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Identity, clues sought in fatal car bombing

FORT WORTH (AP) — Investigators were trying to identify the body of a man who was trapped inside his flaming car after a bomb blast that scattered debris over a two-block area.

Authorities late Thursday were sifting through the wreckage of the car that exploded in flames, burning the body beyond recognition.

Witnesses told police that the victim had parked his car and crossed the street to order food at a barbecue stand when two men in another car pulled up beside the vehicle, threw an object into the car and sped away.

"It all happened so fast," said a woman at the Truck Box Barbecue, a mobile food stand.

"I saw the white car take off and then just a few seconds later, the other car exploded. Glass was flying. Metal was flying," she told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"The really amazing thing is that no one else was hurt," said homicide Sgt. Paul Kratz.

"Just the way that the car is damaged leads you to believe it would be in the passenger compartment," Kratz said. "The force was on the interior of the car, not under the hood."

The explosion shortly before 2:30 p.m. Thursday sent a plume of smoke skyward that was visible from three-quarters of a mile away.

"At this point, we don't know what

type of bomb it was. Obviously it was a pretty spectacular explosion," Kratz said.

The blast near the intersection of Loop 820 and North Beach Street ripped the roof off the car and dropped it 100 feet away, said Fire Department spokesman R.C. Knight.

"It's charred black, the roof is gone and all the doors are blown open on it and there are no tires on it—they've all burned off," Knight said.

Kratz said the car was rented on February 25 and the name of the person who rented the car is known, but investigators have not been able to determine whether he was the victim because at least three people had access

to the car.

Dr. Marc Krouse, an investigator from the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said an autopsy would be conducted today.

Two women working at the barbecue stand said they recognized the victim from previous visits, Kratz said.

He said two teen-age girls who live at a nearby apartment complex told investigators they recognized the victim's car and thought the man was a resident there. Police were told by others at the complex that at least three people had driven the car, Kratz said.

Fossil Ridge Apartments manager Debbie Richardson told the Star-Telegram that a resident who had re-

cently moved into the complex drove a car that fit the description of the car that exploded.

The man's body was removed from the car late Thursday afternoon after Tarrant County medical examiners completed their on-site investigation. Investigators from the fire department, the Fort Worth Police Department's bomb squad and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms also went to the explosion site.

Fire Marshall Don Peacock said investigators on the scene told him the explosion may have been caused by a pipe bomb, but he added that the bomb was being described as an "incendiary device" of an undetermined style.



(AP Laserphoto)

Beam carries his wife Shiela away from the Federal Courthouse in Fort Smith, Ark, where she fainted while he spoke to reporters following his acquittal.

Defendants acquitted in sedition trial

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) — The acquittal of 13 white supremacists on sedition charges means that "religious freedom is still alive in this country," says one of the defendants in the seven-week federal trial.

An all-white jury Thursday acquitted the men, including a former Texas Ku Klux Klan official, of charges including conspiring to kill a federal judge and FBI agent and plotting to overthrow the federal government and establish an all-white nation in the Pacific Northwest.

Defendant Robert E. Miles, 63, a white supremacist leader from Cohoctah, Mich., praised the verdicts. But when asked how the trial had affected the supremacist movement, he said, "Who knows? What movement? What's left of it after this?"

"This proves that the common law is still alive," said defendant Richard G. Butler of Hayden Lake, Idaho. "This means we still enjoy the freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of association and freedom of religion."

The government presented 113 witnesses during the trial, which began Feb. 16. Prosecutors sought to prove that supremacists robbed banks and armored trucks of \$4.1 million to finance their activities, including about \$1 million still missing. The jury deliberated four days.

The defense, which called 79 witnesses, contended the conspiracy theory was made up by a key government witness, James Ellison, 47, who led a supremacist group in Arkansas and is serving 20 years for racketeering.

To discredit Ellison, the defense disclosed he had two wives, thought he received messages from God and had himself crowned King James of the Ozarks.

Defendants said the government was trying to suppress their call for white separatism and other aspects of their political and religious views.

But U.S. Attorney J. Michael Fitzhugh denied that the charges were politically motivated.

"We weren't after them because of what they believed or what they said," he said. "We were after them because of what they did."

Defendant Louis Ray Beam Jr., 41, of Houston, celebrated his acquittal by standing in the shadow of a Confederate memorial opposite the court building and claiming victory against what he calls the Zionist Occupation Government.

"I think ZOG has suffered a terrible defeat here today," Beam said. "I think everyone saw through the charade and saw that I was simply being punished for being a vociferous and outspoken opponent of ZOG."

Burton Levinson, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, called the verdicts "a real setback in the war against organized hate."

"Although many of the defendants are already serving prison terms growing out of their extremist activities, the others, including the most important leaders, will now be free to once again promote their anti-democratic and bigoted aims," Levinson said in a statement from New York. "The outcome means that we must and will remain vigilant."

Besides Miles, Butler and Beam, the other defendants were:

- Richard Joseph Scutari, 40, of New York, already serving 60 years for racketeering.
- Bruce Carroll Pierce, 32, of Metalline Falls, Wash., serving 100 years for racketeering and 150 years for violating the civil rights of Denver radio personality Alan Berg by killing him.
- Andrew Virgil Barnhill, 31, of Port Lauderdale, Fla., serving 40 years for racketeering.
- Ardie McBrearty, 60, of Gentry, Ark., serving 40 years for racketeering.
- David Eden Lane, 48, of Denver, serving 40 years for racketeering and 150 years for Berg's death.
- Richard Wayne Snell, 57, of Muse, Okla., sentenced to die for the murder of a pawn shop operator in 1983 and life in prison without parole for the 1984 slaying of an Arkansas state trooper.
- Lambert Miller, 47, of Springfield, Mo.
- David Michael McGuire, 25, of Greenville, Ill.
- Ivan Ray Wade, 35, of Smithville, Ark.
- William Wade, 68, of Smithville, father of Ivan Ray Wade.

Miles, Butler, Beam, Scutari, Pierce, Barnhill, McBrearty, Lane and Snell were acquitted of charges of seditious conspiracy; Scutari and Barnhill were acquitted of transporting stolen money, and Snell, Miller, McGuire and the Wades were acquitted of conspiracy to commit murder.

A fourteenth defendant, Robert Neil Smalley, 32, of Fort Smith, was acquitted earlier in the trial.

Regulators close two Texas banks

DALLAS (AP) — Two more Texas banks are under new management after poor lending practices forced state and federal regulators to shut them down, officials said.

Central National Bank of Dallas was closed Thursday by federal regulators, and the Texas banking commissioner Thursday closed the Home State Bank of Trent, Texas, said Bill Olcheski of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. in Washington.

