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Crossroads weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Widely scattered thunderstorms tonight and Wednesday all sections but more numerous and intense in the southwest. Lows tonight in the 60s. Highs Wednesday mainly in the 80s. High Monday was 91 degrees, low was 68; there was no rain.



Prison hostage: 'Just glad I'm alive'

By GIL BROYLES
Associated Press Writer

STRINGTOWN, Okla. — At least one of eight guards taken hostage by inmates in a 2½-day prison siege says he may not go back to work because of the ordeal.

"I made it through Vietnam, and I almost got killed in my own hometown," said Corrections officer Ron Scott, who along with Sgt. Harold Yoder, was released as the siege ended shortly before noon Monday. "I'm just glad I'm alive. I'm going to try to live one day at a time."

Meanwhile, prison officials today continued to investigate the riot and assess millions of dollars worth of damages at the Mack Alford Correctional Center in Stringtown while state lawmakers, who say the inmates should live with the problem they created, vow to take their time in rebuilding the

medium-security prison.

And other, already overcrowded, state prisons are creating space for inmates displaced when their dormitories were damaged or destroyed in the riot.

Scott, 36, and Yoder were held the longest of eight guards who were taken captive by knife-wielding inmates at Mack Alford late Friday.

Scott provided the first detailed account of the hostage taking.

He said he was attending a briefing Friday night before taking his position in one of the guard towers when a disturbance began.

Officials said one guard was taken hostage as authorities attempted to round up three inmates for discipline following a fight over a theft earlier in the day.

"They wanted us to go out there and see what could be done about it," Scott said.

Scott said he and other guards went to a building known as the "west dormitory" in an effort to keep the disturbance from spreading. But 45 minutes later, Scott said, inmates in the adjacent east dormitory went on a rampage.

"We heard a bunch of shouting going on and windows breaking and things being toppled over, it sounded like," Scott said.

Scott said he and six other officers barricaded themselves inside the dormitory by putting a filing cabinet against a metal door while the rioting inmates outside pushed against it. Officers kept the door closed, but inmates got in through a side door, Scott said.

"Before I knew it, several inmates came in with knives," Scott said.

The seven captive guards were moved in a line to a third building, Scott said he saw the first captured

guard, Jeff Byington, sitting with his hands tied behind him and wearing inmate clothing.

Scott said about 10 to 12 inmates were directly involved taking the guards hostage. The officers were placed in several cells in a basement detention unit, Scott said.

Over the next several hours all but three of the guards were released, but the inmates threatened Scott's life to convince negotiators to provide them with food.

"They had me down on my knees and they had the knife at my throat," Scott said. "At those times, my heart kind of skipped a beat. My hands got a little sweaty."

Over the next hours, Scott was ferried back and forth between two buildings under inmate control, he said.

During that time, a knife was



STRINGTOWN, Okla. — Two Mack Alford Correctional Center inmates display a sign to the media during rioting at the prison. The last hostages were released Monday.

Medicaid rules may be relaxed

'Healthier babies, savings'

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal to expand Medicaid coverage that is being considered this week by the Texas Department of Human Services board could result in healthier babies and financial savings, state officials say.

The board Thursday will look at a rule to allow pregnant women and young children to qualify for medical benefits through Medicaid if their income falls below federal poverty guidelines, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported Monday.

Under existing Texas rules, only the poorest people qualify for Medicaid benefits. They are eligible if their income is no more than 34 percent of the poverty guidelines.

About 70,000 more pregnant women and young children would qualify for benefits if the board votes to liberalize eligibility requirements. The expansion would mean healthier babies because their mothers would get prenatal care, and that would save Texas taxpayers millions of dollars in indigent health care costs, officials said.

Currently, a family of four must have a monthly income of \$226, after subtracting \$75 for work-related expenses such as bus fare or gasoline, to qualify for the federal assistance program in Texas.

Under the proposed rule, that family could earn \$706 a month after deducting work expenses and qualify for Medicaid benefits.

Ernest Schmid, an administrator with the DHS family health resources division, estimated that 15,000 more pregnant women would qualify for full Medicaid benefits under the proposed rule. As many as 55,000 children could become eligible if a rule is approved that applies to children under school age.

The change would greatly expand the program: In April, 17,529 expectant mothers and children received benefits through the program, and another 4,785 women and children got help from the Medically Needy program, in which Medicaid helps patients pay part of their medical bills.

"There's ample evidence that good prenatal care almost immediately provides dollar savings," Schmid said, adding that for every \$1 spent, \$3 or more can be saved in long-term health care costs.

The move also would bring more federal dollars into Texas, with the federal government spending 60 cents for every 40 cents spent by the state, he said.

Texas now ranks 48th among the states in providing access to prenatal care.

It is expected to cost about \$30 million to expand the program in Texas this year, said Sid Stahl, a DHS board member and chairman of the Select Committee on Medicaid and Family Services. The committee recommended changing the Medicaid eligibility requirements in Texas.

The money will come from funds already appropriated to DHS and the Department of Health.



Packing their trunk

Elephant boy Chris Mendoza, 5, son of Thelma Mendoza, keeps a watchful eye on "elephant" Krysha Bearden, 6, daughter of Kenneth and Karen Bearden, and Jessica McGuire, 6, daughter of Gwen Smith, as they walk the balance beam during one of many acts comprising the Kindergarten Circus at the Kindergarten Center this morning.

Two parole revocation hearings set

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Hardy Wilkerson will represent two men charged with murder who face parole revocation hearings Friday, according to Big Spring parole officer David Harman. Wilkerson was appointed to represent the men in their parole revocation hearings.

Charged with murder in the April 2 death of an Odessa resident, Manuel Garcia, are Leroy Alaniz, 30, of Odessa, and Roberto Flores, 22, of 1905 West Second St. Garcia's body was found in a west Big Spring caliche pit April 7.

According to an autopsy, Harman said, "The cause of death was from several blows to the head." Garcia also had been shot.

