

# A BLESSED CHRISTMAS



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### Spring Board

How's that?  
Blood drive

Q. Is there any place in Big Spring you can go to donate blood on a regular basis?

A. Beginning Jan. 14, the United Blood Services staff will be at the Dora Roberts Health Center on the second Monday of each month. New hours of operation are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

During the holidays most regular blood drive sites cannot support the needs of the community by hosting blood drives. This year, a special "holiday" drive is being sponsored Wednesday, Dec. 26, from noon until 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

### Calendar

City Hall closed

#### TODAY

• City Hall will be closed Monday and Tuesday and again Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for the holidays. Sanitation routes will not be conducted on these days. The city landfill will be closed all day Christmas Day.

• The Howard County Library will close for the holidays until Wednesday.

• Gospel singing at the Kentwood Center has been cancelled this week.

#### TUESDAY

• The Salvation Army Christmas dinner for city residents will be from 2 to 4 p.m. at 308 Aylford.

#### WEDNESDAY

• St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be the site of a blood drive from noon until 4 p.m., sponsored by United Blood Services.

#### FRIDAY

• The Coahoma ISD tax office will be open Dec. 28-31 for anyone wanting to pay their taxes before the end of the year, said a spokesman from the tax assessor-collector's office.

### Tops on TV

Miracle

Maureen O'Hara and John Payne star in "Miracle of 34th Street" at 7:05 p.m. on channel 11. Chris and Mary Beth's quick get-away plans on Christmas Eve go awry when a fake Santa Claus arrested for a charity fraud escapes from his cell at 9 p.m. on "Cagney and Lacey".

### Outside

Cold

Overnight lows are forecast to fall into the upper 20s with winds north easterly 5 to 10 miles per hour. Skies will be partly cloudy. Forecast for Christmas Day calls for cloudy skies with winds south easterly 10 to 20 miles per hour. Highs will be in the mid 50s.

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## Police close stores

Big Spring Police told the managers of two retail stores open for business Sunday that they were in violation of the Texas Blue Law and would have to shut down.

TG&Y Store, 501 Birdwell, and K Mart, located at 1701 East FM 700, were forced to close under provisions of a state law that prohibits the sale of 42 selected items on consecutive Saturdays and Sundays. Both stores were open Saturday.

Lt. Jerry Edwards of the Big Spring Police Department said the department had received complaints from other merchants that the two stores were opening for business on Sunday.

Edwards said he did not know who made the complaints or when. He said the police shift supervisor on duty Sunday contacted the stores and told the managers they were conducting business unlawfully. He said the stores complied immediately and closed their doors.

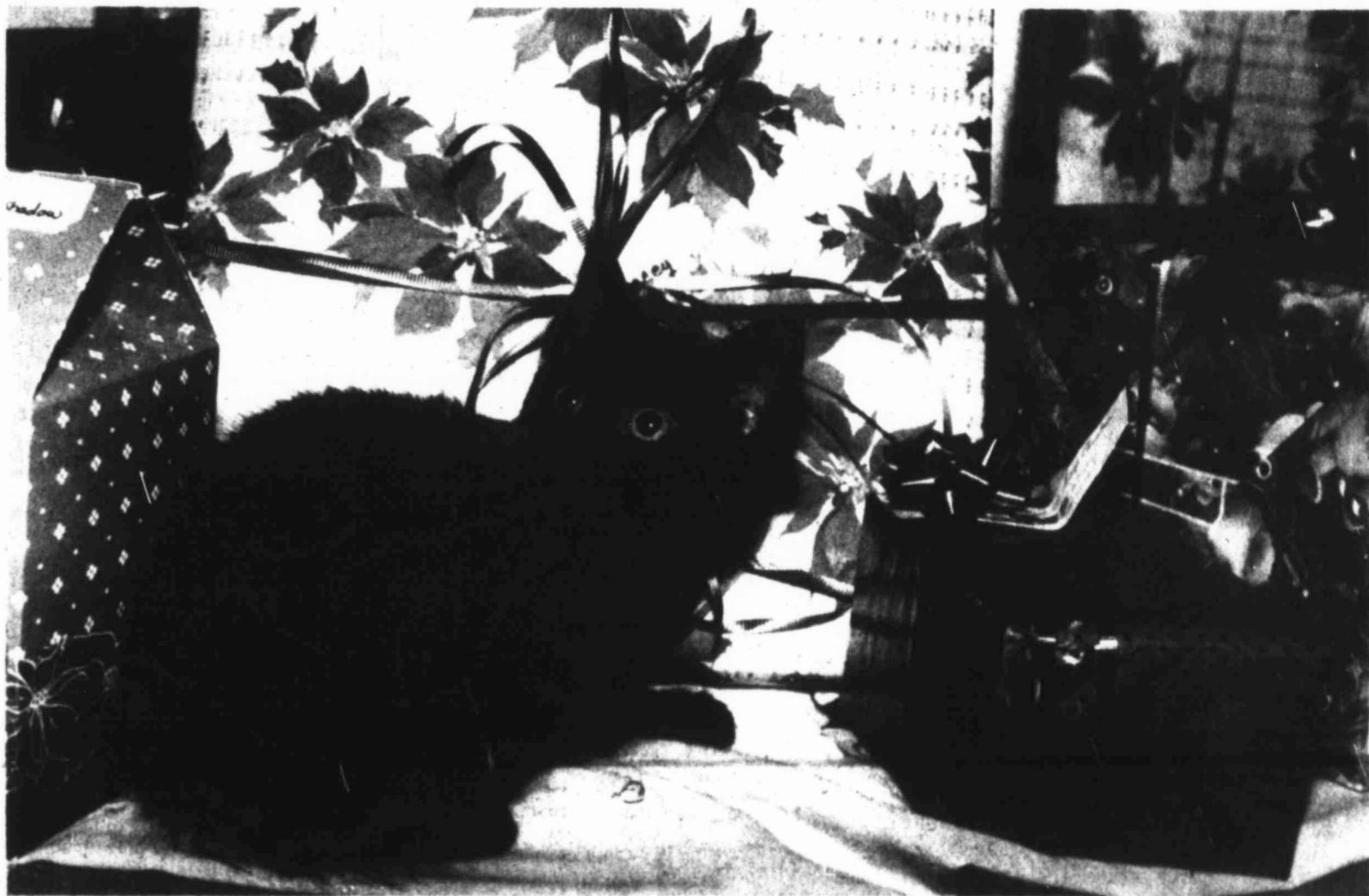
"The case will be turned over to the appropriate judicial authorities, and it's up to them if they want to pursue it," Edwards said.

A store manager at K Mart who requested he not be identified by name said he decided to open his store when he found out that TG&Y would be doing business Sunday.

"My company policy is not to open unless the competition opens," said the K Mart store manager. "We're in business like every other merchant in town."

Floyd McKeown of TG&Y said another merchant in the city had contacted him prior to Sunday and said he had complained about the store's decision to open for business on Sunday.

## Curious Christmas kitten



2-month-old Shadow, a Big Spring Christmas kitten, takes a peek at her presents under the tree.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

## Shoplifters sweep local stores

By CAROL BALDWIN  
Staff Writer

'Tis the season for shoplifting, and several Big Spring retail stores were struck by sticky fingers Saturday. Police arrested two women in connection with at least one of the thefts.

Police Saturday night arrested two Lubbock women for felony theft, possession of a controlled substance and nine misdemeanor thefts, according to police records. Arrested for shoplifting at

Safeway in the College Park Shopping Center were Beverly Lois Cox, no age given, and Delores Diane Cook, 27.

Both women were placed under \$4,500 bonds each, according to Jerry Edwards of the Big Spring Police Department. He said they were arraigned on one theft charge.

According to police records, hundreds of dollars worth of items were stolen from 10 Big Spring stores Saturday.

Records show that two ladies coats, valued at \$146, and a pair of pants valued at \$37 were taken from J.C. Penney's in the Big Spring Mall sometime Saturday.

Taken from the Kat's Meow in Highland Shopping Center was an original Cerait imported stein, valued at \$90, according to reports.

Employees at Montgomery Wards in the Highland Shopping Center reported missing four large sweaters valued at \$20 each.

K-Mart employees reported that

several women's jackets, valued at a total of \$102, were taken from the store sometime Saturday.

Taken from T.G.&Y. in the College Park Shopping Center sometime Saturday were a sweater, a sweat suit and a nightgown, valued at slightly less than \$25.

Three leather coats, valued at \$77 each, were taken from Anthony's in the College Park Shopping Center sometime Saturday.

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## Christmas U.S.A.

Holiday holds special meaning for many

By The Associated Press

'T was the day before Christmas, and all through the land, Americans stirred with a holiday spirit fueled by humor and love, hopes for peace and prosperity and making do when being home for the holidays means prison or a hospital.

### The gift of life

At Stormie Jones' house in Dallas, there are few presents and no tree to place them under, but considering the Joneses thought Stormie might not live to see Christmas 1984, there's no lack of joy.

Seven-year-old Stormie became the world's first heart-liver transplant recipient on Valentine's Day, and 1984 has been wearing and expensive.

"My children are healthy and we have a home to spend Christmas in, and that's all I care about," said Stormie's mother, Lois Jones.

Now, Stormie says, her biggest worry is when the rest of her baby teeth will fall out.

"Right now, we're all doing pretty well. And next year, maybe, we'll have a Christmas

tree again," Mrs. Jones said.

### Motown wishes

People in Detroit are wishing for peace on Earth, but they aren't all expecting to get it.

In a survey of 450 people conducted by The Detroit News, more than one in five wished for peace, health or happiness. One man said he expected a pair of pajamas instead, and only 12 people said they expected their first choice.

The second most popular present in Motor City is a new car, with 78 people hoping to be in the driver's seat on Tuesday.

### Yule yodels

Up on the rooftop, reindeer paws, out jumps good ole Kenny Warden.

A red-suited Warden climbs up atop his Indianapolis home each night during the holiday season to strum carols on his guitar for anyone who will listen.

"Kenny will stay up there as long as there is one little kid in the yard," said his wife, Judy. "The rain won't bother him at all."

Warden, 41, is just the crowning touch on his outdoor yuletide display that has drawn revelers

to his yard for a decade.

There's the sleigh, flying angel, reindeer, 20 shimmering stars, a wreath 14 feet in diameter, 11-foot snowman. Also a mechanical Santa waving hello, a Nativity scene, more than 1,000 lights and red ribbons in the tree branches.

And each visitor to the yard gets a candy cane — 3,000 this year.

"There's something about watching the kids running around, hollering, wishing them 'Merry Christmas' and hearing it come back," Warden says.

