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Ask Us

Q—On what day will school start next fall for Snyder public school students?

A—It hasn't been determined yet. District administrators said they are waiting to see if the Legislature makes any changes in the school year 1993-94. They said they hope to have a calendar worked out as soon possible.

In Brief

Well on fire

DECATUR, Texas (AP) — A fire resulting from an explosion at an oil rig north of Alvord continued to burn this morning, but fire officials had the blaze under control, a Wise County dispatcher said.

No injuries were reported, but one family living near the rig was evacuated. The family was back at home this morning, officials said.

Alvord is about 10 miles northwest of Decatur, the county seat of Wise County.

Authorities are unsure of what sparked the Thursday night explosion at the rig, drilled by Ashtola Drilling of Graham on the Jones No. 1 lease operated by Grayrock of Dallas, said Wise County Sheriff's dispatcher Jo Higgins.

Closes again

LOCKHART, Texas (AP) — For the second time in three years, this community's hospital has closed.

The hospital shut down at noon Thursday, a victim of bad blood between city officials and hospital management and disagreement about more than $80,000 in rent and utility fees the city says is due.

A clinic housed in the hospital will be open through Monday and will relocate Tuesday to a different address.

Local

'Storm' here

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will show the film "Eye of the Storm" at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is free.

NAACP youth

The local NAACP youth chapter will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday in the Lincoln Community Center.

Ira workday

A workday will be held Saturday at the Ira baseball field, beginning at 10 a.m.

Welders are needed as well as volunteers with shovels and rakes.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 71 degrees; low, 34 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 35 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, .23 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight: Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain. Low in the lower 30s. Northeast to east wind 10-15 mph. Saturday: Mostly cloudy morning with a 20 percent chance of rain. High in the lower 50s. North wind 10-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:57. Sunrise Saturday, 7:44. Of 7 days in 1993, the sun has shone 6 days in Snyder.

Elvis is back!

The King appearing at U.S. postal offices

Editor's Note: U.S. Postal officials note there are a limited amount of Elvis stamps at the Snyder post office, which will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, officials said there will be plenty of Elvis stamps available by Jan. 18.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Elvis was sighted at the post office today.

Not the Elvis who always seems to be buying a chili-cheese dog at a 7-Eleven, but the lean, mike-cradling, hip-swiveling, lip-curling, yes-sirring King of Rock 'n' Roll.

The long-awaited Elvis Presley stamp went on sale at 12:15 a.m. at a half-dozen mobile postal stations across the street from Graceland. And hundreds stood in a drizzle on what would have been Elvis' 58th birthday to buy it.

Nationwide sales at post offices were set for noon local time.

"Elvis was a king of the people. His fire, his excitement changed our culture," Postmaster General Marvin Runyon said at the height of a night of festivities at Presley's white-columned estate. "This, too, will be a No. 1 hit."

Fireworks marked the moment the 29-cent stamps went on sale.

Betty Buddy of Denver said her Elvis fan club planned to buy several hundred dollars' worth. "We're going to put them on our mail for now and forever," she said.

LaVera Chapel of White Lake, Mich., had an Elvis-stamp tattoo on her arm. "I wanted something different," she said of the 3-inch-wide replica of the stamp. "It will remind me of when the stamp came out. I will never forget."

Among a crowd of about 1,500 who flocked to Graceland were Presley's former wife, Priscilla, and his only child and sole heir, Lisa Marie Keough.

Graceland, which draws 650,000 visitors a year, set aside 35,000 first-day postal covers reading, "I was there." They sold for $5 each, limit 10 to a customer.

Elvis fans lobbied for the stamp for nine years, overcoming opposition in some quarters because of his abuse of prescription drugs.

A nationwide election was held

(see ELVIS, page 8)

ELVIS HONORED — Snyder postal worker Deloras Ornelas puts the finishing touches on a display marking the beginning of sales of the new Elvis stamp, which went on sale at 12:01 p.m. today. Today would have been Elvis' 58th birthday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Deadline nears...

U.S., Iraq standoff continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States watched from the sky today to see whether Saddam Hussein meets the deadline for withdrawing anti-aircraft missiles from southern Iraq. One congressional leader said the two nations appeared to be "on a collision course."

Baghdad continued its tough stance, saying it "will not heed" the ultimatum that gave Saddam Hussein until 5:30 p.m. EST to remove the weapons from the no-fly zone or risk retaliation.

"It looks like we're on a collision course," Rep. Lee Hamilton, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said today.

Hamilton, D-Ind., interviewed on Fox Morning News, said the confrontation would be avoided, if, "in fact, he is moving those missiles, not just moving them, but moving them north of the 32nd Parallel."

However, a U.S. intelligence

(see IRAQ, page 8)

Tourism group is updated on Ritz and other projects

Members of the chamber tourism and retirement committee were updated on chamber and various other local projects as the group met Thursday for its regular monthly meeting.

Chamber manager Ricky Fritz updated the committee on the progress of the Ritz Community Theatre, saying that the first two productions have been a success, and a third, a musical, is being planned for sometime in the spring.

"There have been 10 sellouts out of 11 performances," said Fritz, who attributed the one performance that did not sell out to a conflict with the Snyder-Estacado football game held the same night.

Fritz said the Ritz board has hired a grant writer to help find funds for the interior renovation of the old theatre.

Dr. Tom Scannicchio asked Fritz what could be done to keep events advertised on the Ritz marquee sign current.

According to Fritz, the volunteer who changes the sign has been out of town over the past few weeks. Fritz agreed that the sign needs to be kept updated and said that he would address the matter at the next meeting of the Ritz board.

The committee discussed the possibility of getting area businesses to stay open longer to allow more persons to shop after they get off work.

Art Feinsod pointed out a letter recently printed in the Snyder Daily News concerning hours of operation for local businesses and other board members said they have heard this complaint from other local people as well.

Fritz said he would speak to Joe Kelley, who is helping to reorganize the chamber merchant committee, about the problem.

An update of the merchant committee was requested for next month's meeting.

Fritz told committee members that there will be a clean-up day next Wednesday, beginning at 1 p.m., for taking down lights from the courthouse. He said that volunteers may call the chamber or show up at the courthouse on Wednesday.

Museum Director Shirley Leftwich said that this year's Christmas Happening was a success, and plans are underway for next year's celebration, which will keep the Mexican fiesta theme.

Coliseum advisory board president Roy Carter told the committee that materials have been ordered and the renovation of the coliseum's ag annex is scheduled to begin soon.

The renovation will move structural support poles in the building farther apart, providing more arena space for a larger variety of events.

Fritz mentioned that the chamber has received thank-you letters from schools involved in the recent playoff games held at Tiger Stadium, and thanked the Goldcoats and other volunteers for their help in making the games a success.

Fritz also reminded committee members of the Class 2A regional basketball tournament, which will be held at the coliseum on March 5 and 6.

FFA stock show set today, Saturday here

Weigh-in for the annual Snyder FFA chapter stock show is set for 5 o'clock today, with the show itself to begin Saturday morning.

The event is held to help local students prepare for the annual Scurry County Livestock Show, scheduled Jan. 20-23, and other shows across the state.

Participants were to begin moving stock into Scurry County Coliseum's annex building late this afternoon. Judging of commercial steer projects will take place this evening, with oral interviews of participants to begin at 6:30.

Steers will be kept in pens for judging, with the score combined with the student's score on a written test and the oral interview, in which students will be questioned about their commercial steer project.

The regular stock show begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, with hogs to be shown first, followed by the lamb show. Judge for the event will be Jim Judah, assistant professor of agriculture at Western Texas College.

New policy required for birth certificates

Scurry County residents who wish to obtain copies of birth and death certificates are reminded they must now complete an application form, due to a state mandate which went into effect Jan. 1.

The Texas Department of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics issued the mandate in an effort to eliminate fraud cases dealing with birth and death certificates throughout the state.

The application form, available in the county clerk's office, requires that applicants provide a photo identification of themselves. They must also provide all available information concerning the person whose name appears on the certificate they are trying to obtain.

Other information required from the applicant will be their relationship to the person in question and their purpose for obtaining the information.

A fee of $9 is charged for the first death certificate, with an additional charge of $3 for each certificate copy purchased at the same time. If an additional copy is requested later, the cost is $9.

Each birth certificate copy requires a $9 fee.

No photocopies of certificates will be issued, but the county clerk's office will verify information persons may have concerning birth or death records.

Anyone needing more information about requirements for obtaining birth and death records may contact the county clerk's office at 573-5332 or go by the office on the third floor of the courthouse.

UBS drive being held here today

United Blood Services is holding an emergency blood drive until 7 this evening in the doctor's lounge at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The drive began at 11 a.m.

United Blood Services has issued the appeal for all blood types. An emergency appeal means blood supplies are so low that immediate action is needed to avoid compromising medical care.

Anyone who is in good health, weighs at least 110 pounds and has not donated since Nov. 13, 1992, is probably eligible to donate, according to UBS.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A troublemaker is a guy who rocks the boat and then persuades everyone else there is a storm at sea."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

O.G. Nieman, in the Hereford Brand, told about a tourist who stopped at a local service station and asked if there was anything worth going to see around Amarillo.

The attendent reponded that Amarillo has the only helium plant in existence in the entire world.

The tourist was impressed, "And is it in bloom now?"

It was also Nieman who told about Mary Beth having a garage sale on Elm Street. Carolyn, a neighbor, knew there would be some good buys. Wanting to get first shot, Carolyn went to see Mary Beth the night before the sale started.

Sure enough, she found the cutest pair of moccasins and paid the $1 price marked on the shoes. The next morning, however, Carolyn remembered that she'd worn the moccasins home and had left her practically-new tennis shoes at Mary Beth's.

Carolyn rushed to the garage sale, explaining she had left her tennis shoes there.

"Oh no," exclaimed Mary Beth. "I thought those were my daughter's. I wondered why she put them in the sale without taking her dirty socks out. We sold 'em."

Explaining that the shoes were in excellent condition, there was insult added to injury when she learned they sold for only a dollar.

To top the story off, Carolyn says Mary Beth never gave her the dollar. Nieman gave no update as to whether the two neighbors remain friends.

Kim Pease, in the Rotan Advance, says that kissing is a practice that shortens life — single life.

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Astrograph
By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Jan. 8, 1993

In the year ahead you are likely to be more fortunate in endeavors you personally control than you will be in partnership arrangements. Design your ventures so that you are the principle factor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Back off from a situation today where you feel someone else is trying to pressure you into making a commitment. Any promises you make under duress are not apt to be honored. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for Capricorn's Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be careful today that you don't make things harder for yourself than they actually are. You need space to operate in, and if you reduce your wiggle room, you'll also reduce your effectiveness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's a possibility you might get involved in a development today where there is dissension between two friends. The worst thing you could do is to side with one against the other.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try not to be too hasty or impulsive today in handling matters that pertain to your career. If you take off without your propeller, it's likely you'll have to abort the flight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not accelerate your intensity today if you see that what you have to offer or promote is being rejected by others. A soft sell might work, but a hard sell won't.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's best not to ask favors from friends today, especially financial ones from anyone to whom you're already obligated. Your request could evoke a negative response.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are likely to have a very active imagination today and this could be to your detriment, especially when you are trying to make an important decision. Don't be overwhelmed by too many alternatives.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be prepared to fend for yourself today, because people who are usually willing to do your bidding might not be in a cooperative frame of mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It might be difficult for you to be your own person today owing to complicated developments with friends. If you try to be all things to all people, the net result could be zero.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In order to achieve your objectives today, you will have to be both tenacious and tactful. If you step on someone's toes in the process, you might be sent back to square one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If associates aren't receptive to your suggestions today, you could be unduly offended and say things you shouldn't. Don't let your temper get you in trouble.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is not a propitious time for you to assume new long-range financial obligations in hopes that you'll be able to cover things when the bills arrive. Live within your available resources.

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Strategies make care of Alzheimer patients easier

NEW YORK (AP) — Imagine the day your spouse or parent peers into your eyes and declares you a stranger, and then orders you out of the house.

Or what happens if they accuse you of stealing their misplaced possessions, or hit you for the first time in an incomprehensible rage.

Such are the prospects for someone who takes care of a loved one with Alzheimer's disease, the mind-robbing condition that afflicts an estimated 4 million Americans.

About 70 percent of Alzheimer's patients are looked after at home by a family member for four to seven years after the diagnosis. That can mean dealing daily with such stressful problems as feeding, bathing, incontinence and irrational behavior, while watching the disease slowly transform a loved one into a stranger.

But caregivers can use many strategies to help them cope, said speakers at a recent conference sponsored by the New York City Department for the Aging and local chapters of the Alzheimer's Association.

One key rule: get help.

"This is not an illness that can be taken care of on your own," said Janet Walsh of the Long Island (N.Y.) Alzheimer's Foundation, who cared for her father for 10 years. "It is literally a 24-hour, seven-day a week problem."

Leonie Nowitz, director of the Center for Lifelong Growth in New York, warned against "caregiver self-abuse."

She recalled a client so involved with her husband's care that the only time she left his side was to enter the hospital for heart problems.

Apart from health problems, the strain of constant caregiving can lead to resentment that poisons the relationship.

"This is the only life you are ever going to have," said Elaine Yatzkan of the Jewish Guild for the Blind in New York. "When the sick person is getting everything and you're not, something is not right."

