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Record December reading set in city

From local, wire reports

On the day winter officially begins, a new record cold for the month of December was set in Snyder as the mercury fell to a minus-3 degrees.

The reading was also near the coldest temperature ever reported here, according to records maintained by the National Weather Service.

This record was reported in January of 1947. During that month, a low of minus 10-degrees was recorded.

For the month of December, the previous low was 4 degrees — a frigid reading which was reached here last Sunday as well as the previous record date set in 1950.

As an ironic comparison, the temperature recorded in Snyder last Dec. 22 was a balmy 75 degrees.

Weather watchers note that the Arctic cold front which has invaded the state may cause havoc with holiday traveling plans.

Texans shivered under record and near-record cold temperatures today as winter made its official debut complete with icy highways, the threat of a power brownout and the possibility of a white Christmas over northern sections of the state.

Forecasters looked for cold temperatures to continue into the weekend and warned that another icy blast of Arctic air could bring snow and freezing rain to North Texas on Christmas Day.

Winter officially began at 4:30 a.m. CST today, but it was winter in Texas starting Sunday, when icy storms began moving into the state. The treacherous weather had claimed at least six lives and record low temperatures were recorded across wide areas of the state today.

A 7-year-old boy died Wednesday in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas in a fire apparently ignited by a space heater, authorities said.

Earlier in the week, storm-related traffic deaths were reported in Denton and Plainview. A 72-year-old Fort Worth woman died in a fire caused by a space heater, as did a 8-year-old Grandview girl.

Texas Public Utility Commission Chairman Al Erwin warned today that controls had frozen at several major power plants, threatening a statewide brownout if electricity use wasn't curtailed.

"I know there's no way they (residents) can cut back on heat, but don't use any excess electricity," he said. "This is not just a Dallas problem or a Houston problem. It is statewide."

Terrorists give 'last warning'

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The Islamic Holy War extremist group today claimed responsibility for bombing the French regimental headquarters and gave a "last warning" to U.S. and French peacekeeping forces to leave Lebanon in 10 days.

"This is the last warning for the American and French forces. We shall give them 10 days to leave Lebanon. Otherwise, we shall make the earth shake underneath their feet," an anonymous caller told the Agence France Presse news agency in Beirut.

The pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem group also has claimed responsibility for numerous attacks against U.S. and French positions, including the Oct. 23 suicide bombings of a U.S. Marine barracks and a French headquarters in Beirut that killed 241 American servicemen and 58 French paratroopers.

They also claimed responsibility for April's U.S. Embassy bombing in Beirut in which 63 people died.

The telephoned threat came as U.S. warplanes swept low over Beirut and searchers dug through the rubble of the French headquarters where a truck bomb exploded Wednesday night, followed minutes later by another bomb going off in a hotel bar. At least 14 people died in the two bombings, according to various sources.

The twin-tailed F-14 Tomcats from the aircraft carrier USS Independence streaked overhead from the Mediterranean Sea toward the Syrian-controlled central mountains east of Beirut, witnesses said.

The U.S. Marine contingent based at Beirut International Airport was ordered to stand by its highest state of alert, apparently anticipating a possible bombardment by Syrian-backed anti-government militiamen because of the overflights, Associated Press photographer William Foley reported from the base.

Lebanon's state radio said the Tomcats were on reconnaissance over the hills above the Lebanese capital.

The truck bomb exploded beside a French regimental headquarters after it was touched off by remote control. Minutes later, the other bomb exploded at the Marble Tower Hotel bar in the Hamra shopping district.

Police estimated the bomb at the French headquarters contained nearly 2,700 pounds of dynamite and the second bomb contained about three pounds of explosives.



DISPLAY WINNER — The Jack Green residence, 2208 27th St., was deemed the winner here Wednesday in the annual Jaycee-sponsored outdoor residential lighting and decoration contest. Part of the Santa Workshop display included family members, to include Charlotte Green (left) and her daughter Tara. The second and third place awards went to the Sam Bruner residence, 4115 Jacksboro; and the Irene Wanger residence, 2301 Ave. T. (SDN Staff Photo)

New directory arrives in city

New telephone directories from Southwestern Bell are now being delivered in the city.

The first deliveries were completed Wednesday and local Postmaster Wendell Thomas said he hopes all books will be delivered before Christmas.

The delivery coupled with the normal Christmas rush for mail may slow the process somewhat, he noted. In addition, weather-related delivery problems in the Dallas area may complicate the process.

The new books feature some 147 pages of Yellow Page information, up slightly from last year's which had 144.

The cover of the new directory features a watercolor entitled "Fingers of February," painted by Texas artist Donald F. Mitchell.

The artwork shows a typical West Texas ranch house with its windmill and water tank in front. Hackberry trees border the property and the scene is surrounded by a gray winter sky.



FIRE AUXILIARY GIFTS — The ladies of the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary delivered their annual gifts of toys for hospitalized children to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Wednesday. Shown with the packages are Kim Hines (left), fire auxiliary president and Diane Aycock, president of the hospital auxilary. (SDN Staff Photo)

Home owner spirits good despite blaze

A Snyder man who lost his home and two storage buildings in the Tuesday night fire which also destroyed the Dunnam Mattress Co. in the 2100 Block of College Ave., was in good spirits Thursday morning and staying with a son who also lives in Snyder.

Elbert Jones, an employee of C.A. White Trucking Co. here, reported that he had lost everything in the fire but that he was "doing fine" and back at work Thursday.

Daniel Martinez had originally been reported as the owner of the burned home but it has since been learned that he lives in another residence just north of the mattress factory.

Martinez was credited with calling in the original fire report shortly before 3 a.m. Wednesday.

No figures were available Thursday morning for the value of the damage from the blaze and Fire Chief Terry McDowell reported that an investigation to determine the cause of the fire is continuing.

The two-story mattress factory was destroyed by the blaze.



City, county plan noon Yule closing

As Snyder businesses continue to accomodate a busy schedule of holiday shoppers, some public facilities will begin to observe the Christmas break at noon Friday.

Snyder City Hall and the Scurry county courthouse will close at noon Friday for the Christmas holidays.

Both facilities will be closed Monday as well and will reopen for business as usual Tuesday.

Other weekend closings include the college golf course and racquetball courts and the Diamond M Museum. These facilities will be closed both Saturday and Sunday.

State and federal offices — to include county post offices — will be closed Monday for Christmas. Postal officials say they will likely work long hours both Friday and Saturday to facilitate the traditional Christmas mail rush.

The Snyder Daily News will be open Friday but will be closed Saturday and the following Monday.

Subscribers will receive a Friday and a Sunday newspaper. There will be no newspaper Monday, however.

The SDN Column

by Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Life is hard on those who make it hard."

Snyder Jaycees who each year sponsor the Christmas lighting contest here say things went pretty smooth--nothing like the problem that is occuring over Yule decorations in Metairie, La.

For more than six years, a resident in Metairie has outfitted his mansion with 250,000 colorful lights. His $50,000 holiday extravaganza includes a 18-foot lighted snowman and Christmas carols blaring from his balcony.

This year, his neighbors are demanding that he pull the plug, and they have gone to court to seek an injuction. Neighbors say that normal life becomes impossible each December because of the traffic and litter generated by people coming to see the display. It has been estimated that 250,000 walk or drive by each year.

Al Copeland calls the distractors "modern-day grinches," and says he is motivated by his poor boyhood days to share his wealth with others.

Neighbors are pretty unified, but visitors can't believe anyone would want to stop the display. The publicity from the lawsuit has backfired on the neighbors. This year the crowd is expected to double to almost a half million.

We could always invite Copeland and his display to Snyder.

A reader sent us the following example of government folly. On the door of a government building in Washington, D. C. is the following inscription:

"General Services Administration, Region 3, Public Building Service, Building Management Division, Utility Room Custodial.

In plain English, it means "broom closet."

A fellow we know has devised a new rating system for the movie industry. G means the good guy gets the girl. PG means the villain gets the girl. X means they all get the girl.

Ask Us

Q. — Why do taxpayers have to pay to have sign posts put back up that have been knocked over by farmers plowing?

A. — When state-owned signs are damaged beside roadways, the policy of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation is to bill the individual causing the damage if they can be identified. Such billings are pursued only if the damage is in excess of $50.

In Brief

Debt showdown is possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats are warning President Reagan they stand ready to cut off the government's line of credit next spring unless he signals a willingness to compromise on reducing the federal budget deficit.

Administration officials said Wednesday that Reagan has approved a fresh economic forecast for 1984 and beyond. Those numbers, which help determine the spending, tax revenue and deficit estimates in the new budget, were expected to be made public today.

Government figures released Wednesday estimated that the economy grew at an annual rate of 4.5 percent during the quarter ending next week.

Despite the upbeat economic forecast, legislators are continuing to exert pressure for legislation aimed at reducing budget deficits, which are expected to remain stuck at about $200 billion a year without action.

Power 'brownouts' possible

AUSTIN (AP) — Public Utility Commission Chairman Al Erwin said today that frozen controls at several major power plants could cause a statewide "brownout" if Texans don't reduce their energy consumption.

"Seven major generating plants are out because of temperature or ice or because they are down for maintenance now," he said in a plea for Texans' help in cutting power use during the cold snap.

"The problem is statewide. We need to ask everybody possible to reduce their usage," said Erwin.

The commission chairman said supplies of electricity could be cut off if usage is not reduced. The plants that have been shut down include Houston Lighting & Power units, several in North Texas and one in Fayette County, he said.

At odds over breakdowns

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Continental Airlines and its striking pilots are farther apart than ever now that negotiations have collapsed, a mediator in the talks said.

Benjamin Aaron, a law professor at the University of California at Los Angeles who was selected as a mediator in the 3-month-old dispute last month, said the breakdown had left the Houston-based airline and the Air Line Pilots Association far apart.

Local

Cogdell meeting tonight

The December meeting for the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers is Thursday.

The session will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

Music students on SCAT

Some 41 Snyder youngsters will be featured on a special Christmas TV program to be broadcast twice over the SCAT Channel 2 access channel.

The students are part of the Bethel School of Music here. The program — which features Christmas songs with musical accompaniment — lasts some 1½ hours.

Broadcast times will be Friday at 5 p.m. and Saturday at noon.

Weather

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: High Wednesday, 14 degrees; low, -3 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, -3 degrees; precipitation none; total precipitation for 1983 to date, 16.79.

WEST TEXAS: Mostly cloudy Saturday and Sunday, becoming partly cloudy Monday. Chance of snow north Sunday. Continued cold throughout the period. Highs Saturday and Sunday upper 20s Panhandle to near 50 southeast to mid 60s Big Bend moderating to mid 30s Panhandle to mid 50s southeast to upper 60s Big Bend Monday. Lows Saturday and Sunday lower teens Panhandle to lower 30s extreme south moderating to upper teens Panhandle to mid 30s extreme south Monday.

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Rewards given for crime tips

Bell interim rate hike okayed

AUSTIN (AP) — The Public Utility Commission has given Southwestern Bell a $653.3 million temporary rate hike that seems to have pleased no one.

"It means we earn in the toilet," said Bell lawyer Jon Dee Lawrence. The company wanted at least $200 million more.

