

Cimino Named Architect For New Housing Units

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MANCHESTER — The architect who designed the existing 40 units at Spencer Village has been selected as the architect for housing for the elderly adjacent to that site.

After selecting the architect, the Manchester Housing Authority rejected a proposal that it locate its next units on property to the rear of Green School, which is being converted to a senior citizens center.

The authority voted to have Dominic Cimino be the architect for the units adjacent to Spencer Village. 40 units of housing for the elderly opened earlier this year on Spencer Street.

The MHA plans to locate more units on a three-acre parcel next to the existing units. It already has received approval for 40 units at the site and is seeking approval for another 10 units.

Cimino wrote to the authority last week and said he probably could provide a savings of at least five percent for the architectural cost of designing the new units.

The savings would result from reuse of the designs used for the Spencer Village units. Revision would be made, but the same basic plans could be used.

The architect's fee will be 5.9 percent of the total construction cost. The MHA has received \$800,000 for constructing the new units, but some feel that figure may be low.

The architect's fee, based on the \$800,000, would be about \$40,000. A five percent reduction would reduce that figure by \$2,000.

The MHA met with four other architectural firms interested in doing the work for the new units, but Cimino's proposed savings made the difference in the final decision.

Since the other four firms previously had not designed units at the site, they could not offer the same discount.

"This letter is the difference," Ada Sullivan, an MHA member, said of the five percent reduction proposal.

"If there's going to be any savings for us, it's incumbent upon us to save that money and pass that savings on to the town," member Richard Schwolsky said.

Murphy said he questioned whether Cimino actually would be able to save the five percent. He also has expressed displeasure with the appearance of the existing units at Spencer Village.

Murphy had suggested use of the land next to Green School as a site for 40 units of elderly housing. There are 2.5 acres there, and Murphy said the housing could be built without the need for constructing a community center.

He felt the senior citizens center could serve a dual role as the community center for the housing units.

The present community center at Spencer Village is expected to be converted to a maintenance area, and a new center will be built along with the new units.

Murphy said the Green School site could save about \$75,000 because it would not require construction of another center.

Other authority members, however, questioned whether the

senior citizens center would make a good community center for the residents living in the nearby apartments.

The senior center might not always be available for residents wishing to hold parties and get-togethers, Dennis Phelan, executive director of the MHA, said.

Mastrangelo said the senior center is a separate operation from the MHA.

The new units at the Spencer Village site will include some improvements. Ceiling barriers or new smoke detectors will be installed to prevent the frequent unnecessary triggering of the detectors that has occurred in the existing units.

Shealy Named To Aging Job

HARTFORD (UPI) — Gov. Ella Grasso today appointed Maria Shealy, a deputy insurance commissioner and former first selectman of Woodbury, as her new commissioner on aging.

Mrs. Shealy, a 50-year-old mother of five, will replace acting commissioner William McKay immediately in the \$29,224 a year post. McKay will now return to his old consulting job at the University of Connecticut.

Mrs. Grasso originally offered the commissioner on aging post to West Haven Mayor Robert Johnson, one of nine candidates for this year's Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor. But Johnson turned the governor down.

Mrs. Shealy was elected first selectman of Woodbury in 1973 and was reelected in 1975. At that time, the first program for the elderly was established in Woodbury.

Last year, Mrs. Grasso made Mrs. Shealy a deputy insurance commissioner.

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Santa Brings Gifts to AARP

Santa Claus was on hand Wednesday afternoon to distribute gifts to members of Manchester Chapter, American Association of Retired Persons, including Mrs. Faith Fallow, chapter president, and Francesco

Morasco, vice president, during the chapter's Christmas party at Willie's Steak House. Santa is Edward Atkinson, the chapter's legislative chairman. (Herald photo by Pin- to)

Cummings Says Joyner Wrong About Phase-In

MANCHESTER — One of the sponsors of the phase-in legislation today said the man who replaced him in the state Legislature is making a mistake by seeking repeal of the phase-in.

Ted Cummings, who was defeated in November by Republican Walter Joyner, made his comments this morning following Joyner's announcement he will seek repeal of the phase-in. Cummings had been one of the supporters of the bill.

The phase-in permits a town to spread increases in assessments resulting from a revaluation over a five-year period. Manchester was the first community in the state to adopt the phase-in.

Cummings said the bill is fair and businesses should be willing to share some of their past profits with those customers who they have serviced in the past.

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The very people whose fortunes have been made in doing business with the residents are some of those who refuse to share those profits with their customers now," he said.

Most of those with personal property benefit because the own homes. The largest personal property owners, such as Hartford Electric Light Co., do not, but Cummings said he is not as concerned with these firms as with the homeowners.

"That's very difficult for me to shed tears about that," he said of the increase for such firms as HELECO. "They can pass their costs — and they do — to their customers," he said.

beneficial to most property owners in town.

Cummings said of Joyner's proposal repeal. "I believe he is denying his first pledge to people — that is to help them."

Supporters of the phase-in have pointed to the savings it creates for most homeowners. Opponents, including Joyner, say the bill creates inequities for taxpayers who pay personal properties and for business that do not benefit as much as homeowners.

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But Boston chapter President John F. Kendrick said Wednesday the women will retain their membership and said the 400-member local will join several women colleagues Friday in a court challenge of the national order.

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"We, the officers, will not abandon our women members who, like the men, have worked tirelessly in behalf of the chapter ...," Kendrick told a news conference at the Jaycees' Boston office. "To deny women full participation to develop themselves through community service along with men is unconscionable in present society."

The class action lawsuit, filed by a Massachusetts group calling its The Alliance for Women Membership, is believed to be the first legal attempt to block the national organization's policy against women members.

The Jaycees first began allowing women to join in 1975 on a trial basis to determine whether the organization's longstanding men-only membership should be abolished.

But Kendrick ordered experiment terminated last July and he said local chapters would have their charters revoked if they did not bar all women members by Dec. 1.

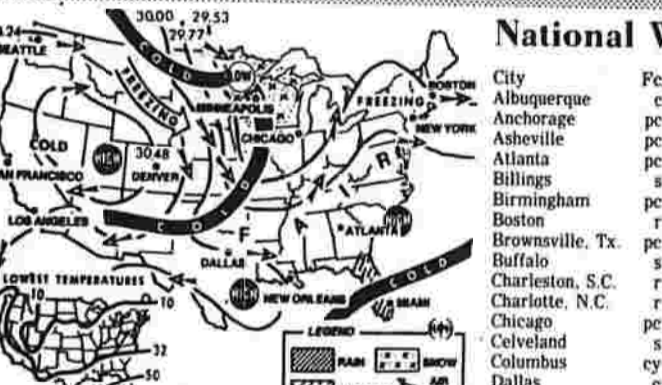
Two attempts to change the national bylaws to allow women to join the Jaycees have been defeated at the organization's national conventions, with the most recent defeat coming last summer. But several local chapters across the nation have continued to admit women.

Kendrick said he is confident the courts will support his chapter's insistence on retaining its women members and will order the national Executive Board to go along with the policy.



90th Birthday

Salvatore Raimondo of 52 Maple St., Manchester, was honored at his 90th birthday dinner recently at Vic's Restaurant given by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He has four daughters, Mrs. Anthony Dubaldo, Mrs. Walter Tedford, Mrs. John Walsh, all of Manchester, and Mrs. Ron Miller of California, and one son, Thomas Raimondo of Manchester. (Herald photo by Strempler)



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Extended Outlook

Mass., R.I., Conn.: Fair Saturday. Chance of rain or snow Sunday. Clearing Monday, Christmas Day. Highs Saturday and Sunday in the upper 30s and low 40s with lows mostly in the 20s. Turning a little colder Christmas Day.

Maine, New Hampshire: Chance of flurries Saturday, Fair Sunday. Chance of flurries Monday, Christmas Day. Highs in the 20s north and 30s south. Lows in the single numbers and teens.

Vermont: Rain or snow showers Saturday. Fair early Sunday followed by rain or snow showers late Sunday changing to flurries Monday, Christmas Day. Highs 20 to 35. Lows in the teens.

Winter Sports Outlook

There will be a few snow flurries over much of the ski areas tonight and Friday but little additional accumulation below zero readings likely over higher terrain in the north to the teens in the south. Highs on Friday in the mostly in the teens and 20s in the north and in the low 20s in the south.

Money Chief Says Audits Exaggerated

HARTFORD (UPI) — Orest Thomas Dubno, appointed commissioner of Connecticut's new Department of Revenue Services, says state auditors' criticisms of the agency have exaggerated departmental problems.

"I think, unfortunately, through no fault of ours, there has been an undesirable image created," said Dubno, who was an assistant vice president with the First New Haven National Bank before joining the department in 1975.

Dubno didn't mention any names. But recent criticism heaped upon the agency has come mostly from state auditors Leo Donohue and Henry Becker. They, unlike Dubno, think the agency is a mess.

The 41-year-old deputy tax commissioner was appointed by Gov. Ella Grasso Wednesday to succeed his boss, Gerald Heffernan, in the \$30,000-a-year commissioner's post.

Mrs. Grasso appointed Pasquale Barabato of Hamden, a

53-year-old accountant and presently East Haven finance director, to fill the deputy's slot. The Tax Department will be renamed Jan. 1 under the government reorganization plan.

Both appointments are effective Jan. 5.

"We have not 100 percent captured the (tax) information," Dubno said in his agency's defense. "but I think it's misleading to intimate that all of the accounts are not in balance and that we don't know what people owe us."

Donohue and Becker disagree.

Just this week, the two auditors declared the computer system hasn't improved at all since they found it in "shambles" when performing an audit last fall.

They added they went back to take another look this month after receiving a complaint from a businessman that his tax bill had been paid, but he was still being billed

three months later.

Dubno concedes everything isn't perfect. But, he says the "Doomsday" tune sung by the auditors is off target.

"They received one complaint," he said. "We have approximately 14,000 accounts. Sixty of them are cigarette wholesalers and distributors. The complaint we received was from one of them. They have an incredible volume of money being paid in and assessed."

"Yes, we made a mistake on that account. But, I don't think it's representative of comments made on our accounts receivable. We do have control over the millions of dollars, but not over the small amount that is computer generated."

The computer system is what the auditors jumped on in their October report. They said it was disorganized.

West Hartford businessman E. Clayton Genaras — a former Republican gubernatorial candidate and now close adviser to Democratic Gov. Ella Grasso — was responsible for setting up the computer system in the department.

Dubno said taxes that sometimes get fouled up in the computer system are only a fraction of the total revenue collected. To illustrate, he said the accounts receivable report Dec. 14 showed an error of \$75,94 on a total file of \$20.5 million.

"There are a lot of things that are working in this department," he said.

Dubno also disputed a claim made in the audit that employee morale was suffering due to the computer system.

"People, I think, are a little bit more at ease. I think most of the employees are satisfied right now. I don't think it's unrealistic to expect out of a staff of 400 or so people we will find everyone totally satisfied."

Ex-Spy Gets State Post

HARTFORD (UPI) — A former CIA agent who spent 20 years in a Chinese prison on spy charges and two veteran state employees have been named to key jobs in Gov. Ella Grasso's administration.

The governor announced Wednesday that John Downey, the former CIA agent, will become secretary of the new Department of Business Regulation.

She picked Orest Thomas Dubno as head of the Department of Revenue Services and Charles Duffy as under secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for employment and training.

In 1952, Downey was captured while working for the CIA in China. He was imprisoned until 1972.

Earlier this year, the 48-year-old New Haven Democrat, who practices law in Wallingford, made an unsuccessful run for his party's lieutenant governor nomination.

Under the state reorganization plan, Downey will have administrative and budgetary responsibilities for the divisions of banking, insurance, liquor control, public utility control and the consumer council.

Downey, whose appointment takes effect Jan. 1, will receive a salary of \$33,162.

Mrs. Grasso chose Dubno, a 41-year-old veteran state employee from New Haven, to head Connecticut's tax department, which has been renamed the Department of Revenue Services.

Dubno, a deputy tax commissioner who actively campaigned for the job, will succeed his boss, Gerald Heffernan, in the \$30,000-a-year commissioner's post. Dubno will take office Jan. 5.

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Another Teen Held In Teacher's Death

NEW HAVEN (UPI) — Authorities say a New Haven teenager has become a second suspect in the fatal shooting of business education teacher Anthony Annunziata inside the Wilbur Cross High School.

Mark Osborn, 18, was taken into custody Wednesday at his home on Brookside Ave., police said. He was charged with felony murder and conspiracy to commit robbery in the first degree.

Annunziata, 56, was shot once in the chest last Thursday while manning the high school's student store. He died later at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Osborn was being held on \$100,000 bond, pending arraignment in New Haven Superior Court today, police said.

Another teenage suspect in the shooting, Reginald Jones, 17, also of New Haven, was arraigned Monday on a charge of felony murder, the day of Annunziata's funeral.

Police declined to say if Osborn was a student in a New Haven school. They also refused to say what role Osborn played in the shooting.