Speakers recommended getting breaks from caregiving. Call on friends, relatives or respite care workers to take over for you [illegible] care for a spell. Private care managers can coordinate these arrangments. Day-care programs for Alzheimer's patients also provide relief from caregiving.

Another important step for caregivers is to join a support group or get professional counseling.

In a support group, caregivers often discover that mixed feelings, and occasional anger at the Alzheimer's patient, are normal.

In dealing with bothersome behaviors of somebody with Alzheimer's, speakers said, caregivers should focus only on those that pose real problems.

"There may be nothing wrong with Grandma setting out chips and soda for Phil Donahue because she thinks he's in the living room," said Patricia O'Malley of Hunter College in New York.

And caregivers need not trouble themselves arguing with the Alzheimer's patient who declares the caregiver an imposter or an intruder. Logic won't help and the confrontation may only agitate them.

Duck the question of who or where you are and "reassure them, 'I will take care of you, you will be safe here,'" O'Malley said. Sometimes a request to "go home," for instance, reflects a longing for the old days, and discussing old times may meet that need, she said.

After a day of listening to such advice, an audience member said she only feared she lacked enough energy to do the right things for her mother.

"You do what you can," said Gertrude Steinberg of New York University Medical Center. "You cope with it by patting yourself on the back and saying, 'I'm being a damned good daughter.'"

Eds: Referrals to local private care managers are available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers, 655 N. Alvernon Way, Suite 108, Tucson, Ariz, 85711.

Third investigation planned

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) — Ross Cosmetics Distribution Centers Inc. faces a third investigation, this time by South Carolina officials, into the company's stock ownership.

A federal Securities and Exchange Commission probe has been under way since June. And an internal investigation released in October found "flagrant disregard" of securities laws by some of the Duncan-based company's owners.

All three investigations were prompted by Ross' disclosure in June that two Sheth families who controlled its main supplier, S&J Perfume of London, also owned 63 percent of Ross stock.

Some shareholders have sued, claiming the arrangement allowed Ross to buy cosmetics at below-market prices, thereby artificially inflating its profits and the value of its stock.

Though the internal investigation found no evidence of that claim, state regulators still are considering it, said Burnett Maybank III, deputy securities commissioner.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Is low energy level a sign of illness?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Do all persons have the same amount of energy and drive? I'm constantly criticized because I am unable to do the amount of work that many my age or older are able to perform.

DEAR READER: Energy levels are highly individualized and may vary from time to time within the same individual. For example, some people who are bored at work experience a loss of energy; at home, however, when they're involved with an interesting project, their energy levels return to normal. This is all very subjective, but I raise the issue in hopes that you will analyze your work patterns to discover if interest or boredom plays a role.

If you honestly feel "pooped" all the time, you should see your doctor for an examination. You might be anemic or have an underactive thyroid gland. Perhaps you're not sleeping well, so you're tired a lot of the time. Could alcohol consumption play a part in your loss of energy? Perhaps you're depressed and feeling emotional strain; this can be very draining.

Your doctor can sort out the causes of your lack of drive. Then, depending on the causes, he'll suggest therapy. This is the kind of problem family doctors deal with every day, so don't hesitate.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please provide information on proteinuria: what is the cause, treatment and what type diet should I follow?

DEAR READER: The kidneys were designed to filter out waste products from the blood and eliminate them in the urine. The reverse of this is that the kidneys also conserve many substances and prevent them from being excreted. Protein is one such substance. It should not be present in the urine.

When proteinuria is discovered, during a routine urinalysis, doctors worry about the possibility of serious medical conditions, such as nephritis. Actually, proteinuria may reflect a whole host of medical ailments that affect the kidneys, ranging from cancer to lupus.

A person with protein in the urine should be thoroughly tested with blood analyses and X-rays to determine the cause of the problem. Only then can appropriate therapy be devised. Ordinarily, dieting is not particularly important for this condition because protein is leaking from the bloodstream into the kidneys, a situation unrelated to diet.

I advise you to discuss your kidney problem with your doctor; depending on the amount of protein you are excreting, you may need further examinations by a renologist. Ask your doctor about this.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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DR. GOTT

PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Clinton already backing away from some campaign promises

WASHINGTON (AP) — Would it be churlish to suggest even before he takes the oath that Bill Clinton the candidate and Bill Clinton the president-elect may not be the same man?

Consider:

Clinton the candidate sang the praises of public schools. Clinton the president-elect is sending his daughter Chelsea to a private school for the privileged.

But, hey, can you blame a guy for doing the best he can for his child?

Clinton the candidate left the strong impression, at least with Haitians, that they would have a far better chance of gaining asylum in the United States. He said he would change President Bush's policy of turning away all Haitian refugees.

Clinton the president-elect says he will allow refugees to petition for temporary political asylum, but not permit "mass emigration."

Again, give him a break. He will make it easier for Haitians to apply, and besides he is just beginning to dig into a very complicated human and political problem.

Clinton the candidate pledged to cut the federal deficit in half in four years. Clinton the president-elect appears to be backing off, blaming the Bush administration for camouflaging the magnitude of the deficit problem.

Well, he's got a case about that, even though he was told by his own advisers the deficit had been understated.

Promises are hard to keep, as Bush discovered with that read-my-lips thing about not raising taxes. He, too, had to confront the

AP analysis

reality of understated revenues and overstated optimism.

Fact is, no chief executive, especially in the modern era, has been immune from contradictions between campaign promise and presidential reality.

Dwight Eisenhower, revered to this day as an honest man, pledged if elected to go to Korea. He didn't say what he would do about the war when he got there. But just saying he would go had the desired effect of making the voters believe he had the right prescription. But nobody possessed the magic dust to resolve that conflict without a lot more bloodshed.

Richard Nixon, whose track record was already questionable, said he had a secret plan to end the war in Vietnam. Undoubtedly, that helped him get elected. The war was tearing the country apart. And it went on for four more years.

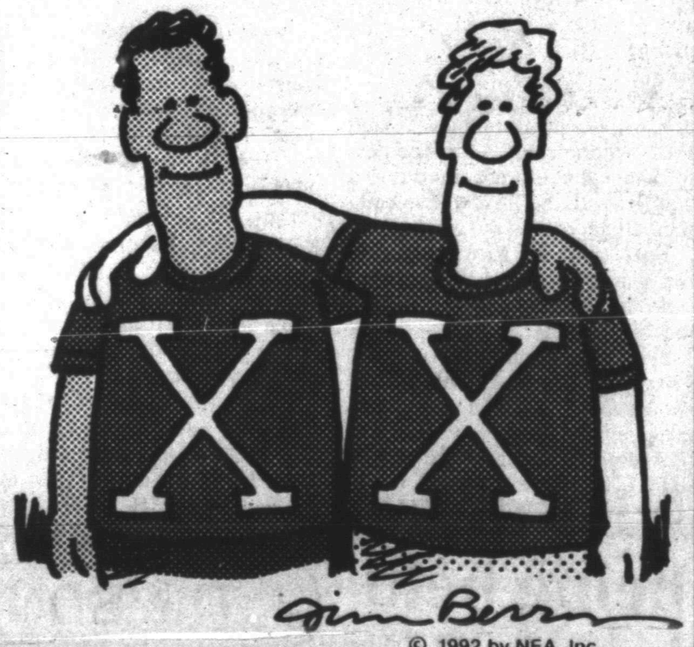
Jimmy Carter said he would withdraw American troops from South Korea. He won, and he didn't.

Ronald Reagan campaigned long and hard against the Panama Canal treaties, but observed them scrupulously as president. He promised to balance the budget, and both he and Bush campaigned for a constitutional amendment requiring that that be done. But neither man ever submitted anything close to a balanced budget.

So Clinton, with miles to go, already looks like he will come up short on keeping some of his promises. He won't be the first.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Barry Schweid has covered diplomacy and other issues for The Associated Press since the onset of the Kennedy administration.

Berry's World



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Burglars hit Jeb Bush home

MIAMI (AP) — President Bush's son Jeb and his wife, Columba, left town before Christmas without setting the burglar alarm at their home.

The result: Someone broke in Dec. 23 through a rear bedroom window and made off with a $25,000 diamond necklace and a $2,000 gold watch, police said.

"I've been overconfident all of these years," Mrs. Bush said in Thursday's Miami Herald. "I never thought this would happen. I love to trust people."

The Bushes were vacationing at Camp David, Md., with the president and first lady.

Police said there was no indication the burglar knew whose house it was.

Prefers stage

NEW YORK (AP) — Judd Hirsch won two Emmys for "Taxi" and an Oscar nomination for "Ordinary People." So why is he most comfortable performing without any cameras around?

"When I'm here, I'm happy," Hirsch said of Broadway, where he's starring in the hit "Conversations With My Father."

"I don't want to be 74 years old and look back and wish I had been on the stage more," he said in this Sunday's Parade magazine. "I see all the other things I've done — TV and movies, whatever — as interruptions in my life."

Hirsch won a Tony for his current role and another Tony for "I'm Not Rappaport."

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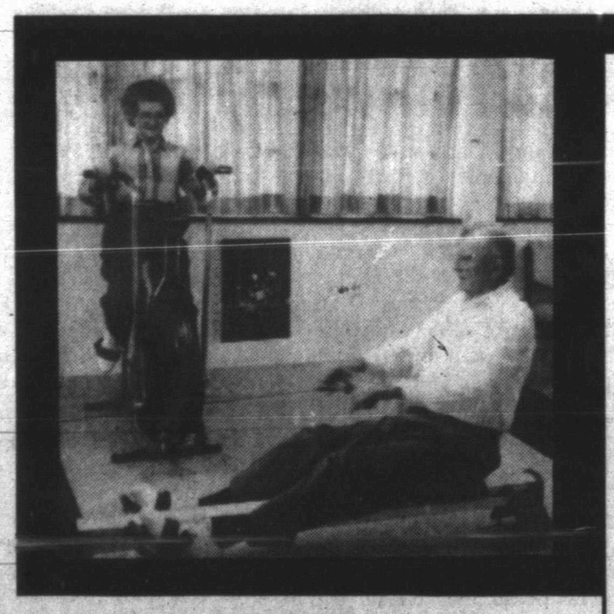

A pulmonary specialist recommended the program for my emphysema. A side benefit has been relief from cluster headaches.
...Roy Baze

I've had recurring sciatic nerve problems, and find that the exercise program planned for me helps relieve this condition. A workout at the Heart Gym just makes me feel better, both mentally and physically.
...Geleska Baze

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Community Calendar

FRIDAY

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Al-Anon; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information call 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 57-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-2349, 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Top official wants Clinton to restore funding for AIDS

AUSTIN (AP) — A cut in federal AIDS prevention funds is "shortsighted and potentially disastrous," says Texas Health Commissioner David Smith.

"Without prevention, there will not be significant cost containment in health care reform in this country," Smith said Thursday. "Why are we having to abandon a good business practice?"

He spoke at a news conference where the Texas Department of Health unveiled its latest advertisements meant to prevent acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

The Health Department said it's slated to get about a $900,000 cut in federal funds for preventing AIDS, and the human immunodeficiency virus that causes the disease, in 1993. It got $7.7 million in 1992.

Smith said he's spoken with members of President-elect Clinton's public health transition team and that he's hopeful the cut will be reversed by the incoming administration. He said there's a realization that "prevention is exactly where we should be going."

There have been 17,540 AIDS cases reported since 1980 in Texas, which ranks behind only New York, California and Florida, Smith said. He said 4,275 are people between the ages of 20 and 29, many of whom were infected as teen-agers.

Health officials estimate that 73,000 Texans are infected with HIV.

Prevention efforts are an investment, Smith said, pointing to the department's latest ad campaign, which was produced by The Richards Group, a Dallas advertising agency.

The campaign costing $218,000 was paid for with federal money, the department said.

It costs an average of at least $80,000 to care for someone with AIDS from the time of diagnosis until death, so the campaign only would have to prevent AIDS in three people to be cost-effective, Smith said. He said it's well within reason to believe it would prevent 2,000 people from becoming infected, saving potentially $160 million.

If federal funding cuts continue, it's going to be difficult next year to continue the campaign, which began in 1989, Smith said.

The campaign promotes the AIDS toll-free hotline — 1-800-299-AIDS — and officials said the number of monthly calls to that number have increased from 475 to 3,000 since the ads began.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 1-8-93
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♥ K 8
♦ Q 8 2
♣ K J 6 5 4 2

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♦ K 10 7 4
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♣ A 10 7 3

SOUTH
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♦ A J 9 6 5
♣ Q 8

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 4

A second classic republished

In the second half of the 1960s, Scotsman Hugh Kelsey wrote two classic bridge books, "Killing Defence at Bridge" and "Advanced Play at Bridge." I reviewed the former last year. The latter has just been republished in a paperback edition ($15.45, Gollancz, 212-866-5860).

Not only do the deals live up to the title, but Kelsey carefully and lucidly explains the thought processes one should go through when planning the play. This alone makes the book worth reading.

Today's deal is the first in the book. It defeated 13 "unlucky" experts, all of whom "played too quickly." How would you try to win nine tricks?

You have six top tricks: three spades, two hearts and one diamond. There are three ways to go for the extra tricks. Win trick one in the dummy and take an immediate diamond finesse. Win trick one in hand and attack either diamonds or clubs. The "unlucky" 13 all led the club queen at trick two, going down when the suit divided 4-1 and the diamond finesse lost.