Alaniz is on parole for burglary of a habitation with intent to commit rape, Harman said Monday. His parole is being supervised by parole officer Lupe Samarippa of Midland. Alaniz was paroled in January 1987.

Flores is under Harman's supervision. Flores was paroled Feb. 17 after serving 6½ years of a 12-year sentence for aggravated robbery from Howard County, Harman said.

Hearing officers will come to Big Spring to conduct the revocation hearings, Harman said. He specified that hearing officers are not parole officers.

"A parole officer can't conduct a (revocation) hearing," Harman said. "That's a hearing officer's job. We have hearing officers coming in to conduct these hearings Friday."

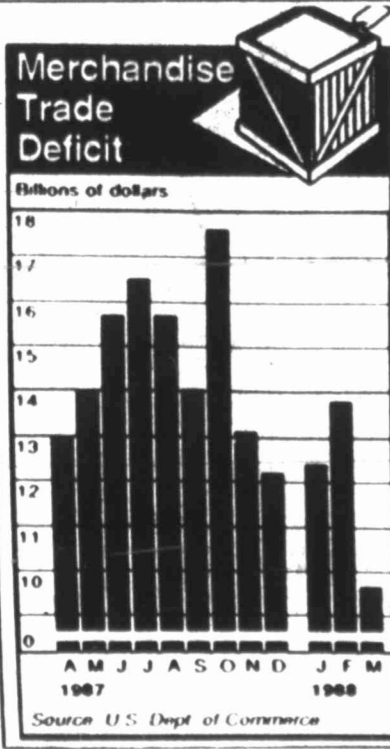
"Mr. Alaniz's hearing has been set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Howard County Grand Jury Room," Harman said. "Mr. Flores' hearing is set for 1:30 p.m. in the Grand Jury Room."

Each hearing will be conducted by a different officer. Alaniz's case will be heard by Tracy Snell, a hearing officer from the Midland office of the Texas State Board of Pardons and Paroles. Jim Yates will hear the Flores case. Yates is from the El Paso office, Harman said.

Bond for Flores and Alaniz is \$100,000 each, but emergency warrants for both were issued by the board, Harman said, and in such cases bonds are nullified.

"Warrants issued by the board of pardons and paroles are nonbondable," Harman said Monday. "After their hearings they'll await the results of the hearings and a final decision by the board of pardons and paroles, which should be within the next 30 days."

According to James Pevehouse, with the Odessa office of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Manuel Garcia's file has been closed because of his death. He was on parole in Odessa at the time he was slain.



'Breath of fresh air:' \$4 billion trade deficit drop

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit shrank dramatically to \$9.7 billion in March — a drop of more than \$4 billion — as American producers sold a record amount of goods overseas, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said that American exports shot up 23 percent to an all-time high of \$28.97 billion while imports were up 3.6 percent to \$38.72 billion. The trade deficit is the difference between the two.

The March deficit was the lowest monthly imbalance since March 1985 and represented a 29.5

percent improvement from the February deficit of \$13.83 billion.

The March improvement was a major surprise and triggered an immediate rally in the value of the dollar on foreign exchange markets. Stock markets opened sharply higher.

"Everyone is breathing a tremendous sigh of relief. This is the breath of fresh air we have been waiting for," said Jay Goldinger, an analyst with Capital Insight, a Los Angeles investment firm.

Goldinger predicted that the trade improvement would strengthen President Reagan's position and make it more dif-

icult for Congress to override his promised veto of the omnibus trade bill.

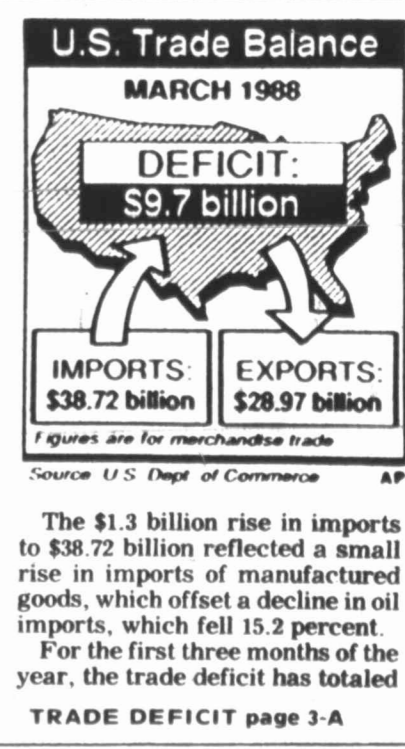
The February report, issued a month ago, had sent the dollar reeling on financial markets around the world and pushed the Dow Jones industrial average down by 101 points, its fifth-worst loss ever.

The monthly trade deficit has become the most closely watched barometer of U.S. economic health.

A narrowing of the deficit is seen as a sign of strength for the American economy because it means more jobs in the manufacturing sector.

Additionally, smaller deficits usually translate into less downward pressure on the foreign exchange value of the dollar, which is also important for the country since sharp declines in the dollar can send stock and bond markets tumbling because of investor fears that inflation will rise.

The \$28.97 billion in exports sold represented a \$5.4 billion increase from the February level, reflecting gains in sales of U.S. machinery, computers, aircraft, chemicals and telecommunications equipment. In addition, \$600 million of the increase came in gold sales to Taiwan.



The \$1.3 billion rise in imports to \$38.72 billion reflected a small rise in imports of manufactured goods, which offset a decline in oil imports, which fell 15.2 percent.

For the first three months of the year, the trade deficit has totaled

Governor: Agriculture task force could help

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas is first among the states in the value of farm assets and in the production of cotton and other goods, but the state isn't reaping the full benefit of its bounty, Gov. Bill Clements says.

"Texas leads America's agribusiness, but some of our growers and producers are having severe financial problems; food-processing plants have shut down; and many people are leaving rural Texas to search for jobs elsewhere," Clements told his Task Force on Agricultural Development at its first meeting Monday.

