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NEWS DIGEST

BRIEFS

Judge rules against policies

LOS ANGELES — A federal judge's ruling to strike down two key immigration laws was hailed by civil rights groups as one of the nation's most important free speech rulings.

U.S. District Judge Stephen Wilson on Thursday struck down the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act that allow aliens to be deported if they advocate world communism or are affiliated with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The ruling stemmed from the attempted deportation of eight Palestinian immigrants.

He also declared unconstitutional an amendment to the 1967 Foreign Relations Authorization Act that said alien PLO members did not have the same First Amendment rights as American citizens.

Wilson said such laws are legitimate only if they target actual terrorist acts or other actions that merit violence.

The government is trying to stifle certain ideas from entering our society from certain aliens through its immigration power, Wilson said.

From United Press International reports

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World

Southern Africa accord signed

UNITED NATIONS — Amid triumph spiced with stinging rhetoric, the foreign ministers of Cuba, Angola and South Africa signed a U.S.-mediated agreement created to bring independence to Africa's last colony and end a border war in southern Africa.

With Thursday's signing, South Africa accepted a U.N. resolution providing for the independence of Namibia, which Pretoria has ruled for 21 years as the territory of South West Africa. At the same time, Cuba and Angola agreed to a 24-month timetable for the withdrawal of 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola, which borders Namibia.

In Washington, President Reagan hailed the agreements and said the scheduled Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola would end one of the major regional problems that have troubled U.S. South Africa relations in recent years. The world's longest land-locked, a behind-the-scenes struggle to get the U.S. and Africa to agree on the deal.

If the U.S. and the agreement were signed by a 22-year-old war between the U.S. and Cuba, and a civil war for the independence of Namibia.

Pending over the signing ceremony, Secretary of State George Shultz said, "This is a moment for celebration."

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Sports

UF loses 90-87 to Pitt

GAINESVILLE — Thanks to the ineptitude of Florida's foul shooting and the clutch play of a Sophomore guard, Pittsburgh leads to next week's Eastern Bowl Tournament, with 76 new confidence.

LEON MATTHEWS scored 20 points Thursday night and Pittsburgh capitalized on poor second-half foul shooting by Florida, securing a 90-87 triumph. The Panthers, led by 14 points midway through the first half but narrowed their deficit to 27 by intermission. Sean Miller's 1-point play with 1:08 remaining put Pittsburgh ahead to stay at 73-71 and Florida made just two of 20 free throws in the second half.

Matthews possessed the key basket with 1:41 left as he drove the right baseline before pulling up for a short jumper with just four seconds left on the shot clock giving the Panthers an 80-81 advantage.

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Partly cloudy and mild today



Skies will be partly cloudy today tonight and tomorrow. The low tonight will be about 60 with a high tomorrow of 80. There is a 20 percent chance of rain to night and tomorrow.

Partly Cloudy



Herald Photo by Susan Loden

Maxwell, 15, is being taken to a large quantity of marijuana and other drugs hidden from police in a home, and a girl, 16, was charged with trafficking it, police wrote.

Thursday night, five suspects, eight in handcuffs, were taken to the police station.

Juveniles arrested during drug bust

By SUSAN LODEN
Herald Staff Writer

Five juveniles and a 16-year-old girl were arrested Thursday night in a drug bust in Sanford. Police seized a large quantity of marijuana and other drugs hidden from police in a home, and a girl, 16, was charged with trafficking it, police wrote.

The juveniles, ages 12 to 15, were arrested in a home on Thursday night. Police seized a large quantity of marijuana and other drugs hidden from police in a home, and a girl, 16, was charged with trafficking it, police wrote.

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Lake Mary considers manager candidates

By SANDRA BOUCHAHINE
Herald Staff Writer

LAKE MARY — Commissioners added four names to the list of eight city manager candidates selected by the International Association of City Managers (IACM) at a meeting Thursday.

The four names added are Edward Marrone, a Ph.D. candidate at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. He holds a master's degree in public administration and was assistant city manager from 1982-84 in Cassand Creek, Fla., which grew from a population of 1,000 to 2,000 during his reign. He was also a city administrator in Naragansett, Rhode Island, with a seasonal population of up to 6,000.

The other three include James R. Bell, city manager at Lyndell Air Force Base, Frank Harrison and Donald V. Carter.

Commissioners directed staff to do a background check on the candidates. The five commissioners said they will select those they will interview and on Jan. 12 the interview process will take place.

The commissioners voted to use state guidelines to determine how to reimburse candidates for food.

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Study: Seniors may not be foes of school funding

United Press International

GAINESVILLE — Contrary to popular belief, Florida's elderly residents vote like others on school funding proposals and do not consistently vote against them, according to study results released Thursday.

We found no evidence to support the idea that older persons preferably vote against school bonds or vote as a bloc," says Walter Rosenbaum, a University of Florida political science professor.

Sometimes they do. Sometimes they don't. What we often found was in a specific community when older folks voted against a school bond issue, so did the rest of the population.

Moreover, says Rosenbaum, our results directly contradict the gray pearl hypothesis that says an aging population will oppose local tax increases for programs not directly beneficial to them.

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Dog captures 2 robbery suspects

By SUSAN LODEN
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A dog named "Buddy" captured two robbery suspects, the dog's owner said, Thursday night in a robbery in Lake Mary.

The suspects fled after the robbery at a Sanford night market at 10 P.M. Thursday. The dog, a 10-year-old, 18-inch-tall, black and white, named "Buddy," was with the owner, a woman, at the time.

Police captured the dog, and the dog's owner, a woman, said today she was used as the gunman who entered a Florida City area store in Lake Mary, 2204 So. French Ave., on Thursday night. The dog was with her when she was attacked.

Police responded to a robbery at the night market and a robbery at the night market. The dog captured the two suspects, and the dog's owner, a woman, said today she was used as the gunman who entered a Florida City area store in Lake Mary, 2204 So. French Ave., on Thursday night. The dog was with her when she was attacked.

The dog was spotted at the intersection of 20th Street and Airport Boulevard by Lt. William Hesson, who chased the dog to Old Lake Mary Boulevard where Seminole County Sheriff's Sgt. David Light blocked the road with his car and approached the suspects. Light on foot, Hesson said. As Light approached, the suspects ran into a ditch and came to Lake Mary Boulevard. Hesson and Light arrested the suspects and took them to the police station.

Light was brought to the scene by the handler, officer Mike Ansel. Within minutes, Light had tracked Mito and Whick to a wooded area where Hesson said police could hear the dog attack Mito. As the dog was attacking Mito, Hesson said, Whick was captured.

Mito was treated for five gunshot wounds at Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford before being booked into the Seminole County jail.

Both men are charged with armed robbery, grand theft and use of a firearm in a felony. Mito is also charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and wearing a mask while committing a crime, Hesson said.

Report blasts program

HUD report shows slow progress in Sanford program

By J. MARK BARFIELD
Herald Staff Writer

SANFORD — A HUD report released this week blasted the Sanford community development program, saying its slow progress reflects on the financial and management aspects of the program, which is supposed to help the city's poor.

The report says the program has not paid a \$1.2 million loan for a community rehabilitation project, which was supposed to be completed by August 1988. The report also says the city has not paid for the program's administrative costs.

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Herald Photo by Tim Hecomb

Sanford policeman Ray Brunson left and Seminole sheriff's deputy Frank Johnson right, suspect Leonard Mito, and bring him out of Lake Mary woods after Mito was attacked by a police dog in a chase from robbery site. Accused robber Edmond Whick, left, is being held by sheriff's Sgt. David Light.

Mito wore a piece of cloth over his face during the robbery.

When the suspects abandoned the car, Hesson said they tossed away a .38-caliber handgun, the stolen cash and articles of

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POLICE BRIEFS

Woman charged with selling cocaine

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — A woman accused of selling \$100 worth of crack cocaine, with a promise of more, to an undercover City County Investigative Bureau agent is charged with sale and delivery of cocaine and criminal conspiracy.

Mary Patricia Slater, 25, of 102 Delwood Drive, Longwood, is accused of making the cocaine sale about 8:10 p.m. Wednesday outside the Wayman Franklin Residence on County Road 427 between North and Marker Streets, rural Altamonte Springs. She was arrested Thursday at the Seminole County jail. Bond is \$2,000.

Victim chases burglar

SANFORD — Scott Smith and George Brown chased a man down a Sanford alley after seeing the suspect steal Smith's wallet from his parked car. Sanford police saw the suspect running, joined the chase and captured him.

Thomas Clifford Peer, 24, of 401 W. Seminole Blvd. #22, Sanford, was charged with burglary to a vehicle and petty theft after his capture at 12:43 a.m. today.

Smith told police he saw the burglar and chased him from his car, which was parked at Reggle's 119 Magnolia Ave. The suspect was caught hiding behind vertical blinds on the Oak Avenue side of Sun Bank on First Street.

Smith's wallet was recovered from a jacket police said Peer threw away as he was chased from the alley between north Park Avenue and Oak Avenue. Bond is \$1,000.

Man stops theft of tailgate from truck

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — James Mills, 27, told Altamonte Springs police he stopped a man from stealing the tailgate from his truck parked at his house at 275 Cranes Roost Blvd. #133, at about 8:20 p.m. Thursday.

When police arrived, they said the suspect ran from them after being detained by Mills Timothy Lee Jones, 20, of DeLand, was recaptured in the area of Mills' house and is charged with strong arm robbery and burglary to a vehicle.

Mills told police when he confronted the suspect at his truck the burglar took a shovel from the bed of the truck and swung it at him. They scuffled as Mills detained the man before calling police, police said.

Man accused of battering wife

SANFORD — Sanford police charged Theron M. Courtney, 18, of 316 Campello St., Altamonte Springs, with battery-spouse abuse after his wife, Elizabeth Courtney, accused him of throwing a glass at a wall and then choking her while at 109 Hidden Arbor Court, Sanford, at about 3 a.m. Thursday. Bond is \$500.

Man accused of shoving wife

SANFORD — A man accused of hitting his wife in the face and pushing her down steps at their house has been charged by Sanford police with battery-spouse abuse.

Robert Wayne Bridges, 25, of 2633 Myrtle Ave., Sanford, was arrested at home at 8:40 p.m. Thursday. Bond is \$500.

Man accused of attacking deputies

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Two Seminole County sheriff's deputies who arrested a disorderly man have accused him of punching and kicking them.

That brought a charge of battery on a policeman and resisting with violence against Theodore Bell, 59, of 125 Nashua Ave., Altamonte Springs, who was already charged with disorderly conduct.

Bell was arrested following an argument outside his house at about 7:45 p.m. Thursday. Bond is \$1,000.

Traffic accident victim identified

DELAND — Paul Richard McArthur, 21, of Sorrento, was today identified by the Florida Highway Patrol as the man who was killed when he lost control of his pickup truck in a single car accident on Markham Woods Road, near Lake Mary, at 12:15 a.m. Thursday.

Boat burglary suspect identified

SANFORD — Sanford police report that an accused boat burglar who may have hit at least 20 boats docked in Sanford Tuesday and Wednesday, before being captured on a boat at the Sanford Marina at 3 a.m. Thursday, has been identified. John William Schneider, 20, of Little Falls, N.J., was booked into jail as John Doe on Thursday. He is expected to face charges in connection with at least 20 boat burglaries in Sanford, and remains jailed.

Two killed in traffic accidents

DELAND — The Florida Highway Patrol is investigating two traffic accidents that took the lives of two people in Seminole County overnight.

Details on either accident were not available early today, but Winter Springs police confirmed that a motorcycle rider was killed in an accident in that city at about 12:53 a.m. today. Police Lt. Jerry Justice said there was not a police pursuit of the cycle before it crashed; however, he said, just before the crash the cycle was about to be stopped by police. A man died in that crash.

Governor feeds homeless

United Press International

MADISON, Wis. — Gov. Tommy Thompson and his wife have invited a Milwaukee welfare recipient and her four children to celebrate Christmas with them at the governor's mansion, an aide to the governor said Thursday.

Jonathan Henkes, the governor's press secretary, said the family was invited after Sue Ann Thompson read a story about the family, which is currently living in a shelter for battered families.

"(She) felt badly that they would spend Christmas away from home," said Henkes.

Details of the visit have not been worked out, he said. The family was not identified because the woman fears retaliation from her husband.

The 34-year-old woman and children aged 8 to 15 are living in the Family Crisis Center in Milwaukee. Her husband was arrested for battery after he beat the mother and children while he was drunk and their plight was made public in a story in the Milwaukee Sentinel.

Longwood city workers spread cheer

By SANDRA BOUCHAINE
Herald staff writer

LONGWOOD — A group of Longwood city workers decided to spread a little Christmas cheer.

About 50 clerical and public works employees gave up their "grab-bag" tradition of exchanging gifts with one another to help three needy families in Longwood.

The workers donated about \$600 to purchase toys, food and clothing.

"The people is what made this. The employees went overboard," said a spokesperson who chose to remain anonymous.

A social worker at Longwood Elementary School who deals with the needy helped locate three families, according to the spokesperson.

The families were then contacted and asked what they needed and wanted for Christmas.

Employees sacrificed a Saturday morning to purchase the presents. Over their lunch breaks during the week, some employees went food shopping.

The spokesperson said that an outsider who heard them talking about their plans handed them



Food gathered by Longwood employees for distribution to needy families.

\$10 from his pocket as a donation.

Another city employee anonymously donated \$100 toward the selfless cause.

A 22-pound turkey was donated by a local restaurant and Winn Dixie donated a ham.

There were also donations of canned foods and clothing.

"The response was overwhelming. Everybody has been bringing in clothes and food. It feels great. I think it did more for us than it did for them (the families)," the spokesperson said.

"Enough food has been collected to feed the families for two weeks. There are so many people in need. We shouldn't have hungry people in Longwood or any other town," the spokesperson said.

Gene linked to schizophrenia isolated

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Researchers have cloned a gene they believe is linked to schizophrenia, drug addiction, Parkinson's disease and possibly several other disorders. It was announced Wednesday.

The gene is part of the critical lock-and-key system between the brain chemical dopamine and its receptor protein involved in the rapid-fire communication between nerve cells in the brain.

