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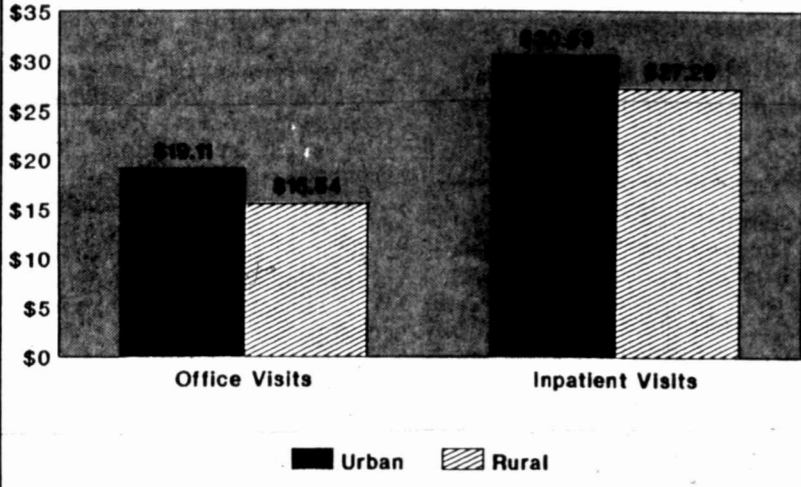
Forecast for the Big Spring area: Partly cloudy tonight with a slight chance of thunderstorms, otherwise fair. Low in the upper 50s. Partly cloudy Saturday. Highs in the mid 60s. Thursday's high was 71 and the low was 46.

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New health bill gives hope to rural hospitals

Average Medicaid Payments for Urban and Rural Physicians



Texas Department of Human Services Data

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

A bill designed to reduce liability and increase Medicaid compensation for rural health providers has been hailed by Big Spring's state representative as the most important bill to come out of the Texas Legislature this session.

House Bill 18, titled the Texas Rural Health Care Rescue Act, addresses several problems now faced by rural hospitals and physicians, Rep. Troy Fraser, R-Big Spring, said Wednesday.

The bill passed the House Wednesday morning with only three dissenting votes, and now goes to the Senate, Fraser said.

"I identified this as the most important challenge facing West Texas," said Fraser, who co-sponsored the bill, "and it was something (the legislature) had to attack."

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The reason for this, Fraser said, is that Medicare and Medicaid formulas assumed a lower cost of living in rural areas, a situation a local hospital administrator said no longer holds true.

"The appearance was that the cost of living in rural areas was less," said David Wiley, administrator at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. "That held true until about five years ago, when malpractice and product liability costs increased drastically."

To remedy the situation, HB 18 provides for the creation of a Hospital Payment Advisory Committee within the TDHS to ensure equitable reimbursement to hospitals for Medicaid patients.

Fraser said that, while this measure will alleviate the problem on the state level, the inequity still

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further loss of health care in rural areas, something which can affect all Texans, he said.

"It was built up as an urban/rural problem, because of the bill's title," Fraser said. "But it's not just a rural problem. Say, for example, someone from Dallas is traveling through Van Horn and gets into a car wreck — and the hospital is closed because of a lack of funding. Clearly, then, it becomes an urban problem as

well."

Among the problems the bill addresses include:

- Inequitable Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements to rural health providers. Rural hospitals don't receive the same amount of reimbursement on average as their urban counterparts.

For example, rural obstetricians receive an average of \$96.63 less in reimbursements than those in urban areas, according to Texas

Health pros agree: 'It's a good start'

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

Area hospital administrators agree that the Rural Health Care Rescue Act, tentatively approved by the state House of Representatives Thursday, is a good start toward alleviating problems that rural hospitals face.

The bill passed the House with only three dissenting votes, Rep. Troy Fraser, R-Big Spring, said.

Among other things, the bill is designed to reduce liability for doctors and hospitals in emergency situations, equalizes Medicaid reimbursements between rural and urban facilities and offers incentives for medical personnel to practice in rural settings.

Larry Elliott, administrator of Martin County Hospital in Stanton, said the bill should go a long way toward alleviating the problems smaller hospitals face.

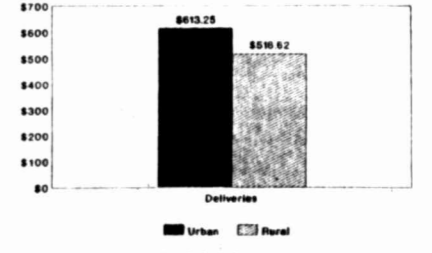
"Overall, I'd say it's an extremely beneficial package for rural health care in (Texas)," he said.

He was most impressed with the provision eliminating liability for physicians providing emergency obstetrical care to patients they haven't previously served.

"That's a first step and a big one," Elliott said. "Liability costs have gone out of control. There are several doctors (in West Texas) who aren't willing to deliver babies anymore. We're fortunate that our doctors are still delivering on a limited scale."

In Colorado City, Mitchell County Hospital Administrator Richard Murphy agreed that reducing physicians' liability in emergency situations will be beneficial to all hospitals — not just those in rural areas.

Average Medicaid Payments for Urban and Rural Physicians



"It'll help across the board — and not just for us in rural settings," Murphy said. "A lot of family practice physicians have chosen not to practice obstetrics because of rising insurance costs, and it's direly needed in rural areas."

His comments were echoed by David Wiley, administrator at Big Spring's Scenic Mountain Medical Center, who noted that 61 percent of OB/GYN doctors nationwide have dropped or limited their practices.

"It's a concern to all of our veteran staff that delivers babies," Wiley said. "This bill will offer some relief in that area."

The bill provision providing for equitable Medicaid reimbursements for rural hospitals was met with mixed responses from the administrators.

Wiley and Elliott agreed that the provision would be significantly beneficial to their hospitals, while Murphy, noting that only 5 percent of his hospital's patients are under Medicaid, doubted it would have a significant impact.

However, Murphy added: "Any elimination (of discrepancies) will help rural hospitals."

The three men were unanimous in support of the provision offering incentives for medical personnel to practice in rural areas.

Murphy said his hospital is undermanned in several areas, including doctors, nurses and physical therapists, while Elliott

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Just what

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Above left, Terry Smith, 13, daughter of Charles and Vicki Smith, places a nurse cap on her head. At top right, Krystal Shultsworth was the "patient" in a hospital skit, as materials manager Bobby Baker checks her vitals. After the mock TNA operation, Krystal is fed ice cream from dietary manager Jane Reeves. At bottom, Pete Wilson watched the skit from the bottom left photo. Finally it is time to leave the hospital, and Krystal is wheeled out with the help of volunteer



Special photos by Tim Elliott

Students vow to continue protest

By JOHN POMFRET Associated Press Writer

BEIJING — Students at universities in Beijing vowed today to continue their 5-day class boycott and wall posters at several schools proclaimed victory, a day after more than 150,000 students and their supporters marched triumphantly for democracy.

"The strike must go on," read a new poster at Beijing Normal University.

"We must persist until final victory," read another at People's University.

The government announced Thursday that it was willing to talk with students about their demands for greater freedom. But student leaders rejected the government's stipulation that talks be conducted through official student groups.

Protesters at most schools have rejected the groups as non-democratic and formed their own student unions. The government has denounced the unions as illegal.

Student leaders from several schools met today to discuss

● Why are the Chinese students really protesting? See editorial on Page 4-A.

strategy.

"We talked about the march but didn't come to any decisions," said one leader at Beijing Normal University who spoke on condition of anonymity. "Right now we are savoring this victory. We have made the Communist Party bend."

Wang Dan, a student leader at Beijing University, said student leaders hoped the talks would be held soon and wanted to meet with Premier Li Peng.

"He is the leader of the government and he should hear all the views of the citizens," he said.

Newspapers throughout China carried a Xinhua News Agency story on the protest that said only about 30,000 students participated in Thursday's march.

But the 20-mile march through the streets of Beijing drew more than 150,000 students, workers and city residents who called for a free

press and political reforms. It was Communist China's largest protest in modern times and lasted 15 hours.

The march was sparked by an editorial Wednesday in the People's Daily, which called the student movement a "chaotic disturbance" and accused the students of being unpatriotic.

Protesters who led the march carried a poster that said: "Uphold the righteous leaders of the party."

Today's Xinhua report was significant because it did not accuse the students of calling for the overthrow of the government. Most students say they only want the leaders to do their job better and respect human rights.

The television news today broadcast the first tape of the march. The report also repeated a warning that the protest was illegal and that organizers were breaking the law.

The People's Daily, the official newspaper of the Communist Party, published an overview of the previous two weeks of protests in an apparent attempt to pacify angry students.



BEIJING, China — A Beijing University student leader argues with a Chinese policeman about the students right to march as police tried in vain to stop the protest.

Bush trip a success, say aides

By MERRILL HARTSON Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush's just-completed six-state tour was timed to project him as an active problem-solver just as the media assess his first 100 days of his presidency, says a White House aide.

Although Bush has said he is indifferent to the milestone, "he's making these appearances even before some of these 100-day stories are getting out," said the official. He discussed the strategy on grounds of anonymity.

Other White House aides called the trip a success, despite an aura of confusion caused by scheduling foul-ups and unfocused presidential speeches.

"Sometimes just the idea of getting out of ... Washington is part of

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Inmates arrested; extortion charged

GALVESTON (AP) — The mother of a college student whose mutilated body was found in a grave in northern Mexico says she was outraged to find that inmates in the Galveston County Jail were able to carry out an extortion plot against her family.

Helen Kilroy's comments came Thursday following the arrests of two jail inmates and three others for attempting to extort \$10,000 from the family while they were attempting to find Mark Kilroy, her son who vanished while on a spring break outing in South Texas.

"We were absolutely shocked that people who are in prison for a good reason are able to call out and terrorize innocent people," said Helen Kilroy. "We were really shocked that people can be terrorized from inside our jails."

Two inmates were arrested Thursday on charges accusing them of using jail telephones to call Kilroy's parents in nearby Santa Fe to carry out the extortion attempt. Three other people were arrested and a third is being sought, authorities say.

Santa Fe Police Chief Mike Barry said that at one point in the scheme, Santa Fe Police Chief Mike Barry said, a caller vowed to cut off the missing student's fingers and mail them to the family if police arrested or followed people to whom the Kilroys delivered ransom money.

Robert George Miller and Wilton Joseph Smith, were arrested in the County Jail Thursday morning.

Texas' 300-inmate death row nation's largest

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — When the barred door covered with a heavy mesh screen slammed shut behind convicted killer Martin Vega, his introduction to the steamy row of identical cells known simply as J-23 gave Texas the distinction of having the largest death row in the nation.

Vega, whose white prison suit bears an orange tag with his name and the number "DR 932," is the 300th person to now call the Texas death row home, Texas Department of Corrections statistics this week show.

Florida, which in recent years has held the largest number of convicted killers awaiting execution, this week has 299 death row inmates, according to Paula Tully of

the Florida Department of Corrections.