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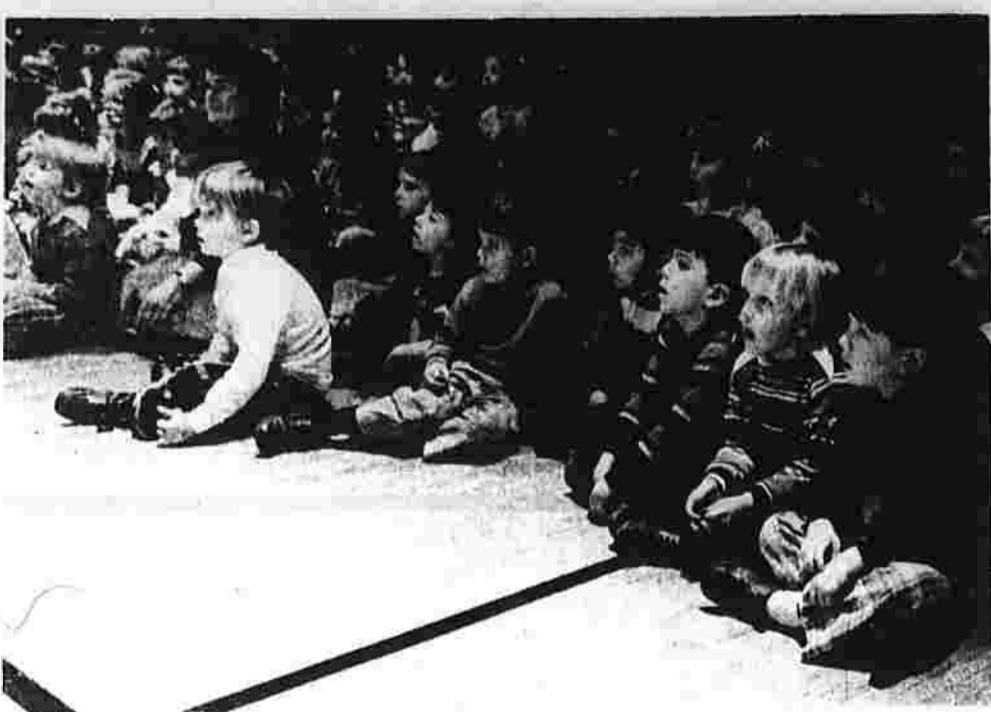
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Elderly Residents Polled On Winter Preparation

MANCHESTER—Residents of the town's housing for the elderly units will be surveyed soon about how they prepare for winter storms. Dennis Phelan, executive director of the Manchester Housing Authority, said the survey is being done statewide and is part of a national study on the subject. The residents will be questioned on several factors related to snowstorms. These will include such questions as can they get to a doctor's office or to the grocery store if there is a heavy snow? Do they store enough food to prepare for a big storm? Phelan said the local housing authority plans to help in the survey.



Wide-eyed Attention

Yuletide programs get wide-eyed attention from youngsters. Here, the student body at St. James School in Manchester watch the Christmas pageant scenes as they appear on the stage in the auditorium. (Herald photo by Pinto)

Company Sues Panel On Vernon Station Pay

VERNON—A suit has been filed in Hartford County Superior Court against the town's Permanent Municipal Building Committee by Multi-Service Contractors Inc. of New London. The firm worked on the first phase of construction of the new police station. The contractor is seeking some \$160,000 in alleged unpaid fees and damages. Papers filed state that the firm claims the town owes some \$14,700 of its \$59,000 contract and the firm is also seeking damages of about \$145,000 which includes other fees for alleged additional work done. The contractor claims that the building committee interfered with work on the project and that the withholding of the balance of the original contract and fees for additional work has made the firm unable to pay its suppliers, subcontractors and other vendors, thus greatly reducing its ability to continue in business. The firm was awarded the \$59,000 contract in October 1977 and was to complete that portion of the project by Jan. 5, 1978 and the deadline was later extended to April 21. Multi-Service claimed that inclement weather and labor problems prevented the company from completing the foundation and initial site work on schedule. The suit also claims that the town required the company officials to attend many meetings at which it brought pressure on the company to complete the projects at an earlier time than was reasonable.

Assay Office Loses Gold

WASHINGTON (UPI)—About 5,200 ounces of gold valued at \$1.1 million has mysteriously disappeared from the Treasury Department's assay office in New York City, and the government says it may never be found. It was the second time in history the United States has lost track of some of its gold stockpile. The gold probably vanished between 1973 and 1977, a spokesman said Wednesday, although faulty management and accounting procedures made it impossible to determine exactly when the losses began. The office, a division of the U.S. Mint, is the second-largest facility in the nation that stores U.S. gold. Fort Knox, Ky., is the largest. Staffed by federal government employees, it acts as a storage bin for 55 million ounces. More than half of the missing gold may have been lost in normal melting and refining processes of the assay office, the spokesman said. However, it is possible the gold was stolen. "We cannot eliminate the possibility that theft may have accounted for some part of the loss," the spokesman said. "The full truth may never be known because of the inadequate records kept over the years." The Treasury and the Secret Service have been investigating the New York case for the last three months. Officials said the only other instance of U.S.-owned gold being lost came in 1955 at the Denver Mint, when 1,800 ounces were lost. That loss was traced to an elderly employee who "apparently gave it away, just like Santa Claus," an official said. He was never prosecuted and none of the gold was recovered. One division of the New York office, officials said, does nothing but melt and refine gold contained in jewelry and coins turned in for cash by the public. The practice of accepting such gold stopped in 1969. An employee of that division sent a letter to Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., a year ago, claiming that gold was being stolen from within the melting facility. The allegations later were withdrawn and the Treasury dropped the investigation.

Advertisement for 'Night or Day' classified ad service. It features a circular logo with the text 'Night or Day' and phone numbers '643-2718' and '643-2711'. Below the logo, it says 'NOW YOU CAN PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD ANYTIME'. At the bottom, it mentions 'The Dollar Saver' and 'The Herald'.

Contractor's Hometown Has Role in Bid Award

MANCHESTER—If there are few apparent differences, a local contractor may be preferred for professional services for the town over an out-of-town firm, administrators said. The proximity of the firm, along with knowledge of local problems and paying local taxes, gives an in-town firm an edge over one that is not in Manchester, town officials said. Both Robert Weiss, town manager, and Jay Giles, director of public works, believe the town has been fair in its distribution of such professional work and has shown no unwarranted favoritism toward in-town firms. "The town does not bid on professional services, such as engineering," Giles said. "Work such as planning designs for roadways is not as cut and dried as a physical construction project." A low bid for an engineering job might come from a firm much less qualified than one that bids a slightly higher price. Because of this, the town has developed its own selection process, which it follows for such job proposals. It has firms fill out a standard form that shows past job experiences. These are used to decide which might qualify for a specific job being done in town. Many of the companies supply the town with booklets and pamphlets about themselves. "We're not interested in who prints the best brochure with the most pictures," Giles said. Thus, the firms are analyzed and firms that seem the best qualified for the job the town is seeking are selected for interviews. The town tries not to interview more than eight firms for a job. "You start forgetting who's who," Giles said if more than eight are interviewed. The list of firms the town has is complete enough to insure an adequate selection for jobs, Giles said. Some persons have complained that local firms, such as the engineering firm of Fuss & O'Neill, receive many town jobs. In fact, in the recent selection for an engineering firm to do the Main Street redesign work, one of the five final firms failed to show up for the interview. It said the town would select Fuss & O'Neill, so it did not even bother to attend the interview. The town did select Fuss & O'Neill which is located on Main Street and includes two former town officials—Walter Fuss and William O'Neill. But, both Giles and Weiss, feel the selection process has been fair and that no undue favoritism is shown the firm. "There are jobs they don't get that they would like to get," Weiss said. Fuss & O'Neill was interested in a major consultant job for improvements to the town's water system. A Boston firm, Weston & Sarapin was selected for that job, Weiss said. "The question can be raised, but I don't think there's any justification to it," he said of the comments about the town's use of the local firm. He said there is value in hiring a local firm because of its knowledge of town problems and procedures. Hiring for such professional services does not require the formal bidding procedure used for construction projects and town purchases. Some towns require bids for professional services, but Giles does not think Manchester should take such a step. Pricing under the present process is done by asking all applicants if they can do work within a certain price range. After the firm is selected, detailed price negotiations begin, Giles said.

Fine Held Too Severe For Fronton's Penalty

HARTFORD (UPI)—A Superior Court judge Wednesday upheld the gaming commission's right to punish Hartford Jai Alai for not reporting allegations of game fixing, but he said the panel's penalties were too severe. In September, the commission voted to suspend Hartford Jai Alai's license for 10 days and fine five of its officers a total of \$70,000. The fronton appealed the decision before the penalties could take effect. In a 25-page ruling on the appeal, Judge Alfred Covello said Tuesday the fines were "not applicable to all of the fronton officials who were charged." As a result, Covello said the commission would have to cut the fines from \$70,000 to \$37,000. The judge also said the commissioners may wish to reconsider the term of the 10-day license suspension originally imposed. James Fitzgerald, executive director of the commission, said he could not speak for the commission as to whether they will reconsider the suspension penalty. But on behalf of the staff, he said he was pleased that Covello determined the commission "does have the power to levy this kind of judgment." Hartford Jai Alai lawyer Joseph Skelley said despite the ruling in favor of the commission, he found Covello's decision "very gratifying" in that the judge called Hartford Jai Alai's failure to report the allegations to the commission "an honest misunderstanding." Skelley also said the decision "sets limits to what an administrative tribunal can do" in the state. Ford's Future HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Harrison Ford, who rose to fame from obscurity playing Han Solo in "Star Wars," will star in "No Knife" for Warner Bros. on locations in Colorado and Arizona.

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Advertisement for '100 TRADE IN' by Curtis Mathes. It features a large '100 TRADE IN' headline and a '400 TRADE IN' sub-headline. Below, it shows a television set and a television recorder. Text includes: 'TRADE THAT OLD TV IN TODAY TOWARD A NEW 100% SOLID STATE CURTIS MATHES TV', '90 DAY SAME AS CASH! (TO QUALIFIED CUSTOMERS)', '\$1000 INSTANT CREDIT PLAN (TO QUALIFIED CUSTOMERS)', 'CURTIS MATHES COLOR TV', 'CURTIS MATHES Television Recorder', '\$50 TRADE IN TOWARD THIS NEW 19" PORTABLE COLOR TV', 'FOUR-YEAR EXCLUSIVE LIMITED WARRANTY!', 'REMEMBER!!! WE ALSO FEATURE "CASH & CARRY" PRICES ON ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES', 'UP TO 48 MONTHS TO PAY', 'TURNPIKE TELEVISION APPLIANCES', '273 W. MIDDLE TPK. MANCHESTER', 'MON-WED 9-6', 'THURS 9-8', 'FRI 9-6', 'SAT 9-5', 'NEXT TO STOP & SHOP'.

Advertisement for DeGemmis clothing store. It features several photographs of men's clothing, including sweaters, suits, shirts, and jackets. Text includes: 'Give Him A Warm Sweater', 'The Crowning Appointments', 'Shirts Made to Make Him Look His Best', 'For His Outdoor Comfort', 'No matter what his penchant, Connecticut's largest specialty shop for men can satisfy your gift giving need.', 'Wish him a Merry Christmas with a gift that shows him how you feel about him, from DeGemmis.', 'DeGemmis of Glassbury', '2450 Main Street', 'Telephone 203-633-2003', 'Holiday Hours Beginning Nov. 30th Mon. thru Fri. 9:30 to 9; Sat. 9:30 to 5:30'.

Advertisement for Michaels jewelry store. It features a photograph of a jewelry box. Text includes: 'Give Michaels Money this Christmas. Handsomely boxed sterling silver coins that are more fun to redeem than gift certificates.', 'Available in 825 denominations. Redeemable in merchandise at any time.', 'Michaels Jewelers & Silversmiths Since 1900', '988 MAIN ST. DOWNTOWN MANCHESTER', 'HARTFORD • NEW BRITAIN • WESTFARMS MALL', 'American Express/Master Charge/VISA/Michael's Charge'.

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'Cushion Loses Stuffing' for U.S. Military Families

By GALE WILEY

WORMS, West Germany (UPI) — "Our cushion is losing its stuffing," says Donna Williams, 29-year-old wife of U.S. Army Sgt. DeNile Williams.

"She means that in the 21 months they have been in Germany, the American dollar has lost 20 percent of its value in terms of German marks."

The Williams family of seven makes do by eliminating all trips and staying on their army base most of the time. Living on the base in army housing, Sgt. Williams pays no rent.

He also has no telephone.

"We were stationed in Karlsruhe for 18 months," Mrs. Williams said. "We paid 200 marks (then about \$100) to get a phone installed and another \$35 a month to use it. It was worth it."

DeNile Williams, 36, is a photo-journalist. He works for the public affairs office of the 5th Signal Command.

The Williams family still has a car — a 1972 German-made Ford station wagon they bought from another GI for \$900. But to save fuel and reduce wear and tear on the car, Williams walks to and from work daily. He does all repair work on the car himself. "I've saved \$25 a week this way."

Williams worked as a car salesman in the United States for 10 years. When sales were poor he had no income.

"We just didn't have any job security," his wife said. "And DeNile also figured he could get some education while he was in the service."

The Williams family considered an army paycheck the most secure in the world — until Congress came within an ace of failing to approve the Defense Department budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 1978.

For a while, it appeared no one in the U.S. armed services would be paid on time. The army finance and post offices brought their staffs in to work at 2 a.m. the morning of the day Congress did approve the Defense Department budget, to start sending out checks. Most soldiers received theirs no more than a half day late.

Williams is paid \$721.40 a month, plus a \$98 separate ration allowance and a cost-of-living allowance. The cost of living allowance is adjusted as the exchange value of the dollar moves up and down.

"I don't think it's enough and it doesn't change rapidly enough," Williams said.

Williams grosses about \$950 a month, but he takes home only about \$520 — after taxes, allotments, insurance and the monthly tribute to the Mormon Church to which the family belongs.

The Williamses spend \$250 a month for food, \$3 for car insurance, \$50 for gas for the car and \$40 to pay off two state-side bills.

"We have almost nothing left at the end of the month," Williams said.

"We used to count on a cushion of about \$50 a month, but now that cushion has been reduced to \$20," Mrs. Williams added.

Donna Williams likes the travel, the free medical and dental care and the guaranteed housing that army life provides.

But when DeNile, Donna and children — Derrick, 10, Durrant, 8, Darrell, 6, Dee Franklin, 4, and Dallen, 2 — travel now, they go camping.