Flaws in this system long have been suspected as a cause in a host of mental and neurological disorders, say scientists at the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, where the new experiments were conducted.

Molecular biologist Olivier Civelli and his team cloned the gene which leads to production of the D-2 dopamine receptor protein, the "lock" into which the dopamine "key" fits.

This advance eventually could help scientists produce a screening test for schizophrenia, Civelli said, as well as develop new anti-psychotic drugs that

are free of the destructive side effects associated with the current generation of schizophrenia medications.

Civelli and his team outlined the new investigation in the current issue of the British Journal Nature.

The new finding comes about a month after a flurry of scientific reports from teams of researchers worldwide announcing discoveries that linked schizophrenia to a genetic cause.

A British team suggested schizophrenia might be linked to a gene on chromosome 5. People are endowed with 46 chromosomes in each of the trillions of cells that comprise the human body, all of the chromosomes carrying thousands of genes that serve as archives of heredity.

"This is another small step in the overall pursuit of the cause of schizophrenia," said Dr. James Kennedy, a specialist in human genetics at Yale University, where one of the other studies was conducted.

"Most researchers believe schizophrenia has more than one cause and a defect in the dopamine system may be one of those causes."

Civelli said successful cloning of the D-2 receptor gene is the result "of a good idea, a lot of work and a little bit of luck."

"Many groups in the last 10 years have hypothesized the D-2 receptor in 50 percent of schizophrenic patients is elevated by a factor of two. But this is not the case in Parkinson's disease," Civelli said in a telephone interview.

In Parkinson's patients, he said, some of the dopamine-producing cells are destroyed.

"In addition to serious mental disorders, recent evidence indicates (defects in the dopamine system) play an important role in the mechanism of addiction to such drugs as cocaine and amphetamines," Civelli said.

Dopamine is one of dozens of critical neurotransmitters that are released in the brain during the process of communication

between cells. The released dopamine binds to the D-2 receptor site.

"Every brain function — thinking, feeling, memory, talking, dreaming — everything your brain does is based on the action of neurotransmitters," Civelli said.

Additionally, dopamine and its receptors play a crucial role in controlling movement and influencing a number of emotions.

Schizophrenia is characterized by wild mood swings and a devastating split among the functions of thought, emotion and behavior. It is estimated about 1 percent of the U.S. population will develop the mental disorder during their lifetimes.

Parkinson's disease is a progressive nervous disease marked by tremor, weakness and disturbed gait. The National Institutes of Health estimates one in 100 people over 60 have Parkinson's disease and one in 1,000 in the overall American population.

Offices close next Monday

Businesses, financial institutions and government offices will observe a holiday Monday, Dec. 26.

City and county government offices will be closed. No garbage pickup is scheduled for Monday.

All branches of the Seminole County Public Library System will be closed Monday. They will re-open Dec. 27 at 10 a.m.

Banks will be closed Monday. Local stock brokers will shut down offices Monday as will stock exchanges.

The Tri-County Transit bus system will operate on a holiday schedule Sunday and Monday.

Correction

SANFORD — City Commissioner John Mercer was misquoted in a report printed in Thursday's Herald on the city commission's vote to certify the runoff election results.

It was Commissioner A.A. McClanahan, not Mercer, who said the ballots not counted by the computer were no higher than in most elections and that since a court challenge of the election results would probably be filed, the commission should certify the results. McClanahan made the statement in making a motion to certify the election results.

Mercer argued against certification until a hand recount could be held, and voted against the motion.

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EMERGENCY CALLS

THURSDAY

- 1:37 a.m. — 2706 Orlando Dr., medical call, man, 30, transported.
- 11:46 a.m. — 815 S. French Ave., trauma, man, 26, not transported.
- 11:52 a.m. — 2209 S. French Ave., medical call, woman, 79, transported.
- 2:28 p.m. — 2660 Jewett Ln., false alarm.
- 4:43 p.m. — 1229 W. 13th St., medical call, man, 68, transported to Central Florida Regional Hospital.
- 8:11 p.m. — 1407 W. 13th St., trauma, woman, 42, not transported.

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- 2:29 a.m. — 1416 W. 11th St., trauma. Transported to Central Florida Regional Hospital were man, 26, and man, 35.
- 3:34 a.m. — 813 French Ave., medical call, woman, 26, transported to Central Florida Regional Hospital.

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EDITORIALS

The Rehnquist standard for evidence is unjust

The U.S. Supreme Court took a big step in the wrong direction when it decided a few days ago that even if police lose or destroy evidence potentially capable of exonerating an accused criminal, the defendant has no recourse unless he can prove it was done in "bad faith."

The case was that of Larry Youngblood, an Arizona man convicted of kidnapping and sexually molesting a 10-year-old boy. The sole evidence against him was the tentative testimony of the victim, who was so traumatized by the crime that his identification of Youngblood was shaky. Sometimes that's all the evidence there is, and juries must do the best they can with it, but in this case other evidence could have been available. If the police had properly preserved the child's clothing for testing of semen stains, that evidence could have helped the prosecution's case, or it could have definitely proved the defendant's innocence. However, the police so mishandled the clothing that the crucial testing couldn't be done.

The question for the court was whether the conviction should stand, and for that there was a straightforward and reasonable standard of judgment that could have been applied. As Justice Harry Blackmun put it in his dissenting opinion, "The Constitution requires that criminal defendants be provided with a fair trial, not merely a 'good faith' try at a fair trial." If the court had determined that the evidence lost was crucial enough to have denied Youngblood a fair trial, then it should have freed him, regardless of why the police ruined the evidence; if it found the missing evidence was not that important in this case, the court could have upheld the jury's verdict.

But Chief Justice William Rehnquist, writing for the majority, went far beyond that. He decided that unless a defendant can prove the police first knew a piece of evidence would be crucial to the defense and then purposefully lost it, no constitutional violation has occurred. That proof is not only extremely difficult to make; the Rehnquist standard is dangerous in itself. It doesn't just permit, but also tempts the police to be "negligent" with evidence that might help the accused.

The Youngblood case was unusual, but its circumstances are likely to become more and more common as new, precise methods of identifying criminals through blood testing and genetic typing become more widely used. If the court had adopted Blackmun's approach, the respect due this new kind of evidence would have come through clearly, yet without giving defendants the opportunity to derail trials on the basis of obscure and unimportant police errors. With Rehnquist's approach, the risk increases of unnecessarily convicting the wrong person — and leaving the real child molesters out there to do it again.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed and include a mailing address and telephone number. Letters should be on a single subject and as brief as possible. The Sanford Herald reserves the right to edit letters.

Berry's World



"How 'bout that RJR Nabisco deal, eh?"

BEN WATTENBERG

Will Arab weakness yield peace?

TEL AVIV, Israel — We have heard a great deal about stark political change wrought in the Middle East by Yasir Arafat's alleged incantation of "the magic words" concerning Israel's existence. But one question has been generally absent from the discourse: Why now?

Why, after so many years of resistance, did Arafat and many Arab states make the big rhetorical push just now? In the answer to this question, it seems to me, may possibly lie the essence of the Middle East's future.

Certain pieces of an answer, offered in a somewhat different context, surfaced here recently at a conference at Tel Aviv University on "Prospects for Arab-Israeli Cooperation 1988-2000."

One panelist, Prof. Elyahu Kanovsky of Bar Ilan University, sketched out what the plunge in the price of oil has meant to the Arab nations. Back in 1981, oil revenues for Saudi Arabia were \$112 billion, and we were being told that the world would be owned by the petro-princes. But by 1987, Saudi oil revenues were down to \$20 billion.

Today, pity, the Saudi petro-plutocrats are running deficits, drawing down their petro-hoard and borrowing money. The oil-price drop inflicted even greater damage on the economies of the Arab countries that are not large oil

producers. During most of the fat years, Egypt, Syria and Jordan got major financial aid from the big oil producers. Their citizens went to work at good pay in the oil-rich states. No more: the oil crunch is on.

That's the past and the present. U.S. Energy Secretary John Herrington then looked to the future for the conference (the Lynn Meyerhoff Conference of the Jeanne Kirkpatrick Forum).

These days, there are oil analysts who say oil prices will be going up soon. Don't believe it, says Herrington. When OPEC ran the price of oil up from \$2 to \$35 a barrel, a mighty force was unleashed: self-preservation via the free market. Many non-OPEC nations went out and discovered oil. Cars were designed to burn less

gasoline. Natural gas, coal and nuclear energy became competitive fuels in many nations.

Super-efficient ceramic automobile engines are around the corner. So are photovoltaic energy sources. America uses the same amount of energy today as it did in 1973, although our economy is one-third larger! In short, says Herrington, there will be plenty of energy supply to meet demand, and oil prices aren't going to go up in the 1990s.

Now, suppose one puts the Kanovsky and Herrington messages together. A political truth emerges that offers help in answering that crucial question: Why now?

Consider the Arab situation. They have squandered their windfall. They have imported 42 percent of the world's arms in recent years! Corruption is hyper-endemic. The public has been bought off with socialist goodies, but those bills can't be met now. A serious market economy has not emerged.

When the petro-dollar was king, the Arabs believed that time was on their side. They would get richer and stronger as the years went on. Sooner or later, they could overwhelm tiny Israel. That was good reason not to negotiate seriously.



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Being weary is no reason to abandon Israel, embrace P.L.O.

WASHINGTON — The world is weary. Vernon Walters says so. Walters is not merely U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. He presumed to speak in Geneva for the entire "international community." That grand assemblage was the "we" in his Walters' sentence: "We must tell them (Israel and her enemies) that we are tired of this conflict..."

Such fine impartiality between our ally and those bent on her destruction. U.S. policy is indeed that Israel should cooperate with the U.S.-P.L.O. peace charade because the world is weary.

U.S. officials scripted the rhetorical sanitization of Yasir Arafat. They did so on the assumption that a murderer will not lie. By reading the script, Arafat presumably (the State Department's presumption) repeated the P.L.O. charter. It says Palestine is "indivisible" and vows "the elimination of Zionism in Palestine."

The snowball of appeasement gathers momentum. The United Nations will henceforth refer to the P.L.O. as "Palestine," and why not? U.S. policy has been reversed. It now de facto accepts the P.L.O. as "the sole legitimate representative" of Palestinians, thereby shredding the U.S. "commitment" to direct negotiations between Israel and Jordan.

The administration says negotiation with the P.L.O. does not involve recognition of a Palestinian state. But last Sunday, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy was asked: If the P.L.O. really has recognized Israel's right to exist, does he now expect so-called "moderate" Arab states to do likewise? His answer was that most of them "accepted explicitly Resolution 242 years ago. What happened this past week was that the P.L.O. accepted 242 and thereby (sic) Israel's right to exist."

"Thereby"? The U.S. pretense has been that the P.L.O. must meet three distinct tests — renunciation of terrorism, acceptance of Israel's right to exist and acceptance of 242. Now Murphy says the third requirement incorporates the second. Regarding terrorism, Arafat has renounced it before, has consistently lied about it, and now has been given preemptive immunity from blame for future acts of it. That is the consequence of U.S. officials saying in chorus that Arafat cannot control the "extremists" and is himself a potential victim because of his moderation. (This moderate gave the order, by telephone from Beirut, for the murder of the U.S. ambassador in Khartoum.)

In 1980 Ronald Reagan said, with uncontestable accuracy: "Israel and Jordan are the two Palestinian states envisioned and authorized by the United Nations." Reminded

of that last Sunday, Murphy said: "We do not consider Jordan the (sic) Palestinian state." "We"? The Foreign Service? Has anyone told the President that he has changed his mind?

The inescapable logic of Murphy's language is U.S. support for a P.L.O. state. So Rita Hauser, the Jews' Jesse Jackson, said to have converted Arafat to peace in our time, had

better catch up with Arafat's deputy, Abu Iyyad. He has not got the message. Last week he said in an Arabic language publication: "The establishment of a Palestinian state on part of the land of Palestine is a stage toward the final goal — the establishment of a state on all of Palestine."

For months before the unveiling in Algiers of the latest P.L.O. peace tactic, P.L.O. spokesmen assured Arabic-speaking audiences that it would be only a tactic of war — only a means of implementing the "Phased Policy" adopted in 1974. That "incremental" policy calls for shrinking Israel to indefensible borders as a precondition of ridding "indivisible" Palestine of "the Zionist entity." Abadallah al-Khouran, a member of the P.L.O. executive committee, told an Arabic-language publisher, "The proclamation of the Palestinian state is the first step toward obliterating the new Zionist-Fascist state."

Ah, but the assumption of Western appeasers is that P.L.O. officials are impeccably sincere when reading U.S. scripts and are nicely insincere when contradicting them. The "appearance" of extremism is "really" the prudence of the moderates. So last Sunday's New York Times Magazine contained this gem: "Nowadays, P.L.O. officials will tell you privately, (Arafat's) uniform and gun are something of an affection, a bit of symbolism meant to reassure the P.L.O. hard-liners..."

The whole wide world is tired — Walters, the international scold, says so — so Israel is supposed to jeopardize her survival to satisfy the "international community." But as Golda Meir said, Jews are used to collective eulogies, but Israel will not die so that the world will speak well of it.



Regarding terrorism, Arafat has renounced it before.

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JACK ANDERSON

Letter may have led to Gorbachev's gift

WASHINGTON — A Christmas letter written 30 years ago by Rep. Jim Wright, D-Texas, may have advanced the cause of peace on earth and good will toward men last month.

When Mikhail Gorbachev came to New York with his mysterious "Christmas present," Wright had a good hunch that the gift would be a military reduction of some kind, and he also guessed 10 percent.

Wright got that message to President-elect George Bush. American diplomats in Moscow were predicting Gorbachev would make a major trade proposal. The Central Intelligence Agency wasn't sure what Gorbachev had in mind. In this case, Wright, the speaker of the House and the embattled leader of the opposition, was Bush's best source of inside information.

They aren't ready to call him a prophet, but Bush's aides told us they were spooked by Wright's prediction and they're planning to pay more attention to his political antennae.

The story began 30 years ago when Wright penned a Christmas treatise on peace which began with the biblical account of the birth of Christ: "There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed." Wright likened Washington to Rome where people like himself sat in their offices and issued decrees. "Peace, the word the angels sang, must have seemed as impossible a dream in those days as it does now," Wright wrote at the peak of the Cold War.

