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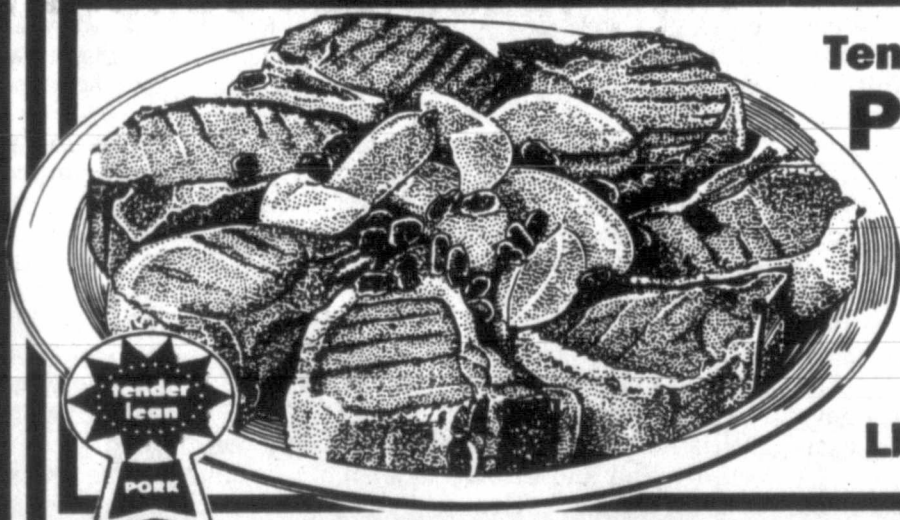
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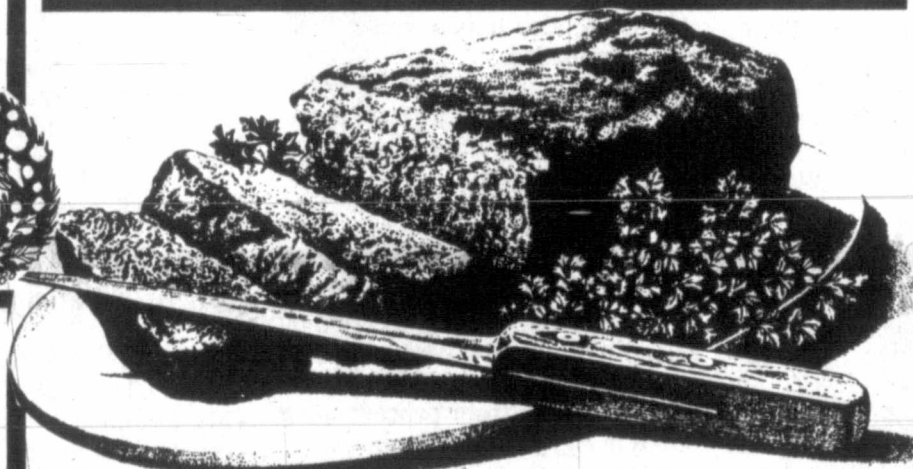
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