Morgan Tries Again On Jail Move Plan

VERNON — A bill which would make the County Sheriff Department responsible for the transporting of all prisoners between courts and jails, will be reintroduced by State Rep. Chester W. Morgan, D-Vernon.

A similar bill which was introduced during last year's legislative session, didn't get out of committee.

Based on a proposal made by Frank Curran, high sheriff of Tolland County, the bill would relieve local police departments of the responsibility of transporting prisoners to the lower division of Superior Court.

Witnesses Meet

MANCHESTER — Jehovah's Witnesses will have a theocratic school and service meeting tonight at 7:30 in the Whittier Memorial Library auditorium, 100 N. Main St.

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FBI Eyes Fund Uses

HARTFORD (UPI) — The FBI says an investigation is pending into the possible misuse of government funds by a now defunct non-profit energy corporation set up by the Hartford City Council in 1977.

John G. Devine, FBI agent in charge for Connecticut, declined Wednesday to release further details about the investigation into the Community Energy Corp.

The CEC, which ceased operating last spring, used an estimated \$100,000 in federal funds including about \$30,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant money.

The corporation's primary goals were to provide jobs and reduce energy costs within the city.

Hartford City Manager issued a report Dec. 7 clearing corporation officials of mismanagement or impropriety.

Info Needed On Dead Bird

HARTFORD (UPI) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wednesday posted a \$2,500 reward for information in the death of a rare golden eagle found Dec. 8 in a Portland meadow.

Agent Richard Moulton said an autopsy disclosed that the eagle, which was an endangered species, had been shot.

Moulton said the reward would be paid to the person providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the eagle's killer.

Because eagles are sighted in migratory flights over Connecticut perhaps twice a year, Moulton said the discovery of three dead eagles in the Portland-Cromwell area within a month is very unusual.

He said a bald eagle was found in Cromwell Dec. 4 and that it died of natural causes. An immature eagle was spotted in the Connecticut River at Portland, but a boatman didn't have anything to retrieve it.

Trustees Meet

MANCHESTER — The Board of Trustees of South United Methodist Church will meet tonight at 7:30 at the church.

AA Group

EAST HARTFORD — The 1st Annual Responsible Group of Alcoholics Anonymous will meet tonight at 8:30 at Faith Lutheran Church, Silver Lane.

Church Council

MANCHESTER — The Center Congregational Church council will meet tonight at 7:30 in the Robbins Room of the church.

Setback Game

MANCHESTER — All residents of Mayfair Gardens are invited to play setback Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Cronin Hall.

Al-Anon Meets

MANCHESTER — Al-Anon family groups will meet tonight at 8 at the Pathfinders Club, 102 Norman St., and Friday at 10 a.m. at South United Methodist Church campus.

New Prosperity

COCHABAMBA, Bolivia (UPI) — Simon Patino, who became a billionaire in tin mining, settled in this isolated city of 200,000 located high in the Andes Mountains. He spent \$26 million in the 1950s to build a palatial home.

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RX for Holiday Survival In Single Parent Home

By PATRICIA McCORMACK
UPI Health Editor

Nearly two million American children, from toddler to teen-agers, will show less glee this Christmas season than last.

The gleam in their eyes as they head for the first look at the tree and presents will be offset by a darkness in their hearts.

These boys and girls will be spending their first Christmas in single parent homes—the result of their parents divorcing or separating or simply of either Mom or Dad walking out, whereabouts unknown.

The recently divorced parents can expect that the holiday—so much a symbol of family harmony—will be an emotional patchwork no one can smile through.

And some children may suffer further emotional insults, depending on how the no-longer-together parents help them handle the deep loss, as they are bombarded by the season's songs and messages of cheer.

In millions of other single parent homes, kids who are old-hands at getting through the holidays as part of a broken family also will find joy blunted.

But the first Christmas as a broken home may be the toughest on kids.

The points were made in an interview with Dr. Robert Brooks, a child psychologist on the staff of McLean Hospital in Belmont, Mass., and a teacher at Harvard University Medical School in Cambridge.

Brooks, who counsels divorced parents and treats some of their children, said major concerns confronting parents in this situation include:

1. Should divorced parents still on good terms try to celebrate the holiday as a family? What problems, if any, will this pose for the family?
 2. What emotional responses can parents expect from their children? How can they best respond to the anger, grief, or sadness that are common expressions of the loss children feel?
 3. How can parents minimize children's feelings of loss? What concrete things can both the care-taking and absentee parents do to reinforce the message that the child still does have two parents, both of whom love and support him?
 4. How can parents balance the desire to create an atmosphere of holiday joy and normalcy with the need to respond to their children's (and their own) unhappiness at this time?
- Brooks said it is critical for the divorced or separated parents to maintain contact and that neither "bad mouths" the other in front of the child, no matter how deep the hateful feelings toward one another.
- The one with custody must let the parent with visiting rights or what-not have the child during the holidays—to celebrate, perhaps to shop for presents, to visit grandparents.
- Brooks is "totally against" the separated or divorced parents trying to stage a family holiday celebration as though the family still is in tact.
- "Over the holidays children may fantasize that parents will get together and some may even feel responsible for making that happen," he said.
- "Trying to celebrate as though nothing had happened will intensify these fantasies."
- But it is critical for both parents to maintain contact

over the holidays.

"The child is going through terrific stress and depression that intensifies at Christmas. Contact with both parents shows him the disruption is not the end of his world; he still has a Dad and a Mom. Being reassured about this will help him handle the stresses better."

External signs of sadness in the children may include anger and not talking to either parents, or growing clingy and not letting the parent with custody out of sight.

Crying is common and there may be heart-wrenching episodes in which child begs parents to get back together.

The sadness may make the child fatless.

"The most important thing a parent can do is to empathize with the child—the one with custody and the other one."

"You do this by saying, 'I know it is not easy...'"

Also good for your child's feelings especially at this time: "Promoting the idea that the mate who does not have custody also loves the child."

If the Dad or Mom just walked out and the situation is whereabouts unknown, Brooks said the remaining parent should be aware of the severe emotional stress.

"If the Dad, for example, walked out, tell the children, 'We all are sad and will try to do the best we can and, don't forget, I am still going to be here.'"

"Make it clear, 'We will still be living here.' Give every reassurance that the child's entire world is not tumbling."

Rec Sets Winter Session

The winter session of the Manchester Recreation Department's cultural program will conduct registration Jan. 2 through 12. The first week of registration is for Manchester residents only; the second week is open to both Manchester and surrounding towns.

Registration is held, in person only, between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Arts Building on Garden Grove Road.

There is a per year town membership fee or a per class non-resident fee required.

The returning classes include ceramics, pottery, quilting, macramé, needlepoint, crochet, knitting, latch rug hooking, cake decorating, and reverse painting on glass. The exercise classes are classical ballet, slimnastics, volleyball, aerobics and dance.

Among the new classes being offered this session are holiday crafts, embroidery workshop, creative crafts and disco dance.

The winter session classes will begin Jan. 16 and are held between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pre-school recreation for children two years and over whose parents takes a class is available for a nominal fee. If school in Manchester is canceled due to holidays or inclement weather, the

Births

Egan, Timothy John, son of John D. and Irene Ivaldi Egan of Union City, N.J. He was born Dec. 12 at Riverside Hospital in Secaucus, N.J. His maternal grandparents are John Ivaldi of Diane Drive, and Mrs. Doris Ivaldi of Union City, N.J. His paternal grandmother is Mrs. Mary Egan of Jarvis Road. His maternal grandfather is Pietro Cuniberti, Union City, N.J. His paternal grandfather is Mrs. Katherine DeNezzo of Worthington, Ohio.

Coniam, Sara Marie, daughter of William C. and Lora Reilly Coniam of 470 Woodbridge St., Manchester. She was born Dec. 2 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Reilly of 78 Greenwood Drive. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William J. Coniam of 423 E. Center St. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Chester S. Sobotta of Elyria, Ohio.

Students Held For Weapons In New Haven

NEW HAVEN (UPI)—Authorities say two Lee High School students have been charged with carrying dangerous weapons, and two men loitering in the school have been arrested.

Police said they charged 16-year-old Vernon McMillan of New Haven Wednesday with carrying a hunting knife Wednesday, the day after authorities confiscated a loaded handgun from another student at the same school.

Also Wednesday, police said Renaldo Vargas, 19, of New Haven, was charged with loitering on Lee school grounds and interfering with a police officer. His companion, Kevin Douglas, 20, also of New Haven, was charged with criminal trespass, breach of peace, and interfering with a police officer, authorities added.

The two were not students at the school, police said.

On Tuesday, police confiscated a .22 caliber pistol from Walter Jinks, 19, of New Haven, after he allegedly threatened another Lee student with it. Jinks was charged with treating and carrying a pistol without a permit.

Last week, business education teacher Anthony Annunziata was fatally shot at New Haven's Wilbur Cross High School. Two teen-age males have been charged with felony murder in the case.

Manchester Fire Calls

Wednesday, 11:27 a.m.—Brush fire at Union Pond. (Eighth District)

Wednesday, 2 p.m.—Campfire, rear of 85 Prospect St. (Town)

Wednesday, 2:35 p.m.—Grass fire at rear of Manchester High School. (Town)

Wednesday, 5:34 p.m.—Furnace explosion at 90 Woodbridge St. (Eighth District)

Wednesday, 5:49 p.m.—Car fire on Kensington and Porter streets. (Town)

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.—Automobile rollover at 1750 Tolland Turnpike. (Eighth District)



Past Leaders Feted

Past presidents of the Manchester Junior Women's Club are honored at the club's 20th anniversary party at the First Federal Savings in Manchester. Sharon Scorsio, left, club president, is shown presenting carnations to Mary Schubert, first president of the club, 1958-1960 and 1962-1963, and Sylvia Osgood, center, president from 1966-1967. Other past presidents who attended were Jackie Dougan, 1968-1969; Linda Erickson, 1969-1970; Mary Carsky, 1970-1971; Betty Eigner, 1971-1972; June Brines, 1972-1973; Sue Chaloux, 1975-1976, and Cheryl Pitts, 1976-1978. (Herald photo by Strempfer)

Courts Nix Yule Suits On Christmas in Public

By United Press International

Public display of Nativity scenes and the singing of religious Christmas carols in public schools have been approved by federal courts despite objections of the American Civil Liberties Union.

However, the courts have yet to decide if such traditions will be allowed to continue next Christmas.

The ACLU sought temporary restraining orders to halt the display of Nativity scenes on public property in Chicago and to ban the singing of traditional Christmas carols in Sioux Falls, S.D., public schools. Both requests were denied. But both suits face further hearings.

As a result of the ACLU suit, Chicago's traditional nativity scenes now include the Three Wise Men, the baby Jesus, the manger and a government disclaimer.

Killed in Crash

PUTNAM (UPI)—A 74-year-old Putnam man died Wednesday of injuries suffered when his car smashed into a stone wall on Grove Street in Putnam, police said.

Police said it took the fire department rescue unit about 20 minutes to pull Joseph F. Lewis from the wreckage. He was rushed to Day Kimball Hospital's emergency unit where he died.

Bus Burns in Protests

NEW DELHI, India (UPI)—Saboteurs burned a bus today killing six people and injuring nine others in the third day of protests across India against the expulsion from parliament and jailing of former Premier Indira Gandhi.

Earlier today, two students released the 129 passengers and crew of an Indian Airlines jet they hijacked—apparently with toy guns—to protest the imprisonment of former Mrs. Gandhi.

The bus burning took place in southern Tamil Nadu State, 400 miles southwest of Madras. The Press Trust of India news agency said a man got into the bus, which had 40 people aboard. When the bus came to a stop, the man dropped an unidentified object and jumped out.

"When the bus started, it was engulfed in flames. Passengers jumped out," it said.

The news agency reported that six people were burned to death and nine others were seriously burned, including the driver and a conductor who received serious burns and were unconscious.

The fire destroyed the entire bus, it said.

The demonstrations protesting the jailing of Mrs. Gandhi continued across the nation but "they are on a lower key today than the previous two days," officials said.

An estimated 1,000 Indira Congress Party supporters stormed into a telephone exchange in Hyderabad, capital of Southern Andhra Pradesh state. They burned and destroyed cable points, the officials said.

In New Delhi, protesters thronged at the main gate of Parliament House and tried to block legislators from entering the building. Many were arrested and taken away by police.

Indira Congress Party supporters launched a "fill the jails" campaign two days ago to protest Mrs. Gandhi's arrest. They stoned and burned vehicles and clashed with police in several cities and towns.

Five persons were killed when police fired into rioting mobs in southern Karnataka state where Mrs. Gandhi won a by-election to parliament early last month.

More than 20,000 people were arrested in the ensuing disturbances on charges of violence, rioting and defiance of law.

The two hijackers, who demanded the jailed Mrs. Gandhi's release, had freed their hostages at Benares in Uttar Pradesh state and requested an airplane to take them to Lucknow, the state capital. The two, identified as students, were arrested there.

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and Food Mart, W. Middle Turnpike in the Manchester Parkade

Library Hours Set

MANCHESTER—Mary Cheney and Whiton Memorial Libraries will be open the Saturday before Christmas and the Saturday before New Year's Day from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Mary Cheney Library will sponsor a Holiday Story Time this coming Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Junior Room for school-age children, kindergarten and up.

Roxanne Dorey will be the guest story teller.

