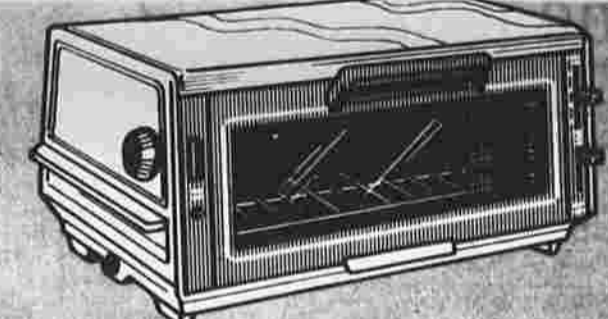
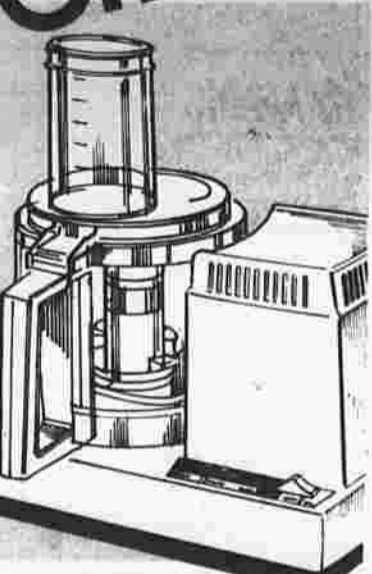


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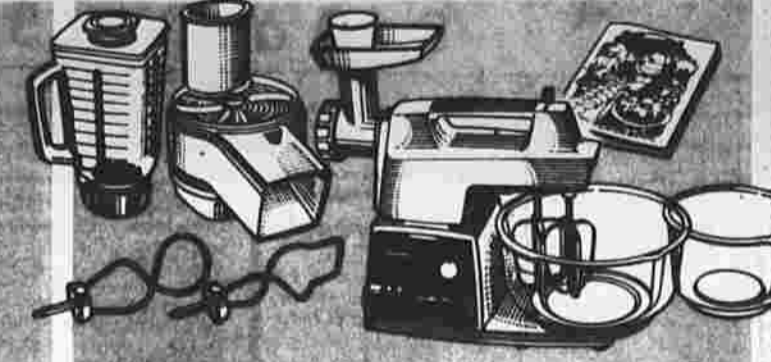
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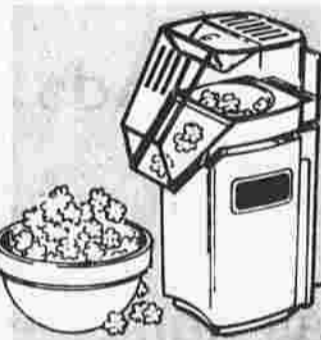
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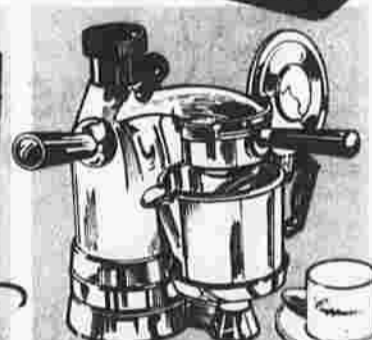
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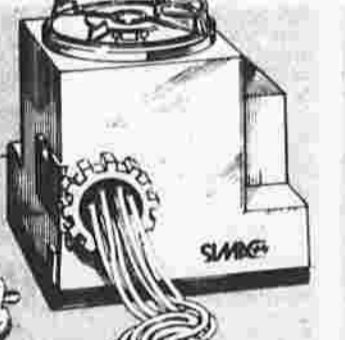
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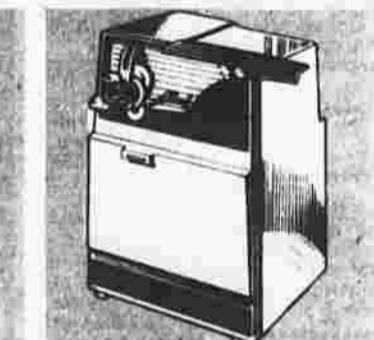
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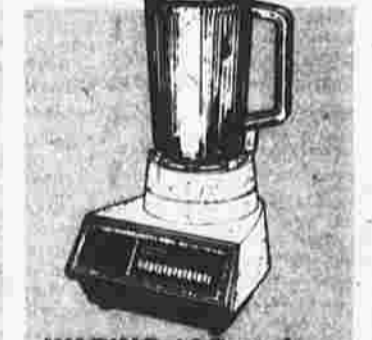
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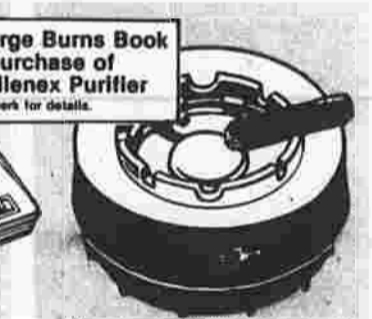
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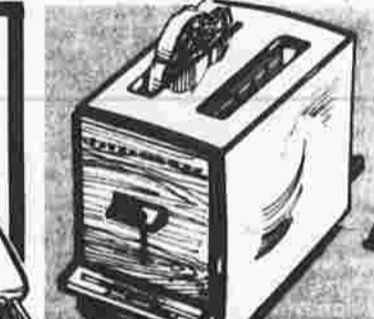
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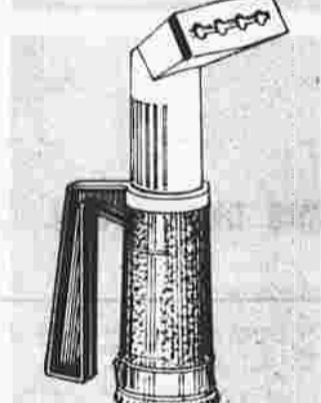
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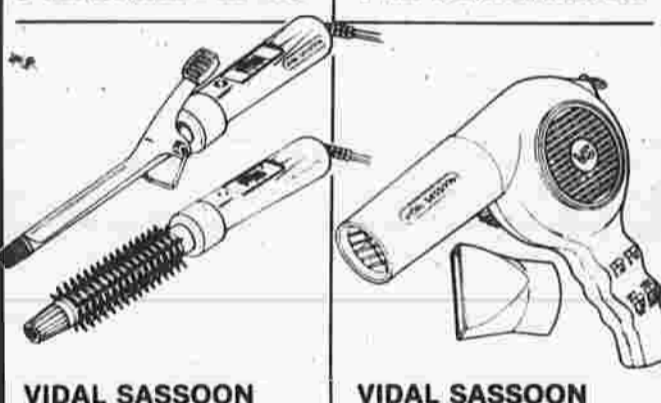
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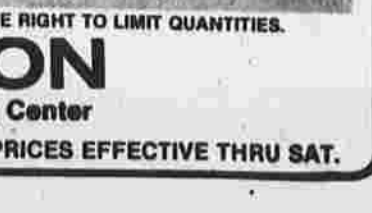
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Tiny village gets attention at Christmas

By Yukoni Magubane United Press International
BETHLEHEM, Conn. (UPI) — Each year around Christmas time an avalanche of Christmas mail passes through the Bethlehem post office, a tradition that has brought nationwide attention to this tiny hamlet.
Thousands of people from Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York have made the pilgrimage to Bethlehem to mail Christmas cards and gifts for the Bethlehem postmark. Between 125,000 to 150,000 pieces of Christmas mail are handled by the post office each year.
The tradition reportedly began in 1929 with mail reaching volume proportions by 1938. In 1959 the town's postmaster, Earl Johnston, started the tradition of using rubber stamps or cachets, bearing Christmas scenes and the town's logo to add a special touch to Christmas mail.
Bethlehem, one of several towns in the United States named after the birthplace of Christ, is in Litchfield County and a former farming community where cows at one time outnumbered people.
The tradition of special postmarks has been continued by Jean F. Majuskas, who became postmaster when Johnston retired in 1974. "It's a nice custom," she said.
From Dec. 10 to the weekend of the 18th, the post office in this village, dubbed "Christmas Town U.S.A.," bustles with activity.
Mrs. Majuskas said most of the 2,800 town residents get into the Christmas spirit and are accommodating to the influx Christmas mailers.
"It becomes a yearly pilgrimage for some. They come to town mail their cards and then stay and see the village," she said.
"It's interesting to see so many people and we generate new faces each year," she said. "Some years there is a tremendous volume of mail — between 125,000 to 150,000 pieces," Mrs. Majuskas said. "The weekends of the 11th and 12th are the big weekends," she said.
"The lobby (where the cachets are set up) gets so full that you can't move," she said. Sometimes people have to wait but they retain their good spirit and are friendly," she said.
Mrs. Majuskas said 31 different Christmas scenes have been made available by the post office since the tradition started and eight new cachets, designed by Gustave Radke of Waterbury, are offered this year.
She said the rubber stamps are set out in the lobby of the post office for people to use on their



Postmaster Jean F. Majuskas continues the tradition of providing special Christmas stamps or cachets for thousands who mail Christmas cards from the Connecticut village.

Blacks quit boards to support Fisher

By Alex Girilli Herald Reporter
Luana Blagrove, a Democrat, and Joan Allen, a Republican, this morning announced their resignations from the Human Relations Commission. Frank Smith announced his resignation from the Economic Development Commission.
The resignations came in protest against the decision not to reappoint Robin Fisher to the commission and against what the three — all of whom are black — feels is the insensitivity of the town administration to the black community.
They were announced at a press conference held on the steps of the Municipal Building.
Also at the conference were Clarence Zachery, a black who has been named to the town's affirmative action program, and one other man whose name wasn't immediately available.
Smith said at the outset of the conference that it was called in behalf of the black community to express those concerns.
Fisher had been chairman of the HRC. Smith said that under his chairmanship the commission was apolitical and well balanced among Democrats and Republicans, men and women, blacks and whites.
He said the commission had done an outstanding job.
Mrs. Allen, before announcing her resignation, listed a number of activities of the Human Relations Commission.
They included work on behalf of the handicapped, against the distribution of KKK leaflets at Manchester High School, for shelter for the homeless, for a multicultural program in schools and for observation of Human Rights Day and Dr. Martin Luther King Day.
Smith said the list indicates the commission has been broad-based and not a one-issue commission.
Zachery said the commission had involved itself in more issues during Fisher's chairmanship than in the previous nine years.
IN ANNOUNCING his resignation from the Economic Development Commission, Smith said that due to the recent insensitivity of the town administration to the black community and the lack of commitment to equal opportunity, he finds it more and more difficult to serve.
He said his job is demanding more of his time and he would like to use what free time he has for efforts he feels will be in the best interests of the community.
Mrs. Blagrove said her resignation is effective immediately. She said she finds the town administration to be ineffective as an instrument for town relationships.
Mrs. Allen said she finds there is not a true commitment to affirmative action.
General Manager Robert B. Weiss agreed to request from Smith and Zachery for copies of the resumes of applicants for the post of director of health, to which Ronald A. Kraatz was recently appointed.
At first Weiss declined the request, but he announced Thursday afternoon that he would honor it. He said in a letter to the Board of Health that the town attorney has managed that the applications may be provided on request if the names and other identifying information are omitted.
Asked about that development, Smith said today he is not surprised because he and other officials met with the town administration and presented evidence from the Civil Rights Commission and precedent cases to support their claim that the information should be withheld.
Smith and Zachery had said they would go to the Freedom of Information Commission and take whatever other steps necessary to get the data.
IN A LETTER to the editor of the Manchester Herald, Smith summarized the qualifications of a black candidate for the health directorship, and said that person was the best qualified for the job.

