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Cambodia...

Vietnamese invade resistance camp

NONG SAMET, Thailand (AP) — Backed by artillery and mortar fire, Vietnamese troops and tank units swept into the largest Cambodian resistance camp today, setting it afire and battling a guerrilla counterattack, Thai military and guerrilla officials said.

Some 61,000 Cambodian refugees from the Rithisen camp watched huge columns of smoke rising above their former homes from temporary shelters near this Thai border village.

Lia Ne, the camp guerrilla leader, told newsmen the defenders of Rithisen had split up into groups of 20 to 30 soldiers and were counterattacking the Vietnamese, who moved at least five tanks into the camp.

Ne, who belongs to the anti-communist Khmer People's National Liberation Front, claimed the guerrillas had been able to retake a northern section of the sprawling camp which is set on a sparsely forested plain near the Thai frontier.

The Vietnamese launched their attack Tuesday, and Bun Soi, a minister of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front, said by telephone earlier today from near Rithisen: "The condition is tense and serious there."

The Vietnamese also were reported attacking Ampil, another of the guerrilla group's camps, but as of late Tuesday had not been able to breach its defenses, Bun said.

Rithisen's 61,000 civilian inhabitants reportedly fled into Thai territory after Vietnamese artillery barrages began Tuesday.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said today that its doctors were treating Cambodian wounded from four camps, but did not elaborate.

Thai military sources, speaking on the condition they not be identified, said casualties among the Cambodians were heavy because of intense Vietnamese artillery barrages. They also said Soviet-built T-54 tanks were used against Rithisen and Ampil.

The attacks were Hanoi's most intense since this year's dry season campaign began in mid-November.

The Vietnamese, who invaded Cambodia in late 1978 and later installed a pro-Hanoi regime under Heng Samrin, are fighting three major resistance groups: the communist Khmer Rouge they deposed, the noncommunist Khmer People's National Liberation Front and a faction loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

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Texas oilman 'alive'...

Probe begins into cause of air crash

MARBLE FALLS, Texas (AP) — Federal authorities began their investigation today into what caused the crash of a twin-engine plane belonging to Texas rancher-oilman Clinton Manges that killed the pilot of the aircraft.

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board in Fort Worth and the Federal Aviation Administration flight standards district office in San Antonio began their investigations today, said FAA spokesman Walter Ernst.

"We look at such things as the certification of the airman, the certification of the plane, whether airport safety was involved," Ernst said. "The NTSB determines probable cause."

Tommy McFall, air safety specialist with the NTSB, said NTSB chief investigator Warren Wandell was enroute to the scene, where he would be studying a number of possible causes to the crash.

"He will be looking at the condition of the aircraft, its history and what human factors may have been involved," McFall said.

The victim, whose body was burned beyond recognition, was identified as Manges' pilot, Ray McClellan, 50, of Horseshoe Bay in Llano County, said Department of Public Safety spokesman Larry Todd.

Manges' wife, Ruth, told the Associated Press her husband was alive.

"We're just glad to report it's not Clinton. He's fine. He called me," Mrs. Manges said early today.

Malou Manges, 20, said she talked to her father by telephone from Houston almost four hours after the accident.

The twin-engine Cessna Conquest crashed and exploded at about 8:20 p.m. Tuesday night at the T.P. Ranch northwest of Austin, Todd said.

Todd said the 10-passenger plane was identified as belonging to Manges by the craft's tail number, which is N441CM. He said it was registered to the Clinton Manges Oil and Refining Co. of Austin.

Manges is a principal owner of the San Antonio Gunslingers of the United States Football League and he has ranching, banking and oil interests in South Texas.

The foreman of the ranch where the plane went down heard the plane overhead and thought it was flying too low, said Llano County Constable Tom Hall.

"He said he knew it sounded too low. He saw the glow on impact, an orange glow under the fog," said Hall.

The plane came to a stop near a small clump of oak trees after skidding some 300 yards, Hall said. The site of the crash is about one-quarter of a mile from the airport in Horseshoe Bay in Llano County.

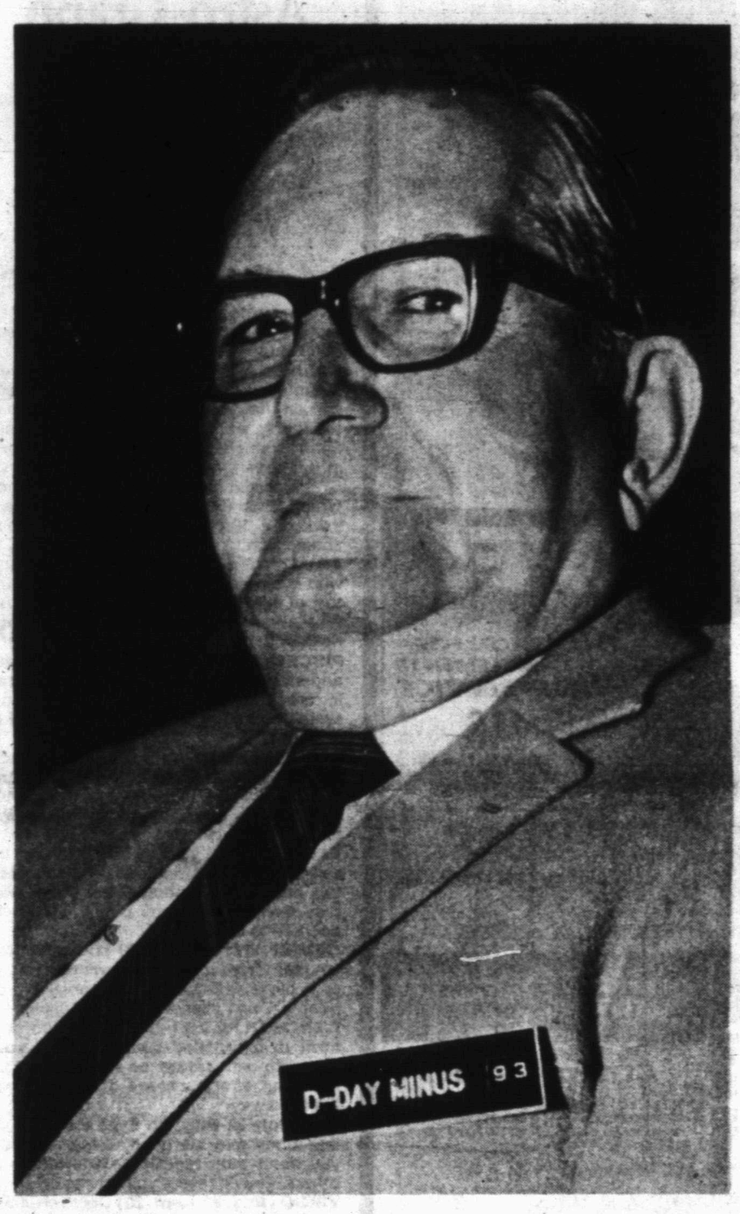
Hall said there was no evidence to indicate there was more than one person in the plane when it crashed.

Yuletide Eve fire reported

Fire and smoke damage was reported to an east Snyder residence following a blaze at 9:25 p.m. Monday — Christmas Eve.

According to reports, a chair, floor and wall in the living room of an apartment at 3300 Cherry St. sustained damage before local firemen were able to douse the fire.

The apartment was said owned by Bill Ward and currently rented by Ronnie Hester. Smoke damage was reported throughout the structure.



AND COUNTING — Henry Clark, manager for Texas Electric Service Company here since 1965, will end 35 years with the company this coming March 29. In expectation of his retirement, he now wears this countdown pin — and effective Wednesday he still has 93 days to go. (SDN Staff Photo)

Honors for Holt Friday

A come and go reception in honor of retiring District Judge Wayland G. Holt is planned from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday at the Scurry County Courthouse.

It is being jointly sponsored by the Scurry County Bar Association and the officers of the 132nd District Court.

Holt, 69, officially announced his intent to retire almost one year ago — indicating at that time he would not be a candidate for re-election.

His criminal justice career spans some 33 years — the last 15 as district judge of the 132nd District Court.

He entered public life locally

See HOLT, page 14

Chamber balloting date nears

Friday is the final day ballots may be mailed to vote for four expiring positions on the Snyder Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

These ballots have previously been mailed to all chamber members. A special board meeting has been called Dec. 31 to canvass the votes.

Four names were submitted by the chamber's nominating committee and a fifth name proposed by petition. Under the chamber's bylaws, an election is required only if names other than those submitted by the committee are offered.

The five individuals now nominated are Margaret Drum, owner of Margaret's; Tom Latos, manager of Kmart; Mike Banta, a vice president with American State Bank; Gene Thomas, superintendent for SACROC and a current chamber director appointed to serve out an unexpired term; and Donna Gray, owner of Snyder Book Store and Gifts and the candidate whose name was submitted by petition.

Terms for the directors will begin Jan. 1. Serving as chamber president during 1985 will be Roy Baze.

Strait performance tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale at three Snyder locations for the SCOOP benefit concert by country and western singer George Strait.

Strait is scheduled to appear in the Scurry County Coliseum Jan. 17 — a Thursday.

Ticket prices are $10 in advance and $12 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased locally at Bar-H-Bar Western Wear, Boss & Hoss and the Clothes Line. Tickets are being sold also in Post, Lamesa, Sweetwater, Colorado City and Big Spring.

Sponsoring the performance locally are members of Scurry County Options and Opportunities for People (SCOOP). The group is active in trying to establish a home here for abused or neglected teenage girls.

After several years playing what is called the "honky tonk" circuit, Straight has recorded such Top 10 hit songs as "Amarillo By Morning," "Fool Hearted Memory," "A Fire I Can't Put Out" and "Right or Wrong."

His most recent single is "Let's Fall To Pieces Together."

The 32-year-old Strait is married and lives with his wife and two children near San Marcos.



GEORGE STRAIT
...to sing here...

Pair of a.m. wrecks end holiday mishaps

Two rural motor vehicle accidents Wednesday morning capped the Christmas Holiday here — a period which had Snyder-based Department of Public Safety highway patrolmen investigating four mishaps, none of them major.

The intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and the Ennis Creek Road was the scene of Wednesday's first accident at 7:05 a.m.

Involved in it were a 1976 Chevrolet pickup and trailer driven by Rufus Odell Hart of Snyder and a 1985 Jeep driven by Dennis Joseph Dovey of Brownwood.

According to reports, Hart was crossing U.S. 84 when his vehicle was struck by the Dovey vehicle northbound on 84.

Debra Franklin of Brownwood, a passenger in the Dovey vehicle, sustained minor injuries described as a bump on the head in that accident.

Wednesday morning's second mishap was reported on U.S. Highway 180 west of Snyder in Borden County and DPS patrolmen reported that it was also a minor incident.

The accident report was incomplete at noon Wednesday, but patrolmen indicated that a woman travelling alone had skidded on ice on an overpass and collided with a guard rail. No serious injuries were noted.

The first mishap of the holiday

See ACCIDENTS, page 14

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "From hearing everyone talk, supermarkets had better beware. Everyone's going on a diet."

Now that Christmas is over, some folks are going to try and figure out how to pay for it.

Things could be worse. Inflation has had its impact on Christmas, and you could have succumed to the 12 Days of Christmas.

If it's true that love lasts as long as the money, pity the gift giver in "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Here's a breakdown on what the gifts listed in the Christmas song would cost in today's market.

One pear tree--$14.
One Partridge--$15.
Two turtle doves--$10.
Three French hens--$36.
Four Calling birds--$140.
Five golden rings--$1,000.
Six geese a-laying--$60.
Seven swans a-swimming--$1,260.
Eight milkmaids--At the farm wage rate of $3.38 per hour, eight maids working an eight-hour day would cost $216.32.

Nine ladies dancing--A moderately priced dance company composed of nine performers would be $6,000.

Ten lords leaping are in short supply. However, you could send 10 young men named Lord to gymnastics school for 16 weeks for $1,260.

Eleven pipers--At Musicians Union rate of $11 per hour, plus 20 percent for the leader costs $145.20 per hour.

Twelve drummers--Paid the same rate as the pipers, $158.40 per hour.

So, the cost of this production would be $10,314.92 not including travel, tax or tips.

But to keep in tune with the song, you would have had to give your true love not one, but 12, not one pair of turtle doves but eleven, and so on. So this extravaganza would have set you back $44,848.40.

At this price, that bottle of perfume seems just right.

Wednesday

Dec. 26, 1984

Ask Us

Q. — The artificial heart recipient (William J. Schroeder) is in the Humana Heart Institute International. What is a Humana hospital and are they run like other hospitals?

A. — Humana is the name of a national chain of privatey-owned hospitals.

In Brief

40 die

By The Associated Press

Forty people died on state highways during the four-day Christmas holiday weekend, including one man whom authorities said was holding a liquor bottle when his body was removed from the vehicle.

Department of Public Safety spokesman David Wells said state officials were pleased the final count was less than the 53 they had been predicting for the 102-hour holiday traffic period.

No goals

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone said today it would be unrealistic and ill-advised to set import targets for U.S.-manufactured goods as a means of reducing Japan's huge trade surplus with the United States.

In a meeting with American journalists prior to his Jan. 2 summit in Los Angeles with President Reagan, Nakasone also stressed the need for Western unity in arms talks with the Soviet Union and indicated he would not oppose Reagan's proposed "Star Wars" missile defense system.

Local

City to meet

The Snyder city council will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday at city hall to name an election judge for the upcoming Jan. 11 ballot to decide the involuntary annexation of property south of the city.

The council agenda includes also an executive session to discuss personnel — specifically the positions of municipal court judge and city attorney, which will be vacated effective Jan. 1.