The best line is to win with the heart ace and cash the diamond ace. If the suit splits 5-0, you must revert to clubs, hoping for a 3-2 break. But if everyone follows to the diamond ace, your contract is assured. Just continue with a diamond toward dummy's queen.

With the given layout, West must duck his king. Otherwise you have nine tricks: three spades, two hearts and four diamonds. Then, after winning with dummy's queen and seeing East's discard, you can play on clubs. Your nine tricks will be three spades, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Fighting Public Ignorance Is Part of Proud Nurse's Work

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter signed "X-ray Tech," who complained that she was tired of patients who, while being positioned for mammograms, make comments such as: "Do you do this all day? What a disgusting job; there's not enough money in the world to pay me to do what you're doing."

I can relate to such comments because I am a nurse, and I'm tired of being asked, "How can you stand to work with terminal patients? Isn't it depressing caring for people when you know they are going to die?"

Instead of treating this as an insult, or passing it off as ignorance, I take a few minutes to explain why I chose the nursing profession.

Also, one should please tell "X-ray Tech" that she's a "radiologic technologist" — and she should take pride in her chosen profession.

PROUD NURSE,
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

DEAR PROUD NURSE: Thanks for a fine letter. I am sure you speak for many men and women in the health care profession.

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DEAR ABBY: When holiday time rolls around again this year, please remind your party-giving readers to consider people who are trying to watch their calories.

I can't count the times I've gone to holiday gatherings where almost every dish offered had cream cheese or sour cream in it.

My boyfriend is allergic to all dairy products, and I am trying to cut down on sugar and fat in my diet. It's not easy to enjoy a party when all you can find to eat is the parsley decorating the wheel of Brie.

All I'm asking for is moderation and variation in menus. Your guests will appreciate it.

M.M. IN BEVERLY HILLS

DEAR M.M.: Good reminder: The considerate hostess offers options. For those who are trying to resist high-calorie desserts, an assortment of fruit and berries will be very much appreciated.

Remember, too, that it's unwise and unfair to encourage guests to have "another drink" or "one for the road." Always have plenty of soft drinks available. And never spike the punch bowl with vodka or anything else without letting your guests know.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I think you should know that Mike Hitt of Katy, Texas, was recently recognized for his donation of a total of 75 gallons of blood.

Hitt began donating blood in 1968 when he was active in the U.S. Army. He continued donating blood until 1987 when he became one of the blood center's first pheresis donors. Hitt's dedication has been phenomenal; he usually donates twice each week. The Blood Center of Texas gave Mike a plaque and a 75-gallon mug at a reception in his honor.

HIS FRIEND IN HOUSTON

DEAR FRIEND: Mr. Hitt's donation record is indeed impressive. And for those who don't know what "pheresis" means (I didn't), my medical dictionary describes it as the procedure of drawing blood, after which the desired components of the blood are removed, and the remainder is re-infused into the donor.

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WORTH REMEMBERING: "The reason that fiction is more interesting than any other form of literature to those of us who really like to study people is that, in fiction, the author can really tell the whole truth without hurting anyone — or humiliating himself too much."

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

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State settles with psychiatric hospitals

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Psychiatric Co. has become the third chain of psychiatric hospitals to agree to change its marketing and admission standards following an investigation by the state attorney general's office, officials say.

The company has six facilities across Texas.

In an agreed final judgment filed in state district court in Travis County, the company said it would refrain from a number of practices considered questionable by patients and state regulators, the attorney general's office said.

Investigations of psychiatric hospitals statewide have uncovered a pattern of incentives being offered to employees to help fill hospital beds while overlooking patients' needs, the attorney general said.

Patients have also been admitted without being told of the costs for services.

Under terms of the agreement, the chain agrees to refrain from:

— Admitting patients without full disclosure of costs for services.

— Establishing occupancy goals, or quotas, and providing any incentives to company employees for meeting those goals.

— Placing company counselors in public schools for the purpose of making referrals to their hospitals.

— Admitting children under age 10 without a second medical opinion unless the initial diagnosis was made by a child psychiatrist.

— Admitting patients without explaining the Patient's Bill of Rights, which sets forth the means by which a patient's freedom may or may not be restricted during treatment.

"It was a totally immaterial settlement and we were very pleased to work with the state," said Victor L. Campbell, vice president of corporate relations for Nashville, Tenn.,-based HCA Psychiatric Co., parent company of Texas Psychiatric.

"I think this has been an issue ongoing in Texas for a year and it's good to see it being resolved," he said. Campbell said the company acknowledged no wrongdoing in agreeing to the settlement.

Named in the judgment were the company and three of its hospitals in the Houston area: Belle Park Hospital, Deer Park Hospital and Gulf Pines Hospital. Also named were three hospitals no longer in operation: Hill Country Hospital in San Antonio; Sun Valley Regional Hospital in El Paso; and Willow Park Hospital in Plano.

Texas convict challenges his arrest

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A man known as the Sweetheart Swindler wants the Wisconsin Supreme Court to declare he was arrested illegally on allegations of cheating women out of their money.

Police said Alfred Barakett, 52, was known by several names while wooing various women nationwide and persuading them to give him money for investments. He was sentenced last year in Dallas to 20 years in prison for cheating two women out of $40,000.

He previously was arrested in Kenosha and was accused of attempting to bilk a Kenosha woman of $10,200.

His attorney Donald Bielski argued Thursday before the Supreme Court that Kenosha County authorities shouldn't be allowed to use evidence against Barakett because police held him 92 hours without a formal arrest, violating his Fourth Amendment rights.

The case requires the court to decide how police, prosecutors and judges can comply with a 1989 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in a California case. The U.S. court decided suspects in custody without a warrant are entitled within 48 hours to a hearing during which a judge decides if the arrest was constitutional.

The state court took the matter under advisement. A decision is expected early June.

Barakett was arrested two months before the 1989 decision. Wisconsin assistant attorney general William Gansner conceded the ruling applies to all cases that were active at the time.

But Gansner said judicial review was fulfilled in Barakett's case when a court commissioner approved a search warrant for his motel room less than 24 hours after the arrest.

Textbooks recommended

AUSTIN (AP) — A State Board of Education committee has recommended adoption of four U.S. government textbooks for Texas classrooms despite claims from conservative critics that the books contain more than 250 errors.

Texas Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno and textbook committee members Thursday proposed that the education board adopt the U.S. government textbooks for use starting next year, under the condition that they each not have more than 50 errors.

If the $4.3 million worth of books are found by Texas Education Agency staff to have more errors, the books will be removed from the adoption list, Meno said.

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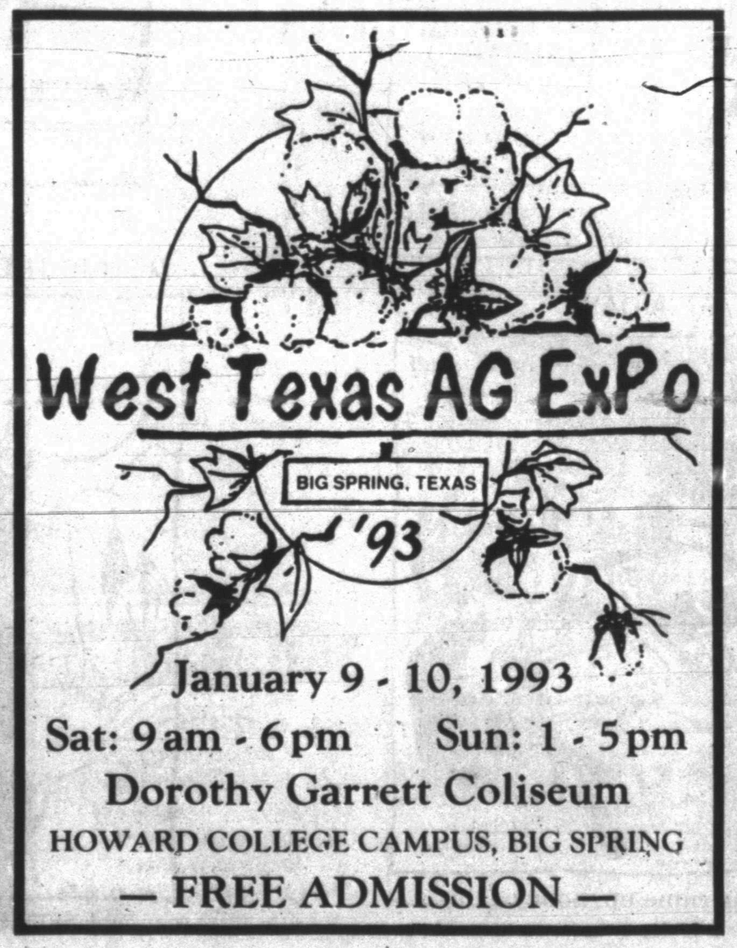

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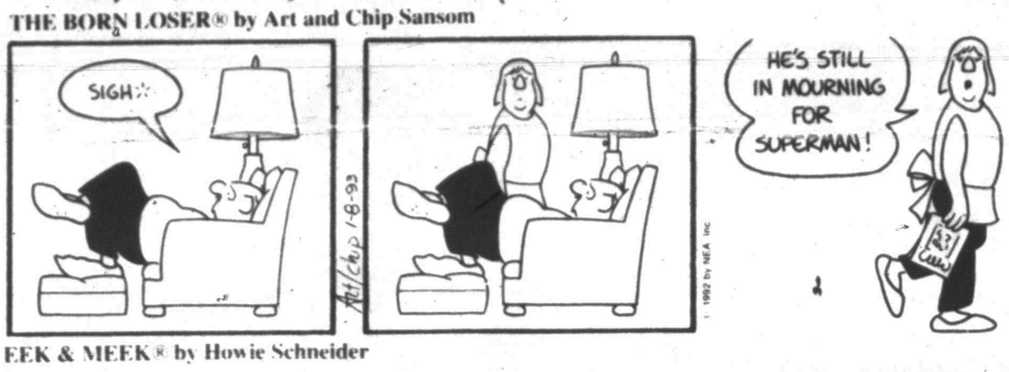

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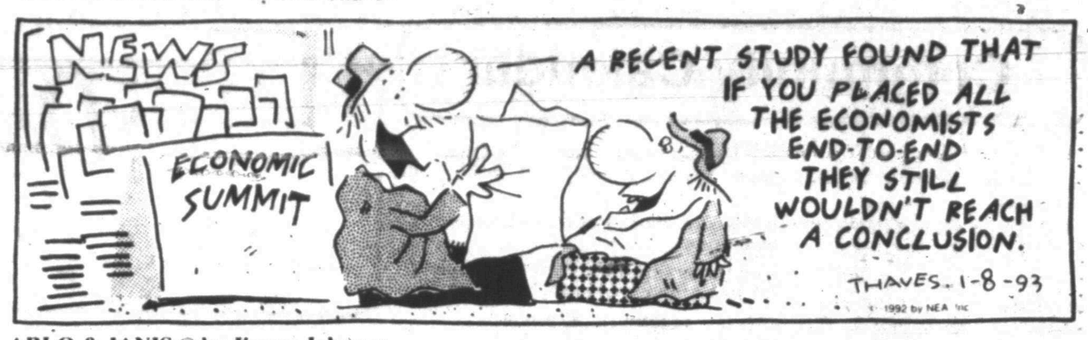

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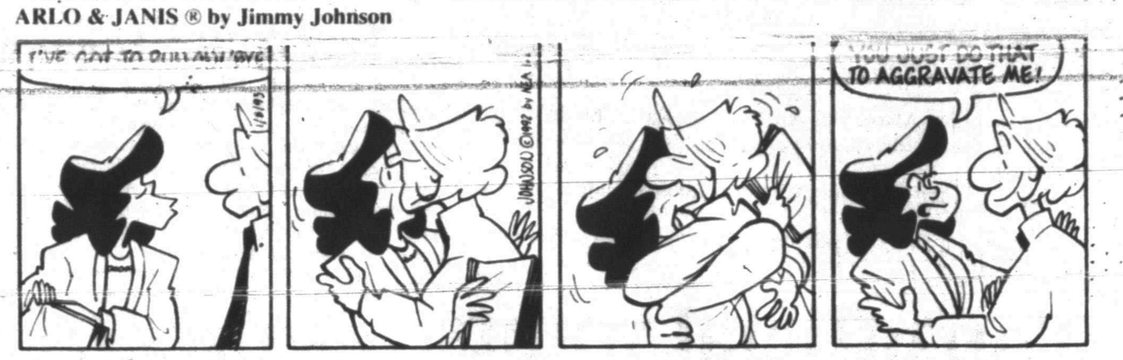

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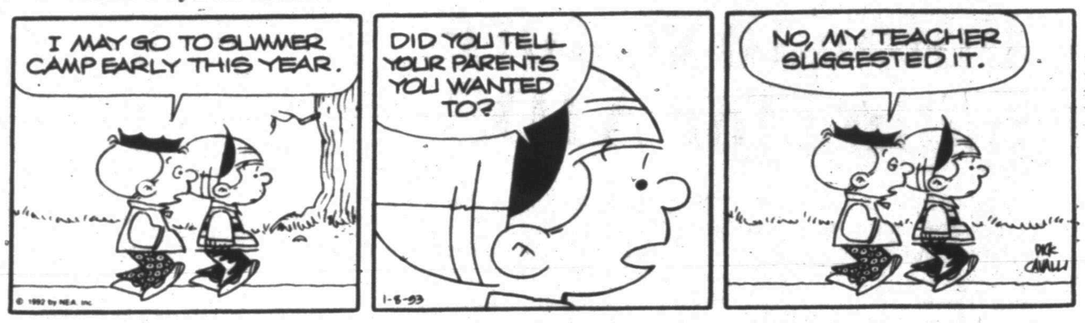

