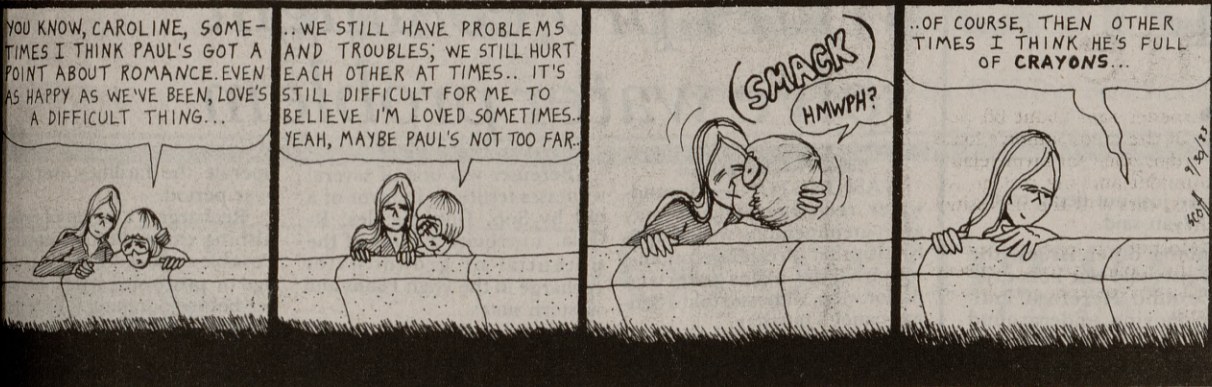


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# Teacher poll shows Mondale as leader

AUSTIN — A poll conducted among members of the Texas Federation of Teachers shows former Vice President Walter Mondale as the strongest Democratic presidential candidate, the union said Thursday.

TFT president John Cole said 1,500 of TFT's 15,000 members in Texas, participated in the poll conducted in August.

The poll pitted six Democratic contenders, Sen. Alan Cranston of California, Sen. John Glenn of Ohio, Sen. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado, civil rights leader Jesse Jackson and Mondale, against Reagan.

The poll asked respondents: "Suppose the 1984 presidential election were held today, which of these candidates would you vote for?"

Mondale received the highest percentage of support, 53.1 percent, while Hollings got the lowest percentage — 28.7 percent. Reagan got his highest percentage, 31.8 percent, when paired against Jackson, who got 36 percent.

"These results are very interesting," said Cole. "They show that Reagan will have real problems winning teachers' votes in 1984."

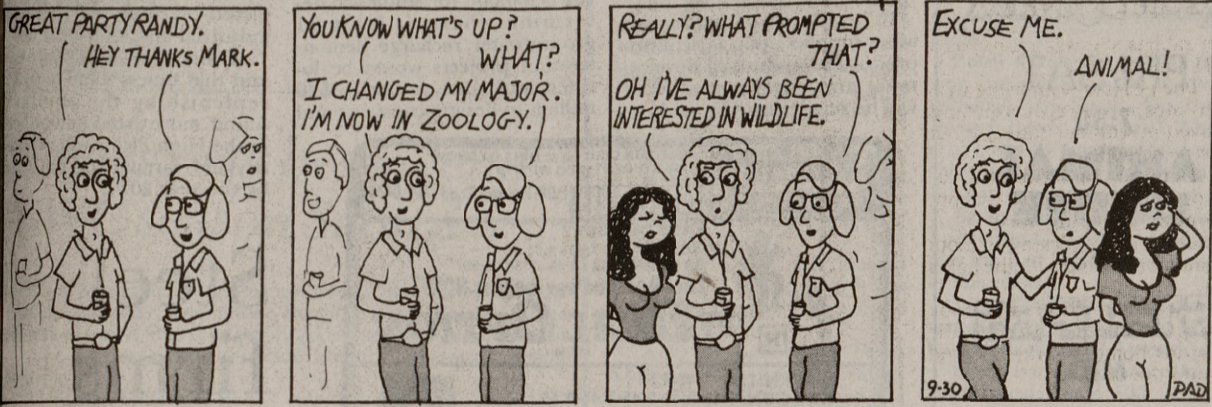
"Unless he can do something very significant, very soon, President Reagan will likely lose the Texas teacher vote to almost any candidate who runs against him," he said.

Cole said Mondale's strength was not surprising since he has name recognition and has actively courted the teacher vote. But he said Glenn's "relatively poor showing" was a surprise.

"Perhaps Glenn has relied too much on his reputation as an astronaut rather than engaging in the grass roots politics that form such an important part of a political campaign," he said.

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by Paul Dirmeyer



## Texas Rangers to help in Kilgore investigation

KILGORE — Two Texas Rangers will coordinate the two-county investigation into the slayings of five people abducted from a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant last weekend, authorities said Thursday.

Law officers have come up with few concrete leads since the five people — four employees of the fast food restaurant and a \$2,000 robbery, taken to an isolated dirt road about 10 miles south of the East Texas town and shot to death.

However, police Chief C.R. Headen stressed that the decision to place Rangers Capt. W. Burks of Dallas and Sgt. James Wright in charge of the investigation did not indicate a breakdown in local officers' efforts.

The investigation has been handled by city police, the sheriff's department in Gregg County, where the restaurant is located, and deputies in Rusk County, where the bodies were found.

"Having a coordinator will maintain a cohesiveness between the two investigations," Headen said, "even more closely than we have been coordinating it."

A psychic who Wednesday visited the site where the bodies were found was not able to offer any leads, officials said, but she was expected to try again, possibly with a aid of a colleague.

"Anything is worth a try," said Rusk County sheriff's department spokesman Doyle Williams of the decision by Sheriff Mike Strong to call in the psychic.

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