Pool meeting

A pre-bid conference related to renovation work to the Towle Park swimming pool was discussed Wednesday at a meeting of Scurry County commissioners.

The conference was suggested by Gary Hicks, a staffer with Wadleigh Construction of Snyder who helped draw up bid specifications for the work.

Hicks told the court he felt such a meeting would "clarify a lot of things" regarding the approach to be taken for the pool's repair.

He suggested the conference be conducted Friday morning on site.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 53 degrees; low, 33 degrees; high Sunday, 63 degrees; low, 32 degrees; high Monday, 58 degrees; low, 24 degrees; high Tuesday, 34 degrees; low, 25 degrees; no measurable precipitation; total precipitation for 1984 to date, 17.32 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight...cloudy and cold with low in lower 30s. A 20 percent chance of light rain. Wind southeast 5 to 15 mph. Thursday...cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain. Warmer with high near 60. Wind south 10 to 20 mph.

Push for okay of interstate banking

DALLAS (AP) — A prominent Texas banker says regional banking makes "as much sense as attending high school after elementary school," but some out-of-state bankers say they aren't so sure.

Ben F. Love, chairman and chief executive officer of Texas Commerce Bancshares Inc. of Houston, wants banks throughout the Southwest to be able to open branches or subsidiaries here and in other nearby states.

He says he'd like to see regional reciprocal banking between Texas and nearby states such as Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Wyoming.

States in the southeast and New England already have such agreements, Love notes, but several Southwestern states oppose or are sharply split over the proposal.

"As an interim step to full interstate banking, regional reciprocal banking makes just as much sense as attending high school after elementary school and before you go to college," Love told The Dallas Morning News.

"Elementary school might be analogous to banking in the confines of one's own state borders," Love said. "Full interstate banking is like going to college. Therefore, high school is equivalent to regional interstate banking."

Such agreements likely would spur a round of mergers and acquisitions across state lines, banking leaders agree. But not all of them say that's good.

The ensuing consolidation would resemble the development of Texas holding companies during the 1970s, Texas banking leaders feel, except that the mergers would be across state lines.

Love says that would make banks stronger, with increased legal lending limits that would spur economic development.

But the Oklahoma Bankers Association, which includes the state's independent and large banks, has opposed a regional agreement.

"The answer from our membership was, 'Not yet, we are not ready for interstate banking'," said Laura Pringle, an attorney with the industry trade group.

Arizona bankers are reported divided over the issue, and that state's legislators are to begin consideration next month of a bill that would authorize reciprocal banking with any state.

In other nearby states — including Arkansas, Louisiana and Colorado — the banking industry has not taken a stance, and their legislatures are not expected to consider any interstate proposals soon, the News reported.

In New Mexico, the state's banking association has taken a neutral stance so far. The bank-holding companies have said they will support legislation next year for a regional agreement.

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Dear Abby



Should Herpes Victim Play It Straight or Not at All?

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I've got herpes—the genital kind. Now what? The fellow who gave it to me never told me and I'm mad! Big deal. A lot of good that does me. So what should I do when I start a new relationship? Do I say, "Hi, nice to meet you, I've got herpes"—then watch the man run? Or do I date him for a while, and then just before we sleep together mention it—then watch him run?

I'm young and pretty and I am not promiscuous, but I'm not dead either. A lot of men are interested in me, but I don't for one minute forget that I have herpes. I really don't want to take a chance on giving it to anybody, but I don't want to be treated like a leper either.

What should I do? Rather than tell somebody I have herpes, I just don't date.

I wish you'd write an article about herpes, Abby. Is it possible to get it off a toilet seat?

THE GIRL NEXT DOOR

DEAR GIRL: Yes. The herpes virus can live as long as five hours in warm, moist areas, such as the tiles and plastic-coated benches that often surround a swimming pool, hot tub and the steam room of a health club. Though it's very unlikely that you'll pick up the germ from one of these places, "It's wise," says the American Medical Association, "to always sit on a clean towel to be on the safe side—especially if you're bare-bottomed."

You need not feel like a "leper." But *never* withhold the fact that you have herpes from anyone who risks contracting it from you.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for telling "Mother of Two" not to let her 16-year-old daughter and 15-year-old son share the same bedroom. I also had parents who thought there was no problem putting me and my brother in the same bedroom. They were wrong. I became pregnant by my 16-year-old brother when I was 13. I was too frightened and ashamed to tell my mother, so she didn't know it until she saw me getting bigger and bigger. I did a lot of dumb things to try to get rid of it, but a baby girl was born to me. She was blind and brain-damaged, and died before she was 3 months old.

I still love my parents, but have very little respect for their judgment. That terrible experience left me with emotional scars that took many years of therapy to heal.

Abby, please tell your readers that although incest is not openly discussed, it's not all that uncommon. Keep on telling parents that they have a responsibility to protect their children from this terrible experience. Thank you for letting me say this.

VICTIM IN TACOMA

DEAR VICTIM: Thanks for writing. Many others wrote to say that they, too, had been victims of incest—something they had never disclosed before.

However, several readers wrote to tell me off in protest of my "ill-considered" warning. A sample:

DEAR ABBY: I wish you and your so-called sex experts would get your minds out of the gutter and realize that a brother and sister can share the same sleeping quarters without having it turn into incest.

My folks were poor. There were three boys and two girls in our family, and all us kids slept in one bed—the boys on one end and the girls on the other. I know for a fact there was no sex going on. I was 17 before I had a room by myself, and I had to have it because they thought I had TB.

It's my belief that the less you say about sex in the early years, the less stirred up the kids will get. Today everybody is sex-crazy. I am 80 now, and I am sick and tired of the subject.

HAD MY SAY IN ILLINOIS

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(Do you wish you had more friends? Get Abby's booklet, "How to Be Popular—You're Never Too Young or Too Old." Send your name and address clearly printed with a check or money order for $2.50 (includes postage) to: Abby, Popularity, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.)

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 27, 1984

Your leadership qualities will be powerfully enhanced this coming year. In involvements where you were once content to play a minor role, you'll now feel qualified to lead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though you may be tempted today, make certain that you do not disclose information told to you in the strictest confidence. Major changes are in store for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Someone who is already obligated to you might try to put the bite on you again today. Be wise about the way you handle this poor risk.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Tenacity and staying power will be required today in order to achieve your goals. Don't switch course or tactics when the end is in sight.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Subdue tendencies today to jump into things before you know what you're getting into. Impulsive actions could cause complications that can be avoided.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to be self-reliant today, instead of depending too heavily on others. Even those who may want to help you might not be in position to do so.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The objectives you set for yourself today will be difficult to achieve without the assistance of key people. Don't alienate essential allies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you perform in a slipshod fashion today, your methods will irritate co-workers. Organize your efforts instead of doing things the hard way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though your intentions may be good today, it's best you don't butt into the private affairs of others. They'll resent your intrusion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Decision-making may be taken out of your hands today if you get involved with people more assertive than yourself. Don't be led astray.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It's best to temporarily shelve important tasks today, rather than to approach them in a half-hearted fashion. The results will reflect your attitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Speculative ventures that may appeal to you today are apt to have more sizzle than substance. Think twice before betting on the "if-come."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Others will hold you to the promises you make today, even though you may think you'll be able to figure out ways to squirm out of them later.

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

Mailman fired for distributing cards without right postage

BRIGHTON, Mich. (AP) — A letter carrier who deposited unstamped Christmas cards in his customers' mailboxes as he had done for seven years was "hung without a trial" by officials who fired him after refusing the man's offer of payment, his wife says.

Marie DePlanche of Lockney donned a Santa Claus outfit and picketed the post office where her husband, Frank, worked after the 29-year veteran of the postal service was informed he would be without a job after Jan. 9.

Mrs. DePlanche said the incident also landed her husband in the hospital for the holiday, suffering the effects of stress.

DePlanche left a Christmas card last week in each of about 545 mailboxes on his route, just as he'd done the past seven years, she said.

This time, postal officials say someone complained, and DePlanche was confronted about the cards Thursday by the postmaster and two inspectors, she said. "They won't say who complained. We don't even know if it's real. We've been hung without a trial."

Mrs. DePlanche said her husband admitted placing the cards in the boxes and offered to pay the postage, but the officials wouldn't accept the money.

She said she was so angry that she donned a Santa Claus suit and sandwich sign Monday and picketed the Brighton Post Office.

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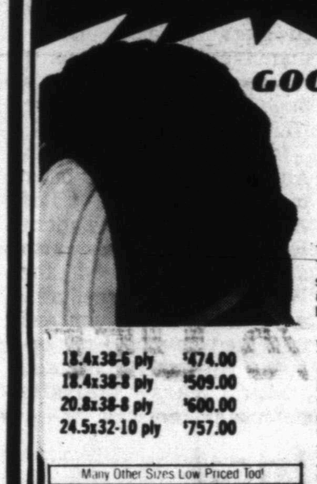
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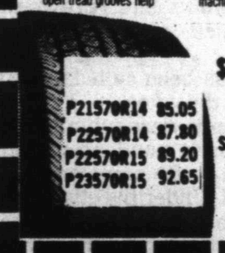
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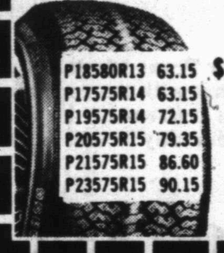
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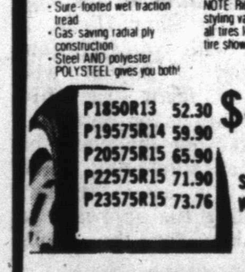
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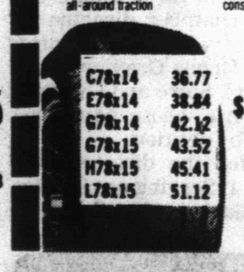
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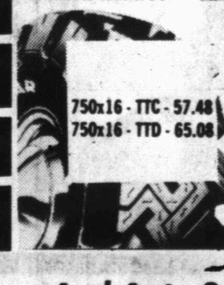
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ENJOY CHRISTMAS GATHERING — This group of Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary morning gift shop workers met at the B&D Restaurant on Dec. 18 for a Christmas coffee. Pictured left to right around the table are Clara Tate, Vallie Stokes, Iva Woodson, Texa Jones, Vera Baize, Allene Terry, June McGlaun, Elree Baremore and Gradine Sterling. Not pictured are Lloys Eades and Loretta Voss. (SDN Staff Photo)



CELEBRATE DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS — Snyder Oaks Care Center residents celebrating birthdays in December included (seated left to right) Jesse Brown, Gertrude Ball and Salvador Garja. Volunteers helping with the party on Dec. 18 were Ollie Clements, Clovis Robinson, Dee Fenton, Ruth Roe and Andy Roe. Piggly Wiggly Bakery donated the birthday cake. Flowers were provided by Friendly Flowers and Gandy's Dairy provided ice cream. Residents unable to attend but also celebrating birthdays were Raymond Girard, Nell Covey, Lillian Hampton, Jack Patrick and Burdie Roth. (SDN Staff Photo)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Weight Watchers of West Texas; basement of First Presbyterian Church; 6:30 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 6 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

Films for all elementary school children; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

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

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

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Narcotics Anonymous; Humble Smith School; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-5271.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

BRIDGE James Jacoby

NORTH 12-26-84
♠ J 6
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 7 4 2
♣ 10 5 3 2

WEST
♠ 4
♥ Q 10 7
♦ Q J 10 9 5
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♠ A 10 8 3
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♦ A
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♠ K Q 9 7 5 2
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♦ 8 6 3
♣ A

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

West	North	East	South
		1♠	1♠
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: ♦Q

The bidding holds the clue

By James Jacoby

"How often will five outstanding cards in a suit be divided 3-2?" the professor asked. The student answered, "Sixty-eight percent of the time."

The student was right, but we must admire the player who lets the bidding guide him to those 32 out of 100 times when the less likely distributions take place.

South found himself in three spades. He ducked the opening lead and was gratified that East had to win the ace. Back came a club, won by South's ace. Declarer led a spade to the jack, which held, and ruffed a club in his hand.

Declarer was about to play the spade king when he stopped to consider the bidding. East had opened the bidding with one club, and his partner had raised to two clubs. Since West would not have raised clubs without four, East also must have four clubs. As for diamonds, East had only one — the ace. Left were eight cards in spades and hearts. If East had been dealt five hearts, he would have opened the bidding with one heart rather than one club. And so the inescapable conclusion was that East had started with four spades and four hearts.

Backing that judgment to the hilt, declarer played to the heart ace in dummy and played back a low spade. When East played the eight, he put in the nine to make his contract.

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

Stargazers host mini craft day

Twenty-four members and guests of six home extension clubs met in the Snyder National Bank community room for a mini craft day.

Participants saw demonstrations on making strawberry sachets, animal pillows from cloth placemats, butterfly wall hangings from wicker placemats, wreaths, wet paint containers, pickle people, candy dishes, tissue paper dye, molded candy and napkin folds.

Guests received free recipes and craft patterns.

Everyone enjoyed a brown bag lunch with drinks and desserts provided by members of Stargazers Extension Homemakers Club, hostesses for the event.

Poetry members enjoy yule supper

Members of the Scurry County Poetry Society gathered in the home of Ina Fargason for a Christmas potluck supper. One visitor, Lafon Berryhill, joined the group. Christene Killgo led the invocation.

After the meal, Garnet Quiett presided over the program. Members read original Christmas poems and shared memories of past Christmases.

Fargason displayed some original ball ornaments she had made. She recently sold the designs to "Needle and Thread Magazine."

Mayzell Fenton displayed an unusual card made of wallpaper which contained a humorous poem about attitudes and feelings of Christmas.

