

# 'No Man's Land'

## Frank Hall Faces Christmas In County Jail As Officials Make Pre-Trial Investigations

By DAVID M. RAZLER  
 Herald Staff Writer

An Ohio man, extradited to Sanford to stand trial on grand theft charges but later found innocent, remains in the Seminole County Jail because he failed to appear on the trial date.

On Oct. 30, Frank Hall III was found innocent of stealing property from his former employer in a circuit court trial. He had defended himself against the charges, on which he had been arrested on March 10, and later extradited back from Ohio, where he claims he had gone to get money to pay for his defense.

But Hall also pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to appear for trial, a charge punishable by a maximum of five years in jail and a fine, the maximum sentence for the original grand theft charge.

He has not yet been sentenced on that plea, made Nov. 5.

Instead, he is being held in what is described as a legal "no man's land," awaiting the results of a pre-sentencing investigation.

Local attorney Jerald Rutberg explained the law has set no maximum time limits on the investigation. In order to prepare a thorough report, the county's parole and probation department often takes between four and eight weeks to put together a person's criminal and social history, a report which is supposed to be used to determine how much of a penalty the party will pay.

In all cases, each day served awaiting the report is credited towards any jail term the party might have to serve.

Assistant State's Attorney Don Marblestone said the charge of failing to appear is totally separate from any other charges. The law is designed so a person who escapes prosecution long enough to prevent a trial from being properly tried will not just go free, he said.

Marblestone said the only other such case he handled resulted in the party receiving a sentence of time served while waiting for the report. This case involved much more serious charges, a person who had fled from charges of arson, and who had been missing for over two years.

Hall refused to voluntarily go back to Seminole County for prosecution, Marblestone added. Sheriff's deputies had to travel to Ohio to bring him back on the extradition warrant.

While Marblestone would not guess what kind of sentence will be given to Hall for failing to be in court for his trial, he said Hall's "not a bad guy, not a hopeless criminal."

Several judicial and law enforcement officials praised the work of the local probation department, explaining it may take more time to do the reports, but the delay results in a much better product.

# Clergymen Can Visit 50 Hostages

TEHRAN, Iran (UPI) — Militants controlling the U.S. Embassy in Tehran have agreed to allow clergymen to pay Christmas visits to the 50 Americans being held hostage.

The Iranian government also announced Friday it had agreed on a "comprehensive plan" to deal with the crisis, but did not reveal any details.

The Tehran Times newspaper said today the plan offered a "ray of hope" some of the hostages could be freed shortly and that relatives might be allowed to visit them, though a militant spokesman earlier this week ruled out the second option.

The newspaper quoted a "senior member" of the revolutionary council as saying a comprehensive plan to deal with the hostage situation would be announced shortly. The newspaper's report was generally optimistic that a solution to the crisis may be found shortly.

Some diplomatic sources, however, said that with Khomeini and militants both demanding the return of the ship as a "minimum demand," the crisis was likely to drag on and the hostages held until at least mid or late January.

In a special announcement on Tehran radio, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini ordered the ruling Revolutionary Council to "instruct some of the committed and responsible priests" to hold services so the captives could celebrate Christmas "in complete peace."

"Naturally, in view of the special position taken by the black clergy against American crimes, they enjoy priority in this respect," Khomeini added.

Though Khomeini referred only to Protestant and Catholic clergy, the militants said rabbis would also be allowed to see the hostages if they wished.

"Clergymen of all faiths will be allowed to visit the hostages at Christmas," a student spokesman said.

Fire claimed the life of an elderly Lake Mary man Friday night and left nothing but the smoldering remains of the house (above) he had occupied for many years. It took only minutes to extinguish the blaze, first reported at 11:07 p.m., but hours to finally contain it, said Lake Mary volunteer firefighters, who remained on the scene until 5 a.m. Saturday. In a night of tragedy, three lives were also taken by fire in Baltimore. Three



# Man Killed In Lake Mary House Blaze

An elderly man was killed and an elderly woman narrowly escaped death in separate house fires in Seminole County Friday.

An elderly Lake Mary man, tentatively identified as Joseph Ferry, was killed in a fire at his home at Washington and Fifth streets, according to Lake Mary firefighters.

Lake Mary Volunteer Fire Department Capt. Bobek said firefighters responded to the structure's fire about 11:07 p.m. but initial reports indicate the fire may have started in some electrical wiring.

Neff said Ferry probably died of smoke inhalation before he was rescued. His body was found on the floor of a bedroom in the wood-frame structure.

The fire was first reported to the fire department by Lake Mary Police about 11:07 p.m., Neff said. He added about 13-14 firefighters in three trucks responded to the scene, and although they had the fire under control within minutes, firefighters remained at the house until about 5 a.m. Saturday to contain it. No other structures were endangered, since Ferry's home was located in a wooded section of the street. Neff said the house was completely destroyed in the blaze, and tentative damage was set at about \$20,000.

Neff said a fire marshal was called to the scene since a death occurred, although the fire was not thought to be caused by arson.

No further injuries were reported. Ferry, a man in his 70s, was reclusive

and he seldom left his home, said Harry Pugh, a long-time Lake Mary resident who said he knew Ferry for many years.

In a separate house fire Friday in Fern Park, 73-year-old Lorna "Buddy" Clarke reportedly pulled herself through a dark, smoke-filled hallway at her daughter's home soon after she was alerted by a smoke alarm.

Mrs. Clarke, according to firefighters, was taken to a hospital where she was given emergency treatment at the scene, then transported to Winter Park Memorial Hospital where she was treated for bruises she sustained when parts of a charred ceiling fell on her.

The fire broke out about 9 a.m. at the home of Gary and Jeanie Kay Gunter (Mrs. Clarke's daughter), 1310 Glastonberry Road in the English Estates subdivision, according to Seminole County firefighters.

Firefighters said the fire probably started in the bedroom of Mrs. Gunter's daughter, Virginia, 8, who was at a day care center with her brother, Gary Gunter Jr., 11.

No cause had been determined early Saturday as fire investigators continued their probe of the blaze. Damage was estimated at about \$25,000.

More than 25 firefighters were at the Friday morning fire and most remained until about 3 p.m. when the fire was fully contained. No other injuries were reported.

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# People's Transit Urges Action

## Is Mass Transit The Solution To Gas Crisis?

By DIANE PETRYK  
 Herald Staff Writer

What if gas for private automobiles was no longer available?

You'd be starting a bus with 11,264 people.

