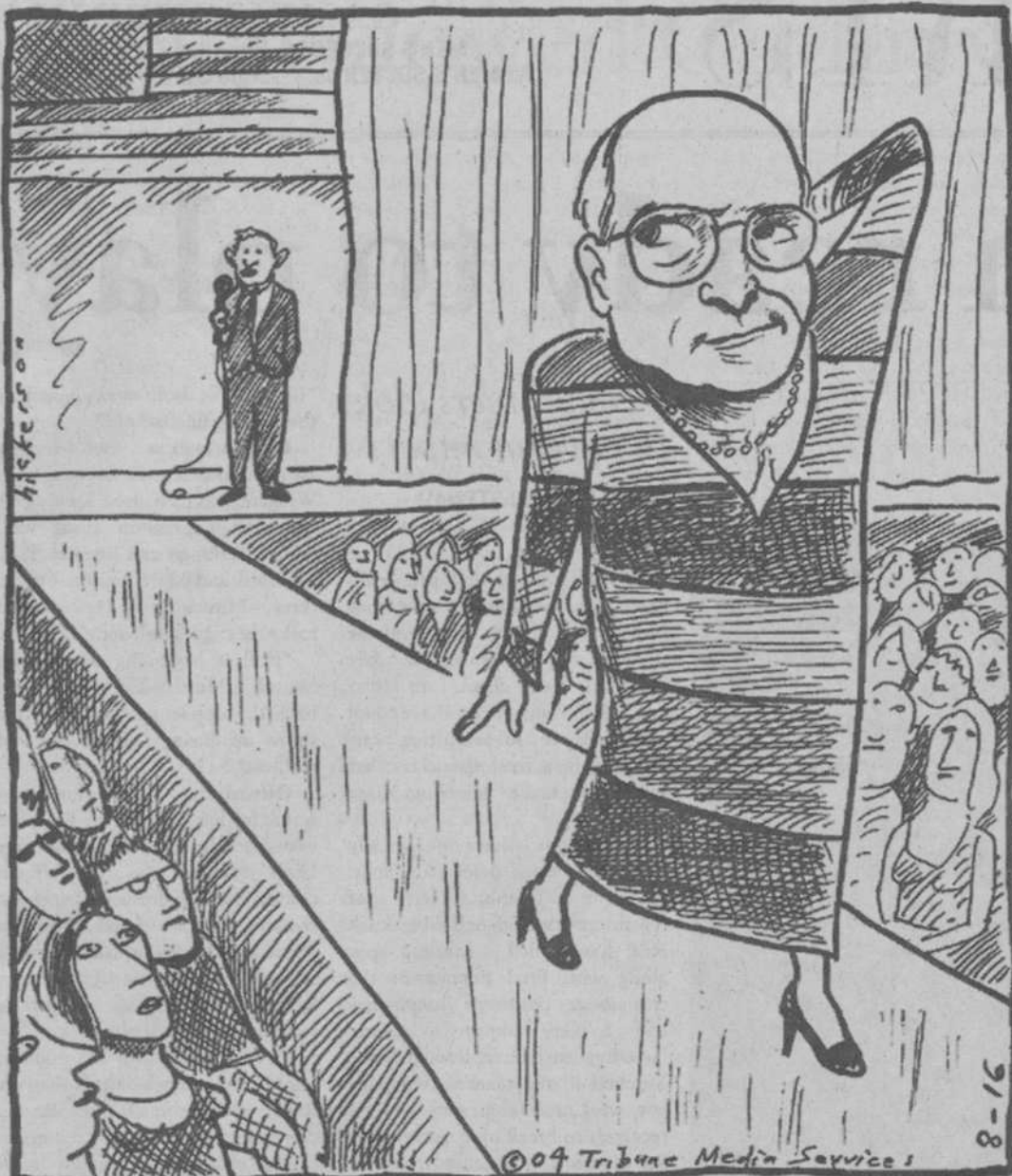


Quigmans ♦ By Buddy Hickerson



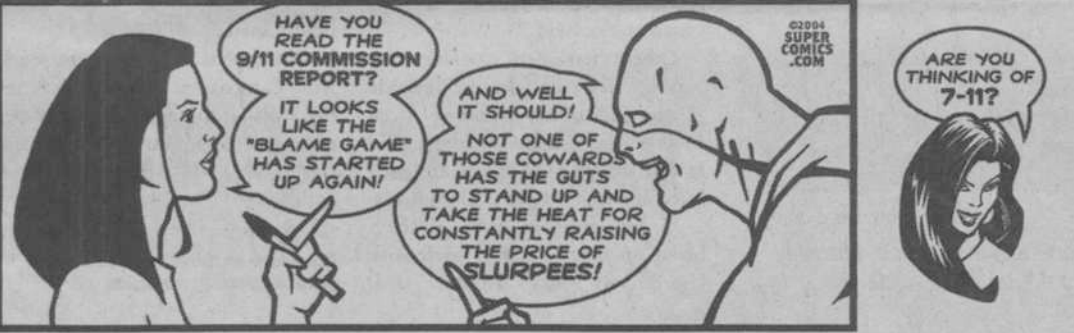
"Mr. Cheney is sporting vibrantly bold terror alert colors ... in ascending order of national panic."

Buttercup Festival ♦ By Elliott G. Garbauskas



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## 'Exorcist' casts out competition

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LOS ANGELES — Demon thriller "Exorcist: The Beginning" debuted as the No. 1 weekend movie with \$18.2 million, displacing "Alien vs. Predator," which tumbled to No. 4 with \$12.5 million, studio estimates showed Sunday.

"Without a Paddle," a slapstick comedy about three pals on a canoe trip in search of treasure, opened in second place with \$13.7 million.

"Exorcist: The Beginning," a prequel to the 1973 horror blockbuster "The Exorcist," stars Stellan Skarsgard as the priest of the original movie in his first encounter with the devil in late 1940s Africa.