Dallas' Central National Bank reopens today as a branch of another Dallas institution, the Deposit Guaranty bank.

But the customers of Home State Bank now have to drive six miles to bank at The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Olcheski said. The FDIC board of directors approved the transfer of insured deposits and fully secured or preferred deposits, but the Trent office will not reopen, he said.

The two bank closings brought the total number of Texas bank failures so far this year to 18, with one assistance transaction, said Olcheski. Nation-

wide, 48 banks have failed and the FDIC has provided eight assistance transactions.

Federal regulators cited problem loans and a lack of supervision as causes for Central National's rapid deterioration.

The bank was declared insolvent by Robert J. Herrmann, senior deputy comptroller for bank supervision of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, said agency spokesman Dale Underwood.

Central National Bank received a national bank charter on March 4, 1983. On March 29, 1988, it had total assets of approximately \$14 million.

The bank first became a concern to the comptroller's office in 1987 because of a lack of adequate supervision by the bank's board of directors and management's poor administration of the loan portfolio, Underwood said.

Texas Banking Commissioner Kenneth W. Littlefield announced the closing of Home State Bank in Trent. The bank 15 miles west of Abilene had deposits of approximately \$6 million.

Accident board member calls for workers comp changes

AUSTIN (AP) — Workers who fake on-the-job injuries and the doctors and lawyers who help them have combined to drive up workers compensation insurance rates, says an Industrial Accident Board member.

"There have been cases where one employee gets hurt in a business and they get a settlement and another employee saw that was a good deal so all of a sudden he slips and falls and he's hurt. It's not the majority, but there is an increasing number of them," Jim Kaster said Thursday.

The comment came after Kaster addressed a meeting of the Texas Business Council, a new organization that is trying to improve communications between state government and business owners.

Kaster, the accident board member who represents employers, delighted the audience by blaming lawyers and physicians for the workers compensation problem. Rates for the coverage have doubled in the past three years.

"Unfortunately, there are too many lawyers who are greedy and look at an injured worker only as a means to get a fee out of the system. In fact, someone once said if you took all the lawyers in Texas and laid them end to end, it would be a good thing," Kaster said, drawing laughs and applause from the business owners.

Kaster called the current system a "money machine." Texas' workers compensation awards totaled \$2.3 billion last year, second only to California. He said \$600 million of it went to lawyers, \$400 million to insurance companies for administrative expenses and \$1 billion went to health care providers.

"And after all that was taken out, the injured employees got what was left," Kaster said.

"Obviously, something is wrong."

He called for an end of "lump sum" payments to injured workers, which are allowed in cases involving financial hardship.

"In all cases I've seen with attorneys involved, they are alleging a hardship because the attorney gets his fee out of the lump sum. The problem with that is there are too many employees who are very uneducated, who have claims and maybe a third-grade education, and all of a sudden they get \$20,000," Kaster said.

"That's more money than they've ever seen in their lives and the first thing they do is go out and buy a new pickup truck and the money is blown and now the family is destitute and the guy doesn't have a job," he said in calling for weekly benefits.

Kaster urged the business owners to require pre-employment physicals, with a close look at the backs of job applicants.

"You may be surprised to find out there are some scars on their back that you may want to know about, because if a person has had a back injury, there is a 42 percent greater chance they are going to file a subsequent injury working for you," Kaster said.

He also recommended that employers send injured workers to the worker's family doctor.

"It's better for him to go to a doctor that he knows than to go into the system where the attorney refers him to a doctor (who) knows he can make a lot of money off attorney referrals. I've seen what they write and you'd think the guy with the sprained back is dying right there on the spot," he said. "And there are other doctors in the state who will operate at the drop of a hat, and then their backs are really messed up."

Ice rink melts, cancels ice show

FORT WORTH (AP) — A melt-down at the Tarrant County Convention Center left Disney's World On Ice in puddles and hundreds of tiny Mickey Mouse and Snow White fans out in the cold.

After a Tuesday opening that attracted more than 6,000 fans to an ice version of a Snow White adventure, convention center officials were forced to cancel two performances Wednesday when a blown fuse melted the 80-by-200-foot rink.

A cast of Disney characters — including Doc, Happy, Sleepy, Grumpy, Sneezy, Dopey and Bashful — got an unscheduled day off.

Morgan said convention center workers first noticed the blown fuse had jammed a pump used to make ice late Tuesday, after the opening performance. But workers were convinced the problem was not serious.

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Convicted White House aide's lack of remorse cited

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutors say former White House aide Lyn Nofziger has shown a "total lack of remorse" since his conviction for illegal lobbying, but defense lawyers say the offense was not serious enough to warrant imprisonment.

Independent counsel James C. McKay urged U.S. District Judge Thomas Flannery in a sentencing memorandum to impose a "meaningful punishment" that includes a prison term of unspecified length and a fine for three felony convictions.

Nofziger, 63, former White House political director, was scheduled to be sentenced today for illegally lobbying former Reagan administration colleagues on behalf of Wedtech Corp., the scandal-racked defense contractor,

and a marine engineers union.

He faced up to two years and a \$10,000 fine for each of the three violations of the Ethics in Government Act, which restricts lobbying by former government officials.

McKay said Nofziger showed "a total lack of remorse or contrition" after his Feb. 11 conviction when he compared his offenses to "running a stop sign."

The independent counsel also argued that Nofziger defiantly ignored legal advice about the ban on lobbying former colleagues within a year of leaving government service.

McKay said a prison term was called for "to impress present and former government employees, as well as the general public that Congress intended those restrictions to be taken seriously and that

they will be enforced with meaningful penalties."

The defense called McKay's request vindictive and mean-spirited, saying "it is inconceivable that a sentence other than probation is appropriate under these circumstances."

Imprisonment "would unnecessarily add to the degradation and humiliation Mr. Nofziger has already suffered as a result of his indictment and trial," defense lawyers Robert Plotkin and E. Lawrence Barcella said in their brief that sought a brief period of unsupervised probation.

A number of current and former government officials, including Labor Secretary Ann McLaughlin, Energy Secretary John Herrington and Secret

Service director John R. Simpson, signed letters vouching for Nofziger's integrity and character.

Nofziger was convicted of urging then-presidential counselor Edwin Meese III to intercede to help Wedtech get a \$32 million no-bid Army contract to build small engines. Wedtech got the contract.

Nofziger was also convicted of illegally contacting Meese's deputy, James E. Jenkins for the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, which was seeking to expand civilian manning of Navy support ships.

The third conviction dealt with a contract Nofziger had with two National

Security Council aides for Fairchild Republic Corp., which made the A-10 anti-tank plane.

