

BLONDIE 4B—Evening Herald, Sanford, FL. Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1980 by Chic Young

IT'D LIKE TO BUY A CASHMERE SWEATER FOR MY WIFE
WE HAVE THEM IN ALL COLORS FOR \$175
WHAT CAN I GET FOR ABOUT \$30?
TWO KNITTING NEEDLES AND A BALL OF YARN

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

MAYBE YOU CAN TELL IF THE TANKS ARE COMING BY LISTENING TO THE GROUND
HEAR ANY TANKS?
NO
THEN WHY ARE YOU STILL DOWN THERE?
I'M EAVESDROPPING ON A COUPLE OF WORMS

THE BORN LOSER by Art Sansom

THEREFORE, THE WAY I SUM UP THE...?
LOOK AT ME WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU!

ARCHIE by Bob Montana

IT'S BEEN A MONTH SINCE I SENT ENSON A MEMO ASKING HIM TO TABULATE THE EXPENDITURES OF HIS MAINTENANCE MATERIAL
HE CLAIMS HE JUST WANTS TO GET IT!
HE RECEIVED IT? HE MEANT TO TELL ME THAT YOU DIDN'T GET A COPY OF THIS MEMO?
YES, I DID!
IS RIGHT HERE IN PILE OF OTHER MEMOS WHERE I NOT GET IT?
YES!

ECK & MEEK by Howie Schneider

ALL THROUGH HISTORY OUR WISE MEN HAVE GONE TO THE MOUNTAINS TO HEAR THE WORDS OF WISDOM...
AND THEN GONE DOWN TO THE VALLEYS TO TELL IT TO THE FOLK, IGNORANT FOLK...
WHO HAD TO WORK SO HARD MAKING A LIVELIHOOD THAT THEY COULDN'T AFFORD A TRIP TO THE MOUNTAINS

PRISCILLA'S POP by Ed Sullivan

THE TRUCK IS ON THE WAY, MAAM—JUST STAY PUT!
THANK YOU!
BERNARD WON'T BELIEVE THIS! EVEN IF I TELL HIM ABOUT THE SUDDEN HIGH WIND...
AND HOW I WAS STOPPED AT THE RED LIGHT...
HELL! STILL THINK IT WAS MY FAULT!

BUGS BUNNY by Stoffel & Heimdahl

IN THESE DAYS OF INFLATION, WE MUST MAKE THE DOLLAR GO FURTHER!
YOU ARE SO RIGHT, DOC!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I HAD IN MIND!

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

SANTA
NOW, I'M NOT LOOKING FOR ANY SPECIAL CONSIDERATION, BUT MY FATHER CAN GET YOU A GOOD DEAL ON INSULATION.

TUMBLEWEEDS by T. K. Ryan

HEY! WHY AIN'T YOU OUT LOOKIN' FOR THE WEEPI?—DON'T YOU EVEN CARE THAT HE'S LOST?
HE'LL TURN UP, RELAX.
THAT'S EASY FOR YOU 'SAY; HE DIDN'T DRAW YER NAME IN THE CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE!

Sleep Commercials Often Misleading
Dr. Lamb

DEAR DR. LAMB—I used to sleep like a baby. Now I'm lucky to get six hours a night. Often I only get four or five. I realize that at 62 I can't expect to sleep like I did when I was 18 but isn't it necessary to get eight hours of sleep a night? I just don't seem to be able to get to sleep but am still mulling things at midnight. Should I take a sleeping pill? I see these ads on TV that tell you how much better you feel if you use something.

DEAR DR. LAMB—Regarding bed fingerlings, I'm a lay hypochondriac. Of the dozens and dozens of ex-smokers I have to my credit, some had bad nails. Stopping smoking in some cases seems to have been linked to improved nail bed nourishment. Perhaps the blood circulation to the ends of the fingertips improved as a result of more oxygen in the blood and less nicotine constriction. I find that rather interesting.

DEAR READER—Thank you for sending along your observation and I agree it's interesting. One of the old studies for vascular disease was to evaluate the change in temperature in the surface of the skin after smoking. There is quite a bit of individual variation. Some people are more sensitive to cigarette smoke than others. In these people when the tiny arteries in the skin constrict, the skin temperature would fall. In any case, for those who worry about fingernail problems and also smoke cigarettes, it would be worth stopping smoking to see if it will help improve their fingernails.

It should be added that some people's arterial system is so sensitive to tobacco that smoking is a significant factor in causing them to develop gangrene of the tips of the fingers and feet. The classic example of this is Berger's disease. There are a number of peripheral vascular diseases that are significantly influenced by smoking.

ACROSS

44 Celestial bear
47 Actress
50 Hot well
52 West Indian product
53 Name (prefix)
58 Ripped
59 Air (prefix)
60 Level
61 Auto wheel type (pl)
62 Sodium chloride
63 Fathers
64 Iowa college town
65 Feels sorry about
66 Polar feature
67 Second sailing
68 First-rate (comp. wd)
69 City of sorrow
70 Author
71 Flamingo
72 Long-nosed fish
73 Reducer
74 Unplayed golf
75 River in Italy
76 New York ball club
77 Frasco

Answer to Previous Puzzle

10 Fodder
11 Hays
12 Mouth part
13 Environment agency (abbr)
14 Navy ship prefix (abbr)
15 Barrister (abbr)
16 General population
17 Foy
18 Low (Lat)
19 Reducer
20 Unplayed golf
21 Traffic route
22 Seb's son
23 Intersection
24 Onocrotium (abbr)

25 Asiatic mountains
26 Villain in "Othello"
27 Couple
28 Hooks
29 Traffic route
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31 Traffic route
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33 Intersection
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35 Safety agency (abbr)
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37 Part of the eye
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HOROSCOPE
By BERNICE BEDE OSOL

For Wednesday, December 24, 1980

YOUR BIRTHDAY
DECEMBER 24, 1980
interests before your own. Those points add up to a lot of love for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
A most enjoyable day is in the making because you'll be spending it with those who mean a lot to you and who know how to have a good time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Because you are anxious to change things for the better today for those you love, you grow in the esteem of the persons you help, even though you seek neither praise nor reward. Find out more of what lies ahead for you in the year following your birthday by receiving your copy of Astro-Graph, Mail #1 for each Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth date.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Today, in several relationships very important to you, you and those with whom you're associated will have opportunities to show how much each cares.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
You're the type who is always willing to be helpful and of service. Today the roles will be reversed as those you aided will be anxious to reward you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Everything should go just as you want it today, socially or romantically. Bonds will be strengthened with either new or old relationships.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You'll be chalking up a great many points today because you continually put others

WIN AT BRIDGE
By Oswald Jacoby and Alan Sontag

bridge play.

His three-trump call was optimistic as was his spade cue bid and his ruff in a grand slam contract.

The first three tricks went to king of hearts, king and queen of diamonds. West showed out and it was an easy matter to finesse against East's jack and run the rest of the suit. Then Konstam cashed the ace of spades just to see if West would follow. Needless to say, he didn't and now the complete count of everyone's distribution was available. West had dealt eight hearts, one diamond and four clubs.

Konstam led a club toward dummy and went up with the ace to pick up West's singleton king and bring the grand slam home.

East was bitter and accused Konstam of having peeked in his hand.

The accusation had no merit. Konstam had learned that the clubs were going to split 4-1. Hence there was no way to make his contract unless East's singleton club was the king. A slim chance is better than no chance at all, so Konstam had availed himself of the slim chance.