Cease-fire holding in Lebanon, so airport may reopen

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Representatives of Lebanon's warring factions agreed today to "meticulously" honor their oft-violated cease-fire, prompting the government to order the reopening of Beirut airport.
Government officials said the warring parties agreed to honor the Sept. 26 truce starting at 2 a.m. (7 a.m. EST) and allow Beirut International Airport — closed since Nov. 30 — to reopen.
The new cease-fire went into effect at 2 p.m. (7 a.m. EST), and it is generally holding, a security official told the rights' Voice of Lebanon radio station.
Government officials said the agreement to honor the truce was reached at a meeting in Damascus attended by ranking Lebanese army officers, Syrian and Saudi Arabian mediators, and representatives from Lebanon's warring militias.
The cease-fire agreement described the agreement as a pledge by the warring factions to honor previous commitments — namely their much-violated Sept. 25 cease-fire accord.
It said the factions' representatives agreed to meticulously honor the Sept. 26 cease-fire, spare the airport and refrain from shelling civilian centers.
But before the new cease-fire deadline came into effect, Lebanese troops and Shiite Moslem militiamen fought intensive clashes close to the airport runways.
Military sources said government forces traded heavy machine gun fire with Shiite Moslem gunmen and came under artillery and mortar fire from Druze gunners firing from mountain positions east of the capital.
Government sources said the repeated bouts of violence were not deterring officials in their efforts to return the nation's warring factions to the negotiating table at a national reconciliation conference.
The foreign ministers of Syria, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia are scheduled to meet in Damascus Sunday to select a date and location for the second round of Lebanon's peace talks, Lebanese President Amin Gemayel said.
The reconciliation process started in Geneva last month, bringing together Moslem, Druze and Christian leaders for the first time since Lebanon's 1975-76 civil war.
In Israel today, U.S. presidential Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for one hour about the fighting in Lebanon. Neither Rumsfeld, who flew to Israel from

Some ECHS teachers oppose contract with 32.2% pay raise

By Sarah E. Hill Herald Reporter
If their union votes today to ratify the contract proposal now before them, teachers at five Catholic high schools in the area will get a 32.2 percent pay raise over three years.
But some teachers at East Catholic High School in Manchester said this morning that they'll vote against it. And a refusal to ratify the contract would mean the 1984-85 school year would drag on some more.
John Jay McConville, East Catholic's building representative to the Greater Hartford Catholic Educators Association, predicted a close vote.
"A lot of people are not enthused," he added. "I personally need more. If this is ratified, I'll have to make a decision about staying in teaching."
Fringe benefits, McConville said, would remain largely unchanged, although teachers have been offered a tuition-abatement plan covering any of their children who attend catholic schools; a 10 percent tuition reduction for teachers entering their fourth year, increasing to a 100 percent reduction by the 10th year.
EAST CATHOLIC'S John Verroune, a union negotiator, said this morning the proposal isn't good enough. Right now, teachers are still working under their expired contract and making far less than their public school counterparts.
A starting teacher with a bachelor's degree made \$10,840 last year at East Catholic; in local public schools, that same teacher would make \$11,517.
Negotiators from the union and the Diocesan School Office reached a contract settlement late last week. Specifics were released Thursday night at a union meeting in Newington.
In the first year, 1983-84, teachers would get a 4 percent more the first semester and 3 percent more in the second.
In the second year, they would get an 8.5 percent, then a 3 percent raise. The third year, they would get a 9.5 percent raise over the entire year.
THE SALARY part of the proposal differs from the administration's last offer by about one percent overall in real dollars, union president Thomas Dickau said this morning.
He said there was no loud dissent at the meeting.
"It was the best proposal we could have negotiated at that point in time," Dickau added.
When asked for their reaction to the proposal, four teachers interviewed at East Catholic this morning said they planned to vote against it.

MACC helps family to begin a new life

You can count the furniture in the apartment on one hand: twin beds for the children, a card table and several chairs to sit on while they eat.
She is sleeping on the floor in a sleeping bag. Although the arrangement might sound awful, she says it's great. "Better than lying on the floor," she says cheerfully.
She is just out of a battered women's shelter, but she has never given up hope that she can make a new life for her children and herself. Even while she was in the shelter, she made sure the children kept up with their school work.
She tells the Manchester Area Conference of Churches how grateful she and her children are for the furniture provided through the organization's furniture bank.
MACC would like to help them get started on their new life with a bed for her, a kitchen table and chairs, a couch, a lamp and perhaps a chest to keep their clothing in.
The family described above is one of the 250 households MACC hopes to help this Christmas season.
Non-perishable foods and new and good-as-new toys can be left at the Center Street Firehouse next to the town hall; the Eighth Utilities District Fire Station, 32 Main St., the Manchester Mall, 411 Main St., WINE, 327 East Center St. and any offices of Heritage Savings and Loan Association. Checks should be mailed to MACC Seasonal Sharing, Box 773, Manchester.

Inflation low for business

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Less expensive food and fuels pushed wholesale prices down 0.2 percent in November, a surprising drop that made it possible for 1983 to record the lowest business inflation in two decades, the government said today.
Food prices dropped a full 1 percent and gasoline and fuel oil went down even more, the Labor Department said.
So far this year the annual inflation rate for wholesale prices is just 0.3 percent. It would take the largest increase of the year in December, a 0.7 percent increase, to hoist the annual rate to 1 percent, department analysts said.
The only question is whether 1983 will be the best year for business inflation since 1961's 0.5 percent or 1963's slight decline, they said.
White House spokesman Larry Speakes said: "It shows the economy is operating at a record low level of inflation."

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U.S./World In Brief

Pentagon tightens security

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon, the world's biggest office building, is following the White House and the State Department in implementing tighter security measures as a precaution against terrorist attack.

"Almost a day doesn't go by here where there isn't a threat of some kind," spokesman Michael Burch said Thursday. "Bomb threats to the Pentagon are not infrequent."

Burch declined to go into details about the "overt precautions" that will be taken in the next several weeks to add protective measures to the massive 42-year-old structure, situated across the Potomac River from other government office buildings. Security personnel declined to comment.

Police ring Walesa's home

WARSAW, Poland — Police ringed Solidarity leader Lech Walesa's home in Gdansk today and

reinforced guards around the Lenin Shipyard monument to deter planned protests called to mourn slain workers.

Similar precautions were expected in other cities around the country.

The underground leadership of the banned Solidarity union calls for massive peaceful protests to mourn eight coal miners shot at the Wujek mine in Katowice — the first deaths after the Dec. 13, 1981, declaration of martial law, which was formally lifted in July.

The demonstrations were also called to mark the anniversary of 1970 riots in Gdansk, where scores of workers were slain.

Nun dies in Peru jailbreak

LIMA, Peru — Dozens of police opened fire on a carload of convicts holding three American nuns hostage, killing one nun and eight criminals, authorities said. Another nun was wounded.

The dead nun was identified by authorities Thursday as Irish-born Joan Mary Sawyer of Boston, a naturalized U.S. citizen and a sister of the Saint Columban Order.

Witnesses and police said the convicts fired back at officers but a nun who survived charged the inmates were armed only with knives.

Getter home for holidays

DALLAS — A black engineer sentenced to life in prison for a robbery he contends he did not commit is going home for the holidays and says he has never had a better reason to celebrate Christmas.

A week ago, Lenell Getter, 26, was serving his sentence in a prison near Palestine, Texas.

But the Dallas district attorney's office suddenly joined a defense motion for a new trial Monday. By Wednesday, Getter was free on \$10,000 bond.

Getter, traveling with attorney Lee Bowers, was to leave Dallas today for Columbia, S.C.

"It's hard to believe I'm going home," he said. "It is one Christmas I'll always remember. I never expected to spend it at home."

Punishment may help kin

RALEIGH, N.C. — A doctor who was drunk and driving on the wrong side of the road when he killed a 44-year-old man says he wants to become the financial "caretaker" for the victim's three children — which attorneys for both sides agree would be the best punishment.

Linda Karsavar and her teen-age children have been receptive to offers of financial help from Dr.

Robert D. Ornitz of Raleigh. Mrs. Karsavar's attorney, William L. Thorp, said Thursday. Harvey D. Karsavar, a Raleigh salesman, was killed Dec. 17, 1982, when a car driven by Ornitz collided head-on with his. Mrs. Karsavar was slightly injured in the crash.

"My client has wanted very much to undertake the role of caretaker" for the Karsavar family, attorney Wade M. Smith said. "He knows he is responsible for this family's loss."

Disease, gonorrhea linked

CHICAGO — Pelvic inflammatory disease, a leading cause of infertility and ectopic pregnancy, can be traced to gonorrhea infection, which has symptoms that many women mistake for menstrual cramps, a study shows.

About 75 percent of women exposed to gonorrhea may become infected and nearly half may develop pelvic inflammatory disease, Dr. Richard Platt of Harvard Medical School reported Thursday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

If left untreated, pelvic inflammatory disease can lead to ectopic pregnancy (pregnancy outside the uterus), infertility and chronic pelvic pain.

Manchester In Brief

Mall offers \$1,000 fee

Kenneth Burkamp, owner of the Manchester Mall at 111 Main St., has offered a \$1,000 reward to any person who can find a restaurant to locate in the 5,000 square feet of space in the lower level of the mall.

Burkamp has been seeking a tenant for the location, and wants to lease the entire space to a restaurant if he can. Burkamp has insisted that a restaurant use the space because of the demand on parking spaces in the town lot will be heaviest at night when stores are closed.

His offer of \$1,000 ends Jan. 30.

The Superior Court recently reversed a Planning and Zoning Commission decision granting Burkamp a special exception to use the space for a restaurant. He has said he will apply again.

Faucher questioning paramedics testing

By Alex Girelli Herald Reporter

Robert Faucher, a member and a former chairman of the Human Relations Commission, is asking if testing for paramedics discriminates against women.

Faucher has sent letters to commission members and to Steven R. Werber, assistant town manager.

He questions the agility test that requires an applicant to drag a 4-inch fire hose filled with water 150 feet.

"How often do the present paramedics

double as firefighters?" he asks. Paramedics in the town's Advanced Life Support system are also firefighters in the Town of Manchester Fire Department.

There are no women among the paramedics.

Faucher says in the letter that he expects the commission will be eager to hear the answers to the questions.

The commission will meet Tuesday and one of its first scheduled actions will be to elect officers. Robin Fisher, who has been chairman, was not

reappointed to the commission by the Board of Directors.

He was elected over Faucher last year when Betty Tonnuci, a Democrat, voted with Republicans on the commission for Fisher, who does not have a party affiliation.

Before that election, Ms. Tonnuci's term of office on the commission had been set at less than the normal three years and the terms of others were set at more than three years.

The appointments were made in November 1982 for indefinite terms. The terms were set in December. The

commission election was held later in December.

The HRC protested the method of setting terms. In June, the town attorney rendered an opinion in favor of the HRC's point of view and the original terms were restored.

When the commission meets Tuesday it will have six Democrats among its nine members. One Democrat and one Republican announced their resignations this morning, reducing the membership from 11 to 9. (Related story on page 1.)

Fire Calls

Manchester

Tuesday, 11:46 p.m. — False fire box alarm, Manchester Police Department (Town)

Wednesday, 1:09 p.m. — dryer smoking, 41 Durant St. (Town and Paramedics)

Thursday, 5:48 a.m. — medical call, 612 Center St. (Paramedics)

Thursday, 9:30 a.m. — medical call, 14 Joseph St. (Eighth District, Paramedics)

Thursday, 5:19 p.m. — motor vehicle

accident, Center and Knox streets (Town and Paramedics)

Thursday, 11:02 p.m. — medical call, 142 Cooper Hill St. (Paramedics)

Friday, 12 midnight — dumpster fires, 134 Rachel Road (Eighth District)

Friday, 12:33 a.m. — lockout, 565 Vernon St. (Town)

Friday, 3:35 a.m. — public service call, 451 Center St. (Town)

Friday, 5:26 a.m. — alarm, 50 Harrison St. (Town and Paramedics)

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Peopletalk

Ten men are watchable

Richard Gere, Sherman Hemsley and Peter Jennings have something in common — they are among the ten men picked as "Most Watchable Men in the World" by Man Watchers Inc. in its eighth annual poll of its members.