His essay included a whimsical letter to the Soviet Union which began "Dear Ivan." He proposed that the Soviet Union and the United States each cut their military budgets by 10 percent and put the money into something else — hospitals, libraries, schools. "You know, Ivan," Wright wrote, "we could give the world the greatest Christmas present since the first Christmas. ... We could really bring tidings of great joy and, for the first time in two millennia, the greatly troubled people of this old world of ours could obey the angels' injunction, 'Fear not.'"

Wright was proud of the letter and kept it. Last April, the 30-year-old letter finally got to Moscow — hand delivered by Wright. Gorbachev read it and turned reflective: "If only we had done so back then." He was mentally adding up the billions of rubles that the Soviets could have spent on education and on building their industrial base. Then he pocketed the letter.

The exchange prompted Gorbachev to invite Wright to speak on Soviet television for 10 minutes in prime time, unedited. Wright took the opportunity to talk about the travesty of each country spending \$300 billion annually on "machines of destruction and unproductive implements of military power."

"Every day this year, 40,000 people die somewhere in the world of hunger and malnutrition," Wright said. "And every day the nations of the world will spend \$2.5 billion — much more than enough to feed and clothe them — on weapons and wasteful means of destruction."

It was a plea that dovetailed with his Christmas letter.

When Gorbachev announced he was coming to New York with a gift, U.S. spies and diplomats worked overtime to find out what it was.

Wright would like to think that his letter helped move Gorbachev when the Soviet leader was looking for some answers to his economic problems. Only Gorbachev knows and he's not talking.



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Reagan: Homeless 'make their own choice'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan asserted in an interview televised Thursday that homeless Americans choose to sleep "on the grates or on the lawn" instead of seeking organized shelter.

"There are shelters in virtually every city and shelters here," the president declared, "and those people still prefer out there on the grates or the lawn to going into one of those shelters."

Reagan made the comment in response to a question by ABC's David Brinkley during a wide-

ranging interview for a one-hour broadcast Thursday night; a small part of the interview on a separate issue had been released Wednesday.

Brinkley reminded Reagan the ranks of homeless Americans have grown "in substantial numbers" despite overall U.S. economic health and "there are some, in fact, who are asleep on the grass about 200 yards from your office."

"Yes," Reagan replied, "(but) there are always going to be people — [who] make their own

choice for staying out there."

His remarks were similar to those he made in 1986 regarding the hungry. At that time Reagan asserted, "I don't believe there is anyone going hungry in America simply by reason of denial or lack of ability to feed them."

In 1983, two years before he became attorney general, Edwin Meese sparked a raging controversy as White House counselor by claiming many people go to soup kitchens "because the food is free and ... that's easier than paying for it."

Reagan told Brinkley that a factor in the rise of homelessness during his administration could be blamed on the American Civil Liberties Union and its effort to end the institutionalization of the mentally ill.

As a result, he claimed, mentally ill Americans "walked away from those institutions; they wanted freedom, but they walked out to where there was nothing for them."

The president also questioned how there could be so many unemployed people right in the

nation's capital "when every week The Washington Post ... (has) those hundreds of ads on every page, every Sunday, ... you'll find anywhere from 60 to 75 pages of help wanted ads right here in the Washington paper."

During the interview, which highlighted Reagan's impressions of some of the personalities who played major roles during his White House tenure, he said he was "shocked by some of the things" former chief of staff Donald Regan

"chose to say in his book."

In assessing foreign leaders, he called Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega "a shameless dictator" and said "he doesn't stand in the same box" with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev "as far as I am concerned."

"(Ortega) is a typical communist dictator and will resort, I think, to anything to maintain (his) situation," Reagan said, adding that he sees no "indication yet or threat" that Gorbachev cannot survive domestic opposition.

Marcos defends his rule, blames others for trouble

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Deposed Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos says there is insufficient evidence to back corruption charges against his administration and maintains he is the victim of a smear campaign initiated by his enemies.

Writing in the Dec. 28 issue of *Orbis*, a world affairs journal published by the Foreign Policy Research Institute, Marcos defended his regime and said he was not responsible for the "multiple disabilities" afflicting his country.

"U.S. policy with regard to the Philippines was significantly influenced by a contrived image of Philippine reality," Marcos said. "That image was largely the product of a group of publicists now enjoying positions of power and privilege in Manila."

Marcos, in a six-page rebuttal to an article that appeared in the fall edition of *Orbis*, denied charges that his administration was guilty of gross corruption, misappropriation of funds and human rights violations.

"That these charges have

been repeated ad nauseum in the media and that they have become familiar convictions in prevailing folk wisdom does not make them true," Marcos said. "Unfortunately, the wide acceptance of those charges as true created pressures that eventually resulted in the U.S. intervention in the Philippines."

Marcos ruled the Philippines for more than two decades until a popular revolt forced him into exile in 1986. His departure cleared the way for the inauguration as president of Corazon Aquino, wife of slain political rival Benigno Aquino.

Corazon Aquino challenged Marcos in a fraud-tainted election early in 1986 and appeared to have won despite Marcos' claims of victory.

"The strangest feature of all this is that not only have U.S. interests now been placed in serious jeopardy, but all the charges that made my administration a pariah among policy makers in Washington have recently resurfaced as charges against the present regime."

Governor blocks Ray parole review

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — The convicted killer of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. and nearly 100 other Tennessee inmates with violent prison records will not be considered for early parole under an amended directive enacted by Gov. Ned McWherter.

In a letter Thursday to Parole Board Chairman Charles Traugber, McWherter amended a 1985 directive that called for a review of inmates for possible early release. The early reviews were aimed at easing prison overcrowding.

McWherter's amendment of a directive by former Gov. Lamar Alexander would exclude "problem" inmates from early review; those prisoners who have attempted to escape, or who have been convicted of assaulting or killing an inmate or prison official.

The ruling would affect James Earl Ray, currently in prison for killing King, and nearly 100 other Tennessee inmates, officials said.

"The governor determined that the management of the

prison system was a primary concern," said David Welles, legal assistant to McWherter.

"If there's a message, it basically lets the inmates know that those who behave themselves will have early release available as an option, and those not behaving themselves will not have that option available to them," Welles said.

Ray, 60, is serving a 99 year sentence for the 1968 murder of King. However, his parole eligibility was advanced 10 years following an early release law passed through the legislature in

1985 to ease overcrowding in state prisons.

But under the restrictions of the new amendment, Ray would be ineligible for parole because of reports of violence during his sentence and a short-lived escape in 1977 from Brushy Mountain State Prison.

Welles said the amendment was being considered a month before McWherter was aware of Ray's upcoming parole eligibility but that "the Ray situation focused our attention more on the problem."

Japanese firm regrets 'Sambo' giveaway toy

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A Japanese toy company gave away more than \$1,000 worth of toys to school children Thursday as part of its extensive effort to apologize to blacks for having sold racially offensive merchandise in Japan.

The toys were passed out to 500 students from Crescent Heights and Canfield elementary schools in West Los Angeles, part of a monthlong giveaway that has included children in South Central Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco.

For three years, the Sanrio Corp. of Tokyo had sold merchandise in Japan featuring the Little Black Sambo character. The company also sold Little Black Sambo dolls.

Last July, an article in the *Washington Post* about the Little Black Sambo products prompted a flurry of angry letters from U.S. politicians demanding the company stop using the character and selling the dolls.

That outcry, and meetings with the Congressional Black Caucus, led to Sanrio's toy giveaway and an extensive program to educate Japanese children about the United States' cultural diversity.

Children, parents and school administrators gathered at Crescent Heights Elementary School for the giveaway, which was preceded by words of friendship and thanks from Sanrio Vice President Kurt Yonezawa and state Sen. David Roberti.

Roberti and Yonezawa avoided telling the children why Sanrio is going out of its way to give away toys in racially mixed neighborhoods. Roberti had insisted that company executives see the nation's racial diversity for themselves.

Roberti said Sanrio and other exporters of merchandise to the United States are on notice to be more sensitive to America's racial concerns.

"With this, there is a point being made to a lot of foreign traders who do business here that this type of racism and

merchandizing will not be tolerated here," Roberti said.

"We made the products out of ignorance," Yonezawa told reporters after he and the company's mascot, Happy Kitty, had passed out boxes of trinkets and toys to the children. "Now, we are doing what we think is right."

"I don't think they did it out of any malice," Roberti said. "They just didn't know. So many foreign companies deal at income levels where the only U.S. customers they see are white males."

Yonezawa, who is based in the company's San Francisco office, explained that Sanrio had assumed the Sambo character was an inoffensive part of American culture and added it to its inventory of 50 cartoon characters that decorate more than 10,000 different items. But, as soon as executives in Tokyo were made aware of the character's racist overtones, the company pulled the dolls and other products bearing the character and destroyed them, he said.

Sanrio, Japan's leading maker of such novelty merchandise as erasers, pencils and T-shirts, lost roughly \$15 million in merchandise and future sales of what Yonezawa said were somewhat popular items when it pulled the Sambo products.

The products had been sold through 3,000 Sanrio stores, boutiques and department stores. While Yonezawa said the company did not sell any Sambo products in the United States, Roberti said some of the products found their way — via unrelated suppliers — to shops in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Roberti said Sanrio, a 30-year-old company that reported sales of \$650 million in 1987, will now sponsor U.S. history and culture classes for Japanese children. Sanrio also plans to initiate a pen-pal project to link American blacks with Japanese children, and a "Little Ambassador" youth exchange program.

Police say gang member makes bombs

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Officers who deal with the problem of ever-increasing gang violence said Thursday they have run into something new and disturbing — a gang member who was apparently making bombs at his apartment.

Workers sent to clean a just-vacated apartment discovered the remnants of a makeshift bomb factory, and deputies later arrested the known gang member who had been evicted, seizing two pipe bombs and several weapons.

Ronald D. Bennett, 23, was arrested Thursday night at his mother's house where deputies found two pipe bombs and four weapons including an AK-47 assault rifle, said Deputy Bill Wehner.

Bennett, who was arrested on suspicion of manufacturing explosive devices and was held in lieu of \$40,000 bail, had been evicted from an apartment in Lawndale.

"The guy was operating a bomb factory, and it's safe to assume the bombs were going to

be used in gang activities," Wehner said.

Wehner would not disclose exactly what materials were found in the Lawndale apartment, saying only "it was clear he was manufacturing explosive devices."

Law enforcement officials said it was the first time they have discovered gang members producing bombs, and some officers expressed concern that it might lead to an escalation in the already record level of violence.

"This is the first time we've

found gang members with bombs," said sheriff's Lt. Brad Welker. "Let's say our gang detectives are concerned. If they are producing explosive devices it's dangerous, and ... well, let's leave it at that."

Los Angeles police said there were 207 gang killings in the first 10 months of the year, two more than the previous record for all of 1987. Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies report there were 79 gang slayings through October, the same number as in all of 1987.

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Teen support group to meet

Families Together Teen Support Group meets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday at Suite 206 Sweetwater Square, 900 Fox Valley Drive (off Wekiva Road), Longwood. Call 774-3844 for further information.

Nar-Anon to offer help

Nar-Anon, a self-help group for relatives and friends of addicts, meets at 8 p.m. Saturday at West Lake Hospital, State Road 434, Longwood. For more information, call 869-6364.

Narcotics Anonymous meets

Narcotics Anonymous meets every Sunday at 5 p.m. at The Grove Counseling Center, 580 Old Sanjo/Oviedo Road (off State Road 419), Winter Springs, and at 8 p.m., Monday at 317 Oak Ave., Sanford.

Alanon members to congregate

Alanon will meet at 8 p.m. Sunday at Christ United Methodist Church, at County Road 427 and Tucker Drive, Sanford.

Overeaters to weigh in

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. each Sunday at the Casselberry Senior Center, 200 Triplet Lake Drive, Casselberry.

Dancers to swing their partners

Square dancing for couples and singles is held each Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Casselberry Senior Center, 200 Triplet Lake Drive, Casselberry. Call 767-5411 or the center at 831-3551, ext. 239, for more information.

AA groups schedule meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous groups meeting on Saturday include:

- Casselberry:**
- Back-to-Basics Group, 8 p.m., closed step meeting, Ascension Lutheran Church, Overbrook Drive.
 - Clean Air Group, noon, alcoholics only, non-smokers only, Rebo Club, 130 Normandy.
 - Good Morning Group, 8 p.m., open discussion, Rebo Club, 130 Normandy.
 - Happy Hour Group, 5:30 p.m., open discussion, Rebo Club, 130 Normandy.
 - Rebo Group, noon, alcoholics only, Rebo Club, 130 Normandy.
 - Young People Group, 2:30 p.m., open discussion, non-smokers only, Rebo Club, 130 Normandy.

Geneva:

- Geneva Group, 8 p.m., open discussion, Methodist Church, First and Church streets.

Longwood:

- Survivors Group, 11 a.m., noon, open discussion, 3101 Dane Lane.

Sanford:

- Sanford Group, noon and 8 p.m., open discussion, 1201 W. First St.
- Sanford Women's Group, 2 p.m., closed meeting, 1201 W. First St.
- Sober Won Group, noon and 5:30, open discussion; 8 p.m., open speaker meeting, Sahara Club (old driver's license office), 2587 S. Sanford Ave.

Area AA groups meeting Sunday include:

- Casselberry:**
- Back-to-Basics Group, 8 p.m., alcoholics only; 8 p.m., first Sunday of month, open speaker meeting, Ascension Lutheran Church, Overbrook Drive.
 - Clean Air Group, 10:30 a.m., alcoholics only, non-smokers only, Rebo Club, 130 Normandy.
 - Happy Hour Group, 5:30 p.m., open discussion, Rebo Club, 130 Normandy.
 - Live Oak Group, 10:30 a.m., open discussion/alcoholics only, Rebo Club, 130 Normandy.
 - Rebo Group, 8 p.m., open discussion, Rebo Club, 130 Normandy.
- Sanford:**
- Sanford Group, 8 p.m., open discussion, 1201 W. First St.
 - Sanford Big Book, 7 p.m., open discussion, Sahara Club (old driver's license office), 2587 S. Sanford Ave.
 - Sober Won Group, 10 a.m., 5:30 p.m., open discussion; 8 p.m., open Big Book meeting, Sahara Club (old driver's license office), 2587 S. Sanford Ave.
 - Sanford Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Christ United Church, 408 Tucker Drive at State Road 427.
 - 24 Hour Group, 8 p.m., open speaker meeting, House of Goodwill, Fourth Street and Oak Avenue.
- Wekiva:**
- First Things First Group, 9 a.m., open discussion, Wekiva Assembly Church, 1675 Dixon Road.