"It's a pretty good indication that the people of Texas support the death penalty if they keep sending people there," said Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox.

Texas also leads the nation in the number of people put to death since the U.S. Supreme Court in 1976 allowed capital punishment to resume. Thirty men have been given lethal injection at the Walls Unit in Huntsville, starting with Charlie Brooks in late 1982.

The population growth on death row has been remarkably steady since Excell White, convicted of a grocer's slaying, on Aug. 26, 1974, reopened the exclusive section of

the Ellis I Unit about 90 miles north of Houston.

By the time Brooks became the first inmate to ever be put to death by injection in December 1982, Texas had 130 others awaiting the same fate.

During the early 1980s, death row grew by about two per month. As the pace of executions quickened, so did the number of people awaiting death. In 1986, 43 new inmates joined the ranks as 10 were executed. Another 36 came the next year, and the three-per-month average continues now.

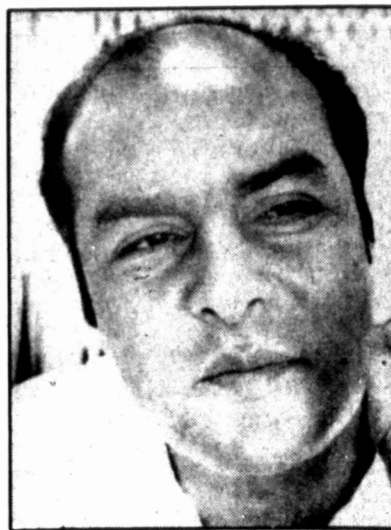
As death row in Texas has grown — it now incorporates five prison wings — the number of executions has fallen. Only three were put to death last year in Texas and just

one so far in 1989 as attorneys for inmates have won Supreme Court review of cases.

"The way it's growing, they can dedicate half the farm to death row in the next five years, unless they do away with the death penalty," says Jim Beathard, awaiting execution for a killing spree in which three members of a Trinity County family died in 1984.

Jim Vanderbilt, who has been on the row since 1976 and is among the most senior of all inmates, fears a legal breakthrough will trigger many executions.

"The water is building up behind the dam," Vanderbilt says. "And if they let the dam overflow or if they remove the dam, then there's going to be a flood."



MARTIN VEGA

State revenue forecast brightens, comptroller says

(State Comptroller Bob) Bullock's revised revenue estimate means the state will bring in a total of about \$3.8 billion more tax revenue in the two-year period beginning Sept. 1 than during the current budget period.

AUSTIN (AP) — Budget leaders said they were happy to receive word from State Comptroller Bob Bullock that more tax revenue will flow into state coffers, but they were not surprised.

"We've written our budget believing that that was coming, approximately, and so it's no surprise," said Rep. Jim Rudd, Appropriations Committee chairman.

"It's pleasant to have, and it is as we anticipated. Bullock said Thursday an improving Texas economy will improve an additional \$210 million in tax revenue for the 1990-91 state budget.

"Our economy is no longer just

recovering, it is expanding," Bullock said.

Bullock's revised revenue estimate means the state will bring in a total of about \$3.8 billion more tax revenue in the two-year period beginning Sept. 1 than during the current budget period.

Lawmakers are currently trying to hammer out a state budget.

Bullock's revenue forecasts are critical because they determine how much the Legislature can appropriate.

The House has adopted a \$46.5 billion budget; the Senate, a \$46.75 billion budget. Budget leaders from both chambers were scheduled Thursday to begin negotiating the differences in the two

proposals.

The projected \$3.8 billion more is due to several bookkeeping transactions, adopted by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Bill Clements, legislative actions on the franchise tax and pending legal actions.

"We feel good about it, but basically, we've already spent it,"

said Rudd, D-Brownfield. "I wish it was money in the pocket, but it's not."

House Speaker Gib Lewis said in a statement, "The increased revenue forecast is a clear indication of a rebounding Texas economy."

"The announcement could not come at a more appropriate time in light of the Legislature's challenge of meeting increased needs in the areas of education, health care and criminal justice."

Bullock also said an increase in the hotel-motel tax was also projected because of increasing occupancy levels and the rebounding state economy.

Panhandle Eastern completes buyout

HOUSTON (AP) — Panhandle Eastern Corp. completed its \$3.2 billion buyout of Texas Eastern Corp., putting an end to a hostile takeover attempt for Texas Eastern from Coastal Corp.

Thursday's announcement of the merger of Panhandle Eastern and Texas Eastern will result in the nation's second-largest pipeline company in terms of miles at 27,000. Houston-based Enron Corp. is the largest with 38,000 miles of pipe.

Panhandle Eastern has access to large mid-continent supplies of natural gas, including Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and the Gulf of Mexico, and also operates a large liquefied natural gas facility in Lake Charles, La.

Business

The company also has connections to Canadian gas through the Northern Border Pipeline while Texas Eastern has access to the rapidly growing New England natural gas market.

Panhandle Eastern said it has accepted payment for about 81 percent of outstanding Texas Eastern shares.

Preliminary results indicate that about 57 million Texas Eastern shares were validly tendered and not withdrawn prior to the mid-night Wednesday expiration of Panhandle Eastern's tender offer, of which 14.4 million shares were

tendered pursuant to notices of guaranteed delivery.

The company expects that about 85.6 percent of the tendered shares will be purchased on a pro-rata basis in the tender offer. However, the exact percentage will not be known until final results of the tender offer are computed, which the company expects to be completed by May 8. Shares accepted for payment will be paid for promptly after that time.

Panhandle Eastern's offer included provisions to buy up to 80 percent of Texas Eastern's 60.8 million outstanding shares and a stock exchange at the same \$53-per-share value for the remaining shares.



Associated Press photo

Saying goodbye

HIDALGO — Elvira Elizabeth Martinez, right, and her mother are shown at the funeral of Martinez' husband, Jose, Thursday. He was one of 47 sailors killed in an explosion on the USS Iowa.

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Former president out of limelight

WASHINGTON (AP) — When organizers at Arizona State University invited Ronald Reagan to give a speech last month, fewer than one-fourth of the 10,000 tickets were sold in advance and the former president agreed to waive his \$50,000 fee.

Reagan, who commanded vast audiences until he left office in January ago, is now out of the limelight, retired into the select club of former presidents that includes Gerald Ford, Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter.

Occasionally, the former president pops back into the news. Both President Bush and Vice

President Quayle visited him this week in Southern California. And his name came up more negatively in repeated references during the Iran-Contra trial of former White House aide Oliver North.

Reagan, 78, works in his offices atop a Los Angeles skyscraper, say his aides. He writes speeches on such favorite topics as the need for a line-item veto, a balanced budget amendment and an end to the two-term limit for presidents. He has joined the board of the conservative magazine National Review and also is planning to write his memoirs.



Associated Press photo

Mass arrests

CARBO, Va. — Hundreds of striking United Mine Workers are surrounded by Virginia State Police, placed under arrest and loaded onto buses after miners continued to block the entrance of Moss #3 Coal Preparation Plant. Governor Gerald Baliles has called for Federal mediation to help bring the strike to an end.

Former officials used HUD to feather nests

WASHINGTON (AP) — An investigation into a \$225 million federal housing program shows it was used during the Reagan years "to feather the financial nest" of former administration officials and other prominent Republicans, the House Banking Committee chairman says.

Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Texas, said he will hold hearings on the report by the inspector general of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which suggested favoritism and cronyism in awarding federal housing renovation contracts.

The report, released this week, documented how former Reagan administration figures and other Republicans raked in handsome profits on consulting contracts to rehabilitate subsidized apartments for the poor.

The consultants included President Reagan's first interior secretary, James Watt; the late John Mitchell, attorney general under President Nixon; former Republican Sen. Ed Brooke of Massachusetts; and former Kentucky Gov. Louis Nunn, also a Republican.

Other consultants included former top HUD officials under

Reagan-era Secretary Samuel Pierce, with one charging fees of \$1.3 million. Still other former officials under Pierce participated as developers in projects to renovate subsidized housing for the poor, benefited by the HUD contracts.

Inspector General Paul Adams drew a comparison with the Pentagon procurement scandal, with former government officials drawing big fees as consultants to developers seeking government contracts.

But Adams said he had found no evidence that active HUD officials had been involved in influence-peddling and made no charges of criminal activity.

The rehab program is a \$225 million a year endeavor that survived in Congress despite efforts by the Reagan administration to kill it. Through it, developers win contracts to acquire and renovate existing housing and receive HUD guarantees of subsidized rents for 15 years.

"It is indeed ironic that a program that the Reagan administration had sought to terminate for six years was misused to feather the financial nest of HUD and administration favorites," Gonzalez said Thursday.

Experiment confirms research

NEW YORK (AP) — A new experiment confirms observations from the controversial cold fusion research announced last month, giving "very encouraging" evidence for fusion, a scientist says.

The new experiment generated more power than it consumed and showed two other signs of possible fusion, said researcher Uziel Landau.

But results so far are only preliminary and "we stop short of saying that we see fusion," said Landau, a professor of chemical engineering at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Fusion is the nuclear reaction that powers the sun, and some

scientists hope to harness it as an environmentally benign power source. It occurs when the cores of two hydrogen atoms fuse.

Last month, researchers announced at the University of Utah that they had produced fusion at room temperature with a simple apparatus. Conventional fusion research uses extremely high temperatures and complex machinery.

Since the announcement, some scientists have reported similar results while others said their attempts to confirm the work failed.

Future experiments will use ordinary water rather than heavy water, Landau said.

Aunt Jemima gets new look

CHICAGO (AP) — Aunt Jemima's down-home style is giving way to a more sophisticated look.

Gone are the geometric-print headband and plain white collar. The "new" Aunt Jemima wears gold-trimmed pearl earrings, a lace collar and soft, wavy, gray-streaked hair.

Quaker Oats Co., home to this ageless black woman since 1926, is updating the 100-year-old trademark.

But she still looks like she knows her way around the kitchen, company spokesman Ronald G. Bottrell said Thursday.

And her smiling face — adorning 40 breakfast products from pancakes to syrup to grits — is

the same. It didn't change much in 1968, either, when Quaker gave the once-portly icon a more svelte look.

So why bother? It was time, says Quaker. The time comes about every 20 years.

Five months of consumer research in 12 cities "showed very high awareness of the Aunt Jemima trademark and positive perceptions among all groups," said Barbara R. Allen, vice president for marketing in Quaker's convenience foods division.

The new design, which will begin appearing in July, "gives our Aunt Jemima line a more contemporary look as we move into the 1990s," she said.

World

Cease-fire takes effect in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Seven weeks of fierce fighting between Christian and Moslem forces stopped today under a cease-fire called by the Arab League.

But an apparent disagreement over a key provision of the truce regarding blockades of the country's ports threatened to undermine the cease-fire.

