

# Even Santa Claus would be offended

Though a stiff recession has put nearly 12 million Americans out of work — the highest jobless rate in 31 years — it's a holiday gift-giving as usual by the nouveau riche, the tasteless and the show-offs (the folks who have it and want to flaunt it). In fact, judging from the slew of newspaper ads and catalogs geared to the lofty income bracket, retailing's pitch to those with a yen for the ostentatious — or more aptly called the obscene — is as great as it has ever been.

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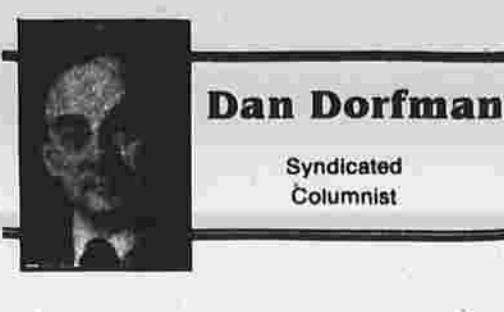
It's an unmistakable sign, not that one was needed, that there are few if any signs of a recession among the sizable "I've got money to burn" fraternity.

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The "pornography of excesses" — which include the likes of a \$150 gold toothpick with retractable point — is something most of us laugh about. But rather, it may be something to be concerned about. It defines even more, as DeVoe points out, the rapidly growing line between the haves and the have-nots — and that's what class frictions are all about.

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## Congress misses funding deadline

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The lame-duck Congress, growing weary of wintery Washington, failed Friday to produce a multibillion-dollar spending measure in time to keep most of the government from going technically broke at midnight.

By mid-afternoon, the Senate had been in session 30 continuous hours and still had not approved the \$25.8 billion continuing resolution. There was no chance it could be law by the midnight deadline, and the session faced the real prospect of extension into the holidays.

The GOP Senate set up a clash with President Reagan by retaining a \$1.2 billion jobs program he said he might veto. The Senate jobs amendment was far less than the \$5.4 billion House Democratic version.

The House-passed resolution, with dozens of amendments added in the Senate, must go to a joint conference committee to reconcile the differences. That is not expected until Saturday, however. After that, it has to be reapproved by each chamber, possibly in a special Saturday or Sunday session.

Since it takes about nine hours to get the final version ready for a presidential signature or veto, there was no chance of stopping the machinery aimed at furloughing hundreds of thousands of civil servants.

Administration officials said, however, the government would close up only if no action is taken by Tuesday.

In an all-night session Thursday night, Senate GOP leaders shelved Reagan's 5-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax increase to fund road improvements. Reagan, angered by a filibuster that forced the action, vowed to do whatever is necessary to revive the legislation and it could still be voted on.

The typical year-end legislative pandemonium did not entirely dampen the Christmas spirit. Despite round after round of raves, parties went on as scheduled and workmen were in the corridors delivering poinsettias.

Senators and aides sported yellow ceramic lapel pins to mark the session that was first scheduled to end Friday but threatened to extend into Christmas and even New Year's.

The Senate was tentatively scheduled to complete the continuing resolution at 8 p.m. EST. That would make the continuous session 34 hours and 15 minutes — 15 minutes longer than the longest recent session in 1978 but still short of the 125-hour all-time record during the 1960 civil rights debates.

By missing the midnight deadline, Congress let its self-imposed \$60,000 pay cap expire, giving itself a 617,000 raise — at least on paper. Unlike federal judges, whose salaries cannot be reduced — congressmen will revert to their former salaries if they eventually put a lid on them.



Stocking stuffer  
Weston Jay Brand fills up a Christmas stocking held by his parents, Dorothy and Thomas Brand. Weston, who weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces when he was born last Monday, is snuggled up in a Christmas stocking made by Belle W. Hawkins of the Manchester Memorial Auxiliary. The stockings are a 5-year-old tradition at the hospital.

## Reagan vows Feb. pullout

By United Press International

talks with Lebanese leaders.

President Reagan has assured Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem that the first phase of the withdrawal of Israeli and Syrian troops from parts of Lebanon will be completed in two months, a Lebanese government source said Friday.

The source said Reagan told Salem the United States would guarantee the first withdrawals would be completed by mid-February, accompanied by an expansion of the peace-keeping duties of U.S. Marines.

"Reagan has made a decision that the Lebanese crisis should end. And we stress that it should be tackled separately from other regional crises," Salem said on Beirut radio.

Reagan is believed to have made his assurance to Salem when the Lebanese minister visited Washington last week. Salem also met with Secretary of State George Shultz in London Thursday.

Word of the possible breakthrough in the removal of foreign troops from Lebanon came as U.S. Middle East envoys Philip Habib and Morris Draper arrived in Beirut from Tel Aviv for a new round of

## Reaction to Main St. plan is mixed

Main Street merchants had mixed reactions Friday to possible changes to the Main Street reconstruction plan.

State transportation officials — at a meeting with town officials Thursday — indicated the town would have to cut about \$2 million from its \$8.3 million construction estimate and address criticisms of the plan.

The state officials — including transportation commissioner J. William Burns and Department of Transportation chief engineer Robert Gubala — also indicated that a plan including angle parking would qualify for funding. Previously DOT said it would not fund a plan that included angle parking.

George Marlow, owner of Marlow's Department Store at 807 Main St., had reservations about the plan for the construction, which included parking modules containing angle parking but separated from traffic lanes. He said the state's apparent support of eliminating the parking modules is "the greatest thing" that could have happened to the plan.

"Those things were traps and when you eliminate a trap, you eliminate a bad thing," Marlow said.

The state did not say outright that the parking modules should be taken out of the plans, but noted that they did not seem to have community wide support. Their willingness to allow angle parking is interpreted as a move away from the modules.

An earlier plan by Fuss and O'Neill engineers — which was turned aside by DOT — provides angle parking on some of the west side of the street, four lanes of traffic and a median divider.

"We're on the right track," Marlow said. "I very much hope that a compromise can be worked out."

Michael Miscari, owner of Paul's Paint at 815 Main St., and a supporter of the most recent plan, said, "The way I understand it, the revised plan calls for parallel parking in the middle of Main Street."



Santa horsing around  
Horses from the Boston and M.D.C. Mounted Police Stables receive their annual Christmas dinner from Santa Claus Friday outside Quinry Marketplace. The horses' dinner is part of the Animal Rescue League of Boston annual Christmas Dinner for Horses Program. Santa Claus is really Fred Clark of the League.

## FOI hearing set Dec. 28

The state Freedom of Information Commission has scheduled a public hearing on Dec. 28 at 9 a.m. to consider the Manchester Herald's complaint that the town of Manchester is improperly barring the press and public from government meetings.

The Herald has challenged the town Board of Directors' practice of holding unannounced, closed door committee meetings. The newspaper also has contested the Board of Education's practice of holding some of its committee meetings without announcing them.

