

Christmas lights shine for needy

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The tree was decorated only with lights, "but those lights," said Jim Thompson, executive director of the Bryan Rehabilitation Center, "are shining all the way up to heaven."

These lights, placed on the 40-foot Community Christmas tree, were turned on in a lighting ceremony Thursday night. The ceremony was held at the site of the tree, on the corner of University Drive and Texas Avenue.

Thompson, who welcomed the crowd of about 200, said that the tree represents the "principles of truth."

"The more a person gives, the more he gets back," Thompson said.

The Bryan Rehabilitation Center, which has sponsored the Community Christmas tree for three years, sold each light on the Christmas tree for \$10 each.

Harold McCullough, director of development for the Rehabilitation Center, said that the lights were bought to either memorialize or to honor someone.

"It's for the people of the community to enjoy," McCullough said, "and the money raised helps keep the children's program going at the Rehabilitation Center."

McCullough predicted that there are about 1,800 lights on the tree and said that lights can be bought

until Dec. 19.

McCullough also said that while the lights are sold at a fixed price, the top star is sold to the highest bidder.

"Our opening bid was \$5,000," he said. "But we're going to wait to announce the highest bidder until all the bids are in."

McCullough said that on Christmas Day, the Eagle newspaper will print the names of those persons memorialized or honored with a light on the Christmas tree.

The Stephen F. Austin Jr. High school choir of Bryan sang Christmas carols at the ceremony and they were joined by members of the Deaf Choir of Sul Ross Elementary, who sang along in sign language.

Bryan High School Coach Merrill Green sang a solo of "Oh Holy Night."

Margaret (Mrs. Earl) Rudder and the Susannah Kendall, the Easter Seal Child, arrived midway through the ceremony in a firetruck and pulled the switch to light the tree.

McCullough said that the tree, which was a gift of the Texas Forest Service, was lit now so it can be enjoyed before the Aggies leave for Christmas vacation.

"It's really one of the great joys of our Christmas," McCullough said. "And just looking at it lit up like that makes it all worth while."



Anthony S. Casper

Bryan Rehabilitation Center lights the tree of hope for children.

62 miners trapped; 32 dead in Taiwan cave-in disaster

United Press International

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Rescuers wielding picks and shovels failed Thursday to reach 62 coal miners feared dead in a cave-in that left them trapped behind tons of fallen rock.

The bodies of 32 other miners have been found in the poison gas-filled pit since the collapse Monday at the Hai Shan Tunnel No. 1, once considered one of the safest mines in the country.

The cave-in prompted at least one leading public official to call for the closure of all 120 mines on the island.

Ninety-six men were working inside the 7,600-foot shaft at the time

and one managed to scramble to safety with minor injuries.

Rescue teams, wearing oxygen masks because of the deadly level of carbon monoxide gas in the mine, pulled the only other known survivor out after 10 hours of work Wednesday. He was hospitalized with severe burns and lung and kidney injuries.

The 32 bodies were recovered from around the cable carts which had carried the men into the mine to relieve other workers minutes before the cave-ins began at 12:50 p.m. Wednesday, officials said.

Nearly all of the bodies were covered by severe burns, officials said, contradicting earlier denials by po-

lice of a fire or explosion inside the pit.

But rescuers were unable to clear away tons of fallen rock that trapped the remaining 62 miners at the end of the shaft. Industry Commissioner Huang Ching-Feng said the operation might take days.

At least 74 miners were killed in a mining accident in June and a total of 103 died in two mishaps in July.

Chu Chuang-Huan, governor of Taiwan, Thursday told the provincial assembly he was going to propose the closure of all 120 mines on the island, where the coal industry employs 16,600 workers who earn \$1,000 per month, twice the country's average salary.

CIA manual ruled unlawful

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The CIA broke the law with a guerrilla war manual for Nicaraguan rebels, the House Intelligence Committee said, chastizing the spy agency for confusion and negligence in its production of the booklet.

One panel member said CIA Director William Casey confessed to "negligence in management" during a two-hour appearance before the committee to review the manual, which critics charge advocates political assassination.

A majority of the Democratic-controlled committee concluded that al-

though the spy agency violated a 1983 ban on spending money on operations against Nicaragua with the manual, it did not intentionally violate a presidential ban on U.S. participation in or planning for assassinations.

"The entire publication and distribution of the manual was marked within the agency by confusion," the committee statement said.

"The incident of the manual illustrates once again to a majority of the committee that the CIA did not have adequate command and control of the entire Nicaraguan covert operation."