This year's other watchable winners are Christopher Atkins, Gary Collins, Steve Garvey, David Hasselhoff, Jon-Erik Hexum, Stacy Keach and Danny Sullivan.

See Malley, president of Man Watchers, pointed out that superstars such as Paul Newman, Robert Redford, Clint Eastwood, Robert Wagner, Tom Selleck and others have been retired to the Man Watcher's Hall of Fame to give newcomers a break.

Belmondo playing rough

Paul Belmondo, son of French film star Jean Paul Belmondo, was fined \$686 Thursday and given a one-month suspended prison sentence for beating up a photographer who followed him and Princess Stephanie of Monaco.

Belmondo was accused of attacking freelance photo Christian Martinez with tear gas, a baseball bat and his feet. The incident occurred near a restaurant in Neuilly, just outside Paris, in March 1982. Martinez had been trailing the celebrity couple. Belmondo, a friend and two of Stephanie's bodyguards attacked Martinez, who said he had to take two weeks off from work because of his injuries.

Belmondo's friend and the bodyguards were fined \$238 and received suspended prison sentences. Martinez won \$1,212 in a civil suit after the incident.



Mason has a friend

Veteran British movie star James Mason is photographed in Tunisia with a pet serpent. Colombia draped around his neck, Mason portrays Emperor Tiberius in the 12-hour American series, "A.D. Anno Domini," produced by Vincenzo La Bella and directed by Stuart Cooper. The \$30 million film tells the story of early Christianity's struggle against Imperial Rome and is being shot near Monastir, Tunisia.

Quote of the day

Joan Collins says nudity is one thing, pornography another. She told Fred Robbins on Mutual Radio's "Assignment Hollywood": "I suppose there will always be a market for hard core sex films. I suppose there will be certain principal actors who will do that kind of movie, and I suppose the public will go and see it. I still think there's also going to be a market for Walt Disney movies, for adventure movies, for disaster movies, for sci-fi films. But there are still certain actresses who won't take off their clothes, or do nude scenes. Raquel Welch, for example, I don't think ever will, or has done. And yet again, Jane Fonda does, Glenda Jackson does, Diane Keaton does, I do. But I think... there will not be that many who will actually do graphic sex scenes."

Glimpses

Shirley Temple Black is the new president of the 14,000-member Commonwealth Club of California, a job that involves presiding over the club's speaker programs and hosting a number of prominent guests who speak to the forum.

John Denver will again host the annual Grammy Awards, to be broadcast on CBS on Feb. 28.

Chuck Barris, Cab Calloway and Michael Spinks will be among those handing out gifts to more than 1,500 underprivileged children at the New York Friars Club Sunshine Committee Christmas Theater Party for Children on Saturday.

Now you know

The United States' Bill of Rights, which is the original 10 amendments that clarified certain individual and state rights not named in the Constitution, went into effect on Dec. 15, 1791.

Weather

Today's forecasts

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Partly sunny today with highs in the 40s. Partly cloudy and colder tonight. Lows in the upper teens in the Berkshires and 20s elsewhere. Saturday partly sunny. Chance of a few flurries in the Berkshires. Highs in the 30s. Maine and New Hampshire: Cloudy with scattered flurries north and mountains and slow clearing south today. Highs in the mid 30s to upper 40s. A chance of flurries north and mountains and fair south tonight and Saturday. Lows in the teens and 20s. Highs in the 20s and 30s.

Vermont: Variable cloudiness today with light snow or flurries mainly north. A little cold. Highs in the upper 30s to low 40s. Considerable cloudiness tonight and Saturday with light snow or flurries mainly north. Lows in the teens to around 20. Much colder Friday. Highs in the mid 30s to 40s. Lows in the teens and 20s. West winds 10 to 20 knots today through Saturday. Visibility over 5 miles. Average wave heights 11 to 2 feet today and tonight.

Partly sunny today in Connecticut

Today, partly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. Westerly winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy and colder. Lows in the mid 20s. Westerly winds around 10 mph. Saturday, partly sunny and colder. Highs in the 30s. Today's weather picture was drawn by Greg King, 9, of 160 Bryan Drive, a fourth-grade student at Robertson School.

Air quality

The state Department of Environmental Protection forecast good air quality levels across Connecticut for Friday and reported the same conditions statewide Thursday.

Extended outlook

Extended outlook for New England Sunday through Tuesday: Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Chance of snow flurries Sunday. Fair and cold Monday and Tuesday. Daytime highs generally in the mid 20s to mid 30s. Overnight lows mostly in the mid teens to 20s Sunday and in the single digits and teens Monday and Tuesday.

Vermont: Cold. Chance of a little snow Sunday. Dry Monday and Tuesday. Highs in the 20s. Lows 5 to 15.

Maine and New Hampshire: Clouding up with a chance of flurries Sunday. Clearing Monday. Fair and cold Tuesday. Highs in the teens north and 20s south Sunday dropping into the single numbers and teens Tuesday. Lows 5 to 15 north and teens to low 20s Sunday morning dropping to zero to 10 below north and zero to 10 above south by Tuesday morning.

Now you know

Roger B. Taney, who served as President Andrew Jackson's treasury secretary in 1833 and was chief justice of the Supreme Court from 1836 to 1864, never attended law school.

Lottery

Connecticut daily Thursday: 555 Play Four: 6284 Rainbow Jackpot: G-Red-561

Other numbers drawn Thursday in New England: New Hampshire daily: 5647. Rhode Island daily: 2574. Maine daily: 880. Vermont daily: 732. Massachusetts daily: 1852.

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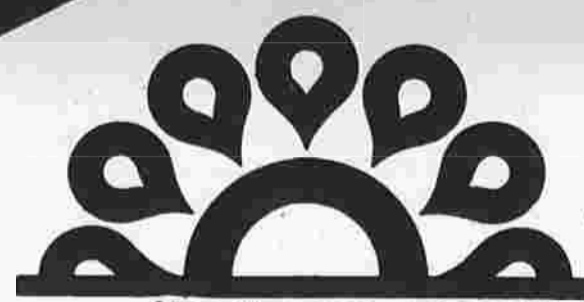
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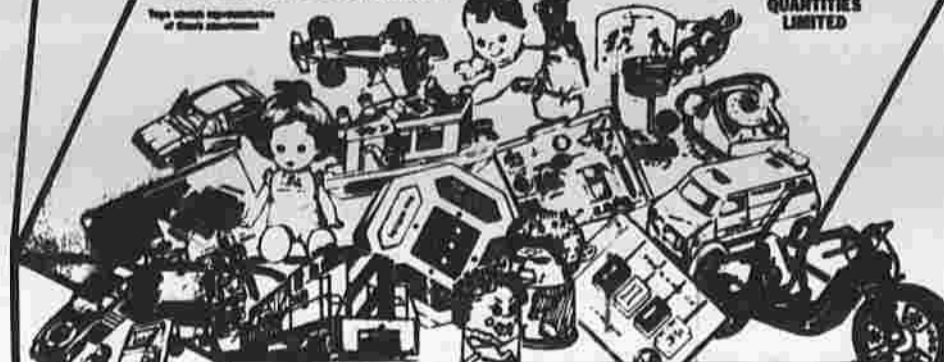
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OPINION

If you're hungry, you're hungry

Last week when presidential counselor Edwin Meese III said, "Some people are going to soup kitchens because the food is free and that's easier than paying for it," I had to agree.



Manchester Spotlight

By Sarah E. Hall — Herald Reporter

To some extent, it is easier to accept a free lunch than conjure up cash when you don't have any.

It's also easier, for some, to take a hand-out than take another chunk out of a disability or unemployment check that's already been eaten away by heating bills, rent bills, medical bills.

And it's definitely easier to opt for one free meal per day than try to stretch \$17.90 — the weekly food allotment for single adults on town welfare — enough to buy bread, milk and other essentials to last seven days.

(People on the Manchester dole do have another choice I should mention. They may decide they want restaurant vouchers rather than grocery-store ones, and receive an allotment which averages out to about \$1 per meal.)

"I'D LIKE TO SEE Ed Meese live on \$17 a week for food," Marge Harford, coordinator of "The Shepherd's Place" soup kitchen in Manchester, told me Thursday. "I couldn't live on that myself."

Mrs. Harford estimated that about 85 percent of the 30 or more people who use the soup

kitchen daily really need the service. "There are a few moochers," she added, who simply prefer charity to self-help.

But about a third of the clients have mental problems, Mrs. Harford said, and many of those "just aren't capable of getting up in the morning and getting to a job."

ANOTHER THIRD, she said, are elderly. More men than women use the kitchen, according to Mrs. Harford. Almost all are single adults, although a few couples come and a few mothers bring their children on days when there's no school.

A small percentage are visibly shaken and disturbed that they have to come get free food, and they apologize for being there," she said. She claimed she's never had a problem with a drunken visitor, never even smelled liquor on the breath of any client. On the whole, she said, the clients are helpful. If she has a garbage bag that's full, it gets whisked outside. Three weeks

ago, one man showed up his shirt sleeves and started doing dishes, without saying a word; he's done so every day since that he's used the kitchen.

ALL THIS ISN'T meant to pat backs. It is meant to lend credence to something I've suspected all along: that most poor people aren't your classic, no-good-bums; most aren't poor on purpose.

And when you try to separate those who don't "deserve" to be poor from those who do, you make a moral judgement that a public policy-maker has no place making. Who is to say who's "truly needy," and who is not?

Some people do abuse the welfare system, I know. As a former social worker in Windham's town welfare office, I had more than one client whose "social disadvantage" was, I'm sure, nothing more than laziness. Trouble is, there was no objective way to prove they were lazy — not if they were

smart enough to give the right answers to all the questions on all the forms, as the welfare types usually were. Connecticut's welfare laws discouraged many would-be loafers, anyway.

But most of the people I served really didn't like being on welfare, using charity shelters and frequenting soup kitchens. Most got fed up with having a government agency keep tabs on their lives, and grew tired of wading through welfare red tape. Most, in short, tried to get off the public dole as soon as they could.

SOME OF THESE chronic welfare clients were disgraced or just too odd-looking for most employers to consider for a job; some were ex-convicts, alcoholics, drug addicts. Some were chronically ill, but not ill enough to qualify for disability payments.

Others were simply born with lower I.Q.'s than most. While job-training worked wonders for a few, others were both unable to master technical skills and at a disadvantage in competing for the few menial jobs available.

Many, many were mentally disturbed, with such a fragile hold on reality that any upset would tip them off-balance. The trend toward releasing the retarded and mentally ill from state asylums has more of these people out on their own. But in institutions or not, they are still a public responsibility. Take away their "safety nets" — soup kitchens, shelters, and other support services — and they're likely to land right back in a state facility, where their keep costs lots.

Deny these people a cup of coffee, and you'll only make their already miserable lives so much more miserable. When you're hungry, you're hungry — no matter what Ed Meese says.

Public sentiment, though, is against those who make a habit of such places. Society scorns the chronically poor, the "trash" at the bottom of the barrel.

But the hard worker who hit upon hard times, but manages to rise above them, is a hero. That bothers me. In my old job, my caseload included many

who would probably spend years on welfare — but needed help no less than the ones who would conquer their troubles.