The task force is charged with developing recommendations for state and federal review.

The state's farm assets are nearly \$73.1 billion, Clements noted, and Texas is the No. 1 producer of cattle, sheep, goats, wool, mohair and cotton.

But farm cash receipts dropped by 17 percent from 1979 to 1986, he said. In the same period, farm debt rose by 18 percent, translating into a 35 percent reduction in available assets for farmers and ranchers.

"Our challenge today — the challenge of this task force — is to reverse that trend," Clements said. "As we work to strengthen our economy, it is imperative that

we include the industry that not only helped build our state, but is our number-one renewable economic resource."

Among possible initiatives is the encouragement of in-state processing of raw goods produced here, he said.

Clements said it is important for Texas to process its raw food and fiber to take advantage of the value that is added to products that way. He noted that some task force members are great examples with such businesses as poultry plants.

The state should be "moving out of the mode of constantly sending our food and fiber raw products out of the state to be processed," Clements said. "The multiplying factor is tremendous when you do this (process goods)."

Peter Myers, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, agreed that processing is very important.

"I think it's a way to employ more people — not ship these things overseas and let them process it over there if we can keep from it," Myers said.

It is generally more profitable to ship finished wood products instead of logs, for example, he said, or chicken nuggets instead of whole chickens.

Teen mom wants day care at high school

DEER PARK (AP) — Teen-age mothers attending high school face a daily struggle in filling the dual demands of school and family, says one young mother seeking at-school day care.

"I've missed several classes since having my baby," says Cynthia Unger, 16, who has an 8-month-old daughter. "It's hard to keep up my studies."

Ms. Unger, a freshman who envisions eventually attending college and becoming a department store buyer, collected 500 names in a petition with the aim of getting day care at Deer Park High School, which she attends.

Opponents of the idea, fearful the day care would strain school resources, also began circulating a petition. Both groups have been told to stop the actions on school grounds because it violates district policy, said Deer Park Principal Bobby Grisham.

"They (the opponents) had far-reaching thoughts," Grisham said. "They think that possibly a lot of others would move to the district and that it would have to pay for their care, too."

Other students opposing Ms. Unger's proposal say it would make the school district appear to condone teen-age pregnancy by offering convenient child care facilities.

Lynn Hale, superintendent of the Deer Park Independent School District, said officials are studying alternatives to helping student mothers, but that the answers must come from the community.

School-funded day care "is not our mission, but we want to help any way we can," Ms. Hale said.

She said teen pregnancy will



DEER PARK — Teen-age mother Cynthia Unger, 16, has collected 500 names on a petition she hopes will persuade the Deer Park school board to provide on-campus day-care facilities for her 8-month-old daughter, Deanna.

be one of the factors examined in a district study of students "at risk of dropping out."

"Recognizing students who are at risk is part of our responsibility, but I'm not sure public schools should be responsible for child care," she said.

At least five mothers now attend district schools, officials reported, and of the 11 other students now pregnant, six will graduate next month.

The Pasadena school system, which borders Deer Park's, does not provide day care for

students or teachers, spokeswoman Kirk Lewis said.

Limited day care is available in the Houston Independent School District through Urban Affairs Corp., a private non-profit organization funded by the Texas Department of Human Services.

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Loan company suing local business

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

Paul Graves and P.B.A. Inc. filed suit Wednesday in 118th District Court against Harold Abererg and Highland Lanes, Inc.

Alleging that P.B.A. Inc., a partnership business no longer in operation, was owned by Graves and Abererg, the suit contends that the sole remaining asset of the company is a promissory note for \$100,000. A balance of \$90,308.17 is due on that note, according to the suit.

Graves alleges that Abererg and Highland Lanes were paid money in excess of \$125,000 as dividends from P.B.A. or as loans from that company, and that no payments on those loans have been made.

The suit also claims that Abererg has been in control of a bank account with The First National Bank of Big Spring into which payments on the promissory note were put, and that Graves fears Abererg intends to do away

with the payments and deprive Graves of a share.

The suit seeks appointment of a receiver for the account and the payments on the promissory note.

Among other suits filed in the 118th District Court were:

- Employers Insurance Association of Texas filed suit May 2 against Terri (Lee) Corbell. The insurance company seeks to have a ruling of the Texas Industrial Accident Board set aside in a workmen's compensation case.
- Corbell was injured March 17, 1987, while an employee of Western Container. The IAB ruled that Corbell is disabled and entitled to compensation, and the company's suit seeks to have that ruling overturned.
- The State National Bank of Big Spring filed suit May 4 against Jake Womack of Dallas, seeking payment of a promissory note for \$7,017.40 plus 12.69 percent interest on the note, plus \$1,560 in attorney fees plus pre- and post-judgment

interest on the note at 18 percent per year, and court costs.

- Grace McClinton and Allen McClinton filed suit May 9 against Penn General Southwest Inc., Furr's Inc., Furr's Supermarket, Furr's Beverage Inc., and Robert Dean, doing business as Dean Claim Service.
- The suit alleges that on April 30, 1986, Dean collided with Grace McClinton in Furr's Supermarket. McClinton was thrown to the floor and suffered injuries to her head, wrist, ribs and body, according to the suit.
- Alleging negligence on Dean's part and on the part of Furr's and Penn General Southwest Inc., for which Dean was working as a claims service agent, the suit seeks medical expenses in excess of \$20,000 plus future expenses of \$10,000 plus post- and pre-judgment interest on the total and court costs.
- The State of Texas filed a May 9 action to seize a beige 1979 Datsun

280Z from Melvin Warren Lawson, 2107 Morrison.

Alleging that the personal property (automobile) had been used to transport a controlled substance, the Permian Basin Drug Task Force seized the automobile during a May 9 arrest, according to the suit.

That same day Lawson signed an agreed judgment relinquishing and forfeiting all rights to the automobile.

