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Crossroads weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Scattered thunderstorms most numerous during the afternoon and evening hours through Friday, with locally heavy rainfall possible. Highs Friday mostly mid 80s to lower 90s; lows tonight mid 60s to near 70. Wednesday's high was 92 and the low was 70.



160 sought in North Sea rig disaster

By MAGGIE JACKSON
Associated Press Writer

ABERDEEN, Scotland — An armada of rescue ships and helicopters scoured the chilly North Sea today for more than 160 people missing after a fire engulfed an oil platform in one of the worst oil rig disasters ever.

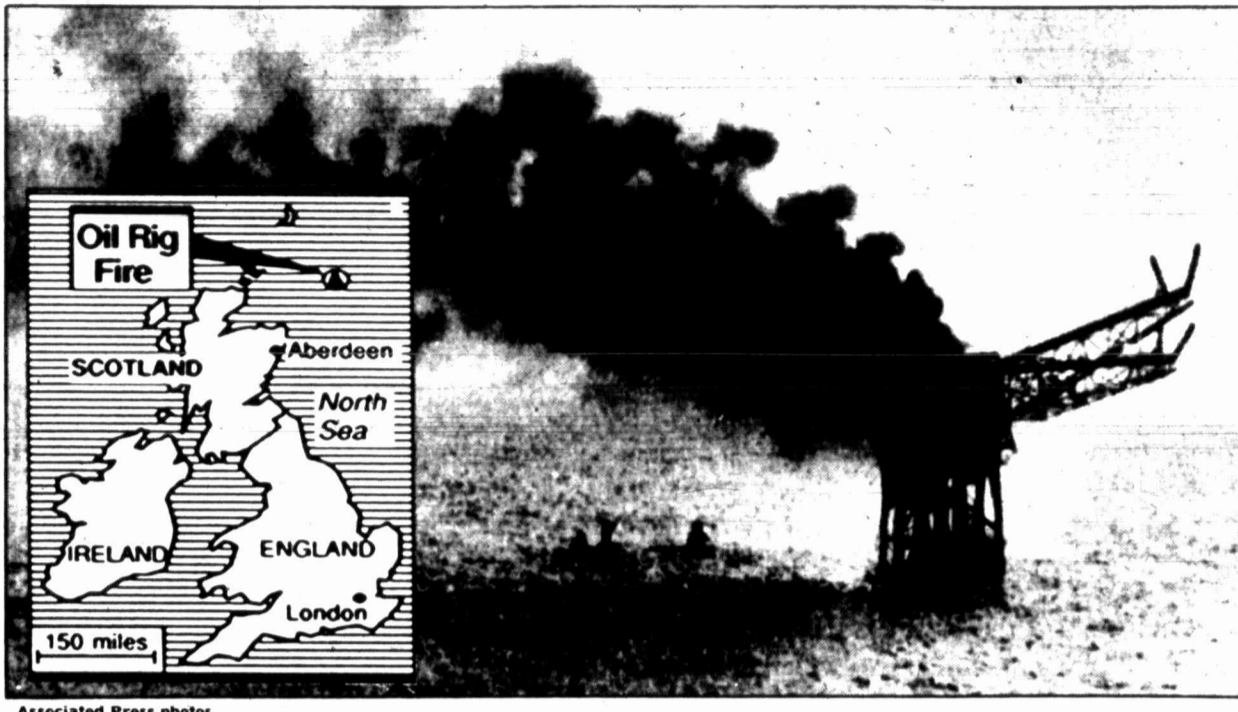
Police said up to 167 people were missing and that hopes of finding more survivors of the inferno were fading.

The final death toll aboard the Piper Alpha rig 120 miles northeast of the Scottish coast was expected to surpass the previous worst North Sea disaster. The Alexander L. Kielland platform capsized in Norwegian waters during a storm in March 1980, killing 123 people.

Sixteen hours after the Wednesday night fire gutted the rig and broke it in half, flames still leaped from the mammoth Piper Alpha, the coast guard said. Two explosions reduced it to a burning wreck of twisted metal, about half its original size.

A police statement said 67 people were rescued and an unspecified number of bodies were recovered and being taken to a temporary morgue in this northeast Scotland city.

"With the passage of time, hopes are fading of finding any other survivors," said a police



Associated Press photos

NORTH SEA — Smoke billows from the Piper Alpha oil platform that exploded Wednesday night, leaving more than 160 of the 227 crew members on board missing. The oil platform is 120 miles northeast of the Scottish coast. Wrapped in a blanket and with a

statement. Six NATO warships diverted from maneuvers to join the search that filled the skies with helicopters and the waters with more than two dozen boats.