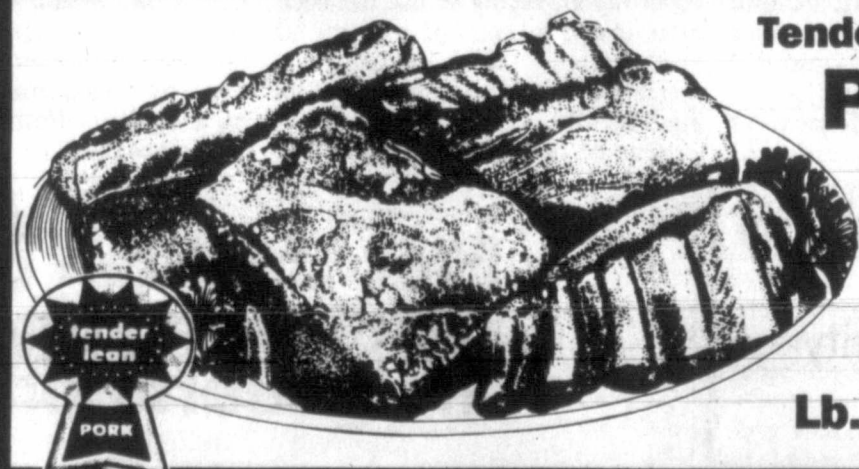
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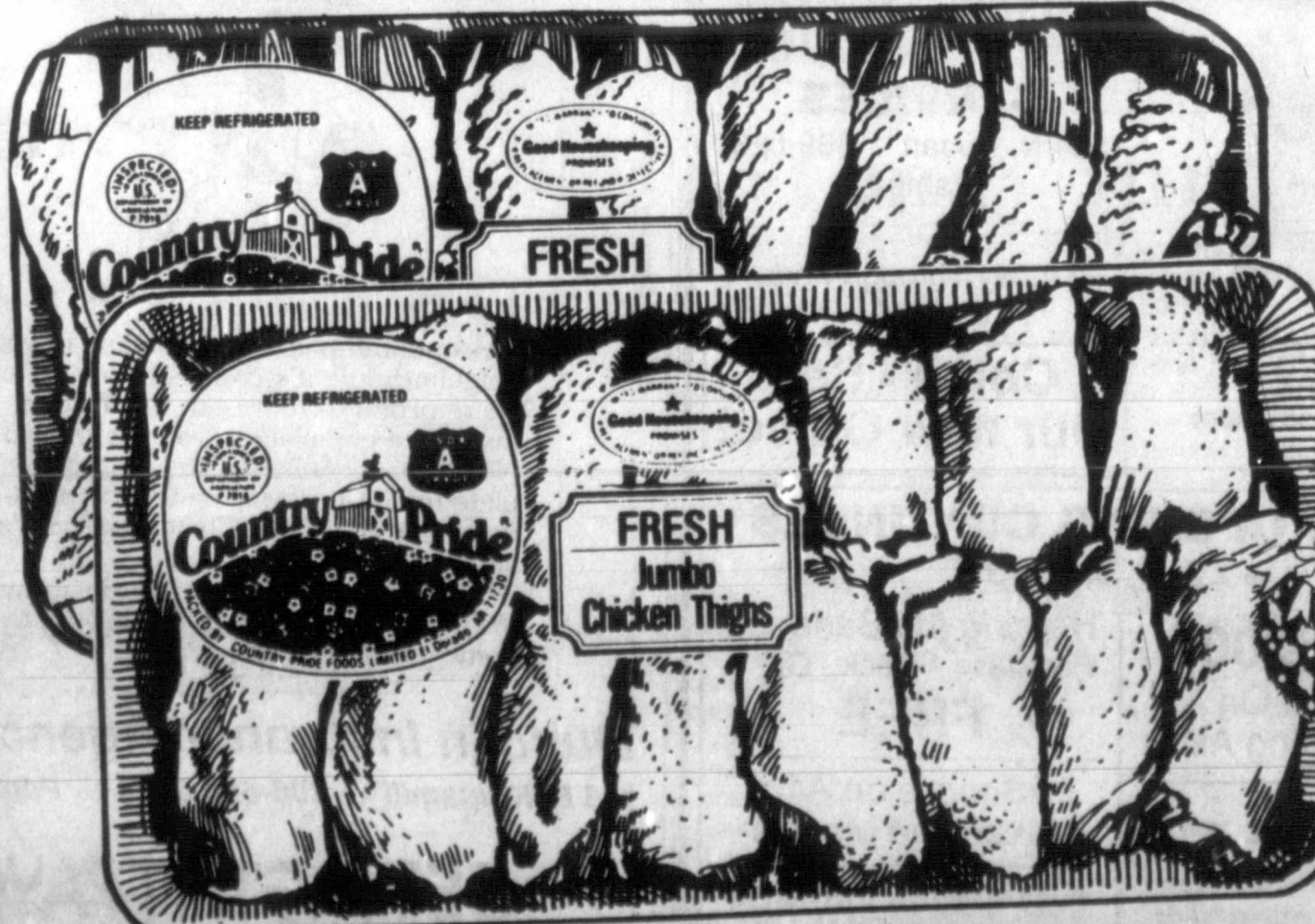
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# Eight dead after two jets collide on foggy Detroit runway