That's the ratio of people to buses in the Orlando metropolitan area, and one of the reasons the People's Transit Organization is pressing so hard for mass transit planning.

The People's Transit Organization is an Orlando-based group dedicated to the creation of an efficient and comprehensive transportation system in the Orlando metropolitan area, including Seminole County.

"Why? Because there will be a true gas crisis, according to Bruce Gagnon, organizer of the group.

"We're not very smart if we can't project that," Gagnon said. "But do our transportation planners look like they're planning for a gasoline crisis? Politicians continue to put money into roads because it's easy."

"To John Hedrick, of People's Transit, the politicians are doing their responsibility."

"It's a problem at all governmental levels, Hedrick said.

"Cities and counties aren't putting money into mass transit," he said. "And the state government sets up no money to encourage them to do so."

In addition, the state does not allow gas tax money to be used for mass transit. This must change, he said, pointing out that Seminole county is considering asking for an additional gas tax, the proceeds of which would go solely for roads.

Hedrick says the Seminole County Commission is being very short-sighted in continuing to build expensive roads when the money should be spent on

energy-saving mass transit.

Seminole County commission chairman Bill Kirchhoff said he has told the People's Transit group that taxpayers have indicated "time after time" they want the roads, not mass transit.

"It's not true at all," Gagnon said. "Taxpayers do want mass transit."

Sarah Bilderbeck, member of the Seminole County League of Women Voters, said recently that as the price of autos and gasoline continues to skyrocket, a mass transportation system will be demanded more and more by the general public.

"The elderly, the poor, the young and the tourists need mass transit now and I know there are many, many more of us who would use mass transit and are willing to pay taxes to support such a system," she said.

"The politician doesn't know what to say to the road building interests," Gagnon said. "Road builders say mass transit doesn't pay for itself, but I've never seen a highway that pays for itself either, and we've got plenty of those."

Cary Brown, another People's Transit organizer, said mass transit has been ignored because of the influence of road builders and the automobile industry.

"The highway lobby now spends over \$100 million yearly to influence legislators," Brown wrote in *BunHill*, The People's Transit newsletter. "And the auto companies spend over \$14 million a year during the early 1970s lobbying for highways, plus millions more financing the construction of pre-highway politicians."

The transit, Brown wrote, was more roads, more dependence on cars, more pollution and traffic jams, more gasoline used and higher gas prices.

"Reversal of these priorities is essential to serve human needs and reflect current realities," Brown emphasized.

It is staggering, Gagnon said, when you realize that 74 percent of all energy used in central Florida is used for fueling the automobile.

One bus, he said, can take about 40 cars off the road.

Of course, the people's transit representatives say, they realize simply providing buses is not the whole answer. Ridership, they said, must be stimulated.

It has been documented in federal studies, they reported in *BunHill*, that the way to stimulate transit ridership involves three steps. The first is public and political support. Next is the need for substantial financial resources and third is service expansion both in quality and quantity.

"Probably the most important factor, however, is the commitment to a balanced transportation system," the report said. "At the present time we have no such balance."

"An example of this is Orange County's projected expenditures over the period ending in the year 2001. They are projected to spend \$200 million for highways and roads and only \$23 million for mass transit."

"These highway projects include a \$19 million improvement to the Bay Line Expressway and a \$13 million interchange at 14 and Dancy," Gagnon said.

"And we don't even know if we'll have gas by the time these are finished."

"Our present transportation planning," he said, "leaves us unprepared for certain crisis."

One of these is a crisis in the tourist industry. Tourists must have a way to get to and around in Florida, he said.

Days til Christmas

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# Ho, Ho, Ho Santa Finishes His Reading Before Harnessing Reindeer



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Dear Santa Claus  
My name is Kenneth Lopp. I am 8 months old and I've been a good boy. So for Christmas I hope that you can bring me a toy chest, rocking chair, Foot About car and some new clothes.

Hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
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# Season Less Than Jolly For Steelworker

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (UPI) — When Mike Mignogna heard that U.S. Steel Corp. was closing its huge McDonald Works, his first thought was, "I wish I hadn't bought that house."  
Mignogna is one of 3,500 Youngstown-area steelworkers who are facing a less-than-happy holiday season this year because they will lose their jobs at the McDonald Works and the Ohio Works when U.S. Steel shuts down the two mills in 1980.

The closings are part of a nationwide series of cutbacks announced Nov. 27 by the nation's largest steel manufacturer.  
The McDonald Works has been more than a place to work for the 30-year-old Mignogna, an 11-year veteran of the mills; it has given him everything he has, and now he sees it all being taken away.  
"The night I told my wife I was going to lose my job I sat down and cried. My wife cried. I owe everything we have to U.S. Steel and now I'm terrified, more than afraid, of what's going to happen."  
On June 18, U.S. Steel

Chairman David Roderick said U.S. Steel had no intention at all of shutting down the Youngstown Works. I told my wife, what the hell, let's buy a new house. So we did. We used my whole life savings. That \$4,000 might not seem like much to some people, but it would have kept us going for a while and now it's all gone," Mignogna said.  
"What are you going to do?" We'll just have to start over... We will probably end up losing our home," Mignogna, a father of three, said.  
His emotions range from

despair to anger over a shutdown that looks almost inevitable. Nonetheless, he still harbors some hope that a plan will evolve to save the old mill.  
"I love my job down there. I don't want the people to think our people shut down the mill," said Mignogna, who also is a grievance committee man for United Steel Workers Local 1387.  
"I'm proud of those people. The McDonald Works was in its prime in the '50s and we've been breaking production records even though the mill is

held together with bailing wire," he said.  
The company has blamed closure of the two Mahoning Valley mills — the Youngstown Works and the Ohio Works open. He would like to see a coalition of steelworkers and the community buy the mill and rehabilitate it.  
"We'll compete with anybody who's got our kind of mill. Sure it's an old facility. But 20 years later, we can take that same mill and bust records

set by Pop Powers, the best roller who ever worked in the United States."  
Mignogna wants a chance to keep the McDonald Works and the Ohio Works open. A private funeral is scheduled.  
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# 1979: Worst Inflation Year Since World War

WASHINGTON (UPI) — It's assured: 1979 was the worst inflation year since World War II. Consumer prices jumped another 1 percent in November, assuring 1979 of that distinction, the Labor Department reported Friday.  
Energy prices rose at the lowest rate of the year last month, the report said, but that improvement was offset by burgeoning costs of buying a home.  
R. Robert Russell, director of the Council on Wage and Price Stability, told Congress' Joint Economic Committee, "I don't see a possibility of substantial relief over the next several months."  
Russell said the figures for December are likely to be similar to November's, as home mortgage rates continue reacting to the Federal Reserve's Oct. 6 money tightening and as latest international oil price hikes reach consumers.  
Over the first 11 months of the year, consumer prices advanced at an 18.1 percent annual rate — the worst inflation since 1946 when World War II price controls were removed.  
That year's rate was a whooper: 18.3 percent. Russell said inflation should "abate a little" next year, bearing a new international crisis.  
Housing accounted for more than half the November rise in consumer prices, the Labor Department said.

