

In The News

Nurse arrested

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — A male nurse has been arrested and booked for investigation of murder in the deaths of 12 patients at two hospitals who received massive overdoses of the heart drug Lidocaine, authorities said.

Prosecutors will seek the death penalty against Robert R. Diaz, 44, Assistant Riverside County District Attorney Thomas Hollenhorst said. Diaz was arrested at his apartment Monday night on a court warrant by authorities from Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Diaz was booked for investigation of 11 murders involving patients at Community Hospital of the Valleys in Perris and one patient at San Geronio Pass Hospital in Banning. The deaths between March 30 and April 25 allegedly were caused by massive overdoses of the heart drug Lidocaine.

Majority with Saudis

FEZ, Morocco (AP) — A majority of the Arab nations favor Saudi Arabia's blueprint for peace with Israel, but the Arab summit meeting opening Wednesday probably will not endorse it because of the opposition of Libya, Syria and other hard-liners.

That was the assessment of several sources who attended the closed-door meeting Monday of Arab League foreign ministers preparing for the meeting of their heads of state and government.

The sources said a substantial majority of the league's 20 members favor the eight-point peace plan advanced by Saudi Crown Prince Fahd, but "determined opposition" from the hard-line minority will probably block its endorsement by the summit.

The main stumbling block appeared to be the seventh point, which implies recognition of Israel by saying that "all states" in the Middle East have the right to live in peace.



SISTER Jean Reimer, left, and Sister Helen La-Valley, members of the Grand Rapids, Mich., based Dominican Sisters, have been missing in Guatemala since last week. Officials at the Order's headquarters said the two women were to return to the U.S. next month because they feared for their safety. (AP Laserphoto)

Test for cretinism

BOSTON (AP) — A drop of blood from the heel can show whether a newborn baby suffers from a retardation-causing disease known as cretinism, and the illness can be largely prevented if doctors act on the blood-test results, a study says.

"It certainly can be controlled," Dr. Robert Klein of Dartmouth Medical School said of the affliction, which causes deformity as well as retardation. "Whether it will be depends on how conscientiously humans use these tests."

Cretinism, or hypothyroidism, is an inherited disease that occurs when a child's thyroid glands do not produce enough of a hormone called thyroxine. It strikes one in every 4,000 children.

However, he said the medical treatment does not prevent retardation in children who are born with obvious signs of cretinism, such as thick lips and a protruding tongue. These youngsters account for about 4 percent of all victims of the disease.

Paisley issues challenge

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — In a major challenge to the British government, the Rev. Ian Paisley led 10,000 cudgel-carrying Protestant vigilantes in a show of strength against London's policies.

The burly preacher-politician, demanding Britain launch all-out war against the Roman Catholic guerrillas of the Irish Republican Army, marched his "Third Force" through the Protestant town of Newtownards Monday night in defiance of the government's warning that it would not tolerate private armies.

"We will start a great recruiting campaign because I want no less than 100,000 men in Ulster. Ulster, united and together, is on the march," said Paisley.

Likely to reject Europeans

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel is likely to bar European countries from the U.S.-led Sinai peacekeeping force because they have linked their participation to the Palestinian issue, government sources said today.

The decision will be made Sunday at a cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Menachem Begin's spokesman, Uri Porat, said. He declined to speculate on what Israel's final answer will be.



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Local, Area Deaths

Robert Gutzwiller—formerly Aberdeen

WORD has been received here of the Oct. 28 death of Robert W. Gutzwiller, 61, former Aberdeen resident and more recently of Tampa, Fla.

Services and burial were at Huntington, W. Va. Mr. Gutzwiller played baseball with the Aberdeen Pheasants in 1946 and married Mary Ann Young of Aberdeen. They later lived at Huntington where he was a professor at Marshall College and was later employed by the Ohio River Company. They lived there until 1970 when they moved to Tampa.

Survivors include his widow, of 5111 San Jose, Tampa, Fla., 33609; and one son, Robert W. Gutzwiller Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Edward Shoemaker — Webster

WEBSTER — Edward Shoemaker, 91, Webster, died Monday, Nov. 23, at the Day County Hospital in Webster.

The funeral will be 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at the United Methodist Church in Webster with the Rev. Donald Hadrick officiating.

Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Pierre Friday afternoon. The Mohs Funeral Home of Webster is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and prior to the service Friday at the church.

Casketbearers will be Glenn E. Fisher, Don Thompson, Harmon Baukol, Jim Knapp, Ed Cross and Graydon Bakke.

Edward Malcom Shbemaker was born Jan. 17, 1890, in Pierce County, Neb. He grew up there and farmed in Nebraska. He married Bessie May Robison Oct. 15, 1913, at Des Moines, Iowa. He later farmed near Clark and then moved to Pierre in 1929. He farmed there until 1952. Mrs. Shoemaker died in 1953. He moved to Webster in 1957 and worked at the Webster Livestock Exchange until 1974. He had been living with his son prior to his death.

Survivors include one son, Russell, Webster; two daughters, Mrs. Frank (Alice) Eldridge, Fort Pierre; and Mrs. James (Ruth) Etzkorn, Kansas City, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Melvin (Marie) Klampe, Salem, Ore.; and Mrs. Carol (Edith) Nordhus, Wenatchee, Wash.; two brothers, Harry Shoemaker, in Canada; and William Shoemaker, Torrington, Wyo.; 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, one son, two sisters and two brothers.

Edna Braasch — Mellette

THE funeral for Edna Braasch, 66, rural Mellette, will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Mansfield, with the Rev. William Paepke officiating.

Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens at Aberdeen. The Miller-Huebl Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Braasch died Monday, Nov. 23, at her home. Visitation will be until 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service at the church. Relatives will meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Casketbearers will be Leonard Sollie, Mina; Doug Stellner, Aberdeen; John Cowles, Wayne Borge and Dean Borge, all of Mellette; and Larry Ihde, Warner. Mrs. Gordon Bierman will be the organist and will direct the men's choir in special music. Ushers will be Dean Boekelheide and Loren Heidenreich.

Edna Dorothy Stellner was born April 17, 1915, near Mansfield. She attended school and grew up there. She worked at the Mansfield State Bank and later married William M. Braasch May 2, 1948, at Mansfield. They farmed near Mansfield since that time. She was a past member of the Mellette Township School Board and was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church at Mellette. She was also a member of the American Lutheran Church Women, the Sunshine Circle of the church and the Harmony Club. She was a past member of Trinity Lutheran.

Survivors include her husband, one son, Robert, Mellette; one brother, Albert Stellner, Cyrus, Minn.; and two sisters, Mrs. Henry (Lorna) Stahl, Kimball, Neb.; and Mrs. Lewis (Arlene) Krueger, Aberdeen.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

Death toll could be as high as 500

CHICAGO (AP) — Between 480 and 580 people may die in traffic accidents over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the National Safety Council estimates.

The holiday period begins at 6 p.m. local time Wednesday and ends at midnight Sunday.

During the 1980 Thanksgiving weekend, 504 people lost their lives in accidents on the nation's roads. The highest traffic toll was in 1968 when 764 people were killed.

The council said Monday about 580 people could be expected to be killed during a similar non-holiday period at this time of the year.

Walter Seyer — Selby

SELBY — Walter J. Seyer, 78, Selby, died Monday, Nov. 23, at his home in Selby.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete with the Miller Funeral Home of Bowdle.

Oliver Belden — Groton

GROTON — Oliver Belden, 81, Groton, died Monday, Nov. 23, at Dakota Midland Hospital in Aberdeen.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton with the Rev. F. Philip Strain officiating.

Burial will be in the Groton Union Cemetery. The Paetznick-Garner Funeral Chapel of Groton is in charge of arrangements.

A prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

A complete obituary will be published later.

Hjalmer Larson—formerly Faulkton

FAULKTON — Word has been received here of the Nov. 8 death of Hjalmer J. Larson, 78, former Faulkton businessman.

Memorial services were Friday, Nov. 20, at the King of Glory Lutheran Church at Tempe, Ariz.

The family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Hjalmer J. Larson was born March 16, 1903, at Graceville, Minn. He owned and operated a car agency and implement dealership in Faulkton for several years. He had been living at Mesa, Ariz., for the past nine years.

