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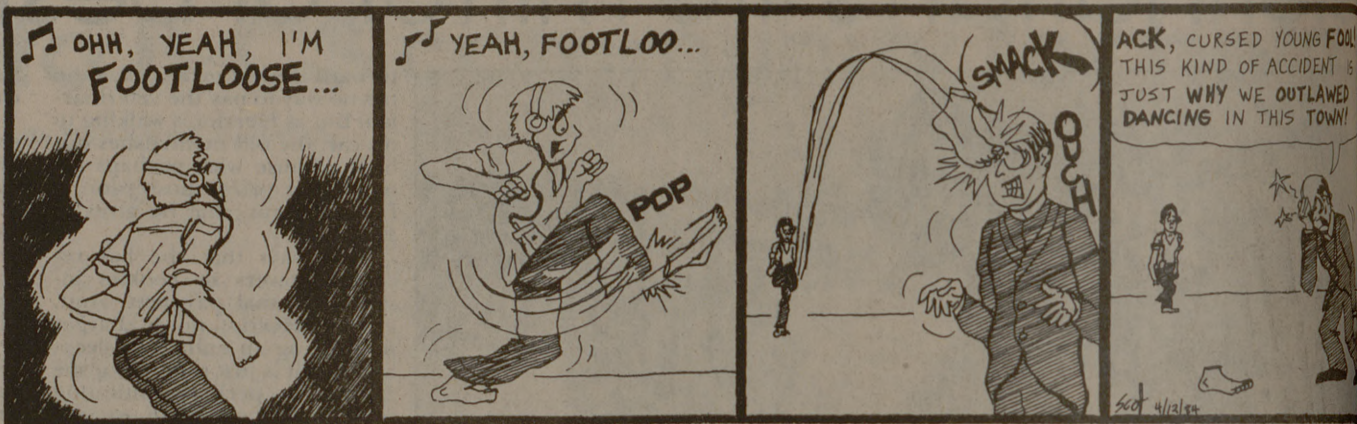
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Boy pleads guilty, gets 55 years

United Press International
AUSTIN — A 16-year-old boy charged with capital murder and attempted capital murder in separate shootings of a court official and a college coed pleaded guilty Wednesday and was sentenced to 55 years in prison.
 Joe Anthony Rivera, who was certified to stand trial as an adult, will have to serve 18 years in prison before he is eligible for parole.
 Rivera pleaded guilty to murder in the Oct. 20, 1983 killing of Pat Curry, 23, a deputy clerk in the Travis County District Court.
 He also pleaded guilty to attempted capital murder in the Sept. 26 shooting of University of Texas student Leigh Leonard, 24, who survived two gunshot wounds to the head.



Attorneys debate truthfulness

Lucas' confessions questioned

United Press International
SAN ANGELO — Attorneys Wednesday ended the capital murder trial of Henry Lee Lucas by debating the truthfulness of confessions Lucas gave in the 1979 Georgetown slaying.
 The 47-year-old drifter is

charged with strangling an unidentified woman hitchhiker, whose body was found along Interstate 35 on Oct. 31, 1979.
 Judge John Carter granted a change of venue to West Texas for the trial, which consisted of eight days of testimony before

an eight-woman, four-man jury.
 "If you believe the essence of his statement beyond a reasonable doubt, then he is guilty," prosecutor Ken Anderson said.
 Lucas also was accused of kidnapping, raping and robbing the woman. If convicted of capital murder, he would face life in prison or the death penalty.

Carter instructed jurors they could find Lucas guilty of capital murder, guilty of murder, innocent or innocent by reason of insanity.

"What it all boils down to is there is absolutely no evidence — none — that links Henry Lee Lucas to this unidentified white female other than his confessions," defense attorney Max Parker said.

Parts of taped confessions Lucas gave authorities last year were played for jurors during the trial.

Defense attorneys argued Lucas made the statements while under the influence of Thorazine and also out of a sense of remorse for killing his common-law wife.

"They have to prove to you that when he killed that girl, he was legally insane — not that he was different, not that he was strange," Anderson said.

Defense attorneys also argued Lucas confessed simply to give authorities what they wanted to hear.

Witnesses testified Lucas was working in Florida at the time of the slaying.

But Anderson called the argument, "an insane alibi," saying Lucas bribed supervisors to falsify payroll records.

