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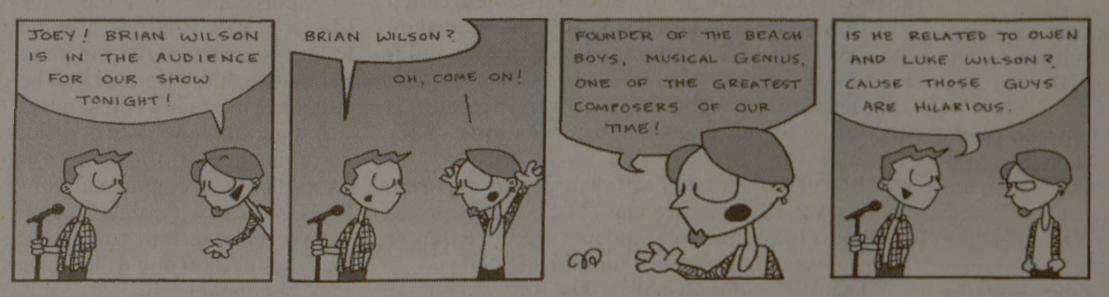

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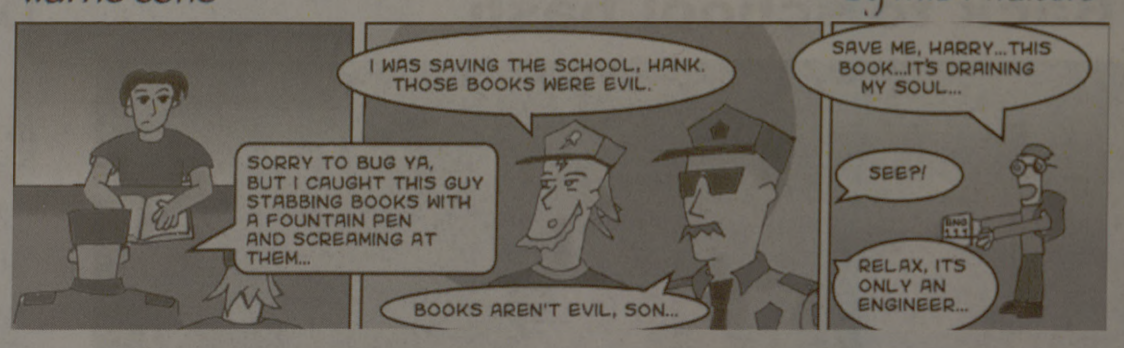

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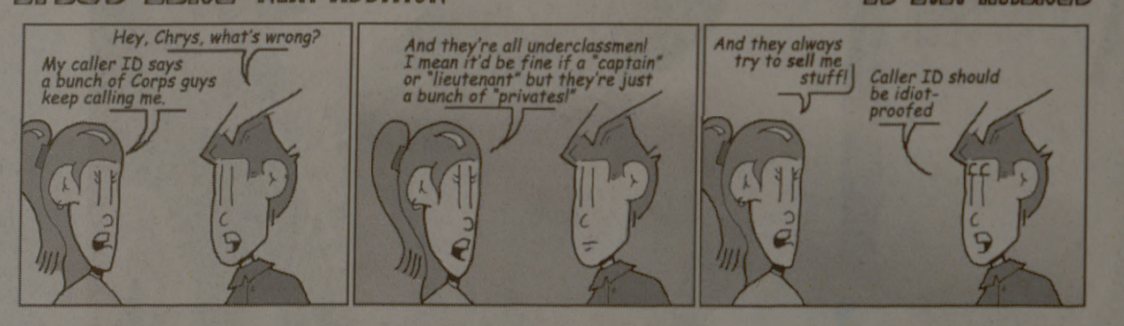

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Fastow aid to testify in barge case

HOUSTON (AP) — More than two years after becoming the first former Enron Corp. executive to plead guilty to crimes, Michael Kopper is about to make his debut on a witness stand.

Kopper, 39, was at the epicenter of financial schemes allegedly coordinated by his boss, former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow.

The schemes funneled millions of dollars into their pockets and eventually fueled the energy company's swift crash into bankruptcy in December 2001.

Battleship Texas' futur uncertain

By Michael Gracz
THE ASSOCIATED PRE

LA PORTE, Texas — A lentless corrosion from sal and tight budgets are doing no bombs, torpedoes or could accomplish.

Sixteen years after the spent $14 million to help pre it, the nearly century-old B ship Texas — the only rem battleship to survive World I and II — needs an overh keep it from rusting away.

"The ship is in need o nificant repair," said Whiston, director of the structure division of the Parks and Wildlife Depart which maintains the 573- long, 34,000-ton vessel in a on the Houston Ship Chan "There is corrosion at the line. We're continuing to ex ence problems that cause u cern. And the ship, given its is pretty fragile."

So fragile that chrom leaky air tanks — known as ters and added to the eve during the 1920s for stabili sprung a serious leak one re night. Workers were greeted next morning with the ship s ing a 4-degree starboard list.

"It got all of us excited we're satisfied it's sta Whiston said.

The water was pumped and the leak was patched least temporarily.

"If you are going to ackn edge you're going to keep s historic ships, there is a strong argument this is at as good, if not the best, on keep," said Barry Ward, cu of the Texas.

Ward said the ship is a un piece of technology in t of the time period it repres "This goes from the very be ning of the age of flight thro the nuclear age," he said.

In World War I, it serve U.S. flagship in the British G Fleet. In 1940, it was named fl ship of the U.S. Atlantic Fle took part in D-Day in 1944, l experienced casualties when by German artillery off Fra and provided Pacific support World War II battles at Iwo Ji and Okinawa.

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