

Season's Greetings

Big Spring Herald Tuesday

'The Crossroads of West Texas'

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Spring Board

How's that?

Publication

Q. Will the Herald publish a newspaper on Christmas Day?
A. No. Christmas Day is the only holiday the Herald is not published.

Calendar

Holidays

TODAY

• The Howard County Library will be closed for the holidays through Thursday. It also will be closed Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

THURSDAY

• Scenic Mountain Lodge Local 1934 will elect officers for 1986. Polls will be open at the Veterans Administration Medical Center from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
• A Country and Western concert will be given at 7 p.m. at the Kentwood Older Adult Center.

Tops on TV

Movie

After being rescued from the island on which they were shipwrecked together, a boy and a horse become involved in the race of the century on "The Black Stallion." The movie, based on Walter Farley's "Black Stallion" books, stars Kelly Reno and Mickey Rooney and airs at 8 p.m. on Channel 7.

Outside

Fair

Today, skies are fair and temperatures cooler with a high in the lower 50s. Gusty winds are blowing northerly, 10 to 20 miles per hour. Tonight, skies should be partly cloudy with a low in the mid 20s. Gusty northeasterly winds blowing 10 to 20 miles per hour will become easterly, 5 to 15 miles per hour late in the night. The Christmas Day forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid 40s. Southeasterly winds will be blowing 5 to 10 miles per hour.



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Holiday glitter



Brilliant lights outline the trees and bushes of this house at 4 Highland Cove, a sure sign that Christmas is near. Homes throughout Big Spring will be similarly lit tonight as Christmas Eve finally arrives.

But for the Samaritans

Christmas would be like any other day for a few

By KIM KIRKHAM
Lifestyle Writer

While most people are overstuffing themselves and cheating on their diets during the holiday feasts, some people are too poor, old or sick to furnish a Christmas dinner for themselves or their families.

Local businesses, hospitals and organizations, however, have been filling the cabinets of the less fortunate with food.

The Texas People's Employment Association (TPEA) of Howard County, Chapter 52, delivered boxes of food Monday to three local families.

The employees of Malone-Hogan

Hospital have been conducting a 12 Days of Christmas program. Projects included tree decorating, Christmas and grocery shopping, and Christmas dinners were delivered today.

Big Spring State Hospital employees collected food in a drive that began at the first of December. The TPEA purchased hams, milk, bread and butter with its own money, and Chapman's Meat Market donated bacon to go in the baskets.

The West Side Community Center selected the families in need for the TPEA. The first delivery went to an elderly woman.

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Holiday travel crunch delays flights

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Many American Airlines flights coming through Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport have been delayed for periods from less than one-half hour to more than two hours because of a holiday travel increase, officials said Monday.

An American spokeswoman said the airline, because of backups at airport gates, imposed "flow control" on incoming flights. Pilots were requested to delay their departures for Dallas-Fort Worth.

Airline spokeswoman Susie Robbins said that since noon Monday, 75 flights had a wait of less than one-half hour on approach to D-FW, while six had a wait of more than one-half hour. She said American officials began imposing systemwide controls on incoming flights Saturday.

She said Flight 344, departing Monday for St. Louis, was delayed for about 2½ hours when air traffic controllers at the plane's destination imposed their own flow controls.

"The majority of our flights are

seeing delays of less than half an hour," said Ms. Robbins. "The reason for that is the number of people boarding and transfer of baggage. There is just a large number of holiday travelers."

"It is taking longer to make connections with people and baggage. They are taking more time to ensure that the connections are correct."

She said the airline's load factor, or amount of seats filled on flights, Saturday at Dallas-Fort Worth airport was 90.9 percent, compared

with 84.7 percent systemwide. About 300 flights depart D-FW daily, she said.

Officials at other airlines could not be reached by telephone for comment on their holiday traffic situations.

"We are asking flights at smaller airports when the flights are coming into D-FW ... to stay on the ground where they are at to ensure that they have a gate waiting for them," said Ms. Robbins.

"They are doing this systemwide. They want to make sure that

all the planes currently at gates get out before the next influx of planes come in. These are upline delays ... delays of planes coming to Dallas to make a connection."

She said the travel increase has also been a problem in past years.

"We did not have missed flights and irate passengers or anything like that," said Ms. Robbins. "It has pretty much been smooth by holding them on the ground before coming into D-FW."

Electricity refund hinges on PUC approval

Texas Utilities Electric Co. customers will get a refund on their electric bills if an application to the Public Utility Commission is approved.

The electric company will apply to the PUC in mid-January for authority to refund about \$78 million to its customers, said Tom Baker, vice president of TUEC.

The average refund to residential customers, including Texas Electric Service Co. customers, should be about \$12.50, according to a company news release.

The company is asking the PUC to authorize the refund to be made at the earliest possible date, which would be March, through a credit on customers' bills.

The amount represents the savings to customers brought about by lower costs for the fuel used to make electricity in 1985, Baker said.

The decreasing price of natural gas, which is used to produce about half of the company's electricity, allowed the company to renegotiate a number of contracts

and thereby lower the price it paid for gas, he said.

Baker said the price of gas bought by the company has declined from an average of \$3.74 per million BTU in 1984 to \$3.44 at the end of November 1985.

"The year 1985 is the first year in two decades that our average natural gas cost has gone down,"

Baker said.

Because the fuel cost savings are expected to continue during 1986, TUEC also will ask the PUC to approve lower per-kilowatt-hour charges for fuel, Baker said. The company will be working with the PUC and other interested parties to determine appropriate charges, he said.

No grumbling

Christmas on the job is no place for Scrooges

By HANK MURPHY
Staff Writer

For most working Americans Christmas Day is a time to relax, to kick back and revel in the spirit and festivities of this worldwide Christian holiday. Thoughts are far removed from the daily grind of the work place, focused instead on wide-eyed youngsters ripping wrapping paper from boxes, or the expected arrival of friends and family.

But for some, Christmas brings no respite from the responsibilities of their job. Guardians of public welfare such as the police, firefighters, health professionals and ambulance personnel will man their shifts



Police dispatcher Melanie Gambrell will see that city police are alerted to any emergencies or crimes that occur Christmas Day. She said she will celebrate the holiday a few days late.

with vigilance throughout the holidays. Others who serve the public — taxis, convenience stores and some restaurants — will also do business tomorrow.

And so the rigors of public service will bar some Big Spring people from their warm and happy homes for a time on Christmas. But in keeping with the season, any griping and complaining seems muted by the ringing of goodwill.

"I'll be working the 6 to 2 shift, 2 in the morning until 6 in the evening," said police dispatcher Melanie Gambrell. That's a good chunk of the day devoted to a desk, a phone and a radio.

"Oh, it won't be too bad," she said matter-of-factly. "There really aren't too many people in my family, most of them are in Iowa. It'll just be my husband Randy and I, and we can pretty much spend Christmas

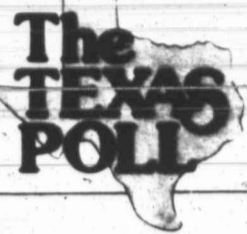
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Texans anxious about AIDS

By DR. JAMES DYER
Harte-Hanks News Service
 Nearly half of all Texans are worried that they or someone they know will contract AIDS, and two-thirds say it is likely the disease will become an epidemic among the general public.

The fall Texas Poll also reveals that Texans are more likely than other Americans to take action in trying to avoid the disease, particularly where their children are concerned.

In the Oct. 17-31 telephone survey of 1,000 adults, 45 percent of Texans said they were very worried or a



little worried that they or someone they know would get AIDS. That figure is slightly higher than the 41 percent of Americans who expressed the same fear in a national Newsweek poll last August. About 55 percent of Texans are not worried about getting AIDS.

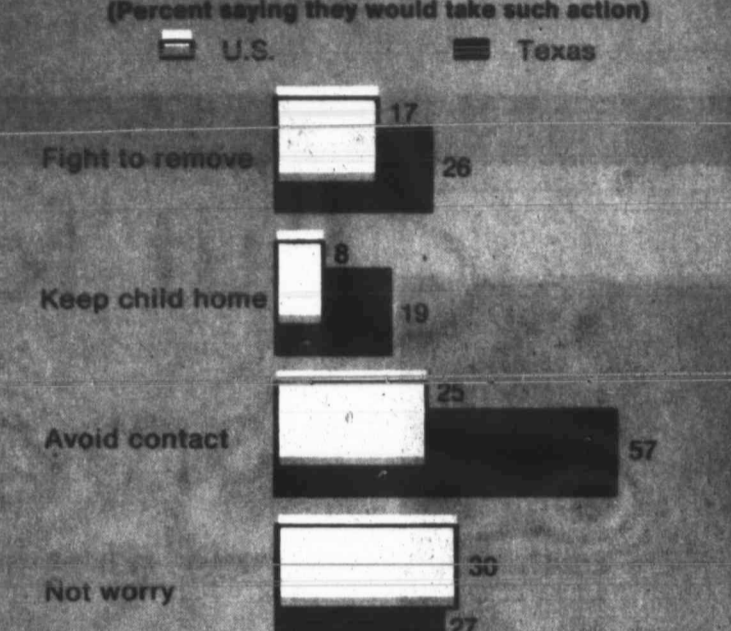
There have been about 13,000 cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome recorded in the United States since the condition was discovered here in 1979. About half of those patients now are dead. The virus attacks cells that normally protect the body against infection, leaving the patient open to a host of cancers and secondary infections that eventually are fatal.

The AIDS virus is carried in body fluids. Medical authorities say it can be transmitted primarily by sexual contact, use of contaminated hypodermic needles, and through transfusions of infected blood and blood products.

The Texas Poll found that less-educated Texans tend to be more worried about contracting AIDS: 54 percent of those with only grade-school educations are worried, compared to 46 percent of high school graduates and 36 percent of college graduates.

Texans worry more than Americans about school children with AIDS

If you learned that a child with AIDS was attending the same school as a child of yours, would you...
 —Fight to have the AIDS child removed from school?
 —Keep your own child home?
 —Instruct your child not to have close contact with the AIDS child?
 —Or, would you not worry about children passing AIDS to one another?



Source: Fall Texas Poll, October 1985; Newsweek national poll, fall 1985.
 Note: Percentages do not add to 100 because respondents could choose more than one option.

Women tend to be more worried about the spread of AIDS than men.

Majorities of Hispanics and blacks also are concerned: 58 percent of Hispanics and 52 percent of blacks fear AIDS may touch their lives, compared to 42 percent of Anglos.

It's likely that AIDS eventually will become an epidemic for the public at large, say 67 percent of Texans. Again, that figure is slightly

higher than the 62 percent of Americans polled by Newsweek who answered similarly. One-third (33 percent) of Texans do not think it's likely AIDS will become a general epidemic.

Just to ensure that the disease stays out of their lives, Texans take more precautions than other Americans. About 24 percent of Texans say they avoid people they know or suspect to be homosexuals (13 percent nationally), and 32 percent say they avoid certain places

where homosexuals may be present (28 percent nationally). One-fourth of Texans say they would refuse elective surgery that requires blood transfusions (21 percent nationally), even though medical authorities now say America's blood supply is relatively safe because of a screening test developed last spring and administered to all blood donors.

When their children are involved, Texans are much more likely than other Americans to take precautions to prohibit contact with another child who has AIDS. In Texas, 26 percent say they would fight to have a child with AIDS removed from their own child's school (17 percent nationally), and 19 percent would take their child out of school (8 percent nationally).

More than half (57 percent) would instruct their child to avoid any close contact with an AIDS child (25 percent nationally). Only 27 percent say they would not be worried about children passing AIDS to one another at school (30 percent nationally).

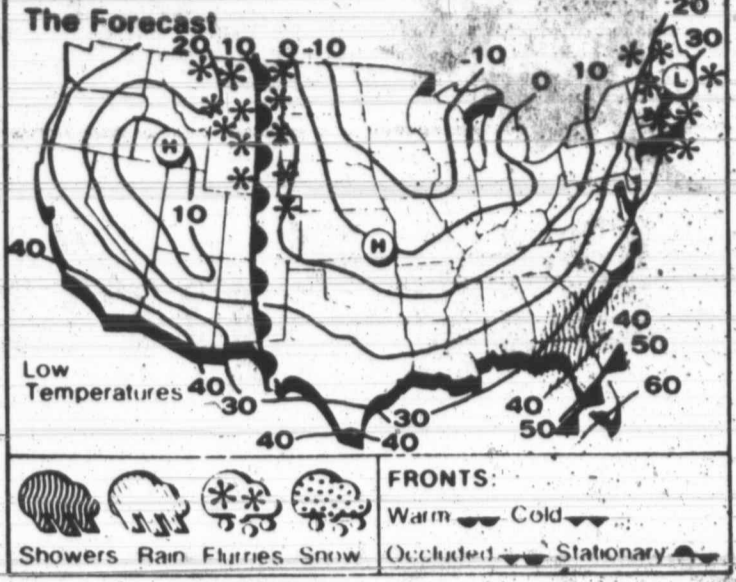
In the workplace, 49 percent of Texans say employees should be tested for AIDS, while 41 percent oppose testing. Once found to have AIDS, though, 41 percent of Texans say AIDS patients should be treated like any other employee, while 27 percent say they should be segregated. Another 11 percent say they should be fired.

Because AIDS cases have so far been concentrated among homosexual men, 43 percent of Texans say the fear of AIDS is causing unfair discrimination against all homosexuals. But 44 percent disagree.

Progress in the search for a cure is not coming fast enough for most Texans. Almost half (49 percent) say the federal government is not spending enough money on AIDS research, while 26 percent say it is spending the right amount. Only 5 percent of Texans say too much is being spent on AIDS research.

The Texas Poll, sponsored by Harte-Hanks Communications Inc., is conducted by the Public Policy Resources Laboratory at Texas A&M University. Results may vary by as much as 3 percentage points in either direction because of sampling error.

Weather



Forecast

West Texas — Colder tonight with increasing low cloudiness eastern sections. Partly cloudy to cloudy and cool Wednesday. Lows mostly in the 20s. Highs 40s and 50s.

Nation

A southbound mass of fast-moving arctic air pushed into the nation's midsection today, pushing wind chills as low as 60 degrees below zero, while up to a foot of snow was predicted for northern Michigan and Wisconsin.

The snow was falling across much of the Great Lakes region and spreading into Pennsylvania and western New York, and snow-prompted travelers' advisories were issued for the Black Hills of South Dakota and northeast Wyoming.

Sheriff's Log

Charges against man dropped

A Marietta, Kan., man arrested on suspicion of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was released from county jail Monday after the Howard County sheriff's department received an order clearing him of all charges.

James William Bevan, 31, was arrested after sheriff's deputies Sunday night found him asleep by the wheel of a vehicle parked at a rest stop south of Big Spring on Highway 87.

The sheriff's department received an order from the Dallas police force Monday to release Bevan, because charges against him had been dropped, said Justice of the Peace Lewis Heflin.

Perry White of Gail Route Box 444 told deputies Monday night someone removed a 25-inch color television and a turkey from the freezer at his residence sometime between 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Monday.

Deputies released Donnie Mike Latimer, 33, of Route 1 Box 565 from county jail Monday morning after he served time for violating the terms of his probation received from a prior driving while intoxicated judgment.

Deaths

Services for Bill Alex Moser, 37, of Sand Springs will be at 5 p.m. Friday at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Steve Jones, a family friend, officiating.

Moser died Monday morning at his home after a sudden illness. Cremation will follow the services Friday.