By LISA ZAGAROLI  
Associated Press Writer

ROMULUS, Mich. (AP) — Investigators today tried to determine whether a pilot was lost on a foggy runway when he turned his jetliner into the path of another and caused a "kerosene torch" collision that killed eight people.

Monday's collision of a Boeing 727 and a DC-9, both operated by Northwest Airlines, reduced one plane to a blackened shell, its roof burned away. At least 20 people were hospitalized with burns, broken bones, smoke inhalation and other injuries.

The 727 was racing down a runway toward takeoff at Detroit Metropolitan Airport when its wing was sheared off by the DC-9, which had turned in front of it. Fuel poured from the planes and the DC-9 burst into flames, killing eight of the 43 people aboard.

"It was like a big kerosene torch," said passenger John Izzo, 41, of Pittsburgh, who escaped uninjured by jumping off a wing.

"The only thing going through my mind was 'I'm going to die in this damn plane and I'm only 26 years old,'" said another passenger, medical student Mike Marrone of Saddle River, N.J. "I wanted to get out of there and I think a lot of other people did too. I didn't see too many acts of heroism."

The air traffic controllers union

said the DC-9 appeared to have become lost in the fog. Federal investigators refused to comment on that possibility, and it was not known what instructions the DC-9 received before straying into the path of the 727.

Northwest spokesman Bob Gibbons said, "We don't know if the pilot got lost in the fog or what. But that is a topic in the investigation."

At the time of the crash, visibility was estimated by the controllers' union at a quarter-mile. The ground was wet from a snow and sleet storm that delayed flights at the airport, which was closed at the time to inbound flights.

John Lauber, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board's five-member team investigating the crash, said the DC-9's black box has been sent to Washington for analysis. He declined to speculate on the crash's cause.

However, Tony Dresden, a spokesman for the National Air Traffic Controllers, said the DC-9 pilot had gotten lost. "The DC-9 pilot discovered at the very last moment where he was, and so the ground controller told him to immediately get off that runway, but it was too late," Dresden said.

The Federal Aviation Administration had no immediate comment on Dresden's statement.

Marta Laughlin, a spokeswoman for the Air Line Pilots Association, declined to comment. But ALPA

spokesman Al Pregler blasted the FAA for not having installed a ground-level radar system at the airport for avoiding collisions.

"We have been pushing them to do this for a long time, but they haven't," Pregler said. "It's expensive, and they don't want to spend the money."

FAA spokeswoman Barb Detmer said a system is scheduled for installation next year.

The DC-9, bound for Pittsburgh, carried 39 passengers and four crew members. The 727 was headed for Memphis, Tenn., with 146 passengers and 10 crew members.

The 727 was about to go airborne when its right wing clipped the DC-9 behind the co-pilot's seat, knocking off an engine. Smoke billowed from the DC-9 fuselage, where passengers apparently became trapped by the fast-moving fire.

The only injuries suffered on the 727 were to people hurt evacuating the plane.

Robert Karp, 60, of Jackson, Miss., said he thought at first that the 727 had simply blown a tire.

"The front end of the plane had begun to lift off," Karp said. "I don't think the back wheels were off the ground yet. As soon as I heard the thump we came to an abrupt stop. I remember looking at the other plane and seeing smoke rolling out."



(AP Laserphoto)

Investigators search the burned-out fuselage of a Northwest Airlines DC-9 jet at Detroit Metro Airport Monday night after a collision on the runway with another Northwest jet earlier in the day.

## Kitty video purr-fect for pampered pets

By ROBERT M. ANDREWS  
Associated Press Writer

HERNDON, Va. (AP) — At last, the purr-fect Christmas stocking stuffer for indoor cats who have everything. It's their very own videotape, featuring a mouth-watering parade of live birds, squirrels and chipmunks cavorting on the TV screen.

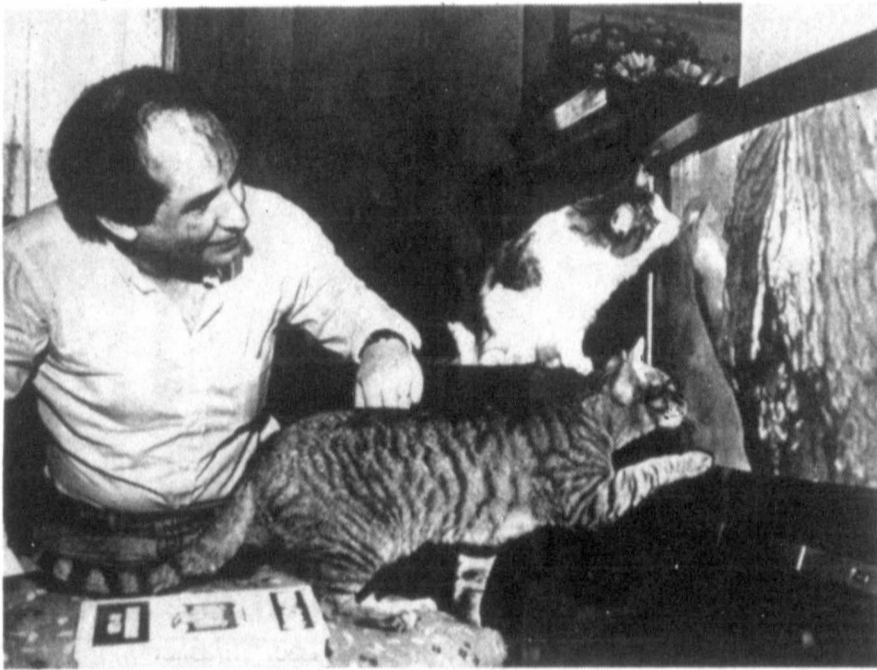
The 25-minute, full-color video, taped in a wooded backyard of this Washington suburb, is sure to delight all those latchkey kitties who are bored with napping, scratching the furniture and swatting ornaments off the Christmas tree.