The latest round of fighting in Lebanon's 14-year civil war began on March 8 and has killed 273 people and wounded 993, according to police.

The 22-member Arab League worked out the cease-fire plan Thursday during a meeting in Tunisia and promised to dispatch Arab observers to monitor the truce. Three previous cease-fires sponsored by the league have

collapsed.

Earlier today, Beirut was shaken by several rocket and artillery blasts as Christian army units under Gen. Michel Aoun battled with Syrians and their Druse Moslem militia allies along the Green Line that slices Beirut into Christian and Moslem sectors. No casualties were reported, police said.

Aoun, who heads a three-man Christian cabinet, said he welcomed the "lifting of blockades imposed on legal ports besieged by the Syrian forces."

He said in a statement that maritime agencies should "instruct their ships to head to legal ports," apparently meaning that Aoun still did not intend to end his blockade of illegal ports runs by Moslem militias.

Hailstorm leaves 9,000 homeless

MEXICO CITY (AP) — About 9,000 people were left homeless in the southern state of Veracruz after a freak hailstorm destroyed the roofs of their homes, news reports said.

The Excelsior news service said Thursday that no major injuries were reported in the hailstorm, which occurred in 12 towns surrounding the Pico de Orizaba Volcano, about 150 miles east of Mexico City.

It said numerous people suffered minor head injuries from the falling hailstones. Witnesses reported seeing hailstones the size of oranges.

The storm also caused power and telephone outages, as well as

closing some area roads, Excelsior said.

The government news agency Notimex estimated 1,400 homes were affected, leaving about 9,000 people temporarily without shelter.

Excelsior quoted Adolfo Lopez Moreno, secretary to the mayor in Catemaco, as saying the area had not had a hailstorm in more than a decade. Lopez said the storm damaged crops of mangoes, peanuts, beans and tobacco.

The homeless were being put up in public buildings and churches until repairs could be made to their homes, it added.

Some tampering reports hoaxes

LONDON (AP) — Police investigating 220 reports of contaminated baby food said today two of them were extortion attempts against the H.J. Heinz Co. and the rest probably were false alarms or hoaxes.

A U.S. executive of the Pittsburgh-based food giant was in London to help investigate the threats. The company said it would change packaging of baby food to prevent future tampering.

A 14-month-old boy became the fourth victim of contamination when he was hospitalized in Manchester and found to have glass in his stomach, the hospital said

today.

Two mothers cut their fingers on glass in baby food, and a 9-month-old girl cut herself when she bit on a razor blade in baby yogurt.

Scotland Yard said it believes several demands for up to \$1.7 million from H.J. Heinz and Co. apparently were made by one man connected with two cases of contamination.

Glass shards, razor blades, pins, needles and caustic soda have been reported found in baby food, and in one case powdered milk, in Ireland and Britain. The tampering reports began April 7.

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Laser erases tattoos without scars, pain

BOSTON (AP) — Doctors believe they have the first way to erase fire-breathing dragons, old girlfriends' names and other better-forgotten mementos without leaving scars — they zap tattoos with a laser.

The technique uses intense light from a ruby laser to destroy the pigments of the tattoo colors without harming the skin.

"I think this is the first truly non-scarring therapy for tattoos," said Dr. R. Rox Anderson of Massachusetts General Hospital.

Tattoos are drawn by puncturing the skin, usually with needles, and inserting pigment to form a permanent pattern.

"When the ruby laser works well, which looks to be a good deal of the time, the skin remains normal. That's extraordinary, and it's bringing fancy technology to the level where it can be useful for patient care." — Dr. Kenneth Arndt of Beth Israel Hospital.

Lasers are already widely used for removing tattoos, but current models literally burn them off, leaving permanent scars.

The new technique also produces high heat, but its effects are much more selective.

It uses brief, 100 million-watt

flashes of red light, which is absorbed by the tattoo pigment. The heat shatters the bits of pigment as well as the cells that hold them, but does not harm blood vessels or ordinary cells.

"There is clearly a difference between this and other therapies

that are used," Anderson said. Dr. Charles Taylor, a member of Anderson's research team, planned to present the results of the laser treatment Friday at a meeting of the Society for Investigative Dermatology in Washington.

Anderson said the procedure could become the standard treatment for removing tattoos.

Dr. Kenneth Arndt of Beth Israel Hospital in Boston agreed.

"When the ruby laser works well, which looks to be a good deal of the time, the skin remains normal," he said. "That's extraordinary, and it's bringing fancy technology to the level where it can be useful for patient care."

Military retirees ready for battle over medical plan

By PETER ROPER
Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Military retirees across the country are rallying their troops for a second battle over White House proposals to charge them and the family members of active-duty personnel a \$10-per-visit "user fee" whenever they use military medical services.

The Reagan administration launched the initiative two years ago but was soundly defeated on Capitol Hill. President Bush has revived the proposal this year as one way to cut the cost of providing health care to the 9 million active and retired military personnel and their families.

"This was a bad idea two years ago and we're confident we'll make our case again," said George Henrikus, a retired Air Force colonel and director of legislative affairs for the Retired Officers Association, which represents 360,000 retirees.

Henrikus said many members of the House and Senate armed services committees have already indicated they will reject the proposal again.

"Whatever the Pentagon would save in costs would be minuscule compared to the loss in military morale and in troop retention," he said.

Anticipating that complaint, the Bush administration is offering a watered-down version of the Reagan plan. First, the administration only wants to conduct an experimental program in certain regions to determine if there is any cost savings.

Secondly, enlisted personnel below grade E-5 (staff sergeant) would be exempt from paying the fees.

In addition to requiring that retirees and active-duty

dependents pay a \$10 user fee, the plan also calls for those groups to pay a \$3 charge for prescription medicines. Health care and prescription drugs are currently provided for free to military families and retirees.

"It's one of those benefits that helps keep highly-trained people in the service," Henrikus said.

Rep. Albert Bustamante, D-Texas has five military bases in his south Texas district, and he has sponsored legislation to prohibit such fees. One sign of the broad support for the legislation is the bill already has 70 co-sponsors in the House.

"The president's budget does not expand or improve the medical services of our military retirees, it just charges them for services they are already entitled to," said Bustamante.

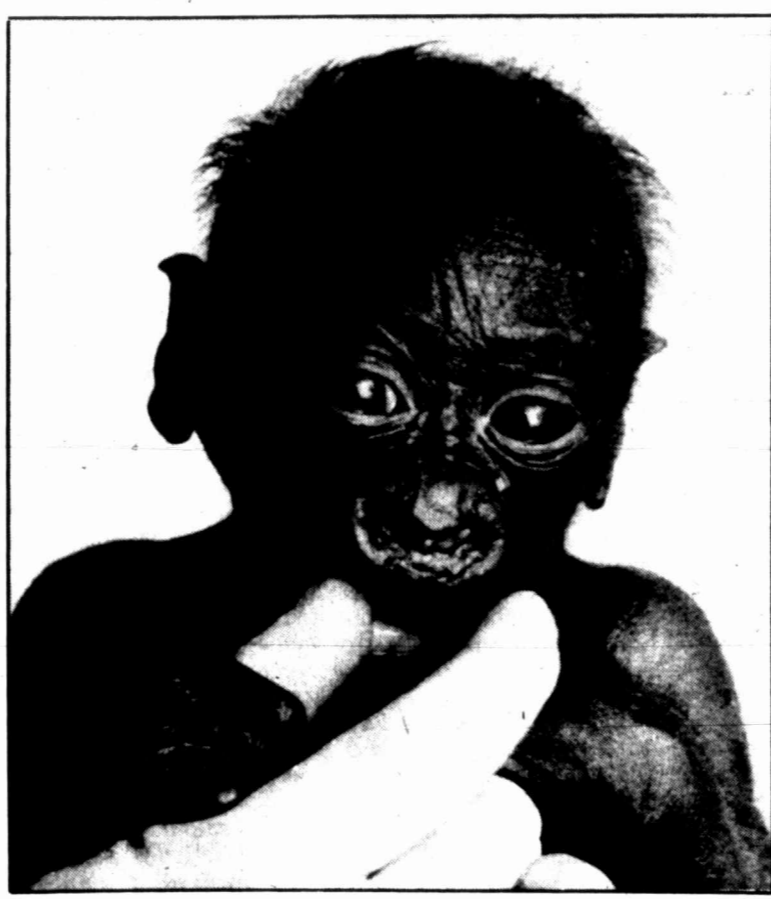
From the White House perspective, however, military health care is a growing problem. The armed services are facing a shortage of more than 5,000 doctors.

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HC's *The Foreigner* succeeds

By STEVE GEISSEN
Staff Writer

Who hasn't wished he was invisible, or at least, if only for a short time, the proverbial fly on the wall who can see and hear all without being noticed?

In Howard College's play, "The Foreigner," Charlie Baker is most definitely seen by all, but because of a ruse set up by his buddy Sgt. "Froggy" LeSueur, the guests at Betty Meeks' fishing lodge resort in Georgia believe Baker is from another country and does not understand English.

Thus, Baker becomes privy to the intimacies of strangers who believe he no more understands their conversations than does the living room furniture.

Such a premise has obvious comedic possibilities, and this is what the play — a borderline farce written by Larry Shue — zeros in on.

Set in Meek's lodge and in the recent past, the first act serves to set up the premise.

Sgt. LeSueur, a British demolition expert, has brought his friend Charlie Baker to the lodge; but Baker, who suffers from pathological shyness, becomes distraught when told he will occupy the lodge with strangers.

In an effort to grant Baker's wish that he not have to talk to anyone, LeSueur — who is scheduled to leave the lodge for a couple days to give a training session at a local army base — informs lodge owner Betty Meeks' his friend is a foreigner who speaks no English. Baker learns of LeSueur's doings

after the fact, and protests against carrying out such a scam. He soon finds himself thrown into an awkward situation, in which Southern visitors begin fawning over his uniqueness.

After LeSueur leaves, Baker

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finds himself taking to the role of the exotic stranger in new land. The once painfully shy man, who is vacationing without his chronically unfaithful wife, begins to exhibit playful tendencies, taking advantage of the opportunities available to someone who can freely listen in to others' seemingly private conversations.

However, the fun and games are soon intruded on by the Rev. David Marshall Lee and Owen Musser, who interject a dose of foreboding evil into what seemed to be a quaint, lighthearted situation.

Baker discovers that Lee, whose fiancée is the quasi-Southern belle Catherine Simms, is plotting to buy Meeks' lodge using Simms' substantial inheritance, and the help of Musser. As the county's property inspector, Musser can condemn the structurally unsound lodge.

Becoming increasingly adept in his role as the amusing foreigner, Baker befriends Meeks, Simms and her put-upon, country-bumpkinish little brother Ellard, milking the situation created by

LeSueur for all it's worth. Along the way, he discovers the sinister Lee and Musser are plotting much more than simply acquiring the lodge, and in the end, it is up to him to save his new found friends from the tragic fate that awaits them.