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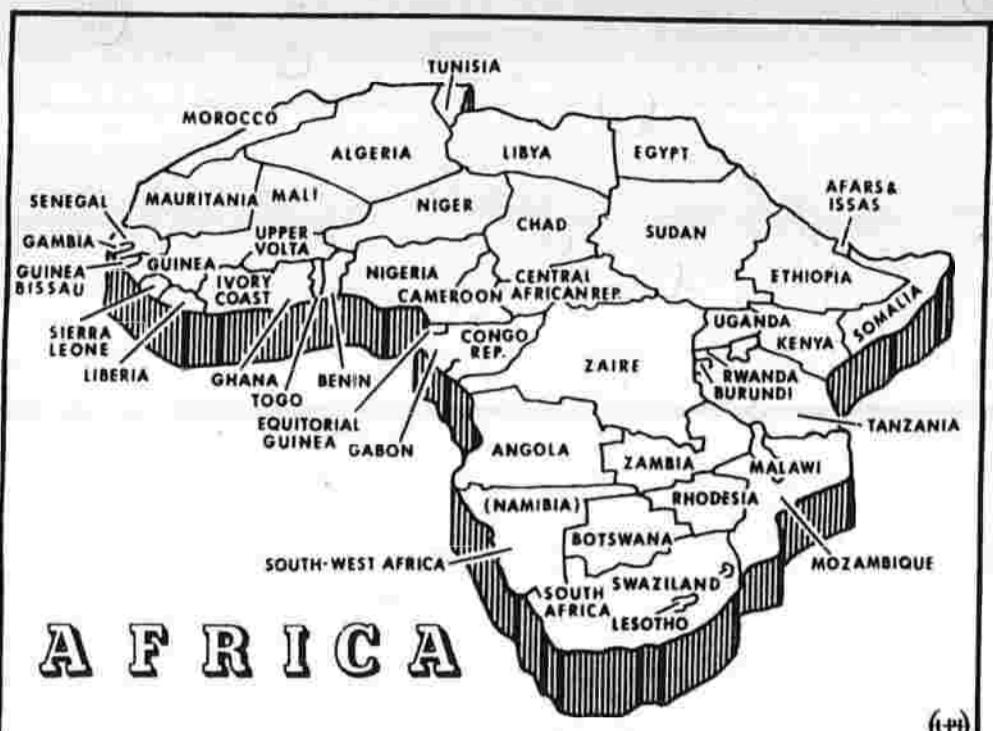
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Bad News Will Overshadow Good in Africa

By RAYMOND WILKINSON
NAIROBI (UPI) — Guerrilla war, political conflict and natural disaster, dominated by the escalating guerrilla war in Rhodesia and the unfolding drama in Namibia, face black Africa with another year of uncertainty and crisis.



But the African story is not all crisis and doom. Nigeria, the continent's largest nation, plans to return to civil rule after 12 years of military dictatorship as did Ghana. A score of countries led by Kenya, Senegal and Ivory Coast expect continuing social, economic and political progress in the new year.

But the bad news again overshadows the good in one of the most turbulent areas of the globe. In addition to Rhodesia, bloody localized wars rage in Angola, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Chad. The armies of Uganda and Tanzania stand eyeball-to-eyeball along their uneasy frontier.

would not collapse as pundits have predicted for years. Rhodesian military experts said the country could last at least another five years as presently constituted. Mugabe, too, predicted it would take at least another two years for the insurgents to win an outright military victory.

Both sides appeared to agree 1979 would be a year of escalating war, little political maneuvering, record white emigration and economic recession — with the Soviets and Cubans continuing aid to the guerrillas and threatening to enter the conflict even more directly by answering calls for help from such neighboring states as Zambia and Mozambique.

But if the situation appeared generally bleak throughout sub-Saharan Africa, there were major positive developments. Nigeria's military government, ruling black Africa's largest and potentially most important nation, continued plans to hand back the government to civilian politicians late in the year. They seized power in 1966 after a devastating civil war.

The military rulers of Ghana, which began black Africa's independence movement when it won independence from Britain in 1947, also announced they would hand back power to civilians despite staggering economic difficulties which crippled the country.

Sudan's Swamp Drove Men Mad

THE SUDD. Sudan green papyrus reeds and mosses have been floating through this endless life is the occasional crocodile or hippopotamus rotting water call it. The Sudd and it's the biggest, maybe the most inhospitable, swamp in the world.

Local tribesmen call it thick, muddy waters. At times the swarms of mosquitoes are so thick and the air so humid it is almost impossible to breathe.

More than one hundred years ago the English explorer Samuel Baker and his men were trapped in the Sudd while searching for the source of the Nile. Hundreds of his men died of malaria and dysentery before they managed to free themselves from the rotting vegetation.

At one point even Baker began to lose hope. "It is quite impossible to remain where we are," he wrote in his diary. Today little has changed for the traveler who takes the 1,000 mile steamer trip down the White Nile from Juba to Kosti.

The old British steamers that carried adventurous Sudanese tribesmen help make the trip one of the true great African adventures. Dinka and Nuer warriors dance on the crowded boat and offer to share their pipes of strong tobacco mixed with cow dung.

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Food Fund Program Due to Start Soon



John Bohenko

A supplemental food program soon will be available to Manchester and East Hartford residents, and Dr. Alice Turek has asked local physicians to refer eligible persons to the program.

Bolton Keeps School Day

BOLTON — Students who will be entering first grade at the Bolton Elementary School next September will not have a shorter day than other students. School officials said the proposal for the shorter day didn't draw parental support.

Orientation Plans
Plans for the orientation of Grade 6 students who will be entering high school next year, and their parents, will be discussed soon.

Students Recycle Paper

VERNON — The Rockville High School Service Club and the Future Business Leaders of America are helping to curb a paper shortage at the high school by recycling paper that has been used on one side only.

Save Your Trees
Residents are being asked by Bolton's Boy Scout Troop 73 Tiger Patrol to leave their Christmas trees at Herrick Memorial Park after the holiday.

Manchester Public Records

Warranty deeds
Kenneth L. Gustafson and Lois M. Gustafson to Arthur W. Moller Jr. and Patricia J. Moller, both of Colchester, property at 22 Vernon St. \$45,000.

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Two Re-Elected By Fire Union

MANCHESTER — Members of Local 1579 International Association of Fire Fighters from the Town Fire Department have elected two officers for their third consecutive terms. They are Robert Martin, president and Richard Kent, vice president.

Also elected were Thomas Raimondo, treasurer and Walter Scadden, secretary.

Chosen as stewards to represent their fire stations were James Granato, station one, Robert Barker, station two, John Mendavsky, station three and Doug Welch, station five.

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IRA Opens Yule War With Bombs

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (UPI) — Declaring "war on Christmas," the provisional Irish Republican Army attacked six hotels in Northern Ireland Wednesday, sowing a trail of destruction and wrecking holiday party plans for thousands of merry-makers.

In England, police in the Midlands industrial city of Wolverhampton declared an alert late Wednesday after a motorist reported spotting a white Opel Kadett car believed used by the IRA bombers who carried the Christmas offensive to London and other mainland cities last weekend.

A lone unarmed officer picked up their trail near London 150 miles southeast Tuesday night and chased them into a dead end street when he tried to ram them with his own vehicle. But one of the suspects opened fire with a sawed-off shot gun and the car roared off.

Scotland Yard kept London's entire 22,000-member police force on 12-hour shifts and sent 2,000 men into the West End shopping and entertainment heart of the city to guard a half million Christmas shoppers each day from further bombings.

The \$1 million "Operation Santa," as Scotland Yard named it, was ordered after two bombs exploded in the capital Monday. It was the biggest security net ever mounted by Scotland Yard.

The city is jammed with foreign tourists in addition to Britons crowding in for Christmas shopping.

At least nine persons were slightly injured in the coordinated IRA outbreak in Northern Ireland. Masked IRA gunmen hit popular hotels in the midst of preparations for holiday celebrations.

"It looks like the Provos are declaring war on Christmas," a Belfast police spokesman said. "Seasonal festivities for parties totaling 2,000 people in these hotels from now to Christmas Day have been effectively destroyed."

The attacks were executed in just over one hour in the early evening before the hotels filled up with evening diners and drinkers.

"Here's a Christmas box (present) from the Provos," said one masked raider as he planted a parcel bomb on the reception desk of Corry's Hotel on the shores of Lough Neagh 10 miles west of Belfast.

His partners planted two more parcel bombs in the hotel kitchen where Christmas turkeys were being prepared for 200 expected guests.

Other gunmen placed bombs at hotels in Omagh, Newry, Portadown, Cappagh and the Inn on the Park Hotel in Dungannon where a "no warning" blast caused most of the casualties — mainly from shock.

The provisional command in Belfast issued a statement claiming responsibility for the attacks.

Traffic Signals

HARTFORD (UPI) — The Capitol Region Council of Government's policy board has decided to appropriate \$1.1 million in federal funds for a computerized traffic signal system for Route 44 from Hartford to New Hartford.

Chamber Bylaw Changes Out for Member Voting

VERNON — Copies of revisions to the bylaws of the Beckville Area Chamber of Commerce have been sent out to chamber members and are due to be returned by Dec. 27 with a vote for or against each revision.

Under the section concerning eligibility to be a chamber member, the bylaws formerly read that all persons, firms, associations, corporations or partnerships having an interest in the objectives of the chamber, would be eligible. To this has been added, all persons ... "in good standing."

Another change concerning membership calls for all applicants to be sponsored by an existing member or the Executive Board and that all applications be accompanied by a check equivalent to the amount due to the next annual or semi-annual billing date.

Because the chamber recently had a problem with accepting a new member, it has also added that all applicants will first be reviewed by the Executive Committee as to their eligibility, based on criteria established by the committee, before being presented to the Board of Directors. And that election of members will be by a simple majority vote of the Board of Direc-

tors.

Also added to that section is the fact that "The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all applications for any reason except one based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age or mental or physical disability."

Presently the membership dues can be paid annually, semi-annually or quarterly. The word quarterly is now being eliminated.

Revisions also call for the president of the board to appoint a nominating committee in June rather than in July.

In reference to the powers of the Board of Directors, the board has the authority to submit, to the membership for mail referendum, any questions which in its judgment seems desirable. The revisions call for a self-addressed envelope to be included in the mail referendum and that answers must be received within 14 calendar days from the date the questions were postmarked. Also new is a requirement that a 10 percent response must be received for the vote to be valid.

In place of only the president being an ex officio member of the board, will be added president, vice president and executive director.



MHA Cites Danyliw

Dr. Joseph Danyliw, left, receives a plaque from Pascal Mastrangelo, chairman of the Manchester Housing Authority. Danyliw served on the authority for five years before his term expired this year. The presentation was made at the authority's annual Christmas party Wednesday night. (Herald photo by Strempler)

MHA Receives Plan For Office, Housing

MANCHESTER — The Manchester Housing Authority Wednesday received plans for expansion of its office and improvements to the housing units on Bluefield Drive.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development annually offers funds for expansion and improvements for existing buildings.

Dennis Phelan, executive director of the MHA, presented the proposals. Manchester will submit for receiving the funds. The town will be competing with many other housing authorities to receive the funds offered by the federal department, he said.

The plans include a 15 foot by 28 foot addition on the south side of the authority's office at 24 Bluefield Drive. This will be for expanded office space and for providing a private conference room at the office.

Phelan said a federal official recently inspected the office.

"He thought we did have a very good chance of it (the expansion plan) being approved," Phelan said. The office presently is crowded.

Also, an applicant for a housing program recently came in and wanted to meet privately with Phelan.

The community room in the building was in use, so the two had to go out-

State Educators Review Plan to Reform Finance

HARTFORD (UPI) — The state Board of Education has started reviewing a school finance reform plan that was drafted in an attempt to meet a court order to change the way Connecticut funds its public schools.

On another matter, the board Wednesday approved a master plan for vocational and career education to improve high school students' chances of occupational success by stressing closer relations with business, labor and government.

The board examined a complicated, five-year, \$387 million school funding formula — about double what the state now spends — that is designed to better distribute funds among property poor communities.

The plan was submitted to the board last week after 18 months of work by the School Finance Advisory Panel. The board will vote Jan. 3 on whether to approve the package, then will send it to the Legislature for final action.

The school funding proposal was a result of the now famous Horton vs. Meskill court decision which con-

cluded students from tax poor towns don't get equal education. A judge has ordered the Legislature to come up with a plan by May 1.

Commenting on the proposal, board member Herbert Duke said he favored phasing out the minimum daily grant. Under the proposed plan, the least the state can give a community is \$250 per pupil — regardless of the town's wealth.

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Thevis Pleads Innocent To Gun, Identity Counts

HARTFORD (UPI) — Mike Thevis, who police allege burned and killed his way to the top of the pornography business, goes on trial in Hartford on charges of illegal possession of firearms and using a false passport.

Thevis, who was placed on the FBI's most wanted list after escaping from an Indiana jail last spring, pleaded innocent in the charges Wednesday in U.S. District Court.

The 46-year-old peep show profiteer was captured Nov. 9 in the Hartford suburb of Bloomfield.

He was indicted Nov. 29 by a federal grand jury in Hartford for possession of seven handguns and transportation of a semi-automatic pistol from South Carolina to Connecticut.

Federal law prohibits convicted felons from possessing or transporting firearms in interstate commerce.

Thevis is also charged with possession of a false passport issued in the name of Clarence Fagin, but bearing Thevis' picture.

U.S. Magistrate F. Owen Eagan set a tentative trial date of Jan. 23. A hearing on several motions in the case will be held Jan. 5.

Bobby Lee Cook, Thevis' attorney, would not comment on his client's plea.

Cook said Monday Thevis will plead guilty next month to escape charges, foregoing a trial. Cook said the porno czar had "little or no choice" about how he pleads.

Thevis is charged with escaping from an Indiana jail April 28th. He had been serving an 18½-year sentence on an obscenity charge in Atlanta and had been taken to Indiana to stand trial in a civil case involving arson when he escaped.