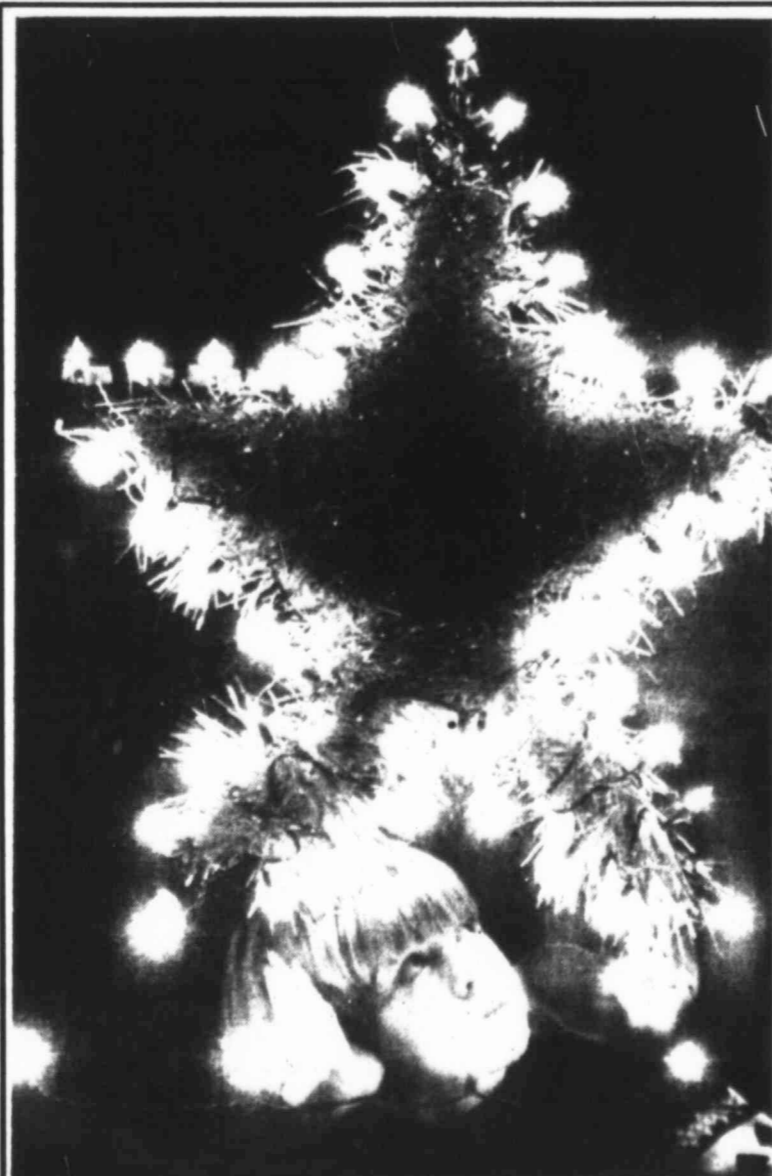
### Santa Express

In Vicksburg, Miss., Santa Claus drives a tractor-trailer. Bob Carver, 35, takes two weeks off from his job as a research engineer every year to raise money for the Salvation Army by renting an 18-wheeler and hauling goods across country.

"It's hard work and long hours, but Santa Express — that's what I call the trips — is a way to give something extra at this time of the year," he says.

This year, Carver carted three shipments, taking him from Ackerman, Miss., to California, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee. He donated the

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CORY CARON, 6, of Faribault, Minn., gazes at the brightly-lit Christmas star in his window.

Associated Press photo



# Nation

By The Associated Press

## Kidnapper arrested in GB

MOBILE, Ala. — A man charged with kidnapping his 7-month-old son from his estranged wife in Alabama has been arrested at London's Heathrow Airport, authorities said. Samir Mohammad Tayssir Akil, 29, was arrested in the abduction of Joshua Ryan Akil, said Baldwin County District Attorney David Whetstone. The child was found in Brighton, England, and reunited with his mother, 24-year-old Brenda Hill Akil, Whetstone said Saturday.

A Scotland Yard spokeswoman confirmed that an arrest had been made, but further details were withheld pending a court appearance Monday in London.

Whetstone said Mrs. Akil told him her son had been taken by his Syrian-born father on Monday and flown to London, where Akil planned "to use the child as a hostage to lure" his wife there.

## Two killed in jet crash

ELLINGTON, Conn. — A private helicopter flying in dense fog crashed in a pasture just short of the Ellington Airport, killing two people, state police said.

The accident Saturday afternoon killed the pilot, William Kolouch, 45, and an unidentified passenger, said Larry Durocher, president of a helicopter training school at the airport. The passenger was a friend of Kolouch "who he took up for a ride," Durocher said.

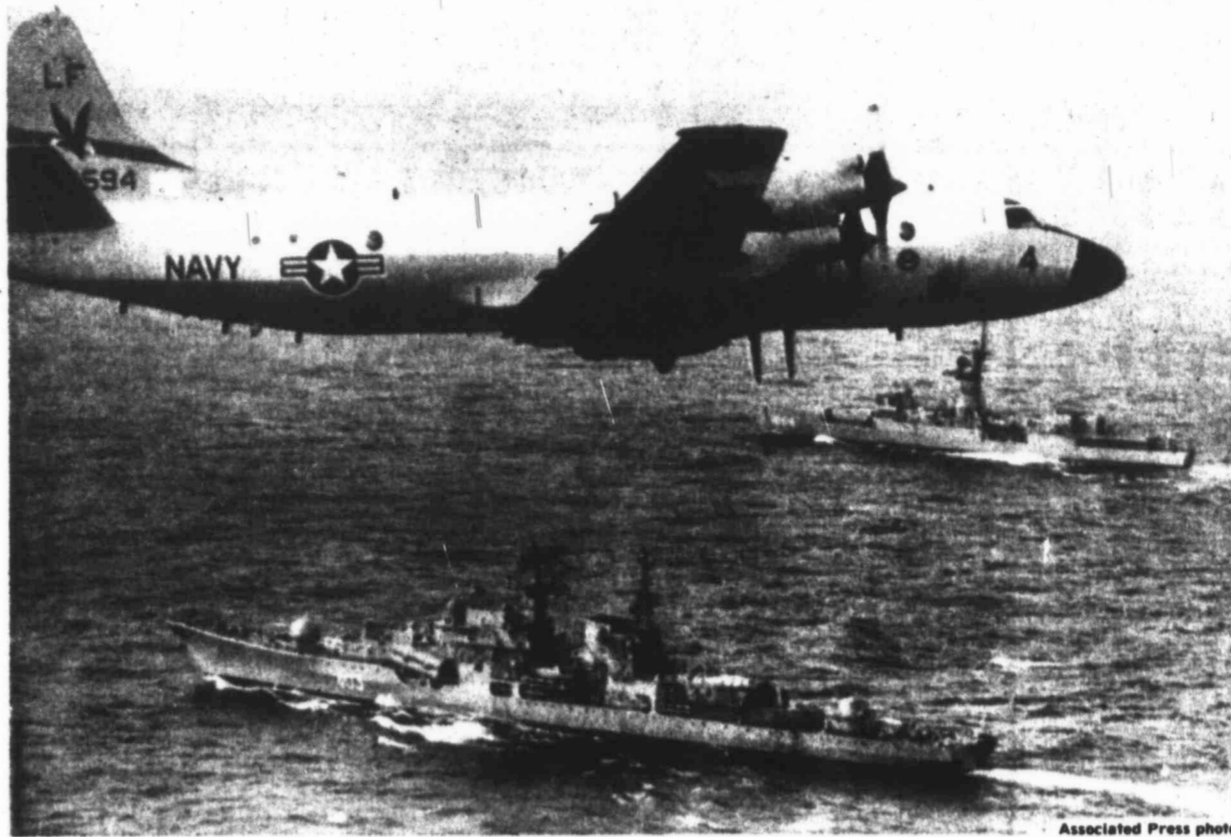
Kolouch bought the two-seat Robinson R-22 helicopter earlier this year from Durocher's school, Northeast Helicopter Inc.

## Tramway ready to roll

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, closed for more than three months for repairs, is again carrying people up the steep face of Mt. San Jacinto, an official said.

"It's been just perfect," Linda Vivian, spokeswoman for the tourist attraction, said Saturday.

The tram carries sightseers in two cable cars 6,000 feet up to Mt. San Jacinto State Park above this desert resort.



KEEPING TRACK — The USS Vreeland (center right) accompanies a group of five Soviet ships into Caribbean waters including the Otchhnyy (bottom), a Sovremenny class missile destroyer Sunday. The Soviet newspaper Pravda reported that the ships will participate in Liberation Day ceremonies in Havana.

# Watchful eye

## Navy monitors Soviet flotilla bound for Cuba

MIAMI (AP) — The U.S. Navy is monitoring a Soviet flotilla that is steaming toward Cuba and is expected to participate in joint military exercises with the Cuban navy, but its presence was no threat, a Navy spokesman said.

Two guided missile frigates, a replenishment oiler, a guided missile destroyer and a Tango-class diesel-powered submarine were heading Sunday toward Havana to take part in ceremonies to commemorate the 26th anniversary of the communist takeover there, said Lt. Cmdr. Craig Quigley.

The Navy frigate USS Vreeland and two P-3 Orion aircraft are monitoring the flotilla, which is expected to arrive in Havana on Saturday, but there's "no cause for

alarm," Quigley said.

As of midday Sunday, the flotilla was approaching the so-called Mayaguana passage, a gateway to the Caribbean near the Turks and Caicos islands in the Bahamas, and about 125 miles north of Cuba, Quigley said. That put the Soviet ships about 150 miles from southeast Florida, Quigley said.

Michael Anderson, officer of the day at the Naval Air Station early today, said he could not provide an updated position for the Soviet ships.

Quigley and 24 newspeople boarded two Orion aircraft for a closer look at the flotilla Sunday. The U.S. planes circled the flotilla at an altitude of about 500 feet for nearly two hours.

# World

By The Associated Press

## Leader pledges freedom

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia — President Gustav Husak, in an exchange of letters with Czechoslovakia's Roman Catholic leader, has pledged to guarantee religious freedom in the Communist country, the state-run news agency reports.

Husak made the pledge in response to a letter from Cardinal Frantisek Tomasek, who wished the president "success in ensuring a contented life of all citizens of the country," the official CTK news agency said Sunday.

Husak, who is also Communist Party chief, was quoted as saying "in harmony with the constitution and the laws of our state we shall continue to guarantee the freedom of religion and religious confession."

## Guerrillas attack post

AYACUCHO, Peru — Maoist Shining Path guerrillas attacked a civil guard police post in the Andes, wounding 12 policemen and killing a 9-year-old boy, police said.

Six villagers who lived near the police station also were injured when the guerrillas fired guns and hurled homemade bombs at the station, police said Sunday.

Police said Marino Angulo was killed by a stray bullet in the attack Saturday night near the village of Canaria, 110 miles south of the state capital of Ayacucho in the center of Peru's guerrilla warfare zone 350 miles southeast of Lima.

## 14 killed in plane crash

KATMANDU, Nepal — The wreckage of a Royal Nepal Airlines twin-engine plane was found in the Himalayas, and airline officials said 14 of the 23 people aboard were killed.

A Nepalese army helicopter found the wreckage of the Canadian-made Otter aircraft Sunday in northeastern Nepal and took eight of the nine survivors to hospitals in Katmandu, capital of this small nation between India and China.

An airline spokesman said both the flight captain, K.K. Wattel, 32, and co-pilot Rudra Tamang, 26, died in the crash.

# Millions flock to polls in India

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Millions of Indians voted today in the first phase of a general election expected to give Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi a mandate to pursue the socialist and non-aligned policies of his assassinated mother.

At the end of a relatively peaceful campaign in which the governing Congress Party stressed the need to uphold the heritage of the late Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi seemed headed for a landslide victory.