Manchester Town Attorney Kevin M. O'Brien has advised town officials that there is no legal obligation to open the committee meetings. He said the Board of Directors does not delegate any of its policy-making authority to the committees, so the meetings may legally remain closed.

The Herald believes precedents before the FOIC contradict O'Brien's position.

Representatives of the Herald and the town have been ordered to appear at the hearing.

Commissioner Judith A. Lahey has been appointed hearing officer for the Herald's case. After the hearing, Commissioner Lahey will prepare a report listing her findings. The full commission then will consider the report and vote on it.

The Herald filed its complaint on Oct. 4, after earlier attempts to persuade the town voluntarily to open board committee meetings failed.

Herald editor Daniel H. Fitts wrote to Mayor Stephen T. Penny on Sept. 1 requesting open committee meetings and prior notification of the meeting times and locations.

At the Oct. 5 Board of Directors meeting, Mayor Penny reiterated the positions that the committee meetings will remain closed.

In recent months, the Board of Directors committees have gained increasing importance, with committee chairmen openly arguing at full board meetings for jurisdiction on certain issues. The town budget, for example, is prepared in committee and the plans to convert a vacant Bennet School building to elderly housing resulted from committee meetings.

The Herald challenged the closed meeting policy after a reporter was told he would not be allowed to cover a Real Estate Committee meeting in August considering the Bernet project. That meeting was opened, pending an opinion by O'Brien, but subsequent meetings were closed after O'Brien issued his opinion.

## Disabled mom needs aid

The Manchester Area Conference of Churches hopes to help more than 250 families during the holidays through its annual Seasonal Sharing Appeal.

One of those cases cited by MACC is a mother of four who broke her neck in a car accident last August, a handful of days before she was to start a job as a keypunch operator. She sustained permanent axial damage. By last week she was able to be out of bed for only a four-hour stretch at a time.

The furnace recently broke down and her lease holds her responsible for repairs up to \$200. She tried heating with the gas oven while trying to save up the money for furnace repairs — but that sent the gas bill sky high.

Despite her difficulties, however, she looks for the silver lining — she points to her 18-year-old son who's washing the dishes and her smiling 4-year-old.

Anyone who wants to help this family and others may leave food and gifts at the Manchester Mall, Heritage Savings and Loan on Main Street, the town firehouse on Center Street or the Eighth Utilities District firehouse on Main Street. Checks may be sent to MACC Seasonal Sharing, Box 773, Manchester CT 06040.

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NEW YORK DRUGGIST SAM SHAPIRO TAKES DRISTAN CAPSULES OFF SHELVES... sabotaged capsules were sent to four area news organizations

### Dristan pulled from shelves in newest tampering scare

NEW YORK (UPI) — All Dristan capsules not packaged in tamper-resistant containers were pulled off metropolitan area store shelves Friday following threats the cold medicine would be contaminated. The latest tampering scare came after sabotaged capsules of Dristan were sent to four area news organizations, including United Press International, on Wednesday and Thursday.

The capsules were accompanied by a note warning similar capsules would be substituted in containers without packaging safeguards. UPI officials said the FBI after receiving its copy of the note, originally typed on lined looseleaf paper with a piece of foil containing a crushed, red-and-white Dristan capsule, powder and a straight pin.

After an initial inspection, officials said the powder was believed to be talcum powder. An FDA spokesman said the agency was "informed primarily as an advisory role to the FBI and American Home Products," Whitehall Laboratories, a subsidiary of American Home Products, is the maker of Dristan. City and State Health Department officials said they had not received any reports of contaminated Dristan packages or consumer problems with the cold medicine.

"We are withdrawing all Dristan capsules manufactured after Oct. 25 from shelves in New York City and Northern New Jersey," said John Wood, a spokesman for American Home Products.

### Solidarity will triumph, says Walesa

GDANSK, Poland (UPI) — Labor leader Lech Walesa said Friday that although authorities had "kidnapped" him to prevent him from making a speech, he was confident the ideals of the outlawed Solidarity union would eventually triumph.

"As far as victory is concerned," Walesa told reporters at his suburban high-rise apartment, "I am convinced that it will take place one day." But, he said, "I do not know the price for it."

Walesa said riot police with nightsticks and shields forced their way into his apartment Thursday morning and took him away in a black Mercedes limousine. "I have respect for the uniform and went with them," he said. "I was kidnapped, I was taken against my will."

Speaking freely to reporters for only the second time since his release last month from 11 months internment, Walesa seemed in a good mood despite the almost eight-hour drive he was taken on by the police to keep him from appearing before supporters at the Lenin Shipyard.

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### White House joins reverse bias case

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Reagan administration Friday sided with white Boston firefighters and police in a major "reverse discrimination" case pending in the Supreme Court.

The Boston firefighters and police are challenging an affirmative action order which caused massive layoffs of whites rather than blacks and Hispanics with less seniority during budget cuts. It was done to maintain minority hiring percentages in Boston's police and fire departments imposed by a federal court after it found the city had discriminated.

### Andropov men will head KGB, Soviet state police

MOSCOW (UPI) — Two longtime associates of Soviet leader Yuri Andropov have been named to head the KGB secret police and the Ministry of Internal Affairs, key jobs in his fight against bureaucratic corruption, the official news agency Tass reported Friday.

Vitaly Fedorchuk was named to replace Nikolai Shchekolov, 72, as Internal Affairs Minister, in effect in charge of the nation's uniformed police force. Shchekolov was a close associate of late President Leonid Brezhnev and had been minister since 1966, but was not a member of the powerful Communist Party politburo.

Thursday killed six miners and injured several others. The radio report, monitored in Islamabad, Pakistan, said the quake struck the Karkar coalmines outside the town of Pul-i-Khumri, 100 miles north of the capital of Kabul, which also was shaken.

### Earthquake hits Taiwan; it's world's fifth in a week

By United Press International

In Taiwan, a quake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale rattled highrise buildings but there were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

### Christmas bonuses fall prey to recession

By Gary Klott  
UPI Business Writer

NEW YORK (UPI) — Yuletide spirits aren't so jolly this season as many are around the country. The Christmas bonus and holiday office party have fallen victims to the recession.

Scotch Whisky found that virtually all companies, except for banks, will be closed on the Fridays before Christmas and New Year's Day. Nearly half will also give employees the preceding Thursdays or following Mondays off.





# Main Street plan reaction is mixed

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Street. The people who didn't support the plan are going to get what they didn't want: parallel parking. Those people brought it on themselves by complaining. It's a no-win situation and the people who brought it on themselves are going to suffer most."

Misari said trimming the cost of the project by \$2 million would probably mean the end of plans to build an access road behind the east side of Main Street. That, he said, would disrupt businesses while the construction is under way.

He also noted that the off-street parking lots near his business would be excluded from a revised, scaled-down plan.