Sleeping workers died when flames raced through the rig's living quarters. Others leaped 150 feet into the water.

Confusion clouded the precise number of missing.

bandaged head, one of the survivors of the explosion aboard the oil platform Piper Alpha in the North Sea is landed by helicopter at Aberdeen today in the photo at right.

Police put the number missing at 167. Rig owner Occidental Petroleum revised the number aboard the rig to 227, down from 232. That would lower the number of missing by five. Police said

most victims were Scots. The Aberdeen coast guard said the missing included three rescuers from a rescue vessel, the Sandhaven, who disappeared into the flames as they headed to the



rig in a small boat and a second explosion occurred. Police said only two rescuers were missing.

Queen Elizabeth II sent a message of sympathy and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher expressed deep shock.

The only confirmed death was reported by the Royal Air Force Rescue and Coordination Center. Aberdeen hospital spokesman Alan Reid told reporters 21 people were hospitalized, 13 of them in serious condition.

"It was a case of fry and die or jump and try," said Ron Carey, 45, who managed to leap off the platform into the 57-degree water after he was choked by smoke.

Carey, an instrument technician, lay in a hospital bed with his arm in a sling and his eyes closed by burns.

"He said he was choked by smoke after hearing the first of two explosions.

"It was over the side or nothing. I just dived. It may have been 60 feet. I was totally enveloped," he said.

A second explosion sent bits of lifeboat raining into the water, he said. "There was a lot of debris floating around and the flames were billowing above us. I found my head was being cooked. I had to keep ducking down to get it

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Judge Gregg opts out of Leffler zoning suit

By MICHAEL DUFFY
Staff Writer

Howard County District Court Judge James Gregg disqualified himself Wednesday afternoon from hearing an appeal of a Zoning Board of Adjustment ruling involving a Big Spring garage owner.

Gregg said he disqualified himself from hearing an appeal filed by James W. Leffler, owner of J&W Garage, 706 W. 13th St., because he served as acting city manager and city attorney when Leffler was granted a permit to build a garage in the back of his residence.

"I wanted to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest," Gregg said.

City Attorney Jean Shotts and Stanton attorney James McGilvray, who is representing Leffler, met for about 30 minutes in Gregg's chambers to discuss special exceptions in the appeal, but Gregg said he declined to make a ruling.

Gregg said he has contacted the administrative judge to appoint a senior judge to hear the appeal.

Leffler filed the appeal in 118th District Court on April 25 after the city board of adjustment upheld a

City Council decision to back a building inspector's ruling that his auto repair shop is in violation of zoning ordinances.

In February, Shotts ruled that Leffler's garage does not qualify for "non-conforming status" under the guidelines of municipal zoning ordinances.

His shop is located in an area zoned SF-2 for single family occupancy. His request to have the neighborhood rezoned to light commercial was denied by the City Council.

Shotts determined that the auto shop does not qualify for non-

conforming use status because it does not meet any of the following three criteria as established by zoning ordinances:

- In existence and operating before Sept. 29, 1969.
- Operating under a non-conforming use status in compliance with prior zoning ordinances.
- Exists in an area that was annexed into the city.

Leffler's wife — Dottie — contends that her husband has been operating the shop in the neighborhood for the past 14 years without a single complaint from

neighbors. She waited in Gregg's courtroom while the attorneys met with the judge.

The snafu began when another Big Spring garage owner — George Leatham — filed a complaint in December with the city's public works department, Mrs. Leffler said Wednesday.

She contends Leatham went to her husband's garage and told him that he should double the hourly rate he charges for repairs.

"We just want to be left alone and be able to run a legal business," Mrs. Leffler said.

Taxes flow in, appraiser is on payroll

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

Collections of current delinquent taxes last week totaled approximately \$300,000, and one appraiser whose post has been eliminated remains on the tax appraisal district's payroll today, according to officials.

Chief Appraiser F.E. "Gene" Pereira today confirmed that appraiser Eddie B. Crittenden remains on the payroll of the tax appraisal district.

"According to our policy manual," Pereira said, "he is to be paid for accrued sick leave up to 30 days and accrued vacation time, up to 30 days."

Efforts to reach Crittenden early today were unsuccessful.

Tax Collector Dorothy Moore confirmed today that what Pereira had called "an awful lot of collections of current delinquent taxes" had come into the office last week.

"We had two big collection days last week," she said, "totaling over \$300,000. One day was about \$295,000 and the other day totaled about \$98,000."

Current delinquent taxes are 1987 taxes, due before Feb. 1, which have not been paid prior to June 30. According to a contract, the county turns over delinquent taxes to collection attorneys July 1.