Killgo read a Christmas poem by Grace Noel Crowel entitled "The Light That Shines." The group sang carols and the meeting adjourned.

NOTICE

On page 6 of this week's TG&Y Family Center circular, the photographs for the Perfect Fit BedSack® Supreme and Perfect Fit BedSack® Mattress Pad are transposed. However, the copy and price for each is correct. We regret this error and any inconvenience caused.

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Imitation lizard was poor seller

DALLAS (AP) — People will buy just about anything at Christmastime, the old retail-store maxim goes. But from Dolly Parton-style bouffant wigs to imitation lizard-skin sport coats, a few items seemed immune from the seasonal buying frenzy.

Here are a some other dust-gatherers that merchants say shoppers could have bought in Dallas this Christmas, price negotiable in many cases:

— beer-flavored toothpaste, or after-dinner toothpaste in creme de menthe, anisette or amaretto.

— memorabilia from the Texas Rangers.

— tweed flop hats and painters' hats.

— jelly bellies, especially red and green ones.

— a computer program called "Basic Industrial History of America."

— men's Hush Puppy shoes, especially in gray.

Mike Dalton, manager of a Good Earth Vitamin Store, says his store was full of slow sellers, he said. People apparently are thinking calories, not nutrition, at Christmas.

"December is the worst month for nutrition. I mean, if it isn't covered with chocolate or if it doesn't have rum in the middle, nobody wants it at Christmas," Dalton said.

Terry Forest, manager of a Jarman-Flagg shoe store, said, "Don't ask me why, but you can have all these Hush Puppies you want — especially the gray. Nobody wanted them this season. But now, Nike tennis shoes — you couldn't keep up with the demand. Get a shipment and they're gone."

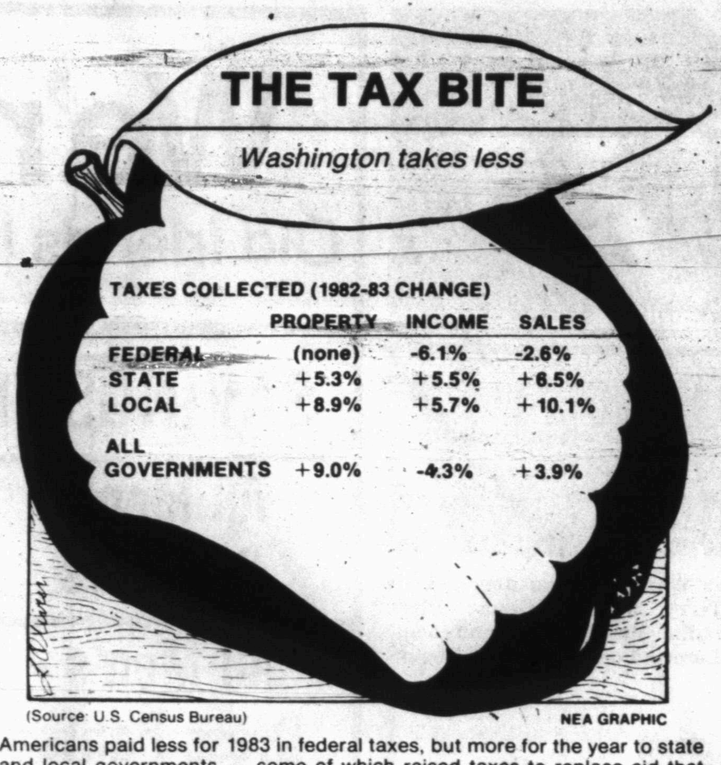
Other retailers had items that were a bit more fast-moving.

"Our biggest hits, of course, were Cabbage Patch dolls and accessories," Rod Turner, manager of a Target Store in Dallas, told the Dallas Times Herald. "And Transformer toys (small metal toys that convert from cars and boats into fanciful robots)."

A big surprise, Turner said, was physical fitness gear.

"Everything sold from weight benches to sweats to a total sellout of mini-trampolines. We couldn't keep up with the demand for mini-trampolines. Great season."

Charles Gay of Wormser of Dallas, a haberdashery, said he sold more than 100 Indiana Jones hats during December.



Americans paid less for 1983 in federal taxes, but more for the year to state and local governments — some of which raised taxes to replace aid that Washington had reduced or withdrawn.

Missed parties among 'best'

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor James Coco and Cosmopolitan magazine editor Helen Gurley Brown say that among their most memorable New Year's Eves are ones they missed.

"I rushed home a day early from filming 'The Man in La Mancha' in Italy to attend a very hot party given by my buddy Neil Simon," Coco said of his New Year's Eve in 1972.

"I was so excited by this party that I went out and bought a new suit, which I carefully laid out next to me while I took a short nap to recover from jet lag," he told Family Weekly magazine. "Wouldn't you know it, the next conscious moment I knew was 11 a.m. New Year's Day. I'd missed the biggest party of the year."

Leukemia victim receives pony he wished for

BRIDGE CITY, Texas (AP) — While most children chewed on candy and plowed through piles of wrapping paper Christmas Day, 8-year-old Shon Babineaux perched atop a dream come true.

The terminally ill leukemia victim had wished hard for a pony, so hard that his wish reached the ears of some big-hearted neighbors. And on Christmas Eve, when Shon looked out his house's front door, a 10-year-old horse peeped back.

"Mom, there's my horse," exclaimed Shon, who was appropriately dressed for the holidays in a bright red shirt and red pants. In moments, he was atop his Christmas gift.

"I've always wanted a horse," Shon said after a brief ride on Cherokee in front of his house as family, friends and well-wishers surrounded him.

Cherokee, came from Albert Adams, a pound master for the Orange County Sheriff's Department, who heard about Shon from My Wish Inc., a non-profit agency that fills wishes of terminally ill children.

After Shon wished for the horse Friday, a relative contacted an Orange radio station, which in turn called My Wish. Four hours later, the organization had a horse, saddle and western outfit to give to Shon, courtesy of Adams, Betty Jo Spence, Skipper Peveto and Sam's Western Wear.

"I hope it makes him happy," Adams told the Beaumont Enterprise. "I think it will. (The horse) is gentle as a dog."

As Shon enjoyed the pony, Ruby Pickard reveled in Shon's smiles.

"The smiles to me on the children's faces are my reward," said Ms. Pickard, co-founder of My Wish, which celebrated its first anniversary Dec. 11. In one year, the group has filled the wishes of 32 children in the Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange area.

"Thirty-two of these children are my family because I keep up with these children," she said. "I have great compassion for children, old people and animals."

To correct an error — amounting to three extra days over a 400-year period — in the length of the present 365-day year (366 for leap year), three of every four centesimal years (those ending in 00) were made common years, not leap years. The year 2000, for instance, will be a leap year, while 1600, 1700 and 1800 were common years.

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Ft. Worth police hold off starting use of stun guns

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Battery-powered "stun guns" might be undergoing testing in nearby cities' police departments, but Fort Worth lawmen say they're not yet ready to use the disabling devices.

Police in Dallas, Grapevine, Colleyville, Southlake and Watauga are already using the devices, which are designed to disable a suspect without causing permanent injury. The guns cost about $100 each and are about the size of a transistor radio.

But Homer Clark, deputy Fort Worth police chief, says his department will not authorize their use "until there is no more data available of any possible long-term effects of their use."

"We've never tried them (stun guns), but we've considered the potential use of them," Clark said. "If they prove successful in other areas, we may look at them again."

The guns, which discharge 40,000 volts at extremely low amperage, cannot kill a person, but tend to stun the central nervous system for a few minutes, experts say.

Carl Jones, head of the physiology department at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, said the charge causes skeletal muscles to contract at the same time.

"You can't do anything," he said. "It stuns you."

Ed Spencer, a spokesman for the Dallas Police Department, said Dallas officers have been testing about 20 stun guns.

"The decision to use them hasn't been made yet," Spencer told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "All we're diong is testing them in a pilot program."

Southlake Police Chief Ted Phillips supports use of the guns.

"Anything that can be used to subdue a suspect without the risk of injury to an officer or the suspects is worth it," he said.

W.E. Keating, director of the Watauga Public Safety Department, said his first impression of the stun gun was favorable.

"When we first looked into the guns, my concerns were the safety of the officers and the liability," said Keating, who said he tested the gun on himself. "It has proven to work without being brutal. I can tell you it's effective."



The United States spent nearly $2 billion in 1984 to feed the needy overseas — the most such aid since 1972. The program, known as Food for Peace, provides both food and also credit toward purchases of U.S. farm products.

Jane Fonda now recovered

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress Jane Fonda says she spent "23 years of agony" suffering from bulimia, repeatedly stuffing herself with food and then vomiting, 15 to 20 times a day.

Ms. Fonda, 47, a leader in the physical fitness movement, said, "I would literally empty a refrigerator. I spent most of every day either thinking about food, shopping for it, or binging and purging. It's an addiction like drugs or alcohol. And it is tremendously debilitating."

Mike von Erich never doubted he would wrestle

DALLAS (AP) — Mike Von Erich never doubted he would follow in the steps of his father and three older brothers.

"I always knew I'd be a wrestler," he said.

He was nervous, he said, before he first stepped into the ring on Nov. 23, 1983.

"But once I got in the ring, it just seemed to come naturally. I loved it. Because of my dad and my brothers, the people were really behind me right off," he told the Dallas Times Herald.

"That makes a difference, for me at least. Even when I was an amateur wrestler, I always did better when my friends and family were there."

In Texas, the name Von Erich is hot stuff.

The Von Erich dynasty began when his father, Jack Adkisson, gave up a career in professional football 30 years and began wrestling under the name of Fritz Von Erich.

Fritz and his wife, Doris, raised five sons, one of whom died in a childhood accident. The boys were Kevin, David, Kerry, Mike and Chris. Kevin, at 26, is the oldest and Chris, 15, the youngest.

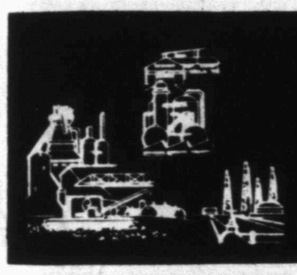
Kevin, David and Kerry all went into wrestling ahead of Mike, and when David Von Erich died unexpectedly earlier this year of natural causes in a hotel room while on a wrestling tour in Japan, an estimated 3,500 people — most of them grieving and worshipful wrestling fans — attended the funeral.

In addition to having a ready audience of fans for his debut, Mike said his heritage benefited him in other ways. For one thing, there were his father and brothers to help smooth the way and teach him things like the practically patented Von Erich Iron Claw hold.

But having the Von Erich name has had its disadvantages, too, he says.

In school, someone — "usually one of the older kids" — always wanted to whip a Von Erich, it seems.

"Sometimes I'd lose, but then they'd have to contend with Kevin, or David, or Kerry. One way or another, they'd always end up losing to a Von Erich," he said, grinning.



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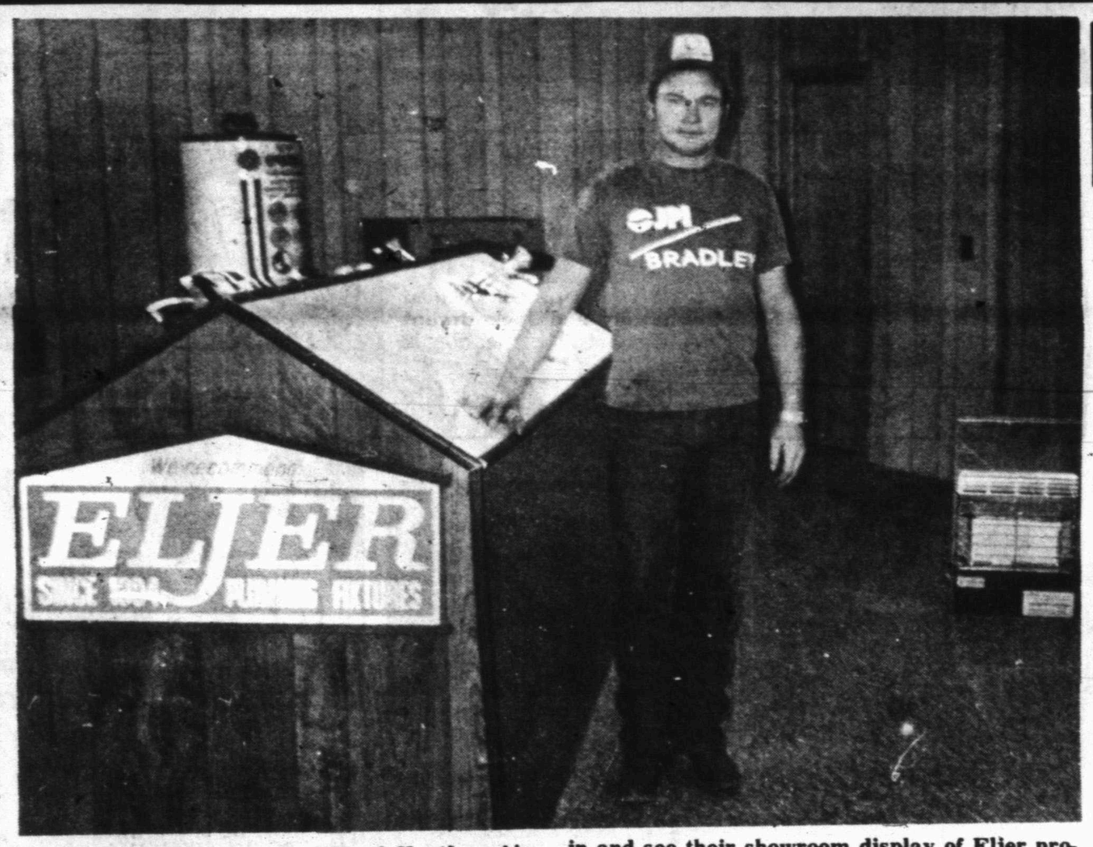
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Aqueduct break flooded area

MOJAVE, Calif. (AP) — A break in an aqueduct providing water to Los Angeles posed no threat to the city's water supply but flooded a three-mile stretch of California 14 for an hour, a city spokeswoman said.