American Telephone & Telegraph, which will pay $617.8 million of the Jan. 1 increase, responded by promising to ask for a long distance rate hike of up to $200 million. Other long distance companies will pay $35.5 million to Bell.

"We have no alternative but to seek an immediate rate increase," said Ron LeMay, AT&T regional vice president for external affairs. That increase would add about 20 percent to AT&T revenue.

Two lawyers representing consumers said the immediate effect of the Wednesday ruling — no direct increase to ratepayers — was encouraging, but the long range effects are unknown.

"AT&T lost," said Public Utility Counsel Jim Boyle. "In the short term, the local ratepayers won. In the long term, AT&T may be in here next week asking for a rate increase. The jury's still out."

Carol Barger, representing Consumers Union, Texas ACORN and the League of United Latin American Citizens, said she was glad there was no direct charge to ratepayers. But she added, "We always pay."

Bell came to the commission looking for a New Year's Day rate hike to replace long distance revenue that will be lost in the AT&T divestiture. After Jan. 1, Bell will retain only a small portion of the profitable long distance business.

AT&T and companies such as MCI and Sprint will handle most long distance calls. The utility commission, in a 3-0 vote, said the long distance companies should pay the entire $653.3 interim rate hike.

Bell's request called for a $2.60 monthly increase on residential bills. PUC Administrative Law Judge Jacqueline Holmes denied the local increase, but recommended about $50 million in long distance increases.

Her ruling was appealed by several sides, including Bell, which wanted more, and Boyle, who said the company should get nothing.

Bell has a $1.3 billion rate hike pending at the commission, with a ruling expected in that case in April. Company lawyer Lawrence told the commission that Bell can't wait that long for financial help.

"The economic future of this company lies in the hands of you three today," he said.

Boyle, the state lawyer who represents consumers, argued for no increase. He said Southwestern Bell's request was based on projections, not data. He said the company's economic forecasts are less reliable "than the point spread for the last two Dallas Cowboy games."

Commissioner Phil Ricketts acknowledged that higher long distance bills are a "possible result" of the ruling. Erwin said it would be unfair to let AT&T keep all the long distance revenues without paying Southwestern Bell.

"In the absence of action, it's just gravy to AT&T," said Erwin.

He added, "The main thing this points out to me is divestiture is a bad idea."

Among those less than satisfied with the result was Commissioner Peggy Rosson. She said the information the commission had to work with was "pitiful, just pitiful."

Despite voting for the $653.3 million hike, she said, "I don't know how we came up with this number."

Erwin agreed, saying it was frustrating that the commission and its staff could not get a clearer picture of the actual losses of revenue faced by Bell.

"That does not speak well for us," he said.

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Most migration in early 1980s

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Migration to Texas in the early 1980s was greater than any other state — more than a half-million people — a Texas A&M researcher says.

Some 667,000 people moved into the state during a 27-month period, Robert Skrabanek, with the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M, said Wednesday.

"The net result between 1980-1985 will be an expected in-migration and total population growth that promises to be greater than any previous five-year period in the state's history," he said.

Skrabanek said migration from other states is expected to account for 63 percent of Texas' growth in the 1980s. That compares with 6 percent in the 1950s, 13 percent in the 1960s and 58 percent in the 1970s, he said.

"If the state's unemployment rate continues to remain substantially below the national average, Texas' current favorable image will gain additional luster in the 1980s," he said.

Skrabanek said census data indicated a "substantial share" of people moving to Texas are better educated, in higher income brackets and at child-bearing ages.

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by erma bombeck

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Last night as we lovingly placed each bauble on the tree we could again - remember.

"Look at this," I said, holding a miniature pie tin with a crayoned picture of the Christ child with a message, "Oh Come Holy Spit" on it. "How old was Andy when he did this? Three? Four?

He was 15 years old, mom. He didn't spell 'spirit' until the year he learned how to drive."

"And look at this dear little snowman with the crocheted hat and scarf. I made that when I was in the hospital with Matt."

"You bought that at a half-price sale at Penney's after Christmas. I was with you. Besides you don't crochet."

"No matter," I said, "Oh, and look at this little Mexican hat with Felice Navidad. Call your father. This will stir up a lot of memories for him."

My husband appeared.

"I won't say anything," I teased. "Just tell me what this reminds you of."

He looked blank.

"Mazatlan, 1976. Remember, I wanted something for my Memory Tree?"

"That's right," he said, "And you had the Green Apple Two-Step so bad you couldn't get out of bed."

"I got that Mexican hat at a restaurant in L.A.," said my son, "it used to have a swizzle stick on it."

As I rummaged through the tissue, I carefully unwrapped a little rag doll. "Get Betsy," I shouted, "She'll never believe this."

"That's cute," she said, "Where did you get it?"

"Surely you jest," I said, "Why that's one of the first dolls I bought you."

"Couldn't be. It has all the eyes and there's no fear on its face. All of mine ran away from home."

It took me a couple of hours to put on the little sleds, the mice dressed in red, the bread-dough figures and the wreaths made of leaves and berries and to recall the stories behind each and every one.

Memories—they can't take that away from me.

Or can they?

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Dog wakes sleeping owner to gas fumes

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Mike DeLoney was angry when his 75-pound pit bull terrier jumped onto the bed in the middle of the night and started barking.

Deloney, 49, a dispatcher with the Fort Worth police department, shoved the dog — named Mr. Ed — off the bed and went back to sleep.

When he awoke again, Mr. Ed had bitten Deloney's arm and was pulling him onto the floor.

Deloney was really angry at the dog this time.

"Suddenly I realized something was wrong," he said.

A leaking propane stove had filled the house with dangerous fumes.

"I smelled the odor of rotten eggs, and I half realized that some kind of fumes were in the house. My arm was bleeding and I crawled on my hands and knees and tumbled out the front door," DeLoney said.

The cold air brought Deloney to his senses, but he was suddenly sick and had a pounding headache. He breathed deeply for several minutes and went back in the house to turn off the heater that was leaking propane gas fumes.

"I truly believe my dog saved my life. Why if it weren't for him, I would probably never have opened my eyes again," DeLoney said of the incident.

DeLoney said he came home from his job as police dispatcher about 12:15 a.m. Monday. He lit his gas heater, but it popped loudly and went out. DeLoney then lit it again and went to bed.

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Dec. 23, 1983

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This should eventually turn out to be a rewarding day for you, but not necessarily through your own efforts. Allies will play the major roles. The NEW Matchmaker wheel and booklet reveals romantic compatibilities for all signs, tells how to get along with others, finds rising signs, hidden qualities, plus more. Send $2 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. Mail an additional $1 for your Capricorn Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead. Be sure to give your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You have a special knack today that will enable you to reconstruct floundering situations into something positive and productive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You could be in for a pleasant surprise today when persons who previously denied you support go out of their way to do all they can to help you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Two important situations that appear to be unmanageable can be brought under control today. Be optimistic regarding the results.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are now in a cycle where the good that you do will be more readily noted and appreciated. Let your kinder impulses command.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Work-or careerwise, you can now find new strength and resources upon which to draw. Use your opportunities to the fullest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others tend to take your needs to heart today and will be eager to help you where they can. Do not be hesitant to request favors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your influence over your peers will be heightened considerably today. The measures you take to advance your self-interests will have far-reaching effects.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The key to receiving today is to first show a willingness to share that which you already have. Follow the dictates of your heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You've been making a more favorable impression on persons who can help you add to your material resources than you may realize. Good things will result.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are now in a good achievement cycle, so raise your sights a few notches and strive for truly meaningful objectives.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your possibilities for personal gain look extremely encouraging today. However, what comes to you will arrive via a circuitous route.

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SWC cage roundup...

Olajuwon slugs Santa Barbara

by The Associated Press

Houston's Akeem Olajuwon scored 35 points before earning an early trip to the locker room with a punch to the head of a University of California-Santa Barbara player.

But the ill-timed blow had little effect on the third-ranked Cougars, who posted an 89-79 win over the Gauchos Wednesday night in Santa Barbara.

In other games involving Southwest Conference teams, Texas Tech fell to 16th-ranked Memphis State 53-41; Rice defeated St. Mary's 66-53; and Arkansas edged Alabama State 86-80.

Olajuwon also pulled down 10 rebounds and blocked seven shots before he was ejected after hitting Santa Barbara forward Scott Fisher with 55 seconds remaining. The 6-foot-7 Fisher intentionally fouled Olajuwon under the Houston basket, and the Cougars' 7-foot center responded by punching him in the side of the head.

It was the first time in his college career that Olajuwon, a junior from Nigeria, had been ejected from a game.

"It was just a reaction," Olajuwon said afterward. "I was surprised at what he was doing; he was punching me like a fighter...I regret doing that."

Fisher, who continued the game only to foul out moments later, said, "He didn't put me down. I didn't see it coming. I looked away, off the court, and at first I didn't even know what happened; the punch stunned me."

Michael Young added 24 points for the Cougars, now 9-1. Conner Henry scored 25 points for Santa Barbara, now 5-4.

Texas Tech's patient, deliberate style of basketball didn't win any new converts with Memphis State.

"I wish the shot clock would hurry up and get in, because I'm tired of playing teams that dipsy-do around," Memphis State Coach Dana Kirk said.

Memphis State, which improved to 6-2, led Texas Tech by only 23-19 at halftime, but the Tigers' pressing zone defense forced Tech into 14 turnovers. The Raiders also hit on only 36 percent of their field goal attempts.

"I thought their zone defense in the second half was the difference in the ball game," Tech Coach Gerald Myers said.

All-America forward Keith Lee scored 9 points before being ejected on a flagrant foul in the closing minutes. Derrick Phillips led Memphis State with 16. Bubba Jennings had 13 points and Quintin Anderson 11 for Tech, 5-4, which suffered its third straight loss.

Junior center Joe Kleine scored 32 points to pace Arkansas' win. The Razorbacks, now 7-2, opened up a 58-47 lead midway in the second half after a first half in which the lead changed hands 12 times and was tied seven times.

Rice had a hot-shooting night against St. Mary's, connecting on 55 percent from the field. Guard Ivan Petitt scored 16 points to lead the Owls, who raised their record to 4-3. Four other Rice players also were in double figures.

'Glances' to run Sunday

Bill McClellan's weekly column will run in Sunday's edition this week.

today's sports news

Game with Big Spring has been rescheduled

Snyder High School coach Larry Scott announced that tonight's junior varsity and varsity boys basketball games with Big Spring here have been cancelled.

The varsity game has been rescheduled for Dec. 29 at 8 p.m. The JV game was not rescheduled.

Coach Scott's boys, 3-10, will not play again until the Dec. 29 makeup date. They open District 2-4A play on Jan. 3 in Lamesa.

Snyder's junior varsity plays again on Dec. 29 in the Jayton Tournament.

Coach Ken Housden's girls are also scheduled in the Jayton Tournament. They are scheduled to face Crosbyton at 10 a.m. next Thursday.

The girls, 4-6 for the season and 0-2 in 2-4A competition, will also play in Lamesa on Jan. 3, as will the girl's junior varsity.

