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Spring board

How's that? Christmas break

Q. When do the Christmas holidays begin and end for Big Spring students?

A. Students in the Big Spring School District will break for the holidays on Friday, and will resume classes on Monday, Jan. 5.

Calendar Literacy

TODAY

• CAN/Read literacy council will meet at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. Persons are asked to enter through the rear parking lot doors.

• The Big Spring Art Association will have a Christmas party at 7 p.m. at the college arts building. For more information, call Roberta Ross at 263-4936.

• The Colorado City Dancers will host a senior citizens' dance Tuesday night at the Civic Center from 7-10 p.m. Country and western music will be provided by the Porky Proctor Band. The public is invited.

• A Christmas concert will be presented by the Big Spring school bands in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. A brief band booster meeting is scheduled after the concert.

WEDNESDAY

• Anyone interested in bringing a replica of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial to Big Spring should attend a 7 p.m. meeting at the Chamber of Commerce.

• Judging for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting contest has been postponed from Monday to Wednesday, 7-10 p.m. Residential and commercial entries within the city limits will be accepted at the Chamber through Wednesday.

THURSDAY

• The sixth and seventh grade and high school bands at Forsan will give a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

• Big Spring High School and Runnels Middle School will perform a Christmas Choir concert in the high school auditorium at 8 p.m. In addition to their Christmas repertoire, Meistersingers will perform a musical titled "The North Pole Goes Rock and Roll."

FRIDAY

• Howard County Library will host a holiday reception open to the public from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to visit and enjoy refreshments.

• Urban planner Robert Lima & Associates will present Phase II of the Downtown Masterplan at 2:30 p.m. in the Chamber Conference Room. The public is invited to come view the new physical recommendations for downtown.

SATURDAY

The TexMex Barrel Racing Association will conduct a jackpot barrel race at the Howard County Youth Horseman arena at 11 a.m., open to the public. Registration begins at 10 a.m.

Windbreak seedlings available

Howard Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for windbreak seedlings. These trees are adapted for growing in the Howard SWCD area, said Chesley Wilson, district conservationist.

The trees are grown and selected for sale by the Texas Forest Service, he said. Both conifers and hardwoods are available.

If anyone is interested in ordering trees should visit Room 201, Post Office building, or call 267-1871, Wilson said.

The trees are to be delivered the last week in February.

Former FBI agent named police chief

By SPENCER SANDOW
Staff Writer

Former FBI agent Joe E. Cook, 42, of Georgetown has been chosen Big Spring Police Chief, City Manager Mack Wofford announced this morning.

Cook, director of special projects for the comptroller of public accounts in Austin since 1984, will begin duties Jan. 1, Wofford said.

"I'd be there tomorrow if I didn't have a commitment here for a couple of weeks. My family is looking forward to getting back to West Texas," said Cook in a telephone interview today. Cook was raised in Post, which is near Lubbock. He and his wife, Beth, are parents of two daughters.

"I'm going to hold any changes regarding the police department until I get my feet wet and can see the best direction to go with. I

did a certain amount of homework, from a statistics standpoint, but I don't know anyone in Big Spring; but I have a pretty good feel for the town, I think," Cook said.

The new chief served more than 10 years as a special agent for the FBI in the Los Angeles area, and was a Naval officer during the Vietnam War.

Wofford said Cook has approximately 14 years experience in law enforcement and related activities. Cook's position with the comptroller involves investigative activity, Wofford said.

Cook earned a master of science in administration of justice degree from California Lutheran College and a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at El Paso.

"He relates well to West Texas," the city manager said, but he added that was not a

factor in choosing Cook over four other applicants — all from Texas.

Wofford said Cook's education, experience, administrative background and ability to deal with the public were factors in the choice.

Big Spring's biggest needs are for someone with leadership ability who can communicate well within the department and can project an image of community service to the public, the city manager said.

Wofford said that no plans have been made for changes within the police department, but that Cook undoubtedly will evaluate the department's needs and establish priorities.

Cook will be paid \$36,000 and receive the use of a car — the same arrangement provided for former Police Chief Rick Turner, Wofford said.

Turner resigned in May under pressure

from the City Council, as did former City Manager Don Davis.

The new chief will take the helm from Acting Police Chief Lonnie Smith, who will return to his position of second in command, Wofford said. Smith did not apply for the chief's position, Wofford added.

Smith "has done an excellent job of keeping the department going," Wofford said, adding that Smith "will be a great factor" in a smooth transition to the new chief.

The chief was selected from an original field of 33 candidates, narrowed to six by an advisory committee. One of the remaining candidates took a position elsewhere.

The other four finalists were Keith Burke of Port Arthur, Sherril Farmer of Big Spring, Michael Wayne Jez of Alvin and Charles Oliphant, police chief East Texas Baptist University.

Yule dolls taken from display

Five of the winning dolls and an undetermined number of other dolls from the Salvation Army annual Christmas doll-dressing contest have been stolen, said Helen Braun of the local Salvation Army.

The dolls were taken Sunday night from a display tree at Highland Mall.

She said the thefts were discovered Monday when Army personnel were dismantling the display to relocate it at the Salvation Army headquarters, 308 Aylford St.

The five winning dolls, along with about six more, were to have been sold at auction to raise money for next year's dolls, she said. Now, the Army will have to purchase fewer dolls next year, she added.

The dolls are given to needy children at Christmas. This year's distribution will be Monday.

With the thefts, the Army will not have enough dolls, Braun said. Members of the community are asked to donate other dolls.



Bars can't hold 'em

Santa's Elf Fund for Toys, from the Salvation Army's Christmas Cheer Fund, is more than \$1,250 richer as a result of Monday's "kidnapping" scheme engineered by the Golden Plains Care Center. Local officials were detained during the day and held for ransom from the community. Keeping a gun on Mayor Cotton Mize is Linda Johnson, Golden Plains' director of nursing, while George Colvin, left, Big Spring State Hospital

business manager, watches. Other victims of the good-natured kidnapping included Conrad Alexander, V.A. Hospital director; businesswoman Johnnie Lou Avery; Federal Prison Camp Superintendent Tony Belaski and Rev. Kenneth Patrick, First Baptist Church. Organizer Shirley Asuncion of Golden Plains said that she was quite pleased by the community's response.

Herald photo by Robert Wernsman

Sales tax rebates decrease

By SCOTT FITZGERALD
Staff Writer

The declining economy in West Texas is represented by sales tax rebates as Big Spring joined other cities which showed decreases in 1986 sales tax rebates compared to a year ago.

A report recently released by the state's comptroller's office showed Texas sales tax disbursements declining 2 percent from a year ago.

