houston.

The Longhorns got off to their worst start since 1938, winning just one of their first five contests. But a victory over No. 8 Texas A&M in College Station Thanksgiving night would send Texas to the Cotton Bowl.

A loss sends the Longhorns home for the holidays.

The Aggies are 9-1 after whipping TCU 59-3 in Fort Worth Saturday, and they will be heavy favorites in the annual showdown Thursday night on ESPN.

Texas (5-4-1) eliminated Baylor from the bowl picture Saturday with a 38-17 drubbing of the Bears, who finished 5-6 after starting the season with a promising 3-1 record.

If Texas A&M wins Thursday night, Texas Tech (6-5, 5-2) would go to the John Hancock Bowl in El Paso on Christmas Eve, with Southern Cal the desired opponent.

If Texas beats the Aggies, it would go to the Cotton Bowl, Texas A&M would go to the Hancock Bowl and Texas Tech would go to the inaugural Alamo Bowl in San Antonio on New Year's Eve.

Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes meant no harm Saturday when he left running back Byron Morris in the game despite a 31-0 halftime lead over the Houston Cougars.

He wasn't trying to run up the score, just the yardage.

Morris, a junior, had rushed for just 67 first-half yards. He got 156 more in the second half and broke the SWC single-season rushing mark of 1,744 yards set by Texas' Earl Campbell in 1977.

"It gets to be touchy, but I think when you have a guy with a chance to break a record you have to give him that chance," Dykes said.

The Cougars made it difficult for Morris, stacking the line with seven or eight men. He scored two touchdowns in the first half, but it appeared he would end up well short of Campbell's record.

With 12 minutes left in the game, Morris had 1,700 yards and was tired. But he persuaded Tech offensive coordinator Dick Winder to put him back in.

Morris finished with a career-high 40 rushes, 223 yards Saturday and 1,752 for the season.

"I was a little tired, but I wanted to break the record," said Morris, "It's just a great honor to break it or just to even get close to it."

In Tech's last three games, Morris rushed for 223, 222 and 223 yards. Breaking Campbell's mark should increase the pressure for him to turn pro.

"Earl was one of the greatest ever," said Morris. "I'm grateful to the coaches for the chance to break it."

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Thirty years later, we stll ask who killed JFK?

EDITOR'S NOTE — Americans in growing numbers reject the conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, fired the shots that killed President John F. Kennedy and wounded former Texas Gov. John Connally. After three decades and countless books and TV specials, the conspiracy issue threatens to overshadow both the Kennedy legend and legacy.

By Mike Cochran
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — In death as in life, John Connally could not escape the echoes of gunfire 30 years ago in Dealey Plaza.

As the former Texas governor lay in state in Austin this summer, researchers were demanding bullet fragments from his body. They insisted tests would prove President John F. Kennedy's slaying was the result of a conspiracy.

"It's an appalling attempt to capitalize on Governor Connally's death to gain publicity for worn-out theories," said Julian Read, a Connally confidant.

The attempt failed. The fragments from the horror of November 1963 were buried with Connally. But the theories were not.

Indeed, they have never been more pronounced than today, as a generation of Americans born after the assassination reaches adulthood.

It is almost as if the trauma of Kennedy's death and the memory of his Camelot cannot compete with the clamor about conspiracy.

The question these three decades later, it seems, is not "Who was JFK?"

It is "Who killed JFK?"

The sky was overcast that Friday morning, but the autumn sun melted away the chill and the cloud cover as Air Force One made the short hop from Fort Worth to Dallas Love Field.

It was Nov. 22, 1963.

At the urging of local politicians, Kennedy ordered the reflective glass shield atop the presidential limousine removed.

"We can't have you hiding from the people," one official complained.

And, after all, politics had brought the president to Texas, a pivotal and worrisome state in his 1964 re-election plans.

Huge, enthusiastic crowds greeted the motorcade. Kennedy, his wife Jackie at his side, smiled and waved from the back seat. Up front, John and Nellie Connally beamed at the Texas welcome.

Just before 12:30 p.m., the motorcade slipped out of the glass and steel canyons of downtown and zigzagged toward Elm Street and a drab, seven-story brick building.

Moments before the limousine reached the Texas School Book Depository, Mrs. Connally turned to Kennedy. And in one of the ironies of history, she said, "No one can say Dallas doesn't love and respect you, Mr. President."

"You sure can't," he replied.

The first shot sounded like a firecracker. The second and third shots were unmistakably gunfire.

In 1964, the Warren Commission concluded that three shots were fired on the motorcade, all from the depository building's sixth floor and all by Lee Harvey Oswald.

Thirty years later, surveys show that more than eight out of 10 Americans do not accept the basic conclusion that Oswald, a lifetime misfit, was the lone assassin.

Soon, however, the first wave of conspiracy buffs were arguing over how many shots were fired, from where and by whom. The grassy knoll next to the book warehouse would become, as one writer called it, "an elevation on the American landscape as prominent as Mount Rusmore."

Significantly, no one reported seeing a second gunman that day, and virtually everyone reported hearing no more than three shots.

Even so, the Warren Report came under attack almost immediately, and a zealous district attorney in New Orleans launched an investigation that eventually resulted in the only criminal trial connected to the bloodshed in Dallas.

Jim Garrison prosecuted businessman Clay Shaw on conspiracy charges in a trial that included 34 days of testimony and less than an hour of jury deliberations. After the acquittal, Garrison arrested Shaw for perjury, but the courts dismissed the case, branding it outrageous and inexcusable persecution.

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Yet, as so many reject the commission's finding, the Kennedy family itself accepts it.

The slain president's brother, Sen. Edward Kennedy, has refused to debate conspiracy theorists or comment on their contentions, but he complained recently when informed a new book would contain autopsy photographs and enhanced pictures of the shooting from the Zapruder film.

"This is the ultimate and most heartbreaking exploitation of President Kennedy," he said, "and it deeply saddens me."

At the heart of most conspiracy arguments is whether the same bullet — the so-called Magic Bullet — could have passed through Kennedy's upper back and caused the wounds suffered by Connally.

The two were struck almost at the same instant. If the same bullet could not have wounded both men, there had to have been a second bullet — and therefore a second gunman.

