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Baroness homeless again

STOWE, Vt. (UPI) — Maria von Trapp, who lost one home to the Nazis 40 years ago, was homeless again today as the result of a flash fire that leveled her family's lodge in Stowe, Vt., which was destroyed by a flash fire Sunday that killed one guest and forced 100 persons to flee into sub-zero weather.

Fire forces office move

MONTPELIER, Vt. (UPI) — The fire-blistered ruins of a leased state office building were not cool before government officials rented temporary office space to begin a massive task of re-creating thousands of destroyed files.

U.S. students selected for Rhodes scholarships

MIDDLETOWN (UPI) — The son of a migrant farm worker and the first woman commander of Air Force Academy cadets were among 32 American students selected this year for prestigious Rhodes scholarships.

The American Rhodes Scholars will join an international group chosen from 17 countries. In 1976, trustees lifted sex restrictions set down in the will of philanthropist and colonial pioneer Cecil Rhodes and for the first time women were allowed to participate.

The group included Daniel C. Esty, a town councilman in Concord, Mass., who is a student at Harvard University, Michelle D. Johnson of Wesleyan University Professor William J. Barber, the American secretary of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust.

Rhodes scholarships provide for two years, and in special cases three years of study at Oxford University in England. This year's winners represented 24 U.S. colleges and universities and

four institutions placed scholars for the first time. They were Kalmuzo College in Michigan, Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga., University of Evansville in Illinois and the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg.

The admission of women had been delayed because it required authorization from the British Parliament, he said. Since the first selections began in 1902, there have been more than 2,100 Yanks at Oxford's 28 colleges as well as more than 2,200 students from what once were the British colonies.

Rhodes hoped his scholarships would contribute to world understanding and peace. Rhodes scholars are free to select any field of study offered by Oxford.

Manchester Evening Herald

Cloudy WEATHER Cloudy with rain or snow likely. Details on page 2.

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Storm hits East

A United Press International surprise storm spread ice and snow across much of the East early today, snarling rush hour traffic from Washington to New York and causing a flurry of minor traffic accidents.

Some schools not already closed for Christmas vacation called off classes. Freezing rain surprised the nations capital in the early morning, enclosing Washington area roads in ice and forcing many area schools to close.

More than 150 cars veered off ice-glazed roads in Richmond, Va. The ice storm, which began around 4 a.m., prompted police to urge motorists to stay home and kept buses off the roads for several hours.

Minor traffic accidents were reported across the Washington area. Virginia and Maryland state police reported many jackknifed tractor trailer trucks blocking traffic along Interstate 495 near Interstate 495.

Snow and ice swept through southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and northern Delaware, turning the morning rush hour into a nightmare.

About 35 schools in the Delaware Valley closed for the day and about 35 more postponed opening for one or two hours.

Rain began in Philadelphia about 3:30 a.m. and turned quickly to snow. Philadelphia reported an inch of snow and the accumulation was thicker in southern New Jersey.

Authorities said traffic slowed to 10 mph or less on Interstate 95 and the Schuylkill Expressway during rush hour. Police reported numerous fender-benders in the Philadelphia suburbs but no major accidents were reported.

"Light snow pushed north and east into New York city, slowing rush-hour traffic. The storm took the area by surprise, striking just hours after forecasters said the region's prospects for a White Christmas appeared dim.



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Coast Guard team aids spill cleanup

WETHERSFIELD (UPI) — Special U.S. Coast Guard pollution fighters flew to Connecticut today to join efforts to clean up an estimated 50,000 gallons of home heating oil spilled into the ice-laden Connecticut River.

But state environmental protection officials warned it could be difficult, if not impossible, to clear the river of the oil which leaked when pressure from ice against an earthen supporting dock ruptured a single pipeline.

Four members of the Coast Guard's Atlantic Strike team arrived at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks aboard a C-130 transport plane which also carried specialized pollution and communications equipment.

Coast Guard officials were scheduled to fly over the affected area to assess the size of the spill which occurred about 8:30 a.m. Monday at Mercury Oil Co.

The strike team, based in Elizabeth, N.C., is on call to respond to pollution threats throughout the eastern United States and joined state Department of Environmental Protection workers on the scene.

"Some of it will have to be written off as lost, maybe the majority of it," said Charles J. Ziemiński, an engineer with the DEP oil and chemical spills section of Hartford.

The spill just south of Hartford extended for a mile from Wethersfield Cove to the Putnam Bridge. It occurred at a dock used to transfer petroleum products from barges to adjacent oil storage tanks.

The Coast Guard at first did not think the incident was serious. "But as oil leaked from the pipe, the ground was saturated and weakened, causing the earthen dock to shift more and crack other pipes," the Coast Guard said.

The pipeline was shut off, but the Coast Guard estimated between 20,000 and 50,000 gallons of oil may have spilled into the river.

Later in the day, the Coast Guard labeled the spill "major." The 65-foot Coast Guard cutter

Consumer prices up 1 percent

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Consumer prices rose 1 percent in November for the third consecutive month, with "substantial" increases in housing, transportation and food, the government reported today.

The Labor Department said its Consumer Price Index, on a seasonally adjusted basis, rose 1 percent in November, the same as in the two preceding months, with housing, transportation and food and beverages registering "substantial increases" and accounting for most of the rise.

The figures reflected an annual inflation rate of 12.6 percent. The department said prices in all other categories rose at a slower rate than they did in October, with medical care costs showing the smallest increase since June — 0.6 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics also reported real average weekly earnings went up 4 percent in November, but that was offset by the price increases last month. So far, the department said, real average weekly earnings are down 4.1 percent over the year.

Home financing shot up 3.9 percent, fueled by increases of 2.7 percent in mortgage interest rates and 0.7 percent in housing prices. Property insurance costs rose 1.2 percent, about the same as in September and October, the department said.

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In a separate report, the Commerce Department said the personal income of Americans rose 1.1 percent or \$24.9 billion in November to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$2.3 trillion.

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Used car prices rose 5.1 percent, the third consecutive large monthly increase, the department said. Gasoline prices rose 0.9 percent, compared with a 0.3 percent increase in October and declines in each of the preceding five months. New car prices rose slightly after declining 1.5 percent in October. Automobile financing charges went up 3 percent in November.

Food and beverage prices rose 1.1 percent in November, following increases of 0.7 percent in October and 1.6 percent in September, the department said.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that while after-tax income rose by \$18.8 billion or 1 percent in November, consumers increased their spending by \$21.6 or 1.2 percent.

Chase Manhattan became the second major bank to lower its prime rate to 20 1/2 percent and at least some others were expected to follow. San Francisco-based Wells Fargo, the nation's 11th largest bank, made the move to the lower rate on Monday from 21 percent, the first cut in the prime by a large bank since July.

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Blast rips Saudi jet above Gulf

DOHA, Qatar (UPI) — An explosion triggered by a loose tire casing ripped through a Saudi Arabian jetliner high above the Persian Gulf today, ripping a hole in the craft through which two children were sucked out to their deaths. Saudi civil aviation officials said.

The plane, an American-made Lockheed Tri-Star with 96 passengers aboard, raced to an emergency landing at Doha, and three other passengers were taken to a hospital. They were released after treatment.

The Saudi Arabian Civil Aviation Authority said the blast was caused by a metal fire casing which got loose inside the wheel well as the plane cruised at an altitude of 29,000 feet. The casing ripped through the undercarriage into the plane's passenger cabin, touching a blast that blew a hole five feet by three feet, through which the two children were sucked out.

The children were identified only as a boy, 7 and a girl, 13. Such a situation normally produces rapid decompression, which can hurt anything not tied down through the opening.



Finishing touches

Yasuhiro Iguchi, Asiatic Department conservator at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, repairs the arm of a Buddha Monday that is 1,000 years old and called Panichii Nyorai. All the Asiatic statues are being readied to move into the new wing of the Museum that will be temperature controlled. (UPI photo)

Chase cuts prime rate

NEW YORK (UPI) — Chase Manhattan, the nation's third largest bank, cut its prime lending rate today by a full percentage-point to 20 1/2 percent, giving further indication that the unprecedented spiral in interest rates finally may be at an end.

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Towns OK assessments for water

MANCHESTER — Manchester and Glastonbury representatives and town officials met this morning to agree on water assessments for 250 Glastonbury customers.

The Board of Directors approved forwarding to the state General Assembly a bill giving the Town of Manchester assessments rights for the customers it serves in Glastonbury. The joint meeting, arranged by Senator-elect Carl Zinsser, R-4th District, will allow representatives of both towns to review the proposed legislation.

Meeting with Zinsser were Manchester General Manager Robert Weiss, and Director of Public Works Jay Giles, Glastonbury state Rep. Antonia Parker, and General Manager Borden. Also invited were state Rep. Walter Joyner and Elsie Swenson, from Manchester.

The meeting, which was closed to the public, began at 10 a.m. The proposed legislation would give Manchester power similar to the Metropolitan District to assess for water improvements.

Manchester is in the process of spending \$20 million on water system improvements, and proposed the legislation to assess the cost in the Glastonbury area. A special water study committee, which recommended the referendum for the five-year project, also recommended Manchester settle what assessment jurisdiction it had over the customers before beginning improvements in Glastonbury.

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Ronald Reagan nearly completes the Cabinet, choosing his first black, his first woman, a governor and a lawyer so controversial he may have trouble being confirmed. Page 20.

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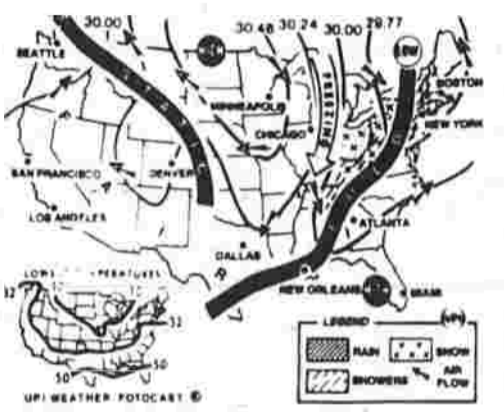
TOKYO (UPI) — Spurred by brisk demand abroad for fuel-efficient cars, Japan has topped the United States as the world's largest automobile maker for the first time, the Japanese industry said today.

The Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association said Japanese motor vehicle production for the whole of 1980 is certain to reach an all-time high of 11 million units.

U.S. auto makers, suffering from flagging demand for large-sized cars, will turn out about 8 million units, sharply down from 11,480,736 units last year. Association officials said.

For the January-November period, Japanese makers produced 10,119,253 units, up 15.1 percent over the same period of last year.

American production for the 11-month period was put at 7,397,259 units, down from 10,876,343 for the same period of last year, according to the officials.



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Plane dispute

ISLIP, N.Y. (UPI) — The mysterious cross-country flight of a 410 million Boeing 777 jet owned by a wealthy Arab industrialist resulted from a dispute about the multi-million dollar renovation of the plane.

The aircraft, refitted with a living room, dining room, conference room and a bedroom with a mirrored ceiling, was reported stolen in California on Saturday. It's a zig-zag journey from the West Coast to Long Island MacArthur Airport in Islip produced investigations by the FBI, federal agencies and local police departments trying to determine just what happened to the plane and who took it.

Tiger Air Service, Inc. the firm that refurbished the aircraft at Hollywood-Burbank airport, reported it stolen, but Robert Fulton, spokesman for the New York regional office of the FAA, said Monday an investigation by the FAA revealed that it had been taken by the plane's owner before the bill was paid.

Gulf war

BEIRUT (UPI) — The Gulf war between Iran and Iraq is its fourth month with the battle lines looking much as they did after the first two weeks and military experts say they are unlikely to change until early 1981.

After launching air raids Sept. 22 against eight Iranian bases, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's forces quickly swept over the strategic Shatt al-Arab waterway and pushed as far as 50 miles inside Iranian territory.

For all the claims and counterclaims of big battles and big victories, not much has changed in what is shaping up as a war of attrition, with the fighting now in its 22nd day.

Military experts say the fighting is bogged down in the rains and snows of early winter and little significant change on combat strategy is likely until the dry season returns in early 1981.

Critic nabbed

GUATEMALA CITY (UPI) — A Mexico City art critic was kidnapped by armed assailants while spending the Christmas holidays with her family in Guatemala City, authorities said.

Guatemala City police Monday said Mrs. Alaide Foppa, an art critic for a Mexico City magazine and newspaper, was kidnapped last week by a group of men wielding automatic rifles.

Police said Mrs. Foppa's chauffeur also was kidnapped by the gunmen. But they gave no details on the abduction, except to say it occurred Saturday. The police gave no explanation for the delay in announcing the crime.

Peopletalk

Spare parts

Barbara Walters would like to turn in her near-sighted eyes for a 20-20 pair. Sen. Howard Baker, who always gains weight campaigning, hates his stomach. Audrey Hepburn, 53, said, "I was always full of complexes about my feet being too big and about being too tall and skinny."

