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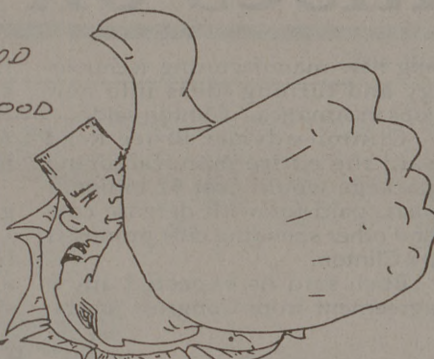
by george



SO WATCH IT OUT THERE, HAVE A GOOD SEMESTER, AND A GOOD FOOTBALL SEASON...

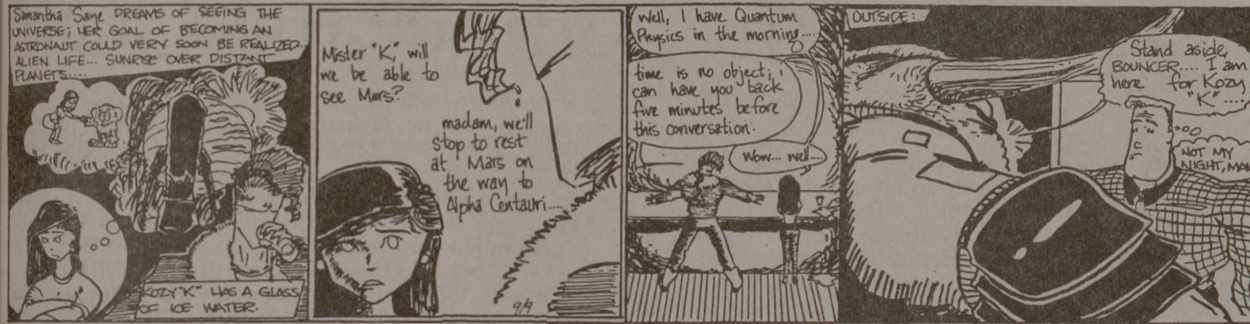
GIG 'EM!

ACTUALLY I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO END IT. I BELIEVE THIS WILL DO...



KoZy "K"

By Clay Welch



(the story so far...)

by thomas deeny



Exxon executive's kidnapper pleads guilty

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRENTON, N.J. — A former Exxon security official pleaded guilty Tuesday to federal charges in the kidnapping death of company executive Sidney J. Reso, saying he never meant to kill Reso and that he died in his arms.

Arthur D. Seale said he accidentally shot Reso after abducting him in an attempt to extort \$18 million from Exxon Corp.

He said Reso, president of Exxon International, died four days after the April 29 kidnapping. Seale admitted he tried to extort the money even after Reso's death.

Seale and his wife, Irene, both 45 and of Lebanon Township, were arrested June 19 and charged with abducting Reso from his Morris Township home. Mrs. Seale pleaded guilty to federal extortion charges and had been expected to testify against her husband

at his federal trial.

Seale, who on Tuesday spoke freely about the kidnapping, said he found Reso near death the Sunday after the abduction in a box in a self-storage locker where they had taken him.

"He actually died in my arms that afternoon. We attempted to revive him but had no success," Seale said.

Reso's widow, Patricia, sat in the front row of the courtroom listening as Seale described her husband's abduction and death. Afterwards she appeared at a news conference with federal and state prosecutors.

"It's been a dreadful experience, but through it all truth has prevailed," Mrs. Reso said.

During a hearing, U.S. District Judge Garrett E. Brown questioned Seale on all seven counts of the federal indictment against him, confirming that Seale committed the acts, understood they were wrong and intended to commit them.

Builders, entrepreneurs thrive in disaster economy

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PERRINE, Fla. — Welcome to Boomtown, Les Gory proprietor.

Like a magician pulling a rabbit from a hat, the building supplier reaches under his counter and produces a 50-pound box of 2-inch tin circles used in nailing down roofing felt. That brought a smile to Ted Thomes' face.

But Gory turns down the roofer's request for two boxes. A few minutes later he laughs when another desperate contractor asks for as much as he can spare.

"This is gold," Gory says, tossing one of the wafer-light caps essential in fixing roofs on the more than 100,000 homes damaged by Hurricane Andrew. "This is the hardest item to find at this time."

Tin caps. Plywood. Ice. Gas cans. Child care. Kennels. Pool cleaners. Amid the overwhelming rubble, the nation's most destructive hurricane has created a temporary economic boom typical after disasters natural or manmade.

