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There was something spooky about Monday night's moon

Did you see the moon earlier this week?
It was spectacular in an eerie kind of
way.

If you didn't see it, or like to sleep at
night and missed it, it was a full, bright
moon peeking in and out of the clouds on
a perfectly still and quiet night.

I'm not so sure if it was quieter than normal
or if the moon made it seem quiet. I
might even be making that part up to complete
the picture. But, there was something
about it that was peaceful and calming, and
when it's peaceful it usually means it's
quiet.

It was the clouds, I guess, that made it so
interesting. It looked like it does in the
movies when they want to make it look
haunting, just before a werewolf pops out
of the bushes.

Actually, first you hear the tinkle of wind
chimes, then the werewolf pops out. Either
way, I stayed away from the bushes,
although that was no defence against
vampires, which come from overhead, usually
from the direction of the moon.

It wasn't just me, either, because I asked
a few people and they all agreed the moon
was something to see. Even my grand-
daughter was as interested in looking at it
on Monday night as she was in watching
the fireworks.

It was more than just the moon, though.
We've seen it before in every way, shape



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and form. It wasn't a romantic type moon,
though, unless you happened to be looking
at it from the back seat of a car — in which
case every moon is romantic.

It just caused some kind of weird feeling
that I don't remember getting from the
moon before.

It wasn't a blue moon, I didn't see a
Moon River, it wasn't a harvest moon, or a
hunter's moon, and I didn't see the man in
the moon. But it was an odd moon just the
same.

There are a lot of stories and myths about
the moon. There are conspiracy theorists
who have written books they say prove we
never landed on the moon at all, and that it
was all staged like in a movie.

And the other day I listened to someone
on the radio who said we did go to the
moon but that they saw buildings there that
weren't reported to the public. If it wasn't
reported then how did he know, I won-

dered. But there's no point letting details
ruin a good conspiracy.

Another theory suggests the moon is hol-
low, but my favourite, and the only one I
believe, is that the moon is made of cheese.

They've proven that there are changes in
behavior when there's a full moon. The
police and hospitals are more active, ani-
mals act differently and crazy people act
crazier than normal.

I'm not saying that I act crazy or any-
thing when there's a full moon. I may feel
an urge to howl at it, but I have that same
urge at crescent moons, so I think I'm nor-
mal.

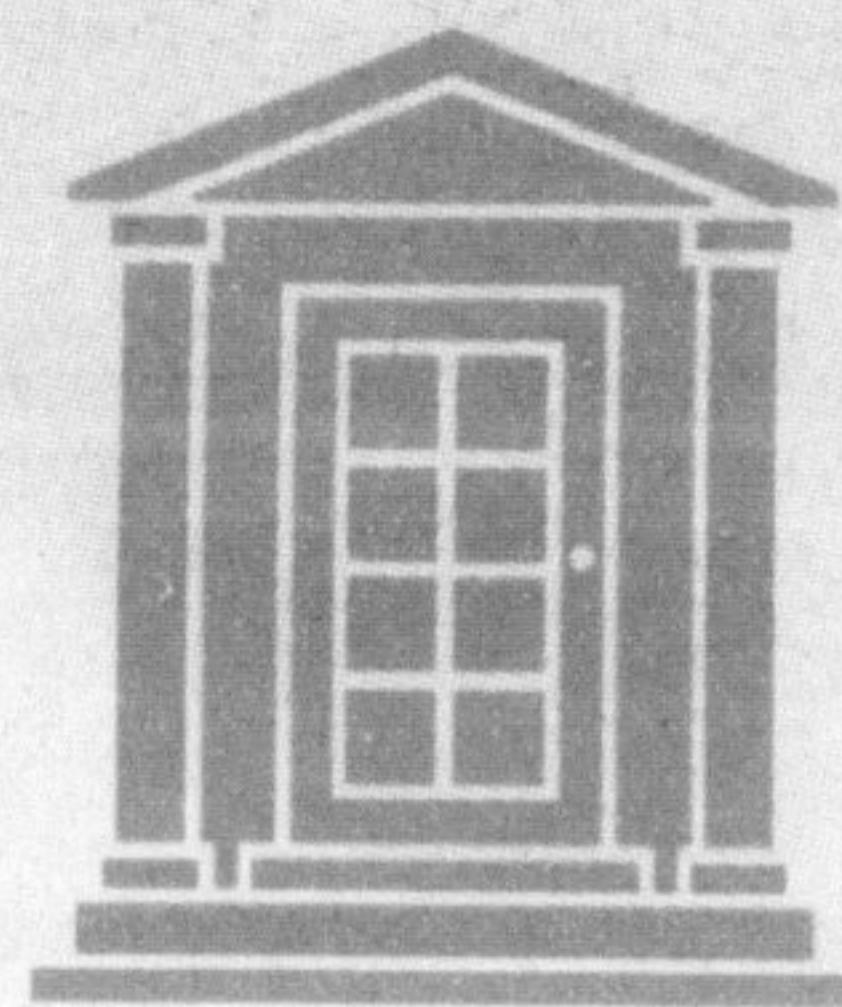
Coming home late at night I stopped the
car and watched the moon through the
branches of a large tree. I only stopped
because there was a stop sign, but I wasn't
in any hurry to go. I did make sure the win-
dows were up and the doors were locked to
keep any form of ghoulie out.