A new book by lawyer-journalist Gerald Posner offers a case for the single-bullet theory that adheres to the government's basic conclusion.

While relentlessly denounced by conspiracy buffs, Posner's "Case Closed" has reaped mainstream acclaim.

Posner explains how medical expertise combined with computerized re-enactments, special enhancements of the Zapruder film and new bullet-impact tests prove the single-bullet theory. Accordingly, Oswald's first shot missed, the second hit both Kennedy and Connally and the third indisputably was the fatal Kennedy head shot.

"This case has indeed been closed by Mr. Posner's work," said presidential biographer Stephen Ambrose, a onetime single-bullet skeptic. "His chapter on the single bullet is a tour de force, absolutely brilliant, absolutely convincing."

But so many, still, refuse to believe. Partly, it's because Kennedy's death was such a consuming event; partly, it's because in subsequent years — during Vietnam, throughout the Watergate scandal, at so many other junctures — the government lied.

Under pressure from researchers, journalists and Congress, the federal government released some 900,000 Kennedy-related documents in August, the largest single disclosure ever. National archivists assembled the "Kennedy collection" from such sources as the CIA, the House Select Committee on Assassinations and the Warren Commission.

In addition, the City of Dallas opened its long-secret files on the assassination at the behest of a city councilman.

In both cases, the stacks of material contained intriguing gems of trivia, but no bombshells.

But it's not just in the airless warren of government files that the fascination with the events of Nov. 22, 1963, continues.

The 1990 feature film "JFK," which ingrained the Zapruder images on a new generation, had a cinematic subplot for everyone — and was nominated for a Best Picture Academy Award.

As expected, a new flurry of books and television specials appeared for this year's 30th anniversary. Among the offerings were the NBC movie "Fatal Deception,"Marina Oswald's story, and a PBS "Frontline" project devoted to her husband.

A favorite tour stop in Dallas now is The Sixth Floor, a museum located, appropriately, in the Texas School Book Depository.

The Dallas County Historical Foundation overrode the city's collective sense of shame and opened the exhibit in 1989.

It was an instant hit, and already has attracted more than 1.5 million visitors — many drawn to the eerie sniper's nest in the sixth floor's southeast corner.

And the JFK Assassination Information Center remains open in Dallas as a commercial, conspiracy-flavored repository of information and services.

Two years ago, the center co-sponsored an assassination symposium. With evangelistic fervor, speakers and panelists swapped conspiracy theories and cursed the government, the media and the Warren Commission.

It was such fun that it has become an annual affair.

Hundreds of conspiracy buffs and JFK researchers are back in town this week for the third such meeting, sharing their "individual pieces of the puzzle."

Privately distressed over the invasive proliferation of theories and disturbed by profiteering, members of the Kennedy family have remained largely away from the conspiracy spotlight.

Instead, they focus on the slain president's confidence, optimism and inspiration, his contributions to the space program, the Peace Corps and civil rights, his courage during the Cuban missile crisis.

President Clinton, flanked by Kennedy kin, spoke of the slain president in such words while helping dedicate the remodeled JFK Library last month in Boston.

"The 21st century can be our century if we approach it with the vigor, the determination, the wisdom and the sheer confidence and joy of life that John Kennedy brought to America in 1960," Clinton said.

The library contains a new section on the assassination, but the museum clearly is aimed at memorializing Kennedy's life and not the tragic way he died.

"Of all he did, my brother would take the highest pride in the legions of young Americans he inspired and whose lives he touched and changed," Edward Kennedy said through an aide.

More than anything else, the senator said, President Kennedy gave the nation a revival of spirit:

"He brought us a belief that we were equal to any challenge, that the greatest challenge of all was to be faithful to our best ideals — and with courage he led us in a time where one false step could have doomed the world itself."

Recalling the president's inaugural phrase about the torch being passed, his brother said, "The truth was, he relit the torch for a whole new generation and more."

One child's lawyer blames the other boy in tot's death

PRESTON, England (AP) — The lawyer for one of two schoolboys accused of murdering toddler James Bulger put all the blame on the other youngster today. The attorney for the second child said his client did not mean to do it.

Brian Walsh said that his 11-year-old client, who confessed to killing James, was not "lily white or totally blameless" but that he did not intend to seriously harm the 2-year-old.

David Turner, representing the other 11-year-old boy, told the jury his client should be absolved because he says he took no part in the brutal beating death of James on an isolated stretch of railway.

[illegible] fense lawyers called any witnesses before presenting their final statements today.

The prosecution alleges the boys, who by court order may be identified in news reports only as Child A and Child B, set out to abduct and at least seriously hurt a child last Feb. 12. Both have pleaded innocent to abducting and murdering James and attempting to abduct another child the same day.

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Clinton meets Asian leaders

SEATTLE (AP) — Can nations create a community that transcends cultural differences, political tensions and a vast ocean? Asia-Pacific leaders with common economic goals are inching in that direction.

President Clinton could have been speaking for any head of state at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum when he said Sunday, linking job growth to bigger markets for U.S. goods, "We have to have those customers."

Although regional security concerns such as North Korea's nuclear program came up often, trade relations were the centerpiece of last week's conference and the landmark leaders' summit that followed.

"We've laid a foundation for regional efforts to create jobs, raise incomes, expand business opportunities and foster regional harmony," Clinton said afterward.

The administration is portraying the week as a historical turning point. Fifteen years down the road, say the president and his aides, it will be viewed as the moment that a loose knit discussion group on trade began to emerge as a cohesive international force.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin's once unimaginable activities here — visiting a U.S. worker's home, meeting privately with Clinton, holding a news conference for western media — were stark examples of how quickly things are changing.

But there was also plentiful evidence of the rifts and tensions that stand in the way of a placid Pacific community — among them Japan's resistance to opening its markets for rice and other products.

Cogdell hospital board

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portion of inmate emergency room fees, whereas in the past, TDCJ has paid the full cost. "We don't feel this will be a problem," the CEO said. "It is very infrequent that an inmate is taken to the emergency room."

Lancaster said he did not have any actual dollar figures at this time, but said of the contract, "The overall financial impact to the hospital will be a positive one."