- Cynthia Mings Clanton filed May 9 against William Lee Allred. Clanton sued individually and as an independent trustee of the estate of Kathleen Joyce Mings, deceased, alleging that Mings' death, resulting from a July 17 motorcycle accident, was due to Allred's negligence.
- The suit seeks medical and funeral expenses plus damages for mental anguish Clanton suffered as a result of Mings' death.

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Opinion

Cost of secrecy is getting high

Science is an international chase. Consider recent breakthroughs in the field of superconductivity. The first discovery of a material that conducts electricity without resistance at relatively warm temperatures was made by scientists in Switzerland.

Their results were duplicated in Tokyo, improved upon by Chinese-born scientists in Texas and Alabama and then validated in California and New Jersey.

So what did the U.S. government do when it held a national conference on the exciting developments? It barred foreigners.

That kind of government effort to control the flow of information is no aberration. Since 1982, the Reagan administration has expanded the classification of government information and put new restrictions on the flow of scientific ideas and data.

This has resulted both in absurdities — classifying commonly known information or reclassifying data that had been in the public domain for years — and, more ominous, in restraints on the ability of Americans to evaluate the utility of proposed weapons systems and defense strategies such as Star Wars.

But the worst effects of the administration's mania for secrecy may be on the nation's scientific and technological competitiveness. There is growing evidence that information controls are already pinching.

According to the National Academy of Sciences, controls on the export of high-technology goods and information now cost the United States 188,000 jobs and \$9 billion a year.

And according to a reports by the Association of American Universities, recent government efforts to restrict contacts with foreign scientists and threatens to impose security classifications on non-classified research is likely to inhibit scientists from venturing into fields where their work might be stamped "secret" down the road.

The government's fetish for more secrecy comes at a time when it makes less sense than ever. As the case of superconductors demonstrates, science at the cutting edge is increasingly an international enterprise, involving the flow of information and scientists across national boundaries.

Today, 40 percent of new doctoral engineers in the United States are foreign citizens. For the United States to allow information controls that cut it off from this flow of people and ideas is to risk the technological sclerosis that afflicts the Soviet Union, which is backward precisely because it is secretive and closed.

The reason Americans have traditionally favored openness in information is because it is right. But openness is not only morally right; equally important, it works. The Reagan administration's mania for secrecy threatens America's prosperity as well as its values.

Arms deal hurt more than star-gazing

By TERENCE HUNT
AP White House Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is always looking for good news, and if the experts are right there's a sunny way of assessing the disclosures in Donald Regan's book.

According to historians and political scientists, Reagan has not been damaged much by the former aide's revelation about astrology at the White House and his portrayal of Reagan as an out-of-touch leader who merely followed a script from his staff.

On the other hand, they say the reason the latest disclosures haven't hurt him is that Reagan already had been devastated by the Iran-Contra affair and couldn't be hurt much more.

Lucky for Regan that all of this is coming out at the end of his presidency instead of at the beginning.

Imagine how a new president would be weakened and ridiculed when the world learned that an astrologer commissioned by his wife played a role in White House affairs.

"Virtually every move and decision the Reagans made during my time as White House chief of staff was cleared in advance by a woman in San Francisco who drew up horoscopes to make certain that the planets were in a favorable alignment for the enterprise," wrote Regan, who was the president's chief of staff until he was ousted with a push from the first lady.

Regan also documented that the president issued no orders, but "listened, acquiesced, played his role and waited for the next act to be written."

Embarrassing as those stories are, they come at the end of Regan's administration, when he doesn't have much of an agenda left to push and his reputation has been established.

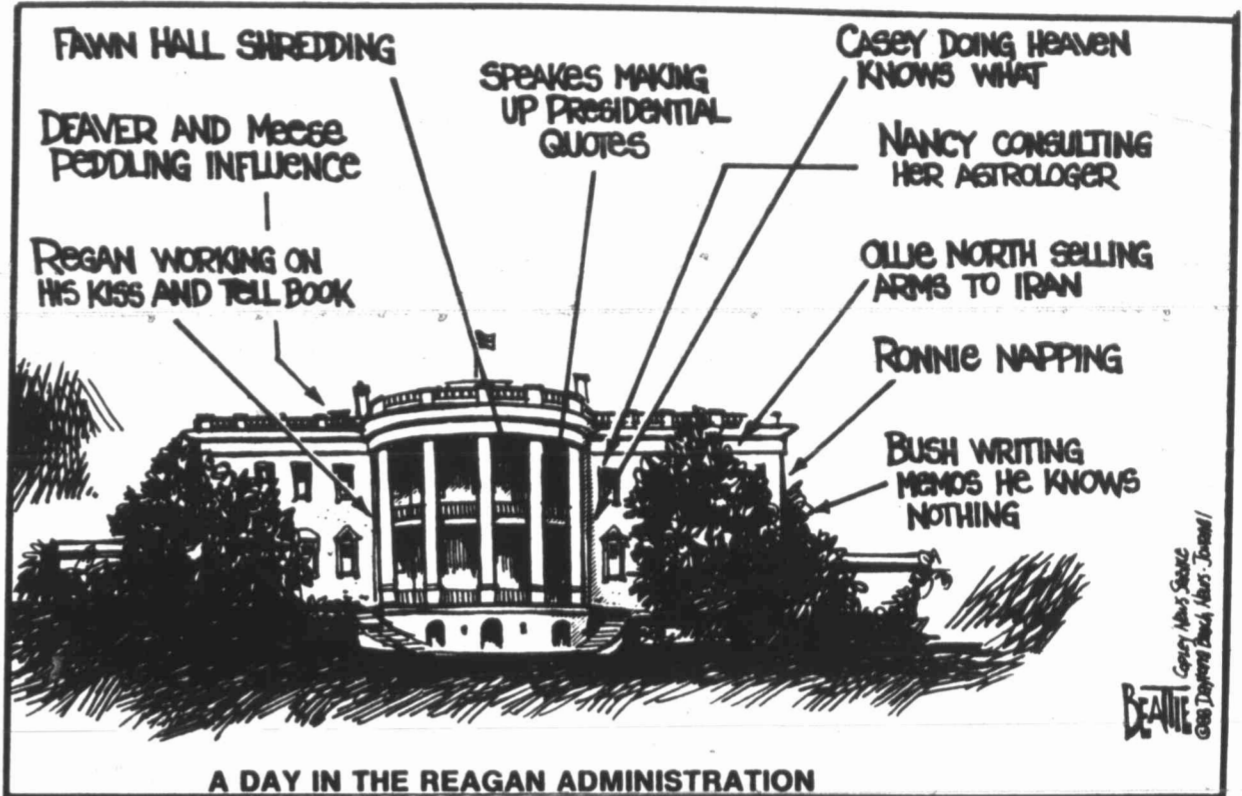
The world leaders who are his friends probably won't pay much attention to the latest news. And his enemies already had a negative view of him, anyway.