Howard County declined 6.75 percent with its 1986 sales tax payments, compared to a year ago.

Through Dec. 5, the county received \$1,502,744.04 from the state in local sales tax. This compares to \$1,611,440.34 in 1985.

Big Spring received \$1,462,951.68 of this year's total amount. This compares to \$1,556,984.75 a year ago.

Mitchell County showed a 6.19 percent decrease in sales tax rebates. It received \$271,761.44 from the state in local sales tax. This compares to \$289,690 in 1985.

Martin County however showed a 8.25 percent increase. Stanton received \$59,845.28 in payments. This compares to \$55,282.92 in 1985.

A breakdown of payments recently received by cities within Howard County shows nearly a 4 percent gain from a year ago. The payments represent taxes col-

lected on sales made in October

and reported to the comptroller's office by November 20.

Big Spring received \$84,237.33. Coahoma received \$1,587.47 and Forsan received \$925.32.

Other major West Texas cities showed significant decreases from rebates received a year ago.

Midland County showed a 17.76 percent decline from rebates received a year ago.

Midland received \$7,318,171.20 in 1986 compared to \$8,898,785.73 a year ago.

Taylor County showed a 6.02 percent decline in received a year ago.

Abilene received \$8,094,128.46 of

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Four arrested in sting

Four people have been arrested on warrants for delivery of a controlled substance and at least nine arrests are expected as the result of an undercover drug investigation, according to Acting Police Chief Lonnie Smith.

Arrested Monday were Donnie M. Overton, 34, 1411 Mesa Ave.; 28-year-old Richard Sayers and 29-year-old Diane Sayers, both of Route 1 Box 449, according to police reports.

The three were transferred to the county jail, the two Sayers released on \$15,000 bond each. Overton remains in jail in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

In addition to the three, David Frank Timmons, 24, 1403 Opal Lane, was arrested Sunday afternoon on the same charges.

Acting Police Chief Smith said an undercover officer worked in the area between June and August. The delay in arrests was due to waiting for laboratory reports and getting warrants, he said.

Smith said he expects 13 or more arrests in the sting. The number, he said, depends on whether the district attorney believes a strong enough case exists to go to trial.

Mostly state charges and some federal charges were filed, he said.

Industry is strong despite recession

By MATTHEW GEIGER
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Although Texas' oil business is still reeling from deflated prices, other industries in the state are outstripping the national economy, according to a state comptroller's publication.

While the U.S. economy is growing at 7 percent annually, Texas businesses unrelated to the petroleum industry are increasing their income by 8 percent this year, the publication, Fiscal Notes, stated.

Job growth in non-oil industries also is exceeding the national average, 2.3 percent statewide compared to 1.9 percent in the nation for 1986.

"The recession would be much worse, if other industry weren't as strong," said Tony Proffitt, comptroller's office spokesman. "The diversification helps to offset the oil collapse."

But the 50 percent drop in oil prices, from an average \$34 a barrel in 1981 to about \$17 in 1986, also hit unrelated industries, he said.

In 1981, non-oil business was expanding by 14 percent a year, 6 percent more than it is now. However,

considering the blow to state business falling oil prices have dealt, it is remarkable that other industry growth is surpassing the U.S. average, he said.

Between 1980 and 1986, Texas oilfield workers dropped from 231,800 to 184,700 and related industries experienced similar employment losses, he said.

But during the same period, total employment in Texas rose from 5.8 million to 6.6 million, indicating strong branching into other enterprises, he said.

Fiscal Notes attributed the employment increases to the state's business climate.

"Non-oil Texas continues to outperform the U.S. because the state's central Sunbelt location, excellent transportation system, low business costs and productive workers make it an attractive business site," the publication said.

Current growth leaders include the service, insurance and finance industries, which may eventually have to bear a larger state tax burden to compensate for lost revenue from oil companies, Proffitt said.



Out of place

Houston Police Department Patrolman Ron Walker seems a bit puzzled about this old-time home parked along a downtown freeway. The Henry Thomas Stanti Home, built in 1914, being moved to its final resting spot, was parked so that workmen could finish the move to Sam Houston Park.

Associated Press photo

Nation

By Associated Press

Brother awaits word

WASHINGTON — An Ohio congressman says he is awaiting word from Nicaragua's Sandinista government on whether U.S. Embassy officials will be allowed access to a prisoner Hall says is probably his brother.

Rep. Tony Hall, a Democrat, said he made the request Monday to Nicaragua's ambassador to the United States, Carlos Tunnermann. He said Tunnermann told him he had no information about the man but would transmit Hall's message to his government.

"There has been no contact as far as I know with my brother," the congressman said. "As far as we know, everything is OK."

'Christians' win case

GREENEVILLE, Tenn. — Seven fundamentalist families struck a blow for Christianity by winning more than \$50,000 in expenses from a school system that required children to read books that violated their faith, their attorney says.

"Finally the Christians have won," lawyer Michael Farris said Monday after a federal judge ordered the Hawkins County Board of Education to reimburse the families for private-school tuition and other expenses.

School board attorney Nat Coleman said U.S. District Judge Thomas G. Hull's ruling amounted to public funding of religious education, an apparent violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Four dead in accident

NORFOLK, Va. — Two workers burned when a pipe burst at a nuclear plant's non-nuclear section in nearby Surry died Monday, bringing the accident's death toll to four.

Ronald E. Wilkes, 32, of Chesapeake and Clyde Wayne Matthews, 28, of Colonial Heights died at Norfolk General Hospital, said Brenda Hamilton, nursing supervisor for the hospital's burn-trauma unit.

The other victims died Dec. 9, the day of the accident, and on Thursday.

Two men injured in the accident remained hospitalized Monday, one in serious condition and one in satisfactory condition.

Voyager continues

MOJAVE, Calif. — The experimental aircraft Voyager today skirted a swirling Pacific storm, perhaps the toughest test of its attempt to circle the globe without refueling.

Pilot Dick Rutan, 48, took the controls early today while co-pilot Jeana Yeager, 34, slept after five hours of flying and 1½ hours of data acquisition, said Peter Riva, spokesman here for the project.

The weather hampered transmission of the information, Riva said.



British astrophysicist Stephen Hawking, crippled with Lou Gehrig's disease, addresses the 13th Texas Symposium on Relativistic Astrophysics with the aid of a computerized voice synthesizer in Chicago Monday.

Matter of time

Diseased physicist speaks

By F.N. D'ALESSIO
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — More than 20 years of a crippling disease have left Stephen Hawking voiceless and all but motionless, but they haven't kept the British astrophysicist from peering into the deepest reaches of time and space.