From Kashmir's Himalayan mountain valleys in the north to the steamy lowlands at the southern tip of the subcontinent, voters of

the world's most populous democracy lined up at polling stations before they opened at 8 a.m.

Some marched to the polls in small processions bearing party slogans and Indian flags. In New Delhi, the capital, voters brought an elephant ridden by two small boys to one of the polling station.

The day was declared a public holiday. The sale of alcohol was banned and party workers had to keep their last-minute campaigning at least 200 yards from the 400,000 polling stations.

With stores and offices closed, city streets were quieter than usual. Many walls were blanketed with

new posters put up overnight, bearing Rajiv Gandhi's portrait on a brightly colored background.

It was India's first national election since Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party was returned to power with a two-thirds parliamentary majority in 1980.

Rajiv Gandhi succeeded his mother within hours of her Oct. 31 assassination by two security

guards identified as members of the minority Sikh community.

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# Lifestyle



**BANQUET'S HONOREES** — Victor Brake, Yolanda Moreno and Stanley Ballou were honored at the Police Association Christmas banquet, Dec. 18. Brake is Officer of the Year, Ms. Moreno is Civilian Employee of the Year, and Ballou is Reserve Officer of the Year. The banquet was at Big Spring High School Cafeteria.

## Police banquet honors employees

Three individuals were honored during the Big Spring Police Association's banquet Dec. 18 at the Big Spring High School Cafeteria.

Stanley Ballou was named Reserve Police Officer of the Year, and Yolanda Moreno was named the Civilian Employee of the Year. Officer of the Year was Victor Brake, who received a new pistol.

Johnnie Lou Avery gave the keynote address and Eunice Choate provided entertainment. Mrs. Avery spent a week at the

police department observing the "human side of the people," she said. She poked fun at each of the officers and detectives during her speech and then presented the department with a plaque from the Chemical People Project for "extraordinary support."

Mrs. Choate sang several songs before introducing the "Rythem in Blues" band. The band consisted of Chief of Police Rick Turner on pan lids, Sgt. Fred Pace on sifter, Traffic Coordinator Sherrill Farmer on wash board, City Councilman

Larry Miller on coffee can drum, and Chaplain Gage Lloyd on jug. They played "Momma Don't Allow No Music Playing 'Round Here" and "Frankie and Johnny".

Mrs. Choate also led the audience in "The 12 Days of Christmas". Each table represented a gift for one of the 12 days with someone from each standing up and imitating the gift.

Santa made an appearance, escorted in a police car with sirens blaring. He gave gifts and candy to each child present.



**Dr. Donohue**

## SIDS: An agonizing diagnosis

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** Would it be possible for you to write about sudden infant death syndrome, SIDS? The last available information we have is 10 years old. We lost a three-month-old granddaughter to this. She had just had her three-month checkup and was a very healthy baby. You talk to so many people who have had this in their family or who have talked to those who have had this horrible experience. — Mrs. F.S.H.

You and the child's parents have my deepest sympathy. It's hard to imagine a more devastating experience. SIDS remains a mystery. A healthy infant is placed in its crib for a nap or for the night and is later found dead. Autopsies reveal no cause. All that is left is the imprecise diagnosis — sudden infant death syndrome. In replying to you, let me answer some of the more commonly asked questions on SIDS that appear in my mail.

Parents who face this tragedy must realize that nothing could have been done either by them or by anyone else to prevent it, so guilt should not be added to their heartbreak.

Only tentative answers are possible. There may be a derangement in the baby's brain breathing center. It shuts off and the child stops breathing. But we're not even sure about that.

I said there is nothing to be done to prevent it, but I should have noted that for some there are certain factors to watch for, such as a family history of the tragedy. And if the parent has had the experience of finding the infant lying in a pale or bluish or limp state so that it has to be shaken to restore proper breathing, the child should be examined. For such children, monitors are available to sound an alarm when breathing stops. The doctor is the judge as to the need for such precaution. SIDS happens most often between one and four months.

The question arises as to what the parent should tell older children in a household where SIDS has occurred. It's suggested that young children be told the baby died because he or she was very sick, but that children their age can't get that kind of sickness. They should be reassured that the death was no one's fault. If the older child's reaction is of anger and grief that lasts for an extended time, a physician should be consulted.

Let me give you the name of an organization that can be most helpful in supplying information about SIDS: National Sudden In-

fant Death Syndrome Foundation, 2 Metro Plaza, Suite 205 8240 Professional Place, Landover, MD 20785. Another is the Council of Guilds for Infant Survival, P.O. Box 3841, Davenport, Iowa, 52808.

Now to get rid of leg cramps and foot pains? The answer may be simple — write to Dr. Donohue, in care of the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 11210, Chicago, IL 60611, for a

copy of the booklet, "How to Stop Leg Cramps and Foot Pains." Enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and 50 cents.

Dr. Donohue welcomes reader mail but regrets that, due to the tremendous volume received daily, he is unable to answer individual letters. Readers' questions are incorporated in his column whenever possible.

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# Lifestyle

## People at work



BY THE LOCKS — Aubrey Moody, local barber/hairstylist, trims Lynn Ballinger's hair of a few locks to keep her hairstyle in shape. Moody enjoys making people feel better about themselves and their overall appearance.

## Moody's creations can be uplifting to people

By KIM KIRKHAM  
Lifestyle Writer  
"The most rewarding part is being able to uplift a person or make them feel better about their overall appearance," says Aubrey Moody, a local barber/hairstylist.

"My work consists of all natural looks and no heavy back-combing and teasing," said Moody. "It's more blow drying, curling iron work." He also does coloring, permanents and other chemical work.

Owning a Dallas salon for 17 years, Moody moved to Big Spring two years ago because of health problems. He enjoys "the people in Big Spring, because they're very friendly compared to what they are in Dallas." At 43, Moody is the owner, only employee and barber stylist at Aubrey's of Dallas, 2604 Wasson Rd.

Moody dislikes the book work

of the business, "because I'd much rather be behind a chair creating hairstyles."

"I originally got into it to work my way through college," he said. "And I decided I liked it better than college." He's been a hairstylist since 1960.

In 1970, Moody went to Germany for three months to learn new techniques. "I've had all different kinds of training in seminars. We get up-to-date training on all the latest styles," he said.

"I was a member of the Texas State Hairstyling Team in 1975," said Moody. In 1976, he was the Texas State Hairstyling Champion for the International Hairstylists Association.

In his spare time, Moody enjoys ballroom dancing, country-western dancing, or "anything in between," he says. "I love to dance."

*This is one in a series of stories about people and their jobs.*

## Employed women score higher on General Well-Being test

Women, work and well-being go together more often than not, according to *Family Circle*.

A General Well-Being test was given to 3,012 women age 25 to 64, working, and non-working, single and married, with and without dependent children. The test measured their freedom from health worry, satisfaction with life, energy level, moods (cheerful versus depressed, relaxed versus tense), emotional and behavioral

control. Employed women generally scored higher, enjoying a slightly better sense of well-being than those not employed.

Another study's findings, at the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, is consistent with the first: Employed women consulted fewer regular doctors, medical specialists, counselors, social workers and other specialists, for mental and physical problems.

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## Dear Abby



### Eccentric self-denial puzzles, angers family

DEAR ABBY: I just received a huge box from my mother. It cost her a small fortune to send it. In it were bags of potato chips, cookies, candy, cake mix, macaroni and cheese mix, and a pile of clothing she found at garage sales. There were also several books in Norwegian and toys for a baby's bath.

I am 45 years old and on a perpetual diet. Not one piece of clothing is my size or suits my taste. I don't read Norwegian, and my "baby" is a freshman in

college! Mother knows we're all on diets, none of us likes polyester tops or double-knit pants — even if they were the right size.

What can she be thinking of, sending my 150-pound daughter a pink knit suit in a size 6?

My mother is a widow living alone on a tiny fixed income. I've sent her checks, but she sends them back. (She does the same with my brother's). It pains me to know that she has skimped on food for herself to send me this stuff.

We've asked her to skip the presents and use the money to come for a visit, but she pays no attention.

She returns our lovely gifts for Mother's Day, her birthday and Christmas, asking us to use the money for our own families. (She thinks we're hard up; we're not!)

How can I get her to stop? I'm really angry. Answer in the paper and I'll send her the clipping.

FRUSTRATED DAUGHTER  
DEAR FRUSTRATED: Don't send her this clipping. Instead,

have a meeting with your brother to discuss what I perceive to be a serious problem. Your mother obviously is no longer able to make intelligent decisions. Please visit her as soon as possible and see how she is. Your letter suggests that perhaps the time has come when your mother should not be living alone.

Restaurant Guide  
Sunday Leisure.  
Big Spring Herald

## Professional tips help in buying comfortable shoes

Having a hard time ignoring shoes that don't fit because of rubbing and tightness? Why not eliminate frequent trips to the Band-Aid box and consider a few sensible and helpful tips from the New York Footwear Council, published in *Seventeen*.

- "Your feet expand a bit during the day, so shop for shoes in the late afternoon. Another good time to try on shoes is during the menstrual period, when your feet tend to swell," says Dr. Louis Shure, a podiatrist and foot surgeon at New York University Hospital.

- Try on shoes with the socks or pantyhose you plan to wear them with. Allow about 1/4 inch of space between the end of your longest toe and the end of the shoe.

- Each manufacturer has its own last — a foot-shaped form on

which a shoe is made. By experimenting, you may discover a brand that almost always fits.

- As you walk around the store, keep these questions in mind: Can I wiggle my toes? Does the ball of my foot rest comfortably on the sole of the shoe? Do the sides and back of the shoe fit snugly (no gaps)?

- Beware of salesmen who offer to stretch a shoe. No matter how much you love those navy heels, if they hurt, pass them by.

- Another tip from Dr. Shure: "Vary your heel heights on a daily basis, to exercise your Archilles' tendon and prevent tendonitis."

- If you're stuck with ill-fitting shoes, insoles or heel liners may help make them more wearable. And take care of the shoes that do fit — run-down heels, for example, can throw your whole body out of balance.

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**By The Associated Press**  
Bethlehem, dressed in its Christmas best, hosted busloads of pilgrims Sunday and awaited thousands more expected to arrive for the holiday that is celebrated on every continent.

Pope John Paul II visited hospital patients in Rome, and in Libya, four British prisoners gathered in a rundown office building for a Christmas service.

Meanwhile, six French pastry chefs said their 594-foot Yule log would provide 17,000 holiday helpings for the poor and elderly. In Poland, however, eight Solidarity activists said they would eat nothing at all on Christmas — they went on a four-day hunger strike to protest the arrest of a colleague.

A 30-foot Christmas tree stood in Bethlehem's Manger Square, just outside the Church of the Nativity, which was built on the site believed to be the birthplace of Jesus.

Streets in the city of 50,000 people, which is set in the Judean Hills and surrounded by fields of olive trees, were aglow with colored lights and decorated with posters of Santa Claus.

"All our preparations have been completed. We expect 22,000 to 25,000 visitors between now and the new year," said Elias Freij, the Greek Orthodox mayor of the Palestinian town occupied by Israel since 1967.

