

Aetna invests in satellite-relayed TV

Trans-Atlantic winetasting boosts videoconferencing

By James V. Healion
United Press International

HARTFORD — The word from France-coming in on the tube was that 1983 was a very good year for wine. Aetna Life & Casualty hopes 1984 will be a good year for satellite-relayed television.

The insurer has a third interest with Comsat General Corp. and International Business Machines in a videoconferencing company and was using trans-Atlantic winetasting to demonstrate its efficiency.

The method's big plus seems to be the savings in time and business travel, which costs companies \$60 billion to \$70 billion a year. While there's money to be made in videoconferencing, an analysis is suggesting commercial utilities have to start looking over their shoulders anytime in the next

decade.

Revenues from videoconferencing are up to \$100 million annually, double what they were four or five years ago, and there's every indication the revenues will continue to roll in, says market analyst Kenneth G. Bosworth, president of the Norwalk-based International Research and Development Inc.

Aetna has been using the videoconferencing method since March to keep in touch with its Chicago division from the home office in Hartford, 700 miles east. Now Aetna, Comsat and IBM want to go global with Satellite Business Systems (SBS), whose big bird is parked in the sky 22,300 miles straight up from the equator.

The bird's feed brought together five wine experts — three in Hartford and two in Paris — so

they could talk, taste and toast for an hour and 15 minutes. It cost about \$1,200 for the hookup. Usually, it's a fixed \$300 an hour within the U.S. Distance and numbers of participants don't matter.

The reception was generally good. Atmospherics or trouble in the relay distorted the sound and picture a few times. It didn't bother Tony Price of Middletown, editor of Wine Lines, a newsletter for connoisseurs. "First class," he said. "We could fire questions and get instantaneous response. It cuts out letters and telephone calls and all that sort of thing."

Price and wine writer Tony Spinazzola of the Boston Globe and Phil Seldon, author and editor of Vintage Magazine, spoke with Robert Drouhin and Johnny Hugel, two of France's best-known

winetasters. They were in the Paris studios of France Cable and Radio. It was evening in Paris, afternoon in Hartford.

All the participants were relaxed, casual. Not all businessmen are. Some shy away from videoconferencing because they come across looking like "nerds," says analyst Bosworth. People expect an anchorman and get a barnacle.

"But top executives addressing people at Holiday Inns all over the country through teleconferencing are different. There you have somebody that is rehearsed, suitably dressed. They work extremely well," he said.

The wine experts could see each other on color television monitors, one atop the other. The Hartford picture was sharp in the "teleconferencing room" at Aetna's head-

quarters. The picture from Paris had a space shuttle quality about it.

The French winetasters talked mainly about what they had in the barrels this year. They said they had good weather during harvest so they have big wines with lots of barrels this year. They said they had a nice acid balance. The 1983 wines will last.

"It's not a wine to drink," Price said. "It's a wine to put in the cellar and keep. They are going to be long-lived wines."

The French winetasters said the Alsace vineyards produced one of the best vintages of the century. The quantity might not be huge but what they got was good, most of it high quality, they said.

Price said "everyday wines" will be good quality but there was a lot of exceptional wines, "which doesn't happen every year because

the grapes aren't quite good enough," Drouhin and Hugel said from France the prices of ordinary wines will stabilize but the better wines will command somewhat of a premium.

Author Seldon asked the French winetasters about the proper way to open a bottle of champagne. He said there were reports in the United States and Britain of people suffering eye injuries from flying corks. It sparked repartee.

"My response to that," said Larry Jellen from France, "is that I have been hurt more by the wine than the cork." Jellen was an SBS man involved in the hookup.

California entered the Union in 1850 as a bilingual state. Its constitution requiring that all laws be published in both Spanish and English.

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First winter storm closes schools



Commuters sloshed and skidded to work and many schools closed early today as wet snow began to give way to sleet and freezing rain over interior sections in Connecticut's first storm of winter, which began today at 5:30 a.m.

The mixed bag of precipitation began to fall shortly after 1 a.m. and by mid-morning accumulated to depths of 2 inches along the shore to 5 inches in Winsted and North Canaan in the northwest hills.

The National Weather Service and Windsor Locks, which issued a winter storm warning for interior regions, said the precipitation was to turn to all rain by evening and give way to cold but clear skies Friday.

In Manchester, the storm apparently took nobody by surprise and in its early hours caused some inconvenience but no big problems.

Emergency service personnel were prepared for rougher conditions later in the day if sleet ices up the roads.

Public and parochial schools in Manchester and area towns closed for the day. They will open Friday for the half-day session before Christmas break.

Eighteen Manchester trucks were out sanding roads from about 5 a.m. onward. Crews were prepared to shift to plowing if there is an accumulation of snow. There was one equipment breakdown in the early sanding operations.

No storm-related problems were reported by any utility or by either fire department in Manchester. Manchester Memorial Hospital reported no storm-related emergencies.

A major repair garage reported only a couple of emergency calls and a major oil delivery company reported no emergency shortages.

Frank Jodanis, administrator of the Manchester Water and Sewer Department, said a frozen hydrant and a few frozen water meters are the only problems the weather has caused in the water operation.

In Connecticut, no deaths were attributed directly to the storm. However, a fire of undetermined origin destroyed a house in rural Columbia. The fire claimed the life of Craig Lohr, 26, a neighbor who was visiting for the night.

Public and private schools in most communities either closed for the day or delayed openings. Most cities imposed parking bans for the day.

State police reported no serious accidents but rush-hour traffic crawled over snow and slush-covered roads.

State highway crews and private contractors were pressed into service salting and sanding wherever needed, especially on bridge decks and ramps.

On the Connecticut Turnpike, trucks jacked up in North Haven and Branford, causing police to detour traffic for several hours and traffic on Interstate 84 moved cautiously.

Bradley International Airport at Windsor Locks was coping through midmorning with runways being cleared by plows. Officials said the terminal was open and flights were on schedule.

The weather did not prevent about 40 anti-Trident nuclear submarine protesters from demonstrating outside the General Dynamic Corp.'s Electric Boat shipyard in Groton.

Because of the impending storm a donkey basketball game at Manchester High School was canceled. The MHS wrestling team's match at Rockville High School has been postponed with no date set for it. Today's boys' basketball game at MHS has been rescheduled for Wednesday. The MHS girls' basketball game scheduled at Enfield today has been reset for Wednesday.

Refugee Arafat is greeted warmly by Mubarak

CAIRO, Egypt (UPI) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, on his first stop after leaving Lebanon, embraced and kissed Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak today in a meeting denounced by both Israel and one of Arafat's chief aides.

"Thank God for your safety. How is your health?" Mubarak was heard telling the embattled chief of the Palestine Liberation Organization. "You seem to have lost some weight."

It was Arafat's first trip to Egypt in six years, since President Anwar Sadat visited Jerusalem. After a private 2-hour meeting, Arafat praised Mubarak for his support of the Palestinian people and vowed the two would one day pray together in Jerusalem.

Mubarak disclosed that Egyptian ships and warplanes provided protection to three Greek ships transporting Arafat and some 3,500 of his guerrillas from Tripoli to Yemen and Marxist South Yemen. Wearing his military fatigues and checkered headband, with a pistol hanging from his hip, Arafat earlier arrived by helicopter at the Kubbeh Republican Palace, where Mubarak was waiting for him.

The two flung themselves into each other's arms, embraced and kissed on the cheek in a traditional but fervent Arab greeting. Then, holding each other's arms, they went into the conference room.

Arafat, who came to Cairo from the Suez Canal city of Ismailia, was later due to return to Suez City at the canal's southern end to re-board the Greek vessel Odysseas Elytis. His ultimate destination is still uncertain.

In Tunis, one of Arafat's chief aides in the Fatah faction of the PLO denounced the meeting as violation of official PLO policy.

Salah Khalaf, known as Abu Iyad, told journalists that Arafat's reconciliation with Egypt is "in contradiction" of decisions by the Fatah Central Committee and of the PLO Executive Bureau.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir voiced "astonishment and regret at the report of the meeting between Mubarak and the terrorist leader, Yasser Arafat."

A brief statement released by his office said Shamir recalled "that immediately after the assassination of Anwar Sadat, Arafat and his supporters danced in the streets of Beirut."

"And behold, now Mubarak is willing to meet with this man," Shamir said.

At a press conference following their meeting, Mubarak praised Arafat as a "moderate Palestinian struggling for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people." Arafat heaped praise on Mubarak's "patriotic, nationalist and brotherly" stand and said Egypt "was and always will be the true bulwark of the Palestinian people."

"God willing, we will pray one day together at Al Aqsa Mosque," Arafat said, referring to one of Islam's most revered shrines in Jerusalem, the city that Palestinians view as the future capital of an independent Palestine.

Arafat, in an interview published by the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Qabas, said: "It would be unjust to ask President Mubarak to do what he cannot do. It is not easy to cancel the (1978) Camp David agreements as some people think, he said, referring to the accords that led to a treaty between Egypt and Israel.

"We should realize Egypt's position and deal with it in a realistic manner," Arafat said.