# AREA DEATHS

**KATHERINE NICHOLLS**  
Katherine C. Nicholls, 86, of Southeast Lake Street, Longwood, died Friday at Seminole Memorial Hospital.  
Mrs. Nicholls was born in Dubuque, Iowa and moved to Longwood from Michigan in 1941. She was a housewife and a Protestant.  
Survivors include her daughters, Mrs. Joyce Mikolka of Sanford; Mrs. Edna Nichols of Longwood and three grandsons.  
A private funeral is scheduled.

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# Geneva Man Held In Burglary At Sanford Plaza

By DAVID M. RAZLER  
Herald Staff Writer  
A Geneva man is being held without bail today in the Seminole County Jail on charges he burglarized a Sanford Plaza store early Saturday morning.  
Nell Buffington was arrested at 2 a.m. Saturday after a man watched him enter Images Three and remove about \$248 worth of merchandise, say police.  
Buffington was held by the observer until police arrived to transport him to jail, where he is being held on grand theft and burglary charges, they report.

**ARMED ROBBERY**  
A Sanford woman lost \$80 cash and her purse to a pair of armed robbers Friday evening, say police.  
Carole Crain of 33 Kent Court was leaving the Delux Cleaners, at 1107 W. 13th St., at 6:15 p.m. when a man threatened her with a revolver, demanding her purse, say police.

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That Christmas May Grow... Illustration of a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus.

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By DAVID E. ANDERSON... "For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him..."



Live Nativity at Lake Buena Vista

Parent Grapples With Grief

ORAL ROBERTS... My only son died two months ago after a brief illness and it seems like I have stopped living too...

Peace Is An Uphill Battle

BY FRED L. NEAL... There is an interesting Greek legend on a minor god, Sisyphus, who, having provoked the wrath of the gods...

Down From His Glory

"Down From His Glory" a cantata by John Peterson will be presented by the Central Baptist church choir on Dec. 23 at 7 p.m.

Live Nativity Scene

A live Nativity scene will be presented in front of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2917 Orlando Drive, on Saturday and Sunday, December 22nd and 23rd.

Old Fashioned Christmas

Sunday at 8 p.m. the Sanford Church of Christ will present the musical entitled, "Old Fashioned Christmas."

Blessing Of Creche

At the 10 a.m. service Sunday at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, there will be a blessing of the Creche.

Moravian Lovefeast Tradition Observed

A traditional Moravian Candlelight Lovefeast and the presentation of the living tableau will highlight the Christmas event at Rolling Hills Moravian Church on State Road 64.

Stable Site Of Service

Rolling Hills Community Church, Zellwood, will have a realistic setting for its Christmas Eve service Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Community Service Scheduled

A community service of the Lord's Supper will be held by candlelight at the First Baptist Church of Oviedo on Christmas Eve beginning at 8:30 p.m.

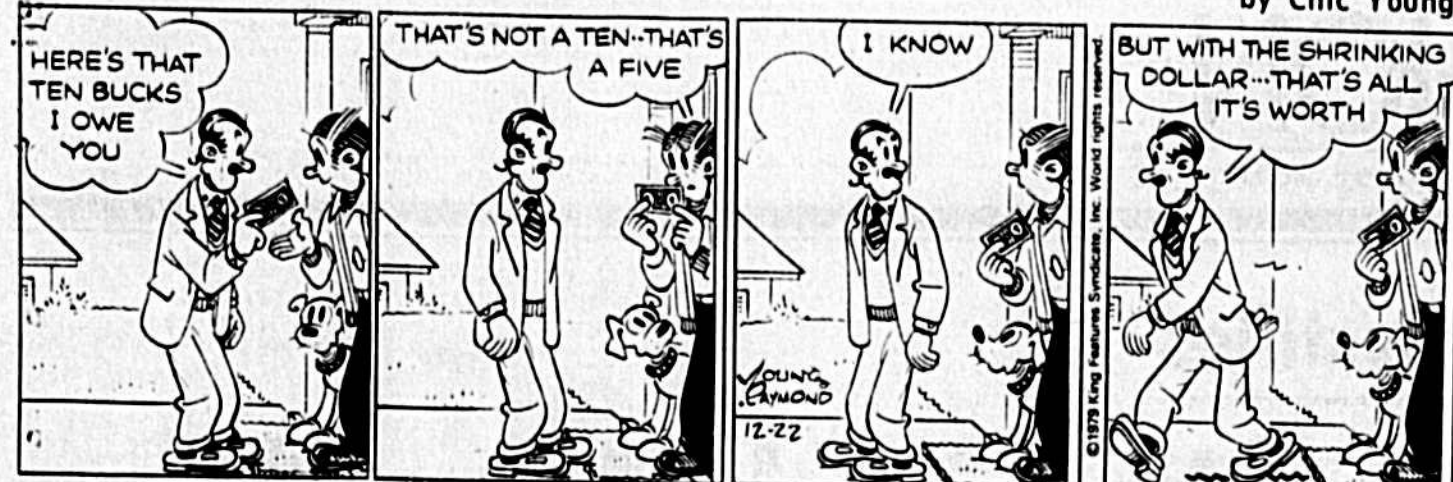
Song Of The Angels

The Chancel Choir of Community United Methodist Church, Community, will present a cantata by Van Thompson, "The Song of the Angels," at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services Sunday under the direction of the minister of music, Ed Walker.

Men's Prayer Fellowship

The Men's Prayer Fellowship of First Baptist Church of Oviedo will have a guest speaker Sunday at 8 a.m., Rev. Walter J. Harrison, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oviedo, Fla.