Washington — Napoleon boasted that every French soldier carries a marshal's baton in his secret coat pocket. Does every White House counselor carry a pair of eagles in his briefcase?

I've already reported the peculiar circumstances that surrounded the promotion of President Reagan's right-hand man, Edwin Meese II, to full colonel in the Army Reserve. With the help of high-ranking friends in the Pentagon, Meese was quietly given a reserve assignment created specially for him.

AS IT HAPPENS, Meese isn't the first White House counselor to covet a colonelcy. Nearly 10 years ago, Gerald Ford's counselor, John Marsh, wanted to be promoted to colonel after 20 years in the Virginia National Guard. But he told friends he didn't have time to complete the rigorous studies required for promotion while serving as President Ford's counselor. So he gave up the quest.

Meese was not obliged to make such a choice. The Army promotion board, after lobbying from his high-ranking buddies in the reserve, decided to waive the stiff training requirement in Meese's case. By an ironic twist of fate, the secretary of the Army under whom Meese was promoted is the same John Marsh who sacrificed his hope for a colonel's eagles a decade ago.

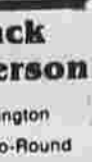
The Army's rule-bending was understandable politically: an attempt to win an influential friend in the White House. But what is really bizarre (even something of an insult to Meese) is the White House action that permitted him to win his ardently sought promotion.

Under a fairly recent annual screening process conducted by the Defense Department, no federal employee can remain in the active reserve if he is considered indisposed to the government in his civilian capacity during an emergency. The reason for this is obvious: The Ready Reserve must have a trained corps of professionals who can be called up immediately in time of war. The military doesn't want to waste its reserves budget on people who won't be available when needed.

THERE IS, IN FACT, an Army regulation that makes anyone who is "a key federal employee" normally ineligible to serve in the active reserve.

According to a Pentagon source who handled the Meese appointment, letters are sent out each year to every government agency — executive, legislative and judicial — requesting a list of every employee who is considered "critical to the operation of this agency."

In Meese's case, the Pentagon letter went to the White House. As one source explained, the White House didn't come right out and declare that Meese is "not in a critical position and could be a mobilization asset."



Special treatment detailed

WASHINGTON — Napoleon boasted that every French soldier carries a marshal's baton in his secret coat pocket. Does every White House counselor carry a pair of eagles in his briefcase?

I've already reported the peculiar circumstances that surrounded the promotion of President Reagan's right-hand man, Edwin Meese II, to full colonel in the Army Reserve. With the help of high-ranking friends in the Pentagon, Meese was quietly given a reserve assignment created specially for him.

AS IT HAPPENS, Meese isn't the first White House counselor to covet a colonelcy. Nearly 10 years ago, Gerald Ford's counselor, John Marsh, wanted to be promoted to colonel after 20 years in the Virginia National Guard. But he told friends he didn't have time to complete the rigorous studies required for promotion while serving as President Ford's counselor. So he gave up the quest.

Meese was not obliged to make such a choice. The Army promotion board, after lobbying from his high-ranking buddies in the reserve, decided to waive the stiff training requirement in Meese's case. By an ironic twist of fate, the secretary of the Army under whom Meese was promoted is the same John Marsh who sacrificed his hope for a colonel's eagles a decade ago.

The Army's rule-bending was understandable politically: an attempt to win an influential friend in the White House. But what is really bizarre (even something of an insult to Meese) is the White House action that permitted him to win his ardently sought promotion.

Under a fairly recent annual screening process conducted by the Defense Department, no federal employee can remain in the active reserve if he is considered indisposed to the government in his civilian capacity during an emergency. The reason for this is obvious: The Ready Reserve must have a trained corps of professionals who can be called up immediately in time of war. The military doesn't want to waste its reserves budget on people who won't be available when needed.

THERE IS, IN FACT, an Army regulation that makes anyone who is "a key federal employee" normally ineligible to serve in the active reserve.

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"The White House sent over a list of jobs that were critical," the source said. "The counselor to the president was not on it." So Meese can be put in uniform in case of a military emergency.

Since the reserve job — as liaison officer between the Selective Service System and Defense Department headquarters — was created specifically for Meese, it is possible he could hold both his Army and White House jobs in wartime.

O'Neill quizzes commissioners on backgrounds

HARTFORD (UPI) — Gov. William O'Neill announced he plans to call in top officials in his administration and ask them again about their backgrounds in light of the arrest this week of the state's agriculture commissioner.

The Democratic governor said Thursday he had asked each commissioner and deputy commissioner about their backgrounds before he appointed them, but planned to have each one back again for a new round of questioning.

"I've asked them point blank to begin with if they have any problems and as I said they all said 'no,'" O'Neill said at a news conference. "We'll be chatting with each and every one of them (again)."

O'Neill was questioned about the process used to check the backgrounds of potential appointees following the arrest Tuesday of Agriculture Commissioner H. Earl Waterman Jr. on a first-degree larceny charge.

Waterman, who resigned Wednesday, was charged with arranging a deal last year that allegedly cheated the town of Suffield out of \$38,500 worth of sand when he was the town's first selectman.

O'Neill defended the current system of having state police check for criminal records of prospective employees and having the nominees questioned by the Legislature's Executive and Legislative Nominations Committees.

He said he could not have known of the alleged wrongdoing by Waterman when he chose him as agriculture commissioner in January.

Also, O'Neill said he didn't think state police would have come up with any derogatory information on Waterman if they had visited Suffield, where he said Waterman was held in high regard.

O'Neill said he obviously did not want to make bad appointments as governor but also did not want too much investigation of nominees to "make sure we don't live in a police state in the state of Connecticut."

He conceded there had been instances in his administration such as Waterman's arrest and other problems, but added, "I don't think it casts a shadow over the entire Democratic Party."

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Connecticut In Brief

Armories provide shelter

HARTFORD — Gov. William O'Neill announced the state will open National Guard armories to provide shelter to homeless people during cold snaps this winter if the alien is deemed necessary.

"If people are out on the street we're going to house them," the Democratic governor said at a news conference Thursday minutes after his task force on the homeless held its first meeting at the Capitol.

O'Neill said the state wouldn't open armories "every night and say 'come on in,'" but would put the 20 or so facilities to use "if the need is on us to open them."

Curcio faces indictment

BRIDGEPORT — A day after Gustave Curcio and his brother were convicted on loan-sharking charges state prosecutors said they will try again to indict Curcio in the gangland-style slaying of reputed mobster Frank Piccolo.

Fairfield County State's Attorney Donald A. Browne said Thursday he would ask a Superior Court Judge in Bridgeport to return grand jury in connection with the Sept. 15, 1981, slaying of Piccolo.

Curcio and his brother Francis were convicted Wednesday of separate federal loan-sharking charges after a lengthy trial in Hartford.

Mayor gets bodyguards

BRIDGEPORT — Mayor Leonard S. Paoletta was assigned private bodyguards in the wake of the slaying of Police Superintendent Joseph A. Walsh, who is fighting to block his forced retirement, a published report said.

Paoletta remained under the guard of a private security group as a precaution in the emotionally charged atmosphere surrounding the police issue. The Bridgeport Post reported Thursday Paoletta was a prime mover in the forced retirement of Walsh.

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Coventry officials annoyed

Buses still without CBs

By Kathy Gormus Herald Correspondent

COVENTRY — Coventry school officials are blaming a Massachusetts-based bus company for delays in the installation of citizens band radios in school buses.

Coventry school transportation official Clarence Edmondson told the Board of Education Thursday night that officials of ARA Transportation have delayed approving a contract governing the maintenance and protection of the town-owned radios.

He said the contract was delivered to the bus company's local manager on Nov. 10 and has since been routed through the company's Boston office to its attorney in Philadelphia.

Edmondson said that while he was given assurances by ARA officials that it would be approved, school officials have yet to receive word on the fate of the contract.

"This is quite typical of how this company operates," he said of the delay. The school department has had other disputes with ARA Transportation.

Edmondson said the contract was drawn up to protect the school system's \$1,600 investment in the radio equipment and that the delay probably indicates that ARA is "taking exception to some of the stipulations in it."

Attempts to determine the status of the contract have failed, he said. The delay has proved more than just an inconvenience, Edmondson said.

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the other morning in the ice storm," he said. Superintendent of Schools Arnold E. Elman said ARA officials also told him there would be no problem with the contract.

"I can see no reason for what is clearly an unreasonable delay," he said. The 16 radios, which now sit in Edmondson's office, were purchased in October as a safety measure against frequent breakdowns of the ARA buses. The meeting with ARA officials in which the board hinted it would consider revoking the performance bond of the company and awarding the contract for bus service to another firm if the problems were not ironed out.

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In Manchester

Fixing bridge the main thing

The problem of restoring the covered footbridge in the Oak Grove Nature Center seems to be on its way to a solution, thanks to the efforts of an interested citizen and the flexible attitude of the trustees of Lutz Children's Museum.

The trustees deserve community thanks for having decided to allow the bridge to remain in place until April 15 so that volunteer effort, with some professional help, can make it safe and attractive again.

And the trustees offer more than pretty speeches to show their concern for the bridge. They have promised \$500 of the museum's money to help in the repair.

The museum is now in the midst of a fund drive, and the trustees' willingness to use some of the museum's badly needed funds for bridge repair should make donors even more willing to support the museum generously.

Meanwhile the job of putting the bridge back in shape rests with the public, or least as many members of the public as are willing and able to help, either with money or with work.

The bridge was built by

volunteer labor in the first place and, insofar as it is possible, it should be rebuilt that way.

But there has been some confusion generated in the process of getting to this point. For one thing, it has been said that vandalism has a lot to do with the bridge condition. Certainly graffiti mar the beauty of the superstructure and boards yanked off it are a nuisance to replace.

But the primary problem has been with the design of the substructure. Water, not vandals, rotted the "legs" at the north side of the bridge and caused it to twist and tilt.

Another unnecessary complication is the effort to determine definitively whether the town, which owns the land, or the museum, which uses it, is "responsible." Maybe the question is one of those that is better unanswered.

If the town has total responsibility, there may be some unwelcome constraints on what can be done. Why don't we forget the whole question, take as much free advice as we can get, and go ahead and repair the bridge?

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Commentary

Liberals are at it again

By William Rusher Syndicated Columnist

NEW YORK — Having just spent most of the month of November in the Far East studying the everlasting subject of Japan, I find that I have left unremarked a number of important developments elsewhere. Before they disappear from the front pages altogether, let's play a little catch-up ball.

AROUND THE middle of October, The New York Times printed a story that, if correct, would have the effect of letting the Russians largely off the hook for shooting down that Korean airliner. According to the Times's usual "anonymous source," the U.S. intelligence community has just about concluded that the Soviet fighter plane was directly below and behind flight 007, and hence truly didn't recognize the distinctive profile of the big Boeing 747 and identify it as a civilian airliner.

People who are somewhat more sophisticated than necessary assumed that the CIA planted that story in the Times to prepare public opinion for a forthcoming backdown from this country's official position that the whole episode was a deliberate and callous outrage on the part of the Soviets. But no such backdown has followed, and a moment's reflection is sufficient to explode the whole "below and behind" theory.

According to transcripts of statements made by the Russian pilot and recorded by U.S. and Japanese listening posts at the time, the Soviet fighter plane was at various

moments in front of the 747, as well as to the right of it, as beam of it and to the right of it, as well as behind it.

"I'm already moving in front of the target."

"How can I chase it? I'm already ahead of the target."

"From me it is located at 70 degrees to the left."

"I'm dropping back. Now I will try rockets."

Forget the Russians' subsequent assertion that the fighter plane wagged its wings at the 747 to order it to land; presumably that was just another Soviet lie. But how does one reconcile the pilot's recorded statements with the "below and behind" theory?