Arafat, who was forced by Syrian-backed PLO rebels to flee Tripoli Tuesday with his 4,000 guerrillas, arrived at the palace by helicopter after leaving the ship that carried him from Lebanon.

Photographers who were ushered into the conference room saw Arafat gesturing and speaking heatedly, as he apparently recounted to Mubarak his ordeal in Tripoli.

The meeting was considered Mubarak's biggest diplomatic coup since he became president in October 1981 and sanctioned Egypt's emergence from isolation in the Arab world. Before Arafat's arrival, Mubarak told reporters as he waited for him: "This proves we have always been right. It will prove more in the future."

This will be his last Christmas

This will be their last Christmas together. He is terminally ill with cancer and now on medication to control the increasingly severe pain. The cost of this medicine is eating away at their small income. They had to give up their phone long ago, but a good neighbor lets them use hers.

Their only daughter lives in California and has just managed to scrape together enough money to fly home. The daughter's children will meet their grandparents for the first time this Christmas.

The Manchester Area Conference of Churches would like to provide this couple with gifts for their grandchildren, warm pajamas for him and a Christmas basket full of treats for a holiday dinner that will be truly special.

The family described above is one of the 280 individuals and households MACC hopes to help this Christmas season. Non-perishable foods, new and good-as-new toys and gifts for the elderly can be left at the town firehouse on Center Street next to the town hall; the Eighth District Fire Station, 32 Main St.; in the Manchester Mall, 811 Main St.; WINF 257 E. Center St., and any office of Heritage Savings and Loan Association. Checks should be mailed to MACC Seasonal Sharing, Box 773, Manchester, CT 06040.

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OPINION

A little brook poses major problems

The suit brought by some residents of Teresa Road and Charter Oak Street against the town may have far-reaching implications. They are saying, in a legal way, what they have been saying for a long time about the condition of the brook that runs through their back yards.



Manchester Spotlight

Alex Girelli — Herald Reporter

Some of them have lived where they are long enough to remember when it was a little stream that meandered peacefully through their back yards. Some children waded in the brook or sat, letting water lap at their legs.

The town is responsible for the change in the nature of the brook. They say that by permitting development of land upstream, the town has increased the flow of the brook to its current damaging state.

There are a lot of reasons why the town has done nothing to improve the brook. One of them is money. It would cost \$100,000 to do what Public Works Director George A. Kandra says needs to be done.

Now it is a doubtful asset. Sometimes the water roars down the brook, cutting away at the banks and depositing debris in the yards. At one property, a flat yard when the brook makes a big curve to cross Charter Oak Street, the place has been denuded at least a couple of times. It was a mess the last time that happened.

Perhaps more important is the fact that the town does not have easements over the land. In the past, what little the town

has done to tame brooks and streams has been done in a very informal way and it produces new problems. The town would have to have some agreement from property owners over how brook would be treated if it were to take control of the brook.

section of Porter Brook that runs between Teresa Road and Charter Oak Street. When Kandra reported to the Board of Directors about that brook, the board asked him to find out about problems at others. He found in major problems and put a rough estimate of \$1 million as the cost of correcting them.

So, in a sense, what is at issue in the suit is all of the brook and stream problems in all of the town. Would the town be any position to let the other problems continue without correction if one were to lose the suit over this one?

But it cannot be denied that when roofs and driveways replace fields and woods, water from any watershed runs off faster and pushes harder as it works its way toward the ocean.

Washington — In August 1978, Nguyen Cao Ky, the dapper ex-premier and air force chief of South Vietnam, led a delegation of Vietnamese refugees protesting the physician's advisory board to the Connecticut Commission on Hospitals and Health Care.

Does Ky work with Viet mafia?



Jack Anderson Washington Merry-Go-Round

He made an emotional appeal to county officials. "We come to this country with a big zero," he said, "and we really have to do our best to start a new life."

Leaders back 'Countdown' on nukes, war

By Susan E. Kinsman United Press International

HARTFORD — Prominent business executives, politicians and civic leaders are turning their attention to the consequences of nuclear conflict in forming Connecticut Countdown to prompt discussion of nuclear weapons and war.

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Connecticut In Brief

Aide charged in thefts

HARTFORD — Police have charged a Manchester woman who is a veteran nurse's aide at Hartford Hospital with spending \$10,000 on herself using credit cards she stole from elderly and terminally ill patients over the past five years.

WALLINGFORD — The operator of a loan brokerage firm has been arrested on charges he fraudulently collected \$1,742 in advanced fees from more than 45 would-be clients.

Loan broker called a fraud

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Ouzo saves sailor's career

GROTON — A sailor's recollection that he had a drink of the Greek liquor ouzo helped save his 12-year Navy career by leading to the dismissal of a charge he had used cocaine.

Day After movie didn't change views

HARTFORD (UPI) — A new poll shows an overwhelming 80 percent of Connecticut residents who watched "The Day After" felt the television movie did little to change their views on the issues of nuclear war.

Innocent plea in slaying

NORWICH — A Montville man has pleaded innocent in Superior Court to a charge of manslaughter in the Halloween shotgun death of a teenage girl.

Court opens Kinsella file

HARTFORD (UPI) — Records and transcripts of a probate court case that censured Hartford Probate Judge James H. Kinsella have been made available to a special legislative committee considering impeachment of Kinsella.

The records and transcripts had been turned over to the Connecticut Supreme Court, which on Wednesday denied a motion that they be sealed. The decision by the state's highest court means the special committee can use the documents as the basis of hearings scheduled to begin next month.

Ex-lawmaker faces drug charges

BRIDGEPORT (UPI) — A former state lawmaker who once served on a regional narcotics board has been ordered to appear in federal court next month on charges of conspiracy to sell more than one pound of cocaine.

Former Rep. Thomas K. Coble, 25, surrendered to federal agents Tuesday on charges of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and distribution of 1.1 pounds of cocaine. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine upon conviction.

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An editorial

IRA bombing will backfire

Sorry! That was the word from the Irish Republican Army after the bombing Saturday of part of Harrods department store in London.

Five people died and 91 were injured when a car bomb planted by IRA members blew up outside a wall of the gigantic store. Leaders of the Irish resistance group said the next day they had not approved the bombing, but that it had been conducted by some of its "volunteers," presumably in excessive revolutionary zeal.

The IRA leaders said they "regretted" the loss of civilian life, but their expression of sorrow mitigates only slightly the damage done to the Irish liberation movement by the bombing.

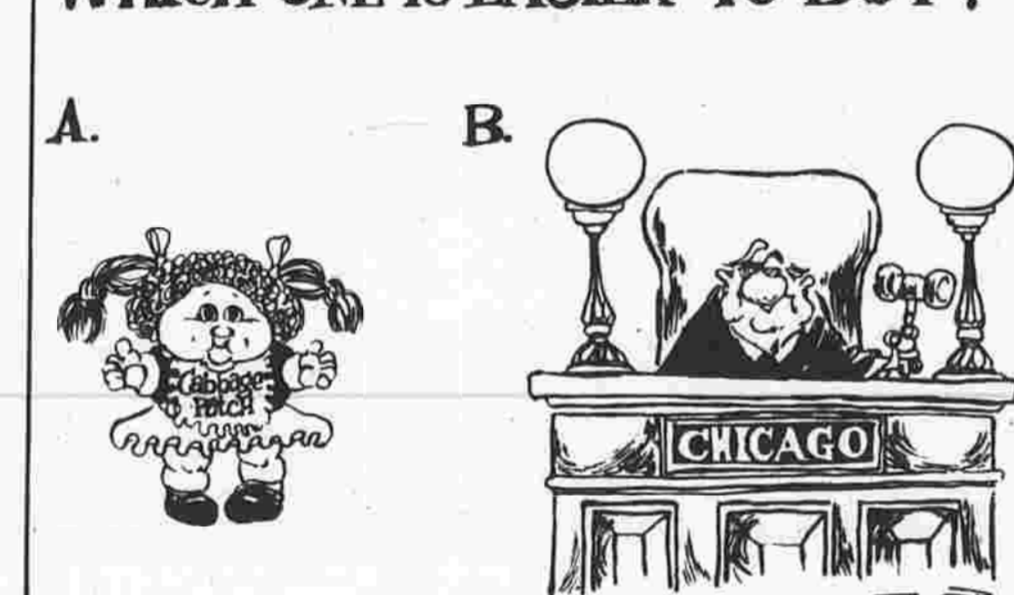
Leaders must be blamed when their followers go astray. There is only a difference of degree between the Harrods bombing and so many other terrorist acts committed by the IRA. Innocent civilians have died before without any expression of regret from the IRA.

Berry's World

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Tax-abatement plan a good idea

To the Editor: We are literally at a crossroads in the economic development of our town. We must act to encourage renovation of the Cheney Mill buildings. It's a simple point to grasp. A development of this scope will not take place without a tax abatement.

'Tis the week it all happens

To the Editor: The week before Christmas and all through the house. Things needing attention — "Hem my skirt"; "Where's my blouse?"; The presents unwrapped still sit in their packs. The gifts to be mailed not yet in their packs.