Overeaters to weigh in

A step study of Overeaters Anonymous is conducted on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at West Lake Hospital, State Road 434, Longwood. For more information, call Charlie at 323-8070.

Narcotics Anonymous to meet

Narcotics Anonymous meets Monday at 8 p.m. at the House of Goodwill, 317 Oak Ave., Sanford.

Modelers Club to come together

The Sanford Aero Modelers Club meets every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Greater Sanford Chamber of Commerce, 400 E. First St. All phases of RC model aircraft are represented. The club's flying field is located in Deltona. For more information, contact "Kit" Anderson at 323-7751 or Lee Dargue at 574-4732.

Poets to talk verse

First Florida Poets meet at 10 a.m. every Monday in the fellowship hall of United Methodist Church, Orange City. Interested poets are welcome. For more information, call 775-8909 or 574-5869.

Clogging groups have class

The Old Hickory Stompers clogging group holds classes 7:9 p.m. each Monday at the Knights of Columbus Hall on S. Park Avenue, Sanford. For more information, call 349-9529.

Dixieland Cloggers clogging group holds classes 7:9 p.m. each Monday 7:9 p.m. at the Lake Mary Fire Department at First Street and Wilbur Avenue, Lake Mary. For more information, call 321-5267.

Sanford Rotarians to meet

Rotary Club of Sanford meets every Monday at noon, at the Sanford Civic Center.

If you know of upcoming activities you'd like announced in the Herald's Calendar, send the appropriate information—event, time, date, place, cost, contact person and phone number—to Calendar, Sanford Herald, 300 N. French Ave., Sanford, FL 32771 or call 322-2611.

Smaller art galleries intimate

Mt. Dora, Maitland exhibitions cozier

By VICKI DeBORNIER
Herald correspondent

While many of the larger art museums have taken on an atmosphere of chrome, glass and sharp angles, some of the area's smaller galleries have retained the intimate setting that made such places so relaxing to visit.

Going the extra mile to see beautiful art in a personalized setting is worth it in visiting Spaces Gallery, 331 Donnelly St., Mt. Dora.

The gallery is located in a pink two-story building, above The Dora Cafe and the Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Gift Shop (all owned by Jim Anderson and Vincent Calvo, a pair of retired New York City artists). Navigating the narrow lavender steps to the tiny four-room converted apartment is like going to attic to search out treasures of the past.

Only here, you are discovering treasures of the present.

The eclectic exhibits here vary from folk art to detailed watercolors of a river at dusk.

Currently highlighted on the walls at Spaces Gallery is a showing of "Molas," an elaborately designed and painstakingly crafted multi-layered cloth used in clothing of Kuna Indian women of the San Blas Islands, off the coast of Panama.

One Mola, in the form of a beautiful blouse, could be worn by the woman who created it. But most are framed and mounted on the wall. The subjects depicted on the colorful cloths range from native flora and fauna, to work scenes, to political commentary.

Many of the Molas on display are from the private collections of residents of Mt. Dora. Some are for sale.

The tiny, 1-year-old gallery is arranged randomly, but is very pleasing to the senses. There is no admission charge. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day except Tuesday and Christmas Day. Phone number is 904-735-1887.

Currently on display at the Maitland Art Center is a juried exhibition of the works of 48 of the center's members.

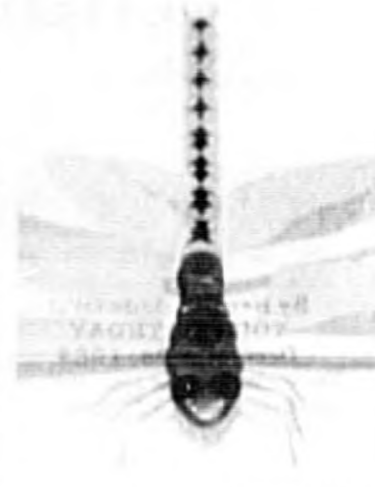
The gallery, 231 West Packwood Ave., Maitland, was built in 1937 by Jules Andre Smith, a New York artist/architect and patron of the arts.

The 22 small, low buildings began as a winter retreat and evolved into an artists' colony composed of studios, living quarters and a small gallery.

The buildings, decorated with carvings that resemble the art of the Mayan and Aztec cultures, nestle the works of local artists, both emerging and established, between hidden courtyards and green gardens.

Lighting is natural. Large windows shaded by trees bring in diluted sunlight that splashes on the floor and highlights the art work. Details are accentuated by subtle artificial lights on ceiling tracks.

Various media, ranging from



On display at Spaces Gallery, Mt. Dora, are handcrafted "Mola" cloth art (top photo), an elaborate "Mola" blouse (bottom left), a Thai silk dog/dragon carved of monkey wood (center right), and a wooden dragonfly from New Mexico (bottom right).

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watercolors to photography. From ceramic to bronze sculpture, have been chosen to show the new directions and visions of the local art scene.

Julia Minnis, assistant to the director of the Maitland facility,

said the center works hard to bring in national and international exhibits at least once a year.

Beginning on Saturday, Jan. 21, the Maitland gallery will host the show "Coins and Medals: Twenty Centuries of French Art," which Minnis is excited about.

The intimate atmosphere of the gallery makes it easy to feel a kinship with the artists and to enjoy their works. Even an exhibit such as the upcoming coin and medal show, which will contain pieces of historical significance, will take on a less "stuffy" aura when viewed in the center's cheery surround-

ings.

The current show is free to the public, as are most of the center's exhibits. However, the coins and medals exhibit will carry a \$3 charge for adults and \$1 for children.

The center is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. It is closed on Christmas Day. Phone number is 645-2181.

Both the Maitland Art Center and Spaces Gallery are fine alternatives for the art enthusiast who wishes to experience art in a more intimate environment than is possible in a larger museum.

Crooms reunion to add to holiday season

Celebrants for the Crooms Academy Classes Reunion for 1931-49 will begin arriving in Sanford during the holiday season. The celebration will begin Tuesday, Dec. 27, with the religious service celebration at 11 a.m. at the Allen Chapel AME Church, Olive Avenue and West 12th Street.

Worship services will be graced by a message from a Sanford son, the Rev. Zedekiah L. Grady, presiding elder of the Edisto in Charleston, S.C. Grady is a 1949 graduate of Crooms Academy.

The community and other graduates of Crooms are invited to worship.

The reacquaintances hour after the worship service will take place at the Elks Home, East Seventh Street and Cypress Avenue. Registration and get-acquainted hour will be for those attending the reunion celebration.

The reunion celebration will continue on Wednesday, Dec. 28, with a luncheon cruise aboard the Rivership Romance. The boat will cast off at 11 a.m. at Historic Sanford's Monroe Harbor on North Palmetto Avenue. One can explore the St. John and lunch with the classes of 1931-49.

Celebration class parties will be held at yet-to-be-named



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classmates' homes on the evening of Dec. 28.

A banquet will bring formal reunion activities to a close on Thursday, Dec. 29. With 1988 theme of "Reminiscing Again," the classes of 1931-49 will reminisce and dine at 8 p.m. at the Park Suite Hotel, 225 E. Altamonte Ave., Altamonte Springs.

Guest speaker for the banquet will be Rena Dixon Poole, a 1943 graduate of Crooms Academy. Poole was an educator in the public schools of Lake County, and is presently the equity coordinator at the Lake Sumpter Community College in Leesburg. She also is secretary/bookkeeper for the T.H. Poole Bonding Agency.

The annual Pink and Green Ball tickets are available from the Sorors of the Sanford Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. The ball will be held

Friday, Dec. 30, at 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Sanford Civic Center. Music will be provided by Abe and the House Rockers. Donations are \$10 per person. The community is invited to join in an evening of fun with the AKAs.

To all of my readers, I wish you a very Merry Christmas.

(Marva Hawkins is a Sanford Herald correspondent covering Sanford news. Phone 322-5418.)



Youthful cause

Thelma Mike, administrator of the Good Samaritan Home of Sanford, accepts a check for \$1,200 from Robert Johnson of Orlando, who represents the youth department of the 16-church Congress No. 1. The home needed drapes and the youth raised the needed amount with the help of the congress' adults.

Man with hair today wants none tomorrow

DEAR ABBY: My husband—I'll call him Joe—began losing his hair at age 17. Immediately following his high school graduation, he left town for a good job opportunity.

When he came back home, everyone thought he had just "matured" and changed his hairstyle. Nobody suspected he was wearing a hairpiece.

Well, Joe and I started dating, and when our relationship became serious, he shared his "secret" with me. It didn't matter to me because I was more interested in what was on his head than what was on it.

We've been married for three years now, and Joe is ready to discard the hairpiece—but how does one go from a head full of hair to practically no hair at all?

SPLITTING HAIRS

DEAR SPLITTING: How? With one bold stroke. Tell Joe to take it off and leave it off! And before anyone has a chance to say a word, he should announce: "It's probably not news to you that I've worn a hairpiece for a long time. Well, I'm not going to wear one anymore."

He should be prepared to hear all kinds of comments from "You look better without it!" to "Gee, you look like your own grandfather!"

DEAR ABBY: I'm a divorced woman. I've been invited to a wedding. If I ask a man to escort me, and he does not know the bride or groom, should I pay for the gift myself? Or should I ask him to pay for half of it?

HOROSCOPE

By Bernice Bede Osof YOUR BIRTHDAY December 24, 1988 Your chart indicates that the year ahead could be trammied with an abundance of activities geared to satisfying your restless urges.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

WEEKEND PLANNER

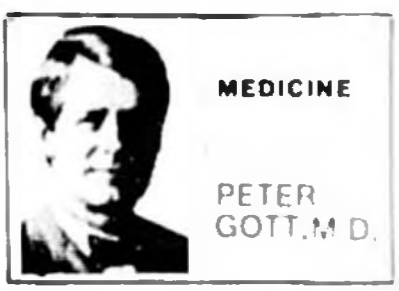
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Like mother, like son Diane Lee of Sanford and son, Glenn Douglas Lee Jr. celebrate their birthdays Wednesday.

Doctors' diagnoses conflict, confound

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have constant pain in my lower back and legs. My left leg is difficult to lift. I've been to an orthopedist ("strained fat pads"), a neurosurgeon ("spondylosis of the spine"), a chiropractor ("you need treatments"), an acupuncturist (same as chiropractor) and an internist ("osteoarthritis — disc degeneration").



PETER GOTT, M.D. MEDICINE

The end result is pressure on nerves in your case... Therefore, you seem to have calcium deposits that are affecting the nerves of your lower body (osteoarthritis, disc degeneration and spondylosis).

SOAPS UPDATE

ALL MY CHILDREN: Creed drugged Julia and Nico and took them captive. Creed left Nico behind and then told Julia that he was going to kill Nico when he tried to rescue her.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Bill Stased Donna's hand after she told him that she was pregnant, but she later lost the baby and divorced her husband. Pam had an encounter with a woman who turned out to be Anna Benson.

THEATRE ADVERTISING: Floyd Theatres, Ernest Saves Christmas, HIGH SPIRITS, SCROOGED CROCODILE DUNDEE 2, GOLDEN LAMB RESTAURANT

BLONDIE



by Chic Young

BETTY BAILEY



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THE BORN LOSER



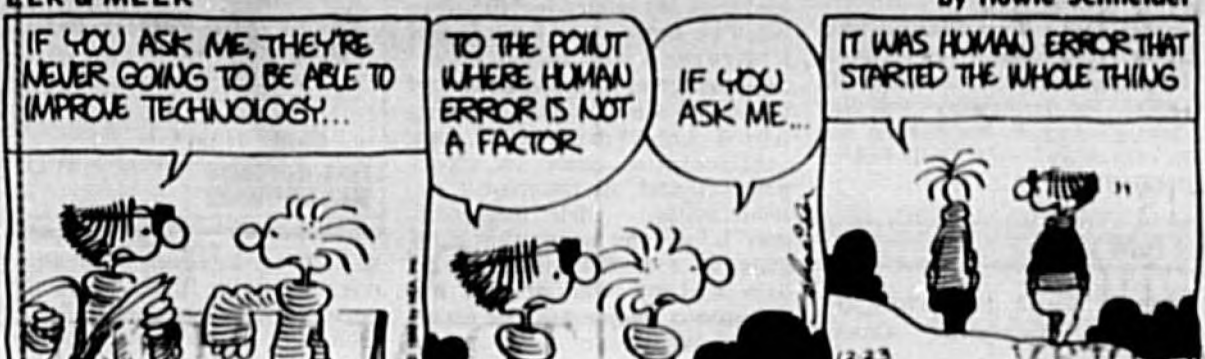
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by Bob Montana