Tom Griscorn, the White House chief of communications, brushes aside suggestions that Regan's book, "For the Record," has wounded the president.

"I don't think it really matters one way or the other," Griscorn said. "I think this president has had a tremendous impact on the policies of this country. I think nobody will be able to take that away from him. It's there."

Moreover, Griscorn believes it will not spoil Regan's summit with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev in Moscow May 29-June 2.

Harvard University historian Adam Ulam agrees. "I don't think they pay any attention to it. Why should they?" Ulam said. "I think that they deal with facts.



A DAY IN THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION

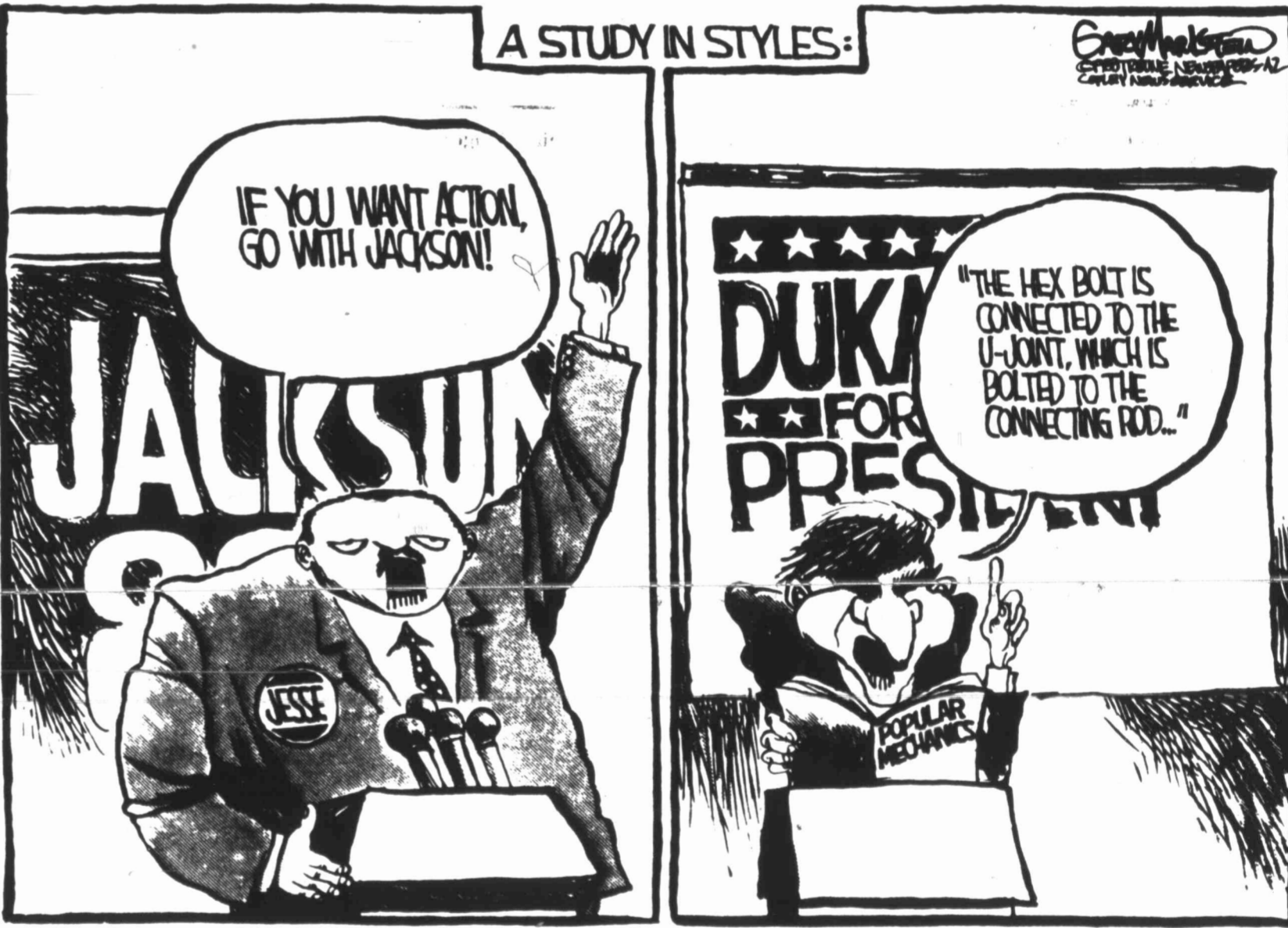
Political scientist Theodore Lowi of Cornell University said that "presidents as heads of state don't lose their credibility all that fast in the eyes of world leaders." He said the impact of Regan's disclosures was "minuscule, if at all."