THEY DID NOT ARRIVE

empty-handed, they were able to salvage an astonishing amount of loot from the wreckage of their country. One government official said that U.S. banking facilities at the reception center in Camp Pendleton, Calif., processed as much as \$300,000 a day in gold transactions alone.

Some of the more ruthless members of the South Vietnamese hierarchy — the taste of power still in their mouths — were not content to retire to a suburban life, American style.

They had learned in their official capacities in Saigon. Declares the task force report: "It's organization, which is international in scope, is involved in extortion, drugs, loan-sharking, gambling, prostitution, smuggling, welfare fraud, assault and murder."

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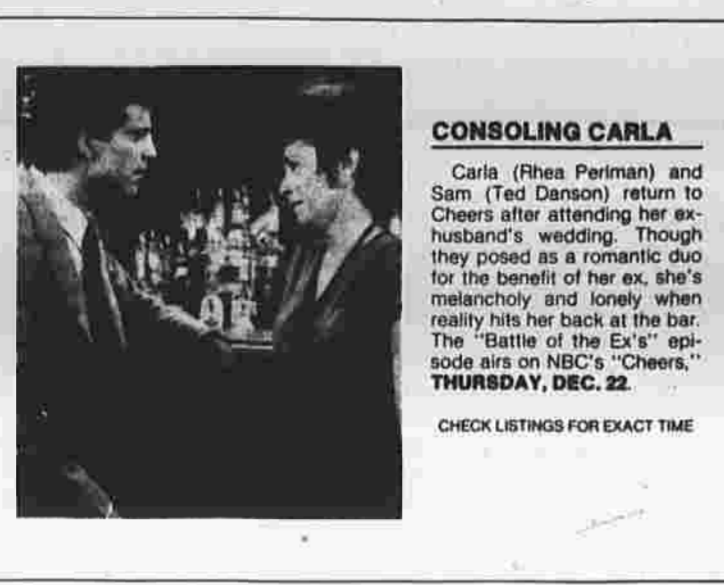
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- 6:00 P.M.
 - 1 - News
 - 2 - The Company
 - 3 - Buck Rogers
 - 4 - Love Boat
 - 5 - USA Cartoon Express
 - 6 - Jim Bakker
 - 7 - Inside Boxing
 - 8 - CHiPs
 - 9 - MOVIE: Evil Under the Sun: Hercule Poirot investigates murder at an exclusive Atlantic Sea resort. Peter Ustinov, James Mason, Maggie Smith. 1982. Rated PG
 - 10 - Beverly Hillsbillies
 - 11 - MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour
 - 12 - Reporter 41
 - 13 - MOVIE: Treasures of the Snow: A young outcast from both fairy and friends is the high flier. Ted Brown, Paul Dean, Carey Bron. 1982.
 - 14 - News
 - 15 - ESPN's SportsWeek
 - 16 - Inside Boxing
 - 17 - Dragnet
 - 18 - M*A*S*H
 - 19 - State Lottery
 - 20 - Veronica, El Rostro del Fantasma
 - 21 - Wheel of Fortune
 - 22 - NHL Hockey: Minnesota
 - 23 - People's Court
 - 24 - Dr. Who
- 8:00 P.M.
 - 1 - Hall of Fame Bowl: West Virginia vs. Kentucky
 - 2 - Automan Walter and Automan investigate some evidence linking a judge to the mob.
 - 3 - News
 - 4 - NBC News
 - 5 - Noticiero Nacional SIN Noticia nacional con Guillermo Restrepo
 - 6 - Dick Van Dyke
 - 7 - ABC News
 - 8 - 7:00 P.M.
 - 1 - CBS News
 - 2 - M*A*S*H
 - 3 - The Tac Dough
 - 4 - ABC News
 - 5 - Laugh-In
 - 6 - Beverly Hillsbillies
 - 7 - SportsCenter
 - 8 - Radio 1980 Today's program looks at the hottest trends and performers in the world of entertainment.
 - 9 - Ever Increasing Faith
 - 10 - Hogan's Heroes
 - 11 - Mobyline
 - 12 - News
 - 13 - Business Report
 - 14 - Eadara Isara
 - 15 - Entertainment Tonight
 - 16 - Bob Newhart Show
 - 17 - Family Fun
 - 18 - 7:30 P.M.
 - 1 - PM Magazine



CONSOLING CARLA
Carla (Rhea Perlman) and Sam (Ted Danson) return to Cheers after attending her ex-husband's wedding. Though they posed as a romantic duo for the benefit of her ex, she's melancholy and lonely when nobody hits her back at the bar. "The Battle of the Ex's" episode airs on NBC's "Cheers," THURSDAY, DEC. 22.

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- 11:00 P.M.
 - 1 - Soap
 - 2 - Old Glop
 - 3 - Eighth Annual Young Comedians Show
 - 4 - Doctor Is In
 - 5 - Benny Hill Show
 - 6 - Sports Tonight
 - 7 - MOVIE: The Long Riders: Jesse James, Cole Younger and their outlaw bands terrorize the old American West. Stacy Keach, Keith Carradine, David Carradine. 1980.
 - 8 - Dr. Who
 - 9 - Twilight Zone
 - 10 - Business Report
 - 11 - 11:15 P.M.
 - 1 - Hawaii Five-O
 - 2 - Benny Hill Show
 - 3 - The Dick Van Dyke Show
 - 4 - Raging From Roosevelt
 - 5 - SportsCenter
 - 6 - Thanks of the Night
 - 7 - Crockett
 - 8 - Tonight Show
 - 9 - NBC Newhart Show
 - 10 - Nightline
 - 11 - 11:45 P.M.
 - 1 - NBA Basketball: Purdue at DePaul
 - 2 - Soccer: Scotland vs. Hungary
 - 3 - CNN News
 - 4 - Independent Network News
 - 5 - NBA Basketball: Dallas at New York
 - 6 - Newsday
 - 7 - Despedidos
 - 8 - 1:45 A.M.
 - 1 - ESPN's SportsWeek
 - 2 - MOVIE: James of Essex: A dramatic color treatment of a sleepy mid-western town. Fritz Weaver, Gretchen Corbett, Jon Korkes. 1980. Rated R
 - 3 - 2:00 A.M.
 - 1 - CBS News Nightwatch
 - 2 - MOVIE: Footlight Parade: A musical comedy director tries to make a comeback. James Cagney, John Bonart, Dick Powell. 1933.
 - 3 - Joe Franklin Show
 - 4 - Emergency
 - 5 - Dating Game
 - 6 - SportsCenter
 - 7 - 2:30 A.M.
 - 1 - CBS News Nightwatch
 - 2 - Top Rank Boxing from Las Vegas, NV Top Rank Boxing presents a 10-round St. Madeline eight bout featuring Merdo Boyles vs. Humberto Delgado.
 - 3 - Crockett
 - 4 - Happy Days Again
 - 5 - 3:00 A.M.
 - 1 - MOVIE: Carry On... Up the Khyber: Two men discover that his key personality has been replaced by a collector of antique weapons. Sidney James, Kenneth Williams, Kenneth Cranley.
 - 2 - MOVIE: Where Love Has Gone: A divorced couple reunites to see their daughter. Her she kills her mother's lover. Susan Hayward, Robert Montgomery, Conroy, 1964.
 - 3 - MOVIE: Things Are a Bunchin' Up: Two men are penniless and stranded in Chicago. They are helped by a woman who gives them a room. Tommie Chong, Rip Taylor. Rated R
 - 4 - Freeman Reports
 - 5 - MOVIE: The Missionary: A missionary, returning from Africa, is accused of rape. Michael Peake, Anthony Quinn. 1982. Rated R
 - 6 - 3:15 A.M.
 - 1 - MOVIE: Mad Max: When the apocalyptic future comes, a band of outlaws will protect the populace. Mel Gibson. 1980. Rated R

Area towns Bolton / Andover Coventry

Bolton zoning commission nixes full use of quarry

By Sarah Passell Herald Reporter

BOLTON — The Zoning Commission Wednesday unanimously turned down David Buck's request for permission to dig stone intensively from all 10.7 acres of Bolton Quarry.

The commission members agreed Buck could start removing stone at a faster rate from the 2.5-acre quarry, but not from the remaining 8.2 acres from residential to industrial.

Without the zone change, Buck, according to town regulations, can take out only a very small amount of stone from the 8.7 acres. He bought the quarry early this year.

Buck's attorney, Glastonbury lawyer Thomas P. Kane, said after the vote that he and Buck have not decided whether to take their case to court or to start removing stone from the residentially zoned part of the quarry while the case is in court.

The commission offered no formal reason for its action. But commission member Alan C. Wiedie said he voted against the zone change because a proposed expressway through Bolton Quarry eventually will cut off the quarry from all but local roads.

When the highway goes through, Wiedie indicated, Buck would have to send every truck full of stone out through the residential roads. Buck currently uses an access road that connects with main roads at the northeast corner of the quarry. This is the 2-acre corner that is zoned for industrial use.

COMMISSION ALTERNATE Thomas A. Manning said after the vote that the quarry was in the best interests of the town.

Manning said Buck and his supporters should have pointed out that the quarry could have supplied gravel for the construction of the expressway, which is to be built through Bolton Notch to Willimantic.