He was born July 16, 1948, in San Mateo, Calif. He married Jeannie Daugherty April 1, 1969, in Big Spring. He moved to Big Spring in 1956 with his family and attended Big Spring schools.

He had been a transport driver for Chemical Express for the last seven years.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Johnnie Kay Moser and Brandy Annette Moser, both of Big Spring; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moser of Big Spring; four sisters, Darlene Farris of Craig, Colo., Valerie Free of Muleshoe, and Mary Valli and Juanita Joplin, both of Big Spring; and a brother Daniel Moser of Big Spring.

Pallbearers will be Robert Mesker, Tim Knox, Woody Fletcher, Roy Thornton, Bill Moore, John Price, and Jimmy Whitefield.

Graveside services for Homer T. Shankle, 73, will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial is under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Shankle died Monday night at his home following a sudden illness.

He was born Dec. 20, 1912, in Plaska, Texas. He married Virginia Estes June 30, 1955, in Memphis, Texas. They came to Big Spring in 1956 from Memphis.

Samaritans

The second delivery was to a man, his wife and three children, ages 2, 3 and 4. The man recently got out of the service and "so far nothing's going good," he said. His wife is the only one working at the time.

A single mother with seven children ages 2 to 13 also received food from the TPEA. "I didn't expect it," she said. "They came at a great time. I've been working, but just part time."

State hospital employees helping with deliveries were: Charlotte Hatfield, vice president of TPEA; John Keller, activity director of TPEA; Sue Gamble, a representative of the TPEA state membership committee; and TPEA members Gene Rutherford and Louise Williams.

Viola Salgado, a driver for the West Side Community Center, accompanied the group to the homes. Bea Weaver, Annette Miller,

Police Beat

Nancy Vassar and Michelle Darden of Malone-Hogan Hospital delivered 23 dinners today to the home-bound patients of the home health care services.

Donated by local grocer Don Newsom, the dinners were delivered to "patients that we think are in need, those who are alone or whose spouse is unable to prepare a meal," said Weaver.

Most of the patients are elderly, and "some of our people didn't get Thanksgiving" dinner, she said.

Each department in the hospital chose a project for the 12 days of Christmas program. A different department did something for the community each day. "That way we could do a lot," said Emily Ward, public relations director for Malone-Hogan.

"I just never realized the need," said Elaine Oliver of the employee activities committee. "The hospital really participated in a big way."

Robbery, burglaries reported

Several local businesses were burglarized and one was robbed since Saturday, with total losses amounting to more than \$6,500, according to police reports.

Lawrence Brennan, owner of the Alamo Motel, 901 W. Third St., told police Monday morning that a man armed with a deadly weapon entered the business, demanded money, then fled on foot. The robbery occurred at 7:20 a.m. Monday and the robber got away with \$900, the police report stated.

Peggy Robertson of Kirby Sales and Services, 408 E. Farm Road 700, told police Sunday night that someone broke into the business between 12:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday and stole at least \$3,060 in cash.

James Hughes, owner of Repo Rentals, 2000 W. Third St., told police Monday morning that someone burglarized his business between 6:30 p.m. Saturday and

9:15 a.m. Monday. Burglars made off with \$1,859 in stereo equipment and a \$560 color television, according to the police report.

Lee George, owner of Lee George Construction, 1400 W. Fourth St., told police Monday morning that someone stole tires and rims worth an estimated at \$750 from the business between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. Monday.

Walter White, 812 San Antonio St., told police Sunday evening that someone stole a \$60 shotgun and tools valued at \$100 from his residence between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday.

J.F. Little of Austin told police Monday morning that someone caused an undetermined amount of damage to the door of his vehicle while it was parked at 510 Highland Drive. The door was damaged between 10:15 p.m. Sunday and 8:30 a.m. Monday, according to the complaint.

Scrooges

anytime. It'll be a lot easier for me than a lot of the other people."

Gambrell said she and her husband plan to spend Saturday celebrating Christmas at his parents' home.

Although Melanie doesn't particularly mind her working on Christmas Day, Randy, she said with a smile, does.

"Christmas is a time for families to be together, but hopefully he can come down and spend some time with me."

Gambrell said she's hoping Christmas Day at the station will follow the pattern of past years. "The other people that have worked Christmas before said that it's real slow and real quiet as everyone is home with their families enjoying the time off. I'm hoping that it's quiet. I'm hoping that it's very quiet," she said with a laugh.

Along with the police, the fire department will be ready to res-

pond to any Christmas emergency with all stations fully staffed. The firefighters, who must work 24-hour shifts, will miss the entire day.

"It's part of the job," said Station 3 Capt. Robert Muller with a shrug. "We caught it two years in a row last time, because we caught leap year."

Muller said usually a man works a holiday once every three years. "But when it's your turn to come on to work whether it's Christmas or the Fourth of July or whatever, you just come in."

Muller, who is off this Christmas, said the day is special for firemen on duty despite spending the Yuletide at the firehouse.

"On our shift we try to have something catered or sometimes the wives will bring something or the guys will bring something from home for a dinner."

And are the men who battle fires in Big Spring missed at Christmas time?

"Christmas Day, yeah," he said, a trace of sentiment seeping into his voice. "Christmas Day more than any other day probably. We don't get to see the kiddies play with all their stuff," he explained with a broad grin.

Although most people are apt to take Christmas off, fires, unfortunately are not.

"Two or three years ago we had a pretty good house fire on Christmas," Muller said. "I'll tell you what, it ruins your Christmas. Any fire will mess up your day, I can tell you that."

With any luck, fires this year will be confined to the ovens in city kitchens where the heat will roast turkeys and hams. Some folks,



Joyce Romine, manager of the 7-Eleven at Fourth and Johnson Streets, will spend Christmas Day behind the counter. Most 7-Elevens here will be open Christmas Day.

however, are not able to cook where they live. Where will they have Christmas dinner?

"There some older people that don't have a place to go so we're going to keep it open," said Mike Arnold of his restaurant The Crossroads on S. Gregg. Arnold said he has lined up enough help who don't mind working to keep the eatery open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Christmas. "We're going to have our Christmas on Christmas Eve," he said.

For those folks who are missing the key ingredient to a favorite

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Homer T. Shankle, age 73, died Monday. Services will be Graveside Thursday, Trinity Memorial Park at 11:00 A.M.

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By Associated Press

Pilot sues airline

DALLAS — A former Southwest Airlines pilot has filed suit against the carrier, charging that he was fired last summer after he consistently refused to compromise safety standards.

In a petition filed Monday in state district court, Richard Shoemaker charged that his "continued adherence to safety regulations" put forth by his employer and the Federal Aviation Administration caused him to "lose favor" with his superiors.

Kidnap suspect freed

DALLAS — A woman accused of kidnapping a 3-month-old Coppell girl after posing as a babysitter was freed from jail after a judge reduced her bond from \$100,000 to \$15,000.

Susan Miller posted bond and was released Monday after State District Judge R.T. Scales granted a defense motion to reduce her bail.

Ms. Miller, 39, is accused of kidnapping Malory Elizabeth Sutton on Nov. 13. The infant and a babysitter, who called herself Bernice Kelly, disappeared on the sitter's first day of work, police said.

Reagan weighs words

WASHINGTON — Mixing praise with criticism, the Reagan administration says the Soviet Union is complying with significant provisions of major arms control treaties but is guilty of some violations that "cause grave concern."

The assessment was made public Monday as the administration formally declared that the United States would continue to abide by terms of the unratified SALT II arms control treaty beyond Dec. 31, when the pact would have expired.

All in name of love

SAVANNAH, Ga. — A woman accused of hijacking a helicopter and flying three convicts to a short-lived freedom admitted she did it to rescue her imprisoned lover, authorities said.

The woman, Joyce Bailey Mattox, 40, and the three men, who had vowed never to be taken alive, were captured early Monday as officers woke them from sleep in their stolen car, parked at a rest stop along Interstate 95 near the Georgia-Florida border.

Oil spill cleanup on

PORT ANGELES, Wash. — It may be nearly New Year's Day before crews can mop up a 109,200-gallon oil spill that has contaminated 14 miles of Olympic Peninsula beaches, and the damage to wildlife may be felt long after that, officials said.

Boats using ropes moored will be working in Port Angeles Harbor and the surrounding waters for another day or two, and shore crews will need three to five days to clean the shoreline, Coast Guard Lt. Tom Pearson said Monday night.

Missed approach

Three die as plane crashes into busy mall

CONCORD, Calif. (AP) — A private plane trying to land in heavy fog slammed into the roof of a mall jammed with Christmas shoppers, spewing flames and debris into an area crowded with youngsters waiting to see Santa Claus. At least three people died and 59 were injured, police reported.

The twin-engine Beechcraft Baron was approaching Buchanan Field, making an instrument approach with visibility of about three-quarters of a mile, when it crashed into the roof of Sun Valley Mall about 8:45 p.m. Monday, authorities reported.

"The whole sky lit up and stayed lit," said Dino Vigil, who witnessed the crash from across the street. "I thought it was a bomb, then I realized it had to be the plane. The engine wasn't sputtering. He went down fast."

An accurate count of the victims was difficult to establish, said Concord police spokesman Al Jordan, but the best information put the casualties at three dead and 59 hurt.

The dead were believed to be the pilot and two passengers but that could not be confirmed, Jordan said.

Thousands of people streamed into the parking lot after the crash, many crying and desperately seeking friends or relatives. The tail of the plane could be seen dangling off the roof, and one of the plane's propellers was lying on the floor inside the mall near where the plane hit.

The pilot had radioed a "missed approach" and told the tower he was going around for another try before the impact, said airport manager Harold Wight. The number and identities of those aboard was not immediately known.

Water from the mall's sprinklers quickly doused the flames triggered by the crash, and a foot or more of water turned part of the mall into an indoor lake.

Dr. Michael Buchele, disaster relief coordinator at Mount Diablo Hospital, said 40 doctors and 40 to 50 nurses were handling the steady stream of injured. Victims were taken to several hospitals, and police said every ambulance in Contra Costa County was pressed into service to handle the injured.

"There was a panic, people were running everywhere," said Dave Belli, a copy editor for the Contra Costa Times, who was shopping at the mall about 35 miles east of San Francisco.



The body of one of the three victims is carried out of a shopping mall in Concord, Calif., early Tuesday after a twin-engine plane crashed into the roof Monday night injuring about 59 people.

"The place filled up with smoke, and the power went out. People were crying and hugging each other," he said. "Friends and relatives were tending to the injured."

Harry Sundstrom of Concord, who was also at the mall, said he "saw a ball of fire 30 to 40 feet in the air."

"My jacket caught fire. My hand caught fire," said Bret Jacobus, 25, of Concord. "My jacket was burned off. I didn't take it off... We're real lucky. There was stuff flying. I thought it was all over."

Some of the bystanders helped with the rescue, shoving burn victims into water fountains at the suburban shopping center.

"I saw two girls burned on their hair, face and hands," said Kim

Acosta, 17, who was standing by the Santa Claus display. "There was a big rumble. The whole roof came in. For a good 1 1/2 minutes, the area was filled with flames. I just hope all the kids are OK."

"He was making a normal instrument approach to the airport," said Wight, who estimated visibility at three-quarters of a mile at the time of the crash. The mall is just under a mile from the airport.

"The aircraft was making a landing approach and apparently he did not see the runway at the time that he was supposed to," said Wight. "He was apparently attempting to go around and something went wrong and he ended up in the mall."

Federal Aviation Administration officials arrived at the mall by 11 p.m. to begin an investigation.

World

By Associated Press

Waite meets captors

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite said today he had met again with Moslem fundamentalists holding Americans hostage in Lebanon, but that "further steps are required" in his mission to free the captives.

Waite said he planned to fly to London later today to consult with his superior, the archbishop of Canterbury, dashing hopes the hostages would be freed for Christmas.

Bethlehem decked out

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank — Despite heavy security and fears of terrorism, the city of Jesus' birth was decked out with lights and streamers today for a day-long Christmas Eve celebration.

The day's events in the mostly Moslem city of 50,000 include a procession led by the Roman Catholic patriarch, a reception hosted by Mayor Elias Freij and a televised midnight Mass. Choirs from 11 countries perform in Manger Square.

Mandela cancels plan

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Black activist Winnie Mandela today canceled a planned Christmas vigil outside the Cape Town prison where her husband, Nelson, is held, saying the government might be "trigger-happy" after a bomb killed five whites at a shopping center.

Near Johannesburg, rioting black miners stabbed a white official to death and mine police opened fire, killing two blacks, police said today.

Evidence frustrating

ROME — A well-placed source says the prosecutor in the trial of six men charged with conspiring to kill Pope John Paul II may ask the jury to acquit the defendants for lack of evidence.

The source said Monday that Prosecutor Antonio Marini was frustrated by often contradictory evidence from the nearly 50 witnesses in the seven-month trial, including the star witness, Mehmet Ali Agca.

Agca, a Turkish terrorist, is serving a life sentence after being convicted of shooting and seriously wounding the pope in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.

Reshuffle in Moscow

MOSCOW — The Communist Party removed Moscow party chief Viktor V. Grishin, a member of the ruling Politburo, from his post today at a special meeting presided over by Kremlin leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the official news agency Tass said.

The brief report by Tass said the 71-year-old Grishin retired and was replaced as Moscow party chief by 64-year-old Boris N. Yeltsin. Yeltsin was elected a secretary of the Communist Party in July.

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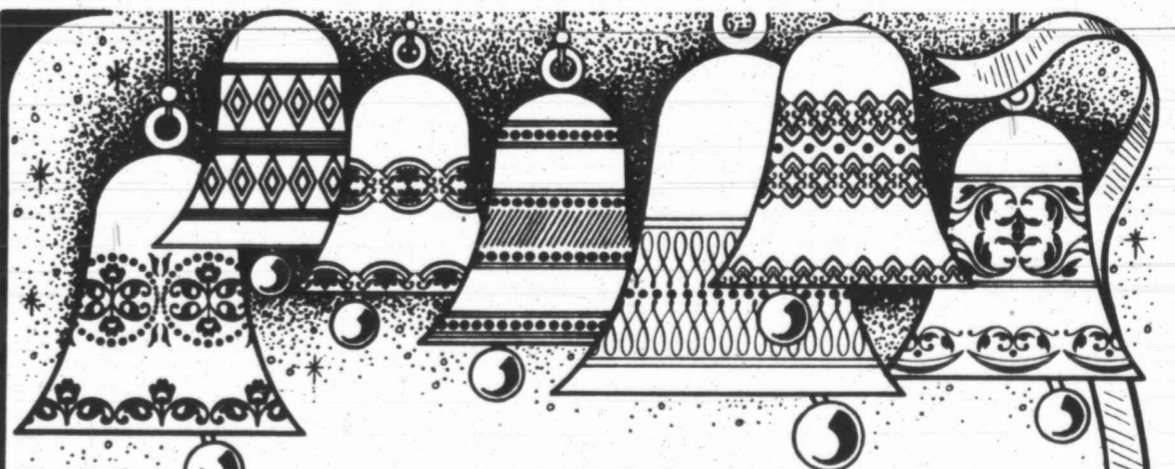
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Opinion

No other day like Christmas

For the 41st year, Loyal Phillips has written a Christmas editorial for SNPA members. A former editor and publisher and SNPA board member, he now writes a column for the Fort Walton Beach (Fla.) Playground Daily News.

In all the world, there's no other day with the heartwarming and uplifting influence of Christmas.

