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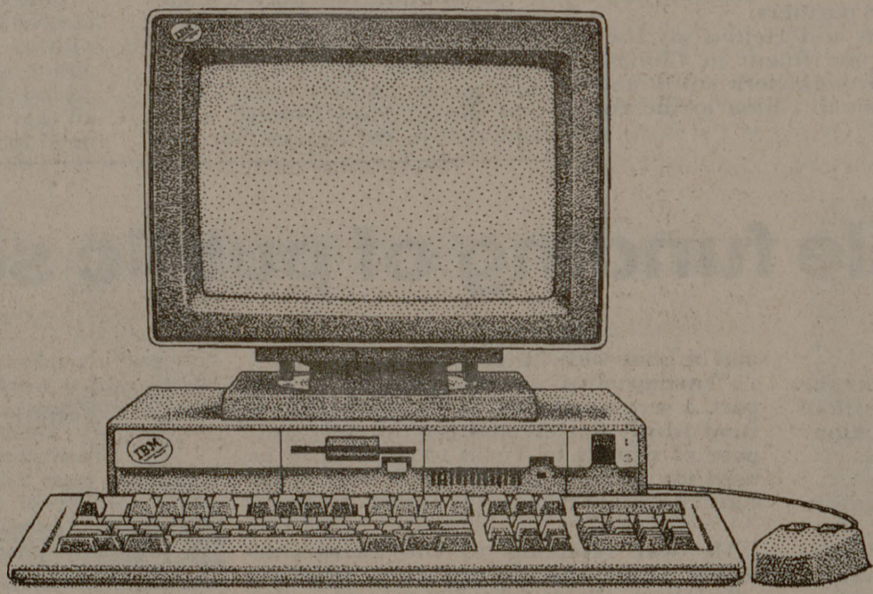
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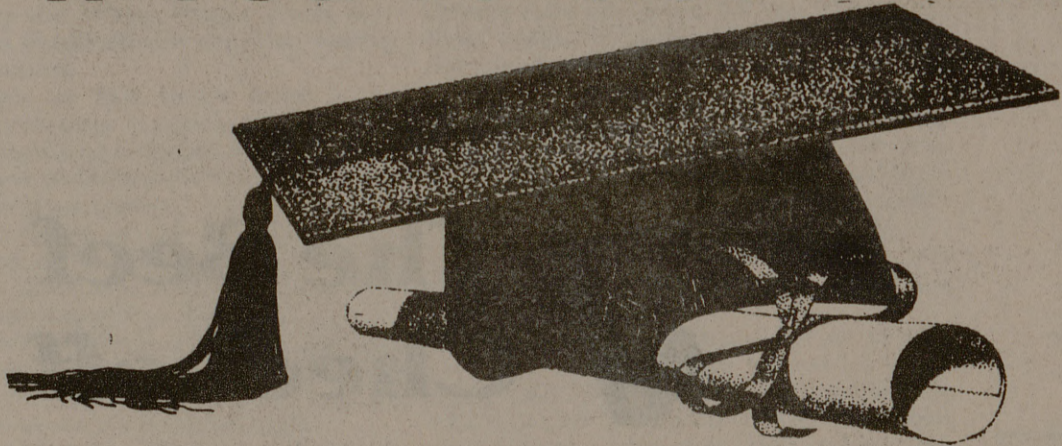
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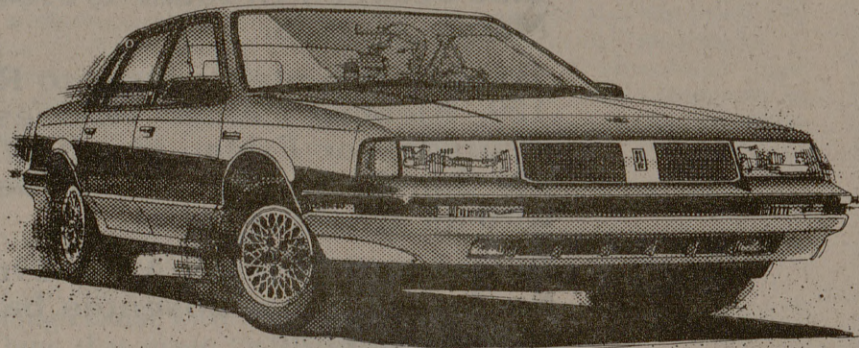