"The biggest effect on Reagan's presidency has already happened — which is the Iran-Contra affair," Lowi said. "It's still happening. The second biggest one is the Ed Meese affair. ... The effect has been quite damaging. It damages the credibility in a very fundamental, ethical sense — the Iran-Contra affair primarily and Meese's (troubles) being substantial but of secondary importance."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Terence Hunt is White House correspondent for The Associated Press.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



It's become a question of the right to write

By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

The entertainment business, as TV and movie viewers are gradually discovering after the fourth repeat of a Bill Cosby show, is advanced in sclerosis.

On March 7, the Writers Guild of America (WGA) struck against the fraternity that writes policy for the producers. It is called the Alliance of Motion Picture & TV Producers (AMPTP). What did the writers' union want? As Sam Gompers put it back when collective bargaining was just beginning, "More."

It isn't the purpose of this exploration to weigh in on who is right, the producers or the writers, in this quarrel. The purpose is to examine what are, or ought to be, the rights of dissenters. The dissenters, in this case, are those writers who would like to write, are prepared to do so, accepting contemporary arrangements, but are afraid to do so for fear of antagonizing the WGA.

A week ago, the president of the AMPTP advised all writers that they could go back to

work — provided they resigned from their union. J. Nicholas Counter III said several things. The first was that, under federal law, the union had no authority to discipline non-union members.

The second, that the union could not lawfully punish or seek to punish any member that had resigned from its ranks. The third, that even though a member resigned, he needed to continue to pay dues to his former union to shoulder his fair share of expenses that inured to his benefit. Counter's statement was interpreted as an invitation to writers to pull out of the union and come back to work.

A telephone call to the WGA to ask its reaction to Mr. Counter's emancipation proclamation got shunted off to a lawyer. Said lawyer explained that WGA had no comment on what Mr. Counter had said, since no member of the WGA had actually resigned. Asked what would the WGA say in the event that, tomorrow, a member did resign, the answer was: No comment. Herewith a few relevant observations:

A number of years ago, walking into a television studio, I was accosted by a union organizer who told me smilingly that if I did not join AFTRA (the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists), I would not

be permitted to continue to tape, let alone broadcast, any television show.

I thought this an imposition and was especially influenced by a recent strike called by AFTRA, which had had the effect of simply stopping the television-news industry. I thought a constitutional liberty was at stake, and under the auspices of the Right to Work Foundation, filed suit, in 1971.

Seven years later, after what seemed like 100 sessions before District Courts, National Labor Relations Boards and Courts of Appeal, a bargain was struck. Its terms: I needed to continue to pay dues to AFTRA, but I was pronounced forever free of any disciplinary authority exercised by AFTRA.

As far as the union is concerned, I was a "member" — but not a member subject to discipline. This meant that I could not be commanded to discontinue my commentary — provided I paid over my dues.

The evolution of the law, and of practices under the AFTRA-Buckley compromise, have resulted in a precedent for the entire industry. So that when Mr. Counter was telling WGA's members that they could work if they chose to do so provided that they resigned from the union, he was relying on that precedent.

His advice to them — that they needed ac-

tually to resign from the union — is not absolutely reliable advice, since the AFTRA decision didn't call for resignation, but settled for the payment of dues. But the difference belonging and not belonging, so long as you pay your dues, has reduced to no difference at all. A court ruled, along the way, that "membership" in a union had been so "whittled down" as to mean, de facto, nothing more than merely paying those dues.

What in fact are the powers of the union discreetly to damage the dissenters after the strike is over?

Concerning this point, Mr. Counter ought to explain to writers who want to go back to work just what protections they could expect in the future.

Mailbag

Wants more concerts

To the editor: Thanks for bringing the Army Field Band and Soldier's Chorus to Big Spring. That was the most enjoyable evening I've spent in many years. Let's have more such entertainment in our fine auditorium!

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YAKIMA, Wash. — Sharlyne Powell holds a copy of her new video for large women, while a class is underway at her gym for large women. The Women at Large clubs are being franchised across the nation.

Hefty exercise gurus make video for women

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — They don't look much like Jane Fonda, but hefty Sharlyne Powell and Sharon McConnell are making a splash in the exercise video market with a tape for large women.

The former housewives, who founded the Yakima-based Women At Large exercise studios, star in a slick new video designed for people whose bodies have more curves than angles.

"It's been on the market almost a month and we've sold 11,000 copies," Mrs. Powell said Tuesday.

The \$160,000 production was financed by the women and television host Robb Weller, of "Entertainment Tonight" and the "Home" show. They are splitting the profits 50-50.

Weller and his wife, Barbara, who runs Weller Productions, met Mrs. Powell and Mrs. McConnell when they appeared on the pilot for ABC's "Home" show several months ago.

"They were terrific people and they wanted to do some other projects with us," Mrs. Powell said.

The video, which sells for \$29.95, is just the latest success for Women At Large, a chain of exercise studios founded by two, self-described bored housewives in 1983.

The clubs cater to the 30 million women in the nation who wear

clothes size 16 or above. Instructors average 175 pounds, and the goal is to build fitness and self-esteem, not lose pounds.

In their determination that pounds do not matter, both women refuse to disclose their ample weight.

Women At Large has sold 24 franchises around the country since 1986 and is negotiating with franchises in Japan, Mrs. Powell said.

"I'm ready to really bust out with it now," she said. "I have all the systems in place."

The two have become media darlings in the last year.

They filmed a segment of the "Today" show on Wednesday morning, then were scheduled to depart for Los Angeles on Monday for national and local television and newspaper interviews.

Shortly after, they depart for a cross-country tour to promote the exercise tape.

"I'm flying around so much I have little time to exercise any more," Mrs. Powell said. "I've got to make a concerted effort to get back on the regimen."

The tape features the women's program of low-impact aerobics that does not include the running, jumping and jogging they feel can damage a heavier body.

Outstanding women named

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Women of America awards program announced today that Elizabeth Ann Taylor, 1 Courtney Place; Dacia Kaye Roen, P.O. Box 2186; and LuSara Wegner, HC 61 Box 346, have been selected for inclusion in the 1987 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America.