Just slip a \$19.95 copy of "Video Catnip" into the VCR and watch them turn into regular couch furballs. But heed the warning at the start of the tape:

"While watching this video, your cat may become excited and attempt to get inside your television set to get at the birds. ... We strongly suggest that you remove all breakables from on top or around your TV set. No kitting."

Creator Steve Malarkey promises "some cat-a-clysmic fun with no paws in the action." His satisfied customers, speaking for their pampered pussycats, say his video really delivers the goods.

The live action is divided into segments titled "Cheep Thrills," "Mews and Feather Report" and



(AP Laserphoto)

Steve Malarkey watches as his two cats, Sugar and Spike, react to a bird on the television screen at his home in Morgantown, W.Va. Malarkey is selling "Video Catnip," a tape of birds, chipmunks, and other mouth-watering tidbits to tantalize tabbles.

"A Stalk in the Park." Voyeuristic feline viewers will enjoy lots of juicy close-ups of their favorite outdoor creatures, feasting noisily on birdseed and popcorn.

Malarkey was a disgruntled computer technician searching for a career change when he decided to "get into the cat business." He tried making heated "cat houses" and tree-shaped-scratching posts,

but both were flops.

Then one night, he said, "I was sitting in front of the TV with my wife, watching a National Geographic special on birds of the Cayman Islands or somewhere," he said. "Our cat Stick, who never even glanced at TV before, came out of his box like a shot and sat right in front of the screen, growling and meowing."

## 'Nightline' airs naughty Madonna video — all of it

By VERENA DOBNIK  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC's "Nightline" today aired Madonna's too-hot-for-MTV video in its steamy entirety, and Madonna — the picture of propriety in a buttoned-up black dress — defended the clip as a "celebration of sex."

"Why are we willing to deal with the reality of violence and sexism and why aren't we willing to deal with sexuality?" she asked in an interview.

"If we're going to have censorship, let's not be hypocrites about this," the pop singer added. "Why is it okay for 10-year-olds to see someone's body being ripped to shreds? ... Why do parents not have a problem with that?"

Her "Justify My Love" video, which was rejected by the cable music station last week, features the bra-and-garter-belt-clad singer in an encounter with a lover, played by her real-life boyfriend, Tony Ward, in a Paris hotel.

The video portrays the couple's

fantasies, which run to bisexuality, voyeurism, group sex, cross-dressing and mild sadomasochism.

"Half of me thought I was going to get away with it," said Madonna, speaking via satellite from Los Angeles.

She said the video — with its chains, black leather and crucifixes — was about "honesty ... and the celebration of sex. There's nothing wrong with that."

The video — with some naughty bits electronically altered — had appeared previously on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and on CNN. It also was shown uncensored on The Jukebox Network, a pay TV channel.

Before it was shown on "Nightline," ABC lawyers screened the video, said Laura Wessner, a spokeswoman for the program.

"They determined to go ahead with it because of the news value of the video, the late air time, and the focus of the discussion," Wessner said.

## video — all of it

Interviewer Forrest Sawyer asked Madonna to address herself to feminists who have criticized her boy-toy image.

"I may be dressing like the typical bimbo, whatever, but I'm in charge," she answered. "I'm in charge of my fantasies, I put myself in these situations with men."

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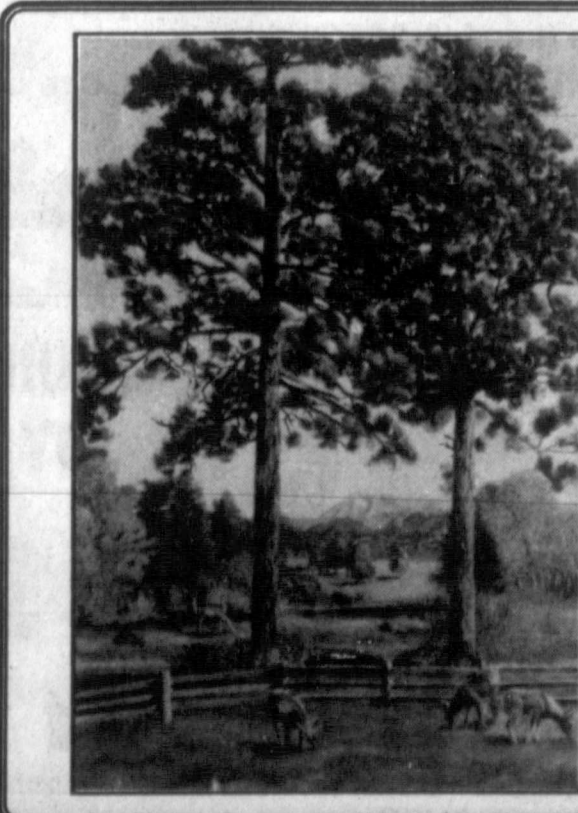
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  - 13 Soup dish
  - 14 Ohio city
  - 15 Made of silver
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  - 17 Roof feature
  - 19 Inhabitant
  - 20 Pairs
  - 21 Son of Noah
  - 25 Sticky substance
  - 26 Eggs
  - 27 Gum tree
  - 30 Having clumps
  - 33 Made poem
  - 34 Actress Dahl
  - 35 Belonging to us
  - 36 — signal
- DOWN**
- 1 Songstress
  - 2 German submarine
  - 3 Valley on moon
  - 4 — fix (obsession)
  - 5 Club —
  - 6 Knitting stitch