Today, Christian believers in many lands pause to commemorate the natal day of a Child born to give Himself as a loving sacrifice for strangers and sinners.

The coming of the Babe of Bethlehem was foretold hundreds of years in advance by the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and Micah.

His arrival in a stable in the little City of David was announced by a heavenly host, heralded by a choir, and He was identified by an angel.

Yet, only a few shepherds in the Judean Hills and Wise Men from the far away Orient were prepared to accept Him.

Today, 2,000 years later, a billion men and women around the globe acknowledge the infallibility of His teachings and accept Him as the world's Messiah.

Looking back over the panorama of the ages, we realize that events which have given Bethlehem enduring significance occupied but an instant in time. Yet, what transpired during those hallowed hours has had tremendous impact upon all human history.

On that night, history was split sharply in two, and time is measured backward and forward, thus marking the end of the former era and the beginning of a new.

A major morality precept of the new age is that we should treat others as we would like to be treated. This Golden Rule has jumped national boundary lines, crossed denominational barriers and penetrated prison walls to improve personal and international relations.

His strange doctrine as a divine Teacher came like a lightning bolt on a dark night and today, after 20 turbulent centuries, remains the only beacon which can lead men to peace.

The gift of God's Son at Bethlehem still reminds us that sacrifice is not obsolete and that brotherly love is the cardinal precept of human behavior.

Today, the Spirit of love still speaks to us across 20 centuries to proclaim humanitarianism as the sacred obligation of all men and nations.

Since the first Christmas hymn was sung by the angels over Bethlehem, the world has treasured the season's music. The songs of the yuletide are among the most beautiful, most heartwarming, and most powerful ever written. They offer testimony that God came into the world for the purpose of redeeming men.

Today, the eyes of a sophisticated but frustrated world turn back to Bethlehem in search of the peace and goodwill about which the angels sang. Notwithstanding our fantastic scientific discoveries and our material advancement, mankind sorely needs the vision and faith which brought the Wise Men to that tiny hamlet in the hills of the Holy Land.

Fortunately, there is no deadline on the angel's promise to men of goodwill. Let us hope that man's eternal quest for universal love, for decency and for justice may be rewarded as we reflect on the birth, teachings, and sacrifice of the Prince of Peace.

Again this year, Christ is born again to bring a spirit of humility, tolerance, and understanding and the offer will continue until the end of time.

There can be no love without giving and the beautiful Santa Claus myth plays on the heartstrings of children as it brings rapture beyond compare.

The glorious Christmas promise of peace and goodwill is the greatest story ever told. The message heralded by the angel continues to echo through the centuries:

"Unto You is Born a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

Today

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 24, the 358th day of 1985. There are seven days left in the year. This is Christmas Eve.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 24, 1814, the War of 1812 ended as the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium.

On this date:

In 1524, Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama, who had discovered a sea route around Africa to India, died.

In 1851, fire devastated the Library of Congress in Washington D.C., destroying about 35,000 volumes.

In 1865, several veterans of the Confederate Army formed a private social club in Pulaski, Tenn., called the Ku Klux Klan.

In 1871, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Aida" had its world premiere in Cairo, Egypt, to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal.

In 1906, Canadian-born physicist

Reginald A. Fessenden became the first person to broadcast a music program over radio, from Brant Rock, Mass.

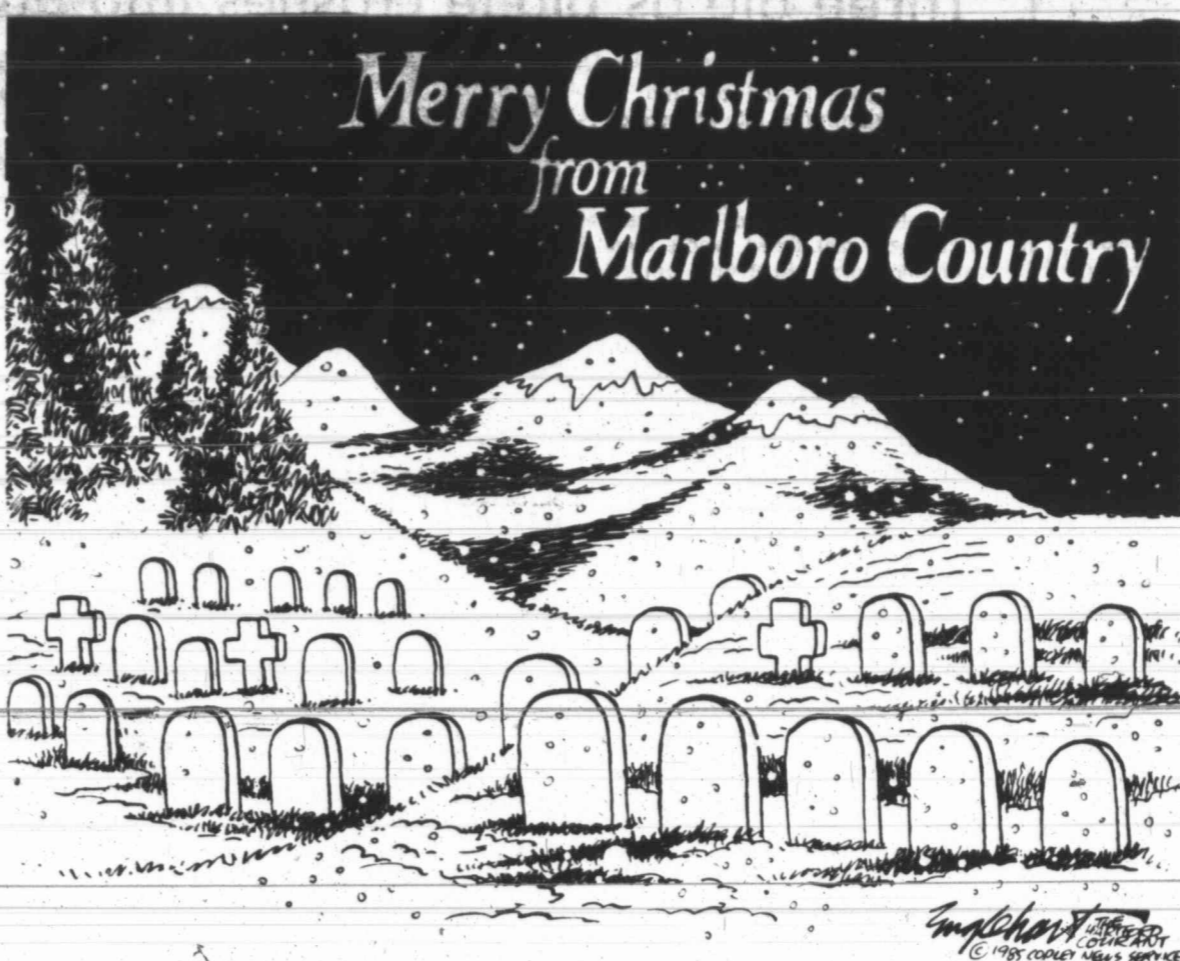
In 1920, Enrico Caruso gave his last public performance, singing the role of Eleazar in Jacques Halevy's "La Juive" at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed General Dwight D. Eisenhower supreme commander of Allied forces as part of Operation "Overlord."

In 1968, the Apollo VIII astronauts, orbiting the moon, read passages from the Bible as part of a Christmas Eve broadcast to Earth.

Ten years ago: At the Vatican, Pope Paul VI ended the Holy Year by sealing a door at St. Peter's Basilica.

Thought for Today: "Christmas is the season when you buy this year's gifts with next year's money." — Anonymous.



Jack Anderson

Atrocity goes unpunished

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — One year and two weeks ago today, U.S. intelligence intercepted a telephone conversation that established beyond any doubt Iran's behind-the-scenes control of Lebanese Shiite Moslem hijackers who subsequently murdered two Americans and brutally tortured two more.

Yet, to this day, the tough-talking Reagan administration has taken no retaliatory action against the fanatically anti-American regime in Tehran that was responsible for the atrocity.

The "smoking gun" conversation took place shortly after noon, Tehran time, on Dec. 4, 1984 just a few hours after four armed terrorists had hijacked Kuwaiti Airways Flight 221 and forced it to land in Mehrabad airport in Tehran. The phone call was intercepted by the National Security Agency.

On one end of the line was Ayatollah Mohtashami, Iran's ambassador to Syria. U.S. intelligence later learned that Mohtashami had participated in the meeting in Lebanon at which the hijacking was planned.

On the other end was an unidentified official of the Iranian foreign ministry. The hijacked plane was sitting on a runway at the Tehran airport.

Part of the conversation was garbled, but the implications of the deciphered discussion between the two Iranian officials was clearly grasped in Washington.

The crucial statement came during a discussion of the airliner's possible move to Beirut. Mohtashami, in Syria, said: "Just as we told you in Telex 22206 of 2 December, America brought its Marines to Lebanon. They might intervene in this matter."

U.S. intelligence analysts immediately realized the significance of this remark. It meant that the warning about the Marines had been transmitted by Mohtashami more than a full day before the warning about the Kuwaiti plane was hijacked in the early hours of Dec. 4. The Iranian ambassador clearly knew the hijacking was about to occur, and had warned officials in Tehran by cable not to overlook the possibility of Marine intervention if the plane was diverted to Beirut.

Having repeated his warning about possible U.S. response, Mohtashami proceeded to recommend in the phone conversation that the plane be flown to Beirut anyway. Pro-Iranian Shiite militia would be able to withstand any rescue attempt by the Marines, he explained.

Under the protection of the Shiite militiamen, according to the transcript of the conversation, the hijackers could then "take revenge on the VIPs one by one at a specific time so that Kuwait might agree" to the hijackers' demands. The Lebanese hijackers

wanted Kuwait to release 17 Shiite terrorists imprisoned for 1983 bombings there.

The identity of the "VIPs" soon became tragically clear. The plane stayed in Tehran, but two American officials of the Agency for International Development — Charles Hegna, 50, and William Stanfor, 52 — were shot several times and thrown out the plane door to the tarmac 20 feet below. When they moved, the terrorists shot them to death as if they were holding target practice, according to a chilling account by Nathan Adams in Reader's Digest.

Two other Americans on board — AID employee Charles Kapar, 57, and businessman John Costa, 50 — were savagely tortured. Hijackers jumped up and down on Costa's back, cracked three ribs by beating him, extinguished a cigarette in his ear, burned his face with another cigarette and set his hair afire. Kapar was choked with a rope, pistol-whipped and beaten till two ribs were cracked, teeth were broken and his face was swollen; he was also burned on the face with a cigarette.

After six days of hell, Iranian police seized the plane. The U.S. government, though fully aware of Iran's complicity, issued only a mild, grumbling protest complaining that Iran hadn't done all it could have to prevent the bloodshed.

UNDER THE DOME: Sen. John Melcher, D-Mont., is a veterinarian by training, and in his eight years in the Senate he has learned how to handle the assorted bureaucratic beagles, teacup terriers and paper-shuffling poodles in the State Department. When he wants answers from Foggy Bottom, he sends a letter to the secretary of state that is "firm and decisive, without being obnoxious." (As in, "Good boy. Roll over.") If that doesn't work, he sends an angry follow-up letter. ("Roll over, blast you!") The final step is to call and request a personal meeting with the secretary. ("Dog pound? Do you pick up?") That usually does the trick.

MINI-EDITORIAL: Over the years we've gotten to the point where nothing in those fancy holiday mail-order catalogs surprises us. But one item this year really has us wondering. It's a tea-bag sachet that releases fragrance when it's boiled. Called "Holiday Kitchen," it will allow the user to "enjoy the warm, homey aroma of holiday baking without slaving over a hot stove." Fine and dandy, but what happens next? If you're alone, how do you avoid deep depression as you nosh your store-bought goodies? Or if you've impressed guests with your apparent culinary skill, how do you get them to leave without a sample?

Jack Anderson's investigative report from Washington is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



Billy Graham

Sports can help teach discipline

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: I am in high school and I love athletics and sports and am good in them. Do you think there is anything wrong in that? — S.M.

DEAR S.M.: The Academy Award-winning film of several years ago called "Chariots of Fire" was based on the true story of a Scotsman named Eric Liddell, who became world famous as a champion runner in the Olympics. What you may not know, however, is that Liddell went on to become a missionary in Asia and, in fact, died for his faith in a prison camp during World War II. He was a man of great athletic ability who enjoyed sports — and yet he also realized that sports were not the most important thing in life.

There is nothing wrong with your interest in sports — as long as you keep your priorities straight. Sports can help us learn discipline and teamwork. But be careful of the subtle dangers that can make your interest unhealthy. For example, some people allow sports to dominate their lives totally — thus letting sports take the place that rightfully belongs to God.

The Bible commands, "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3) — and sometimes sports (or anything else, for that matter) can become a "god" we worship and allow to control us. Or if your only interest in sports is that it draws attention to you, that is a very self-centered "ego trip," which also is wrong.

Billy Graham's religious column is distributed by Tribune Media Services.

Mailbag

Editorial aids bill's passage

To the Editor: Your valuable editorial, "Science doesn't require cruelty," in the November 6, 1986, issue of the Big Spring Herald played an important part in bringing about favorable action on the bill "Improved Standards for Laboratory Animals," sponsored by Senator Robert Dole with 40 co-sponsors and Congressman George E. Brown Jr. with 136 co-sponsors. Representatives John Bryant and Charles Wilson co-sponsored the bill.

The bill was favorably acted on by the Senate-House conferees on the Farm Bill on December 12th, and on December 16th the conferees came to an agreement on the entire Farm Bill.

The laboratory animal protective provisions are a modified version of the Dole-Brown bills amending the federal Animal Welfare Act. The main thrust of the legislation is to minimize animal pain and distress by strengthening the standards on laboratory animal treatment.

On behalf of the Society for Animal Protective Legislation, I wish to express our deep appreciation for your assistance in obtaining enactment of this important humane legislation.

CHRISTINE STEVENS
Secretary
Society for Animal
Protective Legislation
Washington, D.C.

Beautification merits thanks

To the Editor: Your photograph of the Cole residence at 608 Washington Blvd. doesn't do justice to the lighting. From general appearance some of those lights are on timers. Your photographer should contact the Dole Family and make certain all lights are on.

We are across the street from Coles, 609 Washington Blvd. Our theme is "Blest Christmas" because our red and blue reused sacramental chimneys are from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Residents of Washington Blvd. owe a "Thank You" to Jane Thomas for the work she is doing on beautifying Washington Blvd., namely the planting of flowers and decorating the Arizona Cypress Tree on the Blvd. with red bows.

JOHN J. QUIGLEY
609 Washington Place

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"I may disagree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire.

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Lifestyle



Dear Abby

Christmas classic evokes the spirit of the season

DEAR ABBY: Many years ago you had a letter in your column from a little girl named Virginia who wrote to say that her friends had told her there was no Santa Claus. Your response to Virginia captured the spirit of Christmas and the Santa Claus story so beautifully, I wish you would run it again.
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER,
BALTIMORE

DEAR TEACHER: To set the record straight, the piece to which you refer is a famous, well-loved classic titled, "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus."

It was written in 1897 by Francis P. Church, who was, at the time, the editor of the now defunct New York Sun.

He wrote it in response to this letter:

"Dear Editor:
"I am 8 years old.
"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus."

"Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun, it's so.'
"Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?"
— Virginia O'Hanlon

Dear Virginia: Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little.

In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry,

no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in this world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that

ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

CONGIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Have a merry Christmas. If you're driving, please don't drink. And if you're drinking, please don't drive.