The board also heard a positive financial report for October. The hospital had a net income of $58,954.

A monthly operating report indicated 65 surgeries performed during the month. There was an average daily census of 11.7 and a long term census of 36.3 for the month. In addition, there were 950 home health visits, 14 newborns and 721 emergency room visits.

Board members approved the managerial contract with St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock, the financial report and accounts payable.

The board also set its next meeting for 8 a.m. on Dec. 16.

After adjourning to a Foundation meeting, the board approved expenses for the Dec. 9 employee awards banquet, not to exceed $2,400. The board also approved $11,220 in ophthalmology equipment.

Present this morning were board members Sue Mize, Ted Crenwelge, Bill Wilson III, Jim Palmer and G.A. Parks Jr. Doug Foster was absent.

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open bids on a tandem-axle truck for Precinct 3 and an auto for the sheriff's department. The court was also expected to consider bids for the purchase of surplus county equipment.

Judge Doolittle presided at the meeting. Commissioners present were C.D. Gray Jr., Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway. Commissioner Idom was absent.

Police note seven arrests

Snyder police made seven arrests over the weekend and handled other reports.

Officers arrested 24-year-old Jose Richardo Molinar for felony driving while intoxicated, driving with a suspended license and no liability insurance at 1:13 a.m. Sunday in the 500 block of 16th Street. Also arrested was a 33-year-old man for public intoxication.

At 2:16 a.m. Sunday, police responded to a disturbance at the Plaza Truck Stop. Arrested were two men, ages 30 and 27, for public intoxication.

Police responded to a disturbance at the Kingswood Apartments at 2:13 p.m. Sunday where they arrested a 42-year-old man for public intoxication.

At 6:26 p.m. Sunday, police arrested a 50-year-old man in the 2900 block of Avenue J for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

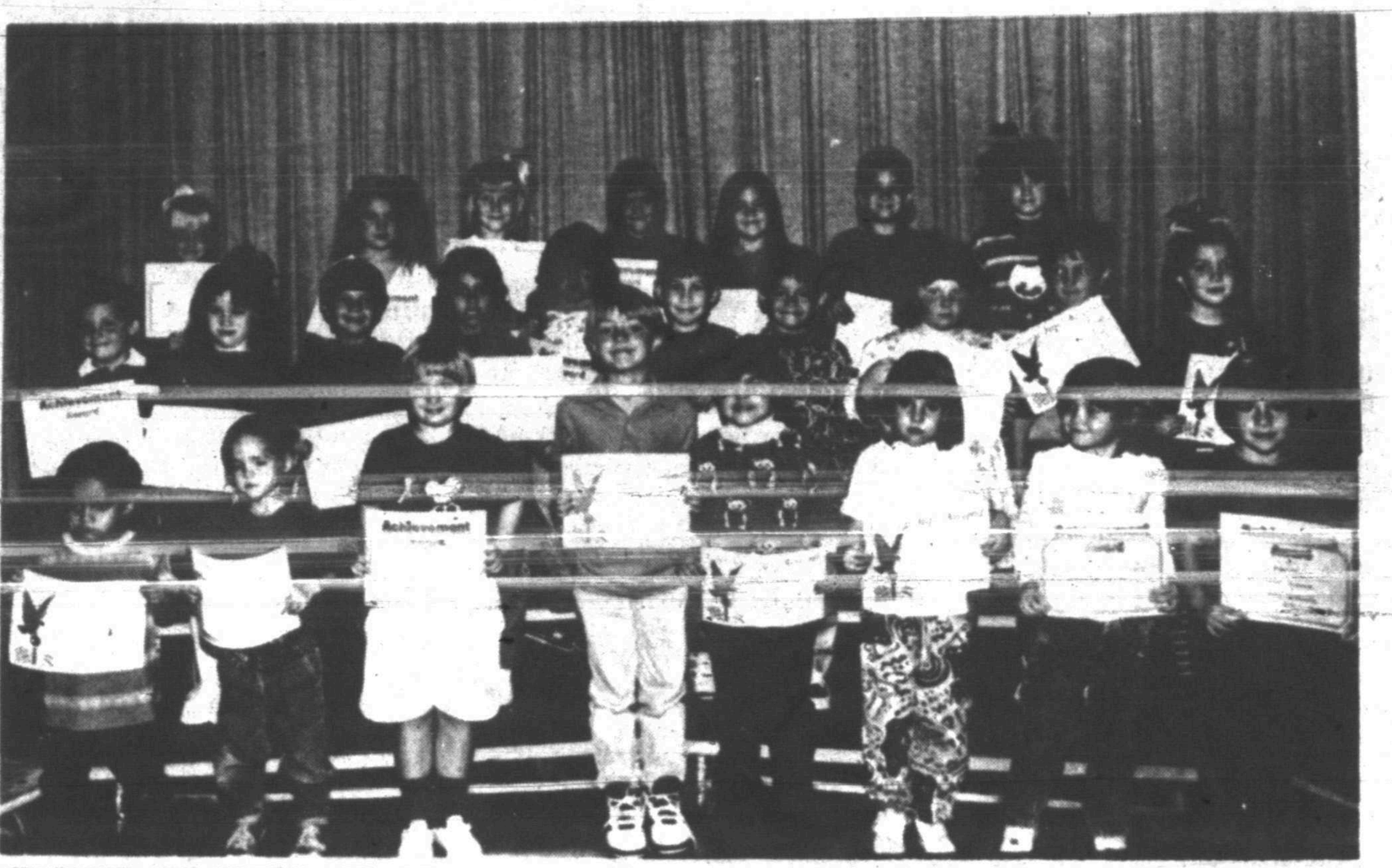
Police arrested a 34-year-old man for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated at 37th Street and Avenue E at 9:32 p.m. Sunday.

Twenty-four-year-old Delia Pena of 307 32nd St. was treated for neck pain at Cogdell Memorial Hospital on Sunday following a two-vehicle accident in the intersection of 30th and College. The 10:18 a.m. accident involved a 1986 Ford pickup driven by John Guthrie of Coahoma and a 1987 Toyota driven by Pena.

Pena was released from the ER following treatment.