"The whole force of his life is in his eyes," said University of Texas astronomer John Wheeler, as he recalled on Monday how he first met Hawking at Cambridge University in 1964.

Hawking was then a brilliant young graduate student and world traveler, but he was already using a cane as a result of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Hawking, 44, is now regarded by his colleagues as one of the most profound thinkers on such subjects as black holes and the origin and fate of the universe. The disease, however, has long confined him to a wheelchair and has left him with voluntary muscle control only in his eyes and hands.

A recent tracheotomy removed Hawking's remaining powers of speech, so he now communicates through a computerized voice synthesizer, choosing words and syllables that flick past him on a computer screen.

Hawking's speech to the 13th Texas Symposium on Relativistic Astrophysics was on the commodity he knows he has very little of: time.

He told the international symposium of

astrophysicists and astronomers that he now believes time will continue in its current direction even when the universe begins to contract.

He said questions raised by his own graduate students at Cambridge have led him to revise his views in the past 18 months.

"I was wrong," Hawking's synthetic voice told the scientists, who had assembled in a hotel ballroom.

"The thermodynamic arrow of time does not reverse," Hawking sees the direction of time as being indicated by three "arrows" — the thermodynamic arrow, the psychological arrow and the cosmological arrow.

The thermodynamic arrow is derived from the second law of thermodynamics, which states that the amount of disorder in the universe is always increasing.

"God's law is that things get worse," said Hawking. In considering the evolution of the universe, Hawking said, he must reject Albert Einstein's classical general relativity because, to account for the beginning of the universe, Einstein's theory requires a "singularity," or a point in space-time when normal physics laws do not apply.

Instead, Hawking said, he bases his cosmology on the school of quantum mechanics. And he sees a universe which will expand until it reaches a point of complete disorder, after which it will gradually shrink back to a more compact size.

World

By Associated Press

Japan sent envoy

TOKYO — The Japanese government secretly sent an envoy to Iran and Syria in August 1985 in an effort to gain the release of American hostages in Lebanon, a former justice minister said today.

The former minister, Akira Hatano, said he suggested to Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone in July 1985 that the envoy be sent, following a visit to Tokyo by Iranian Parliament speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani.

"I thought that since Japan had good relations with Iran and Syria, such contact might be fruitful," Hatano, who was justice minister from November 1982 to December 1983, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

"If those countries cooperated, then Japan could in turn cooperate in the future, after the Iran-Iraq war, such as buying more oil from them, or increasing developmental aid," he said.

24 injured by bombs

BARCELONA, Spain — Two bombs exploded today in buildings housing French businesses here, injuring 24 people, four seriously, police said.

Jordi Pujol, head of the government of the northeastern region of Catalonia told reporters the bombings "look like the work of ETA," the Basque separatist organization.

Police said the blasts destroyed the offices of the French companies Ricard-Anisette and Roche-Bobois and caused fires.

Most of the injured were treated for cuts caused by flying window glass and smoke inhalation and later released, a hospital spokesman said.

Police said the largest of the bombs consisted of an estimated 25 to 33 pounds of explosives placed in a garbage bag outside the Roche-Bobois office.

Pakistanis fear rioting

KARACHI, Pakistan — Residents stood on their rooftops through the night to guard against rioters who have burned hundreds of buildings, but no violence was reported today. Two days of ethnic rioting left at least 125 people dead and 480 injured.

Private groups in the rival Mohajir and Pathan communities used public address systems and megaphones to exhort residents: "Stay awake and guard yourself," and "Keep your neighborhood alert."

Mohammed Nasim, 37, a Mohajir businessman, said today that he and his two sons took turns during the night "to guard our neighborhood, and send the alarm signal to our people on the megaphones."

Border communities supporting twin plant program

EL PASO — Delegates from communities on the Mexican border are meeting in this West Texas city to fight mounting criticism of the twin plant program in Congress.

The twin plant, or maquila, program faces a strong threat in Congress in the first three months of 1987, delegates at the Border Trade Strategies Conference said Monday.

Officials said the attack will

come from representatives in the Northeast and Midwest, where some factories have closed and moved to Mexico.

Sixty delegates representing 10 border cities from San Diego to Brownsville, Texas, are attending the two-day conference.

Delegates were scheduled to vote on a resolution today that will be given to state and federal politicians.

The maquila program employs

about 250,000 Mexicans, 85,000 of them in Ciudad Juarez, across the Rio Grande from El Paso. Most maquiladoras are subsidiaries of U.S. companies which take advantage of cheap Mexican labor to assemble U.S. components.

Officials said maquiladoras have prospered because of a U.S. law which allows the U.S. companies to pay duty only on the value of the labor added in Mexico, rather than the entire value of the television set

or whatever is assembled.

The attack on the law in Congress started this fall when representatives began questioning the funding of a maquiladora-boasting conference in Acapulco, Mexico, by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Don Shuffstall, manager of the international department at MBank-El Paso, said it had broadened into a probe into the entire maquila industry. Hearings

are expected in early 1987 among various congressional committees.

Juarez industrialist Federico Barrio Terrazas said the sentiment in Congress endangered the maquila program.

"There have been quite a few other threats," Barrio, who has been involved in the maquila program since its birth in the 1960s, told the El Paso Times. "But I don't remember anything as serious as this."

He said U.S. unions, which have opposed the maquila program, have become more united and sophisticated in their attack.

Don Hagans, a former El Paso lawyer who is now legislative director for U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, said Congress must be convinced the maquila program benefits both the United States and Mexico.

"If that vote is couched in Congress as a maquila vs. union contest, I think we'll have a serious problem," Gramm said.

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Opinion

No film shows 'apartheidcolor'

What film best captures South Africa?
Kodakcolor shows off the spectacular coast, the wild animals, the dazzling hotels — the South Africa of the tourist posters.
Black and white film reveals another South Africa, of people of many backgrounds and skin tones rigidly divided by a system of apartheid.
Eastman Kodak, the American film pioneer and worldwide manufacturer, has shown both South Africas through its camera lens. But Kodak was uncomfortable with its role in South Africa.
So Kodak has announced it will sell its South African plants, and it is offering what it calls a "generous separation package" for its employees.
Why is Kodak pulling out of the South African market?
"We have no doubt that the system of apartheid has played a major role in the economy's underperformance," said Colby Chandler, Kodak chairman.
Kodak's withdrawal comes after similar decisions by General Motors and International Business Machines. But Kodak has gone further toward isolating the apartheid regime by declaring it will refuse to supply any Kodak products to South Africa after April 3, 1987.
Some other company may move in to take Kodak's place. Or perhaps South African scientists will develop a special film to show the world through their government's eyes. *Apartheidcolor* might capture animals and landscapes in their vivid spectrum of hues, but people always would be either black or white.
Through its advances in photography, Kodak has brought home the universality of the human condition. Kodak's withdrawal from South Africa might be worth 1,000 snapshots of the injustices of apartheid.