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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By Jerry Bittle

## Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You should do well today in endeavors where the final decisions have to have your stamp of approval. Don't let someone less competent usurp your authority. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Lady Luck tends to favor you today, but she's not apt to do so in an obvious fashion. She will, however, try to see that you are involved with the right people at the right time.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Mixing business and pleasure today could turn out to be a homogeneous blend. Discussions over lunch or dinner with important clients or friends should turn out successfully.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** A factor that could add broader dimensions to your effectiveness today will be in involvements that challenge your creativity. Your imagination is your greatest asset.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Be all eyes and ears today, because you might either see or hear about an opportunity of substantial magnitude. One with whom you're chummy socially could be the tipster.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Something of value can be gained today by closely watching how one you admire operates. Developments might later arise that will give you a chance to imitate his/her strategies in your own affairs.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** The type of reward you're likely to garner today can't be measured materially. Instead it will be the good will and golden thoughts of a friend you'll help.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You could be rather lucky today in several instances. The most impressive situation, however, might be of a financial nature. Be alert for ways to add to your resources.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You are likely to be more fortunate today in dealing directly with the person who can give you a definite yes or no than going through intermediaries. Make your pitch to the head honcho.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** An arrangement with which you've been rather uncomfortable might undergo some classic improvements today. Think positive, because conditions may end up better than you dared hope.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You've just entered a rather hopeful cycle where your expectations have good chances of being fulfilled. You'll still have to do your part, of course.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** A positive attitude is a mind set for which we should always strive. Today, however, it's doubly significant in your case, because it could have a big influence over financial results.

