

**Tubularman**

By Boomer Cardinale



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**Hostile kids beat on Barney**

**JUST THE BEGINNING**

**The Associated Press**  
 GALVESTON — Barney, the friendly purple dinosaur adored by millions of preschoolers, got a not so friendly greeting from four juveniles.  
 The dinosaur was roughed up by the boys, ranging in age from 10 to 15, during a personal appearance Sunday morning at a local discount store, police said.  
 The boys caused a disturbance inside the store and were asked to leave, a K-mart spokesman said. On their way out of the store, one of them punched the dinosaur.  
 "They were trying to take his head off," the spokesman said.  
 The unidentified man inside the dinosaur costume was unharmed, police said.  
 All four juveniles were arrested and later released into the custody of their parents, said Sgt. Nick Eitzenke with the Galveston Police Department.  
 They will face the municipal judge at 8 a.m. Wednesday, he added.



By Jason Brown

**Elderly gamble away Social Security checks**

**The Associated Press**  
 LEDYARD, Conn. — Two or three times a week, Leonard and Lorena Parracino hop on a bus and head for the Foxwoods casino where they join hundreds of other elderly gamblers at the slot machines and blackjack tables.  
 "You should see this place on check day," Parracino said as he surveyed the white-haired crowd on a

recent Friday afternoon. "The old folks can't wait to cash their Social Security checks and come to the casino."  
 Parracino, 85, is a semiretired barber. His 76-year-old wife still works a few days a week as a department store sales clerk. The Manchester couple say they've adopted a ritual that they've been following religiously since the Indian-run casino installed slot machines last January.

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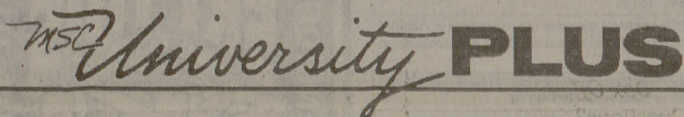
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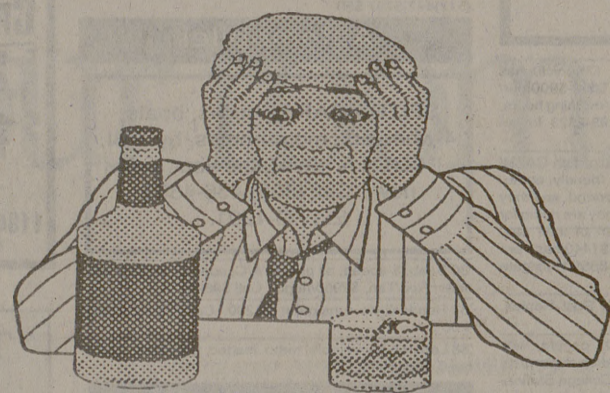
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