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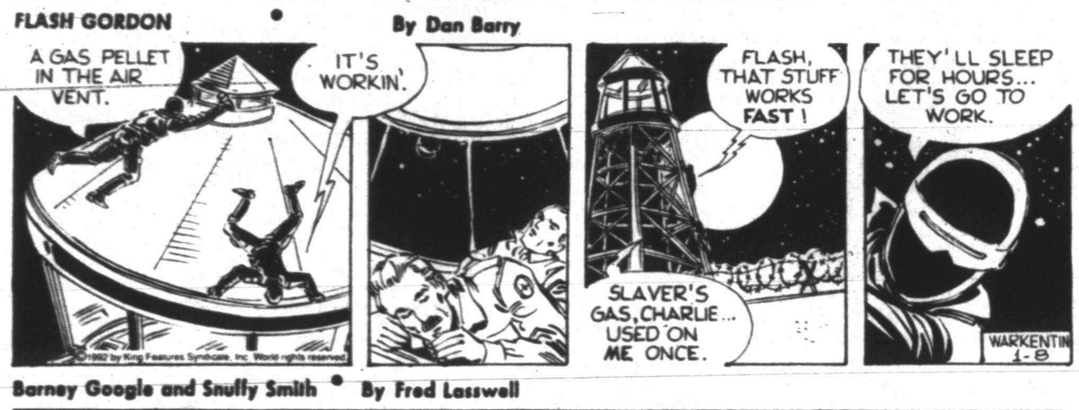

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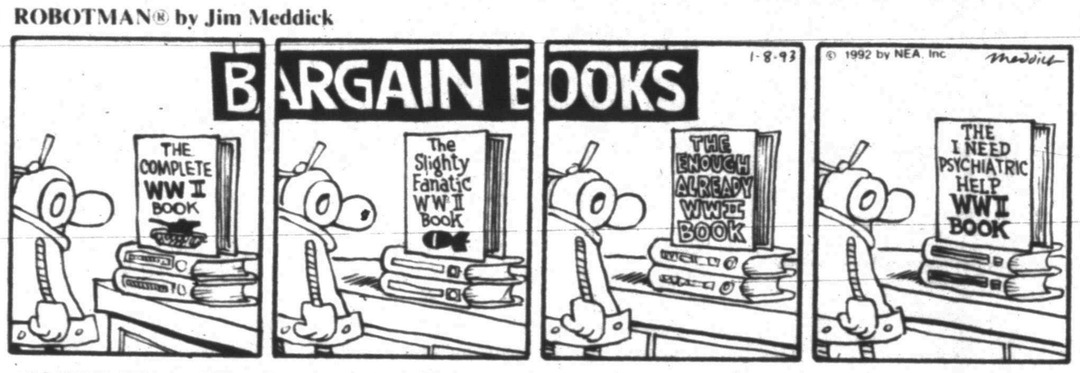

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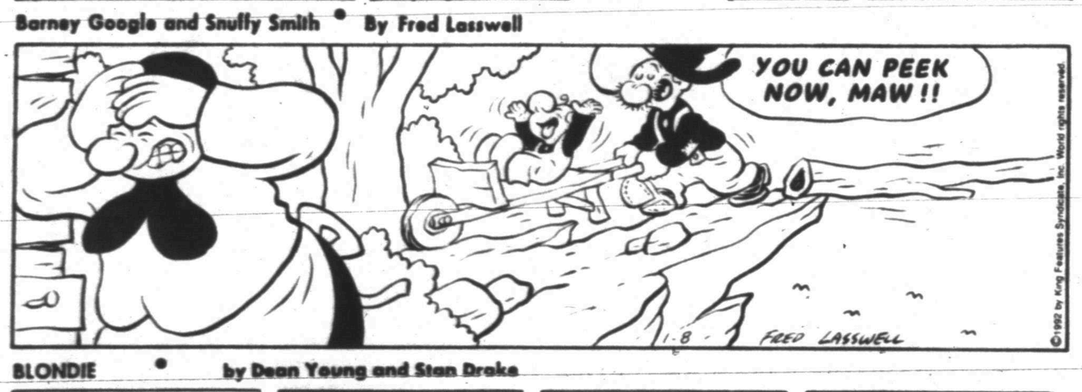

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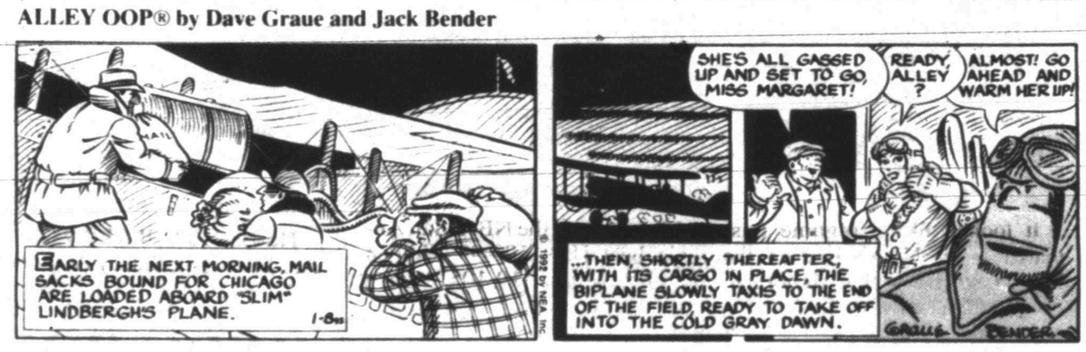

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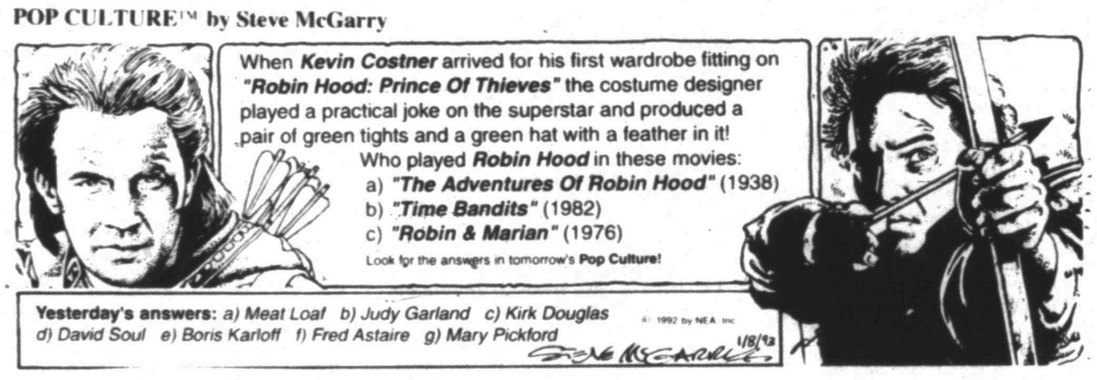

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59 Grain
60 Praise
61 Sixth sense (abbr.)

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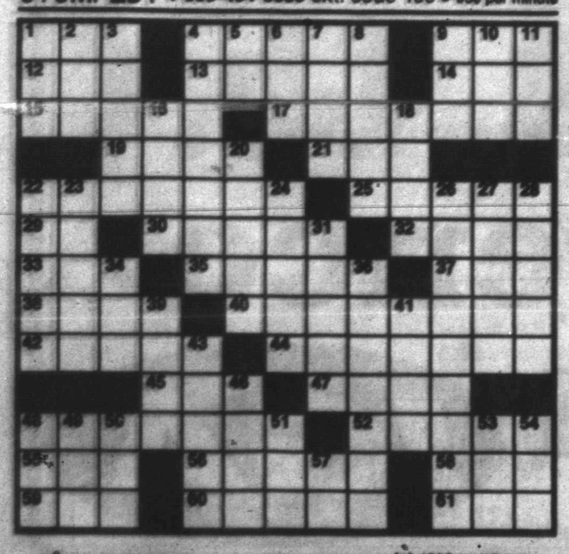

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LAFF-A-DAY

"Something came up, honey, I'll be a little late."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"WE SETTLED OUT OF COURT."

Lady Tigers open district cage slate

Coach Jerry Tucker and his Snyder Lady Tigers are happy to get a fresh start.

The 3-14 SHS girls begin District 2-4A competition today when they visit Lamesa, a team also struggling through the non-district slate.

Snyder's boys, 12-5 including a 61-53 win over Lubbock High Tuesday, visit Midland Greenwood today.

"We've played some good, top-quality opponents," said Tucker following his team's 45-25 loss to San Angelo Central Tuesday. "We've played Abilene High, Abilene Cooper, Midland High and San Angelo Central, all out of that Class 5A district.

"If we're not ready for the district schedule, if we don't know what we're getting into, we won't ever know."

The Lady Tigers will be trying to win a loop game for the first time since entering District 2 in the 1990 UIL realignment.

"We'll play teams every bit as good as the teams we've played already," Tucker said. "We've got to get with it and play hard and hope for some upsets."

Snyder was 0-10 against league foes in both 1990-91 and 1991-92.

They do have a win over District 2's Estacado this season, but it was in the consolation round of the San Angelo Concho River Classic in December.

The Lady Tigers are led by guard Annie Ragland and post Rachel Crawford. Ragland puts in about 10 points a game while Crawford contributes almost seven points and nine rebounds an outing.

Lamesa brings a 5-13 non-district slate into tonight's district debut.

Junior varsity action tips off at 6:30 p.m., followed at 8 p.m. by the varsity girls' game.

The Tigers are coming off an 8-point home win over Class 5A Lubbock.

Seniors Adrian Sneed and Anthony Alvarez each scored in double figures for SHS.

Sneed hit four baskets and converted six of nine free throws against the Westerners. Alvarez made two field goals, both from 3-point range, and added a 5-of-6 night from the line.

Greenwood fell to the Tigers, 58-32, in a Dec. 8 tilt at Scurry County Coliseum. The Rangers are 6-7.

Snyder's boys host Seminole on Tuesday then open District 2-4A competition Friday when Frenship visits.

District 2-4A

Basketball
Girls

Team	Season		District	
Frenship	14	5	0	0
Levelland	15	5	0	0
Plainview	12	7	0	0
Snyder	3	14	0	0
Lamesa	5	13	0	0
Estacado	1	14	0	0

Friday, Jan. 8
Snyder at Lamesa
Estacado at Levelland
Plainview at Frenship

In Brenham tournament...

Blinn gets even with Dusters

BRENHAM — The Blinn College Lady Buccaneers got even for an early season loss Thursday by topping a short-handed Western Texas College team, 81-73, in the first round of the Blinn Classic.

The Dusters had defeated Blinn, 78-68, at the Howard College Classic in the basketball season's early going.

Coach Ron Jones' team was left without much depth when three freshmen decided to stay at home following the holiday break.

Starter Jenny Crowell, Jennifer Bullard and Stacey Hauptman all opted to quit basketball at midterm.

"We just ran out of gas," Jones said after the game. "We lost a few people that could have gone in for us, and, it was the first game back in about a month. Maybe we weren't in as good a shape as we need to be in."

The Duster led 38-27 at the half. However, Blinn's defense and standout Tracy Taylor made it a different story in the second half.

Taylor scored a game high 29 points Thursday, including 23 after the break.

"She was everywhere," Jones reported. "And they just killed us on the boards in the second half."

The Lady Dusters were led by sophomore wing Allison Garcia's 23 points. Paulita Murrell added 16 from her post position and Shelly Decker canned 11.

The Lady Dusters will wind up their appearance at the tourney with a 5 p.m. matchup with Angelina County College today.

Thursday's other game saw Howard College thump Angelina, 83-71. Howard will take on Blinn in today's 7 p.m. finale.

Western Texas will start a 3-game week Monday when the Dusters visit Western Junior College Athletic Conference foe Frank Phillips College in Borger. They come home for a Thursday league meeting with Odessa College, then return to the Panhandle Saturday to battle Clarendon College in a non-conference tilt.

WESTERN TEXAS (73) — Garcia 23, Murrell 16, Decker 11, Howard 9, Isom 6, Huseman 4, Kearney 4.
BLINN (81) — Taylor 29.
Halftime score: WTC 38, Blinn 27. Record: WTC 12-5.

Blinn College, Brenham
Thursday's games
Blinn 81, WTC 73
Howard 83, Angelina 71
Today's games
WTC vs. Angelina at 5 p.m.
Howard vs. Blinn at 7 p.m.

