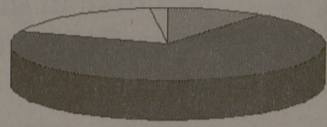


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Convicted priest denied involvement in church ministry

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Convicted pedophile priest Rudolph "Rudy" Kos no longer can be involved in Catholic Church ministry of any kind, the Vatican has decided.

Acting on a request from the Catholic Diocese of Dallas, the Vatican has taken the rare step of returning Kos to lay status, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Wednesday. The 53-year-old is serving a life sentence at a prison in Huntsville.

Genny Carder of Irving, a friend of Kos' who testified on his behalf at his criminal trial, voiced anger at his removal.

"I don't think that's quite right. I think he is a priest, and I think he always will be," Carder said.

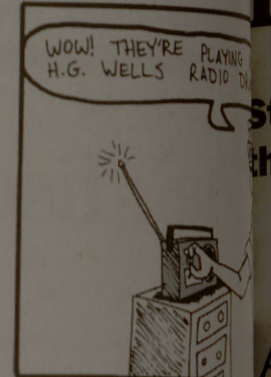
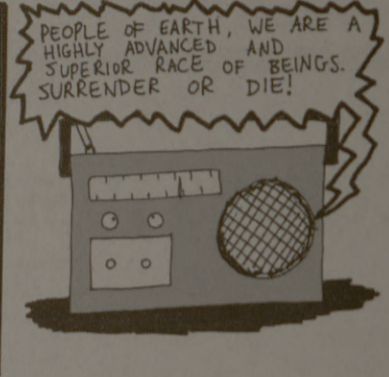
The Catholic Diocese of Dallas was ordered last July to pay \$119.6 million in a civil suit brought by 10 former altar boys and the parents of an 11th who committed suicide.

The Vatican's action prohibits Kos from being called father or reverend, although he can remain a Catholic, officials said. It also relieves the Dallas Diocese of financial responsibility for Kos if he ever is released from prison, Williams said.

Kos was suspended from his priestly functions and benefits in 1993, shortly after accusations surfaced concerning his relationship at three area churches with altar boys.

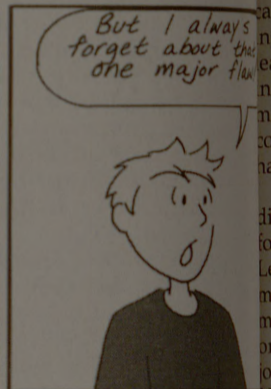
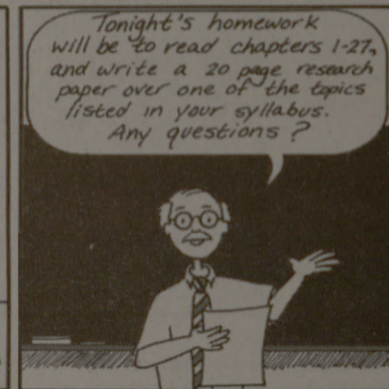
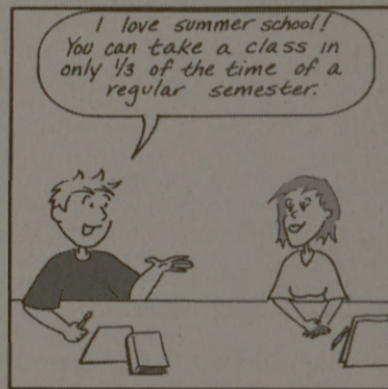
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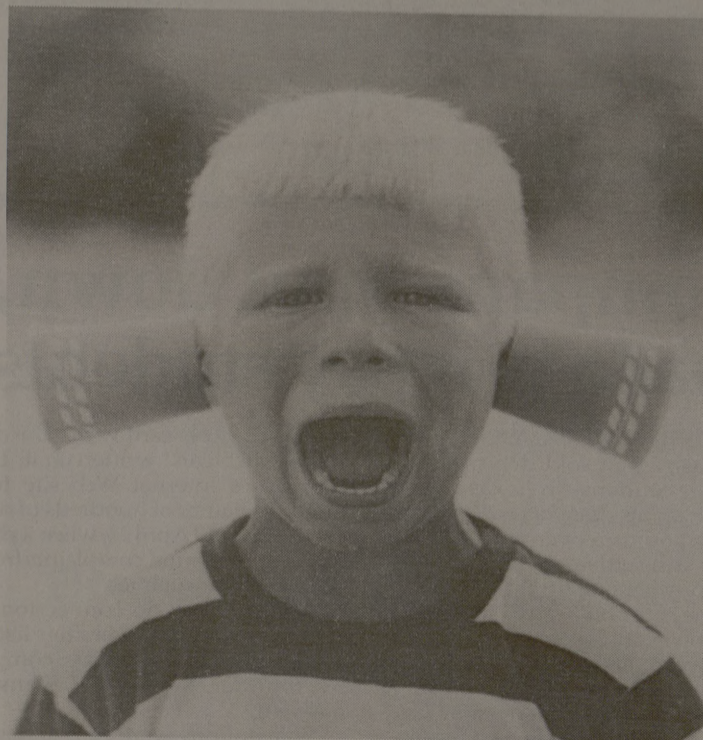
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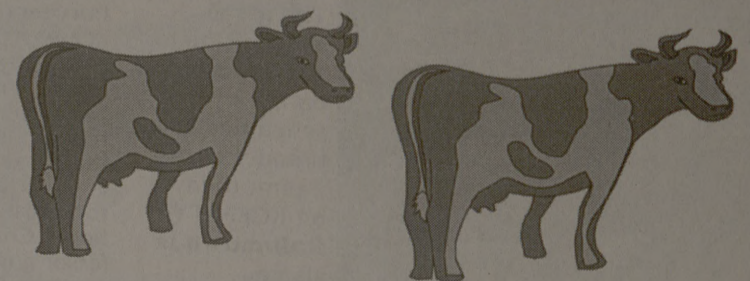


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