About two dozen Palestinian police and Israeli border guards patrolled the streets. Young boys and old men wearing Arab head-dresses sold wooden crosses and fresh bread. Bethlehem tourism director George Sammour said the town's five hotels, with room for about 800 people, were full.

"We're torn up to be in this holy place at this time of year. We're just so excited," said Florine Rigby, 59, a choir member from Nashville, Tenn., in Bethlehem to participate in



Israeli troops patrol Bethlehem in a tight security plan to protect the holy city during Christmas observances.

Christmas Eve services. Eleven choirs from the United States, Belgium, France, South Korea and the Fiji islands were to sing.

In Rome, the pontiff made his traditional visit to a hospital to pray for the sick.

"I came here mostly for you, you who are ill," John Paul, speaking in Italian, told a group of patients in the chapel of St. Peter's Hospital. "You feel nostalgia for your homes and yet must patiently remain in hospital, even during festivities."

Earlier Sunday, the pope

seven months, and only in the past month have two of them been charged. British reporters quoted Libyan wished a crowd of about 15,000 in St. Peter's Square a merry Christmas, and called on them to live Christmas in "its authentic spirit."

During his weekly noon blessing, he said: "The exterior joy of these days is not an end in itself, but may be a manifestation of the interior meeting between ourselves and Christ."

The four Britons have been held in Libya for the past

leader Col. Moammar Khadafy as saying Saturday that the four could be exchanged for five Libyans held in Britain on charges of carrying out a bombing campaign against Khadafy's opponents.

Watched by Libyan guards, the prisoners and several reporters sang "O Come All Ye Faithful" at a service conducted by an envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Robert Runcie.

Film of the service was shown on British Broadcasting Co. programs.

Teacher Alan Russell, charged with trying to pass information to a BBC correspondent last May, smiled at the camera and said: "I'm sure everything will come right in the end... Happy Christmas!"

In the town of La Rochelle on the southwest coast of France, pastry chefs used 1,920 eggs, 264 pounds of cream, 132 pounds of flour and 22 pounds of chocolate, among other things, to make what they claimed was the biggest-ever Yule log, the traditional French Christmas cake.

The Polish hunger-strikers said in a statement released in Gdansk that they were protesting the imprisonment of the union's former deputy chairman, Andrzej Gwiazda.

He was arrested during a demonstration in Gdansk on Dec. 16 and sentenced to three months in jail. The strikers, including Gwiazda's wife Joanna, said they would remain in a Gdansk church during the fast.

Gwiazda was one of 11 prominent Solidarity leaders and advisers freed from prison under an amnesty approved by Parliament last July. He had been jailed since the Dec. 13, 1981 imposition of martial law that crushed Solidarity, and the group said this will be the fourth consecutive Christmas he has spent behind bars.

## Christians, Druse trade shelling in new fighting

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Artillery exchanges broke out anew Sunday between Christian and Druse militiamen in the Kharroub hills bordering Israel's occupation zone in southern Lebanon, police and witnesses reported.

No casualty report was available. The fighting with field artillery and rocket-propelled grenades hit the villages of Debiyeh, Barja and Ain el-Hor in the hills south of Beirut, police said.

Sniping and occasional rockets were reported on the coastal road, and a Lebanese reporter said a

stray shell hit about 30 yards south of the Awali River, where Israel has its northern outposts. But the reporter said no one was injured.

The clashes kept up through the day. The Christian-controlled Voice of Lebanon radio station said the leftist Moslem Mourabitoun militia fought the Druse Progressive Socialist Party militia in several neighborhoods in Moslem west Beirut on Sunday. Shooting could be heard in the western half of the capital, but there was no confirmation of who was involved, or what started it.

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DAVID ROBERTSON, 4, of Port Sydney, Canada, pulls a Christmas tree home past the Anglican Christ Church near his Ontario home.

## Texas eyes better tree for Yuletide

DALLAS (AP) — Forestry experts are studying ways to produce the best Texas-grown Christmas tree because of rising consumer demand in the state for the yuletide fixture.

Different species of Christmas tree seedlings are being monitored by a group of commercial growers and researchers to see which grow best in Texas soil.

Dr. J.P. Van Buijtenen, a Texas A&M forest science professor, says that once researchers settle on the best species, a nursery will begin growing seedlings to be transplanted to Texas Christmas tree farms.

Texas growers would then have a source of their own instead of having to wait for seedlings from Louisiana or Alabama.

"We're looking for whether the seedlings have grown well in our soils and in our climate," Van Buijtenen said. "We look for good form, at the branches to see if they grow close together, and at the color. Some are a deeper green than others."

The need for fresh, Texas-grown Christmas trees will grow as the state's population increases, said Orange County extension agent Don Kachtik, president of the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association.

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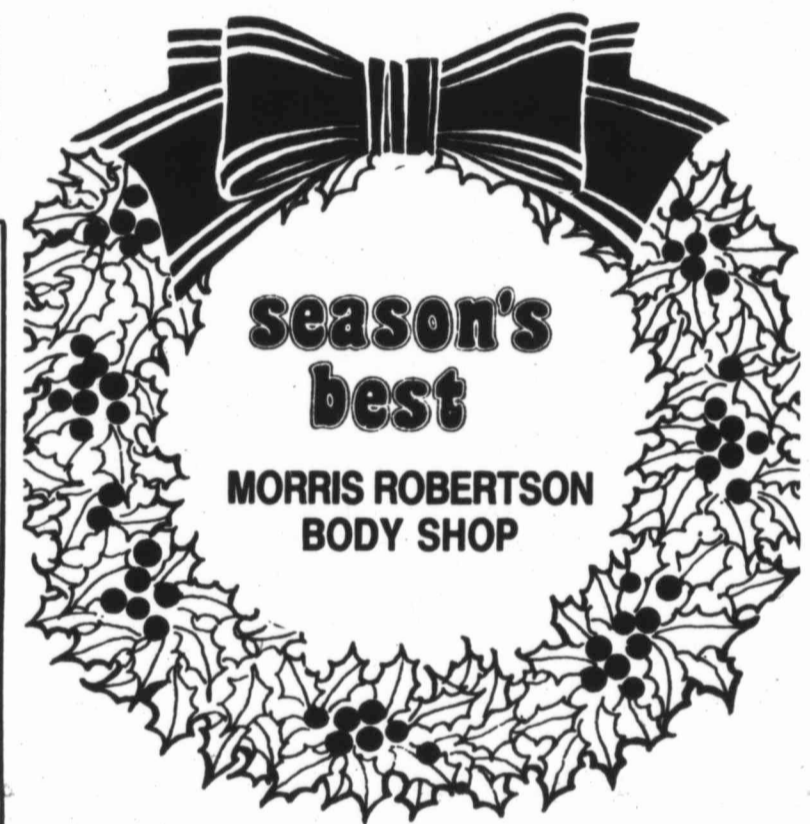
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## Experts disagree over origin of 'star of wonder'

WASHINGTON (AP) — That "star of wonder" that guided the wise men nearly two thousand years ago continues to burn brightly in human thought and memory, despite disagreement over the actual source of the unearthly light.

A nova, comet, conjunction of stars and other possibilities have been suggested by scientists as explanations for the star.

And many people think the light is simply one of divine origin.

The Bible is direct in its approach, set forth in Matthew's gospel:

"Behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and are come to worship him.'"

But no further description of the star is offered, an omission which has led scientists to spend countless time and energy discussing what natural phenomenon could have accounted for the light seen in the sky that night.

Astrology was very popular at the time of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, and astrologers often sought explanations for earthly events in the movements of the stars.

The actual birth of Jesus is believed to have occurred between 3 B.C. and 7 B.C., so celestial events during that period have been studied for something that might have seemed special.

LeRoy Doggett of the U.S. Naval Observatory reports that the bright planets Venus and Jupiter appeared close together in 3 B.C. and another conjunction of Jupiter and

Saturn occurred in 7 B.C.

Also in 3 B.C., Jupiter appeared close to the star Regulus, Doggett noted, an event which might have spurred speculation by astrologers since Jupiter was known then as the King Planet.

Regulus was also associated with Kings, and it was the brightest star in the constellation Leo, which was the astrological sign for the ancient tribe of Judah in Israel.

Thus, this combination could have been interpreted as meaning a king was to be born among the Jews.

The same conjunction has occurred at other times, however, Doggett noted, without stimulating the same sort of interest.

A nova, or exploding star, has been suggested by other scientists as a possible explanation for the star of Bethlehem.

Chinese records indicate a nova occurred in 5 B.C., and perhaps that was the light which guided the Magi.

A painting found in a catacomb in Rome shows the constellation Aquila with what appears to be an extra star. A nova, flaring up and disappearing, could account for that.

Comets have also been suggested. Halley's comet made an appearance in 12 B.C., and other comet sightings were reported in both 4 B.C. and 5 B.C.

At any rate, no major astronomical sights are scheduled for this Christmas. The planets Mercury and Uranus will be close together on Dec. 26, but neither is unusually bright.