Officers worked a hit-and-run at 10:06 p.m. Sunday at 500 30th St. An unknown vehicle struck a city dumpster and fled the scene.

Officers took several reports from citizens who said they had heard gun shots between 1:04 and 1:19 Sunday morning. Police were advised of a couple of disturbances, but no weapons were located and no charges filed.



SECOND SIX-WEEK AWARDS — These West students received second semester awards during a recent assembly. From left are, bottom row, Pedro Villa, Kim Dupy, Beth Witte, Chase Ashworth, Ashley Bailey, Paige Gunset, Kimberly Henkell and Nikki Howell; second row, Cale Lancaster; Claire Pollard, Michael Ramon, Breanna Talavera, Wanda Martinez, Wayne Thamez, Josh Cabrera, Hope Cole, Darrell and Brooke Jackson; third row, Meggan Minor, Kelli Riff, Nikki Timora, Jamie Treat, Kalli Wesson, Logan West and Courtney Cox. Tomas Ramos is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

Actor Bill Bixby dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bill Bixby, whose three-decade television career featured starring roles as a Martian's pal, superdad and superhero, has died of cancer, a spokeswoman said today. He was 59.

Bixby died about 3:30 p.m. Sunday at his home in Century City, with his wife Judith Klivan-Bixby at his bedside, said Pamela Golin, a spokeswoman for the NBC-TV show "Blossom." Bixby was the show's director.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete.

In an emotional TV interview in September, he spoke of his battle with cancer that spread to his bladder, liver and hipbones.

"There was one night, I'd been in terrible pain, and really a tremendous amount of pain. And I really thought I was going to die that night," Bixby told the syndicated show "Entertainment Tonight."

"My prayer was that I would die in my sleep."

A likable performer, Bixby had varied roles in several successful television series from the '60s onward.

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Goodrich	447/8	441/2	443/4	
Goodyear s	415/8	411/4	411/4	-1/2
GtAtlPac	283/4	283/8	281/2	-3/8
Gulf StaUt	191/8	19	19	
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Hanson ADS	201/2	201/4	201/4	-1/4
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IntlPaper	647/8	641/8	643/4	-3/8
JohnsnJns	443/8	433/4	441/8	-3/8
K mart	227/8	225/8	225/8	-1/8
Kroger	181/2	181/4	183/8	-1/8
Litton	691/8	681/4	681/4	—11/2
vjLoneStar	2	17/8	17/8	-1/8
Lowes	521/8	517/8	52	-1/4
Lubys	213/4	211/4	211/4	-3/4
Maxus	6	57/8	6	
MayDS s	431/4	421/2	421/2	-3/8
Medtronic	761/4	751/8	751/4	—1
Mobil	773/4	771/2	771/2	-3/8
Monsanto	687/8	685/8	685/8	
Motorola s	951/2	921/2	937/8	—21/8
Nationsbk	471/8	463/8	461/2	-5/8
Navistar s	253/8	251/8	251/8	-3/8
Nynex s	407/8	405/8	405/8	-5/8
OryxEngy	227/8	225/8	223/4	-1/4
PacTelesis	555/8	545/8	543/4	—15/8
PanhECp	217/8	213/8	213/8	-1/4
PenneyJC s	511/2	51	51	
Pennzoil	581/2	581/8	581/2	
PepBoys	241/4	237/8	237/8	-1/4
PhelpDodge	45	443/8	443/8	-1/8
PhilipPet	303/4	305/8	305/8	-3/8
PilgrmPrd	73/8	7	7	-1/4
Polaroid	351/8	35	35	-1/4
Praxair	161/2	161/4	161/4	-1/4
Primerica s	393/4	391/2	395/8	-3/8
ProctGamble	561/4	553/8	561/8	+3/8
PubS NwMx	10	97/8	10	
SFePacCp	201/8	197/8	20	
SaraLee	263/4	263/8	261/2	-1/2
SearsRoeb s	551/2	543/8	541/2	—11/2
SherwinW	343/4	343/8	345/8	+1/8
SmthBchADS	295/8	293/8	295/8	
SmthBc eqt	273/8	271/8	271/4	-1/8
Southern Co	427/8	425/8	423/4	-1/4
SwAirlines s	33	32	321/8	-7/8
SwBell s	403/4	401/2	405/8	-3/8
Sprint	335/8	321/4	321/2	—1
SterlingChm	41/8	4	41/8	-1/8
SunCo	313/8	307/8	31	-5/8
TNP Ent	17	163/4	167/8	-1/8
Tandy	451/2	441/2	445/8	—1
TemplInl	501/4	493/8	501/4	+1/2
Tenneco	49	485/8	483/4	-1/4
Texaco	657/8	653/8	655/8	-3/8
TexasInd	253/8	251/8	251/8	
TexasInst	60	587/8	591/2	+1/8
Tex Util	435/8	431/4	435/8	+1/2
Textron	56	555/8	56	+1/4
Trinty s	383/4	381/2	383/4	-1/4
TritonEngy	325/8	323/8	321/2	-1/4
US West	463/8	46	461/8	-3/8
USX Delhi	167/8	165/8	165/8	-1/4
USX-Marathn	173/4	171/2	175/8	-1/4
USX-USS	357/8	351/4	351/4	-5/8
UnCarbide	203/4	201/2	205/8	-1/4
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Unocal	283/8	281/8	281/8	-1/2
WalMart s	291/2	291/8	291/4	-1/2
WstnGasRs	311/4	31	311/4	+1/4
WestghEl	135/8	131/2	131/2	
WinnDixie	54	531/2	533/4	
Woolwth	225/8	223/8	221/2	
Xerox Cp	823/8	811/2	815/8	-3/4
ZenithE	77/8	71/2	73/4	+1/8

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Ralph Aycock, Hermleigh; Mary Rodriquez, Rt. 1; Sabrina Whitworth, Sweetwater; Clarence Collins, Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: Julia Chaidez, Jennifer Copeland, Gina Lee and baby, Ralph Neal, Barbara Guerrero and baby, Saundra Jackson and baby.

Census: 41 (Med.-12, Long-Term Care-34, CCU-1, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Ricky and Mary Rodriquez of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter born at 8:53 p.m. on Nov. 20 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, five ounes.