Original star Liam Neeson departed after director John Frankenheimer dropped out. Skarsgard replaced Neeson and

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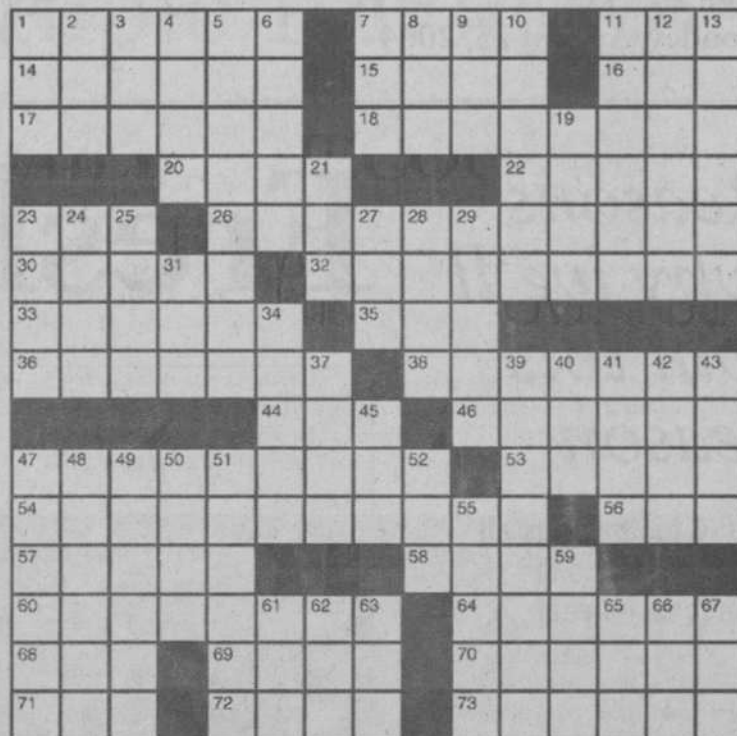
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## CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Relaxed
  - 7 St. Paul, once
  - 11 Acquired
  - 14 Tenets
  - 15 Razor choice
  - 16 Silver-gray
  - 17 Ghosts
  - 18 French police officer
  - 20 Small outbuilding
  - 22 Potpourris
  - 23 Fem. address
  - 26 Steffi Graf's husband
  - 30 B-Western
  - 32 Mascara's place
  - 33 Spotted wildcat
  - 35 Building extension
  - 36 Keep on spinning?
  - 38 Adding zest to
  - 44 Pa
  - 46 Sleepy one
  - 47 Parthenon site
  - 53 Hot chocolate
  - 54 Rainbowl-like effect
  - 56 Whatever
  - 57 Coin of India
  - 58 "The West Wing" co-star Rob
  - 60 Write right wrong, e.g.
  - 64 Of the back
  - 68 ISS partner
  - 69 Sal's canal
  - 70 Fleet
  - 71 Original
  - 72 Prom partner
  - 73 Used Foller Blades