In his sentencing memo, McKay also urged a large fine, arguing that Nofziger had unjustly enriched himself through violations of the law. McKay noted that Nofziger and his business partner, Mark A. Bragg, received stock in Wedtech Corp. as a result of the successful effort to lobby Meese, now attorney general.

Nofziger and Bragg sold their stock for more than \$600,000, according to congressional testimony. McKay said Nofziger's net worth is more than \$2.8 million.

Grief-stricken daughter



(AP Laserphoto)

A police officer escorts Dr. Lisa Conrad from an apartment building on Chicago's North Side Thursday after her father and two women were stabbed to death. Dr. Francis E. Conrad, 51, of Arlington, Va., was killed in the management office when a tenant allegedly flew into a rage over an eviction notice, police said. The father was helping his daughter find an apartment in preparation for her medical residency, authorities said.

Grade A eggs linked to salmonella outbreaks

CHICAGO (AP) — Raw or undercooked eggs — even from perfect and sanitized shells — may be spreading the salmonella bacteria in the Northeast, says a federal researcher who fears the problem may be spreading.

Even sound Grade A eggs, which are screened for defects and cleansed outside with chemical disinfectant, appear to be implicated in the sickening of hundreds of people in recent years, the researcher said Thursday.

Previous egg-related salmonella food poisoning has been limited to eggs that were cracked, dirty or in some other way defective

or mishandled, said Dr. Michael E. St. Louis of the national Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

St. Louis said in a telephone interview, though, that his findings now implicate Grade A eggs — the most widely sold egg in whole shell form. He said, however, that fully cooked eggs appear to present no danger.

"In all of the outbreaks we investigated, people ate the eggs raw or undercooked," St. Louis said. "Consumers don't need to stop eating eggs, but if they wish to avoid salmonella infections, they need to cook the eggs."

Cathy McCharen, a spokeswoman for the egg industry-funded Egg Nutrition Center in Washington, D.C., said "We're doing everything possible to correct and identify any problems."

St. Louis and his colleagues began their investigation after learning of a sixfold increase in the number of infections caused by the bacteria salmonella enteritidis.

The researchers found that in the nine affected states from January 1985 to May 1987, 65 food-borne outbreaks of salmonella enteritidis occurred and were associated with 2,119 food-poisoning cases and 11 deaths.

Justice nominee under fire for all-white, all-male clubs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Edwin Meese's choice to become the No. 2 official in the Justice Department is under fire for his membership in an all-male athletic club and an all-white country club.

"It makes it hard to imagine he'll be able to administer justice in government in a way that's non-discriminatory when in his own personal life he doesn't live up to that," Patricia Ireland, executive vice president of the National Organization for Women, said of John C. Shepherd.

The Senate Judiciary Committee will vote on whether to confirm Shepherd as deputy attorney general, if President Reagan goes ahead and nominates him. Committee members said Thursday that it is too soon to comment on Shepherd's membership in the Missouri Athletic Club, which has no female members, and the Bellerive Country Club, which has no blacks. Both are in the St. Louis area.

Shepherd, 62, a St. Louis attorney, could not be reached for

comment Thursday. He was not in his office, and his home phone number is unlisted. But on Wednesday he told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch he had not yet decided whether he should resign from the clubs.

"I haven't made up my mind on whether that would be necessary," he told the newspaper. "I am going to Washington for nine months to help the attorney general as his deputy."

Shepherd said he told Meese and other Justice Department officials about his club memberships in conversations in Washington earlier this week. He added that the FBI "is aware of this."

In the same interview, Shepherd also said he was confident he would be cleared by the FBI of allegations that he had an affair with a former bookkeeper at his firm and that he had authorized her to write \$147,000 in checks to herself.

He added that the allegations by Denise Sinner, 29, of St. Peters, Mo., "are absolutely untrue and unfounded."

Researchers discover new dinosaur in an old skull

CLEVELAND (AP) — A misidentified dinosaur skull found in the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's basement came from a previously unknown meat-eating reptile that was a pygmy cousin of Tyrannosaurus rex, scientists say.

The skull was found on a southeast Montana farm 46 years ago by a museum expedition, but was misidentified as a gorgosaur, a relatively primitive, common carnivore, scientists said at a news conference Thursday.

The new genus has been named Nanotyrannus, or "pygmy tyrant," by the three scientists who discovered it.

"This animal is so different from any other meat-eater that it merits its own branch of the tyrannosaur family tree," said Robert T. Bakker, adjunct curator of paleontology.

Bakker said he found the skull, believed to be the only Nanotyrannus specimen, while rummaging around the museum's basement last spring.

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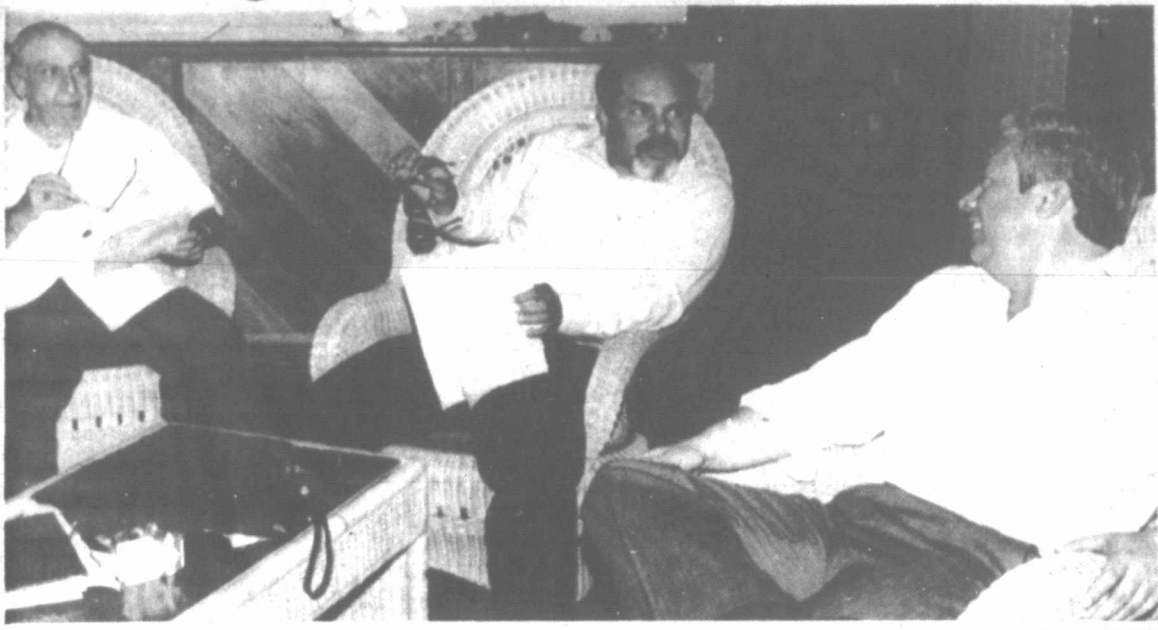
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Contras agree to resume talks



Members of the Contras technical delegation discuss the Sandinista government proposals during meeting Thursday in Sapoa, Nicaragua. Both sides agreed to con-

tinue talks. From left are: Alejandro Montiel Arguello, Rene Herrera and Aristides Sanchez.

