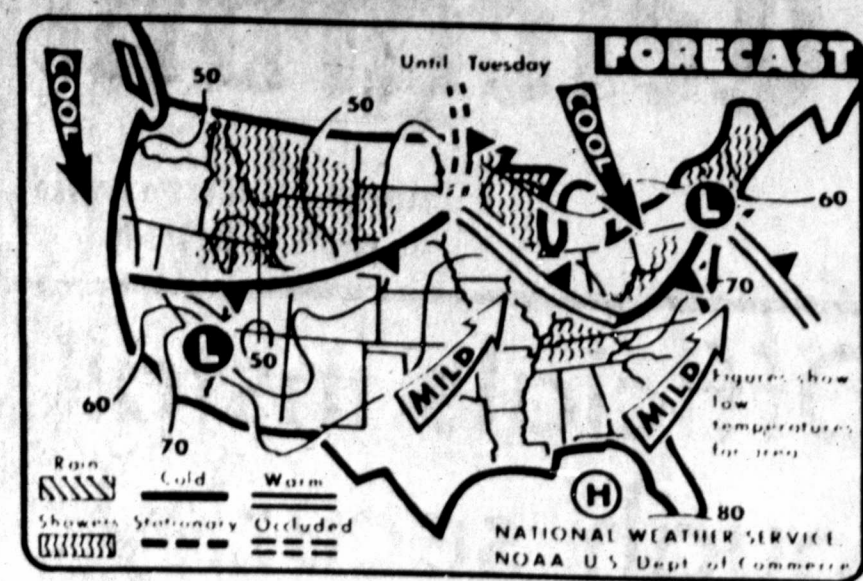


WEATHER SUMMARY



Showers are expected in the northern Rockies and northern Plains, for the upper Great Lakes and from the Ohio Valley to New England. Warm weather is expected for most areas. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

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The weather elsewhere

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Texas temperatures

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Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy south through Tuesday with scattered thunderstorms today and tonight. Fair north through Tuesday. No important temperature changes. Highs low to upper 80s. Lows upper 60s north. Mid-40s mountains to mid-70s Big Bend.

Extended forecasts

Wednesday Through Friday: West Texas: There will be a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the north Wednesday, otherwise clear to partly cloudy Wednesday through Friday. Cooling trend beginning Wednesday. Highs upper 70s north to near 100 extreme south. Lows middle 50s north to middle 70s extreme southeast.