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Texas Christmas

While most people dream of a white Christmas, Mac Davis thinks in terms of Texas.

That's the theme of his NBC special on Dec. 23. The title is "I'll Be Home for Christmas," and the singer retraces his roots in Lubbock.

And if Texas is the theme, can "Dallas" be far behind? Davis' special guest will be Linda Gray, who plays Sue-Ellen O'Rourke, the woman we now know didn't shoot him.

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Name change

Santa Claus was called Leroy Scholtz before he changed his name. Scholtz, 53, a professor, Santa for 25 years, told Judge James Quinn in Newton, N.J., he wanted to change his name so he wouldn't have to lie to children any more when they ask him if he's really Santa.

The former Scholtz showed up in court, tall and pot-bellied, wearing a blue suit. He told the court he already had a Social Security card in the name "Santa Claus."

Although there was opposition to anyone reserving the name Santa, no one appeared in court to oppose the change and Judge Quinn said there was no legal reason for denying the "unusual" name change.

Makes a person wonder — what does the "C" stand for in Santa C. Claus?

Quote of the day

Dr. Fred D. Strider, a University of Nebraska psychologist, explaining the holiday blues that strike from Thanksgiving through New Year's, says causes range from more deep-seated problems to plain combat fatigue, and added: "The joy of Christmas makes one's own difficulties more apparent. Even the person who is relatively problem and stress-free may experience a nostalgic longing and holiday dependency, or comparing the present reality of the Christmas season with the remembered joys of childhood experiences at Christmas."

Glimpses

Peggy Fleming ice-skated Monday on a small rink on the still-green White House lawn for President and Mrs. Carter. Secret Service agents and military aides and families — June Lockhart, injured in a car smashup in San Antonio, Texas, six weeks ago, is out of the hospital and back home in California. Dick Clark will host a live-from-Times-Square special for ABC Dec. 31. "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve." Jane Alexander is in Berlin to film "Night Crossing," directed by Felbert Mann. "Debbie Allen has a role in the pilot for a television show based on "Fame."

Virginia roads icy; arctic cold persists

By United Press International

A light spray of freezing rain glazed eastern Virginia highways, sending at least 150 drivers veering off the road or into other vehicles in the state capital. Arctic cold persisted in the northern half of the nation.

Bone-chilling temperatures broke records Monday in New England and light snow fell in the upper Midwest.

New England again appeared to be the cold spot of the nation, with sub-zero temperatures reported in Maine early today.

Near-zero temperatures were reported in the Northern Plains, and readings in the teens were common throughout the Great Lakes Region.

Patrolman Cornelius Robinson of Richmond, Va., said more than 150 accidents were reported late Monday and early today, including one 32-car pileup on I-64 near the Shockoe Valley Bridge.

"It's incredible outside," said one police dispatcher. "The cars are backed up and there are people stranded all over the place. There's just no traction."

Police cautioned only those motorists who absolutely must go out should try to drive on the slippery streets, which sent many cars spinning like tops as they slid uncontrollably into one another.

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Christmas spirit

Steel worker Al Keadley rides a steel beam with decorated Christmas tree and flag during topping off of four story structure to be occupied by GTE Strategic Systems Division in Westborough, Mass. The building is one of two structures scheduled to open in August, 1981, to be used in the design and development of electronic equipment for the MX and Minuteman ballistic missile programs. The 92-acre office and research park will employ 1,200 persons. (UPI photo)

of snow fell in northern Wisconsin and the Dakotas. Travel advisories were posted early today for northeastern Wisconsin.

Cold weather reached the Southern states with temperatures in the 20s from Arkansas to northern Georgia. Rain spread over Florida and the southern tip of Texas.

Light snow scattered from the Great Lakes region to the Northern Rockies. Muskegon, Mich., and Williston, N.D., measured 2 inches of snow Monday. An inch of snow fell at Houghton Lake and Marquette, Mich., Park Falls, Wis., Duluth, Minn., and Glasgow, Mont.

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Maine billboard ban ruled unconstitutional

BOSTON (UPI) — Maine's 3-year-old ban on roadside billboards has been ruled an unconstitutional restriction on free speech by a federal appeals court.

"Since the law prohibits political speech as well as commercial speech, they found it unconstitutional," Assistant Maine Attorney General Catherine Howard said of the 54-page ruling Monday by a three-judge panel of the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The law, which went into effect in 1978, calls for the phase-out of all commercial billboards by 1984 and allows political candidates to mount roadside signs no earlier than three weeks before an election.

"I haven't seen the opinion, but I got a call from a billboard lawyer who's seen it," said Howard.

"From what I understand the court would have been inclined to uphold the law if it involved only commercial speech, but not political speech," he said.

Another issue in the case involved permissible use of state police power under the law, known as the Maine

Fuel tax rates compared

By United Press International

Motor fuel tax rates in the New England states are among the highest in the nation, but appear to be rising more slowly than in some areas of the country.

Massachusetts' current tax rate of 9.8 cents per gallon — linked to the fuel's selling price — increased from 8.5 cents per gallon five years ago.

New Hampshire's current tax is 11 cents per gallon, up from 8 cents five years ago and Connecticut's rate is 11 cents, a one-cent rise from 1975.

Houley will tell his side

HARTFORD (UPI) — Robert Houley, fired as commandant of the state Veterans Home and Hospital for improper use of state funds to furnish his official residence, plans to tell "his side" of the story next week.

Houley, a former state senator who has been commandant of the hospital in Rocky Hill since early 1979, issued a hand printed and mimeographed notice Monday notifying reporters he would hold a 10 a.m. news conference next Monday.

Commissioners at the home and hospital voted 4-3 in a secret ballot Wednesday to fire Houley effective Dec. 31 for spending \$49,874 in state funds on such unauthorized items such as a water bed, stereo components and a used piano.

"Purpose: To explain his side, (yet untold) of the auditors' report of 9-24-80 to the governor — re: refurbishing of the commandant's resident (sic)."



Christmas donations

Members of the Manchester Lodge of Elks donated Christmas baskets to the Manchester Area Conference of Churches for distribution to needy families. The baskets were delivered to Emanuel Lutheran Church Monday. From left, Rocco Dipierro, Joseph Morrone, lecturing knight, Manchester Lodge of Elks and chairman of the social and community welfare committee and Mrs. Elsie Werner, parish secretary. (Herald photo by Pinto)

GOP solons assigned

MANCHESTER — Committee assignments for Republican members of the state House of Representatives were announced Monday by Minority Leader R.E. VanVorstrand of Darien.

Second-term legislator Walter Joyner, of the 12th District, Manchester, will serve on the General Law and Public Health Committees. During his first term Joyner urged several investigations of the Department of Health. The committee also oversees licensing of boards that are under the Department of Health jurisdiction.

The General Law Committee deals with fair trade, sales practices, consumer protection, and occupational and alcoholic licensing.

Elsie Swenson was also assigned to two committees for her first term representing the 13th District, Mrs. Swenson, of Manchester, will serve on the Government Administration Committee and on the Human Services Committee.

The Government Administration Committee deals with government organization and state and federal relations. It also oversees claims against the state and reviews recommendations for constitutional amendments, and election laws.

The Human Services Committee acts on matters within the state Department of Human Resources including income maintenance, children and youth services, day care, and the developmentally disabled.

During her successful campaign Mrs. Swenson strongly supported services for the elderly and stressed more "in-home" services should be available.

For her third term Antonia Parker of the 31st Assembly District, Glastonbury, will chair the Regulation Review Committee.

Along with Mrs. Swenson she will serve on the Government and Administration and Election Committee.

Mrs. Parker's third assignment is to Judiciary Committee. The committee has jurisdiction over matters relating to courts, judicial procedures, criminal law, probate courts, deeds, mortgages, and bills carrying criminal penalties.

In his first term Peter Puccas, of Marlborough, will serve on the Appropriations Committee and the Program Review and Investigations Committee.

The appropriations committee approves allocations for state expenditures, including state employees' salaries, veterans' pensions, and collection bargaining agreement for all state employees.

The Program Review and Investigations Committee deals with the implementation of sunset laws. The sunset legislation allows funding for a board or agency to expire without specific legislative action. The laws were established to reduce government of departments and agencies which are outdated.

The newly-elected legislators will be sworn in Jan. 7, and legislation for the year must be registered by Jan. 22.

Due to Gov. Grasso's illness and retirement as of Dec. 31, the opening ceremonies of the General Assembly will be unusually subdued. There will be no opening day luncheon.

I-A Club up for sale

MANCHESTER — Faced with a shrinking membership and rising costs, the Italian-American Club earlier this month agreed to sell its Eldridge Street meetinghouse and disband.

The once-popular club, whose membership once numbered in the hundreds, now lists about 22 members and is the last among a handful of Italian organizations which bloomed in the 30s and 40s.

Its single-story clubhouse, located at 135 Eldridge St., will be sold by Jan. 19. The Italian-American Club will soon begin advertising for potential buyers, with the sale expected to be announced within a month.

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Manchester Zoners to air liquor appeal

MANCHESTER — An appeal of a denial of a liquor permit will be reviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals at its next meeting.

Glenn Beaulieu, 62 Garth Road, was denied a cafe liquor permit for the Main Pub, which would allow him to expand service from wine and beer, on Nov. 7. He appealed the application to the ZBA asking for a variance.

Beaulieu said in his application that without the permit his business could not continue to operate. The size of the building does not permit him to expand the business into a restaurant and apply for that type of liquor license.

Beaulieu was denied the cafe permit because his business is within 1,000 feet of another liquor outlet, the American Legion.

Beaulieu said in his application his serving of liquor would not conflict with the other because the types of businesses differed.

The Manchester State Bank has applied for a variance to open a theater at 748 Tolland Turnpike, the former location of Mama Mia caterers.

The application states the area, a rural residence zone is limited to business I uses which does include theaters.

The applicant, represented by Leonard Jacobs, 148 Main St., says a theater would be desirable in the area.

For the second time, Grace Clemson has applied for a variance and a special exception to open a day care center at 16 Walker St. Ms. Clemson had applied last month, but did not appear for the public hearing.

She reapplied for the next meeting. The ZBA rulings are needed as the planned day care would be within 2,000 feet of another.

The day care would be enclosed by a fence and there would be no signs or equipment in the yard. Ms. Clemson states in her application. She plans to care for 15 children.

Skating

MANCHESTER — There will be skating today from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. under the supervision of the Recreation Department at Center Springs Annex. There will also be hockey at the hockey rink in Center Springs Park.

MHS Pool closed

MANCHESTER — The swimming pool at Manchester High School will be closed over the holiday period and will reopen Jan. 5. The pool at Bennet Junior High School will be open for use.

Air quality report

HARTFORD (UPI) — The state Department of Environmental Protection reported the air quality level good in Greenwich and moderate in the rest of the state Monday and predicted levels of good in Greenwich and moderate in the rest of the state today.

CofC names room to honor Harrison

MANCHESTER — The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce has designated the chamber's board of directors meeting room the Phil Harrison Room.

Honorary Harrison, Vice President Roy Smith said, the Board of Directors wanted to acknowledge Harrison's efforts to find a new location for the chamber office.

The chamber has refurbished the first floor of the former Frank Cheney Jr. home to its original condition. The new chamber office is located at 180 N. Main St. and will be used for community activity. Community service organizations and volunteer groups regularly make use of the chamber's meeting facilities.

Works of local artists are displayed on the chamber walls courtesy of the Manchester Arts Council. The current display is a watercolor by Mrs. Robert Atwood.

The honor recognizes Harrison's 35 year career of service to the community and to the chamber.

His activities have included chairman of the Chamber Relocation Committee, chairman of the Downtown Coordinating Committee, president of the chamber, and Manchester Arts Council. He was the 1980 "M Award" recipient for Outstanding Service to the Community.

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 23, the 358th day of 1980 with eight to follow.

The moon is moving toward its last quarter.

The morning stars are Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Mars.

Lottery numbers

Numbers drawn Monday

Connecticut 454

Maine 653

New Hampshire Monday 4907

New Hampshire Sunday 5998

Rhode Island 9385

Vermont 390

Massachusetts 2145

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Editorial Inflation fight

It ought to be apparent that if Americans are to "bite the bullet" in the effort to control double-digit inflation, our Washington leaders should set the example.

But campaign promises of frugality to the contrary, a post-election demand for high level salary raises has engulfed the capital — a bad omen for the incoming administration pledged to budget-balancing and economic sanity.

These have been the main thrusts:

Recommendations by a government commission for an added \$241 million in annual salary spending, with top salaries of \$120,000 for the Chief Justice, Speaker of the House, and Vice President, \$85,000 for senators and con-

gressmen, and stepped-up pay for over 35,000 other officials.