EEK & MEEK



by Howie Schneider

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BUGS BUNNY



by Warner Brothers

FRANK AND ERNEST



by Bob Thaves

GARFIELD



by Jim Davis

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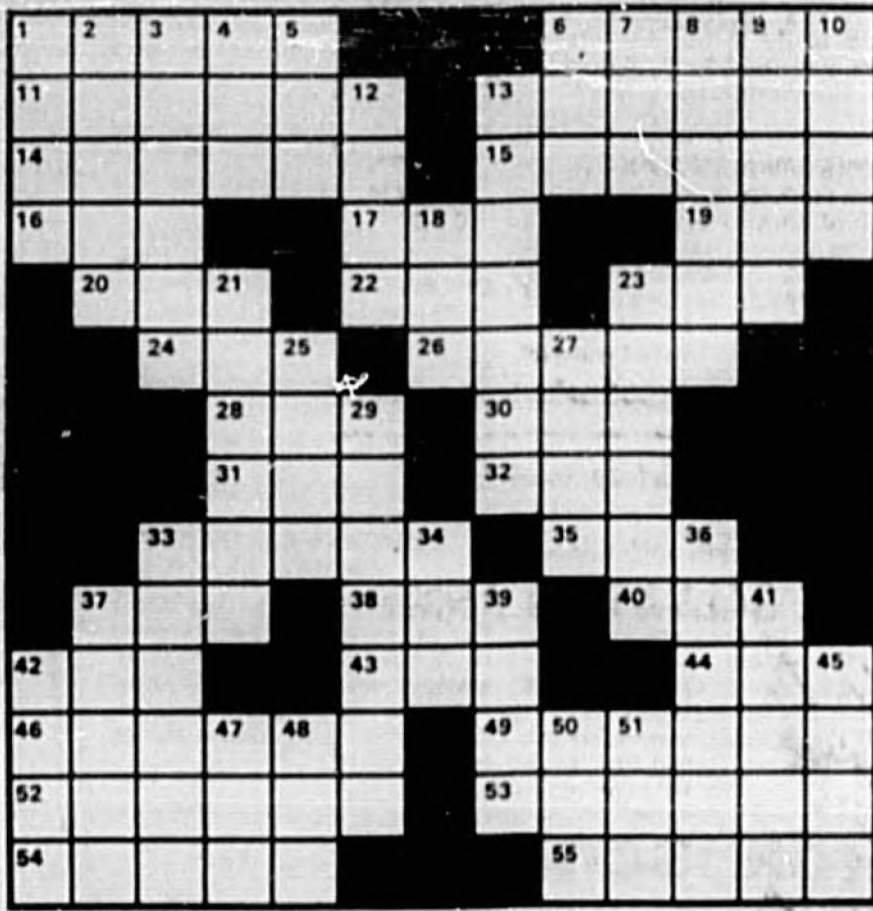
ACROSS

- 1 — Vance
- 6 Recurring pattern
- 11 Roared
- 13 Followed
- 14 Cite as proof
- 15 Loom
- 16 Dakota Indian
- 17 Arrange
- 19 — standstill
- 20 Voodoo cult deity
- 22 Neither's follower
- 23 Yoko —
- 24 James Bond, for one
- 26 Cubicles
- 28 Eggs
- 30 Wool-washing residue
- 31 Bernstein, for short
- 32 Sault — Marie
- 33 — Dinsmore
- 35 Sixth sense (abbr.)
- 37 — Grande
- 38 1051, Roman
- 40 Cask
- 42 Spoil
- 43 Physicians' assn.
- 44 Loiter
- 46 Difficult
- 49 Blamable
- 52 Cattle
- 53 Severe experience
- 54 Went astray
- 55 Tropical basket fiber

DOWN

- 3 Western shows
- 4 Baking pit
- 5 Dry, as wine
- 6 Wheel projection
- 7 Kennel sound
- 8 Wipes
- 9 Slow (mus.)
- 10 Icelandic epic
- 12 Actor Bruce
- 13 Striped creature
- 18 Olympic org.
- 21 Cape Kennedy rocket
- 23 Most aged
- 25 Actor Montand
- 27 Ancient musical instrument
- 29 Fauna
- 33 One or the other
- 34 New Haven tree
- 36 Hen
- 37 Cowboy
- 39 Othello villain
- 41 Of birth
- 42 Peasant
- 45 Fermenting agent
- 47 I possess (cont.)
- 48 Guided
- 50 Psychic — Geller
- 51 Identifications (sl.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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WIN AT BRIDGE

By James Jacoby

The problem in locating today's side-suit queen was certainly crucial when the deal was played 20 years ago in a national team-of-four match. North did well to bid six clubs, but then it was up to declarer Edgar Kaplan to make it.

would have only a singleton diamond. Anyway Kaplan led a diamond to the king and a small one back. Now what?

If West had started with Q-4 of diamonds, this would have been his hand: Spades K Q 8 2, Hearts A K 10 8 5, Diamonds Q 4, Clubs 7 2. Declarer finally decided that with this holding, West would not have overcalled one heart; instead he would have made a takeout double. Therefore, it was more likely that he began with a singleton diamond and six hearts. So South put in the jack of diamonds and made his slam.

After taking the king of hearts, West switched to the king of spades. Before attacking diamonds, declarer wanted as much information as possible. So he ruffed a spade with a high club, led a low club to dummy, ruffed another spade high, led his last low club to dummy and ruffed the last spade. That gave him the information that West had started with four spades and two clubs, so how many hearts would he have held when he overcalled with one heart? If he held six hearts originally, he

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. (C)1988. NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

NORTH 12-23-88

- ♦ A 10 7 3
- ♥ Q
- ♠ K 10 8 5
- ♣ 10 8 8 4

WEST

- ♦ K Q 8 2
- ♥ A K 10 8 5 3
- ♠ 4
- ♣ 7 2

EAST

- ♦ J 8 6 5
- ♥ J 9 7 4 2
- ♠ Q 8 3
- ♣ 5

SOUTH

- ♦ 4
- ♥ 6
- ♠ A J 9 7 2
- ♣ A K J 6 3

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

West	North	East	South
1♥	2♦	4♥	5♦
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass
Pass			

*negative double
Opening lead: ♥K

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

PEANUTS




by Charles M. Schulz

TUMBLEWEEDS



by T.K. Ryan




Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

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10:30 A.M.

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Father Edmund Czarnecki, Pastor

CHRISTMAS EVE

Vigil Mass	5:00 PM
Childrens Mass	6:30 PM
Solomn Liturgy	Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

8:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 NOON
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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

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Morning Worship Service	10:30 AM

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CHRISTMAS EVE

CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST	7:30 PM
CHRISTMAS MUSIC	10:00 PM
CHRISTMAS MASS	10:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
CHRISTMAS DAY CHORAL EUCHARIST
10:30 AM

Rector: Father Frederick Mann
Asst. Father: William Hunt

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The beauty of Christmas lies in the thought that we live in the memory of our friends. We think of you with warmth and appreciation and wish you a bright and glowing Holiday Season!

From
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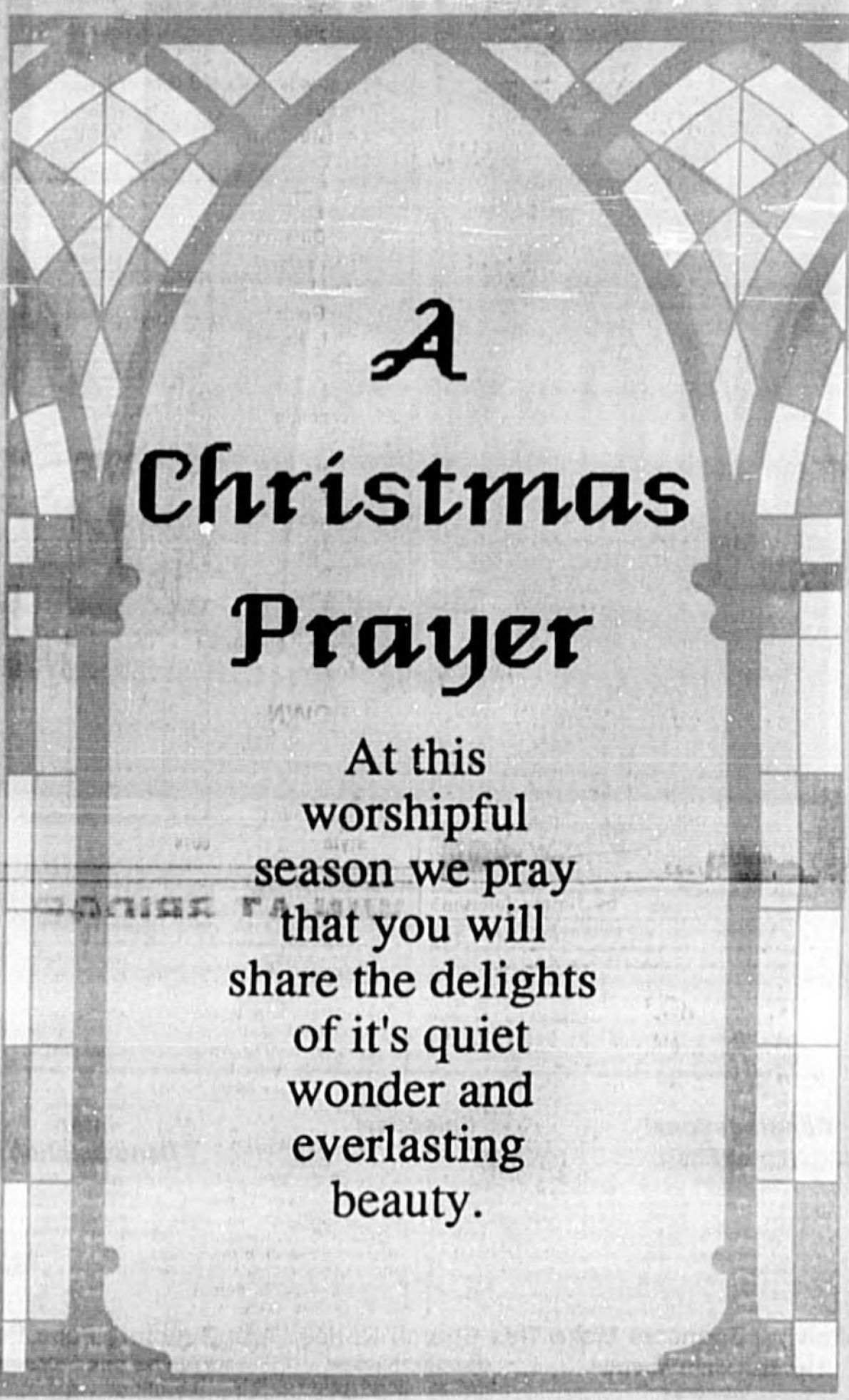
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

CANDLELIGHT LORD'S SUPPER
CHRISTMAS EVE
5:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
11:00 AM

Freddie Smith, Pastor
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COUNTRY CLUB BAPTIST CHURCH Country Club Road, Lake Mary

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JORDAN BAPTIST CHURCH 820 Uppala Rd. 10:00 a.m.

Lakeview Baptist Church

LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH 128 Lakeside Ave. W., Lake Mary

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Christmas Greetings

True love could cost you a bundle



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

City crews in Sanford began hanging decorations in the downtown area a couple of weeks ago.

Okay, here's the list of who's been naughty and who's been nice

United Press International

Santa will be coming soon and naturally before he loads up his sleigh he's going to want to know who's been naughty or nice. To help him decide who gets the goodies and who gets coal in their Christmas stockings this year, United Press International has formulated a little list.

Here, strictly for the fun of it, is UPI's 1988 list of who's been naughty and who's been nice.

NAUGHTY

- George Bush: For promoting a kinder, gentler nation and then waging a crueler, harsher campaign.
- Michael Dukakis: For ducking at the word "liberal."
- Lloyd Bentsen: JFK would not have been so nasty.
- Drew Pearson: For insider stock trading that reaped millions for a handful of traders while leaving most of the stock holders out in the cold.
- Robin Givens: For saying she wouldn't go after Mike's bucks and then doing it anyway.
- Sukhree Gabel: Honor thy father and mother.
- Donna Rice: For accepting an invitation to speak in private at the Society of Professional Journalists Sigma Delta Chi convention in Cincinnati, then refusing to speak because the media were there.
- A Yonkers, N.Y., citizen group: For arguing that a judge's order to build low-cost housing deprives them of the "benefits of living and/or working in neighborhoods free from low-class people."
- Morton Downey Jr.: For redefining the word "sleaze."
- Ben Johnson: For running faster than humanly possible.
- Nancy Reagan: For making a little promise and breaking it.
- Dan Rather: For making nicecream out of the art of metaphor.
- The media: For adding three new tests for political aspirants — sex, drugs and military service.
- "War and Remembrance": For seeming to last longer than World War II.
- Geraldo Rivera: For bringing professional wrestling to daytime TV.
- Ed Meese: For overstaying his welcome.
- Donald Regan: For sour grapes.
- Donald and Ivana Trump: For giving new meaning to the word "ubiquitous."
- Computer hacker Robert Morris Jr.: For creating a "virus" potent enough to crash a nation of computers.
- The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences: For failing to nominate Steven Spielberg for a directing Oscar again.
- The fashion industry: For trying to force miniskirts on women of all ages, shapes and sizes.
- The airlines: For hiking fares just before the holiday season.

NICE

- George Bush: For boosting the membership of the ACLU.
- Dan Quayle: For courtesy on the golf course.
- The Barrow, Alaska, whales: For risking their lives to prove that people are human.
- Sylvester Stallone: For sparing us from Rocky for an entire year.
- Barbra Streisand: For staying friends with Don Johnson.
- Disney Corp.: For bringing the baby boomers' favorite cartoon characters together in one movie ("Who Framed Roger Rabbit?").
- NASA: For returning Americans to space.
- Crew of the Discovery: For finally making a public tribute to the Challenger crew.
- Mikhail Gorbachev and Ronald Reagan: For new civility.
- Florence Griffith-Joyner: For dressing up the track.
- Congress: For deciding the Manassas, Va., Civil War battlefield site didn't need a shopping mall.
- Congress: For banning smoking on short airline flights.
- John Kennedy Jr.: For showing us why we still miss his dad.
- Elvis: For refusing to return.
- Barbara Bush: For growing old gracefully.
- Candice Bergen and CBS: For Murphy Brown, the best fictional newswoman on TV since Mary Tyler Moore left Minneapolis.
- Bill Cosby: For giving back some of his millions to Atlanta's Spelman College.
- Ford Motor Co.: For offering airbags in 50 percent of its domestic models.

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The 12 days of Christmas

Partridge	\$50
Pear tree	\$34.95
Turtle doves	\$50
French hens	\$90
Calling birds	\$300
Gold rings	\$123.50
Geese	\$400
Dancing ladies	\$1,080
Leaping lords	\$1,300
Pipers, drummers	\$1,200
TOTAL	\$7,548.45

would survive.

"I've never seen a partridge hatchling," Canavari said. "They're tough on an open ground field, you could find them in some orchards, like truck parks, but you have to be ground hunting for it."

Turtle doves go for about \$20, Canavari said, so there was a total of \$50 for the pair.