Mailbag

A pause to give local people credit

To the editor:
Let's pause a moment to give credit where credit is due. Big Spring has experienced recently the positive results of a cooperative effort that has succeeded.
A board made up of community volunteers set out to help Jack Stovall and Big Spring State Hospital find a location for an activities center. The board ran into various problems that were, to say the least, discouraging. Finding a suitable location took months each time they thought they had one, someone objected and the search had to begin all over.
Teri Quinones, representing the Downtown Steering Committee working on the renovation of downtown, became involved in helping them. As the search continued, a really good building was found and the Feb. 1 opening became a real possibility.
But, alas, the building belonged to our city's mayor. Then came the question of legality. Since the city was being asked to pay the utility bill for the center, did this involve a conflict of interest?
Mayor Mize, a member of the

volunteer board, happened not only to own the building but to be a public servant. What an entanglement!
Big Spring Herald reporter Scott Fitzgerald kept the public posted as the scenario developed. He was on the spot at various meetings, asking informed questions. Local radio stations also helped to keep our interest high on the subject. Would this little city in the west find a location to establish an activities center for its residents with some mental health needs?
It would and it did. The activities center will open Feb. 1 in the Corral, a building owned by the mayor. He will close his business and he and Mrs. Mize will pay the utilities themselves.
Howard County will pay the rent on the building. Our County Commissioners have supported the activities center and voted the funds for it.
Thank you Commissioners, Jack, Teri, Scott, Billie, Cotton and all of you behind-the-scenes contributors who are a part of the solution.
NANCY L. PATRICK
1104 Benton St.

More NFL information requested

To the editor:
For what we have to pay for the paper, I do think that our sports section could be improved on in a big way.
You do not keep us informed about the NFL teams — especially Dallas and Houston.
Other papers I read that come to

this area have many writeups that the *Herald* never carries.
And as the NFL football is the biggest sport in America, why can't we be kept informed to all that goes on in this sport?
R.F. DAVIS
520 Scott Drive

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Dec. 16, the 350th day of 1986. The year has 15 days left.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 16, 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists, disguised as Indians, boarded a British ship in Boston Harbor and dumped more than 300 chests of tea overboard in a protest against tea taxes.
On this date:
In 1770, the German composer Ludwig van Beethoven was born.
In 1809, Napoleon Bonaparte was

divorced from the Empress Josephine by an act of the French Senate.
In 1905, the entertainment trade publication "Variety" came out with its first weekly issue.
In 1916, the monk who wielded powerful influence over the Russian court, Gregory Rasputin, was murdered.
In 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began in Belgium.
In 1960, a United Air Lines DC8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City and crashed, killing 134 people.

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CIA adept at underground money hiding techniques

By JACK ANDERSON and JOSEPH SPEAR
WASHINGTON — The CIA's money-laundry operators could teach the Mafia a thing or two about offshore banking techniques. So it's hardly surprising that the agency has been implicated in the intricate financial juggling that transformed Pentagon military hardware into cash for the Nicaraguan contras by way of Israel, Iran and Switzerland.
In the last few weeks we've been disclosing details of another subterranean money laundry the CIA established for earlier arms deals.



Jack Anderson

Understanding how that operation — involving banks in Switzerland and the Cayman Islands — worked will shed light on the financial labyrinth created to hide the strikingly similar Iranian/contras deal.
Here's the money trail laid out in records obtained by our associates Corky Johnson and Donald Goldberg, with additional guideposts supplied by knowledgeable banking sources:
On the day after Christmas 1984, Michael Linden, an agent of Associated Traders, a CIA front, wrote to the First National Bank of Maryland ordering the transfer of \$5.3 million into a secret Swiss account.
First National was to "transfer the sum to Bank Cantrade AG, Zurich, Switzerland," for deposit in Account No. 273830. The account was in the name of a "Dr. Schaefer," presumably a code name.
The funds didn't go directly from Maryland to Switzerland, of course; because that would have left a financial trail too easy to follow.
First the \$5.3 million was wired from a CIA money-market account in the Cayman Islands to the Banco Sudameris Int. in Panama. The Panamanian bank then telexed the amount to the Union Bank in Zurich, which finally shunted it over to the Bank Cantrade.

Throughout the complex transaction, the transfers were authorized "by order of a client," a deliberately vague phrase used to protect the identity of the CIA and its front — Associated Traders.
Like Switzerland, both Panama and the Caymans have strict banking confidentiality laws, which make complete financial disclosures difficult if not impossible.
"The CIA wanted its name kept out of it," explained Robert Maxwell, a former officer of First National Bank. "They went to great lengths to hide everything."
It was the possible impropriety of such secret deals, and the fear that he might be held responsible for violations of the Bank Secrecy Act, that led Maxwell to resign from the Maryland bank.
In fact, the records show that the CIA asked bank officials to move the money through a different Panamanian bank when the agency suspected that federal bank regulators would uncover the fund transfers.
There were several similar transactions using Bank Cantrade as well as other Swiss banks. On Jan. 3, 1984, for example, the CIA deposited \$175,000 in the Zurich Handelskredit Bank; on Jan. 17 and Jan. 18, 1984, \$150,000 was deposited in Account No. 91457 at the Geneva Discount Bank Ltd.
The CIA's secret accounts in the Cayman Islands are crucial to its

worldwide financial wheeling and dealing. Millions of dollars are kept on deposit in these accounts, virtually impervious to congressional oversight.
Records we've obtained show that one Caymans money-market account alone had an average of more than \$2 million on hand during the past several years.
A banking source said the CIA couldn't care less about earnings on its huge accounts. "They didn't care about interest rates," the source said. "It was just a deposit on the books to them."
What does the CIA do with all these secret funds?
Associated Traders, the front involved with the Maryland bank, was operating a global arms network that moved more than \$20 million worth of weapons around Europe, Asia, Africa and South America.
PENTAGON WATCH: Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has issued a stern warning to his subordinates not to put pressure on defense contractors or their employees who speak out on public policy matters.
Weinberger was responding to a stinging inspector general's finding that high Navy officials — including Navy Secretary John Lehman — were instrumental in the firing of a Raytheon executive who voiced public doubts about the need for every penny the Pentagon asks for at budget time.
The officials, according to the inspector general, showed "bad judgment" and "a lack of understanding."
PHONY FASTENERS: Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige has agreed to re-examine the country's growing dependence on imported nuts and bolts, which often include Asian-made counterfeits that look like high-grade metal fasteners but don't meet U.S. standards for strength and heat resistance.
Jack Anderson's investigative report from Washington is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