— the drive generated in the lame-duck legislative session by elements of Congress for boosting congressional pay from the present \$60,662 to \$70,900. The plan, which also would have affected 34,000 other high-level federal employees, was defeated.

— A ruling by the Supreme Court that gave its members and 600 other federal judges large raises which Congress had tried to stop.

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Opinion

The new Republican administration of President Richard Nixon and the Democratic Congress did indeed boost salaries sharply in February 1969.

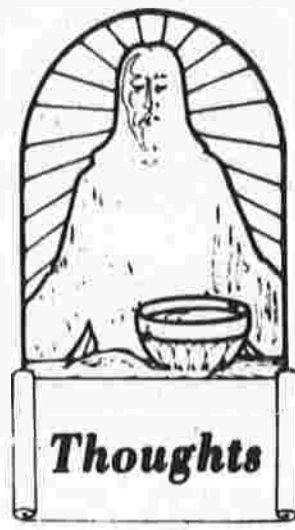
Sen. John Williams, R-Del., warned the action would spread to other government employees and trigger another round of inflation.

It did, indeed. And the inflation rate — which has averaged 1.9 percent per year for the 11 years ending in 1967 — climbed to an average of

6.3 percent for the next 11 years. (It leaped to 13 percent in 1974 and hovers in that general area now — the situation the new administration will inherit.)

The generosity of the government commission is unrealistic in terms of the budget and inflation factors. The recommendation should be thoroughly and critically debated if it comes up for serious consideration.

These judicial pay hikes resulted from an 8-0 Supreme Court ruling that Congress could not halt raises



Thoughts

A couple of years back - I've forgotten just how many - I heard a commercial on my car radio for an upcoming TV special, which went in part, "Christmas would not be Christmas without Bob Hope."

Well as much as I appreciated all the years Bob Hope had spent far from home entertaining our armed forces personnel, and as much as I enjoyed watching the televised records of those trips, I was sure Christmas would still be Christmas for me without Bob Hope.

But then I got to thinking about some other things. How about if they took away...

Letters

To the editor:

There has been a renewed concern in Manchester regarding racism. The recent firebombing of a black family's home has brought the issue to an apex.

It is unfortunate that this racist incident had to happen.

It is also unfortunate that it had to happen following our recent troubles with HUD and the federal government.

The firebombing of the black family's home was the ultimate act of terror that could be inflicted on a quiet family trying to find a better place to live.

Revenge not sweet

The incident did show the ultimate resolve of the community in finding the guilty party and making restitution in the form of money and moral support.

What bothers me about this incident and two other racial incidents is the Human Relations Commission's apparent attempt to make sure the guilty party gets convicted, thereby seeking revenge, in essence, putting pressures on the court.

I am not saying that just punishment under the law is not justified. I am saying that the laws in this country should be color blind.

For the past 20 years in light of the

Berry's World

it like it is and stop pretending we don't see what we see. We have to have the black community speak out against irresponsible behavior with equal like Manchester spoke out against its problem. Otherwise, you are going to have whites who are already suffering from Negrobolia following the radical fringes like the KKK.

In closing, I would hope the newly constituted Human Relations Commission does not become apologetic and color blind. When it sees, it should speak with two ears, one white and the other black. When it listens, it should listen with two ears, one white and the other black. When it speaks, it should speak with one voice: equality under the law without regard for race, religion or national origin.

John Turci,
30 Castle Road,
Manchester.

Off the mark

To the editor:

"High Interest Rates" was as far off the mark this time as your April editorial was on a similar topic.

You state that "high interest rates encouraged by federal Reserve policies to restrict the money supply are not achieving the goal of curbing inflation and in fact are depressing housing, business, agriculture and consumers." This is only half the story.

The federal reserve, through monetary policy, is attempting to

Washington Merry-Go-Round

rem in or dampen excessive credit demands and hopefully cool inflationary expectations. Interest rates represent the price of credit. When the demand for credit exceeds the supply of credit the price must rise, and that of course is precisely what has been happening since late this summer.

Inconceivable, the biggest demander of credit of all is the federal government itself. Not only did it wrap up

Trial use questioned

To the editor:

The School Board of Manchester has recently approved the trial use of a "Television Case Program" for Buckley and Washington schools.

If this program meets with the approval of elementary students and their teachers, the Town of Manchester may be the first in the country to implement this pre-packaged case program with such subject areas as interdependence, teamwork, honesty, openness to change, pride, opinion and self-discipline.

Evidently the Board of Education would like us not only to tolerate

'Vesco probe' became effort to protect Carter associates

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — The story can now be told of what happened inside a federal grand jury that caused its corruptible foreman, Ralph Ulmer, to accuse the Justice Department of covering up the Robert Vesco case.

He complained to a federal judge that the prosecutors seemed more concerned about protecting the Carter administration than investigating Vesco's influence-buying schemes.

Later, Ulmer was summoned behind closed doors to a Senate Judiciary subcommittee to explain what he meant.

At three secret sessions, he told how the prosecutors had obstructed the investigation by trying to keep key witnesses off the stand and then testifying their testimonies when the grand jury insisted on hearing them.

The prosecutors were also related repeatedly in an apparent shopping effort to find one who could convince the grand jury not to indict any of President Carter's associates. The

Closings set at libraries

MANCHESTER — Holiday closings for the public libraries in Manchester have been announced.

The Manchester Public Libraries, Mary Cheney Library, Whiton Memorial Library, and the Bookmobile, will close for the Christmas holiday on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.

The libraries will reopen Friday, Dec. 26 at regular hours.

The libraries will close for New Years on Dec. 31 at 5 p.m. and reopen Jan. 2, 1981.

Schedule of Christmas Liturgy

(Mass Celebration) at Saint James Church, Manchester, Ct.

CHRISTMAS EVE (Vigil) - Wednesday - December 24: 5:00 PM Special Christmas Liturgy (Mass) for families with children - upper church, 7:30 PM.

CHRISTMAS DAY Eucharist (Mass) will be celebrated at 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM; and 12:00 Noon.

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St. James pupils remember hostages

MANCHESTER — To show that the Americans held hostage in Iran have not been forgotten even after more than a year of captivity, the sixth graders at St. James School, did something about it.

In their social studies and English classes, they made a red and green paper chain with about 70 links. Inside each link is a message written by each person.

"Dear American Hostages, 'We are sending you a Christmas chain link. The chain symbolizes the fact that we are still lined — for we are all Americans. There is a little message written on each link. We are very hopeful that you will return very soon to your families who are eagerly awaiting your homecoming. You are constantly being remembered in our prayers.'

Then each pupil wrote a letter to explain this Christmas chain. One note in particular was selected to accompany the gold box containing the links.

"This explanatory message was written by Kathryn LaFontana and is as follows: 'Dear American Hostages, 'We are sending you a Christmas chain link. The chain symbolizes the fact that we are still lined — for we are all Americans. There is a little message written on each link. We are very hopeful that you will return very soon to your families who are eagerly awaiting your homecoming. You are constantly being remembered in our prayers.'

Here are some of the other explanations:

"This link is to show that we shall never break; we'll always stay together as one big family." Patricia Prentice.

"This chain symbolizes that our country's people are linked as one and you are part of it." Kathryn DeMarco.

"These links of a chain show that we care for you and that we are all together as one." Scott Jensen.

"This chain-link is a symbol of how we should be linked in friendship while you are over in Iran." Lynn Herbert.

"The reason why we are sending you this chain is because every kid wanted to write a message on every link. We also did it to show you that we are behind you one hundred percent for your release, hopefully for Christmas." Christopher Reichardt.

"The green links stands for our hope that you will be released soon and the red ones for our Christmas spirit." Aldo Kusmik.

The chain was airmailed to the U.S. Embassy in Tehran Dec. 4.

Registration up at college

MANCHESTER — Registration for the Winter Intercession at Manchester Community College has increased by 40 percent since last year.

James Tatro, dean of the Community Services Division which oversees the program, attributes the rise to the quality of the program.

Courses are offered from Dec. 29 through Jan. 15. They are taught mainly by full-time MCC faculty members. Students attending other colleges may enroll to make up missed courses or accelerate their academic programs at the home colleges.

Final exams are on Jan. 16. Classes run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. There are no classes Jan. 1 or 2. Registration is due Friday. All courses earn three credits, at a total cost of \$75.

For further information, call 646-2137.

Swedish service set

MANCHESTER — As one of the observances of its 100th anniversary celebration, Emanuel Lutheran Church will conduct a Swedish "Julotta" (Christmas carol) service on Christmas Day at 6 a.m.

When Emanuel was organized in 1881, all services were conducted in the Swedish language, and "Julotta" was a traditional Christmas celebration for many years. Following the service, choir members would go caroling at the hospital, the Town Farm and the homes of Emanuel shut-ins. Very often they were invited to the home of the director or one of the choir members for a light Swedish breakfast, after the singing.

Such a service has not been held for many years, and the 100th Anniversary Committee has planned to revive it for this year. The sermon, liturgy, lessons, hymns, and choir anthems will be in Swedish, with the sermon repeated in English.

The following will participate: Rev. Ronald Fournier, sermon; Lennart Torstensson, lessons; Ronald Erickson, singing liturgy; Gunnar Larson, spoken liturgy; Sue Helligren, organist; Helge Porsson, organist and choir director here (1924-1935); will direct the choir.

Following the service coffee and Swedish coffee cake will be served in Luther Hall.

Anyone who would enjoy attending this special Swedish service is welcome.

East Hartford

Club honors two students

EAST HARTFORD — Two East Hartford students have been elected as recipients of the December East Hartford Exchange Club Youth of the Month Award.

Selected were W. Scott Saunders and Jeannine Roussel. The award is given monthly to those high school students who have excelled in academics and who have served their community in a volunteer capacity.

Saunders, a senior at Fenwick High School, is a member of the National Honor Society and served as president of the sophomore class and president of the student council. He has participated in wrestling, baseball, basketball and tennis.

He has served on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board and served for three years as treasurer of the Burnside United Methodist Church Youth Fellowship.

Miss Roussel is a senior at East Hartford High School and currently ranks among the top five students, academically, in a class of 315. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has received the Scholastic Achievement Award and the Outstanding Distributive Education Award.

She has been a member of the girl's track team and a cheerleader.

She has worked with the East Hartford Art League and served as a member of the East Hartford Fire Explorer Scouts and the Youth Conservation Corps.

Ceramics teacher named

MANCHESTER — Nancy Thomas will be offered as scheduled Registration for all classes will be Jan. 5 for Manchester residents only with Jan. 6, 7, 8 and 9 opening to non-residents as well as Manchester. Registration is for 15 years and has taught on all levels conducted between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Arts Building on Garden Grove Road.

Further information is available by contacting the Arts Building, 647-3089, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. beginning Jan. 5, 1981.

Brochures for the 'cultural program's winter session are available at the Mary Cheney and Whittier libraries as well as most banks in town. The ceramic classes are, 5, 1981.

Quake aid donors listed

MANCHESTER — Recent contributors to the Italian Earthquake Relief Fund set up by Connecticut are the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Filloramo, \$300; Philip Harrison, \$100; Cayve's Inc., \$100; Raymond F. Damato, \$100; Barry and Patricia Botticello, \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Nate Agostinelli, \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Victor DuBaldo, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Bruno DuBaldo, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Peter DuBaldo, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Tony DuBaldo, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sartor, \$10; Mrs. Lillian Amadeo, \$5.

Christmas at Emanuel 1980

WELCOME

December 24, 4:30 p.m. Family Service with anthems by the Cherub and Junior Chorus.

11:00 p.m., Festive candlelight service begins with carols and features anthems by the Emanuel Choir.

December 25, 6:00 a.m. Swedish "Julotta" service with anthems by a special "Julotta" choir. Coffee served after service.

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Library program for toddlers termed successful

BOLTON — The terrific two program held recently at Bentley Memorial Library for two year old children and their parents was termed successful by those involved. The program was coordinated and taught by Monica Reed, librarian, and Linda Chamberland.

Mrs. Reed said about 8 families were involved in the program. The program used films, toys, books and records with both parents and instructors playing with the children. Mrs. Reed said the instructor would relay directions to the parents who in turn would relay them to their child.

During the program, there was a discussion on how to pick out toys for children and ways to use toys that are instructional and creative.

She said the program expanded the imagination of parents in playing with their children. She gave as an example the well known finger rhymes such as Itzy Bitzy Spider.

Mrs. Reed said everyone remembered the rhymes from their childhood but they didn't think they could be used with children that young. She said the children loved them and had a ball with them.

Mrs. Reed said the program was "wonderful and a lot of fun." She said within three months another program will be scheduled.

Mrs. Reed said, "Now that we have the materials and experience, I think we can do it a lot better."

The librarian was told by those who participated in the program that they "want it to go on forever."