The cause of the break about 11 p.m. Monday 20 miles north of here was not known, said Elizabeth Wimmer, spokeswoman for the Los Angeles water and power department.

The aqueduct, opened in 1970, is the smaller of two that provide 80 percent of the city's water, carrying it from reservoirs on the eastern side of Sierra Nevada mountains.

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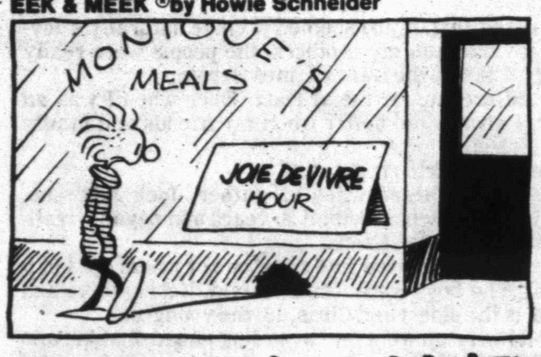
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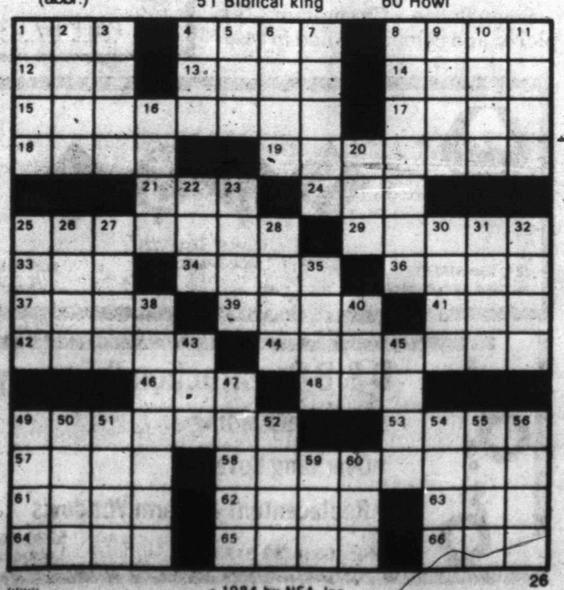
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"When I told you to slow down, I didn't mean in paying your medical bills."

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"G'MORNING, MR. WILSON! JUST MAKING MY ROUNDS."

Death, despair mark Christmas day

ALAMATA, Ethiopia (AP) — Two famine victims died and hundreds too weak to walk were spoon-fed a thick gruel of sorghum, salt and cooking oil for their Christmas meal in this northern Ethiopia relief camp.

Several thousand other men, women and children facing starvation lined up silently from morning until dusk Tuesday for their single meal of the day, porridge cooked and served amid clusters of flies at Alamata, some 375 miles north of Addis Ababa.

In Ethiopia, a Coptic Christian nation, Christmas is officially celebrated on Jan. 7.

But there was no time for celebration anyway for the four nuns of the Sisters of Charity, the order started on the streets of Calcutta, India, by Nobel Peace Prize winner Mother Teresa. A simple Christmas Mass was followed by a routine day tending the dying, diseased and desperate.

"There could be no festivities," Sister Vincena, from Kerala, India, told reporters visiting Alamata, one of 211 feeding centers for Ethiopians. "That would be a crime amidst this terrible suffering."

Two gravely ill peasants — a boy suffering from dysentery and a middle-aged man afflicted by hepatitis — died before noon in shelters roofed with corrugated iron in this camp in the northern highlands of Wollo province. Their deaths added to the toll of 300,000 victims of the famine brought by three years of drought.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others perished during the holiday in other camps, succumbing to malnutrition, measles, pneuomonia, dysentery and other ailments.

Mother Teresa flew into the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa on Tuesday morning to visit camps where 26 sisters of her order have been working for up to 12 years. Mother Teresa, 75, planned to fly to the camps in the next 10 days to serve some of the 7.7 million people the Marxist government says face starvation.

"Most of these people have eaten their seed stocks and sold their tools and their livestock," said Lawrence Bourasse, public relations officer for the Catholic Relief Services, which is caring for some 750,000 people.

A Christmas letter from the charity, published Tuesday, warned that the famine had deteriorated "from critical to crisis proportions.'"

Adolf Hitler was named Chancellor of Germany in 1933.



Dr. Lamb

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Diet affects some migraines

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — You recently said in your column that people who had migraine headaches should avoid foods and beverages that contain tyramine. What is tyramine and what foods contain it?

DEAR READER — Don't expect too much from avoiding tyramine, since many people have migraines for an entirely different reason. However, if a person does have migraines, he may avoid some attacks by avoiding these foods and beverages.

Tyramine is derived from tyrosine. Tyrosine is a common amino acid that is found in most proteins that we eat. When a food becomes ripe or protein is decayed, it is more likely to produce tyramine. This is why ripe cheese is a frequent source of tyramine. Therefore, you should avoid foods or beverages that have been aged. These include sour cream, some wines, beer, pickled herring, liver, canned figs, raisins, bananas or avocados (particularly if overripe), chocolate, soy sauce, the pods of broad beans (fava beans), yeast extracts and meat tenderizers.

Sodium nitrate, which is used in cured meats, and monosodium glutamate also have been implicated as foods that may precipitate migraines.

To give you more complete information on headaches, I am sending you The Health Letter 16-12, Headaches and What to Do About Them. 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 — My 78-year-old mother has multiple myeloma. How does one get this disease? At what age do people get it? What are its symptoms? We have been told that it cannot be cured, only treated.

My mother is very weak and has lost weight. Her attitude has changed. She sits in her chair with her eyes closed or, on bad days, stays in bed. She does not have pain, but she does have sleepless nights. Before she went to the hospital, she was very hardworking and lively.

DEAR READER — Multiple myeloma is sometimes called bone cancer. The malignant cells come from the bone marrow, which starts to produce these abnormal cells, called plasma cells, at an enormous rate. These cells can crowd out the normal bone marrow, causing a low white blood cell count and loss of other blood elements.

The accumulation of plasma cells may erode the bone, which leads to fractures. Collapse of a vertebra is not uncommon. Along with the bone fractures, there is pain. Your mother is lucky that she has no pain.

Multiple myeloma occurs mostly in middle-aged and older people. Men have it more often than women. The diagnosis is often made when there is a large increase in protein in the blood. Further studies identify the plasma cells and bone erosion.

Weakness may occur because of the anemia that is associated with multiple myeloma. The treatment is very complex and is designed to suppress the formation of plasma cells. Some recent reports have indicated that interferon may be very helpful, but these reports are preliminary, and interferon is not yet available for use. Radiation may be used to control local collections of cells that may cause bone erosion.

The outlook is highly variable. Some patients get along for years requiring little or a lot of treatment. A good friend of mine survived for 15 years after the disease was first diagnosed and continued to work during most of those years. That is unusual, but it gives you an idea of the variability that exists.

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20 million smokers responded

NEW YORK (AP) — The 1984 Great American Smokeout inspired more than a third of the nation's smokers — some 20 million people — to forego smoking or puff fewer cigarettes than usual during the 24-hour campaign, according to the American Cancer Society.



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At least 20 persons die in Christmas blazes

By The Associated Press

At least 20 people were killed and 20 injured in holiday fires in seven states, including an inferno at an Illinois retirement home that claimed eight lives and three Christmas tree-spawned blazes in California and West Virginia, authorities said.

In other fires on Tuesday, two people died in a Baldwin, Mich., foster home; one person perished in a fire blamed on an electrical malfunction in West Virginia; two people were killed in a Tennessee house fire; two people lost their lives in a Minneapolis suburb house fire; and one man died in a rural Columbia, S.C., house fire.

The fire in the nine-story Karcher Retirement Hotel in Waukegan, Ill., that also left 21 people homeless, apparently was caused by an electrical problem in a tailor shop on the ground floor, authorities said.

"From what we can determine right now, it appears to have something to do with the wiring," said fire Lt. Jim McGrain. "We think it began in the dead space above a drop ceiling, and that it smoldered for a long time. Whatever started it was totally destroyed, we think.

"The building was built in the 1920s, but we don't know how old the wiring was. From what I saw, it didn't look like it was very old."

The early morning fire — the deadliest in the county in at least 10 years — swept into the lobby and sent dense smoke up an elevator shaft, said Lake County Coroner Bobby Richardson.

"The dead were found on the building's sixth, seventh, eight and ninth floors," Mrs. Richardson said. "The cause of death for all appeared to be smoke inhalation."

Seven of the dead ranged in age from 67 to 86 years old, and an age was not available on the eighth, she said.

Five of the six tenants injured, also suffering smoke inhalation, remained hospitalized in good condition today, officials said.

Temporary shelter for the homeless was established at a nearby hotel in the community 40 miles north of Chicago.

A St. Albans, W.Va., couple died Tuesday when an apparent malfunction in Christmas tree lights set the house afire. A 9-year-old girl visiting the home with her parents "saw the Christmas tree ablaze and woke her father and sister and fled the house," said Kanawha County Sheriff's Deputy K.H. Savilla.

"The house was pretty well burned up by the time we got there, said Lakewood Fire Chief Carl Cobb. "We had to haul water to the area because there aren't any hydrants. It was a good piece from the station."

A man in his 70s died in Frankford, W.Va., in a fire caused by an apparent electrical malfunction, authorities said.

A woman died of heart failure in La Puenta, Calif., and a teenager from smoke inhalation in Bell, Calif., both near Los Angeles, after Christmas trees caught fire in separate incidents Tuesday that also injured 14 people, authorities said.

The woman's son had used flammable liquid to restart a fireplace and flames jumped to the tree, said Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies.

'Comet' plan is scheduled

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scientists will try again Thursday to create a comet-like phenomenon 70,160 miles over the Pacific Ocean after being stymied by poor weather that would have prevented them from observing it.

The so-called Christmas Comet was rescheduled for 4:32 a.m. PST Thursday, said West German scientist Gerhard Haerendel. It was to have been created early Tuesday by the release of a barium vapor cloud from a West German satellite over the Pacific Ocean off the coast of South America.

The "comet" would have been visible from much of the western United States, southwestern Canada, northern Mexico, Hawaii and Tahiti.

But Haerendel, directing the experiment from the Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona, scrubbed the release with 15 minutes to go when clouds moved over the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, making the site too marginal for telescope observations.

Clouds already covered the three other major observatories — Mauna Kea on Hawaii, Haleakala on Maui and Kitt Peak.

Technique outdates scapel

LONDON (AP) — Researchers at London's Hammersmith Hospital today announced the successful development of what they say is a revolutionary new surgical technique that may make the scapel unnecessary in many cases.

Professor David Allison, director of diagnostic radiology at the hospital's medical school, said the technique involves use of ultrafine tubes equipped with a variety of tiny implements and guided along veins and arteries to the kidneys, liver, brain and other parts of the body.

It was developed by a medical team at the hospital led by Allison and involves the use of local anesthetics, so patients remain conscious throughout.

They can watch the progress of the operation on a screen as the tubes are used to seal arteries after stabbings and accidents or are used in the treatment of conditions such as ulcers, Allison said.

Kidney stones and gallstones can also be removed using the new technique, and blocked arteries in the limbs, kidneys and even the heart can be cleared, he said.

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Americans observe holiday with gift-giving

By The Associated Press

Americans demonstrated their "good will to men" on Christmas by giving freely of time, money, food and clothing to the nation's needy and by sharing with their families the joy of the holidays.

In Washington, President and Mrs. Reagan spent Christmas Day at the White House exchanging gifts before a festive dinner, joined by Mrs. Reagan's brother, Dr. Richard Davis, and his family and other guests. The Reagans' children were not on hand this year.

Artificial heart recipient William Schroeder, hospitalized in Louisville, Ky., since the implant a month ago, spent Christmas Day visiting with members of his family, who said Schroeder's "gift of life" was the best present they could have had.

In Madison, Wis., Marine Corps veteran Thomas F. Miller, director of the Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Memorial Project Inc., donned battle dress, left his family and stood vigil in the statehouse in memory of servicemen missing from the Vietnam War.

"The veterans should not be forgotten," said Miller, 43. "The war should not be forgotten. We don't want our children to get involved in such a war."

Volunteers in Los Angeles filled shopping carts piled with donated clothing to two blue-and-white tents and a tepee next to City Hall, where about 300 homeless people spent Christmas Eve and Christmas.

"God bless these people, God bless these people," a grizzled Freddy Johns, 64, said of the tent city organizers as he ate with elderly diners for the third annual Christmas dinner given by owner Joe Garcia.

"You look around, you see the faces, you know what Christmas is for," Garcia said. "Some of these people only see each other once a year, and that's here. Today, at least, they have someone to talk to, someone to share with."

In Oklahoma City, 6,000 people were served more than a ton of turkey and trimmings at the Red Andrews Christmas Dinner, named after a state legislator who started it 40 years ago as a party for the needy. Friends and relatives have carried on the tradition since Andrews' death in 1977.

Rita Swiener spent the day distributing to St. Louis' needy children the $2,500 in gifts she spent the year collecting. The psychology professor has been playing Santa's helper since her college days, spurred by her lonely holiday seasons as a young girl in an orphanage.

"It's really fun, although it does get a little bit overwhelming at times," she said. "But you should see these kids when you walk in with all the presents."

