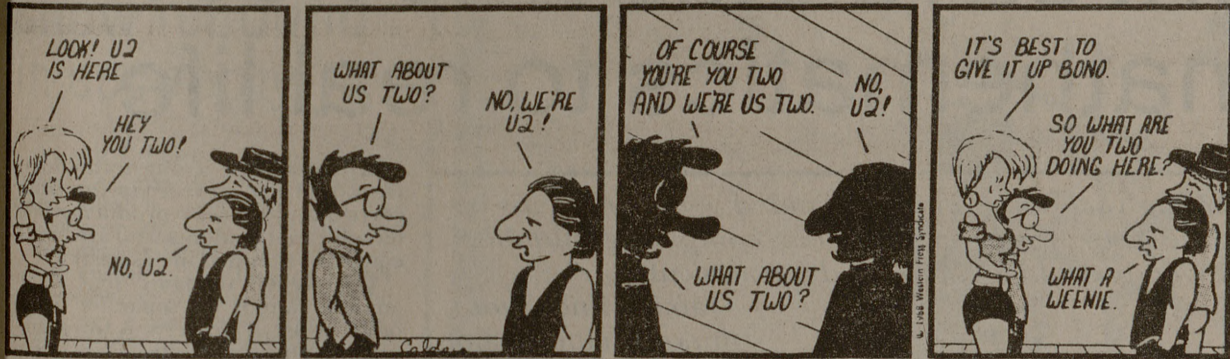


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Drug investigation by police leads to 22 arrests at school

ROUND ROCK (AP) — Charges were filed against 22 people following a four-month drug investigation at Round Rock Westwood High School in which an undercover officer purchased cocaine, methamphetamines, marijuana and LSD, a prosecutor said.

Williamson County District Attorney Ken Anderson said the investigation targeted people who peddle drugs to students.

"It's important, when the opportunity arises, to focus our efforts on prosecuting dealers, particularly school-age children," Anderson said.

He said the illegal drugs were purchased by a female undercover officer, who posed as a student.

Anderson said the probe had the cooperation of school principal Norman Sansom. It started shortly after school opened last fall and was the first in Williamson County aimed at people who peddle drugs to high-school students.

A total of 30 felony drug charges were filed against 22 people in Williamson and Travis counties, including five juveniles.

Sansom praised the effort, saying, "We zeroed in on the pushers."

"We have five pushers who have been taken off this campus, at least temporarily," Sansom, who announced the arrests over the school's public address system, said.

"This is another nail, another prong in our attack to keep pushers away," Sansom said. "We will do anything to pressure them, to make it uncomfortable to operate. You do everything you possibly can, then you hope and pray."

It was the second undercover operation in just over a year in which an undercover officer infiltrated an Austin-area school to buy drugs.

A similar investigation at Austin's Crockett High School in December 1986 resulted in charges against 35 people who sold drugs to an officer posing as a student.

Authorities said the locations where Westwood students went to purchase drugs included a home in Round Rock and a residence near the University of Texas campus in Austin. Anderson said six people who frequented the UT-area residence were charged with selling LSD and methamphetamines.

Anderson said the investigation was prompted by a raid last year that revealed evidence of drug sales to students at Westwood.

Another episode that prompted the lengthy investigation took place two years ago, when authorities arrested the parents of a 13-year-old after a bag of marijuana was confiscated from the youth.

The youngster told law officers, "What's the big deal? My dad has it all over the house," Anderson said.

"It made us aware of the different ways drugs get into the schools," Anderson said.

2-year-old's body found in shallow grave

AUSTIN (AP) — A Nixon man was in jail Tuesday after the body of a 2-year-old girl was found in a shallow grave when the child's distraught mother led officers to the site.

Authorities said they were alerted to the situation when the child's grandfather received a telephone call in Louisiana late Sunday from his daughter, who told him Andrea Nicole Garcia was buried near a motel where she and her boyfriend were living.

The grandfather called police, who went to the Bel-Air Motel on Monday and questioned the couple,

homicide investigators said.

Jerry Saldana, 25, of Nixon, identified as the woman's boyfriend, was being held in the Travis County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond after being charged with murder, police said.

The child's mother, Anita Garcia, was not charged. She was questioned and released, police said.

Travis County Medical Examiner Dr. Robert Bayardo said an autopsy showed that the child died of two blows to the head and one to the abdomen. The girl also had numerous scrapes and bruises. The body was wrapped in several baby blankets, he said.

Authorities said they believe Andrea suffered the fatal beating Jan. 23, and Bayardo said she died within 24 hours. She was buried within 48 hours of her death, police said.

"We do not believe the mother was involved in the fatal beating. Her involvement was brought about by her fear of the suspect, who had beaten her before. That is one reason why she did not report it," Slaton said.

Authorities said Garcia and Saldana had been living together for two months before the death of the little girl. She and the baby's father are divorced, they said.

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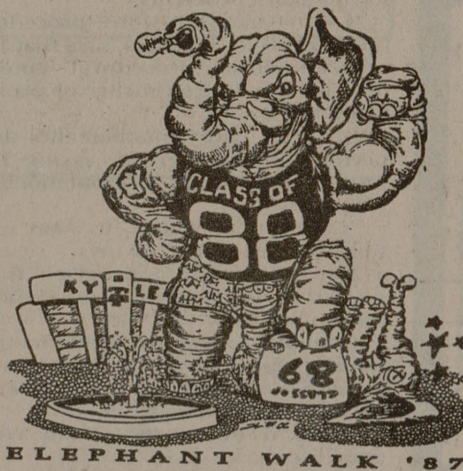
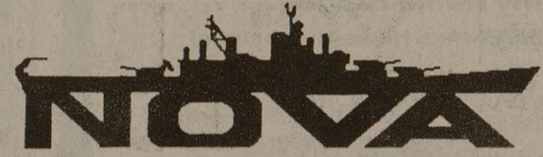


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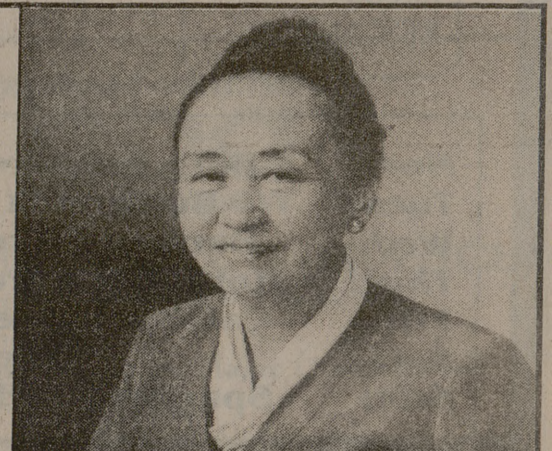
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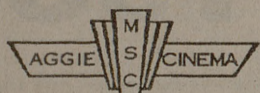


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