The highway project, Manning suggested, is something most Bolton residents favor. Buck had said privately last summer that he expected to sell the quarry to the state for construction of the highway.

Kane repeated an argument he and Buck have made to the commission before, that they have a legal right to quarry 10.7 acres of the land. The two men said they have complied with the town's regulations until now because they did not want to antagonize townpeople.

The commission maintains that, under town zoning regulations, Buck may not dig stone from the residential zone at a rate any greater than it was dug before zoning regulations were first imposed in 1951.

No one knows how much stone pre-zoning era owners dug out of the land. The Zoning Commission has said it must have been next to none. Buck claimed Wednesday it was a considerable amount.

Several commission members said they might favor a request to convert part of the 8.7 residential acre into industrial zone. But another application would take months to process, and the commission refused to guarantee that it would pass.

BUCK FIRST APPROACHED the town for permission to dig in the residentially zoned land last summer. He had received permission in April to remove 150 tons a day. The 150-ton limit was imposed by the Planning Commission on Buck's suggestion.

The commission moved Wednesday to extend that permit through April. The commission, at Buck's request, also raised the level in the industrial zone to a rate of 200 tons a day, which they calculated would raise the daily average Buck is permitted to remove to 800 tons.

Commission Chairman Philip G. Dooley has warned Buck that the commission is likely to revoke his permit altogether once the new expressway blocks his access to all but town roads.

Buck said the bank to which he applied for a mortgage on the quarry last winter has given him less than a month to produce a money-maker, Buck said, he will not get the mortgage.

Dooley promised to have a copy of the revised permit prepared within a week. He said he will call Dooley if he can't satisfy the document so he can forward it to the commission at its next meeting in January.



Dukakis kicks off drive

Organ-donor fund started

By Sarah Passell Herald Reporter

BOSTON (UPI) — Gov. Michael S. Dukakis, with liver transplant recipient Jamie Fiske by his side, formally established the nation's first organ donor fund, designed to aid those who cannot afford life-saving transplants.

The tiny, brown-haired top, who a year ago became the youngest liver transplant recipient in the nation, peeked over the edge of the governor's desk as Dukakis Wednesday signed the bill creating a state income tax checkoff funding mechanism to go into effect in January 1985.

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BRIDGE

When not to hold up

and rubber out the window. He let East's queen of spades hold the first trick and ducked the second spade. West had led a third spade. South's play would have worked because there was a 3-3 split in the hearts. Last two spades, assuming South handled clubs safely. West, with that nastiness with the spades, as well as success in the hearts, will be an excellent partner. This should eventually turn out to be a very good partnership. You should not necessarily through your own efforts. All will play the New York style. Matchmaker wheel and booklet reveals romantic compatibility for all signs, tells how to get along with others, finds missing women, provides more. Send \$2 to Astro-Graph, Box 46, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10101. Mail an additional \$1 for your Capricorn Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead. Be sure to get your zodiac sign.

ADVERTISE (Jan. 29-Feb. 19) You have a special knack today that will enable you to reconstruct floundering ideas into something positive and productive.

PIECES (Feb. 20-March 20) You could be in for a pleasant surprise today when someone who previously denied you support goes out of their way to do all they can to help you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Two important situations that appear to be unmanageable can be brought under control. Be optimistic regarding the results.

TARIS (April 20-May 20) You are now in a cycle where the good that you do will be magnified and appreciated. Let your kinder impulses be recognized.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Work-careerwise, you can now find new strength and resources upon which to draw. Use your opportunities to the fullest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others tend to take your needs into heart today and will be eager to help you where they can. Do not be hesitant to request favors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your influence over your peers will be heightened considerably today. The measures you take to advance your self-interests will have far-reaching effects.

VRIO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The key to receiving today is to first show willingness to share. That which you already have, follow the dictates of your heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You've been making a more pronounced impression on persons who can help you add to your material resources. They will react. Good things may result.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) You are now in a good achievement cycle. So raise your sights a few notches and set some truly meaningful objectives.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 21) Your possibilities for personal gain look extremely encouraging today. What comes to you will arrive via a circuitous route.

Little mysteries of life: What's the difference between the weeds of a bureau's "partly cloudy" and "partly sunny" prognostications?

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Fiano wetlands permit OK'd

By Sarah Passell Herald Reporter

BOLTON — Quarryville Woods, the 32-lot subdivision Lawrence F. Fiano plans to build near the northwest corner of Route 44 and South Road, was the Bolton Inland Wetlands Commission's approval Wednesday night.

The town Planning Commission must now vote on whether to approve the plans. Since he first brought his proposal to the commission early this fall, developer Fiano has made a number of revisions at the commission's request to comply with state health codes and town regulations.

The wetlands commission Wednesday ruled acceptable Fiano's proposal to build a road across a brook in the wetlands, to lay out a driveway for building and to build a cul-de-sac near Route 44 that will discharge storm runoff into the wetlands.

Commission member Michael A. Ziska objected mildly that Fiano has not fully complied with their septic systems lie very close to the wetlands and could pollute the wetlands. The new septic system and building official H. Calvin Hutchinson said the systems shown on the plans can be built to comply with state health codes and town regulations.

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Coventry council and state reach settlement on budget

By Tracy L. Geoghegan Herald Reporter

COVENTRY — The Coventry Town Council and the state Elections Commission have reached a settlement in a dispute over the town's 1984-85 budget which will bind the council for the next two years.

The council voted 5-2 Monday to approve the agreement whereby it will guarantee the right of voters to submit the annual budget to a referendum. It also agreed not to contest the state Elections Commission's jurisdiction over the budget process.

The Elections Commission, in return, agreed Wednesday to drop its appeal of a superior court decision upholding the town's 1983-1984 budget. The settlement "is in the best interest of the original complainants," said Jeffrey Garfield, executive director of the state commission.

Now that approval of both parties has been obtained, Town Attorney Abbot B. Schwelb and Henry Cobb, an assistant attorney general, will make the settlement final within the next few weeks.

"The agreement is binding only for the 2-year life of the current council. In years to come, we'll have to wait and see what the position of future councils is," Cobb said.

The attorney general's office "believes the position of the Elections Commission is the correct one," Cobb said.

THE STATE originally brought suit against the town in June after the Elections Commission, on a complaint brought by the Coventry Taxpayers Association, determined that state statutes violated when the town adopted a budget at a May 13 town meeting.

At that meeting, a petition calling for a budget referendum was voted down and the council submitted budget instead adopted.

In a Sept. 15 ruling, Tolland County Superior Court Judge Eugene T. Kelly dismissed the case on the ground that the Elections Commission had no authority to investigate a matter that had occurred in a town meeting.

The commission then asked the state to appeal the ruling for fear that its jurisdiction would be limited in future cases.

The attorney general's office has since said it is unlikely that the judge's decision will set a precedent.

THOMAS W. BRAINARD, president of the Coventry Taxpayers Association, said Wednesday that although he is "willing to see the agreement reached, the compromise area," he feels the town citizenry has ensured that the agreement is in the best interest of town citizens.

Brainard said the two years that the settlement is binding will enable him to push for a more permanent guarantee of voters' right to petition for referendum.

Because the agreement does not resolve the basic conflict between the town charter and state statutes, Brainard said, he has contacted state Rep. Edith Prague, D-Columbia, in the hope of having "clarifying legislation" introduced in the General Assembly.

Brainard will introduce, at the next meeting of the Coventry Taxpayers Association, the proposal he hopes to take to Mrs. Prague. He wants to see changes in state statute section 7-7 that will prevent chartered towns from adopting voting procedures that violate state statutes.

Mrs. Prague said Wednesday she supports Brainard's position. She said she and Brainard will meet to examine the existing law and work up a proposal for changes.

New England In Brief

Man gets \$1.6 billion

BOSTON — A Saugus man whose legs were paralyzed when he was shot by a police officer several years ago has received a \$1.6 million award from a U.S. District Court judge. James Voutour said he'd rather be able to walk but may use the money to go to a warmer climate.

Fire kills four children
PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — Authorities conducted an extensive search of the ice-encrusted, charred remains of a house in which four children were killed but did not immediately determine a cause for the fast-moving blaze. Authorities identified the four children as Tamesha Mayo, 4; her sister, Lorraine, 13; Ephraim, 21; and his brother, Elhanah, 3.

The plans have aroused opposition among several South Road residents. The Planning Commission asked Fiano to make some revisions to address those residents' concerns.

Maine busts fur company

SOUTH WATERBORO, Maine — The owner of Northeast Hide Corp. will be charged with possession of ungulate raw furs in the "the largest fur bust in Maine history." Officials of the Maine Warden Service said the furs, which come from several states, are worth more than \$10,000.

Battle isn't over yet
MONTPELIER, Vt. — The battle may not be over for Sallyann Stoddard, who has been fighting a subpoena requiring her to appear in federal court grand jury probing the slaying of a New Jersey state trooper. New Jersey authorities Wednesday hinted they may continue to try and force her to testify even though the Vermont Supreme Court has ruled a judge erred when he ordered her to testify.