Committee member Rep. Wyche Fowler, D-Ga said the committee will recommend changes to avoid what he termed the "politicization of the CIA," and added, "There will be specific changes in the management of the agency" in both Washington and Latin America.

President Reagan promised during his re-election campaign to fire anyone found responsible for the booklet but the only people punished were several mid-level CIA officials, who were reprimanded or suspended for their involvement in editing it.

Win sparks sales of memorabilia

By MICHAEL CRAWFORD
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Texas A&M's unexpected victory over archrival University of Texas has not only glorified the football team, but also helped local merchants. Area businesses are reaping the profits from game memorabilia.

An abundance of t-shirts, sweat-shirts, buttons, posters and pictures emblazoned with a "Hornbusters" slogan or the 37-12 score now cover storefronts and displays.

Store owners described sales of the various items as ranging from "fantastic" to "very well." The bulk of the sales seems to be T-shirts and sweatshirts.

"This has been the main thing (t-shirts)," said Chris Wortham, owner of the T-Shirts Plus outlet in Post Oak Mall. "Everyone has been buying these," he said. "People are more pleased than they were with the A&M athletic record. If you beat UT, the rest of the season can be cow chips and it wouldn't matter." Wortham estimates he sells 75 shirts with the score daily.

John Robison, president of the Society for Entrepreneurship and New Ventures (ENVE), said his group sold several thousand of the popular "Hornbusters" shirts since Monday. ENVE's prior arrangements with a shirt company enabled them to sell the shirts Monday.

In another ENVE-sponsored event Athletic Director and Head Coach Jackie Sherrill will autograph bonfire posters Saturday in Post Oak Mall from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sales of photographs of the pregame bonfire and the scoreboard were very strong, said Terry Marsaw, advisor to the MSC Camera Committee. "We didn't initially expect sales to be this high," Marsaw said. "With the win of the game,

sales shot up dramatically and we expect them to remain strong through the graduation ceremony."

But it is not only T-shirts and photographs that are selling like hotcakes. Cookies are too.

Employees of the Chocolate Chip Cookie Co. said several people a day were asking for cookies decorated with the victory score.

The surge in popularity of game souvenirs may have spilled over into other Texas A&M mementos. Aggie Unlimited Manager Elaine Beard said sales of the game products were "great" and may be contributing to the increased sales of other items.

"It's hard to tell with the Christmas rush starting, but people are definitely buying Aggie," Beard said.

The number one song last week on the KKYS-FM request chart was not by Duran Duran, Wham or Chicago; the Doormats easily defeated the competition with the hit "Hornbusters."

"It was a very clever idea," KKYS Program Director Skip Bishop said. "It was well done and well produced." KKYS was the only station to ac-

cept, the ENVE-sponsored song, Bishop said, and he thinks the station improved its communication with the students by airing it.

For those who do not know the song, sing it to the tune of "Ghostbusters."

"When the Horns come round and they're Cotton bound,
Who ya' gonna call? Horn Busters.
Hunger's up, and the steaks are down.
Who ya' gonna call? Horn Busters.
We've got an Aggie band and a bad Twelfth man.
Who ya' gonna call? Horn Busters.
We'll win this fight for maroon and white.
Who ya' gonna call? Horn Busters.
Horns are goin' down, down, down.
Called up old Fred and said,
Fred, your boys are dead.
Now, we're gonna call Horn Busters."

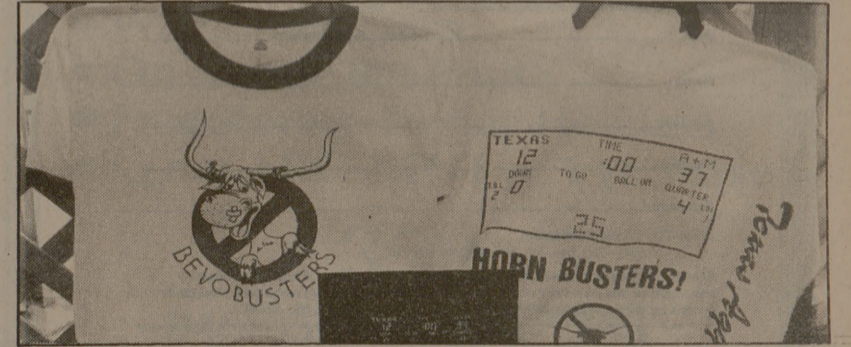


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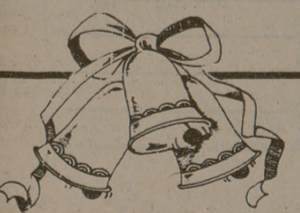
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