Special awards

Special awards in a contribution drive for Multiple Sclerosis were presented to students at Vernon Elementary School Tuesday. From left, Gerard Corriera, principal; Mrs. Sylvia Keppner, school librarian, costumed as "The Secret Sleuth," campaign mascot; Matthew LaPlaca, Robert Corona and Michael Marsala, student winners. (Herald photo by Pin-t)

Proposal for new co-op seen to aid school, families

ANDOVER — The newly established Community School Advisory Committee plans to meet in January to discuss the possibility of setting up a food co-op that could benefit both the local school and individual families.

Beatrice Kowalski, Board of Education chairman, said the program is in trouble but at this time, if federal and state money keeps coming in, it will break even.

Mrs. Kowalski said the school board recently voted to increase the cost of milk from 15 cents to 18 cents for students and from 15 cents to 18 cents for adults.

The committee will have a public meeting Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Vicky Wallace, who helped set up a food co-op in Wilimantic, will be the guest going up because lunch prices will speaker

Restaurant robbed

SOUTH WINDSOR — The police are presently investigating the incident.

Relief fund — Bolton Center School Grade 6 students are donating money to the Italian Relief Fund rather than having Robert Ricci, a worker at the restaurant, discovered the theft when he arrived at work Saturday morning.

Nothing else appears to be missing, Ryan said and there was no evidence of a forced entry.

David Kravet, Andover Elementary School principal, said the school lunch program is in trouble because of rising food prices.

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Busing: A help but not a panacea

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI) — Roy Matthews decided he was going to have to stand up for what he believed was right and not succumb to the white flight movement in his neighborhood in the early 1970s.

"I didn't like what was going on within the white community," he said. "I saw no need for it. I knew sometime somebody was going to have to stand up and say they didn't like what was going on."

His northeast community is now one of the most fully integrated in the city and community leaders think they should be rewarded in the form of reduced busing under the 10-year-old school desegregation plan.

That's what a two-year study, recently submitted to the National Institute of Education, concludes should happen more frequently — under — urban — desegregation plans such as the one for Charlotte-Mecklenburg (Mecklenburg County) schools.

Study author Diana Pearce, director of research at Catholic University's Center for National Policy Review in

Washington, said busing could eventually be eliminated if it leads to fully integrated housing patterns.

The study, released this fall, said broad school desegregation programs, which often force busing on surrounding suburbs, give white families "no place to run" as well as incentives to live in integrated areas where the children can attend neighborhood schools.

On a scale of zero to 100, with zero indicating a fully integrated city, Ms. Pearce said Charlotte scored an 84.1 in 1970. But by 1980 she estimated the figure had shrunk to 56.8.

Some Charlotte city and school officials believe the figures may have overstated the extent to which Charlotte housing patterns have changed but they acknowledge progress toward integration has been made in the past decade.

"Sometimes people aren't aware of changes that have taken place," Ms. Pearce said. "The point that should be derived is the direction of the change. It means that a lot more of the neighborhoods are a lot more integrated."

But some of the integration is due to the scattered site housing program which places low-income housing projects in various sections of the city. There has been widespread opposition to projects in upper income, predominantly white neighborhoods in southeast Charlotte.

"We've made giant leaps, very definitely," said Dave Howard, a community service planner with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission. "The city's scattered site housing program has helped. As far as opening up housing opportunities for minorities in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, it's been greatly increased since 1970."

But Howard said the school desegregation plan alone has had no significant bearing on integrated housing.

"You have to have some old values and mores broken down before you truly become integrated," he said. "Busing, in my professional opinion, is not the panacea to integrated housing."

School Superintendent Jay Robinson said he agrees with the study that there will eventually be a lesser need for busing, but he said there are many variables and there's no way to predict when busing might end.

"We are seeing some housing integration," Robinson said, "but it takes a long time."

Henry Gaddy, a black postal service employee who moved into the northeast Charlotte area in 1975, said his family was about the "third or fourth" black family in the Eastbrook Woods subdivision.

"I liked this side of town and found the house I liked," he said. "That was basically the reason."

Gaddy said his family has been accepted and his son, a fourth grader, and white children play together.

"It's very necessary that they socialize together," he said.

Matthews said he thinks the local school busing plan has helped foster integrated housing.

"The ultimate solution to the elimination of cross-town busing for the purpose of integrating schools can only be solved by housing integration that makes busing unnecessary," he said.

Losses high for airlines

GENEVA, Switzerland (UPI) — The world's airlines had the worst year in their history this year with operating losses estimated at \$2.53 billion, the director-general of the International Air Transport Association said Monday.

Knut Hammarstedt, in a year-end review, said next year may be better but some airlines will be fighting for survival.

He blamed the losses on rising fuel prices, inflation, economic recession and increases in government-imposed airport landing and en-route navigation charges.

"The international airlines are eager to put 1980 behind them," he said. "It was the worst year in their history."

Hammarstedt said the outlook for 1981 "is brighter but only because 1980 was such an unprecedented and deep trough in the airlines' economic cycle."

"The financial picture should improve, although international scheduled operations will probably not show a profit and the recently announced OPEC price increases add a new element of uncertainty to the airlines' future," he said.

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Betty's Notebook

Merry Christmas

The colorful mitten trees are gone from the Herald's foyer, but we were delighted with the response to the project sponsored by Xi Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in conjunction with the Manchester Area Conference of Churches.

On the Herald trees were 76 pairs of mittens, 27 hats and two knit purses, all to be distributed to children during the Christmas holidays. It was nice to watch people come into the office each day and using a clothespin attach a pair of mittens to the trees.

I'm sure they all feel better for sharing their Christmas and I know the recipients will be happy.

Stepping out
Well, I did it again Saturday night—danced till the wee hours, but it was such fun.

The TBPA (Transatlantic Brides and Parents Association) held a holiday dinner dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Somers and it certainly was a festive affair.

The members, mostly of British descent, sang "I'm a Londoner"—"But I'm a Yankee Now."

The Joan Joyce orchestra played for dancing and put on a fine show. She is a marvelous vocalist and so it was wonderful to hear her sing such old time favorites as "White Christmas."

She has a lot of volume for a petite lady and certainly made the evening very enjoyable.

Service Notes
Army promotes Benoit

Keith A. Benoit, son of Ruth E. Benoit of 1899 Main St., Coventry, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of staff sergeant. Sgt. Benoit is a supervisor at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Graduates
Airman Brian E. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Gray of 118 Brigham Road, Coventry, and Airman Craig F. Flynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Flynn of 33 Hawthorne St., Manchester, have graduated from the U.S. Air Force aircraft maintenance training course at Sheppard AFB, Texas.

Earns badge
Army Pvt. Edward G. McKernan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. McKernan of 180 Wells St., Manchester, recently received a course at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Planning for retirement
By SAL ANELLO
Manager.

There are some people living in retirement who are finding it to be pretty much what they expected, even with the effect of recent inflation on their income. There are others who have found a sharp drop in their incomes in terms of buying power.

The difference is not necessarily how much money they were making when they were working. The difference that accounts for their situations is more likely to be found in their approach to preparing and planning for their retirement.

Survival tips
Applying a few strips of adhesive tape to the bottom of boots or shoes will prevent slips on icy streets, according to a tip in the current "Reader's Idea Exchange" column in Family Circle magazine.

Salt, used on streets to prevent skids, will rapidly destroy even the sturdiest boots. To prolong the life of your boots, remove salt stains by rubbing boots with a diluted solution of white vinegar and water—1 teaspoon vinegar in 1/2 cup water—then follow with a clear rinse.

You can more than button-up your overcoat to avoid colds and flu during the winter months, according to the magazine. Get out of the house and get as much fresh air as you can. This is a must, because central heating dries out the mucous tissue in the nose, throat and lungs.

Get as much sleep as you can. Most people need at least an extra half hour of sleep during the winter months.

Looking ahead
There is still time before Christmas to stuff someone's stockings with tickets to "Same Time Next Year," being presented by The Producing Guild of Hartford to benefit the Auxiliary of Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Ends training
Navy Seaman Ret. Leonard E. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Thomas of 8 Ralph Road, East Hartford, has completed the Basic Enlisted Course at the Naval Submarine School, Groton.

A 1980 graduate of Rockville High School, Rockville, he joined the Navy in July 1980.

Decorated
Airman 1C Keith A. Stauffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce A. Stauffer of 58 Virginia Road, Manchester, has been decorated with the U.S. Air Force commendation Medal at RAF Mildenhall, England.

Enlists
Gerard R. Ganley Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard R. Ganley Sr. of Grove Street, Manchester, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. A 1980 graduate of Manchester High School, he selected a position in the weather specialist career field and departed for basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, on Dec. 18.

In exercise
Navy Lt. J.G. Orin P. Reams Jr., whose wife, Quella, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Tobin of Rockville, recently participated in exercise "Valiant Blitz" in the Philippines.

He is an officer assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Joseph Strauss, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

A 1977 graduate of the University of State of New York, Albany, with a bachelor of science degree, he joined the Navy in June 1971.

In training
Pvt. Pautette A. Belhumeur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jean M. Belhumeur of Vernon, is attending basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

At the same time, people who wish to supplement their retirement income with earnings can do so. A person 65 or over can earn \$5,000 in 1980 or \$5,500 in 1981 without affecting his or her Social Security check. A person under 65 can earn \$3,720 (\$4,080 in 1981). Earnings over the annual exempt amount cause the Social Security check to be reduced by \$1 for each \$2 of earnings above the annual exempt amount. People 72 and over (70 in 1981) are not subject to the earnings test.

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Christmas tree
We finally got our Christmas tree and each year it's different. Well, it's a live tree, but somehow a different member of the family seems to make the selection.

This year it's a perfect shape, but small. Last year it touched the ceiling, so we had to cut it off. Then there was the year a young friend of my daughter came zooming up on his motorcycle and a Christmas tree for her perched on back. It was large, but it was delicate and each branch dropped under the weight of a single ornament.

But, as we stood back and admired it we had to tie it to wall less it topple over. We all grinned. "Cause, after all, it's the thought that counts, and every tree in the forest has the right to be somebody's Christmas tree."

Merry Christmas!
The earliest cultures of South America's pre-Columbian peoples.

One of the most pleasant surprises about Quito in particular and Ecuador in general is the reasonable cost of staying there. The double room rate at Hotel Colon International, for example, starts at \$33.00—singles start at \$47—and includes a continental breakfast.

As in other interesting cities, the first-time visitor benefits from at least one free tour. In Quito this includes a drive to the top of Panecillo Hill for a panoramic view of the city and the surrounding Andean slopes. In the evening, the view is a colorful fairytale of twinkling lights.

When taking this holiday view or walking the cobble streets and plazas of the old city, it is easy to see that the Spanish conquistadors took particular pride in building their first inland settlement. In addition to the church bell towers and red tile-roofed buildings, they lavished special attention on the cathedrals and monasteries—spiritual fortresses sheltering rich treasures of decorative arts.

Among the most impressive is La Compañía, whose elaborate carved facade is the most ornate in the city and whose interior is a dazzling collection of altars. And in the San Francisco cathedral, Inca gold shines on the superlative ceilings of the first great religious building on tour.

And sightseeing is as well organized in Ecuador as guides are knowledgeable and helpful—or on one's own, everyone should visit the Basilica of La Merced and walk the gardens of secluded monasteries and convents.

Of all sightseeing attractions, one not to miss is the Archaeological Museum. For the neophyte, this small, beautifully displayed collection of artifacts is an introduction to

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See all of South America in one country - Ecuador

Quito, the map says Ecuador. But those who have been there know that from its Andean heights to its Amazon basin, from the colonial towns to Indian markets—and even to the Galapagos Islands—there is a dozen country gateways to particular areas of scenic splendor, historic sites, high-living places and sports-filled spaces. Ecuador is the one-stop country for them all.

Ecuador is closer to the United States than most South American countries. To its capital of Quito, the flying time nonstop from Miami is five hours, from New York seven, and one-stop flights from Los Angeles take nine hours.

Branson International and Ecuadoriana Airline provide the most frequent air service to both highland Quito and to the coastal Guayaquil.

Traveling between the Americas, there are two surprise bonuses: none of the jetlag of east-west travel and some of the liveliest flightseeing anywhere.

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An Otavalo Indian woman from Ecuador in her typical dress. The Otavalo make their home less than three hours from the capital city of Quito, and loom weavings in much the same way as they did long before the arrival of the Spaniards or the Incas.

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Struggle for post big stuff

HARTFORD (UPI) — It was an issue that nobody on the outside world cared about, but inside the Capitol, the chairmanship of the Transportation Committee was big stuff.

Sen-elect Thom Serrani, D-Stamford, wanted the Transportation job, but so did Sen. Steven Casey, D-Bristol. The compromise reached Monday after a three-day stalemate was pure politics.