"If the proposed plan was not a perfect plan, but the alternatives are very bad," Misari said.

Seymour Kudlow, owner of Seymour Motors at 681 Main St., was critical of the proposed plan but said Friday he saw some cause for optimism.

"It seems now that the state might go along with angle parking, which is good," he said, adding that he had not had time to review the new developments in detail.

"I feel the angle parking is very important. I feel that the angle parking we lost a few years ago (on the west side of Main Street) should be restored," Kudlow said.

General Manager Robert B. Weiss said Friday he is disturbed that the state did not tell the town two years ago that angle parking might be acceptable.

Weiss said he assumes that any new plan—including a revival of the former plan including angle parking—would require a new public hearing. He also said that he is concerned new plans would delay the reconstruction project. A delay would not matter, he added, if the funds were still available when the plans are ready. One reason that the town has had success in some projects is that the designs were ready when the funds were ready, he said.



Herald photo by Pinto

## Scouting through the toys

Members of Girl Scout troop 686 at Bowers School sort through dozens of toys they helped collect for the Manchester Area Conference of Church's annual toy drive. Whitney Burke (left) of 85 Lenox St. and Robyn Mereweather of 163 Tanner St. gather up some of the loot.

## Hat rule dropped

HARTFORD (UPI) — A long-standing rule requiring state troopers to wear their military-style hats when on their cruisers will be abolished for safety reasons, a state police spokesman said Friday.

The issue of road safety intensified recently because of a relatively new practice of "dusting" troopers, said state police spokesman Adam Berliati. "Dusting" was described as a trooper steering dangerously close to a trucker to intimidate the officer by making his hat blow off.

Berliati said the new order, effective Thursday, will better ensure a trooper's safety by allowing him to concentrate more on passing traffic and the occupants of the stopped

vehicle and eliminating the worry of his wide-brimmed, grey hat being blown off his head.

The rule requiring troopers to wear the hats was a tradition among troopers and was considered a proper form of dress, he said.

"The 'e' is an obvious safety hazard present if you are concerned about your hat being blown off and get distracted," Berliati said.

The directive from Col. Lester J. Forst, state police commander, also was fueled by the recent death of Lt. Thomas P. Carney, a veteran state trooper from the Litchfield barracks, Berliati said.

Carney was struck and killed by a tractor-trailer truck Dec. 6 after he had stopped a motorist on Interstate 86 in Southbury.

## Obituaries

**Anne S. Greenberg**  
Anne (Sitt) Greenberg, 68, of Windsor, died Friday at Hartford Hospital. She was the widow of Michael Greenberg and the mother of Mrs. Stanley (Susanne) Pearson of Manchester.

She also leaves a daughter, Mrs. John (Edith) Ekstrand of Monroeville, Pa., a brother, attorney Aaron Sitt of Newington, and three sisters Mrs. Sol Mehlman of Lauder Hill, Fla., Mrs. Max Jankowitz of Springfield and Mrs. Milton Lavine of Bloomfield, and four grandsons.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 11 a.m. from the Hebrew Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Burial will be in the United Synagogue Cemetery on Mahl Avenue in Hartford.

Memorial services will be held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Pearson, at 22 Mountain Road, Manchester. Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Beth Shalom, 400 E. Middle Turnpike, Manchester 06040 or to Agudas Achim Synagogue, 1249 N. Main St., West Hartford 06117.

**Susan (Neupauer) Tinsz**  
Susan (Neupauer) Tinsz, 82, of 46 Foley St., died Friday at a local convalescent home. She was the widow of Michael Tinsz. She was born in Austria-Hungary on Aug. 7, 1900 and had lived in Manchester for 50 years.

She was a member of the Concordia Lutheran Church and the church's ladies' group. She is survived by a son, Arthur R. Tinsz of Manchester, two brothers, Michael and Jacob Neupauer, and a sister, Anna Neupauer, all of Germany.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin St., with burial in East Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to the Concordia Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 40 Pitkin St.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St.

**Paul E. Bramhall**  
ANDOVER — Paul E. Bramhall, 70, of 10 Long Hill Road, Andover, died Thursday in Willimantic. He was the widower of Marjorie Bramhall and was born in Bristol. He lived in Andover for the past 43 years.

Prior to retiring in 1974, he had been employed as a steamfitter for Local 216 in Hartford and was also a Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Beverly B. Armstrong of Andover, a brother Richard B. Bramhall of New Britain, four sisters, Mrs. Laura Byrne of Collinsville, Mrs.

## Fire Calls Stolberg hits tax system again

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(Town)  
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Charlemagne founded the Carolingian Dynasty in 814 A.D.

**HARTFORD (UPI) —** House Speaker-elect Irving Stoberg, ranking the tax structure in Connecticut among the worst in the nation, Friday shifted course in his efforts for tax reform.

Stoberg said he will devote more attention to discussing the shortcomings of the current system than to pointing out what he sees as the value of tax reform and personal state income tax he has long advocated.

"The tack that I think I will be taking from here on in is not so much pushing tax reform or pushing an income tax but pointing out the problems in our current system," the New Haven Democrat said at a Capitol news conference.

Tax reform proponents suffered a defeat last week when a special commission studying tax options

rejected a call to recommend an income tax package and instead voted to recommend elimination of existing tax exemptions.

The recommendation adopted by the Bipartisan Commission on State Tax Revenue and Related Fiscal Policy centers mainly on extending the sales tax to new areas, ranging from heating oil to children's clothing.

The commission was established to study tax and spending policies and possible alternatives to meet the state's fiscal problems in the long term and, in the short term, to meet a projected \$300-million shortfall in the next fiscal year.

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## Bennet concert Monday

Bennet Junior High School band concert is set Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

Featured performers will be Jim Colletti on trumpet, Tom Fritchard on drums, Chris LaVigne on sax, Scott Bouton on sax and Rob Prytko on trombone.

The concert band, the jazz band and the cadet band will perform.

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**Correction**  
It was incorrectly reported in Friday's Herald that the Bolton School Board held two executive sessions concerning staff this month. Only one executive session was held.

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**Caroling Brownies**  
Members of Brownie Troop 680 caroled Wednesday at Marshall's Mall in the Parkade. From left are Susan Connors, Kim Parkany, Amy Loeffel, Angela Kohl, Danielle Goodchid, Kelly Woolbridge, Lisa Milazzo, Nicole Ostermeir and Carrie Best.

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# FOCUS / People

## Who's that Parkade Santa Claus? Heartburn awards, 1982

**In Focus**  
Adele Angle  
Focus Editor

I've been depressed about it all week. The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council look me off their Christmas card mailing list. Last year they sent me detailed instructions on how to make something called a hot dog Christmas tree. It was made with toothpicks, broccoli and styrofoam and revolting things like that, and it created a terrific howl when the directions arrived at the office.

