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Retail
sales SO-SO
$\underset{\text { NEW YORK (UPI) - Store }}{\text { owners say it looks like a }}$ owners say it looks like a
semimerry Christmas, as lasi
minute shopers boost sales minute shoppers boost sales figures
that seemed disastrous a few weeks
 Mghting to a standstill." said one
stock onalyst who has ofolowed the
so.s. sales charts of the season
The Christmas seasen aceounts The Christmas season accounts
for as much as 25 percent of annual
siles and 5 sercent of profits or
sore retailers. Many were unsome retailers. Many were un-
nerved when a winter heat wave
visited mhech of the cuntry early in
December and shoppers stayed December and shoppers stayed
hone in droves
"When it's 7 degrees you don't
find peopple thinking Christmas,", find prople thinking Christmas,"
said spokesnan for J.S Penney
co. the nation's third-largest retail chain
Disappointing early December
sale, however, are becoming as
much a Christmas tradition as eggogg
The United States has become a
nation of last-minute shoppers over
 margins.
The habit of postponing Christmas
stoppian has been an accelerating trend over the last is years,", said
Ithn Cohn, executive vece president
of Independent Retailers syndidate.
 Conference of Churches, load 12 Christmas baskets destined were on another misslon somewhere north of here
Students labor for statue

## State says 'Merry Christmas'

By Dennis C. Millewski
United Press International
Gov, William O'Neill wished for
.peace and 'good will." "peace and good will., school
chilidren in Bridgeport collected quarters sto save the Statutue of Litier-
ty and Santa Claus suffed stockings ty and Santa Claus stuffed stockings
for the needy as Connecticut ushered in ine se start of the Christmas
holiday season holiday season.
The Yuletide spirit has its limits,
however, and state opilice warned
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highways $\begin{aligned} & \text { his } \\ & \text { Neekend when the } \\ & \text { National Weather Service predicts }\end{aligned}$ National Weather Service predicts.
rain, and not snow, through Satur-
day day Thousands of harried shoppers
crowded shops and department crowded shops and department
stores Thursday and Friday ys they
rushed to stores thursay and Friday as they
rusted to buy last-minte gitits nd
take advantage of tith hour sales. One exhausted check-out clerk
the caldor store in Walling for
spoke for colleagues everywhen spoke for colleagues everywhere
When she was overheard to say,
Tm dead on my feet. but Tm dead on my feet," but
recovered enought to add a weary,
"Merry Christmas," "Merry Christmas",
The State. .o Liberty is on the
Christmas list of Bridgeport school children, who want to say shathonk
you to therica, tor making sure
an arsonist did not steal Christmas an arsonist did not steal Christmas
by burring down the city's holiday
village. In what President Reagan called
the .most inspiring Christmas story he he has ingearing hin yearsistmas more
than 200 volunteers worked around the clock to reopen the landmark
Christmas village just five days Christmaire Dec.
atter a fire Businesses, corporations and
families around the nation donated Tamilies around the nation donated
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sponsored by the Bridgeport Pollice. sponsored by the Bridegeport Police
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Mayor Leonard S. Paoletta asked Mayor Leonard S, Paoletta asked
school children to "earn and school children to "earn and
donate" 2s-cents acch a notional
fund drive to repair and restore the Statue of Liberty.
Paoletta noted the aging statue was a . Gateway to America for millilons of Immigrants," and sald
the effort thad special meaning in
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Bridgeport, a proud bue collar city
that has suffered the pains of other that has suffered the pains of other
urban areas in the Northeast. urban areas in the Northeast.
Americans showed they cared.
Now Bridideport has a chance to Now Bridgeport has a chance to
show our appreciation," said saow our appreciation,- said
Prididgeport businesses also
provided a Holiday yotine" so the Archisishop John F. Whealon on long distance. relationsthip between Christmas and Gov. William O'Neill, and his the unexpected landing of a
wife, Nikki, sent their annual Crrist- meteorite that came crashing
nas cord nas card to the state in a message "There e gise commongon thread that
runs through all our feelings desire for peace and good will," the the
governor wrote.
Massachusetts ends ban on Sunday sales

## BOSTON (UPI) - Gov. Edward King signed into

 King signed into law Thursday a biileliminating the 2oo- year-odd ban on
Sunday retail sales citin th Sunday retail sales. citing the poten.
tial tor more jobs and the need to
halt the flow, of money into bordering states.
The decision to sign the measure
was "one of the most difficult I have was "one of the most difficult I have
had tom anke." King sald
While noting he feels strongly that



Connecticut."But there is a
profound and needed message in provound and needed message in
another visitor from outer space ... Jesus Christ: Whealon devoted much of his an-
nual Christmas message to the nual Christmas message to the
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menti, he said is worse than
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But this year 's pick kup in sales was
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be sighs of relief, but no cheering in
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mart the second-largest
recaterer said tit had seen a trend
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modest imporement over Secenber." with sales up 2 to 3 per-
cot.
l.CJ.C. Penney projected gains
(pretty much in inne with
(ovember's 2.9 percent. When Christmas is over the bulls won' the able to claim the economy
is surging and the bears won't be
ble to say t's be to say it's in the tanks,
redicted Stuart Robbins, who
Robbins said he expects to see
Red Cotal December sales up 6 to 7 pee-
cent from the same month $\begin{aligned} & \text { year } \\ & \text { go - } \\ & \text { much like November. which }\end{aligned}$ was decent Not greatember. which .ect.
Many retailers said business has

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49ers in deep trouble


Buccaneers and Lions both need a victory


Browns' hopes rekindled



## Cardinals out to snap home jinx


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Save by Toronto goalie

North Carolina out to avenge
season with Sun Bowl victory


 Veterans grumbling

## Meyer turned Pats

 around as planned


Cougars ready for holiday tournament

 Aloha Bowl: Washington vs. Maryland

## Balanced regional offenses set to clash







Big time ideas
Saban to coach Central Florida


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Interim coach with Seattle doing the job

Eagles limp into Texas for battle with Cowboys




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Battle for ball control


## FOCUS / Weekend

The winners





## First: Santa's so wise

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Problems with ears are likely cause of dizziness

Church News Concordia's calendar




 South's Christmas
 Full Gospel plans week


 Emanuel Choir to party


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