"Putting French hens together because there is no bird called a French hen today," Johnson said. "You could pick up some frozen."

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Celebrations somber in Holy Land

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Merry Christmas sign.

The Israeli police officer in the foreground is also wearing a Bethlehem for the Holidays before the Christmas season begins in Manger Square tomorrow.

Security is somewhat tight. There are military checkpoints around Bethlehem. People go through metal detectors before entering Manger Square.

On Dec. 25 there are processions from Bethlehem to the nearby village of Beit Sahur, site of the field where Christians believe angels appeared to sheep herds and told them of Jesus' birth.

Jerusalem officials said there would be no Bethlehem celebration there.

In Nazareth, the Israeli Arab village where Christians believe Jesus was raised, officials said celebrations also would be curtailed. In the past, Nazareth city sponsored night decorations and a choir sang there.

"We have canceled the celebrations because of the situation in the territories and the number of martyrs," said Sabeen Fahoum, a spokeswoman for Mayor Faruk Zayad. "The atmosphere here is not for celebrations."



Herald Photo by Tom Halcomb

Santa arrives early

Santa arrived early in Lake Mary this year. Ole Kris Kringle accompanied the city fire and police department on a mission of good will. The departments collected toys and distributed them

to city kids last week. Santa and his helpers covered the entire city and left many smiling little faces behind.

Christmas tree tradition at least 383 years old

United Press International

LONDON — There seems something odd about the Christmas trees in a timely new show at a London museum. Their decorations look strange — just a few unfamiliar, spartan ornaments.

The reason is that these trees reproduce the earliest decorated Christmas trees history can trace. And thereby hangs a problem.

The question is, just how old is the Christmas tree?

Well, at least 383 years, says "Spirit of Christmas — The Christmas Tree" at London's Museum of Childhood. A tree in the show is a careful reconstruction of one described that long ago.

Another is decorated like Prince Albert and Queen Victoria's tree at Windsor Castle in 1848. Another is a tree Charles Dickens described.

These strange-looking trees punctuate a charming show of Christmas ephemera, clustered under a temporary roof of glittering tree ornaments. It assembles careful research into how our modern Christmas trees came to be what they are.

The story begins with the ancient Romans, who used evergreen boughs to decorate their homes at new year festivals. Over the next 1,000 years Christianity adapted the custom and found new symbolism in winter-bearing shrubs, particularly holly, ivy and mistletoe.

As a sidelight, the exhibition notes this greenery was put up in Christian homes no earlier than Christmas Eve. The boughs remained up until Twelfth Night, Jan. 6, and then by tradition had to be burned to avert bad luck.

But when did cut-off branches graduate into entire trees decorated with lights and glittering ornaments?

The answer, the show says, is that no one knows.

A German tradition credits Martin Luther, the religious reformer who died in 1546. Legend says he was inspired by seeing starlight through a fir tree, and re-created the effect in his home with candles on a tree.

Unfortunately, says the exhibition, this "story is probably not true."

All historians can say for

certain is that the Christmas tree originated "in early 17th century Alsace" — in the French-German border area in the early 1600s.

Certainly the first written evidence dates from that time: a description of a decorated tree by a visitor to Strasbourg, now in France, in 1605. The book containing that description is in the show — and so is the tree.

Not the actual tree, of course, but one decorated as closely as possible to the 1605 description. Since the earliest tree decorations were edible, its boughs dangle gingerbread men, apples, marzipan angels, gilded nuts, colorful round cookies.

Written records mention English Christmas trees in the 1700s and the 1820s. But its introduction to the English-speaking world really is due to Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort.

He imported the German tradition in the 1840s. By 1847 the humor magazine Punch was referring to this "new royal custom," and in one museum case is Victoria and Albert's 1848 tree.

This reproduction, decorated on the evidence of drawings, is hung with tiny gifts, shell gossams and bright paper stars. Its candles, as on all early Christmas trees, were lit only once, on Christmas Eve.

Albert's innovation spread with amazing speed. By 1854 there was a vast Christmas tree market in London's one-time fruit and vegetable headquarters, Covent Garden. A contemporary engraving seems peculiarly modern — people dubiously peering at ranks of trees, just as they do now.

Dickens, the great Christmas popularizer, described a tree in the magazine "Household Words" in 1850. The museum also reproduces his tree, though his description was rather sparse. Next to it is a much more elaborate tree not only described but drawn in great detail by another writer in 1854.

"The Christmas Tree" show is the latest in an annual series at the Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood — a branch of the Victoria and Albert museum enormously popular with children but little known by tourists.

Christmas means going home

United Press International

"We always go to your mother's for Christmas. For once, why don't we stay here?" laments a husband to his wife.

Growing teary, she responds. "It won't seem like Christmas unless we're home."

"But honey," he says in a weak voice. "This IS home."

Come December 24th, where will you be? You may be an adult, perhaps parent to a couple of kids, but chances are good you'll be packing up and combating crowds at the airport to be at the home of your childhood come Christmas Eve.

Breaking from tradition is a tough transition to make.

"I'm dutifully going home to my mother in Florida," says Basil Talbott, 51, a Washington political reporter.

"I still go to my mother's house in Denver," says Jan Miller, 40, a Dallas literary agent. Her longtime companion accompanies her.

"It gets more complicated as the years go on for everyone to meet at the same time, but we have always gone to Denver. For my mom, Christmas is a very big deal — you are THERE, period," Miller is joined by her twin 37-year-old brothers and their families.

She talks about a couple of big book contracts she has pending in New York and suddenly sounds frazzled about the travel ahead. "Next year, I'm starting a new tradition and everybody is

coming here. We've got this great house that sits empty on Christmas."

Dorothea Wilson's mother's house, in Fort Worth, Texas, has rarely been empty on Christmas. Wilson, 49, transports her family from Bethesda, Md. to Texas, where she and her husband were born, met, and married as teenagers.

Their two children, both in their 20s, can't make it to Texas this year. So Dorothea and Sam are driving the distance themselves, which means 23 hours on the road.

Why make this grueling haul?

"Because that's where I'm SUPPOSED to be," explains Wilson, executive director of the American Society for Cell Biology. "And that's where I want to be." Her parents are 70 and 71; Sam's parents are 83 and 90.

The year the Wilsons stayed in Maryland, Sam clearly longed for a Texas Christmas. "I'll bet you my husband called home at least three times that day. Our Christmases there have always been so wonderful. Marvelous German chocolate cake, divinity fudge, pecan pie, smoked turkey — we've been there for almost every year of the 32 years we've been married."

Boston columnist Margery Egan is not only wooed by her mother's "great cooking." She can't stay away from the holiday magic that takes hold in the old family home. With toddler daughter in tow, she and her husband, reporter Peter Man-

cust, are flying to Cape Cod like they always do.

"My mother has an extravaganza," says Egan, 34. "She puts angels everywhere, about 250 of them. There's a 9-foot Christmas tree in our living room decorated with eggshells hand painted by my grandmother in 1906. Boughs of holly on the mantle and wrapped around the staircase. Little lights on all the house plants, a Frosty the Snowman — my mother just goes crazy. It's like we're all 12."

Egan sighs, and says it's high time to grow up. "We're gearing up to have Christmas in our house next year. We're getting the courage to tell my mother. It's time for a generational transition. We have just bought this sprawling, crumbling Victorian in Brookline, complete with four fireplaces."

She laughs when reminded that will mean competing with her mother's great cooking. "We had the whole family to our house this Thanksgiving, and my mother brought all the food in the trunk of her station wagon — a 30-pound turkey and all the fixings. Hopefully, next Christmas she'll bring the tenderloin."

Leatie Westreich, a Washington psychiatric social worker who specializes in couples' therapy, says the process of returning home for the holidays can "pull on family conflicts."

"Some adults who return home do it out of guilt. They go,

not out of pleasure, but out of a sense of obligation," says Westreich. "Those who go with great anticipation are people who have real feelings of love and connectedness. They go out of desire, not guilt."

Westreich feels it is "very healthy" at some point for growing young families to depart from tradition. "And it's very, very important that the families of origin allow that and support that. An ideal solution in a bonded family is that the older people come to the new family's home."

"This can be very healthy because it's a validation of the new family. It signifies a moving on into the future."

Jill Putki, 42, made the break two years ago. She and her husband and their two teenage children now have their own Christmas in Richmond, Va., away from the grandparents in Lancaster County, Penn.

"It was awful to tell my mother, especially since my mother's birthday is Dec. 29 and we wouldn't even be there," says Putki, a part-time nursery school teacher. "But at some point you have to realize, 'hey, I'm a grown up.'"

"My parents made it easy for us, because they had done the same thing when they had a young family. Now, we look forward to Christmas in Richmond. We've got so many friends here and the children have so many friends, we've really developed a second family."



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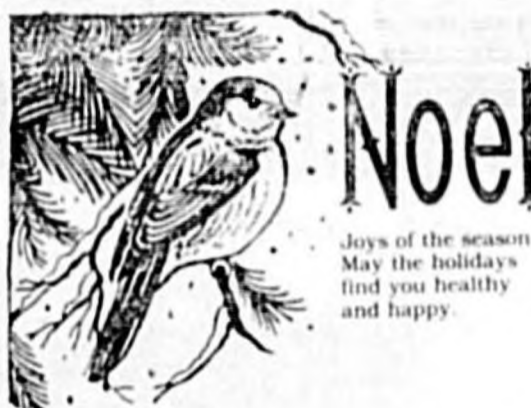
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Classic toys, electronic gadgets hottest gift items

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Classic toys, the Nintendo video game system and compact discs appear to be this holiday season's hottest sellers, unlike past years when faddish items, such as the Cabbage Patch doll, created chaos in store aisles.

"There is no runaway best seller this year, like the Cabbage Patch doll or the Teddy Ruxpin seen in prior years," said Brooke Adkins, public relations director for the 17 FAO Schwarz toy stores nationwide. Cabbage Patch dolls are computer-designed dolls madly popular four or five years ago and Teddy Ruxpins are talking teddy bears.

Adkins said there seems to be a "return to classic traditional toys — collector dolls, teddy bears, electric trains, wood blocks — all the real classics. Leggo is selling very well. Lincoln Logs and Howdy Doody are back this year. There seems to be a return to a '50s conservatism."

Also, parents are looking for quality toys they know will last and toys they played with as children, she said.

No matter what the gift, people are buying more than last year, retailers say.

"This year, we project a 6 percent increase for the fourth quarter of 1988" over last year's final quarter, said John Gary, assistant public relations director for the National Retail Merchants Association in New York.

"We've come full circle from last year's stock

market plunge, when retailers became highly promotional in the face of a tough retailing environment that negatively impacted fourth quarter results," said the retail association's chief economist Rosalind Wells.

Wells said last year, merchants were caught with too much inventory and were forced to discount heavily, while retailers this year have relatively normal inventories and markdowns will not be as deep.

Despite the general trend toward classic gifts, this gift-giving year, does have a high-tech toy fascinating millions — Nintendo, an electronic video game that hooks up to a television set. The system costs about \$100 plus about \$20-\$40 for additional game cartridges.

Spiegel Inc., the nation's third largest catalog merchandiser, also is seeing a traditional Christmas trend, with the exception of Nintendo and the Roger Rabbit talking stuffed animal.

"Perhaps the novelty of the do-everything doll has worn off and there's a return to tradition," said Spiegel's public relations manager Rob Longendyke.

Best Buys Inc., an electronics discount store in nine mostly Midwest states, said Nintendo is leading the pack of Christmas purchases.

"It's an expensive item, but it doesn't matter, it sells. We're selling out," said Randy Zanatta, the company's marketing vice president in Minneapolis.

He said other items selling well are electronic

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— Brooke Adkins
PR director for FAO Schwarz

keyboards, personal computers, camcorders (audio-video cameras) and compact disc players.

Tower Records in Washington is seeing an explosion in compact disc purchases.

"This is definitely turning into a CD Christmas," said store manager Rob Bruce. "Last Christmas, CDs outsold albums but this year, albums are going down hard ... and about half our sales are CDs."

The hottest-sellers at the store, within block of the White House, are the latest by Anita Baker, U2, the Traveling Wilburys, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Tracy Chapman, and Barbara Streisand, which features a duet with actor Don Johnson.

As for women's apparel, Sears spokeswoman Mary Lou Bilder said cable knit sweaters, costume jewelry, flannel nightwear and maternity wear are selling well this season. For men, she said, Jacquard-pattern (Italian knit) sweaters, colored

underwear, fashion hostery and Docker slacks by Levis are being grabbed up.

Bilder, speaking from Sears headquarters in Chicago, said these types of gifts parallel last year's choices by Sears shoppers.

But when price is no object, a place to shop is the exclusive Neiman-Marcus.

At its Chevy Chase, Md., store, it may not be too late to grab a one-of-a-kind gift for that special woman: an eagle-shaped pin, with a 2 1/2-inch wing span, designed with diamonds, sapphires, rubies, platinum and gold. Price tag: \$50,000.

"In Washington, a pin that beautiful with an eagle on it — it fits the community. It fits our clients in the area," said Harold Nelson, the store's vice president and general manager.

Nelson suggested a gift for that special man could be a cashmere or silk shirt for \$120-\$150. "Cashmere and silk personal items — they epitomize good taste," he said.

Elegant outfits for holiday parties are selling well, he said, including special wardrobes for the January presidential inaugural balls.

He said an inaugural ensemble would include a gown of taffeta or satin, running anywhere from \$950-\$10,000; high-heeled shoes ranging from \$175-\$350; and, so one doesn't have to slip lipstick in a pocket, an evening bag costing \$125-\$1,000.

He noted women invited to an inaugural affair "tend to go to more than one event, so one does not just buy one dress."

Letter brings landslide of holiday cards

United Press International

ATLANTA — Mabel Foster was 87 and lonely. Having outlived relatives and friends her final days were endless ones spent in the confines of a nursing home.

But she could still write, and in December 1981 she penned a poignant letter from a nursing facility in Waynesboro to the editor of Georgia's widely-read Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin, an agricultural newsletter.

She was disabled and had no family to spend Christmas with, she wrote in a shaky scrawl. Would the Bulletin ask its readers to send her Christmas cards and letters?