Art Buchwald

'Beltway' tag draws close examination

By ART BUCHWALD
When the President lost his cool in an interview with *Time* magazine he said, "The letters coming in are in my favor. This is a Beltway bloodletting. Frankly, I believe that as the truth comes out people will see what we were doing was right."
CIA Director Bill Casey was quoted as saying that the Iranian affair was of interest only to people "inside the Beltway."
I have to assume that the entire country has no idea what the President meant when he referred to "Beltway bloodletting," or what Casey meant when he talked about people "inside the Beltway."
Therefore I will take time to explain it.
For some years now reference has been made in Washington to people who live "inside the Beltway." It means those who are out of sync with the rest of the country.
They are so involved in their little world of bureaucracy and pack journalism they cannot hear what song America is singing. The Beltway phrase first developed on conservative talk shows and now is used to jeer those of more liberal persuasion.
When you talk about someone who lives "inside the Beltway," you're saying the person has lost all touch with reality. He is narrow-minded, ignorant and won't stand up for the U.S.A.
Thus you have the President of the United States blaming those who reside "inside the Beltway" for his troubles in Iran and Nicaragua, and the head of the CIA using the Beltway to cover his role in the Rube Goldberg arms scandal.
First — the facts.
The Beltway is a concrete necklace 66 miles long that circles parts of Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Maryland. Six hundred thousand vehicles are driven around it every day, including 23,000 trucks loaded with spare parts for Israel that eventually will be shipped to Iran.
Several million people reside inside the Beltway. Most of them are law-abiding citizens except for a few who play golf at the Chevy Chase Country Club.
People who live inside the Beltway eat kiwi fruit, prefer Reebok running shoes and read *1.5 Playboys* a month. Because of their Beltway lifestyle they tend to be more promiscuous than citizens in other parts of the country.
And because they are squished together so tightly they have no choice but to intermarry with other Beltway residents, which produces very thin blood.
It is not their home lives but their thinking that separates them from other Americans.

Because most Beltway people work for the government, they are terribly suspicious as to what their leaders tell them. Also, those inside the Beltway are gun-shy because they were the first ones Richard Nixon and his Watergate gang dumped on.
The present White House has no more use for the inner Beltway people than previous administrations.
So, it was no accident that in his fury the President would use the phrase "Beltway bloodletting" to summarize exactly what he thought was going on in Washington right now.
President Reagan believes it was the knee-jerk reaction of the Beltway liberals that stopped the government in its tracks and ruined his chances of becoming the Ayatollah Khomeini's pen pal.
What do you do with people who live inside the Beltway?
Several of Mr. Reagan's NSC advisers have suggested bulldozing the entire area and making it into a secret landing strip to handle future Ollie North flights to Iran.
Art Buchwald's humor and satire is distributed nationally by Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

GONNA FIND OUT WHO'S NAUGHTY AND NICE...

S. P. S.

Lifestyle

Night sweats worth checking out

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Have not seen anything in your column on night sweats. I am a 70-year-old female and have been having these for months. Have had all the tests known, including sedimentation rate. My doctor says all there is to do is to keep on doing what I'm doing, and all that is practically wrapping myself in towels. Any suggestions for me? — N.S.

I'm glad you had all those tests. Night sweats can raise the specter of some deadly illness, like cancer, or others like tuberculosis. Yet, almost always, very little is found to explain the phenomenon. It's just a case of a negative finding being most important.

So what usually lies behind the nighttime sweating? Most often, it is explained as an exaggeration of a normal body function. Body temperature drops at night. In that process of losing body heat, you perspire. For most, the moisture produced is imperceptible. For people like you, it can be a veritable outpouring.

Common-sense steps to minimize this do not include swathing your body in clothing or toweling. You must keep covering to a minimum to allow maximum dissipation of moisture produced.

You should keep other factors in mind. Aspirin or Tylenol taken at night can increase sweating. So can alcohol. One patient in the habit of having a cocktail or two in the late evening reported improvement when he abandoned the practice. If you can safely lose a pound or two of extra weight, do so. Don't exercise before retiring.

Now do me a favor, N.S. Let me know how your de-perspiration efforts work out.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My question is, are strokes hereditary? I am 61. I don't know



Dr. Donohue

about my grandfathers, but both of my grandmothers had strokes. One died the same day. The other was invalidated for four years. My father and mother both had strokes. My mother was 76 and my father 74. Now my sister has had a stroke at 70. What can one do to prevent stroke? — B.F.

So far, we haven't assessed the relationship of heredity and stroke, but for you the matter would seem moot. With a family history like yours, one would be tempted to put aside scientific quibbles and look to ways to prevent stroke. Whether you have inherited a set of genes that predispose to stroke cannot be said with certainty. That there is a familial predisposition is obvious.

You can do many things to alter this. Let me just mention a few of the more obvious ones — cigarette smoking, high blood pressure, cholesterol excess and diabetes. If you have not had a thorough physical recently, you should have that done right away. The booklet, "Stroke Recovery — Hope and Help" may help you or your sister understand things a bit better. Other readers may order by writing me in care of the Big Spr-

ing Herald, enclosing a long, stamped self-addressed envelope and one dollar.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: When I was about 17, I discovered what appeared to be a second nipple under one breast. What could it mean? Is it dangerous? Should I worry about it? Will you please answer? — G.I.

Supernumerary nipples occur frequently in both men and women. They are errors in development. They are usually smaller than a normal nipple and are often mistaken for moles. They are of no significance; they pose no danger.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please answer as soon as you can. A friend of mine had surgery recently and had to receive seven pints of blood. That is my problem. I'm now afraid to have sex with him because of the blood he received. I feel he might have AIDS and pass it on to me through sex. I'm sure a lot of people have thought of this. — S.G.

All blood currently used in this country has been screened for AIDS. Your chance of getting AIDS in this scenario is less likely than your chances of being struck by lightning.

I suspect you are correct, that others have thought about this and reacted much as you have. In fact, I know they have and I have heard from them.

To find out what causes high blood pressure and what can be done to treat it, send for a copy of "Blood Pressure and Your Health." Write to Dr. Donohue in care of the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1120, Chicago, IL 60611, enclosing a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$1.25. 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.



Like father, like son

Jeffery Stillwell, 4, pushes his toy lawnmower alongside his father Craig Stillwell, 29, both of Odessa Wednesday afternoon. Craig Stillwell,

who operates a local lawn and tree service, took his son along to work one day after his son begged him to go.