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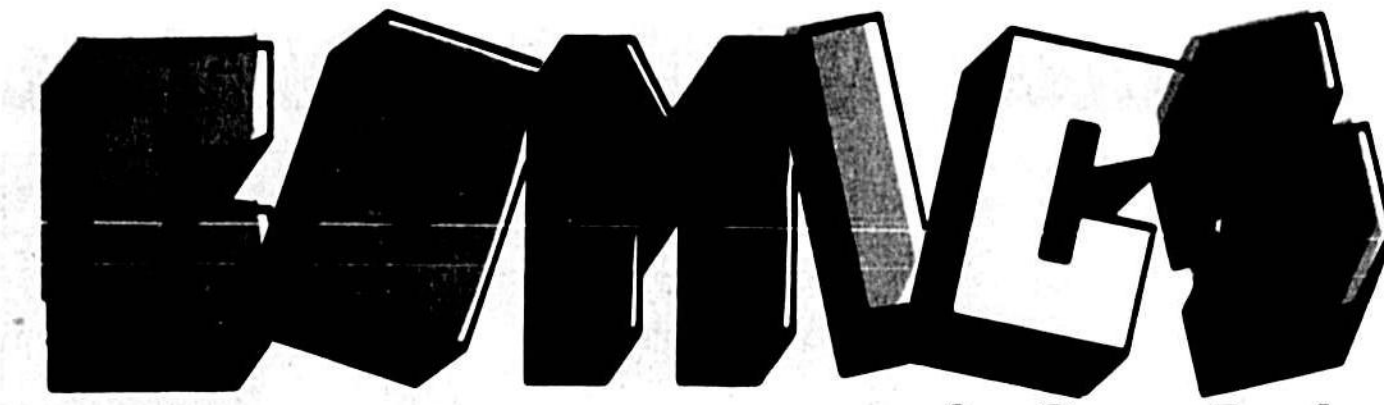
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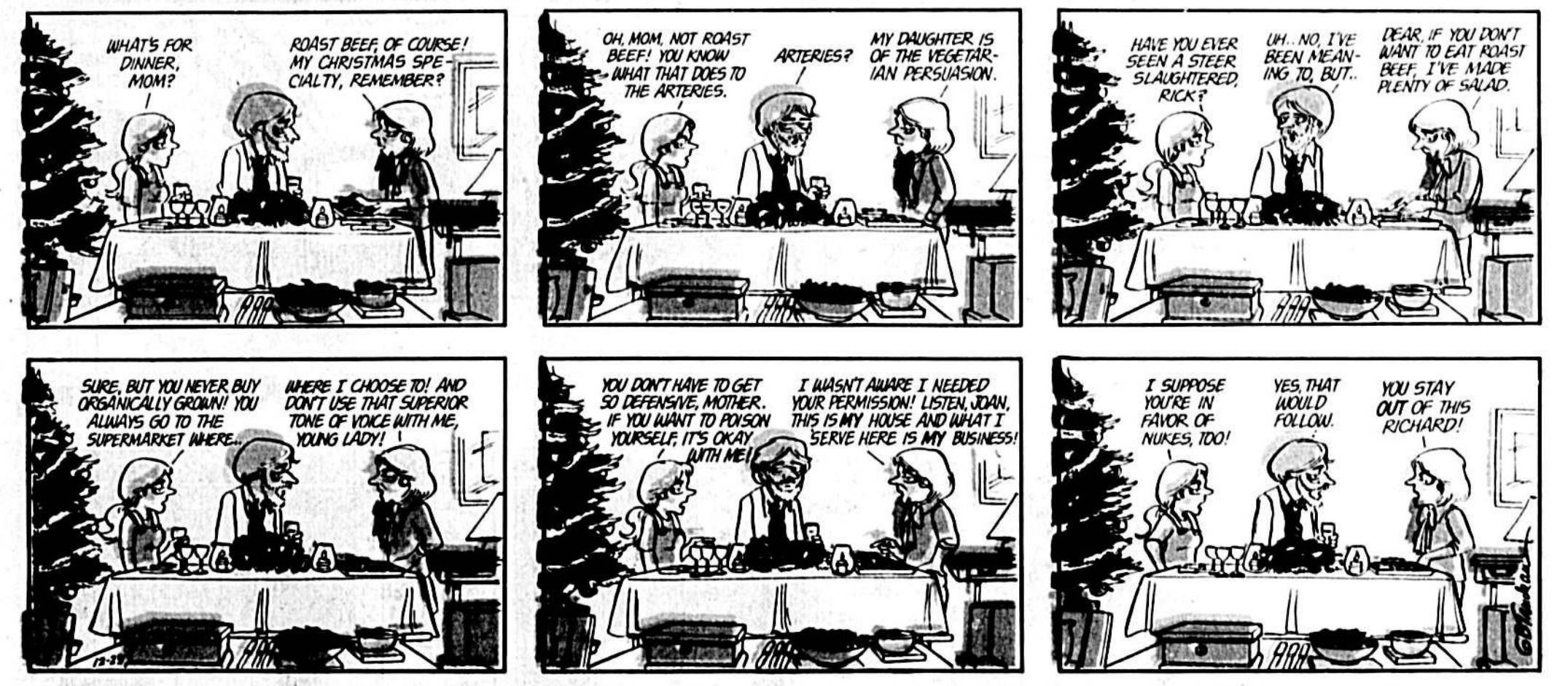
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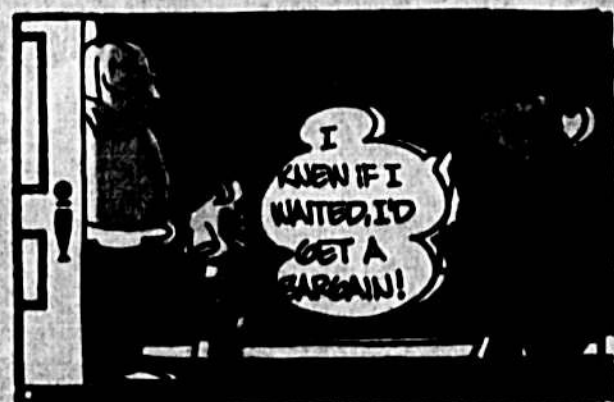


**THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME**



**THE BORN LOSER**

by Art Sansom



OUR SLOTHY, A HILL AND MISTY DAWN, AND AMI EMERGES FROM THE CAVES.



THE LITTLE CAVE DWELLERS ARE ALREADY BRINGING A SMALL CURRAGH FROM ITS HIDING PLACE AND PREPARING IT FOR A PERILOUS VOYAGE.