Celebs help deliver pizza

FAWUQUET, R.I. — Half pepperoni, half sausage, light on the mozzarella, and the Secretary of State, to get How about Miss Massachusetts? Or even Santa Claus? Those are the sorts of orders a pizza shop got when it helped a local newspaper in its yearly Christmas campaign to raise funds for the needy. At no extra cost, area celebrities made deliveries to customers' homes.

Pelican gets flight home
HAMPDEN, Mass. — A young but hapless white pelican that crashed-landed in a parking lot probably thought was a pond after being blown thousands of miles off course was booked on a free flight home for Christmas today. Nicknamed "Junior," the bird was captured by a resident in Massachusetts since records were first kept in 1876.

Earmuff inventor honored by home town

FARMINGTON, Maine (UPI) — The earmuff is only one of the late, great Chester Greenwood's many inventions, but it's the one residents sported on the day set aside to honor the town's famous son.

Earmuffs reigned supreme during Farmington's festivities, and the most eye-catching pair belonged, appropriately, to the woman who honored Chester Greenwood Day by buying the trademark mustache, had more than 100 patents credited to him before he died, including airplane shock absorbers, self-priming spark plugs, various lathes and — of course — the ear muff.

One hundred years after its invention, in 1877, Farmington decided to honor the ear muff with an annual event that now includes a reverse dog-eared race — kids pulling dogs — a parade of ear-muffed residents and vehicles and an inventor's display with awards to the most unusual and creative devices.

Earmuffs sold briskly in town shops, with prices mostly lowered for the day. Non-wearers risked "jail" with a donation their only hope for release.

Joanne DeMariano stood on the sidewalk, smiling. Following the parade, she walked across the street to the bank for the closing on the Greenwood home. Her hand-made, beaded blue feather earmuffs framed a happy face, as she talked of her plans for the hometown. "It will be the Greenwood Inn," she said. Ms. DeMariano, who said she plans a "serious" bed and breakfast hotel, with the earmuff as the symbolic centerpiece.

"We have a carved bear, Chester the Bear, who'll sport exotic earmuffs," said Ms. DeMariano. "We're serious about having a good restaurant, but we intend to have fun."

The big, yellow Victorian house dates back to the late 1800s, when Chester and Isabel Greenwood and their four children lived their unorthodox lives in it. They bicycled, jogged, swam, rode horses — activities prized in the 1880s but considered strange for families a century ago.

Chester, an austere-looking gent with a handlebar mustache, had more than 100 patents credited to him before he died, including airplane shock absorbers, self-priming spark plugs,

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Obituaries

Raymond H. LaBua
Raymond H. LaBua, 84, of 99 Meadow Trail, Coventry, died Wednesday at Newington Veterans Hospital.

He was born in London, England, and had lived in Coventry for the past 25 years. He served two enlistments in the U.S. Army during the 1930s. He was employed by the Holmes Transportation Co., retiring in 1968, and was a member of the Teamsters Union. He was a constable for Waterfront Manor in Coventry for many years.

He leaves a son, Raymond H. LaBua Jr. of Coventry; a brother, Edward LaBua of Cranby; two sisters, Mrs. Blanche White of West Hartford and Mrs. Alice White in Florida; and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Potter Funeral Home, 656 Jackson St., Willimantic. Burial will be in Nathan Hale Cemetery, Coventry.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Coventry.

Services conducted for O'Neill's mother
EAST HAMPTON (UPI) — Funeral services were held Wednesday at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church for Frances Quinn O'Neill, the mother of Gov. William O'Neill.

The governor and his wife, Nikki, led state officials and other mourners attending a Mass of Christian Burial that was followed by interment in the church cemetery.

Mrs. O'Neill died at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford Monday after a long illness. She was 84.

Mrs. O'Neill was born in Portlaoise, Ireland, on St. Patrick's Day and came to the United States, settling in Hartford, in 1914. She married Joseph O'Neill in 1923 and worked at the Travelers Cos. until 1930 when O'Neill, the couple's only child, was born.

The family moved to East Hampton in 1937 when they bought a tapershop, which the family still owns. Joseph O'Neill died in 1957.

In Memoriam
In loving memory of Gerda E. Colby, who passed away five years ago today, December 22nd, 1978.

You are sadly missed, but will be forever in our hearts and minds.

Beatrice and Elton

The largest area of Indian tribal-owned land is in New Mexico, with 3,329,276 acres distributed among 24 reservations.

'The bad guys in blue are good guys now'

By Dennis C. Milewski
United Press International

BRIDGEPORT — After 22 years of patrolling the streets of Bridgeport, Police Officer Bob Zwierlein died Tuesday in a near-fatal Christmas crash that made him believe in Santa Claus.

Police never caught the person who poured flammable liquid on the side of Christmas Village last December and nearly spoiled a holiday delight for thousands of children from throughout the state.

But the Police Athletic League, which operates the attraction with off-duty officers, found it had plenty of friends as an army of volunteers rebuilt the chalet-like building in 3½ days.

Zwierlein has developed a stock answer to sum up his feelings: "I

now believe in Mother Goose, Santa Claus, the tooth fairy and all the rest," he said.

Christmas Village captured the hearts of a nation and the notice of President Reagan after the fire Dec. 7, 1962, and donations flowed in from around the nation.

Reagan telephoned Christmas greetings after the village reopened last year and the touching story drew 60,000 visitors, with the same number expected this Christmas as before the attraction is closed Friday.

"They're running us out of toys," Zwierlein said, "and I was out of children tip-toed past a stable of reindeer, elves in their workshop and the living room of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus."

It sort of restores your faith in humanity. I've been 22 years on the

street and you tend to become cynical at times. But for some kids, it's the only presents they get," he said.

The guest book showed addresses from throughout New England and as far away as Texas, Florida and California and plenty of adults came without children.

"I came all the way from Switzerland to see this," said a smiling man in his late 20s, who lived in Geneva and was visiting his sister.

The new version of the chalet-like structure is even better than before, Zwierlein said, with a cardboard fireplace replaced by a working brick hearth and new exhibits added to the 28-year-old tradition.

However, gifts and contributions have dwindled as memory of the "tragedy"

begins to fade, and he said the PAL may have to charge admission for the first time next year because of rising toy prices.

But Zwierlein shrugged off a current \$15,000 shortfall, pointing to the faces of the children awed by Santa peering through spectacles perched on his nose as he checked his gift list.

Mrs. Claus pours an endless cup of coffee for her weary husband, while frantic elves — restored from charred wood by a woman who worked 24-hours straight last year — rush to complete the inventory of toys.

"It's something we do for the community as our Christmas present for them. We like kids — the big, bad guys in blue are good guys now," said Officer Michael Marella, PAL president.

Coleco stock slump blamed on Adam trouble

WEST HARTFORD (UPI) — The firm responsible for the Cabbage Patch Kids Christmas doll craze continues to have its problems over another product, the Adam home computer.

Coleco Industries took a nose dive Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange, closing at 18½, down 4½ per share on 889,700 shares traded.

The plunge came on the heels of a report in the January issue of Consumer Reports it had trouble getting the Adam's word processing to work and had problems getting four of the computers to work.

Earlier in the week, J.C. Penney, the nation's third largest retailer, announced it would cancel catalog orders for the Adam because the product does not meet Penney's "quality standards."

Handel said Penney's action was based on its decision to get out of the home computer business because of low profit margins.

He challenged Penney's claim the Adam module, which converts a Coleco-

vision home video game into a home computer, does not meet the retailer's quality standards.

"The bottom line," Handel said, "is they're trying to find a graceful way of saying 'no' to customers."

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White Christmas requires a dream

By Bruce Schwoepler
For United Press International

The birthday of Christ has been celebrated by the Christian world on various dates, from Mar. 25 and Jan. 6. The present date of Dec. 25 was not settled upon until 354 A.D. Ironically, it was indirectly determined by a pagan winter solstice celebration Dec. 25. By rescheduling Christmas, the church was able to overshadow the pagan's festival of the Day of the Invincible Sun.

The winter solstice marks the shortest day of the year, and a festive mood was in order because the life-giving sun started its journey northward to a higher summer position in the sky. You would expect the solstice to be the coldest day, but the Earth exhibits a delayed reaction to the weak, low horizon. Therefore, our coldest weather occurs after the solstice, which is now around Dec. 21. The temperature lag time is greatest in oceanic areas where mercurial averages bottom out during February, while over the continents, January is the coldest month.

The result is that while Christmas is often just the stuff that many cards you receive at this time of year. Only 23 percent of Boston and New York Christmas are white. Denver, St. Louis, Kansas City and Louisville check in at 13 percent. Seattle, Atlantic City and Reno are not high rollers in the snowed-out. Able to get Little Rock and Chattanooga are way off track at 3 percent.

Of course, it is folly to think that migrating to the sun belt is going to bolster any holiday fantasy. Dickens, Currier and Ives, Santa

Claus and street-side decoration seem out of place in Tampa, Houston and San Diego. Just as palm trees would be in Anchorage, Alaska.

Snowless Christmas are also the rule in Atlanta, Dallas, New Orleans, all major California cities, and to the north in Portland, Ore.