Mediation suspended by church

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Archbishop Marcos McGrath called off his attempt to mediate between Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega and the opposition, which has refused to negotiate unless the general first agrees to leave the country.

Also Thursday, there was a split in the main anti-Noriega coalition. And police using tear gas and rubber hoses dispersed hundreds of anti-government demonstrators in the western city of David.

A Roman Catholic church communique said mediation efforts were suspended because the opposition had insisted Noriega — the nation's de facto ruler — agree to depart and the general had failed to agree in writing to mediation.

"The church in no way surrenders the difficult task of mediation. It still considers it urgent and every day more so," said the communique, which asked all parties to remove obstacles so that talks might begin.

The opposition National Civic Crusade, which has led the Panamanian fight to oust Noriega, said in a statement issued after the church announcement that it stood by its negotiating conditions.

A sign from Noriega that he was willing to step down remained an "indispensable and essential condition" for opening talks, it said.

In a communique that was not signed by Noriega, the government had agreed to church mediation without preconditions.

Earlier Thursday, two leaders of the opposition Popular Action Party announced they were breaking with the 10-month-old Civic Crusade to form the Popular Civic Movement.

Israeli girl's death brings outrage

JERUSALEM (AP) — An autopsy of a young Israeli settler killed in a clash with Palestinians showed she was struck both by a bullet and a large object, casting doubt on initial army reports she was stoned to death by Arabs.

Details provided by an Israel Television report raised the possibility that the girl, 15-year-old Tirza Porat, was inadvertently shot by another Jewish West Bank settler. The army said the cause of death was still unclear.

Initial reports that the girl died from rocks flung by Arabs while she was on a hike with other Israeli teen-agers aggravated tensions between the 65,000 Jewish settlers and 850,000 Arabs in the West Bank.

In the village of Beita, where the girl was killed, the army on Thursday blew up five homes of alleged suspects and rounded up hundreds of Arabs for questioning. Soldiers fatally shot an Arab youth the army said had ignored orders to halt.

Earlier, armed Israeli civilians rampaged through two Arab villages near Beita, beating residents, breaking windows and firing shots in the air.

Tirza was later buried near her home in the West Bank settlement Elon Moreh. The funeral was attended by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and thousands of armed settlers. Some shouted "Revenge, Revenge" and "Expel the Arabs."

Settlers later staged a protest near Shamir's Jerusalem home, saying they would remain until Israel adopted harsher measures against Arab protesters.

In other developments Thursday, two Arabs were shot and wounded in separate clashes with

troops in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, which Israel seized in the 1967 Middle East war.

Tirza was the first Israeli civilian killed in a clash with Palestinians since the Arab uprising began in the occupied lands Dec. 8. In four months of violence, 141 Arabs and one Israeli soldier have been killed.

The army on Thursday completed a preliminary investigation into Wednesday's events in Beita, where Arab villagers fought 16 Elon Moreh teenagers accompanied by two armed Israeli adults. Two Arabs were killed, two were wounded, and 13 Israelis injured in the melee.

The Israelis, who had passed near Beita during a holiday hike, were stoned by Beita youths and one of the Israeli guards opened fire from an automatic rifle, said Israel radio, citing army investigators.

The Arabs disarmed the guards and brought the group to the village, where they were stoned by residents, the radio report said.

"We are talking about hundreds of people (villagers) who played a role," Maj. Gen. Amram Mitzna, the army's West Bank commander, told Israel television. However, army officials also have said many villagers helped the teen-agers, hiding some in their homes and calling ambulances.

It remained unclear how Tirza and the two Arabs were killed. Shortly after the girl died Wednesday, the army said she was killed by a bullet. It later said she was stoned to death by villagers.

An army official, citing subsequent autopsy results, said Tirza was struck in the head by both a bullet and a large object, possibly a stone. The official said the cause of death was not yet known.

Afghan settlement reported complete

GENEVA (AP) — A negotiated peace settlement aimed at ending the Afghan civil war is completed and ready for signature, United Nations mediator Diego Cordovez announced today.

The date of the signature ceremony has not yet been fixed but will not be later than next Thursday, Cordovez told reporters after nearly six weeks of arduous negotiations in the latest round of indirect talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Setting the time of signature "involves a number of logistical questions," Cordovez said.

Apart from the two negotiating parties, the accord as foreseen calls for the United States and the Soviet Union to sign as guarantors.

Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev and his Afghan ally Najib said Thursday that "the last obstacles to concluding the agreements have now been removed." A joint statement said Soviet troops can start leaving on May 15 if the agreement is signed quickly.

Dollar, stocks fall slightly in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) — Stock prices eased slightly today from their record level of a day earlier, while the U.S. dollar also dipped in trading against the Japanese yen.

On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the Nikkei Stock Average of 225 selected issues, a 258.05-point winner Thursday, shed a modest 20.33 points, or 0.07 percent, finishing the week at 26,748.89.

The Nikkei's close of 26,768.22 points Thursday was its highest ever. Its level today, though marginally lower, surpassed the previous best of 26,646.43 set the week before the worldwide stock market panic last October.

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Long Texaco-Pennzoil feud ends quietly in Houston bank

HOUSTON (AP) — A suddenly richer Pennzoil Co. is ready to get on with business now that its tumultuous, bitter four-year legal battle with Texaco Inc. has ended with a quiet \$3 billion payment.

"Quite frankly, we've been in a holding pattern for over four years," Pennzoil Chairman J. Hugh Liedtke said Thursday after Texaco paid Pennzoil \$3 billion to settle their dispute.

"We think we're now in a position to invest these funds and to make up for lost time and hopefully look at areas of growth which would enable the company to become more profitable insofar as its shareholders and employees are concerned," Liedtke said.

Unlike the historic courtroom brawls

that took place between the two oil companies, the official end came without much fanfare in the quiet confines of a downtown Houston bank.