Dickerson picked best offensive rookie in NFL

IRVING, Texas (AP) - All-Pro rookie running back Eric Dickerson returns home Monday to the stadium where he earned All-America honors, but the Dallas Cowboys won't be in any mood to pat his back.

Dickerson, who gained a rookie record 1,808 yards for the Los Angeles Rams, had a locker in the Cowboy dressing room at Southern Methodist home games in Texas Stadium.

On Monday, he'll be in enemy headquarters and hassled by a team that has met two consecutive humiliating defeats by Washington and San Francisco.

Dallas Coach Tom Landry said the key to winning the National Football League wild card game from the Rams is to stop Dickerson.

"Eric will be our No. 1 objective," said Landry. "I've seen enough of Dickerson to know just how tremendous he can be. He's done as well as anybody I've ever seen coming into this league."

Dickerson carried the ball a league-record 390 times and scored 20 touchdowns for 120 points. His rushing total was the fourth highest in NFL history.

Los Angeles Coach John Robinson, in his rookie year himself, said Dickerson "has a done a fantastic job. He's had the attention of every opponent."

The Rams were six-point underdogs to the Cowboys for the 1:30 p.m. kickoff.

The 12-4 Cowboys have suffered consecutive thrashings by Washington (31-10) and San Francisco (42-17) going into the playoffs.

The Rams defeated New Orleans 26-24 to earn a wild card berth.

The last time the teams met in a playoff was a wild card game in 1980 which Dallas won 34-13.

The Cowboys have been tough on opposition running games during the long 16-game season. Only two backs gained over 100 yards in a game.

"It concerns me the way Dallas has been able to stop the run," Robinson said. "But we've still got to do what we do."

The Dallas running game has been on the downslide. Tony Dorsett has gained only 66 yards in two games.

If Dallas wins, the Cowboys travel to San Francisco to play the 49ers Jan. 1 in an NFC divisional game.

If Los Angeles wins, the Rams travel to Washington to play the Redskins Jan. 1.

Bowl lineup

By The Associated Press

The pairings for NCAA Division I-A post-season bowl games.

Thursday, Dec. 22
Hall of Fame Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
West Virginia, 8-3, vs. Kentucky, 6-4-1

Friday, Dec. 23
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego, Calif.
Brigham Young, 10-1, vs. Missouri, 7-4

Saturday, Dec. 24
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Alabama, 7-4, vs. Southern Methodist, 10-1

Monday, Dec. 26
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Penn State, 7-4-1, vs. Washington, 8-3

Thursday, Dec. 29
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Notre Dame, 6-5, vs. Boston College, 9-2

Friday, Dec. 30
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
North Carolina, 8-3, vs. Florida State, 6-5

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Iowa, 9-2, vs. Florida, 8-2-1

Saturday, Dec. 31
Bluebonnet Bowl
At Houston
Baylor, 7-3-1, vs. Oklahoma State, 7-4-1

Monday, Jan. 2
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Georgia, 9-1-1, vs. Texas, 11-0

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Ohio State, 8-3, vs. Pittsburgh, 8-2-1

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Illinois, 10-1, vs. UCLA, 6-4-1

Orange Bowl
At Miami, Fla.
Nebraska, 12-0, vs. Miami (Fla.), 10-1

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Auburn, 10-1, vs. Michigan, 9-2

Colt linebacker named top defensive rookie

NEW YORK (AP) - Linebacker Vernon Maxwell, who helped lead the Baltimore Colts back to the rim of respectability in 1983, was named today the National Football League's Defensive Rookie of the Year by The Associated Press.

Maxwell, Baltimore's second-round draft choice out of Arizona State, where Frank Kush had coached before taking the Colts' reins, received 39 of the 84 votes cast by a nationwide panel of sports writers the sports broadcasters.

Darrell Green, the Washington Redskins' kick-returner and cornerback, was a distant second with 14 votes, cornerback Danny Walters of San Diego had six and cornerback Lionel Washington of St. Louis had five.

The rest of the votes went to San Diego cornerback Gill Byrd (4), New England cornerback Ronnie Lippett and defensive end Greg Townsend of the Los Angeles Raiders (3 apiece), Philadelphia safety Wes Hopkins, San Diego linebacker Billy Ray Smith and Atlanta defensive end Mike Pitts (2 apiece) and Raiders nose tackle Bill Pickel, New York Giants safety Terry Kinard, Cincinnati cornerback Ray Horton and San Diego linebacker Mike Green (1 apiece).

While controversy swirled around Baltimore's No. 1 draft selection, quarterback John Elway (who refused to sign and was dealt to Denver), Maxwell came in quietly and went about the business of validating Kush's decision to make him an instant starter at right outside linebacker.

"Not being a No. 1 draft choice made me want to succeed that much more, made me that much hungrier 'cause I thought I was a pretty decent linebacker in college. I thought I deserved to be a No. 1.

"I expect a lot from myself. When I get on the field, I expect to make the big plays, to be a deciding factor in the game. If I'm not, I get down on myself and that makes me work even harder."

Cowboys face Rams, Dickerson on Monday

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - Eric Dickerson has joined a star-studded group of National Football League players who were named Offensive Rookie of the Year by The Associated Press.

But the fast and powerful Los Angeles Rams runner may have had even more impact in his first pro season than any of the others on the rookie award list that includes Jim Brown, Mike Ditka, Franco Harris, Tony Dorsett, Earl Campbell and George Rogers.

Dickerson, named Wednesday as the winner of the annual award, carried more this season than any other back in NFL history, 380 times. He also led the league in rushing with 1,808 yards, most ever for a rookie.

And, more importantly, he led the way as the Rams improved from a 2-7 record in 1982 to 9-7 this year, good enough for a wild-card playoff date with the Cowboys in Dallas next Monday.

There seemed to be almost no period of adjustment to the pro game for the 6-foot-3, 220-pound speedster out of SMU. The biggest adjustment was necessary for opposing defenses, trying to figure out a way to stop him.

Still, the soft-spoken Dickerson said, "Coming into the NFL really wasn't as easy for me as it might seem. It took a lot of hard work and a lot of luck. I think I was lucky because I didn't have a lot of injury problems, like I did my first year in college.

"I still run the same way I did when I came up. I simply run to wherever I see an opening, which I usually seem to be able to see. Although I wear glasses, I have good peripheral vision."

There were three outstanding offensive rookies in the NFL this season - Dickerson, Miami quarterback Dan Marino and Seattle running back Curt Warner. But Dickerson was a runaway winner of the rookie honor, receiving 62 of 84 votes cast by a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. Marino was named on 19 ballots and Warner got the other three votes.

NFL playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times CST

AFC Wild Card
Saturday, Dec. 24
Denver at Seattle, 3 p.m.

NFC Wild Card
Monday, Dec. 26
Los Angeles at Dallas, 1:30 p.m.

Conference Semifinals
(If Dallas wins NFC wild card game)
Saturday, Dec. 31
NFC Divisional Playoff
Detroit at Washington, 11:30 a.m.
AFC Divisional Playoff
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles Raiders, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 1
AFC Divisional Playoff
Seattle or Denver at Miami, 11:30 a.m.
NFC Divisional Playoff
Dallas at San Francisco, 3 p.m.

(If Los Angeles wins NFC wild card game)
Safurday, Dec. 31
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NFC Divisional Playoff
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Sunday, Jan. 1
NFC Divisional Playoff
Los Angeles Rams at Washington, 11:30 a.m.
AFC Divisional Playoff
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles Raiders, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 8, 1984
Conference Championship games

SUPER BOWL XVIII
Jan. 22, 1984
At Tampa Stadium, Tampa, Fla., 3:30 p.m.

Holtz hired at Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Lou Holtz, former football coach at the University of Arkansas, is the new football coach at the University of Minnesota, the Associated Press learned.

Holtz assumes the reins of one of the nation's least successful college football programs during the 1983 season. The Golden Gophers had a 1-10 record, with their only victory a 21-17 triumph over Rice University. Many of Minnesota's losses were by scores of 50 or more points.

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Gamblers file suit against Detroit's Sims

HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Gamblers, feuding with the Detroit Lions over the services of running back Billy Sims, have filed suit in state district court, claiming a contract Sims signed with the Lions has damaged the Gamblers' financial efforts.

State District Judge Felix Salazar signed a temporary restraining order Wednesday prohibiting the Lions from interfering with the contractural relations between Sims and the Gamblers, an expansion team in the United States Football League.

Sims signed a five-year, $3.5 million contract with the Gamblers on July 1 and accepted $200,000 as part of a signing bonus. He also signed a $5 million contract with the Lions Dec. 16.

The Gamblers claim unless they receive a permanent injunction against the Lions, voiding the Lions' contract, "losses will continue to mount and, in all probability, will be devastating to the Gamblers," according to the suit.

The Gamblers' suit cites no specific amount for monetary damages, but asks for at least $5 million in punitive damages.

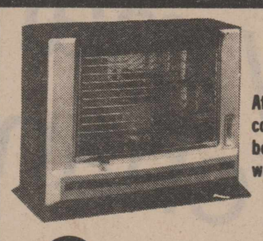
"We're not in a position to ascertain or predict ultimately how much we've been damaged," Gamblers attorney H. Lee Godrey said. "We know we have been damaged."

The Gamblers contend the Lions induced Sims to breach his Gamblers contract and that the actions of the National Football League club were calculated to cause damage to the Gamblers.

Salazar scheduled a Dec. 29 hearing on the Gamblers' request for a temporary injunction.

The suit says Sims received $197,608.10 on July 1 from the Gamblers as a portion of a $1 million bonus.

The Lions have filed suit in Detroit, seeking to void Sims' contract.


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A.A. Can Help Treat Teen-Age Drinkers Too

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I don't have a problem; I am writing out of gratitude. Because of you I now belong to a beautiful fellowship that gave me back my life and a reason to live.

I am 19 and tried to commit suicide four times within a period of six months. I was sent to a counselor who gave me a 15-question test she said she got from your column. It read: "If you are of school age and into drinking, this test is for you. If you answer yes to one or more questions, consider it a warning." Abby, then you said that if you answer yes to three or more questions, alcohol has become a serious problem in your life and the best help available can be had by calling Alcoholics Anonymous.

Well, I answered yes to *every* question, and that's when I called A.A. I went through the treatment for the disease of alcoholism. That was very traumatic at age 18.

I have been dry for a year, and for the first time in my life I know how it feels to be really alive and respect myself.

Thank you for showing me the way.

SOBER IN OHIO

DEAR SOBER: Congratulations. The column to which you refer was published in November 1981. Because I am sure many other teen-age drinkers would like to see that column, here it is:

DEAR READERS: I have been made aware that there is a serious drinking problem among young people. Almost everyone who drinks alcohol thinks he can handle it. If you are of school age and are into drinking, the following test is for you. Answer yes or no.

1. Do you lose time from school because of drinking?
2. Do you drink to lose shyness and build self-confidence?
3. Is drinking affecting your reputation?
4. Do you drink to escape from study or home worries?
5. Does it bother you if somebody says that maybe you drink too much?
6. Do you have to take a drink to go out on a date?
7. Do you ever get into money troubles over buying alcoholic beverages?
8. Have you lost friends since you started drinking?
9. Do you hang out now with a crowd that can get liquor easily?
10. Do your friends drink less than you do?
11. Do you drink until the bottle is empty?
12. Have you ever had a loss of memory from drinking?
13. Has drunk driving ever put you into the hospital or jail?
14. Do you get annoyed with classes or lectures on drinking?
15. Do *you* think you have a problem with alcohol?