To detail the play's climax — the most inventive part of the play — would spoil the ending for those planning to attend. But, of course, it is no surprise that good triumphs over evil in this good, trifling, semi-farce production.

As certain elements are introduced to this play — such as the specter of Ku Klux Klan — one could justifiably become wary, I did — that the play would become an attempt at tragicomedy.

But such an occurrence thankfully did not happen. While not low-comedy, the play certainly cannot be classified as high comedy. But, to its credit the play comes without pretension.

This is not comedy mingled with hard-edged realism. The characters are stereotypical Southerners — the loveable but dim-witted boy; the drawing, continually chattering older woman; the modern Southern belle looking for true love; the bigoted, young redneck, etc. But the playwright's inventiveness and tongue-in-cheek utilization of the stock characters make this play work.

The burden of a comedy is simply to be funny, and "The Foreigner" for the most part succeeds.

Steve McLaughlin, as Baker,

turned in a fine comedic performance Thursday night, handling the physical and verbal comedy equally well.

If McLaughlin stumbles in his role as Baker this play would simply and quickly go into the dumpster, but he was up to the task.

A scene featuring McLaughlin mimicking Chawndra Freeman (Ellard) at the breakfast table was especially funny; as were the scenes in which Timmy Brunson, as Musser, aptly played Baker's foil.

In short, the lead actors — Brady Qualls, Eric Atkins, Stacey Leonard and Scott Timms included — turned in well-rounded performances, obviously drawing on their familiarity with each other's style.

This is not the type of modern comedy that uses humor to illuminate themes that will stay with a theatre-goer long after he walks out the auditorium door.

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Former refugee understands new arrivals' fear, problems

By TOM BOONE
Dallas Times Herald

DALLAS (AP) — Khung Ly Lim understands hunger. There were times when, living under communist rule in his native Cambodia, he and his family were forced to catch snakes, rats and mice to eat.

"My father once put five little mice in his mouth and swallowed them," Lim recalls. "He didn't chew them, he just swallowed them. I put my hand here, on his stomach, and I could feel them running around in there."

"I asked him, 'Why did you do that?' and he just said, 'Because I am hungry.'"

Lim, now 24 and married, works and lives in Dallas and doesn't have to worry about his family getting enough to eat anymore. But there are other Cambodian refugees, newly arrived in Dallas, who still harbor that fear. Frequently they turn to Lim for help.

As a public service officer who works out of the East Dallas Storefront police station on Peak Street near Bryan Street, Lim serves officially as an interpreter and a bridge between his

countrymen and American authorities represented by the police department.

Unofficially, he helps Cambodian families find food, clothes, furniture and medical assistance and helps them to understand American laws, procedures and customs.

Their fear of uniforms and guns makes them distrustful of police officers. "In Cambodia, if you see someone with a gun and uniform come to your house, the next day you will be gone," Lim explained.

"And they don't complain if the apartment roof leaks, if their plumbing backs up or if their children hurt their feet on the exposed nails in the floor. In Cambodia," he said, "if you complain you are killed."

"They do not speak English, so it is very difficult for them."

Lim, with his father, sister and brother, fled Cambodia in 1979 when Vietnam invaded. At one point Lim, then a teenager, crossed a mine field carrying his ill father on his back. He left his mother behind, buried in a blanket in a Cambodian forest. She had died of starvation.

Refugee camps in Thailand

were a horror better forgotten, but Lim recalls the deprivation and dehumanizing months too well: Little food, no medicine. His family was permitted one bucket of water per day for drinking, cooking, washing and bathing.

In 1981 the International Rescue Committee, a global agency that helps refugees resettle, helped him come to Dallas. He got a job washing dishes at a seafood restaurant. At night he studied English in the family's small apartment.

"Each night I would write down a new phrase on a piece of paper, and then I would sit in bed and read it and repeat it over and over until I had memorized it," Lim said.

His improved English helped him get a succession of better jobs, but every time he looked at his neighborhood he saw more Cambodians who had nothing. "I wanted to help them," he said.

Five months ago he became a public service officer, and as such he works closely with the police, especially Cpl. Ron Cowart, at the storefront.

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Business reps present program

By NAOMI HUNT
County Extension Agent
Representatives of 14 local businesses and agencies presented portions of the program during a seminar "How to Get a Job...And Keep It!" The event was held April 22 in the conference room at Highland Mall.

The program began with a panel discussion on qualities employers like and dislike in job applicants. Mrs. Pat Porter, owner of Gail Office Supply, Yes Business Service, and the Sparenberg Building, served as moderator.

Panel members were: Cliff Ataway, manager of Dunlaps, Jan Howard, general manager of Days Inn, Phil Spears, warden of the Federal Prison Camp, Van Pacey, personnel director of the Federal Prison Camp, Bonnie Miller, personnel director of Western Container, Mark Jones, recruiting coordinator for engineers at Fina Oil and Chemical Co., and Sandy Wright, vice president of Citizens Federal Credit Union.

Classes were then conducted on a variety of subjects to help participants build skills in gaining employment.

Cindy Marshall, co-owner of Specs and Company, and Bob Beasley, manager of Gentleman's Corner, discussed how to dress for a job success. They emphasized the importance of being clean, neat and conservative in dressing for a job interview, and attention to seemingly small details such as clean fingernails is very important.

They were assisted by Brena Smith, Amy Parrish, Angie Beach and Kristen Marshall who modeled examples of inappropriate and appropriate clothing for a job interview.

Anna Walker, coordinator for Office Education at Big Spring High School, conducted the class on applications. Participants were given the opportunity to complete a job application. Walker stressed the importance of filling out the application neatly and completely. If you are unable to take the application form home to complete with a typewriter, she suggested using a dark pen. Walker also said applicants should provide information on previous employment and should provide references.

Regina Orgart, counselor for



Darrell Ware and Larry Bristo demonstrate how to have a successful interview.

Special Populations at Howard College, taught the session on resume preparation. A resume should show your employment and educational qualifications in a neat and easy to read format. It should be brief because a potential employer may have only a few seconds to read it. Yet it should present your abilities in such a way as to say "I'm the best person for the job."

Darrell Ware, assistant personnel manager at Big Spring State Hospital, and Larry Bristo, former director of Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, demonstrated interviewing skills by role playing to illustrate how to and how not to behave during a job interview.

They emphasized the importance of doing your homework to learn about the employer and the position in advance, being a little early for the appointment and answering all questions completely and honestly.

Naomi Hunt, county extension agent, wrapped up the program with "Build a Career" rather than just look for a job. She said you should think about what you

want to do and work at gaining experience and training to get there. Perhaps you can't get there all at once but you never will reach your goals if you don't work toward them.

The program was planned and conducted by the Extension Community Development Committee as a direct result of needs identified by local employers. Members of the committee and planning task force are: Mrs. Pat Porter, chairman; Elroy Green, John Key, Raul Marquez, Cotton Mize, Clovis Phinney Jr., Shirley Shroyer, Bill Crooker, Yolanda Gonzalez, Joe Wallis, Neel Barnaby, Sherry Rose, Linda Barnaby, Susan Knaus, Ross Westbrook, Sami Porter and Wayne Moore.

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How to control closet chaos and clutter

From LADIES' HOME JOURNAL A Meredith Magazine

This year, instead of spring cleaning, try spring organizing.

Ladies' Home Journal offers a treasure trove of ideas to help cut through chaos and clutter. And what better place to begin but in the closet?

One key to keeping a closet neat is to store clothes by type. Add shoe shelves. Install extra clothing rods to hold trousers and shirts. Make the most of closet doors by hanging several mini-shopping bags from hooks to hold lingerie, pantyhose and socks.

Choose one type of hanger both to

save space and to create a neater look. To add charm, use floral storage boxes and tuck scented sachets in corners.

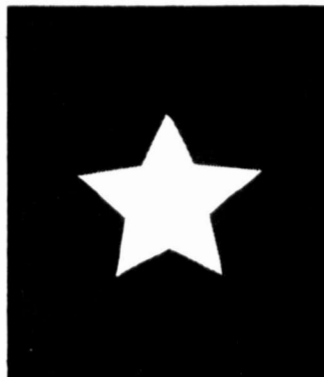
When reorganizing a closet, take stock of clothing as well. A chaotic closet usually contains too many outdated and ill-fitting fashions that need to be thrown out or donated to charity.

Toss out anything stained or torn beyond repair. Root out ratty weekend clothing that looks and feels sloppy. Throw away stretched-out lingerie, worn-out handbags, shoes and boots. Be ruthless. Discard all skirts and

pants that have been too small to wear for the past two years. And get rid of outdated basics, such as a first dress-for-success suit.

Be sure to store valuable items sensibly. Keep leather and suede in cotton or canvas bags, never in plastic dry-cleaning bags. Old sheets or pillowcases with holes cut at the top for hangers work well. Fold knits and sweaters and place on shelves, because hanging will stretch them out. Also keep handbags on shelves and stuff them with tissue paper to hold their shape. Never hang two garments on top of each other; they'll lose their shape.

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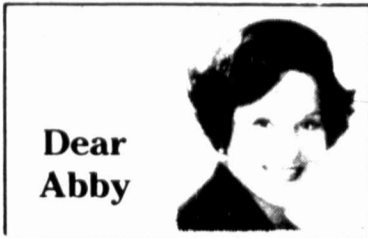
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DEAR ABBY: Here is a rebuttal for the younger generation who envy the senior citizens who have good incomes and/or discounts and Social Security payments coming in every month:

DEAR KIDS: I know you would like to have right now what it took your parents 20 or 30 years of scrimping and saving to achieve. People envy those who have more than they do while they are going through their lean years. But try to remember that when we were young and raising families, our incomes were a lot lower proportionately than yours; we raised you kids on a shoestring, doing without so that you would be fed and clothed. If there was any extra money left (if one of you kids didn't get sick and use it up on doctor bills), we socked it into the bank so we could save enough for a down payment on a house in which to raise



Dear Abby

you. We did it all on one salary, and when you kids were ready for college, in many cases, your mothers went to work so you could get a college education that would enable you to earn a heck of a lot more than your parents did.

At last, you were raised and out of the house — and now your parents could think about themselves. Many of us continued working, socking our money away so that when we retired we could live comfortably on the earnings from our savings and the Social

Security payments we made all through our working lives. We planned this for our old age so that our children would not have to spend a good part of their incomes supporting their impoverished parents — which is what used to happen before the days of Social Security.

It took us many years to accumulate the luxuries that young people want immediately, such as eating out several times a week, buying stereos, computers, fancy sports cars and expensive vacation trips, all paid for with credit for which you pay an enormous amount of interest. We paid cash for everything we bought and didn't make any purchase unless we had the money in hand. (Think of all the money we saved on interest!) We also cooked from scratch instead of buying frozen and prepared food. In other words,

we have managed our money a lot better than you do, and so have gotten a lot more value for what we spend.