"It looks strange," I said to my daughter,
who agreed with me. I wouldn't have been
surprised to see a witch on a broom fly
across it like on the Wizard of Oz, or even
the bicycle in ET.

I don't know what it was about this par-
ticular moon, but it was something.

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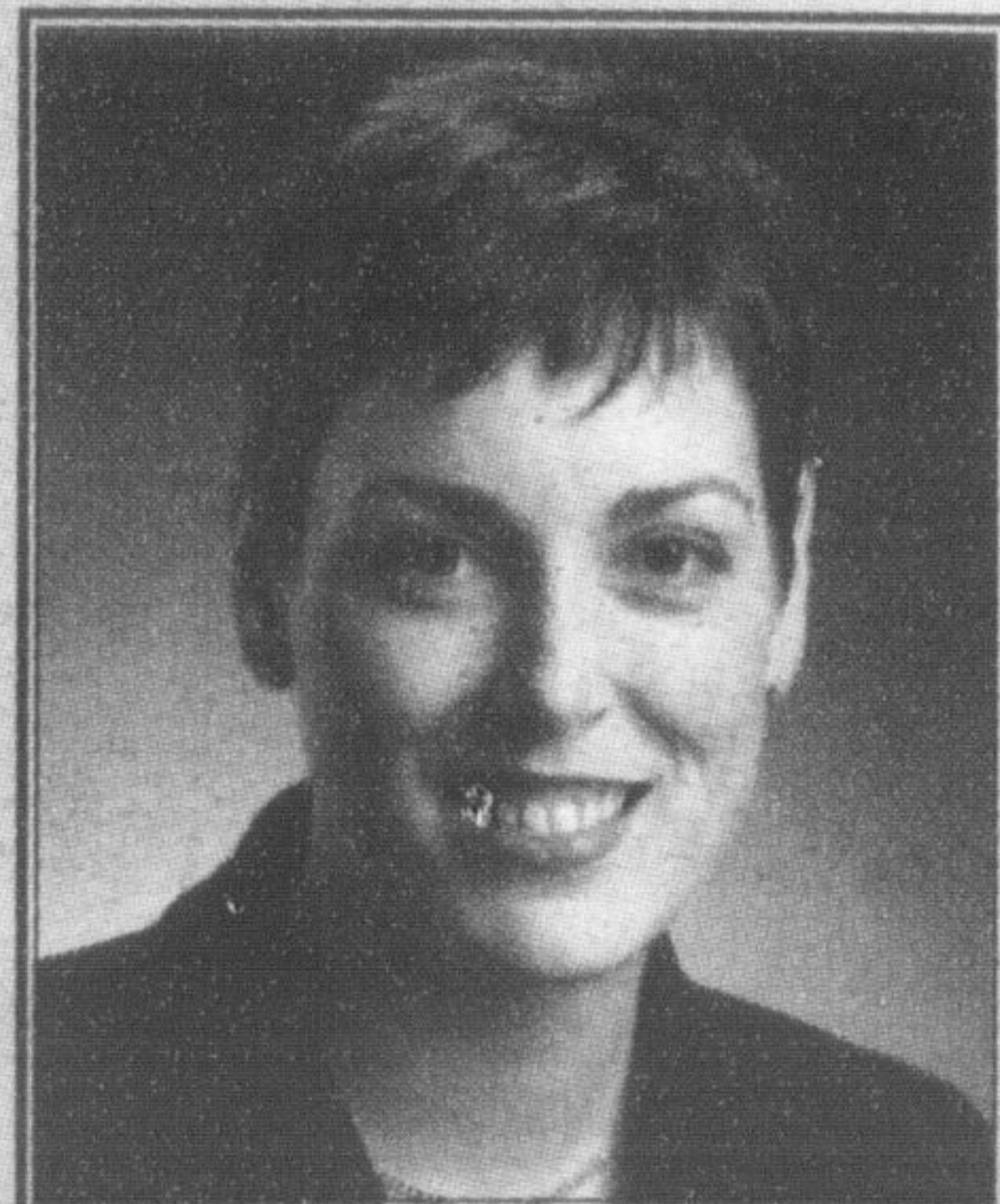
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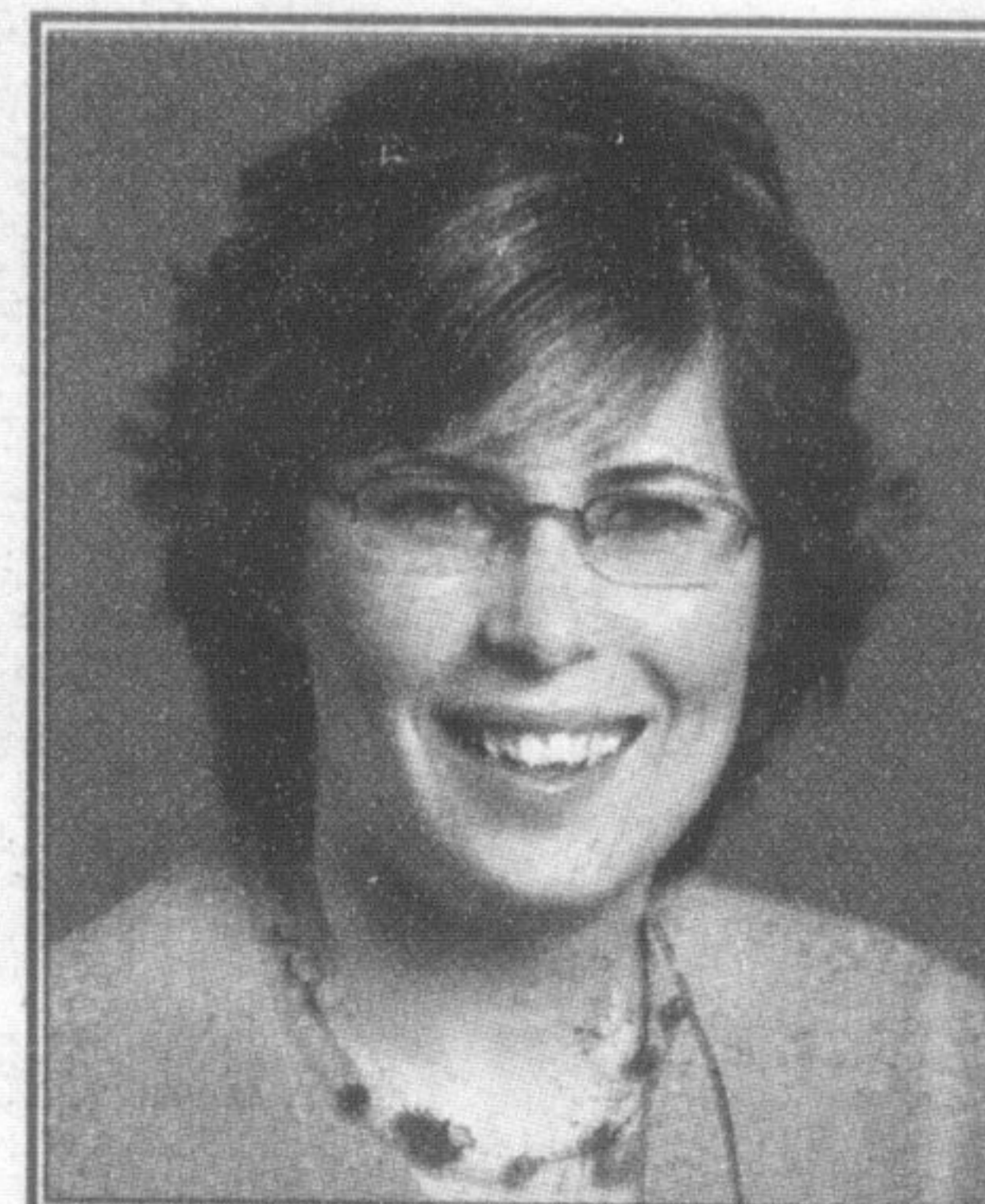
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