Incomes rising, but so are taxes

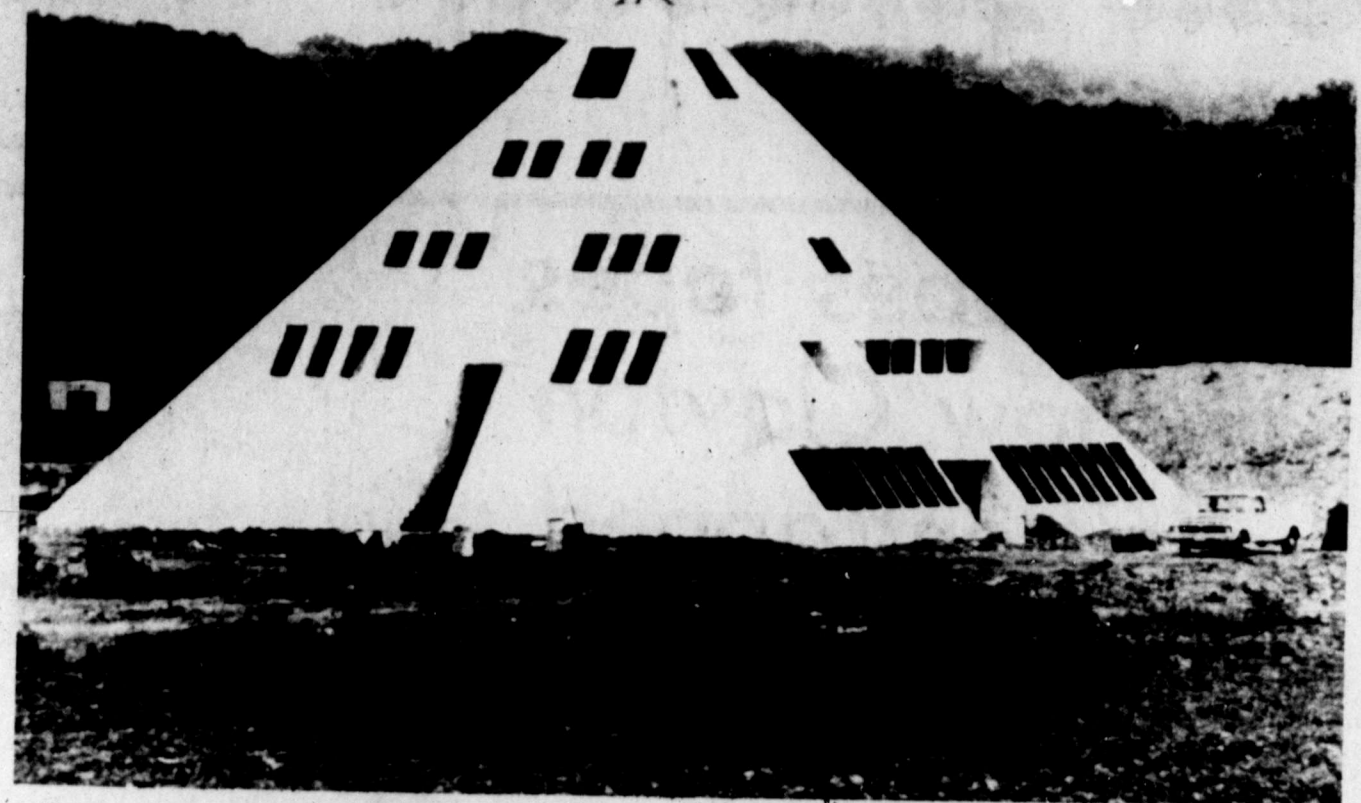
By LOUISE COOK Associated Press Writer

Americans are getting richer, but the federal government is taking a bigger and bigger bite of the wealth. The Tax Foundation Inc., a non-profit research group with headquarters in Washington, D.C., compared population, income and taxes in 1973 and 1978. Here's what it found: —Population — up 4 percent. —Adjusted gross income — up 58 percent. —Federal income tax collections — up 74 percent. The amount of adjusted gross income which went to federal income taxes rose by more than 1 1/2 percentage points during the five-year period — from 13.1 percent in 1973 to 14.5 percent in 1978.

Bystander slain in shooting

ODESSA — An Odessa man, who apparently was not involved in a bar-room argument, was killed late Saturday night with a .30-30 caliber rifle shot in the chest in the Valencia Club just west of Odessa. Killed was Roman Galindo, in his 20s. He was pronounced dead by Peace Justice Manuel Valles. Ector County sheriff's deputies arrested two men, ages 41 and 35, in connection with the shooting death of Galindo. The justice of the peace said Galindo apparently was a victim of circumstances. "Probably, he wasn't involved in the fight. Supposedly, he wasn't in the argument."

Sheriff deputies said one of the men to be charged with murder was asked to leave the bar due to the argument, and "did leave." But he returned to the bar with a rifle, apparently taken from his car, and fired off one round. "But Galindo had not been in the argument," a deputy said.