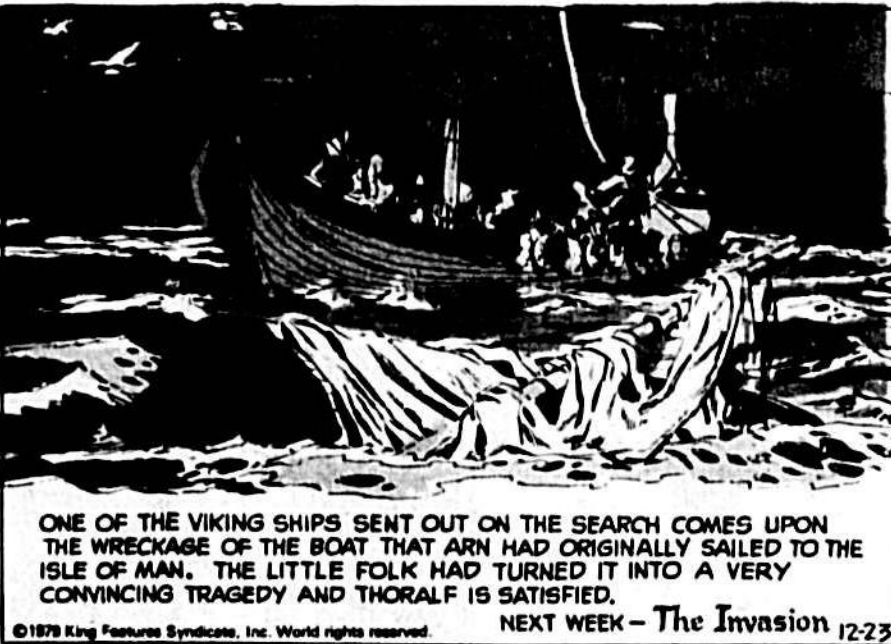
PRINCE ARN SEEKS OUT THE TWO MEN WHO HAD COME WITH HIM ON THIS ADVENTURE AND TELLS THEM IT IS TIME TO LEAVE THE ISLE OF MAN. THEY HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION THEY HAD COME FOR.



WHEN THORALF, THE VIKING LEADER, LEARNS THAT THE THREE NEWCOMERS ARE ABUSING HIS RAGE IS TERRIBLE. "WAND THEM!" HE BELLOWS. "SEARCH LAND AND SEA, BRING THE SNEAKS TO ME!"



FAR OUT ON THE MISTY IRISH SEA THE LITTLE CURRAGH MOVED STEADILY TOWARD THE COAST OF BRITAIN, A WERE SPECK ON THE VAST WASTE.



ONE OF THE VIKING SHIPS SENT OUT ON THE SEARCH COMES UPON THE WRECKAGE OF THE BOAT THAT ARN HAD ORIGINALLY SAILED TO THE ISLE OF MAN. THE LITTLE FOLK HAD TURNED IT INTO A VERY CONVINCING TRAGEDY AND THORALF IS SATISFIED.

**Heloise**

**DEAR HELOISE:**  
Now that Christmas is almost here, I'm sending my little hint of what I do with used Christmas cards left from the previous years. I use my pinkish shears and cut around the various and assorted scenes, Santas, etc., which are especially appropriate to use as decorations for the holidays.  
Then I glue two tiny magnets (available at the dime store in packages) on the back of these cut-outs and stick them on the refrigerator, metal cabinet doors — any place that's metal.  
If you want to place them on wood, use one inch of transparent sticky tape, make a circle — sticky side out — and place it on the back of the cut-out. They will adhere to most any surface. (Be careful when using on painted walls — the tape might peel the paint when removed. — Heloise)  
These little decorations brighten up the house in unexpected places and are very cheery. After Christmas I just put them in an envelope or small box and store with the other decorations. They're ready for use the next year.  
Mrs. F.M. Belonger  
Sounds as though you make Christmas a happy time at your home, as I sincerely hope it is at each and every one of you dear readers' homes.  
May your holidays be filled to overflowing with gladness and love and "full-filled" wishes.  
I love you, Heloise



**FRIDGE FIX-IT**  
**DEAR HELOISE:**  
My new refrigerator has glass shelves and I have found, using the plastic foam meat trays under dishes and bottles, etc., is just great.  
I buy fruit-flavored punch by the gallon, and using one of the trays under the bottle keeps the shelf from getting sticky when the bottle drips.  
Laverne  
**TEA FOR THREE!**  
**DEAR HELOISE:**  
I make three cups of hot tea from one tea bag (at different times), but had difficulty remembering how many had been made.  
So I started tearing off a corner of the paper tab attached to the bag by a string, each time I made tea.  
Works just fine!  
B. Christenson  
**DEAR READER:**  
This is your column. If you'd like to share a hint, ask a question or make a suggestion, write me care of this newspaper.  
Hugs, Heloise

**Just for Kids**

**PENNY'S THOUGHTS ARE WORTH IT!**  
**DEAR HELOISE:**  
Recently my mother and I were cleaning my room when I came across some scented stationery that had some mistakes on it.  
Instead of throwing it away, I tore it up and put the pieces in my bureau drawers.  
Now my clothes smell nice when I take them out.  
Penny Golden, Age 12  
**STICK 'EM UP AND RETURN TO ME!**  
**DEAR HELOISE:**  
I guess all kids know about this idea but I'll write it in anyway because it has helped me.  
My dad buys the little stickum return address labels. He said they are about a dollar a thousand. They have his name, our address, etc. on them.  
He gave me a few of them and I linked out his first name and wrote in mine. Then I stuck it on the corner of a piece of writing paper. Small scratch pads are better — don't waste as much paper.  
I left a little space at the bottom of the label so I could write my phone number. I cut them as small as I could and used some of my Dad's transparent tape off the tape holder and taped them inside the covers of all my books.  
Also, I taped them inside my cap, jacket, lunch pail, baseball glove and everything else that I might forget and leave somewhere. My mom thought it a great idea.  
Mike  
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by Lee Holley