(Problems? Write to Abby. For a personal, unpublished reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Abby, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038. All correspondence is confidential.)



Dr. Donohue

Exercise can help osteoarthritis

Dear Dr. Donohue: Should a person with osteoarthritis in their knees ride an exercise bike? I just had arthroscopic surgery on my right knee and my surgeon says, yes. — Mrs. H.G.

Some exciting ideas about osteoarthritis have appeared recently. One is that exercise can be good medicine. Because of this we are hearing a word never before used in talking about osteoarthritis — reversibility. It all has to do with new things being learned about cartilage, the tissue that deteriorates to cause osteoarthritis.

With osteoarthritis the cartilage shield over the ends of bones becomes frayed. Cartilage is made from special cells called chondrocytes. These cells are not well-nourished with blood, and often they won't rebuild the frayed cartilage. With exercise these cells get nourishment. Nutrients are forced out of the circulation. This is the rationale behind your doctor's suggestion. Exercise that can be tolerated without pain is part of treatment.

How much and what kind, however, is determined by how extensive the damage has been.

Swimming is an example of an exercise that is tolerated by most patients, for buoyancy protects the joints. If you can do the bike exercise, fine. But let pain be your limiting signal.

I haven't said anything about rest. Don't think that is unimportant. The joint needs rest also. For every three or four hours you use the joints you have to provide an hour of complete rest. I took out the part of your letter that went into your family member's osteoarthritis and the fact that her doctor says no exercise. I did that because every patient is different. I suspect your daughter's case is more serious and that exercise might worsen things at this point.

Your doctor had a good look at the inside of your joint and knows just what's going on there. Based on that he recommended what many other doctors are recommending today — judicious exercise.

Dear Dr. Donohue: Is there any significance in having colorless urine? Mine is occasionally as colorless as water. — E.P.

Urine color roughly indicates the degree of body hydration — how much water it has. A very pale urine means the body is getting rid

of lots of fluid. Pale urine on an occasional basis is not likely to indicate any real trouble.

In illnesses where there is a lot of urine produced, as in either type of diabetes, the urine will be continually pale. Some kidney ailments will cause a pale color, so can alcohol.

You can mention your concern to your doctor. A few simple tests will rule out serious causes of pale urine. You ask for material. The booklet "Your Kidneys: Facts You Need To Know About Them" discusses this. Other readers can order by writing me in care of this newspaper, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed 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.

Auxiliary hosts holiday dinner, gift exchange

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of World War I, Barracks No. 1474 met recently at the Kentwood Center with Maxie Irland, president, presiding. A Christmas dinner and gift exchange was attended by 18 members and visitors.

It was reported that refreshments were served to the patients at the Veterans Administration Medical Center Nov. 22 by Bernice Micallef.

Members recently were asked to bring cookies and candy and to

meet in Irland's home to make Christmas packages for veterans at the VAMC, for members in nursing homes and for homebound members.

The next meeting is at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 11.

Bauer students present Christmas program at Bauer Magnet School

Bauer Magnet School PTA's Christmas program was held Dec. 17. Featured artists were the extended day students and music students of Susan Dawes and Kathy Tedesco.

Duana Chester, president of the Bauer PTA, announced that Bauer had won the city-wide membership drive with 138 percent response. The school was presented with Life in Space books for their library. Chester thanked various committees and chairmen for their help during the first part of the school year.

Patsy Cawthorn wins interest

Patsy Cawthorn of 2607 Alamesa won the interest a million dollars would draw in a day, according to Tasha Rock of Girl Scout Senior Troop No. 36. Cawthorn was one of a number of people who purchased the Millionaire of Howard County board game from the local Scout troop.

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Recipe exchange

Pecan recipes

By CAROL BALDWIN
Lifestyle Editor

This week's Recipe Exchange features a number of winning recipes from the Western Regional Pecan Show.

Along with the recipes, we've collected some tips from the Howard County Extension Service. Some of the tips appear below.

The pecan tree is the state tree of Texas. Pecan trees are native to 151 Texas counties and are grown commercially in 183 counties. More than 60 varieties are grown in Texas and many were developed in this state.

This year's pecan crop is one of the largest ever. Harvest season is November through January.

Pecans are good sources of protein, fats and carbohydrates. Ten large halves contain 65 calories. They also contain iron, calcium, phosphorus, potassium and vitamins A, B and C.

In cool weather, unshelled pecans can be stored at room temperature for short periods, but will keep longest under refrigeration. Unshelled pecans must be refrigerated to retain their freshness. In an air tight container, shelled pecans will keep up to three months in the refrigerator. Frozen pecans will last for two years.

Now, here are some award winning recipes using pecans.

SWEET POTATO PECAN PIE

Venora Williams
Adult division
First place

1 1/2 cups cooked mashed sweet potatoes
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ginger
1/4 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups whole milk
2 eggs beaten

Cook in double boiler until thick and creamy. Cool and fill unbaked pie shell. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

TOP WITH:

1/4 cup butter
1/2 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup chopped pecans

Crumble together and sprinkle over pie. Return to oven and bake 25 minutes at 350 degrees until custard is firm.

SOFT PRALINES

Sherry Brooks
Adult division
First place

1 cup sugar
1 cup dark Karo
1/2 lb. brown sugar
1/2 lb. margarine
2 cups whipping cream
1/2 tsp. vanilla
4 cups chopped pecans

Combine all sugar, Karo, margarine, and 1 cup whipping cream, in heavy sauce pan. Bring to boil and add rest of whipping cream. Stir constantly and cook until mixture reaches 234 degrees on the candy thermometer. Remove from heat and add vanilla and pecans. Spoon on to waxed paper and let cool. Makes approximately 55 pralines.

BANANA NUT BREAD
Shauna Richardson

1/2 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 cups flour
1 tsp. soda
Dash of salt
2 eggs
3 to 4 large bananas, mashed
1/2 cup pecans, chopped

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs. Add flour mixture alternately with bananas. Add pecans. Mix well.

Bake in 2 loaf pans until golden brown at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.

LEMON PECAN CAKE

Venora Williams

4 sticks butter, softened
2 1/2 cups (1 lb.) packed light brown sugar
6 eggs, separated
4 cups flour (all purpose)
1/4 tsp. salt
2 tsps. baking powder
1/2 cup milk
1 1/2 oz. bottle lemon extract

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Cream butter and sugar. Add egg yolks. Blend well. Sift flour, salt and baking powder together. Add flour mixture alternately with milk. Add lemon extract and pecans. Mix until well blended. Beat egg whites to peaks, and fold into batter. Pour into 10 inch tube pan that has been greased and dusted with flour.

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Mrs. Adu
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1/4 cup margarine
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 egg
2 tsp. grated orange
1 orange
2 cups white flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup chopped pecans
Bake in 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until comes out clean. Greased (1 use pan).
Cut orange peel and blend with sugar and orange juice.

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Bake at 300 degrees for one hour and 40 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Allow cake to cool before removing from pan. This cake will keep for weeks.

ORANGE PECAN BREAD

Mrs. G.M. Pless
Adult division
First place

1/4 cup margarine
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 egg
2 tsp. grated orange peel
1 orange
2 cups white flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup chopped pecans
Bake in 350 degree oven for 50 minutes or until pick in center comes out clean. Turn batter into greased (I use Pam) 8 1/2 by 4 1/2 loaf pan.
Cut orange in sections, remove peel and seeds, run through blender with small amount of fresh orange juice. Set aside.

Cream margarine and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Alternately beat in flour mixture and blended orange. (Add a little more orange juice if batter is too heavy.) Stir in pecans and orange peel.

After batter is in pan, brush lightly with melted butter and decorate with pecan halves. Excellent as a coffee cake or slightly toasted. Yields one loaf.

PECAN DELIGHT

Roberta Ross
Adult division
First place

3 cups finely chopped tart apples
1 cup (frozen) or 1 box fresh raspberries
1 cup water
1 box surejell
6 cups sugar
1 cup chopped pecans
Mix tart apples and fresh raspberries. Add water and bring mixture to a boil. Add one box surejell, boil one minute. Add six cups sugar and chopped pecans. Boil two minutes.

Pour mixture into sterilized jars and seal with parafin. Makes 3 half-pints. This makes a good topping for toast, ice cream or cake.

FANTASY FUDGE

Barbara Halfman
Adult division
Second place

3 cups sugar
3/4 cup margarine
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1 1/2 oz. bag chocolate chips
1 7 oz. jar marshmallow cream
1 cup chopped nuts
1 tsp. vanilla
Combine sugar, margarine and milk in heavy saucepan. Bring to soft boil stage while stirring constantly.
Remove from heat and add chocolate pieces until melted. Add marshmallow cream and vanilla. Beat until well blended. Pour into a greased 13 by 9 inch pan. When cool cut into squares. Makes 3 pounds.

FRUIT CAKE COOKIES

Barbara Halfman
Adult division

Second place
2 lbs. chopped dates
1/2 lb. candied cherries (chopped)
1/2 lb. candied mixed fruit (chopped)
1 lb. chopped pecans
2 1/2 cups sifted flour
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup butter or margarine
1 1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs
Sift together flour, soda, salt and cinnamon. Scatter 1/2 cup of this mixture over fruit and nuts. Cream shortening and then add sugar gradually until mixture is light and fluffy.
Beat in eggs. Add fruit and nuts and rest of dry ingredients. Mix well. Drop by teaspoon onto ungreased cookie sheet.
Bake at 350 degrees 10 to 13 minutes until golden. Remove from oven. Cool slightly before taking off cookie sheet.

Zula Rhodes
Adult division
First place champion

1 stick margarine
1/2 cup shortening
2 cups sugar
5 eggs, separated
2 cups flour
1 tsp. soda
1 cup buttermilk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 small can flaked coconut
1 cup chopped pecans

Cream the margarine and shortening in a bowl. Beat in sugar then egg yolks, beating well after each addition. Add combined flour and soda alternately with the buttermilk, beat thoroughly after each addition. Stir in the vanilla, coconut and pecans. Now fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites and pour into three 8-inch cake pans that have been greased and wax paper cut to fit the bottom of the pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until done. Cool in pans.

FROSTING:
1/2 stick margarine
1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
1 tsp. vanilla

1 box confectioners sugar. Garnish with pecans, if desired
Frosting: Cream 1/2 stick of margarine with 8 oz. of cream cheese in bowl. Add the confectioners sugar and 1 tsp. vanilla. Beat until smooth. Spread between layers, on the sides and top of cake. Garnish with pecans. Serves 16.

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1 to 3 tps. salt (to taste)
3 Tbsps. worchestershire sauce
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
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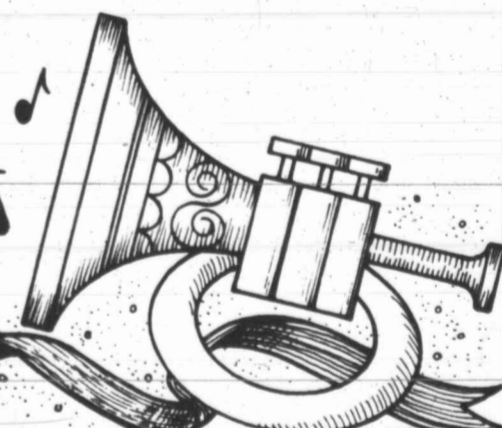


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Clown wins prize for most parking tickets

NEW YORK (AP) — Terry Knutson collects parking tickets the way furniture collects dust. He pays some, fights some, and ignores the rest. And he once spent 21 days in jail rather than pay fines for parking in front of his own driveway.

"I have more problems with parking than most people have with their whole lives," he said Monday.

Knutson, a 43-year-old clown known professionally as Clownzo and Terryteene who lives in Van Nuys, Calif., has been slapped with nearly 300 parking tickets over the years and he claims most of them are undeserved.

Knutson's ticket total made him the winner of \$100 from a contest sponsored by the publisher of the New York City Alternate Side of the Street Parking Calendar, which lists the days on which parking rules are suspended and offers tips for avoiding tickets.

Calendar Publisher Glen Bolofsky said he was shocked to learn Knutson had spent three weeks in jail for being a parking scofflaw.

Knutson recalls the parking dilemma that led to his incarceration:

"I had an apartment a block off Hollywood Boulevard. It had an abandoned driveway and I had a sports car at that time, a little Nash Metropolitan that fit in this space in front of the unused driveway. And two or three times a week I was ticketed for blocking a driveway. I paid many, many of these tickets. But it just got overwhelming so I just let it go and that's when I got in trouble."

The jig was up when he was stopped for a traffic check and police discovered 25 outstanding parking tickets, with warrants out for 24 of them. Knutson was hauled into court and ordered to pay \$350.

"When this happened in 1966, \$350 was an awful lot of money and I didn't want to pay it. Well, I got a hard-nosed judge and he said: '30 days.'"

"I was young and innocent then. ... He threw out the tickets but threw me in jail for ignoring the obligation to go to court. That was their reasoning. I still don't buy it."

Apparently a criminal record did not damage his reputation because the Los Angeles City Council proclaimed Jan. 25, 1978, "Terryteene Day" for his clowning at more than 100 charity shows the previous year. He has performed with the Circus Vargas and the Big John Strong Circus.

"They take it really seriously down at the courthouse. But being a clown, I can laugh at a lot of things. Of course being in jail for 21 days wasn't funny. It was an experience, but it wasn't funny," Knutson said in a telephone interview from his home.

He now lives on a cul de sac, where there are more parking problems.


"It's a dead-end turnaround that's too small to actually park cars in," Knutson said.



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Study shows teen-agers most prone to shoplifting

ATLANTA (AP) — A new study aimed at finding out how many kids are shoplifters shows that merchants should watch out for teen-agers — boys alone and girls in groups.

A Georgia State University survey found that 43 percent of teen-agers 15-19 have stolen from stores. In all, one out of three children 7-19 have swiped merchandise.

"We wanted to gain insight on the juvenile shoplifter through this

study," said GSU marketing professor George P. Moschis. "This is especially important with the holiday season upon us."

Shoplifting, Moschis noted, is the largest monetary crime in the country, accounting for at least \$16 billion in losses to U.S. businesses each year.

Moschis and assistant Judith Powell, now a professor at the University of Richmond, surveyed 7,393 students in Georgia schools — urban, suburban and rural.

The students filled out their own responses anonymously, so the survey is believed accurate, Moschis said in an interview this week. And the results from Georgia should be indicative of young people's shoplifting patterns across the United States, the researchers believe.

"You can pretty much apply this to any part of the country," he said. "I've been doing research for 12 years concerning teen-age behavior, and I've found that the

things we learn here are about the same we find anywhere else."

The GSU study found that boys age 7-19 are more likely to have stolen than girls — 41 percent to 26 percent.

For both sexes, four out of five shoplifters said they did it on impulse.

As children grow older, the boys are more likely to plan their shoplifting in advance, while the girls are more likely to swipe merchandise on impulse, the study

shows.

The percentage of shoplifters who planned their stealing in advance increased from 15 percent for boys 7-11 to 27 percent for males 15-19, Moschis said. For girls, the percentage of premeditated shoplifters fell from 15 percent in ages 7-11 (same as the boys) to 13 percent for ages 15-19.

Similarly, girls are more likely to steal in the presence of friends as they grow into their older teens, while boys grow more likely to

steal alone.

"Businesses can learn several things from this," Moschis said. "They can train their security people to keep an eye on young people coming in in groups, especially females. They can make them aware they're out there watching."