EARLY IN November, South Africa's white electorate approved a sweeping constitutional reform that enfranchises both Indian and "coloured" citizens the latter being a large and thoroughly Westernized mulatto community), provides them with separate parliamentary chambers to manage their own affairs, and gives them a voice in such collective problems as defense.

The whites remain dominant, entrenched behind provisions that guarantee that the other two blocks never vote together; but there is simply no denying that the new constitution is an impressive step forward for South Africa.

That it does nothing for South Africa's black majority — which is true, but slyly dishonest because no conceivable constitution could do that — is another matter.

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Pay hike urged for legislators

HARTFORD (UPI) — Some members of a state commission voting to recommend a 35 percent increase in basic compensation for state lawmakers claimed low salaries and expense allowances.

Robert G. Lee of South Windsor, who is secretary of the House of Representatives, said the commission's principal objective should be to encourage the best possible people to run for the Legislature," he said.

Lawmakers would receive a basic salary and expense allowance of \$17,500 a year under the proposal voted Thursday. The Legislature cut the salary levels proposed in the last report for its members, but approved the pay hikes for judges and other elected officials almost intact.

The recommendations approved unanimously by the commission will be submitted to the Legislature for action in its next regular session, which begins in February.

If approved, the pay increase would not take effect until the new Legislature elected next November takes office in January 1985. State law prohibits lawmakers from voting themselves a pay raise for their current terms.

There was some disagreement among commission members about the breakdown between expenses and salary. The latest recommendations, but the group unanimously agreed to a \$17,500 total, though some members advocated more.

"My only chagrin is it isn't higher," said George Ritter, a former legislator from Hartford, who said a pay hike could be justified.

Under the commission's recommendations, the basic salary for a rank-and-file member of the House or Senate would go from \$10,500 a year to \$11,000 annually. The current \$2,500 a year expense allocation would be hiked to \$3,500.

Committee chairman and legislative leader would receive additional

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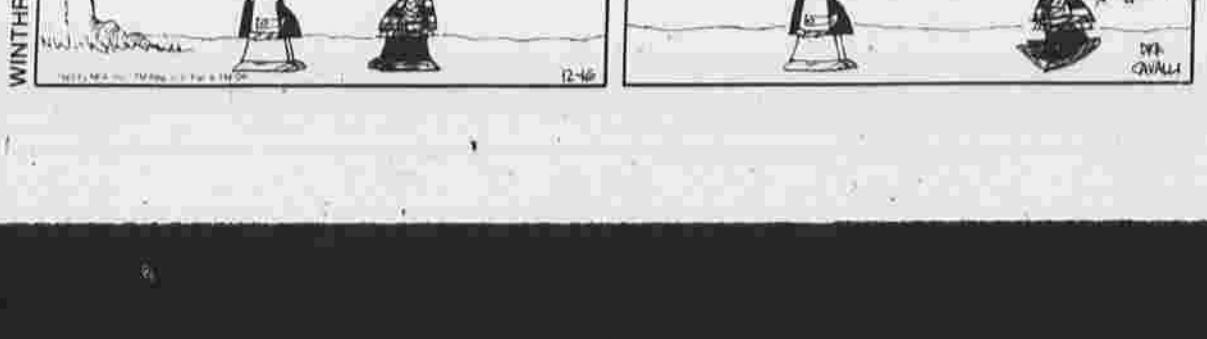
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South wasn't in that much of a hurry. He decided to get more information, so after playing just one trump, he called dummy's king of spades, ruffed a spade high, led a second trump to dummy, discarded a club on the spade king and ruffed dummy's last spade.

West had produced four spades so South knew that he had been dealt four spades, six hearts and two diamonds, which meant he held just one club.

A club was led to the king and now South could finesse against East with certainty of success.

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Zinsser says he's honored to be among 'dirty dozen'

HARTFORD (UPI) — State Sen. Carl A. Zinsser, R-Manchester, and Rep. J. Peter Fuscica, R-Marlborough, are listed among Connecticut lawmakers labeled this year's "dirty dozen" by the state's largest citizen group.

Several have scoffed at the rating and Zinsser said he was honored to be among the 12.

The Connecticut Citizens Action Group Thursday attacked the 12, including three of the most powerful members of the House, for their records on issues and dealings with the group.

Zinsser said, "I'm in good company." He said he looks upon the CCAG the way he does any other special interest group. He says it is unfortunate that CCAG feels it has to put out the list.

"I feel sorry for them," he said. He said would like the organization to look at some of the legislation he has promoted, like the trust fund for children and low energy assistance.

The citizen group, which claims 20,000 members statewide, criticized the lawmakers for voting

against the CCAG position on legislation or being antagonistic to the group.

The citizen group also handed out awards to what it considered the "Top 10 Legislators" this year and gave honorable mention certificates for eight others. The CCAG has ranked lawmakers annually since 1975.

Listed in the "dirty dozen" were three of the most powerful members of the House's Democratic majority and the top leaders of the Republican minority in the House and Senate.

The House Democratic leaders attacked by the group were Majority Leader John Groppo of Windsor, Assistant Majority Leader Joan Kemler of West Hartford and Appropriations Committee Chairman Janet Polinsky of Waterford.

On the GOP side, the "dirty dozen" included Senate Minority Leader Philip Robertson of Cheshire and House Minority Leader R.E. Van Norstrand of Darien.

Robertson said in a statement he was honored to be included in the

group, saying he received the ranking because of his staunch opposition to a personal income tax.

"I'm glad the CCAG recognized those of us who speak for the vast majority of Connecticut taxpayers — taxpayers who with good reason oppose an income tax and so-called tax reform," he said.

Others Republicans in the "dirty dozen" were Zinsser and Sen. William Rogers III of Southbury and Fuscica and representatives David Anderson of Norwich, Richard Foley of Oxford, Antonina Parker of Glastonbury and David Smith of Brookfield.

The "Top 10" included Democratic Sen. Joseph Harper Jr. of New Britain and John Larson of East Hartford and Reps. Teresale Bertinusso of East Windsor, Walter Brookes of New Britain, DeBianco of Waterbury, Mary Mushinsky of Wallingford, Carrie Saxton Perry of Hartford and Robert Sorenson of Meriden.

The lone Republican in the "Top 10" was Rep. Christopher Shays of Stamford.

Obituaries

Frank A. Turcotte
COVENTRY — Frank A. Turcotte, 66, of 601 Silver St., died Thursday in Queens, N.Y. He was the husband of Doris Payne Turcotte.

He was born in New York City, had lived in Long Island City, N.Y., and had been a resident of Coventry for the past 35 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and had served in Guam. He was employed as an insurance salesman for George E. Payne & Son Inc. of New York. He was a member of the Second Congregational Church of Coventry and the Lions Club of Coventry.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, George P. Turcotte of Coventry, and a granddaughter, Michelle Turcotte of Coventry.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, 2 p.m., at Second Congregational Church, Route 44, Burial will be at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to the organ fund of the Second Congregational Church, Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester, has charge of arrangements.

She is survived by a son, Robert W. Flavelle of Bridgeport; three grand children; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a date to be announced. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Buckland Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to the North United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., has charge of arrangements.

Richard Francis O'Brien
ANDOVER — Graveside service for Richard Francis O'Brien, 52, of 45 Lakeview Ave., who died Oct. 28 in Mamamoneck, N.Y., will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Townsend Cemetery.

There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to the Estate of Richard O'Brien, in care of the Andover branch of the Savings Bank of Manchester, Route 6, 06232. The

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Milner's condition now fair

HARTFORD (UPI) — Mayor Thirman Milner was in fair condition today at Mt. Sinai Hospital where he was admitted Thursday for observation and a series of tests.

Milner, 50, was admitted to the hospital about 2:30 p.m. after canceling all his appointments Thursday morning. Anthony J. Napoleon, more important, a partner who though it were the first time, a partner unencumbered by past experiences who is ready — and willing — to care.

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Tooled hillfolk. Throw out his old, falling-apart one. These are \$5 at Mary Lewis Shop, 829 Main St. Soft rust-colored leather.

Card tray. Keeps playing cards organized. 39 cents. Let him gamble in style. Marlow's Department Store, 867 Main St.

Official U.S. Olympics ski cap. For the champion on your team. \$3.77. Manchester Hardware, 877 Main St.

Pocket tennis game. Made of wood, it'll keep him busy when it's too snowy to hit the courts. \$2.95. Regal's Men's Shop, 903 Main St. If his

game is cribbage, Regal's has those, too. \$4.50.

Pointer. This is for the executive on the climb who needs something for presentations. Fits easily in a breast pocket and telescopes to 25.5 inches. \$2.98. Harrison's Stationers, 849 Main St.

Belt key chains. In bright colors, these snap to his belt. \$1.19. Marlow's Department Store, 867 Main St.

Favorite post cards. Figure out what his favorite spot in town is and then surprise him with it. \$2. Brooks Antiques, Manchester Mall.

Painter's hat with his name on it. Give him a hint that you want the living room painted. Give him a hat with his name on it. Hat and five letters are \$3.95. Personal Tee, 855 Main St.

Package opener. This is a letter opener, only stronger. Stainless steel. \$1.85. Harrison's Stationers, 849 Main St. \$1.85.

Kids' stockings are easy to fill. In fact, you rarely have to come close to the \$5 limit on any item, a simple walk through Manchester stores proves.

At Fairway Department Store, 975 Main St., there are kids' card games galore. Old Maid, Domino and Runny, at 69 cents a deck. Learning decks of flash cards for subjects such as math, are 97 cents a pack. Clay, to amuse the children for hours, is \$1.39 a package; and a bubble pipe and the liquid, 97 cents.

Woody Woodpecker scissors, the kind with the blunt ends and wide grippers for little fat fingers, \$1.29, and pencil sharpeners in the shape of animals, 59 cents.

At Marlow's Department Store, 867 Main St., there's a little gumball machine full of little pieces of gum, at \$2.98; a Slinky Junior, guaranteed to amuse a child for hours watching it tumble down the stairs, at \$1.19. Tonka trucks and cars, \$2.50, especially for little boys, make-up soap, five pieces in a package, \$2.50. Baseball cards, \$1 in a package for \$1.29; a giant magnet at \$2, guaranteed to help mother find all of her stray pins.

To satisfy the magician in all little children, there are little envelopes of magic tricks at 29 cents, jewelry for little girls in great variety from \$1.29 to \$1.79, and a very realistic key chain, complete with keys and credit cards, \$1.79.

At Lull the Lull Gull Shop, 977 Main St., there are some Stamp-a-Smurf stickers at \$1.69. Great fun but mothers beware or you might end up with Smurf wallpaper; war paint bubble bath, it will all come out in the wash, \$1.95; Snoopy key chains, 99 cents and Smurlette soap, 79 cents.

At K Mart on Spencer Street, the stocking stuffers are stuck up on space people at \$2.98, bears and comic figures at \$2.47, little Smurf rods at \$4.97 and a wide variety of stickers that range in price from 97 cents and up.

At Harrison's Stationers, 849 Main St., there are fancy pens that have Santa, a snowman or a little mouse on top. A cute item to stick out of the top of a stocking.

At Caldor of Manchester at Burr Corners, there are cute little rag dolls at \$3.99, a wind-up Smurf at \$2.69, and doll clothes from \$2.49 up, depending on the size of the dolls.

At Bradlees Department Store in the Parkade, there are a large variety of the space figures and G.I. Joe action figures ranging in price from \$2.47. These little figures have swivel arms and backs and weapons.

Do men really want first-timers for their wives?