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by Bud Blake



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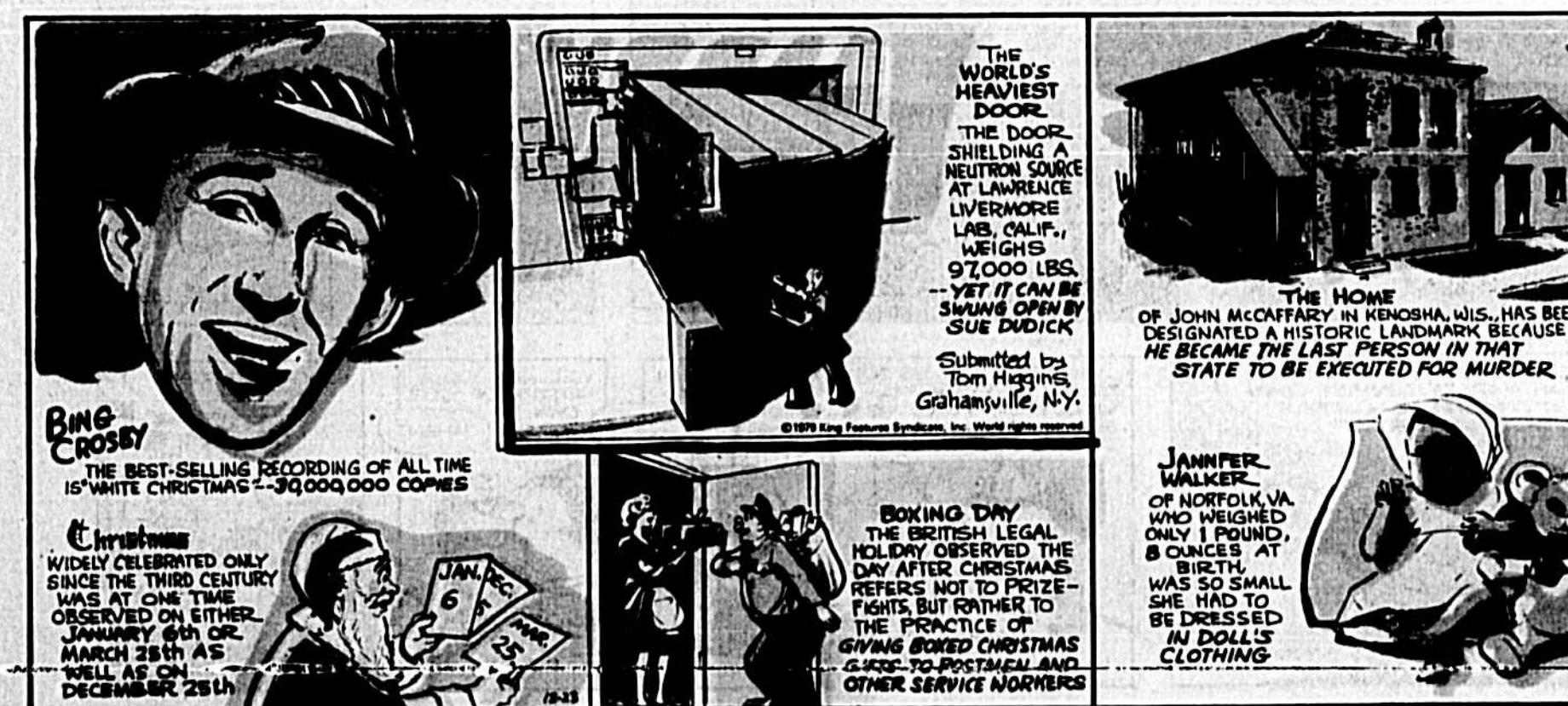


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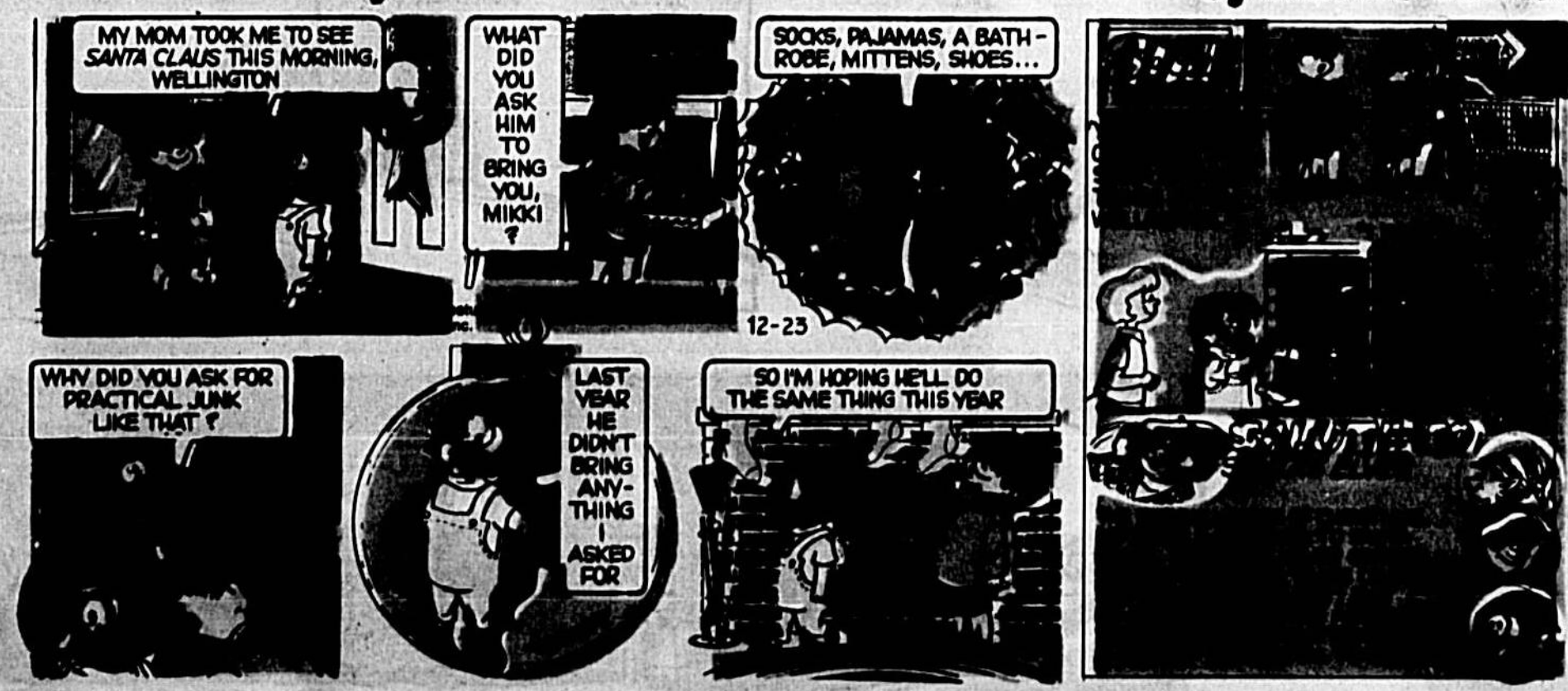
TUMBLEWEEDS

by Tom K. Ryan



WEE PALS - kid power

by Morris Turner



## Iran May Release 'Some' Hostages

TEHRAN, Iran (UPI) — A Tehran newspaper today quoted Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh as saying "some" of the 50 American hostages would be released today to mark Christmas, but the militant students occupying the U.S. Embassy denied the report.