The fencing between the two highlighted the handing out of 17 chairmanships by the new Senate Democratic leadership.

Serrani, who antagonized the Department of Motor Vehicles as house chairman of Transportation, will continue to head the committee as a senator. But all DMV issues, such as the agency's seeming inability to curb an ever growing number of auto thefts, will be moved to the Public Safety Committee.

Casey will be the Senate chairman of the Public Safety Committee and vice chairman of the Finance, Insurance and Bonding Committee.

"That was done solely on my part," said Serrani, who hounded DMV officials about their competence during the 1980 session. "I don't mind it that happens, quite frankly, it doesn't hinder me."

Serrani never mentioned the switch after the chairmanships were announced by newly-named Senate President James Murphy, D-Norwich, and Senate Majority Leader Richard Schellner, D-Essex. In fact, he said he'd pursue the DMV issue.

Serrani even congratulated Murphy and Schellner for not "caving in" to what he said was outside steam to keep him out of the Transportation Committee.

"My understanding was that calls were made but that besides the point. Leadership did not cave in to their pressure," he said. Commenting later on the transfer of DMV issues to Public Safety, Serrani replied: "You never asked."

The change will be made officially when rules are adopted after the Legislature officially convenes Jan. 7.

Schellner and Murphy were equally as reticent when announcing the chairmanship for transportation were "It wasn't easy," said Murphy. "We had a couple of senators," said Schellner.

Serrani said he'll have plenty of other transportation issues to keep him busy next year, including maintenance of the state's highway system. Casey was philosophical too.

"I didn't get everything I wanted, but I think it's the true sense of political compromise," he said. "We both wanted the whole pie... so Thom gave up a little and I gave up a little."

Other committee chairmen, all Democrats, appointed were: —Marcella Fahay of East Hartford, Appropriations; —William Sullivan of Waterbury, Banks; —Cornelius O'Leary of Windsor Locks, Education; —Clifton Leonard of Avon, Energy and Public Utilities; —Eugene Skowronski of Derby, Environment; —John Daniels of New Haven, Executive Nominations; —Audrey Beck of Mansfield, Finance, Revenue and Bonding; —Amelia Mastone of Meriden, General Law; —Wayne Baker of Danbury, Government Administration and Elections.

Hair issue
HARTFORD (UPI) — The attorney for accused murderer John Patrick Bonner says he will fight a state prosecutor's request that his client submit hair samples.

Attorney F. Mac Buckley said Monday Bonner's constitutional guarantee against self-incrimination would be violated if Superior Court Judge John Daily grants the prosecution request.

Daily said he would hear arguments on the motion by Chief Assistant State's Attorney Robert Meyers on Jan. 5.



Photo shows some of the 600 bales of marijuana, totaling 20 tons, seized in April 1978 along the Damariscotta River in East Boothbay, Maine. A Coast Guard vessel is at the left of the dock, the British-registered ship, "Onalay" at the right. The drug raid was one of many resulting in trials in U.S. district court in Portland where court decisions often tell tales of exotic illegal activity on the high seas. (UPI photo)

Illegal drug cases jam Maine courts

PORTLAND, Maine (UPI) — The federal courthouse halls are filled with Southern drawl rather than Downeast twang. And in the courtroom, instead of the traditional disputes over lobster and docking rights, the discussions are of illegal operations on the high seas and of foreign-registered boats hauling the 20th century's equivalent of gold doubloons — bales of premium-quality "Columbian gold" marijuana.

"When we go back to Georgia" a lawyer is asked by a young man making his fourth appearance on drug smuggling charges in Maine's U.S. District Court since June.

The man was arrested along with five other Georgians at an isolated coastal estate in Tenants Harbor, one of the countless inlets along Maine's twisting, rocky 3,000-mile coastline, which has become a major drop-off point for drug smugglers supplying the eastern United States.

At least 20 other suspects have been arrested in the past year, including nine Colombians seized off the coast of Nova Scotia and deported.

But there has not been a single conviction, in part because of lengthy pre-trial hearings and repeated delays in legal proceedings. In 15 cases, the charges were dropped, at least temporarily.

"We've gotten people from all over the United States — Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Michigan, even the Virgin Islands," Brannigan said.

"Not too many are from Maine because the big entrepreneurs distribute elsewhere in the country and their only connection with Maine is the long and isolated coastline," he said.

First conviction for bigtime marijuana smuggling — 1,000 pounds or more — carries a maximum 15 years in prison and \$25,000 fine. Double that for second conviction.

"Maine has an abnormal number of drug cases in federal court," Brannigan said. "The same holds true for Arizona, Florida, Texas and California, but in Arizona you don't go by boat."

And anyone following the cases closely had better be armed with a nautical dictionary and intricate navigational maps.

During drug hearings, the courtroom is filled with aerial photographs of coastal estates, sheltered from Atlantic fury — and the eyesight of curious fishermen — by rocky banks and cliffs.

Testimony often concerns detailed Coast Guard logs or procedures.

And the judge's opinions are packed with tales of "a deepwater dock capable of receiving a large oceangoing vessel," of duffel bags and binoculars, and of a ketch on choppy seas "skipped by a man named 'Abe.'"

Grasso starts second phase of treatments

HARTFORD (UPI) — Doctors have begun the second phase of chemotherapy for Gov. Ella Grasso in the latest effort to combat the cancer which has spread from an ovary to her liver and intestinal tract.

Doctors decided to begin the intravenous treatment Monday although Mrs. Grasso, 61, is still unable to eat solid foods, Hartford Hospital spokesman James Battaglio said.

The governor, who has announced she will step down Dec. 31 in the middle of her second term because of cancer, responded favorably to antibiotics given her over the weekend to fight off a fever.

"I spend at least half my time" would have been to wait until the governor could eat solids, "but once the fever was resolved, they decided to go ahead with chemotherapy," Battaglio said Monday.

Battaglio said he didn't know what had caused the high temperature, but it was not unusual among patients in her condition.

He said Mrs. Grasso, who first underwent surgery April 3 to remove a cluster of cancerous tumors on an ovary, is not doing as well as doctors had hoped.

"Her condition isn't as good as they (doctors) hoped it would be by this point," Battaglio said. "It (condition) is not where they would like it to be at this point."

He said the second phase of chemotherapy would probably be completed by today and said the third series of treatments were scheduled to begin in four to six weeks.

Battaglio said the only visitors to Mrs. Grasso's room Monday were her husband, Tom, and her son, James. Battaglio said the governor is "satisfied" to "stable" and "it meant 'her condition is not as good as it was hoped for, but her vital signs are stable.'"

CEGA President James Walpole of Enfield said if the state Department of Public Utility Control didn't reverse its decision the group would go to court.

The group also criticized Northeast for not fighting the decision. The LPUUC dropped the discounts for volume electricity use, saying it was contrary to energy conservation efforts.

Aircraft gets another order
EAST HARTFORD (UPI) — For the second time in less than a week, a major airline has placed orders with Pratt & Whitney Corp. that will call for production of more than \$1 billion in Pratt & Whitney Aircraft engines that is designed to "save airlines millions of dollars in fuel costs."

Carlson said the new engine would reduce maintenance costs substantially and save an average of about \$1 million a year over 10 years for each plane in fuel costs alone.

Pending certification by the Federal Aviation Administration, first deliveries to Delta are scheduled by 1984 and production under the two contracts was expected to continue through the 1980s.

Pratt & Whitney will do 85 percent of the engine's development work and manage the program. A West German firm, Motoren-und Turbinen-Union, will do 10 percent of the work and an Italian company, FIAT SpA, will have a 5 percent of the job.

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Choir: St. Thomas Seminary

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Towntalk

At a recent meeting in Vernon Mayor Marie Herbst and members of the Town Council were discussing proposed legislation concerning the state renting local buildings for use as courthouses. The mayor commented that Vernon is trying to entice the state

because it won't pay enough rent. She added, "But it's hard to take the court to court."
The matter of hypertension insurance for police and fire personnel was being discussed by the responsible mayor and council members. Kathryn Fieldson, associate director of CCM, present

at the meeting to discuss legislation said, "I'm not being facetious but do you think council members should have this insurance?"
Mayor Marie Herbst and members of the Vernon Town Council, talking about proposed legislation of the CCM, were discussing welfare legislation. Councilman Robert Wehrli said, when

asked a question, "I happen to be very close to this." The mayor said, "In fact he calls the social services director 'honey.'"
Wehrli's wife, Virginia, holds that position.
It's easy to tell who's a Democrat, one Manchester wit

remarked about the house decorations, their Christmas trees lean toward the left.
During a recent discussion on proposed legislation, Vernon Mayor Marie Herbst and council members talked about a proposal that calls for eliminating the power of constables to make criminal

arrests. Vernon officials just voted to give the town's housing code officer the powers of a constable. "But he can't carry a gun," commented the mayor.

Obituaries

Margaret E. Downing
MANCHESTER — Mrs. Margaret E. Downing, 69, of 69 Overlook Drive, died Monday at a local convalescent home. She was the widow of Albert Downing Sr.
Mrs. Downing was born in Woodside, Long Island, N.Y. Oct. 1, 1890. She had been a resident of Manchester for more than 60 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
She is survived by three sons, James E. Downing and Albert Downing Jr., both of Manchester, and George Downing of Andover, a daughter, Mrs. John Margaret D'Whor of Jonesport, Maine. 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.
Funeral services will be Wednesday at noon at Watkins Funeral Home, 142 E. Center St. Burial will be in East Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

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James P. Hutton
MANCHESTER — James P. Hutton, 72, of 60 Montague Circle, East Hartford, formerly of Manchester, died Monday at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Eleanor Chamberlain Hutton.
Mr. Hutton was born in Manchester May 28, 1908, and had lived in Manchester until moving to East Hartford 26 years ago. Before retiring in 1972, he was a master pipe fitter at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Group of United Technologies Corp. for 36 years. He was a member of the firm's Quarter Century Club, of the Manchester Lodge of Masons, the Washington Social Club, and the Salvation Army in Manchester. He had been a member of the Salvation Army Band.
Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Paul Lorette Beaulieu of Gloucester, and Mrs. Deanna Pedersen of Broad Brook. His sisters, Mrs. Norman of Plainville and Mrs. Huh, Anderson of Manchester and six grandchildren.
Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Burial will be in Buckland Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home today from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, 661 Main St. or to the American Cancer Society, 257 E. Center St.

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Anna Francis
MANCHESTER — Mrs. Anna Mildred Venart Francis, 87, of 91 Chestnut St., died Monday at a local convalescent home.
She was the widow of Blynn P. Francis.
Mrs. Francis was born in Manchester, Dec. 30, 1892, and had lived here most of her life. She was educated in Manchester and Westchester, N.Y. schools and attended Columbia University in New York City as well as Yale New Haven Hospital School of Nursing. She was a registered nurse and held supervisory positions in hospitals in New York City and in New Haven. During the 1940s she was on the staff of Manchester Memorial Hospital and was a private duty nurse there and at Hartford Hospital.
She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jean Francis, Daughters of York Beach, Maine and Miss Marilyn Ruth Francis of Wallingford, three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.
Private funeral services will be Wednesday at the Watkins Funeral Home, 142 E. Center St. Burial will be in East Cemetery. There are no calling hours.
Minnie Bennett
EAST HARTFORD — Graveside services were scheduled at 11 a.m. today for Minnie A. Bennett, 85, formerly of East Hartford. She died Sunday in Glenmont, N.C.
Born in New Britain, she had been a resident of East Hartford for many years, moving to North Carolina several years ago. She was the widow of Stanley L. Bennett, founder and president of the former Bennett & Popp Corp. She was a member of the First Congregational Church.
She leaves two daughters, Miss Marial A. Bennett and Mrs. Warren Patricia Smith, both of Winston-Salem, N.C., a brother, Fred H. Bennett, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
Graveside services will be in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain, with officiating. There are no calling hours. **Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home**, 118 Burnside Ave., East Hartford, has charge of arrangements.

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HERRON — There will be a candlelight service at Gilead Congregational Church, Route 83, Hebron, on Christmas Eve at 7:30. All are welcome.

Signing of memorandum brings fitness trail closer

MANCHESTER — The long-awaited fitness trail took a giant step closer to construction Monday with the signing of a memorandum of understanding by representatives of all agencies involved.
After abandoning Manchester High School and Martin Elementary School as sites, the MCC location was determined appropriate.
In return for locating the trail at MCC, the trail will be free and open to the public at all times except a maximum of two hours per day for MCC physical education classes.
MCC will provide free parking. The Jaycees, a civic organization which has expressed interest in supporting fitness trails, will obtain signs, specifications, and other related work for the project. J.C. Penney Inc. has had a national role in supporting and promoting fitness trails. The trail will contain 20 exercise stations, besides pathways built on ground which is level enough to provide fairly easy exercise.