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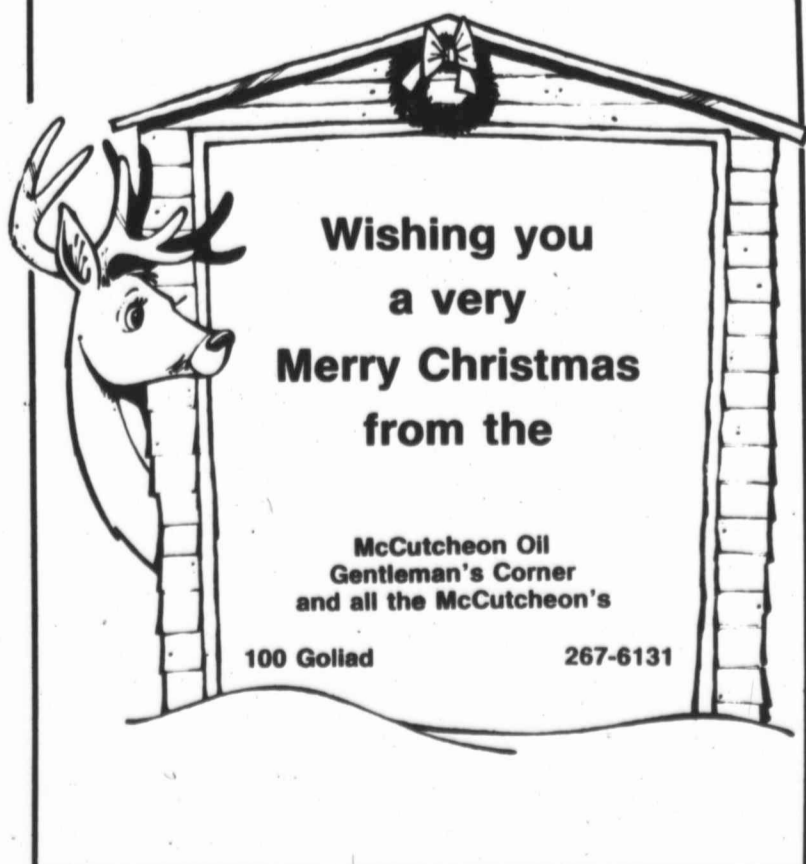
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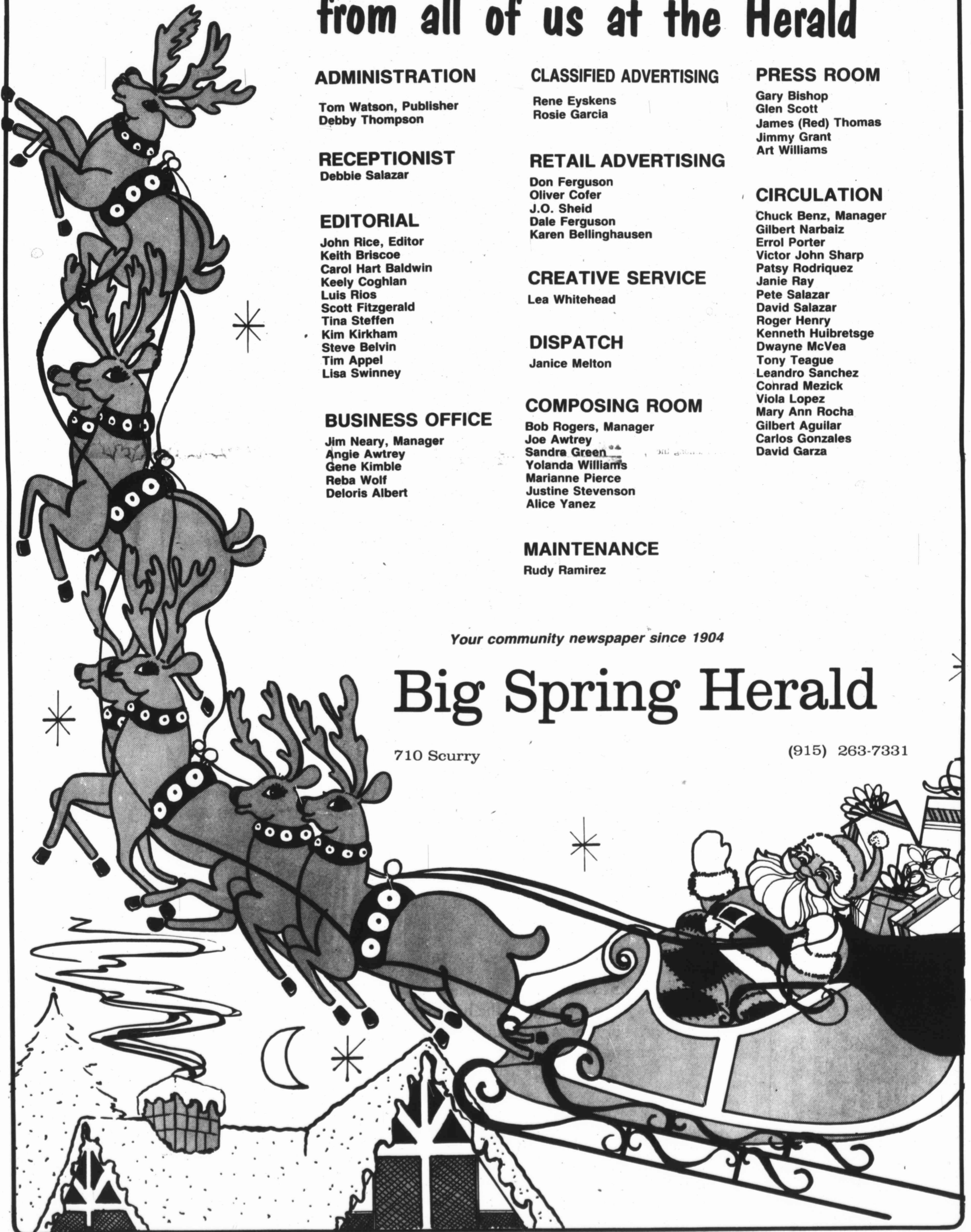
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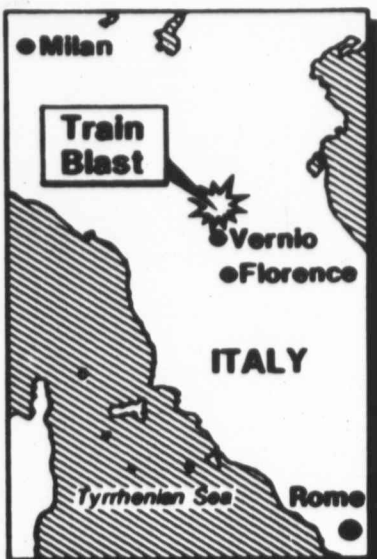
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## Train blast kills 25 in Italy

FLORENCE, Italy (AP) — An explosion thought to be the work of terrorists ripped through an express train inside one of Europe's longest rail tunnels Sunday, killing an estimated 25 holiday travelers and injuring 186, news media and officials said.

Angelo Menna, an official at the Civil Defense Ministry in Rome, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "We can confirm at least 20 dead but we believe the number is higher." The state-run RAI television network and the Italian news agency ANSA said the death toll was "at least 25," quoting unidentified Civil Defense officials on the number of bodies taken to morgues in Bologna and Florence.

"Evidence indicates that what happened was an

attack probably with a time bomb," Florence Police Chief Umberto Catalano told reporters after examining the scene of the explosion.

"We believe there are around 50 injured," Menna said. "It is very difficult to calculate how many people are dead because there are dismembered bodies in the tunnel." Earlier, Menna had said there probably were up to 25 dead, but that had not been confirmed.

ANSA said its reporters had counted at least 69 people who were hospitalized. It said 117 others were given first aid at the scene.

"It was a terrible scene. Hallucinatory," the Italian news agency quoted Romeo Marchi, a doctor at the scene, as saying. "I will never forget it."

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## 23 injured during riots in Ireland

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland (AP) — Police fired plastic bullets to disperse rioters and 23 people were injured in clashes between officers and Roman Catholic mourners Sunday during the funeral of an Irish Republican Army guerrilla.

Eighteen policemen and five civilians were hurt. Police said early Monday that one officer and all the injured civilians were kept in the hospital for treatment. Three people were arrested, police said.

The rioting erupted before the coffin of Kieran Fleming, killed during a Dec. 2 gunfight between British soldiers and guerrillas, left his family's home, and the violence continued for more than two hours as the procession wound through the city, police said.

Earlier, the Catholic primate of Ireland, Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich, attacked British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for what he called a "do nothing" policy in this troubled province and charged in a radio interview that she does not understand its complexities.

During Fleming's funeral, youths hurled railings as if they were spears, and threw stones at police, a spokeswoman for the Royal Ulster Constabulary said.

Police charged with batons and fired several rounds of plastic bullets midway through the procession, when some 100 youths turned on a police patrol with a barrage of gasoline bombs, the spokeswoman added. She spoke on condition she was not identified.

Fleming, 25, who escaped from prison in September 1983 while serving a life term for killing a policewoman, apparently drowned while fleeing during the gunfight on a lonely road near the County Fermanagh border with the Irish Republic.

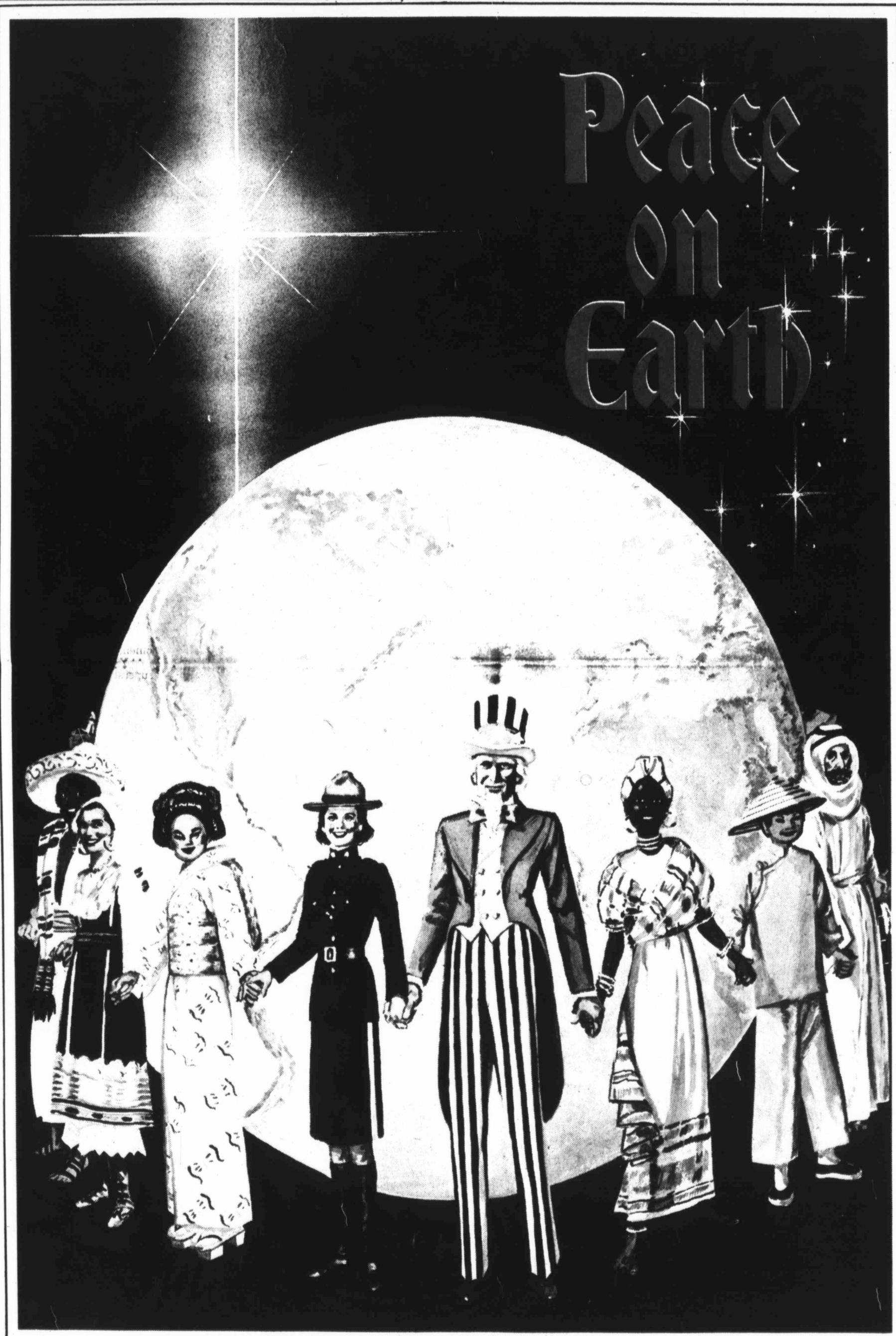
A soldier and an IRA man were shot to death in the exchanges and Fleming's body, masked and wearing an ammunition belt, was recovered from a nearby river three days ago.

Leaders of Sinn Fein, the outlawed IRA's legal political front, appealed for calm as trouble spread Sunday through the Catholic low-income housing project, Gb-nascale, where Fleming's family lived.

In a traditional IRA military salute to guerrillas, three masked gunmen fired volleys over the coffin. Fleming was buried in a funeral plot alongside several other IRA men.

The mainly Catholic IRA is fighting to unite this Protestant-dominated province with the Catholic Republic of Ireland under a leftist administration.