Waukegan, Ill., builder Jim Onan, has spent the last two years building this wood and concrete pyramid home on the Wisconsin-Illinois border for his family. When it is finished next year, it will hold a swimming pool and four-car garage on the bottom floor. (AP Laserphoto)

Reagan defends Viet involvement

CHICAGO (AP) — Defending America's role in the Vietnam War as "a noble cause," Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan today called for a massive rebuilding of U.S. military forces and denounced President Carter for "betrayal" of the nation's veterans. In remarks prepared for delivery to the Veterans of Foreign Wars annual convention, where he was to accept the VFW's formal endorsement for president, Reagan attacked Carter's

foreign policy as "one of weakness, inconsistency, vacillation and bluff." It was one of Reagan's strongest pro-military speeches, and it marked the first time in the 1980 campaign that Reagan gave his unqualified endorsement to the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War. American's mistake in Vietnam was not entering the war, but failing to win it, Reagan said. "For too long, we have lived with the Vietnam syndrome," Reagan said. "As the years dragged on, we

were told that peace would come if we would simply stop interfering and go home. "It is time we recognized that ours was, in truth, a noble cause. A small country, newly free from colonial rule, sought our help in establishing self-rule and the means of self-defense against a totalitarian neighbor bent on conquest," he said. "There is a lesson for all of us in Vietnam. If we are forced to fight, we must have the means and determina-

tion to prevail," Reagan said, adding that "We dishonor the memory of 50,000 young Americans who died in that cause if we give way to feelings of guilt as if we were doing something shameful." Reagan also recited a string of alleged Carter injustices to veterans, describing the president's treatment of veterans as "unconscionable," "regrettable and insensitive," "hypocritical" and a "betrayal."

Midland man wounded in shooting

A 77-year-old Midland man was treated at Midland Memorial Hospital Sunday evening for a gunshot wound to the right index finger and right thigh and a 35-year-old Midland man is listed as a suspect in the case. Police were called to the hospital's emergency room at 9:47 p.m. Sunday in reference to a gunshot victim and contacted Bennie Wyatt, 1704 Butter-north Lane. Wyatt had suffered a gunshot wound to the right index finger and the right thigh.

stood up from his chair and the man allegedly fired a shot which struck Wyatt in the finger and then entered his thigh. Wyatt did not require hospitalization. No arrests had been made and no charges filed by early today. John Keltos of New York told police \$160 in assorted bills was taken from his hotel room at the Midland Hilton, Wall Street and Loraine Street, between 2 and 3 p.m. Sunday. There were no signs of forced entry, according to Keltos' report.

Mary Flounder, 109 W. Dengar Ave., reported the theft of two children's coin banks containing \$106 in cash. According to Ms. Flounder, someone entered her residence between 10:50 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday by

kicking in the rear washroom door. The banks were then taken from the children's bedroom. Several drawers throughout the residence also were ransacked. Medical calls kept emergency medical personnel busy Sunday, but fire calls were sparse. Firemen were called to the Chaparral Apartments, 4201 N. Garfield St., shortly after 9 p.m. Sunday. They found a fire confined to one room of apartment 138, occupied by H.D. Williams. A bottle warmer and curtains were burning, according to fire reports, and the blaze was extinguished by firemen. Cause of the fire was thought to be the bottle warmer, fire reports indicated. Ambulances answered 12 other calls Sunday and early today.

According to reports, Wyatt told police he was at his home earlier that evening when a man came to Wyatt's house looking for his common-law wife, who also is Wyatt's daughter. When Wyatt told the man he didn't know where the woman was an argument apparently erupted. Wyatt

Reagan strategists plan assault on Carter's base

ATLANTA (AP) — Ronald Reagan's strategists are plotting an assault on President Carter's political heartland — the southern states Carter swept in 1976. National and regional Republican directors were joining Reagan campaign chairmen from 14 states today for a two-day summit meeting to plan the assault on the South. "It's Carter's base," said Lee Atwater, southeastern regional political director of the Reagan campaign. "He swept the South in 1976, but all the data in the last few months indicates that he's in deep trouble." Sensing the possibility of victory, the Republicans are placing a "new emphasis" on the South this year, by Atwater's account. "If he (Carter) can't sweep the South, he doesn't have a political base," Atwater said in an interview last week. "And you can't win in American politics without a political base. The meeting will be geared with that in mind." Atwater said today's session, with Rep. Carroll A. Campbell Jr., R-SC, serving as chairman, would examine polling information, inspect other campaign finances, schedule campaign appearances and deal with other logistics. Bill Timmons, national director of the Reagan campaign, and Dick Wirthland, Reagan's national campaign strategist, were scheduled to address the group. Southern Republican leaders are hopeful about their chances, even in Georgia, Carter's home state. "I can only say that if the present trend continues, Reagan would carry the state," Georgia GOP Chairman Matt Patton said.

