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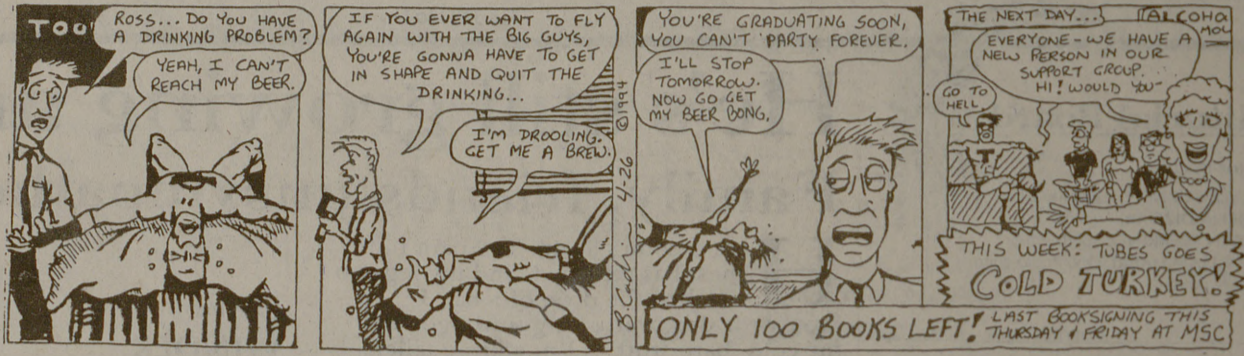
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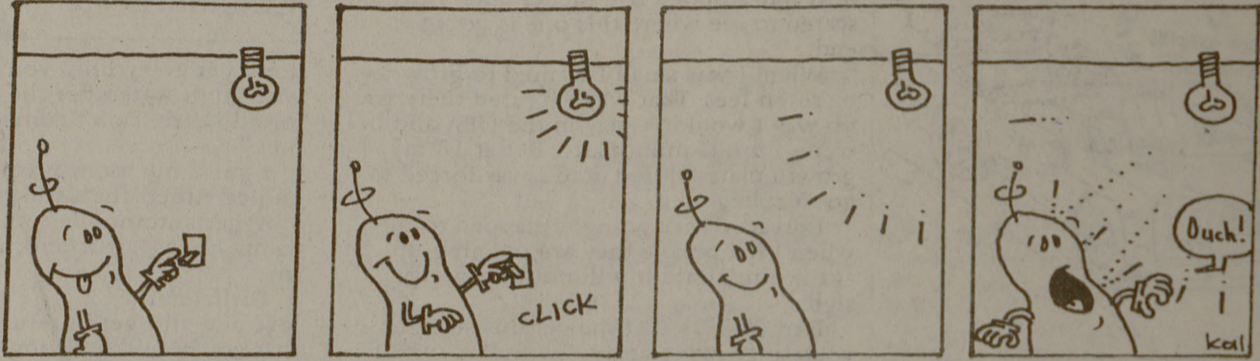
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Conservative groups use Whitewater as fund-raiser

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After four single-spaced pages calling President Clinton a cheat and a liar deserving impeachment for the Whitewater affair, Floyd Brown closes his letter with a postscript: "Please include your maximum contribution to Citizens United."

A letter signed by Nick Guarino calling Whitewater "a pure hustle" and Clinton a crook is twice that long — eight pages, also single-spaced. But the closing is much the same: Please send money, and "Sorry, no credit cards."

A Democratic president battling a scandal, real or inflated, would seem just the tonic for conservative groups that pay their way — and their leaders — by raising money through the mail with urgent-sounding appeals for cash to fight Clinton and the dreaded Democrats.

Yet Whitewater is proving to be somewhat of a disappointment to some of the controversy's biggest fans — and fanners.

"It is not what I would call a per hot fund-raising issue," said Citizen United's Brown, a conservative activist who bills himself as a major media source of damaging information on Whitewater.

Movie popcorn adds inches to viewers' waists

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Looking for a good scare at the movies? Take a closer peek at the popcorn. Movie buffs' favorite snack is a high-calorie horror story, a consumer group warned Monday.

The problem is not popcorn itself, but the fatty coconut oil that 70 percent of theaters pop into corn in, said the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a nonprofit consumer group.

Saturated fat in coconut oil turns popcorn from "the Snow White of snack foods" into "the Godzilla," said Michael Jacobson, president of CSPI.

Theater owners argue that moviegoers go to the movies only once or six times a year, so where's the harm? "It's one of life's little pleasures," said William Kartowitz, president of the National Association of Theatre Owners.

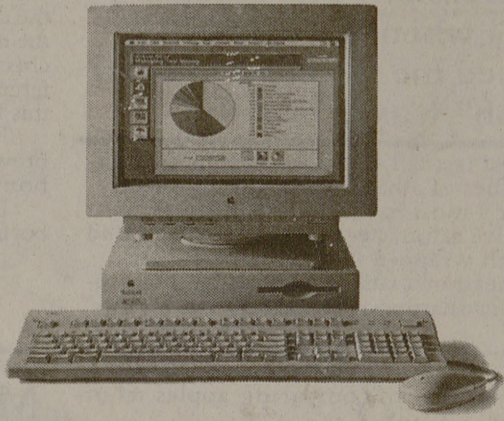
The consumer group believes moviegoers should know what they are nosing.

A typical small bag of theater popcorn contains almost an entire day's recommended allowance of saturated fat, the kind that causes heart disease, the center said.

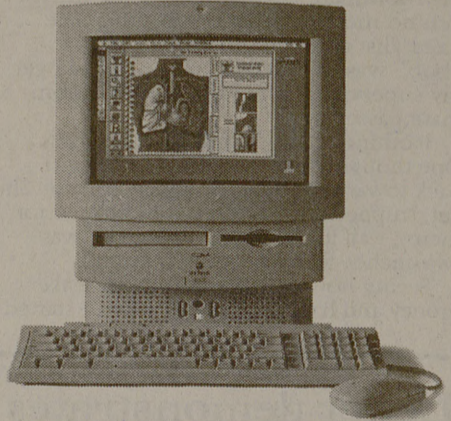
A medium-sized bucket of "butter" has 56 grams of saturated fat and "trans" fat, both blamed for clogging arteries, the group says.

That's more artery-clogging than you get from a whole day of eating high-fat foods: a bacon-and-eggs breakfast, a Big Mac, a large order of fries, and a small dinner with sour cream, combined.

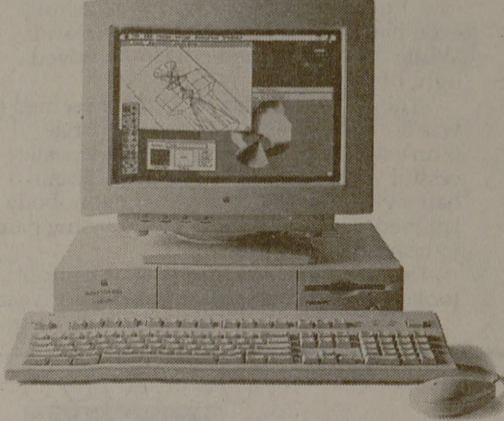
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