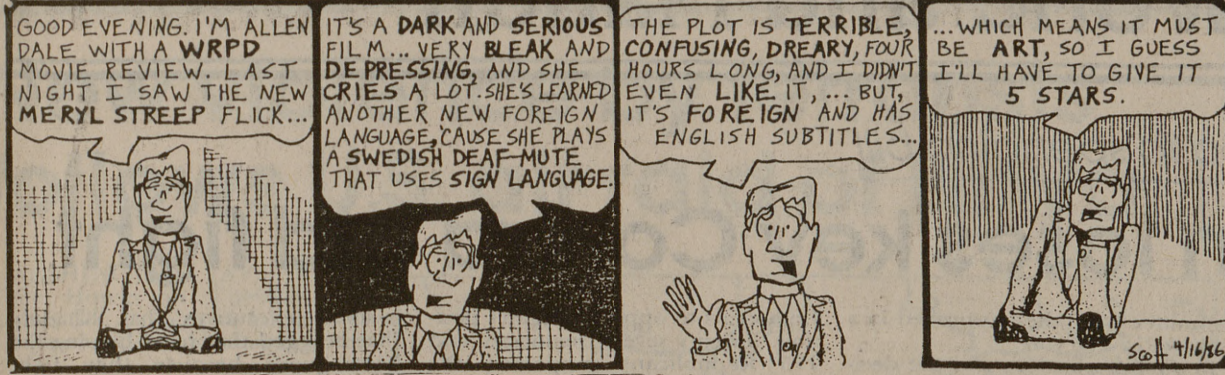


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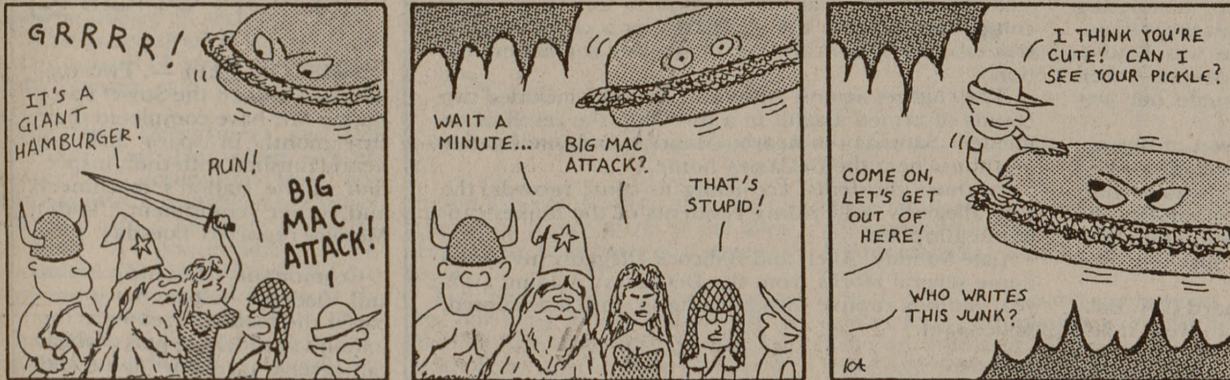
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Convicted killer executed for murder of minister's wife

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Jeffery Allen Barney, who asked that no appeals be filed in his name, was executed early Wednesday for the 1981 rape-strangulation of the wife of a minister who had befriended him. Attorney General Jim Mattox, who witnessed the execution, said Barney died at 12:22 a.m. CST. "I'm sorry for what I done," Mattox quoted Barney as saying. "I deserve this. I hope Jesus forgives me." Barney's execution at the Walls Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections followed by about 13 hours that of Daniel M. Thomas, 37, who was electrocuted shortly after noon Tuesday in Florida for murdering a man and raping his wife as her husband lay dying. Barney, 28, a native of Dayton, Ohio, told the judge who last month

set the execution date: "I'm guilty of what I was convicted of. I just wish that the sentence be carried out." He was the second Texas inmate to be executed this year and the 12th since the state resumed executions in 1982. Outside the prison, about 30 Sam Houston State students demonstrated in favor of the death penalty. Mattox said Barney looked nervous as he lay on the gurney to be injected with lethal drugs. Barney, who could select up to five people to watch him die, picked only two — Freddie Wier and Nichols C. Amrhein, both Harris County Jail chaplains. "He feels very bad about it," said Wier, who saw Barney on Monday. "He said he is guilty and has made it

right with the Lord and has to pay his debt with society." Barney was driven by van Tuesday the 15 miles from Death Row to the Texas Department of Corrections Walls Unit, which houses the death chamber. He arrived about 9 a.m. Prison spokeswoman Sarah Grisham said, "His mood was calm. He requested tobacco and matches." Barney was arrested in Dayton on Nov. 28, 1981, driving the Cadillac owned by Ruby Longworth, 54. She had been killed four days earlier, a microphone cord wrapped tightly around her neck. Her husband, John, was a minister who helped Barney get a job after his release from a prison term for auto theft.