QUESTION: Does a man want to marry a woman who is a virgin? — On the Spot in Denver

ANSWER: Ask him. Some men want a partner without sexual experience and some men don't. However, all men (and women) want something even more important. A partner who is ready to love as though it were the first time, a partner unencumbered by past experiences who is ready — and willing — to care.

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Syndicated Columnist

other. But if something happens and we do part, I won't feel as if I was used because we made love. There's a big difference."

My advice? Listen to the real experts — Romance! readers like Jennifer — and save yourself for love. If, however, this advice is already too late, take heart. Here's a three-step plan designed to help lovers everywhere regain their "virginity."

1. Believe in yourself — today. Worrying about the past is like worrying about reports of bad weather on Pluto.

2. Believe in your partner. That man or woman you're cuddling could be the greatest thing that ever happened to you. Believe it. It's true.

L.D. from Sacramento dared to believe. Here's his story: "I found a kind and loving woman. Being honest, she told me that she had engaged in many intimate relationships before. Now, she said, she wanted one partner — just one — for life. I believed her. I still do. We've been happily married for 11 years and each time we make love it is like our first."

3. Believe in romance. There's hope for even the most "experienced" non-virgin. Recently, a group of friends and I took a moonlit ride in a horsedrawn hansom cab. On the way to the seashore, we drove past an unmistakable lady of the evening — complete with 60 pounds of makeup and a vinyl miniskirt. Expecting some kind of crude comment, we were surprised — and touched — when she looked at us and sighed, "Ah, romance!"

HINTS FROM ROMANTICS. If you would like to touch someone, try proposing — marriage, that is. How? Here's an idea from Caitl W. of Dublin, Ohio:

Weekenders

Dancing Christmas Ballet

A Manchester holiday tradition will come alive Saturday when the Manchester Ballet Company presents its annual performance of "It Was the Night Before Christmas" at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Manchester High School.

Priscilla Gibson, artistic director for the Manchester Ballet, Karen Moore of New York City and Christopher Gibson of New Haven, will be guest artists.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for senior citizens. Tickets will be available at the door.

Come clap for Kera

Kera Rennett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Rennett of 94 Henry St., will appear Saturday in the production of "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Hartford Jewish Community Center, 355 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford.

The performance is at 8 p.m. Miss Rennett, a Manchester Herald carrier, will play Beke, youngest daughter of Tevye.

It's for everyone

Members and friends of Church of the Nazarene have set up a drive-through Christmas panorama in the church parking lot and surrounding areas.

The scene will be open tonight from 7 to 9. There is no charge and you can stay in your warm car and drive through the different Christmas scenes, guided by someone holding a muted candle. Car occupants will be served hot chocolate.

Local artist in ballet

Alexia Cruz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amado Cruz of South Farms Drive, Manchester, will dance the roles of Party Child, Sprig and Soldier in this year's production of the "Nutcracker" by the Hartford Ballet.

The show opened Thursday and will continue through Sunday. It will also run Dec. 19 through 23 at the Bushnell Memorial Hall in Hartford.

Performances are at 8 p.m. with matinees Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

To obtain tickets, call the Hartford Ballet or the Bushnell.

Go visit Santa Claus

Children will be treated to a visit and enjoy a snack with Santa Claus, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the log cabin in Wickham Park, 1329 W. Middle Turnpike.

There's no charge for admission but children should be accompanied by an adult.

Mrs. Claus and Santa's elves will be there working on toys. There'll be a fire in the great stone fireplace and a 10-foot Christmas tree.

Concert planned at church

Peter Harvey, music director at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford, will sing and entertain at Second Congregational Church, 385 N. Main St., Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$2.50 and will be available at the door. Doors will open early for good seating.



Theater

Long Wharf Theater, New Haven: "Accent on Youth" playing through Jan. 1, at the theater, 222 Sargent Drive. (574-4281.)

Hotel-in-the-Wall Theater, New Britain: "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie," playing its final performance tonight at 8:30 at the theater, 36 North St. Admission is by donations. (223-9500.)

Hartford Stage Company, Hartford: "As You Like It," playing through Sunday. Show time today and Saturday, 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, 7:30 p.m., at the theater, 50 Church St. (527-5151.)

Repertory Theater, New Britain: "1940s Radio Hour," playing today through Sunday, Friday and Saturday, 8:15 p.m. and Sunday, 7:15 p.m., at the theater, 23 Norden St. Tickets \$6. (223-3147.)

Hartford Jewish Community Center, West Hartford: "Fiddler on the Roof," playing Saturday at 8 p.m., at the center, 335 Bloomfield Avenue. Tickets \$6 and \$8. (526-4571.)

Cocoonlight Dinner Theater, East Windsor: "A Connecticut Yankee," playing at the theater on Route 5, nightly except Mondays, through Feb. 5. Doors open for cocktails and dinner at 6:30 p.m., before the show. (567-1801.)

Vale Repertory Theater, New Haven: "Richard III," playing tonight at 8 and Saturday at 8:30 p.m., at the theater, 222 York St. (436-3164.)



Lectures

St. Francis Hospital, Hartford: Lecture on "Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery," by Dr. J. Scott Galle, cardiologist, Monday from 5 to 6 p.m. at the hospital, 14 Woodland St. Free and open to public. (548-4202.)

Chaffield Hollow State Park, Killingworth: Family outdoor discovery program, sponsored by State Department of Environmental Protection, Saturday at 1 p.m. In the park on Route 148. No charge. (566-8108.)

Constitution Plaza, Hartford: Festival of Light, on the plaza in downtown Hartford, nightly from dusk to 10 p.m. No charge. (277-3474.)

Gillette Castle, East Haddam: Open house Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Castle in Gillette Castle State Park. Castle decorated for Christmas. Admission \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children ages 6 through 12. Children under 6 admitted free. (526-2334.)

Children's Museum, West Hartford: Program entitled "Constellation Construction," Saturday at 2:30 p.m., at the museum, 790 Trout Brook Drive. Open to all museum visitors with regular museum admission plus 50 cents for materials to be used to make constellations. (236-2961.)

Frans-Lux College Cinema, Storrs: "Tommy," playing today and Saturday, 7 p.m., with a matinee Saturday at 2:30 p.m., at the theater on Route 195. (429-6662.)

Copernicus Observatory, New Britain: Special Christmas show, "The Christmas Star," today, Saturday and Sunday at 7 and 8:30 p.m., and Monday through Thursday, 8:30 p.m., at the observatory and planetarium on the campus of Central Connecticut State University. Special Christmas program for children, today through Sunday at 4 p.m., and continuing the rest of the month. (827-7419.)

Audubon Society, Glastonbury: Weather-making workshop at Holland Brook Audubon Center, 1361 Main St., Glastonbury, today from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fee is \$8 per wreath for society members and \$10 for non-members. Covers costs of materials. Call (633-8402.)



Et Cetera

Wickham Park, Manchester: Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and Santa's elves will be at the log cabin in the park, 1329 W. Middle Turnpike, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. No charge. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Free refreshments. (528-0854.)

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Dance

Bushnell Memorial Hall, Hartford: The "Nutcracker," playing today and Saturday, and Sunday. Performances today and Saturday at 8 p.m., with a matinee Saturday at 2:30 p.m., and Sunday performances at 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. (527-0713.)

Parker School, Tolland: Tollanders Saucy Dance Club beginners' ball. Spectators welcome. Today at 8 p.m., at the school on Old Post Road. Immanuel Congregational Church, Hartford: Traditional New England Contra Dance, today at 8 p.m., calling by Ralph Sweet. Music by Whiskey Before Breakfast. At the church, 10 Woodland St. Beginners and singles welcome. \$3 charge. (677-4619.)

U.S. Dance Club, Rocky Hill: Christmas party and dance, 8 p.m., Saturday with the dance team of Francis Szony and Toni-Ann Carella. Buffet dinner included. Bring gifts for Children's Home in Cromwell and white elephant gift, optional. Admission is \$10. On Sunday will be the club's Performing Arts Christmas party and student showcase. Show is open to public at \$3 admission. The club is at 38 New Britain Ave. (529-3442.)



Music

Lincoln Theater, West Hartford: Tom Paxton, folk performer in a special concert sponsored by the Sounding Board at the theater of the University of Hartford, Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets \$4 and \$5. (563-3263.)

High School, Glastonbury: Navajo Male Chorus, annual Christmas concert, tonight at 7:30 at the high school. Tickets available at the door.

Center Church, Hartford: Tuesday at noon, Peter Harvey in program of music and Wednesday noon repertory in the church, 40 Gold St. Readings, music, dance for the season. Susan Clarke, soprano soloist. For lunch reservations call by Tuesday at 4 p.m., or come for beverage and program. Lunch \$3 and dinner \$1.50. (249-5621.)

Center Congregational Church, Manchester: Peter Harvey will sing and entertain, Sunday at 7:30 p.m., at the church, Center Street. Tickets are \$2.50.

Leamy Hall, New London: U.S. Coast Guard Band winter holiday concert, Sunday at 8 p.m., in the hall auditorium at the Coast Guard Academy. Free and open to the public. (444-8468.)

Center Church, Hartford: A Concert of Christmas music, Sunday at 4 p.m., in the church, 40 Gold St. Hapa pups of Manchester is one of the performers. Holiday reception following. Free and open to the public.

St. Peter's Church, Hartford: Charismatic vesper and prayer service with music by Harvest, Sunday at 4 p.m., at the church, 160 Main St. The public is invited.

Avon Old Farms School, Avon: The Hartford Chamber Orchestra with its annual Christmas Concert, today through Monday in the school refectory, 8:30 p.m., Friday and 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Tickets at \$13 per person include wine and light refreshments. (727-9066)

U.S. has no choice with Iran's message

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI) — U.S. postal officials say they have no choice but to deliver all properly posted mail — even letters from Iran posted with stamps commemorating the taking of the American hostages in 1979.

One such letter showed up this week at the foreign students office at Sacramento State University, with a request from an Iranian national for an application for admission to the school.

English letters along the black border side of the stamp stated: "The takeover of the U.S. Spy Den." On its top half was a burning U.S. flag behind a blindfolded hostage. The lower half showed militant Iranians climbing over the brick and iron fence outside the U.S. Embassy.

"I think it is disgusting," said Kathy Whitaker, an employee at the school office. "I just think it's terrible. I think we've put up with enough. This is not very nice."

But Sacramento postmaster Frederic Rupp said his office could do nothing and that carriers have to deliver all properly posted letters, no matter what the stamp commemorates.

"If it's a problem, it's a problem for federal employees that are considerably higher up than I," he said.

Iranians took the Americans hostages on Nov. 4, 1979, and held them for 444 days.

Mexican stars

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Seven of Mexico's best-known actors were included in the cast of John Huston's "Under the Volcano," filmed on locations in the vicinity of Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Producer Michael Fitzgerald signed Ignacio Lopez Tarso, Carlos Riquelme, Isabel Vazquez, Salvador Sanchez, Sergio Calderon, Hugo Stieglitz and Tun-Tun for the Universal Pictures feature.



ACT I: GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDFATHER at the Hartford Ballet's "Nutcracker"

Hartford's 'Nutcracker' — unpretentious, fun ballet

PERFORMANCE: The Hartford Ballet's "Nutcracker," Bushnell Memorial Hall in Hartford.

RATING: Three-and-a-half stars.

OVERALL REACTION: An unpretentious, fun ballet that's not just for dance aficionados. (I attended with my 3-year-old son and his father, who finds most ballets boring. Both were pleased.) This version of the famous Christmas story is five years old, but the dancing was far from stale and the sets were as impressive as ever.

PLOT: The ballet opens in the living room of the von Stahlbaum family in Germany, on Christmas Eve. Party guests exchange gifts, and young Clara receives a nutcracker from her godfather, the mysterious Dr. Drosselmeyer. Magical things happen when she falls asleep that night — the nutcracker changes to a prince after battling some oversized mice; Clara becomes a grown-up. Visits to the Land of Snow and the Kingdom of Sweets follow.