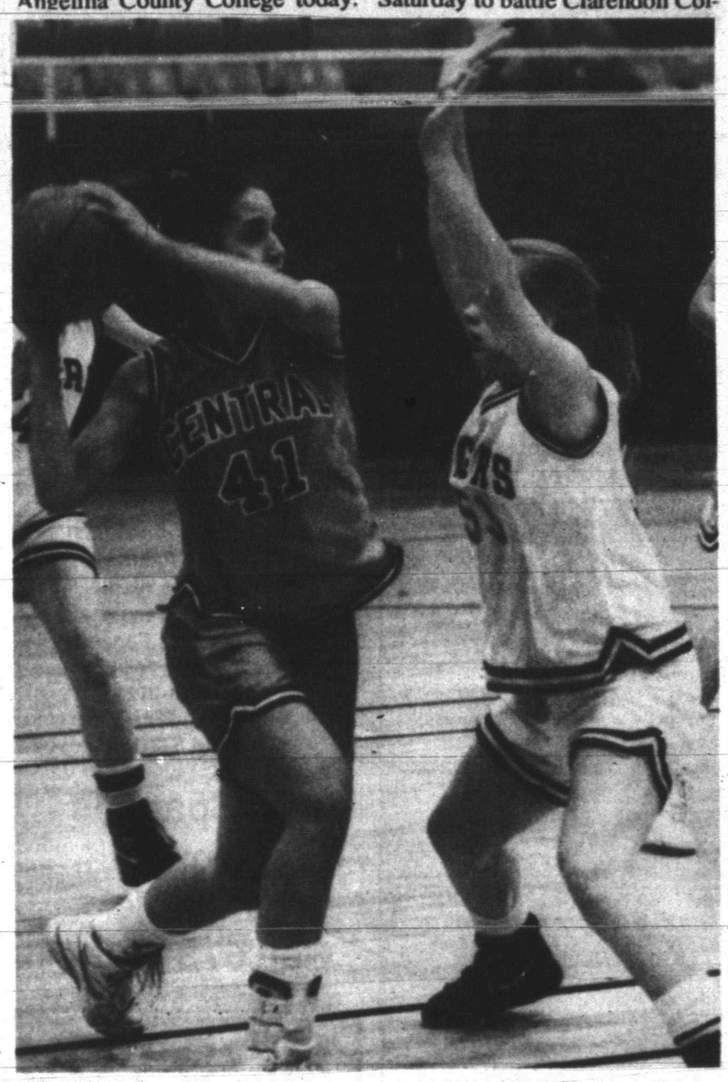
Lamesa trips Snyder girls

LAMESA — Snyder fell to Lamesa Thursday, 27-22, in girls' freshmen basketball action.

The Lady Tigers slipped to 6-8 on the year in spite of a 6-point effort by Veana Clay and four points each from Nicky Clayborn, Trisha McGrew and Adrian Bailey.

Brandy Smith and Tammy Tucker each added two for SHS.

Snyder's next game will be a home encounter against Big Spring on Monday.



PRESSURE — Snyder's Meriah Worthen (53) applies the defensive pressure to a San Angelo Central ball handler in Tuesday's non-conference battle at Scurry County Coliseum. Worthen and the rest of the Lady Tigers open District 2-4A competition today when they visit Lamesa. (SDN Staff Photo)

SJHS splits with Andrews

Snyder hosted Andrews in junior high basketball games Thursday, taking wins in the eighth grade A matchup and the seventh grade B contest.

Rick Henderson hit 10 and Jay Don Griffin and Matt Fembro each canned eight to lead the Tigers' eighth grade A to a 37-31 victory over the Mustangs.

Patrick Cumbie contributed seven and Jeremiah Johnson had four.

The eighth grade A crew is 5-2 on the season.

Snyder's seventh grade B team is 4-1 overall after Thursday's 36-26 win over Andrews.

Clay Berryman and John Border each scored nine points. Kyle Beck chipped in six, and Matt Preston and MacMcGraw wound up with three.

Snyder's seventh grade A team lost to Andrews, 41-31, in spite of Chris Riggins' 12-point effort and 11 from David Smith, and the eighth grade B team fell to the Ponies, 33-31, even though Patrick Jordan scored 13 and Teddy Murray followed up with eight.

Snyder's seventh grade A bunch slips to 5-3, while the eighth grade B team carries a 3-1 mark.

All four teams will be in action Monday when they host Big Spring.

8th B girls drop Lamesa

LAMESA — Monie Pena scored six points and Ronnie Yruegas and Joanie Wemken each had four as Snyder's eighth grade B team posted a 22-13 basketball win over Lamesa Thursday.

Snyder eighth grade A lost to the Lady Tors, 43-15, while the seventh graders fell to Lamesa in both games, 36-34 in the A tilt and 15-9 in the B battle.

The eighth grade B team moved to 2-2 on the season with Thursday's win.

Brandy Roberge chipped in three points, Shawna Huddleston and Rachelle Wemken each added a bucket and Jessica Perkins nailed a free throw.

Snyder's eighth grade A crew, 1-3, was led by Erica Garvin with four points. Maribeth Dillaha, Sha Marricle, Devon Reed, Shawn Purcell and Nicole Lyons got two apiece and Tiffany Garza managed one.

Jaime Burleson scored 13 and Melanie Kidd hit 10 in the seventh grade A squad's loss. Halea Huestis added five and Daysha Weaver, Erin Maytubby and Lila King finished with two each.

Seventh grade B scorers were led by April Flether, with seven, and Brooke French, with two.

The seventh grade B team will compete in the weekend Christ the King Tournament in Lubbock.

All four teams will return to action Thursday when they host Colorado City.

NBA roundup...

Suns beat Mavericks...barely

by The Associated Press

It looked like a bigtime mismatch — the NBA's best vs. the NBA's worst — that figured to end in a lopsided win for Phoenix over Dallas.

Figure again.

The Mavericks took a lead into the fourth quarter for only the second time this season, but the Suns outscored them 29-18 in the final period to escape the Reunion Arena with a 111-107 victory and avoid what would have been the most embarrassing loss in the NBA this season.

The Mavericks are 2-25; the Suns are 23-5.

"Where's this team that I've been hearing about that gets beat every night?" said Phoenix coach Paul Westphal. "I thought they played hard and we couldn't grind them down with our bench. I'm real glad to get out of here with a win."

Elsewhere in the NBA, San Antonio beat Utah 109-99, Golden State beat Miami 119-105, Atlanta topped Milwaukee 100-94 and Portland defeated Houston 113-91.

Spurs 109, Jazz 99

This one wasn't as close as the final score indicated. The Spurs led by as many 26 points midway through the fourth quarter at home before Utah made it respectable.

Hawks 100, Bucks 94

At Milwaukee, Stacey Augmon flew down the lane, grabbed a missed free throw in mid-air and dunked it, giving Atlanta a 94-88 lead with a minute left that sealed the win.

The victory ended a four-game losing streak for the Hawks, who are just 6-10 at home this season but 7-7 on the road.

Trail Blazers 113, Rockets 91

At Houston, the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Rockets for the second time this week, taking advantage of Houston's 19-point fourth-quarter.

The loss was the sixth straight for Houston (14-15), which fell below .500 for the first time since the first week of the season.

Warriors 119, Heat 105

At Oakland, Calif., Golden State climbed within a half-game of fourth place in the Pacific Division.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

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Atlantic Division				
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New Jersey	17	14	.548	3
Orlando	13	13	.500	4½
Boston	15	17	.469	5½
Philadelphia	9	18	.333	9
Washington	10	20	.333	9½
Miami	9	20	.310	10
Central Division				
Chicago	22	9	.710	—
Cleveland	19	13	.594	3½
Detroit	16	13	.552	5
Charlotte	15	14	.517	6
Milwaukee	14	16	.467	7½
Indiana	14	17	.452	8
Atlanta	13	17	.433	8½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midwest Division				
Utah	20	9	.690	—
San Antonio	16	13	.552	4
Houston	14	15	.483	6
Denver	7	21	.250	12½
Minnesota	6	21	.222	13
Dallas	2	25	.074	17
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	23	5	.821	—
Seattle	20	8	.714	3
Portland	20	9	.690	3½
LA Lakers	17	13	.567	7
Golden State	17	14	.548	7½
LA Clippers	16	15	.516	8½
Sacramento	12	16	.429	11

Thursday's Games
Atlanta 100, Milwaukee 94
Phoenix 111, Dallas 107
Portland 113, Houston 91
San Antonio 109, Utah 99
Golden State 119, Miami 105

Friday's Games
New Jersey at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
LA Clippers at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Washington at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 9 p.m.
Miami at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

HJHS girls still unbeaten

BLACKWELL — Hermleigh's junior high Lady Cardinals remain undefeated following Thursday's 29-16 win over Roscoe in the first round of the Blackwell Basketball Tournament.

The Lady Cards, 10-0, were led by Brandi Bates, who canned 14 points and added eight rebounds. Esther Martinez finished with five points and five rebounds and Brandy Smith added two points, four boards and a steal.

Michelle Roemisch chipped in four points and Jennifer Roemisch hit two.

Hermleigh will play Highland at 1 p.m. Saturday in the girls' semifinals.

Hermleigh's boys will also play Saturday after beating Roscoe, 37-24 on Thursday.

Larry Lambaren poured in 13, Ricky Luna had nine, Billy Joe Digby managed six and Jason Hernandez had four to lift the Cards to 3-6 on the campaign.

The Cardinals will face Highland at 2:15 Saturday with a berth in the tourney final at stake.

Weather may be factor in NFL playoff games

by The Associated Press

Whether the teams like it or not, weather will probably play a role in Saturday's National Football League playoff games.

Rain is expected this weekend in San Francisco, where the 49ers play host to the Washington Redskins, and snow is forecast for Pittsburgh, where the Steelers will play the Buffalo Bills.

Those conditions could dictate the play-calling, and that figures to favor Buffalo and San Francisco, two teams that can afford to rely on the run.

Buffalo has the NFL's top-ranked rushing offense, averaging 152 yards per game, and the AFC's top-ranked rushing defense, which allows an average of 87 yards per game and 3.3 per run.

Pittsburgh has the AFC's No. 2 rushing offense, but it has the worst rushing defense of the four remaining AFC playoff teams at 115 yards per game and 4.2 per rush.

San Francisco has the NFC's 2nd best rushing offense (145 yards per game) and the conference's second-best rushing defense (89 yards per game).

Washington is ranked seventh in the NFC against the rush (106 yards per game, 4.2 per rush) and seventh in rushing offense (108 yards per game.)

The Redskins and Steelers have higher-rated pass defenses than the 49ers and Bills, but footballs aren't thrown as much when they are slippery and cold.

San Francisco tackle Steve Wallace said the potential for bad weather adds an unpredictable element.

"You just never know. In the rain, the ball tends to bounce quite a bit and you just have to hope that it bounces your way," Wallace said.

Cards hope to build on Tuesday loop win

The Hermleigh Cardinals will try to build on Tuesday's District 27-A victory over Blackwell while the Lady Cards hope to break into the win column when both squads visit Westbrook today.

In other area cage action, Ira hosts Loraine in boys' and girls' games.

The Cardinals edged Blackwell in both teams' loop opener, 67-65, on the strength of a 30-point effort from Bill Breitweiser.

The win lifts HHS to 3-8 in boys' play, but more importantly, to 1-0 in district competition.

The Hermleigh girls fell to loop favortie Blackwell on Tuesday, 66-35, dropping the Lady Cardinals to 4-9 overall.

Westbrook enters tonight's boys' game with a 6-8 season mark, including an 86-60 loss to Loraine Tuesday.

The Lady Wildcats sport a 5-9 record. They topped Loraine, 58-46, in their district debut Tuesday.

Ira was handed a pair of losses by Highland in their last otuings. The Hornets rallied for a 54-49 win after the Bulldogs had led for three quarters, and the Lady 'Dogs lost 53-31.

Justin Box led Ira's boys on Tuesday, connecting on 24 points.

Mauricia Rosas had seven to pace the IHS girls.

Loraine's boys, led by freshman sensation Alvin Crawford, carry a 12-3 mark, including Tuesday's 26-point drilling of Westbrook.

The Loraine girls are 7-5 and 0-1.

District 27-A

Basketball
Boys

Team	Season		District	
Loraine	12	3	1	0
Highland	5	10	1	0
Hermleigh	3	8	1	0
Blackwell	9	7	0	1
Ira	6	7	0	1
Westbrook	6	8	0	1

Tuesday, Jan. 5
Hermleigh 67, Blackwell 65
Highland 54, Ira 49
Loraine 86, Westbrook 60
Friday, Jan. 8
Hermleigh at Westbrook
Loraine at Ira
Highland at Blackwell

Girls

Team	Season		District	
Blackwell	11	5	1	0
Highland	9	5	1	0
Westbrook	5	9	1	0
Loraine	7	6	0	1
Hermleigh	4	9	0	1
Ira	2	8	0	1

Tuesday, Jan. 5
Blackwell 66, Hermleigh 35
Highland 53, Ira 31
Westbrook 58, Loraine 46
Friday, Jan. 8
Hermleigh at Westbrook
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NFL playoffs

By The Associated Press
First Round
Saturday, Jan. 2
Washington 24, Minnesota 7
San Diego 17, Kansas City 0
Sunday, Jan. 3
Buffalo 41, Houston 38, OT
Philadelphia 36, New Orleans 20

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 9
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
Washington at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 10
Philadelphia at Dallas, 12:30 p.m.
San Diego at Miami, 4 p.m.

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Texas-San Antonio 77, Stephen F. Austin 64
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Satellite measurements boost big bang theory

PHOENIX (AP) — Millions of temperature readings by a NASA satellite are giving strong new support for the theory that the universe began some 15 billion years ago with a big bang.