Good holiday news

By The Associated Press

Christmas 1984 brought moments of cheer to some of the world's troubled places.

Striking British coalminers donned Santa Claus costumes on the picket lines they have manned since March.

Mother Teresa arrived in Ethiopia to comfort victims of the calamitous famine.

And a holiday truce in El Salvador's five-year civil war survived in spite of a 15-minute battle Monday night at the northern town of Dulce Nombre de Maria. One rebel was killed.

Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas, who has acted as mediator in El Salvador's first peace talks, said in his Christmas homily: "Though we have to be realistic...we cannot but be joyful, we cannot but have great hope, because — yes — there is change."

Pope John Paul II chided the rich for being "frighteningly poor in heart," and the Queen of England said the world would be a better place if nations behaved more as children do.

Some striking miners in Britain's bitter 10-month-old coal strike turned up to man Christmas Day picket lines outside mines and power stations in Scotland wearing Santa Claus outfits and carrying balloons and Christmas crackers.

In Rome, more than 100,000 people jammed St. Peter's Square to hear Pope John Paul II's Christmas Day message to the world.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II made her newest grandchild, Prince Harry, the star of her traditional Christmas message.

"Above all, we must retain the child's readiness to forgive, with which we are all born and which it is all too easy to lose as we grow older," she said.

Case raises issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Is a steel company responsible for the hearing loss of an employee exposed to 90 decibels of noise near a blast furnace on the job when he also listens to 90 decibels of rock music at home on his stereo?

A federal appeals court has said no, some labor unions say yes, and federal safety regulators say they want another opinion.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration asked all nine judges of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday to consider the question.

Last Nov. 8, three judges on that court in Richmond, Va., threw out a new OSHA noise regulation, saying its enforcement could be too easily triggered by hazards outside the workplace.

"Airplanes, hunting rifles, loud music and a myriad of other sources produce noise potentially as damaging as any at the workplace," the court said in its 2-1 decision.

The noise regulation would require employers to give workers hearing tests, provide hearing protectors and conduct education programs on hearing loss whenever factory noise rises beyond an 85-decibel level. An 85-decibel level is about half the din of 90 decibels. Normal conversation is about 65 decibels.

At first, OSHA appeared as if it were prepared to accept the court's ruling and continue using an older noise rule that merely limits noise to 90 decibels. But after studying the issue and hearing from concerned labor unions, it sought the judicial review.

The unions say that if the court's ruling is allowed to stand, it would set a dangerous precedent that can be applied to benzene and lead workplace standards OSHA is now amending



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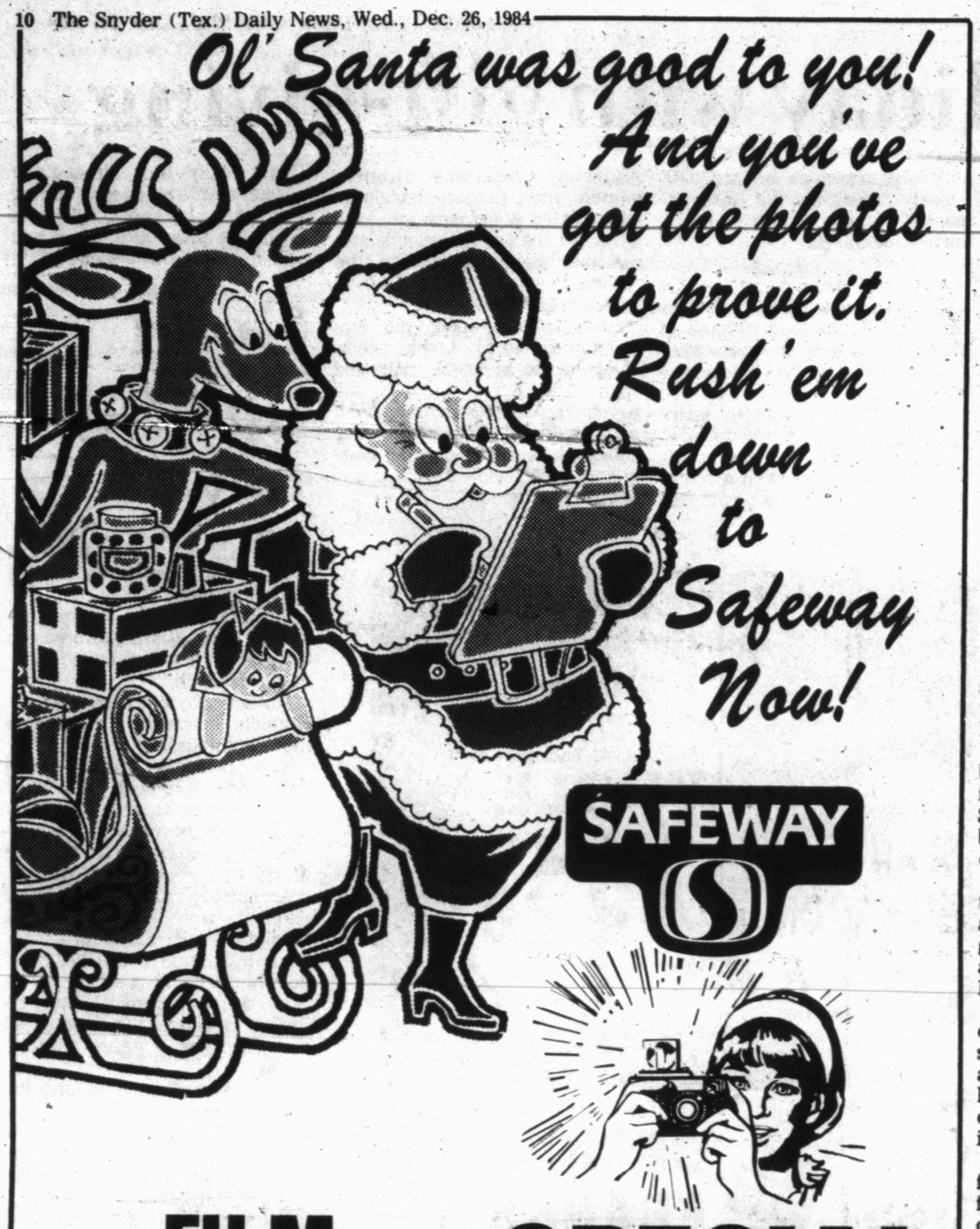
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Ho,ho,ho now its it's time for income taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Uncle Sam's annual post-Christmas greetings will start on their way today with the mailing of more than 92 million income tax forms.

While it may seem Scrooge-like to get a reminder of one of life's two inevitables during the holiday season, the Internal Revenue Service says the period right after Christmas is the best time to mail out the forms.

In that way, the 92.4 million IRS packages don't get caught up in the mailing crush before Christmas. But the forms are still sent in time to give early-bird filers a head start on doing their 1984 returns.

Since about four-fifths of all taxpayers get a refund, there is a strong incentive to file well in advance of the April 15 deadline, the IRS points out.

The bundles of 1984 forms have been at mail distribution centers for several days, but the Postal Service had instructions not to begin delivering them until today.

"It's traditional that we mail them out the day after Christmas and generally most taxpayers get them some time in the week after Christmas," said Larry Batdorf, an IRS spokesman.

While proposals to scrap the current tax system in favor of a simplified tax with lower rates and fewer deductions will be hotly debated in the new year, none of the discussion will have any impact on taxes due this April.

In fact, taxpayers will notice few changes in the 1984 forms from those mailed last year. The one change with the biggest impact — the final stage of the 1981 tax cuts — won't be apparent from looking at the forms at all.

The cut, which averages about 5 percent below the 1983 tax rates, is already built into the tax tables and tax-rate schedules that taxpayers will use to calculate how much they owe.

One change that will be noticed involves Social Security recipients, who for the first time may have to pay taxes on part of their benefits.

In general, up to half of Social Security benefits will be taxable if total income exceeds $25,000 for a single person or $32,000 for a couple filing a joint return.

The IRS will be sending out about 53 million "long-form" 1040 tax packages and about 39.4 million packages that include both the 1040A "short form" and the shortest form, the 1040EZ.

The IRS said more than 15 million people used the 1040EZ last year, which requires taxpayers to write figures in printed boxes rather than filling in the usual blank lines. This is a boon to the IRS, since it allows the form to be checked by computers rather than people.

Berry's World

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Soybean 'market-oriented' program may be extended

WASHINGTON (AP) — The soybean situation provides an opportunity to see how a "market-oriented" farm program is working. If the Reagan administration has its way with Congress next year, similar programs could be in the offing for wheat, corn, cotton.

In fact, the government's barebones soybean program has been cited by administration officials as an example of what can happen to a commodity when markets are the main force in setting prices, not federal supports.

Soybeans are not restricted as to acreage. Farmers do not have to cut production in order to qualify for supports — as in the case of the other major crops in recent years and again in 1985.

There is a price support loan for soybeans but it's relatively low, $5.02 per bushel this year, compared to an estimated market price of $6 to $7 per bushel. There are no target prices as in the case of wheat, corn and cotton, no cash payments for taking land out of production.

For many who share the administration's market philosophy, a big attraction is that the soybean support level is set low enough so producers are not strongly tempted to forefeit their beans instead of repaying the price support loans.

As a result, the government does not end up owning a big stockpile of soybeans. The opposite is often the case with some of the other commodities.

According to Agriculture Department statistics, the free-wheeling soybean market has shown some mixed results in recent years when it comes to prices received by producers. But, then, so have wheat and corn — crops that are subject to all sorts of federal curbs and payments.

The figures don't prove the merits of one program over the other. But they do illustrate how unstable prices can be, regardless of a crop's price support status. They also show that drought, exports and world economic conditions are demons to be reckoned with regardless of which system prevails.

President receives pickup truck, booties

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's Christmas haul included a pair of down booties, a chain saw carrying case and a yet-to-be selected pickup truck for his California ranch.

Sheila Tate, press secretary to First Lady Nancy Reagan, said the booties, from son Ron and his wife Doria, were among the first presents the Reagans opened Tuesday morning at the White House.

Another of the Reagans' children gave the chain saw case, and the pickup truck is the couple's gift to themselves. While the truck hasn't been picked out yet, it will be an American-made one, Mrs. Tate said.

The Reagans spent the day with friends and family, although none of their children came to Washington for Christmas.

Mrs. Reagan's brother, Dr. Richard Davis of Philadelphia, his wife Patricia and children Anne and Geoffrey were at the White House, and the families of U.S. Information Agency director Charles Wick, friend Nancy Reynolds and Deputy White House Chief of Staff Michael K. Deaver came for dinner.

Ron and Doria were with her parents for the first time in five Christmases, Mrs. Tate said. Daughter Maureen Reagan was with her husband in California.

Mrs. Tate said that Reagan's son, Michael, also was spending the holiday in California. Several weeks ago, Mrs. Reagan said in an interview — and Michael denied — that he has been estranged from the family.

Patti, recently married, was spending the holiday with her husband.

A White House spokesman, Mark Weinberg, said later Tuesday that on Christmas Day "the Reagans were in touch by phone with members of their family." He declined to provide further details.

The Reagans are to leave Washington Thursday for weeklong holiday in California.

J. Stewart donates papers

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Actor Jimmy Stewart has donated personal papers, films, photographs and movie posters spanning his 60 years in show business to Brigham Young University.

Stewart is to appear Feb. 1 at the university for the start of a weeklong event called "His Wonderful Life: A Tribute To James Stewart," said Sterling Albrecht, a librarian in the university's Harold B. Lee Library.

The actor is to receive an award and attend a screening of his personal favorite film, "It's a Wonderful Life."

"Stewart is one of the all-time giants in the motion picture industry, and we are honored to have his papers in our collection," said James D'Arc, curator of the library's Arts and Communications Archives.

Humorist Stephen Leacock was born in 1869.

In 1911, Sun Yat-Sen was elected first provisional president of the Republic of China.

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'Giant killers' shock SMU Mustangs, 71-70

HONOLULU (AP) - Chaminade Coach Merv Lopes compares his unlikely giant-killers to a song that, at least for the moment, is No. 1 on the hit parade.

"Not too many people believe in Chaminade, not year in and year out," Lopes said. "One upset and then they tend to forget you, you disappear from their memory. It's like a hit song. So we just want to keep on reminding them we are for real."

Chaminade, a tiny NAIA school, surfaced for the third Christmas in a row to make believers of major-college basketball. After an upset of then-12th ranked Louisville in the first round, the Silverswords won their own Western Airlines Chaminade Basketball Classic on Tuesday with a 71-70 stunner over fourth-ranked Southern Methodist.

"Every team is even when the game starts," Lopes said. "I don't let us put anybody on a pedestal. We start side by side."

In 1982, Chaminade shocked the basketball world with an upset of then top-ranked Virginia, then followed a year later with an upset of Louisville.

For a time Tuesday, it looked as if Chaminade's magic would finally fail. SMU held a 70-69 lead when Carl Wright blocked a shot by Chaminade's Mark Rodrigues with nine seconds to go.

After a scramble, Wright came up with the ball as the final second ticked off the clock. But Wright's foot was out of bounds and, because the buzzer hadn't sounded, the game officials gave Chaminade the opportunity to try a final shot.

That's all the chance Chaminade needed. As the buzzer sounded, Keith Whitney's 20-foot shot bounced on the rim and fell through for the winning points. It was the 11th victory in 15 games for the Silverswords.

"I let it go as soon as I touched it," said Whitney, who scored all but two of his 21 points in the second half. "I wanted to "soft" it up to the basket ... I knew it was going in when it bounced and then everyone came running at me."

"Nice baseline shot," said SMU Coach Dave Bliss, whose club lost for the first time in 10 games. "The referees were right all the way. The buzzer must go off. You have to play until that buzzer goes off because you don't know how much time is left."