Even for these poor, snow-deprived souls, it is necessary to note that a true Christmas image is not related to white blanketed fields and frost-framed windows. That is a commercial version which arrived not from the North Pole, but from Madison Avenue. Winter at Christ's birthplace near Bethlehem is relatively mild, with temperatures in the 40s and 50s. Not snow-covered managers there.

Snowdraped, commercialized visions are the exclusive province of locales farther north or at higher elevations than most United States cities. Chicago starts with 32 percent of its Christmases white. Milwaukee, Detroit, Akron, Billings, Buffalo and Omaha slide in with percentages in the 40s. So does the high altitude Flagstaff, Ariz.

Tin Tim "God Blesses" everyone for shoveling snow "R. This is true. It is true in Minneapolis, Syracuse and Burlington, Vt. Santa's sleigh bank off snowdrifts during 47 percent of the Christmas in Anchorage and Marquette, Mich.

Want a sure bet? A Bing Crosby, dream come true? Try International Falls, Minn. Not only is this far northern city among the coldest in the nation, but it has a white Christmas 100 percent of the time. There, you'll probably find mommy kissing Santa Claus. Santa Claus is a roving fire and Jack Frost nipping noses throughout town.

Hotel workers inspect damage in the bar of a downtown Beirut hotel Wednesday after a bomb exploded, killing and wounding several people. A bigger blast occurred at almost the same time at a French military base on the other side of the city.

Rescuers hunting survivors of two bombings in Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Rescue workers using torches and bulldozers searched through tons of rubble today for possible survivors of bombings at a French military base and a hotel bar that killed 24 people and wounded 148, police said.

A truck filled with more than a ton of explosives blew up near the French base Wednesday and about the same time a bomb planted in the Pickwick bar at the Marble Tower hotel downtown exploded during cocktail hour, Beirut radio said.

A previously unknown group calling itself the "Black Palm" telephoned the rightist Voice of Lebanon radio and claimed responsibility for both blasts.

Revising early casualty figures after a nightlong search by rescue workers, police said today 23 people, including a French soldier and a multinational peace-keeping force, were killed in the truck bombing. Another 144, including 15 French soldiers, were wounded.

Police said one person, an Ethiopian national, was killed and four other Ethiopians were wounded in the hotel blast.

Witnesses said they saw a man driving a truck stop the vehicle near the Museum crossing on the green line dividing Christian east Beirut and Moslem west Beirut, then get out and hail a passing Volvo.

Seconds after the attacker stepped into the Volvo, the booby-trapped truck exploded, digging a crater 15 feet deep and 30 feet wide in the street. The explosion, which could be heard for miles, razed two three-story buildings and badly damaged two others.

The explosion showered the area with dirt, glass and debris and several pharmacies reported dozens of residents seeking medical supplies to treat cuts sustained from flying glass.

A military bomb disposal expert estimated the truck was packed with more than a ton of explosives, Beirut radio said.

In Paris, the defense ministry said the truck had been diverted from driving into the French compound by barricades set up around its posts after the Oct. 23 suicide bombings that killed 58 French and 240 American servicemen in Beirut.

Parents may overlook children's depression

By James V. Heollon
United Press International

NEW HAVEN — A psychiatrist who treats children from 4 to 11 in emergencies says because it is the season to be jolly for adults, they may overlook signs of depression in youngsters.

Some children may show depression by looking sad, looking depressed or by looking tearful. Others may appear apathetic, restless, aggressive or bored so symptoms run a wide range, said Dr. Bernard Langenauer.

"One of the major reasons for depression in children or adults is the issue of loss, and the children most vulnerable to depression are the children who have experienced this kind of loss or separation," Langenauer said.

He is the director of the Children's Psychiatric Emergency Service, a 24-hour a day facility operated by the Hospital of St. Raphael and the Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic.

It deals primarily in crises relating to aggression, depression, violent outbursts, suicidal attempts and threats to commit suicide. An allied group treats children older than 11.

Langenauer said the holidays are a time when normal routines are broken, which at times can be helpful for children and adults in alleviating depression. But the expectation that free time itself will be a happy time isn't necessarily true.

"It gets down again to a sense of awareness relating to issues of

depression, particularly around holiday times when feelings of separation and loss can be felt most acutely," he said.

"What can parents do?"

"I think that an initial step is always to try to hear from the child as to what is going on. It is important for the parent to have the patience to listen to the problem before doing what parents must do and that is to provide support and reassurance," he said.

"Another thing they can do is be observant of children's moods and feelings. Many parents, many adults feel children can't be depressed, can't have depressive feelings, because they are just kids."

Hoop sign up tonight

BOLTON — A second sign-up session for Bolton youths wishing to play basketball in the town recreation program will be held today from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Bolton High School gymnasium.

All who come to sign up must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The fee is \$10.

Players are divided into boys' and girls' divisions. Each division is further separated by age: there are grades 1 through 6, boys 10 grades 7 through 9 and girls in grades 7 through 12.

Asia, with an area of 16,988,000 square miles, accounts for 29.5 percent of the earth's land area.

FOCUS / Family

Thanks for the memories!

The Manchester Herald's second annual Christmas memories contest drew a rich response from readers. So rich, in fact, that the judges on the Herald staff had a hard time picking the winners.

The entries printed here didn't win anything. They were so good, though, we felt it would be a shame not to share them with readers.

The winners will appear in Friday's Manchester Herald. In the meantime, enjoy these.

Santa brought mama home

The Christmas that sticks out in my memory is the one that took place when I was five or six years old.

It was the holiday season, but I recall the mood was far from festive that year. I wasn't looking for any special gift that I remember. You see, all I wanted for Christmas was my mother. She had been taken to the hospital a few days before. It doesn't matter whether I knew at that age how ill she was, only that she was missing from our family unit.

On Christmas morning, dressed in my Dr. Denton pajamas, I toddled into the living room to see what Santa had

left me. There, sitting in my favorite rocking chair, was my mom. The doctors had given her a pass to come home for the day.

I remember yelling "Momma" and running into her open arms. I don't recall the presents I received that year. My only remembrance is that the prayers of one sad little girl were faithfully answered. Suddenly, a smile of contentment spread across my face as I was once again being held in the arms of my loving "Mama."

Jeanne Cowles
Green Road

Children's ward alive with cheer

It was Christmas Eve at the Children's Hospital in Boston. I was a student nurse working in pediatrics. I had looked forward to going home for the holiday but a last-minute schedule change found me on night duty on a medical ward of 3- to 5-year-olds.

One of my tasks that night was to distribute Christmas stockings — stockings that had been filled by several organizations in the city. Early in the morning, when the children were sleeping, I moved about the darkened ward, leaving a stocking at the foot of each crib.

At dawn, one of the boys awoke and alerted the others to the surprise. Suddenly, the ward was filled with the sounds of joy and laughter. Pain and loneliness were forgotten for awhile as the stockings were emptied and the children exclaimed over each toy.

This was Christmas 1940. It remains one of my favorite memories of the holiday season.

Ruth E. Ralph
34 Englewood Drive

Blowtorch saved day

For the Christmas holidays in 1976 I drove back to Manchester from my home in Indiana. As always with my family, the big get-together occurred on Christmas Eve, when my Irish mother prepared all the Swedish foods she learned to make from my father's mother.

All the guests had arrived; the table was set, and we began to arrange the food for serving, when mother remembered she hadn't removed the ground beef for the Swedish meatballs from the freezer. She began to cry. How can you have a smorgasbord without Swedish meatballs? Though it was 7 o'clock on Christmas Eve, old friends and I made a hurried tour of Manchester hoping to

find a market open where we could buy ground beef that wasn't frozen — to no avail.

Our fruitless trip had made us determined to save the day. We took the frozen meat and began to thaw it with my father's blowtorch. Once over with the blowtorch, then scrape and repeat. Before we knew it, everyone was gathering round, enjoying the fun. The meatballs got made that year and the determination and fun we had making them turned a potentially unhappy situation around, and made Christmas 1976 an unforgettable night.

Linda C. Johnson
30 Church St., East Hartford

She wanted a boy's sled

I was born in 1887 in northern Vermont. I was 9 years old in 1903. I will never forget Christmas that year. There was only one thing on my mind for Santa to bring me, a boy's sled. Being a girl that was a no-no. A girl's sled was a foot high and one had to sit straight like a little lady.

I was just beginning to think that there was no Santa Claus. I had a suspicion that my father probably was Santa. I took no chances. I made sure both Santa and my

father knew exactly what was expected.

In the early 1900s Christmas Eve was celebrated in my father's school room of the church. A huge Christmas tree was decorated, and presents brought gifts to put under the tree.

I was so excited I could hardly contain myself. I never doubted for one moment there would not be a boy's sled under the tree for me. When my name was called and a girl's sled was given to me, I nearly broke down in tears. I simply fell

End of Santa Claus

For me it was seventh heaven being smuggled up to Anna, our hired girl, when I was 4 — in bed with her and my brothers while she told us about Santa Claus. My belief was absolute. But that would be the last time — and the last time for quite awhile I would be able to enjoy a girl's company in bed.