O Fiaich, who has repeatedly condemned IRA violence, on Sunday described as "very arrogant" Mrs. Thatcher's rejection Nov. 19 of three constitutional options proposed by the New Ireland Forum.



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## Giants end season for LA Rams, 16-13

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The New York Giants, the mystery team of the National Football League playoffs, continue what they hope will be a magical trip when they travel to San Francisco on Saturday.

The Giants confounded the odds-makers by beating some of the league's better teams — Washington and Dallas, for instance — only to lose to some of the worst — Tampa Bay and New Orleans — during a 9-7 regular season. New York was at it again Sunday, surprising the Los Angeles Rams 16-13 in the NFC wild-card playoff game.

Although outclassed in a 33-12 loss to the Rams some three months ago, the Giants played solid,

tough football on Sunday to win a berth opposite the 49ers in the conference semifinal.

Thus having avenged the regular-season loss to the Rams, the Giants now get a chance to pay back the 49ers, who whipped New York 31-10 the week after the Giant loss to the Rams.

New York had dropped its two final regular-season contests and was the last team to be assured a playoff spot, getting in only when Dallas lost to Miami last Monday night.

"It seems like we're a team that nobody expects anything from," said Giant Coach Bill Parcells. "We kind of had our backs to the wall several times during the season and every time we got them

to the wall, we just seemed to be able to muster up enough energy to get it done."

New York running back Rob Carpenter, who scored New York's only touchdown on a 1-yard burst said, "LA took us to school the last time we were out here and the next week San Francisco did the same. After this win, next Saturday's game will give us a chance to show what we can do."

"I don't think anyone will give us a chance against the 49ers."

The ball-control passing of quarterback Phil Simms, who completed 22 of 31 attempts for 179 yards, and a solid performance by a defense which held Eric Dickerson in check keyed the Giant victory.



New York Giants running back ROB CARPENTER heads up field in the Giants 16-13 NFC playoff win over the LA Rams.



JACK SIKMA (left), of the Seattle Supersonics and the LA Clippers BILL WALTON square off for a little one-on-one action.

## Flutie gets favorite helmet back for Cotton Bowl clash

BOSTON (AP) — Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie has his favorite helmet back in time for the Cotton Bowl.

"I'm in the Christmas spirit so I'm giving it back," said a man who dropped the helmet off at The Boston Herald. "A lot of people said it wasn't right to take it. But I'm giving it back."

"It is stealing, but it's not like breaking into someone's house," added the man, who refused to give his name. "Even though I did something bad, I'm making up for it."

Flutie was not available for comment, but his father, Richard Flutie, said his son was anxious to get the helmet back before the Cotton Bowl contest against Houston on New Year's Day.

Richard Flutie said his son was worried the theft was a "bad omen."

"You don't know how superstitious he is," he said.

The thief, who told The Herald he was in his mid-20s and lived "near here," said he slipped unnoticed into the Boston College locker room

after watching practice on Thursday.

"I was just looking around the dressing room, going by the lockers, figuring I'd pick up a souvenir," he said. "I saw the helmet and I stuffed it under my jacket."

"I didn't know it was his. There was no name over (the locker) or on it. I figured I'd snag one and make it into a lamp or something."

The man said he realized it was Flutie's helmet when he got to his car.

"I saw the number 22 on it and I kinda said, 'I don't believe this. This can't be his helmet.' When I got home, I still couldn't believe it. It just looks like an ordinary helmet."

The thief told The Herald he and a few friends posed for pictures with the helmet and then started thinking about giving it back. "After all he's done for Boston fans, and I enjoyed him, I couldn't keep it," he said. "That helmet has been seen all over TV. He won the Heisman in it."

## Sonics shave Clippers

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle SuperSonics are beginning to get some production out of the rookie forward Tom McCormick.

"This was by far his best night," Seattle Coach Lenny Wilkens said Sunday night after McCormick scored a career-high 18 points in the Sonics' 107-97 National Basketball Association victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

The game was the only action in the NBA Sunday night.

McCormick, the 12th player selected in the college draft, and veteran guard Ricky Sobers were obtained from the Bullets for veteran guard Gus Williams, one of the league's flashiest performers.

"McCormick played smart," Wilkens said of the 6-foot-11 rookie, who scored 12 points in 14 minutes in the first half. "He blocked out. He did not get beat. He was patient inside and went to the basket strong."

The Sonics' Tom Chambers, who topped all scorers with 31 points, had 2 in the second half. Center Jack Sikma added 22.

Clipper Coach Jim Lynam, who saw his team's six-game winning

streak end, said, "They hurt us inside. McCormick got a lot of points posting up inside along with Chambers."

In recent games, McCormick has been Wilkens' first frontcourt substitute.

"A lot of it has to do with confidence," McCormick said. "I'm getting more minutes. I feel much better about my game."

"I hope I'll be able to improve. In the beginning, it was frustrating because I knew I could I accomplish much more than I had."

Seattle guard Gerald Henderson, who tossed in 20 points and added 16 assists and five steals, said McCormick "has been playing that way in practice. There's no reason why he shouldn't be playing that way in games."

In the first quarter, Henderson scored four points and had two assists as Seattle rallied from a 10-point deficit to gain a tie at 26. Neither team led by more than four points in the second quarter, and the Sonics managed a 48-47 halftime advantage.

In the fourth quarter, Henderson scored five points and had two

steals as Seattle reeled off 12 straight points for a 91-77 lead with 5:15 left.

Junior Bridgeman paced Los Angeles with a season-high 24 points while teammate Norm Nixon added 20.

The Clippers' Marques Johnson,

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coming back from a hamstring injury, saw reserve action. He did not score until the final quarter when he banged home five quick points as Los Angeles cut the deficit to two. But then Seattle regained control as Henderson's steals and timely free throws enabled the Sonics to pull away.

"We did a decent job on defense in the first half and not in the second," Lynam said. Johnson "seemed to be rusty in the early going, but he warmed up toward the end."

## Ponies off and running

By The Associated Press  
The unblemished Southern Methodist Mustangs, off to the best start in the school's history, hope the Christmas present they get from tiny Chaminade isn't as explosive as the package the Silverswords handed Virginia two years ago.

Remember the headlines: "Yes, Virginia, There is a Chaminade." The small NAIA school stunned the collegiate basketball world by upsetting previously unbeaten Virginia and Ralph Sampson.

Now, SMU, riding high after an 85-76 victory over Oklahoma, must play Chaminade in its own Classic on Christmas Day.

The Mustangs are 9-0 and could enter the Southwest Conference basketball race with a perfect record by beating the Silverswords.

"The thing that helps about the Silverswords is that our players

know they beat Virginia two years ago," said SMU Coach Dave Bliss. "Word gets around the country pretty fast when you lose to Chaminade."

The Mustangs won the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu last December, beating three teams for the title including highly rated Duke and host Hawaii.

Bliss said the victory over Oklahoma and high-scoring Wayman Tisdale, who had 22 points, was one of the biggest in Mustang history.

"I'm exhausted," said Bliss, who used to coach at Oklahoma. "It was one of the toughest games we have played. It was a real chess match, a real donnybrook. I thought we did a great job on Tisdale."

In other games Saturday involving SWC teams, Texas Christian beat Niagra 81-71 in the consolation game of the Gator Bowl Classic; Arkansas downed Oral Roberts 64-57; Texas A&M defeated the

University of the Pacific 79-62; Houston won the Kettle Classic with a 66-63 victory over St. Mary's of California; and San Diego State took out Texas 71-65.

Arkansas comes to Hawaii this week, playing in the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu Dec. 26-28.

Texas Tech is at Colorado on Thursday.

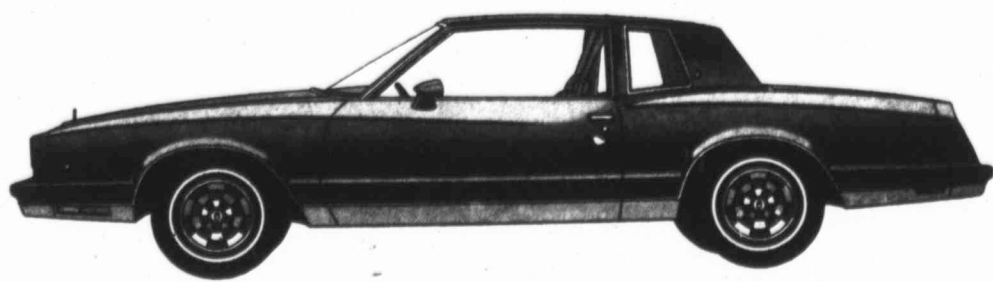
Texas swings into tournament play on Friday with its own tournament — the Longhorn Basketball Classic — featuring Army, Mercer and Stanford as the other teams.

The improved Baylor Bears are at the Cowboy Classic in Casper, Wyoming on Friday; Texas A&M is in the Lobo Invitational in Albuquerque and TCU is in the Cabrillo Classic in San Diego.

The Horned Frogs will be playing San Diego State, a team that has won eight in a row, including the rout of the Longhorns over the weekend.

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## NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Boston	23	5	.821
Philadelphia	21	6	.778
Washington	16	13	.552
New York	12	18	.400
New Jersey	11	17	.393
Central Division			
Milwaukee	19	11	.633
Detroit	15	12	.556
Chicago	15	14	.517
Atlanta	11	17	.393
Indiana	7	20	.259
Cleveland	5	29	.146
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
Denver	17	11	.607
Houston	17	11	.607
Dallas	13	14	.481
San Antonio	13	16	.448
Utah	13	16	.448
Kansas City	10	16	.385
Pacific Division			
L.A. Lakers	19	10	.655
Phoenix	16	13	.552
L.A. Clippers	14	15	.483
Seattle	14	15	.483
Portland	13	15	.464
Golden State	9	18	.333

## Bowling

**Fiesta Bowl**  
At Tempe, Ariz.  
UCLA, 8-3, vs. Miami, Fla., 8-4

**Rose Bowl**  
At Pasadena, Calif.  
Ohio State, 9-2, vs. Southern California, 8-3

**Sugar Bowl**  
At New Orleans  
Louisiana State, 8-2-1, vs. Nebraska, 9-2

**Orange Bowl**  
At Miami  
Oklahoma, 9-1-1, vs. Washington, 10-1

Saturday, Jan. 5  
East-West Shrine  
At Palo Alto, Calif.  
East All-Stars vs. West All-Stars

**Hula Bowl**  
At Honolulu  
East All-Stars vs. West All-Stars

Saturday, Jan. 12  
Freedom Classic  
At Atlanta  
Midwest All-Stars vs. Southwest All-Stars

Senior Bowl  
At Mobile, Ala.  
North All-Stars vs. South All-Stars

Sunday, Jan. 13  
Ricoch Japan Bowl  
At Yokohama, Japan

**NEWCOMERS**  
RESULTS — Pin Cracker over Swat Team, 6-2; Team 8 over Do Gooder, 6-2; A-Team over Campbell Concrete Contr., 6-2; 4 P's over Rookies, 5-3; hi sc. game and series Jole Baugus, 214 and 488; hi hdp game and series Jole Baugus, 246 and Kelley Lankford, 284; hi sc. team game and series Pin Cracker, 642 and 1803; hi hdp team game and series Pin Cracker, 773 and 2198.