In the tournament's consolation game, All-American Wayman Tisdale scored 28 points to go over the 2,000-point career plateau in leading No. 17 Oklahoma to a 90-72 romp over 20th-ranked Louisville.

Whitney, Wright and Tisdale were named to the all-tournament team along with Louisville's Billy Thompson and Rodrigues, whose last-second shot beat Louisville in the opening round. SMU's Jon Koncak, who scored 24 points in the title game, was named most valuable player.

Tisdale, with 2,009 points, needs 107 points to surpass the Big Eight career record of 2,115 owned by Kansas State's Mike Evans.

NBA results

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 109, Detroit 108
New York 120, New Jersey 114
Cleveland 109, Atlanta 106
Portland 106, Golden State 99

Wednesday's Games
Indiana at Washington
Detroit at New Jersey
Houston at Milwaukee
L.A. Clippers at Dallas
New York vs. Atlanta at New Orleans

College cagers

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FAR WEST
Chaminade Classic
Championship
Chaminade 71, Southern Methodist 70
Consolation
Oklahoma 90, Louisville 72
Rainbow Classic
First Round
Maryland 70, Iowa 68
Hawaii 66, Cornell 58

Freedom players enjoying trip but ready for contest

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - Two teams that suffered through poor finishes in the regular football season are looking to the inaugural Freedom Bowl as an opportunity to erase some of the bad memories.

The Texas Longhorns, who lost their final two games to finish 7-4-1, meet the Iowa Hawkeyes, who went 1-2-1 in their final four games and ended up 7-3-1, meet tonight in the bowl game at Anaheim Stadium. Kickoff will be 7 p.m., CST.

Texas Coach Fred Akers wants his team to enjoy its trip to California.

"It's a reward for a football team," Akers said at a press confernce. "I would be upset if all we did was come out and think about the game. We would miss a great deal of what a bowl really is.

"We're a bowl team. So you generally gave players who know how to turn on and turn off. They should know when business takes the place of pleasure."

Iowa Coach Hayden Fry has his team thinking the same way.

"We treat a bowl game as a reward for the players, the fans, and the coaches," Fry said. "I'm not saying we're not trying to win ... These kids are missing an opportunity to be at home with their families for the holidays.

The game has, however, captured the attention of the players.

"I want to finish out on a winning note," said Texas defensive lineman Tony Degrate, who was awarded the Lombardi Award as college football's premier college lineman.

"It seems like your last game will be the one you remember most. Our last game against (Texas) A&M didn't turn out so well, so personally, I'm looking for a little satisfaction. I'd like to finish out on a winning note with a win against Iowa."

"After our last game, we just wanted to go and hide," said Johnny Gray, the Longhorns' All-American defensive back. "But then we started thinking that a bowl game would give us another chance. We could go there and try and come out as winners. The seniors are really taking the game seriously. They don't want to go out on a wrong note."

Both teams have been working out in the area only since Saturday because their players had final examinations all last week.

"Our practices have gone well," Akers said. "The players are alert and they've been real sharp."

Fry couldn't say the same about his team, which hadn't practiced in three weeks since their final regular season game.

"We're a little bit rusty and our execution is a little off," he said. "But the thrill of seeing the sunshine and feeling the heat will have us ready by game time."

Gray rips Blue, 33-6

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - Tennessee's Faud Reveiz said his four field goals in the 47th annual Blue-Gray Classic shows he can kick like a pro, whether the pros want him or not.

Raveiz's footwork and two touchdown receptions by Mississippi Valley's Jerry Rice highlighted a 484-yard offensive showing that gave the South a 33-6 victory over the North Tuesday.

Raveiz kicked field goals of 41, 43, 52 and 30 yards without using a tee for the first time in his career.

Pro kickers aren't allowed to use a tee, and some college kickers were never able to make the adjustment. But Raviez said his first try "really helped my confidence."

Raveiz has yet to hear anything from professional scouts, but after Tuesday's kicking performance, he said: "Even if I end up not being good enough, it won't be the end of my life."

Rice, the game's most valuable player and a member of The Associated Press Division I-AA All-America team, caught four passes for 101 yards, one a 60-yard touchdown throw from Alabama halfback Paul Ott Carruth.

The Gray, with Clemson's Mike Eppley and Vanderbilt's Kurt Page directing the offense, pounded out 233 yards rushing and 251 yards passing, while the South defenders held the Blue offense to seven yards on the ground and 193 passing.

The game's leading rusher was Alabama's Ricky Moore, who picked up 113 yards in 13 carries. North Carolina State's Joe McIntosh, the workhorse of the South rushing attack with 22 carries, added 78 yards.

The South took charge after Brigham Young's Lee Johnson booted a 39-yard field goal to give the Blues a 3-0 lead with 6:34 left in the first quarter.

SPORTS

Tiger cagers return to action this week

Coach Ken Housden's Lady Tigers return to basketball action Thursday, taking on Paducah at 10 a.m. in the Jayton Tournament.

Snyder's boys vie Saturday.

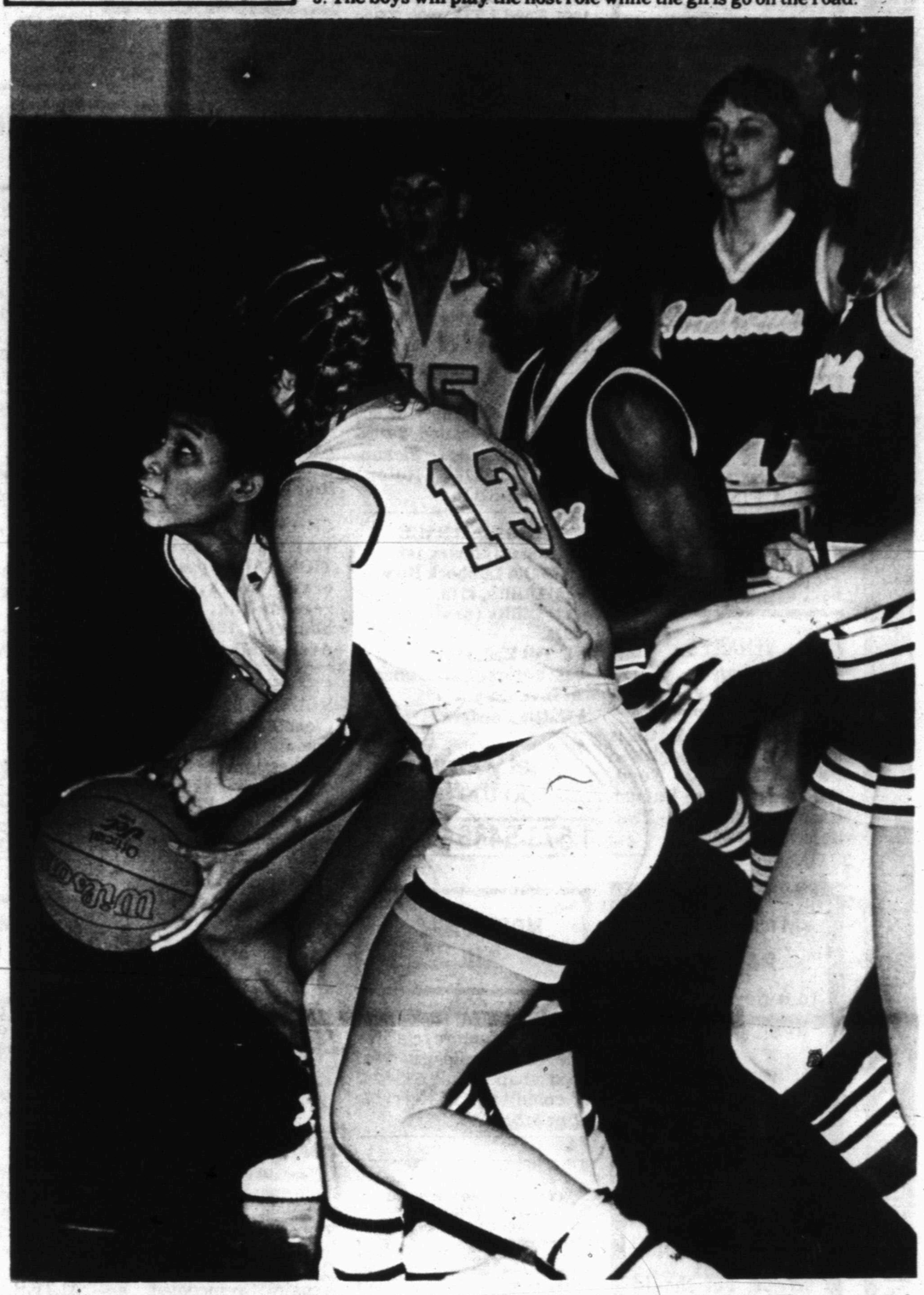
Also entered in the three-day event are Spur, Hamlin, Jayton, Crosbyton, Lubbock Christian and Coahoma.

Winner of the Snyder-Paducah contest will play again at 4 p.m. Friday. The loser will vie at 10 a.m.

Thursday's other first-round games have Lubbock Christian and Coahoma playing at 1, Spur and Hamlin vying at 4 and Jayton and Crosbyton meeting at 7.

Snyder's boys get their final tuneup before 2-4A play by hosting Brownfield at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Scurry County Coliseum.

Both Snyder teams will play 2-4A rival Lamesa on Thursday, Jan. 3. The boys will play the host role while the girls go on the road.



PLAY THURSDAY -- Snyder Lady Tigers play in the Jayton Tournament on Thursday, taking on Paducah in first-round action. Pictured for the local girls above are Karlene Thompson and Christi Comer. In the background is Carie Housden. (SDN Staff Photo)

Pro football roundup...

Pittsburgh, Denver enjoy tough denfensive tradition

by The Associated Press

Nobody in pro football appreciates defense more than Pittsburgh Coach Chuck Noll, who assembled the Steel Curtain that produced four Steeler Super Bowl championships.

So Pittsburgh goes into Sunday's American Football Conference semifinal game with proper respect for the Denver Broncos, who allowed only 241 points all season, second lowest in the National Football League.

Noll was not surprised that the wild-card victories of the New York Giants and Seattle Seahawks were constructed by stifling defenses that simply shut down the Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Raiders.

"Defense has been important in championship football games as long as I can remember," Noll said. "Before you can win, you have to not lose."

Denver didn't lose very frequently, dropping only three games all season. And the opportunistic Bronco defenders scored eight touchdowns after forcing fumbles and picking off passes. Noll, a connoisseur of defense, was suitably impressed.

Bronco Coach Dan Reeves knows the Steelers' reputation for being stingy with yards and points and spent much of the last week drilling Denver on defending against the blitz. "The Steelers blitz a lot more than most people," Reeves said.

Nobody, however, blitzes more than the Chicago Bears, who led the league in rushing defense, total defense and set a record with 72 quarterback sacks. The Washington Redskins, hoping for a third straight trip to the Super Bowl, must control the Bear defenders as well as handle Walter Payton, the NFL's alltime rushing leader.

Redskin Coach Joe Gibbs, analysing the films, said Chicago's most frequent defensive set had produced blitzes almost three-quarters of the times they lined up in it. "What scares you offensively is that they force things," Gibbs said. "Their interior rushers, nobody can block."

NFL playoffs

By The Associated Press
Wild Card Games
Saturday, Dec 22
Seattle 13, L.A. Raiders 7
Sunday, Dec. 23
N.Y. Giants 16, L.A. Rams 13

Conference Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 29
Seattle at Miami
N.Y. Giants at San Francisco
Sunday, Dec. 30
Chicago at Washington
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President's Soviet stance analyzed

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's tough enough dealing with the Soviet Union, but the Reagan administration has the added burden of negotiating with itself, the Western allies and the news media.

In less than two weeks, Secretary of State George Shultz is to sit down across the bargaining table from Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. Their meeting could set the agenda for reducing nuclear weapons — or, if it fails, extend the year-long suspension in arms control talks.

The consequences could be horrific. Both sides are ready to break out new and devastating weapons. Both are spending wildly on defense. With technology on the march, the nuclear fuse is getting shorter.

Considering the stakes, President Reagan and his senior advisers have enough on their hands deciding what Shultz should say to Gromyko and what he should not say. But they have made the job harder on themselves by trying to be both tough and flexible in public.

Most of the trouble revolves around the controversial "Star Wars" project. It portends a major shift in U.S. nuclear strategy from deterrence based on offensive nuclear weapons to being able to shoot down incoming Soviet missiles.

With Americans and Europeans conditioned since World War II to think one way about averting nuclear war, the Strategic Defense Initiative — the form name for Star Wars — has raised questions in this country and anxieties across the Atlantic, where the allies are protected by the U.S. nuclear umbrella.

AP Analysis

Knowing that Gromyko's principal goal in Geneva will be to sidetrack Star Wars and to block the testing of U.S. anti-satellite weapons, the Reagan administration wants to make sure it has the American public and the allies on its side.

The result has been a hard-sell campaign. Officials are describing the $26 billion research program as both indispensable and humane. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger got so carried away recently he dismissed the current strategy of "mutual terror" as flawed, odd, simplistic and a failure.

That's not what the Europeans think.

Prime Minister Maragaret Thatcher, visiting last weekend with President Reagan, said it had kept the peace for nearly 40 years.

She left with a commitment from Reagan that any weapons deployment in outer space would come only after negotiations with the Soviets.

At the same time, Mrs. Thatcher suggested rather strenuously that the media had got it all wrong in saying she had qualms about Star Wars.

Actually, Mrs. Thatcher said, "It's right to go ahead with the research" since the Soviets were busily working on missile defenses.