Valera Jessee, then editor of the Bulletin, ran Foster's plea in the Letters to the Editor column on Dec. 16, 1981, never expecting what the results would be.

"Lo and behold, we heard back from her (Foster) that she got 4,000 responses from that little note," said current Bulletin Editor Toby Moore, recalling the beginning of one of the Bulletin's

most popular features — its Special People List which runs every December several weeks before Christmas.

The Special People List, the direct outgrowth of Mabel Foster's letter, consists of about two pages of names and addresses of the elderly and the shut-ins across the state who would like to receive cards and letters from Bulletin readers during the holidays. It has become one of the most popular of all the paper's services, said Moore.

Jessee, now in public relations, said Foster died about six months after that Christmas of 1981. "That was her last Christmas," she said. Jessee received a letter from the dire home that said, "I want to thank you for giving her the happiest Christmas she ever had."

This year the weekly Bulletin, as it has done for the past eight years, published in its Dec. 7 edition the names and addresses of 321 elderly and disabled people who want to be remembered at Christmas. More names

and addresses were planned for the Dec. 14 edition, Moore said.

"It's very popular," Moore said of the Special People List. "People start sending names in by early October." Many of the requests come from people who want the names of elderly relatives or friends on the list.

"But it's amazing that some of the people write in themselves, saying such things as 'I'm homebound. Please put my name on your Special People List so I can receive cards and letters during Christmas.'"

Moore said church groups have adopted the Special People List as a Christmas project and watch for its appearance in the Bulletin. "I had a call from a lady the other day. She wanted to send Christmas cards to everyone on the list."

"I understand a lot of times teachers will have their classes send cards to people on the list. It has become one of the most popular features of the Market Bulletin."

"It is also one of the most fulfilling things that I do. A lot of times you feel removed from the

people, sitting up here in this big building in Atlanta."

Moore has a box of letters from Bulletin readers across the state. "Thank you for doing this. It is a special part of our Christmas," said one letter writer from Rome.

Another said "please enter my mother's name on the Special People List. She is 98 years old and enjoys Christmas cards from the nice people out there. It is a wonderful thing that you do. Thank you and may God bless you. Merry Christmas. I'm sorry but my mother can't write. She didn't get to go to any letters asking publication of names in the list come from nursing homes but most are from people who live at home. Some of those on the list get hundreds of cards and letters," he said, while others write the Bulletin to say they get "dozens, lots or many responses."

The Bulletin currently has a circulation of 250,000, half of it in the 15 counties of the Atlanta metro area, Moore said. Some 6,000 subscribers live in other states and pay \$5 per year for the paper.

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SAN ANTONIO — One of the more elegant catered affairs in Texas takes place this Christmas Eve beneath a downtown street overpass, compliments of the Cordon Bleus Brothers who believe in feeding the homeless in high style.

Prime rib heads an elaborate menu that includes an array of sophisticated desserts some of the best places in San Antonio usually serve in unarguably nicer settings.

But the Brothers make do by hanging festive lights from the concrete and setting trucked-in tables with fine cloths and turning up the music — blues selections, of course — to drown out the passing traffic.

Anonymity is the motto of this group of white collar professionals, who last year fed 600 of the city's homeless.

"Basically it's a group of folks who like to get together and have fun and do some good in the process. The whole point is to give the taste of a first class eating experience to people who honestly don't have that opportunity. That was the idea, to go first class in every way," said "Brother John," one of the group's members.

The group's members refuse to publicly disclose their names or businesses.

"Anonymity, that's very important. To me it ensures if you're doing it, you're doing it for the right reason and not to impress someone," said Brother John.

The group does impose a dress code, but only on its own members.

The Cordon Bleus Brothers, many of whom are in the food service business, are long-time fans of the Blues Brothers, the musical group featured in the movie of the same name that starred comedians Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi.

The Cordon Bleus Brothers would don crumpled 60s-style blues musician attire — skinny black ties, dark glasses, crumpled suits and fedoras and white socks — in honor of their movie models.

"We'd raise hell and dress up like the Blues Brothers because we like to dance and listen to blues music. We'd raise a little money for the San Antonio Symphony when they were in

trouble. In the movie, the Blues Brothers were trying to get their band back together," said the group's leader, "Brother Jake."

Last year, they came up with a different idea.

"For years I've always said I wasn't going to do Christmas the way we'd been doing Christmas, everybody giving everybody a bunch of presents they don't need," Brother Jake said.

"Last year, I said I'm going to spend Christmas Eve under a bridge feeding the homeless. They decided it was a better deal than supporting the symphony since they've got a lot of rich people helping them," he said.

Restaurants, hotels, wholesalers and friends with cash in their pockets were enlisted.

"It's a party, and it's some-

thing we want them to be able to remember as nice a deal as they've ever gone to," said Brother Jake. "I'm in the catering business, and it's as nice a party as we do for anyone else."

The West Commerce Street bridge was picked because it was a known gathering place for many of the city's homeless. One of the city's larger shelters for the homeless was nearby. Vehicles were used to transport some of the evening's diners from shelters on other sides of town.

Blues Brothers outfits were mandatory for each of the group's 30 or so members who showed up to wait tables, cook and deliver food or guests.

"You have to be in uniform or you get fined," Brother Jake said.

"The tapes we play we put together out of selected tunes from blues musicians, Christmas carols or not," he said.

The Brothers relied on handbills and word-of-mouth to spread the word about their first Christmas Eve feast.

"This year, the response is incredible. A lot of people want to go down and help out," said Brother Jake, whose group last year found itself short of volunteers for the kind of duty integral to any good party.

"Last year we had plenty of people to serve the food," he said. "What we didn't have was enough people to make it a party, circulate, press flesh and make people welcome."

Christmas breaks all the rules

United Press International

Christmas breaks all the rules. A virgin delivers a son, Angela aeranade startled shepherds from a starry sky.

A king is born anonymously in a crude stable behind an inn for which rustic would be too kind a word.

A funny fat man drives a herd of reindeer through the heaven and squeezes himself through chimneys, even where they aren't any.

And, mostly, as millions of Christians will sing in worship services both simple and sumptuous, "God is with us."

Coleridge, on poetry, wrote of "that willing suspension of disbelief, for the moment, which constitutes poetic faith." Christmas invites the same momentary turn of mind — even among non-Christians.

The poet Robinson Jeffers, no friend of Christianity, was taken by the moment. For an hour on Christmas eve and again on the holy day, seek the magic of past time. From this present turn away.

It seems no accident that the nativity festival, more than any other, excites the aesthetic imagination — in song, painting and

verse. For much of the year, the Christian life is dominated by ethics, the call to right behavior, to stewardship, to action. Christmas, without abandoning ethics, summons the aesthetic with the play of poetry, the sensuousness of song, the call to contemplation.

Carols call for the break of routine, for silence — "Said the night wind to the little lamb, do you hear what I hear?"

They say stop, regain the sense of awe — "Fall on your knees (and) hear the angel voices," in the words of the haunting "Cantique de Noel" ("O Holy Night"), now a best-loved carol but once bitterly attacked by the bishop of Paris as profane.

Because it urges the breaking of rules and routine, Christmas has been troublesome for authority. King Herod, of course, was the first to recognize its threat to the established order.

"Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were 2 years old or under." (Matthew 2:16).

Herod wasn't alone.

During the medieval period, Christmas became embedded in the popular consciousness and was a time of celebration, of rowdy revelry, of broken rules. Bands of merry-makers — merrymen — even disrupted church services.

So, later, the stiff-necked Cromwell persuaded Parliament to pass a law forbidding the observance of the festival. It was banned in Boston by the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

But the poetry of miracle and merriment could not be suppressed.

Miracles, like poetry, break the rules. They invite, at least for the moment, contemplation of alternative orders, different ways of being — in a currently most unfashionable word — utopia.

"Wrapped up in the name Emmanuel," says the Rev. Emilio Castro of the World Council of Churches, is "the surprise, the mystery, the joy of a presence transforming all of human existence."

A virgin gives birth. Angels sing. A king comes quietly. Christmas comes. The rules are broken.

In the land where Christ once traveled, peace still out of reach

United Press International

JABALIA, Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip — Abu Waleid, 62, acknowledged his family of 16 had suffered during the "intifada," but he said army curfews, the beating of his son and frequent food shortages had not crushed his spirit.

"We have hope that we will have a political solution," the retired Palestinian laborer said in this refugee camp, near where the uprising against 21 years of Israeli occupation erupted.

"People don't want to confront the Israelis," he said. "We want a political solution."

The "intifada," as the uprising is known in Arabic, has changed the political landscape in the Middle East and perhaps brought the chances of an Arab-Israeli peace settlement slightly closer.

More than 300 Arabs have been killed and tens of thousands wounded by gunfire, beatings or tear gas since the uprising exploded Dec. 9, 1987. At least 18,000 Palestinians have been jailed. Frequent general strikes and army curfews seriously have disrupted commerce and everyday life.

Despite the enormous hardship, most Palestinians believe the uprising has brought them tremendous political and social gains and set their people on the road to establishing an independent Palestinian state.

Sari Nusseibeh, a philosophy professor at Bir Zeit University in the occupied West Bank, described the intifada as "a major turning point in the history of the Palestinian people's struggle for freedom and independence" that offered the possibility of peace between Israel

and the Palestinians. Many Israelis, even those who believe the Palestinian problem must be solved, say the Palestinians have put their cause back on the international agenda but have yet to achieve any concrete political gains.

Most importantly, the United States had decided to open a dialogue with the PLO after the organization softened its position to Washington's satisfaction.

"The intifada has achieved one of its major goals, which was to open a dialogue between the United States and the PLO," said Said Kanaan, a prominent Nabulus businessman. "I hope it will convince the public opinion in Israel to put pressure on its stubborn government to come forward and shake hands with the PLO, which has new goals and new aims."

But retired general Ephraim Sneh, who headed the military's Civil Administration in the West Bank for two years, said one of the major failures of the uprising has been the "fear and hatred" it has engendered among Israelis, making a settlement that much more difficult.

On the surface, Israeli society has not been altered fundamentally by the uprising. The major effect has been to double army reserve duty to nearly two months a year to maintain a daily average of 10,000 soldiers in the territories.

Nine Israelis, including three soldiers, have been killed and more than 1,100 wounded, the army says.

Israel's international reputation has been tarnished by the spiraling Palestinian death toll. See Peace, Page 6



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Holidays bring big sales for 'Heavenly Ham' owner

ATLANTA — Hutch Hodgson is hamming it up these days with a product that's heavenly and a business that has turned into paradise.

The product is Heavenly Ham and the business is Paradise Foods Inc., a franchising company for the spiral-cut, honey and spice glazed ham that will ring up sales of \$6 million in 1988, almost 20 percent more than last year.

Since Hodgson took control of Heavenly Ham three years ago, the company has grown to 28 franchises, with two more expected to open soon, from the original Hilton Head Island, S.C., business and four other stores.

"I had observed the success of the spiral sliced ham business but had never tasted one as good as the competition until I tasted ours," Hodgson, 49, said. "I knew we had a great product but I was curious whether we had a market for it. We did."

After working for the Coca-Cola Co. for 24 years in a marketing job that took him to Canada, Brussels, Paris, Johannesburg and Hong Kong, Hodgson decided to leave the soft drink giant in 1985 and find his own business to run.

"I wanted to see if I could practice what I'd been preaching all my life," Hodgson said. "I'd always worked with Coke bot-

tlers, who are successful entrepreneurs. I always admired their opportunity to really more or less run their life and work hard to do that."

Hodgson resigned from Coca-Cola, then spent four months trying to find "the right business."

A tip from a cousin in South Carolina led him to Heavenly Ham, whose owners were looking for someone to invest in and operate the business, or as Hodgson said, "to make it fly."

"I fell in love with the product first," he said. "Of course, I'm gonna say this but it's really the best ham I've ever had, and I've had ham about everywhere you can be."

Hodgson took a 20-day option on buying half the company, then "took a good look at the market" and decided to exercise the option in November 1985.

Within a year of taking control, Hodgson expanded Heavenly Ham to 11 stores and was on his way to opening more franchises in Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

Although no accurate figures are maintained, industry insiders concur with Hodgson's assessment that Heavenly Ham is the second-largest provider of

spiral-sliced ham, behind only the product's originator, Honey Baked Hams.

"We're a very distant second," Hodgson said, laughing when asked if Heavenly Ham can challenge Honey Baked for ham supremacy.

"They are a good company, a big company. We'll see what happens. Both of them are really good products," he said. "It's up to the consumer, but I would be less than honest not to say I think we have a better product."

The emerging success of Heavenly Ham has caught the attention of Honey Baked Hams, which has corporate offices in Atlanta, Boston, Cincinnati and Detroit.

But with 150 stores across the country and an expanding business of their own, Honey Baked executives admit their supremacy isn't likely to be challenged soon.

"From what we've gathered, it doesn't appear they're going to become a serious threat in the near future," said John Harvey, director of administration for Honey Baked Ham of Georgia.

"We are aware of them and try to remain abreast of their expansions," Harvey said. "We've heard comments from customers who have gone into one of their stores believing it was ours. That's something we'll

have to contend with because of the similarity with the name."

Hodgson admits he did a doubletake when he first saw the name "Heavenly Ham," a catchy corporate name that opens several creative doors for advertising.

But it's also a name that requires "good taste" when it's used for promotional adventures, he said.

Last year, the company used a logo featuring pig faces sprouting angel wings and a halo.

The design has been scaled back considerably and the company has been cautious in using its name to promote sales during Christmas and Easter, religious holidays when over 45 percent of all sales are tallied, Hodgson said.

"There was some sensitivity that might be getting a little bit close to home, pigs with wings on them," he said. "We've sort of gone down a narrow little path with that. It's the same with advertising. If you start getting real flat-footed with something like that, there could be a lot of people out there who think that's taking advantage of the holidays."

"We keep it pretty straight," he said. "The name is only good enough to get people in the doors. It depends on the product after that."

Still, with the ham advertised as "a taste that is out of this world," Hodgson said he simply "couldn't resist" picking Paradise Foods as the name of his franchising company.