Midland due two August rebate checks

Midland and Odessa are among Texas cities that will each receive a substantial one-time tax rebate this month and quicker tax reimbursements, thanks to continued improvements in the tax processing system at the state comptroller's office in Austin. According to State Comptroller of Public Accounts Bob Bullock, Texas cities that levy the optional one-percent city sales tax will receive two rebate checks for August. The city sales tax is collected by merchants and businesses along with the state sales tax and is refunded each month to the cities where it is collected by the Comptroller's office. This month's "extra" check will include a large amount of money from second quarter returns filed in the comptroller's office on the July 31 deadline and normally would have been included in the September payment. Under this revised accounting system, Texas cities will share \$39.8 million for the normal end-of-July allocation formula and an additional \$61.1 million for the one-time bonus payment. "That's well over \$100 million that will be returned to cities as a result of improvements in our accounting system," Bullock said. Under the new system, city sales tax rebates will now be allowed to accrue through the first week of each month and be paid about the 15th of the month. The previous allocation period ran from the end of one month to the first of the following month, and cities were reimbursed sometime after the middle of the month. Odessa has paid \$753,741.59 in city sales taxes during the last pay period ending Aug. 8. Payments for the entire year as of that date totalled some \$4 million. City sales taxes collected from Midland during the last pay period totalled \$690,521.20. Total taxes paid for the year to date total almost \$4 million.

Partly cloudy through Tuesday

Midlanders can expect more partly cloudy conditions through Tuesday with a chance for nighttime thunderstorms. The National Weather Service is predicting a 30 percent chance for thunderstorms tonight. Temperatures tonight should be near the 70 degree mark with Tuesday's high expected to be in the mid-90's. The weatherman recorded .39 inch of rainfall Sunday night which brings the monthly total to .90 inch. The total for the year is registered at 5.90 inches. Rainfall reports from towns outlying the Midland area show varying amounts. McCamey reported receiving nearly three inches Sunday night while Andrews and Stanton noted an inch of rain Sunday. Big Lake reported 1 1/2 inches fell from last night's thunderstorm. La-messa and Big Spring reported receiving nearly half an inch. However, Saturday night proved to be Big Spring's night for precipitation with more than three inches of rain. During Saturday night's thunder and lightning display, some parts of Midland County reported three inches of rain fell with a mixture of hail and high winds. Sunday's high of 91 degrees was far off the record high of 106 degrees set in 1968. This morning's low of 65 degrees was nine degrees shy of the record low set in 1967. Winds tonight should be southerly at 10-15 mph.

Bonnie weakens

MIAMI (AP) — With its highest sustained winds reaching 75 mph, Hurricane Bonnie moved northward at about 15 mph today and was expected to turn toward north-northeast, forecasters said. They predicted no major changes in Bonnie's strength for the next 24 hours as the hurricane churns through the open Atlantic. Forecasters said it appeared the storm would pass to the west of the Azores and no other land masses lay in its predicted course.

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Table with columns for 'Home Delivery' and 'Mail Rates in Texas'. It lists subscription rates for different periods and delivery methods.

DEATHS

Ella Mae Searcy

CRANE — Services for Ella Mae Searcy, 78, of Crane will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel here with the Rev. Jim Hester officiating. Burial will be in Fairmount Cemetery under the direction of Larry D. Sheppard Funeral Home in Crane and Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo.