This year, zippo. Nothing. It just goes to show you that your friendships in this business are short lived.

**OF COURSE**, the season was brightened by greetings from the Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association.

They sent a helpful little press release titled "Advice for holiday travelers."

It started off: "I've never waken up in a strange bed in the wee hours on your way to visit friends or relatives with a horrendous heartburn and, sure enough, you've forgotten to pack your antacid!"

I can't recall the last time I went to visit friends or relatives with a horrendous heartburn.

If they have a horrendous heartburn, I generally stay home. No sense in making them feel worse.

And another thing. Not only is the word "I've never" not in my vocabulary, but I can't recall the last time I went anywhere by bed in the wee hours of the morning. In fact, I rarely travel anywhere by bed.

But, please, Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association, I appreciate the thought. And I promise if I do any holiday traveling I'll carry a handy box of medicine, including antacid, as you suggested.

Come to think of it, I'll probably need antacid if I follow the Christmas advice from the Pepperridge Farm people.

They sent their seasons greetings complete with instructions on how to make a holiday sandwich wreath. Yes, that's right. A holiday sandwich wreath. But don't get any ideas you can hang this from your front door.

This wreath, according to the instruction sheet which came with it, will allow me to pursue "creative but simple entertaining."

"By simply alternating Pepperridge Farm Party Rye and Pepperridge Pumpernickel sandwiches filled with delicious spreads of deviled ham, liver pate and chicken salad, you get the contrast necessary to create a decorative wreath. Then add a bright satin bow for a festive touch."

THANKS, PEPPERIDGE. But I've never liked my food disguised as wreaths, Christmas trees, coffee tables or small condominium complexes. I can't help it. It's just the way I was raised.

But thanks for thinking of me. Thanks, too, for seasons greetings from the world's leading manufacturer of mighty nickel cadmium batteries.

"For the budget-minded, it is truly better to give than to receive today's power-hungry portable electronic Christmas gifts," their press release said.

Anybody who agrees can go down to Radio Shack and get me an Atari. I want the one with the Donkey Kong attachment.

**CHANGING**  
... Peck gets ready

**Profile**  
Name: Gary Youmans  
Age: 32  
Address: Vernon  
Occupation: Manager, D&L, Manchester  
Parkade  
Favorite Restaurant: Willie's Steak House  
Favorite food: Italian  
Favorite beverage: Beer  
Hobby: Collecting facts of 50s and 60s music  
Sports: Baseball  
Roots for: Red Sox  
Ideal vacation: Traveling to Bermuda  
Best way to relax: Work around the house  
Preferred entertainment: Movies  
Favorite actor: Paul Newman  
Music: 50s and 60s music  
Favorite magazine: Playboy  
Favorite novel: "The Matarese Circle" by Robert Ludlum  
Favorite spot in Manchester: The Main Pub  
Car: Buick  
Favorite color: brown  
Favorite quotation: "Don't trouble trouble"  
Pet peeve: "People who don't put things back."  
Favorite TV show: "Hill Street Blues"  
Best thing about Manchester: The friendly people  
Worst thing about Manchester: Driving anywhere in Manchester.  
(Compiled by Filomena Muccitelli)

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The laugh seems to come from way deep inside, and it bubbles up to frequently punctuate his conversation, just like the real Santa's would. The laugh, of course, is always accompanied by a wide grin that is set across Peck's round, good-natured face.

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The child was confined to a flat board on wheels, "like the kind you get under cars with," Peck says. And what did the boy think of Santa's visit?

"He was pleased. You could see the expression on his face. It restored his faith in Santa, he says. Peck doesn't remember what the child asked Santa for.

He does remember other requests, though. Girls still ask for dolls and boys want mechanical toys, but several imaginative children, apparently tired of kitchen duty, asked for a dishwasher for their mother.

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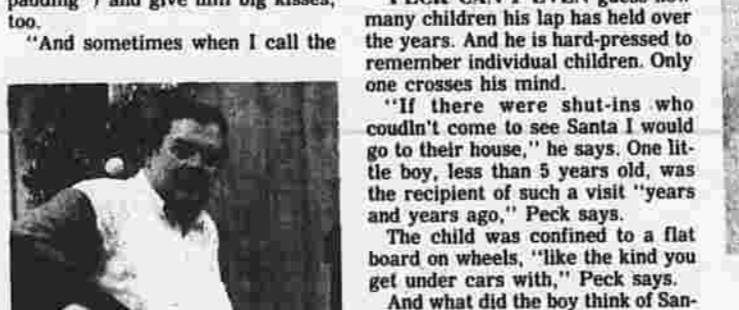
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FRED PECK AT WORK AT THE PARKADE ... he's done this for 25 years

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## Advice

### Father's silent suffering causes family heartache

**Dear Abby**  
 Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Our family is facing a very difficult problem. Our father, who is in his mid-60s, had surgery and radiation treatments for cancer. He says he is "all right," but he looks very, very bad and appears to be failing. He will not permit his doctor to tell us anything!

My mother has talked to Dad's doctor, but he has been unable to get any information out of him. He refuses to tell her if Dad's surgery was "successful," what the prognosis is, or anything at all pertaining to Dad's condition.

We can only guess that Dad is terminally ill, but we feel frustrated and helpless not being able to discuss Dad's condition, his chances for recovery, or even how much longer he has to live if he is dying.

The doctor says that doctor-patient confidentiality precludes his telling us anything without Dad's consent, and Dad has forbidden him to disclose anything about his condition or what the future has in store.

"What should we do?"

DEAR ABBY: I am 85 and my husband is 92. We've been married for years and recently came into an unexpected inheritance, which delighted us both. On hearing about our good fortune, I said to my husband, "Now I can throw out all our chipped and rickety furniture and buy new things." He

replied, "Oh, no, we must save this windfall for our old age!"

Abby, he was absolutely serious. I told him I thought it was so funny I was going to write to Dear Abby about it and he said, "Go ahead."

I'm signing my name and address, but if you use this in your column, sign me.

FLABBERGASTED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR FLABBERGASTED: Hoopay for your husband. With his attitude, he may grow older, but he'll never grow old. However, it's time he loosened the purse strings just a teeny-weensy tad.

DEAR ABBY: I am a young French woman who recently moved to Dallas. My problem is that I am afflicted with a French accent that is driving my

Texas friends crazy! They love it, imitate me, laugh at my mispronunciations and never for one minute let me forget about my accent.

I have been more than a patient with these rude people and have tried to get them to stop making such a big thing out of my accent, but they continue to tease me, saying: "It is so cute!"

What is the matter with these people here? How can I firmly, but nicely, tell these "Tex" to stop that nonsense?