Unborn child spared life's heartache and joy

DEAR ABBY: So "Hurting in Fort Worth" and her husband have decided not to have children because "there's so much wrong with the world." And now he insists on an abortion, presumably to "save" the child from all those wrongs.

Yes, indeed. That poor child will never see a butterfly. Or a rainbow. A waterfall. A smile. A dog wagging his tail. A tree. The Grand Canyon. Rio. A baseball game. A rose. Grazing sheep. A Raphael painting. The love in a spouse's eyes. "Swan Lake." A parade. A jet stream. A flame in the fireplace. A bicycle. An emerald. A sailboat. A snowflake. A fishing village. A cathedral.

That poor child will never hear a babbling brook. Or rustling leaves. A bell. "Rigoletto." The patter of rain. Another child's laughter. A piano concerto. A hooting owl. The "silence" of a desert. A foghorn. A church organ.

That poor child will never read a poem by Burns. Or a love letter. Tolstoy. A science magazine. Victor Hugo. A name on a boat. A Christmas card. Mark Twain. The Bible.

That poor child will never feel excitement. Or warmth. Love. Anticipation. Awe. The atmosphere of a jazz concert. A cold shower. The satisfaction of a job well done. A friend's handshake. Reverence.

But it seems the parents have



Dear Abby

never seen, heard, read or felt any of these things either. That's why they're willing to deprive their child of them. Maybe that's the real "wrong" in the world.

GORDON BARRETT, GRANADA HILLS, CALIF.

DEAR GORDON: True, an unborn child will never experience any of the wonderful things you so eloquently described. But neither will an unborn child feel the pain of poverty. Or prejudice. A Hiroshima. A holocaust. Or a nuclear accident. That lucky child will never be terrorized by youth gangs that kill innocent bystanders in random acts of violence. It will never have to fear disease from polluted air or drinking water, or the deadly consequences of playing in a schoolyard unthinkingly

located precariously near a toxic waste dump.

An unborn child will never be seduced by drugs, or die before he's had a chance to live because of a drunken driver. He will never kill or be killed in a senseless war. (Is there another kind?) And finally, he will never know the pain of being born into a family that doesn't want him, cannot provide for him and resents his presence.

DEAR ABBY: Since you published the age classification of dogs to humans, will you please settle the near violent discussions my friends and I (all cat owners) have been having? We hope that you will make similar data available concerning cats.

And by the way, "cat owners" may be properly referred to as "cat owned."

RALPH IN LOMITA, CALIF.

DEAR RALPH: According to Dr. James Isaacs, my veterinary consultant in Encino, Calif., cats live an average of about four years longer than dogs. In cats, the first two years count for more "human years," but each year thereafter counts for fewer "human years" than for dogs.

The first six months equal 13 years, the second six months equal eight years — therefore, the first cat year equals 21 human years. The second cat year equals 10

human years, and each subsequent year equals three human years. Thus, a 10-year-old cat has achieved 55 human years.

DEAR ABBY: One more comment about introducing children as "step," "half," "own" or "adopted": Charles, my husband's son from a previous marriage, came to live with us. Three days after Charles moved in, my own son trooped through the living room with an entourage of his peers to join Charles and me, who were talking. Son paused long enough to make the proper introductions, identifying Charles as his "brother."

As his friends moved on toward the den, I held my son back briefly, explaining that Charles was his "stepbrother." He quickly shoved me with, "Look, Ma, if somebody's going to live in your house and share your parents, he's your brother — unless, of course, it's a girl, in which case she's your sister!"

DONNA JONES, STONE MOUNTAIN, GA.

DEAR DONNA: From the mouths of babes...

(For Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding," send a check or money order for \$2.50 and a long, stamped (39 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.)

Homemakers celebrate Christmas

The City Homemakers Club celebrated its Christmas party Dec. 12 at the home of Lois Johnston with Laverne Green, co-hosting.

Collections for the Westside Center were reported. School supplies collected at the Thanksgiving dinner meeting, crayolas, pencils and paper and \$10 will be donated.

Mildred Callihan read a Christmas poem from the year book and closed the business meeting so the program could be presented. Nadine Hodnett read excerpts from Truman Capote's book, "A Christmas Memory."

Salina Sewell read her poem of overwhelming frustrations of preparations of a "Bake, Grow, or Homemaker" a Christmas gift for the exchange.

Officers for 1987 were installed by Dolores Norred. She compared talents of officers to the contents of an essential purse that a woman carries — officers' purse-a-nality — requirements for fulfilling duties of officers.

New officers are Vaughnea White, president; Rozelle Dohoney, vice president; Carolyn Reed, secretary; Otelia Fortune, treasurer; Jowili Etchison, council delegate; and Jean Cantrell, reporter.

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School Bible reading a violation

BELTON — Elementary school students are reading Bible verses over public address systems in public schools, an activity some legal experts say violates the constitutional ban on establishing a state religion. After the pledge of allegiance to the flag and school announcements, students read a thought for the day and cite the source from which it came. Many choose to read from the Bible. Jeanette Kelly, principal of Lakewood Elementary, said students volunteer to read various inspirational sayings and expressions, but said she does not know if the Bible is the predominant source of material. "Sometimes they don't read out of the Bible," she said. "Sometimes they do."

Andrade execution set Thursday

CORPUS CHRISTI — A lawyer for death row inmate Richard Andrade says he has exhausted all appeals to prevent the early Thursday execution of his client. The only options remaining are a request for an unlikely clemency from Gov. Mark White and the 25-year-old convict's own appeals to the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, attorney Eric Brown said Monday. The lawyer said he exhausted his appeals on Friday when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to block the scheduled lethal injection of Andrade. "I didn't wait until the last minute to file the appeals," Brown said. "The courts seem to be moving a little faster."

Abandoned newborn given name

SAN ANTONIO — A newborn baby girl, found sealed in a plastic bag in side a dumpster, has been giving a temporary home and a name that suits the season. Noel Carol is at Brooke Army Medical Center where nurses were bringing her clothes on Monday. State District Judge Tom Rickhoff, who gave her the name, said hundreds of people are waiting to adopt her if her parents don't show up. "In our community, we have a potential of 500 couples waiting for every abandoned baby and we have a list of certified adoptive parents waiting for each child that is abandoned," Rickhoff said. "It makes no sense to leave a baby alone and deserted."

Visions of Christmas presents

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I would like a My Child, a Baby Talk, a Up Upsy Baby, a popple, a pound puppy, a computer, a floppy puppy, the Heart Family and a bathing beauty doll. I love you, Stephanie Michelle Gusman

wants a barbie and the rockers and a barbie car.