Mrs. Searcy died Saturday at her residence. She was born Aug. 10, 1902, in San Angelo. Her husband, John Searcy, preceded her in death in 1966. She had lived in Crane for six years. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Raymond Hudson of Crane and Eva Pitkin of Mornel, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Maurice Upham

SEMINOLE — Services for Maurice Upham, 57, of Seminole, father of Nancy Barnes of Midland, are pending with Singleton Funeral Home. Upham died Friday night in a Seminole hospital following a brief illness.

ness. He had lived in Seminole for 25 years and was a field man for Cities Service Oil Company. A veteran of World War II, he was a native of Lefors. Upham was married to Nancy Jean Smith Jan. 22, 1942, in Pampa. Other survivors include his wife, a daughter, two sons, three sisters and six grandchildren.

Henry Derstine

LAMESA — Services for Henry Hail Derstine, 63, of Slaton, brother of Mrs. Harlin Thomas of Midland, were Sunday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Milo Arbuckle, Baptist minister of Midland, and Dr. C. H. Murphy, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park directed by Branon Funeral Home. Derstine died Saturday night in Graham following an apparent heart attack. A native of Merkel, he was married to Alta Faye White in Lamesa in 1943 and had lived in Lamesa 45 years. He was a Baptist. Other survivors include his wife, a son, his mother and a sister.

London closes embassy; Diplomat called in for talks on jailed Iranians

By The Associated Press

Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh called in the top British diplomat in Tehran today and demanded an immediate solution to the problem of Iranian demonstrators imprisoned in London, saying the issue would affect relations between the two countries, the Iranian Foreign Ministry said. The ministry disclosed no details of the meeting which came one day after Britain, apparently fearful of a takeover like the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, temporarily closed its embassy in the Iranian capital following demonstrations by thousands protesting the arrest of the Iranians in London.

The British Foreign Office said eight of its diplomats were being recalled, but a senior diplomat, Charge d'Affaires Arthur Wyatt, and three others would remain in Tehran to provide consular protection for the estimated 250 Britons still living in Iran. A spokesman described the move as a "precautionary measure at a time

of tension" and said the closure was temporary. He also said no more visas are being issued for Iranians to visit Britain. Relations between Britain and Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's revolutionary regime worsened after British police arrested 68 Iranians at a violent anti-American demonstration outside the U.S. Embassy in London on Aug. 4. The Iranians, 40 of whom remain in jail facing trial on weapons and assault charges, were protesting the arrest in Washington of the 191 Iranian demonstrators on July 27. Those arrested in Washington were subsequently released.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry said it had been told a London court would decide early this week whether or not to free to jailed Iranians. The arrests in London spurred mass demonstrations outside the ritish Embassy in Tehran and a sitin inside the building. "We already have a permanent sitin in support of the students in detention in London and we thought it more prudent with the combination of disgruntled customers and political

demonstrators to keep the doors shut," said David Reddaway, the embassy second secretary, in a telephone interview with the British Broadcasting Corp. In addition, four British citizens are believed under arrest in Iran. Two days after the arrests in London, Anglican missionary Jean Waddell was seized in the city of Esfahan and accused of spying. Two Britons who ran a medical clinic in Yazd, Dr. John Coleman and his wife, are missing and believed held, and Times of London correspondent Tony Allaway was seized Thursday in Tehran for questioning about alleged espionage.