Legal assistant Brad Estille, employed by the law firm of Mouton and Bancroft, current holders of the county contract for collection of delinquent taxes, warned Wednesday that sterner methods of collecting the taxes are being implemented.

Personal property taxes represent the largest share of the delinquency, on which the county loses funds every year, Estill said. He said collection options

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Rising waters?

City Public Works Director Tom Decell examines an earthen dam constructed at Second Street and San Antonio Way in the Jones Valley area. Recent rains in the Natural Dam Lake watershed have necessitated the release of water into Beals Creek. Decell said the water levels are being monitored and authorities are attempting to match the outflow from the dam spillway with the creek's ability to carry water out of Big Spring. There has been rising water in the low area of Jones Valley and city employees have constructed dams at San Antonio and San Jacin-

to hold it north of Second Street, Decell said. The situation is not expected to worsen, but Decell advised any accumulation of rainfall in the lake watershed can change the situation in a matter of hours. He is advising all business and home owners to take what measures they feel are appropriate. Should water levels rise, the police and fire departments will go door to door to advise residents. Decell said if necessary, a shelter will be provided for people forced to leave their homes.

George Bush reaches out to Hispanics

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — With an invitation and a promise, Vice President George Bush reached out to Hispanics, who as a voting bloc have been leaving the Democratic fold in presidential elections.

Bush, the all-but-certain Republican presidential nominee on Wednesday told the League of United Latin American Citizens convention that, if elected president, he would appoint a Hispanic to the Cabinet.

He invited Hispanics to join the

GOP, saying, "It is a big house with big doors. If you would walk in, I believe you will like much of what you find inside. And what you don't like, you can help change."

In the 1972 and 1976 national campaigns, incumbent Republican presidents, Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, received about 20 percent of the Hispanic vote, according to exit poll statistics compiled by the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project.

In 1980, President Reagan received 25 percent, and in 1984, he

increased that to 37 percent.

John Loza, 24, and a recent graduate of Southern Methodist Law School, is a part of that shift. He describes himself as the black sheep in a family where everyone else is a Democrat.

"Hispanics are not monolithic Democrats. They are liberal on social issues, but conservative on economics and defense. The Republican Party is closer to what I stand for."

"I don't think it's a given anymore," that Hispanics will turn out en masse for a

Democratic presidential candidate, said Annette Avina, a research assistant with the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project.

According to polls, young Hispanics are more concerned about a candidate's leadership qualities than specific issues, she said.

But most Hispanics believe Democrats still best represent their interests, said Theresa Nieves, a LULAC delegate from

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No-shows equal no meeting

By MICHAEL DUFFY
Staff Writer

A scheduled Wednesday night Ambulance Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled when four of five members failed to appear.

The meeting was scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. at the office of Maxwell Green, advisory committee moderator, but his attempts to contact other members were unsuccessful. Those members who failed to attend were:

- Richard Atkins.
- O.L. (Louis) Brown.
- Dr. Donald Crockett.
- Henry Sanchez.

Green said he had spoken to several members Wednesday morning who informed him they would attend the meeting.

Rural/Metro Operations Manager Michael Black was scheduled to present a review of the ambulance service's contract, but he told Green he would rather make the presentation when the other members were in attendance.

Besides Black and Green, firefighters Rodney Phillips and Paul Brown, Acting Big Spring Fire Chief Burr Lea Settles and Public Works Director Tom Decell were present.

Agenda topics were to include:

- Rate changes for supplies and medicine.
- Subsidy rates paid to Rural/Metro by the city and county, expected to remain the same. The city pays 55 percent and the county 45 percent annually of a \$110,149 subsidy to the ambulance service.
- Discussion of retaining a fourth ambulance.

According to a memorandum issued to fire department personnel on June 30, Black requested assistance from the Big Spring Fire Department — if needed — on a third-run ambulance.

In the event both ambulance attendants are needed to provide medical assistance for a patient, firefighters will respond and drive the ambulance from the scene to the hospital, the memorandum states.

Fire Capt. Alex Calvio said Wednesday firefighters haven't yet been called to serve as drivers.

Rural/Metro was awarded a three-year contract with a 90-day termination notice available to both the ambulance service and the city and county in July 1987.

Nation

Suit: Lockheed abused contracts

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A lawsuit accusing a top defense contractor of charging the government for everything from building a private plane to typing the Bible into a computer could open the way for fraud investigations into top-secret projects, a watchdog group says.

into the "black" world," projects so secret they often don't appear on the defense budget, said Dina Rasor, head of the Washington-based Project on Military Procurement.