The late Kenneth Konstam was one of England's greatest bridge players who was particularly effective in rubber

ANNIE by Leonard Starr

—BUT IF ANY TOLE IS A GREAT BALLERINA, WHY DOESN'T SHE PERFORM?
—KNOW WHAT SHE SAID? SHE DIDN'T DEFECT SO AS TO BECOME A MILLIONAIRE? INSTEAD...
—SHE WANTED TO TEACH HER RT TO FUTURE GENERATIONS OF HER ADOPTED COUNTRY AS PAYMENT FOR "FREEDOM"—
—EVER HEAR "GLOI TRUPE?"
—DOESN'T SOUND LIKE TRUPE TIME!
—NO? HA! HA! IF ANY THINKS LIFE HERE IS FREE, JUST LET HER TRY NOT PAYING HER INCOME TAX!!

FLECHER'S LANDING by Douglas Coffin

LET ME EXPLAIN CHRISTMAS'S LOOT: A GOLD NUGGET IS 100% LOOT...
...A NEW COAT FOR INSTANTLY CAN RUN AS HIGH AS 89% A FONDUE POT 61%...
...AND STOCKING PROFFERS USUALLY HAVE A 50-55% LOOT CONTENT...
WHAT ABOUT IT? IT'S NOT THOUGHT THAT COUNTS?
BELOW 30%!

Memories

Seniors Recall Christmases Past



Christmas is a fun time at Bram Towers. Gathering around Irving Fried at the piano are (from left), Margaret Whitaker, Ruth Salisbury, Herbert Foster and Freida Gielow.

Sanford Chamber Hosts Dinner

Foreign Students Adjust To Lifestyle Of America

By DIANE PETRYK
Herald Staff Writer

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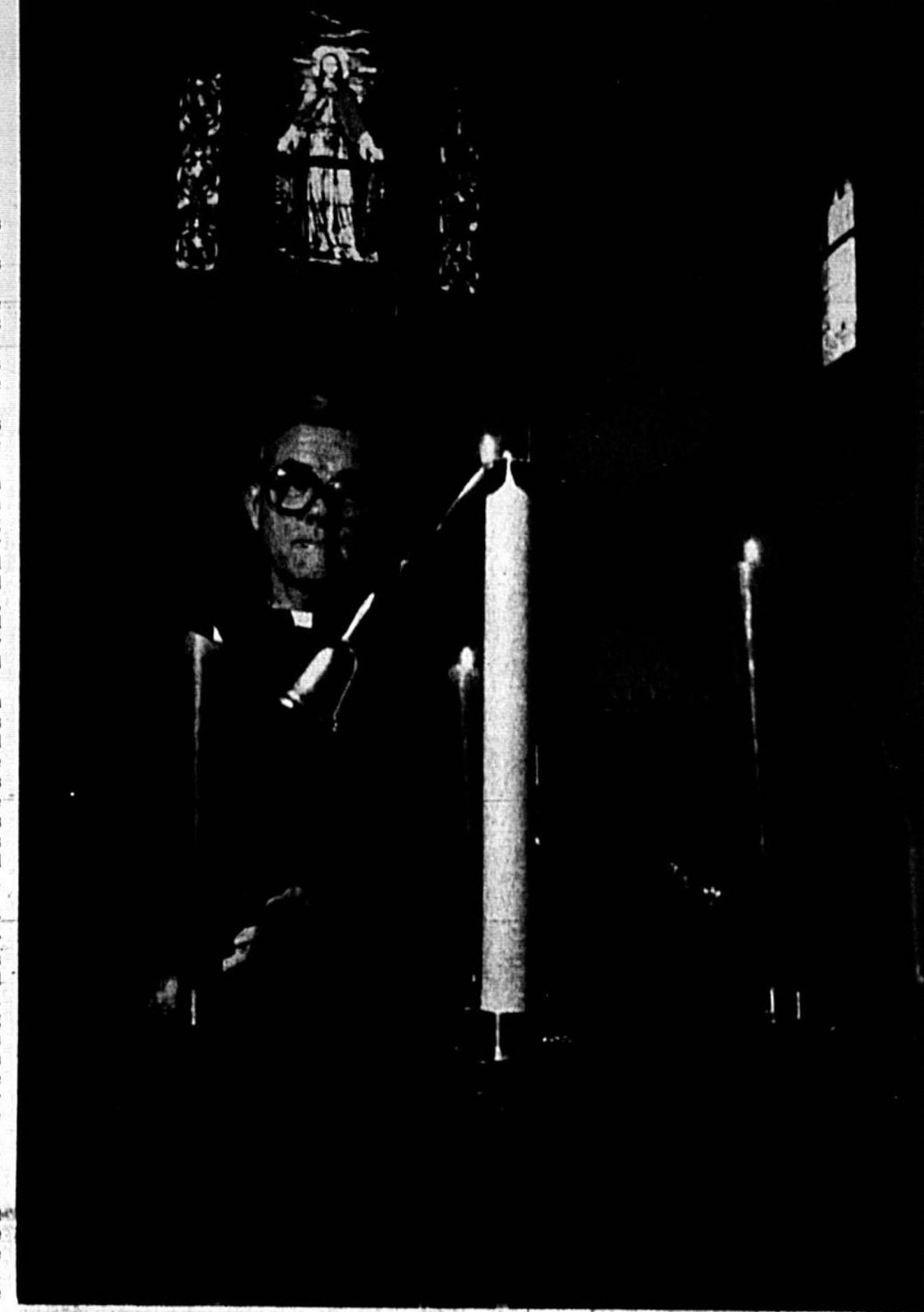
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Traditional Advent wreath at the Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Sanford. One candle is lit each week during the four weeks prior to Christmas, celebrating a period of prayer which marks the beginning of the Church's year.

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Gifts Fit For A King

The drama of the Nativity can never be overworked. Artists in every century have marveled at the accounts of shepherds, wise men and a manger, and then expressed their own interpretation of the first Christmas.

Some scholars note that the presence of the Wise Men gave the nativity its universal acclaim. Without them, the birth of Jesus would have seemed more local, barely regional, with a few breathless shepherds and the otherwise heedless occupants of the inn next door.

They brought presents for the Child and his family, opening their treasures they offered him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh. And they brought questions to us and other Christmas watchers, such as whatever happened to the money and presents? There is no further mention in scripture.

And why these gifts, was there a special significance or was this the random offering of traveling royalty?

Gold, that is money, always helps, and for Mary and Joseph it meant not luxury but life. They were son warned of the murderous intent of King Herod. The sudden exit from Israel and journey to Egypt and extended stay would be costly for these displaced people. Without income or resources, they would be in real danger.

Frankincense is a very expensive fragrance, something that a peasant girl like Mary could never afford and rarely experience. This possession of the child's mother. It was a gracious, touching present.

Myrrh was used primarily for embalming. Again, belonging to the wealthy. Some say a sign of Good Friday. Yet, in this instance, perhaps a warning to Joseph (without using words) that danger and death brewed in Herod's heart and he'd better be off for Egypt.

All these gifts for a King from those who worshipped from afar.

Troubled Coin

The latest idea of the United States Treasury Department — to make the Susan B. Anthony dollar bronze so that it will be more appealing to the public — isn't going to work either.

Oh, the coin idea makes financial sense. Coins cost the government about 3 cents apiece and they can be circulated for 15 years or longer. Dollar bills cost 2 cents each and last only about 18 months. Savings of \$4.5 million a year can be made by using metal instead of paper.