Anna was rejoicing with us Christmas morning, when I discovered that Santa had left me a glittering engine mounted on a red box about eight inches on a side. I pushed a button. The flywheel spun; cranks oscillated; a piston washed in and out of a cylinder. That magic engine was a treasure. I had to handle it.

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At Lincoln, it was yule drive to top all others

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Mom's caroling on target

I would definitely have to say the most unforgettable Christmas would have to be Dec. 25, 1926.

On that Christmas Day my mother prepared a delicious Christmas dinner for our relatives. While she worked in the kitchen she constantly sang "I Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

That night at 9 o'clock, my father suddenly whisked her out of the house to Mrs. Howe's Maternity Home on Wadsworth Street. At exactly two minutes before

midnight my beloved brother Walter was born! I was 13 years old at the time, and I had been the only child. What a blessed Christmas that was!

My dear brother died in 1968 at the age of 42, but he left many, many good memories of happy years we spent together.

Marjorie Waddell Fischer
21 Flower St.



Members of the McCann family include, top row: Elmore, Elsie, Betty, Dorothy and Woodrow. Front row: Tom, Martha, Hannah, and Edna. Tom McCann died in 1982.

Brother's birthday recalled

My brother Thomas McCann's birthday was last December. Our family all got together and had a combined Christmas and birthday party. It was one of the few times we could all get together. It was a special time for me. I was always a special memory.

This Christmas Tom won't be here. He died in July 50 Christmas 1982, but always be a special memory.

Dorothy Nightingale
2582 Boston Turnpike, Coventry

Her son was a believer in big surprises

The year was 1967. Our son, our only child, enlisted in the Air Force to serve his country.

He left on Aug. 18, amid many tears and a feeling of loneliness for my husband and I.

Needless to say, when Christmas was drawing near, there was a void feeling in our hearts. We put up our Christmas tree as usual, as he said he wanted pictures of it. Christmas for us was always a happy time.

Many letters were written in which I tried to give him moral support but deep inside our one wish was to have him home for Christmas.

He told us he couldn't be home for Christmas but that he and some buddies were going to the Big "D" (Dallas, Texas) and for us to be sure and be home on the 23rd as he would give us a call. Saturday, the 23rd came and we waited for his call which came about 1:30 p.m. I answered and he said "Hi, Mom."

I asked how everything was and we missed him, but he sounded so near.

He spoke to his father and told us to have a merry Christmas.

We were remembering our Christmases past and knew we would really miss him.

Then about 2 p.m. I heard a car door slam and when I went to the door, there was our son. It was a very happy reunion. Our prayers had been answered that year.

Lincoln School's Christmas pageant in 1941 featured these Christmas angels.

Angels were real

Christmas, 1941 - Lincoln School, Manchester. The Christmas program was presented on the stage on the second floor of the Lincoln School. Miss Ethel Robb and Miss Tillingshast were the sixth grade teachers. In the photo are Wilma Scott Viny, Barbara Wiley, and Loren Johnson. It does not remember the names of the other angels.

This was also the time of year when real Christmas trees, all brightly decorated, were allowed in the class rooms. Mrs. Daisy Gleason Bill, was a fifth grade teacher and we decorated the class room with yards of red and green paper chains.

Also Christmas records, recut by each student, were ordered at a record shop near the center of

Manchester. I still have mine! I sang "I Came Upon a Midnight Clear." Mrs. Best, mother of Robert Best, accompanied us on the piano.

Windows used to ice up and we visualized "pictures" painted by Jack Frost. The rattling of the steam pipes always assured us that we were being kept warm.

Miss Crampton, a stern but compassionate person, was our principal and we were always aware of her presence.

Christmas filled the school and provided the lingering memories for conversations of I remember when.

Wilma Viny
South River Road
Coventry

Dinner nearly ran away

Years ago, the West Side Fire Department, which in those days was on the corner of Hartford Road and Pine Street, always hired Cheney Hall for their annual dance and drawing on a turkey, goose and pig. This was always a popular money-maker for them.

One year I didn't go, but my husband went and he won the turkey — which, by the way, was alive. In those days, all fowl or animals were given alive. You had to watch whatever you won, pluck it or dress it, because we didn't have any freezers. We only had ice boxes, and no ice box was big enough to hold a turkey, goose, duck or pig unless you had a commercial ice box.

He carried the turkey home from Cheney Hall to our home on Hawley Street. To keep it warm, my husband put it underneath his overcoat and he almost lost it several times. It was in bed when he got home and he came to my room and put the turkey on my bed. I nearly died of fright. We put the turkey in the basement and fed him grain and water. At Christmastime we killed him, stuffed, roasted and ate that turkey, believe it or not.

Mrs. Joseph H. Johnson
71 Linden St.

T'was wartime Silent Night

It was Christmas Eve 1944 in France and we had been fighting constantly for the past three weeks. I had just received a batch of new replacements for the rifle unit I commanded and had spread them out around the other men. This voice sang the second line of the carol and then the two voices joined as one. At the end there was complete and reverent silence. Each man on either side was lost in his own deep and lonely longing.

Colonel (retired) William A. Dickson
447 Brewster St., Coventry

Advice

Alcoholics Anonymous helps teenage problem drinkers

DEAR ABBY: I don't have a problem. I'm writing out of gratitude. Because of you I now belong to a beautiful fellowship that gave me back my life and a reason to live.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

I was 19 and tried to commit suicide four times within a period of six months. I was sent to a hospital and then to a school age and into drinking. This test is for you. If you answer yes to one or more questions, consider it a warning.

DEAR SOBER: Congratulations. The column to which you refer was published in November 1981. Because I am sure many other teenage drinkers would like to see that column, here it is.

DEAR READERS: I have been made aware that there is a serious drinking problem among young people. Almost everyone who drinks alcohol thinks he can handle it.

the bottle is empty? 12. Have you ever had a loss of memory from drinking? 13. Has drunk driving ever put you into the hospital or jail? 14. Do you get annoyed when classes or lectures on drinking? 15. Do you think you have a problem with alcohol?

Dieting weakens resistance and can even lead to death

DEAR DR. LAMB: A month ago my 54-year-old sister died suddenly. The doctor said she had meningitis and her resistance was so low that the germ took over and spread through her blood.



Your Health

Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

She had been on the Cambridge Diet for a couple of months and had lost 20 pounds. The doctor said she probably wasn't getting enough protein and losing that much weight in such a short time was not healthy.

rapid weight loss has the potential to decrease a variety of infections and also causes a decrease in the body's capacity to synthesize new protein. There may be other dietary deficiencies under these circumstances that can contribute to the problem.

DEAR READER: I can understand why you are upset and appreciate your effort to help others with your experience. However, I can't really say that the Cambridge Diet caused your sister's death. A severe bacterial disease caused her death. But any diet resulting in

DEAR DR. LAMB: Is there a blood test that causes venous blood tests to be positive without the person having any of the diseases? My youngest daughter has this condition. Her doctor does not suggest treatment. Neither does the local health department.

Studies show schizophrenia can be inherited from parents

DEAR DR. BLAKER: My father is a schizophrenic and I would like to know whether or not the condition can be passed down through the family.



Ask Dr. Blaker

Karen Blaker, Ph.D.

DEAR READER: The debate over the inheritability of schizophrenia has been a long one, and it has been determined that there is indeed a link.

DEAR DR. BLAKER: My friend and I decided to go hunting in the woods near my grandmother's house, which is in the mountains. My mother checked with my grandmother and found out that it would be OK for us to stay at her house. The

DEAR READER: The years after the death of a loved one, especially a friend, can be a long time, can be quite difficult indeed.

compensate for the lack of guidance in her own life. On the other hand, your grandmother may have just been afraid of having a stranger in her house.



Lunch duty

Manchester High School students stationed themselves in the school cafeteria this week to collect dessert money to be donated to the Manchester Area Conference of Churches. From left



Main Street miniature

This miniature Christmas village was presented to the Whiton Memorial Library for display recently. Each piece

'Merry Widow' a holiday dance

BY Julieanne Hastings UPI TV Reporter NEW YORK — Patricia McBride, Peter Martins and the New York City Ballet present "The Merry Widow" on PBS Monday in a colorful feast of glorious dancing, glittering costumes and holiday spirit.

DEAR READER: Yes, it is possible for the blood test to be positive, which can create emotional trauma for suggest treatment. Neither does the local health department.

'Tis the season to tie flies

Editor's note: Joe Garman, a Manchester resident for many years, is a recognized authority on the subject of bamboo fly rods, and the sport of fly fishing.



Joe's World

Joe Garman

My good wife just came into the den where I am sitting trying to come up with a Christmas column. "You should see what you look like. You're scowling, the few hairs left on top of your head are standing straight up in the air, and you look like you could eat nails," she said.

of course these demands were less and less, and became instead requests to do this, or that, from one adult to another.

interests naturally were along different lines. Thinking about all this made me realize that the pendulum has swung almost full circle, because we are fishing more together, and discussing the same mutual interests.

It's at times like this that I know why I married that woman. In her own little way she settles me in, and puts me on the right track. Admitting this in print could be dangerous, but it's the holiday season and I can afford to take a chance.

Now, however, I guess the time is ripe, and we are going to sit down with "all of the leathers and junk, and let's you and I go at it Christmas Day."