You envy us our buying power. This senior buying power, in case you didn't know it, is what keeps the country's economy from going down the tubes during periods of recession. When the economy is in a slump, the seniors keep on spending money and pumping it into the economy. Without our spending power, every recession that hits would hit twice as hard.

So, kids, give us a break! You don't know how lucky you are. Your earning power, in many cases, is 10 times what your elders' earning power was at the same age. You have progressed financially twice as fast as your parents and grandparents did — thanks in part to our help in educating you better than we were educated.

Most important, because we are what you call "rich," you will not have to spend a large part of your income supporting us! So, don't begrudge us the prosperity that we have earned with our hard work and thrift. Be thankful that we have made it and are not a burden on our children! — GRANDMA IN SKOKIE, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: When little Joey died, three months before his eighth-grade graduation, I cannot tell you how good I felt when his classmates mentioned him in their graduation exercises. Please advise all reunion committees to send flowers, or in some way acknowledge the memory of those classmates who have passed on. It means so much to their families. — G.L. AIRHART, MAPLE VALLEY, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: Here is another reason why the hostess should tell her guests who else she's invited to her party: Many times I've arrived at a party and I see my next-door neighbor there! Then I think, wouldn't it have been nice if I had known in advance that she had been invited so we could have ridden together and visited on the way? — DENNY

"How to Be Popular" is for everyone who feels left out and wants an improved social life. It's an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person. To order, send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.

Military

Ygnacio J. Carrion, son of Grace M. Carrion, Lamesa, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

Carrion is an electric power line specialist with the 67th Civil Engineering Squadron at Bergstrom Air Force Base.

His wife, Dinah, is the daughter of Sylvester S. and Felicia T. Gonzales, Lubbock.

He is a 1984 graduate of Lamesa High School.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Kellee E. Riddell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Riddell of 2710 Ann has arrived for duty in Italy.

Riddell is a command and control specialist with the 40th Tactical Group.

She is a 1985 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Marine Sgt. Robert L. Henderson, son of David W.L. and Sandy Henderson 2506 March St., has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 3d Force Service Support Group on Okinawa.

He joined the Marine Corps in February 1985.

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She and her husband were just sitting down to play a hand or two of cards when the phone rang with the good news. "Oh, my gosh!" was her initial reaction. And when we asked her how she might spend the money, she said, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii."

Rose was one of a quarter of a million Furr's shoppers from cities and towns all across West Texas and Eastern New Mexico who entered the Hidden Treasure Grand Prize Drawing. She collected three sets of Bag O' Gold letters and her winning entry was dated March 19. Congratulations, Rose! And all of us at Furr's hope you enjoy that trip to Hawaii!

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Shuttle to launch new probe

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis was readied today for launch, carrying a robot craft toward a voyage to Venus, the cloud-shrouded planet that has been an abiding mystery to scientists.

Lennard Fisk, NASA's chief scientist, said the launch of the explorer craft Magellan will mark "a resurgence of America's planetary program."
The last American probe sent to deep space was dispatched in 1978. Atlantis was scheduled to lift off at 2:24 p.m. EDT with five astronauts aboard, heading to orbit on a four-day mission 184 miles above Earth. Early this morning, Atlantis was being fueled.

Magellan is to be released from Atlantis' cargo bay six hours after launch and sent streaking on a 15-month, 806 million-mile unmanned trip of its own.
Mission specialists Mary Cleave and Mark Lee will operate remote controls that propel Magellan from the shuttle's cargo bay. Atlantis is commanded by David M. Walker. The other crew members are pilot Ronald Grabe and mission specialist Norman Thagard.

Preparations moved smoothly since the countdown began Tuesday and NASA officials said the only concerns were possible high altitude winds and cloud cover over an emergency landing site in Spain.

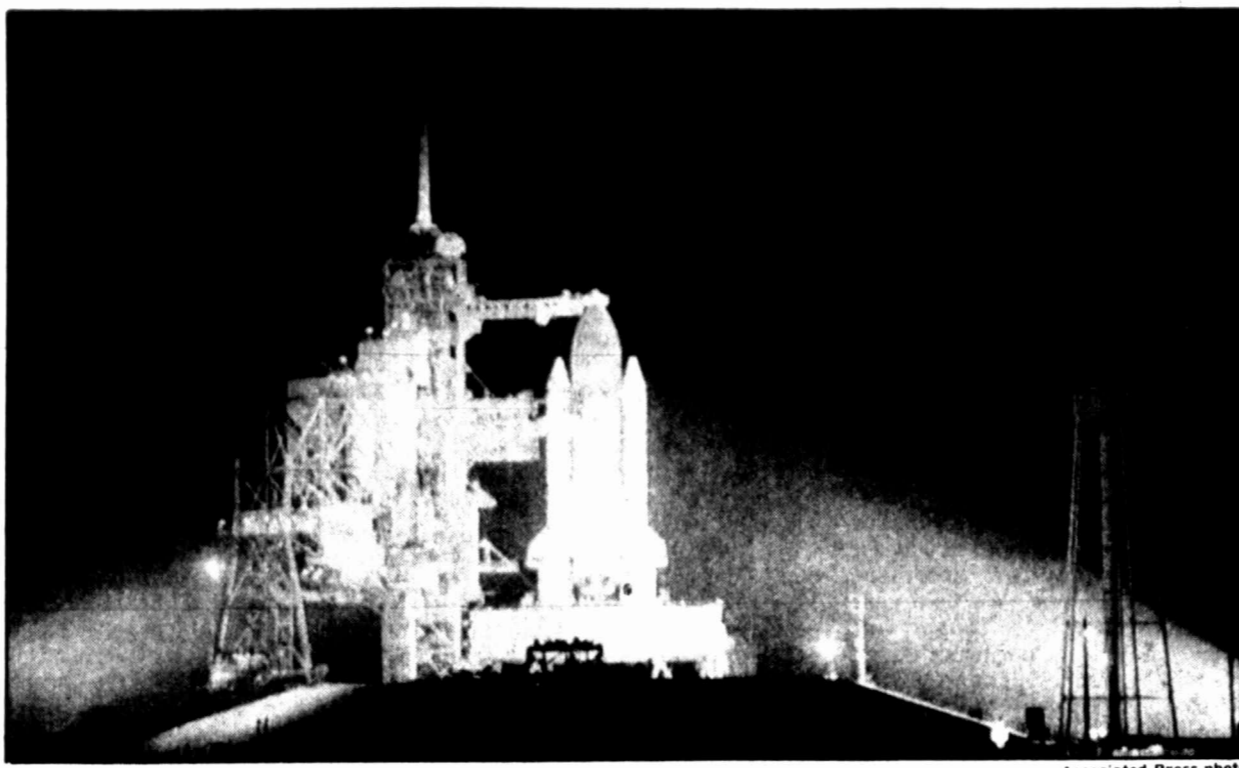
"We're ready to go fly," Richard Truly, NASA's space flight chief and the agency's administrator-designate, said at a Thursday news conference.

The liftoff opportunity, dictated by Magellan's path to Venus and lighting conditions at emergency landing sites, lasts only 23 minutes, one of the shortest launch windows in shuttle history.

After its release from the shuttle, Magellan's own rocket will send it out of Earth orbit. Over the next 15 months, the craft will fly around the sun 1 1/2 times before settling into an orbit of Venus in August 1990.

Venus has intrigued humans as long as they've looked heavenward and marveled at the universe. The planet, the familiar "star" of the morning or evening, appears just before dawn or just after sunset as a brilliant, unblinking point of light. Its brightness in the night-time sky is rivaled only by the moon.

Venus is Earth's nearest neighbor, with an orbit 25.7 million miles away, and the two often are considered to be sister planets since they are about the same size.



KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla. — The Space Shuttle Atlantis is illuminated Thursday night after the rotating service structure was rolled back. The shuttle, carrying the Magellan robot craft destined for a trip to Venus, is scheduled for liftoff this afternoon.

But the worlds differ mightily: Dense clouds of carbon dioxide choke Venus, which has a surface temperature of about 900 degrees, hot enough to melt lead.

Magellan will be carrying some of the most sophisticated remote mapping sensors ever sent to another planet.

An imaging radar system will be able to detect features on the surface as small as 100 yards, about the size of a football field. The radar will be operated during almost 2,000 passes over the Venusian surface, each time viewing a slice of the planet and then sending the image back to Earth for computer enhancements.

Magellan is expected to map about 90 percent of the surface while orbiting Venus for about 243 Earth days, equal to a single Venus day.

The last U.S. planetary probe was the Pioneer-Venus, launched in 1978.

Fisk said that in the 11 years since, "we had a planetary program that was in danger of being an also-ran."

Magellan is the first in a series of American planetary exploration missions.

Voyager 2, a probe launched in 1977 and an earlier visitor to Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus, will fly past Neptune in August. In October, the robot craft Galileo will be launched toward Jupiter. A space telescope will be launched next year, followed by probes to the sun in October 1990, and to Mars in 1992.

"Nobody is going to question our leadership in planetary (exploration) again," Fisk said at a Thursday news conference.

Its cloud cover blocks telescope views of Venus and until the Space Age little was known about the planet's surface.

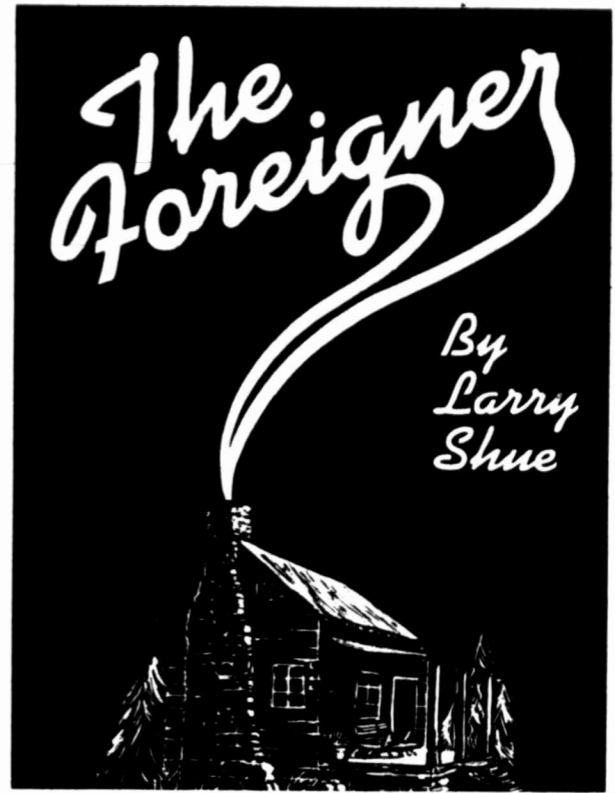
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Lakers rout Blazers in opener