Thevis was arrested when he tried to withdraw more than \$31,000 in cash from a Bloomfield savings bank under an assumed name. He had been on the FBI's most wanted list for almost seven months as an escapee.

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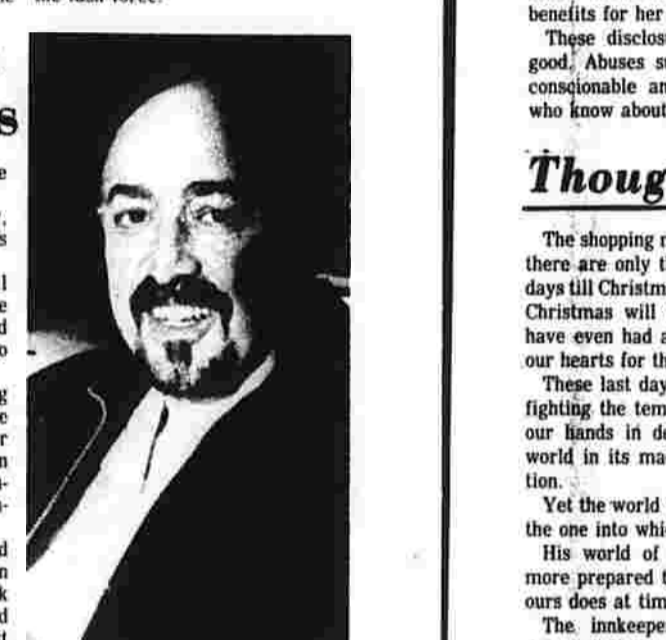
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Convicted pornographer Mike Thevis is taken from Federal Building in Hartford after pleading innocent to charges of illegal possession of firearms and using a false passport. (UPI photo)

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I'll try to be good thank you very much. Drive your sleigh safely. Love, Luanne.

Dear Santa, How are you? Santa, how is your wife? Is she sick or is she doing good? How are you Santa?

Are you sick or are you doing good? Please leave some presents in Washington but most of them in Manchester. This is what I would like to have.

Holly Hobby oven silly putty clothes slippers picnic basket doll that laughs and cries and blows bubbles Baby Bump.

Paints shoes Mickey Mouse roller coaster sled. My sister Aasha is 9 months old and this what she wants.

promise. When He decides to intervene in our lives, He will come, whether we are "worthy" or not.

If He chooses to impact upon our lives, He will try, even though we may not be ready.

He seems to place very few conditions upon His entrance into our souls.

He comes because He loves us as we are, in our own human condition.

Our interaction with the people around us often makes demands upon us that seem unfair. They take advantage of us, don't understand us, fail to appreciate the love we are trying to bring them. How easy it would be to simply give up and retreat into the comfort and security of our private lives with God where we will not be hurt.

But Bethlehem said we must give, and risk, and love. We may be the world's last Bethlehem.

Sisters of Charity, Assumption Convent, Manchester

By United Press International Today is Thursday, Dec. 21, the 35th day of 1978 with 10 to follow. The moon is approaching it last quarter.

The morning stars are Venus, Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn. In 1978, six terrorists burst into a Vienna meeting of oil producing nations' ministers, killed three persons and held 70 hostages, including 11 OPEC ministers.

A thought for the day: Shakespeare wrote, "He is well paid that is well satisfied."

25 Years Ago Manchester police force is termed small in study by International City Managers Association.

G. Albert Hill, state highway commissioner, reveals alternate routes for proposed expressway through town.

10 Years Ago Democrat Francis J. Mahoney resigns from Manchester's Board of Directors.

WE AGREE, SIR, FRIGHTENING IS THE BEST WORD



NEW YORK (UPI) — The world may be divided between East and West, democracy and dictatorship and the good guys and the bad guys, but there is a case for saying world power politics is a battle between Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola.

The guardians of the "Pepsi generation" may be suffering with world this week that President Carter's recognition of China is being followed by Georgia-based Coca-Cola announcing it will sell Coke to the post-Mao Tse-tung generation in Peking.

But if Coke may succeed in the Far East, Pepsi can still lay claim to another part of the Red world, Russia.

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I have been a good boy. I will try to pick my toys up when my Mom and Dad tell me. For Xmas I would like Record player Records Drills Nails Glue Lincoln Logs Match Box Cars Pencil Sharpener Tools

Thank you very much. Say Hi to Rudolph for me. Love, Kristian

Dear Santa, Please bring all the joy and happiness of Christmas when you come. I want a Green Machine.

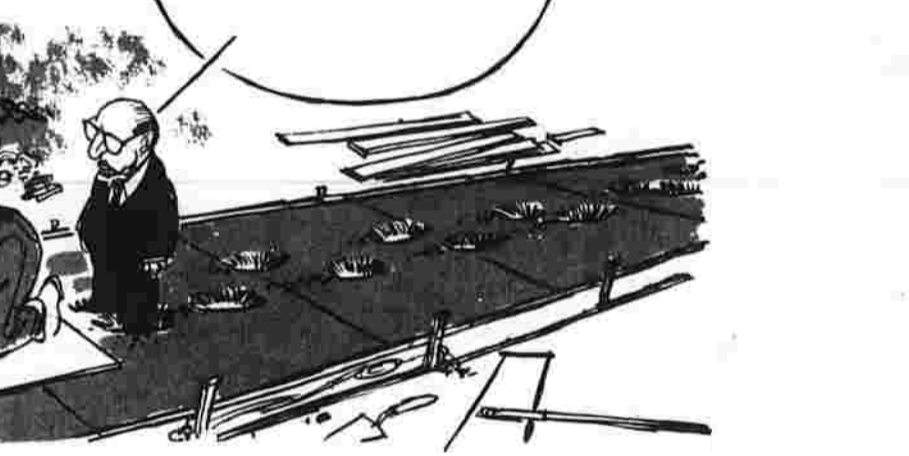
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To Santa, These things I want for Christmas. Jeans and a soft shirt, Star Power Music Machine, Grease record, Betty Crocker cake mix, jewelry, game called bill, mice with cloths, show doll, telly bear, pony tail holders and barrels, busy bumper barber and busy shoes, stickers, a dress sweater, magic makers, calk, Grease 1, shirt.

Dear Santa, I want ... easy bake oven, rag doll, cooking stuff, marnet puppet and something you can think of. I love you by. Love, Kim.

Dear Santa, Joy to all God's children. Matthew

Dear Santa, I would like a 1979 Cadillac also



Angle and Walters Carter Seeking To Minimize Friction

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Obituaries

Mrs. Archibald A. Rioux, EAST HARTFORD - Mrs. Helen Draghi Rioux, 73, of 25 Forest St. died Wednesday at a South Windsor convalescent home. She was the wife of Archibald A. Rioux.

Mrs. Rioux was born in Windsor Locks and had lived in East Hartford since 1940. She is also survived by a daughter, Jean K. Rioux of Cambridge, Mass.; two brothers, Francis J. Draghi and John B. Draghi, both of Windsor Locks; and two sisters, Miss Rosemary Draghi of Windsor Locks and Mrs. F. Raymond Clark of Holyoke, Mass.



Edward P. Quish, 88, of 100 Viscount Drive, Milford, died Wednesday at the Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital. He was born and had resided for many years in Manchester.

Dr. Marcus Accepts Bay State Position

By CHRIS BLAKE, Herald Reporter. EAST HARTFORD - Jerry Marcus, assistant school superintendent for personnel, has accepted the school superintendent's position in Franklin, Mass., a town of 18,000 southwest of Boston.



Dr. Jerry Marcus

Earlier this week, Marcus had announced he was withdrawing from consideration for the school superintendent's position in another Massachusetts town - Pittsfield. Marcus said it would be leaving his present position in April. He said he would like to work on present contract negotiations with the school secretaries union and "finish up a few other projects" before he leaves.

He has received his B.A. degree from Brooklyn College in New York City in 1954. He received his master's degree in education from Tufts University on Boston in 1955. He also studied at New York University, Hofstra University, C.W. Post College, St. John's University, Queens College and Cornell University.

Thoughts ApLENTy

By Len Auster

Sullivan Won Out - Billy Sullivan won out - at least temporarily. Chuck Fairbanks, who surprised the National Football League fraternity with his announcement that he would return to the collegiate ranks at the University of Colorado, has made a wholesale stop and will coach the New England Patriots in the playoffs.

Nothing in Works - Jacob Ludes, Manchester High principal, last week speaking to a gathering at the Kiwanis Club, hinted that formation of a couple of new intercollegiate teams might be undertaken. That's news to Dick Cobb, high school athletic director.

Fans Behind King, Nets Star Responds

NEW YORK (UPI) - Kevin Loughery knows Bernard King has created a delicate situation for himself and the team, but the New Jersey Nets' coach makes it clear he sympathizes with his young star.

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and the support I have gotten from Kevin is real important to me." When King took the court, the fans stood as one and tendered him a standing ovation. Obviously touched, King started slowly, scoring only six points in the first half, but finished with a 17-point fourth quarter.

Holiday Skiing Bright

WOODSTOCK, Vt. (UPI) - The outlook for holiday skiing conditions in northern New England were brightened early this week with widespread snow accumulations of 8 inches or more, according to the New England Ski Areas Council.

Fairbanks Suspension Lifted, Returns to Patriots' Family

BOSTON (UPI) - Chuck Fairbanks is becoming the center of an east-west tug-of-war, and while the New England Patriots feel they have the edge now, there is still room for a mighty pull by the University of Colorado.

Redmond Wins Tourney, With Partner No.1 in NE

Achievements - one on the court and the other off-in tennis were noted by Jack Redmond Tuesday. He and partner Phil Coons won the Manchester Racquet Club, last weekend.

Ford, Barnes Feature, Celtics Like Old Club

BOSTON (UPI) - Two new faces - Chris Ford and Marvin Barnes - had the Boston Celtics looking like the team of old. With the two newcomers leading the way, the Celtics handed the Indiana Pacers easily Wednesday night.

Nicklaus Honored

NEW YORK (UPI) - Jack Nicklaus, who won his record 18th major championship this year by capturing the British Open, was named Wednesday Sportsman of the Year by Sports Illustrated.

Aaron Award to Rice

MILWAUKEE (UPI) - Jim Rice of the Boston Red Sox is the recipient of the first annual Henry Aaron Award as baseball's Man of the Year as chosen by the Milwaukee chapter of the Baseball Writers of America.

Umass, Sweitzer Honored

CENTERVILLE, Mass. (UPI) - The University of Massachusetts and the University of Delaware, both NCAA tournament finalists, have been named the Division I-AA and Division II ECAC-football Teams of the Year respectively.

Want an Hawaii dream vacation? This man can show you the top spots of the island and tailor a vacation to your needs.

LaFleur Specializes In Hawaii Vacations

By CHARLIE MAYNARD, Herald Reporter. GLASTONBURY - If you go to Hawaii, don't pick up the lava and bring it home. It's bad luck, the natives say.

There are no calling hours. The family suggests that any memorial gifts may be made to the Booth-Dimock Memorial Library or to St. Mary's Church.

Area Police Report

Vernon - Danny L. Hartgrove, 27, of West Street, Rockville, was charged Wednesday night with breach of the peace and reckless driving.

East Hartford Fire Calls

Wednesday, 11:02 a.m. - Medical call to 363 Park Ave. Wednesday, 11:06 a.m. - Medical call to Joske Street.

Lottery

HARTFORD - The winning number drawn Wednesday in the Connecticut daily lottery was 768.

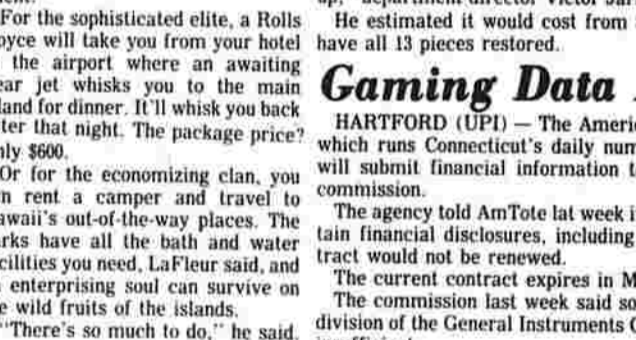
No Nativity Scene

HARTFORD (UPI) - Parks and recreation officials say the nativity scene traditionally displayed in the downtown area is too shabby to set up this year.

Gaming Data Due

HARTFORD (UPI) - The American Totalisator Co., which runs Connecticut's daily numbers game, says it will submit financial information to the state gaming commission.

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Sportsman of Year

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Dickey Ran Wild In Texas Victory

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) — Texas A&M Coach Tom Wilson said he hadn't planned on using Curtis Dickey any more than usual Wednesday night, it was just a case of Dickey having the "hot hand."

So hot, in fact, he ran through Iowa State tacklers for one touchdown and 276 yards, more than any back has gained against the Cyclones, leading the Aggies to a 28-12 win in the second annual Hall of Fame Bowl. Dickey carried the ball 34 times, which tied his personal high for carries in a single game. "I got tired," the junior running back said. "It's all right, though I just wanted to help the team."

Dickey runs of 21 and 24 yards midway through the second period set up a one-yard touchdown plunge by David Brothers to give A&M a 7-6 lead. His 34-yard run late in the second quarter set up a four-yard touchdown pass from Mike Montley to Gerald Carter to give the Aggies a 14-6 halftime lead. Dexter Green of Iowa State scored the Cyclones' first touchdown on a five-yard pass from Walter Grant early in the second period and scored on a 28-yard run with 1:49 left in the third period to bring the Cyclones to

Graham's Record Sparks Maryland

NEW YORK (UPI) — Maryland is grateful Ernie Graham does not give up easily.