Moschis currently is working on a study, expected to be completed next year, to determine how many children become repeat shoplifters — and how young people regard current anti-shoplifting measures.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Original finishes on automobiles will sometimes fade over a few years. They fade out. In those cases, "the color will be different from what is on the car (at the present time). That's where body shops come in. They blend color in to make it match the present color," Kelly said.

Safety equipment for automotive refinishing can be found at Dale's, including dust masks, charcoal respirators, disposable coveralls

and plastic goggles. Fiberglass products for repairing boats and vehicles constructed from fiberglass also can be purchased from the store.

In addition, Dale's carries tools from Black and Decker, CP, Ingersoll-Rand and Sioux, stainless steel tailgate protectors, and some custom products such as candy apple paints and metal flakes. It even repairs automotive spray guns.

The Longs and Dale's Auto Paints and Supplies appreciates being a part of the Big Spring community. Call on them when you need automotive refinishing supplies. Dale's is located at 201 S. Benton or phone the store at 263-8491. It hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday.



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BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — A mother of three vanished in a "swirl of water" when she waded into a crocodile-infested creek in northern Australia after a Christmas barbecue party, police and witnesses said Monday.

The party's host said a crocodile which was at least 12 feet long snatched 48-year-old Betty Wruck as she stood knee-deep in water to cool off in the sweltering Southern Hemisphere summer heat Saturday night.

Police spokesman Ian Hatcher said the attack occurred 950 miles north of here at Barratt Creek, a tributary of the Daintree River, in Queensland state.

"There was a big swirl of water and she was gone," said the party's host, Michael Turner, who had also waded into the creek and was knocked over in the attack.

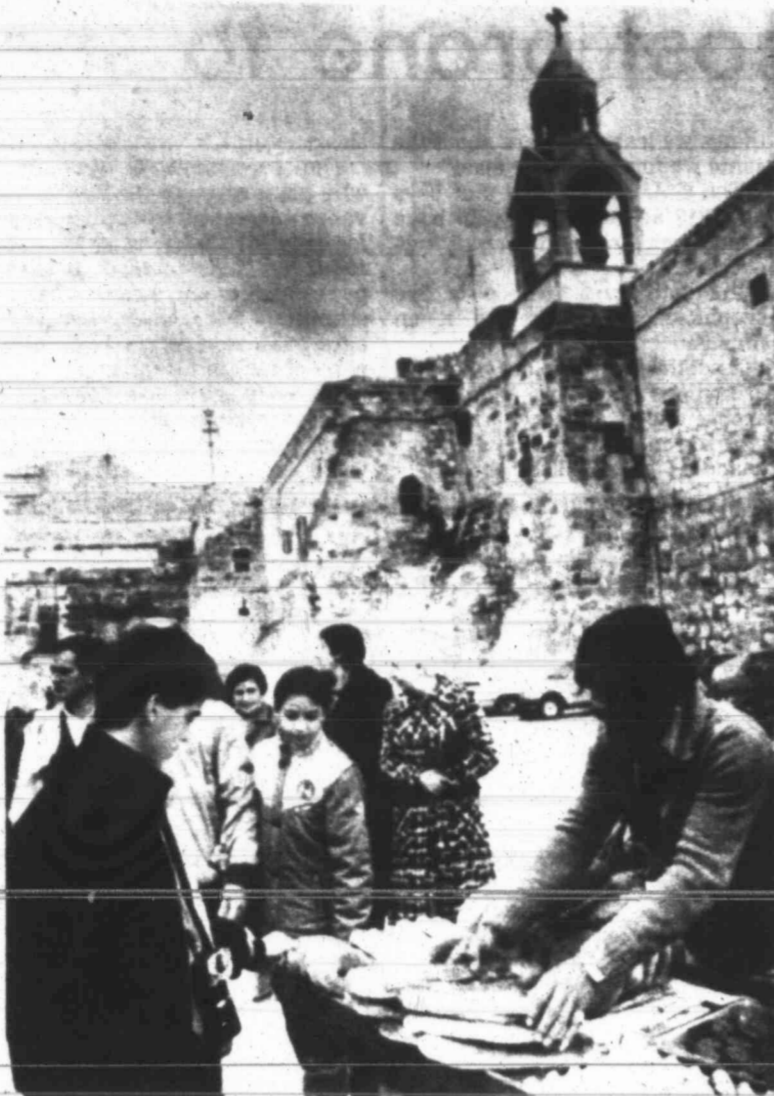
"We had all been dancing at the party and around 11:30 p.m. decided to cool off," he said. "Suddenly this thing jumped up. I was knocked over by the turbulence and as I fell I heard someone shout 'crocodile.'"

"It rolled over and took her into the deep part of the water. It was instantaneous. She didn't even have time to cry out," Turner said. "There's no telling how big this thing was — it was at least 12 feet."

Daintree Creek is known for salt water crocodiles. Police said the area was signposted to warn people against swimming.

Police and wildlife rangers spent the weekend searching the river, but by Monday there was still no trace of Mrs. Wruck.

She ran a convenience store in Daintree, population 60, and was the mother of a 12-year-old son, Shane, and two married daughters.



Christian pilgrims crowd around the stall of an Arab bread vendor after having attended morning mass in the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem. The church is said to be Christ's birth place.

Terrorism scares off visitors to Holy Land

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — A gold-laced Christmas tree stands near Manger Square and a young Palestinian dresses as Santa Claus to attract restaurant customers, but this Christmas season the tourists, scared by terrorist violence, are going elsewhere.

The number of pilgrims in the Holy Land is down about 20 percent this season because of terror attacks, Haya Fisher of the Israeli Tourism Ministry's pilgrimage division said Sunday.

Several airplanes have been hijacked this year in the Middle East, as well as the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro. Seventeen Israelis have been killed in attacks in and near the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River, and in response the Israelis have increased security.

Police have blocked a main road leading to the square with metal barricades, and military jeeps cruised the city.

Miss Fisher attributed much of the decrease to Americans who decided not to come. "People, especially Americans, are deterred by all this violence," she told The Associated Press.

Ella May-Lower of Eureka, Calif., one American who decided to come anyhow, said: "It's surprising to see soldiers all over the

place. It's hard to believe there are things going on that hurt people," she said.

Standing near the towering Christmas tree next to Manger Square's police station, Wanda Vogel of Dot Lake, Alaska, said her family tried to talk her out of traveling. "I just told them that God goes wherever I go, and I'm going," she said.

Merchants in Bethlehem, a city of 50,000 people five miles south of Jerusalem, said the number of tourists is down sharply from last year.

Wahel Muammar, a 17-year-old Palestinian, put on a plastic Santa Claus outfit and rang a small brass bell, trying to attract customers to his friend's empty hamburger restaurant near Manger Square.

"I'm trying to catch them on their way out of church, but there aren't very many people around this year," Muammar said through his thick beard of white cotton.

His friend, 27-year-old Palestinian Lawrence Hanania, blamed the business slump on the Arab-Israeli conflict. "I wish people felt that the city where Jesus was born is peaceful, but we have too many political problems here," he said.

In the winding, narrow streets off Manger Square, dozens of tourists patronized shops and businesses.

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Judge Marvin E. Aspen is the latest in a five-year legal battle growing out of a 1982 consent decree entered into by the Justice Department and the Chicago Board of Education to integrate the nation's third-largest school system.

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Court ruling made Christmas happier for handicapped

CLEBURNE (AP) — A dozen mentally retarded residents who won the right to live in a residential neighborhood thanks to a landmark Supreme Court decision earlier this year are preparing for a very special Christmas.

Paul Carter is earning a weekly paycheck from the steakhouse where he washes dishes. Patricia Russell has a new Bible she received from her friends at the Hender-

Street Baptist Church, where she has joined the congregation. Annie Woods, who spent half of her 40 years in a state school at Cleburne, has discovered the delights of shopping malls decked out for Christmas and supermarkets filled with food.

"I think it's a good place to live," she says.

Six months ago, the high court ruled that the city of Cleburne

discriminated against the mentally retarded when it said the group home would violate zoning ordinances. The effect of the ruling has been widespread, says an advocate for the rights of retarded citizens.

"The message has been brought forward that these people can live in the community and must be given an opportunity to do so," said Alan Abeson, national director of

the Association for Retarded Citizens.

The four-bedroom house opened Aug. 21 and is now home to six men and six women. They spend much of their day making leather belts and wreaths at a workshop in nearby Keene.

The rest of their time is spent learning to live outside the confines of an institution. They prepare meals, clean house, go shopping,

attend church and have joined a local volunteer program to "adopt" a grandmother at a Cleburne nursing home.

Five years ago, Bobbie Northrop and Jan Hannah decided that Johnson County needed a group home that would enable retarded adults who had been institutionalized or sheltered by families to live normal lives in a normal neighborhood.

"When I first heard about it, I thought it was going to be a bunch of kids who were going to be turned loose on the neighborhood," said Margie Wise, who lives down the street from the home.

Acting under a city ordinance requiring a special-use permit for "hospitals for the insane or feeble-minded," the City Council denied Ms. Northrop and Ms. Hannah permission to open the home.

County gets new highway signs

Howard County is among five counties that will receive refurbished guide signs along Interstate 20, according to a news release from the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

Joe Smoot of Big Spring is the highway department's engineer in charge of replacing weatherworn, bleached-out and vandalized signs along I-20 from the Martin/Howard county line to the Callahan/Eastland county line.

The 160-mile refurbishment project also incorporates guide signs along I-20 in Callahan, Mitchell, Nolan and Taylor counties.

The work, contracted at \$116,000, was awarded to Mica Corporation of Fort Worth.

2 men hurt in truck rollover

Two Westbrook men survived in a tank truck rollover on FM 461 near Forsan around noon Monday. They were treated for lacerations and contusions at Malone-Hogan's clinical surgery department, a clinic spokeswoman said this morning.

Donald Ray Lamb, 54, and Tommy L. Mosher, 24, both of Westbrook, are expected to go back to work next week, said the spokeswoman. They were immediately released after receiving treatment from Dr. Donald E. Crockett, Jr.

According to a Department of Public Safety accident report, Lamb was driving the tank truck eastbound on FM 461 when he ran off the south side of the roadway.

He attempted to re-enter the roadway before the truck lost control and rolled over, coming to a rest upright, according to the DPS report.

A factor contributing to the accident, according to the report, was traveling at an unsafe speed under the limit.

No citations were issued, according to the report.

Christmas calendar

TODAY, CHRISTMAS EVE
 • St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a childrens program at 6 p.m.

• St. Mary's Episcopal Church will have a Christ Mass at 10:30 p.m. followed by a reception in the parish hall.

• Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church will have a traditional Christmas midnight Mass with music beginning at 11:45 p.m.

• First Presbyterian Church will have a candlelight service at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY
 • St. Mary's Episcopal Church will have Holy Eucharist at noon.

• St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a worship service at 7:10 a.m.

• Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church will have Christmas Mass at 10:30 a.m.

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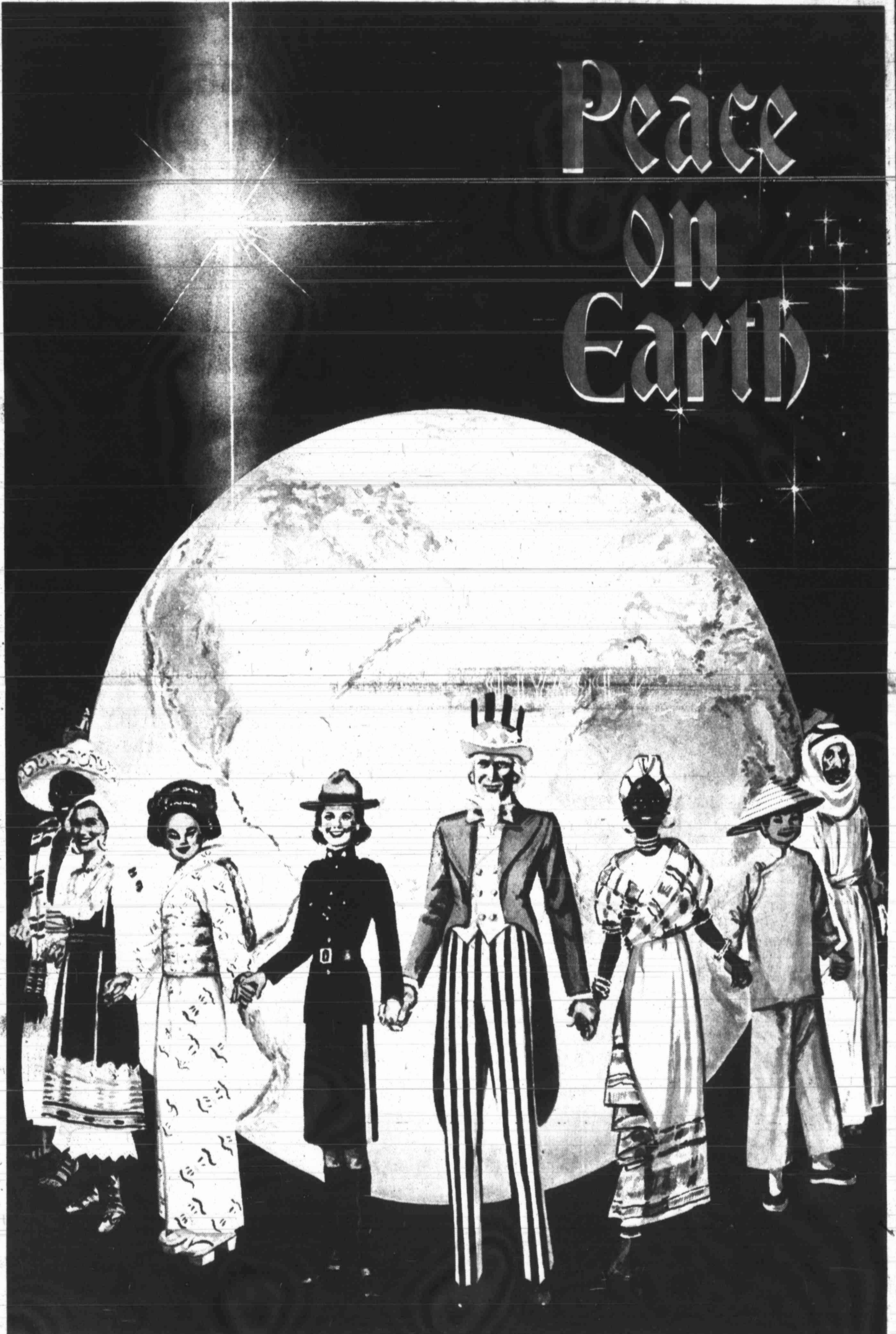
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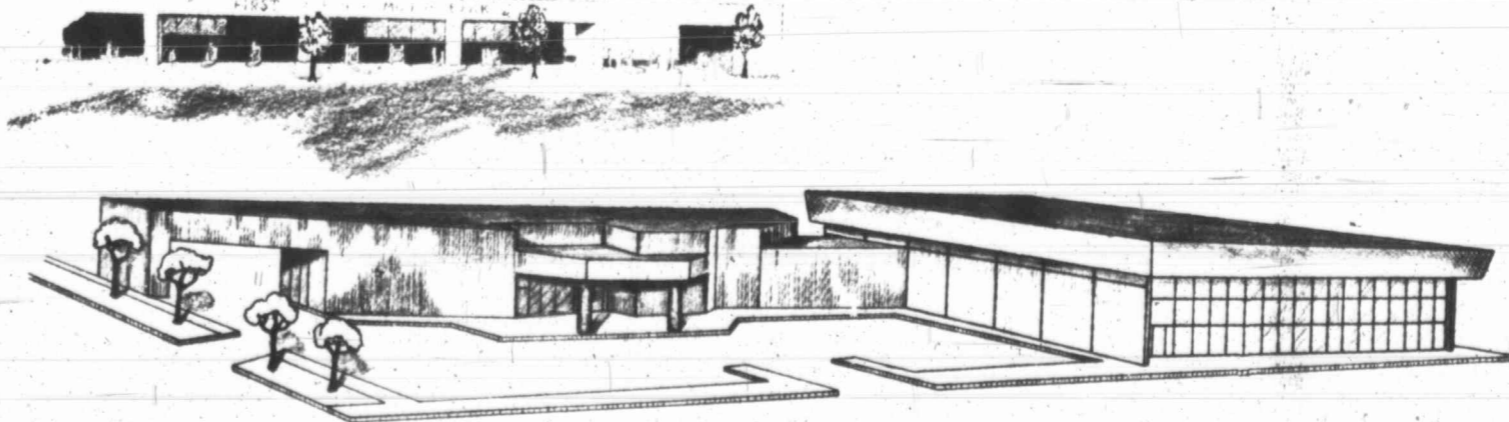
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Steve's Stuff

By Steve Belvin



The year in sports

With 1986 just a few days away, it's time to review the sports year in the Crossroads Country area.