But let's face facts. People find the \$1 bill a lot more convenient than a \$1 coin. Paper is easily carried in a wallet. It's lightweight. It doesn't jingle and it doesn't wear holes in pockets.

The Anthony coin has another unappealing quality. It so closely resembles a quarter coin. It can easily be spent for a quarter its value. Hence the government's theory that a change of color — from silver to bronze — will make it more acceptable.

We're afraid the golden bronze color would soon deteriorate to a mustard yellow. The public has demonstrated the coin is not going to be accepted readily. It was a bad idea from the outset. Simply stated, the \$1 bill is more functional and there can be no saving if the \$1 coin is not acceptable to the public.

BERRY'S WORLD



Around The Clock by JOE DeSANTIS. A clock face graphic with the text 'Around The Clock' and 'by JOE DeSANTIS'.

VP's: Role Debate In Transition

WASHINGTON (NEA) — The role of Vice President-elect George Bush in the incoming administration has become the topic of one of the most bitter debates going on behind the scenes in the upper levels of Ronald Reagan's transition operation.

The conservatives, led by Nevada Sen. Paul Laxalt, wish that Bush had never been chosen as Reagan's running mate. They do not trust the future vice president, seeing him as a moderate Republican threat in 1984 or 1988. And they do not want Bush given a platform in the new administration from which to launch his future political career.

But that is exactly what is happening. The furious conservatives are blaming the development on the former aide to President Ford — Mainly James Baker — who have Reagan's ear. Most political professionals give much of the credit for Reagan's victory to Baker, who joined up late but was able to quickly get the founding campaign onto the right track.

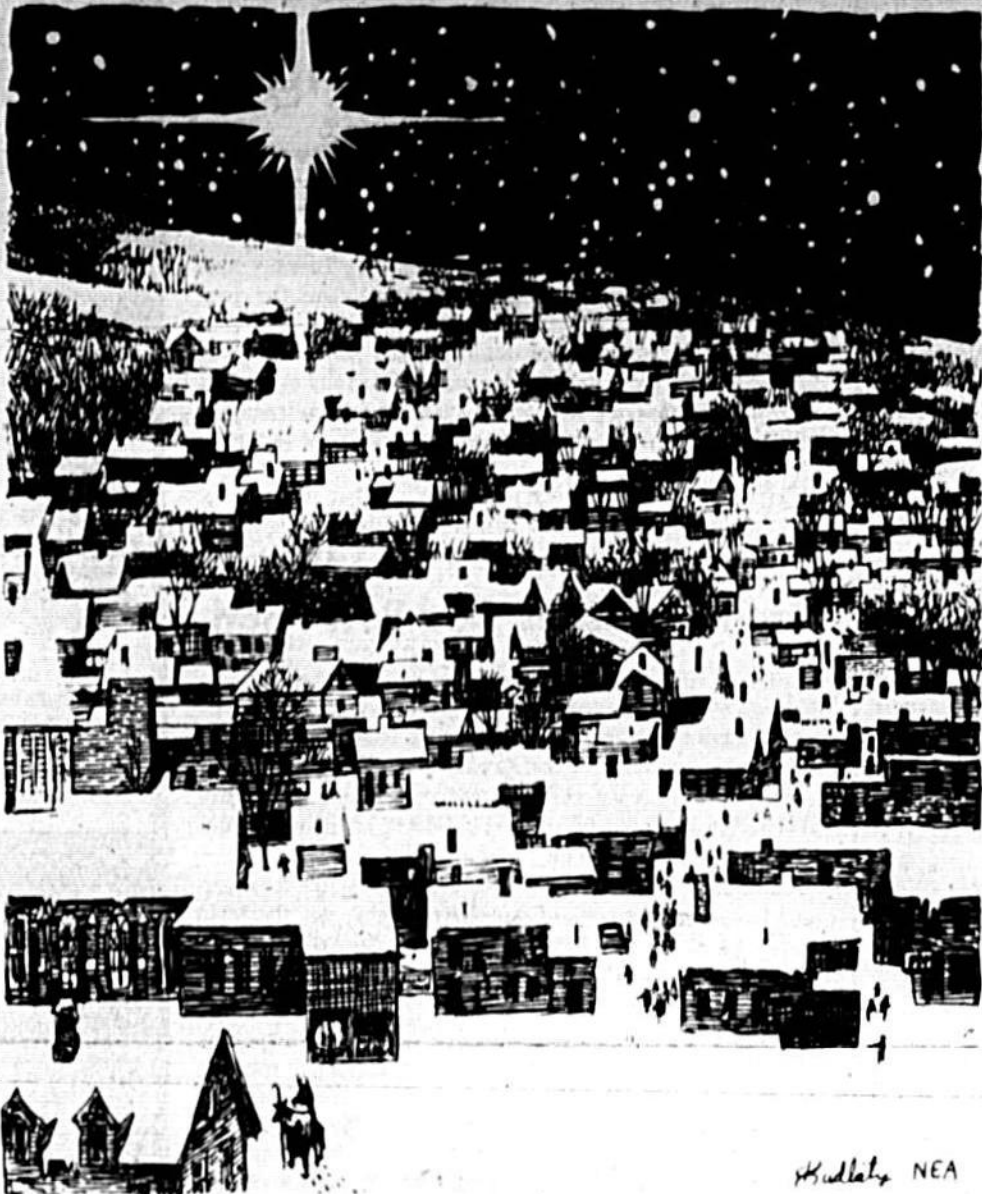
When Reagan came to Washington for his well-publicized round of get-acquainted meetings, Bush was at his side almost constantly. The vice president-elect and his wife, Barbara, were included in all the social functions.

Bush remained highly visible afterward, when key transition aides flew to California to consider Cabinet appointments. Just as visible was the conservative's annoyance that Bush was playing such a public role in the transition process. Some conservative insiders are even more annoyed over Bush's choice of Daniel Murphy as his own chief of staff.

JACK ANDERSON

Sportswriters dubbed it the "Silent Bowl" while football fans greeted NBC's experiment of telecasting an NFL game with no announcers with mixed reviews. The innovative experiment came over the weekend during the final regular season game between the New York Jets and Miami Dolphins.

ROBERT WAGMAN



Light Enough For Everyone

DICK WEST

The Digitation Gap

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Goodness knows I'm reluctant to hear further abuse on the U.S. Postal Service, which already is catching a full ration of flak.

But somebody has to accuse the agency of being a digital rick. We can't all sit idly by and let it go uncriticized for failing to keep up with private industry in creative digitation.

Next year, as everybody knows, the Postal Service plans to add four digits to everyone's zip code, making it a nine-digit number. While this nearly doubles the five-digit code that has put so much zip into current mail deliveries, it nevertheless falls far short of what many private firms are doing in the digital field.

I have before me my monthly heating fuel bill. "Have you written your account number of the bottom of your check?" it is asking. The company knows it has the goods on me. I confess it. I have not written my account number of the bottom of my check.

JACK ANDERSON

Some liked the novel touch while others didn't. Those who found the new idea in a negative vein explained in the survey that without the announcers, they as viewers had to pay too much attention to the game to know exactly what was going on, especially in the case of penalties.

JEFFREY HART

Unusual Card Of Christmas

Kurt Vonnegut, the major American novelist, and his good friend Ivan Chermayeff, the visual artist, have produced a charming piece of Christmas whimsy and my guess is that it will appeal to a lot of people.