Hide N Sleep for mys siter a. watch for my dad.

Christmas. Thank you, Irma Rodriguez

Dear Santa, My name is Beatrice Trevino. I am 5 years old. For Christmas this year I would like a Jem, Doll, a pound puppy and any other gift you would like to give me. My sisters, Irene and Allie would like a pound puppies and clothes. My baby brother Randy would like some clothes.

Thank you, From the Trevino kids

Dear Santa Claus I am three years old and I have been a very good boy this year. I want: thundercat sword, lego building blocks, reading books, GI Joe jeep and action figures, bicycle, race car set, Hulk Hogan and cowboy boots for Christmas. I hope to see you soon Santa

Dear Santa, Hi, how have you been? I have been a good boy I want a skateboard for Christmas. Thank you, David Hernandez

Dear Santa, Hi how have you been? I have been a good girl. I want a Mop Top Shop for Christmas. Thank you, Brandi Scott

Dear Santa, Hi, how have youd been? I have been a good boy. I want a voltron for Christmas. Thank you, Marc Torres

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy I want a skateboard for Christmas. Thank you, Eric Hansen

Dear Santa, Fill it well. I been good. With a wagon, baby carriage, slinky and thats all. Love, April Rube

Dear Santa, I wanna slinky, a grubby, and Teddy Rub skin and a Christmas calendar. I been good. I want crayon bear. Thats all. Love, Heath Evans

Dear Santa, I wanna motorcycle and doggy and a goat. My mama goat is having a boy baby. I wanna swimmin suit and shoes. I love you. Please make you have a safe trip. Love, Michael Edens



Dear Santa-Claus, Will you please give me a Teddy Ruxpen and a pair of skates, and some earrings, and som stuffed animals, and teddy bear stuff, and some jewelry, and western clothes. Love, Kimberly

I love you, Slimeon Magers

Hi, how have you been. Hi, have been a good boy. I want a walkie talkie and machine for Christmas. Thank you Brian Grinnam

Dear Santa, I been a good girl this year. I want you to bring a barbie hous, and five barbies. And a jambox, a camera, for my mon. and i want you to bring a Hide N Sleep for my borther and a phone for my siter. I want you to gave my dad a ver

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY REVIEW

George's Candyland has Yuletide treats

What do you give to the person who has everything? Or to that person who is hard to please? The answer is delicious hand-made candy from George's Candyland, 1711 Benton. Surely even a Scrooge would mellow at the sight — and taste — of candies made from scratch by George and Doris Williams. George emphasizes that "We use no mixes or pre-packaged ingredients. We even make original marshmallow cream for use in our fudge."

Christmas," George says. Customers may pick up their orders, or George will deliver — a very welcome service during this busy season. Holiday hostesses can bring their party trays to George's Candyland and have them filled with delectable treats for their holiday guests. George's interest in candymaking began many years ago when his wife's aunt taught him how to make brittle. Candymaking fascinated him, and it developed into a hobby as he mastered different kinds. A little over a year ago the Williamses decided to share his secret delicacies with the public and George's Candyland came into being. The shop will be closed all day December 24, so customers are reminded to pick up their orders or do any last minute candy shopping by 5:30 p.m. December 23.



THE PLACE FOR CANDY — For candy so good you'll swear it must have been made by elves, try George's Candyland, a doll-house shop at 1711 Benton. George and Doris Williams, owners, make all the candy from scratch.

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"We try to have a store where the customer can come in and discuss his problem," says E.G. Miller at Miller's Crown Decorating. "And we often work out the solutions over a cup of coffee." The family-owned business of 35 years experience, most of it in the Big Spring area. Miller's sells and installs wallcoverings, flooring, carpet, mini-blinds, ceramic tile and formica for residential and commercial use. Floorings include wood and vinyl. The owners take pride in not being wasteful with materials purchased by their customers. For example, when laying carpet, E.G. or his son Darrell will personally come to your home or business and take measurements, draw a diagram and estimate the installation with as little waste as possible. For one price, the firm will measure, custom-order and install Levelor mini-blinds. "We try to be fair with our customers, and because we are home-owned we can offer extra service and very competitive prices."

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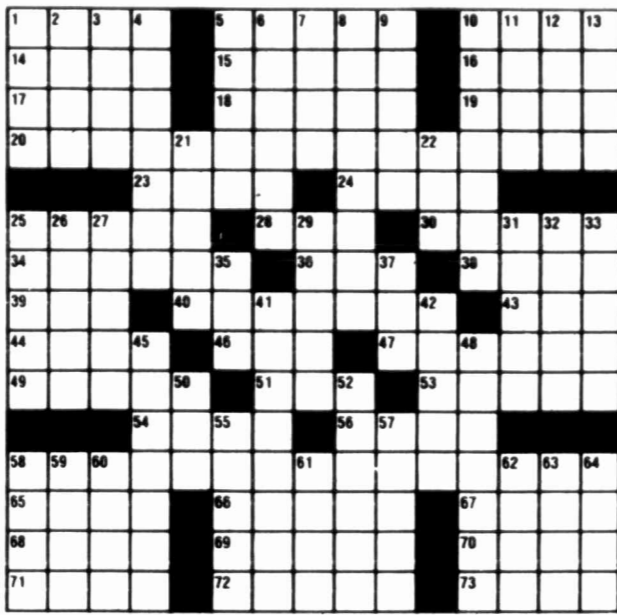
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THE Daily Crossword by Nancy McCarthy

- ACROSS**
- 1 "On Golden —"
 - 5 Dutch flower
 - 10 Goad
 - 14 Out of the wind
 - 15 Maternally related
 - 16 Military headgear
 - 17 Garner
 - 18 Gravelly ridge
 - 19 Branding tool
 - 20 Hibernian hello
 - 23 London area
 - 24 Participating
 - 25 Way up
 - 28 12: abbr.
 - 30 Entice
 - 34 Mojave growth
 - 36 God of pleasure
 - 38 Play part
 - 39 Ht.
 - 40 Interferes with
 - 43 Criticize
 - 44 Keats or Shelley
 - 46 — de deux
 - 47 Like some partners
 - 49 Terminated
 - 51 Tch. 's gp.
 - 53 Fair features
 - 54 Nobleman
 - 56 Normandy city
 - 58 "In the —" (moonshiner's song?)
 - 65 Greet in a way
 - 66 All in
 - 67 — beer
 - 68 Winglike
 - 69 Dress shape
 - 70 Strong wind
 - 71 Sties
 - 72 Blackthorns
 - 73 Snicker—