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Earle property finally acquired

GLASTONBURY — The town finally acquired the Earle property on Monday.
The land once belonged to the late Constance Earle and contains 38 acres of land along the Connecticut River.
Over the last few months, the town received several funding grants for the property. Because of these grants, the town will pay 25 percent of the cost of the purchase, with the state and the federal government making up the rest.
The town plan has called for hiking trails and picnic tables for the area.
There have been rumors for the area. Audubon Society may be interested in leasing the land, but there has

Earle property finally acquired

been no official contact with the town, according to town manager, Richard Borden. He also indicated that the Fony Club might use part of the land.
The acquisition of the land became a source of controversy after the Town Plan and Zoning Commission has recommended to the Council that the town purchase the property, Sept. 2, 1980.
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Court orders boys' return

HARTFORD (UPI) — The Connecticut Supreme Court today ordered a Fairfield business executive to return the two Vietnamese boys he has cared for since 1975 to their natural mother.
The ruling climaxed a bitter and emotional custody battle between Hao Thi Popp, 28, and Richard Lucas, 37.
In April 1975, Mrs. Popp turned her sons Mark, now 13, and Paul, now 11, over to a U.S. adoption agency, fearing they would be killed in a Vietnam bloodbath in the closing days of the war.
She gave them to Friends for All Children Inc. with the understanding that the children would be adopted by Lucas, an unmarried Exton, Conn., business executive who played foster father to several Vietnamese orphans while working in Saigon from 1973-1975.
The children, who were fathered by an Australian physician, were airlifted out of Vietnam and sent to live with Lucas' brother and sister-in-law in Massachusetts while he remained in Thailand.
In December 1975, Lucas assumed care for the children, giving them their natural names and enrolling them in public school in Fairfield.
Meanwhile, their mother, the former Thai Hoa Vo, had escaped to this country and married William Justice Joseph W. Bogdanski in an opinion approved by the five other justices.
Mrs. Popp had a "constitutional right to preserve her parental rights in the absence of a powerful countervailing state interest," Bogdanski wrote.
The court said Mrs. Popp had placed her children up for adoption "in the atmosphere of panic and fear" created by the North Vietnamese army's march toward Saigon.
"Throughout the war, rumors prevailed that the North Vietnamese would kill civilians and that mixed blood children would be in particular danger," the high court said.

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Chargers live, die by the pass

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — The San Diego Chargers began their march toward the Super Bowl Monday night with a victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers that proved a team that "lives by the pass, dies by the pass" couldn't be beat.
Last year, Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw said the Chargers would have trouble reaching the Super Bowl because they couldn't run. San Diego lost to Houston in the first round of last year's playoffs.
This year, the Chargers won their second straight AFC West championship by running the ball more than passing in a 26-17 victory over the Steelers in the nationally televised season finale.
While holding the World Champion Steelers to only 49 yards rushing, the Chargers gained 100 yards on the ground on 41 rushing plays — six more than by passing — while Dan Fouts completed 21 of 37 passes for 300 yards.
Chuck Muncie, who ran for one touchdown, gained 119 yards on 26 carries while Fouts ran for another score and Rolf Benirschke kicked four field goals to tie his previous single game record.
The Chargers won the right to play all conference games and will play either Houston or Buffalo at San Diego Stadium either Jan. 3 or 4.
"We know a lot of people had doubts about whether I was a quality running back," said Muncie, who was traded to the Chargers from New Orleans earlier in the season. "I think I proved tonight that I am it."

Dejection look with Patriots

FOXBORO, Mass. (UPI) — One by one they descended the stairway from the Stadium Club to the lobby, their faces painted with dejection.
"Nothing tonight, man. I got nothing to say," said nose tackle Ray Hamilton.
"Have a nice holiday," said defensive end Tom McGehee as he passed through the doorway to his car in the parking lot.
The New England Patriots had seen their Christmas party and their season end at the same time Monday night when the San Diego Chargers beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 26-17 to eliminate the Pats from the playoffs.
New England finished the year at 10-6 and had three chances to make the playoffs but none came through.
"It's a tough loss, and it's even tougher when you let someone control your own destiny," said New England coach Ron Erhardt, who earlier in the evening had given a new, multi-year contract. "I just hope we learned a lesson from all this."
About 20 New England players watched the Monday night game at Schaefer Stadium, noting how the Steelers A Pittsburgh win would have placed New England in the playoffs as a wildcard entry. But just after 11:30 p.m., when San Diego's Chuck Muncie scored to make it 26-10, the players began leaving the stadium.
Most chose to avoid reporters by either leaving through side entrances

NFL playoff sites

NEW YORK (UPI) — Here are the sites for the NFL playoffs.
San Diego earned the final playoff spot Monday night, defeating Pittsburgh, 26-17.
The Chargers clinched the AFC West title over Oakland on the basis of best net points in the division. The Patriots are eliminated from the playoffs and Houston plays at Oakland in the AFC wild-card game next Sunday. The Raiders get the home field because of a better conference record.
San Diego won the right to host all conference playoff games and will play either Houston or Buffalo on Jan. 3 or Jan. 4, depending on the result of the wild-card game Sunday.
Cleveland clinched the AFC Central Division title Sunday, breaking a tie with Houston on the basis of a better conference record.
Buffalo clinched the AFC East title with a victory in San Francisco but the Bills definitely will not host a conference semifinal playoff game.
Buffalo will play away on Jan. 3 or Jan. 4 because of NFL tiebreaker procedures.
In the NFC, Philadelphia lost to Dallas but clinched the East title anyway on the basis of best net points in division games. The Cowboys needed to win by at least 25 points to grab a berth in the playoffs.
Dallas will play at Los Angeles Sunday in the NFC wild-card game next Sunday.
First it was Cleveland winning. No surprise there, other than that the Cincinnati kicker missed a chip-shot field goal from about the same distance as a fumble by San Francisco and a 54-yard field goal by the Browns kicker to win the game, 27-24.
And then Buffalo survived a rainstorm to net the 49ers, helped of course by a fumble by San Francisco on the Bills' 5-yard line, and the 49ers lost 16-13.
As befits this fantastic lot, they had to suffer through to the end before being freed by another football obligation this year. The Monday night game was that John Jefferson didn't have to make a behind-the-back catch in the end zone with no time left after a Hal Murray pass had bounced off three Steeler helmets.
Still, it's difficult to label the Patriots as losers, although they had not won so much as one playoff game in their history. Discounting the tiebreaker against Buffalo, But they have produced winning records in each of the last five years, and only four other teams — Pittsburgh, Dallas, Los Angeles and Oakland — can make that claim.
But one telling area that separates the Patriots from the rest of the NFL elite is their performance over the second half of a season. This is the part of the schedule that Dallas coach Tom Landry says is when the team proves its worth. It's the time when the best pull away from the rest.
If you look at the Patriots' record for the second half of the season since 1976, it is a respectable 22-16. But it also is the worst of nine teams that have been pegged as annual playoff contenders since that time.
Among these teams, the best second-half record the last five years belongs to the Pittsburgh Steelers, who came out rolling in the fourth quarter. He made all the big plays.

Johnson leads Seattle

SEATTLE (UPI) — Dennis Johnson returned to Seattle in a different uniform, said he had the flu as claimed he wasn't out to prove anything to his old hometown.
None of those things, however, stopped the Phoenix guard from scoring 27 points — including 12 in the first period — to lead the Suns to a 109-96 victory over the struggling SuperSonics Monday night.
"I don't get inspired just to show up my former teammates," protested Johnson, making his first appearance in Seattle since being traded to the Suns in the off-season for Paul Westphal.
"It's nice to play here in Seattle," he added, "but Phoenix is my home now."
Sonic guard Vinnie Johnson disagreed. "I think DJ wanted to give Seattle a good show," Johnson said. "And what can you say? He played a great game."
Ironically, the game marked the first appearance by Westphal since he suffered a stress fracture in his foot 25 games earlier. Westphal scored only two points in 10 minutes of play.
Phoenix overcame a sluggish start to grab a 30-27 lead after one period. Rookie Kyle Macy came off the bench to score eight of his 10 points in the second period to help Phoenix claim a 54-50 halftime lead.
Seattle pulled within three at 67-64

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others when people say that the game, taking a 3-0 lead on Benirschke's 33-yard kick in the first quarter. The Steelers' Matt Bahr booted a 32-yard field goal in the second period, but Benirschke came back with two more field goals to give the Chargers a 9-3 lead at halftime.
San Diego got its first touchdown early in the third period on a 1-yard TD run by Fouts and the Steelers countered with a touchdown on the fact that he had a lot at stake. He played well," Corryell said. "I'm just thankful the season is over and we can start the second season."
Benirschke said the mood in the Chargers' dressing room lacked the exuberance of last year when the Chargers beat Denver in the final Monday night game to win their first

Couple of kicking specialists

Rolf Benirschke (6) of San Diego walks off field with Matt Bahr of Pittsburgh after Chargers defeated Steelers last night, 26-17. Benirschke kicked four field goals and added two extra points. (UPI photo)

Weekend trifecta lost by Patriots

BOSTON (UPI) — Was there ever any doubt it would end up like this? The Patriots played a weekend trifecta, and all three horses came up short. And if you could pick one team to win The Big Game, wouldn't you pick the Pittsburgh Steelers? Even an injured, out-of-the-playoffs, but nevertheless, coaching-with-character Pittsburgh Steeler.
Yet the Piskin God has again looked unfavorably on the New England Patriots, smiting their playoff chances with three debilitating blows, each one more painful than the previous.
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Pressure off Carmichael

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Little did Harold Carmichael know that a 21-year pass he caught against the Washington Redskins in the fourth game of his history would start something that lasted for more than eight years.
That catch marked the beginning of "The Streak" for the Philadelphia Eagles' 6-foot-8 wide receiver. It was a figure that would swell to an NFL record 196 consecutive games of catching at least one pass by the middle of the 1979 season.
But 127 games, 434 catches, 6,547 yards and 66 touchdown catches later, "The Streak" has ended.
Carmichael hadn't caught a pass Sunday against Dallas when the Cowboys' Dennis Thurman knocked him out of the game with a vicious hit that spelled the end of the year — and the streak for the 10-year veteran.
"People talked to me about the streak a lot for the past few years," Carmichael said Monday. "It was nice, I felt that I would have loved to have kept the streak going. I knew Pittsburgh, which is 30-0, and Kansas City and Los Angeles are just for second

Herald Angle

By Earl Yost Sports Editor

President assumes headaches

If Jim Moriarty thought he had headaches when coaching the varsity basketball team at Manchester High little did he realize what was in store when he took over as president of the Manchester Country Club membership. Raising money to offset a deficit of \$22,000 for the season is the first priority for Moriarty and his fellow officers. Tip Department. Country Club officials should look into a promotion publicity representative, something that was lacking last season... Dave Prindle runs a bow for the time and effort he put into getting the Five Square Garden, Dave Sykes, UConn ticket manager, reports 8,300 tickets have been sold for Monday night's opening UConn Classic at the Hartford Civic Center and 10,000 for Tuesday night's doubleheader. The coliseum seats 14,000, plus, for basketball. Top rookie shot blocker in the NBA to date is Boston's Kevin McHale with at least one in 25 of his first 30 games. Red Auerbach claims the 6-11 rookie is the best shot blocker in the league. Bill Russell led the Celtics to one title after another.

Notes off the cuff

Veteran boxing referee Sam Malmepo, after viewing the Sugar Ray Leonard-Roberto Duran telecast last week was convinced Duran "quit. He was frustrated." Malmepo is the top ranking referee in Connecticut... Jim Sheldon, who once tossed in basketballs with regularity with the Manchester Rangers, has caught the scorer bug and is following the Hartford Hellions in home starts. Did you notice the attendance figures for Hellion games on the road last week. Average crowd was under 4,000 which means Hartford isn't the only franchise in financial trouble. Youngster to keep an eye on in basketball is Mark

Short dribbles

UConn enter its holiday hoop tourney next week, a heavy favorite to trip up Army the first night and then outscore Western Kentucky in the finals. Army is coming in following 30 and 24-point defeats in the Boston Kettle Classic Coach Tom Fermo of the Huskies and his players will conduct a clinic Saturday noon at Center Court in the Hartford Civic Center which is free to all youngsters.

Pressure off Carmichael

It takes some of that pressure off him," the coach said. "That concern to keep the streak alive no longer has to be there. It's a great record. It will be broken someday but maybe not for years."
Carmichael said he never felt much pressure from the streak. "I said this millions of times," he said. "That I didn't have any pressure outside of the pressure of just doing my job and not just concerning myself with catching one pass. I could keep the streak going just by doing the job I was asked to do."
"I wouldn't have been able to do anything (anyway), Scott (Fitzkee) and Rodney (Parker) were doing such a great job there was no sense me going back in there. I would have been only holding a spot."
Coach Dick Vermeil said had the Eagles gotten the ball back from the Cowboys in the closing moments, he would have tried a quick screen to Carmichael to keep the streak alive. But Dallas sat on the ball and ran out the clock.
Vermeil said the end of the streak "might have been the best thing to happen to Harold."