"(It shows) you can expose fraud and waste in a black program" without divulging sensitive information, she said.

Democrats hold votes to override

WASHINGTON (AP) — Holding enough votes this time to override a veto, Democrats are forcing a second election-year showdown with President Reagan over giving workers advance notice of plant closings and large layoffs.

tion or instituting a layoff affecting more than 50 people or a third of the work force.

President Reagan cited the mandated notices as his primary reason for vetoing a massive overhaul of the nation's trade laws two months ago, saying advance notices would reduce U.S. competitiveness and stifle new job creation.

Decline in dollar helps cut costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the smallest wage increases of any industrial nation and help from a sinking dollar, U.S. factories outperformed their foreign rivals last year in reducing labor costs and making their goods more competitive on world markets.

cent in 1987, compared with increases of 7.5 percent in South Korea, 7.7 percent in Japan, 13.5 percent in West Germany, the Labor Department said Wednesday.

But even before the dramatic devaluation of the dollar against major European and Asian currencies, the United States outperformed all but Japan in keeping a lid on labor costs.

Hay to reach 'Yankee friends'

Southern farmers sent more than 1,500 bales of hay to the drought-stricken Midwest, saying they hadn't forgotten their "Yankee friends," while marijuana growers in Ohio dug water pits to keep their million-dollar weeds wet.

them two years ago. And for the first time in weeks, barges were not stalled on the drought-shoaled Mississippi River.

"We're glad to show our Yankee friends we haven't forgotten them," Jim Graham, North Carolina's commissioner of agriculture, said Wednesday after he threw a bale of hay onto a tractor-trailer.

Mortar round falls in platoon

POHAKULOA, Hawaii (AP) — A misfired mortar shell exploded among a platoon of Marines at the Army's training area here, killing two and wounding 15, a Marine spokesman said.

round accidentally landed among the group, said Maj. Kerry K. Gershaneck, the public affairs officer at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station on the island of Oahu.

The platoon of about 30 Marines was conducting live fire exercises with 60mm shells at about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday when the mortar

"We had a company of infantry Marines who were practicing night defense fire," he said.



Birthday concert

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, announces plans for an open-air pop concert near Soweto to celebrate her husband's 70th birthday July 17. Organizers expressed hope that the government would allow the concert to take place.

Senators lobbying on Meese successor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators are weighing in with their favorite candidates for attorney general, while the man who's leaving the job predicts his successor will not be "a clone of anybody else."

kept drifting from Capitol Hill to the White House.

President Reagan launched his search Wednesday for Edwin Meese III's replacement and one of his first steps in the process was to meet with the departing attorney general.

Some lawmakers made telephone calls to administration officials. Others allowed their message to be carried by news reporters. All agreed that the window for confirmation would be short.

A lightning rod of controversy because of his conservative policies and his personal legal problems, Meese announced Tuesday he would be gone in a few weeks.

Majority Democrats control the Senate schedule. Recesses already are scheduled during the two national political conventions in July and August, and Congress might adjourn early during the presidential campaign.

He declared himself vindicated by an 830-page report on his official conduct compiled by independent counsel James McKay, although he acknowledged he had not yet seen it.

Two members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, ranking Republican Strom Thurmond and Democrat Dennis DeConcini, suggested former Republican Sen. Paul Laxalt of Nevada as Meese's successor. Laxalt was considered the president's closest Senate ally before retiring.

The report has not been released by a special federal court. While sources have said the report recommends against a criminal indictment, its conclusions on Meese's ethical conduct remain unclear.

Tom Loranger, a spokesman for Laxalt, quoted the former senator as saying, "There is absolutely no truth to the rumors about my going to the Justice Department."

While no names of possible successors were volunteered at the White House, senators made sure that a steady list of possibilities

Laxalt's secretary at his Washington law office, Janene Assuras, said her boss was "not interested" in the job.

World

Security forces kill demonstrator

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet security forces using plastic bullets shot and killed a protester during a demonstration that shut down a major airport in Armenia, the Armenian press agency reported today.

Soviet authorities denied anyone was killed. The account also was the first official indication that troops patrolling the area are armed with rounds designed to be non-lethal.

It was the first official acknowledgement that Soviet forces have killed people and used guns against demonstrators since protests began in the Armenian capital, Yerevan, in February.

Troops called in to break up a demonstration at Yerevan's international airport Tuesday were withdrawn from the airport and the city, and the situation was calm today, an editor at the republic's official news agency said.

Governing party claims victory

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The governing party claimed today that its candidate won Mexico's presidency, despite a computer breakdown at election headquarters and opposition charges that the government rigged the vote.

inguez, president of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, announced "a crushing, legal and uncontested victory" for Carlos Salinas de Gortari shortly after 1:30 a.m. The party has ruled Mexico since 1929.