Apart from tracking the British leader's position, the media were having enough of a problem lining Weinberger up with Robert C. McFarlane, the White House national security adviser.

Knowing the onus of failure in Geneva probably would fall on the side that appeared to be intractable, McFarlane said the United States would be open to "tradeoffs" in the quest for an agreement.

Reporters pressed him to say whether Star Wars might be traded off.

"Our research program and our intentions for it have to be on the table and a matter for discussion and agreement and negotiation between us," he said. "And they surely will be."

Back went Weinberger before the public. Appearing on television last Sunday he said Reagan would not agree to trading away the space defense plan. "It offers too much hope," Weinberger said. "It's the only thing that offers any real hope to the world. And he will not give that up."

McFarlane, appearing on another TV program, fell into step. Asked whether the United States was considering "negotiating away" Star Wars, he said, "Well, we think that that is not the way to go."

All this probably means Star Wars has special priority in the Reagan administration, but that it's not a good idea to imply the United States would let anything stand in the way of a genuine arms control agreement with the Russians.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Barry Schweid has reported on U.S.-Soviet negotiations since 1973.

Impatient guests finally get to take tour of White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — 'Twas the season to be jolly, but all was not so merry last week when hundreds of families tried to accept their White House invitations to take a "candlelight tour" of the executive mansion decorated for the holidays.

Congressional staffers and members of the White House press corps, many of them with spouses and children in tow, lined up down East Executive Drive waiting to go through security checks and begin the tour. A few hundred actually got inside the mansion but were confined to the East Wing corridor, barred from going upstairs to the State Floor to see the fabled East Room, State Dining Room and the Blue Room, where the White House Christmas Tree stood.

The line outside grew longer and longer; the children more and more rambunctious; and the would-be guests less and less patient as their wait stretched past the one-hour mark, and the end of the two-hour tour period drew closer and closer.

Many gave up and walked away, their disappointed brood in tow.

But with 20 minutes left to go, the gates finally were thrown open, and several hundred of those still in line scurried through for a quick peek.

It turned out that Time magazine photographer Dirk Halstead, known affectionately among his colleagues as "Elbows," had decided the cloudy skies would spoil the outdoor picture-taking session he had scheduled with Nancy Reagan. He asked that she pose briefly on the Truman Balcony off the State Floor, and the Secret Service closed the floor until Mrs. Reagan left — nearly an hour after the session had been scheduled to end.

Mrs. Reagan's press secretary, Sheila Tate, estimated the Reagans shook about 4,000 hands each as they stood for a combined total of about three hours in receiving lines.

Judge Holt to be honored

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some three years after arriving in Snyder. He earned his law degree from Baylor in 1949 after military service during World War II.

He was in private practice locally until 1952, when he won the position of county attorney. He served one term before winning the post of district attorney.

He served as DA for 13 years and was appointed district judge in 1970 following the resignation of then-judge Sterling Williams.

From then until 1981 — when he won his last four-year term — he has been re-elected four times.

During the years, he has been active in local civic groups. He is a member and past master of the Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 and is a 33rd degree Mason.

He is also a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and has taught a Sunday school class there since 1971.

He and his wife Maxine have five daughters.

Accidents with holiday

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period — also a one vehicle incident — was logged at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and U.S. Highway 180 east of Snyder.

According to DPS reports, Mollie Mathew Robins of Lubbock escaped without injury when the 1977 AMC she was driving ran off the southbound exit ramp off of U.S. 84.

No injuries were reported in a two-vehicle mishap reported Monday afternoon at that same intersection.

Involved in the 2:28 p.m. incident were a 1981 Chevrolet driven by William Ray Hibbs of 4515 Galveston and a 1972 Ford driven by Johnny Caton Powell of Rt. 2.

Suitcase stolen, store theft noted

Snyder police arrested two suspects for shoplifting Sunday afternoon and began investigating a misdemeanor theft report filed Monday morning.

City officers were called to Furr's Supermarket at 3:06 p.m. Sunday where thay arrested a 40-year-old man and a 21-year-old woman on misdemeanor theft charges in response to a shoplifting incident reported by store employees.

In other action, Minnie Garza called police at 2:42 a.m. Monday to report the theft of her suitcase.

She said it had been taken from the back of a pickup truck parked at 605 20th St. sometime earlier in the evening.

Police later recovered the missing suitcase which was found opened with its contents scattered near the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and the Ennis Creek Road.

Investigators report having no suspects in the case.

In other routine action, police jailed six subjects for public intoxication, one for DWI and four on various misdemeanor warrants over Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Suicide call prompts action

Police responded to a call from an 18-year-old man Monday afternoon which resulted in his being committed to the state hospital in Big Spring for psychiatric observation.

According to reports, the man called police from a local motel at 3:15 p.m. and told officers that he was going to commit suicide.

Christmas Day includes 3 minor traffic mishaps

Snyder police logged three minor traffic mishaps in the city Tuesday — Christmas Day.

Involved in the day's first accident at the intersection of U.S. 84 and College Ave. at 11:30 a.m. was a 1979 Pontiac driven by Lisa S. Todd of McKinney. She struck a guard rail after apparently losing control of the vehicle on the slick roadway.

Tuesday's second mishap was reported at 12:59 p.m. on the parking lot of the C&W Convenience Store in the 2500 Block of College Ave.

Involved in it were a 1983 Chevrolet driven by Edgar Louie Gamble of Rt. 3, Snyder and a 1981 Buick driven by Lupe Rodriquez Garcia of 2401 Ave. B.

The 3400 Block of Irving Ave. was the scene of Tuesday's final mishap at 4:25 p.m.

Involved in it were a 1982 Mercury driven by Patsy Nachlinger McDaniel of 3403 Irving Ave. and a 1984 BMW driven by Alexander Ronald Brice of 5600 Cedar Creek Dr.

No injuries were reported in any of Tuesday's mishaps.

Last Saturday, police worked two minor traffic mishaps also here.

The parking lot of Munden's Discount Center on College Ave. was the scene of the first accident at 11:45 a.m.

Involved in it were a 1980 Ford driven by Loyd Wayne Pinkerton of 305 33rd St. and a 1973 Ford driven by Santiago Pineda of 1904 Coleman Ave.

The day's second accident — a hit-and-run incident — was reported at 1:08 a.m. Sunday on the parking lot of the Club 250 at the intersection of 37th St. and the East Highway.

According to reports, a parked 1984 Chevrolet owned by Robert Phariss of 3911 Eastridge Dr. had been struck by a vehicle which apparently fled the scene sometime earlier Saturday night.

Markets
Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	36⅛	35⅞	35⅞
Amer Can	49⅝	49½	49⅝
Ameritech	75¾	75⅝	75½
AMI Inc	21	20⅞	21
Am Motors	3½	3⅜	3⅜
AmStand	30¾	30½	30⅝
Amer T&T	19½	19¼	19⅜
ArmcoInc	9⅛	9⅛	9⅛
AtlRichfld	43¾	43½	43⅝
BancTexas	4¼	4¼	4¼
BellAtlan	79⅜	79⅛	79¼
BellSouth s	33½	33¼	33½
Beth Steel	17¼	17⅛	17¼
Borden	64	63⅜	64
CaterpTr	30⅞	30⅜	30½
Centel	37⅝	37⅝	37⅝
Chevron	31	30¾	30⅞
Chrysler	31⅜	30⅞	31¼
CocaCola	62⅜	62¼	62¼
Coleman	26⅜	26⅛	26⅜
ComlMetl	17¾	17½	17¾
DiamShm	17⅞	17½	17⅝
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EntexInc	20⅞	20¾	20¾
Exxon	44¾	44⅜	44½
FedlCo	34½	34⅜	34⅜
Firestone	17¼	17⅛	17⅛
FtBcpTex	15	14⅝	15
FordMot	45¼	45	45¼
GAF Corp	24½	24⅜	24⅜
GTE Corp	40⅜	40⅛	40¼
GnDynam	68⅛	68	68⅛
GenElec	57¼	56⅞	57
Gen Food	56⅛	56	56
Gen Motors	78⅛	77⅞	77⅞
GnMotr E n	40⅜	40⅛	40¼
Goodrich	26⅜	26¼	26¼
Goodyear	26½	26⅜	26⅜
GtAtlPac	15½	15½	15½
Haliburtn	28⅞	28⅜	28⅝
Holiday Inn	42⅜	42	42⅛
HoustInd	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛
HughesTl	13⅜	13⅛	13⅛
Interfst	10⅞	10⅝	10¾
IBM	124¼	123⅞	124⅛
Intl Harv	8⅛	8	8
Int Paper	53½	53¼	53½
JeffPilot s	39⅝	39¼	39¼
JohnsJn	36⅛	35⅞	36
K mart	35¼	35	35¼
KrogerCo	39	39	39
LTV Corp	10¼	10	10
Litton Ind	64¾	64⅜	64¾
LoneSta Ind	23⅜	23¼	23⅜
MCorp	21	20¾	21
MayDSt s	43	42¾	43
Medtronic	26⅞	26¾	26¾
Mobil	29	28½	28⅝
Monsanto s	43⅛	42⅞	42⅞
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ShellOil	56	56	56
Singer Co	30	29⅞	30
Southern Co	18⅝	18⅜	18⅝
Southland	27⅞	27⅜	27⅜
SwstBell	70½	70⅜	70½
Sperry Cp	40⅝	40⅜	40½
StdOilInd	53⅝	53⅛	53½
StdOilOh	41½	41¼	41¼
SunComp	47⅜	47¼	47¼
TNP Ent	13⅞	13⅜	13⅜
Tandy	24⅛	23¾	24
Tenneco	36⅜	36	36¼
Texaco Inc	34½	34	34⅜
TexComBn	38⅛	37⅜	37⅜
TexEastn s	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛
Texas Inst	117⅛	116½	117⅝
TexasOGas	18⅛	17⅞	18
Tex Util	26	25⅞	26
Un Carbide	38⅛	37⅜	38
UnPacCp	40⅞	40⅜	40⅞
US Steel	25¾	25⅝	25⅝
USWest	69	68⅝	69
UniTel	22¼	22⅛	22⅛
Unocal	36⅝	36¼	36⅜
WalMart	40⅝	40½	40½
WestghEl s	26½	26⅜	26⅜
Xerox Cp	38⅜	38⅛	38¼
ZenithE	20⅝	20½	20½

Obituaries

Menco Rice

ANSON--Services for Menco Rice, 82, of Anson will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery under direction of Lawrence Funeral Home.

He died Monday night at Anson General Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born Sept. 18, 1902 in Mena, Ark.

He is survived by a son, Jerry of Abilene; two daughters, Mrs. Bill (Marie) Kidwell of Abilene and Mrs. Vernon (Jane) Sharer of Hamlin; a sister; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pranksters relocate signs

Police officers on patrol early Monday morning reported finding and recovering five real estate "for sale" signs apparently taken from yards in the city by pranksters.

The signs — two owned by Lois Graves Realtors and one each from Jack & Jack, Stevenson and G & G Contractors — were found shortly after 2 a.m. Monday. They had been placed in the school yards at West Elementary, Stanfield Elementary, Snyder Junior High, Snyder High School and the School Administration Building.

Police recovered the signs and all were returned to their owners.

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Atlanta organization tries new way to teach adults

ATLANTA (AP) — The image is a familiar one — a benevolent volunteer tutor working patiently one-on-one, week after week, teaching a proud but illiterate adult how to read.

The problem, says an Atlanta organization, is that too often, it doesn't work.

Those traditional adult literacy programs have a success rate of about 20 percent, said Lunette Hayes, vice president of Atlanta's Literacy Action. And with an estimated one out of four Southerners functionally illiterate, that's not enough to solve "an absolutely monumental problem," she said.

A recent report of the Library of Congress said one American adult in eight can't read books.

Literacy Action, a non-profit group teaching adult Atlantans to read for 15 years, has junked its traditional one-on-one volunteer program and substituted a new concept in group teaching.

"We've got a very innovative thing ... something very special," she said. "We may have a real solution."

Literacy Action can take a class of illiterate adults and, in less than a year of twice-a-week, 90-minute sessions, have 80 percent of them reading and writing at a 10th grade level, according to president Vern Pulling.

The key is in the approach.

"Illiteracy among adults is not primarily a reading problem," he explained. "And the conventional approach of teaching traditional reading skills isn't going to solve the problem."

Rather, he said, the problem is that adults who cannot read have spent their whole lives thinking differently from the majority of the population.

"Our students do not process information like the rest of America does," Ms. Hayes said.

The idea behind Literacy Action's program, based on studies by University of Georgia reading professor James Dinnan, is that illiterate people "have developed a whole language pattern slightly out of sync with standard language patterns," Pulling said.

For example, Pulling said, although a non-reading person knows very well what "hot" and "cold" mean when he hears them, he may "misfile" those words in his mind, and never associate them with other words or understand other meanings.

A stove, then, is certainly "hot," but when something is described as "hot stuff," that has nothing to do with stoves — and comprehension breaks down.

The problem, in other words, is not understanding words. It's reading — reading whole sentences and paragraphs and knowing what they mean. Some illiterate people may perfectly "read" a whole paragraph, but because they cannot "process the information," they won't "have the faintest idea what it meant," Pulling said.

Before students are given anything to read, they work on their image. "Most of the people who have struggled with this have developed a pretty bad attitude about their ability to learn," Pulling said.

And then they talk about how language is used. From there, they move to words, sentences and paragraphs until they can write a coherent theme.

The system works quickly, Pulling said, adding: "They're not lacking in thinking skills. Once they master this information processing, they discover they were thinking clearly all the time. They just can't communicate."

Illiterate people, he said, are not necessarily poor, backward, embarrassed.