"Henry wanted to confess. There was nothing on Henry confess except that he wanted to confess. He wanted to die," Parker said.

Parker said, "The man Henry Lucas could be guilty is murder."

Parker said prosecutors failed to prove that the woman was raped or held against her will.

Anderson said Lucas was thinking rationally when he killed the woman, dropped her body in a culvert and fled Florida.

"That person is not out of touch with reality. That person is a murderer," Anderson said, disputing testimony that Lucas is a schizophrenic.

Anderson said Lucas had traveled from Austin, Jacksonville, Fla., in about 1974.

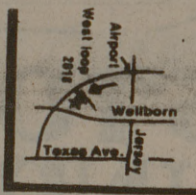
"Let's not forget that the defendant in one of his tapes he likes to travel fast and light and that he can stay up for days," Anderson said.

Lucas could have killed the woman then returned to Jacksonville in time to pick up a check on Nov. 1. A grocery store owner from Jacksonville said his records show Lucas the store on that date.

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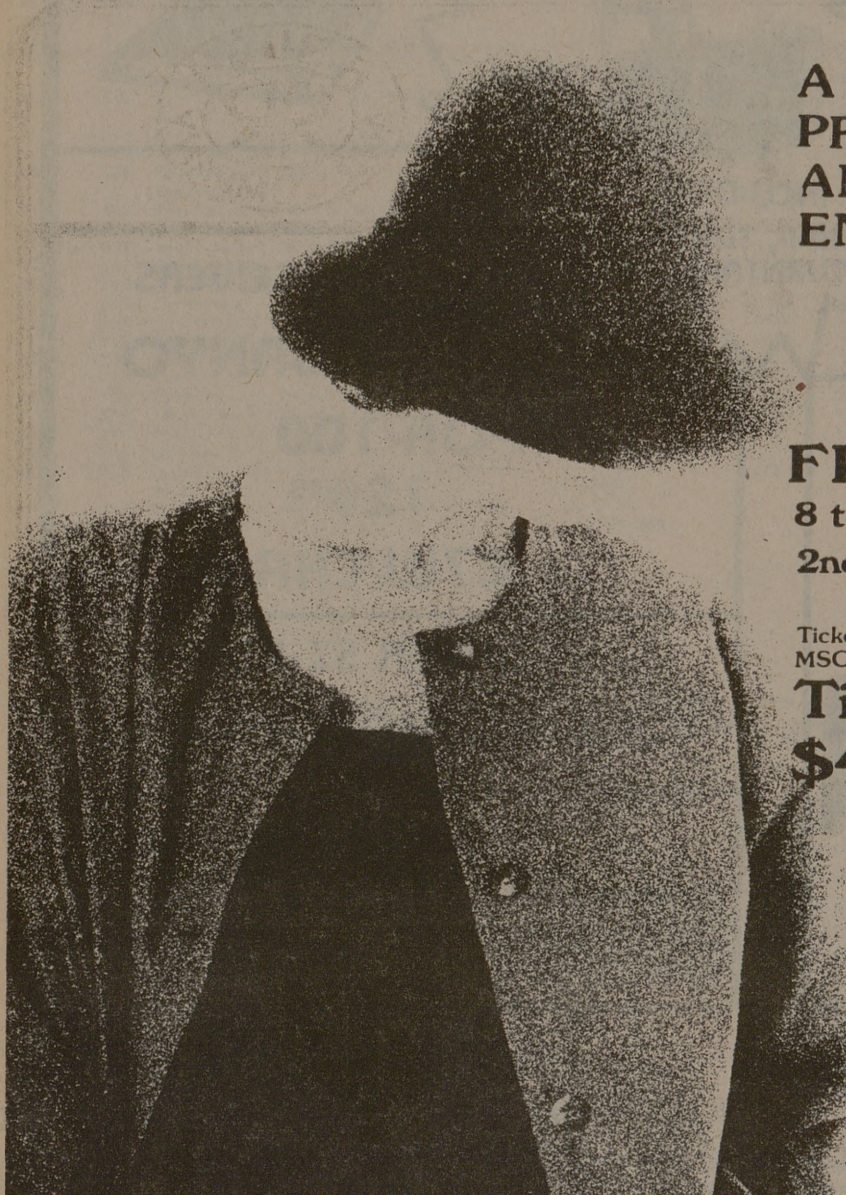
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