Obituaries

Zada Stephens

1904-1993

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for longtime Scurry Couty resident Zada Stephens, 89, who died this morning at her residence on the Clairemont Highway.

Mrs. Stephens was born on Nov. 7, 1904, in Bosque County. She married J.T. Stephens on Dec. 16, 1923 in Snyder. He died on Aug. 2, 1990. She had resided in Scurry County since 1923 and was a housewife and a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Lonnie Stephens.

Survivors include three sons, Milton Stephens of Snyder, Mardell Stephens of Snyder and Leonard Stephens of Amarillo; four daughters, Daphna Worsham of Long Beach, Calif., Edith Walker of Breckenridge, Mary Boyd of Lometa and Sandra Perkins of Lubbock; one sister, Lennie Thompson of Mineral Wells; 20 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Hugh Davis

1916-1993

JAL, N.M. — Services are set for 2:30 p.m. (MST) Tuesday in the Jal Church of Christ for Hugh N. Davis, 77, who died Friday at his home in Jal. Officiating will be Blackie Ellison with burial to follow in the Jal Cemetery.

Born in Snyder, he was a retired utility man for El Paso Natural Gas Co. A member of the Church of Christ, Mr. Davis had been a resident of Jal for 40 years.

He married Gladys Albert in Roswell, N.M. and she survives.

Other survivors include a son, Sonny Davis of Antioch, Ill.; three daughters, Lanette Bryant of Albuquerque, Hughlene Rinehart of Louisville, Ill., and Peggy Koziorowski of Antioch, Ill; three brothers, Bill Davis and Rusty Davis, both of Snyder, and Earl Davis of Hobbs, N.M.; three sisters, Fannie Lee Roberts and Florence Hardy, both of Snyder, and Francis Osborn of Midland; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Kathleen Cockrell

1947-1993

BROWNFIELD — Services were to be held at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church in Brownfield for Kathleen Rinehart Cockrell, 46, of Lubbock. Burial was to follow in the Terry County Memorial Cemetery. The Rev. Jimmy Fikes, of Southwest Baptist Church in Lubbock, was to officiate.

Mrs. Cockrell died Friday in St. Mary of the Plains Hospital following a brief illness.

She was born in Snyder on Nov. 14, 1947, and moved to Brownfield in 1948 with her parents. She graduated from Brownfield High School and attended South Plains College. Mrs. Cockrell had worked as a radiologist in numerous hospitals and was currently teaching radiology at South Plains College. She had lived in Lubbock since 1983 and was a member of the Southwest Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Survivors include a son, Kevin Cockrell of Lubbock; her mother, Mrs. Daisy Rinehart of Brownfield; one brother, Robert Rinehart of Lubbock; three sisters, Melba Rinehart of Odessa, Delma Hall of Lubbock and Pat Valentine of Houston; and several aunts, uncles and cousins of Snyder.

Opal Thompson

1905-1993

ANDERSON, Calif. — Services are set for 1 p.m. Tuesday in Anderson, Calif., for Opal Etta Thompson, 88, who died Friday in the Shasta Convalescent Hospital.

She was the mother of H.L. and Gerald Thompson and the grandmother of Larry and Jerry Thompson, all of Snyder.

Born on Sept. 29, 1905, in Comanche, she was married to Charlie Thompson on Oct. 31, 1925, in Lawton, Okla. She had lived in California since 1940.

Other survivors include her children, Bill Thompson, Charles Thompson, Lawanda Morton, June Young and Linda Foreman, all of Redding, Calif., and Joyce Thompson of Los Angeles; 25 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

M.J. Greenwood

1910-1993

RISING STAR — Services were held Sunday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel for M.J. "Mart" Greenwood, 83, who died Friday in an Abilene hospital. Burial followed in the Long Branch Cemtery.

He was the brother of Lillie Clements of Snyder.

A life-long Eastland County resident, Mr. Greenwood retired in 1978 from the City of Everman. He had also worked in the oilfield as a driller, and was a Baptist.

Survivors include another brother, Julian A. Greenwood of Eastland; three other sisters, Emma Harper of Eastland, Mozell Johnson of Comanche and Cora White of Rising Star; and several nieces and nephews.

Cecil Stewart

1914-1993

DE LEON — Services were set for 2 p.m. today in the De Leon First United Methodist Church for Cecil Alton Stewart, 79, who died Friday in a local hospital. Burial was to follow in the Victor Cemetery.

He was the father of Norma Jean Seabourn of Snyder.

Born in De Leon, Mr. Stewart was a retired oilfield worker. He moved from Kermit to De Leon in 1991 and was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Beula Roberta Stewart of De Leon; two sons, Kenneth Doyle Steward of Killeen and Larry Don Stewart of Kermit; another daughter, Judy Beth Mendoza of Killeen; a brother, A.J. Stewart of De Leon; a sister, Mozelle Dry of Odessa; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Drawing winners

Winners in the NAACP's weekend drawing include Lisa Cobb, who received the turkey, and James Sneed, the recipient of [illegible]

The highest temperature ever recorded in the world was 136 degrees Fahrenheit at El Azizia, Libya, on Sept. 13, 1922. The lowest was minus 129 F at Vostok, Antarctica, on July 21, 1983.

DATE BOOK

Nov. 22, 1993

Today is the 326th day of 1993 and the 62nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Eliot (1819-1880), novelist; Charles de Gaulle (1890-1970), French statesman; Wiley Post (1899-1935), aviator; Hoagy Carmichael (1899-1981), composer-pianist; Rodney Dangerfield (1921-), comedian, is 72; Robert Vaughn (1932-), actor, is 61; Billie Jean King (1943-), tennis star, is 50; Jamie Lee Curtis (1958-), actress, is 35; Boris Becker (1967-), tennis player, is 26.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, the Fort Wayne Pistons defeated the Minneapolis Lakers, 19-18, in the lowest-scoring game in NBA history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nothing is so good as it seems beforehand." — George Eliot

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1984, which was Thanksgiving Day, southeastern Alaska was hit by winds to near 100 mph, tides to 3 feet above normal and waves to 10 feet. Juneau alone suffered $2.5 million in damage.
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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Nov. 20) and full moon (Nov. 29).