"I missed my first couple of shots," he said Wednesday night, after scoring a school-record 44 points to lead the Terrapins to a 124-110 rout of fifth-ranked North Carolina State in an Atlantic Coast Conference game. "I decided to keep shooting," added Graham, "because I thought I owed myself a few baskets." Maryland Coach Ledy Grant allowed Graham to play only 25 minutes because of some mistakes the sophomore made early. "Everybody on my team has the option to shoot if they have an open shot," he explained. "Tonight I had to take Ernest out because he took some bad shots from the green light until he puts up bad shots."

Graham won him over with final stats, which showed 18-for-26 from the field. Graham topped the previous school record of 43 set by Al Bunge in 1960.

Albert King, who added 19 points, was aided by Graham's performance. "But he couldn't miss," King said. "But he couldn't do it all the time, if we let him shoot."

North Carolina State Coach Norm Sloan was impressed also. "Graham had a great offensive night," he said. "He got a lot of points when our kids had a hand in his

College Basketball

Kiswaukee, Delaware ripped South Carolina, 84-72, and Virginia Tech upset St. Louis in the opening round of the Raboake Tournament, Wednesday. Pennsylvania routed Wake Forest, 88-66; unbeaten Temple edged Manhattan, 73-69; Providence topped North Carolina A&T, 75-61, and Baylor downed Texas Wesleyan, 87-81.

Also, Minnesota tagged South Florida, 85-54. New Mexico handled Cal-Davis, 86-74. New Orleans beat Princeton, 53-45. Wichita State blasted North Dakota State, 118-77, and Houston pounded Pan American, 100-70.

Vermeil NFC Coach of Year Was Proven Wrong by Eagles

NEW YORK (UPI) — Dick Vermeil made no attempt to overestimate his Philadelphia Eagles before the start of the NFL season.

"On paper the Eagles are not a playoff football team," the coach said. "If we're fortunate enough to make it, a lot of teams have to cooperate. We're not good enough offensively to be considered a playoff football team."

Vermeil maintained all season his team was not of playoff quality, even when there was evidence of improvement of genuine quality. But the Eagles proved him wrong when they became the second NFC wild card team in the expanded playoffs by finishing with a 9-7 record.

Cheney Wrestlers Open with Victory

Making its 1978-79 debut a successful one, Cheney Tech's wrestling team overpowered Westbrook High, 45-23, last night at the Beavers' gym.

Forty two of Cheney's points were racked up by the forfeit route in seven of the 15 weight classes. Westbrook took five of the six classes grappled with only Skip Boisvert picking up points on the mat for the Techmen in the 91-pound class.

Results: 91 — Boisvert (CT) dec. Davis, 98 — Cunningham (CT) WBF, 105 — Gorman (CT) WBF, 112 — Schwab (W) dec. Sweeney, 118 — Carlson (CT) WBF, 126 — Jenkins (W) dec. Foster, 132 — Routhier (W)

\$3,200 Raised to Date For MCC Baseball Field

Early returns for the Manchester Community College baseball field fundraising campaign have raised \$3,200 in contributions. That sum places the campaign about 15 percent of the way toward its goal of \$22,000.

Contributions have been received in amounts ranging from \$10 to \$1,000. The largest contribution was \$1,000 and one of \$500 were received. The names of donors who give at least \$500 will be inscribed on a wall plaque that will be placed in the new home team dugout, that will be constructed with the money. All donors will receive certificates of appreciation for their tax-deductible contributions.

The money will be used to make additions to the present baseball field at MCC that will qualify it as a professional-level field. The first step in the long-range plans is to construct two dugouts and a scoreboard. The dugouts will be about 10 ft by 40 feet long and will be constructed to meet major league standards. They will contain drinking fountains, electrical outlets, racks, storage areas and benches, among other things.

Also, a scoreboard will be erected in the outfield behind the fence. It will be operated electrically from controls located initially in the home dugout. Eventually, the controls will be placed in a press box that is part of future plans. Other facilities to be added later include lights and bleachers.

Many contributions will be needed to reach the goal. Persons wishing to make contributions are asked to make checks payable to "Manchester Community College Foundation, Inc." and send them to Pat Mistretta, director of athletics, at the college.

Holland, of 175 High Street, correctly predicted 15 of the 16 games in the final week of the National Football League regular season schedule. Each winner is eligible for the \$50 merchandise grand awards. Weekly winners received \$15 merchandise awards from sponsoring area merchants.

Holland was a standout baseball and basketball player with several local teams and held the men's tennis championship for a decade. He was the Indian skaters fourth loss in as many outings.

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Vermeil, now in his third season with the Eagles, was a decisive choice, drawing 30 votes from ballots received from a 56-member panel of football writers, four from each of the NFL's 14 cities.

Other coaches who received support were Bart Starr of Green Bay, Ray Malavasi of Los Angeles, Tom Landry of Dallas, Les Bennett of Atlanta and Dick Nolan of New Orleans. No other coach got more than six votes.

Vermeil was only the second Eagles coach in 24 years to win the UPI coaching award. Buck Shaw took the honor in 1960 when the Eagles won the NFL championship, beating Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers, 17-13, for the title.

Ironically, Vermeil reinforced his opinion that the Eagles were not a playoff team a few days prior to what became known in Philadelphia as the "Miracle of the Meadowlands." He had no idea the New York Giants would cooperate with his team's playoff dreams beyond his wildest expectations.

Frailing, 17-12, with 30 seconds left and no timeouts remaining, the Eagles nevertheless beat the Giants when cornerback Herman Edwards returned Joe Pisarcik's fumble 26 yards for a touchdown.

Vermeil's success doesn't stem from miracles, however. It comes more from honesty and hard work. "I've worked for a lot of fine football coaches and I'll tell you, there are no geniuses among football coaches," he said. "I myself just try to be very honest with the players. I try to maintain a real level of credibility. I tend to be too emotional at times and sometimes it has hurt me."

"No coaching staff puts in more hours than this one. No staff comes close to putting in the hours — than this. I'm not smart enough to do it myself. I'm not interested in just getting by. I'm interested in catching up."

Interested spectators at Tuesday night's East Catholic-Bloomfield High basketball game here were former East coaches Don Burns, left, and Stan Ogradnik. Burns handled the Eagles seven seasons — five varsity — and Ogradnik was at the helm nine seasons. (Herald Photo by Strempler)

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CHICAGO (PI) — NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle says television network executives and advertisers should not be concerned about a slight decline in TV audiences watching professional football this fall.

"I don't think they (the ratings) would be affected enough to upset the networks," he told a Chicago economic group Tuesday night. "When the season is over and the ratings are figured they will be down only minimally, but it's like comparing apples and oranges."

Rozelle attributed the drop in viewers to the extended 16-game season and to unusually mild fall weather across much of the nation. "Traditionally, our audiences increase when the weather gets bad, but the weather, at least it was in New York, was incredible until the beginning of this month," Rozelle said.

He also cited baseball races that may have conflicted with the NFL's start, which was two weeks earlier this year. "In a related item, Rozelle defended criticism of the league's new scheduling format, which is designed to guarantee more common opponents for each team in an attempt to achieve parity."

"I think some are confused about the new schedule, thinking it is stacked against top teams," he said. "But 12 of the league's 16 games will be against the same teams that the Vikings, Packers and Lions will play."

He said he could not see any other major changes regarding scheduling, adding the 1978 season featured "close and exciting races."

Rozelle also said the use of instant replay is still being studied, and a report will be made to league owners in March. "I'm not suggesting Chicago put up a domed stadium, although I'd like to see it done," said Rozelle, who earlier in the day met with city officials about the stadium situation. "But it is embarrassing to have a stadium in a sport where (George) Halas doesn't have a place where fans can comfortably watch the game."

Why would Gene Michael give up the glamour of another possible World Series championship to manage a New York Yankee farm club?

Michael, who played three years here in the mid-1960s, was named manager of the Columbus Clippers when they signed a working agreement in October with the two-time world champions as their Class AAA affiliate.

"I always wanted to have experience as a manager," said the 46-year-old Michael, "and what better town can I come to than here. I had some good years in Columbus."

Michael, a slick-fielding shortstop during his playing days but a 229 lifetime hitter in the major leagues, thinks players like himself make better managers.

"I think a weaker ballplayer makes a better manager because he has to think more," Michael replied without hesitation. "And I also think an infielder or a catcher makes a better manager."

"Don't get me wrong," he added, when they signed a working agreement in October with the two-time world champions as their Class AAA affiliate. "I'm not saying a guy like Pete Rose wouldn't make a good manager. He gives a lot of thought to the game."

Michael was asked about the three Yankee managers with whom he had been associated — Ralph Houk, Billy Martin and Bob Lemon. "I liked something about every one of them," he said. "Houk let you play and that was good for me, Martin tried to create an atmosphere where you really liked to play and Lemon just throws the bat and ball out and says 'Play.' That seemed to be the thing we needed last year."

"I'd like to take the good points from all of them," added Michael. "But I wouldn't want to be like any one of them."

Sports Slate

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Enfield Buries Tribe In Hockey Action, 14-2

Unable to get a shot on goal until the third period, Manchester II was buried by visiting Enfield High, 14-2, in ice hockey action last night at the Bolton Ice Palace.

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Interested spectators at Tuesday night's East Catholic-Bloomfield High basketball game here were former East coaches Don Burns, left, and Stan Ogradnik. Burns handled the Eagles seven seasons — five varsity — and Ogradnik was at the helm nine seasons. (Herald Photo by Strempler)

Slight Decline in Viewers Not Alarming for Rozelle

CHICAGO (PI) — NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle says television network executives and advertisers should not be concerned about a slight decline in TV audiences watching professional football this fall.

"I don't think they (the ratings) would be affected enough to upset the networks," he told a Chicago economic group Tuesday night. "When the season is over and the ratings are figured they will be down only minimally, but it's like comparing apples and oranges."

Rozelle attributed the drop in viewers to the extended 16-game season and to unusually mild fall weather across much of the nation. "Traditionally, our audiences increase when the weather gets bad, but the weather, at least it was in New York, was incredible until the beginning of this month," Rozelle said.

He also cited baseball races that may have conflicted with the NFL's start, which was two weeks earlier this year. "In a related item, Rozelle defended criticism of the league's new scheduling format, which is designed to

Managing in Majors Gene Michael's Goal

Why would Gene Michael give up the glamour of another possible World Series championship to manage a New York Yankee farm club?

Michael, who played three years here in the mid-1960s, was named manager of the Columbus Clippers when they signed a working agreement in October with the two-time world champions as their Class AAA affiliate.

"I always wanted to have experience as a manager," said the 46-year-old Michael, "and what better town can I come to than here. I had some good years in Columbus."

Michael, a slick-fielding shortstop during his playing days but a 229 lifetime hitter in the major leagues, thinks players like himself make better managers.

"I think a weaker ballplayer makes a better manager because he has to think more," Michael replied without hesitation. "And I also think an infielder or a catcher makes a better manager."

"Don't get me wrong," he added, when they signed a working agreement in October with the two-time world champions as their Class AAA affiliate. "I'm not saying a guy like Pete Rose wouldn't make a good manager. He gives a lot of thought to the game."

Michael was asked about the three Yankee managers with whom he had been associated — Ralph Houk, Billy Martin and Bob Lemon. "I liked something about every one of them," he said. "Houk let you play and that was good for me, Martin tried to create an atmosphere where you really liked to play and Lemon just throws the bat and ball out and says 'Play.' That seemed to be the thing we needed last year."

"I'd like to take the good points from all of them," added Michael. "But I wouldn't want to be like any one of them."

Two one-point decisions were played at Tilling last night with Fogarty Bress. edging past Sportsman Cafe, 92-91, and Irish Agency nipping Cooper Street Parkers, 84-83.

Bruce LeDoyt paced Fogarty's 33 points followed by Carle Hunt 16, Stars Alexander 14, and Keith Bennett 10. Bill Eller tossed in 31 points for Sportsman followed by John Barry topped 28. Steve Siegrist 18 and Jeff Gott 10. Dennis Cole popped in 30 markers for the Insurancemen with Carl Hohenbahl, Jim Samler and Dave Tyson chipping in 24, 17 and 12 points respectively.

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Lata and Bill Prignano paced the victors with 7 and 6 points respectively. Sue Wallace had a game-high 8 markers for Cornfort.

In other action, the All-Stars tripped the Police, 34-20. Tom Finnegan and Tracy O'Connell poured in 14 and 10 markers respect-

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L.A. Christmas Tree Scrooged by Jarvis

The Los Angeles City Council's Christmas tree is just a ghost compared to Christmas past this year, and council President John Ferraro wants the world to know that Howard Jarvis is the Scrooge who humbugged it.

Past holidays have seen a 20-foot pine, sparkling with lights and ornaments, in the council chambers—but that was before Jarvis' successful tax-slashing drive which eliminated the parks department's annual \$6,000 tree budget for city offices.

This year's council tannenbaum isn't even a tree. It's about a foot high and it's made of pink-painted eggshells by delinquents at Juvenile Hall. Says Ferraro: "This is our post-Proposition-13 tree."

Memories of the Vietnam War dominated kudos from the New York Film Critics Circle Wednesday. The 26 critics in the group picked "The Deer Hunter"—a film dealing with the emotional impact of war on American soldiers, starring Robert DeNiro—as best picture of 1978.

Jon Voight, who played a crippled Vietnam vet opposite Jane Fonda in "Coming Home"—look laurels as the year's best actor, Ingrid Bergman won best actress honors for her performance in Ingmar Bergman's "Autumn Sonata," and Terrence Malick was named best director for his "Days of Heaven."

Florida Seeks Gator Hunters

MIAMI (UPI) — If you've always wanted to come to grips with nature, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission may have just the job.

The commission wants to hire some alligator hunters. "We're looking for people who've got the time and want to do something a little different," said Jim Sorrow, coordinator of the removal program in the commission's Everglades region.