DANCING: Poised, self-assured, and remarkably fresh.

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SPECIAL EFFECTS: Stunning. With slide projections and see-through screens, technical director Steven Friedlander creates a gauzy, fanciful kingdom. Set changes are so fluid that you get wrapped up in the magic, forgetting that what you're watching is just a show.

A lighted tree suddenly grows from 12 to 32 feet tall. Cannons produce fire, thunder, and smoke. Madam Regniere, the hoop-skirted puppet who stands two stories high, was a favorite with the audience.

COSTUMES: The candies look delicious; the sprites appear authentic. The Little Mice are so quiet, fat, and endearing, the lighter mice look truly vicious. In short, the costumes fit the story.

The brilliant colors enliven the holiday charm. And in her gauzy yet simple costume, Judith Gosnell really seems an ethereal figure out of a dream.

MUSIC: Performed live by the Hartford Ballet Orchestra and the Hartford Chorus. It is as it should be — grand.

TICKETS: Performances continue tonight, Saturday and Monday through Dec. 23 at 8 p.m. Matinees are Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$5 to \$20. Box office: 246-8807.



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Rating system

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Melissa Manchester tours Australia

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Talks About You," topped Melissa Manchester as she embarked on a five-week tour of Australia during which she will headline in Adelaide, Twin Town, Sydney and Melbourne for a total of 27 performances.

It is the first trip down under for the pop singer whose Grammy Award-winning song, "You Should Hear How She Sounds Without Me."

Manchester recently concluded an extensive tour of the United States, visiting 35 cities across the country.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Trio cast

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — A trio of stars, Martin Sheen, Louis Gossett and Arthur Hill, have been signed to star in "The Guardian," an HBO Premiere Film for cable TV.

Production of the contemporary drama will begin in New York for one week Nov. 14 and then move to Toronto for an additional four weeks of principal photography.

"The Guardian" was written by Richard Levinson and William Link.

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What you should know about buying a Christmas tree

NEW YORK (UPI) — The best way to get a good Christmas tree, an expert says, is to shop early and shop around.

"Most trees are cut by the 5th of December and they are going to get no fresher on the retail lot," said William Huxster, a forest resources specialist at North Carolina State University.

Huxster said shoppers should check prices and trees at several lots before making a purchase so they can get a better idea about the freshness of the trees and their relative cost.

Freshness can be determined by bending a few needles. The needles of a freshly cut tree will be pliable. Those of a dry tree will snap when bent.

Tapping the trunk of the tree on the ground is another measure — a shower of needles when the tree is

dropped means a dry tree and more needles on the floor at home.

"A fresh tree will last in the house three or four weeks with no problem," Huxster said. "The secret is to get the fresh tree back into water rather than getting a dried tree back into water. A dried tree will not pick up water. The fresher the tree, the faster it recuperates."

Waigstattl Avery, president of the North Carolina Christmas Tree Association, said a couple inches of the trunk should be cut off so the tree can soak up water.

"If you don't do that, the tree has sealed itself at the bottom and water can't be taken up," he said.

Once inside, trees should be set away from heat vents and kept adequately watered.

Huxster said trees this year should cost about the same as last

year, with the price dependent on height, density and freshness.

Huxster said price increases will depend on individual retailers, with some retailers charging more because they are selling a better product.

"If the retailer has upgraded the quality of his product, then his trees will be considerably higher, but it should be reflected in better quality trees than he had last year," Huxster said.

Both Huxster and Avery believe more American homes will have natural trees this year.

"Six or seven years ago there was a trend to go to the artificial tree," Avery said. "But in the last three years or so, the trend has been to go back to the natural tree. I think people like the aroma of a natural tree in the house."

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DEAR FAN: The item to which you refer was written by Philip B. Gilliam, a juvenile court judge from Denver...

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DEAR ABBY: What should we do when guests drop in uninvited at the precise moment when our favorite television program comes on?

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Hiatal hernia requires careful evaluation and diet

DEAR DR. LAMB: Would you send me your Health Letter on the use and abuse of antacids? I have a hiatal hernia caused by stomach acid, which causes burning in my chest and at times under my left rib...



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Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

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Valley area has higher death rate

BRIDGEPORT (UPI) — A report issued by the Valley Health District claims poverty may help explain higher than average death rates from cancer, pneumonia and heart disease in Derby and Ansonia over a 10-year period.

The number of deaths by pneumonia in Derby were about 45 percent above the state average for the 11-year period. Cancer-related deaths were about 31 percent higher in Derby and deaths caused by heart disease were 23.5 percent more common.

In Ansonia, cancer-related deaths were about 34 percent higher, deaths by pneumonia about 29 percent higher, and fatalities due to heart disease about 19 percent above the state average.

"We know a number of factors contribute to these kinds of diseases — lifestyle, heredity, environmental exposure at the work site, for example," he said.

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About Town

Knights to celebrate

The Knights of Columbus, Manchester Council, will sponsor a New Year's Eve party Dec. 31. A beef airhorn dinner will be served at 8 p.m. and dancing will be from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Chorale to perform

Manchester Symphony Chorale will perform tonight at 8 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Park St. Stuart Gillespie will direct.

Legion plans New Year

The American Legion will sponsor a New Year's Eve party Dec. 31 at the post home, 30 American Legion Drive.

Retirees install officers

EAST HARTFORD — The Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Retirees Club will meet Wednesday at 10 a.m. at 200 Cleburn Road. Officers will be installed.

Flanagan performs with band

BOSTON — Carey Flanagan, son of Thomas J. Flanagan of 48 N. Elm St., is performing in musical showcases throughout the Boston area with the rock band the Coolays.

Bolton Scouts advance

BOLTON — Bolton Boy Scout Troop 73 presented advanced awards at a court of honor recently.

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SPORTS

Defense keys Indian victory

By Len Auster, Herald Sports Editor. EAST HARTFORD — It can be said that Manchester High is ahead of itself. The Indians are definitely way out in front in regards to defense.



Forward Ken Willis skies and gets set to release jump shot against East Hartford High Thursday night at the Hornets' gym. Willis turned in a strong overall performance in Manchester, Conn.

Eagles sloppy but win opener

By Rich Cahill, Herald Sports Writer. The Eagles of East Catholic High overcame early sloppy play and late foul trouble Thursday night to post a 52-43 victory over East Lyme in the 1983-84 basketball opener for both teams.

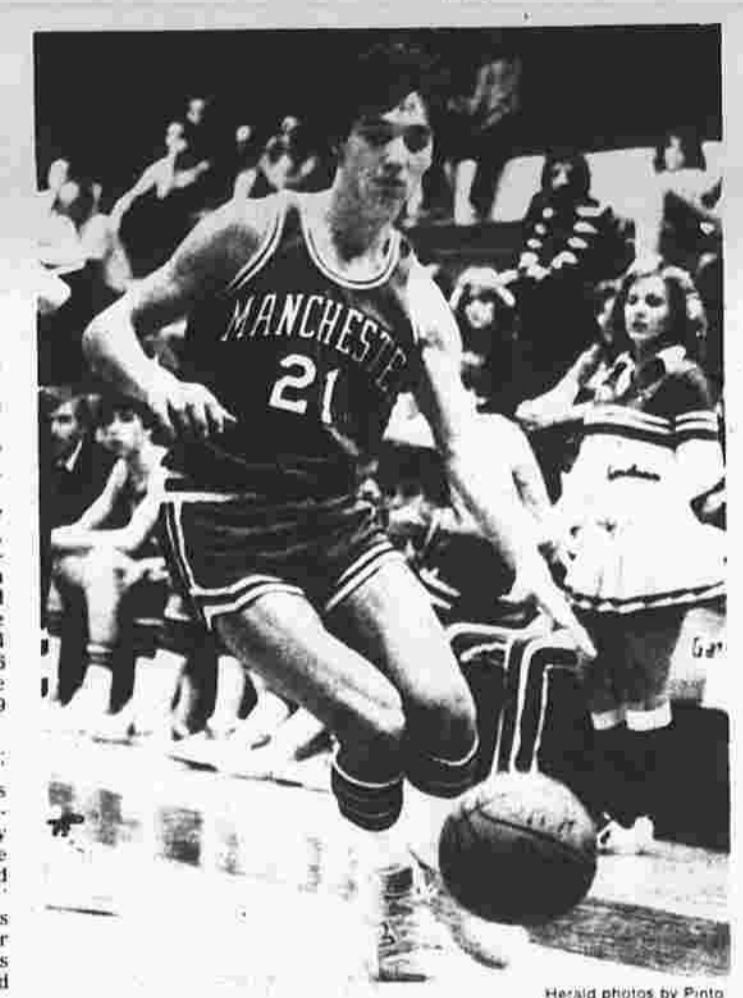
In the third quarter, the Eagles opened it up during a stretch which began with a Dargati jump shot which made the score 27-23. On the Eagles' next trip down the court, Dargati scored after rebounding a missed shot. He was fouled on the play, and his free throw gave East a seven-point lead.

Defense keys Indian victory

through the second period. The Hornets were within 16-14 with 3:46 left in the half before six straight points by Manchester before intermission. The final hoop was set up by a steal by Ken Willis at midcourt. He just threw it at one basket and ricocheted into the waiting arms of Chris Petersen, who deposited a layup for a 22-14 halftime reading.

Encouragement also came in the play of 6-foot-8 junior Brian Spano, in only his second year of organized ball. The elongated pivotman picked up three first-half fouls and half. He came on strong in the final 16 minutes and totaled 10 points, 6 rebounds and 10 assists.

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Kuhn suspends players for year

By Barbara Miner, UPI Sports Writer. NEW YORK — Baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn saying "we cannot and will not tolerate illegal drug use." Thursday issued one-year suspensions to four players: Wilson, Willie Aikens, Jerry Martin and Steve Howe for cocaine abuse.

None of the players will be allowed to play during their suspensions. Kuhn, stressing that baseball players were role models for young people, said a number of steps had been taken in recent years to rehabilitate players who voluntarily admit a drug problem.

At the same time, we have continuously warned everyone in baseball that we cannot and will not tolerate illegal drug use," he said. "The breaking point will be imposed in non-amnesty cases or in cases of continued or renewed involvement after undertaking rehabilitation treatment."

NEW YORK COACH Hubie Brown said the Knicks were beaten by the Bulls' backcourt. The breaking point tonight was Wiggins and Dailey. Brown said, "I thought the fact that they could take our guards one-on-one and score over the top of us was the factor."

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Business In Brief

Water firm being sold

BRIDGEPORT — The Hydraulic Co. of Bridgeport has entered into an agreement to acquire the Stamford Water Co. in a stock transaction valued at \$6.8 million. The Hydraulic Co. has agreed to pay \$19.50 per share for the Stamford company equities. Hydraulic already owns 58,800 shares of Stamford stock, or 12.7 percent of the company's 460,000 outstanding shares. The acquisition must be approved by the state Department of Public Utility Control and the common stockholders of Stamford Water Co.

Joint venture planned

WALLINGFORD — Times Fiber Communication Inc. of Wallingford and Oak Communications Inc. has announced an agreement in principle to form a joint venture company that would market cable television subscriber central systems. Oak Communications is a subsidiary of Oak

Industries Inc. of California. The new venture, to be known as Oak-Times Systems Corp., also will be located in California.

Booth heads Polaroid

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — J.M. Booth has been named president of Polaroid Corp. in addition to his current position of chief operating officer, it was announced Tuesday. Booth, a Concord resident, has been executive vice president since 1980. He was elected chief operating officer last year.