A FROGGY IN DALLAS

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Any kind of accent sets one apart from the others, which can be tremendous asset. So don't knock it, there, use it for all its worth.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brian N. Kilpatrick

### Kilpatrick-Teague Scyocurka-Lewie

Joan Louise Teague, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. George E. Teague of Syracuse, N.Y., and Brian Nelson Kilpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Kilpatrick of 100 Concord Road, Manchester, were married Aug. 14 in St. Stephen's Church of the Nazarene in Ellipton City, Md.

The bride's father and her brother-in-law, the Rev. Merritt J. Nielson of Olathe, Kan., officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Barbara Flack of Painesville, Ohio, and Linda Nielson of Olathe, Kan., sisters of the bride, were matrons of the bride. Bridesmaids were Cindy Knox of Quincy, Mass., and Christine Brigham of South Yarmouth, Mass. Mrs. Brigham is sister of the groom. Jenny Moreland of Ellipton City was junior bridesmaid. Jennifer Nielson of Olathe was flower girl.

David Powers of Tulsa, Okla., friend of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Kevin Doolittle of Newton, N.J., Barry Durham of Harrisburg, Pa., and David Flack of Painesville, Ohio, brother-in-law of the bride. Jeremy Brigham of South Yarmouth was junior usher and Jeremy Nielson of Olathe, nephew of the bride, was ringbearer.

The couple live in Tulsa, Okla. The bride is a graduate of Mount Hebron High School, Ellipton City, Md., and attended Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass. She's a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

The groom is a 1975 graduate of Manchester High School, graduated summa cum laude from Eastern Nazarene College with a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry and is now in his last year at Oral Roberts University School of Medicine in Tulsa.

## Any age patient can cut level of cholesterol deposits

DEAR DR. LAMB: My doctor told me that I have hardening of the arteries around my heart. Is there a diet to slow down this process? I know it can't be cured, as it is part of advancing age, but figure diet could help.

DEAR READER: Fat cholesterol deposits in arteries is not just a matter of age. The Korean War casualties showed that more than 70 percent of the young men with an average age of 22 already had sufficient deposits to cause 10 percent blockage of at least one major artery to the heart and 10 percent of them had more than 70 percent occlusion of one major artery to the heart.

For a number of years many investigators and practicing physicians have thought that if you were up in years doing anything about fatty-cholesterol deposits was futile. That, of course, is not true and is interesting in using a sensible diet. The main thrust of the diet is to limit cholesterol and saturated fats and keep your calorie intake low enough to avoid unnecessary body fat.

To help you I'm sending you The Health Letter 15-4, Diet to Prevent Heart Attacks and Strokes. Others can send 75 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me, in care of the Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019.

DEAR DR. LAMB: Could you please detail the chemical makeup of aluminum? Can you tell me if there would be any problems incurred if small amounts of aluminum were taken internally? I have heard that it has helped people with weight problems or diabetes problems. A very small amount is taken daily mixed with juice in the morning.

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It is used in solutions for superficial dressings, for external use. I cannot recommend your using it in any form in any quantity for medicinal purposes. Both obesity and diabetes should be treated on the basis of accepted medical principles, which does not include alum in juices.

## Your Health

Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

including those past 70. This is a direct result of improved lifestyle at all ages.

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## Playful husband's jokes aren't funny to his wife

DEAR DR. BLAKER: My husband can be really aggravating. He's always joking around. He calls me all these funny names that he thinks are cute. I'm serious, plays hide and seek, etc. And, what's worse, he makes jokes about things I'm especially sensitive about, like my cooking.

How can I make him stop?

DEAR READER: Perhaps you're taking your husband's behavior too seriously. Could he simply be trying to cajole you out of your seriousness and into a playful mood?

Did you know that play of this sort - when both partners participate - can do wonders for a marriage? It can help to stabilize a relationship by providing a balance between intimacy and distance. Couple play can get rid of tension by providing a way of dealing with lousy areas, and it can help to communicate painful things in a painless way. It can even help a couple get back together after an argument.

Why not allow yourself to loosen up and see if you can respond to your husband's playfulness. Try taking some initiative yourself, too. How about making up private names for each other; tickling him back when he's least expecting it; giving him a bath; bantering back and forth? It'll make you both feel good - about your relationship and yourselves.

DEAR DR. BLAKER: Recently I've found that I have trouble achieving orgasm and I've been faking it so my husband won't know I'm afraid he'll get upset and feel inadequate if he knows but I also feel guilty about deceiving him.

I don't know which way to turn.

DEAR READER: Protecting your husband's ego by deceiving him is not likely to achieve a happy ending. Lies, even well-meant ones, can result in hostility. Chances are the truth will eventually come out and by that time it will be twice as difficult for both of you to deal with.

Why not allow yourself to be honest? Sexual response need not be total or equal for sex to be pleasurable for both partners.

Give your husband the opportunity to help you. That's part of the give and take of marriage. If you find you do have a problem that you and your husband can't work out together, seek professional help to get it ironed out as quickly as possible.

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### Coughlin-Mikoleit

Linda Lee Mikoleit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald John Mikoleit of 109 St. John St. and Jeffrey Thomas Coughlin of Hartford, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Coughlin of 40 Clyde Road, were married Nov. 20 at St. Bartholomew Church.

The Rev. Martin J. Scholsky officiated at the double ring ceremony. Harry Carr was organist. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Marylou Samiotis of Manchester was maid of honor. Cheryl White of Coventry and Lynne Haberman of Manchester were bridesmaids.

Roy McNally of Manchester was best man. James White of Coventry and James Paggoli of Manchester, were ushers.

After a reception at the British American Club the couple left on a honeymoon trip to Maine. They are making their home in Hartford. The bridegroom is a graduate of Manchester High School and attended Manchester Community College. He is employed by First Security Services of Hartford. The bride attended Manchester High School.

### Thoughts

One of the favorite tales of the origin of the Christmas tree is the Martin Luther, walking under the star-studded sky on Christmas eve, sought a way to bring home to his children the beauty of the night sky. Suddenly he thought of a large tree gleaming with candles. He cut down a tree and took it home to decorate for his delighted children.

Whatever the origin, a tastefully lighted tree can picture for us the glorious light shown forth to a world in darkness when Jesus Christ was born.

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Rev. Kenneth Gustafson, pastor The New Calvary Church

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# Giants face Redskins renewal of rivalry

By Joe Carnicelli  
UPI Executive Sports Editor

The New York Giants are fighting recent history as well as the Washington Redskins Sunday. Late in his first season as an NFL head coach in 1970, Lou Holtz decided the pro game was not for him and announced that he would take over as coach of the University of Arkansas. Holtz' team, the New York Jets, then ended a woe-filled 3-11 season being routed 42-3 by Cincinnati.

In 1978, Chuck Fairbanks announced just before the game that he would be leaving the New England Patriots to become head coach at the University of Colorado. The Patriots promptly went out and were ripped 31-14 by Houston in the first game of the playoffs. Bryant, who was with the Jets last Wednesday, says Perkins announced that he will leave the Giants at the end of the season to take over for retiring Paul "Bear" Bryant at the University of Alabama. The Giants, who have won three consecutive games to move into playoff contention at 8-3, will play under close scrutiny today as they face what amounts to their toughest opponent this season.