Their book is called "Sun Moon Star" (Harper and Row). It tells the story — words by Vonnegut, illustrations by Chermayeff — of the birth of Christ. But it does so from the point of view of the infant. The book reminds us, wittily but also movingly, that He was once indeed a real baby.

The next page is blue, with a large white star-shaped form ablaze in the middle. "It was night when the Creator was born. He cried like everyone else. When it opened its eyes wide for the first time, they were filled with tears and bleary. It could not see anything in detail. It could not tell what was near and what was far, thus did it confuse the flame of a lamp near it, a burning rag in a cup of oil, with a supernova, with the exploding Christmas star."

Other sights gradually dawn on the child. A small fire caused by a spill from the lamp shows up as a fragmented star; more stars are the diamond necklace of a Roman matron.

Reaching into my wallet, I extract four credit cards at random. Their numbers are 5123 026 853 0, 878 825 703 71, 4335 010 742 625 and 54 51095 282516 1. All of which put the projected zip code to shame.

I cannot read my entire checking account number, which is written in computer symbols that differ from the Arabic system. However, part of it looks like 05600118:067800.

Note the colon, sandwiched between nine digits on one side and eight on the other. Will the Postal Service, in its digital rigidity, offer us a colon? No. The only punctuation in our new zip codes will be a hyphen after the fifth digit. Something is wrong somewhere.

How can the Postal Service expect to compete in efficiency with private enterprise if it can't stay on pace in the digital race? If Postmaster General William Bolger is smart, he will pull back the zip enlargement plan for retooling. He will add at least a couple more digits and beef up the punctuation. I'd suggest throwing in a semicolon, an apostrophe and maybe an exclamation point.

A zip code like 42,941,385,196-1 would be showing a little class. Plus Bolger gets credit for being almost as progressive credit cards.

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Postal Workers Have The Spirit In Christmas



VOLUNTEER GETS AWARD

Rachael Lee (left), of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Seminole County, one of six central Florida residents awarded the Louella Dirksen Community Service Award at Sea World on Saturday, is congratulated by U.S. Rep. Bill Nelson, Miss Lee, a long-time Sanford resident, was honored for her many years of service at the American Cancer Society and the Good Samaritan Home.



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Kids Around World Love LEGO Bricks

ATLANTA (UPI) — A dozen chattering kindergartners, self-proclaimed experts at blockbuilding, are surprised into silence just for a moment by a big elephant — made in 80 hours with 32,385 gray plastic LEGO building blocks.

"Good grief!" whispers 5-year-old Reggie Ramsey. "Look at that super giraffe next to it." Sixty hours and a mere 75,684 bricks went into the towering beast.

Reggie and his classmates, on a field trip from St. Martin's Episcopal Day School, are awestruck by dozens of elaborate examples of the familiar-looking bricks at Rich's department store.

"Look at that house," Erin Quigley points to a scale model of Independence Hall, built with 210,010 bricks in a whopping 218 hours. Detail of the 4-foot tall structure is almost perfect.

Plastic brick schooners float in tiny rivers near a three-ring circus complete with grandstands and crowds. Overhead hangs a giant globe, made in 420 hours with 25,685 bricks.

In toy boxes around the world, the bricks have replaced standard wood alphabet blocks as tools for building the fantasies of childhood. A half-thumbed brick with eight round studs on one surface will lock with five others like it in almost 100,000 combinations, according to LEGO Systems, Inc. of Enfield, Conn.

In Denmark, the parent firm began producing the bricks in 1954 and packaged building sets a year later. This year, the company expects to make more than 3 billion bricks and related pieces.

The bricks look simple but they're made by plastic injection-molding out of 13 types of plastic material, to measurements precise within 5 one-thousandths of a millimeter. The company says the bricks — named after the Danish words "leg godt," or "play well!" — won't wear out or lose their color and are safe for children.

And fairly expensive. Basic sets start at \$1.69 but some, with battery operated control devices and elaborate pieces, cost up to \$60. Many wish lists this Christmas are certain to include the new space ships and moon surface vehicles, complete with tiny helmeted space folk.

For toddlers, LEGO Systems makes DUPLO, jumbo-size blocks and snap-on people, and there's a line of villages, stores, houses and classrooms for the smaller architects to build.

"They are just marvelous toys," says Barbara Cohen, a preschool teacher at Atlanta's private Gahen School. "I don't think there's a child in my class who doesn't have them."

But she decries the cost. "It's a shame they're so expensive," she said. "The children who need these are the children who can't afford them. They need them to develop their creativity and they are too costly."

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Beta Sigma Phi Chapters

Gamma Lambda

Gamma Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its meeting at the Casselberry home of Wanda Bronson. The president, Darcy Bono, reported on communications received from the Florida State Convention for members of BSP to be held May 15-17 in Tampa. Other communications were discussed.

Service committee discussed ways to help various projects at Christmas. BETA house items were brought to the meeting. The Social committee reviewed plans for the December social.

The Ways and Means committee reviewed the projects and profits the chapter has been involved with. The Scrapbook committee reported that items were being collected for construction of the chapter's scrapbook that is due in April.

Donna Frank, she displayed some new items in plastic ware. There were several Christmas oriented games played, and then refreshments were served.

Debbie Brooks won the hostess gift, a salt and pepper shaker.

Perfect attendance included: Kathy Baker, Sandy Crews, Janet Lambert, Janet Jacobson, Bonnie Jones, Alice Livingston, Norma Lepp, Myra Michaels, Deborah Partlow, Virginia Powell and Donna Thomason.

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aluminum can sales this past month to the Sanford Christian Sharing Center in addition to the regular items donated. Deborah Partlow gave a committee update report on the Ronald McDonald skating party to be held for the benefit of the Ronald McDonald House and Kathy Baker reviewed obligations for the Valentine Ball.

Highlight of the evening came after the closing of the meeting when Betty Buddy Christmas gifts were exchanged and shared.

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TOPS IN CONTEST

Annie Slocum, left, and Wilda Prince put the final touches on a nativity scene they created in the Nursing Administration Department at Seminole Memorial Hospital. The hand crafted concept took the first prize in the hospital's Decorating Contest in which all departments participated. Judging the contest were Seminole County Commissioner Sandra Glenn; The Herald's OURSELVES Editor, Doris Dietrich; and Sanford Architect Carl O. Gutmann.

Charity Phantom Dinner Makes Sense And \$\$, Too

DEAR ABBY: The invitation you described to a "non-dinner" to benefit Goodwill Industries prompts me to write. The Cumberland County Unit of the American Cancer Society sent a similar invitation last February. It read:

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"The most delightful benefit you will attend, "For you don't have to come, it's money you send, "No cookies to bake, no silver to lend,

"No rummage to dig up, bundle and send. "You don't have to worry about what to wear, "No driving or parking to give you a care.

"If you have beverages that sit on the shelf, "Don't bother to dress, just sip them yourself, "Without usual hurry, have dinner for all.

"And your family has answered the call. "Place... Home Sweet Home. "Time... Anytime that suits you.

"HSVP... All proceeds will be used for cancer research. SEND MONEY — STAYED HOME

DEAR SENT: Like you, many prefer to stay home and send their money to support a worthy cause. It makes sense — a lot of dollars, too!

DEAR ABBY: How does a boy know when he is old enough to get a girl pregnant? CURIOUS CHIRIST

DEAR CURIOUS: Yours is a very intelligent question, and you deserve credit for asking.