"We have not had any orders from the Imam (Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini) and none of the hostages will be released until then," a spokesman for the students said.

The Kayhan afternoon newspaper quoted Ghotbzadeh as saying, "Some of the hostages will be released this afternoon (Monday)."

"This release will take place to mark the Christmas celebrations on the order of Ayatollah Khomeini."

Ghotbzadeh gave no further details, the newspaper said, but reports circulated in Tehran that three hostages might be released.

Khomeini said earlier today in a special Christmas Eve message that the return of the shah was the key to the release of American hostages, now in their 31st day of captivity.

Iran also officially asked Panama to extradite the ousted Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi.

The Foreign Ministry and militant students denied a false foreign news report that small groups of the hostages have been shifted from the U.S. Embassy to secret locations around Tehran to forestall any military rescue attempt.

"The hostages are still in the embassy and none have been moved out of it," a spokesman for the students said.

The students released three photographs showing several of

the hostages receiving some of the estimated 1.1 million Christmas cards that have swamped the embassy. It was the first evidence that the captives had received any cards or gifts.

One of the hostages in the photographs was positively identified as Marine guard William Gallegos, who was also recently interviewed by NBC television. The photos showed the hostages kneeling on the floor of a room, opening Christmas mail piled in front of them.

Khomeini broadcast a special Christmas Eve appeal to the American nation and other Christians saying: "Demand of Carter that he return the deposed and criminal shah to Iran, since the key to the release of the spies is in his hands."

No independent observer has seen the hostages for several weeks although several captives, in telephone conversations with relatives, backed student claims they were being well fed and generally well treated.

One of the two groups of clergy — a three-man delegation — was officially invited by Khomeini to hold religious services for the captives.

A member of that delegation, the Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Presbyterian minister of New York's Riverside Church, criticized Carter's handling of the embassy crisis.

He said before leaving New York that Carter's request for economic sanctions against Iran was "highly reminiscent of Lyndon Johnson's bombing of North Vietnam. It only puts iron up the spine of the other side."

## U.S. Officials Think Russians Will Back Sanctions Against Iran

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Despite a lack of any assurances from the Russians, the United States believes the Soviet Union will support its effort in the United Nations to impose economic sanctions against Iran, U.S. officials say.

"They understand the importance we attach to this," State Department spokesman David Passage said Sunday.

"We are confident they understand the implications for U.S.-Soviet relations should they be seen to be the cause of the U.S. not taking action. If it does not take action in this matter."

He added: "We have every reason to believe we will receive their support."

Passage did not explain why U.S. officials held such confidence, but it was known that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance discussed the economic sanctions two weeks ago with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin in Washington.

In addition, U.S. Ambassador Thomas Watson Jr. met with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Moscow about the proposed action.

It also was known that both Vance and Watson put the Soviets on notice, in the strongest diplomatic terms, that a Security Council veto would be seen as an unfriendly action.

Passage said the Russians understand the proposal for sanctions is probably the most important matter ever brought

before the Security Council by the United States.

"We are confident there won't be a veto," he said. "They know full well what it means to us."

Nine of the council's 15 members must

approve the action. In addition, any of the five permanent members, including Russia and China, can veto the sanctions.

The Soviets supported the U.S. Security Council resolution calling for release of the hostages.

The Evening Herald will not publish Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25 so that employees and carriers may enjoy the holiday with their families.

The Herald will publish New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

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Special Photo by Tom Wright

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Certain flowers have become associated with different holidays throughout the year: the lily is symbolic of Easter and for Mother's Day one wears carnations. At Christmas, the bright red leaves of the poinsettia help decorate our homes for the holiday. Helping supply the demand for this Christmas plant is Garrett Nursery on Marguerite Road in Sanford. Dennis Garrett and his family have supplied more than 20,000 of the potted plants this year to retailers throughout the state to help say "Merry Christmas from Sanford."

## There's Always Room For 1 More Stocking, She Says

By JANE CASSELLBERRY  
Herald Staff Writer

They don't make houses like that any more. Large rooms, high ceilings, rambling and roomy. Signs of Christmas are everywhere — the sparkling tree in the corner of the living room surrounded by brightly wrapped gifts, the creche on the mantel and the row of red stockings hanging expectantly over the fireplace.

But this is not just a home for a closely knit family, it is also a shelter home, and the folks who live here have bears, like their home — big and roomy with enough love to include the nearly 100 distressed boys and girls who have come their way.

"There's always room for one more stocking," declared the shelter home mother, Friday, lacking up another stocking and preparing to receive a teenage boy that night. She did not know his name, but even a stranger can expect a stocking and gift of his own here.

The runaway and two other young people will be spending their Christmas with this Sanford woman and her family. We will call her Mrs. B. because the Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services requires her to maintain anonymity.

One of these boys was scheduled to have a hearing before authorities Friday, but it was postponed until January. He is unhappy; he had hoped to spend Christmas with his mother who lives in another state, but now his hopes have been dashed.

Mrs. B. remembers two others who weren't home for Christmas — two sisters from New York. "I know because they were at our house," she said. "A third boy would have been here, too, but his mother 'let' him come home for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. But what's Christmas to his mother? One day out of 365. That's all.

Why do kids run away? "I'm no expert," she said, "no sociologist, but since early 1974 we have had 77 kids sleep under our roof — 78 of them runaways, and (I) have made some appalling personal observations. Most of these runaways were not wanted back home. In a great many instances they were forbidden by parents to return. The majority of the youngsters were dealing with a step-parent or a mother alone. Two sets of natural parents (not divorced) were in prison, one for arson and one for embezzlement.

"One boy was trying to cope with a physically ill mother and a hospitalized father who had failed in a suicide attempt. The boy's solution? Attempted suicide."

The composite child who stays at the shelter home is 14½ years old (although they have had them from 6 to 17), while, from a better-than-average income bracket, and from a broken home — with the scale tipping slightly toward females. The composite is a smoker and it is not unusual for a 14-year-old to have smoked for 8 or 7 years. He or she claims to believe in God, but has no positive Christian experience or example in his or her life.

Not all the kids are runaways, some have been abused.