Rather than spend tons of money advertising Heavenly Ham, Hodgson has relied on the marketing skills he acquired with Coca-Cola to do most of his promotional work.

His best idea seems to be "hampling" — where store owners are encouraged to pop into area businesses with free samples of Heavenly Ham.

"Coming out of something like Coke, it's not a real ingenious strategy," Hodgson said, "but it works. People like it when you walk in and offer them something to eat. We rely on word-of-mouth advertising a lot after that."

Promoted by the industry as

the "new white meat," pork has experienced a steady increase in consumption in the last decade.

The American Meat Institute said the average American ate 58.6 pounds of pork in 1986, up from 53.7 pounds 10 years earlier. Hodgson credits the increase to "a great job of re-designing the pig" by the pork industry.

"The pig is about 50 percent leaner now than it was 25 years ago," he said. "Our particular product within that category is great. We've got the lowest salt content in Heavenly Ham that you can have and still put it out under the USDA guidelines, right around 2 percent or less. Most hams are about 3 1/2 to 4 percent salt. That's why you get real thirsty when you eat ham. You can eat ours and eat ours and you don't have to go find a faucet somewhere."

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- Greg Louganis: For bringing class to the Olympics.
- Cher: For proving over-40 has sex appeal.
- The French court system: For prohibiting the telecast of a colorized version of John Huston's classic black-and-white

- drama "The Asphalt Jungle."
- Author Sidney Sheldon: For contributing \$150,000 to start student-run newspapers at New York City's Erasmus and Roosevelt high schools.
- The American electorate: For voting anyway.

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chicken Cordon Bleu at the supermarket for around \$3.29, but let's keep with the spirit of the song and go for live birds.

"There are some domestic poultry of French origin. Asking what they cost is like asking 'What does a Chevrolet cost?' But it's got to be something like a chicken, a domestic variety of poultry. Thirty dollars, that's my best guess, something close to that," Johnson said. That makes \$90 for three zoo-quality Gallic pullets.

There isn't any species called a calling bird either, though plenty of birds make noise. "If it was a canary or some other song bird that has a good vocal sound, that's about \$75 each," Johnson said. Figure \$300 for four of those.

The price for gold rings will vary, but remember — your true love is going to be wearing five of them, probably while cleaning lots of bird cages. Stick with

something simple and cheap.

Service Merchandise, which bills itself as "America's Leading Jeweler," has a plain 14K gold band 2 millimeters wide for \$24.70. That comes out to \$123.50, not including sales tax.

Next on the list is half a dozen geese a laying. Here again, geese is kind of a generic term, but they're plentiful and easy to find. Johnson figures about \$20 each, for a total of \$120.

The seven swans a swimming are going to be a big-ticket item, even if your honeybunch already has a pool or pond for them to swim in.

"Swans are pretty expensive," Johnson said. He figures \$400 each, for a total of \$2,800.

So now you've spent \$3,410 for the birds alone, and your true love is probably going to be less than thrilled with the menagerie.

"None of these are good things for pet birds," Johnson said.

Next, you need eight maids a milking. There aren't a lot of

professional milk maids in today's labor market, but you could hire eight of the people who operate the automatic milking machines at the McArthur Dairy in Miami. Dairy spokesman Clay Stringer estimates that would cost you around \$400 a day, cows not included.

The Miami City Ballet can provide the nine ladies dancing as well as the 10 lords a leaping if you're not a stickler for pedigree. There are no titled lords and ladies in the troupe, but they dance and leap quite nobly.

"Nine ladies dancing I estimate at \$1,080 and 10 lords a leaping I estimate at \$1,300. That's sort of a vague guesstimate for about two hours," said Toya Dubin, finance and operations manager for the troupe.

"You have to understand that's based on an average salary. We have principle dancers who are paid on a very

different scale than our corps. In order to get 10 lords a leaping we'd have to use all the boys in the corps and the principles.

Last on the list are 11 pipers piping and 12 drummers drumming. You can hire all of them en masse by booking a bagpipe band through the Scottish American Society.

"You'd have to hire two pipe bands to get that many drummers. The classic band usually is formed of 12 pipers and three snares, two sides and one base (drum), so that's six drummers," said the society's Judson DeCew in Davie, Fla.

Hiring two bands would actually give you 12 drummers drumming and 24 pipers piping — 13 extra pipers, but it's Christmas so why not be generous?

Most of the bands charge around \$300 for a simple engagement so figure \$600, DeCew said.



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Peace

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toll and the army's "iron fist" policies. But Israel has not been polarized as was the United States during the Vietnam War.

The uprising and the Arab-Israeli conflict were the main campaign issues in the almost inconclusive Nov. 1 election. The center-left Labor Party backed territorial concessions for peace. The right-wing Likud Party rejected giving up any territory and instead proposed limited Palestinian autonomy, an 11-year-old formula.

Neither Labor nor Likud policies were endorsed overwhelmingly. The results revealed voters had shifted slightly to extremes of both left and right.

By now, says Prof. Raphael Israeli of Jerusalem's Hebrew University, many of his countrymen accept the uprising as part of everyday life.

"Most countries of the world live with crime, drugs, traffic accidents," Israeli said. "It's a problem they live with. Here it is the intifada."

"It is a discomfort. The image we project to the world is not very nice. But ultimately it never threatened the existence of Israel. Those who suffered the most were Palestinians."

Parliament member David Zucker said the uprising has smashed two cherished Israeli ideas: that the Arab-Israeli conflict was becoming resolved and that Palestinians were not willing to pay the price to oppose Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, seized from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Six Day War.

"Something is happening among Israelis," he said. "Most of us have accepted the idea that it will be impossible to rule, for a long time, over the Palestinians. That's not a minor thing."

Right-wing Israelis prefer to see the uprising as a security issue rather than a political one.

Binyamin Netanyahu, former ambassador to the United Nations and a Likud Parliament member, said the intifada was a temporary phase that could be quickly put down if the army used tougher measures.

Politically, however, the PLO — pressed by Palestinians in the territories — is campaigning to win the recognition of the United

States and other Western nations. The first step was the Nov. 15 Palestine National Council declaration of an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza that implicitly accepted Israel's existence.

Israeli leaders rejected the PNC resolutions and more explicit statements by PLO leader Yasser Arafat, saying they did not unconditionally recognize Israel and renounce violence.

Where the peace process will go depends on the makeup of the

next Israeli government as well as the policies of President-elect George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. But Palestinians in the territories see no turning back: the intifada will go on.

"The intifada has reached the stage when it can stand on its feet," said Mahdi Abdel Hadi, head of an Arab East Jerusalem think tank. "It is not against Israel, as it was in the first stages. It is against Israeli military occupation."

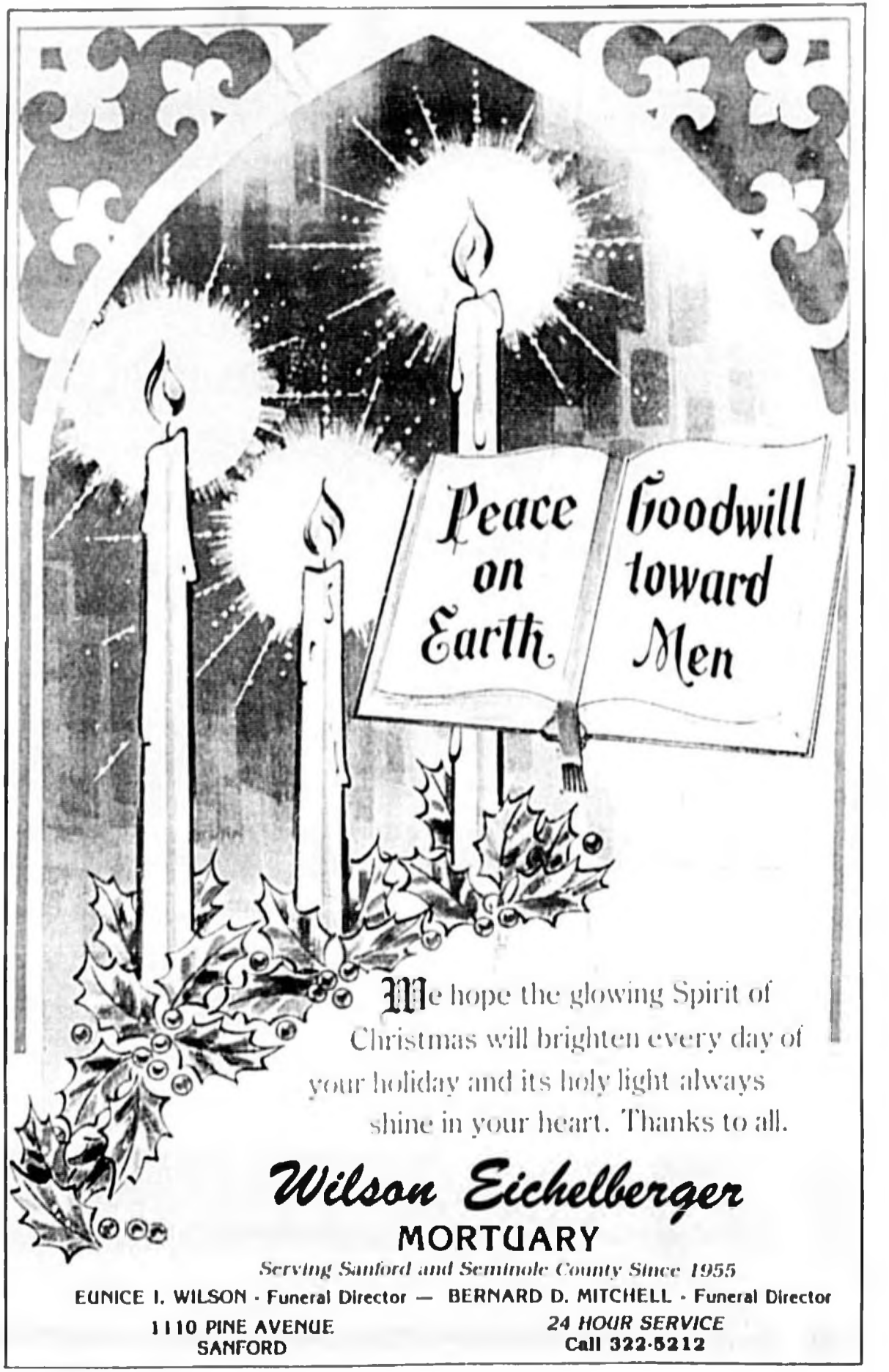
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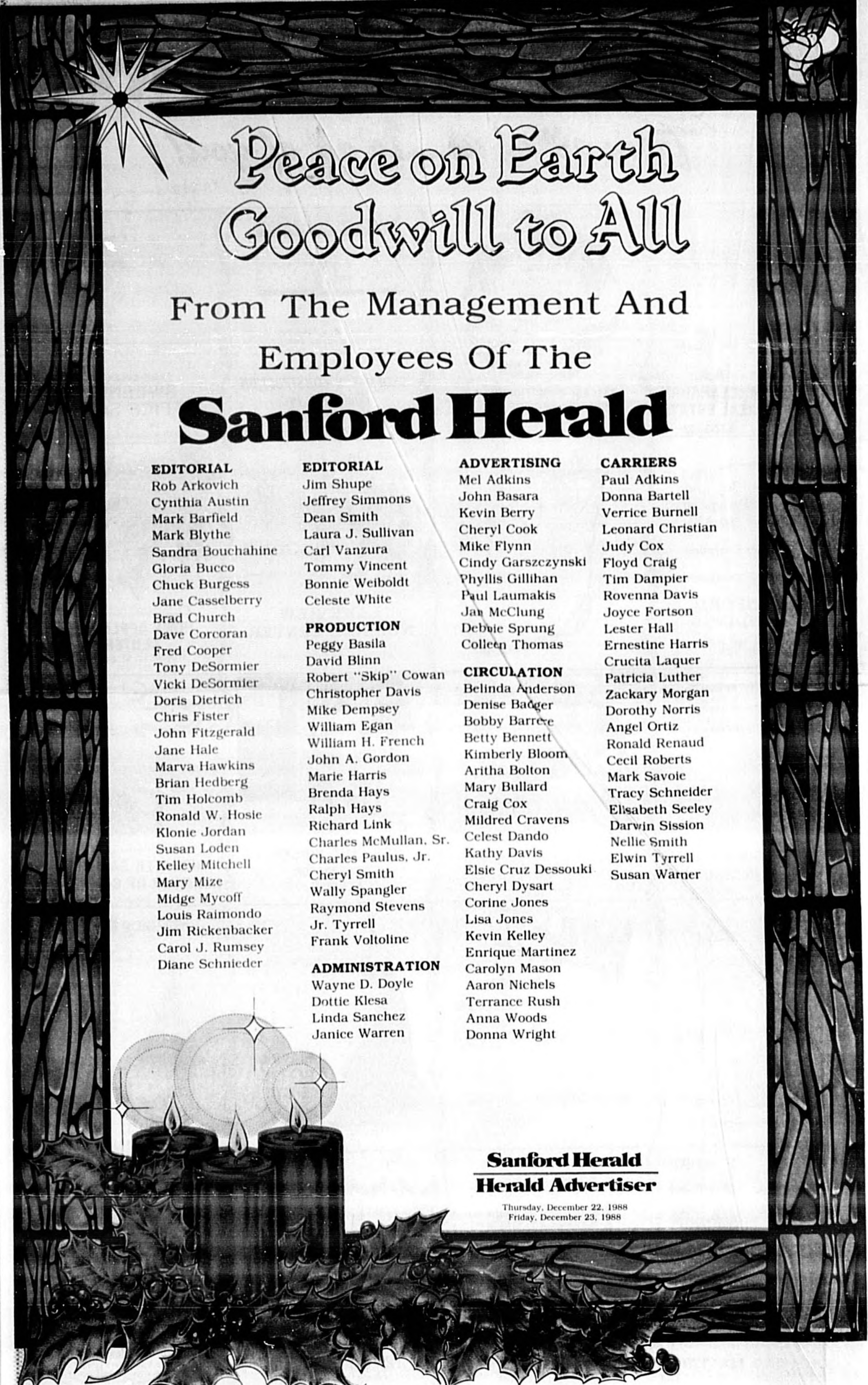


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