Any boy who is old enough to complete the act of sexual intercourse is old enough to get a girl pregnant. So until you are ready to become a parent, play it safe. Either don't have sex, or use contraception. For more information, call your local Planned Parenthood. They will give you the facts.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem that concerns a close relative with whom I must spend a great deal of time.

This woman is an incurable gossip who never has a good word to say about anybody. I listen quietly and offer an occasional "Is that so, Oh, really?" But all the while I feel terribly uncomfortable hearing all that gossip, so

Self awareness and self care go hand-in-hand in being responsible for your own health. Some people (with their doctor's approval) are beginning to practice minor health checkups (vision, respiratory rate, reflexes, etc.) at home. Required for at-home checkups is the knowledge of what is usually normal and what to look for with irregularities. Also, a few simple procedures such as taking a pulse may need to be mastered. Place three fingers (not the thumb) on the artery on the thumb side of your wrist or on the neck artery (just to the side of the Adam's apple). Timing for six seconds. Count the number of pulse beats. Add a zero to the count to obtain the pulse rate per minute. Below is a guide for normal pulse rates: Infants 110-130; from one to seven 80-120; older children 60-80; women 70-80; and men 60-70. If your pulse is irregular, weak or does not have a normal rate, consult your doctor.

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Preceptor Beta Lambda

Preceptor Beta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its annual Christmas party at the home of Glenda and Jim Emerson in Lake Mary.

A repeat of punch and holiday fare was served followed by much merriment over the exchanging of the traditional Beta Buddy gifts.

Those enjoying the occasion were Joyce and Chuck Sammet, June and Charlie Helms, Anoret and John LaRosa, Delora and Francis Mark, Vertis and Eddie Sauls, Helen Hamner, Dottie Bolton, and Grace Marie Sineciper.

At a recent regular meeting of this group, it was decided to give a total of \$100 to two families who are in temporary need. This money was raised at the City Council Christmas Bazaar held last month.

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I'M PROUD OF YOU AND WANT YOU TO KNOW IT!

DOES THIS MEAN I GET A BIG CHRISTMAS BONUS?

NO BUT ONE DAY AFTER I'M GONE YOU'LL REMEMBER THESE HAPPY TIMES

BEETLE BAILEY by Mort Walker

HI, CUTIE

THAT'S MISS BUTLEY'S VOICE!

HERE, SIT ON MY LAP AND I'LL RUB YOUR TUMMY

RELAX—IT'S JUST OTTO

THE BORN LOSER by Art Sansom

ALL RIGHT, WHO TOOK MY EIGHT TILLY REINDEER?

ARCHIE by Bob Montana

BETTY THERE IS CERTAINLY ONE THING WOMEN CAN DO TO HELP SOLVE THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS.

A HAZARD AND I MUST MAKE SURE THE WORLD HAS MORE MISTLETOE?

AND LESS MISSILE TALK?

ECK & MEEK by Howie Schneider

LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE ANOTHER OFF-WHITE CHRISTMAS.

PRISCILLA'S POP by Ed Sullivan

GOSH, POP, I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME.

YOU WERE TAKING A HAZARD AND I JUST HAPPENED TO BE WALKING BY...

WITH THIS ASSORTMENT OF 24 STICK-ON BOWS?

BUGS BUNNY by Stoffel & Hermdahl

I'M SCARED, BUSS. WHAT DO YOU THINK THESE SWAGES ARE GOING TO DO WITH US?

BUT LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE.

AT LEAST WE'RE NOT THE ORCHESTRA

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

THIS IS VIRGINIA. SHE'D LIKE TO SEE YOUR I.D.

TUMBLEWEEDS by T. K. Ryan

WHAT A LOVELY CHRISTMAS EVE. GOT TO FAMILY AND TO CLOSEST FRIENDS AREN'T THEY?

HE'LL CHEER UP AND WE'LL KEEP HIS COMPANY.

WHEN YOU'RE FEELING LOW, COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS—IT ALWAYS HELPS.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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HOROSCOPE
By BERNICE BEDE OSOL

For Thursday, December 25, 1980

YOUR BIRTHDAY
Dec. 25, 1980

Joint ventures hold particular promise for you over the coming months. Find ways to ally yourself with persons of affluence and business know-how. These valuable contacts could open profitable possibilities.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Good things are coming your way. They're likely to keep popping up, even beyond this happy day of gift-giving. Your Christmas will be a long one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Spend as much time as possible today with loved ones and close friends. Also, don't overlook the elders. They'll want to hear from you as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your happiest hours will be those you spend with the family today. You could also be in for a pleasant surprise regarding something you've wanted changed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Heeds your restless urges today. Visit those whose company you thoroughly enjoy. The welcome mat will be rolled out wherever your wandering leads you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Because you are the type who enjoys giving and doing for others, those who care for you will find ways to express their gratitude today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The party starts when you enter the scene today. The warmth and good will you create tends to lift the spirits of all in your presence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Others may make a show of their generosity today, but not you. You do kind things for loved ones without trying to call attention to yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Mixing with friends at large gatherings will afford you great pleasure today. Though the group may be sizeable, you'll stand out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Persons who have not had an opportunity to show you how much they care will go all-out today. The magnitude of their true feelings may overwhelm you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Few have the capabilities to express the true spirit of Christmas as you do today. Your actions will spell out the real meaning of this happy season.

WIN AT BRIDGE

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) The views and ideas of co-workers will be in harmony with yours today, yet collectively you may produce very little. There could be more talking than doing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It isn't that you don't know how to acquire money or goods today. Your problem may be in knowing what to do with them once they're in hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do nothing today that could make a member of your family feel you are more concerned about outsiders than you are about kin.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You know how to get things done today in situations where others appear to be all thumbs. The edge will be dulled, however, if you foot your own horn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Enjoy the holiday activities, but be careful not to overindulge today. Your self-discipline lessens as evening draws nigh. Keep tomorrow in mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There is an opportunity today that could enhance your security or advance your status, but there is also a chance you may not recognize it for what it is.

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Calligraphy: In Pursuit Of The Trace Of The Brush

By SUSAN BLISS
 Look over the evening class schedule of a community college or the art shelf at your local library, and you're likely to find a book or a person to teach you calligraphy, the fine art of writing. Westerners have rediscovered calligraphy after centuries of its eclipse in favor of the speed and economy of mechanical types.

Not so in the East, where the earliest form of script appears on Chinese oracle bones and bronzes dating from the 15th century B.C., and where calligraphy has been honored ever since as the highest form of art—above painting, sculpture and ceramics.

The Smithsonian's Freer Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., is one of the first museums in the Western world to seek out Chinese calligraphy for its collection. A recent acquisition included 12 scrolls created by some of China's most revered masters as long ago as the 4th century.

"The art of calligraphy developed because Chinese writing itself is picturesque, and the flexible brush is the perfect tool for it," Dr. Shen Fu, the Freer's curator of Chinese art, explains. Western calligraphy has a different look to it, he notes, not just because the forms are different, but

because it is created with a hard-pointed pen.

In China, today's brushes—still basically the same as those used 2,400 years ago to create the earliest types of written script—are made of natural hair. Sheep hair is used to make soft brushes, which produce a flowing, leisurely line. Stiffer brushes, best suited for rapid writing, are made from goat or badger hair.

A single brush can write thick, thin, curved or angular strokes. It is resilient enough to transmit the slightest movement of the calligrapher's body and versatile enough to produce any one of the six major styles of Chinese writing.