The Redskins, now 5-1, beat the Giants 27-17 on Nov. 21, the last time New York has lost. The Giants caught a big break during the 5-week players strike in that the toughest part of their schedule, including two games against Dallas, one against Pittsburgh and another against AFC champion Cincinnati, was wiped out. New York ends the season with games at St. Louis and Philadelphia. "It's certainly a distraction," said quarterback Scott Brunner. "Hopefully, we can overcome it and keep on going the way we have. We're starting to develop and come

together as a team. We're not losing. He's still with us. He's still our coach. This won't change as drastically as if he just picked up and left. "If things don't work out for us, a lot of people may make this out to be the reason," said All-Pro linebacker Brad Van Pelt. "But everyone here is 21 to 31 years of age. We're all mature adults, supposedly. If we can't handle it, maybe this isn't the profession we should be in."

Washington Coach Joe Gibbs doesn't expect Perkins' resignation comes as his club tries to clinch a playoff spot. "It doesn't matter what happens the first three quarters," Gibbs said. "I guarantee you, it'll be life and death in the fourth quarter. I'd like to have a game in which we're winning big late. But I just don't see that happening. It's just one dogfight after another."

"Winning those close games has helped our guys, especially the younger guys, to realize how important any one little play during the game might be at the end."

We feel like we're close in the fourth quarter, we always have a chance. I just have a good feeling about this team in those situations. In Saturday games, the New York Jets (5-1) are at Miami (4-2) and the Los Angeles Raiders (5-1) take on the Los Angeles Rams (1-5). Elsewhere Sunday, New Orleans (3-3) is at Dallas (5-1), Buffalo (4-2) at Tampa Bay (24), Pittsburgh (4-2) at Cleveland (2-4), Atlanta (4-2) at

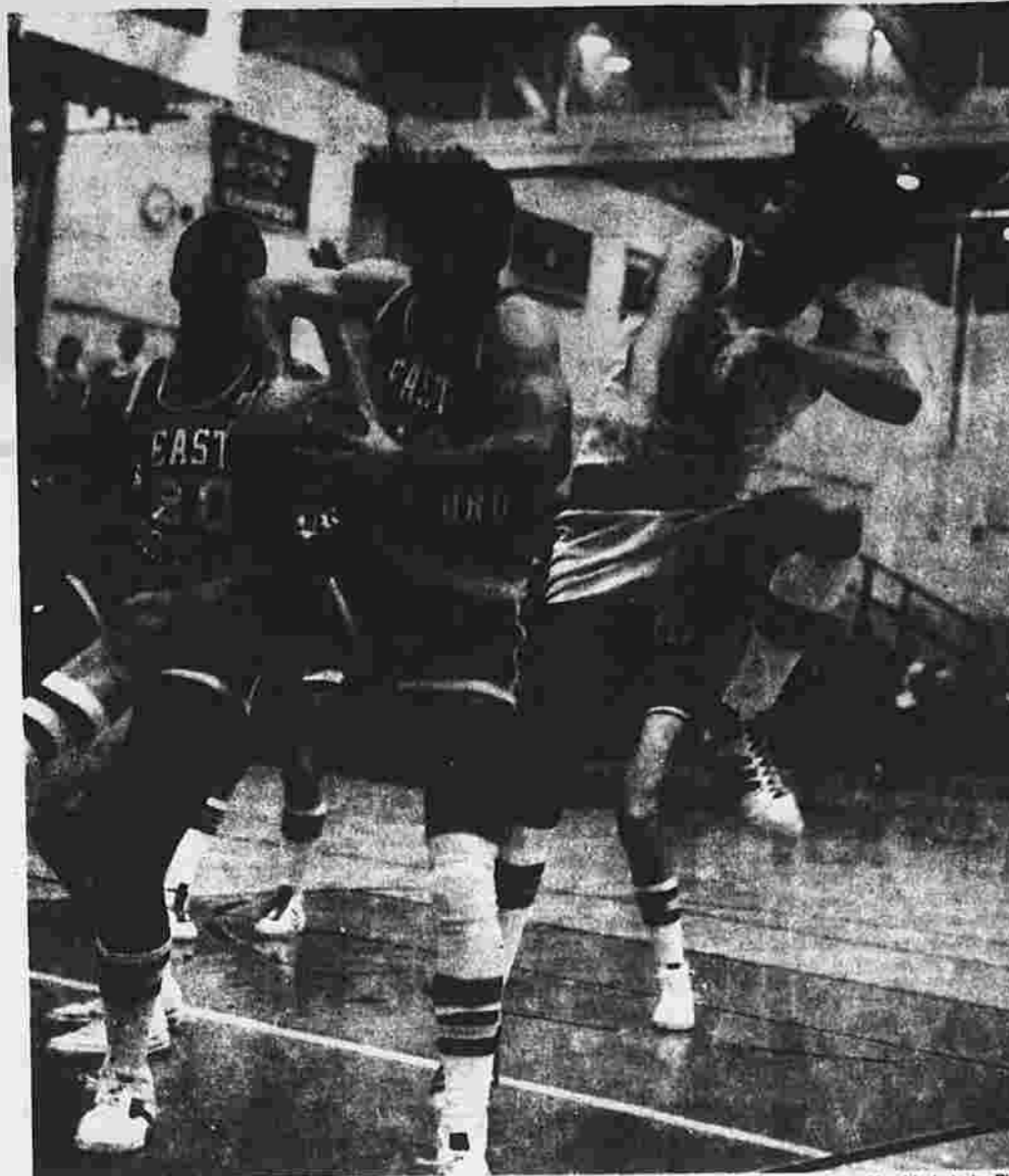
San Francisco (2-4), Minnesota (3-3) at Detroit (3-3), Green Bay (4-2) at Baltimore (0-8), St. Louis (5-3) at Chicago (2-4), Kansas City (1-5) at Denver (2) and Houston (1-5) at Philadelphia (1-5).

Cincinnati (5-1) is at San Diego (4-2) Monday night in a rematch between last season's AFC playoff finalists. Dallas has beaten New Orleans in eight of their nine meetings. The Cowboys ripped Houston 37-7 Monday night and the falling Saints "were crushed 55-0 by Atlanta last Sunday. The Saints had won two in a row but have fallen back to 5-0 with the defeat.

Buffalo became a prime playoff candidate last week by shutting out Pittsburgh 13-0, holding Steeler quarterback Terry Bradshaw and replacement Cliff Stoudt to minus two yards passing. It was the Bills' second shutout in the last three weeks. In addition to the shutout, the New York Jets 14-0 behind the Buffalo offense could take the field in a snowstorm at Shea Stadium last week but was enough as the Jets' hopes for the playoffs are based on the fact that the Bills' last three games are at home.

