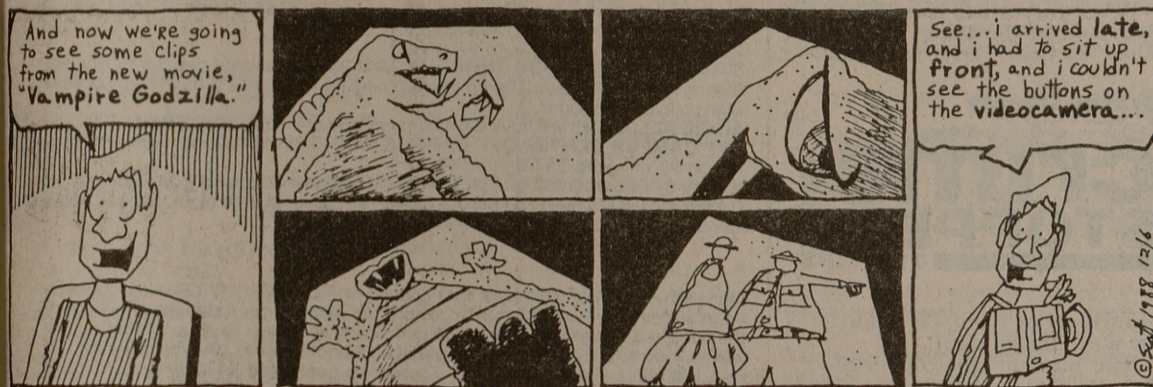


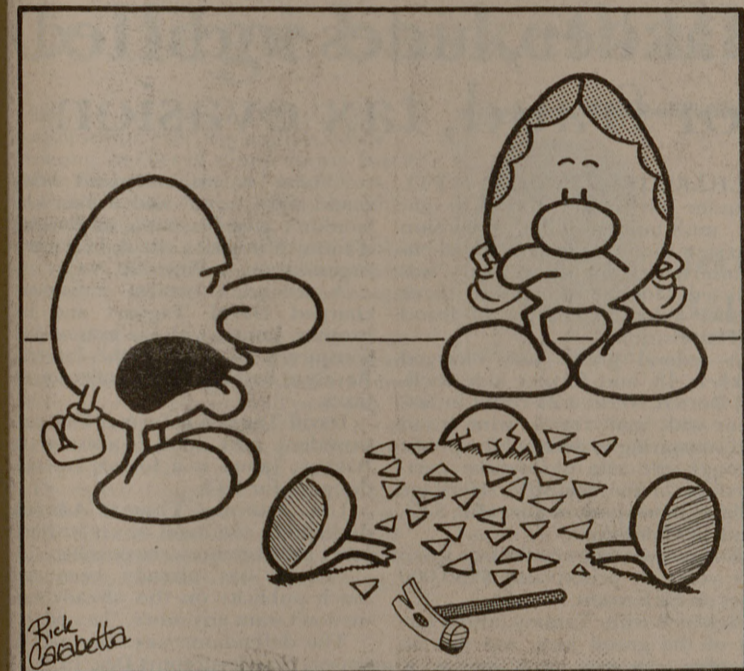
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Ex-HISD official sued for student loan fraud

AUSTIN (AP) — A former Houston school superintendent and the legal counsel to the Texas Association of School Boards are among those sued by a woman who claims she was defrauded of \$39,000 in an insurance and student loan scheme. Amelia Colvin, 31, also has named two Austin businessmen in the suit. She has filed complaints with the Travis County district attorney and the State Securities Board. Colvin, who now lives in Los Angeles, says the defendants persuaded her to invest in the now-defunct Serengeti Corp. of Austin to sell insurance policies linked to guaranteed student loans. The suit describes Serengeti, doing business as the College Financial Counseling Group, as a sham corporation used by the defendants to get Colvin's money by "fraud and misrepresentation."

Named as defendants are Billy Reagan, former superintendent of the Houston district; Ray Morrison, counsel to the school board association and former president of the Houston school board; Austin businessmen Herbert Moseley and R. Michael Black; and Philip Kleas, a former Austin resident. All have been principals in Serengeti, according to state records. Records of the state comptroller indicated the company was out of business as of June 6 because of unpaid franchise taxes, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported. Reagan and Morrison said they had little to do with Serengeti and that Moseley ran the company. Moseley declined to comment on the suit for what he said were legal reasons, although he did say Colvin's charges would be proven "unfounded."