Mastery of calligraphy comes to a gifted few after years of concentrated practice. Fu, 43, is a painter and calligrapher as well as a scholar. His book, *The Trace of the Brush*, is the definitive work in English about Chinese calligraphy.

Fu vividly remembers his first experiences as a student of writing during his childhood in China. "The process begins in the early grades of primary school, when a child is only six or seven. I remember the black spots all over my hands as I practiced composition," Fu says. Students receive books with standard

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I enjoyed my life on the mountainside
 As I stood with all of my friends
 I enjoyed the sun and then the snow
 And my branches would bend with the winds.

I loved the birds as they played in my limbs
 They would fly and flutter and sing
 And the bees would fly by their honey to make
 From the flowers the Spring rains would bring.

We were happy and gay on that clear autumn day
 As the men with saws they did show
 They cut us down and took us to town
 And on a train they packed us to go.

I wept as we left and sped thru the night
 On a trip to I knew not where
 I felt my life had come to an end
 And I longed for a breath of fresh air.

I came to a town a long way away
 Was set to a field rather late
 They pushed and pulled and set me up tall
 And they tagged me for nine ninety-eight.

My limbs were so dry and my mind was a blur
 When the voices of children decreed
 They looked at me and I heard them say,
 "Hey, Dad, this is the one that we need."

The man sized me up and shook me right good
 Then pondered a while with a stare.
 "Hey, eighty-nine-eight is tops," he said
 But the owner just gave him a glare.

Finally he bought me for nine ninety-eight
 and to their car I was carried.
 And there is their car sat a pretty girl
 That I learned was the girl he had married.

We drove to their home, the family and I,
 The Wise Men followed a guiding star

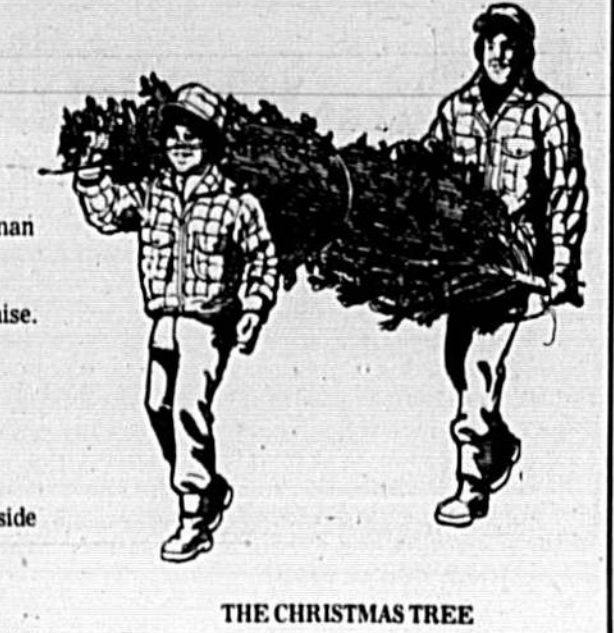
As the children did about with glee,
 Then they took me inside of their house
 to a window from which I could see.

They put me in a bucket of water
 and braced me both rear and side
 And then as my limbs soaked up new life
 I thought of my mountain and cried.

My sadness turned to joy as I was dressed
 in tinsel and strings of lights galore.
 Then gifts were placed all around my base
 But I wondered what all this was for.

The family sat down, the Bible in hand
 and the story of Jesus was read
 Mary and Joseph, a stable so plain
 While angels watched over His bed.

No longer do I long for my mountainside
 Where once I was so young and free
 For now I know that God made man
 And I know that God made me.
 —Hal Head, Lay Leader First United
 Methodist Church Sanford



Conflict Adds To Elegant Birds' Woes

By MADELEINE JACOBS
 On the wall of a sunless cave in southern Spain, a solitary bird bends forward, vigilantly standing guard over its nest. Painted by a Stone Age ancestor around 4000 B.C., this scene is one of the first known representations of the crane, an ancient bird whose origins date back 50 million years.

Although the crane has survived for centuries in art and poetry as a symbol of love, longevity and luck, its survival today is threatened throughout the world. Of the world's 15 species of cranes, seven are considered rare and endangered.

The native American whooping crane, the rarest of all crane species, hovers on the edge of extinction, saved from the fate of the passenger pigeon only by heroic conservation efforts. Populations of Siberian cranes, numbering in the hundreds at most, have been declining at an alarming rate.

"Cranes are the most endangered family of birds in the world," says Dr. George Archibald, an ornithologist and co-founder of the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo, Wis.

Especially in the tropical regions of the world, he says, the wetland nesting sites of these creatures have been or are being destroyed, "the result of industrial development and agricultural production. In other regions, such as the Near East and South Asia, preservation attempts have fallen victim to the vagaries of international politics.

Fortunately, efforts to save these elegant birds are underway at the International Crane Foundation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park and several other zones. There also are international activities in West Germany, Japan, China and the Soviet Union.

Though their approach differs somewhat, each of the U.S. groups has a major research program on the behavior, breeding and propagation of cranes.

One curious aspect of crane behavior occurs during the spring breeding season when male and female cranes pair off and perform a courtship "dance." Nearly every day, the male and female will bob around each other, shimmy and shake, toss grass and sticks in the air, flap their wings and generally carry on.

In the crane's natural habitat, this dance precedes breeding and nest building. But in captivity, for reasons that are not well understood, this behavior frequently does not lead to natural

breeding. Thus, most breeding efforts in captivity involve artificially inseminating the females.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has pioneered efforts in artificial insemination at its Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Md. It has had notable success with the whooping crane, which has become a symbol of survival to many conservationists.

By 1941, the whooping crane, the tallest bird in North America with a height of 6 feet, was nearly extinct, with only 14 birds remaining in the wild migratory population. Additional laws were established to protect them from hunters and to provide nesting sanctuaries. Slowly, the population began to increase.

"Still, on the basis of numbers alone, the whooping crane is the most endangered species of crane," says Dr. Scott Derricksen, a research biologist who studies cranes at the Patuxent Center. At present, there are about 125 whoopers, including 25 in captivity.

Patuxent has established the largest captive population of whoopers — 22 in all — over the course of 13 years by artificially incubating eggs retrieved from nests of the remaining wild population in Canada's Wood Buffalo National Park and from eggs produced by artificially inseminating captive cranes.

Drawing on information gained from studying this captive population, scientists at Patuxent, the Idaho Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit and the Canadian Wildlife Service have embarked on a bold new program to establish an entirely new population of whooping cranes in the wild. The program involves using greater sandhill cranes, a plentiful cousin of the whooping crane, as surrogate or "foster" parents.

For the past five years, eggs gathered from nests in the wild, supplemented with eggs laid by the Patuxent whoopers, have been ferried out to the nests of greater sandhills in Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Idaho. The sandhills have hatched and reared 20 chicks, which now migrate with their foster parents to the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico.

The focus on captive breeding of cranes is somewhat different at the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park, according to Guy A. Greenwell, an ornithologist at the Zoo's Conservation and Research Center in Front Royal, Va.

"Our top priority is finding out what factors are necessary to ensure natural breeding as opposed to artificial insemination," Greenwell says. Artificial insemination, he points out, is a time-consuming procedure. It also may be self-defeating, since once the process is begun, birds may never establish natural breeding patterns.

"Breeding cranes is a slow business," he observes. "Even adult birds who have bred in captivity may not breed for several years, if ever, after being moved into new quarters."