It was a year filled with drama, excitement, upsets and great moments. It is a worthwhile 12-month retrospective journey.

We'll review the first six months in this issue and take a look at the final six months in my regularly scheduled Wednesday column.

Now on with the show.

JANUARY started off on a solemn note. The Howard College Hawk-Queens basketball squad lost four players, three of whom were starters, to disciplinary and academic violations. At the time Howard carried a 14-4 record.

The Howard College Hawks won both games in their Hawk Classic Tournament. They defeated Permian Basin Trojans 90-64 and Murray State, 91-64.

Gymnastics finally got the recognition it deserves when the Russ McEwen Gymnastic Center was added on to the YMCA.

On the football side; Colorado City quarterback Doug Chitsey, who passed for 4,610 yards and 40 touchdowns in his high school career, was named to the Class AAA All-State Second Team. C-City tight end Don Randle, who ended his prep career with 73 catches for 1,720 yards and 16 touchdowns, was named to the First Team.

FEBRUARY kicked off with more gymnastics. The Big Spring Sidewinders hosted their first meet in McEwen Complex. They won the meet over teams from Midland, Abilene and San Angelo.

Baseball season opened up for the Howard College Hawks as they split a double-header with Bee County College.

Football players Jay Pirkle of Big Spring, Shawn Justiss of Coahoma and Randle of C-City signed football scholarships with Eastern New Mexico University. C-City's Chitsey signed with University of Texas-Arlington.

In basketball, the Sands, Coahoma, Borden County and Garden City girls, advanced to the state playoffs. Garden City Colorado City and Klondike advanced in the boys competition.

The Sands girls and Klondike boys were defeated in the Regional Tournament in Levelland.

Big Spring Steers basketball player Bernard Williams was named Sophomore of the Year in District 4-5A. Mike Meschner, Billy Cole and Brian Mayfield were named to the Honorable Mention Team.

The Steers ended the basketball season with a 6-24 overall record and 0-14 district slate. The Lady Steer hoopsters ended the season at 6-22 and 3-11 in district play.

Big Spring High swimmers Louis Morelion, Cade Loftin, Lisa Salazar, Rose Meir, Hartley Newell, Tiffany Milch, Annie Guterrez and Michelle Hummel all qualified for the Regional Swim Meet in Lubbock.

MARCH means high winds and the ABC Relays. The meet attracted some of the best talent in the state. Both the Odessa Permian boys and girls came away with team championships on a windy day.

The Hawks basketball team finished the season with a 14-16 overall record while the Hawks-Queens were 20-14.

Howard players Bruce Kimble, Michael Porter and Molly Early were named to the All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference teams.

Kimble and Porter was named to the All-Region V team. **APRIL** means rodeo time and Sul Ross State University won the team championship at the Howard College Rodeo. Howard cowgirl Kristy Taylor won the barrel racing.

Klondike guard Tim Cope was named to the Class A All-State Basketball Team.

In track and field, BSHS freshmen high jumper Brian Mayfield and junior shot putter Paula Jolley qualified for the Regional Track Meet in Lubbock. At the district meet in Abilene, Mayfield won the high jump at 6-6 and Jolley finished second in the shot with a toss of 38-7.

Dallas Cowboys secondary coach Gene Stallings was the guest speaker at the Coahoma High School Sport Banquet. Shawn Justiss and Leslie Kirkpatrick were named the top athletes at CHS.

The Big Spring Steers baseball team finished the season with an 11-14 record and 5-9 district slate.

MAY started off with the Howard College Athletic Banquet. Molly Early in ladies' basketball, Michael Porter in men's basketball, Kathy Cochran in rodeo and Jimmy Garcia in baseball were named the top athletes of the year.

The Stanton boys golf team advanced to the State Championships in Austin. They finished second at the Region I 2-A meet held at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Stanton's Kevin Glaspie was second-medalist with a two-day total of 148.

The Hamlin girls and Panhandle boys took the team championships at the Region I 2-A Track and Field Meet at Blankenship Field.

The Crossroads area had their share of track standouts as a number of participants qualified for the State Meet.

Garden City's Byran Thompson was the top name as he won the gold medal in the Class A 3200 meter run. Garden City's Gena Schafer finished second in the 800 and Grady's Shana Hale placed second in the 3200. Sands' David Cruz also copped a silver in the Class A 800. Forsan's Mitch Hays finished third in the Class A 200.

Other top finishers were: a fifth place by Garden City's Jacques Jost in the 400; a fifth by Forsan's Debra Smith in the high jump; a fourth by Stanton's Lorrie Jansen in the 800 and a sixth place by the Colorado City girls 400 meter relay team.

In golf action, the Stanton Buffaloes finished sixth at the state tournament.

Borden County's Kelli Williams was eliminated in the semi-finals of the State Tennis Tournament.

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Los Angeles Raiders wide receiver Dokie Williams (85) prepares to catch a pass in the end zone Monday night to score the game's only touchdown despite the efforts of Los Angeles Rams cornerback Jerry Gray in the fourth quarter at Anaheim Stadium.

Raiders too much for Rams

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The simple, yet extremely efficient combination of running back Marcus Allen and an overpowering defense has the Los Angeles Raiders primed and ready for the National Football League playoffs. Allen rushed for 123 yards on 24 carries and the Raiders' defense continued to perform brilliantly Monday night during a 16-6 victory over the Los Angeles Rams in the final regular-season game of 1985.

The Raiders finished the campaign with six straight victories — their longest winning streak since 1980 — and a 12-4 record. The win assured the AFC Western Division champions of the home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs.

The NFC West champion Rams, who had nothing tangible at stake, wound up 11-5.

Both teams will be home in their first playoff games — the Rams face NFC East champion Dallas on Jan. 4 while the Raiders meet the winner of next Saturday's AFC wild-card game between the New

York Jets and New England on Jan. 5.

Despite the fact that Anaheim Stadium is the home of the Rams, many in the crowd of 66,676 were chanting, "Raiders, Raiders, Raiders" in the closing moments of Monday night's game.

Allen's effort enabled him to win the 1985 NFL rushing title with 1,759 yards, 40 more than the total of Atlanta's Gerald Riggs.

In addition, Allen set an NFL record for yards gained from scrimmage in one season with 2,314, breaking the Rams' Eric Dickerson's 1984 mark of 2,244 yards, and tied Walter Payton's league record with his ninth consecutive 100-yard rushing game.

On the other side of the ball, the peaking Raiders' defense limited the Rams to a pair of field goals and has allowed only nine points on three field goals in its last 10 quarters plus an overtime period at Denver.

The Raiders went ahead for good on Chris Bahr's third field goal of the game, a 29-yarder with 9:50 left

to play. That made it 9-6.

Earlier, Bahr had field goals of 27 and 51 yards while Mike Lansford of the Rams hit from 52 and 40 yards away.

The Raiders clinched the victory when quarterback Marc Wilson threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Dokie Williams with 3:39 left. The play capped a 55-yard, 10-play drive.

The Rams finished with 220 yards in total offense, but many of them came in the final 1:36 when they moved from their own 1-yard line to the Raiders' 30. The Raiders gained 315 yards by rushing and passing.

Brock completed 14 of his 28 passes for 159 yards. He was sacked six times — twice each by Greg Townsend and Mitch Willis.

Wilson hit on 19 of his 29 throws for 188 yards and was sacked only once. Allen was the game's leading receiver with eight catches, but they were good for only 25 yards.

One error was a pushing penalty against wide receiver Ron Brown of the Rams, which nullified

a 12-yard touchdown pass from Brock to tight end Tony Hunter in the third quarter. Lansford booted his 40-yard field goal shortly later, tying the game at 6-6.

Dickerson, the NFL's leading rusher each of the past two years, gained 98 yards on 25 carries. He ranks far down on the NFL rushing list this year after gaining a record 2,105 yards in 1984.

The victory raised the Raiders' impressive record in Monday night games to 24-3-1. The Rams are now 14-12 in such games.

Raider tight end Todd Christensen became the first receiver in league history to catch 80 or more passes in three consecutive seasons. He had four receptions for 42 yards to raise his 1985 total to 82 catches for 987 yards.

Safety Vince Newsome was a standout for the Rams, snuffing out a Raider scoring drive by intercepting a pass on a fake field goal attempt and recovering a fumble to set up Lansford's first field goal.

1985 big year for pro football

BY The Associated Press
For the National Football League, 1985 was the year of The Bears, The Refrigerator and The Comeback.

They were mutually inclusive. After suffering through a 1984 that saw television ratings — its most important barometer — decline for the third straight season, the NFL made a dramatic comeback in 1985, particularly on ABC's prime-time showcase, on which ratings were up more than 20 percent.

The most important reason was Chicago's reincarnated Monsters of the Midway, featuring Walter Payton and a cast of characters ranging from punk quarterback Jim McMahon to the Refrigerator — a 6-foot-2 rookie defensive tackle named William Perry, who slimmered down from 360 at draft time to 302.

Unbeaten through 12 games, the Bears clinched the National Football Conference Central title earlier than any team has clinched in history and their only loss, a 38-24 defeat in Miami Dec. 2, drew a 29.2 rating for ABC, highest regular-season NFL rating ever.

Perry was one reason. He burst into the national consciousness on Monday night, Oct. 21 when he lined up in the offensive backfield on the goal line, ran for one touchdown and blocked for two more. He subsequently ran for another score and also caught a 4-yard pass for McMahon for another touchdown.

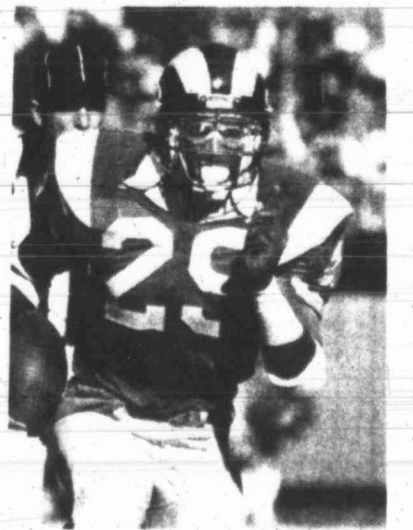
That earned him not only notoriety in the insular world of football but also recognition far beyond it — on late-night talk shows, in national commercials, on magazine covers to the point that The Refrigerator was a sobriquet that needed no fur-



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ther explanation. He also had a featured role in the team's rock video, "The Super Bowl Shuffle."

Perry arrived just in time. After a 1984 filled with holdouts, walkouts and declining television ratings, 1985 began with a dream matchup in the Super Bowl — the 15-1 San Francisco 49ers vs. the 14-2 Miami Dolphins and their record-breaking passer. But the Super Bowl, played at Stanford Stadium in Stanford, Calif., was as one-sided as most Super Bowls — it ended 38-16 49ers, whose four-man pass rush turned Marino, author of 48 regular-season touchdown passes, into just another quarterback.

Then, for its third season, came the United States Football League — one of the reasons cited for the NFL's troubles.

The USFL season started with a bang when quarterback Doug Flutie, the 5-foot-9 inch Heisman

Trophy winner from Boston College, signed with the New Jersey Generals for more than \$1 million a year.

The league title was won by the Baltimore Stars for the second straight year — they won it in Philadelphia the previous season. And Flutie's teammate, Herschel Walker, ran for a new pro high, 2,411 yards.

But by the time the title was settled, the USFL was in disarray and its planned move to the fall for next season was in doubt. Portland, San Antonio, Tampa Bay and several other teams had trouble meeting payrolls. Such stars as Gary Anderson, Reggie White, Anthony Carter, Bobby Hebert, Steve Young and Mike Rozier defected to the NFL, leaving the USFL's main attraction the merged Houston Gamblers-Generals with Walker, Flutie and quarterback Jim Kelly to fight over the signal-calling

position.

In fact, the USFL's fate is likely to depend on the fate of its \$1.2 billion lawsuit against the NFL, scheduled to go to trial on March 17. There were whispers that the NFL might absorb two or four USFL teams, but NFL owners unanimously voted in December not to merge.

As the USFL season ended, NFL training camps opened with the owners in a mood to retrench following a two-year 50 percent increase in salaries caused by the new league's bidding war.

That led to the predictable reaction among the players.

Such stars Dan Marino and Eric Dickerson, who set a new NFL rushing record in 1984 with 2,105 yards, walked out of camp for more than a month and there were numerous holdouts, including safe-

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Bills, Falcons have office shakeups

•General Manager goes in Buffalo

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Terry Bledsoe, whose efforts to resuscitate the Buffalo Bills produced only consecutive 2-14 seasons, has been fired as general manager of the National Football League team.

The Bills announced Monday that Bledsoe had been dismissed, although Bledsoe said Bills owner and President Ralph C. Wilson Jr. had told him of the decision the day before the Bills season ended Sunday with a 28-0 loss in Miami.

"I was quite surprised," said Bledsoe Monday as he talked with reporters at his home in the Buffalo suburb of Orchard Park. "He gave me some reasons ... which I'd prefer not to get into. I think they ought to come from him, if at all."

A secretary at Wilson's office in Detroit said the Bills owner was "out of town, and there's not anywhere he can be reached."

But in a release announcing the decision, Wilson said, "We need to go in a new direction and I have asked Terry to step aside to give us

that opportunity. We appreciate everything Terry has done in his two years with the organization and wish him every success in his future pursuits."

The Bills owner said the search for Bledsoe's replacement would begin immediately, but there was no timetable for naming a new general manager.

The Bills under Bledsoe, who joined the team in December 1983 after 5½ years as assistant general manager of the New York Giants, were 4-28, but he said he didn't feel that was a big part of Wilson's decision.

"The record is important because it colors all of our thinking," he said. "It's less that (the record) than more that."

In a franchise that has historically had trouble signing its draft choices and free agents, Bledsoe added stability by signing all of the team's draft choices and re-signing former Bills running back Joe Cribbs from the United States Football League.

•Vice-President gone in Atlanta

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) — Coach Dan Henning's status with the Atlanta Falcons remained a mystery following a shakeup of front office personnel, including the firing of Executive Vice President Eddie LeBaron.