Now in its 23rd year, the OYWA program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young women between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in many fields of endeavor, such as service to the community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and civic and political participation.

The women were selected after 150,000 nominations were received from political leaders, university and college officials, clergymen, business leaders, as well as from various civic groups and community organizations.

Area brief

Class of 1938 to host reunion

The Forsan Class of 1938 Reunion Committee will hosts its 50th graduating anniversary reunion in the Forsan High School cafeteria Saturday at 9 a.m.

"No exes, whether student, teacher or friend will be excluded, and those classes on either side of 1938 are especially urged to attend," said Boyce Hale.

Registration is \$10 for adults, and \$5.50 for children.

For more information, call Boyce Hale at 267-6957.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Advertisement for Bids
The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:

VEHICLE
Specifications may be obtained from Terry Hansen, Vice-President for Fiscal Affairs, Howard College. Sealed bids will be accepted through 3:30 p.m. on June 15, 1988, at which time they will be opened in the Administrative Council Room and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and presented to the Board of Trustees for action at the June Board meeting. Questions should be directed to Terry Hansen, Vice-President for Fiscal Affairs, Howard County Junior College District, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Loose lips give man that sinking feeling

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column someone complained about a nurse who had broken the code of confidentiality by talking too much. My wife is an RN who never discusses her patients with others, but she has shared with me numerous fascinating cases knowing that I would never repeat anything she told me.

Recently, a male patient in her section was hospitalized for pneumonia. One of the nurses who was caring for him let the word out



Dear Abby

that he was impotent and had been fitted with some kind of prosthesis. When my wife told me of the ribald remarks being bandied about

around the nurses' station concerning this man and his prosthesis, I resolved that should I ever become impotent I would never go to a local physician.

Abby, medical records, be they in a hospital or a doctor's office, are accessible not only to nurses, but to all of the office help. The only way one can be absolutely sure of confidentiality is to take his or her business to another town, or clear across town if you live in a large city.

My definition of a secret is something that is known only by one person. The moment it is revealed to a second person, it becomes public knowledge. Sign me...

SEALED LIPS

DEAR SEALED LIPS: Your wife broke the code of confidentiality when she shared with you "numerous fascinating cases." I refer to the final paragraph of your letter.

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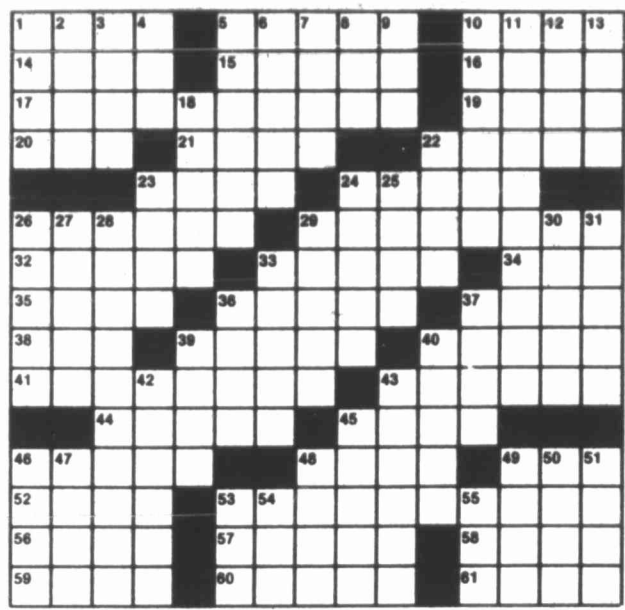


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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



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JEANE DIXON'S Your Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1988

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: New projects and close alliances are essential. Success in the financial markets is imminent. Travel in December will restore your faith in someone special. Do not dismiss health signals, but do not dwell on them either. You will be just fine. Keep an open and active mind; it is the secret to eternal youth. A love interest proves more exciting than you expected.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: singer Perry Como, country singer George Strait, baseball's Reggie Jackson, Pope John Paul II, actors Bill Macy, Robert Morse and James Stephens.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you are behind schedule at work, this is the day to catch up. Duck telephone calls about subjects you are not up on yet. Research will put you in the driver's seat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Shrewd business manipulations, aided by computer science, could help you leapfrog over competitors. A newspaper article provides a how-to idea that will save you money. Follow instructions to the letter. No shortcuts!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have to find out the facts and go from there. A thorough investigation is important, but so is timely action. You learn an important lesson by observing others. Make a

weekend date.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Secrecy and intrigue work for you, but you do not like either one. Borrow a chapter from a parent's book when dealing with a troublesome financial situation. Get some fresh air later today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It is time to clean out closets and drawers. You could make a wonderful discovery. Share an idea with a friend who has the resources to put it into practice. Postpone travel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Trying to reach too far too soon could prove embarrassing. Member of

opposite sex presses you for a quick decision. Explain your own plan of attack. Romance takes an interesting turn. Go slow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be more willing to listen to well-informed people. A good day for tying up loose ends and discarding unused items. Tend to a minor ailment before it becomes more serious. Consult a doctor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check the legality of all business dealings. An unexpected event will cheer you. Travel is best postponed. Think twice before revealing your thoughts. You are very popular with the opposite sex.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Complete one project before accepting another. Consider the negative side of changing jobs. Discuss your plans with an older,

wiser individual before saying yes. Romance has you walking on air. Be tender.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Teamwork may not be as satisfying as working on your own. Check details and trust your own judgment. Give more thought to those who are less fortunate. Practical help is vitally needed.