By The Associated Press
It's the playoffs, time for the in-firm and aging to stand tall. Time for the Los Angeles Lakers to take charge.
"I believe this team truly steps up to another level in the playoffs; they're used to winning, they're addicted to it," Lakers coach Pat Riley said Thursday night after the two-time NBA champions beat the Portland Trail Blazers 128-108 in their best-of-5 series opener. "I think this team's been written off, but they haven't written themselves off."
"People say this team is old, senile, finished. We can't let those things affect us."
They didn't let anything the Blazers did affect them. Magic Johnson had 30 points and 16 assists, Byron Scott chipped in with 29 points and Mychal Thompson came off the bench to score 20.
"Riley said he really wanted a lot from me, both offensively and defensively, because I'm a veteran now," Scott said, "and I felt like I delivered."
The Lakers are trying to become the first team to deliver three consecutive NBA championships since Boston in 1964-66.
"We came in prepared and focused," Riley said. "We were coming off winning seven of our last eight and five in a row (to end the regular season). We just continued that."
In the other openers, it was Golden State 123, Utah 119; Atlanta 100, Milwaukee 92, and New York 102, Philadelphia 96.
Tonight, it's Boston at Detroit, Seattle at Houston, Chicago at Cleveland and Denver at Phoenix.
The Lakers took control early. Whenever Portland rallied, Los Angeles suddenly would spurt away again.
Los Angeles, 5-0 during the regular season against the Trail

Blazers, is 19-3 at home versus Portland in the decade.
Clyde Drexler paced Portland with 30 points and Jerome Kersey added 23.
Warriors 123, Jazz 119
Golden State was the only road team to win.
Chris Mullin scored 41 points, including 18 in the third period, for the Warriors.
Rookie Mitch Richmond, averaging 22.7 points against the Jazz, finished with 30. Richmond was 8-for-34 in his last two games but was 13-for-21 Thursday.
Mullin shot 7-for-11 from the field in the third quarter, including 1-for-2 from 3-point range and made all three free throws.
"We didn't want to take the ball inside to Mark Eaton," Mullin said of Utah's 7-foot-4 center. "We have to take the outside shot. When we hit them, we look like geniuses."
John Stockton led Utah with 30 points. Karl Malone, who entered the game as the NBA's second-leading scorer at 29.1, finished with 22. He was scoreless in the first quarter and had only six in the first half.
"This didn't go Karl's way," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "He'll play well next time. That will happen — you won't be perfect all the time."
Hawks 100, Bucks 92
Although Milwaukee slowed the tempo to its liking, it wasn't enough because Dominique Wilkins and Glenn Rivers got their rhythm with seven points each in the final 6:34. Atlanta is 7-0 against Milwaukee this season.
Rivers broke a 79-79 tie by hitting a free throw and referee Wally Rooney gave Bucks assistant coach Frank Hamblen a technical foul before Rivers could shoot his second free throw.
Reggie Theus made the technical shot and Rivers then added his se-

cond free throw, giving the Hawks an 82-79 lead.
Wilkins finished with 28 points and Moses Malone had 23. Jay Humphries scored 20 points to lead the Bucks.
"This game truly was a struggle, for us and them," Rivers said. "It was a war. They slowed the game to their style and you can't count on them missing all those free throws. We got kind of lucky."
Knicks 102, 76ers 96
Philadelphia, which won four of six games against the Knicks this season and the last two at New York, had its chances in the playoff opener. But the Knicks got a season-high 34 points from Gerald Wilkins and Patrick Ewing had 26.
The Knicks trailed 92-91 after rookie Hersey Hawkins' layup with 3:11 left, his only basket of the game. Ewing drove into the lane for the field goal that put the Knicks ahead for good. Wilkins, whose previous season high was 30 points on Nov. 15 at Houston, then made it 95-92 with a jumper with 2:08 left.
But Philadelphia was within a point and the shot clock was running down when Mark Jackson hit a 30-footer with 16 seconds left to clinch it.
"I realized the clock was winding down and they were swarming all over me," Jackson said. "So I got into my rhythm and just let go. I practice these shots every day but they do not come out as picture-perfect as this one."
Ron Anderson led the 76ers with 26 points, while Charles Barkley had 22 and Maurice Cheeks 19 and 16 assists.
"I didn't think the shot had a chance," Anderson said of Jackson's 3-pointer. "I don't think he thought it had a chance, either. He said his prayers before he shot it."



SALT LAKE CITY — Golden State's Chris Mullin, guarded by Utah's Thurl Bailey, prepares to pass during NBA playoff action Thursday night. Mullins scored 40 points in Golden State's win.

Regional Roundup

Stanton golfers fighting for state berth

ABILENE — At the Region I-2A golf tournament at Maxwell Municipal Golf Course, both the Stanton boys and girls are seeking a return trip to the state tournament.
After one round of play the Stanton boys were third with 320. Maria is leading the pack with a 309, followed by Panhandle with a 317.
The Stanton ladies are fourth with a opening round 392.

Andrews golfers to state play

BROWNWOOD — Both the Andrews boys and girls golf teams are headed to the state tournament. The Andrews boys and the boys finished second in the Region I-4A golf tournament, which concluded Thursday afternoon.
The Andrews girls won going away. Their 696 was 38 strokes better than second place Belton. Lisa McQuarers was second medalist with a 167.
The Andrews boys shot a 626 to finish one stroke behind Pampa.

Stanton netter in semifinals

ABILENE — Stanton junior David Mendez advanced to the semifinal round at the Region I-2A tennis tournament by taking two wins Thursday at Abilene Christian University court.
In the opening round Mendez defeated Stephen Boyd of Falls 6-3, 6-1. He had an even easier time with Ware Brown of Hart in the second round, winning 6-0, 6-0.

B-County netter falls in 2nd round

LEVELLAND — Borden County tennis player Amanda Anderson was defeated in the second round of the Region I-A tennis tournament Thursday at South Plains College tennis courts.
In the opening round Anderson defeated Shannon Field of Groom, 6-4, 6-3. In the second round Anderson was defeated by Prissy Grey of Balmorhea 6-2, 6-2.

Stanton netter in semifinals

med 82; Chris Barnhill 83.
Medalist — 1. Felipe Cordero, Maria 73; 2. Eddie Barrera, Maria 76; 3. Chad Walsworth, Johnny 74.

BOYS

Team Totals — 1. Pampa 622; 2. Andrews 626; 3. Burkburnett 637; 4. Brownwood 646; 5. Granbury 647; 8. Sweetwater 657.
Medalist — 1. Jason Ashlock, Wichita Falls Hirschi 73-74 — 147; 2. Matt Preston, Brownwood 76-74 — 150; 3. David Lange, Granbury 75-75 — 150.

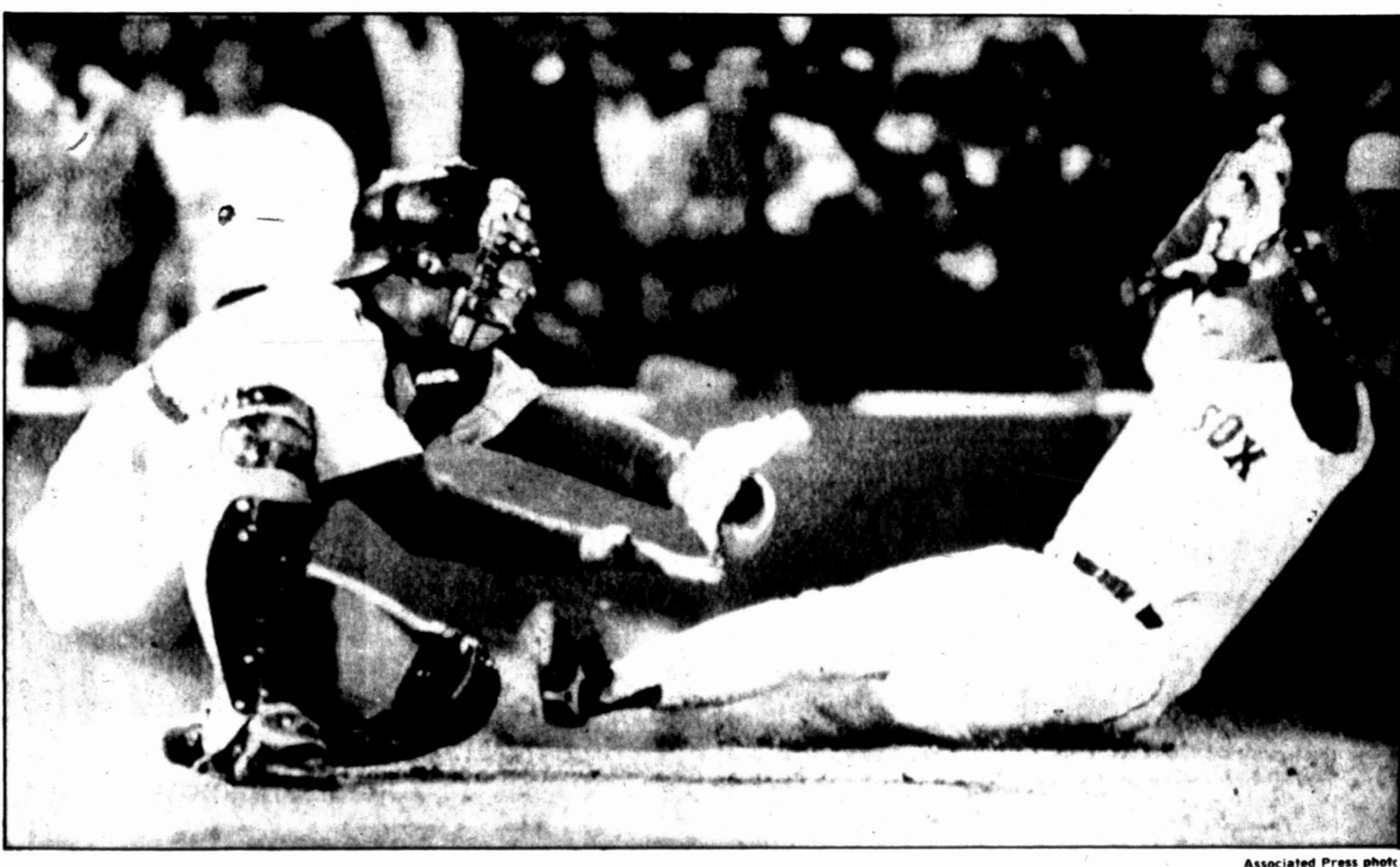
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Team Totals — 1. Andrews 696; 2. Belton 734; 3. Snyder 364; 4. Brownwood 797; 5. Borger 802.
Medalist — 1. Kim Jitt, Everman 81-80 — 161; 2. Lisa McQuarers, Andrews 69-69 — 167; 3. Blair Hamilton, Balmorhea 75-90 — 189.