Loughery quits Nets as coach

AFC West Crown in 10 years.
"It's interesting," the kicker said. "Although it's jubilant in here, it's nothing like last year. We all know that this is only the first step and the playoffs are what's important to us now. We'll be ready."
Bradshaw, whose Steelers are out of the playoffs for the first time in nine years, said:
"I'm disappointed, upset and embarrassed by this season. San Diego controlled the ball and did a good job. I'm glad that happened. Next year everyone will write us off and then we'll come back and blow them out."
The bottom fell out under me after I hurt my thumb this year. I plan to sit home, work out, try to take it easy and do a few movies."

Shots here 'n there

Manchester lost one of its most ardent followers of soccer when Cecil Kittle died earlier this week. Hartford Whalers will be on Channel 30 tonight against Toronto in a NHL game. Thursday afternoon the Boston Celtics and New York Knicks square off in a NBA meeting at 12:30 on CBS from New York's Madison Square Garden. Dave Sykes, UConn ticket manager, reports 8,300 tickets have been sold for Monday night's opening UConn Classic at the Hartford Civic Center and 10,000 for Tuesday night's doubleheader. The coliseum seats 14,000, plus, for basketball. Top rookie shot blocker in the NBA to date is Boston's Kevin McHale with at least one in 25 of his first 30 games. Red Auerbach claims the 6-11 rookie is the best shot blocker in the league. Bill Russell led the Celtics to one title after another.

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UConn will be better, await holiday classic

By Len Aster Herald Sports-writer Pleased where it is for the moment, the University of Connecticut will try to take two steps forward when it hosts the Connecticut Mutual Basketball Classic Monday and Tuesday night at the Hartford Civic Center.

We're here to win the tournament. Husks Coach Tom Perno told a media gathering yesterday at the insurance company's offices in Hartford Perno was joined by two of his freshman recruits, point guard Karl Hobbs and Norm Bailey out of Northwest Catholic in West Hartford at the news conference.



The Huskies, 4-0 will take on 4-3 Army in the Monday nightcap at 9 o'clock with St. Louis, 2-4 meeting Western Kentucky, 4-3, in the 7 o'clock opener.

Wilson outscorers Glastonbury, 55-49

By Martin Dickau Correspondent Although Glastonbury High showed great improvement over last week's poor performance in its 45-38 loss to Woodstock, Wilson, the Tomahawks still came out on the short end of a 55-49 score in a rematch with the Wildcats last night in Glastonbury.

The victory was the third in as many starts for Wilson while the loss drops Glastonbury to 0-3 for the season. Glastonbury's next start is Saturday night against St. Bernard in the Trinity Invitational Tournament being staged at Northwest Catholic in West Hartford. Game time is 8:15.

Forfeits proves costly in Tech mat opener

Cherry Tech opened its 1980-81 wrestling season last night with a 46-30 win over Terryville High at the Beavers gym.

Starting time for the East Catholic-Bloomfield varsity basketball game tonight has been pushed back to 8:45. The game will begin at 7:15. A Bloomfield varsity cheerleader's mother died the last starting time will allow those who wish to attend the game.

Nets in market for new mentor

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (UPI) - It wasn't easy for Kevin Loughery and the hardest part has yet to come. "I've been in pro basketball for 19 years and I can't remember the last time I didn't have to think about preparing for a game," Loughery said Monday after resigning his position as head coach of the New Jersey Nets.

College basketball roundup

Irish look ahead to Kentucky game

NEW YORK (UPI) - Notre Dame, dismissing Valparaiso last night, has more pressing matters ahead. The 11th-ranked Irish went through the motions with a 69-56 victory Monday night, but their thoughts were clearly on Saturday's game with No. 1 Kentucky.

Patrick to retain post

NEW YORK (UPI) - When Craig Patrick first took over the New York Rangers' head coaching job from Eric Francis in November he had no intention of keeping it.

Flames escape with win as Ranger powerplay fails

NEW YORK (UPI) - The New York Rangers' Monday night victory over the Calgary Flames escaped with a 3-2 victory in the only game played in the NHL.

Year Eagles long sought

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) - During the grueling National Football League season, there isn't much time to savor an accomplishment short of winning the Super Bowl.

Names in the news

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) - Veteran outfielder Del Unser, the pinch-hitting hero in Philadelphia's drive to its first World Series championship, has signed a two-year contract with the Phillies.

Up and down season

DALLAS (UPI) - It has been an up and down season for Danny White, but from this point forward he has room for nothing but "ups."

Colts not in need of major overhaul

BALTIMORE (UPI) - Baltimore Colts Coach Mike McCormack says his football team will not need a major overhaul for next year's season.

Cleveland in top mood

CLEVELAND (UPI) - Enjoy Christmas, Sam Rutigliano has told his players, because the New Year will bring more challenges.

Bobby Bonds

ST. LOUIS (UPI) - The St. Louis Cardinals today released much-traveled outfielder Bobby Bonds, admitting they could make no deal with any other club to take him.

White key man in Dallas attack

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Bears' players responsible for 7-9 record this season

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (UPI) - The Chicago Bears' brass says the players - not the front office or the coaching staff - were responsible for the team's 7-9 record this year.

Winning AFC title big thrill for Knox

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI) - Buffalo Bills coach Chuck Knox says winning the AFC East title this year was more satisfying than any of his five previous seasons as mentor of the Los Angeles Rams.

King found home in Oiler uniform

HOUSTON (UPI) - In all probability, the King would have an obscure NFL special teams kamikaze as if he had not been traded to the Oakland Raiders.

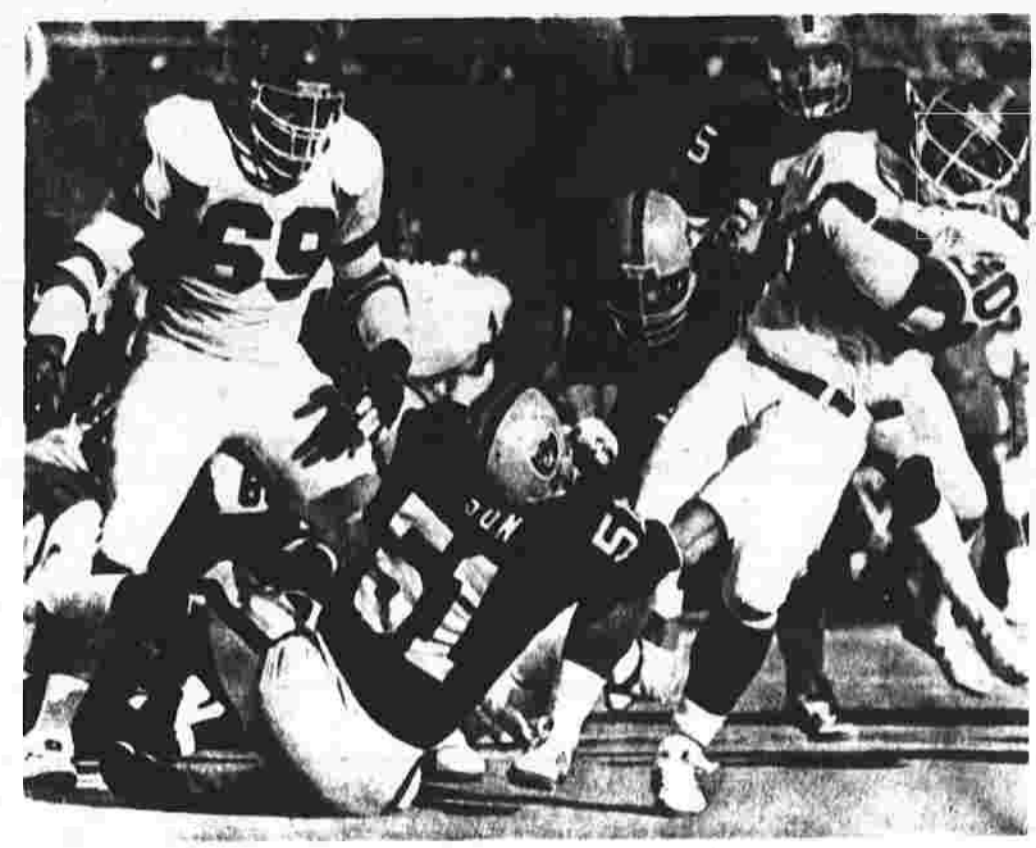
Forest Gregg

CINCINNATI (UPI) - At least you can't accuse Cincinnati Bengals Coach Forrest Gregg of looking back. He says he's ready for the 1981 season.

Jack Patera

SEATTLE (UPI) - The Seattle Seahawks Monday announced that head coach Jack Patera has agreed to a new five-year contract with the National Football League club.





Giant ball carrier comes up short

Oakland linbacker Bob Nelson erabs at New York Giant running back Leon Perry as he rolls backward over line of scrimmage in Sunday's NFL game in New Jersey. Giants' lineman Roy Simmons (69) looks on. (UPI photo)

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Big pre-holiday schedule tonight

By LEN AUSTER Herald Sportswriter

This season of giving with Christmas just two short days away, Schoolboy basketball coaches, however, will hope their cagers hold off for at least 24 hours the holiday spirit as a full slate of games is on tap tonight.

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Royal welcome for Bills

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The fans of Buffalo, long-starved for any type of champion, were there when the club arrived at Buffalo International Airport in suburban Cheektowaga at about 3:30 Monday morning, a crowd estimated at 8,000 by the Erie County Sheriff's Department.

The crowd, mostly young people, stood for hours in 13-degree temperatures in a parking lot near the airport awaiting the arrival of the Bills.

They sang and danced as a sound system provided by the Erie County Parks Department kept the gathering in a festive mood, blaring popular rock tunes and the city's "Striking Frodo" song.

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Family comes first for Phyllis George

NEW YORK (UPI) — Phyllis George is the first lady of Kentucky, a former Miss America and a new mother. But most people know her as the woman who spent every Sunday with a fast-talking sports carter, a former football player, a Greek gambler and some of the roughest men in America.

Homeless dancers reforming troupe

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI) — A group of classical grace across the stage, arms flowing to the gently soothing music of ancient instruments, the Lao Natsin dancers, a new leaders demanded the company reformer according to their dictates.

Ask Dick Kleiner

DEAR DICK: My wife and I would like to know why the program "The Joker's Wild" trips their machine so that only one of the credits of the show is South America.

Advertisement for 'The Elephant Man' featuring a large image of a man and promotional text.

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Meat shortage spawns new strikes

WARSAW, Poland (UPI) — Workers in 50 factories in a town along the Soviet border went on strike for one hour today to demand more meat for Christmas, a spokesman for the Solidarity labor coalition said.

The spokesman in Warsaw said workers at the factories in Chlem Lubelski, 15 miles from the Soviet border, went on strike at 11:15 a.m. for one hour. Workers in 60 other factories staged a show of sympathy by putting up national flags and wearing arm bands.

Solidarity said the workers were demanding more meat for the holidays and were also protesting alleged harassment by local authorities.

They charged authorities ringed the local government building with police and would not let the Solidarity representatives inside for talks. A spokesman for the local branch of Solidarity, who was reached by telephone, said the strike was called for only one hour so as not to disturb townspeople this close to the holidays and Parliament to achieve the release of seven jailed dissidents, including an avowed anti-communist.

A special commission of the 10-million-member Solidarity said it would petition President Henryk Jablonski and Parliament to achieve the release of the dissidents — among them Leszek Moczulski, a member of a group called the Confederation for an Independent Poland, KPN.

While not necessarily agreeing with the dissidents' views, Solidarity appeared to be backing their right to express those views freely.

The meat shortage in Poland also prompted a demonstration for four days by 150 protesters in Piotrkow in central Poland. The demonstrators, representing 70,000 workers in 135 local factories, held a sit-in protest for four days to demand more meat. The demonstrators originally won factories in support of the protest then called off their strike alert, local officials said.

Under the terms of the agreement that ended the sit-in, the meat was promised by Christmas eve and a commission of members from the local Solidarity branch was to oversee its distribution.

"I once analyzed a girl's handwriting on a train she drew kids in her signature and I asked her how long she'd had kidney trouble. She looked at me in amazement and said, 'all my life.'"

Unhappily for Burke's theory, he is an electrical technician, not a scientist with a degree, and scientists tend to look askance at amateurs dabbling in their fields of expertise.

"I'd like to analyze the handwriting of subjects hooked up to an electroencephalograph so we could learn exactly what happens in the brain at the precise moment that a distortion shows in the handwriting," he said. "I think it might lead to early detection of heart disease, cancer, and a lot of other traumatic afflictions."