A patient man who has worked with birds for more than 50 years, Greenwell has designed 21 crane breeding yards at the sprawling 3,100-acre Conservation Center. These yards recreate on a small scale the crane's habitat, replete with flowing water and marshes.

Greenwell, among others, believes that visual separation of breeding pairs of the same species may encourage natural breeding, because cranes are territorial birds and tend to nest far apart in the wild. During the past season, he kept each breeding pair out of view of other pairs. The effort was rewarded with the birth this summer of six chicks — all products of natural breeding.

National Zoo researchers as well as other scientists also are studying the best conditions for artificially incubating and hatching eggs.

"We can't save cranes from extinction in the wild by breeding them here," Greenwell says. "But if we can determine what factors aid natural breeding and propagation, we can share this information with others. Together, we can help maintain stocks of the birds in captivity and perhaps reintroduce them into their native habitats."

The world's most complete collection of captive cranes is at the International Crane Foundation, which has 14 of 15 species and about 130 birds at its 65-acre Baraboo reserve. In addition to studying crane behavior and breeding, ICF also works to preserve endangered cranes in the wild, an activity that takes its founders, George Archibald and Ronald Sauey, and ICF staff into the volatile realm of international politics.



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Following a tradition of scholar-artists nearly as old as China itself, Freer Gallery of Art curator Dr. Shen Fu combines the practice of calligraphy with the study of ancient masters. Using a brush similar to those developed nearly 2,500 years ago, Fu writes out the characters for "Chinese calligraphy."

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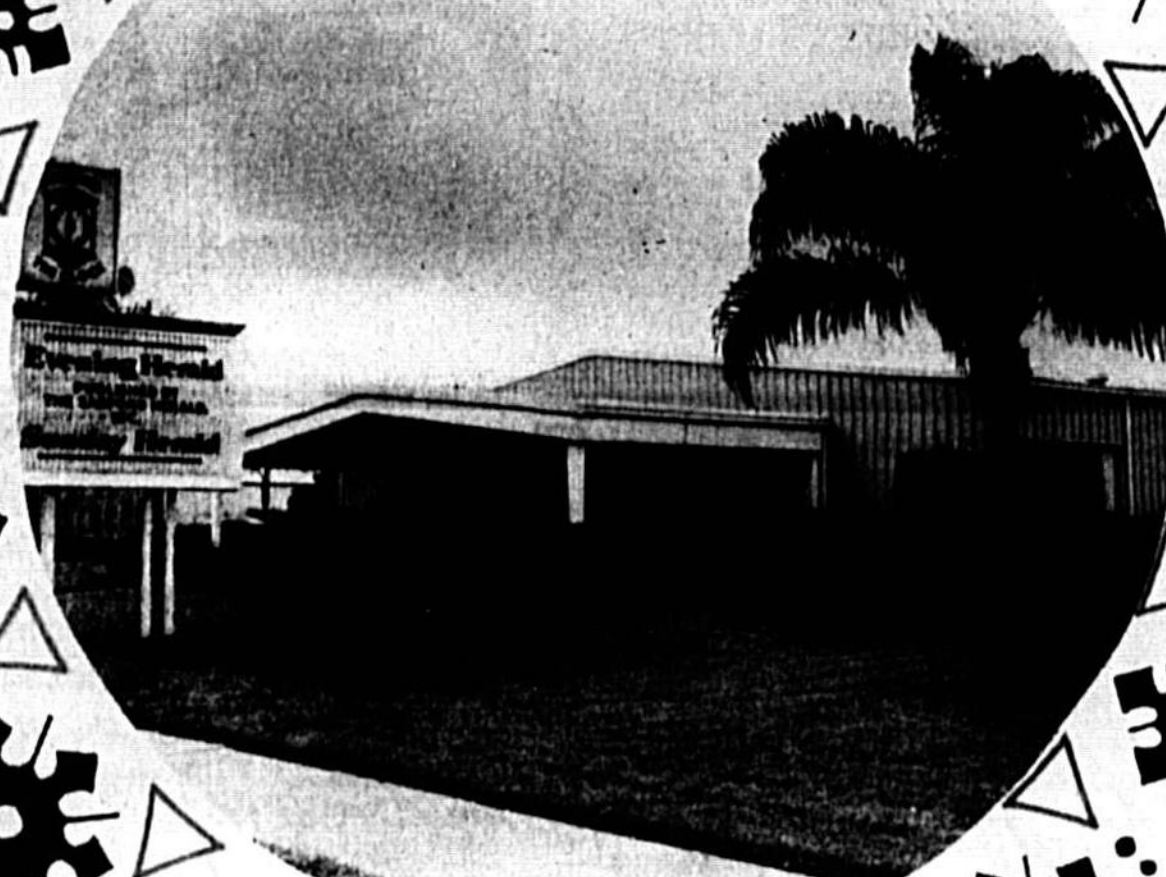
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The magic of Christmas is seen everywhere; a wreath on the door, a stuffed teddy bear; A candle that glows, a tree full of shine, a gingerbread cookie, the sweet smell of pine; A bell's joyful peal, a song of good cheer. May this Christmas magic live on through the year.

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After 5 Months, 'Bicycle Lady,' Daughter Find Home

After being homeless for five months, a 65-year-old lady and her 26-year-old daughter found a home in time for Christmas.

Known as the Bicycle Ladies because the bike was the only item the family owned, the two women had not had a

place to call home since July after their trailer was repossessed.

"They've been living on the streets since then," said Casselberry Mayor Owen Sheppard.

Sheppard said many Casselberry residents knew about the two women

because they saw them either in the park or one of them on the bike going to the library or getting food.

Sheppard said the daughter checked out books from the library often.

Although he wouldn't release their names, Sheppard said the police

department was "keeping an eye out for them."

After the cold weather set in, one police officer came to Sheppard asking if there was some place the women could stay to get out of the cold, he said.

Last weekend, the city put up the two

women in the old Public Works building located on Secret Lake.

After a television report about them, contributions of food and money came in, Sheppard said.

"On Christmas Eve, we got them into a one bedroom apartment," he said.

Through contributions, Sheppard paid

the first month rent.

Someone also donated a turkey and the police department contributed a Christmas tree.

Sheppard said the younger woman has found a job, so hopefully "they can get back on their feet again." — CHARITY CICARDO



CAKE MARKS
 100TH BIRTHDAY

Jamer M. Greene, 2421 W. 18th Street, Sanford, holds a birthday cake given to him by Janis Trawick, nutrition coordinator for meals on wheels. Greene is celebrating his 100th birthday today.

SCA's Accuser To Call It Quits

By DIANE PETRYK
 Herald Staff Writer

The only white teacher at Sanford's Head Start center, who charged she was treated differently from black teachers, confirmed she is dropping her complaint against the school's administrators.

She also said she is resigning from her post at the school effective Jan. 1.

Last week federal investigators, following up on her charges and others, issued a report alleging Seminole Community Action, the private corporation operating Head Start and other programs, did not properly investigate the complaints.

The investigators, from the Administration for Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Human Rights Division of the Community Services Agency, both in Atlanta, said Seminole Community Action will be "continuously monitored" for evidence of civil rights violations.

Continuation of non-compliance with federal regulations, an ACYF representative said, will render Seminole Community Action ineligible for continued federal funding.

Meanwhile, the white teacher, who has worked for the Head Start program for more than 10 years, said she is dropping her complaint to avoid publicity.

"I've had enough," she said. "I have children. I live in this town. I don't want any more harassment for the sake of my family."