Pittsburgh, which has been shut out twice in the last three weeks, looks to rebound at Cleveland. The Steelers have beaten the Browns in two of their last 10 games and 14 of their last 16.

Super Bowl champion San Francisco is on the verge of being knocked out of playoff contention. Atlanta has won two in a row, including its 25-0 romp past New Orleans. San Francisco's Joe Montana set an NFL record with his fifth consecutive 300-yard game last Sunday but was not enough as the 49ers fell 41-37 to San Diego.



Going for rebound

East Hartford's Derek Hovanec (14) takes shot Thursday night at Clarke Arena. Willis had game-high 14 points in Indiana's opening night 64-33 success.

## Opener was mid-season form

Talk about thrillers for openers. When East Catholic High launched its 20th basketball season Thursday night against Notre Dame High of West Haven, for three and one-half periods it was as close a game as anyone would ever want to see. The teams displayed mid-season form.

Although it was the lid-lifter for both schools, the lead changed hands no less than 26 times and it was tied 16 times before the visitors broke away to record an impressive 70-57 triumph.

East had hoped to launch the season with a 7-30 start for the varsity game but it was delayed 20 minutes when Notre Dame arrived late. Future home starts for the Eagles are set for 7-30. Tom Main, director of athletics, said the late visit returned from Indianapolis where he attended the National High School Athletic Directors' Convention.

He arrived home just in time to handle the East Jayvees in a 50-47 loss to the Notre Dame Jayvees. The pattern these youngsters set was followed by the principals in the main event to the delight of a crowd that numbered 350, far short of the days when every home game was either a near or a sellout.

Interested spectator  
The East Catholic - Notre Dame of West Haven basketball game Thursday night at East was Don Perro. The UConn hoop mentor has a rooting interest in East as his son, Dom, is with the Catholic squad. Popular baseball umpire Bob Leavitt is in his 19th year handling the ticket booth for East home basketball games. All senior citizens are welcomed as guests at both East Catholic and Manchester High home basketball attractions this season. Game officials at East include Jude Kelly, football coach, who serves as official scorer, and Jack Hull, cross country coach, who is the official timer. Former East Catholic High basketball standout, Mark Murphy, has been named as referee for this season at Fordham. Patty Sheehan and Calvin Peete have been named the



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most improves pro golfers by Golf Digest for 1982. Peete more than tripled his earnings and won four events on the PGA tour to wind up fourth on the year's list of money winners. Sheehan was rookie-of-the-year a year ago in the LPGA. She won three LPGA events in '82. Miller Barber led the PGA Seniors in money in '82 with \$106,890, followed by Don January, Bob Goaly, Arnold Palmer and Billy Casper. Palmer's share was \$73,848. Three former winners of the Manchester Open made the Seniors' money list. Julius Boros was ninth with \$41,662. Bob Toosi won \$16,560 and Ed Rubis took home \$2,350. Don Hoeng, Thompson, Conn., auto race track owner and golfer, won \$5,276 as a Senior player.

Little time, big game  
How the time flies department: It's been 11 years since Norwalk's Calvin Murphy joined the National Basketball Assn., a league known for its giants. At 5-8, Murphy was told he was too small to play with the big boys. The little Nittmeyer, who helped knock East Catholic High out of the state basketball tournament 16 years ago, is still throwing up leather in the NBA with the Houston Rockets. Despite his lack of stature, and in proving a point that there is still room for a talented little man to play in the NBA, Murphy is the Rockets' second leading scorer with a 15.5 point per game average. Have a nice weekend.

# Paterno amused at current fuss

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — The Sugar Bowl is only one football game but to many Penn State fans, it's an obsession — THE chance to finally kick in the door to the national championship.

But all the hype over the upcoming title showdown between the second-ranked Nittany Lions and No. 1 Georgia in New Orleans on New Year's night alternately amuses and puzzles Joe Paterno.

In his successful 17-year career as head coach at Penn State, Paterno has done everything possible to bring a national championship to the central Pennsylvania area called the Happy Valley. He insists, however, that he is not preoccupied by the grand prize at stake on Jan. 1.

"I never felt that I haven't won one," Paterno said after being named college football Coach of the Year Thursday by United Press International. "All a coach can do is take his football team and play each

game and try to win." Paterno has won every game in a season three times. Penn State's teams of 1969, 1969 and 1973 all finished unbeaten after winning a major bowl, yet were ranked third, second and fifth, respectively, at the end of the year.

"I've never felt we haven't done it, and if people don't want to give us credit, that's their problem," he said. "I can't worry about it. I tell you we've done everything we possibly could three times to win it. It's all this talk of a national championship doesn't bother me."

Paterno, who will turn 56 on Tuesday, received 20 of the 130 votes cast by sportswriters and sportscasters nationwide. Jerry Sluoff of Louisiana State finished second with 24 votes and Georgia's Vince Dooley, whose Bulldogs are the only unbeaten and untied team in Division I-A, earned 20 votes to place third.

While the offensive line jelled, Paterno relied on the passing game and quarterback Todd Blackledge responded by throwing 15 touchdown passes in the first four games. After a slow start, tailback Curt Warner gained 730 yards rushing in his last six games and finished with 1,041.

## Ned Irish, Red Smith head list

# Death claimed notables in sports world in '82

NEW YORK (UPI) — Death claimed one of the sports world's illustrious men and a writer whose style graced athletics for a half a century in 1982.

Ned Irish, the man most responsible for making college basketball a major sport, and Red Smith, one of two sports writers to win a Pulitzer Prize, died a week apart in January.

Irish, a former sports writer himself, conceived the idea of bringing college basketball on to the dimly-lit gym to which it had been consigned and into Madison Square Garden in 1905. His program grew into the Garden became the Mecca of college basketball in the 1940s. Teams from all over the country came there and many financed new gyms on their campuses from the proceeds.

Irish also built the National Invitation Tournament into the country's foremost college basketball tournament. He saw his work crumble in 1950 because of the pointshaving scandal involving some of the game's best teams and stars. The game subsequently was suspended for 10 years.

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He was a stylist who at times moved above the crowd, but fellow New York columnist Dick Young, who writes for the bleachers and is 82 bettors, gave him his due when he said in a paraphrase of Casey Stengel, "you done splendid, Red."

Hall and farewell also sounded in 1982 for baseball's Ken Boyer, Duke Walker, Francisco Barrios and

## Jets unsure of Dolphins

MIAMI (UPI) — New York Jets Coach Walt Michaels says he isn't sure Saturday's game with Miami will be another offensive show like the Dolphins' season-opening 59-20 victory or a toe-to-toe rumble.

"Certainly, with the weather conditions such as they probably will be, it's going to be a real test," Michaels said. "We're not expecting any snow, are they?" Michaels joked, referring to last Sunday's storm in the Northeast.