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Newman stars in new movie

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul Newman is "Nobody's Fool."

The Oscar winner started working this weekend in the title role of the Robert Benton film.

Newman, 67, stars as an unemployed construction worker, Donald "Sully" Sullivan, in the comedy based on Richard Russo's novel.

The film also features Jessica Tandy as Newman's landlady.

Psychiatric care for youth probed

HOUSTON (AP) — Lenient state and federal Medicaid rules and a lack of outpatient alternatives have allowed hundreds of children to be placed, perhaps unnecessarily, in private psychiatric treatment, the Houston Chronicle has reported in a copyright story.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales is studying whether the hospital admissions may have violated new state laws or previous court agreements with psychiatric hospital chains.

Investigators monitoring a state program that pays for care of low-income children have so far not determined whether the hospitals or the physicians acted improperly, the Chronicle reported Sunday.

However, they've acknowledged the program lacked sufficient checks and balances to prevent abuses.

A scandal two years ago involving hospitals that were accused of bilking insurance companies and a state fund resulted in new laws and instructions to state agencies to tighten regulations to prevent further abuses.

But those steps were not taken in the youth program until the beginning of this year when new officials took over the state Medicaid office.

Over the past three months, the state has tightened its regulations and the number of children admitted to private psychiatric hospitals has slowed considerably.

"Was it truly fraud involved here or (legally) taking advantage of a system that was not properly in place?" asked assistant Attorney General Mark Chouteau.

"We are concerned that maybe it became too easy to place a child in a psychiatric hospital as kind of a holding place," he said.

"Obviously some therapeutic benefits can be derived from that. But the cost effectiveness of spending $300 to $1,000 to house somebody each day when in fact they shouldn't be a candidate for a psychiatric hospital but rather a foster home, remains questionable."

Chouteau said admitting patients into psychiatric hospitals when they would be better treated in less restrictive outpatient care violates state laws and ethical guidelines.

The state program didn't provide mental health coverage until April 1992, after federal Medicaid officials ordered it to do so.

Payments to private psychiatric hospitals grew from $342,291 in April 1992, to $2.3 million in August 1992, according to a January study by the Legislative Budget Board.

Total payments to those facilities during the budget year ending Aug. 31 approached $70 million, according to preliminary tallies by the state Health Department. During the 12-month period, the program had 3,339 clients.

But in September, after state Medicaid officials clamped down on the program and new state laws went into effect, the state was charged for only one patient at a cost of $1,467.

OUTSTANDING — These West sixth graders received outstanding awards for the second six weeks. From left are, bottom row: Kim Adams, Janette Allen, Sally Barham, Amber Burt, Laura Canada, and Joe Garcia; second row: Trey Gorman, Randy Green, Laura Greenwood, Brady Hackfeld, Moses Hernandez, Lacy Kidd, Audra Lilly, Jared McMillan; third row: Justin Phillips, Courtney Rinehart, Ben Rollins, Amanda Smith, Jeremy Stark and Kevin Taylor; fourth row, Isidro Villasana, Josh Ward, Adriane Williams, Christy Wright and Adam Beck. Not pictured is Daniel Perez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Female legislators are busy juggling family and politics

AUSTIN (AP) — Women leaders say that although many of the barriers they once faced in elective politics have fallen, their pursuit of public office still is impaired by family and economic obligations.

"When push comes to shove, women are the ones who assume family obligations," said Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano.

Nationally, seven of the 100 U.S. Senate members and 48 of the 435 U.S. House of Representatives are women, not including one delegate from Washington, D.C. In Texas, four women serve in the 31-member Senate and 25 in the 150-member House.

Sue Schechter, who decided not to seek another term as a state representative, likens her situation to a case of the "cobbler's children having no shoes."

"I spent most of my legislative work on children's issues," the Houston Democrat said. "By the end of the session, I realized I had spent so much time working on children's issues while my own children had received so little of my time."

Rep. Karyne Jones Conley, who has four children ranging in age from 7 to 14, says she lived a whirlwind life during legislative sessions.

Ms. Conley dropped her children at school in San Antonio on her way to Austin. At the Capitol, the Democrat served on the powerful House Appropriations Committee and voted on key bills. In the evenings, she whizzed back to San Antonio to pick up her children from after-school activities. Later, she made dinner, helped with homework and did laundry.

"At the end of each day, I would collapse, then start again the next morning," Ms. Conley said. "It was a very demanding situation that many of my male colleagues didn't understand because they had the freedom to stay in Austin."

Such freedom allowed other House members to broker deals over dinner or late-night meetings or discuss strategy and politics during breakfast — opportunities Ms. Conley said she missed because she chose to be with her children.

Rep. Wilhelmina Delco waited until her youngest child was in school before she sought her first public office on the Austin school board in 1968.