Team owner Rankin M. Smith Sr. spent almost three hours in meetings at the National Football League team's complex north of Atlanta on Monday before issuing a statement concerning LeBaron's dismissal and an undefined change of responsibility for General Manager Tom Braatz.

Smith said there wouldn't be a decision on Henning until later in the week.

The Falcons concluded their second consecutive 4-12 season on Sunday with a 16-10 victory over the New Orleans Saints,

leaving Henning with a three-year record of 15-33 at the end of his original contract with the team.

Henning was scheduled to take his family on a three-day cruise to the Bahamas beginning Christmas Day.

Two Philadelphia broadcast stations reported today that former Eagles coach Marion Campbell, who was fired Dec. 16, will become the Falcons' defensive coordinator. The report by WCAU radio and WCAU-TV said Campbell would be in Atlanta today for a news conference announcing the appointment.

But Falcons officials said no news conference was scheduled. "I don't know anything on it right now," said team spokesman Charlie Dayton. "At this time, it's speculation."

Year

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At the Big Spring High School Spring Sports banquet, the top Male Athlete award was shared by Brian Mayfield and Jerry Anderson. The top Female Athlete award went to Trell Clemons.

The Howard College Hawks baseball team advanced to the State Tournament in College Station by finishing second in regional play behind McLennan Community College. Howard was eliminated by Texas Southmost, who was led by former Big Spring pitcher Jinx Valenzuela. The Hawks ended the season with a 31-14 mark.

Golf action took up the spotlight in early JUNE with the Signal Peak Shriners' Pro-Am.

The team of Doug Deseive, Carl Small, Dan Johnson, Brad Small and Omar Jones won the three-day tourney. The benefit raised \$40,000 for Shriners Hospitals.

Big Spring boxer Jamie Baldwin was decided by Terell Fingers of St. Louis in the World Cup Boxing Championships in El Paso.

In baseball news, the Texas League Tigers, behind the three-hit pitching of Dimas Morales, defeated the National League Colts 4-0 for the Little League City Championships.

The 52nd Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo attracted many big names and was a smashing success. Area participants Guy Miller of Lamesa and Raylynn Key of Gail were big winners. Miller won the calf roping and Key won the barrel racing.

As you can see the first six months was exciting. More is in store for the second half of the year.

A very Merry Christmas to all and we'll continue our trip down memory lane next week.

Football

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by Todd Bell and linebacker Al Harris, two Bears starters who never did show up. The walkout particularly hurt Dickerson, who missed the first two games and produced just over half of what he did a year ago.

But that was forgotten once the season started.

The 49ers, projected as the team of the '80s, got off to a stumbling start, losing four of their first seven, including a 26-10 verdict to Chicago that reversed the results of last season's NFC title game and stamped the Bears as this year's team. Still, the 49ers recovered to earn a wild-card playoff spot with a 10-6 record.

San Francisco was dethroned in the NFC West by the Los Angeles Rams, who started 7-0, lost four of

their next six, then won a pivotal 28-21 verdict against the 49ers Dec. 9 that turned on a deflected touchdown catch by Henry Ellard and a 41-yard touchdown return by Gary Green over another deflection.

The Bears cruised to the NFC Central title, clinching it in the 11th week of the season after a 44-0 crushing of the Dallas Cowboys. Earlier, they had crunched another winning team, the Washington Redskins, 45-10.

The Redskins, 10-6, failed to win the NFC East for the first time in four seasons and also narrowly missed a playoff spot on a tiebreaker. They also lost 36-year-old quarterback Joe Theismann with a broken leg in a nationally televised Monday night game with the Giants but Jay Schroeder pick-

ed up admirably.

The Cowboys, despite one-sided losses to Chicago and Cincinnati, won the division title with two curious victories over the New York Giants. But New York, 10-6, won a wild-card spot, primarily through the running of 5-foot-7 Joe Morris and a staunch defense.

Miami won the AFC East title with a 12-4 record and the New York Jets and New England Patriots also qualified for the playoffs with 11-5 marks. The Jets were led by third-year quarterback Ken O'Brien; the Patriots by outside linebacker Andre Tippett.

Miami's Marino didn't come up to his 1984 standards of 48 touchdown passes and 5,084 yards, but he still threw for 30 TDs and became just the second quarter-

back to pass for more than 4,000 yards in two straight seasons.

The Central title went to the Browns, with an 8-8 record in a three-way fight with Cincinnati and Pittsburgh that wasn't decided until the final weekend. Cleveland's .500 record was the worst of any playoff team excluding the strike year of 1982.

In the West, the Los Angeles Raiders used a rigid defense and the all-around running-receiving skills of Marcus Allen to make up for deficiencies at quarterback. The Raiders survived primarily through two overtime wins over Denver, which finished 11-5 but failed to qualify for the playoffs.

Seattle, favored to win the division, finished 8-8 in a curious manner — they won two and lost two four straight times.

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Richardson leads Nets by Cavs, 108-101

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — With injured teammate Mike Gminski out of the New Jersey lineup, Micheal Ray Richardson felt "we needed someone to take control" and who better than he to accept the responsibility.

The 6-foot-5 guard met his self-imposed challenge Monday night, pouring in 29 points and sparking a late surge to carry the Nets to their fourth straight victory, a 108-101 triumph over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"We were short without Gmin-

ski," said Richardson. "We were lacking physically without him."

The Nets' 6-11 starting center had warmed up, but was unable to dress because of a pulled groin muscle.

"I wanted to take the outside shot because we needed someone to

take control," said Richardson, who scored 13 of his points in the decisive fourth quarter. "I figured I win or lose it because I knew I had to shoot the ball for us to win tonight."

The New Jersey-Cleveland game was Monday night's only National

Basketball Association contest.

The Nets, who have won eight of their last nine games and improved to 18-12, trailed Cleveland 98-97 after John Bagley hit a jumper from the foul line with 3:41 remaining.

Led by Richardson, the Nets

reeled of the next nine points to secure the victory. Albert King started the late spurt with a pair of free throws, giving New Jersey the lead for good.

Richardson hit a jumper from the foul line, Buck Williams scored on a foul shot.

No playoffs for Broncos despite 11-5 record

By The Associated Press
Despite the apparent inequities of a system that allows the 8-8 Cleveland Browns into the playoffs and eliminates the 11-5 Denver Broncos, the National Football League isn't about to change.

Tex Schramm, chairman of the NFL's Competition Committee and one of the architects of the wild-card playoff system, said Monday the fact that Cleveland won the AFC Central title made them a legitimate playoff team.

"The main reason for the wild-card system we have now is to give teams that had outstanding seasons in difficult divisions a chance to make the playoffs," Schramm said. "But we never wanted to diminish the rewards for the division winners."

The main objection comes from Denver. The Broncos were one of three 11-5 teams eligible for the two AFC wild-card berths. But the Broncos lost out in the complex tiebreaking system to the New York Jets and New England Patriots, the other 11-5 teams.

The Jets and Patriots meet Saturday in the AFC wild-card game, followed on Sunday by the NFC contest matching the defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers and the New York Giants.

Both games will be played in Giants Stadium at East Rutherford, N.J.

The NFL also announced its second-round schedule for the weekend of Jan. 4-5.

The Browns visit the Miami Dolphins at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, followed by the Dallas Cowboys at the Los Angeles Rams at 4 p.m. EST. On Sunday, Jan. 5, the winner of the 49ers-Giants game will play Chicago at 12:30 and the winner of the Jets-Patriots game will play the Raiders in Los Angeles at 4.

Meanwhile, the Broncos remained unhappy about their plight.

"I think certainly the situation with us points up how unfair the system is now," said Tom Jackson, the Broncos' veteran linebacker.

"Certainly I think each division winner deserves to go, but I don't think there's any way that you can have a team be in double figures (in victories) and have one of the best records in the conference and yet be at home when the playoffs start."

But Schramm, the president of the Dallas Cowboys, said:

"Everybody starts the same, everybody knows what the rules are. That's why the wild-card is there, to take care of people like

the Broncos. If you happen to lose out in the tiebreaker, that's the way it is."

Still, there has never been a greater discrepancy in record than between Denver and Cleveland.

Last season, for example, Pittsburgh won the AFC Central at 9-7, the same record as New England, which missed the playoffs.

In 1977, the last year there was one wild-card team, the Miami Dolphins finished 10-4 in the AFC East but missed the playoffs while the Steelers won the Central with a 9-5 record.

The next season, Minnesota won the NFC Central with a record of 8-7-1, the conference's fifth-best record. All four teams with better marks made the playoffs.

The AFC Central, where the Browns play, was the NFL's


weakest this season, finishing a combined 10 games under .500. The West, home of the Broncos, was 10 games above .500.

The Jets got the first AFC wild-card position because of a 9-3 record in the AFC compared to 8-4 for the Patriots and the Broncos. New England got the second spot because it had a better record against common opponents — the Pats went 4-2 against Miami, Indianapolis, the Raiders and Seattle, while the Broncos were 3-3 against those four teams.

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CONTRACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
Sealed proposals for constructing 64.732 miles of Seal Coats (West Contract) on various limits in Scurry, Nolan, Fisher & Borden Counties, on US 84, SH 92, FM 1064, FM 1884 & FM 1210, covered by CSB 53-8-48, CSB 53-9-49, CSB 53-12-45, CSB 318-2-18, CSB 933-5-13, CSB 1503-1-7 & CD 1714-2-4 will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 9:00 A.M., January 16, 1986, and then publicly opened and read.
Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Billy E. Vernon, Resident Engineer, Snyder, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D. C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.
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2659 December 24 & 31, 1985

JOY TO ALL
Among the gifts beneath your tree, seek the joy Christmas is meant to be.
A-1 Lock n Key
312 W 3rd




SEASON'S GREETINGS
Have a festive Christmas season. We want to thank you for doing business with us and hope that you will return to visit us.
A-1 Bookkeeping
Lamesa Hwy. 263-3287



Happy Holidays
May your home be blessed with all the joys of the Season. Merry Christmas to all our friends.

Dauids Custom Woodworkers
1600 W. 4th
263-7894



Joyous Noel
May the angels of the Lord watch over you and your family during Christmas and always.
The Beauty Center
Heleen, Betty, Marcela
1705 Scurry 263-2161



HOWARD COLLEGE
would like to take this opportunity to thank **CALDWELL ELECTRIC** for their contribution of \$2,500. to our scholarship fund in lieu of Christmas gifts to their customers. These monies will help many students attain their educational goals.

CLASSIC CAR RENTAL
263-1371
FM 700 and Birdwell

greetings
We thank all of our loyal patrons and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We hope we can share many more Christmases together!

A-1 Furniture
2611 W. Hwy. 80
263-1831



A Very Merry Christmas
To all our wonderful friends and patrons, we extend best wishes!
Thank you for your patronage this past year! We are very much looking forward to better serving you in the future.
POLLARD
Chevrolet — Buick — Cadillac
"The Place Where Volume Selling Saves You Money."
1501 East 4th Big Spring, Texas 267-7421




Merry Christmas to All
We're wishing you and your family all the happiness of the Holidays. We've enjoyed serving you.
Alberts Upholstery
1208 W. 3rd 263-1268



Suddenly it's CHRISTMAS
Greetings in the spirit of the season to all our wonderful patrons.
Thank you for your patronage in 1985 and looking forward to serving you in the future.
Classic Auto sales
Jimmy Hopper, Gary Hopper, Don Wilson and Ray Phillips
1605 E. FM 700 Corner 700 & Birdwell 263-1371



Happy Holidays
From Eddie Cole & Staff
At **Westex Auto Parts, Inc.**
ONE MILE N. OFF I-20 ON SNYDER HIGHWAY BIG SPRING, TEXAS 267-1666



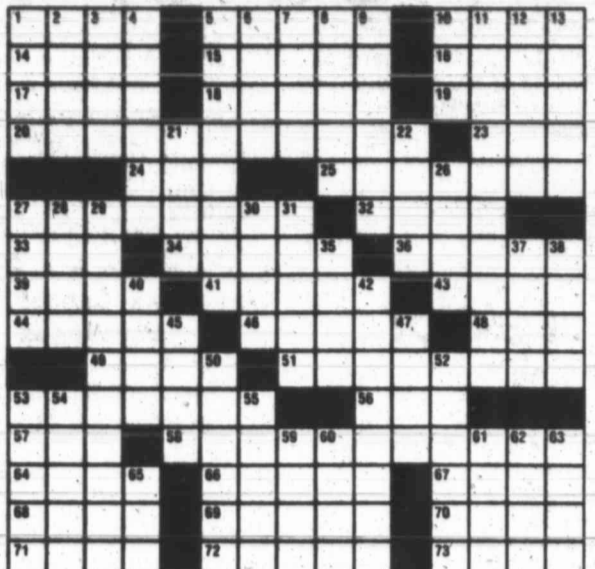
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THE Daily Crossword by C. F. Murray

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 - 46 Hindu dress
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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"A FIRE ON CHRISTMAS EVE? ARE YOU OUTTA YOUR MIND OR SOMETHIN'?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I sure hope Rudolph's nose is workin' good tonight."

Your Daily HOROSCOPE from the CARROLL RICHTER INSTITUTE

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25, 1985

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Happy holidays! Much activity is present today, and much pleasure can be in effect for families and individuals. Later, an influence indicates many changes in attitudes and relationships.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Your partners have good ideas to talk over with you in the evening. This can lead to better understanding for the future.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You are able to gain fine benefits today and tonight. Discuss with a financier how to add to your abundance in the new year.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Spend some time with partners today, and plan the future more wisely. The evening can be very happy socially.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) The day can be most charming with the one you love and much happiness is possible. Make fine plans for the future.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Getting friends to join with you and family at holiday festivities can make this a delightful day.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A good day to remember bigwigs on this festive day, and show them particular thought. Invite several in to your home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) A good day to start writing thank-you notes for nice gifts, especially those you have received from out of town.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov. 21) Your intuition is good and you can establish greater harmony with your mate now. Later you can discuss whatever is practical.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have an opportunity to help others out of their confusion today. Enjoy a fine family dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A good day to understand every phase of any situation and clarify it. Bring more cheer into the lives of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be your gregarious self and see as many good friends as you can on this holiday. Show much affection.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Home is the center of activity today and much happiness can reign there. Invite outsiders in also.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will have many changes in the life and will find a point of contact with persons of different cultures and environment. Permit to have many young friends around. A very inventive adult here and one who can act quickly in a time of emergency.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!
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Big Spring Herald — 263-7331

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3 Days 15 Words or Less \$600
7 Days 15 Words or Less \$900

Window Shopper + 50¢

WEEKENDER SPECIAL One item under \$100, ten words; runs two days, Friday & Saturday for \$200

Your 7 Day ad will appear in more than 71,000 papers and has over 22,000 readers per day!

710 Scurry P.O. Box 1431 Big Spring, Texas 79721

Find money-saving coupons in Wednesday's Herald

CERTIFIED APPRAISALS Thelma Montgomery

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL 2 BEDROOM 1 1/2 BATHS

HILLTOP RD. (BARGAIN) — 2 bedrooms, large kit, some carpet & drapes, fenced, good well, newly painted inside on .37 acre. \$25,000 owner will carry the paper.

MOSS LAKE RD. — 2 bedrooms, carpeted & draped, central heat, has a well & city water, 11 producing pecan trees, good garden, fenced 1/2 acre. Reduced to 38,500. Coahoma School.

HOME REALTORS Kay Moore — Broker 263-4663 MLS 263-1284 Coronado Plaza.