If you answered "yes" to one or two questions, alcohol has become a serious problem in your life.

If you are interested in learning how to deal with a drinking problem, help is available by calling Alcoholics Anonymous. It's in your telephone book. And in my book, the most effective help for an alcoholic of any age is through A.A. There are no dues; it's absolutely free. No questions will be asked. You may remain anonymous, and no one will know you've been there—unless you tell someone. If someone you care about has a drinking problem, ask about Al-Anon. For teen-agers, it's Alateen. Good luck and God bless.

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(Every teen-ager should know the truth about drugs, sex and how to be happy. For Abby's booklet, send $2 and a long, stamped (37 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.)

1040 forms to be mailed next week

WASHINGTON (AP) — If Santa's on his way, can your income tax forms be far behind? Ho, ho, ho — they'll be in the mail next week.

In its traditional year-end postal blizzard, the Internal Revenue Service is sending out close to 92 million tax-form packages beginning next Tuesday, an IRS spokesman said Wednesday. The forms normally go out the day after Christmas, but Monday is a federal holiday.

Eventually, more than 96 million individuals and families will file returns covering their wages and other income for 1983, said spokesman Wilson Fadely. The estimate is up from about 95 million filed for 1982.

Sending millions of forms out in the week between Christmas and New Year's — a week when most families' thoughts are on lighter matters — might seem a bad public relations move. But officials say it's the obvious time.

Mailing the forms later would hold up taxpayers who want to file their returns early in hopes of receiving a quick refund. Sending millions of forms earlier in December would put them on a collision course with the Postal Service's crush of Christmas cards and packages.

Bundles of the forms are already at postal distribution points, "but we instruct the post offices not to begin actual delivery until after Christmas," Fadely said. He said most people should have their forms by mid-January at the latest.

The IRS will be sending out about 52.2 million "long-form" 1040 tax packages and about 39.6 million packages that include both the 1040A "short form" and the shortest-form 1040EZ.

Here's a breakdown:

—The blue form 1040 will look about the same as usual and be used by mostly the same people as usual: those who make $50,000 or more or who itemize deductions. The accompanying "Schedule A" has been changed slightly to reflect less-liberal medical deductions voted by Congress.

—The pink form 1040A is still basically for taxpayers who don't want to claim a lot of deductions. But it has been expanded with a "Schedule 1" on which people can report interest or dividends of more than $400 or can claim special deductions for working couples or credits for child-care expenses.

—The mint-green, 11-line form 1040EZ, which was new last year, has been modified in an effort to allow the IRS to check those returns with computers rather than by people. This form, the simplest for reporting income, is available to single people with total income under $50,000, interest income of no more than $400 and no dependents.

Fadely said the 1040EZ was used by about 15 million taxpayers for 1982 and could be used by as many as 20 million "as people get used to it."

The main change to help computers "read" it involves asking taxpayers to write figures in printed boxes rather than filling in the usual blank lines.

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CHRISTMAS RECITAL—The piano students of Joann Pylant were presented in a Christmas recital Dec. 16 at Snyder Nursing Center. On the front row, left to right, are Reese Martin, Jenny Valdez, Lindsey Northcott, Tonya Gasaway, and Brooke Gladson. On the back row are Reis Gladson, Darin Sparlin, Crystal Church, David Cozart, Frankie Williams, Amber Roemisch and Angie Davidson.

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NORTH 12-29-83
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♦7
♣K 10 6 5 4

WEST
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♥A 10 9
♦J 10 8 4
♣A Q 9 3

EAST
♠A 4 3
♥J 8 6 2
♦Q 6 5 2
♣J 8

SOUTH
♠Q J 8 5
♥Q 5 4
♦A K 9 3
♣7 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

West	North	East	South
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Pass	2♣	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: ♠6

By Oswald Jacoby and James Jacoby

North bid too much, as North players often do, and South found himself in a four-spade contract that required good breaks plus friendly defense.

East made the first mistake. He took his ace of trumps at trick one in order to lead a second trump. Had he ducked, he would have been able to play a third round of trumps later.

South won the second spade in hs hand and led a club. West made the second mistake when he rushed to take his ace. Then he led the jack of diamonds to South's king and South was in control. He led a club to the king, ruffed a club and led a heart toward dummy.

If East held the ace of that suit, the hand was doomed to defeat since he (East) would get to lead his last trump, but the good fortune made possible by the defenders' early errors in grabbing the black aces too quickly was continuing. West ducked this time, but it made no difference.

South was in dummy with the heart king. He ruffed another club with his last trump, discarded one of dummy's hearts on the diamond ace, ruffed a diamond with dummy's next-to-last trump, used dummy's last trump to pick up East's last one and made his tenth trick with dummy's fifth club.

Then he conceded the last trick to West's heart ace.

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Top ten country-western hits

Best-selling country-Western records of the week on based on Cashbox magazine's nationwide survey:

1. "Houston," Larry Gatlin
2. "Tell Me a Lie," Janie Fricke
3. "You Look So Good In Love," George Strait
4. "Black Sheep," John Anderson
5. "A Little Good News," Anne Murray
6. "Queen of My Heart," Hank Williams Jr.
7. "Slow Burn," T.G. Sheppard
8. "Don't Count the Rainy Days," Michael Murphey
9. "Ev'ry Heart Should Have One," Charley Pride
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Weight Watchers of West Texas, basement of First Presbyterian Church, 6:30 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 6 p.m.

Diet and Discipline class, Ira Baptist Church, 7 p.m. Open to public. For more information call 573-6277, 573-2116 or 573-2123.

Al-Anon. For the family and friends of the alcoholic; 3100 37th Street, Work Center Bldg.; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-6458 or 573-2917.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; behind Humble Smith School a 3106 37th St.; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-0476 or 573-5337.

FRIDAY

Duplicate Bridge Club, Snyder Country Club, 1:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous; Ave. K and 13th St., Chapel of Roses; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners, 42 at Inadale Community Center, 6:30 p.m.

Art Guild enjoys Christmas dinner

The Art Guild Study Club met Dec. 13 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club for their annual Christmas dinner party. Twenty members and one guest, Mrs. Jack Wright, attended.

Invocation was given by Mrs. Myron Fenton. Dinner was served buffet style and tables were decorated in the Christmas motif by the hostesses, Mmes. M. W. Pilcher, Sam Chorn and R. H. Melton.

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A short business session conducted by president Virginia Grove concluded the meeting.

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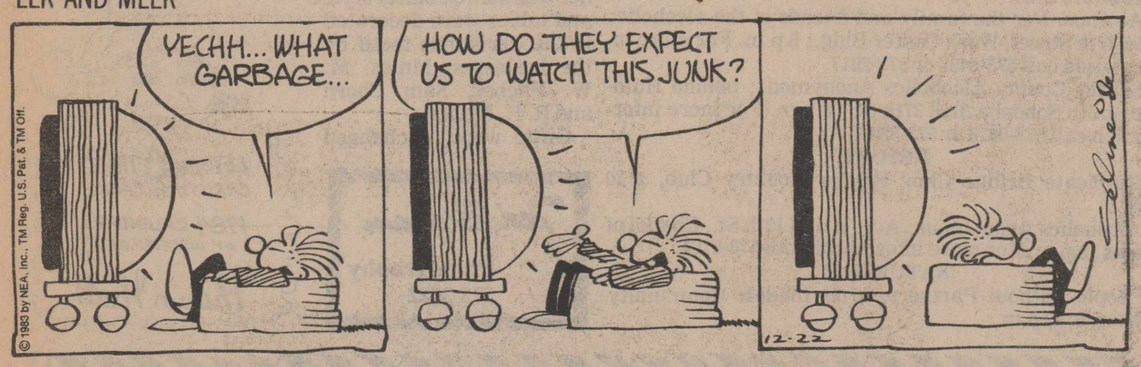
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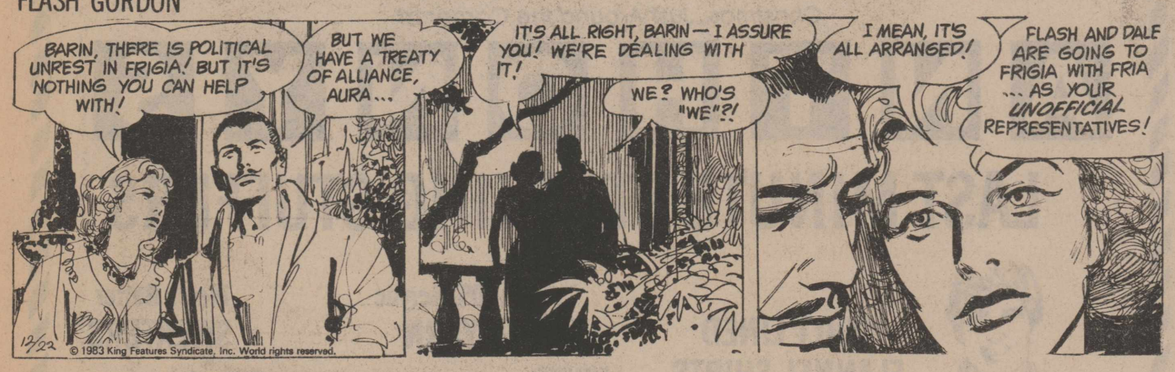
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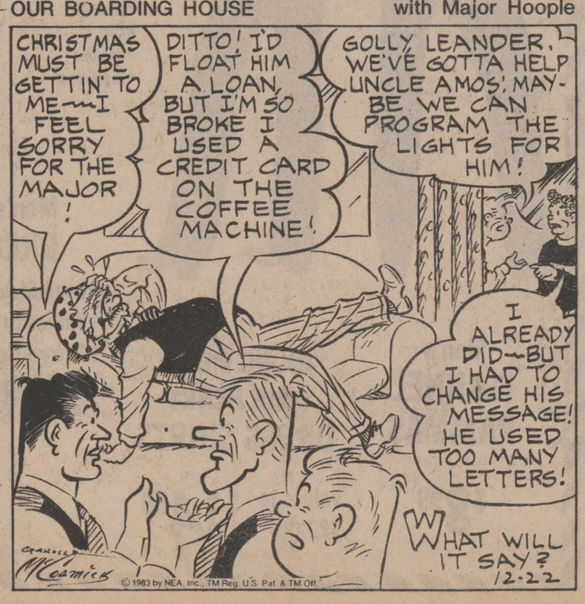
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23 Egg producer
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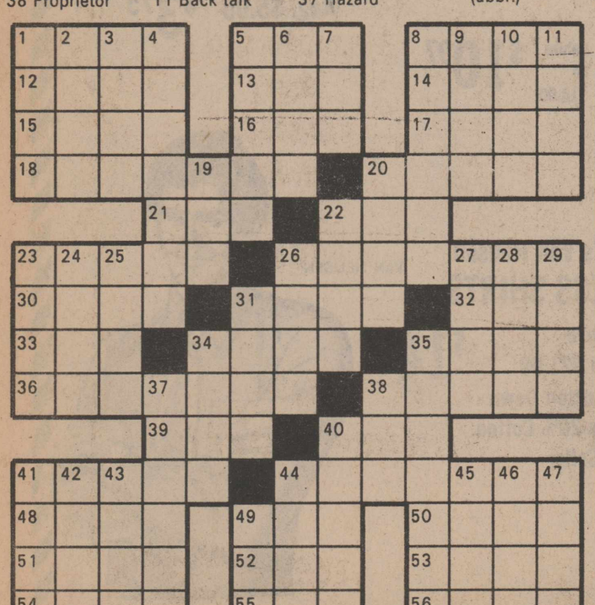
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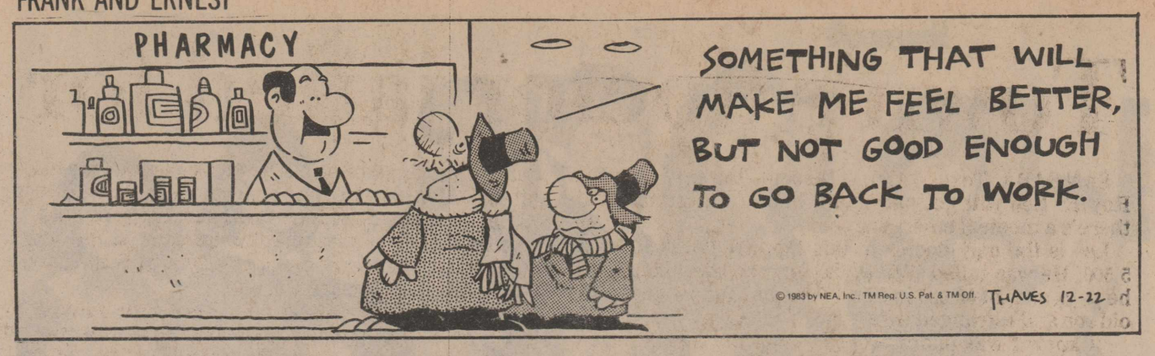
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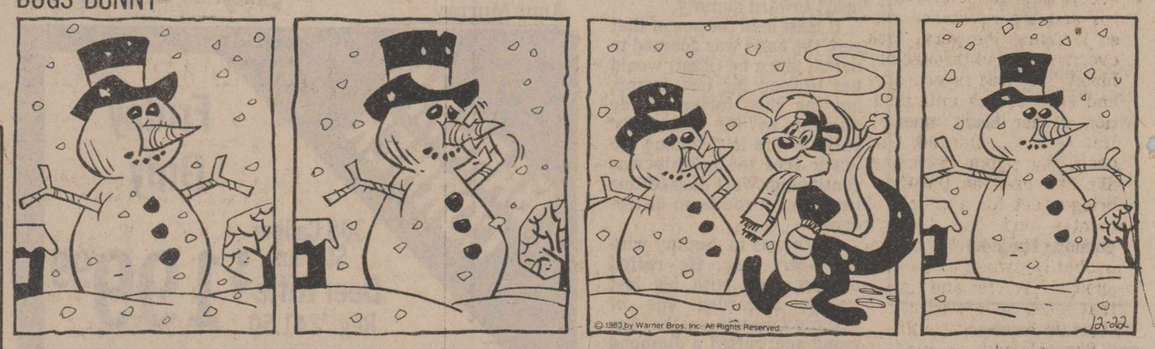
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Workers put final touches