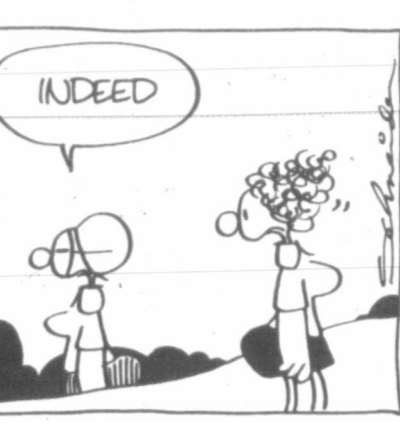
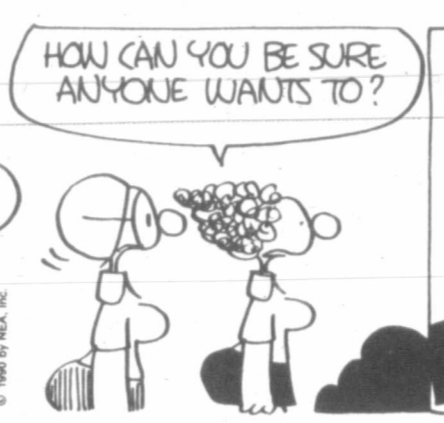
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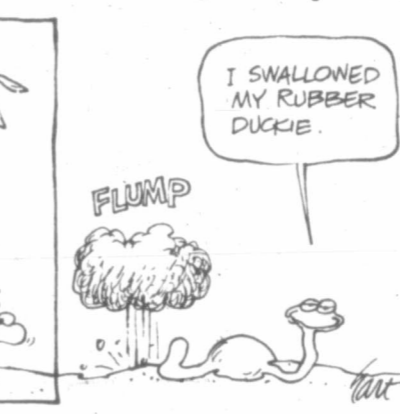
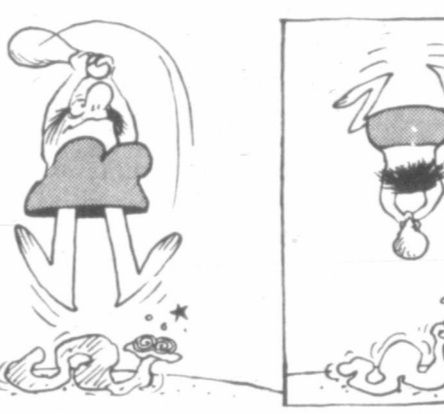
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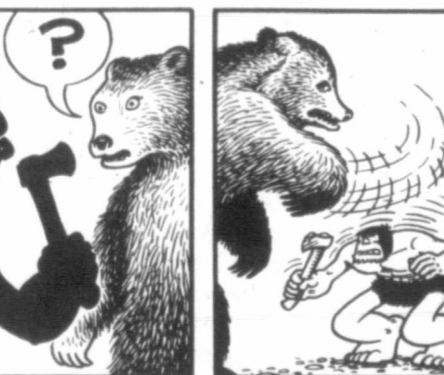
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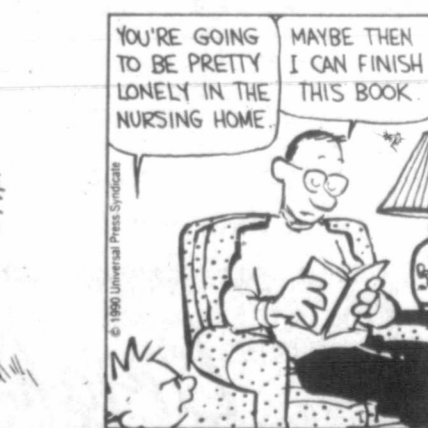
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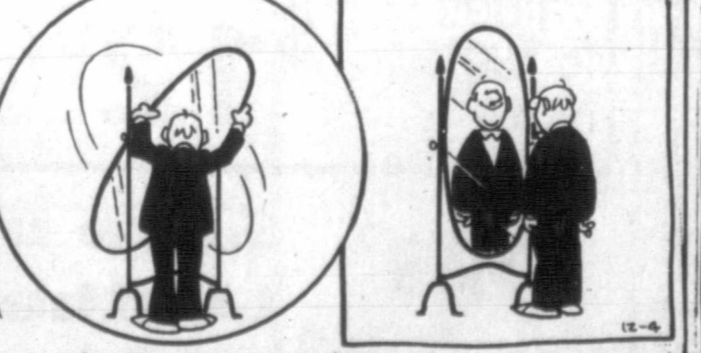
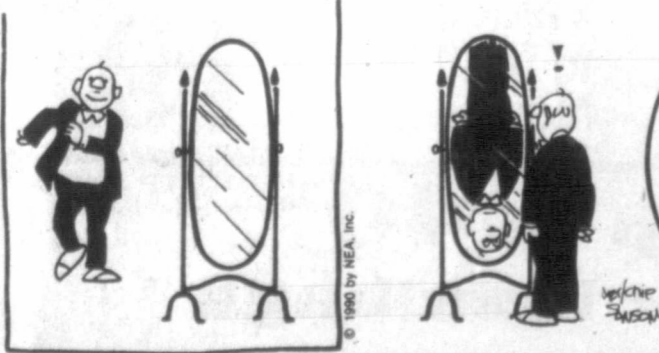


## THE BORN LOSER

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Sixth-grade teacher Sally McMechen, right, and student Shaun Perkins play checkers in a classroom Monday at an elementary school in Manila, Ark., where concern about a projected earthquake on the New Madrid fault helped boost absenteeism to 65 percent.

## Hoopla, not quake, leaves New Madrid, Mo., reeling

By LORI DODGE  
Associated Press Writer

NEW MADRID, Mo. (AP) — The politicians, the hucksters, the souvenir hunters, they all rumbled through this town like an earthquake. About the only thing that didn't make itself felt was the earthquake itself.

Climatologist Iben Browning has shaken this sleepy hamlet of 3,300 by saying there was a 50 percent chance of a major quake along the New Madrid fault this week.

Some seismologists used words like ridiculous to describe the projection. But along the 120-mile fault that runs from Marked Tree, Ark., to Cairo, Ill., schools closed, some people stayed away from work and hordes of reporters arrived just in case the quake really happened.

"It didn't happen," said Sean Thomas Morrissey, technical director of St. Louis University's geophysical observatory. The university runs a network of 60 seismographs that sense the slightest tremor in the fault.

"There is a small probability of an earthquake on any given day, but

it's the same today as on any other day," said Lawrence Braille, a Purdue University seismologist and member of a U.S. Geological Survey advisory group. "Browning has put a 50 percent chance on it, which is a ridiculous number."