At Texas Commerce Bank-Houston, \$3 billion was transferred from several Texaco banks to a Pennzoil account. It took 10 minutes and four transactions to complete the payment.

The payment settled litigation stemming from Texaco's 1984 acquisition of Getty Oil Co. and allows the White Plains, N.Y.-based oil giant to emerge from bankruptcy protection.

The settlement was part of Texaco's bankruptcy reorganization plan, which was approved March 23 by a federal judge. Texaco also will begin making another \$2.6 billion in payments to its

other creditors.

Pennzoil officials now are looking at long-term ways to invest the windfall. The company actually borrowed \$3 billion a couple of weeks ago in advance of the payment so it could invest it in an orderly manner, Pennzoil spokesman Bob Harper said.

The legal war began with Texaco's acquisition of Getty Oil. Houston-based Pennzoil sued Texaco, claiming interference with a planned merger between Pennzoil and Getty.

In November 1985, a Houston jury shocked Texaco by agreeing with Pennzoil and awarding the Houston company \$10.53 billion in damages — the largest civil award in U.S. history.

A state appeals court upheld the ver-

dict, but reduced the \$3 billion in punitive damages to \$1 billion.

Nearly a year ago, Texaco filed for bankruptcy protection, saying it had to do so to avoid posting a potentially ruinous bond to continue its appeal of the judgment.

Last November, the Texas Supreme Court refused to hear oral arguments in Texaco's appeal and let the verdict stand. Texaco said it would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, but a committee of Texaco shareholders proposed the \$3 billion settlement to get the company out of bankruptcy court reorganization.

Pennzoil agreed with the plan. Thursday's quiet conclusion, consisting of a simple electronic transfer of

money, was witnessed by about a dozen reporters and photographers and representatives of Pennzoil and the bank.

It was in sharp contrast with the bombast of the court proceedings and subsequent appeals.

Led by colorful Houston attorney Joe Jamail, Pennzoil's case was based on the belief that a handshake and a man's word was as good as a written contract, and Texaco violated that rule by plucking Getty from Pennzoil's grasp.

Texaco contended Getty had invited it to bid — and there was no valid contract between Pennzoil and Getty because all the papers had not been signed by the appropriate parties.

Texaco also put the entire Texas court system under scrutiny.

Rust belt resurgence powers American giants to record sales and big profits

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rust Belt is back, says Fortune magazine's latest annual list of the 500 biggest U.S. industrial companies, which boomed to record profits and sales led by a resurgent smokestack America.

Economic fears raised by October's stock market crash could not overcome the potent effects of a weaker dollar helping manufacturers battle fierce foreign competition.

"Across the Rust Belt you can hear the sound of champagne corks popping and beer cans spritzing open: The Fortune 500 had its best year ever in 1987," the magazine said in a cover story on the annual list.

"After half a decade of sitting on the sidelines while the rest of the economy boogied, the biggest U.S. industrial corporations waltzed into the Great American Pro-

fit Party with record sales and earnings," Fortune said.

Fortune compiles the list of the 500 biggest industrial companies every year based on annual sales of the previous year. The list is in Fortune's April 25 issue, available at newsstands Monday.

Fortune said total sales of the 500 climbed 9 percent last year to \$1.88 trillion, up from \$1.72 trillion in 1986 and higher than the previous record of \$1.81 trillion in 1985.

Profits jumped from \$64 billion to \$91 billion, a 41 percent increase that gave the 500 its biggest share ever of U.S. industrial profits, Fortune said.

The magazine attributed the performance to free-spending consumers unconcerned with the stock market collapse, corporate restructuring that has reduced work forces, and the weak dollar

that has made U.S. goods more competitive.

The most powerful catalysts in the smokestack revival, the magazine said, were basic industries such as forest products and chemicals, which enjoyed the best advantage from the dollar's protracted decline. Among paper makers, median sales increased 17.9 percent and median profits increased 60 percent.

Profits at No. 183 Air Products & Chemicals Inc., a maker of industrial gases, rose more than 30-fold to \$155.6 million, making it the biggest profit gainer on the list.

Chrysler Corp. returned to the top 10 for the first time in a decade, helped by its acquisition of American Motors Corp.

The top six companies were unchanged from the previous year: General Motors Corp.; Exxon

Corp.; Ford Motor Co.; International Business Machines Corp.; Mobil Corp.; and General Electric Co. Texaco Inc., No. 7, and American Telephone & Telegraph Co., No. 8, swapped places from the year before.

E.I. du Pont de Nemours repeated in the No. 9 spot and Chevron Corp. was bumped out of No. 10 by Chrysler's ascent from No. 11.

This year's list contained fewer members of industries such as building materials, food, industrial and farm equipment, petroleum refining, rubber products, toys and sporting goods. There were more companies producing chemicals, computers, furniture, metals, drugs and cosmetics.

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Religion

Political, religious conference set

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—In much of the world, politicians alone have sought to solve its acute difficulties, without much success, so help is being asked from a big, left-out force—religious leaders.

This is the intent of a first-of-its-kind international conference next week at Oxford University in England of lawmakers and spiritual leaders.

They represent the two major human structures for dealing with world problems, but only politics rules the task, with religion excluded, says the Rev. James Park Morton, conference co-chairman.

"Instead of keeping them in isolation from each other, they've got to start working together if there is to be greater hope for the future."

Morton, dean of New York's Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, says both on global and most national levels, politicians alone control critical issues, despite basic religious dimensions.

Citing directly intertwined religious-political issues in the Middle East, Northern Ireland, Tibet, Afghanistan and elsewhere, he said, "Both sides have got to become involved in a working relationship."

That may sound like heresy in the United States, with its "separation of church and state," a popularized simplification of the constitutional guarantee of no established church and of religious freedom.

One of the conference planners, U.S. Sen. David Durenberger, R-Minn., says shallow interpretations have created artificial barriers to the necessary collaboration of the two fields.

The mutual religious-political involvement is particularly essential in countering industrial-technological trends threatening life on Earth, says U.S. Rep. James Scheuer, D-N.Y.

Astronomer Carl Sagan and Scheuer, both participants in the conference, listed various unresolved dangers to the planet:

Toxic waste poisoning ground water, acid rain destroying vegetation, the temperature-raising "greenhouse effect" of burning fossil fuels, weakening of the ozone layer allowing in destructive ultraviolet rays, AIDS, nuclear arms.

Other critical issues, such as family values, poverty, human violence and possibilities for peace, also are to be weighed in the April 11-15 "Global Conference of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders on Human Survival."

Co-chairing the conference

with Morton is India's Sen. Sat Paul Mittal. Participants are to include about 100 political figures and 100 leaders of five world religions—Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism and Islam.