Executives, grads ignore UT in survey

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas' exclusion from a recent Business Week magazine poll has sent shock waves through the university's graduate school of business. "We're taking this very seriously," Robert Witt, dean of the graduate school, said. "We would be making a mistake if we did not take it seriously." This is the second Business Week ranking of schools. In 1986, the magazine ranked UT 17th in the nation. A 1987 U.S. News & World Report article ranked Texas in a tie for 11th with Dartmouth University. Witt said part of the reason the University of Texas failed to make the latest top 20 was a change in the way the magazine conducted its survey. In 1986, the poll was generated from interviews with corporate recruiters, senior corporate executive officers and the deans of 23 business schools. "This year they dropped the deans out of the survey and replaced them with a survey of recent graduates — May graduates — of the 23 schools involved," Witt said.

Tyler woman charged in death of resident of Michigan rest home

WALKER, Mich. (AP) — Two women, including one from Tyler, were charged with murder Monday in connection with the deaths of two residents of a nursing home, where authorities are investigating eight suspicious deaths. Gwendolyn Gail Graham, 25, was arrested late Sunday at her Tyler apartment and was being held in the Smith County jail, Sheriff Jay B. Smith said Monday. Michigan officials said they would seek extradition of the Texas woman. Graham was charged with one count of murder and did not waive extradition during a hearing Monday in state district court. Catherine May Wood, 26, of Grand Rapids, Mich., also appeared in Michigan before State District Judge Sherwin Venema, who scheduled a preliminary examination for Dec. 16. Wood was returned to jail without bond. Wood faces up to life in prison if convicted. She and Graham worked at the Alpine Manor Nursing Home, where some residents may have been suffocated in their beds, Walker Police Chief Walter Sprenger said. Officials originally believed the patients had died of natural causes. Investigators believe at least some of the residents were suffocated in their beds, the police chief said. He declined to speculate on the motive, or to label the deaths mercy killings. Detectives have investigated but been unable to confirm allegations that the suspects began choosing their victims based on initials of the victims' names, which they hoped to use to spell the word "murder," Sprenger said. He said the investigation had expanded to cover eight deaths at the home in the western Lower Peninsula town, a suburb of Grand Rapids. Police arrested the Grand Rapids woman early Monday and were holding her in the Kent County Jail pending arraignment on an open charge of murder, Deputy Thomas Zlydaszyk said. Sprenger said the two former nurse's aides were being charged in the deaths of Marguerite Chambers, 60, and Edith Cook, 98, whose bodies underwent autopsies after being exhumed last week. Sprenger said at least one other body might be exhumed. Of the eight cases being investigated, three of the bodies were cremated. About 40 patients died at the nursing home during January-April 1987, when the eight suspicious deaths occurred, Alpine Manor spokesman Ginny Seyferth said. She said Monday that was lower than the normal death rate for such a facility. Alpine has 208 patients. "The motive is the key," Sprenger said. "It's a complex motive. . . . It's a complex case. It's so complex it's going to take a lengthy trial . . . to make a lot of sense." He refused to say if either woman had confessed or made any comment to authorities. He said the investigation will continue, and he said more charges may be filed. "We'll continue now looking at the other six (deaths)," he said. There didn't appear to be other suspects in the case, he said. He said the results of autopsies conducted on two bodies that were exhumed were inconclusive. The *Grand Rapids Press* reported the women lived together while working at the nursing home, according to the ex-husband of the Grand Rapids woman and other friends and former co-workers. Graham worked as a nurse's aide at a hospital until recently, the newspaper said. The eight deaths being investigated occurred during the first half of 1987. At the time, their deaths were considered natural and no autopsies were conducted. Graham worked at the home from June 1986 to June 1987, according to Seyferth. The Michigan Department of Public Health was reported as saying Sunday it also was investigating the Alpine deaths as standard procedure in cases of unusual occurrences that involve patients.

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