Mercury switch introduced

SHELTON — Tri-Communications Inc., a designer and manufacturer of electronic key telephone systems, Monday introduced its new Mercury switch at the North American Telecommunications Association Convention, the company said. Mercury, a digital, modular PABX switching system, combines key telephone operations with the flexibility and capacity of a medium-sized PABX, the company said. "Mercury positions us in the 200 to 2,000 extension market at an extremely competitive price," said Thomas Boyhan.

Rhody bank coming here

HARTFORD (UPI) — Fleet Financial Group, the owner of Rhode Island's largest bank, plans to open a new national bank in Hartford next year geared towards providing corporate banking services, company officials announced. Fleet intends to open Fleet National Bank Connecticut, which would be Hartford's first new commercial bank in decades, on the day after changes in banking laws in its home state allow the move.

"Opening a bank in Hartford is intended to accelerate Fleet's growth in that key New England financial services marketplace," said Fleet President J. Terrence Murray said Fleet would apply for regulatory approval to establish the bank, giving the Providence-based company full banking and trust powers in Connecticut. He said the bank was

expected to open July 2, 1984.

Under reciprocal banking legislation currently in effect in Connecticut and Rhode Island, July 1 is the first day on which Fleet is permitted to open a bank in Connecticut.

Murray said the establishment of a Fleet bank in Hartford "does not preclude our continued expansion opportunities, including acquisitions, in other parts of the country." The acquisition must also be approved by the comptroller of the currency and Connecticut banking commissioner. Shareholders also approved an increase in the number of authorized shares of common stock from 10 million to 35 million.

either in Connecticut or elsewhere in New England." He said Fleet was considering opening a bank in Boston.

Most interstate banking activity among industry leaders in New England has occurred through mergers or acquisitions that provide an instant customer base and local identity, not the establishment of a new entity.

Shareholders OK acquisition

HARTFORD (UPI) — Shareholders of Hartford National Corp. have voted at a special meeting for the proposed acquisition of First Bancorp Inc. of New Haven. A preliminary total of 4,662,233, or 71 percent of the outstanding shares eligible to vote, were cast in favor of the acquisition Thursday. Shareholders of First Bancorp were scheduled to vote today. The acquisition must also be approved by the comptroller of the currency and Connecticut banking commissioner.

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Erle hangs up the old broom

MHS custodian managed to get lots of respect

By Sarah E. Hall
Herald Reporter

For 21 years, with a cigar stub nearly always in his mouth and keys jangling from his belt loop, Erle G. Bryant served as night custodian at Manchester High School. But no longer. Bryant retired Thursday, leaving the hallways and classrooms at the school for someone else to clean. Friday, friends honored him with a party at the Army & Navy Club. "Now I'm going to call it quits," the 62-year-old Bryant said while still on the job earlier this week. ("My dogs are killing me," he had complained moments earlier.) Bryant took with him some unique views of changes and trends at MHS, views from behind the broom. The recent \$5 million high school renovation project, he said, was a pain in the neck for him. "It was more or less dusty, and dusty, and dusty. You'd clean, and you'd clean, and you'd clean, and you wouldn't get anywhere."

NEW REGULATIONS that have closed the high school campus for sophomores and juniors, restricting them to the area, have left him skeptical. He said he is convinced that many of the underclassmen break the rules, sneaking out of school when they're supposed to be in study hall.

"I think there's a lot of them roaming around. They look awful small to be seniors. When you see 'em walking down the sidewalk to 7-11 (a convenience store near MHS) at 10 o'clock, 11 o'clock, a quarter to 12."

Bryant said he agreed with Principal Jacob Ludes' refusal to support a student smoking ban. Prohibiting smoking, he said, would have "kids sneaking into every nook and cranny to smoke. 'It's something you're not going to stop,'" he said.

He is optimistic about the current crop of students at MHS. Vandalism, he said, is declining. Students are dressing better, and they no longer leave the cafeteria a mess. Bryant, who "laid the law down" when he married 28 years ago that his wife not work, seemed pleased that "girls are starting to look like girls and boys are starting to look like boys."

MHS teachers, he said, are "wonderful," although "little piddly things" have infrequently led to arguments between him and them. This week's faculty



Herald photo by Pinto

A familiar figure in the hallways at Manchester High School, Erle G. Bryant has retired after spending 21 years there as a night custodian.

bulletin led off with a farewell to "Erle," otherwise known as "uncle," and said the staff will miss his "ready wit and quick steps in the corridors."

CUSTODIANS GET more respect nowadays, Bryant said. While years ago

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Solidarity, police clash

WARSAW, Poland (UPI) — Police fought thousands of Solidarity demonstrators Friday in at least four cities as Poles called to mourn protesters killed under martial law two years ago.

Witnesses in Wroclaw, 215 miles southwest of Warsaw, said street fighting raged through the town center for more than an hour, with demonstrators shouting "Solidarity, Solidarity" in the faces of hundreds of riot police. Violence was also reported in Warsaw, Gdansk and Ursus, but the Solidarity call for a massive nationwide protest appeared to have fizzled as police prevented demonstrations by the banned trade union in many towns with crushing shows of strength.

In Gdansk, a Baltic port, Lech Walesa abandoned plans to give a speech critical of the Polish government under a massive display of force by authorities to intimidate the Solidarity

underground. Police in Wroclaw freely used water cannon in the sub-freezing temperatures, witnesses said. Some protesters were beaten with rubber clubs and ambulances were seen racing through the city.

"Down with the food rations," the crowd yelled, referring to anger over food rationing and price hikes. The witnesses indicated at least several thousand people took part.

There were no reports on injuries or arrests and police denied water cannon or any other major crowd-control tactics were used despite the witness accounts.

Police also used clubs to disperse crowds of churchgoers after evening masses in Warsaw and at Ursus, a factory town outside the capital.

A UPI photographer and two Euro-

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Teachers back pact at Catholic schools

By Tracy L. Geoghegan
Herald Reporter

Teachers at East Catholic High School and four other area Catholic schools voted 127 to 45 Friday to ratify a contract negotiated last week, ending a year-long dispute with the Diocesan School Office.

The three-year contract, which gives teachers roughly a 10.73-percent pay increase each year, is "a step in the right direction," said teachers union President Thomas Dickau. But John Jay McConville, East Catholic's building representative to the Greater Hartford Catholic Educators Association, said he was disappointed that the vote had not been closer.

"After all this, I'm surprised so few people stuck to their guns," McConville said. East Catholic teachers were more outspoken during the negotiations than their counterparts at other schools. They were openly critical of the contract when they learned the details of it at a meeting Thursday night. McConville said he could not give a school-by-school breakdown of the vote.

"We've done everything short of strike, and nobody wants a strike," he said. He has indicated that ratification of this contract may force him to leave teaching to find better pay.

McCONVILLE SAID in terms of "real money" the pay raises amount to much less than figures indicate because it includes an incremental increase teachers get automatically each year. Also a "roll-up" in

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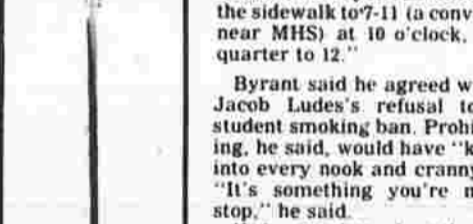
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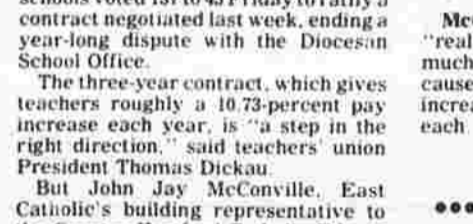
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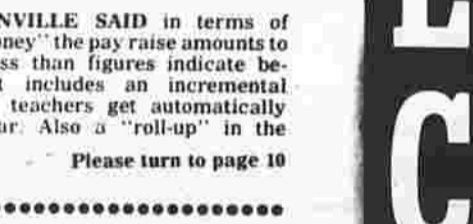
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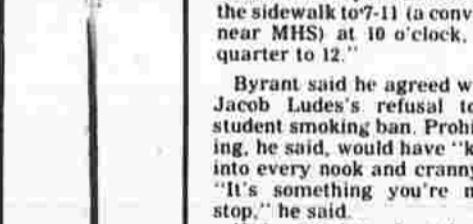
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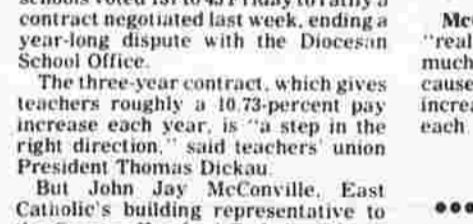
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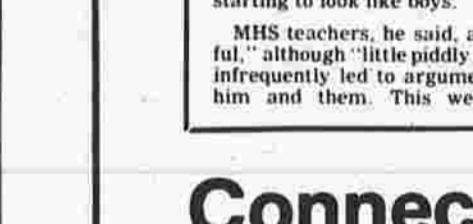
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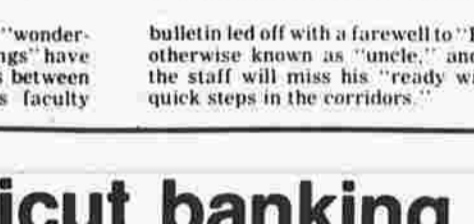
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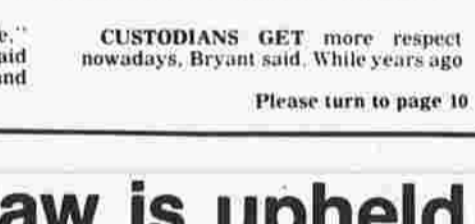
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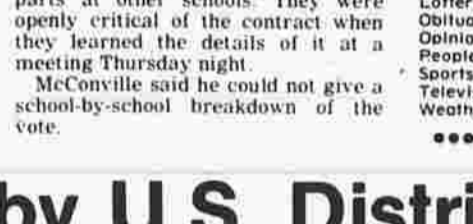
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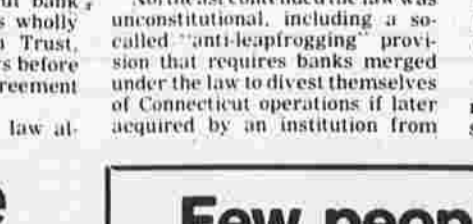
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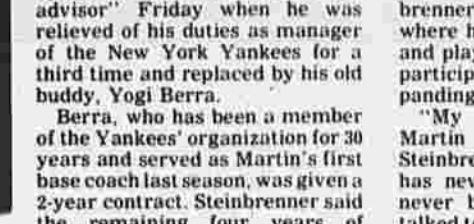
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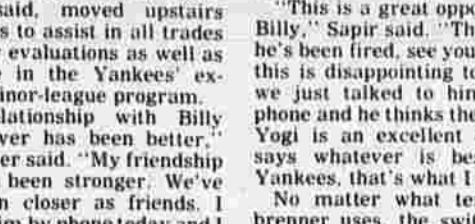
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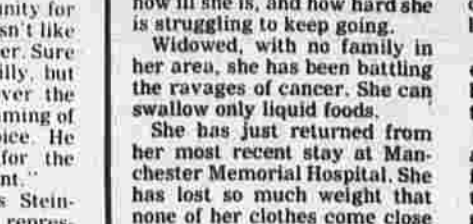
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'Billyball' takes still another bounce

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Billy Martin...new job

NEW YORK — Billy Martin, sent packing by George Steinbrenner twice before, was sent upstairs to the front office as "top adviser" Friday when he was relieved of his duties as manager of the New York Yankees for a third time and replaced by his old buddy, Yogi Berra.

"My relationship with Billy Berra, who has been a member