"This is a meeting whose time has come," says Lutheran Bishop Krister Stendahl of Stockholm, Sweden.

Religious participants also include Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, Austria's Roman Catholic Cardinal Franz Koenig, Judaism's Rabbi Arthur Schneier of New York, the Buddhist Dalai Lama and Islamic leader Inamullah Khan of Pakistan.

Among other participants are U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, Soviet Academy of Sciences official Evguenij Velikhov, Peru's former Prime Minister Manuel Ulloa and a lineup of legislators.

The conference executive coordinator and a persistent catalyst to it, Akio Matsumura, a Japanese-American of New York, says its costs of about \$1 million are being provided by individual religious donors.

Major contributors listed include American businessman-philanthropist Paul N. Temple, a Virginia Episcopalian, Japanese businessman Shingo Nomura and Buddhist leader Nikkyo Niwano of Tokyo.

Central Baptist plans revival

Central Baptist Church, Starkweather and Browning streets, will have revival services beginning Sunday and continuing through Wednesday, April 13.

Services will begin with Bible study at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, with evening services at 7:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday.

Noon services are scheduled for Monday through Wednesday beginning with a meal served at 11:45 a.m., and the meetings concluding at 12:45 p.m.

There will be a \$2 charge for the meal.

Evangelist for the revival will be Bailey Stone, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Odessa.

Bailey became pastor of the church in 1978, and during his time there the church has experienced remarkable growth.

Music evangelist will be Geary Brogden, minister of music and youth at the First Baptist Church of Friona.

Brogden is widely used in camps and revivals and has sung for the Texas Evangelism Conference and with The Singing Men of Texas.

Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist, and the congregation invite the public to attend the special revival services.



Stone



Brogden

First Baptist to have revival services

First Baptist Church of Pampa will be conducting a series of revival meetings beginning Sunday, April 10, and concluding Wednesday, April 13.

Sunday services will begin with Bible Study at 9:45 a.m., followed by morning worship at 11 a.m. The evening service will be at 7 p.m.

Weekday noon services will be held in the Fellowship Hall with a meal at a cost of \$2. Serving of the meal will begin at 11:30 a.m. A noon Bible Study will begin at 12:10 p.m. and conclude by 1 p.m.

Weekday evening services Monday through Wednesday will begin at 7 p.m.

Leading the revival services will be Manley Beasley, who has held more than 1,200 revivals, seminars and Bible conferences across America and Europe over the past 30 years.

Beasley is presently president of the Gospel Harvester's Foundation and presides over the International Congress on Revival. His tapes and books enjoy international distribution, with hundreds of thousands of copies throughout the world.

Born in Mississippi, Beasley spent his childhood years in Port Neches, Texas. At the age of 13, he left home and began to travel around the world. By the time he



Beasley

was 17, he had been in 31 different countries.

Yet, in spite of the adventure, he found that his life had no purpose or satisfaction. It was at this time that he found the Lord Jesus and was saved.

The following year, he answered a call to preaching and entered East Texas Baptist College. Several years later, he was called to pastor Hillcrest Baptist Church in Nederland, Texas. During this time he finished his degree at Lamar College and then entered full-time evangelism in 1955.

Beasley has continued his preaching despite a warfare of

faith involving a struggle with three terminal diseases. As one fellow minister says, "He is a man whose heart God has touched."

He and his wife Marthe currently reside near Dallas, with all four of their children and five grandchildren residing in the Dallas area.

Evening services will feature music directed by John Glover, minister of music at First Baptist. The music will emphasize choirs and soloists from all areas of music ministry.

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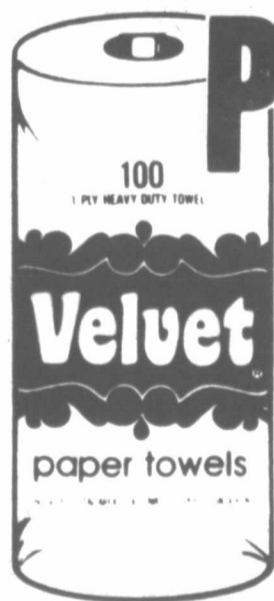
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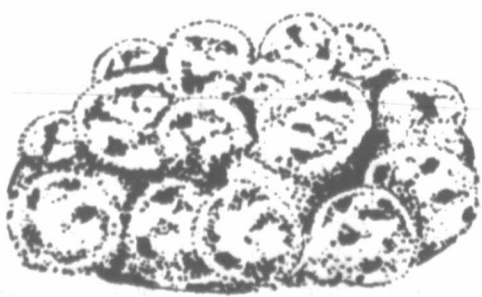
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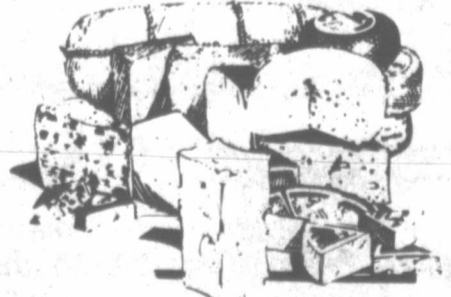
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Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

Honeybees can bumble

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Delaware Beekeeper" and "Larry of Lakewood, Ohio." The honeybee will indeed land on soft-drink cans and bottles and get into them. I know several people who were stung in the mouth from a honeybee that got into their soft-drink can.

True, honeybees will sting only in defense of their hive or if they are threatened, but when a honeybee gets into someone's mouth and feels pressure, it will sting to protect itself. I am a beekeeper, and I know the difference between a yellow jacket, wasp and a honeybee.

At work, at lunchtime we have to keep our soft drinks covered because the bees swarm on top of any open can.

I would also like to add that the flight of the bumblebee is not only from flower to flower. If you go to a swimming pool or watering hole in the summertime, if there is a beehive in the area, you will see bees collecting water for their hive.

Also, the honeybee does not gather honey from flowers as Larry stated; bees gather pollen and nectar from flowers and then make the honey.

BIG AL,
LOUISIANA BEEKEEPER

DEAR AL: Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was appalled to read in your column that great numbers of people wrote to say that bees get a bad rap because people mistake wasps and yellow jackets for bees.

Who cares? I wish you'd have focused on the real issue — that being stung on the inside of the mouth is a potentially fatal situation!

When I was stung on the tongue (at the age of 24), I was terrified of the very real possibility that my throat would swell closed, and I would die of asphyxiation!

So again I say, I don't care if it's a bee, wasp or whatever. It's terrifying to get an insect in one's mouth, feel it sting, then have to pull the stinger out of one's tongue or other oral tissue; worse if the stinger is too far down to reach.