Neither the Federal Electoral Commission nor any of the parties had released any results when Jorge de la Vega Dom-

Moments after the victory claim, Interior Secretary Manuel Bartlett went on national television to reject allegations of vote fraud.

Roh offers plan to ease tensions

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Roh Tae-woo today announced a six-point plan to ease 40 years of bitter confrontation with communist North Korea and clear the way for peaceful reunification of the divided peninsula.

cultural and political contacts with the north to normalize relations and end the struggle for supremacy.

In a nationally televised speech, the president called for broad trade, humanitarian,

"I believe we have now come to a historic moment when we should be able to find a breakthrough toward a lasting peace and unification on the Korean peninsula," Roh said.

Trial adjourned until next week

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — Because an important witness failed to appear, a court today adjourned until next week the trial of a Lebanese man charged with the 1985 TWA hijacking and murder of a U.S. Navy diver.

Less than an hour after the trial of Mohammed Ali Hamadi resumed today, chief judge Heiner Mueckenberger recessed the proceedings until Wednesday.

Threats made against hostages

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A shadowy Shiite Moslem group made a veiled threat Thursday against two American hostages it holds, saying they will be part of a "comprehensive response" to the U.S. downing of an Iranian airliner.

Organization said "everybody knows that all the strong cards are still in our hands, including the hostages' issue."

In a type-written statement in Arabic, the Revolutionary Justice

The statement says the hostages will "be part of a comprehensive response that will make the killers and their partners pay the price."

Channels hope to lure viewers

NEW YORK (AP) — Public television and cable channels are hoping to lure away network viewers as the lengthy writers strike wears on, delaying the fall season for the networks and the debut of new series.



LOS ANGELES — Members of the striking Writers Guild of America picketed outside CBS-TV studios in Los Angeles Wednesday. Hollywood's major film and television studios have been idled by the walkout by the 9,500-member guild. Members voted on an interim contract for independent producers Wednesday night.

"I must say, I have mixed emotions (about the strike), because I hate to think about all those writers out of work, so it's nothing to jump up and down about. On the other hand, I think it will help us quite a bit," said Suzanne Weil, senior vice president of national programming and promotion services for the Public Broadcasting Service.

advantage continuing into the fall. For the networks, the loss of viewers this fall could mean increased audience erosion in favor of cable alternatives and videocassettes.

The strike, which began March 7, has forced the three major television networks to delay the traditional fall season when they launch new series. The guild rejected the most recent management offer last month. It voted Wednesday night on a model contract for independent producers. Results were to be announced this afternoon.

"I think any time the cable networks can inch away a little more viewership, some of the viewership will remain on cable in a longer term," said Andy Orgel, senior vice president of programming for the Arts & Entertainment Network, which hopes to lure new viewers with sophisticated programming alternatives this fall.

When the strike ends, it will take weeks for producers to prepare new shows.

At the end of the 1987-88 television season, most major cable channels increased viewership.

NBC is considering buying programs from the British Broadcasting Co. or re-shooting old TV shows with different actors to avoid reruns. Its "The Cosby Show" will continue in production under an independent contract, and it has the Summer Olympics in September. CBS is considering buying BBC shows. ABC plans to run the first 18 hours of its 30-hour miniseries "War and Remembrance" in November instead of February.

PBS is immune from the strike because its programs are produced under a separate contract with the guild, and it also buys British programming.

Cable channels that produce first-run programming are affected by the strike, though in most cases the effect hasn't been noticed yet.

Some first-run cable series, such as Showtime's "Brothers," are at a standstill, just like network shows. Made-for-cable movies for this fall were already written and will go on as scheduled, but the strike had delayed development for next year.

In the meantime, cable hopes its documentaries, musical specials and made-for-cable movies that go on this fall as scheduled will lure over some network viewers.