Tommy John closes in on 300 victories

By The Associated Press
Even after 288 career victories, Tommy John never takes a win for granted.
John allowed two runs in eight-plus innings but needed Dave Righetti to get out of a bases-loaded jam in the ninth as the New York Yankees beat the Kansas City Royals 3-2 Thursday night.
John, who will be 46 on May 22, allowed seven hits, walked two and struck out five as the Yankees snapped Kansas City's five-game winning streak.
But things got a little shaky in the ninth.
John took a four-hitter and a 3-1 lead into the inning, but Kevin Seitzer led off with a double and scored on Jim Eisenreich's single. Danny Tartabull then followed with a single to chase John with none out.
Righetti relieved and Pat Tabler moved the runners up with a sacrifice bunt. After pinch-hitter Bill Buckner was intentionally walked, George Brett pinch hit and lofted a short fly to left field that failed to advance the runners.
"When George popped up I went, 'Whew.' But then of all the hitters there have, I hate to see Frank White."
Righetti then got White to hit a forceout grounder to short to

end the game for his third save.
"He's been in that spot for 50 years," John said of White. "Almost as long as I have, and that's when Frank White shines. That's when Frank White is a gamer. You aren't going to strike him out if you make a good pitch."
"It's a good thing I'm not a reliever. I'd be a blithering mess. I was pacing in the dugout."
Elsewhere in the American League it was Oakland 9, Baltimore 4; Toronto 6, Seattle 1; California 10, Detroit 3 and Chicago 3, Boston 1 in 16 innings.
John, 2-3, and 18-7 lifetime against the Royals, walked Willie Wilson with two out in the sixth and Seitzer followed with an RBI double to cut the Yankees' lead to 3-1.
The Yankees scored two runs in the fourth on Stan Jefferson's RBI grounder and Alvaro Esinoza's run-scoring single. Don Mattingly added an RBI single in the fifth.
Athletics 9, Orioles 4
Mark McGwire hit two home runs as Oakland rallied to beat visiting Baltimore.
The Athletics came back from an early 3-0 deficit and then broke a 3-3 tie with six runs on eight hits in the seventh inning.
Todd Burns, 1-0, allowed one



BOSTON — Boston left fielder Mike Greenwell scores while Chicago White Sox catcher Matt Merullo awaits the throw. Greenwell scored from second base when Danny Heep singled to center, tying the game run on three hits over 4 2-3 innings in relief of Curt Young to get the victory.
McGwire, playing his second game after missing 14 games due to a lower-back injury, had his first multi-homer game since Sept. 15, 1987, at Texas.
Blue Jays 6, Mariners 1
Fred McGriff drove in four runs with a three-run homer and a triple, leading Toronto past Seattle at the Kingdome to spoil Mike Dunne's pitching debut with the Mariners. McGriff leads the AL with seven homers.
Mariners rookie Ken Griffey Jr. had his streak of eight hits in eight straight at-bats end when he walked in the second inning. The walk extended Griffey's streak of reaching base to 11 straight times, but that ended when he struck out in the fifth. His 8-for-8 streak tied the club record.
Mike Flanagan, 1-1, allowed seven hits in 8 1-3 innings and lost a shutout in the ninth when Jeffrey Leonard and Dave Valle hit consecutive doubles with one out. Duane Ward got the last two outs.
White Sox 3, Red Sox 1
Ozzie Guillen's triple scored Steve Lyons with two outs in the 16th inning, as Chicago beat Boston 3-1 at Fenway Park in the Red Sox' longest game in nearly eight years.
With one out in the 16th, catcher Ron Karkovice beat out a bunt.

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Shuttle to launch new probe

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis was readied today for launch, carrying a robot craft toward a voyage to Venus, the cloud-shrouded planet that has been an abiding mystery to scientists.

Lennard Fisk, NASA's chief scientist, said the launch of the explorer craft Magellan will mark "a resurgence of America's planetary program."

The last American probe sent to deep space was dispatched in 1978.

Atlantis was scheduled to lift off at 2:24 p.m. EDT with five astronauts aboard, heading to orbit on a four-day mission 184 miles above Earth. Early this morning, Atlantis was being fueled.

Magellan is to be released from Atlantis' cargo bay six hours after launch and sent streaking on a 15-month, 806 million-mile unmanned trip of its own.

Mission specialists Mary Cleave and Mark Lee will operate remote controls that propel Magellan from the shuttle's cargo bay. Atlantis is commanded by David M. Walker. The other crew members are pilot Ronald Grabe and mission specialist Norman Thagard.

Preparations moved smoothly since the countdown began Tuesday and NASA officials said the only concerns were possible high altitude winds and cloud cover over an emergency landing site in Spain.

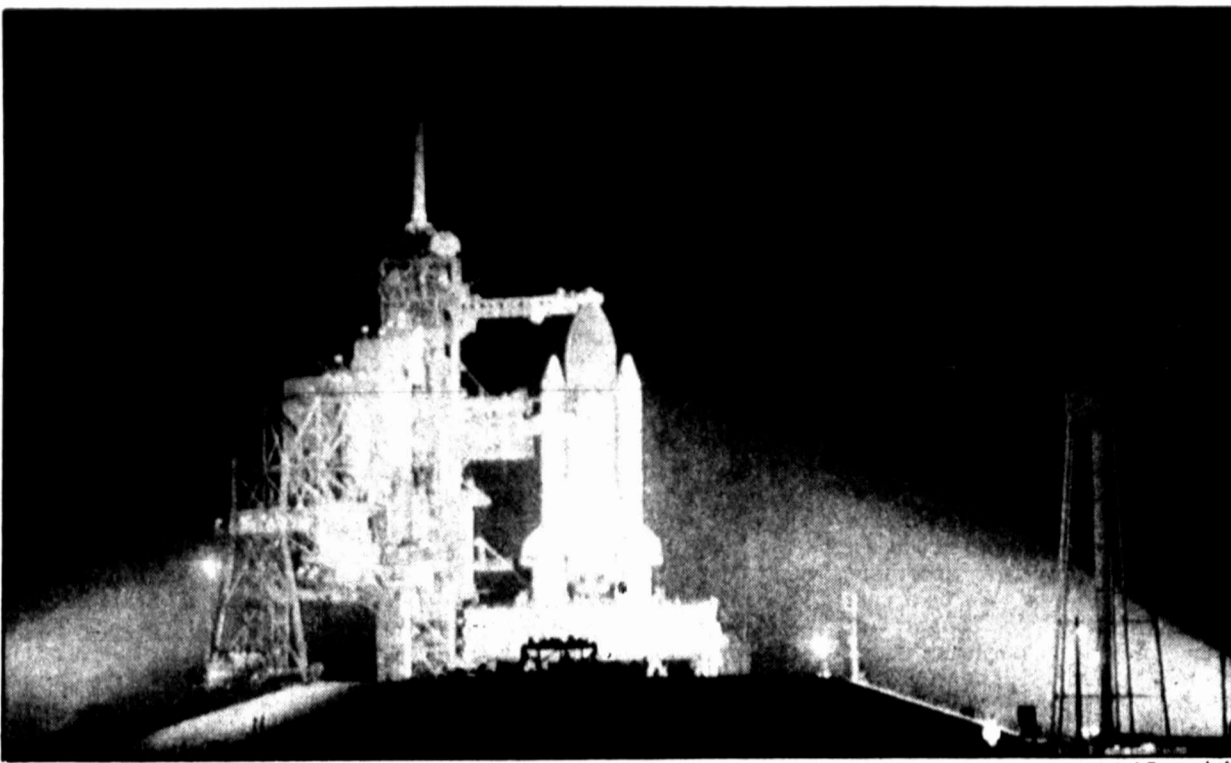
"We're ready to go fly," Richard Truly, NASA's space flight chief and the agency's administrator-designate, said at a Thursday news conference.

The liftoff opportunity, dictated by Magellan's path to Venus and lighting conditions at emergency landing sites, lasts only 23 minutes, one of the shortest launch windows in shuttle history.

After its release from the shuttle, Magellan's own rocket will send it out of Earth orbit. Over the next 15 months, the craft will fly around the sun 1½ times before settling in to an orbit of Venus in August 1990.

Venus has intrigued humans as long as they've looked heavenward and marveled at the universe. The planet, the familiar "star" of the morning or evening, appears just before dawn or just after sunset as a brilliant, unblinking point of light. Its brightness in the night-time sky is rivaled only by the moon.

Venus is Earth's nearest neighbor, with an orbit 25.7 million miles away, and the two often are considered to be sister planets since they are about the same size.



KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla. — The Space Shuttle Atlantis is illuminated Thursday night after the rotating service structure was rolled back. The shuttle, carrying the Magellan robot craft destined for a trip to Venus, is scheduled for liftoff this afternoon.

But the worlds differ mightily: Dense clouds of carbon dioxide choke Venus, which has a surface temperature of about 900 degrees, hot enough to melt lead.

Magellan will be carrying some of the most sophisticated remote mapping sensors ever sent to another planet.

An imaging radar system will be able to detect features on the surface as small as 100 yards, about the size of a football field. The radar will be operated during almost 2,000 passes over the Venusian surface, each time viewing a slice of the planet and then sending the image back to Earth for computer enhancements.

Magellan is expected to map about 90 percent of the surface while orbiting Venus for about 243 Earth days, equal to a single Venus day.

The last U.S. planetary probe was the Pioneer-Venus, launched in 1978.

Fisk said that in the 11 years since, "we had a planetary program that was in danger of being an also-ran."

Magellan is the first in a series of American planetary exploration missions.

Voyager 2, a probe launched in 1977 and an earlier visitor to Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus, will fly past Neptune in August. In October, the robot craft Galileo will be launched toward Jupiter. A space telescope will be launched next year, followed by probes to the sun in October 1990, and to Mars in 1992.

"Nobody is going to question our leadership in planetary (exploration) again," Fisk said at a Thursday news conference.

Its cloud cover blocks telescope views of Venus and until the Space Age little was known about the planet's surface.

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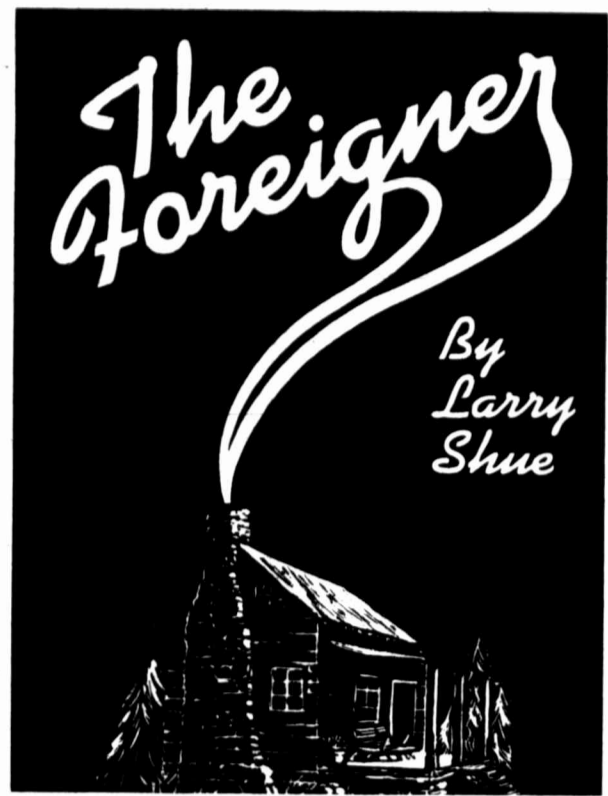
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AL Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Includes American League East and West Divisions, and National League East and West Divisions.