Precise measurements by the Cosmic Background Explorer, or COBE, satellite of remnant energy left from the big bang are giving results that are exactly as the theory predicted, John C. Mather, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronomer, announced Thursday.

"This was the toughest test yet of the theory," Mather said at a news conference at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society. "The big bang is still a winner."

First proposed in the 1920s, the big bang theory states that all matter in the universe was once compressed into an exceedingly small center that exploded, sending energy and particles outward in all directions. At the moment of the explosion, temperatures would have been trillions and trillions of degrees and have been cooling ever since.

If the theory is correct, astronomers expected temperatures just fractionally above absolute zero to be evenly distributed throughout the universe in an afterglow of the explosion.

Mather said a COBE instrument called the Far Infrared Absolute Spectrophotometer has now taken hundreds of millions of measurements across the full sky and has determined that the primordial temperatures are smoothly distributed. He said the uniform temperature left from the big bang is 2.726 degrees above absolute zero — or about minus 456.9 degrees F.

Because the average thermal radiation is the same in all directions of the universe, Mather said, that shows it had to come from one source.

"The big bang is still the simplest explanation we have," he said.

Craig Hogan, a University of Washington astronomer, said the new research "is verifying the textbooks" by providing powerful evidence for the theory.

Some COBE measurements were released in 1990, but Mather said those were preliminary results. The research announced Thursday is 30 times more precise and leaves little room for other theories, he said.

The new data measure temperature decay back to a point just one year after the big bang, Mather said. Beyond that, no measurements now are possible.

The big bang theory originated with the findings in 1929 by astronomer Edwin Hubble that all galaxies were moving away from each other at a constant rate, with those farthest away moving the fastest. This is exactly what would occur in an explosion.

Important support for the idea came in 1965 when Bell Laboratory scientists discovered cosmic background radiation, an unexplained source of energy that seemed to be distributed throughout the universe.

This background energy could not be measured precisely until the launch in 1989 of the COBE satellite.

COBE also has overcome one of the arguments against the big bang: If energy moved evenly and smoothly in all directions, how did the clumps of matter that came to be stars and galaxies come into existence?

Measurements released by NASA's COBE team in April showed there were faint ripples, measured in millionths of a degree, in the background temperatures. It's believed these ripples became the gravitational eddies that were the seeds of stellar objects.

Double homicide suspect says he was told to lie

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A man under investigation in a double homicide says Lubbock prosecutors told him to lie about his criminal background when he appeared as a prosecution witness in a 1988 capital murder case, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

In a jailhouse interview, Chris Buss II said he also was told to testify falsely about receiving a lenient sentence in a robbery conviction in exchange for his cooperation in the 1988 murder case.

If not for that short sentence, the newspaper said, Buss might still have been in prison Nov. 14 when an elderly Lubbock couple died after being fatally stabbed during an apparent robbery.

Lubbock County District Attorney Travis Ware refused to comment Thursday. But in an interview last month, the district attorney denied making any deal with Buss in exchange for his help and testimony in a Lubbock triple murder and drug trafficking case.

Buss' allegations, the double homicide and questions about the 1988 murder case raise more questions about the Lubbock district attorney's office.

Lubbock's chief prosecutor has come under increasing scrutiny because of his long-standing ties to discredited pathologist Ralph Erdmann and his efforts to prosecute Erdmann's critics.

Steve Holmes, the Lubbock County district attorney's chief administrator, dismissed Buss' claims but said he could not discuss Buss or his case. "I don't find his statements to be credible," he said.

Buss has not been charged in connection with the deaths of Woodrow Dillinger, 79, and Belle Harbison, 84. Holmes said authorities are still awaiting completion of a police investigation of the homicides.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

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AMR Corp	69 3/4	68 1/2	69 3/4	+1
Albtsn	48 5/8	46 3/4	47 5/8	—15/8
AlliedSignal	58	57 5/8	57 3/4	-1/4
ALLTEL Cp	49 7/8	49 1/4	49 1/4	-1/2
AmStores	42 3/8	42	42 1/8	-3/4
Amer T&T	51 5/8	50 3/4	51 1/4	-1/2
Ameritech	71 1/2	71 1/8	71 3/8	-1/4
Amoco	49 3/8	48 7/8	49 1/4	-1/8
AndarkPtr	26 7/8	26 5/8	26 3/4	-1/8
Arkla	8	77/8	77/8	-1/8
ArmcoInc	6 3/8	6 3/8	6 3/8	
AtlRichfld	111	109 1/2	110 1/8	—1 1/2
BakerHugh	19	18 3/4	19	+1/4
BancTexas	2 1/8	2 1/8	2 1/8	
BellAtl	51	50	50 3/8	-5/8
BellSouth	52 3/8	52	52 1/8	-3/8
Beth Steel	16 3/8	16	16 1/8	-1/4
Borden	29 1/8	28 5/8	28 7/8	-1/4
Caterpllr	57	56 3/8	56 1/2	
Centel	34 1/8	33 1/2	33 3/4	-3/8
CenSoWst s	29 1/8	28 3/4	28 7/8	-1/4
Chevron	68 5/8	67 7/8	68 1/8	-1/2
Chrysler	35 1/2	35	35 1/2	
Coastal	24	23 7/8	23 7/8	
CocaCola s	40 3/4	40 1/8	40 1/2	-1/8
ColgP	55 1/8	54 5/8	54 3/4	
ComlMetl	26 5/8	26 5/8	26 5/8	
Cooperln	49 1/2	49 3/8	49 3/8	-1/8
CyprusMn	34 7/8	34 1/2	34 1/2	-1/2
DallSemicn	14 3/4	14 5/8	14 3/4	+1/8
DeltaAirl	52 3/8	51 1/2	51 5/8	-1/4
DigitalEq	35 3/8	34 7/8	35 1/8	+1/8
Dillard s	48 5/8	48	48 1/4	-1/8
DowChem	56 7/8	56 3/8	56 7/8	+1/2
DresserInd	17 1/2	17 1/4	17 3/8	
DuPont	47 3/8	46 1/2	46 7/8	-1/2
EstKodak	42 1/2	41 3/4	42 1/8	-3/8
EljerInd	8 3/4	8 3/4	8 3/4	-1/8
Enserch	14 3/8	14 1/4	14 1/4	
Exxon	61 1/8	60 3/8	60 3/4	-7/8
FlowerInd	19 1/2	19 1/4	19 1/2	+1/8
FordMotor	45 1/8	44 3/8	45	+1/4
GTE Cp	34 5/8	34 3/8	34 5/8	
GnDynam	104 3/4	103 5/8	104 3/4	+3/8
GenElct	86 1/4	85 3/8	85 1/2	-3/8
GnMill	68 1/8	67 1/4	67 5/8	-1/8
GenMotors	33 5/8	33 1/4	33 3/8	
GenMotrE s	31 7/8	31 1/4	31 3/8	-1/8
GaPacif	61 1/8	60 5/8	60 3/4	-3/8
GlobalMar	21/4	21/8	21/8	-1/8
Goodrich	49 5/8	49 1/2	49 5/8	
Goodyear	68 5/8	68	68 1/2	+1/8
GtAtlPac	23 7/8	23 3/4	23 3/4	-1/8
Gulf StaUt	16 1/4	16 1/8	16 1/4	
Haliburtn	27 3/4	26 7/8	27	-1/4
Hanson	18 3/4	18 1/2	18 5/8	+1/4
HoustInd	45 5/8	45 1/8	45 3/8	-1/4
IBM	46 7/8	46	46 1/2	-1/2
IntlPaper	64 5/8	63 5/8	64 3/8	-1/8
JohnsnJns s	46	45 1/4	45 5/8	
K mart s	23 1/2	23	23 1/4	-1/8
Kroger	14 1/2	14 1/4	14 1/4	-1/4
vjLTV Cp	9-16	1/2	1/2	—1-16
Litton s	45 3/8	45 1/8	45 1/8	-1/4
vjLoneStar	25/8	25/8	25/8	-1/8
Lowes s	24 3/4	24 5/8	24 5/8	-1/4
Lubys	22 1/8	21 7/8	22	
Maxus	6 3/4	6 1/2	6 5/8	+1/8
MayDSt	70 5/8	69 3/8	69 3/8	-5/8
Medtronic	88 1/4	87 1/4	88	+3/8
Mobil	63 1/8	62 1/4	62 5/8	-3/4
Monsanto	53 3/4	53	53 5/8	+1/2
Motorola	108 1/2	107 1/4	107 7/8	—13/8
Motorla wi	54 7/8	53 1/2	54 1/4	-5/8
Nationsbg	50 1/4	49 7/8	49 7/8	
Navistar	2 1/2	2 1/4	2 3/8	-1/8
Nynex	85 3/8	84 7/8	85 1/8	-1/4
OryxEngy	18 1/2	18 1/4	18 3/8	-1/8
PacTelesis	44 3/4	44 1/8	44 1/4	-1/2
PanhECp	17 3/8	17 1/8	17 1/4	-1/4
PenneyJC	74	72 5/8	73 1/8	-7/8
Penzoil	49 7/8	49 1/2	49 3/4	-1/4
PepBoys	24	23 3/8	24	+1/2
PhelpD s	50 3/8	49 5/8	50 1/8	+3/8
PhilipPet	24 5/8	24 1/2	24 1/2	-1/4
PilgrmPrd	7	7	7	-1/8
Polaroid s	28 5/8	28 1/8	28 1/8	-7/8
Praxair n	17 1/8	16 7/8	17	-1/8
Primerica	49 7/8	49 3/8	49 1/2	-1/2
ProctGamb s	51	49 5/8	50	—1 1/4
PubS NwMx	12	11 7/8	12	
SFePacCp	13	12 7/8	12 7/8	
SaraLee s	28 1/8	27 3/4	27 7/8	-1/4
SearsRoeb	44 1/2	44 1/8	44 1/4	-3/8
SherwinW	30 5/8	30 3/8	30 3/8	-1/8
SmthBck s	36 1/2	36	36 1/4	+3/4
SmthBc eqt s	31 1/2	30 3/4	31 1/4	+5/8
Southern Co	37 5/8	36 7/8	37 1/8	-1/2
SwAirl s	28 5/8	28 1/4	28 3/8	+1/8
SwstBell	73 5/8	73	73 1/4	-1/2
Sprint	26	25 1/2	25 1/2	-3/8
SterlingChm	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	-1/8
SunCo	27 3/4	27 3/8	27 1/2	-3/8
TNP Ent	18 3/8	18 1/8	18 3/8	+1/4
Tandy	30 1/4	30	30 1/4	
TempIln	49 5/8	49	49 1/8	-1/4
Tenneco	40 5/8	40	40 1/2	
Texaco	59	57 7/8	58 1/4	-3/4
TexasInd	22 3/4	22 1/2	22 3/4	+3/8
TexasInst	54 1/4	53 1/2	53 5/8	-7/8
Tex Util	42 5/8	41 5/8	41 7/8	-3/8
Textron	44 1/8	43 3/4	43 7/8	-3/8
Tyler	4 5/8	4 1/2	4 1/2	
US West	38 7/8	38 1/2	38 5/8	-3/8
USX-Marathn	17	16 7/8	17	-1/8
USX-USS	32 5/8	32	32 1/4	-1/2
UnCarbde	16 1/2	16 1/8	16 3/8	-1/8
UnPac	59 7/8	59 1/8	59 5/8	+5/8
UnitTech	49	48 3/4	48 7/8	
Unocal	24 3/8	24 1/8	24 1/4	
WalMart	60 1/8	59	59 1/4	-7/8
WstnGasRs	26	26	26	
WestghEl	14 1/4	14	14 1/8	
WinnDixie	75 1/2	75 1/8	75 3/8	
Woolwth	30 3/8	28 5/8	29 3/8	-7/8
Xerox Cp	84 3/8	83 3/8	84 1/4	-1/8
ZenithE	6 1/4	6	6	-1/8