Cable and PBS traditionally pick up viewers during the summer when the networks are in reruns and see a possibility of the seasonal

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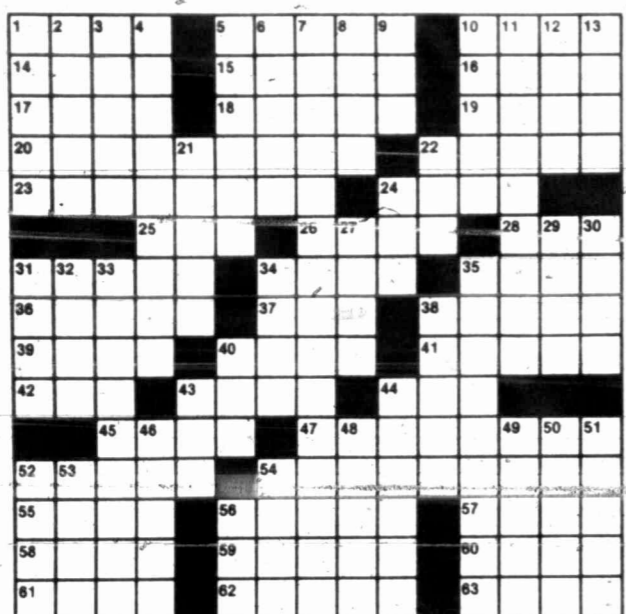
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- 15 Dormouse
- 16 Small amount
- 17 — boy!
- 18 Old Gr.
- 19 assembly
- 19 Norse god
- 20 Transverse
- 22 Cheap skate
- 23 Desperate
- 24 US labor leader
- 25 Owned
- 26 Slender
- 28 Far from
- 31 Broad scarf
- 34 Talk idly
- 35 Excavation
- 36 Like some hair
- 37 Pronoun
- 38 Customs
- 39 Trampled
- 40 Terrible
- 41 US playwright
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- 47 Dante's love
- 52 Son of Priam
- 54 Crosshatch lines
- 55 Luang
- 56 Prang's land
- 56 Mother-of-pearl
- 57 — true what they say...
- 58 Russ. range
- 59 Heroes
- 60 Fourth dimension
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



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	KMID	ESPN	KERA	CBNN	KOSA	WFAA	SIN	TBS	KTPX	NASH	NICK	LIFE	USA	DISN	TMC	SHOW
5	PM Family Ties	Sports	Sesame Street	Big Valley	Curr Affair	News	Chaparro	(05) Fr. News	NBC News	Fandango	Keepers	Farmers in Crime	Variety	News	Disney	Premiere
6	PM ABC News	Li Side	Animals	Remington Steele	CBS News	ABC News	Noticiero	(35) Carol	Jeopardy!	A Star	Don 1 St	Cartoon Express	News	Disney	Premiere	
7	PM Wheel	SportsCtr	Survival	M*A*S*H	News	Wheel	Primavera	(05) Andy	Win Lose	VideoCity	Double Dare	Easy St	Disney	Disney	Premiere	
8	PM Movie Night	Tractor Pull	Planet Earth	Crazy Like a Fox	48 Hours	Movie Night	Manson de Luxe	(05) Blaylock	Cosby	Nashville Now	Mr. Ed	God Monks Tales	D's Best	Movie Street Smart	Movie When a Stranger Calls	
9	PM Hothouse	Auto Racing	Mystery	Talk	Cagney & Lacey	Hothouse	Noticiero	(05) Death Web II	L.A. Law	VideoCity	Laugh In	Car 54				
10	PM News	SportCtr	Michael Lehrer	Remington Steele	News	News	Movie La Lola		Carson	A Star	Monkeys	Cagney and Lacey	Hothouse			
11	PM Nightline	North Drag Racing	Crime Inc	Paper Chase	Night Heat	Nightline	Knox	(05) Beam Tava	Letterman	Nashville Now	Mr. Ed	Foley Sq	Easy St	Edge		

JEANE DIXON'S Your Horoscope

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 1988

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Find additional help for your business or form a new partnership. Things will turn around for you once you get the assistance you need. Deal with credit problems as they arise. You can learn a lot from watching on the sidelines, but be sure you are in the game when things start to get exciting. It may be best to end a relationship that has been rocky for a long time. Romantic and financial opportunities abound this year!

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: Nelson Rockefeller, catcher Alan Ashby, pinch hitter

THE FAMILY CIRCLE

Terry Puhl, TV executive Roone Arledge, entertainer Billy Eckstine, ballerine Cynthia Gregory, architect Philip Johnson, singer Steve Lawrence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be greatly influenced by someone you meet today. Do not give up on an invention. You could find the financial backing you need while socializing this weekend. Be more open.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): New understanding between parent and child makes things much easier. Dividends come from innovative handling of cash and credit. Your loyalty wins you new respect. Refuse to reveal employer's secrets. Be discretion itself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Postpone signing legal papers. Investigating further will be in your best interest. A long-distance move enhances the quality of a relationship.