Home Of The Week



608 Washington Blvd.

See our Sunday Ad For Featured Listings

Merry Christmas From All Of Us At Sun Country

The Staff of Sun Country will be enjoying Christmas with their families. We will be closed December 24th, 25th and 26th. We will open at 9:00 a.m. December 27th.

SUNCOUNTRY REALTORS, Inc. 2000 Gregg 267-3613

McDONALD REALTY 611 Runnels

- Big Spring's Oldest Real Estate Firm GREAT CHOICES — COUNTRY HOMES
1. Brick, 3br2bth, so neat & nice. Spacious too. \$49,900.
2. 5 Acres, 3br2bath, corrals, Gall Rd. \$150,000.
3. \$22,000. Brick 3br1bath. Needs Work — but a bargain!!!
4. Forsan School. 2br1bath, brick. \$22,500. Remodeled.
5. New Construction — beautiful panoramic view, 3br2bath, fireplace, dbl garage. Low, low FHA downpayment \$59,950.
6. Midway Rd. 3br1bath, dbl carport. \$39,500.
4 BEDROOMS — KENTWOOD — \$59,900. — Huge, spacious den, fireplace, over 1800 ft. floor space. Better see this one — it's a stand-out.
COAHOMA — Spacious executive home. Truly a showplace, yard surrounded with tile fence. 3br2bath, fireplace, lge kitchen, breakfast bar.
MONEY WELL SPENT — Lovely College Park, 3br2bath, fireplace, a newer energy efficient home with assumable FHA loan for reasonable downpayment without qualifying for loan. \$115,000.
NO ONE HAS EVER MET — This home without liking it. So extra beautiful — right out of Better Homes & Gardens — just reduced to make it a stunning bargain. \$3,000 down & assume loan with short term payoff. 2br1bath, study, patio. Nice, handy n/hood \$30,000.
DREXEL ST. — \$FORTIES — A lot for the money & prestigious neighborhood too. Big bedrooms. 3br2bath brick. Extra neat & clean. CHEAP — CHEAP — \$18,000 — 2br1bath nr city park, school. A real home at a mobile home price.
NO MONEY????? — WORK IT OUT — Paint & minor repair for FHA downpayment & closing costs. 2br1bath, garage, carpet. Handy, nice n/hood. \$22,500.

Merry Christmas From The Classified Dept. Debbie Dale Lisa

SHAFFER 2000 Birdwell 263-8251 Certified Appraisals

Land Sales & Investments Jerry Worthington Hayes Strippling, Jr. Master Senior Appraiser

FIRST REALTY 263-1223, 207 W. 10th Big Spring's Best Buys

ERA REEDER REALTORS Dial 267-8266 506 E. 4th

Quality Built Homes For Sale Or Lease LEASE From \$275/Mo. Furnished/Unfurnished

PUBLICATION POLICY Classified ads can be cancelled for the next issue from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday ONLY.

CLASSIFIED INDEX REAL ESTATE 001 Houses for Sale 002 REAL ESTATE 001 Houses for Sale 002

Acres for sale 005 FURNISHED HOUSES 060 280 ACRES IN Luther area for sale at \$700 per acre. All good cultivated land. Terms. Call 806-665-1154.

D&C SALES, INC. 3910 W. Hwy. 80 267-5546 DOWN PAYMENT problems? Budget problems? Credit problems? No problem!

FURNISHED APARTMENTS 052 NICE ONE: Bedroom apartment, \$245.00-150.00 deposit, also one, two bedroom mobil homes. \$195.00-\$225.00. No children or pets. 263-6944 or 263-2341.

Unfurnished Apartments 053 PARKHILL TERRACE apartment - 2 bedroom apartment. Call 263-8091, Monday thru Friday, 9:00-5:00. After 5:00 call 263-3831.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

SCOREBOARD

NFL Standings

FINAL 1985 STANDINGS
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Miami	12	4	0	.750	428	320
y-N.Y. Jets	11	5	0	.688	380	264
1 - New England	6	8	0	.429	229	300
Indianapolis	5	11	0	.313	320	396
Buffalo	2	14	0	.125	200	381

Central

x-Cleveland	8	8	0	.500	287	294
Cincinnati	7	9	0	.438	441	437
Pittsburgh	7	9	0	.438	379	355
Houston	5	11	0	.313	284	412

West

x-L.A. Raiders	12	4	0	.750	354	308
Denver	11	5	0	.688	390	329
Seattle	8	8	0	.500	349	303
San Diego	8	8	0	.500	467	435
Kansas City	6	10	0	.375	317	380

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

x-Dallas	10	6	0	.625	357	333
y-N.Y. Giants	10	6	0	.625	309	283
Washington	10	6	0	.625	297	212
Philadelphia	7	9	0	.438	286	310
St. Louis	5	11	0	.313	278	414

Central

x-Chicago	15	1	0	.938	456	198
Green Bay	8	8	0	.500	337	355
Minnesota	7	9	0	.438	346	359
Detroit	7	9	0	.438	307	366
Tampa Bay	2	14	0	.125	294	448

West

x-L.A. Rams	11	5	0	.688	340	277
y-San Francisco	10	6	0	.625	340	277

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Atlanta 4 12 0 .250 282 452

x-won division title
y-clinched wild-card playoff berth

Friday's Game
Denver 27, Seattle 24

Saturday's Games
New York Giants 28, Pittsburgh 10
Washington 27, St. Louis 16

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 16, New Orleans 10
Miami 28, Buffalo 0
Chicago 37, Detroit 17
New England 34, Cincinnati 23
New York Jets 37, Cleveland 10

Green Bay 20, Tampa Bay 17
Philadelphia 37, Minnesota 35
Kansas City 38, San Diego 34
Indianapolis 34, Houston 16
San Francisco 31, Dallas 16

Monday's Game
Los Angeles Raiders 16, Los Angeles Rams 6

END REGULAR SEASON

MONEY-SAVING COUPON
Every Wednesday
in the
Herald Recipe Exchange of
Big Spring Herald

Wishing you —
Our Friends —

BEST WISHES



Quita's Hair Fashions
210 Owens

GREETINGS



Hoppe Auto
211 W. 4th
Corner of 4th & Gregg
263-7328

Airport Grocery
OPEN
CHRISTMAS
7 to 11

Best Wishes

To all our customers:
may this holiday season bring you much happiness.

Wesley & Dorothy Pearce Family

Photo West
Photography & Gallery
In Business Serving The Lord



GREETINGS

Wishing you all the joys of the Season —
Good health, good friends, good cheer!

Jack & Mattie's Place
901-A W. 3rd 267-9611

Christmas JOY



Have a merry Christmas holiday filled with beautiful things. We want to wish the best to all of our fine patrons.

BIG SPRING TRAVEL
608 Scurry 263-0225

season's best



Nu-Way Janitorial
1110 N. Aylford

Holiday Greetings



Desert Hills Trailer Park
Gall Rt. FM 700
263-3802 or 267-7709

MONEY EARNS 15% NOW

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Your funds double in 4 1/2 years. IRA and Keogh Plans Available. Secured with recorded L&M lien deeds of trust mortgages on Texas single family res. No Fees! No Penalties! Your choice of investment periods. Special rates available for \$100.00 minimum. IRA \$2,000 min., \$5,000 regular minimum.

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Santa Says



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Best Wishes of the holiday season to all of our loyal friends and patrons.

Independent Welding
3303 Auburn 263-6346

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

It's a pleasure to greet our many patrons and wish them the very best.

From Fred & Tammy Green & Staff At

K-C STEAK HOUSE
I-20 North Serv. Rd. 263-1651

JOYOUS HOLIDAY



health, wealth and happiness for all time!

Independent Wrecking
Snyder Highway 263-4911

Merry Christmas!

"Precious To Me" From "Precious"

From Our Family To Yours:

A wish that your Holiday is filled with joy & happiness.

Quail Run Apartments
2609 Wesson & Avondale
263-1781

POWERFUL SAVINGS!



Buy a Delco Freedom II 60 Series Battery... get a \$5.00 rebate check from Delco.

Freedom II 60 Series

Our Price **\$59.95**
Less Rebate **\$5.00**
Your actual cost **\$54.95**

86-CA-9175 Offer ends February 1, 1986

AC-Delco. The smart parts.

Mead's Auto Supply, Inc.
PHONE 915/267-5245

POWERFUL SAVINGS!



Buy a Delco Freedom II 50 Series Battery... get a \$4.00 rebate check from Delco.

Freedom II 50 Series

Our Price **\$49.95**
Less Rebate **\$4.00**
Your actual cost **\$44.95**

86-CA-9176 Offer ends February 1, 1986

AC-Delco. The smart parts.

Mead's Auto Supply, Inc.
PHONE 915/267-5245

MERRY CHRISTMAS To All Of You

From All Of Us At **FIRST REALTY**

DON YATES — DOROTHY JONES
207 W. 10th
263-1223



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Feagin's Implement
Lamesa Hwy. 2603-8348

JOY TO ALL



Hitch-N-Post
1601 East FM 700
Ernestine Day-Owner

Attention Readers and Advertisers

The Big Spring Herald will not be published Christmas Day in order that our employees may enjoy the holiday. Due to the holiday, early advertising deadlines will be in effect.

Deadline for the Thursday, Dec. 26 issue will be at 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23. Deadline for the Friday, Dec. 27 issue will be at noon Tuesday, Dec. 24. Deadlines for the Saturday and Sunday issues, Dec. 28 and 29, will remain the same.

The Big Spring Herald office will close at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, with the exception of the Circulation Department. The Circulation Department will close at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Rx GREETINGS

Our prescription for a happy Holiday Season: lots of fun and laughter at Christmas and after. Thank you for doing business with us.

LEONARD'S PHARMACIES

LEONARD'S R PHARMACY 308 SCURRY Ph: 263-7344
PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY 1008 & Main Ph: 267-2546
LEONARD'S CLINIC PHARMACY 1801 W. 11th PLACE Ph: 267-1611

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EMERGENCY PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

"We Appreciate Your Business"

OHOLY NIGHT



May the joys of Christmas follow you throughout the coming year.

Carroll Coates Auto
1101 West 4th St.

Greetings of the Season



From the:
Harley-Davidson Shop
Texas Oldest Dealership
908 W. Third

Merry Christmas



MAILROOM — (front) Leah Clem; Arthur Islas Jr.; Manuel Ontiveros; (middle) Viola Lopez; Carla Marantes; Frankie Hernandez; D'Wayne McVea; (back) Rudy Ramirez, janitor; Kenneth Huibregtse; Steve Reagan; Carlos Gonzales; Donnie Vera and Earl Titsworth. Not shown: Tommy Mendez.



BUSINESS — Toni Wegner; Sylvia Alicantar; Deloris Albert; Angie Awtrey; Business Manager Jim Neary; and Ella Hoolahan. Not shown: Reba Wolf and Pat Fortney.



EDITORIAL — Tim Appel; Managing Editor John Rice; Charlie Alcorn; Kim Kirkham; Steve Belvin; Spencer Sandow; Hank Murphy; Scott Fitzgerald and Sam Menon. Not shown: Robin Ward, Carol Baldwin and Delinda Bennett.



ADVERTISING — (front) Tina Steffen; Dana Wagner; Bonnie Neel; Cindy McGuire; Lisa Griffice; Debbie Salazar; (back) Advertising Director Richard White; Don Ferguson; Edwin Vela; and Dale Ferguson.



COMPOSING — Joe Awtrey; Sandra Green; Alice Yanez; Yolanda Williams; Marianne Pierce; Arlene Pietrzyk; and Production Manager Bob Rogers.

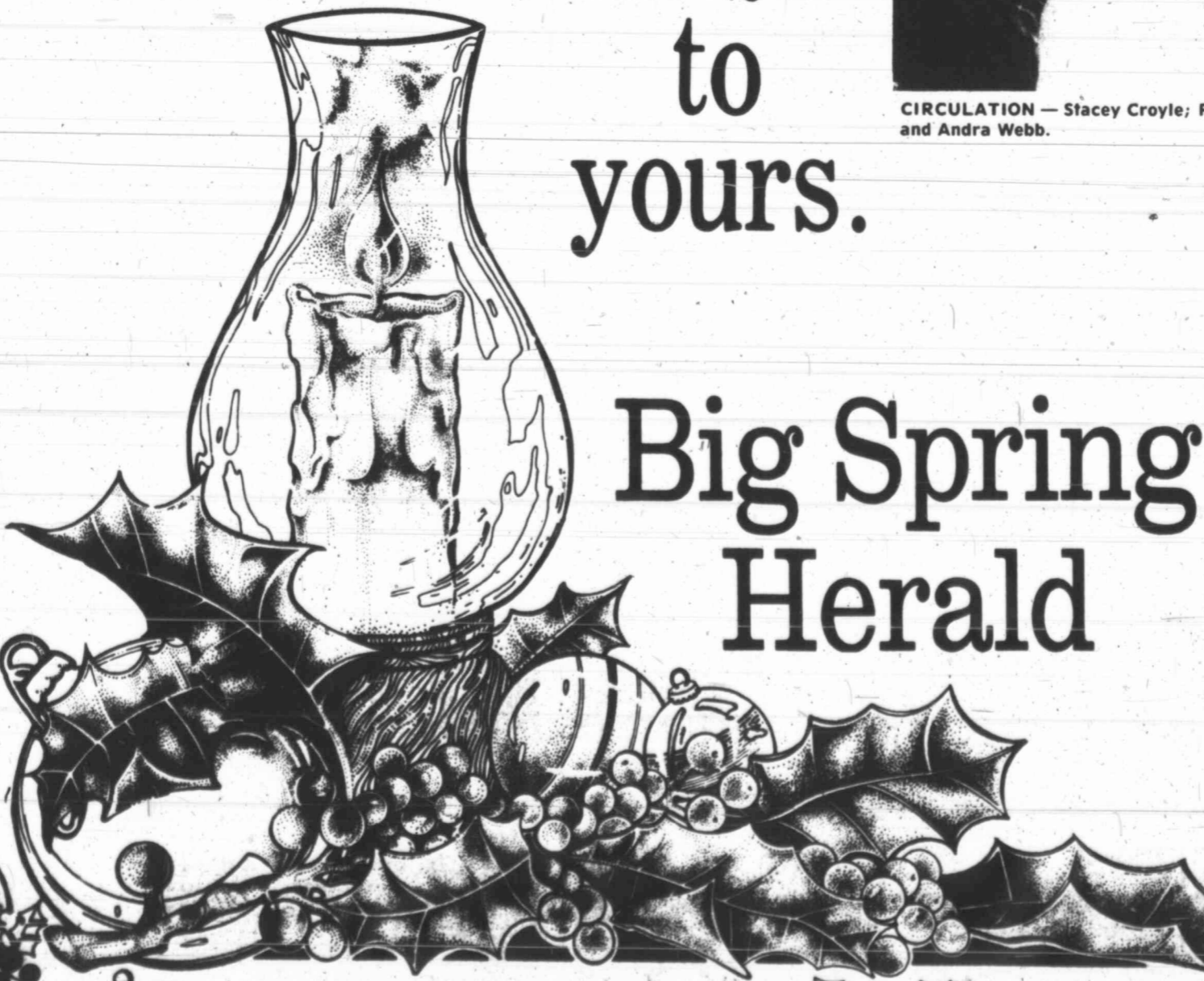


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CIRCULATION — Stacey Croyle; Patsy Rodriguez; Circulation Manager Chuck Benz; Janet Noble and Andra Webb.

From our family
to
yours.



Big Spring
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