Browning was vacationing at an undisclosed location Monday, said his daughter, Evelyn Garriss.

Mrs. Garriss noted there was a big quake in the Soviet Union within the same "30- to 60-degree north latitudes that we were concerned about." But Mrs. Garriss declined to say whether that fulfilled her father's projection.

In any case, she noted that her father said the quake could happen any time from 48 hours before Monday to 48 hours afterward.

"Let's wait until the whole 48 hours are over," she said.

Browning said his projection was based on the fact that the sun and moon's tidal pull on Earth's oceans reached a 27-year high at 5 a.m. Sunday.

Although that didn't produce a quake on Monday, New Madrid was reeling from all the attention it brought.

"It's been good for business," Councilwoman Barbara Jones said after a council meeting Monday night.

Among the entrepreneurs who showed up to capitalize on the excitement was Lynn Akins of Sikeston, Mo., promoting his outdoor safety equipment, including a sleeping bag that opens up into a huge "Help" banner. Tom Benz of St. Louis pulled a barbecue smoker into town to promote his catering business.

At one point 20 TV news satellite trucks jammed Main Street.

Jones expressed concern that the attention could hurt New Madrid, as word of its active earthquake fault spreads. In the winter of 1811-1812, when the region was sparsely populated, it produced three and possibly four great earthquakes estimated at 7.5 to larger than 8 on the Richter scale.

But City Administrator Don Lloyd said he wasn't worried that business people considering relocating would think of earthquakes when they think of New Madrid.

"I don't think that will be a factor long term," he said.

## Governor announces another National Guard unit alert

AUSTIN (AP) — About 220 Texas Army National Guard personnel of Company G, 149th Aviation in Grand Prairie have been alerted for possible mobilization to support military operations in the Persian Gulf, Gov. Bill Clements said.

The helicopter unit was placed on alert during the weekend, Clements announced Monday. No date has

been set for the unit to be called up.

The mission of Company G, 149th Aviation is to provide air transport of personnel and cargo for combat support operations. The unit's basic item of equipment is the CH-47D helicopter.

About 820 guardsmen of the 3d Battalion, 141 Infantry, will mobilize on Friday and move to their

mobilization station at Fort Hood a few days later. The combat infantry battalion is located in the Lower Rio Grande Valley with headquarters in McAllen.

Some 320 members of the Texas Guard's 217th Evacuation Hospital in San Antonio remain on an alert status. They were notified of their possible mobilization on Nov. 23.

## Shuttle problems cause loss of star-gazing time

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SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Columbia's astronauts struggled today to try to get NASA's \$150 million observatory working right after losing almost a full day of precious star-gazing time.

The astronauts were able to look briefly at a distant galaxy and two stars Monday, but NASA said up to 10 percent of the shuttle mission's 230 planned observations might have to be scrapped because of problems in aligning three of the Astro observatory's four telescopes.

"What we just have to do is make sure that we reallocate what is left to the higher-priority objects that have been lost," said mission scientist Ted Gull. "Perhaps a low-priority object is going to get pushed off the list as we go."

The 10-day mission, which began with liftoff early Sunday, was already six months behind schedule

because of five launch postponements, four of them caused by hydrogen leaks in Columbia and one by problems with Astro.

NASA flight director Al Pennington said the telescope repairs were nearly completed Monday, with only some fine-tuning remaining to be done today. But he said that could take until the afternoon.

Repairs were delayed for a few hours Monday when a computer aboard Columbia malfunctioned after a faulty message was included in a series of commands from Earth. The reason for the mistake wasn't immediately clear, NASA said.

The astronauts got some viewing time in Monday by manually operating the system and by aligning the three ultraviolet telescopes with the help of a fourth star tracker that is normally used to keep the shuttle properly aligned.

That process is awkward, time-consuming and not as precise, but it enabled the astronauts to focus the

three telescopes on a nearby star Monday evening.

"That is a milestone. How about that?" said astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman.

Later Monday, the astronauts manually pointed all three telescopes at a white dwarf star with a powerful magnetic field.

The astronauts also pointed one telescope at a galaxy 60 million light years away to look for evidence of a black hole. The observation lasted only a few seconds instead of a half hour because of the imprecise manual operation.

"We're seeing some science. We're very confident about the instruments," mission manager Jack Jones said.

"It's enough to tell us the telescope is working great, and we're excited about how well we're going to do once the instrument pointing system starts pointing," said Arthur Davidsen of Johns Hopkins, the telescope's principal investigator.

## Doctor charged with murder in death by suicide machine

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PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — A physician who hooked a woman to a machine that let her take her life with the press of a button was charged with murder by a prosecutor who said the switch did not relieve the doctor of responsibility.