Along a 20-mile stretch of U.S. 1, from Miami neighborhoods scarred only by toppled palm trees to the wiped-out towns of Homestead and Florida City, hand-painted signs offer jobs or promise services. "Discount Auto Parts — NOW HIRING!!!" "GLASS FOR SALE — All Kinds." "Trailers \$475 to \$900."

Entrepreneurs swearing honesty peddle nails and generators from the backs of U-Hauls. Robert Mulvaney cleared some shelves of stock, packed a trailer and drove from Tallahassee to sell chain

saws in a parking lot amid downed power lines. "It's profitable, even selling below list," he said.

State officials report rampant price-gouging and supply shortages.

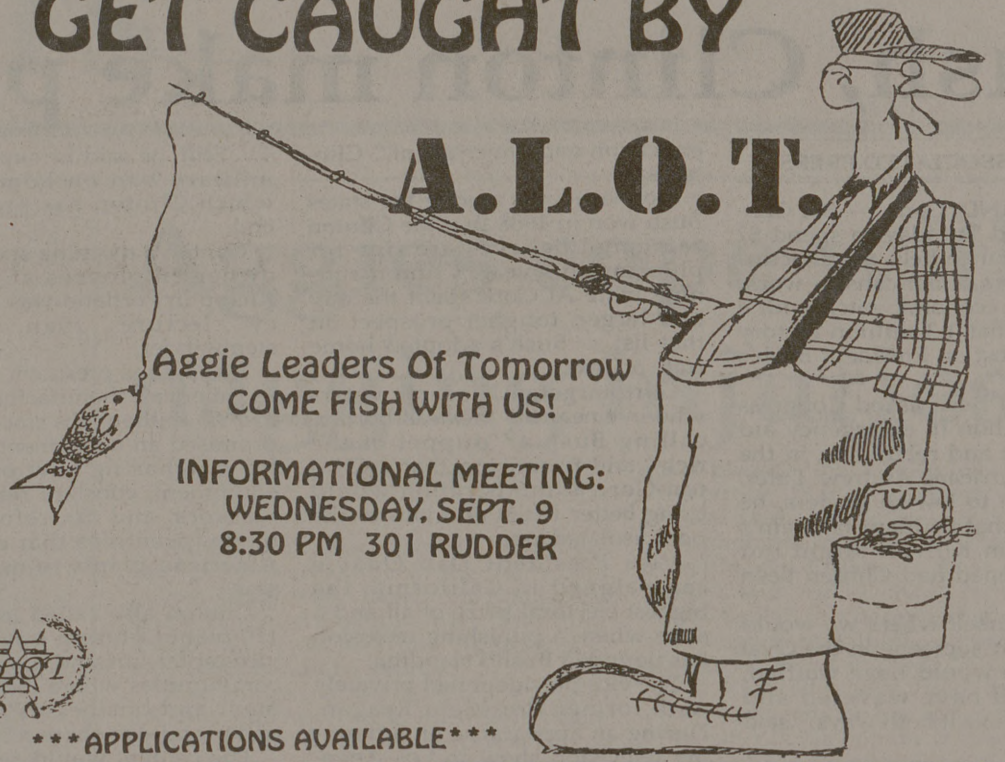
Correction

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HOMESTEAD, Fla. — The Associated Press reported erroneously on Sept. 7 that the federal Small Business Administration was offering interest-free loans to victims of Hurricane Andrew. The SBA is offering low-interest loans at a minimum of 4 percent.

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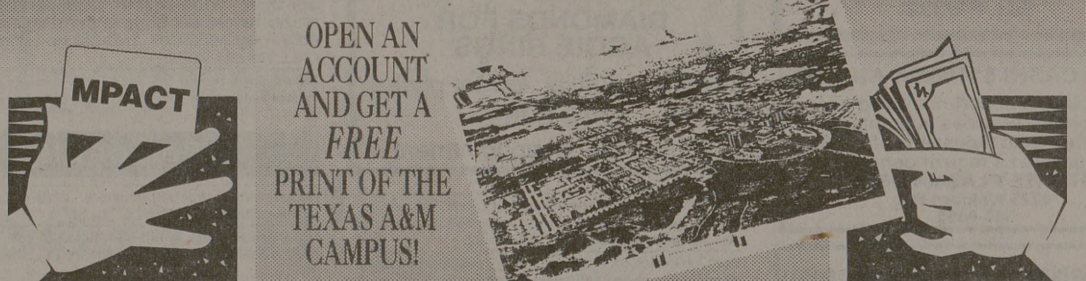
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