Strike a better balance between work and play. Romance soars!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are thinking too far ahead when what you need to do is concentrate on the present. A project could become boring. Be creative. Bring more variety into whatever you do. Imagination is the key.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do not put the cart before the horse. Reputation and publicity are not the same thing. Nurture a relationship that dates back to your childhood. You could receive a happy surprise from someone far away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Move ahead on new business ideas; you could have competition. Ride a wave of enthusiasm. Do not be shy about asking for favors, even a raise. Marriage plans change. Hide your time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get the training or equipment you need to boost productivity. A sublime romance may not last as long as you think. Get your feet back on the ground. Enjoy family, friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A great day for business trips. Give

prior commitments precedence over spur-of-the-moment invitations. A newcomer takes to you in a big way. Go slow. Do not rush headlong into romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Success comes easily if you are dealing with a younger person. Networking provides important information. Keep a bit of mystery about you — it helps spark romance! Dress elegantly for a dinner date.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Now is not the time to be frivolous. Others are counting on you to keep your promises. Resist jumping to quick conclusions. Withhold judgment until you have all the facts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone who seems too good to be true merits further investigation. Postpone signing legal documents. You need to pay close attention to any fine print. Romance turns serious. Know your own heart.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone's indecision could have you climbing the walls. Talk things over with a trusted friend who has the right qualifications to advise you. Spend a cozy evening at home with your family.

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"BOY, IT MUST TAKE A LOT OF LUMBER TO MAKE A TREE THAT BIG!"



"There's too much red in it."