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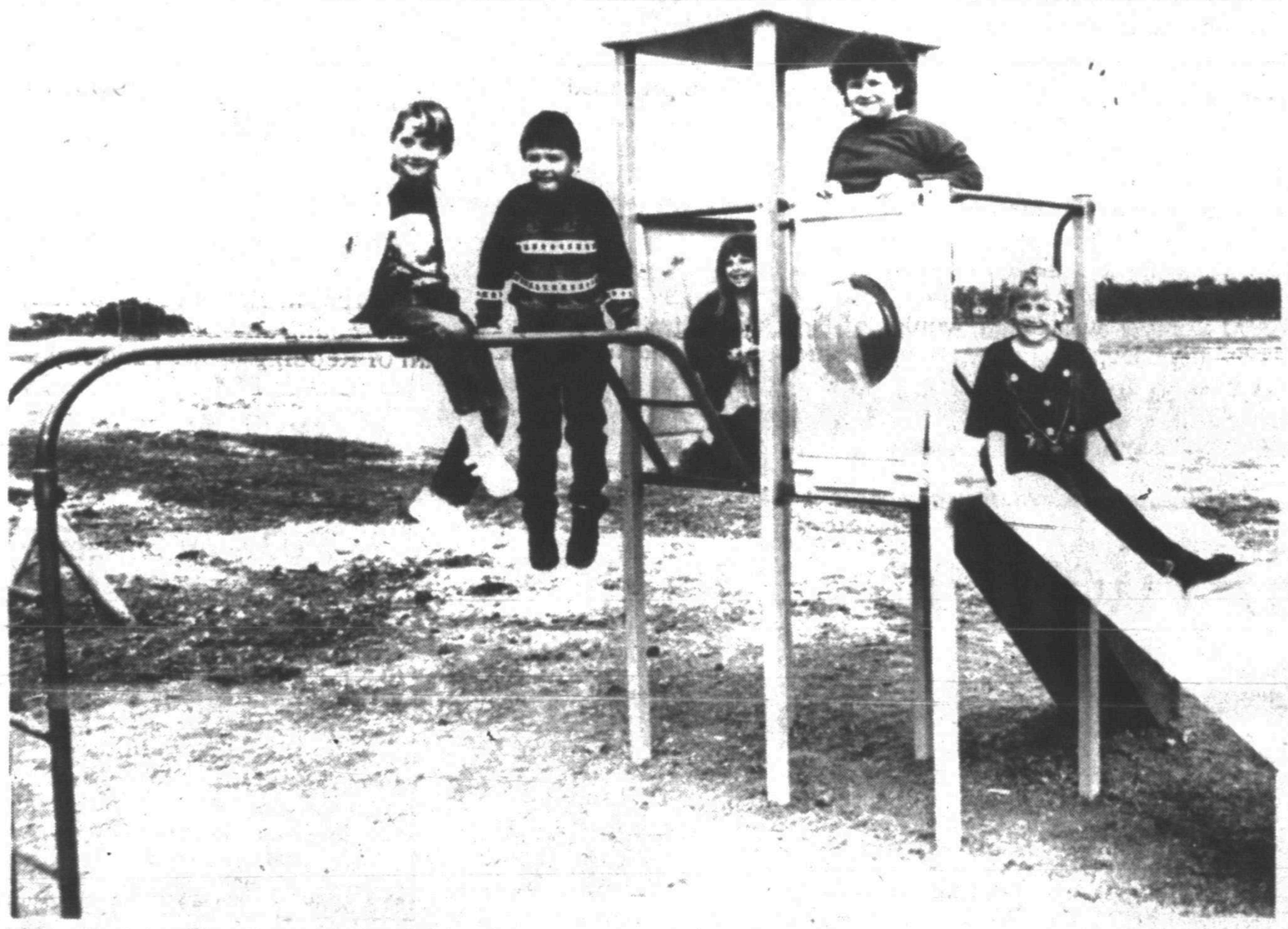

PLAY TOWER — These Hermleigh second graders in Debra Dennis' class are playing on the new play tower recently installed on the playground. From left are, Dustin Williamson, Toni Jackson, Whitney Stewart and Courtney Bridges. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Why many don't think Oswald is whole story

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mob did it. Fidel Castro did it. The KGB did it. The right wing did it. The left wing did it. The government did it.

Thirty years after the murder of John F. Kennedy, most Americans think that someone other than Lee Harvey Oswald killed Kennedy. Or they think Oswald had helpers, never apprehended, in a plot that's never been investigated.

They reject the Warren Commission's conclusion that Oswald was a warped loner who acted alone, without the knowledge of anyone else.

If the Kennedy family itself accepts the commission's conclusion, why is it so widely doubted? Even Bill Clinton and Al Gore told reporters last year that they doubted the official version.

A week after the assassination, a Gallup Poll said only 29 percent of Americans believed that Oswald alone killed JFK. In a 1988 poll, only 13 percent thought Oswald was responsible.

And a poll conducted for The Associated Press earlier this month found that the majority of people still reject Oswald as the sole culprit. Fewer than 15 percent said he acted alone.

One reason for the skepticism is obvious: the case is so implausible.

Consider:

A 19-year-old former Marine defects to the Soviet Union at the height of the Cold War and marries a Russian woman. Three years after his defection, Soviet authorities allow him to return to this country. He drifts to Dallas and on the day that the president is to visit, he is able to sneak a rifle into his work place, overlooking the route of the presidential motorcade.

He fires three shots in short order, killing the president and wounding Texas Gov. John Connally. Then, despite the intense security that accompanies any president, he gets away from the murder scene on foot.

But he is arrested and jailed. Two days later, while being transferred from one jail to another, a nightclub owner with ties to the mob manages to get into the jail with a gun and to kill Oswald.

It seemed preposterous 30 years ago, it seems preposterous still. Small wonder that to millions of people it remains beyond [illegible]

And that's not all. The official commission created to investigate the murder made mistakes of its own, starting with the way it conducted the investigation.

Instead of hiring independent investigators, the Warren Commission depended on the work of the CIA and the FBI, the very agencies that some saw as part of the conspiracy.

And when the House Select Committee on Assassinations restudied the Kennedy case in 1979, it concluded that the slaying [illegible] plot. But having decided that, it disbanded. No government body followed up.

The writer of a recent best seller that finds fault with the Warren Commission's work but endorses its fundamental conclusion points to an additional factor to account for the skepticism.

Oswald never was put on trial. Because of that, said Gerald Posner, author of "Case Closed," the American adversarial system of justice — in which two sides lay their cases before a neutral judge or jury — was denied the opportunity to work.

Compare Oswald's fate to that of James Earl Ray, who was brought to court in the murder of Martin Luther King Jr. and pleaded guilty. Ray subsequently wrote a book asserting that he was part of a conspiracy.

"But we don't pay him much heed because Ray had his day in court," Posner said.

"Oswald never had that day. If he were sitting in jail today and saying there was a conspiracy, some people might listen to him, but it would not be the same," Posner said.

And beyond that, there have been scores of books making the case for one conspiracy or another. Until Posner came along, few people were making the radio talk show rounds arguing that Oswald alone was the villain.

Distrust of the government runs strong and feeds the skepticism, said Tulane University psychologist Fred Koenig.

"People believe in things that fit their world view," he said, "and conspiracy theories fit their world view that you can't trust the government." (His own view: "Oswald did it and that's that.")