JULIANNE TANSKI,
LAKEWOOD, CALIF.

DEAR JULIANNE: Let's put the cap on this stinging issue with a final word from a reader with a sense of humor:

DEAR ABBY: Your "It was a wasp, not a bee column" reminds me of this story: A bee, wearing a yarmulke, met another bee who asked, "Why are you wearing that skullcap? You're not Jewish."

The bee replied, "I know, I just don't want anyone to mistake me for a WASP!"

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Pint-size picnic furniture is made to fit children

By **BOB SAWYER**

Cleaning up after the kids have eaten may be preferable to cleaning up after a nuclear spill, but similarities do exist.

One of the ways to keep the frequency of this task to a minimum is to encourage all family members under the age of about 30 to adapt to life in the great outdoors.

To lure them out there, you will have to come up with some alfresco creature comforts for your back yard.

Here's one that will please the toddlers as well as your pocket-book — pint-size picnic furniture that is inexpensive and easy to build.

The box-style chairs can be made any size, with or without cushions. The table is just another chair frame with a slat top hinged to it. When the table is not in use, swing the top back and you have another chair!

I used redwood for building material, because it has a handsome, rustic look and also offers a degree of natural resistance to in-

sects and rot. Any type of lumber will do, however.

Construction is kept simple, with no difficult joints. The entire set can be built with just a saw, hammer and nails.

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If you build the pint-size picnic furniture from redwood, consider buying a utility grade rather than a clear grade. The difference in price will allow you to overbuy, and have enough to eliminate knotholes.

You'll be using mostly short lengths, all 2½ inches wide, so it will be fairly easy to work around any blemishes in the lumber. Try to find 1x3; otherwise purchase

1x6. Ask your dealer if he will rip the 1x6 in half for you.

The chairs that I built are 19½ inches wide by 19 inches tall by 14 inches deep, but the size is easy to alter.

For one chair, cut the following lengths, all 2½ inches wide (quantities are in parentheses): (4) 19 inches, (3) 19½ inches, (4) 14 inches and (5) 15½ inches.

The chair consists of two identical side sections joined by two back supports and one front support. The seat is made of slats.

To build one side section, use two 19-inch lengths as the legs. Connect them with two 14-inch horizontals: Place one across the legs flush at the top, and the second 5½ inches below. Secure all joints with glue and nails.

To join the two side sections, secure two 19½-inch back support horizontally, flush with and covering the back ends of the horizontal braces on the side sections.

Attach the third 19½-inch support across the front, flush with and covering the front ends of the



Easy build-it-yourself picnic set is a perfect size for the youngsters in the family.

lower horizontal braces on the side sections.

To finish up, attach the five 15½-inch seat slats to the top of the frame formed by the lower back and front supports.

That's all there is to it, aside from some sanding and whatever finishing materials you want to apply. As you can see, the size is really easy to alter.

The 29-inch-diameter round

table top is made of slats aligned in parallel and cut to form the circle. You can leave gaps between the slats, or butt them together for a smoother surface.

The table top slats require cross-braces underneath, or you might prefer to cut a plywood table top as a single piece.

Use two heavy-duty hinges to attach the table top to the upper back support of one chair.

Pilgrim lineages published

One of the major genealogical publishing companies, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, Md. 21202, has recently published a sixth edition of *Lineages of Members of the National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims*. This is a two-volume set with corrections, additions and, for the first time, a full index.

Volume One includes the lineages of all members of the society from 1909 to 1928, and the second volume has lineages of members from 1929 to 1952. Membership in the society is based on having an ancestor that lived in one of the 13 Colonies between 1620 and 1700. More than 6,800 lineages have been collected, and this may be a place to find your elusive ancestor.

Probably more books have been written about the Pilgrims than any other group of people who came to America. Some historians believe that the term "Pilgrim" came from the Ply-



Gena on Genealogy
Gena Walls

mouth Colony's second governor, William Bradford, who wrote in his book, *Of Plymouth Plantation*, that "They knew they were pilgrims" when they left Holland.

In 1608, a group of people who had separated themselves from the Church of England fled to Leiden, Holland. Several years passed and the children appeared to be more Dutch than English, causing concern among the parents.

The group wanted to return home but also wanted to maintain their religious beliefs; therefore, when they heard that a group of

English merchants would finance a trip to America, they felt their prayers had been answered.

Returning to England, the group set sail for America aboard the Mayflower in September 1620 and landed here Nov. 21, 1620.

Many of the society lineages have been traced beyond 1620 and include the route from England to Holland and back to England. The book is an excellent resource. You may want to request a catalog from the publishing company or ask for publications relating to a particular area or surname.

Do you have a book that you would like discussed in this column? All books that are mailed with return postage will be returned to sender. Those received without instructions or return postage are donated to the local historical/genealogical library.

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- 1 Straight arrow
- 5 Pay dirt
- 8 Pronto (abbr.)
- 12 Tamarisk salt tree
- 13 Western hemisphere org.
- 14 Atomic number (abbr.)
- 15 Lariat
- 16 Ore
- 17 ... and crafts
- 18 Openings
- 19 Western resort
- 21 Bullfight cheer
- 22 Head supports
- 24 Brown pigment
- 26 "Inferno" author
- 28 More twisted
- 29 Poverty-war agency (abbr.)
- 30 Baseball player
- 31 Singing syllable
- 32 Away
- 33 Caesar's language
- 35 Propellant gas
- 38 Female's
- 39 Boredom
- 41 Hockey great
- 42 Short curls
- 46 Boy
- 47 Tumult
- 49 Paddle
- 50 First-rate (2 wds.)
- 51 River nymph
- 52 Bi plus one
- 53 Large rodent
- 54 Feminine suffix
- 55 Billboards

DOWN

- 1 Moses' brother
- 2 Kept in reserve
- 3 Lama's kin
- 4 Born
- 5 Fumbler's exclamation
- 6 Grate
- 7 This (Sp.)
- 8 Auto club (abbr.)
- 9 Photographer's flash tube
- 10 Horn
- 11 Puzzle
- 19 Star
- 20 Gives food to
- 23 Intricate
- 25 Glove
- 27 Pertaining to dawn
- 28 Canine cry
- 33 Cowboy's rope
- 34 Skillful
- 36 Borrowed (2 wds.)
- 37 Shade of difference
- 38 Actor — Greene
- 40 Brainstorms
- 43 Tiny particle
- 44 Aromatic ointment
- 45 Actor — Kristofferson
- 48 Mao — tung
- 50 NCO's address