The U.S. Embassy in Tehran was seized on Nov. 4 by Moslem militants angered by the U.S. government's decision to admit the deposed shah of Iran into the United States for cancer treatment. The Iranians continue to hold 52 Americans, who began their 289th day in captivity today. Iran's Parliament, which is empowered to decide the fate of the Americans, met Sunday, but appeared no closer to opening its hostage debate. The legislators voted to reject the

credentials of a Jewish member, Eshaq Farahmandpur, who was accused of having connections with the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, cooperating with an international Jewish organization and opposing the execution earlier this year of Albert Danielpur, a prominent Iranian Jew, Tehran Radio said. Tehran Radio reported the execution today in the city of Khorramabad for three men convicted of robbery and murdering a revolutionary guardsman. In Washington, Defense Secretary Harold Brown denied a report by columnist Jack Anderson that the United States is planning an invasion of Iran. But Brown, appearing Sunday on the ABC-News program "Issues and Answers," refused to say whether the United States might try another military attempt to rescue the hostages. A previous attempt last April was aborted after problems developed in three of the rescue helicopters. Eight Americans died in the effort when a helicopter collided with one of the transport planes at the landing strip in the Iranian desert.

Strike halts shipping in Poland's major ports

GDANSK, Poland (AP) — The strike in a three-city industrial area on Poland's Baltic coast blocked shipping in the nation's largest seaports today, and a special government commission arrived to begin negotiations with strike leaders demanding sweeping changes. "Many enterprises in the tri-city are on strike, including the ports of Gdansk and Gdynia," the official Gdansk Radio said. "There is, therefore, no movement of ships. There will be no arrivals or departures of ships with the white and red (Polish) flag." Nevertheless, a Polish ferry sailed as usual from Karlskrona, Sweden to Gdynia, with no plans of limiting service, a company spokesman said. Edward Gierek, the Polish Communist Party leader, postponed a trip to West Germany where he was expected to ask for economic aid for Poland's rising economic troubles. The strikers expected him to address the nation on the labor unrest. No reason was given for the postponement of the trip, which was to have begun Tuesday. A commission headed by Deputy Prime Minister Tadeusz Pyka was expected to meet with a 13-member negotiating committee representing all the strikers in Gdansk, Gdynia and

Sopot, dissident sources said. They said the workers' committee was headquartered in the giant V.I. Lenin Shipyard here, occupied by as many as 16,000 workers since Thursday, and that it issued 16 demands in the name of all strikers in the area. They said 30 enterprises had joined the strike. The demands included an increase in average monthly wage from the current \$170 to \$236 to compensate for meat price hikes, meat rationing to stabilize the market, liquidation of special shops for the police and Communist Party officials, guarantees of the right to strike and establish free trade unions, freedom of expression, abolition of censorship, and release of all political prisoners. The strike-bound region 200 miles north of Warsaw has a population of 700,000, including some 200,000 workers. Although the actual number of strikers was not known, at least 80,000 workers were reported affected. In addition to shutting down the ports and the Lenin Shipyard, Poland's biggest, whose workers average \$267 a month in wages, the walkouts idled most refinery operations and transportation in Gdansk, a factory in Gdynia that manufactures electric equipment for ships and other plants in the area.

Brown says U.S. is not planning invasion of Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's not true, as claimed by columnist Jack Anderson, that the United States plans a military invasion of Iran, says Defense Secretary Harold Brown. But Brown, appearing Sunday on ABC's "Issues and Answers," refused to say if there would be another attempt to rescue the 52 U.S. hostages held in Iran. A previous try failed last spring and eight American servicemen were killed.

During the show, Brown was asked to comment on Anderson's report that United States is planning an invasion. "No, that's not true," Brown replied. He was then asked if there would be another attempt to rescue the hostages and said, "I will not attempt to confirm that or deny it. That is the kind of thing I just would not want to talk about." Anderson's column, scheduled for release today

but made public over the weekend, says the invasion is planned for mid-October. The White House has denied that an invasion is planned. Brown, when asked if the Iranian hostage situation was the reason for the U.S. military buildup in the Persian Gulf, said, "Some if it, of course, was in place before the end of 1979. And that was there, at least in considerable measure, as evidence of U.S. military strength to remind the Iranians that the U.S. has military strength in that area." Brown said the buildup also is designed to deter a Soviet military move into the region.