But she added she "wasn't dishonest" in filing a complaint charging the administration treated her differently than it treated black employees.

According to an ACYF report, she charged the agency continuously discriminated against her because she is white. She also said the administration knowingly allowed black staff and the Sanford center to harass and intimidate her because she filed a complaint.

have reacted differently if (the teacher) had been black and the other employees had been white."

But Jones, in a formal reply to the report, said "that opinion is purely subjective and is not valid basis."

He also said the Head Start administration has never condoned discrimination fostered by any staff member against the teacher or any other employee or group of employees.

The ACYF report detailed the teacher's charges and those of others.

A white supervisor charged the agency with discrimination against her by paying black supervisors higher salaries, requiring her to fill out daily time cards when others were not so required, and prohibiting her from carrying out the duties of her position.

A mother, an American Indian, charged that her child, who is legally blind, was slapped on two occasions by the teacher's aide and that her child was effectively removed from Head Start by the employee's actions.

Jones replied, "There is no evidence whatsoever to substantiate the charge" that the child was slapped.

A former head teacher complained that the program practiced favoritism toward friends in the hiring and treatment of staff, the ACYF report stated.

The teachers said that while she was head teacher at the Sanford center there were several persons employed there who had secured their jobs because they were friends of the director and that those people were virtually untouchable as far as supervision and discipline were concerned, Jones denied it.

them by the arm, pulled them alone and physically shook them when she was reportedly brought to the attention of the director several times without any action being taken. The head teacher said each time she reported the teaching assistant's behavior, the director made her feel she was being reprimanded for reporting it.

Finally, she said, she stopped reporting it and the teaching assistant continued to work at the center until 1979 when a representative of the ACYF office reported overhearing her tell one child: "You have had one whipping today, and it looks like you want another one."

According to the ACYF report, the Head Start administration then decided the assistant should use the sick leave she had earned.

Jones said the Head Start director acknowledged reports that the teaching assistant was "a bit rigid" in her disciplinary measures and had her observed. He said she was granted sick leave because of a leg condition. He said she is no longer an employee but did not say whether the termination was voluntary.

A white assistant cook complained that when there was a teacher's aide position open at the Sanford center she inquired about the vacancy with the Head Start director. The assistant cook said the director informed her she need not waste time applying for the position because she did not have a high school diploma.

She stated that she knows some black persons who were hired before and after that time who did not have high school diplomas or the equivalent.

Jones replied that when the assistant cook inquired about becoming an assistant teacher the Head Start director suggested she take advantage of in-service training being offered by the program since she had no previous training or experience in working with young children. She did not then take advantage of the training, he said, but she is now enrolled in the training and in September was promoted to assistant teacher.

Clifton C. Acker, program inspector for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said Monday he will issue a report by February that may require Seminole Community Action to take specific remedial actions or lose federal funding.

He said the department is primarily interested in how the agency handled the many complaints.

"We'll look at the procedures they used and see if they were interested in finding out the truth or whether they were just trying to cover it up," Acker said.

Seminole Community Action administrators federal grants through a variety of programs such as Head Start. It receives about \$35,000 a year for Head Start and more than \$150,000 to cover administration costs.

In his report, Jones said the agency discussed and "satisfactorily resolved" most of the white teacher's complaints immediately after being informed of them.

But he said a committee has been named to look into the matter further.

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"We'll look at the procedures they used and see if they were interested in finding out the truth or whether they were just trying to cover it up," Acker said.

Seminole Community Action administrators federal grants through a variety of programs such as Head Start. It receives about \$35,000 a year for Head Start and more than \$150,000 to cover administration costs.

In his report, Jones said the agency discussed and "satisfactorily resolved" most of the white teacher's complaints immediately after being informed of them.

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Chemical Firm Takes 80 Barrels

By CHARITY CICARDO
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Eighty barrels of the most hazardous waste stored in a Sanford field have been moved out of the city, according to Arthur Greer, president of City Chemical Co.

The 80 drums containing a mixture of plating acids and heavy metal, a combination both poisonous and corrosive, were loaded onto a trailer at City Chemical's Sanford "transfer station" Tuesday.

The barrels were then moved Wednesday to City Chemical Co., Orlando where it is waiting acceptance by an Alabama-approved dumpsite for hazardous waste.

Greer said today such approval usually takes three to five weeks.

Greer said they picked out the most dangerous chemicals to go first and will continue moving out the remaining 3,200 drums if Circuit Judge Kenneth Leffer will "give us the freedom to do the moving."

Sanford City Manager Warren Knowles said the city is pressing for an injunction ordering all the drums out.

Leffer is scheduled to hear closing arguments Monday. He may not render his final ruling until after Jan. 1.

During the Dec. 19 hearing, City Attorney Vernon Mize and a team of lawyers from the state Department of Environmental Regulation presented a series of witnesses claiming the presence of the drums inside the fenced compound in the middle of an open field off Airport Boulevard and Jewett Lane is dangerous.

They also said the presence of the drums is a violation of the city's fire and zoning codes.

But Royce Pipkins, attorney for City Chemical, and Greer presented testimony that the drums do not pose any serious threat to either the environment or the health of Sanford residents. They also said the site was necessary to Greer's business.

Greer said today he feels Sanford residents "overreacted" to what could happen with the chemicals.

"He said his firm is doing 'everything possible' to keep the site safe.

Algerian Diplomats Brief 52 Hostages

United Press International

Two blindfolded Algerian diplomats visited all 52 American hostages and reported today the captives "all are in good health" but not overly optimistic about negotiations to free them soon.

But the report indicated the American were all in Tehran — something Iran has not conceded. Iranian militants had said they scattered the hostages after the abortive April raid.

The Algerian go-betweens, who were taken blindfolded to the hostages, also said they expect a U.S. response to Iran's financial conditions within three days.

The diplomats, Algerian Ambassador to Tehran Abdel Karim Geraieb and Foreign Ministry official Bel Houssein, said they briefed the hostages on the progress of negotiations for their release.

Asked if the captives were optimistic, Bel Houssein paused, sighed deeply and said, "I think they are hopeful but of course they are not sure that this will end, that the conclusion will finish possibly very soon."

The report of the Algerians visit came after four clerics — including the Vatican representative in Tehran offered Christmas services for some of the hostages, and Iran released a tape showing 12 to 14 of the captives on Christmas day — their second Yule holiday in captivity. The hostages were seized 419 days ago.

Iran's official Pars news agency said the two Algerian diplomats would leave Tehran Friday. Pars said "the (Gebraieb) guessed that the United States would place its reply at the disposal of the delegation within three days."

Iran revived the threat of spy trial for the Americans if the United States did not meet what Tehran called its "final" terms, which involved the transfer of more than \$4 billion in gold and cash to the Algerian Central Bank as collateral for frozen Iranian assets in the United States and the late shah's wealth outside Iran.

Secretary of State Edmund Muskie has said the Iranian financial terms are "unreasonable."



SANTA SAYS HELLO

Santa visited many children in Lake Mary a little early Christmas Eve. Driving through the streets of the city in a caravan which included his reindeer and sleigh on a snow-covered float, he handed out candy and toys to children along the way. It was part of a program sponsored by the Lake Mary Police Department and aided by fire department personnel. The program helped more than 2,000 Seminole County families have a merrier Christmas with gifts of food certificates, clothing, toys and candy. Items were donated by area merchants and individuals in addition to toys from the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program.

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