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — As honking motorists jockey for parking spaces in Manger Square, workers string tinsel on a tree and a choir of nuns rehearses for the celebration of Christmas in the town where Christ was born.

Some shopkeepers are muttering about low sales, but despite Middle East tensions Mayor Elias Freij said he expects as many as 7,000 pilgrims to congregate Christmas Eve in front of the Church of the Nativity — 2,000 more than last year.

The highlight of the festivities will be the midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church, adjacent to the Church of the Nativity.

"We wish to have peace in the Holy Land," said Freij, a Palestinian Christian, "and to bring an end to the suffering of the Palestinian people, so that Arabs and Israelis can move from a cycle of hatred and violence and fighting to one where they can live in peaceful coexistence."

Evidence of Arab-Israeli hostility was nearby, mixing with the festive atmosphere almost like an afterthought.

As the nuns practiced their carols inside the Church of the Nativity, about 15 Israeli soldiers stood guard with automatic rifles in the courtyard outside. On the road from Bethlehem other Israeli soldiers checked motorists heading north to Jerusalem.

Freij said in a recent interview that this town of 20,000 people spends the equivalent of about $20,000 getting ready for Christmas. He suggested this was not enough and complained about a lack of donations from international organizations.

"I saw on television where someone in Texas put 50,000 bulbs on a single tree. This is the Christmas capital. I'm not satisfied with what we do."

He gestured toward the 30-foot tree with its meager strings of tinsel and multi-colored lights on Manger Square. "But we can't afford to do better," he said.

Freij said he expects tourism this year to be 20 percent higher than last year because of Israel's lessening involvement in the war in Lebanon, where Israel has pulled its troops to more secure positions in the south.

But on Manger Square, merchants complained that business so far has not been good.

"I can tell you now, it's going to be a bad Christmas," said Nadia Yousef, manager of Abu Aita and Sons souvenir shop. "There's almost no tourism at all." Nevertheless, Yousef's shop is stocking up on camelwood rosary beads and Joseph and Mary broaches.

"So far this year it's very quiet," said Susan Howard of Freij's Pearl Works, which is owned by the mayor. "We still have a few days, but I think it will be very special because it is so quiet."



STEPHEN G. GRESSETT

Gressett earns high honors

Stephen G. Gressett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Gressett of 2705 28th, has been named the Outstanding Engineering Sophomore in the Department of Petroleum Engineering at Texas Tech University.

This award is given to the highest ranking student by the Texas Tech Chapter of Tau Beta Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society.

In addition to this award, Gressett recently received a $1,000 scholarship from Marathon Oil Company for the 1983-84 academic year.

He has been named to the President's and Dean's Honor List each semester during his 1982-83 school year.

Gressett is a 1982 graduate of Snyder High School.

Makers will repair pistols

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Consumer Product Safety Commission says two makers of pellet pistols have agreed to repair about 200,000 pistols which could fire accidentally if dropped.

Affected are about 172,000 Smith & Wesson and about 25,500 Daisy carbon dioxide pellet pistols, the commission said. The pistols were sold nationally for about $60 each.

The commission said Wednesday the models affected are Smith & Wesson models 78G and 79G made between 1970 and 1980, and Daisy models 780 and 790 made from 1980 through 1982. Both groups of pistols have lot numbers beginning in C, F, G, L, LG, M or Q. Those with the letter D on the butt are not included.

Daisy Manufacturing Co. is handling all the repairs for both firms. Owners of the pistols should send them to the Service Department, Daisy Manufacturing Co., 2111 South 8th St., Rogers, Ark., 72756.



FIVE-YEAR-PIN--Danny Morales, co-manager of TG&Y, recently presented a five-year service pin to Cheryl Bouher. (TG&Y Photo)



GOLD COAT OFFICERS — New officers for the Snyder Gold Coat organization include Ben Brock (right), president; and (from left) Danny Lunsford, vice president; and Wedge Turner, secretary-treasurer. (SDN Staff Photo)

Blaze destroys home of Gene Kelly, family

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Pajama-clad entertainer Gene Kelly was saved by smoke alarms and his son from a Christmas tree fire that destroyed their home early today, and he described the blaze as "disastrous."

Firefighters said Kelly's 21-year-old son Tim braved a flame-filled stairwell to awaken Kelly, 71, and guide him down rear stairs to safety. His 19-year-old daughter Bridget also escaped unharmed.

"He did one heck of a job," fire Capt. Mike Smollen said of Tim Kelly, who suffered minor facial burns and singed hair. He was treated at the scene, Smollen said. The elder Kelly was ininjured.

One firefighter also suffered a "bad gash" on his arm and was being treated, he said.

The three Kellys were the only people in the house; Kelly's wife is deceased. Smollen said Bridget saved the family's dogs from the back yard.

The son and daughter had been in downstairs bedrooms, while Kelly was upstairs, Smollen said.

When firefighters arrived, the family was standing on the center divider of mansion-studded Rodeo Drive watching the flames.

"I think they were more shocked than frightened," Smollen said. "They said, 'Everyone's out. Don't worry about us.'"

He said flames were leaping over the front stairway to Kelly's room when Tim went up to awaken his father. By the time they started down, the stairwell was fully engulfed in flames, so they retreated to a back staircase, Smollen said.

Kelly declined to elaborate on the fire when questioned by a reporter, describing it only as "disastrous."

"We're going to a friend's house now," Kelly told a firefighter.

"Had it not been for the smoke alarms, I'm afraid we would have lost the family," Smollen said, adding that it wasn't immediately known what ignited the Christmas tree in the living room.

"The tree wasn't in water," Smollen noted. He said Christmas tree fires generate such intense heat that "an entire room can go in a minute or two."

Tim Kelly carried out a pewter beer stein filled with charred currency. "Sometimes they can identify the money and replace it," said a firefighter, who hurried off without giving his name.

The flames almost entirely burned away the home's front wall, exposing the insides of rooms. The roof appeared to be mostly intact. The living room was completely blackened.

"The home appears to be a total loss," police Sgt. Robert Curtis said. He said five engine companies responded to the fire at about 1:30 a.m. The blaze was controlled by 1:53 a.m., he said.

Fire engineer Jim Grove said the damage was estimated at $350,000, but the value of the contents destroyed had yet to be figured.

A private security guard kept spectators and reporters away from the property and family members.

Kelly is best known for his breezy singing and dancing in such classic films as "For Me and My Gal," with Judy Garland, "An American in Paris" and "Singin' in the Rain."

Second case is confirmed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration says a second case of toxic shock syndrome is confirmed among users of a new contraceptive sponge.

FDA Spokeswoman Susan Cruzan said Wednesday a woman previously suspected of having toxic shock syndrome was diagnosed as having the disease.

Because of a potential link between the disease and the new contraceptive sponge, sold under the brand name Today, the agency announced stepped-up monitoring of reports of adverse effects that may be associated with the devices.

The tracks of animals and people can linger for years on the gravel flats between the dunes in the Namib Desert. In one place, the 30-year-old traces of the vehicle of a diamond prospector still show plainly.