Then after further thought, Michaels brought up the specter of a more conservative game, featuring Freeman McNeil, the AFC's leading rusher, hanging away for the Jets (5-1) and Andre Franklin, the No. 2 rusher, pounding up the middle for Miami.

"What I see down there is the running of Franklin. And if McNeil is going well, then we'll stay with it. It might come down to jockeying for position," he said.

"Andra has really taken the ball by the horns and is really doing the job," Stula said. "But you feel sometimes that you can't supplement it. We can't get the passing game going. We can't get the halfback going. We're one-dimensional team. We give the ball to Andra."

Much of the blame is directed at running back Tony Nathan, the Dolphins' Most Valuable Player last year who has gained only 128 yards in 1982.

"Early in the season, he (Nathan) was bothered by the rib injury. That came the long injury and then he got hurt on his first game back and hasn't played well," Stula said.

## Swim powers slated to meet next month

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — High-powered swimming teams from East Germany, Canada and 16 other countries will compete in the United States Swimming International Invitational next month, officials said Friday.

The Soviet Union declined an invitation to the international competition and offered no explanation for its refusal to compete in the United States Swimming International Invitational next month, officials said Friday.

Even without the Soviet Union, American champions Tracy Caulkins and Rudy Gaines will have their hands full, Indiana University men's swimming coach James "Doc" Counsilman told news conference.

"Everybody, frankly, is very communicative except the East Germans," he said. Counsilman said he plans to shoot 3,000 feet of film above and under water in the next 10 years than any other swimming facility in the world.

O'Connor predicted Americans would make a very strong showing in next month's competition.

"This is the greatest United States contingency put together for this meet except one or two people since the inception of this meet," he said.

Teams entered in the competition are from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, East Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Norway, Puerto Rico, Scotland, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, United States, West Germany and Yugoslavia.

## NHL officials to look into fight in hallway

REPORTS and the videotapes were received at his office. Fraser, a rugged left wing in his fifth season with Vancouver, has scored six goals and seven assists this season.

Fraser received two minutes for roughing and both players got five-minute major penalties for a fight that broke out only 13 seconds into the game.

The next time Fraser and Nilan were both on the ice, five minutes into the second period, they fought again. When they were ushered to the penalty box, Fraser threw one of his gloves at Nilan, which Nilan then threw into the crowd.

The players were ejected from the game, but continued the fight in the hallway outside the teams' dressing room, which in Vancouver are near each other on the same side of the ice.

Canucks' assistant trainer Gerry Dean and Canadian defenseman Ric Natness — who was not dressed for the game — were also involved in the scuffle.

Referee Brian Lewis said he did not see the hallway fight, but included it in his game report after seeing a television replay. "All I wrote was that after the game I had been informed there was a fight in the hallway between Nilan and Fraser," Lewis said. "Later, in my room, I saw the little bit of it that had been carried on television, and that's really all I know."

"I don't know how bad it was, how it started, why it started, nothing."



DOUG LEONARD ... veteran starter PAT SILVER ... rugged rebounder STEVE EMERSON ... starting forward

# 23-game MCC slate starting with Classic

By Bill Dumas  
Correspondent

The 1982-83 basketball season for the Manchester Community College men's team opens Monday, Dec. 27 with the first round action of the MCC/Rotary Club Classic. This will be the first of an ambitious 23-game schedule for Coach Bernie Mulligan's team.

In his second season as coach, Mulligan feels his team "will be competitive and enjoyable to watch." In addition to having a winning season, building his team with the basing the MCC basketball program on the use of tactical skills is his main objective. Mulligan is pleased by both the players' attitudes and their desire to compete for spots on the squad. "A turnout of 28 players the first day of tryouts was very encouraging," he noted.

At the starting forward positions, Mulligan has Pat Silver from Manchester and Steve Emerson from Rockville. Silver, a 1981 Manchester High grad with a year's experience at St. Thomas More prep school, has both offensive and defensive abilities with the knack of knowing where his teammates are on the court, making great passes on offense and playing tight defense on the other end of the court. Emerson, a 1982 Windsor High grad, will provide depth at the guard slots.

Darrell Carr, a 1981 Killingly grad, now living in Vernon, will substitute as a forward.

Rounding out the 1982-83 squad are two Windsor High grads, Keith Davis and MacArthur Hamilton.

## Leveille recovery to be long process

MONTREAL (UPI) — The father of Boston Bruins forward Normand Leveille learned Friday his son would require medical attention for "a long, long time" during a rare visit to the Montreal Neurological Institute.

Jacques Leveille, who has experienced difficulty accepting his 16-year-old son's paralysis which resulted from a massive brain hemorrhage, spoke with his son's personal surgeon, Dr. Jean-Guy Villeneuve.

"Dr. Villeneuve told him it was going to be a long, long time before his son was going to be well," hospital spokesman Victoria Lees said. "His father said that's okay, because in Vancouver, (the family) thought he was going to die."

Leveille collapsed during the first-period intermission in the Oct. 23 game. Leveille has been receiving daily physiotherapy and occupational therapy and is able to sit in a chair and eat well, she said.

"He has no acute problems," she added.

## Skiing projection shows many 35-44

NEW YORK (UPI) — The post-World War II "baby boom" ski generation is graying at the temples and it's estimated by 1990 this 35-44-year age grouping in America will have increased by 31 percent.

The projected sharp upswing for this bracket has induced the ski industry to change strategy from getting skiers on the slopes at an early age to keeping them interested in the sport once they hit middle age.

Ski resorts also recognize the fact teenagers, who once practiced their skills on expert slopes, may want easier pickings when they hit middle age.

"As the average age of skiers increases, they become reluctant to challenge themselves on tough mountains," explains Jerry Jones, vice president of Keystone Resort in Colorado. "Many of the baby boomers are opting for less strenuous terrain and a more leisurely pace."

Jones says that Keystone has classified 95 per cent of its ski area as "beginner and intermediate." For the beginner skier, however, there is an expert downhill course at Arapahoe Basin — the Fallavinci — which Jones calls "the ultimate challenge in the Rockies."

The advent of middle age does not mean that being on greater slopes is less risky. A careful skier will be able to sit down to the lodge fire with all limbs intact. For the cautious skier, however, there is always the danger of hypothermia — the sudden drop in body temperature that usually occurs when a skier is

# Scoreboard

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KIT "N CARLYLE"

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He says he can't go home with Catnip on his breath.

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ANDOVER - Three rooms plus bath in new elderly housing facility. \$245 and monthly plus heat & utilities. Write Hop River, 1111 Main Street, Andover, CT. 646-2235.

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FOUR ROOMS - Third

FOUR ROOMS - Third floor. Heat stove and refrigerator. Adults. No pets. \$300. Security. References. Call after 6 p.m., 649-2235.

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