Survivors include his widow, Mary Ellen (Mac) Larson, Mesa; one son, Terry, Los Angeles, Calif.; one daughter, Marilyn Larson, Seattle, Wash.; one sister, Mrs. Edna Sime, Aberdeen; one brother, Ralph, Los Angeles; and one granddaughter.

How They Voted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is how congressmen from Minnesota and the Dakotas voted as the House rejected Monday, 221-176, a Democratic move to continue federal spending at the old level until Feb. 3.

A subsequent voice vote to place the date at Dec. 15 succeeded.

A "yes" vote was a vote in favor of the Dec. 15 date.

A "no" vote was a vote in favor of the Feb. 3 date.

MINNESOTA

Democrats — Oberstar, no; Sabo, no; Vento, no.

Republicans — Erdahl, yes; Frenzel, yes; Hagedorn, yes; Stangeland, yes; Weber, yes.

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Republican — Roberts, yes.

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Here is how congressmen from Minnesota and the Dakotas voted Monday as the House voted 367-26 to give final approval to a stopgap spending measure to keep the government running until Dec. 15.

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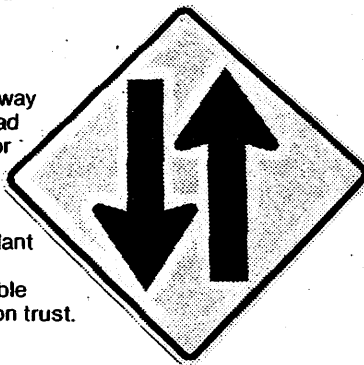
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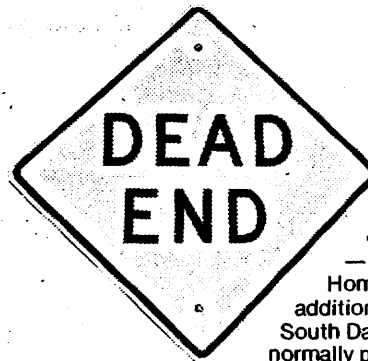
A fair tax is a two-way street, sharing the bad times in exchange for sharing the good.

A fair tax doesn't take the "seed money" needed to plant next year's crop.

A fair tax is workable because it is based on trust.



...and one that isn't.



Right now South Dakota's ore tax strikes out on all three counts. It applies to only one company — Homestake.

Homestake must pay it in addition to all other taxes South Dakota businesses normally pay.

The ore tax takes the biggest percent of profits when gold prices are low. The higher prices go, the smaller the percentage bite. That's just plain backwards. A fair tax would give the state a bigger share when prices are high and ease the tax load when prices dip close to the cost of production.

The ore tax takes the "seed money" needed for exploration and development as Homestake follows the ore bodies deeper into the earth. Because the tax takes a flat 6% of gross sales instead of taxing net profits, it makes no allowance for the tens of millions that need to be re-invested to keep the mine alive. That's unfair, because the deeper mining goes, the more expensive it gets.

It's also unfair because Homestake, like family farmers and ranchers, has no control over the price it receives for its product. Which means Homestake has no way to pass along a tax increase.

That increase was a huge one. The Legislature doubled Homestake's effective state tax rate in 1980 and tripled it in 1981. In the meantime, the price of gold fell approximately 50%.

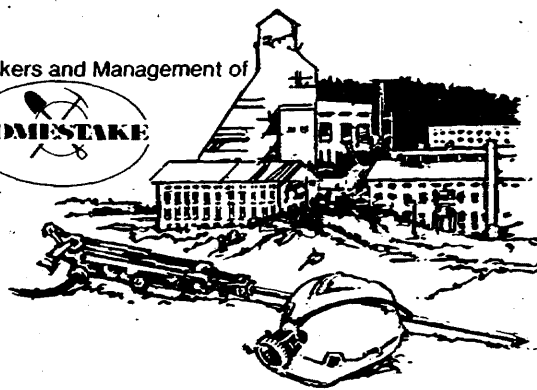
At gold prices prevailing during the first part of 1981, the South Dakota tax cost the mine approximately 30% of its net profits. That combination of low gold prices and high taxes forced the Homestake Mine to cancel \$15 million in major capital improvements, to reduce its contractors and to stop accepting applications for employment.

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