Markets
Midday stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	37½	37⅛	37⅛
Amer Can	48	47¾	47¾
Ameritech wi	65⅛	65	65⅛
Am Motors	7	6⅞	6⅞
Amer T&T	63⅜	63⅛	63⅛
Amer T&T wi	18⅜	18¼	18⅜
ArmcoInc	21¼	21	21¼
AtlRichfld	42⅜	42	42¼
BancTexas	5⅞	5¾	5¾
BellAtlan wi	66⅝	66¼	66⅝
BellSouth wi	85¼	84½	85⅛
Beth Steel	28⅛	27¾	28
Borden	57¼	56½	57¼
CaterpTr	48⅜	48	48⅛
Centel	33⅝	33⅜	33⅝
Chrysler	28	27½	27⅝
CocaCola	55	54⅝	54⅞
DiamShm	19½	19⅛	19⅜
DowChem	31⅝	31¼	31½
DressrInd	19⅜	19⅛	19¼
East Kodak	74¾	74⅜	74¾
EDS s	35½	35¼	35¼
Enserch s	21¼	21	21
Entex	19¾	19½	19¾
Exxon	37¼	36⅞	37
Firestone	22¼	22⅛	22¼
FtBcpTex	18⅛	17¾	18⅛
FordMot s	44	43¼	43⅝
GAF Corp	16½	16⅜	16⅜
GTE Corp	43½	43¼	43⅜
GnDynam	57⅝	57¼	57¼
GenlElect s	58⅝	57⅞	58¼
Gen Food	52½	52⅜	52½
Gen Motors	74⅜	74⅛	74¼
Goodyear	29⅝	29½	29⅝
GtAtlPac	11⅜	11¼	11¼
Gulf Oil	42⅞	42⅝	42⅞
Haliburtn	38	37⅝	37⅞
HarteHnk s	23¾	23⅛	23¾
Holiday Inn	48¾	48	48⅝
HoustInd	20	19¾	19⅞
HughesTl	20¾	20½	20⅝
Interfst	16½	16⅜	16½
IBM	124⅛	123⅞	124
Intl Harv	12⅞	12¾	12¾
Int Paper	60	59¾	59⅞
Jeff Pilot	37½	37⅜	37⅜
JohnsJn	41⅜	41	41⅛
K mart	33⅞	33½	33⅞
KrogerCo	35¼	34¾	35
LTV Corp	17¾	17⅝	17¾
Lifemark s	35¾	34⅞	35¾
Litton Ind	70½	69½	69⅞
LoneSta Ind	28	27¾	27¾
May DStr	53	52⅞	53
Merck Co	91¾	91	91½
Mobil	28⅝	28⅛	28⅝
Monsanto	109⅝	108½	109⅜
Motorola	133¾	132¾	133¼
NabiscoBrd	41¼	40⅞	41
NYNEX wi	61⅛	61	61⅛
PacifTel wi	56⅝	56⅜	56½
Penney JC	57⅛	56½	57
Phelps Dod	25	25	25
PhillpsPet	33⅝	33⅜	33⅜
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StdOilInd	48⅛	48	48⅛
StdOilOh	43	42¾	43
SunComp	42⅝	42⅜	42⅜
Tenneco	40⅝	40⅛	40⅜
Texaco Inc	35⅝	35½	35½
TexComBn	41½	40⅞	41½
TexEastn	54⅜	54¼	54⅜
TexNMexPw	26	26	26
TexOGas	46	45	45¾
Tex Util	25½	25¼	25⅜
Trane	43	42½	42½
TylerCp	28½	28⅜	28⅜
Un Carbide	63⅞	63⅜	63⅜
UnPacCp	50⅛	49¾	50
US Steel	29⅝	29⅜	29⅝
USWest wi	57½	57¼	57⅜
UniTel	21⅜	20⅞	20⅞
Unocal	30⅛	29⅞	30⅛
WalMart s	38⅝	36¾	38⅜
Westgh El	55¼	54¾	55¼
Xerox Cp	50½	49¼	49½
Zenith R	35	34¼	35

Cotton

NEW YORK (AP) - Cotton futures No. 2 were higher at midday dealings today.

The average prices for strict low middling 1 & 1-16 inch spot cotton declined 49 points to 72.16 cents a pound Wednesday for the eight markets, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.

Midday prices were $1.25 to $1.95 a bale higher than the previous close. Mar 77.94, May 79.14, Jul 79.77, Oct 74.89, Dec 73.35, Mar and May .

HOSPITAL NOTES

ADMISSIONS: Ross Williams, Rt. 2; Effie Kenney, 423 28th St.; Darla Gray, 100 37th St.; Janet Monroe, 3100 Hill Ave.; Autris Thompson, Rt. 2; Maria Martinez, Box 502; and Lela Carmichael, Star Rt., Fluvanna.

DISMISSALS: Robert Mitchell, Gloria Howe, Margaret Rice, Virgil Walton, Carol Alexander, Abby Davis, Billie Dupuy, Cecil Ham, Tiffany Nations, James Wolf, Johnny Thompson, Ola Mae Myers, and Connie Vincent.

BIRTHS

Janet and Michael Monroe are parents of a baby girl born at 7:19 p.m. on Dec. 21 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 9¼ ounces.

High visibility led to terrorist attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — A decision by Marine commanders to emphasize high visibility for peacekeeping troops in Beirut — over ensuring their safety — led to the truck bombing that killed 241 servicemen, a congressional investigation concludes.

Leaders on the ground, lacking clear guidance from their superiors in the chain of command, found that their mission to provide a "presence" as part of the multinational force often conflicted with security considerations, the report said.

"This conflict lay at the center of many of the decisions made by the Marines that led to inadequate security and laid the Marine compound open to the kamikaze attack that was to come," said a 78-page report issued Wednesday by the House Armed Services investigations subcommittee.

The full report, which drew on testimony the panel obtained in eight days of hearings in Beirut and Washington, supplemented a five-page "summary of findings and conclusions" made public Monday.

Col. Timothy J. Geraghty, commander of the 1,800-member Marine amphibious unit in Beirut at the time of the Oct. 23 explosion, was accused in the summary of making "serious errors in judgment in failing to provide better protection for his troops."

The full report said:

"Col. Geraghty is a dedicated and talented officer who was given a difficult mission that, as he interpreted it, became increasingly more difficult to perform without exposing the Marines under his command to significant death or injury.

"This is not a case of dereliction of duty, or of neglect. But it is a case of misjudgment with the most serious consequences."

Geraghty, who returned with his unit to Camp Lejeune, N.C., earlier this month, has not been available for comment.

"The origins of this attitude that visibility took precedence over security remains obscure," the report said, but there was no evidence that it had been forced upon the Marines by the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. In fact, it said, the ambassador wanted his own facility turned into a fortress.

But, the panel said, Geraghty and his predecessor in Beirut, Brig. Gen. James Mead, "argued forcefully on behalf of visibility even now. It appears that the Marine commanders, recognizing correctly that their mission was primarily political and not a traditional military one, determined to be more diplomatic than the diplomats."

The report said Mead told the panel: "I am concerned if you go into a mole-like atmosphere and dig deep and don't go out amongst the population, I am concerned about morale and concerned about the accomplishment of the mission."

It said the Marines "received insufficient direction from above on how to interpret" their mission and noted testimony that although a stream of high-ranking officers visited their positions, none questioned the adequacy of security arrangements.

News reports have said the truck was believed to be carrying 5,000 pounds of explosives, but FBI experts who examined the damage told the subcommittee that they placed the force of the blast conservatively as equivalent to 12,000 pounds of TNT.

They also said cylinders of gas had been wrapped around the device to enhance the explosive effect.

A separate five-member investigating panel appointed by Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger questioned many of the same witnesses as the House subcommittee, and sources have said it is believed to have reached many of the same conclusions in its report, which it submitted Tuesday.

Chief Pentagon spokesman Michael I. Burch said he hopes an unclassified version of the study can be made public in a few days.

Captain says he gave order

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A sheriff's captain admitted to a jury that he ordered the destruction of an unknown substance found in a judge's car because he believed it was "a setup."

Capt. Willie Hill testified in his own behalf Wednesday at his trial on charges of tampering with evidence. Prosecutors allege he ordered the disposal of a suspicious white powdery substance found in El Paso County Judge Pat O'Rourke's car.

Jurors deliberated for 1½ hours Wednesday night without reaching a verdict. They were told by State District Judge Sam Callan to resume deliberations today.

Hill told the jury he ordered the unknown substance destroyed because he believed it was planted to discredit a witness in a federal investigation involving the county jail.

"I could see it was a setup. I could see the whole plan in my mind," Hill said.

He said one of the two deputies who discovered the substance last February was a key witness in a federal grand jury investigation into alleged inmate beatings at the El Paso County Jail in 1981.

Hill said Deputy Dwight Jefferson testified against jailers, three of whom were indicted last week on charges of beating inmates, and "was very unpopular."

"I had calls telling me they were going to kill a soul brother," Hill said, explaining that he thought people planted the substance in O'Rourke's car because they knew Jefferson would be working on the vehicle and would find the substance. Both Hill and Jefferson are black.

Hill, an 11½-year veteran of the sheriff's department, was indicted in October on misdemeanor charges of official misconduct and tampering with evidence.

Callan dismissed the official misconduct charge Wednesday before the case went to the jury.

Jefferson and Deputy Jim Boykin have said they found the suspicious substance, which they believed to be heroin, inside a condom while they were installing a two-way radio in O'Rourke's car.

The two men said that when they told Hill of the discovery he ordered it destroyed.

Hill said Wednesday he did not believe the substance was evidence in any investigation and only wanted to protect Jefferson.

He said he feared Jefferson would go to jail if anyone knew of the substance and said Jefferson would be killed in jail.

"He'd be dead today," he said.

Jefferson and Boykin were granted immunity from prosecution in return for testimony against Hill.

Under cross-examination, prosecutor Tom Roepke asked Hill if he ordered the substance destroyed for political reasons, pointing out that Hill was a "political and personal friend" of O'Rourke.

He asked Hill if his judgment was "influenced more by political considerations than by your intention to uphold the law?"

Roepke also asked Hill if he would order a substance be destroyed if it were found in an automobile that had just been involved in a traffic accident.



DAVID W. LOFTON

Lofton named top student

David W. Lofton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Lofton of 2911 Avenue V, has been named the Outstanding Engineering Sophomore in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Texas Tech University.

This award is given to the highest ranking student by the Texas Tech Chapter of Tau Beta Pi on the basis of exemplary academic achievement during the 1982-83 school year.

Lofton is a 1982 graduate of Snyder High School and has been named to the Dean's and President's Honor Lists.

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Town's doctor jailed for back family support

SAN SABA, Texas (AP) — It seems the only way Dr. Roy E. Lee will get out of jail before Christmas is if there's a medical emergency.

Lee is the only doctor in this Central Texas town of 5,500. He was jailed Wednesday and ordered held until he pays almost $5,000 in family support for his 4½-year-old son and estranged wife.

"I knew I was under orders to pay the money, but I couldn't make it and I didn't have the money," Lee told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from the jail Wednesday night.

"There's a lot of people in town that could go pay that money," Lee said. "They might take up a collection in a New York second, but I wouldn't be about to let them do that."

Lee said he was "chagrined by this and concerned about my patients."

Sheriff Brantley Barker told the AP that if there's a "real emergency," the San Saba Clinic is under orders to give the sheriff a call and he will deliver the doctor.

"The hospital's about a mile from the jail. I had one emergency today, and I carried the doctor up there. A small child had a finger broken and needed to be seen about right quick. I did take him up there," Barker said.

Lee said the jailing took him by surprise. He said he had been ordered to pay the support money in a Dec. 7 court order. In addition to the $1,500 support for his son and $2,500 for his wife, Lee also has been ordered to pay $750 in attorneys' fees and $43 in court costs, he said.