"Most of our students are employed, and most have at least latent ego strength — they wonder if they're stupid, but they don't really believe it," he said. "They are concerned about their kids, or concerned about their jobs."

And, he said, most of them already "read better than they think they do."

Literacy Action hopes to teach 1,000 Atlantans to read during this school year — preferably parents, since "illiteracy breeds illiteracy," she said.

Stacy Keach hospitalized in England

NEW YORK (AP) — Two friends of actor Stacy Keach, who is serving nine months in an English prison for taking $6,000 worth of cocaine into the country, say they fear he may have been roughed up in prison. But officials dismiss the report as "a figment of someone's imagination."

Pulitzer-prize winning playwright-actor Jason Miller and William McAndrew became concerned after they were turned away over the weekend by authorities at Reading Prison near London, where they believe Keach is being held, the New York Daily News reported today.

They were unsuccessful in a second attempt to contact Keach while posing as ministers, and were told only that the actor had been taken to the prison infirmary suffering from a bad back, Miller said.

"The official said that Keach had had a bad back before he came into prison, but he's never had back trouble in his life," he said.

McAndrew said he contacted a relative, reportedly close to prison officials, who told him Keach "had apparently been involved in some sort of a battle and had been placed in solitary confinement and then taken to the hospital," the News reported.

But a spokesman for the British Home Office, which supervises British prisons, said, "He is not ill. He hasn't been assaulted. He hasn't been in any fight. The story that's circulating is a figment of someone's imagination."

Asked why the friends weren't allowed to visit Keach, the spokesman, who declined to be identified, said:

"You can't simply knock at the door of a British prison and expect to see somebody. Visits are regulated. They are rationed. They take time to arrange and are allowed only when the prisoner wishes the visit and the governor approves."

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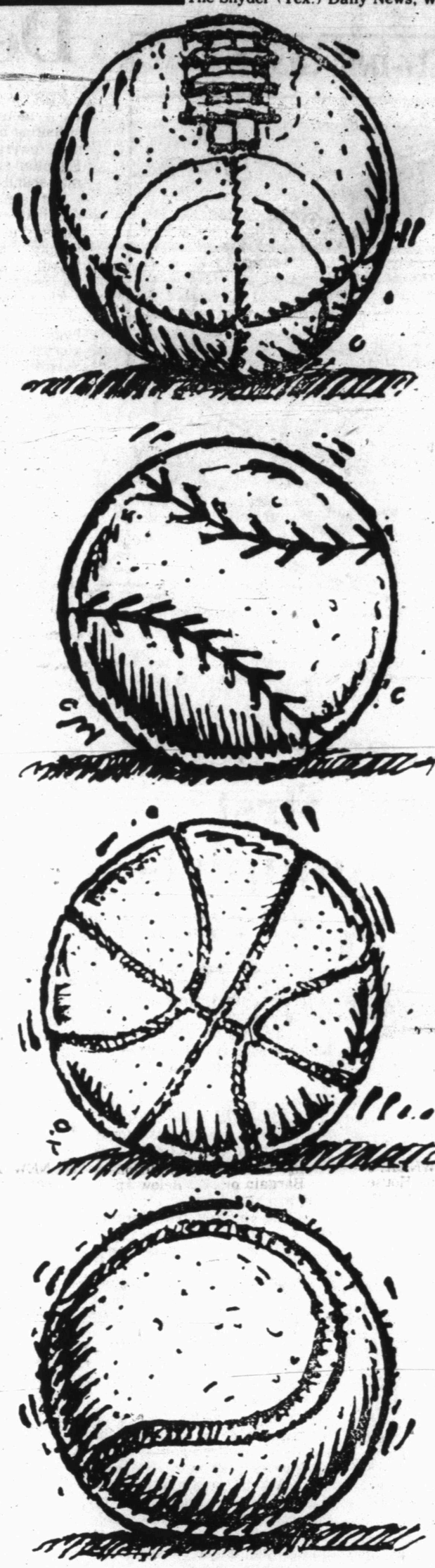
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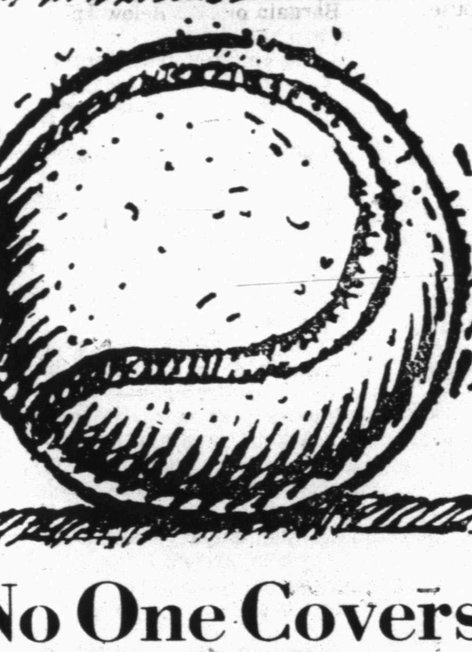
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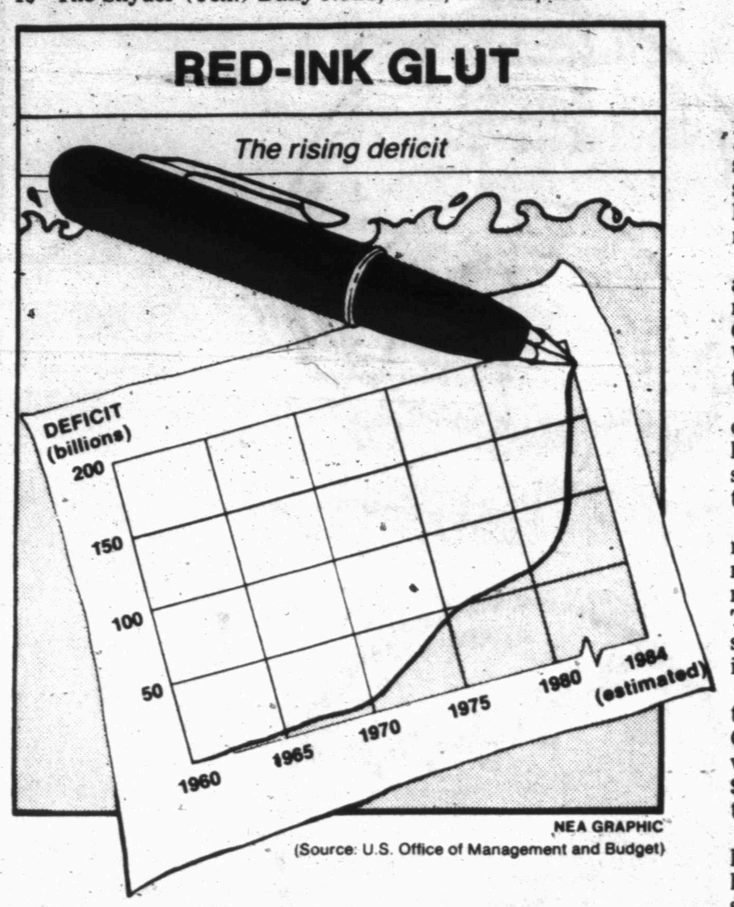


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Developers are planning city

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — In a metropolis renowned for sprouting modernistic glass-and-steel towers almost overnight, an Egyptian-style city of pyramids may sound a bit odd.

But a real estate developer, an architect and an artist have announced plans to build in Tarrant County — probably north of Fort Worth — what they say will be the first modern pyramid city.

The project, to be called Valley of the Kings, will include four huge pyramids 30 stories to 40 stories tall, said Fred Tarrant, the project's developer.

"I want to build the safest, most beautiful, technically modern city in the world," Tarrant told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "In order to get the safest city, the strongest building in the world is the pyramid."

Tarrant, chairman of UCB International Corp. in Garden Grove, Calif., said the project will cost between $10 billion and $20 billion and take seven years to complete.

"Many contemporary designs have come and gone but none have equaled the pyramid in sheer beauty," Tarrant said. "They have withstoood the test of time architecturally."

He says he chose Tarrant County for his dream city because it bears his last name. And although he considered Dallas and Houston, he says he thought Fort Worth more suitable because it is behind the other cities in development.

He said he expects to buy the land for the project in 1985, and the centerpiece for the 640-acre city will be a 40-story pyramid that covers 13 acres at the base and will contain city offices, penthouses and nightclubs.

Three other pyramids will be nine acres at the base, 30 stories tall and will house condominiums, offices, stores and restaurants, he says.

Tarrant said the pyramids are being designed for centuries of use, and he therefore plans to follow the exact specifications of the Great Pyramid of Egypt, he says.

But instead of the more traditional stone, he says he will use steel, glass and concrete.

"A lot of people are in fear of their safety," Tarrant said. "This city will be free of nuclear attack. Like the nation's top officials have bomb shelters, I want to build shelters for everyone in my city."

Los Angeles architect Weston Whipple and her husband, artist Michael Whipple, drew up the preliminary plans and designed a brochure to be shown to those interested in investing in the city.

Mrs. Whipple said the city, which can house about 25,000 residents, will be self-sufficient.

"We will have our own water," she said. "We will create energy by storing the sun. We will be self-supporting. We will reprocess our garbage and trash."

In addition, Tarrant says residents will not be allowed to bring guns into the city and visitors will have to pay $20 just to enter.

Two 15-story sphinxes will be placed at each of the four entrances to the city and four 50-story obelisks will be built in each corner of the city, Mrs. Whipple said.

"We are building for the future," Mrs. Whipple said. "We are not reproducing what exists on the planet. Because what exists on earth is death. We want to save life."

Fewer tourists were at Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Some 6,000 tourists and pilgrims, searched and guarded by hundreds of Israeli occupation troops, visited the birthplace of Jesus Christ this Christmas.

Bethlehem tourism director George Sammour said the crowds were about two-thirds the size of last year's, and he blamed the lag on the troubled world economy.

Church bells heralded the holiday in the town of 15,000 on the West Bank of the Jordan River. A 30-foot Christmas tree was aglow with colored lights in Manger Square. Inside the adjacent church, brown-robed monks sang carols in Latin.

Israel's prime minister, Shimon Peres, visited the town Christmas Eve and talked with Mayor Elias Freij, a Christian Palestinian.

Carrying a whiskey, Peres walked through a reception with Freij by his side, shaking hands with Palestinians opposed to Israel's presence in the West Bank.

"It is my honor to bring to you today on your holiday a special greeting from the Jewish people living in Zion — a greeting of peace from those who seek peace," said Peres.

Freij said his Christmas wish was "that 1985 will be a year of political initiatives and moves toward solving the Arab-Israeli crisis."

For most pilgrims, the politics went unnoticed. Christmas to them was an emotional visit to the birthplace of Jesus in the rolling Judean hills.

"I always wanted to see where Jesus walked. I think this experience will make me a better Christian," said Eva Verhulst, from Yuma, Ariz., who wiped tears of emotion from her cheeks.

For others it was simply a festive place to spend a night singing carols and meeting people from around the world.

A young man from Ontario, Canada, who said he was "bumming around the Mideast" pinned a tiny version of a Canadian flag on the shirt of a wide-eyed Palestinian boy. "Just remember, Santa Claus is Canadian," he said as the uncomprehending youth smiled broadly.

Several hundred elite Israeli border guards were stationed throughout the route leading to Manger Square. They also were clearly visible silouhetted against the cross atop the Church of the Nativity and other rooftops around the square.

International Court

The International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands, is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. Its 15 judges are elected for nine-year terms by the General Assembly and the Security Council. The court's decisions are only binding between the parties concerned, and if either party fails to heed a judgment, the other party has recourse to the Security Council.

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It's not easy being the state's first set of quintuplets

DALLAS (AP) — Nearly everything the Davis kids do is a public spectacle.

The five — Christa, Casey, Chanda, Charla, and Chelsa — are Texas' first quintuplets. They were born 10 years ago to a young Lewisville welder and his wife at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Their baptism drew almost 500 people. Their first Thanksgiving, first day of school, first Halloween and "their first everything" has been recorded by newspapers throughout the state.

Even shopping isn't easy because they're whispered about, stared at and invariably asked: "Which one are you?"

Restaurants aren't any better.

"It's terrible going to eat," Jerry Davis, the quins father, told the Dallas Times Herald. "You always have a mouthful of food when someone comes up and asks about the kids ... We don't go out that much."

The only one who likes being a celebrity is Casey. And he's the only boy.

"People know you better, everyone knows you," Casey said.

But the girls, who resemble each other are tired of the attention and having their identities confused. Chanda and Chelsa have it roughest: They are identical.

"I'd rather be by myself," said Charla. "People always say, 'I saw you on TV,' and are bugging you all time."

At their request, Mrs. Davis stopped dressing her children in matching outfits.

"I dressed them alike for years because it was easy," she said. "I could say, 'Go get the red outfit,' and they knew which socks and shoes went with it. But the first time they said they all wanted different clothes, we started doing our own thing."

All the girls have short brown hair but each is a little different in length. They wanted it that way.

Mrs. Davis says her five freckled-face have different personalities: Christa is more social; Chanda and Chelsa are "more babyish," Casey is a health nut; Chandra wants to work at a bank.

All the children play soccer: Casey on one team, the four girls on another, which causes problems for the coach.

"The girls won't look at you until you call them by the right name, so their coach spends half the game walking up and down the sidelines calling out their names, Christa ... Chandra .. Chelsa .., until he gets it right," Mrs. Davis said.

Having four girls on the team also puts an extra burden on the family not to miss a game.

"If we don't show up, the team has to forfeit," said Mrs. Davis.

Both parents say ushering children to soccer games, choir practice and school functions makes the diaper years seem calm by comparison.

And there's the chore of finding a babysitter.

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