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A Christmas Tradition Shines Forth on the Ellipse

By Anne Simpson
Washington Post Staff Writer

The National Christmas Tree's 1,200 lights—and some other luminaries—drew 12,500 visitors to the Ellipse last night for the annual lighting ceremony.

Just before 6 p.m., President Reagan flipped a switch in the White House and the 30-foot Colorado Blue Spruce was bathed in red and gold. The lights are brighter than ever, according to the U.S. Park Service, and slowly change to all red.

Also wearing all red was Willard Scott, the weatherman of the NBC "Today" television show, who played Santa Claus.

Joining Scott were two vacationing Floridians, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, and the

Voices of Liberty singers from Disney World. Bands, including the Air Force Band, played Christmas music, accompanied by the chattering teeth of some onlookers.

In keeping with Christmas music tradi-

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—President Reagan

tions, Jack Frost was nipping at the noses of folks dressed up like Eskimos, and many tiny tots with their eyes all aglow were held

aloft by well-bundled arms as they stood together in chilly 50 degree temperatures.

Singer Tony Bennett sang the Christmas classic "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" with his daughters Joanna and Antonia.

The crowd watched the Reagans on a large video screen. Mrs. Reagan, dressed in red, held the First Family's new dog, Rex.

The president said in a brief speech that "no prisons, no walls, no boundaries can separate the members of God's family." He added that "greater than all mankind's military might [is] . . . godly love."

The Christmas Pageant of Peace will be on the Ellipse until Jan. 1. There will be music nightly and nine reindeer from the National Zoo are spending the season on the Mall. That is, every night except Christmas Eve.



BY DUDLEY M. BROOKS —THE WASHINGTON POST

CEREMONY OF THE LIGHTS

A chilly crowd on the Ellipse watched the National Christmas Tree blink on last night during a ceremony that included Mr. and Mrs. Reagan, singer Andy Williams and Willard Scott as Santa Claus. Story is on Page C3.

nesses as saying the bus ran a red light.

Brown was trapped in the vehicle for 45 minutes and was taken by police helicopter to the Medical College of Virginia Hospital in Richmond, where he was in critical and unstable condition with multiple injuries, including a ruptured leg artery and a broken pelvis, hospital spokeswoman Stephanie Halloran said.

I knew he was coming across the median. I tried to get out of the way, but there was no way," Deiter said.

The impact of the crash crushed in the front of the bus and left a gaping hole at the front passenger row.

The tanker truck was loaded with oxide powder, a chemical, but none of the substance was spilled, police said.

It must have been a real scene.

"They had to get a heavy vehicle with tracks to extract these vehicles," he said.

The driver of the Toyota, Hugh H. Davis, 25, of no fixed address, was charged in Fairfax County with driving while intoxicated, refusal to take a blood or breath test, speeding to elude, driving with a suspended license and destruction of county property.

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SUN, MOON & PLANETS



Moon Phases — GMT

Jan. 10 Dec. 19 Dec. 27 Jan. 3

Friday, December 13

Sun rises 7:18 a.m., sets 4:47 p.m.

Moon rises 9:18 a.m., sets 6:22 p.m.

Mercury — rises 5:33 a.m., sets 3:39 p.m.

Venus — rises 6:37 a.m., sets 4:11 p.m.

Mars — rises 3:01 a.m., sets 1:59 p.m.

Jupiter — rises 10:44 a.m., sets 8:52 p.m.

Saturn — rises 5:48 a.m., sets 3:44 p.m.

Uranus — rises 7:06 a.m., sets 4:32 p.m.

Planets rise in the East and set in the West, reaching their highest point in the north-south meridian midway between their times of rising and setting.

Source: U.S. Naval Observatory

Dial-a-Phenomenon, 357-2000

DEGREE DAYS*

DEGREE-DAYS WEDNESDAY: 15

DEGREE-DAYS THIS MONTH: 260

DEGREE-DAYS THIS SEASON: 741

NORMAL TO YESTERDAY: 959

DEGREE-DAYS LAST SEASON: 951

*The degree-day figure, an index of fuel consumption, indicates how far the day's mean temperature fell below 65.

AIR QUALITY NOON YESTERDAY: 30 for carbon monoxide—good range.

POLLEN COUNT: Discontinued for the winter.

EXTENDED AREA FORECAST for Sunday through Tuesday: Partly Sunny, much colder Monday and Tuesday. Chance of snow in the mountains. Highs 25-35, lows in the teens to mid 20s.

MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA: Rain possibly changing to snow, clearing by Saturday, highs from the teens to the low 40s, lows tonight in the lower 20s.

WEST VIRGINIA: Snow, mixing with rain and sleet, high in the mid 30s to lower 40s, low tonight in the teens to mid 20s. Saturday: Snow, high in the 20s.

LOWER POTOMAC/CHESAPEAKE BAY: Showers likely, poor visibility, improving tonight and Saturday. Waves around 1-2 feet tonight and Saturday. Winds southeast 10-20 knots increasing to 20-25 knots Saturday.

FORECAST FOR WASHINGTON AND VICINITY, DIAL

936-1212. **WEATHER INFORMATION, DIAL 471-1741.**

LONG RANGE FORECAST, DIAL 899-3240.

CHESAPEAKE BAY BOATING FORECAST, DIAL 899-3210

CONTINUOUS FM WEATHER BROADCASTS: 162.55

162.475, 162.40 MHz.

POTOMAC RIVER

The National Weather Service forecasts the Potomac River stage at Little Falls to be around 4.3 feet today. Levels above 5 feet are considered hazardous for recreational purposes.

DETROIT: Partly Cloudy through Saturday, high both days in the mid 20s, low tonight in the upper teens.

HONOLULU: Sunny through Saturday, high both days the lower 80s, low tonight in the upper 60s.

KANSAS CITY: Partly Cloudy, high in the upper teens tonight around 5. Saturday: Sunny, high in the lower 20s.

LOS ANGELES: Fair through Saturday, high both days the upper 60s to lower 70s, low tonight in the mid 40s.

MIAMI: Partly cloudy, high in the lower 80s, low in the mid 60s. Saturday: Cloudy, high in the mid 70s.

MINNEAPOLIS—ST. PAUL: Partly Cloudy, high in the upper 30s, low tonight around 15 below zero. Saturday: Cloudy, around 10 degrees above zero.

NEW YORK: Rain, high in the mid 40s, low tonight in the upper 30s. Saturday: Windy, high in the mid 30s.

SAN FRANCISCO: Sunny through Saturday, high both days in the mid 50s, low tonight around 40.

THE TIDES

At Washington Channel — Friday, EST

High at 8:31 a.m. and 8:42 p.m.; low at 3:26 a.m. and 3:37 p.m. High and low tides at the following locations may be obtained by subtracting the hours indicated from the hours above: Annapolis (1), Bloody Point Lighthouse (4½), Deale (4½), Colonial Beach (1), Virginia Beach (¾), Solomons Island (6¼), Point

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