Police look for rape-murder clues

EL PASO (AP) — The deaths of four women, found floating in the Rio Grande River after they were raped and strangled, may be connected, an official said Tuesday. In the latest incident, the bodies of two women were found Saturday near the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, which separates this border city from Juarez. A third body was found about a month ago, also on the Juarez side. Those three murders are being investigated by Mexican officials. El Paso County Sheriff's office is investigating the death of a woman found on the U. S. side March 25 in a canal fed by the Rio Grande. Sheriff's Capt. Paco Aguirre said, "It's possible she was dumped in the river and drifted into the canal. Tomorrow we're sending a couple of detectives over to Juarez." The detectives will pool information with their Mexican counterparts and compare notes.

A fifth woman, found floating in the river last week, drowned, but was not sexually assaulted, police said. Police identified her as Laura Elena de Rodriguez, 20, of Juarez. None of the other women have been identified. The woman found in the canal was in her late teens or early 20s, and was dressed only in a black bra, Aguirre said. Similarly, the two women found Saturday were in their teens or early 20s, and dressed only in black bras. He said it's possible the women were illegal aliens or maids crossing from Juarez to work in El Paso. Aguirre declined to speculate whether the rape-strangulations were the work of one person. "But let me tell you this," Aguirre said. "There are sections of the Rio Grande we hear where women pay a quarter to be taken across. "Once they find out they have money, they rape and rob them. Of course, they're not going to report that to authorities."

Governor 'worrying' hopefuls

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate A. Don Crowder said Tuesday that Texas Democratic Party leaders fear Gov. Mark White's showing in recent opinion polls may hurt other Democratic hopefuls.

"It doesn't take too much arithmetic to imagine the panic going through state public office holders at the present time when White's favorability rating is so low, when several polls show him losing to each and every Republican candidate," Crowder told a news conference. Crowder is a former law partner of Attorney General Jim Mattox, but an aide said Mattox is not worried about White's poll showings. Elna Christopher, press secretary to Mattox, said, "Either Crowder dreamed this thing up or he must have played football too long without a helmet." Mark McKinnon, campaign spokesman for White said, "This appears to be his latest addition to his creative catalogue."

Crowder said he had talked to several statewide office holders over the weekend who told him they were afraid that the governor, if renominated, is going to pull down the entire slate. Crowder said Mattox expressed such fears about two days ago.

"Jim Mattox told me on the basis of polls that had come out in the Houston papers there was a great deal of concern about the governor's voting strength to carry the whole ticket," Crowder said.

Don Gordon, Williamson County Republican chairman, said, "At the grass roots, people don't start thinking about state races until after their local races on April 5," Gordon said. "In my county, most people won't make up their minds until the last 10 days."

Computer finds unlicensed physicians

FORT WORTH (AP) — In less than 43 seconds, a computer can track down doctors who are trying to escape records of disciplinary action by moving to a new state.

The computer at the Federation of State Medical Boards takes that long to search for a doctor's name, and all predictable aliases, among the 15,000 errant physicians stored in its memory. Dr. Bryant Galusha, executive vice president of the federation, said the computer has helped stamp out the "conspiracy of silence" and the "good ol' boy club" that have allowed some doctors to continue practicing after losing their licenses.

The computer prints out any record of infractions, ready to be sent to the requesting licensing board. The record is forwarded to the American Medical Association and included in monthly reports the federation mails to its membership. The computer has been in operation for about a year. It can be used only by medical boards, some hospital staffs and the military.

In Texas, 24 doctors lost their licenses between September 1984 and August 1985. Ten cases were reported for the same period a year earlier, according to the Texas Board of Medical Examiners.

Galusha said, "It's next to impossible for them to get a new license or endorsement without a tarnished record being known."

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Chiropractor
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More than fifteen million Americans suffer from chronic headaches many of which can be categorized as migraine. This type of headache usually starts on one side and may spread to the entire head. Other symptoms may include irritability, nausea and sensitivity to bright light. Victims of migraine headaches may also experience "signals" of an impending attack, such as a fluttery stomach and a sensation that lights and colors seem brighter than normal. A headache may last for several hours or several days. Since science has long been aware that migraine headaches result from a stretching of the arteries and nerves of the head, chiropractic has developed special tests to determine the precise point of the blockage in these areas. Please do not ignore the early warning signs: headache, stiffness in neck/back, painful joints, leg/arm pain, numbness, back/neck pain, shoulder pain, numbness in hands/feet. Early treatment of these signs will minimize your need for additional follow-up visits. Complimentary consultation and spinal evaluation will be given thru the end of the month. Previous patients of chiropractic who feel the necessity for "only" a spinal adjustment are welcome. Should you feel a need for an appointment please call 696-2100. Migraine headaches may also be caused by a misalignment of the neck bones resulting in a pinching traction that stretches the blood vessels and nerves leading to the head.
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