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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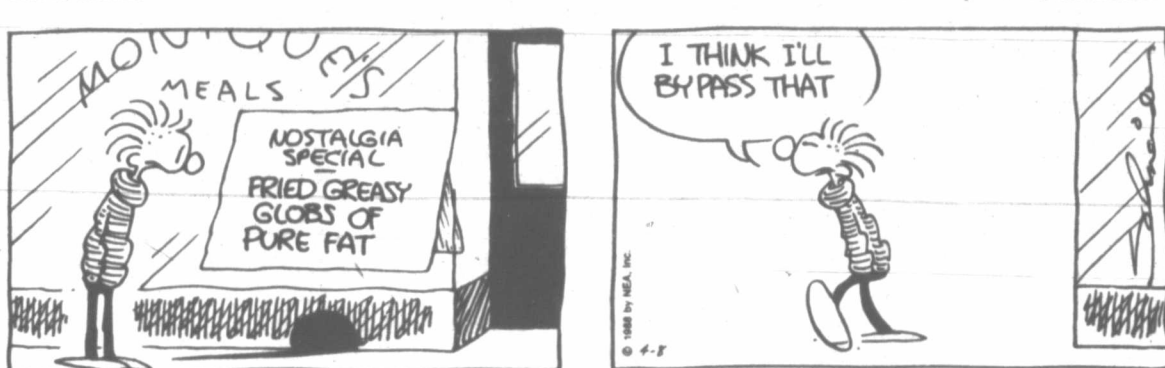
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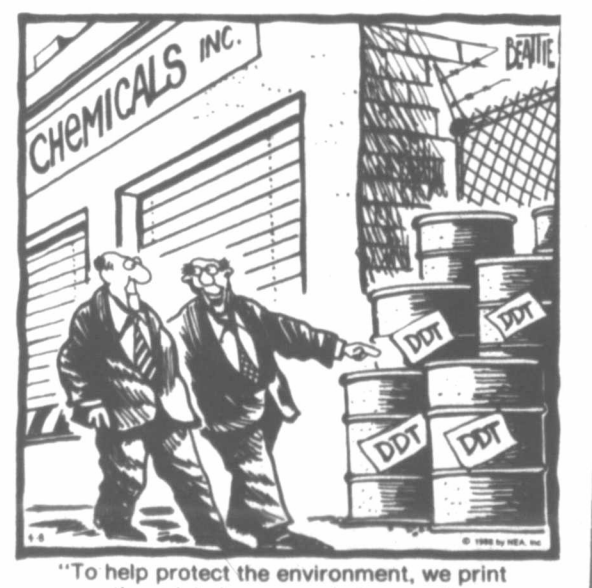
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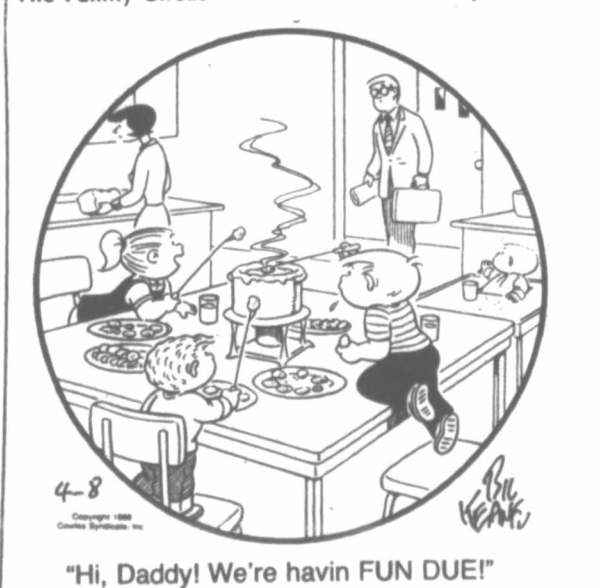
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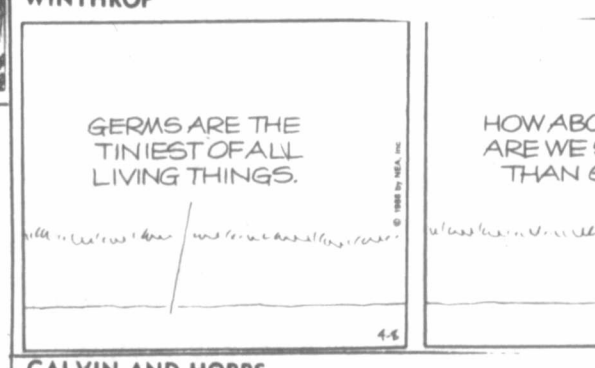
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Astro-Graph

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be a bit tense and overactive today. Be careful you don't lose your cool around the wrong people; your dignity and reputation could suffer. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker set instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's best to have your own plans today. If you don't, you may find yourself under the domination of another person, participating in involvements that you'd rather not.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to avoid the company of a person today with whom you've had a misunderstanding that isn't resolved. You won't want to cross swords again.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you and your mate have a disagreement at home today, don't air it in public later. It will make your audience feel very uncomfortable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When attempting to do difficult tasks today, it's important to be methodical. If you're not, you could have a lot of aggravation with precious little accomplishment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually you are an extremely conscientious person, but today you could get a bit careless regarding something you are asked to do by another; you might do a poor job.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There is a possibility that you and your mate will take opposing views on even minor issues today. If you see this coming, for the sake of peace, start being more agreeable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your powers of observation are very keen today, especially your critical faculties. Don't speak out of turn and wound someone's feelings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is one of those days when money could burn a hole in your pocket. For the sake of your budget, it's best to stay away from stores that have expensive goodies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Feelings might be a bit intense at home today. It's best to yield on minor points so you avoid locking horns with a family member or in-law.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, don't pretend you're knowledgeable about a subject about which you really know very little. Your facade will be pierced and you could end up being embarrassed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Attend to matters personally today that affect your material security. It may be more convenient to delegate them to others, but they won't do as good a job.

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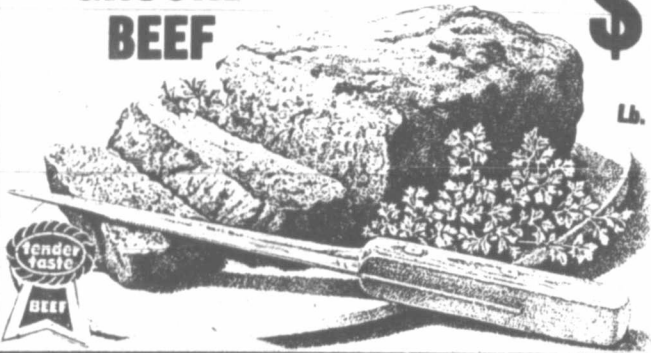
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