"It's exciting work ... You've never had your adrenalin running like it will. You know that if you make a mistake, it could be a crucial one," he said.

The commission is responsible for catching nuisance alligators that wind up in back yards, swimming holes and drainage canals. Now they are advertising for alligator hunters to help catch the beasts alive. The alligators are taken to remote areas of the Everglades and released.

Scott's World

Ritter's Envious Job

By VERNON SCOTT

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — John Ritter may have the most enviable job in television, trodding every day with costars Suzanne Somers and Joyce DeWitt in "Three's Company," the top-rated weekly sitcom.

As Jack Tripper, the glib, eye-wagging bachelor who lives with a gorgeous brunette (DeWitt) and a sexy, adored blonde with an enormous bosom (Somers), Ritter is a man blessed by a festival of riches.

Ritter enjoys his working conditions equally as much as Tripper enjoys his living arrangement. "John, 30, is the son of the late country and western singing star Tex Ritter. He's articulate, well educated and reluctant to talk about himself."

As for his job with Suzanne and Joyce, John can hardly wait to get to work every morning. "There's a tremendous affection among the cast, including Andrea Lavelle and Norman Fell," he said. "We really care for one another."

"We touch a lot. We give one another back rubs. It's a delight working with them. I never thought I'd make a living and have so much fun at the same time."

John says it's like coming to the playground. "Our guest stars are treated like members of the family. We make it a point to get them into the spirit of the show. We make it a point never to leave them out of the fun."

John was a baseball player and a romantic involvement, although he was seriously attached to actress Nancy Morgan, a great beauty herself.

"I would run the premise of the show if viewers were to believe that Jack is making out with either one of them. And, of course, the same is true if anything like that took place among us in real life."

Not infrequently the series is charged with being sexually, as a sitcom, in evolution. "These charges don't worry me," he said. "Janet and Christie both have good jobs and they have a great deal of pride in themselves. Jack, for all his interest in females sexually, is a chauvinist in evolution."

John was more concerned about reaction from the gay community because of Fell's characterization of Roper. "I'm not homophobic," he said. "I was a homosexual. Roper can't believe any healthy American man could live with two cities and not be involved sexually."

"There hasn't been any reaction from gays at all," John said.

"Three's Company" is often criticized for being too raucous. "John shrugs off the critics. He gets mail from both men and women with similar living arrangements praising the show's lifestyle."

He refuses to say whether he would enjoy living with a couple of girls himself, on a platonic basis or otherwise. "My best friend up in San Francisco lived with a couple of pretty girls," he said. "It was a matter of economics and it was platonic. Americans are breaking the barriers on that sort of living arrangement."

"The people who complain about the raucous elements in the series have no idea what goes on in rehearsals. We often sit up when the crew comes in for rehearsals and then sit up again even more for the studio audience."

"Norman Fell and I play a whole bunch of weird characters off-camera just for the fun of it. There are a lot of light gags and jokes about the girls' figures, but that's the way Jack is."

"You could say there isn't a great deal of difference between me and Jack. Sometimes I think he's about 10 years younger than I am and not as well read."

"We work in terms of force and on the show and I can identify with the things he does and says. I guess it comes out of my past."

John is at a loss to explain the immense popularity of the ABC comedy, which generally ranks in the top three of the Nielsen ratings.

"Maybe it's because the characters are up-beat," he said. "The cast as well as the characters are having a good time and that comes through. They're likeable people. The stories are believable."

"At the end of this season Norman and Andrea (who play the bickering landlords) are going to leave the show to star in their own series, 'The Ropers.' We're going to miss them."

Plays Elvis

Russell, ex-Disney child actor, will portray Elvis Presley in ABC-TV's three-hour movie for television. The film, being made in secret, is to be shown sometime next spring. The picture will deal with Elvis up to the age of 30. (UPI photo)



John Ritter stars with Joyce DeWitt (left) and Suzanne Somers in ABC-TV's "Three's Company."

Grad Plays Sax In College Band

GLASTONBURY — Jane I. Douglas, a 1977 Glastonbury High School graduate is a member of the saxophone section of the Bucknell Jazz and Rock Ensemble, a 22-member student group at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

A "big band" orchestra, the BIRE plays all types of music and recently completed a concert engagement in Pittsburgh. A spring trip to Florida is in the planning stage.

Ms. Douglas, a sophomore math major at Bucknell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Douglas, 219 Wood Point Road.

Retiree Writes Children's Book

MANCHESTER — Mrs. Amelia Gannutz of 373 Lydall St. has published her first children's book, "Turtle Love." The book is also illustrated by the talented senior citizen who is an authority on weaving, pottery and silk screening.

Mrs. Gannutz, who retired last June after serving 25 years as secretary at Nathan Hale School, will be in the main lobby of the Manchester State Bank, 101 Main St., Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

"Turtle Love" tells about a lonesome turtle that's looking for a friend. She is working on her second book, titled "The Last Coin."

Gardening

Christmas Cactus Flowers at Appropriate Time

By FRANK ATWOOD

Ora Ames is a retired typewriter factory foreman who has made his hobby of raising plants practically a full-time job. He is in the greenhouse behind his home on Mather Street each day and the Christmas cactus plants that he grows in hanging baskets came into flower appropriately two weeks before Christmas.

These are "daughter" plants, a few of the many he has grown from cuttings taken from a "mother" plant that has been in the greenhouse for six years. The greenhouse was dark at night during the fall weeks when a Christmas cactus must have darkness to set buds. Earlier there was a beautiful Thanksgiving cactus with light pink blossoms which also bloomed in time.

"I like to fool around," says Mr. Ames. When he sees a new plant described in a catalogue he is likely to send for seed and try it. He doesn't know how many kinds of plants he has, but there are hundreds.

Moving to Manchester with Mrs. Ames in 1933, and starting a vegetable garden, Mr. Ames was told he could not raise watermelons in Manchester. The season was too short. He sent for a packet of mixed watermelon seed and planted them in a long row across the garden. It turned out to be a fine summer with no early frost and he had ripe watermelons, large and small, long ones and round ones, colored green and gray, to give away to astonished friends.

Built Greenhouse
Having demonstrated that watermelons could, after all, be grown in Manchester, he has not planted any since that triumphal season and he no longer has a big vegetable garden. Following plans from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and buying materials locally, he built a 16 by 12-foot greenhouse in 1968 and began to concentrate on house plants. The greenhouse was soon overgrown.

Christmas cactus blooms just in time for the holiday in the greenhouse operated by Ora Ames at his home, 17 Mather St., Manchester. (Herald photo by Pinto)

Store Returns Courtesy Only

LINCOLN, Neb. (UPI) — Contrary to popular belief, stores are under no legal obligation to take back returned merchandise. The practice is strictly one of store courtesy, says Janet Wilson, a consumer education specialist at the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

She suggests learning a store's policy on exchanges and returns before shopping for Christmas gifts. This information usually is posted near cash registers or checkout counters, she said.

Most stores will at least allow exchanges on items for a different size or color. But with merchandise "picked clean" after Christmas, it may be difficult to find a substitute, she said.

It helps to examine items for defects or damages as soon as you get home, so they can be returned promptly instead of waiting until after Christmas.

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EAST HARTFORD — For the 26th straight year, Teachers Union Local 671 of East Hartford and the Parents Teachers Group of the Oak Hill School will co-sponsor a Christmas Day for the visually impaired, multi-handicapped students at the school.

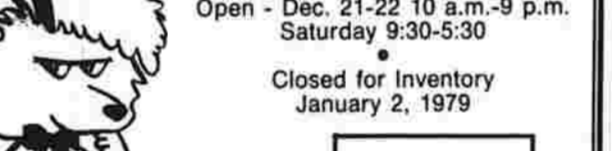
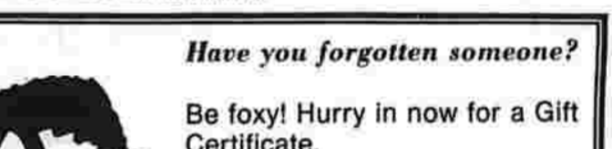
The event is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. Three Santas will be on hand to distribute gifts and to visit with each child. The party will take place in three different locations on the school campus, 120 Holcomb St., Hartford.

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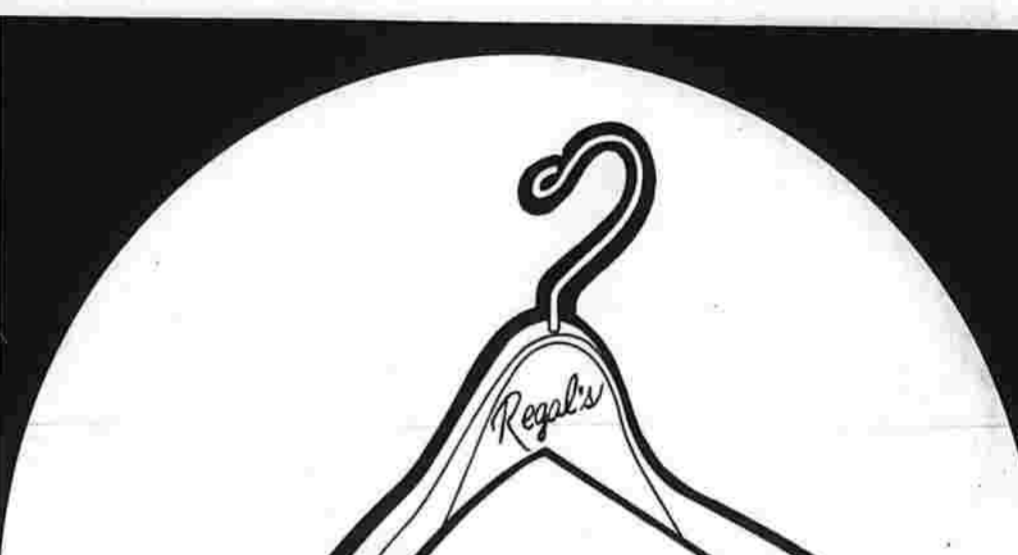
Mr. Ames reminded me of our earlier meeting, by telephone, when he was looking for help in finding a new home for a date palm which had grown too large for the greenhouse. He had started it in a pot on a bench, moved it to the floor, then set the pot in a two-foot hole dug in the floor. The tree was 14 feet tall and still growing. He gave it to a couple who had a "cathedral" ceiling in their Newton home and had learned about the palm from this column.

There are two plants with "purple" in the name. Purple Heart is one of the tradescantias and will have purple blossoms. Purple Waffle is so called because the back of the leaf is purple. The blossoms are small and white.

A Hoya has gone through its blooming period but it is a large plant with leaves that drop six feet from a pot set on the floor with a green spike five feet tall but currently without blossoms.

The Royal company was sold to Litton Industries, which also bought a typewriter manufacturing firm in England, closed the Hartford factory and consolidated the two operations in England. Mr. Ames was sent to England to help organize the new plant. When he came back after several months he had no job. Now there is no factory. Litton abandoned the typewriter business.

With his meticulously tidy greenhouses and a continuing interest in anything that's new in plants, Mr. Ames, as he says, "keeps busy."



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8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30
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1) TV Community College	1) 11) The Love Boat	1) 11) The Love Boat	1) 11) The Love Boat
1) My Three Sons	1) 12) David Cassidy	1) 12) David Cassidy	1) 12) David Cassidy
1) Sonoma	1) 13) The Young Doctors	1) 13) The Young Doctors	1) 13) The Young Doctors
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Coventry Loses Funds Under New GTB Plans

COVENTRY — The town will lose about \$24,000 in Guaranteed Tax Base (GTB) funds from the state if the legislature adopts a proposal currently under study by its Education Committee, State Rep. Robert Walsh, D-5th District, told the Board of Education at its last meeting.

The report of the Task Force on Education Equality proposed \$2,900,000 in GTB funds for Coventry over a five-year period. Walsh said. "This equals \$124,000 less than Coventry would get under the current proposal." He added that \$2.2 million would be given in the first year.

The state is under court mandate to see that educational appropriations are equalized among Connecticut's 169 towns. The heavy reliance on local property taxes was found inequitable in the landmark Horton vs. Meskill case. And a recent court decision set next May as the deadline for the state to more equally apportion its resources.

"I am not thrilled, because we are losing money," Walsh summed up. He said that moves are being made at the legislature to reimburse towns on a 70 to 30 percent basis for special education, with differing amounts for towns based on taxable property worth.

"But this throws special education into the general budget package," he explained, "instead of giving it special treatment. I don't like this." He added that attempts would be made to fund programs for gifted children, "but the likelihood of passage is next to zero because of the economic situation."

School Superintendent Arnold Eiman noted that an equity report is also being prepared by the task force, which he fears will be used to intervene in local education. He also lamented the fact that the board must supply the Town Clerk with

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Elderly Housing Plan Due in South Windsor

SOUTH WINDSOR — Frank Roman, former administrator of the South Windsor Convalescent Home, is expected to present a proposal for 80 units of housing for the elderly when the Housing Authority meets tonight.

Although little is known regarding proposed cost or financial arrangements it is believed that Main Street is the intended location.

John Woodcock III, attorney for Roman, has said that the plan is in the preliminary stages and would be explored "a step at a time."

Woodcock said that he and Roman feel that there is a clear need for such a

Vernon GOP Questions Fire Marshal Proposal

VERNON — While the Republican Town Committee hasn't taken a formal stand on proposals made by the Fire Study Committee, it has questioned the need for making the fire marshal's position full time.

The Fire Study Committee has recommended, and the Town Council has approved, a proposal to make the marshal's job full-time. It is also recommending that the town's two fire departments be united under one chief and an assistant chief, and the creation of a Board of Fire Commissioners.

The study committee is headed by Republican councilwoman Jane Lamb. The committee intends to have the joint fire department remain volunteer.