**STANDINGS** — 4P's, 89-47; Campbell Concrete Contr., 89-47; Do Gooder, 73-63; Swat Team, 72-64; No. 8, 67-67; Rookies, 64-72; Pin Cracker, 62-70; A-Team, 64-66.

**WED. NITE TRIO**  
RESULTS — Big Spring Music over Jay's Farm & Ranch, 8-0; Security State Bank tied Bowl-A-Rama, 4-4; Katy's Kitchen over Arrow Refrigeration, 8-0; Byron's Storage & Transfer over Red Top, 6-2; Morris Robertson Body Shop over #6, 8-0; A & N Electric over Cosden Oil & Chemical, 8-3; hi sc. game and series (man) T.A. Camp, 230 and 678; hi sc. game and series (woman) Sugar Brown, 232 and Joyce Davis, 594; hi hdp game and series (man) T.A. Camp, 238 and Tommy Campbell, 688; hi hdp game and series (woman) Sugar Brown, 255 and Joyce Davis, 648; hi sc. team game and series Big Spring Music, 695 and 1744; hi hdp team game and series Big Spring Music 661 and 1912.

**STANDINGS** — Big Spring Music, 95-42; Morris Robertson Body Shop, 81-47; Bowl-A-Rama, 79-49; Security State Bank, 76-52; Rob & Son's, 75-53; Katy's Kitchen, 69-59; #6, 64-64; Cosden Oil & Chemical, 62-66; A&N Electric, 62-66; Byron's Storage & Transfer, 62-66; Jay's Farm & Ranch Store, 60-60; Arrow Refrigeration, 58-70; Red Top, 44-84; Al Patterson Golf Shop, 18-110.

**MENS MAJOR**  
RESULTS — Western Container over Brew Brothers, 8-0; Gales Bakery over Century "21", 8-0; Berry Plumbing over Green House Club, 7-1; Gressett Gulf Service over Coastal Oil & Gas, 6-2;

R&M Roofing split Coors Dist. Co., 4-4; Baker Oil Treating over Bob Brock Ford, 4-4; hi hdp game and series Dee Anderson, 270 and 778; hi sc. team game and series Gressett Gulf Service, 1062 and Gales Bakery, 3090.

**STANDINGS** — Berry Plumbing, 75-45; Western Container, 70-50; R & M Roofing, 70-50; Bob Brock Ford, 66-54; Green House Club, 66-54; Coors Dist. Co., 65-55; Gales Bakery, 58-62; Baker Oil Treating, 58-62; Brew Brothers, 55-65; Coastal Oil & Gas, 49-71; Century "21", 44-76; Gressett Gulf Service, 44-76.

**INDUSTRIAL**  
RESULTS — Price Const. over Cosden, 8-0; L.G. Nix-Dirt Co. over Caldwell Electric, 8-0; The State National Bank over Skateland, 8-0; Coors over Deemans, 6-2; Chuck's Oil Co. over O'Daniel Trucking, 6-2; Cameo tied Perry's Pumping Service, 4-4; hi sc. game and series Junior Johnson, 236 and Junior Johnson, Gene Perry tie and Marcus Phillips, 602; hi hdp game and series Junior Johnson, 257 and 688; hi sc. team game and series O'Daniel Trucking, 964 and The State National Bank, 278; hi hdp team game and series O'Daniel Trucking, 1078 and The State National Bank, 3051.

**STANDINGS** — The State National Bank, 87-49; L.G. Nix-Dirt Co., 82-54; Coors, 81-55; Price Const., 75-61; O'Daniel Trucking, 72-64; Skateland, 71-68; Chuck's Oil Co., 62-74; Cosden, 62-74; Cameo, 62-76; Perry's Pumping Service, 60-76; Caldwell Electric, 56-80; Deemans, 48-88.

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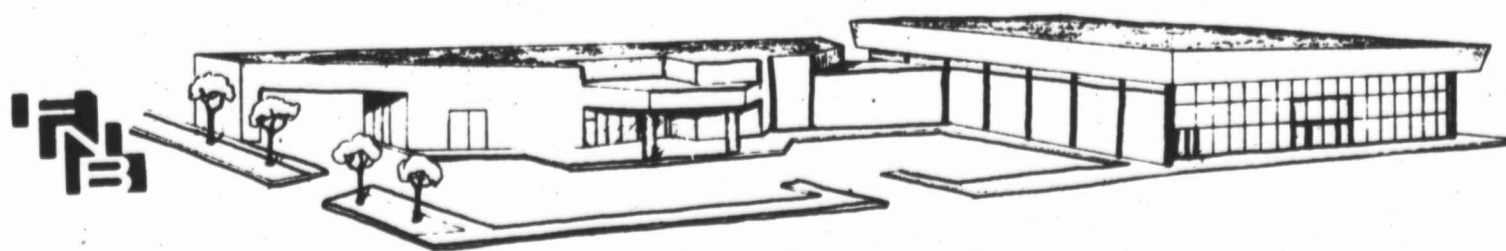
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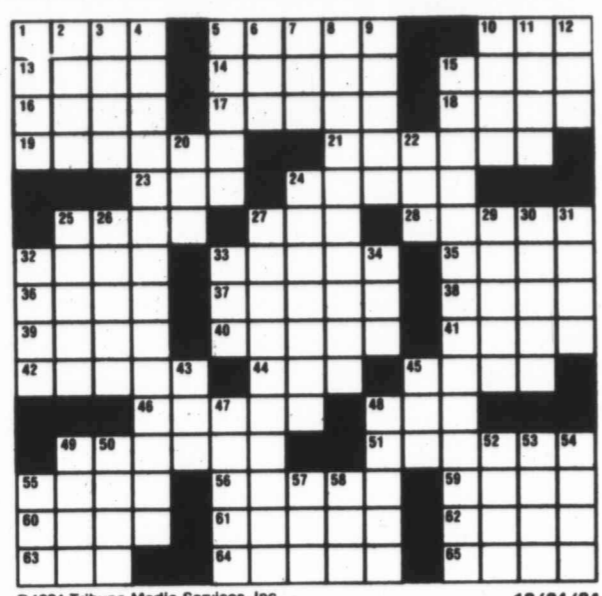
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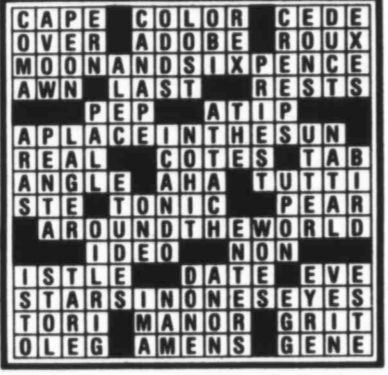
## THE Daily Crossword by Mary C. Whitten

- ACROSS**
- Force
  - Dull finish
  - Bedouin garb
  - Redolence
  - Seaweed extracts
  - chic
  - Author Emile
  - Morocco capital
  - Peril
  - Small hawk
  - Flowers
  - Underhand
  - Colo. resort
  - Rooster
  - Prefix for angle or pod
  - Autocrats
  - Labyrinth
  - Pen
  - Court entry
  - Golf club
  - Mirage sight
  - Mind
  - "Wind, — and Stars"
  - "— of Old Smokey"
  - Foul callers
  - Expensive
  - Jose
  - Indians
  - Gall
  - Alfonso's queen
  - Main dish
  - Yea and nay sayers
  - Gr. theaters
  - Feed in a pasture
  - Dies —
  - Determination
  - Fall bloom
  - Peas in a pod
  - Moray
  - In want
  - do-well



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### Saturday's Puzzle Solved:



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- DOWN**
- Nap
  - Paragon
  - Lopez theme
  - Meditation type
  - Borgnine role
  - Turk. VIP
  - Check
  - Change
  - Prevent in law
  - Dry
  - Truman or Myerson
  - Request
  - Bus, train et al.
  - Wapiti
  - Ran into
  - Bristles
  - Jeweler's weight
  - Form of oxygen
  - Cross
  - "A Delicate Balance" author
  - Naval hazards
  - "Simon —"
  - Young lady
  - Court
  - Psychic letters
  - Apiece
  - Numero —
  - Daughter of Lear
  - "— little breeze..."
  - An Adams
  - TV's Carter
  - Mystery name
  - Lung sound
  - Char
  - Be indebted
  - Ingested
  - Eng. letter

## DENNIS THE MENACE



"I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY. MYSELF IS ALL I CAN GIVE YOU."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Can we eat breakfast tonight so it won't get in the way tomorrow morning?"

## Your Daily HOROSCOPE

from the CARROLL RICHTER INSTITUTE

### FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, DEC., 25, 1984

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** A very merry Christmas to you. This is a meaningful day full of love and affectionate feelings. It is a day to cement personal relationships and for worthwhile activities.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You will very likely get your finest wishes today or you may have to go after them. Try to see as many persons as you can.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Show affection for those you like and live your particular philosophy of life to-day and you enjoy others more.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Show that you comprehend the finest principles and tenets which this day is supposed to denote.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to Jul. 21) You have very good hunches about how to make this a delightful day between yourself and the one you love the most.

**LEO** (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You understand the desires of others and should give them the backing they need. Be happy.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Concentrate on what can be done for others, especially those who are not so fortunate as you. Spread cheer everywhere.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are full of the holiday spirit and can have much happiness, both at home and with friends and relatives.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Focus your attention on your home and family and be happy there. Make plans for the New Year ahead.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be sure to communicate with everyone possible today and get good results. Say memorable things to those you love.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) While celebrating, be sure to think about practical affairs and how to make the future brighter. This next year will be better for you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Much happiness can be yours today, and you should show appreciation for the many kind thoughts from others.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A day for meditation that can bring you greater peace and happiness. Your Mate can be very devoted now and bring you solace.