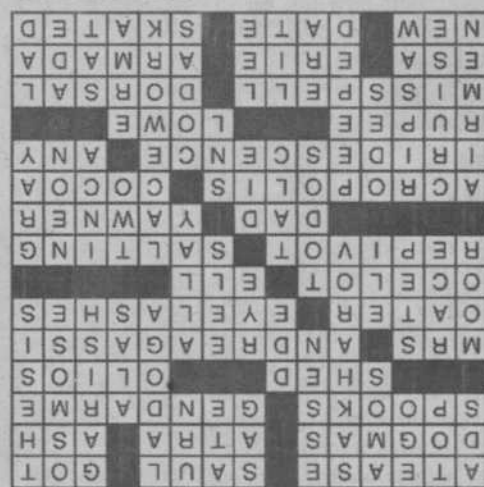


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- DOWN**
- 1 Classified
  - 2 Highest
  - 3 Psyche division
  - 4 Book after Joel
  - 5 1975 Nobel Peace Prize winner
  - 6 Ruhr Valley city
  - 7 Slump
  - 8 Gobbled
  - 9 Decorative vase
  - 10 Largest lake in Europe
  - 11 Loud and flashy
  - 12 Pass through a membrane
  - 13 Pupil's paper
  - 19 Regrettably
  - 21 Ike's initials
  - 23 Othello, e.g.
  - 24 Speed along
  - 25 Rung relative
  - 27 Whiskey choice
  - 28 Snakelike fish
  - 29 Assuage
  - 31 Actor Wallach
  - 34 Fussess
  - 37 Bath powder
  - 39 Weblike pattern
  - 40 Only even prime
  - 41 Ancient Peruvian
  - 42 Dodge model
  - 43 Gloomy
  - 45 Vegas cube
  - 47 Flyboys
  - 48 Missile type
  - 49 Lumberman's tool
  - 50 Lofty poems

### Solutions



- 51 Chirped
- 52 L. Michaels' show
- 55 Concluding passages
- 59 Humorist Bombeck
- 61 Significant time period
- 62 Ignited
- 63 Peggy or Pinky
- 65 Fri. follower
- 66 Citrus cooler
- 67 Young bloke

## HOROSCOPES

**ARIES** Yearnings for far, distant places may have to be postponed, but not for long. Continue with your planning. The happy ending can still be yours.

**TAURUS** You have all sorts of plans to make and priorities to set. Don't race off on your shopping trip until you work this all out. You don't have enough resources to buy all of it right now.

**GEMINI** Let a partner or expert teach you a different and easier way. This doesn't require more work on your part. It may even require less. Delegate.

**CANCER** Take on a different task, just to make things interesting. You can bet it won't go exactly

by the book, but that's all part of the fun. Think creatively.

**LEO** in the mood for fun and games, but details get in the way. Keep trying, and you'll make a beneficial contact.

**VIRGO** A situation at home may seem too hard to reconcile. Don't give up, but do compromise. The other guy's idea could work.

**LIBRA** While digging through your old stuff, it's likely that you'll discover a wonderful book or two you haven't even read. It's like a treasure hunt!

**SCORPIO** A surprise bonus could be yours over the next two days. Do what's right even if nobody else ever knows about it.

**SAGITTARIUS** An obstacle you

confront now may seem impossible to climb, avoid or go around. That will not be the case.

**CAPRICORN** A hassle that's looming may simply dissolve through circumstances beyond your control. This ought to help convince you that you don't have to do everything.

**AQUARIUS** A strange twist of fate makes a friend's suggestion come true, much to your surprise. Don't make assumptions. Somebody you thought you knew could metamorphose.

**PISCES** There's a lot of confusion, and it's growing, but not forever. Try to see the big picture, the whole forest instead of just trees.

# CALENDAR

## He is Legend

TODAY

"The Wizard of Oz": 8 p.m. Russell House Theater.

"Supersize Me": 7 and 9 p.m. Nickelodeon Theatre, 931 Main St.

He is Legend (featuring ex-members of Norma Jean) with Still Life Projector, Build a Bridge: 7 p.m. New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St. \$8.

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Abstract DJs: 11 p.m. Art Bar, 1211 Park St. 21 and up.

Open Mic Night featuring Jack Kill Jill, Israel's Son, If Not. Winter, Sequoyah Prep School: 7



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