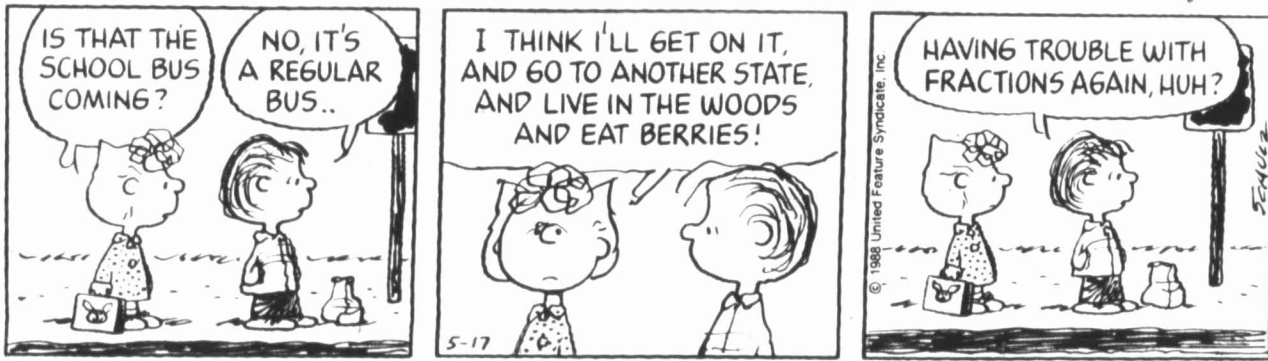
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The emphasis now is on how you develop ideas. Ignore the flattery of those who may have ulterior motives. Scrutinize a new proposal very carefully. You are invited to a smashing social event.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Artistic and creative ventures will boost your income. Seek help from mate or romantic partner. Tact and understanding will help you adjust to loved ones' needs. Do not make too many promises.

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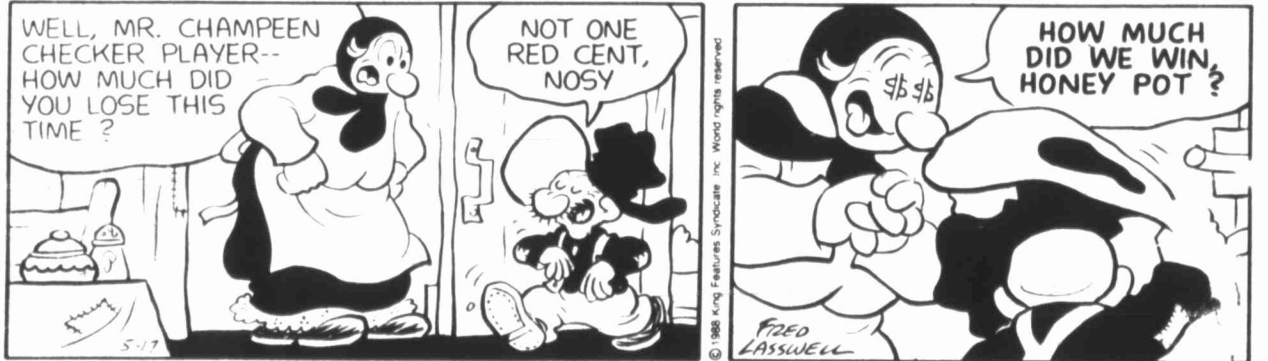
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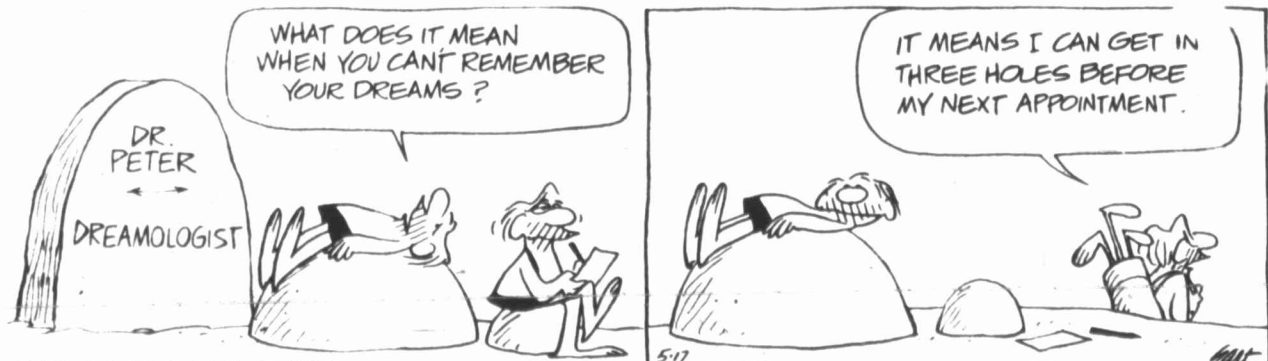
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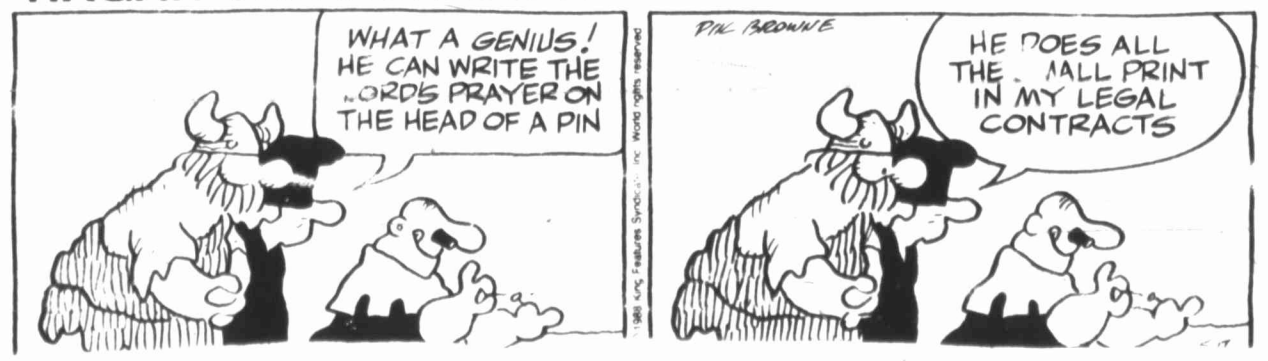
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