The sense that a massive conspiracy and cover-up existed was reinforced for the millions who saw the 1991 Oliver Stone movie, "JFK." Its theme was that the military-industrial complex, fearful that Kennedy would withdraw from Vietnam and ruin business for the arms makers, hatched the plot.

Those who believe a conspiracy existed may not agree on the nature of the plot, but they find it ludicrous even to ask why people believe in conspiracy theories.

"The short answer is that they have reason to believe that," said David Wrone, a history professor who teaches a course on the Kennedy assassination (and who believes, "We don't know what happened to President Kennedy and no one in the government does either.")

Finally, there is this philosophical reason for people to grasp at conspiracy theories: The mind rebels at the thought that so enormous a crime could be committed by so puny a criminal.

Crater Lake in southern Oregon was formed after a 9,900-foot volcano named Mazama erupted and the top of the mountain collapsed some 7,000 years ago, leaving a caldera about 6 miles across and half a mile deep, which filled with rain water.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Early Test Prevents Hepatitis From Becoming Mom's Legacy

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for informing the public about hepatitis B by printing the excellent letter from Thelma King Thiel, president of the American Liver Foundation. I would like to add three points about this disease and the national recommendations for its prevention.

First, as a family physician, I want the public to know that in addition to the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Academy of Family Physicians also recommends the routine vaccination of all infants against hepatitis B.

Second, all pregnant women should be tested for hepatitis B during pregnancy to make sure they are not silent carriers of this disease. If undetected, hepatitis B can be passed to their infants, and may cause liver failure or liver cancer. The testing of all pregnant women has been a national recommendation since 1988.

And third, please urge parents to check their babies' shot records to make sure they have been vaccinated against both hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenza B. These vaccines are both recommended for all infants. Although their names are similar, the vaccines are different.

DEBORAH L. WEXLER, M.D.,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
HEPATITIS B COALITION

DEAR DR. WEXLER: Thank you for a valuable letter. Readers who want more information on hepatitis B should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Hepatitis B Coalition, 417 University Avenue West, St. Paul, Minn. 55103.

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DEAR ABBY: A neighbor of mine who is also a good friend had a two-pack-a-day cigarette habit. She promised her husband she wouldn't smoke anymore, so she started chewing tobacco as a substitute.

Abby, it's bad enough to see a tobacco-chewing man looking for someplace to spit, but seeing a woman do it is really disgusting.

She claims a lot of women chew, but few people know about it. I have told her it looks terrible to have tobacco juice gathering in the corners of her mouth, but the poor soul has the habit so bad, she can't quit.

Will you please ask your readers to pray for her?

MOLLY MAE

DEAR MOLLY MAE: An entire nation could pray for her, but the Lord needs her cooperation. An addiction (and chewing tobacco is an addiction) is an "undo-it-yourself" project.

The American Cancer Society offers Fresh Start classes nationwide that include chewing tobacco addiction, as well as a self-help guide for those who prefer to quit on their own (or with a friend). Your neighbor can obtain information on a Fresh Start class nearest her, or a copy of the self-help guide, by calling the society's national, toll-free number at (800) ACS-2345.

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DEAR ABBY: Can you stand one more name story?

I was watching television with my family some years ago, when my 13-year-old daughter asked me during a commercial, "Mom, is Betty Crocker married?"

Before I could answer, my 7-year-old son piped up, "Of course."

Indignantly, my daughter challenged her brother with, "Who is she married to?"

Without hesitation, my son very seriously replied, "To General Mills, of course."

Hope you enjoy this — we usually agree on everything, Abby.

MURIEL MUNRO,
GLENDALE, ARIZ.

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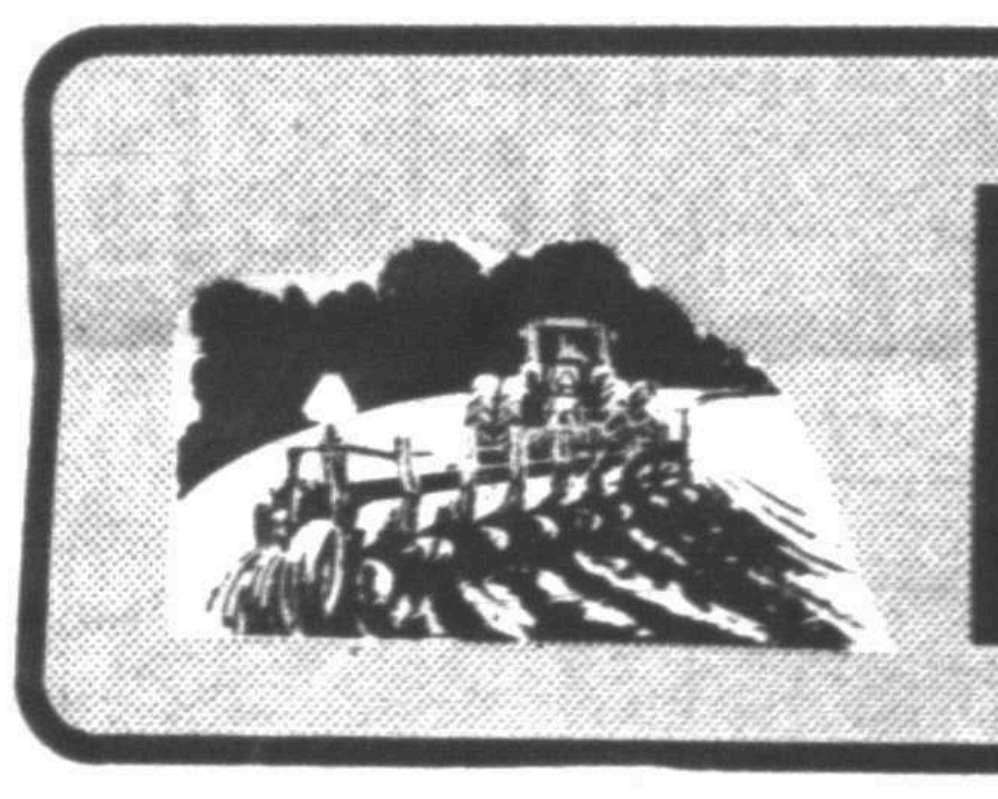

Business and Industrial News

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