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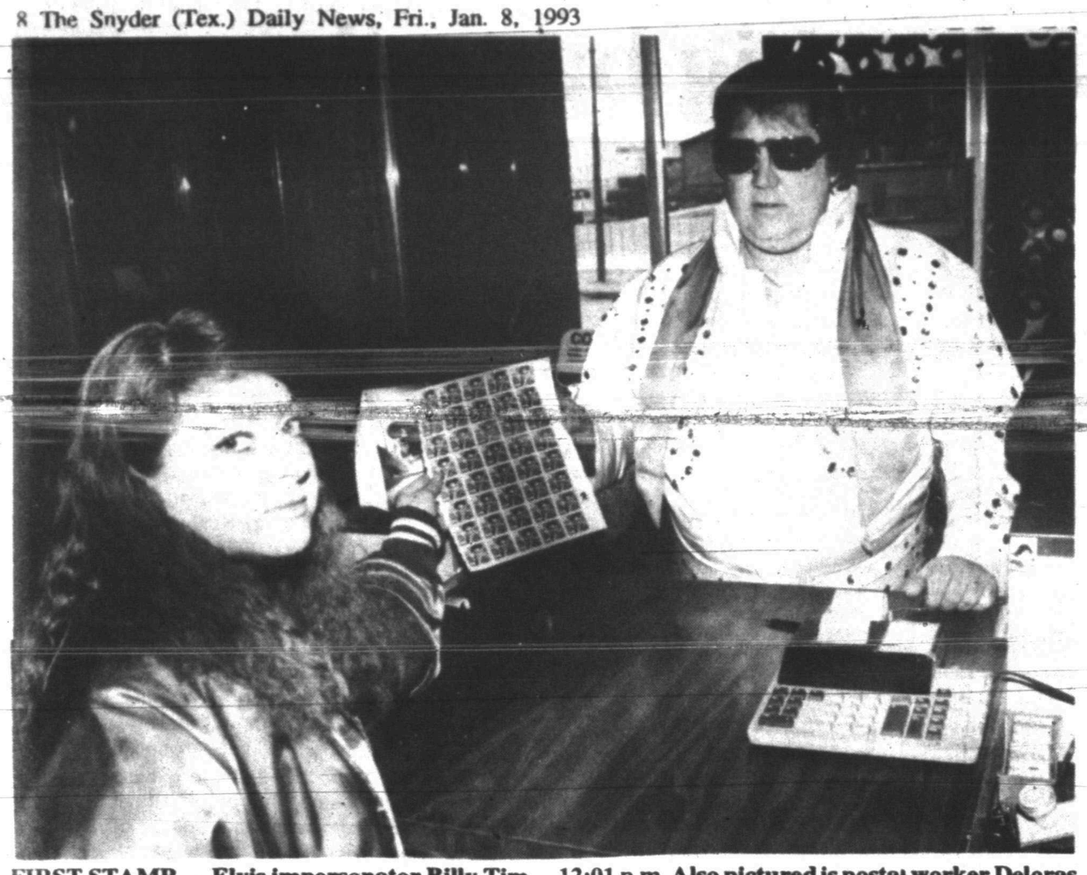

FIRST STAMP — Elvis impersonator Billy Tim Atwood was on hand at the post office today to buy the first Elvis stamp, which went on sale at 12:01 p.m. Also pictured is postal worker Deloras Ornelas. (SDN Staff Photo)

Elvis

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last summer to select artwork for the stamp, and more than 1 million ballots were cast. By a 3-to-1 margin, fans went for the trim, 1950s Presley instead of the chubby, jumpsuit-clad Elvis during the years before he died at Graceland at age 42 on Aug. 16, 1977.

The Postal Service has printed 500 million of the stamps, the largest commemorative issue ever. The Postal Service expects to pull a profit in excess of $20 million on the stamps and related souvenirs like mugs and T-shirts.

"I want the privilege of being one of the first," said Sue Sutherlan of Haleyville, who'd been waiting to buy stamps since early afternoon. "He was special in my life and this is a special commemorative in his memory."

On Thursday night, about 800 fans were inside a tent in a Graceland parking lot for a rock 'n' roll show when a large part of a raised floor collapsed. No one was hurt. Everyone was ushered outside for the rest of the performance.

The stamp's release is the focus of a three-day celebration marking Presley's birth in nearby Tupelo, Miss., on Jan. 8, 1935.

Although the rush for Elvis stamps officially began today, a post office in Amarillo, Texas, slipped up and sold about 60 last week.

Mrs. Keough's appearance was a rare treat for fans. Presley's former wife, the leading executor of The King's estate, has gone to great lengths since his death to keep their daughter out of the public eye.

Mrs. Keough gave a brief "thank you" for the stamp and then watched the fireworks show.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Benny Hazelwood, Rt. 2 Box 18; Billie Lewis, Rt. 2 Box 486; Cheyann Taylor, P.O. Box 339; Donna Villazana, 2109 Ave. J.

DISMISSALS: Clara Allen.

Census: 51 (Med.-11, Long-Term Care-34, CCU-4, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Health advocates energized by EPA's report

WASHINGTON (AP) — The release of a government report classifying cigarette smoke as a cancer agent more dangerous than arsenic or radon is energizing health advocates to call for tighter restrictions on smoking in public.

It has also spawned a government public health campaign to educate Americans about the dangers of secondhand smoke.

The Environmental Protection Agency report, released Thursday, estimated that secondhand smoke causes 3,000 lung cancer deaths annually in adults and as many as 300,000 cases of bronchitis and pneumonia in children.

The report designated cigarette smoke a group A cancer-causing agent, a category that includes benzene, arsenic and radon. Tobacco smoke is the riskiest of the bunch, the report said.

The American Heart Association, American Lung Association and American Cancer Society immediately called on President Bush to sign a proposed executive order prohibiting smoking in most federal buildings.

Governor anxious for meet

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards says she hopes today's meeting between President-elect Bill Clinton and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari will lead to a fast friendship between the leaders.

Richards, who arranged the session, said she expects the two to discuss the pending North American Free Trade Agreement, the U.S.-Mexico border environmental problems, and job losses to Mexico.

But she said their private, 90-minute meeting at the Governor's Mansion also was a chance for the leaders to get personally acquainted.

"I am sure the two of them will talk about substantive matters, but the main thing is these two countries are closely allied and will continue to be. It's important for their relationship to start off on the best, friendliest plane," Richards said earlier this week.

Also attending the summit will be vice president-elect Al Gore and New Mexico Gov. Bruce King, Richards' office said.

Environmental, labor, farm and consumer advocacy groups today called on Clinton to keep a pledge not to support the trade agreement without adequate protection for workers, farmers and the environment on both sides of the border.

Teamsters International Vice President John Riojas of San Antonio said, "The reason we are here is mainly to remind President Clinton of the campaign promises that he made to our union and to labor before he was elected, and that's basically to provide good living standards and environmental standards in Mexico ... and not to let President Salinas manipulate him in any manner."

The Clinton-Salinas talks were to take place on the second floor of the two-story antebellum mansion that has been home to Texas governor's since 1855. Richards spokeswoman Margaret Justus said Clinton and Salinas would meet in the governor's personal quarters.

Deliveries down in December

Deliveries by the Colorado River Municipal Water District dipped again in December and contributed further to a loss during 1992.

Sales billed in December amounted to 1,021,796,000 gallons, down 102,425,000 gallons, or 9.11 percent. Of this, 903,940,000 gallons went to municipalities, down 8.64 percent for the month. Another 117,856,000 gallons went to oil and industrial customers, down 16,925,000 gallons, or 12.56 percent.

There is some distortion in the municipal figure because Midland's December figure in 1991 included an adjustment to cover the deficit between delivery and contract quantities; this year's figure showed a slight gain in actual deliveries.

For the year, the total was 12,642,616,993 gallons, a decline of 873,501,000 gallons, or 5.03 percent. A substantial part of the loss occurred during the unprecedented rains for winter and spring. After a rally in demand in the autum, cool, damp November and December months put on the damper again.

Of total deliveries last year, 14,182,890,000 gallons went to municipalities, down 832,176,000 gallons — a loss of 5.54 percent. Oil and industrial use of 1,457,719,000 was down 8.64 percent from the previous year.

By cities, deliveries for 1992 were Snyder, 876,164,000 gallons, down 6.60 percent; Big Spring, 2,144,197,000, down 9.48 percent; Midland, 4,617,204,000, down 0.27; Odessa, 6,488,230,000, down 5.30 percent; and Stanton, 99,425,000 gallons, up 13.45 percent.

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Births

Donna and Raul Villazana of Snyder announce the birth of their eight-pound, 13-ounce daughter born at 5:47 p.m. on Jan. 7 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Iraq

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official said early today that it was still unclear where the Iraqi missiles were located and whether they had been moved since Thursday.

In Baghdad, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz told an emergency Cabinet session today that, "Iraq will not heed the West's ultimatum and will uphold its right to keep its air defense bases where they are."

"Should these bases be attacked, Iraq will certainly respond in kind to the aggression," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted Aziz as saying.

Earlier, the government newspaper Al-Thawra said that "Iraq stresses its outright rejection of this new threat and infringement on its sovereignty." It said the Iraqi military was ready for a showdown with the United States and its allies.

Obituaries

Carla Smith

1937-1993

Services have been set for 10 a.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Carla Smith, 55, of Snyder who died at 9:40 p.m. Wednesday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

The Rev. Syl Moore of First Baptist Church in Anton will officiate.

Mrs. Smith was born on Aug. 27, 1937, in Snyder. She married B.J. Smith on April 14, 1956 in Lovington, N.M. She had lived in Snyder most of her life, working for a time at the Snyder Daily News and Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Mary Ann Smith on Jan. 17, 1970, and her father, Thurber Swan, on Aug. 28, 1987.

Survivors include her husband, B.J. Smith of Snyder; two sons, Randy Smith of Bryan and Ricky Smith of Midland; her mother, Mrs. Thurber (Estelle) Swan of Snyder; one sister, Gwen Herring of Fluvanna; one brother, Weldon Swan of Anton; and five grandchildren

Fickas Bell

1920-1993

Services have been set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church for Snyder native Fickas Bell, 72, who died at 5:25 p.m. Wednesday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

The Rev. Don Taylor, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Born Feb. 24, 1920, he married Myrle Tate on Dec. 28, 1940, in Snyder. She died on June 1, 1992. Mr. Bell, a farmer and rancher, had lived most of his life in Snyder. He worked for the Department of Agriculture for 20 years, retiring on March 6, 1982. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Vicky Bell of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dr. Sherrell and Loenart Johansson of Sweden and Bill and Lana Galloway of Snyder; one brother, W.R. (Roland) Bell Jr. of Fort Worth; and seven grandchildren.

William Aylor

1927-1993

MONTE VISTA, Colo. — Services were held Wednesday at Home Lake Cemetery in Monte Vista, Colo., for William B. Aylor, 65, of Monte Vista.

He died on Dec. 30, 1993, and was the brother of H.E. Aylor of Snyder.

Born on June 25, 1927 in Ranger, Tex., he was reared in Odessa where he worked in the oilfield. He was employed by the Western Co. in Snyder in the 1960s.

Mr. Aylor was a veteran of the Navy and had been a resident of Colorado State Veteran's Center for the past six years.

Other survivors include a sister, Lois Utt of Hobbs, N.M.; and another brother, Leroy Welch of Brownwood.

Charles Wells

1947-1993

BRECKENRIDGE — Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church for Charles Wells, 45, who died Wednesday in Dallas' Baylor University Medical Center.

Officiating at the service will be the Rev. Dale Pierce, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Graham. Burial will follow in the Breckenridge Cemetery under the direction of Morehart Mortuary.

Born in Pyote, Mr. Wells was reared in Snyder, attending Snyder schools. He married Shirley Burton on Oct. 7, 1965 in Snyder.

The family moved to Andrews in 1974 from Texas City, and then moved to Breckenridge in 1981. He was a tool pusher and a cook.

A U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam, Mr. Wells was a member of the American Legion and the TOPS Club. He was a member of the Church of Nazarene in Andrews.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Wells of Breckenridge; three sons, Fredrick Wells of Fort Campbell, Ken., Chuck Wells Jr. and Daniel P. Wells, both of Breckenridge; three daughters, Faye Middleton, Shelly Diaz and Christy Wells, all of Breckenridge; three brothers, Bobby Wells of Lawn, Billy Wells of Breckenridge and David Wells of Andrews; two sisters, Martha Banks and Pauline Alvarado, both of Snyder; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Researchers cannot link dolphin deaths to pesticide in area

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — Researchers cannot establish a link between a rash of bottlenose dolphin deaths last year and traces of an agricultural pesticide found in areas of the Texas coast, a marine official says.

There has been speculation the strandings along Aransas and Calhoun counties may have been caused by pesticides or other contaminants washed into Texas bays by heavy rains and flooding last spring.

But though researchers found traces of the pesticide aldicarb in water samples from the area, "we will not be able to establish a direct cause and effect relationship," said Dean Wilkinson, marine mammal stranding coordinator for the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

Wilkinson said Thursday the pesticide, which is used on cotton and grain sorghum crops, was probably brought into the bays by water runoff.

Quiet 24-hours for local police

Snyder police wrote up reports for hit-and-run and disorderly conduct during an otherwise quiet 24-hour period which ended this morning.

At 7:10 a.m. Thursday, police notified TU Electric officials of a damaged utility pole near Coliseum Drive and Cherry. The damage had been discovered Wednesday. TU officials requested a hit-and-run report be filed.

At 10:16 a.m. Thursday, officers transported a 34-year-old man from Municipal Court to the county jail to lay out fines for public intoxication.

A woman came to the police department at 4:28 p.m. Thursday, requesting to file charges in reference to some subjects playing loud music. A report for disorderly conduct-music was filed.

Officers also assisted stranded motorists and handled several domestic disputes, all without incident.

