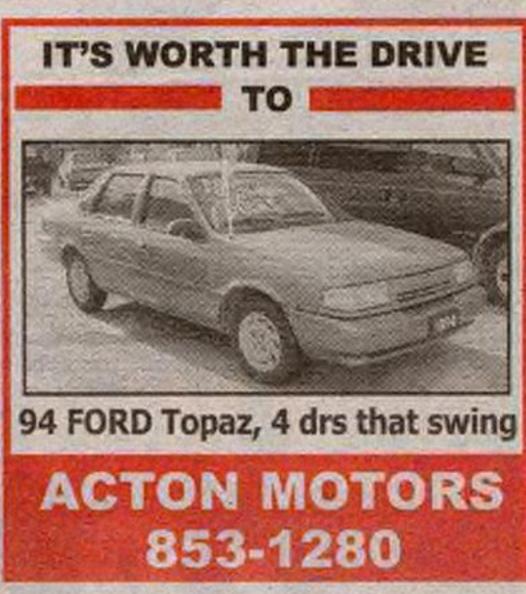
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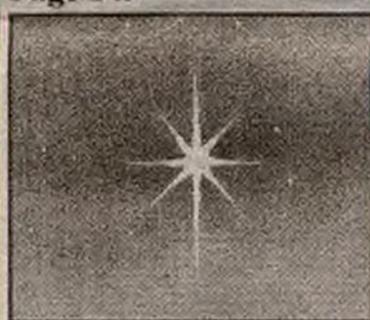




What's Inside



Rockwood Farmers' Parade of Lights attracted thousands of people to watch the unique parade. See photos on Page 14.



The star that led the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem - was it a miracle or a phenomenon? See Page 8.



Lots of hockey reports on the Sports pages, 24, 25 and 27.



Latest reports from Santa Claus indicate he's all ready for the big trip on Christmas Eve. And he's predicting snow.



Churches celebrate birth of Christ

Churches of Acton, Rockwood and area will be celebrating Christmas on Sunday, on Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day with special services and masses.

According to psychologists and other social scientists, many people are questioning lifestyles, which had strayed from the basics of family, love and responsibility. Churches are noticing a renewed interest in their message and the "good news" of Christmas this year after the gloomy months of introspection following September 11.

Everyone enjoys receiving good news and the message of Christmas has always been that of the angel appearing to shepherds in the fields, "Behold, I bring you good news which will bring great joy to all people. This very day in David's city your Saviour was born - Christ the Lord."

Despite all the trappings that have grown around the celebration of Christmas, there is much to be thankful for. The warmth of joining family and friends in festive mood, the joy of children receiving gifts from the jolly old elf, Santa Claus, and the spirit of Christmas which pervades into the marketplace where the stock market indices usually set the mood.

We at The New Tanner, in the spirit of the season, wish all our readers a happy and joyful Christmas of enjoyment and love.







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