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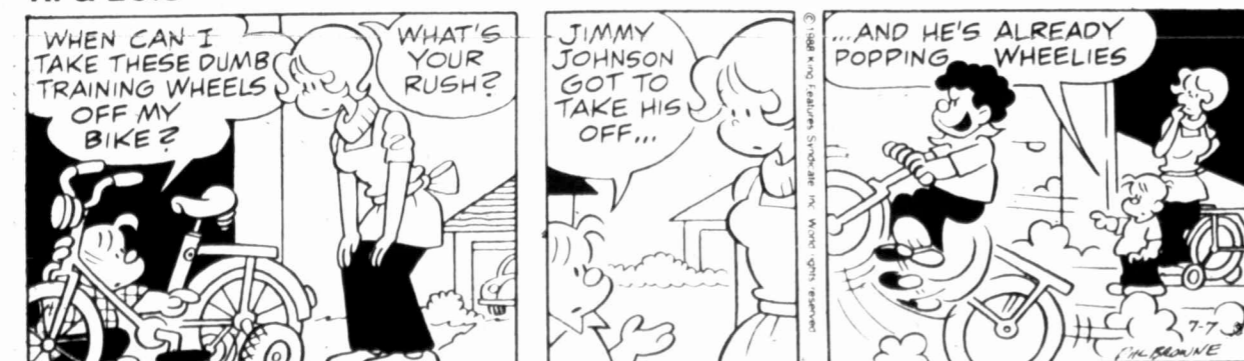
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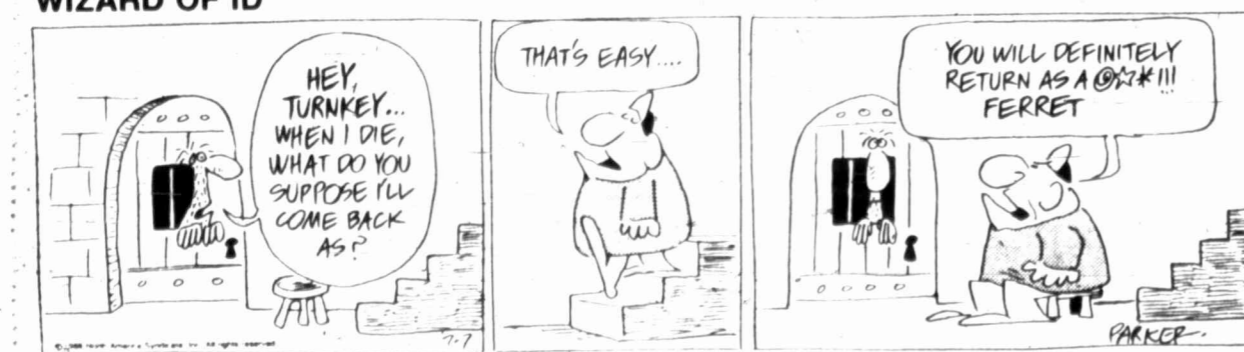
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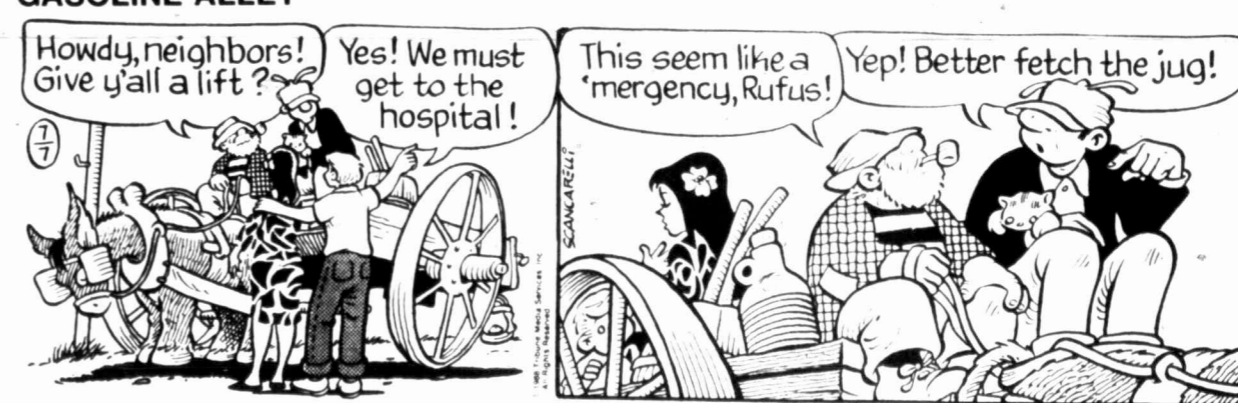
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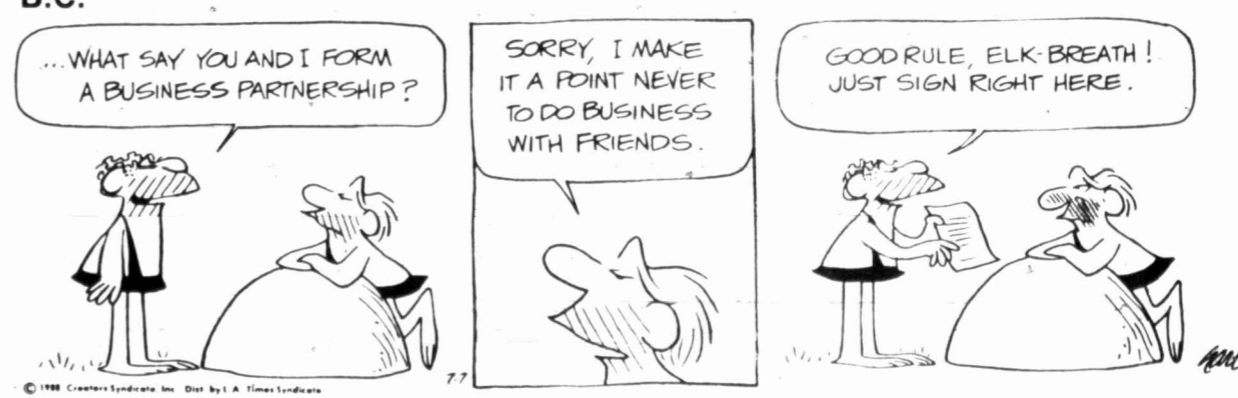
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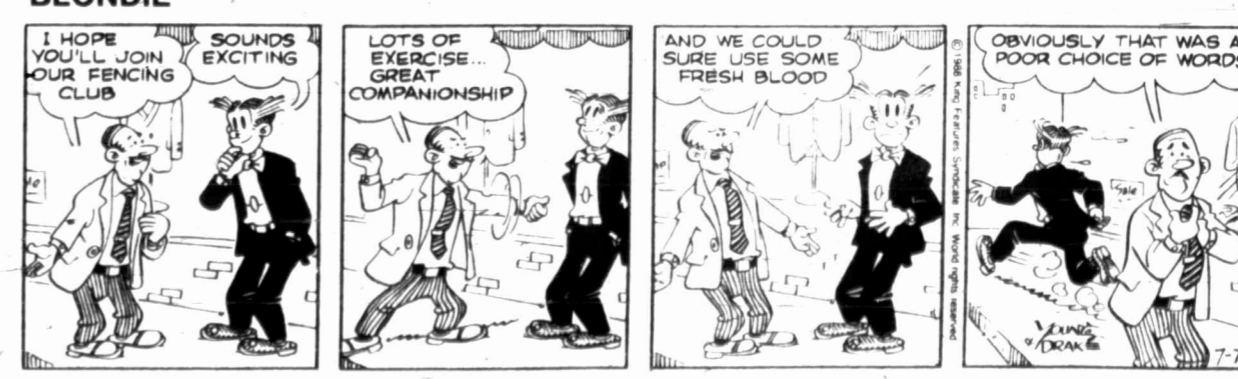
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