Dr. Jack Kevorkian, known as "Dr. Death" for his invention, helped a 54-year-old woman with Alzheimer's disease use the machine to inject herself with a fatal dose of an anesthetic and a heart-stopping drug on June 4.

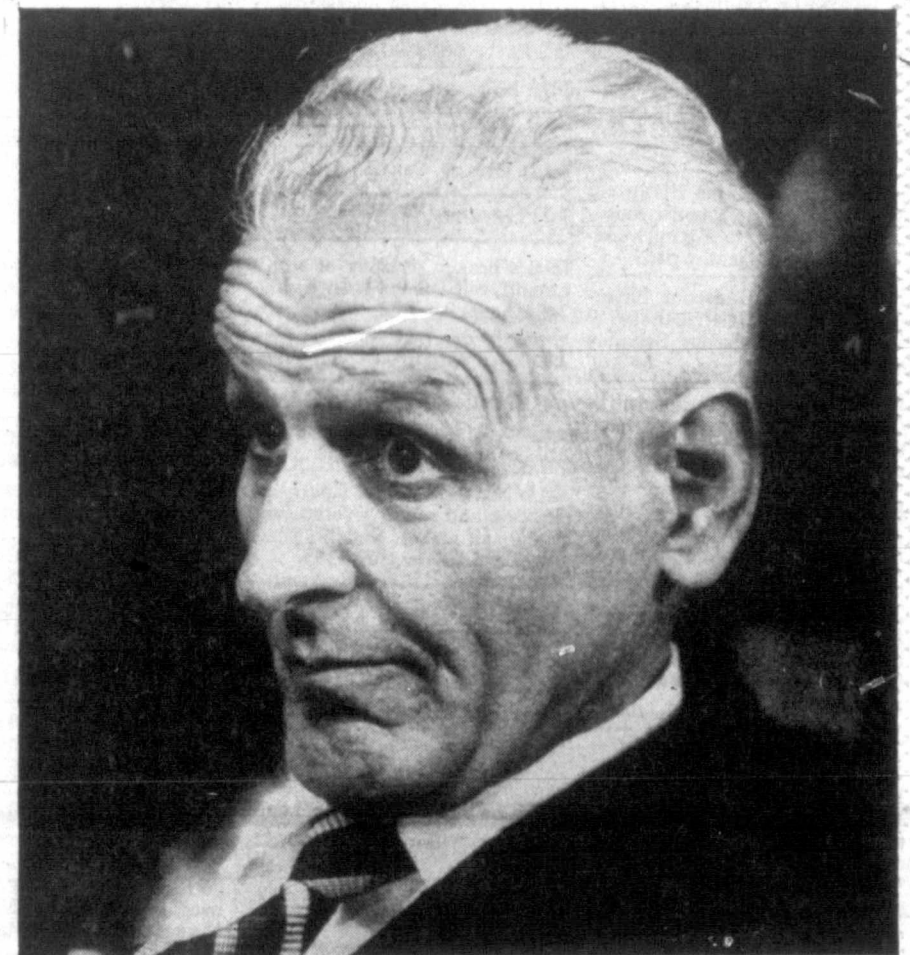
"Dr. Kevorkian was the primary and legal cause of Janet Adkins' death. He cannot avoid his criminal culpability by the clever use of a switch," Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson said Monday.

Kevorkian, a 62-year-old retired pathologist from Royal Oak, faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole if convicted.

"I don't take this seriously," said Kevorkian, who has advocated doctor-assisted suicide. "What happens to me is immaterial. The time has come for this thing."

The charges came one day before a trial today to determine whether Kevorkian's confiscated machine should be returned to him.

Mrs. Adkins and her husband traveled from Portland, Ore., to Michigan to meet Kevorkian because the state is one of the few that do not explicitly make it a crime to help someone commit suicide. She had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, which robs people of their memories, ability to function and eventually their lives.



Dr. Jack Kevorkian

An autopsy confirmed Mrs. Adkins had Alzheimer's disease, but she was not in the terminal stages of illness and was not in any pain, Thompson said.

"For me not to charge Dr. Kevorkian would turn Oakland County into the suicide mecca of our nation," he said.

The prosecutor said he based the first-degree murder charge on a 1920 Michigan Supreme Court decision. In that case, a man who mixed

poison and placed it near his wife at her request was found guilty of murder.

The Legislature is considering a bill that would make it a crime punishable by up to four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine to help someone commit suicide.

Kevorkian's attorney, Geoffrey Fieger, said because Michigan has no law against medically assisted suicide, he didn't expect the case to come to trial.

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