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



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- DOWN**
- 1 Role
 - 2 Butterine
 - 3 Kind of tide
 - 4 Down payment
 - 5 Canines

- 6 Barefooted
- 7 Organic pigment
- 8 Details
- 9 Evita or Juan
- 10 Otis or Cornelia
- 11 Graceful girl
- 12 Atop
- 13 Boxing milieu
- 21 Place of assembly
- 22 Nonsense!
- 25 Feather shaft
- 26 Eagle's weapon
- 27 Emoted
- 29 Corpulent
- 31 Mini motor-cycle
- 32 Flat
- 33 Bivouac
- 35 Bribe
- 37 Rds.
- 41 Trash area
- 42 Dangerous damsel

- 45 Bank workers
- 48 Coat parts
- 50 Money: abbr.
- 52 One-seeded fruit
- 55 Lists
- 57 Yellow fever mosquito
- 58 Barter
- 59 Story
- 60 Pavlov
- 61 Singing group
- 62 Large cherry
- 63 Patriot Nathan
- 64 Family or shoe

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I WAS MAKING A LIST FOR SANTA, BUT THEN I DECIDED IT WOULD BE EASIER JUST TO ASK FOR EVERYTHING."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"We drew names for Christmas gifts today, and I picked my own name."

Your Daily HOROSCOPE

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17, 1986

GENERAL TENDENCIES: An unusually good day and evening for you to work out whatever has to do with your home, family or property. It's a good time for choosing gifts for your own clan.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Ask kin what it is they want improved at home and then make the small repairs desired. Be happy.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A field day for shopping for Christmas presents, especially for your closest ties. Get others in the Christmas spirit.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You find a better way of taking care of your property and also have new ideas to improve your monetary status.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You are highly magnetic today and can easily attain whatever you want the most.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Get into the privacy of your study and plan a new course of action that can bring to you whatever you desire.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Get out of that rut you may be in and be a more gregarious and happy person. See long-time friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A fine day for taking care of credit and community affairs efficiently. There's also time for recreation you like.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You get many fine ideas, so jot them down for future use. They can be of great help to you later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Show more affection for your mate and reap the rewards. Complete old responsibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be more idealistic with associates and less practical with your mate. Gain more loyalty from them thusly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Study your activities well and further your most promising ones by applying renewed efforts. Talk with co-workers.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Get into the pleasures that most appeal to you and plan to enjoy them during the festive period.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she may have a rather easy life and should be taught that one has to be occupied at something creative to get the most out of life, especially since there is much ability here and the talents are many and varied. Your child is a highly sensitive individual.

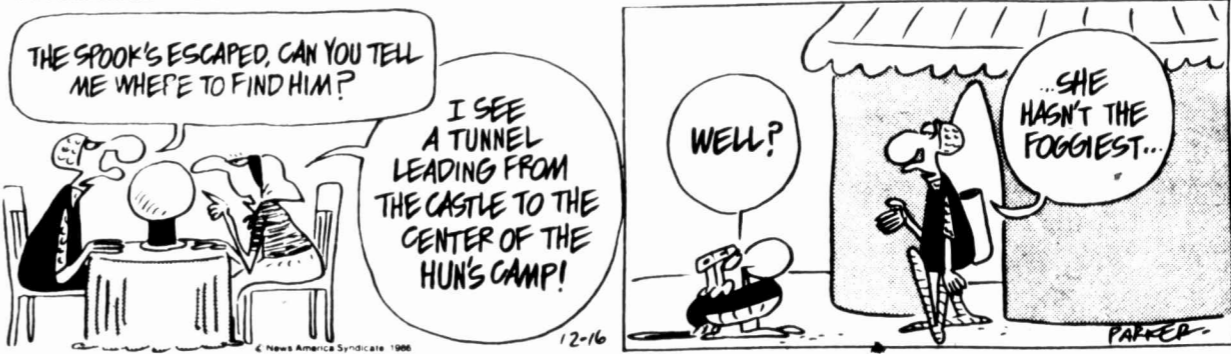
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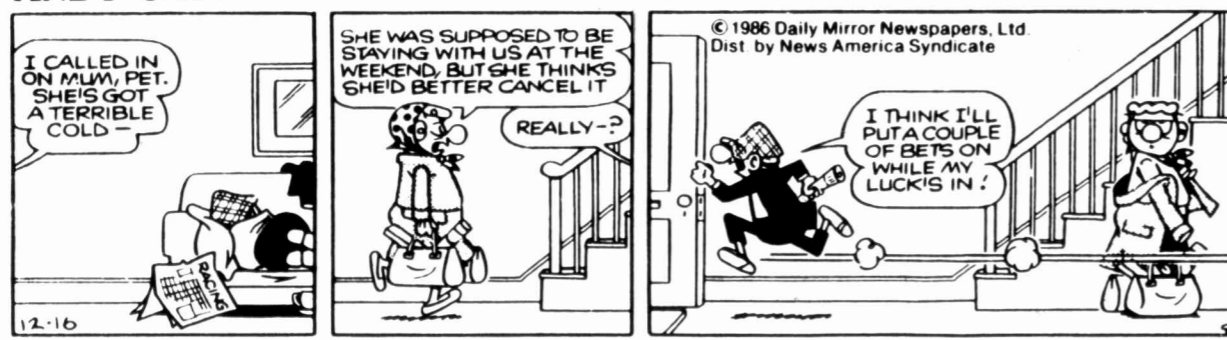
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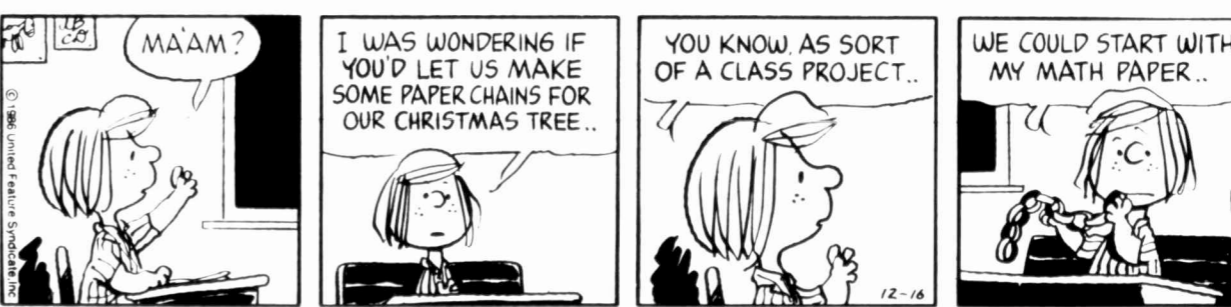
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