Wadene Ivy, assistant administrator at the clinic, criticized the contempt of court jailing by State District Judge D.V. Hammond of Burnett.

"Small hospitals have a very hard time getting by. Dr. Lee is the sole doctor up here. I wish he (Hammond) could have confined him to the hospital or something," Ms. Ivy said.

"We've been running back and forth to jail to talk to the doctor," she said. "We're trying to set up a special line to the jail. He'll be in jail for Christmas and that will break our hearts. It will break our backs and this will probably put us out of business."

Thirteen patients were in the hospital Wednesday, two of them in serious condition after heart attacks, said Ms. Ivy. Lee also cared for 100 patients at two local nursing homes.

"We're just holding our breath at this time," she said. "We're just praying we don't have anything serious. We would normally ship all our patients out to Brownwood, but the roads are so bad (from Wednesday's ice storm), we can't do that."

Lee said it's unlikely he can get the support money together if he's in jail.

"They say I'll be here until I get that money paid. I'm making an awful lot of money in jail, so it shouldn't be too long, do you think?" he asked.

Lee said his wife and son lived with him in San Saba until a separation several months ago. They are now in Harris County, Lee said. Before moving to San Saba about four years ago, they lived in the Houston suburb of Pasadena, where Lee practiced for 13 years, he said.

Lee said he would remain in jail "unless my ship comes in, and the way the weather is looking, I'm not sure it is.

"The way they're talking," he said, "I'm not so sure Santa is even going to make it."



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb,M.D.

Diet weakens system

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — A month ago my 54-year-old sister died suddenly. The doctor said she had meningitis and her resistance was so low that the germ took over and spread through her blood. It caused myocarditis and endocarditis inflammation of her heart muscles. Her heart enlarged and could not pump the blood. She had been on the Cambridge Diet for a couple of months and had lost 20 pounds. The doctor said she probably wasn't getting enough protein and losing that much weight in such a short time was not healthy.

She also was on medication for high blood pressure and was not under his care while dieting.

She was tired one day, and three days later she died. Please warn your readers about diets.

DEAR READER — I can understand why you are upset and appreciate your effort to help others with your experience. However, I can't really say that the Cambridge Diet caused your sister's death. A severe bacterial disease caused her death.

But any diet resulting in rapid weight loss has the potential to decrease a person's resistance to a variety of infections and also causes a decrease in the body's capacity to synthesize new protein. There may be other dietary deficiencies under these circumstances that can contribute to the problem.

The example of extremely unwise dieting is, of course, the victim of anorexia: the girl who refuses to eat to the point that she endangers her life or may even die.

But you don't necessarily have to go to extremes with a diet to end up having problems. A study by the University of Minnesota showed that healthy young men who were on a diet that contained more than 1,600 calories a day and provided all of the necessary proteins still had problems.

They were physically active and their calories and nutritional requirements were in excess of the diet available to them. As a result, they lost a lot of weight. Some of them lost their hair. Their personalities changed. They were intolerant to cold, wounds healed poorly and their sexual capacity diminished.

More of the problems associated with unwise dieting are included in The Health Letter 16-2, Dangerous Dieting, which I am sending to you. Others who want this issue can send 75 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Is there a medical condition that causes venereal blood tests to be positive without the person having venereal disease? My youngest daughter has this condition. Her doctor does not suggest treatment. Neither does the local health department. This is a source of embarrassment to her and us.

DEAR READER — Yes, it is possible for the blood test to be positive, which can create emotional trauma for patients. A number of transitory false positive tests occur with a variety of illnesses, including pneumonia. It also may occur after a smallpox vaccination.

A persistent false positive test may occur for a variety of autoimmune diseases, particularly lupus erythematosus. For this reason it is important that individuals with false positive tests have regular medical evaluations.

More than 1 percent of individuals older than 70, and 10 percent of people older than 80, have false positive tests for syphilis.

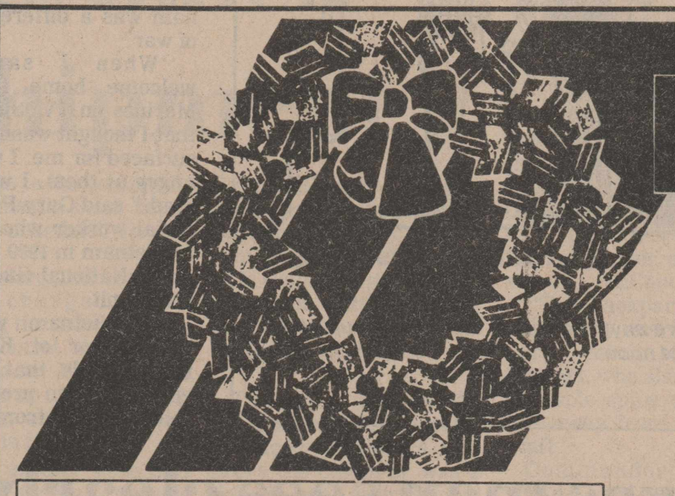
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Scientists know crucifixion date

LONDON (AP) — The exact date of Jesus Christ's crucifixion has been debated for centuries, but two British scientists say they have concluded with "reasonable certainty" that Christ died on Friday, April 3, in the year A.D. 33.

Colin J. Humphreys and W.G. Waddington, both of Oxford University, said in an article published today in the British science magazine Nature that they based their conclusion on astronomical calculations and biblical and historical references.

Humphreys works at Oxford's department of metallurgy and science of materials and Waddington at its department of astrophysics.

The scientists said they were able to reconstruct the Jewish calendar at the time and to date a lunar eclipse which the Bible and other historical sources suggest followed the crucifixion.

"If accepted," the scientists wrote, these calculations "allow the day, month and year of the crucifixion to be determined precisely."

The only certainty in the past about the date of Christ's crucifixion, they wrote, was that it occurred between A.D. 26 and A.D. 36, the 10 years Pontius Pilate was Roman procurator of Judaea.

"Nearly every year in this period has its advocates," they wrote, "while the day of the execution is also uncertain since there appears to be a difference of one day between the date given by the Gospel of John and that indicated by the Synoptics: Matthew, Mark and Luke."

They said all four gospels in the Bible agree that Jesus died a few hours before the start of the Jewish sabbath — nightfall on a Friday — and that, within a day, it was the time of the Passover, the annual Jewish feast held at the full moon.

They said Passover time was precisely specified in the official festival calendar of Judaea, used by the priests of the temple. Lambs were slaughtered between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on the 14th day of the Jewish month Nisan, which corresponds to March-April in the modern Western calendar.

The Passover meal began at moonrise that evening at the start of 15 Nisan.

Through a series of complicated and closely-reasoned calculations, the two scientists concluded that "Jesus died at the same time as the Passover lambs were slain. This is consistent with many New Testament statements such as 'Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,' " they wrote.

Party said too exclusive

HOUSTON (AP) — An exclusive New Year's Eve party at a plush downtown hotel turned out to be so exclusive no one made reservations to attend, forcing organizers to cancel the party.

It was to cost $600 per person and the evening would begin with a ride to the Lancaster Hotel in a chauffeured Rolls Royce, but no one made reservations.

Linda Hudson of downtown Houston's exclusive Lancaster Hotel, which had planned the promotion along with Ultra Magazine, said she had several people express interest.

But no one bought.

Once at the hotel, partygoers could share six cases of Dom Perignon, attend a performance of the Houston Symphony and chat at a private party at Houston's civic center.

Thousands of balloons, favors and confetti were to be available, along with musicians and mimes to entertain the 30 guests.

Once they retired to their rooms, the hotel was prepared to furnish personal terrycloth robes, embroidered with "New Year's Eve '83." Then brunch and a return trip home in the Rolls.

"I'm really sort of sorry about it," Ms. Hudson said Wednesday.

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Texas man sees clearly after special operation

HOUSTON (AP) — A 28-year-old accountant has left for Christmas in Pennsylvania, excited about the prospect of seeing his mother and other family members clearly for the first time in more than 20 years.

Brian Mader has had to wear unsightly thick glasses to correct severe nearsightedness. But he underwent a new type of surgery on the cornea last August, and when the bandages came off his right eye Monday, the operation appeared to have succeeded.

"I can hardly wait to see my mother's face when she realizes I can see hers without those glasses," Mader said Tuesday. "It'll be the best-ever Christmas for all of us."

His eyesight had been deteriorating since he was in the second grade, said Mader, who works as an accounting supervisor for Mobil Chemical Co. in Beaumont but who grew up in Philadelphia.

"My sight just got progressively worse," he said. "I'd get thicker glasses periodically but for awhile before I had the first operation I had terrible headaches when I'd work on all the financial statements for any length of time."

Mader was referred to Houston ophthalmologist Dr. Ralph G. Berkeley, who on Aug. 12 performed the first myopic keratomileusis operations in Texas.

The operation involves reshaping of the cornea through use of a computerized instrument. It corrected Mader's "almost blind" left eye and should do the same to his right eye once it's fully healed, Berkeley said.

"It's just a dream come true," Mader said after gazing clearly for the first time at his wife, Diana, and their 20-month-old son.

"Amazing, isn't it? I'm so thrilled I can hardly talk. Sometimes I get up in the morning and automatically reach for my glases because I couldn't find a thing without them before," he said.

Millions of Americans suffer from the same ailment and Berkeley, who has done 58 of the operations now, said he believes many could be helped.

In the operation, about half the thickness of the cornea — the dome-shaped outer part of the eye — is removed, then frozen, flattened, shaped properly and stitched back onto the eye. The cornea is about .003 of an inch thick, Berkeley said.

"All but two of the patients done here so far have benefitted enormously, some rather dramatically," Berkeley said. The two others are considering trying the operation again, he said.

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Images of Beirut trouble veterans

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Televised scenes of Marines climbing off ships from Beirut to be greeted by military bands and their families' open arms tug at the hearts of some Vietnam veterans.

Theirs was a different type of homecoming. Vietnam was a different kind of war.

"When I saw the welcome home for the Marines on TV, the anger that I thought wasn't there surfaced for me. I was not angry at them, I was just mad," said Gary Porter, a social worker who served in Vietnam in 1969 with an Army National Guard airborne unit.

One Vietnam veteran, now mayor of Kokomo, Ind., recalls that armed guards had to protect his returning unit from hostile demonstrators. Another, a circuit judge who was shot in the head in Vietnam, worries about "an unreasoned positive reaction" to U.S. military ventures.

For David A. Bochnowski, president of Peoples Federal Savings and Loan of East Chicago, Ind., the contrast in receptions accorded to Vietnam veterans a decade ago and to the Marines today is confusing.

"I believe we had weeks in Vietnam when more than 300 were killed, but yet you never had the bands, the families being consoled when those very brave men and women were killed," said Bochnowski, who served in Vietnam in 1970-71 as an Army adviser. "I'm used to it so it doesn't bother me, but it strikes me as very, very strange.

"War should never be glorified, but we've taken two extremes here," he added. "Those who lost their lives in Vietnam have been forgotten but those who lost their lives in Lebanon, rightfully so, should be cited and credited for their bravery. There seems to be a double standard."

Kokomo Mayor Steve Daily vividly recalls his re-entry into a country that disliked the war — and the men who fought it.