Guard threatened with discharge if he appears in Kent State film

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — A former Ohio National Guardsman has been threatened with discharge from the Alabama Guard if he appears in a movie about the 1970 shootings of four Kent State University students, the guardsman and his commander say. John Basnett, who was at Kent State the day an anti-war protest erupted in gunfire from the Guard, said he would be on the set today when NBC-TV began production of the documentary-drama. Basnett said he was told by his commanding officer, Col. Eugene S. Burnham of Jacksonville, Ala., that he would be discharged after 15 years in the Guard if he showed up for the \$25-a-day job. Burnham confirmed the account. "He can stay in the Guard or go in the movies," he said. "But it would be an honorable discharge. There's no question in my mind about that." Burnham said the decision was made by Alabama Adjutant General Henry Cobb, and he agreed. "Most likely, the story the film will portray will not be what actually happened," Burnham said. "That film is going to do nothing in the world but run the National Guard into the ground. The filmmakers are interested in nothing but money." Basnett said he had been given assurances that the film showed both sides of the 1970 incident, and he thinks his presence will help keep things straight. "I told the colonel I don't want any part of this if it makes the National Guard look bad," Basnett said.

Basnett, an Akron native, was a truck driver for the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment. His unit arrived at the Kent State campus on May 4, 1970, shortly after the students were shot. Basnett, who now lives in Gadsden, Ala., said he got the job July 25 when he answered a newspaper advertisement seeking extras with Northern accents for a movie about the Kent State shootings. "I applied, and when I told them I'd been a National Guardsman on the Kent State campus the day of the shootings, they hired me," he said. "A woman from NBC asked if I had killed anybody. I said I hadn't and she wanted to know my opinion of what happened. I blamed it on outside agitators." The movie will be shot on location at Gadsden Junior College. Last June, Kent State officials rejected NBC's request to film there.

French fishermen's strike blockades harbors of Corsica

PARIS (AP) — A strike by French fishermen that brought chaos to English Channel ports spread today to the Mediterranean with the blockade of three harbors on the island of Corsica. The fishermen closed the ports of Bastia, Ile Rousse and Calvi in solidarity with other fishermen blocking ports from Cherbourg to Dunkirk on the northern French coast. Coming at the height of the holiday season, the action by the Corsican fishermen inconvenienced thousands of travelers aboard car ferries bound for mainland ports such as Nice or on their way to Corsica. Thousands of British tourists already were stranded in make-shift hotels at schools and clubs in the Normandy ports as companies that operated channel car ferries to and from France switched operations to other ports. With some 400 miles of harbor along the northern coast completely blocked, many motorists drove on to the Belgian ports of Ostend and Zeebrugge to catch a ferry home. The result was

long lines there and delays of several hours. P and O Ferries, one of the cross-channel operators was sending four ferries a day on round trips from the English ports of Dover and Southampton to Zeebrugge. Hundreds of British tourists spent Sunday night in schools, clubs and private homes that were opened to British victims of the row between the fishermen and their government. Hotels in Dieppe and Le Havre put up extra beds. In Cherbourg, authorities offered stranded visitors free camp beds to sleep on plus bread and milk. The fishermen are complaining of lower prices for their catch and a government plan that would cut back the number of crewmen on a unionized boat. One maritime union appealed to all of France's fishermen to strike. Fishermen on the Mediterranean coast were expected to decide today whether to join the protest. The tourist trade along the French channel coast was taking a beating. In Boulogne, many gift shops failed to open Sun-

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DR. NEIL SOLOMON

Genetic disorders usually are inherited

Dear Dr. Solomon: A friend of mine tells me that hepatitis can cause diabetes. Is there any connection between the two conditions? — Steve.

Dear Steve: Hepatitis (inflammation of the liver) can be caused by a viral infection, the effects of alcohol or drugs, and many other factors. Also, an excessive amount of fat in the blood can cause the liver to swell.