"The physical abuse these kids have endured continues as their 'solution' to problems," Mrs. B. said. One astonished last, after his first two weeks in the shelter, told his counselor he had seen anybody or hit anybody yet. During one of our advent supper discussions, I suggested prayers for mothers. The vehement response directed not at prayer, but toward mothers, was shocking even to me.

Of the youngsters housed at the home,

only 22 returned home. The rest went to relatives, long-term foster homes, and 17 to other institutions. A placement is not necessarily permanent. Children also run from foster homes and shelters.

Sometimes the stays are only overnight, and a few are 60 to 70 days, even though they are supposed to be limited to 30 days. "Teen-agers are harder to place in foster homes," she explained.

"A group home in Seminole County is badly needed and would ease the situation for us," she said. "We can take four in an emergency, but even three at one time adds to the distress. Each one has so many problems of his own, they demand a lot of attention." Mrs. B. is on duty 24 hours a day.

Sometimes having a constant flow of troubled strangers in their midst causes problems for the family. "Periodically we have to take a rest and let our own family knit together," she said. "I am very cognizant that my own 13-year-old is growing into a difficult age and I try to make sure he gets proper attention. The troubled kids demand a lot of attention, and occasionally he reminds some difficult ones."

"At Christmas time it is especially tedious. We would have a marvelous time with just our own family, but we don't know whether the unhappy youngsters will settle down and celebrate with us."

"Some appreciate it, some don't and others run away. While they're here, each has some chore to do everyday. I tell them: 'I'm not your maid and you're not mine, but all of us have to contribute,'" Mrs. B. said.

The runaways may have set unbearable home situations, but they bring their other problems with them. School, from which most are truant, is a pain. Suspensions and expulsion are welcomed.



Shelter Home mother lacks up stocking for a runaway teen-ager.

Responsibility and accountability are alien characteristics," she said.

"We suffer through many emotional crises with them. I do a lot of talking and I do a lot of listening. I used to think I could make a lasting impression, but I gave that idea up a long time ago.

"Dramatic rescues are rare, but even though we seldom see results, we plant the seeds, do what we can, and leave the outcome in God's hands," Mrs. B. said. "I give them a place to eat and sleep and a shoulder to cry on. Many of them come back later to visit or write letters."

"Two current expressions of young people are 'in the pits' and 'getting the act together,' or being in control of the situation," said Mrs. B. "Since so many parents are in the pits and don't have their act together, how can the children be otherwise?"

## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

NEWS BREAK. This news bulletin appears to be written in code or in a foreign tongue. ATTENTION ALL POINTS: SANT ACLEA USIS ONHI SWAY. But if you study it, it's easy to read. What does it say?



Follow directions: 1. Remove a snow vehicle and an animal remains: SLEEEEDR. 2. Remove a green tree and a sky object remains: PSTNAER. 3. Remove a cat and a toy remains: MDARNUXM.

What Say? In three years, Grandpa's hearing aid will be three times as old as it was three years ago. How old is it now?

Tongue Teaser! Say fast: Santa showered Sally Swift with silk shirts and stinky slaps.

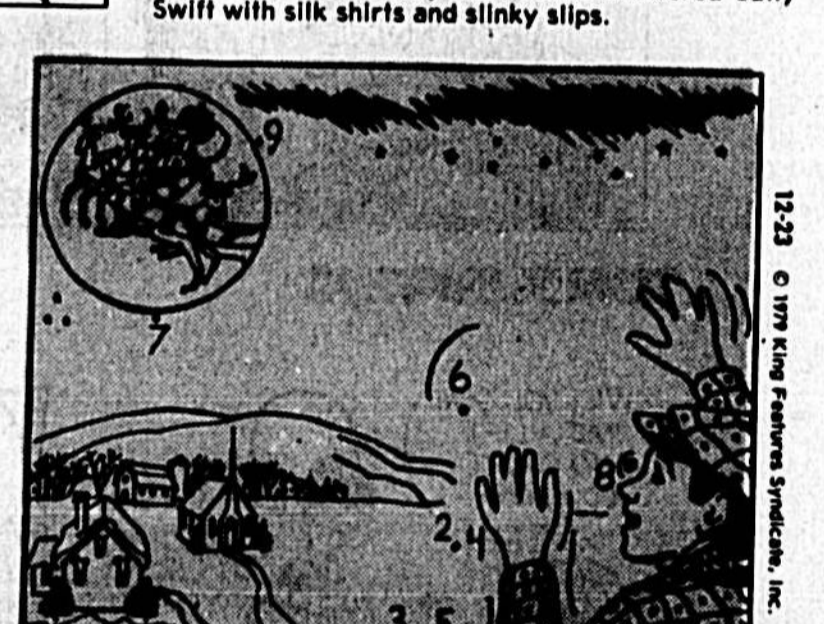
### USE YOUR HEAD FOR LAUGHS!

You are invited to use your head or at least part of it, for some fun with the following stunts:

Stunt 1. Try, if you can, to raise one eyebrow without raising the other, as Santa is doing above.

Stunt 2. Try, if you can, to touch either ear with either elbow.

Stunt 3. Hold a piece of paper to your forehead. Try, if you can, to print your name legibly across the paper with a crayon or soft pencil. As a further test, give it a try before a mirror.



WHAT'S UP? What can you draw to complete the picture above? To find out, add connecting lines 1 to 3 to 2, etc.



### HOCUS-FOCUS



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.



**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

Candlelight Lord's Supper and carols, First Baptist Church, Oviedo, 8:30 p.m.

Candlelight Communion, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2017 Orlando Dr., Sanford, 11 p.m.

Candlelight services at 7 and 9 p.m., Ascension Lutheran Church, Ascension Drive, off Piney Ridge Road, Casselberry.

Candlelight-Cherale and Communion, Congregational Church, 2401 S. Park Ave., Sanford, 7:30 p.m.

Musical candlelight services, First Baptist Church, Sanford, 8 p.m.

Candlelight and carols, First United Methodist Church, Sanford, 7 p.m.

Candlelight communion, Messiah Lutheran Church, 210 N. Highway 17-82, Casselberry, 11 p.m.

Candlelight Communion, Community United Methodist Church, 7 p.m., Highway 17-82, Casselberry.

Carols, living nativity in a barn, Rolling Hills Community Church, 5 miles north of Rt. 441 on Plymouth-Sorrento Road, 7:30 p.m.

Carol service at 11; Christ Mass, 11:30 p.m., Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Sanford.