Oakland 9, Baltimore 4 New York 3, Kansas City 2 Toronto 6, Seattle 1 California 10, Detroit 3 Chicago 3, Boston 1, 16 innings Only games scheduled Friday's Games Chicago at New York, (n) Cleveland at Minnesota, (n) Milwaukee at Kansas City, (n) Boston at Texas, (n) Toronto at California, (n) Baltimore at Seattle, (n) Detroit at Oakland, (n) Saturday's Games Detroit (Alexander 3-0) at Oakland (Stewart 4-0) Chicago (Long 1-2) at New York (LaPoint 2-1), (n) Milwaukee (August 1-4) at Kansas City (Saberhagen 2-2), (n) Cleveland (Farrell 0-1) at Minnesota (Viola 0-3), (n) Boston (Gardner 0-1) at Texas (Hough 2-1), (n) Toronto (Key 2-2) at California (Abbott 1-2), (n) Baltimore (Schmidt 1-2) at Seattle (Langston 2-3), (n) Sunday's Games Chicago at New York Cleveland at Minnesota Milwaukee at Kansas City Boston at Texas Toronto at California Detroit at Oakland Baltimore at Seattle

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At New York PHILADELPHIA (96) Barkley 7-12 7-12 22, Smith 1-3 0-1 2, Gminski 7-16 2-2 16, Cheeks 9-17 1-2 19, Hawkins 1-9 0-0 2, Anderson 13-20 0-0 26, Henderson 2-7 0-0 5, Weip 1-2 0-0 2, Brooks 0-2 0-0 0, Coleman 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 42-89 10-17 96. NEW YORK (102) Newman 6-15 3-4 15, Oakley 2-7 1-2 5, Ewing 10-19 6-7 26, Jackson 4-7 0-0 9, G. Wilkins 16-21 2-3 34, Tucker 1-4 0-0 3, E. Wilkins 0-1 2-1, Strickland 2-5 3-4 7, Vandeweghe 0-2 2-2, Walker 0-1 0-0 0, Green 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 41-84 18-24 102. Philadelphia 28 23 27 18 - 96 New York 27 23 21 22 - 102 3-Point goals-Barkley, Henderson, Jackson, Tucker. Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Philadelphia 48 (Barkley 12), New York 55 (Oakley 12). Assists-Philadelphia 32 (Cheeks 16), New York 23 (Jackson 9). Total fouls-Philadelphia 19, New York 17. Technical-New York illegal defense 2. A-19,591.

Porter 6-18 4-4 16, S.Johnson 1-4 3-3 5, Young 3-7 0-0 6, Anderson 2-4 0-0 5, Bowie 6-7 2-4 15, Branch 0-3 2-2 2. Totals 44-96 18-24 106. L.A. LAKERS (128) Green 4-8 3-4 11, Worthy 8-12 1-2 17, Abdul-Jabbar 4-11 3-7 11, E.Johnson 10-20 8-9 30, Scott 10-16 4-4 29, Thompson 8-11 4-5 20, Cooper 1-2 0-0 3, Woolridge 2-6 1-2 5, Campbell 1-1 0-0 2, Rivers 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 48-87 24-33 128. Portland 21 30 25 32 - 108 L.A. Lakers 34 30 31 33 - 128 3-Point goals-Scott 5, E.Johnson 2, Anderson, Bowie, Cooper. Fouled out-Duckworth, Rebounds-Portland 47 (Kersey, Porter 8), Los Angeles 58 (Abdul-Jabbar, Scott 8). Assists-Portland 32 (Porter 10), Los Angeles 32 (E.Johnson 16). Total fouls-Portland 26, Los Angeles 22. Technical-Portland illegal defense, Portland coach Adelman, Kersey, A-17,505.

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Weather

Snow fell across parts of Montana and Wyoming, with up to 14 inches in northeastern Wyoming. Billings, Mont., Casper, Wyo., and Lander, Wyo., all received 2 inches of snow in the six hours ending at 2 a.m. EDT.



Today's forecast: showers and thunderstorms scattered from the Mississippi Valley across the upper Great Lakes and much of the lower Ohio Valley to the North Carolina coast; numerous thunderstorms from the middle Mississippi Valley to the lower Ohio Valley; rain spreading across the northern Plains and Nebraska as well as northern Utah and southern Idaho; and snow from the northern Rockies to the upper Missouri Valley.

High temperatures were to be in the 30s across much of Wyoming in western South Dakota; in the 40s and 50s from the northern and central Rockies across the northern Plains, much of Nebraska, the upper Missouri Valley.

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Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1989

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Give some thought to developing new leadership techniques. The way you cope with a problem will determine the future of a relationship. Loved one may make more demands than you can handle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You deserve to have a carefree day. Welcome the chance to work on a hobby or write overdue letters. See what you can do to build cash reserves. Investment opportunities

deserve careful scrutiny. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Responsibilities should be shared fairly this weekend so that everyone can have a good time. You may want to go out and enjoy yourself this evening. Be sure loved one knows your plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Time and faith will make a love relationship more fulfilling. Refuse to put up with any bullying. An overly possessive attitude can destroy romance. Give love room to grow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can make this your kind of day without spending a lot of money. Love is in the air! Romance can be everything you ever wanted. You feel good about yourself again.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Fight a tendency to give in to feelings of greed or jealousy. Do not confide your thoughts to people you do not really know. Travel enjoys favorable influences. Pack a bag!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do not get involved with someone spreading gossip or you could sully your own reputation. The best prescription for happiness is spending time with people you enjoy being with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your reserve and integrity will take you a long way today. Outdoor pursuits boost your spirits and your health. Cook something special for your dinner. A great evening to pamper yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be holding yourself back from success without realizing it. You get a unique opportunity to meet someone special. Put your best foot forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your day will gain momentum as it goes along. You face up to a challenge and are stronger for doing so. Focus on developing your creative talents. Influential people want to help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have special insights into a family matter. Use your knowledge to find a solution that will help many people. Do whatever is necessary to cut everyday expenses.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Choose projects that will improve your appearance and your image. Do not be afraid to take a leadership role in church or community affairs. Standing up for your beliefs wins you new admirers.

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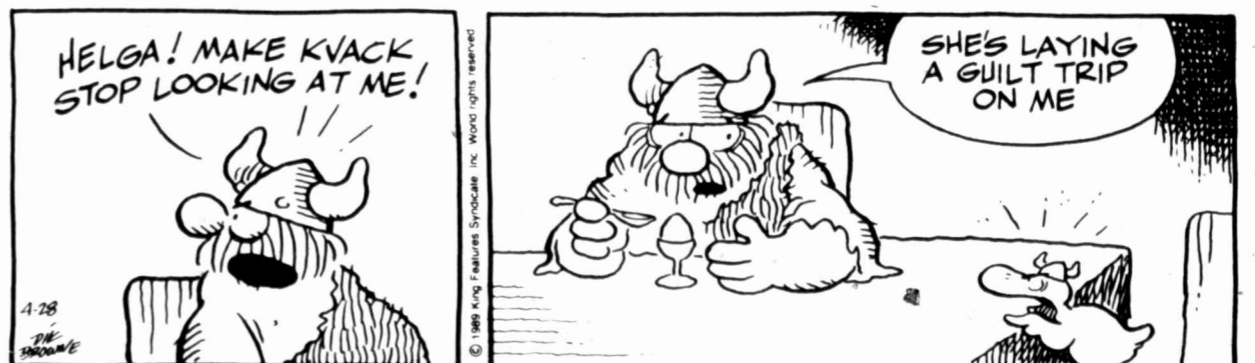
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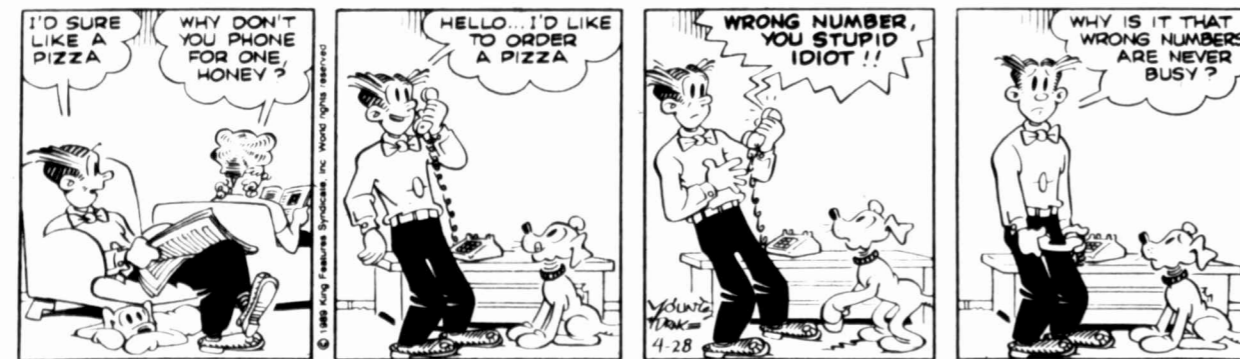
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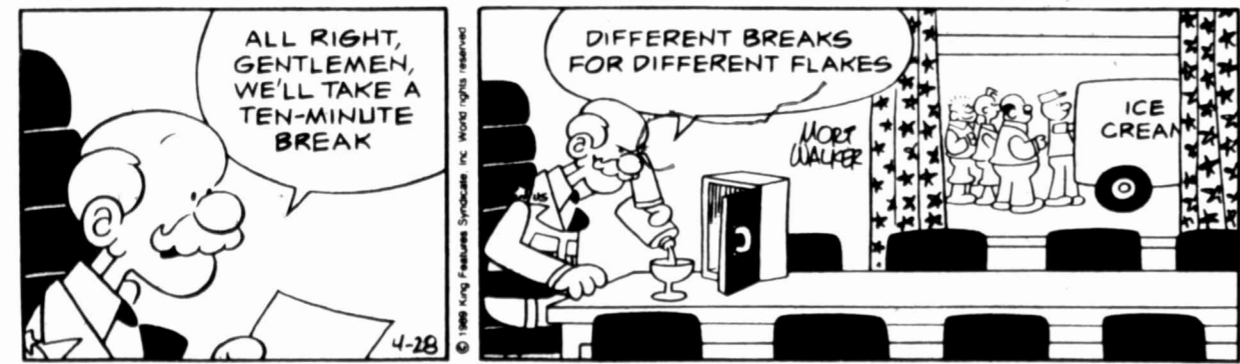
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