There is no direct connection between diabetes and hepatitis, although the liver plays a major role in digestion. The liver stores glucose as glycogen, thus helping maintain normal blood sugar levels in both diabetics and non-diabetics. A diabetic with liver disease may be more prone to serious hypoglycemic reactions (relating to an abnormally low level of glucose in the blood), especially if he or she uses alcohol.

Dear Dr. Solomon: A niece of mine recently underwent an abortion after tests showed a defect in the fetus. This was completely unexpected since neither her family nor her husband's shows any evidence of disease. How does such a defect occur in the absence of any history in either the mother's or father's family? — Ms. C.S.

Dear Ms. S.: According to Dr. Rosalind Coleman, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Duke University, from two to three percent of all births involve a major genetic malformation or biochemical defect.

The body is composed of cells of various sizes, each with a nucleus.

Within the nucleus are chromosomes, which fix the direction each cell will take. For example, chromosomes determine the color of a person's hair and eyes.

The 46 chromosomes, in turn, are composed of genes. Except for egg and sperm cells, each cell contains about two million genes. Egg and sperm cells contain half as many chromosomes and, therefore, half as many genes. When cells divide, chromosomes may break, or the information they carry may be entered incorrectly. Some of these errors will result in a genetic disease.

There are several ways for genetic disorders to be inherited. By one method of transmission, both parents carry one affected gene. Although the parents do not manifest any problem, the child who inherits both affected genes will have the disease. This method of transmission can occur 25 percent of the time; 50 percent of the time the child, like the parents, will be a carrier.

Once it is known how a particular genetic disease is being transmitted, the parents can be counseled about their chances of having a child with a genetic disorder. Physicians often can tell if a problem existed before conception or during pregnancy. If it is determined that the parents have a genetic defect, they should be advised of these chances of having a child with the defect. However, if they are not carriers and the problem occurred after conception, they would be able to plan their family without having to worry about the possibility of a genetic disorder.

Book's cover termed surest way to appeal to readers

By PHIL THOMAS

NEW YORK (AP) — You can sell a book by its cover.

So says Lester del Rey, who, with his wife Judy-Lynn, brings out six science-fiction and fantasy paperback books each month.

"A book's cover," says the 65-year-old Del Rey, "does a lot more selling than the author's name. With the exception of a handful of well-known writers whose name sells, the cover alone has to be depended on to catch a reader's attention and to get him to buy the book."

"I'm a great believer in the kind of cover that used to appear on the old pulp magazines, only much better done. The cover I like has a scene — done by a top artist — from the book itself which not only tells a story but also suggests that here is something interesting to read. More importantly, it makes a browser want to buy the book. Now that's a cover."

Del Rey handles the fantasy and his wife the science fiction for Del Rey Books — a Ballantine Books imprint — and, he says, there are "no job conflicts. I don't read everything she publishes and she doesn't read everything I publish."

Del Rey defines science fiction as a literary form with events that usually take place in the future, dealing with things that, while not possible now, are probable and could be justified by future scientific developments.

Fantasy, he says, is a much older form and deals with magic, the supernatural, the fantastic. "It involves taking the old myths and reworking them. The form looks back to the past

— even if it is placed in the present — and the reader believes because he wants to believe. He is trying to return to the world of fairyland he heard about as a child."

He adds, with a smile, that the forms do mingle on occasion. "Suppose," he says, "you have a fantasy situation that is set on another planet. What is it: fantasy or science fiction?"

Del Rey has worked in both forms. He says he has written some 40 books — some non-fiction but the bulk fantasy and science fiction. He hasn't, however, published a novel since 1971.

The reason, he says, is that he is too busy reading, "and I can't find the time to write."

He says he relies to a great extent on "over-the-transom" — unsolicited — books to get the titles he needs in his publishing work.

"The problem," Del Rey says, "is that most professional writers don't write fantasy. They apparently decided years ago that fantasy doesn't pay, so they don't do it."

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