The Republican Town Committee feels it isn't necessary for the town to have a full-time marshal. Vernon Fire Chief William Johnson has also been serving as fire marshal and Rockville Fire Chief Donald Magada as deputy marshal.

The committee is recommending that Johnson be put on as full-time marshal and that Magada be named chief.

The Town Committee is also opposed to the creation of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Committee chairman, John Daigle, has indicated he feels this is just another layer of bureaucracy between the people and the fire department.

To date, no members of the departments have raised any objections to the board and some have indicated at public meetings that this would be good for the department.

The Greater Hartford Legal Secretaries Association will meet Wednesday, Dec. 27, at the Place For Steak, 199 Oakwood Ave., West Hartford, for a Christmas party.

A social hour at 5:30 p.m. will precede a dinner and a brief business meeting.

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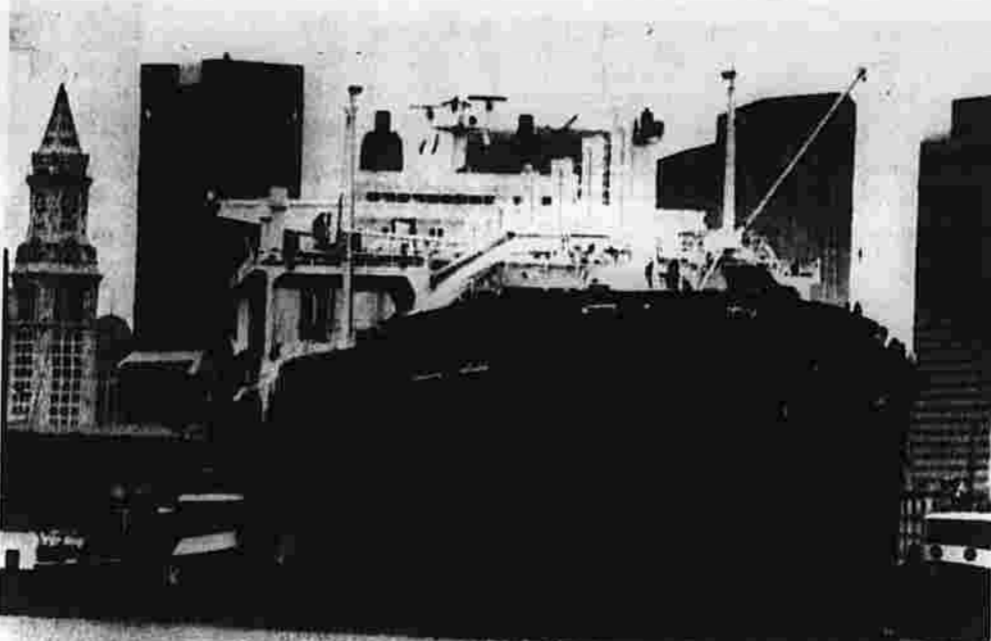
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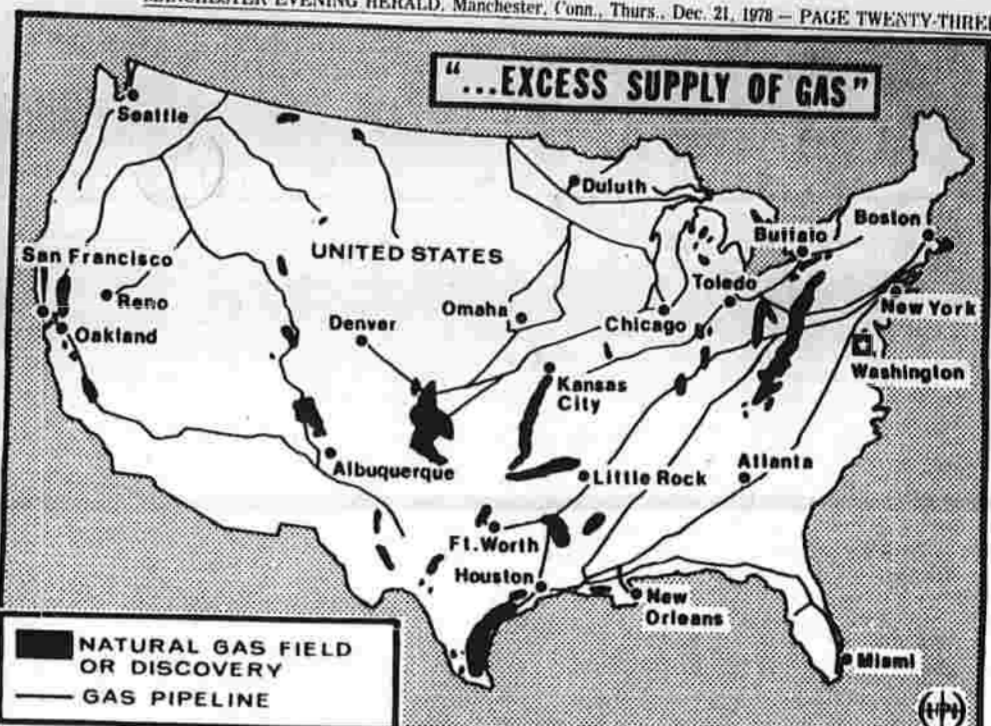
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This winter, for the first time in nearly a decade, there is plenty of natural gas. "We're reaping the benefit of huge (exploration) investments over the past four or five years

Natural Gas Supply Highest in Decade

HOUSTON (UPI) — This winter, for the first time in nearly a decade, there is plenty of natural gas. In fact there's a glut of gas that may last for several years. But industry spokesmen say the glut has nothing to do with the recent deregulation bill that raised prices.

The natural gas spokesmen say pipelines are full because they are producing more and storing more, and people and companies are using less because of previous winter severe colds, conservation and higher prices.

One industry spokesman, who asked that his name not be used, said, "The supplies that you're seeing right now are the result of long-term investment. Our company alone has spent \$1 billion since 1970."

The natural gas law, providing an immediate increase from \$1.50 to \$2 per thousand cubic feet, phases out price controls on newly produced gas by 1985 and extends sales within the first time to gas sales within the state of production.

"The effect of the new law cannot be estimated accurately, but experts say that at most, the price of an average home gas bill will increase by a few dollars per month. The glut doesn't affect every one of

the nation's interstate pipelines, where posted curtailments — the bureaucratic term for supply shortages — still reach as high as 40 percent. But some experts say the federally regulated numbers have become almost academic.

"While curtailments remain in effect at the pipeline level, I don't think you'll find many at the retail level," said one industry source. "The customers are getting all the gas they need."

Others familiar with the industry are less confident than Mitchell, but agree the nation's gas supply-demand situation has been a lot less balanced since curtailments among the 36 major interstate pipelines began in 1970.

Joe Solters of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's pipeline certificate and curtailment division in Washington said the gas companies may be overreacting.

"They see a little daylight and they like to proclaim that they're healthy again and some people misconstrue their purpose and their bottom line," Solters said.

But sources in the industry said federal officials simply mis-calculated response to demands for a switch to other fuels — thinking industry would go to coal instead of oil

Council's Vote on Grant Worries Democrat Foes

VERNON — The fact that the Town Council, Monday night, voted in favor of a one-time \$600,000 Community Development Act grant, has caused some concern among some groups in town and also Democratic members of the council who voted against it.

The town could have applied for either the one-time grant or a \$12 million grant to be spread over a two-year period.

The recommendation to apply for the \$600,000 grant was made by Town Planner George Russell and the Planning Commission. Russell said he feels that the one-time grant will pose less management problems than a multi-year grant.

In reality, these grant funds are never expended in one year. Therefore funded activities would be defacto multi-year projects without piling on additional money, which HUD (Housing and Urban Development) may question our ability to spend," he said.

He also said that a one-year grant doesn't tie the town into projects for three years and therefore allowance is provided for constant re-evaluation of priorities.

The money, if given to the town, will go toward the owner-occupied and the investor-owned housing rehabilitation programs, sidewalk repair and construction, relocation assistance, to reposition a Rockville fire truck, improvements to Franklin Park East and West, and for administration of the grant.

The council, in approving the proposal, eliminated \$75,000 for a shelter for battered women. The planner and the Planning Commission had left this in but Russell said even though some persuasive arguments had been offered to explain the need for the shelter, "Nevertheless, I have some doubts, not of the necessity of the program, but of the future operation and the costs involved."

He said, however, he had been assured by the group of women who asked for the shelter, that operating costs would not have to be supported by the town and therefore he left the recommendation in. He also said that a specific site, which would have to be in the Rockville section, would have to be selected before the grant application was filed. The deadline for filing is Jan. 15.

All of the projects involved in the grant had to be concerning the Rockville section and address the needs of the low income residents, in order to be eligible.

Democrats on the council charged the Republicans with trading human concerns for sidewalks but Russell said that by improving pedestrian facilities in the Rockville area, the ability of persons of low and moderate income, to use the resources available to them within walking distance will be enhanced.

Russell also explained why some of the projects for which funding was requested were not recommended for the grant.

Mayors Say Carter Cuts Would Hurt

WASHINGTON (UPI) — In a period of two hours, President Carter received visits from two groups, both with much political clout and both worried.

Both were responding Wednesday to Carter's promise, as part of his anti-inflation program, to cut the federal deficit next year to less than \$30 billion.

The first group, nine big-city Democratic mayors, warned if proposals made within the administration to trim \$15 billion from domestic, largely to job programs are carried out, American cities could be plunged into a new economic decline.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors said cuts proposed within the administration include \$4 billion in public service jobs, \$5 million in Health, Education and Welfare Department programs, \$6 billion in public housing and rent subsidies and other mass transit, urban parks and urban development.

Mayor Kevin White of Boston said all this could erode the traditional "building blocks" of Democratic strength, the big-city vote, which Democrats — and Carter himself if he runs — will need in 1980.

"The proposed cuts come just as a number of cities are pulling out of a sharp decline," White said. "The kinds of proposed cuts being discussed could destabilize these cities and bump them into a new sharp decline."

Mayor Maynard Jackson of Atlanta said urban America has been on an economic roller coaster and if the cuts are made "some people are going to begin to get off the roller coaster."

The governors, led by Julian Carroll of Kentucky, chairman of the National Governors' Association, took a different approach.

They told Carter inflation and the national mood to cut spending make some cuts inevitable. Instead of opposing cuts, they want tradeoffs.

The governors want federal aid, which now goes through nearly 500 separate programs, consolidated and simplified. They said that would allow budget savings without reducing services or requiring states to shoulder more costs.

The governors also want state governments to be given more authority in distributing federal aid to localities.

And, Carroll said they also want federally mandated programs such as unemployment compensation and removal of barriers to the handicapped reduced or delayed.

Now You Know

Christmas originally was an ancient pagan holiday, Saturnalia, during which Romans marked the winter solstice with feasting and revelry, believing the day marked the return of the sun from the southern sky.

Prober Feels 4th Shot Fired at Kennedy

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (UPI) — New evidence disputes the Warren Commission's one-gunman theory of the Kennedy assassination, a member of the House Assassinations Committee said Wednesday.

Rep. Harold Sawyer, R-Mich., said the evidence presented to the committee late Monday indicates "beyond a reasonable doubt" that a gunman other than Lee Harvey Oswald was present when President John F. Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Sawyer said the evidence points more strongly to a possible conspiracy in the assassination than anything previously uncovered.

Acoustical experts examined a tape recording made from the open microphone of a police motorcycle parked near the fatal motorcycle route.

"They (the experts) say as a result of their studies, there is a 98 percent plus probability that the third shot of a series of four shots was fired from the grassy knoll," Sawyer said. "We were just really zeroing in on a final report when we had this very disturbing evidence presented."

The committee set up to investigate the assassinations of Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was scheduled to go out of existence Dec. 31. Sawyer said a review of a 400-page draft report already was under way and the draft will have to be reworked.

Sawyer said that despite the new evidence, however, he doubts the life of the panel will be extended.

Dodd Says Data Shows More Shot Sites

VERNON (UPI) — Rep. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., a member of the House Assassinations Committee, says there is significant evidence indicating the shots that killed John F. Kennedy were fired from more than one spot.

However, Dodd Wednesday said the information had not yet been thoroughly evaluated and the special congressional panel on assassinations had not reached any definitive conclusions.

Committee member Rep. Harold Sawyer, R-Mich., earlier Wednesday said tests on a tape recording made from the open microphone of a police motorcycle revealed "beyond a reasonable doubt" a shot was fired from the grassy knoll area in Dallas' Dealey Plaza.

Dodd said, "It is significant evidence. There's no question about it."

He added the data "does raise serious questions about the existence of a second gunman," but he regretted Sawyer released it "prematurely."

"I'm not suggesting the evidence can be or should be discredited. We need to make sure it's thoroughly examined in light of other evidence to corroborate it," Dodd said in a telephone interview.

"Whether or not it's going to convince me ultimately remains to be seen," he said.

Dodd added the committee had access to the tape "a couple of months ago." Sawyer said it received the "very disturbing evidence" this week.

The shot from the knoll would be in addition to the three the Warren Commission concluded Lee Harvey Oswald fired from the Texas School Depository Building across the plaza.

Government investigators have said all previous evidence indicates Oswald was the sole gunman responsible for the Kennedy killing 15 years ago in Dallas.

The committee officially ends its two-year, \$5 million probe into the Kennedy and Martin Luther King assassinations Dec. 31.

Dodd said the panel was due to meet again in Washington Friday and again next week. "I felt we should have done that much first before going public" with the evidence, he pointed out.

"I think the committee has a responsibility to ourselves, to Congress and the American public. We'd conduct our business far more responsibly if we didn't release information prematurely," Dodd said.

The Connecticut Democrat said he wasn't sure if this latest evidence would prompt the panel to ask Congress for an extension of its probe into the Kennedy killing.