"I came back to the states under armed guard," Daily said. "When we got off the plane in Oakland, there were demonstrations and we needed protection to get into the processing center.

"When I came home, I didn't expect bands, banners and ticker tape parades. I did expect to come home to an appreciative, proud public, and except for friends in the VFW, family and a few close friends, I didn't receive that kind of homecoming at all."

For 90 percent of the veterans he sees, Porter said, the major source of stress is not the memory of combat but of coming home.

"Vietnam veterans have nightmares of combat, but no different from what veterans of other wars have," Porter said. "The lack of reception, the lack of acknowledgement of a job well done — that has never occurred in the United States."

But, he added, "maybe by us and our movement and our efforts, maybe part of it was to see that those Marines got that reception. It would be a nice thought if that is what happened."

At the Veterans Administration outreach center in Indianapolis, team leader and former Army infantryman Tom Harris said the Beirut homecomings have elicited mixed reaction from Vietnam veterans.

"We have people come in here, it makes their patriotism come out and makes them feel good, and others come in and say, here we go again," Harris said.

Tipton Circuit Judge Dane "Pat" Nash, who was shot in the head by North Vietnamese gunfire while piloting an Army helicopter gunship in 1967 — and who has a brother still listed as missing in action in Vietnam — is more worried than angered by the praise for Marines serving in Lebanon.

"I'm concerned about a martial spirit growing in this country, a fervor that could border on the dangerous," Nash said.

Faces of children prove existence of Santa Claus

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Jim Mattox said Wednesday "perhaps the most persuasive proof" of the existence of Santa Claus comes from the look on a child's face when the name of Santa is mentioned.

Mattox said he had been asked by Sen. Oscar Mauzy, D-Dallas, to determine whether there is legal evidence that, indeed, there is a Santa Claus.

"I do believe we have enough evidence to convince even the most skeptical youngster" that Santa Claus exists, Mattox said.

However, he said, "As adults, we only have to look at the nearest child when the name Santa is mentioned to know that he is more than just a mystical character.

"The very glow that comes over a child's face when he or she hears that Old St. Nick will soon be paying a visit testifies to his reality. Just watch a child in the presence of Santa at a local department store and you will have no doubt that he is real, very real, and alive in the hearts of millions.

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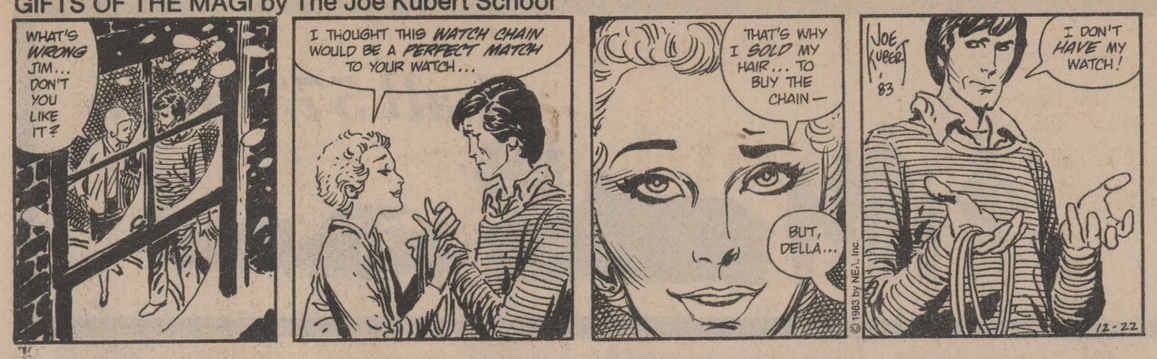
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Customs agents block components shipment

DENVER (AP) — Customs agents substituted concrete and an obscene message for a laser system en route to Moscow by way of a West German company believed to be a link in an scheme to send high technology equipment to the communist bloc, authorities say.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Spriggs revealed the actions Wednesday at a hearing for two men charged with trying to illegally ship components to "unfriendly nations."

A suburban Denver firm, International Consulting Group, had planned to ship the goods from Stapleton International Airport to a Munich firm for relay to the National Physics Institute in Moscow, Spriggs told U.S. Magistrate Royce Sickler.

But customs agents intercepted the goods Dec. 15, and the Soviets wound up with 700 pounds of concrete instead of a $53,700 krypton laser system for etching computer chips and a $113,000 seismometer for detecting nuclear explosions, Spriggs said.

He said the agents also included a message that said only, "--- you."

Norman Comerford, 38, the president of International Consulting Group, and Bruce Adamski, 30, the office manager, were arrested Tuesday — the same day that U.S. and West German agents raided the Munich firm and found papers showing the goods were bound for Moscow, Spriggs said.

A search Tuesday at ICG's headquarters in Englewood showed "about 80 additional shipments of air freight from Stapleton to points overseas," Spriggs said. He did not say if any of those shipments were to communist nations.

Sickler on Wednesday reduced Comerford's bond to $100,000 from $500,000 after his lawyer said Comerford, a British citizen who has lived in the United States since 1969, had many ties to the community. Adamski's bond hearing was scheduled for today.

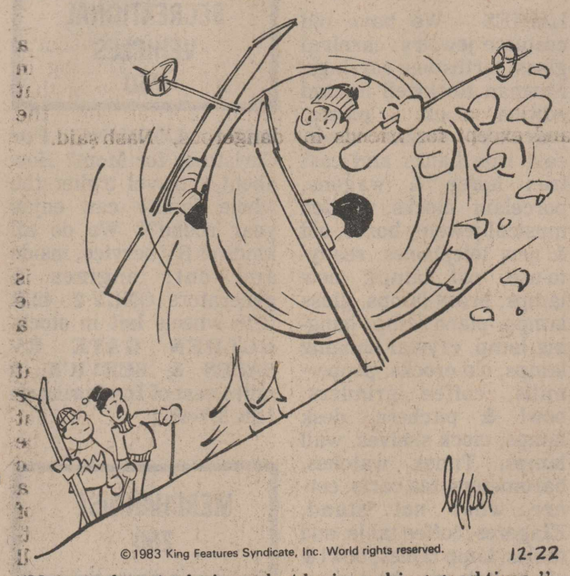
Comerford and Adamski were charged with violating the federal Munitions Control and Arms Export acts. If convicted, they face up to seven years in prison and more than $150,000 in fines.

Their arrests were part of the federal government's "Operation Exodus," launched by President Reagan in October 1981 to stem the flow of high technology from the United States to "unfriendly nations," according to Gary Hillberry, special agent in charge of U.S. Customs in Denver.

In fiscal 1983, which ended in October, 1,444 similar shipments worth about $86 million were seized in the United States, he said.

Tuesday's raid on the Munich firm, Sciencecare, produced documents that prove the company was a link in an international scheme to ship restricted high technology to the Soviet Union, officials said. Another West German firm, Helling KG of Hamburg, was also searched.

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"Not much on technique, but he is making good time."

President of Mexico optimistic about 1984

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President de la Madrid says the worst part of the nation's economic crisis is behind it, the official El Nacional newspaper reported Wednesday.

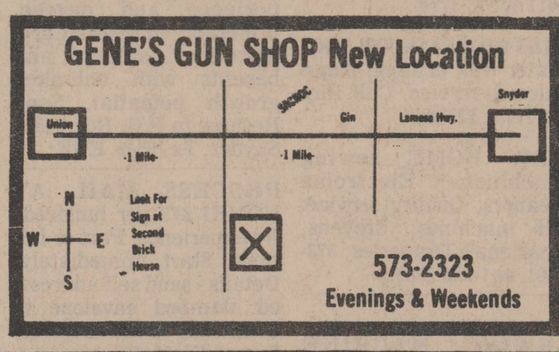
"The most difficult moments were those when Mexicans were doubting ourselves, when there were prophecies of disaster and of national bankruptcy," de la Madrid said in his speech to a private group of architects Tuesday. "The true crisis of a nation takes place when its members lose faith and confidence in their own destiny. However, we Mexicans have known how to confront economic difficulties with vigor and courage."

De la Madrid also said, "We are coming out of the crisi, but it's not the work of the government. It's the work of a nation. What the government must do is be worthy of the people it governs."

The president took office Dec. 1, 1982, in the midst of the worst economic crisis here in decades. Inflation topped 100 percent for 1982 and estimates are that at least one million Mexicans lost their jobs as the economy ground to a halt.

De la Madrid cautioned last month that the crisis was not over yet and Mexicans faced further sacrifices before it ends. The government has targeted 1984 as the year to bring inflation, expected to register officially for 1983 at 85 percent, down to 40 percent.

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Jet-powered backpack mission is not daring

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Bruce McCandless, who will be the first man to maneuver in space completely free of a space craft, says he's not worried about the maneuver.

McCandless and fellow astronaut Robert Stewart will propel themselves away from the space shuttle Challenger with powered backpacks during the next shuttle mission, scheduled to start Jan. 30.

"There's nothing bold about it and there's no particular danger or risk involved," McCandless said.

"The backpack is very easy to fly and the risk is very minimal," said Stewart, who also will take a couple spins out to 300 feet away from the space craft.

Commander Vance Brand, McCandless, Stewart and the other two crew members on the 10th shuttle mission, Robert Gibson and Ronald McNair, discussed the flight during an hour-long news conference Wednesday.

"Any time you do something new in space like this, there is a certain aura of boldness about it," Brand said. "But with NASA, we really don't do anything bold until we look at it six different ways. We simulate it and make very sure that we never paint ourselves into a corner."

Brand said the major goal is to deploy two commercial communications satellites for paying customers, Western Union and the Indonesian government.

The crew is also very excited by the other tasks planned during eight days in orbit Brand said. These include the backpack flying, a rendevous with a balloon satellite and the first landing back on earth on a 15,000-foot runway near the launch pad at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

"This flight will be a bridge to the next flight when a shuttle crew will attempt to retrieve and repair a satellite in orbit," Brand said.

To test the backpack for that flight, McCandless is to take three trips away from the shuttle and Stewart is to test it twice during a two-spacewalk periods lasting about six hours each. These will be on the fifth and seventh days of the mission.

"We'll start out testing its handling characteristics close to the shuttle bay, within 40 to 50 feet," McCandless said. "Then we'll gradually work our way out to 150 feet and then 300 feet."

The backpack is called an MMU, for manned maneuvering unit. Two of the units are aboard but only one will be used at a time. When McCandless is flying it, Stewart will be in the open cargo bay, wearing a regular spacewalking suit, ready to assist, and vice versa.

If something goes wrong and one of them is unable to steer himself to Challenger, Brand and pilot Gibson are trained to fly up and rescue.

"If one is stranded out there 100 yards or more away, we'll just drive very slowly up and he can grab up to something on the bay or the other crewman back there can grab on and help him in," Brand said.

"This is a very critical test to the future of the program. They're not going to get out there more than 300 feet and we're not going to let them out of our sight."

Each MMU has two complete control systems and the thrust of the jet is so low there is no possibility an astronaut could be sent spinning out of control, McCandless said.

Someday a new network of navigational satellites known as the Global Positioning System may give drivers their location almost instantly. National Geographic says automakers already are testing dashboard navigators that show drivers where they are, and someday a voice synthesizer could tell them their location and where to turn.

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