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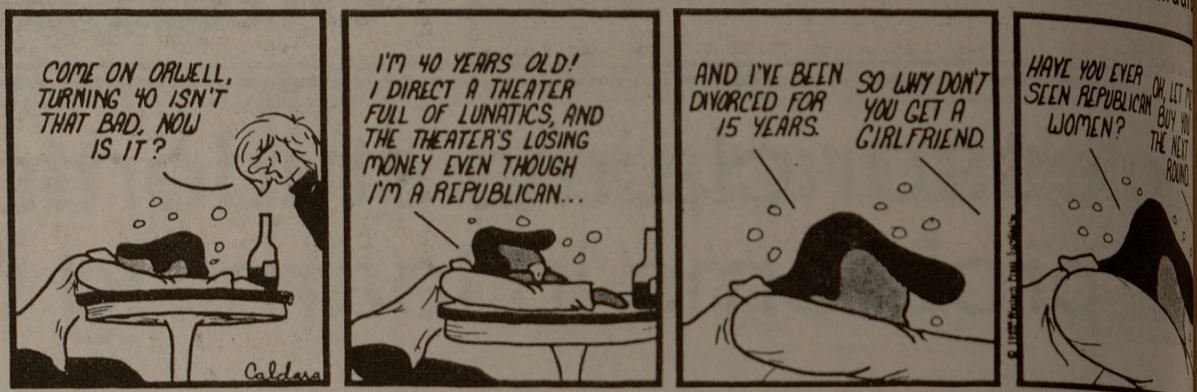
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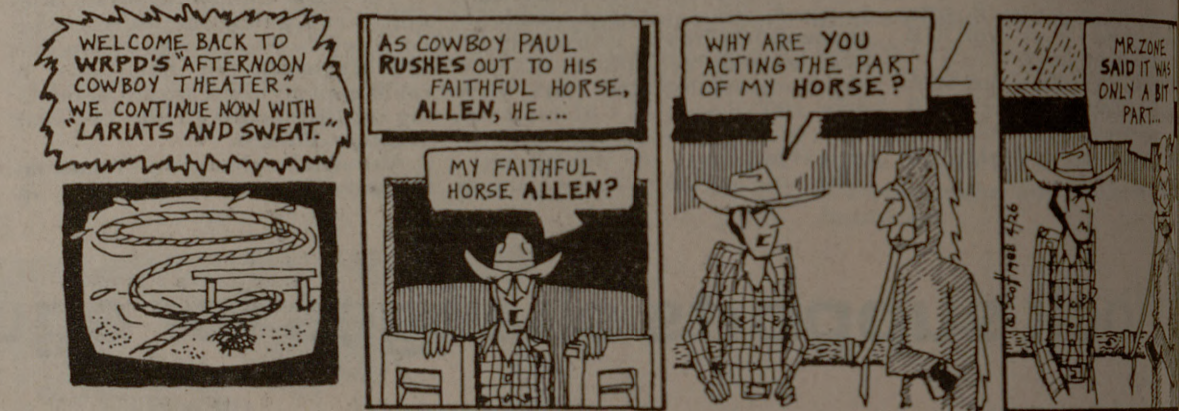
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Teens create rap songs to relay drug message

ORANGE (AP) — High school senior Greg Anderson believes drug abuse can be rapped out of existence. And, with the pressing of a new single, he hopes to spread his anti-drug message throughout Southeast Texas.

But Anderson, 18, is talking about more than just producing enjoyable music. He and his partner, Derrick Finley, 19, are dedicated to getting their anti-drug message to the masses and believe music is the way to do it.

Rap music is a currently popular form that combines strong rhythms with a talking style of singing. "We're message rappers," Anderson said. "Our rap is very educational to youngsters of today." Anderson, a senior at West Orange-Stark High School, is the founder of the Nuclear Rockers.

Anderson and Finley, with help from sponsoring businessmen in the Orange area, paid for the production costs on their first record, "Marijuana."

"The song tells what marijuana is and tells the effect and how it directs us from our occupation," Anderson said. "It's very educational but you can dance to it, too."

He said they plan to distribute the record nationwide eventually. Currently, they're contacting radio stations throughout Texas, encourag-

ing them to play the song. Anderson and Finley joined forces a few years ago. "I was teaching break dancing at Thomen Community Center (in Orange)," Anderson said. "I saw Derrick and was impressed by his ability to perform."

The Nuclear Rockers picked their name to symbolize their drive to "destroy drugs and crime," he said.

"We hear the James Brown song 'King of Heroin' and that scared us and made us want to do something," Anderson said.

Musicians such as Run DMC and Curtis Blow appealed to the pair and they began writing rap songs. The group now schedules about eight performances per month, mostly at community events and school.

"We've gotten a lot of help from the 20 Men Club, and (County) Judge James Stringer has been very supportive," Anderson said.

The reason civic and social leaders have an interest in the group, Anderson speculated, is because they "hear our messages about the dangers of drugs, and it really turns them on when they see what we're doing for other people."

The Nuclear Rockers have taped six public service commercials for Golden Triangle television stations. The pieces warn young people to guard against not only drugs, but

drinking and driving, smoking

peer pressure. Concerning the reaction two have gotten from their Anderson said they've had "response" from most of their ences.

Although, Anderson said all his classmates appreciate his sage. "It's all a part of show Like sometimes people will blow smoke in your face and they know you're against it."

"We just want to let people we care," he said.

Anderson said he feels it's tant to learn to accept respect said young people should respect icism as constructive and benifit it.

"Kids get tired of lectures said. "But once we entertain we get their attention. They entertained and get something."

The Nuclear Rockers are rap singers. They perform to their audiences, as well, other themes similar to their songs.

The skits give Anderson a to exercise two of his other — writing and acting.

He's been accepted into College, a motion picture in Los Angeles. He and Finley leave for California the next graduation.

"We'll be looking for a to back me in my writing," he

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