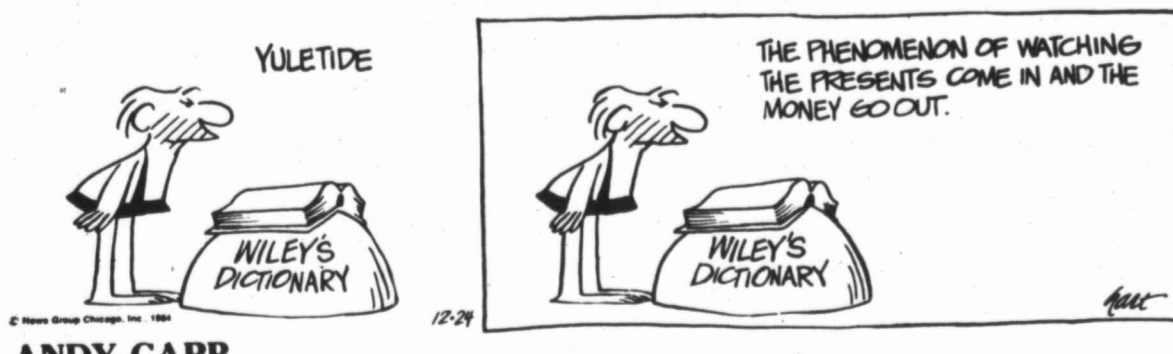
**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ...** he or she will be a New Age product and should go to modern schools where the latest technology is taught and will then be well equipped to achieve great success. Do not deter from expressing different traits from the norm, since it is from this that success will come.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!  
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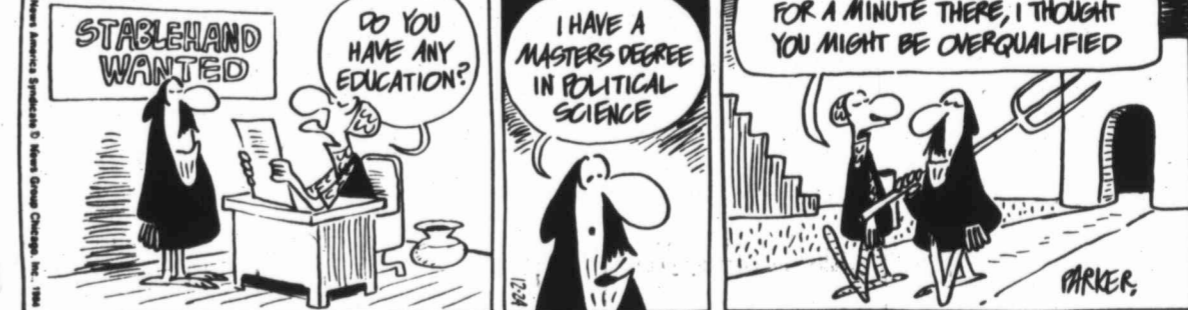
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sing...  
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that we may serve  
you in the coming year.

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**NOEL**



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filled with love, joy,  
laughter & prosperity!

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**Creetings**



May all your Christmas  
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**PEACE  
ON  
EARTH**



Here's hoping all of  
you who have been so  
good to us have the  
happiest holidays  
of all.

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Merry Christmas to  
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Christmas  
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PEACE**



WISHING YOU A  
HOLIDAY FILLED  
WITH HAPPINESS!  
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Fashions  
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**Best  
Wishes**



Here's hoping Sen-  
ta brings you all the  
things you wish for  
...including health  
and happiness.

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**Rejoice**

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merriest, most  
wonderful  
Christmas ever!

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MINER'S CHRISTMAS — Striking miner's wife Megan Evans, with her five-year-old son Neil, read a Christmas card. Mrs. Evans' husband has been on strike for the past nine months.

## Not a white Christmas

### Striking coal miner's children feeling pinch

FERNDALE, Wales (AP) — Five-year-old Neil Evans, whose father has been on strike for more than nine months, is getting secondhand toys this Christmas. His sister Amanda, 13, is getting a \$6 gift certificate from the miners' union — and nothing from her mother.

With Britain's coal strike in its 41st week, bleakness permeates Christmas in the mining valleys of South Wales, the most militant region in the country.

"I keep telling my daughter, 'I haven't got you anything.' I'm trying to get it into her brain so she won't be disappointed on Christmas Day," said Amanda's mother, Megan Evans. "I got the toy for Neil secondhand."

The living room in the Evans' two-story row house in this village is chilly and semi-dark in the winter afternoon. The central heating is off to save fuel.

"I can't say we've won anything," says Mrs. Evans, 34. "But at least we've shown ourselves and the country there are really times to get out and fight."

Like thousands of strikers' families, the Evanses are paying a heavy personal price in a dispute which counts losers on all sides, including working miners regularly harassed and intimidated.

Mrs. Evans' husband, Afon, 36, a fourth-generation miner, is an underground worker at Maerdy colliery, the last surviving mine in Wales' Rhondda Valley.

The family's savings are long gone. Weekly food parcels from the union and coal scavenged at a nearby mine dump supplement a weekly income, after mortgage payment, of \$26.70 in welfare and from Mrs. Evans' job as a part-time sales clerk.

Last spring, all the talk in the Evans household and at the South Wales branch of the National Union of Mineworkers in nearby Pontyprydd was of winning the confrontation with the state-owned National Coal Board over planned mine closures.

Now no one even tries to predict when, or if, the strike will force power cuts, which miners' leader Arthur Scargill has long predicted will eventually pressure Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government to yield.

"We try not to talk about the future at all," said Kim Howells, 38, research officer turned picket-organizer for the 22,000-member South Wales union.

"But we've achieved victories," he said. "We've created an alternative welfare state ... a population feeding itself and governing itself in the face of overwhelming hostility."

South Wales is the most solidly struck coal county in Britain. For eight months, not one Welshman broke the strike, which was ignored from the start by some 50,000 of the country's 189,000 miners.

A November return-to-work surge, triggered by the collapse of the last peace talks and lures of

Christmas bonuses, has swelled to 69,000 the number of miners working in Britain.

But in South Wales, just 125 men have gone back; none of the 24 mines is producing.

Officially, the Welsh union has had no money since August when a High Court judge froze its \$826,000 in assets as punishment for contempt of court. It refuses to pay a \$50,000 fine for defying an injunction to stop pickets blocking trucks delivering coal and iron ore to a steel plant.

Like the national union, whose funds were sequestered last month in another contempt suit, the Welsh union legally can't even have a bank account.

But it carries on, spending some \$82,600 a week. About half goes to the cost of sending pickets to mines, steel works and power plants across Wales and England, and the rest to welfare for strikers.

The union survives, Howells said, on money collected from other unions, at public meetings and from foreign labor movements and left-wing organizations.

The assistance includes distribution of 17,000 food parcels weekly, organized mainly by strikers' wives. At Christmas, the union will give every striker's family in South Wales a turkey or a chicken.

And, despite the unpopularity of the strike and its accompanying picket line violence among Britons generally, a national Christmas appeal for strikers' families has raised nearly \$354,000.

Oil billionaire John Paul Getty II donated \$118,000 to the strikers' families and also gave nearly \$142,000 for working miners.

Glenys Kinnock, wife of Neil Kinnock, leader of the opposition Labor Party, headed the national Christmas appeal.

"We want every striking miner's child to have a toy for Christmas," she said. "It's difficult to tell young children that Father Christmas (Santa Claus) isn't coming this year."

But young Neil Evans knows times are tough. His Christmas wish at a party for strikers' children given by the local Labor Party-controlled Rhondda Valley council was that his mother "could buy things."

Neil's disappointment is part of a huge toll.

The dispute has cost the nation about \$2 billion, split the union, divided families, and sparked the worst picket line violence in British history. Hundreds of police and pickets have been injured and nearly 9,000 miners arrested.

In Wales, two young miners have been charged with murder in the death of a taxi driver who was killed Nov. 30 when a concrete post was hurled onto his cab as he drove a miner to work under police escort.

"The thought that it could go on for another six months, another three months, it's a killer," said Howells. "You can't contemplate it. You live from day to day."

## Benedictine monks make way for refugee children in priory

WESTON, Vt. (AP) — For 31 years, the Benedictine monks at the Weston Priory have kept to their ritualistic lives. Come winter each year, activity at the priory has slowed and the monks have enveloped themselves in stillness.

But this year, the quiet has given way to giggles from the five children of the Guatemalan refugee family that arrived here eight months ago on a highly publicized caravan.

Last April, the priory became the 100th church in the country to declare itself a sanctuary for a family of illegal aliens from Central America. The Weston family call themselves the Excots; they changed their name to protect relatives in Guatemala.

"The sounds of the children are different to us," Brother Philip said in a priory living room, as one of the children tugged at his knees. "But they are wonderful sounds."

The monks say their decision to become a sanctuary was born of faith, although they know it has had political implications — and it has brought them enemies.

The foes include the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Ser-

vice and scores of townspeople who signed a petition of protest. The caravan, which started in Chicago, publicly mocked stringent U.S. policies restricting political asylum for Central Americans.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy has been silent, but the brothers say they doubt the church backs their move.

At the priory there is no doubt. "We are more convinced now than ever before what we did was the right thing," Brother Richard said.

He said the stories the Excots tell of conflict in Guatemala are all the brothers need to hear.

The family, Mayan Indians, said they fled their country after receiving death threats from the Guatemalan army. They lived in a region where leftist guerrillas fought actively against the military government's forces, and the father, Felipe Excot, said he was threatened after teaching villagers to read and write.

"We miss our homeland very much, but Guatemala is full of tears because of what the government is doing to our people," he said.

The Excots will stay the winter in

the priory; they probably will stay much longer. "We will be here until we feel it is safe to return home," Excot said.

Excot, who is a farmer, works at two priory businesses, cutting wood and binding books, skills the monks taught him. His wife, Elena, teaches local women how to weave. The three oldest children attend an alternative school where they do farm work in the afternoon; a fourth child, next to the youngest, is tutored privately.

"We are doing the government's job of accepting the refugees," Brother Elias said.

Not everyone agrees. "They should act within the law, that's what they should do," said Janet Graham, a spokeswoman for the INS. "The family has a right to apply for political asylum."

She conceded, however, that there was little chance for Central Americans to win political asylum.

But the Excots are not in danger from federal officials. "We don't go into churches," Ms. Graham said.

The priory is about five miles outside Weston, and the Excots rarely venture into town or otherwise have contact with local residents.

## Pastor spends X-mas in jail

CLAIRTON, Pa. (AP) — A Lutheran minister jailed after refusing to give up his pulpit says Christmas has not lost its meaning for him as he prepares to spend the religious holiday behind bars.

"Ordinarily I enjoy being generous in gift giving to my family, especially to (my wife) Nadine. But this year, I am unable to buy any presents," the Rev. D. Douglas Roth wrote from the Allegheny County Jail in a sermon delivered Sunday by a parishioner at the Trinity Lutheran Church.

"The only gift I can give is a series of letters I have written describing my love and commitment to Nadine and our marriage," Roth's sermon read. "They are only paper and ink worth only pennies. But they mean more than anything I could buy. They come from the heart."

Fewer than three dozen people joined in worship Sunday at what could be the last service conducted by Roth's supporters at his small, strife-torn church in this mill town 20 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Allegheny County Judge Emil Narick last week ordered the Trinity Lutheran Church council to give the church's keys and records to regional Lutheran authorities on Thursday or face possible arrest.

The trouble began when more than half of Roth's approximately 135 parishioners told the synod they were unhappy with his involvement in an outspoken pro-labor group, the Denominational Ministry Strategy.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1984

CURRENT OPERATIONS		DEBT SERVICES	
Revenue		Revenue	
Tuition and Fees	410,628	Local Taxes	74,687
Local Taxes	2,080,908	Interest Income	23,793
Federal Grants	35,631	Student Housing	
State Appropriations	3,481,014	Revenue	26,480
Interest Earned	79,115	Net Transfers	74,787
Auxiliary Services	666,793	Total Revenue	\$190,777
Miscellaneous	461,205		
Total Revenue	\$7,235,294		
Expenditures		Expenditures	
General Administrative and Student Services	937,731	Note Payments	46,397
General Institutional	360,914	Bond Retirement	129,463
Staff Benefits	313,781	Interest	329
Resident Instruction	2,361,960	Agent Fees	
Library & Extension	134,662	Total Expenditures	\$281,189
Physical Plant	1,668,396		
Scholarships & Student Aid	24,940		
Other	330,152		
Auxiliary Services	883,919		
Total Expenditures	\$7,016,455		

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WED.-THURS. MATINEE 2:00 P.M.  
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