Doctors all hear me out a bit, but before long, they'll say, 'that's interesting, and walk away.'"

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"But how I do wish someone, somewhere, would listen."

NEW YORK (UPI) — The birth-control pill used by more than 150 million women worldwide in the past 20 years, has more health benefits than risks and may even prevent certain types of cancer, a new report concludes.

The overwhelming majority of studies so far have found no evidence pill use causes cancer of the ovaries, uterus or breasts, an American Cancer Society report by Dr. Howard W. Ory and associates said Monday.

On the contrary, studies they examined presented evidence the pill may protect against ovarian and uterine cancer.

Officer killed after argument

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (UPI) — A police officer who ordered a man off a commuter train for refusing to put out his cigarette was shot to death in a violent struggle on the platform and along the tracks at the station.

Port Authority Officer William Perry, a 32-year-old father of two, was wearing a bulletproof vest under his civilian clothes, at least one bullet struck him in the neck. He died moments after he was taken to the Jersey City Medical Center, authorities said.

His assailant commandeered a car and fled with its driver, police said. Police were searching today for the suspect they had been with in and 20 black, 5-foot-11-inch tall and wearing a green-and-brown plaid jacket with a fur collar.

The slaying, only the second since the police force of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey was organized in 1927, prompted a new call for mandatory handgun registration and eased anguish among Perry's colleagues.

"Any time a police officer gets killed it makes you bitter," a spokesman for the Port Authority police said. "The fact that a fight ends in a killing — whether it's over a lit cigarette or not — that makes us bitter."

"Today a father of two children was gunned down," said Rep. Frank Guarino, D-N.J. "In New York, another policeman was shot and just a short time ago a veteran policeman was killed in Newark while trying to thwart a bank holdup. And then there was the utterly senseless killing of John Lennon."

Guarino called on Gov. Brendan T. Byrne to "lead the fight to place the strongest handgun law in the U.S. on the books in New Jersey."

PA spokesman Mark Marchese said Perry was returning from a court appearance in Harrison, N.J., when he saw the passenger smoking on the train and asked him to put out his cigarette. The man resisted and became abusive, Marchese said.

When the train stopped at Journal Square, the officer pulled off the train and the argument escalated into a fight.

Italy quake causes panic

MILAN, Italy (UPI) — An earthquake registering 4.7 on the Richter scale struck parts of Northern Italy today, causing some panic among area residents. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The epicenter of the quake, which struck at 1:01 p.m. (7:01 a.m. EST), was at the city of Busto Arsizio; about 30 miles north of Milan.

The quake was felt in the northern regions of Liguria and Lombardy, where some residents ran into the streets.

Last Nov. 23, Italy's worst earthquake in 100 years devastated the southern regions, killing nearly 3,000 people.

RENO, Nev. (UPI) — You think it's easy being a judge?

A judge who appears impressive in those flowing robes, may terrorize attorneys while running the courtroom with an iron hand, may seem to possess the wisdom of Solomon in meeting out justice.

But appearance is one thing, performance is another. The law is a changing thing, bending with the times. A judge must keep pace with new trends in the law and courtroom administration. Many do go to school at the National Judicial College.

It's a non-tenure school, supported almost entirely by private foundations. Students live and eat in dormitories at the University of Nevada in Reno. Classes in the National Judicial College building on the campus start at 8 a.m. and end at 5. There are two-hour group discussions after dinner.

Faculty members serve without pay as their contribution to improving the profession.

Handwriting seen as diagnostic tool

NEW YORK (UPI) — For years before his death to cancer, John Wayne knew the picture of a human lung before they were signed his name. It's a point one but Bill Burke would notice.

Burke isn't a doctor, but he'll spell out a sizeable slice of your medical history with nothing more than a look at your handwriting — a facility that seems to fascinate everyone but the medical profession.

Therein lies a source of acute frustration for the Easton, Pa., handwriting expert who has, in 17 years of independent research, worked out what he believes could be a revolutionary diagnostic tool if only someone would put it to the sort of scientific lab test he himself lacks the expertise to handle.

"Doctors all hear me out a bit, but before long, they'll say, 'that's interesting, and walk away.'"

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Gun carriage with the urn with Alexei Kosygin's ashes, enters Red Square in Moscow as the funeral of Kosygin, a prominent figure of the Soviet government for many years, was held today. (UPI photo)

Kosygin cremated; funeral set today

MOSCOW (UPI) — The body of former Premier Alexei Kosygin was cremated today and hundreds of soldiers closed off Red Square for the funeral of Leonid Brezhnev's ruling partner for 16 years.

Kosygin, 76, who died Thursday of heart failure, was the Soviet Union's head of government since Nikita Khrushchev's ouster in 1964, and was the only premier to step down without being purged or forced from office by death.

Hundreds of Soviet soldiers in drab green greatcoats and fur caps lined the central city and shortly after dawn closed off Red Square where the elite of the country are interred. The Square itself was empty, waiting for the arrival of the power and the not-so-powerful who were chosen to lead Kosygin farewell on a gray morning with temperatures in the 30s.

The world got its last look at Kosygin on Monday, when his body was put on public view and hundreds of thousands of Soviet citizens, some of them weeping openly, lined up in freezing weather to pay their last respects to the former premier, who retired from office October 23.

A mile-long queue of workers, party functionaries and Soviet leaders streamed through the black-draped Hall of Banners at the Central Army Pavilion where Kosygin's body lay propped-up in a half-open coffin.

Cops hold three in L.A. shootings

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Two men and a woman were arrested on charges of herding 11 people into a walk-in refrigerator during a coffee shop robbery and shooting them execution-style, killing three and wounding six others.

The three suspects — Calantha Stewart, 19, Franklin Freeman, 22, and Rickie Sanders, 25 — were arrested in the Venice section of Los Angeles Monday by police serving four search warrants. Several weapons also were seized.

Police spokesman Daryl Gates said all three would be charged with first-degree murder in the Dec. 14 shooting spree at a Bob's Big Boy restaurant.

While refusing to rule out the possibility of more arrests in the case, Gates said, "We do have three principal suspects."

Miss Stewart, a former employee at the West Los Angeles restaurant, was not in the restaurant at the time of the shootings, Gates said.

THE SAILORS COME HOME
NORFOLK (UPI) — Chief Petty Officer Ron Garrick's eyes searched the crowd of several thousand warmly dressed wives, sweethearts, children and a wandering Santa Claus for the wife and two children he last saw 251 days ago.

It was more than just a homecoming Monday in time for Christmas for Garrick. The Garrison 12th wedding anniversary is today. His birthday is Dec. 30.

MAN DENIES MURDER TRY
LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A man already charged with murdering Sen. Abraham Ribicoff's niece outside a restaurant last month has pleaded innocent charges he tried to murder a salesman three hours earlier.

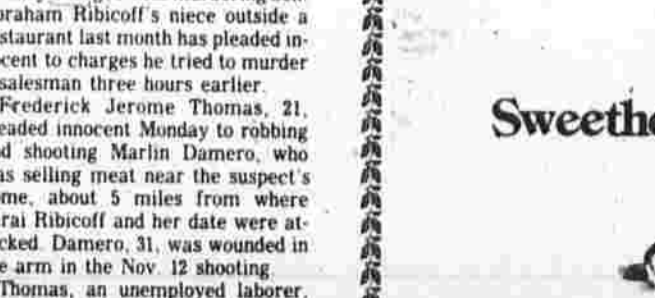
Frederick Jerome Thomas, 21, pleaded innocent Monday to robbing and shooting Marvin Damero, who was selling meat near the suspect's home, about 5 miles from where Sarai Ribicoff and her date were attacked. Damero, 31, was wounded in the arm in the Nov. 12 shooting.

Thomas, an unemployed laborer, faces a Jan. 2 preliminary hearing on charges he murdered Miss Ribicoff, a editorial writer for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner.

Thomas is also charged with the robbery and attempted murder of police spokesman Daryl Gates said. He said both male suspects had police records, "and one of those records is real extensive — real hard to miss. Miss Stewart, however, had no previous criminal record."

Although investigators had not determined the motive for the killings, he speculated the robbers may have wanted to eliminate any witnesses to the crime.

"They chose to shoot, they chose to assassinate them because of the identification problem," Gates said. Killed instantly were David



Former Olympic star Peggy Fleming performs on the south lawn of the White House Monday for President Carter (behind Miss Fleming) and members of the Secret Service. An ice rink was set up on the lawn for the occasion. (UPI photo)

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Abby

By Abigail van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I know I speak for thousands of voters in California, Washington, Oregon and Hawaii who were outraged when President Carter conceded the election before the voting was over, causing candidates on both sides to lose votes. I think the networks should be forbidden by law to make any prediction based on early returns.

DISGUSTED IN OREGON

DEAR DISGUSTED: Congressman Mario Biaggi, a Democrat from New York, has a better idea: "Make Sunday Election Day, a day of duty to God and country." If it done in Europe, where voting turns out is 80 percent or more, "On Sunday, a non-working day for most, voting hours could be staggered so the results in the East would not be available earlier than in the West."

"The Eastern states would vote from 11 a.m. till 8 p.m. The Western states would vote from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. And in Hawaii, the polls would open at 8 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. This system would prevent the results from the East from affecting the voters in the West. And Sunday voting would increase voter participation."

Hooraay for Biaggi. Another sensible suggestion, from Los Angeles, in. Not as unusual, but don't start counting the votes until all voting is concluded.

DEAR ABBY: What is wrong with me? I love to move! We've been married for 20 years, and I'm ashamed to tell you how many times we've moved. All in the same town, too. I'm never satisfied. Once we're moved and settled I start looking for another house. My husband is very good about it and goes along with it just to please me.

We just moved into a nice house, and I'm already looking for another one. My husband is very good about it and goes along with it just to please me.

My husband helps, but I do most of the packing and unpacking. I just love hard work. Sometimes I wonder if I'm not a little crazy. Everyone I know hates to move, but I love it. Have you ever had a letter like this? And do you think I should have my head examined?

LOVES TO MOVE

DEAR LOVES: No, I've never had a letter like this, and it wouldn't hurt to have your head examined. It may not put an end to your moving, but at least you'll know why you love it.

DEAR ABBY: KEEPING THE PEACE would say that she and her husband's family had vast disagreements when it came to politics and related social issues, so in order to keep every family gathering from erupting into a noisy battle, she kept her mouth shut. She said, "Afterward I felt guilty because my children are old enough to understand the talk, and I don't want some of the erroneous and bigoted statements made by my husband's family to go unchallenged."

You replied: "A noisy battle involving politics is much healthier for children than the choked-off silence you're maintaining in the interest of peace and quiet. Silence implies agreement."

Abby: I grew up in a politically active family, and I consider an expert on the subject. I highly recommend that KEEPING THE PEACE should challenge any views she considers bigoted or wrong. She owes it not only to herself, but to her children.

Concededly, the day I read that provocative item in the office of Judge C.V. Sanders, Springfield, Va.

"It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it."

JULIA B. BARRY, LOUISVILLE, KY

DEAR JULIA AND JUDGE SANDERS: Thank you for a valuable contribution to this column.

Principia's Pop

Ed Sullivan

THEY WERE THREE WISE MEN, SEE...

THEY CAME FROM THE EAST AND THEY WERE LOOKING FOR BETHLEHEM

YOU KNOW HOW THEY FOUND IT? THEY FOLLOWED A STAR!

WHO WAS THE STAR?

THE TRUCK IS ON THE WAY, MAN! - JUST STAY PUT!

BERNARD WON'T BELIEVE THIS! EVEN IF I TELL HIM ABOUT THE SUDDEN HIGH WIND...

AND HOW I WAS STOPPED AT THE RED LIGHT...

HELL! STILL THINK IT WAS MY FAULT!

AS JULIE BLAIR AND THE MURKINS WHO MAKE THEIR WAY IN THE GHOST WORLD OF SILVER CREEK ON FOOT...

THAT BALDHEADED APPEARED! - IT'S LIVORNO HIMSELF!

HE'S SEEN US? NOPE! - VALLERBELLES LIKE ARDEN! YOU THESE MARIA VERNAH! JUST GO TO THE RUN FOR COVER IF THEY THINK FOR YOUR GUN!

WHAT! LET HER GET UP! NERVE ENOUGH TO COME HERE! FOR A START STAY PUT! LEATHER!

Bridge

Oswald Jacoby and Alan Sontag

Lady luck saves declarer

Bridge play

His three-trump call was optimistic as was his spade bid, and he broke himself in a grand slam contract.

The first three tricks went to King of hearts, Queen of diamonds and East's jack and the rest of the suit. Then Konstant cashed the ace of spades just as it West's partner. Needless to say, he didn't and now the complete count of every card is available. West had been dealt right hearts, one diamond and four clubs.

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

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

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

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