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CENTRAL ELEMENTARY — Students having perfect attendance for the first semester at Central Elementary were given ribbons by their principal, Jim Rosson. From left are, first row, Chris Lopez, Israel Alvarado, Nathaniel Clarady, Rogelio Gallegos, Ray Perez, Desiree Braziel, Clemente Rodriquez; second row, Haley Elkins, Andra Lancaster, Stephanie Molina, Brooks Nunley, Cruz Renteria, Kyle Blum, Samantha Everett, Michael Fennell, Wes Hardin, Stacy Martinez, Raymond Martinez: third row, Jeremy Blevins, Jared Fletcher, Felipe Gutierrez, Jarrod Tanner, Dustin Whitson, Kelly French, Melissa Jones, Kendra Krop, Chad McCright, Justin Pechacek; top row, Saul Pena, Keith Sharpe, Kendall Brewster, Steven Crain, Ashley Gutierrez, Crystal Gutierrez and Cole McLeod. Not pictured are Jeremy Alvarado, Dexter Braziel, Abel Martinez, Robert Garza, Aleida Arellano, Debbie Guzman, Fernando Ornelas and Stefani Beck. (SDN Staff Photo)

MORE PERFECT ATTENDANCE — Others having perfect attendance at Central Elementary are from left, first row, Timothy Gutierrez, Delilah Garcia, Berenice Macias, Gabriel Solis; second row, Kally Berkley, Sarah Pilgrim, Diana Cody, Joshua Key, Casey Uptergrove, Amber Dawn Garcia, Alicia Bowlin, Vanessa Freeman, Marci Kruger; third row, Christen James, Daniel Alvarado, Robert Castro, Kate Wright, Ameen Rajabali, Randi Hill, Riki Dorsett, Larry Martinez, Ashley Owen; fourth row, Corey Clay, Amy Juarez, LaTrisha Rollins, Erin Dunham, Jonathan Scalf, Morgan Miller, Jennifer Ruiz, Charlie Gorman and Josh Newberry. Not pictured are Randy Carrisalez, Jimmy Cockerell, Randy Valadez, Damen Wood, Sandra Nussey and Jay Scott. (SDN Staff Photo)

Courthouse attorneys often get help from a 'bit of luck'

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecutor Bill Hawkins can't pick a jury unless he's wearing his "magic red tie."

Defense lawyer Mike DeGeurin feels helpless in court without his No. 2 Blackfeet Indian pencils. And attorney Alex Azzo wants his "lucky lime" returned.

Superstition is thriving at the Harris County Criminal Courts Building.

While the futures of thousands of people are being decided annually in the hulking structure at 301 San Jacinto, some of the lawyers calling the shots are functioning on levels not precisely defined in the Texas Penal Code.

Bad past experiences shape the beliefs of trial lawyers.

Take attorney Will Outlaw. In 1986, he put out a considerable effort to save Kenneth Harris from receiving the death penalty for raping, strangling and drowning a woman here.

But the jury's verdict was death by injection, and then Outlaw noticed a strange thing about his 1972 Ohio State University class ring. There's a small image of the scales of justice on the small red stone in the ring's center, and Outlaw had put it on his finger backward that day. The base of the scales was pointed away from him, not toward him.

Now he's very careful to make sure he has the base of the scales pointing the right way whenever he's pleading a client's case in front of a jury.

"That's the only death penalty I've had, and I didn't like it," Outlaw said, smiling. "Of course the 39 rapes and the capital murder (committed by his client) may have had a little something to do with the verdict."

Hawkins has spent years as a chief felony prosecutor helping send folks like Harris off to prison, but he hasn't been a total success. In 1990-91, for instance, he had three juries that couldn't decide the guilt-innocence issue.

"I realized something was happening," Hawkins said, "and then I finally figured it out."

During each of the three trials, Hawkins said, he'd failed to wear his bright red tie during the opening day of jury selection. He had worn it to court on those Monday mornings when selection was scheduled, but each time something happened that postponed it for a day or two. And when it did finally start, he'd forgotten to wear the tie.

In the six years he's owned the tie, he said, he's only worn it once during jury selection and then had the panel return a not guilty verdict.

He won't, he added, go without it again. The aging tie may frazzle and fall apart someday, but he'll still be wearing it when he stands in front of 50 juror prospects and asks the questions that will determine if they get to sit in the jury box to hear testimony.

Another Harris County prosecutor, Layton Duer, has similarly unerring trust in his purple suspenders. Whether he wears them has nothing to do with picking fair juries, but once he puts them on it virtually guarantees that whatever trial is scheduled will get postponed.

"It never fails," he explained. "Those suspenders are the kiss of death for going to trial."

Well-known defense lawyer DeGeurin is — to state it mildly — a sort of legal fanatic about his pencils. To passers-by, they may look like ordinary pencils, but they're much more than that to DeGeurin.

He buys them by the hundreds from the same Indian reservation his father, Mack DeGeurin, once represented in a legal action. When he goes to trial, he has dozens of them, all keenly sharpened, nearby.

It's not unusual to see DeGeurin pacing around in front of a witness or arguing to a jury while he clutches 25 Blackfeet Indian pencils in his hand.

"I feel well armed if I have them," he confesses. "A lawyer without pencils and paper is like an unarmed gunfighter."

Of course, the pencil hang-up is only one facet of DeGeurin's superstitions. He said he's not as far out as his father, who would literally stop his car and turn around if he spotted a black cat in the street. Not quite.

"If it happened to me," he said, "I wouldn't turn completely around. I'd turn right or left."

The fuss about chief felony prosecutor Jo Robin Brown's slice of lime may have set a new standard of superstition for the district attorney's office.

It was in about 1988 that someone noticed that having the black, shriveled-up lime around at sensitive moments seemed to help in magical ways.

She said she had good luck with it, and so did her second-in-command, Mike Roe, who's since moved to Florida. But it was her third-in-command, Alex Azzo, who fell in love with what he calls "my lucky lime."

While he was working under Brown in 177th District Court, Azzo said, he kept it in his pocket during 12 jury trials. He said he got hit with one not-guilty verdict and had one mistrial, but the other 10 trials ended in glorious prosecution victories.

"I'd rub it as often as I could," Azzo said. "It works. It's not just superstition. It's gospel truth."

Unfortunately, Azzo said, the lime's currently missing, and he thinks Roe may have hauled it off to Florida to do its magic there.

"I want it back," Azzo groused. "Now that I'm a defense attorney I need it more than ever."

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State forms task force to study equity

AUSTIN (AP) — Environmental and minority advocates are praising a new task force that will study why hazardous waste facilities appear to be more concentrated in low income and minority neighborhoods.

The Texas Air Control Board and Texas Water Commission formed an 18-member panel in response to rising concern about the issue, Air Control Board Chairman Kirk Watson said.

Leslie Fields, co-chairwoman of the NAACP's Environmental Racism committee and a task force member, said she is pleased to see the state get involved with the issue.

"People have been aware of these problems, but for a long time they haven't gotten attention from the state government and predominantly anglo environmental groups," said Ms. Fields, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "It's great that we've found some new allies."

Neil Carman, clean air director for the Sierra Club of Austin, said environmental racism is a nationwide phenomenon that has been studied since the early '80s.

"These minority communities are likely to suffer greater health risks than the general population," Carman said.

Watson said the lack of political and economic muscle in minority communities has made them vulnerable to environmental prejudice.

"Various studies, including recent evaluation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, have provided empirical evidence ... that environmental hazards are disproportionately concentrated in low income communities and in particular in minority communities," Watson said.

The panel will be the first in the state to study the issue in-depth, he said. Members include state lawmakers and representatives from minority organizations.

Watson said the panel will review current statutes and help form guidelines for the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission — a new agency merging the Air Control Board and the Water Commission.

Among the items the task force is expected to examine are:

— Factors that have traditionally tended to cause risk to be concentrated in lower income and minority communities.

— Statutes, policies and procedures used by environmental regulators relating to the location of facilities posing risks.

— Methods by which state regulators communicate and can become more "user friendly" with minority neighborhoods.

Watson said he is unsure when the task force would conduct its first meeting, but that he plans for its work to be completed by June. Recommendations by the group will be reviewed by the new commission, which will be formed in September.

China's leadership deposed Deputy Prime Minister Deng Xiaoping in 1976 and appointed Hua Kuo-feng prime minister and first deputy chairman of the Communist Party.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Carroll (1735-1815), clergyman; Wilkie Collins (1824-1889), novelist; Jose Ferrer (1912-1992), actor; Soupy Sales (1926-), comedian, is 67; Elvis Presley (1935-1977), singer-actor; Shirley Bassey (1937-), singer, is 56; David Bowie (1947-), musician, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, Willie McCovey was elected by baseball writers to the Baseball Hall of Fame on the first ballot. "Stretch" hit 521 home runs in his major-league career.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man." — George Washington

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1937, San Jacinto, Nev., set its all-time record low of minus 50 degrees; its high was 2 degrees.

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TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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BY PHIL PASTORET
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Feb. 10 execution date set

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Samuel Christopher Hawkins, the senior inmate on Texas' death row, has been assigned a new execution date: Feb. 10.

State District Judge William D. Smith announced the date on Thursday despite a motion from Hawkins' attorney for a continuance until the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans resolves an appeal.

The new execution date for Hawkins, 49, comes almost 15 years after the Amarillo man was sentenced to die for the May 3, 1977, slaying of a pregnant woman in Borger.

The body of Abbe Rodgers Hamilton, 19, who had been married less than a year, was found in her Borger residence with more than 20 stab wounds. Her hands and feet had been bound.

Hawkins also was convicted of the 1976 death of a 12-year-old Amarillo-area girl, who was abducted from her home while she was sleeping. The victim was raped, and her body was left in a culvert near Panhandle, about 20 miles northeast of Amarillo.

He received a life sentence for the 1976 aggravated rape of a 21-year-old Hereford housewife. The woman was raped and severely beaten.

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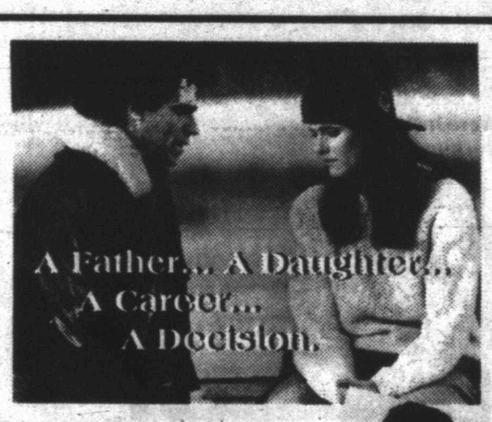

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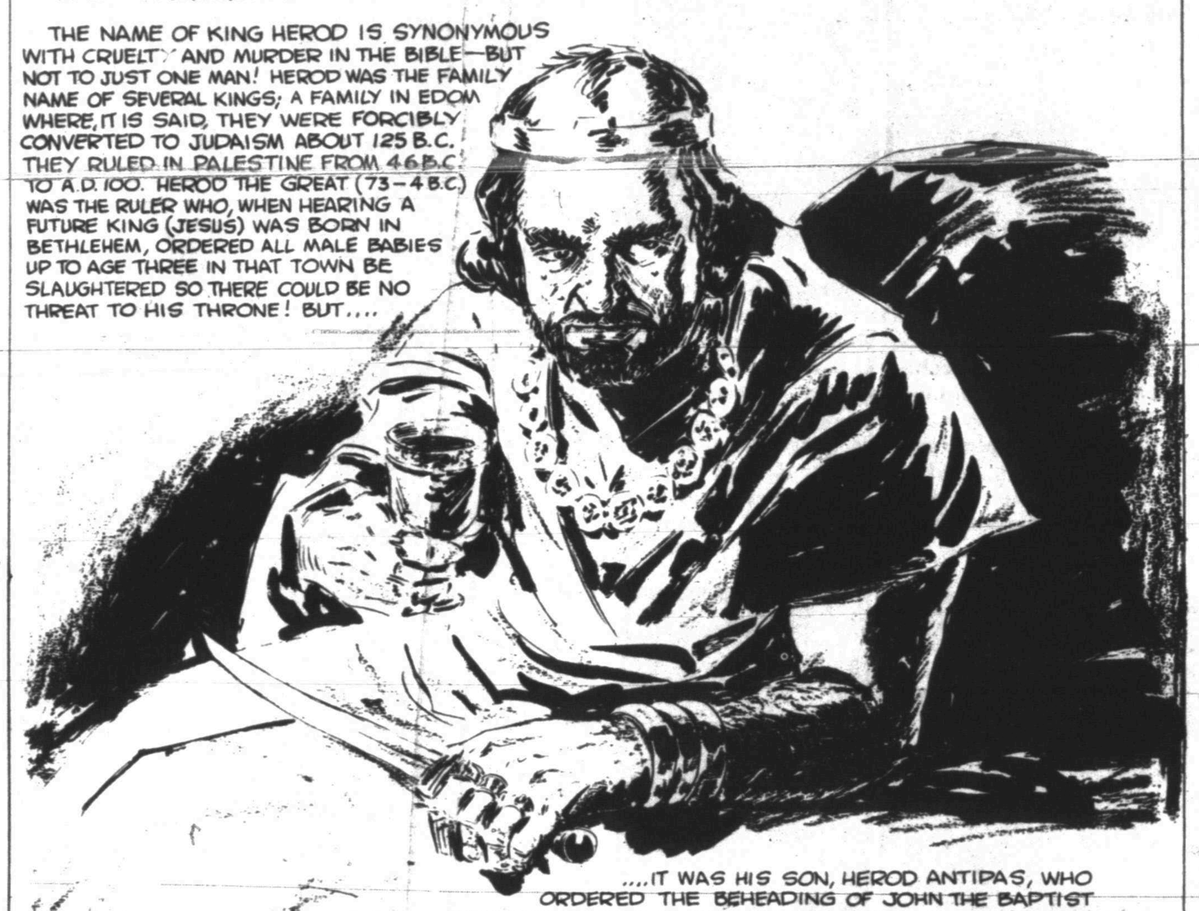

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