And of course, I can't forget Beau. In a little over two years he has become a "must" for the entire family.



Lending a helping hand

Marion Camp of Walnut Street, right, helps Marge Cratty pick out her Christmas cards from the Meadows Convalescent Center's cheer cart.

Service Notes

Assigned to Air Force Base Airman Scott E. Mazar, son of Richard S. Mazar of 49 Woodland St., and Sandra L. Ratcliffe of 120 Oak Grove St., has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., after completing Air Force basic training.

Births

Lunnam, Diane Marie, daughter of Gene and Joan Ted Lunnam of 22 Downey Drive, was born Nov. 28 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Alex and Marie Ted of Gouverneur, N. Y. Her paternal grandparents are Jack and Norma Lunnam of Watertown, N.Y. She has a sister, Carolyn Lunnam, 23 months.

Water reduces fire danger

NEW YORK (UPI) — A quart of water a day helps keep the fire engines away — from Christmas trees. That message is one of several safety tips compiled by the New York-based National Ornament and Electric Lights Christmas Association, a trade group whose members make Christmas tree lights, decorations and ornaments.

Harvest Moon

The Harvest Moon is the full moon nearest the autumnal equinox. It ushers in a period of several successive days when the moon rises soon after sunset. This phenomenon gives farmers in temperate latitudes extra hours of light in which to harvest their crops before frost and winter come.



Were you there?

This snapshot, taken about 1920, is of the Grade 6 class of the Barnard School on Vine Street, the Ninth District school. The photo was loaned to the Manchester Herald by Margaret Tilden of 86 Glenwood St. Maybe someone recognizes some of the faces.

Institutions face Catch 22

By Gino Del Guercio UPI Science Writer

BOSTON — Most mental patients can be treated better and cheaper outside hospitals, but lack of medical insurance for outpatient treatment keeps many of them trapped in institutions unnecessarily, doctors said today.

Psychiatric treatment that is offered instead of hospitalization is a true Catch-22 with respect to health-insurance plans, said Dr. Loren R. Mosher.

Recent studies show outpatient care for the mentally ill is generally 40 percent less expensive than hospital care. Yet the only existing outpatient clinics are usually found in smaller cities and rural areas or in places where there is strong non-traditional leadership, said Mosher.

Insulin use called a danger

BOSTON (UPI) — Keeping diabetes' blood-sugar levels as close as possible to normal with insulin reduces damage to blood vessels in skeletal muscles, but doctors said today the treatment can further damage kidneys and normal.

One, performed by the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas, studied patients who needed insulin to control their condition. The other, conducted by the New York Medical College and the University of Wisconsin Medical School in Madison, Wis., examined patients who did not outwardly show signs of diabetes.

There have been a number of studies on this problem within the last few years and their conclusions have been very upsetting to people in the field," he said.

There has been a number of long-term studies of the effects of tight blood-sugar control on the eyes and kidneys are needed because there may be benefits after two to five years.

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QUESTION: We are concerned about whether we have adequate medical insurance. I work at Veeder-Root and have a supplement to Medicare Parts A&B from Connecticut General for which I pay \$12 a month. My wife worked for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft and has a supplement for Medicare Parts A&B from Connecticut General for which she pays \$28 every three months. Are we adequately covered? A.C.

ANSWER: I don't know what the Veeder-Root policy offers. Send me the brochure and I will take a look at it. Also send a stamped self-addressed envelope for me to return the booklet. \$3.12 is a very cheap price. I am wondering what they offer. Pratt & Whitney does NOT pay anything toward Part B of Medicare. This policy will not pay five cents toward doctors, ambulance or Part B Medicare service. If your wife keeps the Pratt & Whitney to supplement Medicare Part A, she should by Blue Shield 65 (either Plan 81 or Plan 82) to supplement Medicare Part B. Pratt & Whitney won't pay the co-insurance of Medicare. It pays 80 percent of the Medicare Part B Hospital deductible (655) and 80 percent of prescription drugs after a \$50 deductible. It will also pay 80 percent of private duty nursing (a benefit which hardly anyone uses). It is not bad for the price but it is nowhere near a complete supplement.

QUESTION: I am 82 years old. I have Blue Cross 65 (304) which will be changed to

Adopt a pet

Puppies find homes for Christmas

By Barbara Richmond
Herald Reporter

It will be a very merry Christmas for 12 puppies. Turnpike family and a Windham Center family. And an even merrier one for the

two puppies the families adopted from the dog pound Tuesday. Mrs. Janice Ellis of 409 E. Middle, Turnpike adopted Kasimir, last week's featured pet. A shy little female shepherd, the

dog has a beautifully marked face. Mrs. Ellis said their last dog died at age 12. She said they vowed they wouldn't get another but they missed the company. Incidentally, they have renamed the dog Lady.

A black Labrador puppy, mentioned in last week's column, has been adopted by a young newlywed couple from Windham Center. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Gankofskis. It's a combination wedding present and Christmas present for them. This little male had been named Blackie by Dog Warden Richard Rand. The Gankofskies have renamed him Lancer.

The sad part of this week's news is that King was the sole resident of the pound on Tuesday. King, a handsome shepherd, is smart and well-trained. He'd make an excellent watchdog. He's very lonely.

Rand said he had to have the big black setter destroyed. The dog had some physical problems and wouldn't have been suitable for adoption. Rand said a good samaritan, who didn't leave his name, came to the pound with a load of dog food, including two canine turkey dinners. The dog warden is usually on the pound on town property off Old Street, between noon and 1 p.m. Or he can be contacted by calling the pound, 643-6642 or by calling the Police Department, 646-4555.

There is a \$5 fee for the transaction legal. The new owner is responsible for having the dog licensed at 4 months.



Mr. and Mrs. Ron Gankofskis of Windham Center brought Lancer home on Tuesday. He is a wedding and Christmas present for the young couple.

About Town

AM Bridge Club results

The following are the results of the Dec. 12 and 15 games of the Manchester AM Bridge Club. The Dec. 12 games were in the form of an individual Christmas Party. The winners for that were:

North: Ann Staub, overall winner; and Ann DeMartin, second; South: Penny Weatherwax, first and Tom Regan, second; East: Peg Dunfield, first and Murray Powell, second; and West: Terry Daigle, first and Kaye Baker, second.

East-West: Marge Prentiss and Harvey Sirota, first; Ellen Goldberg and Irwin Goldberg, second; and Joe Bussiere and John Greene, third.

Works on theater crew

Leslie A. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson of Manchester, recently worked on the production crew of "The Journey of the Fifth Horse," presented by the Phoenix Players of Hobart and William Smith colleges in Geneva, N.Y.

She served as props coordinator for the two-act play which is scheduled to go on a regional tour of schools in Upstate New York, early in 1984.

River East elects officers

The Board of Directors of River East Home-Maker-Home Health Aid Service has elected attorney Laurence Rubinow to serve as president for a two-year term. Other officers elected were: Robert Simes, vice president; Phillip Harrison, secretary; and Thomas Rollason, treasurer.

New members, who have agreed to serve on the board are: Del Connelly, Patience Husted, Hylarie Hurwitz, Harry Reinhorn, Charles Rouark, Fred Venia, Mary Willhite, Albert Schneider, Robert McCann and Atty. O. James Purnell III.

Society plans pageant

Plans are being made for the 12th annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Colleen Beauty Pageant, sponsored by the United Irish Societies of Greater Hartford.

Applications are being accepted and information can be obtained by calling Mary Tierney, 643-2597 or Mrs. Sean Byrne, 647-1638.

The pageant is scheduled for Jan. 29 at the Irish American Home Society in Glastonbury. Applicants must be single, of Irish heritage and be between the ages of 17 to 22. Applicants are not allowed to be models or to have attended modeling school.

The non-refundable application fee is \$10.

Residents invited to meet

Manchester residents who have epilepsy, their families and friends are invited to the Jan. 5 meeting of the Greater Hartford Chapter Epilepsy Foundation. The meeting will be at 7:15 p.m. at Newtown Children's Hospital, 101 E. Cedar St., Newton.

Club pinocle results

The following are the scores of the pinocle games played with the Rockville and Manchester senior citizens at the Army & Navy Club. Play is open to all senior citizens each Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Also: Susan Kerr 578; Harold Bagot 577; Helen Bensch 576; Charles Gidrites 576; Andrew Noske 573; Sam Schors 571; and Eleanor Fisch 562.

Joint pinocle games

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Teckli Drazmba 699; Vivian Laquerre 693; Richard Colbert 689; Sam Schors 688; Ann Young 678; Mary Waid 672; John Pinder 667; Bert Edwards 667; Hans Fredericksen 664; Gert Edwards 662. Also: Dorothy Hughes 661; Paul Otton 660; Martin Bakstan 654; Bud Paquin 652; Rosanna Petoquin 649; Andrew Noske 649; Josephine Strimike 642; John Foggie 642; Pauline Farr 641.

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days or more and go back in, you are in a new benefit period and again responsible for that \$356.

QUESTION: I retired from the Aircraft at age 65. I applied for Medicare and now have my Medicare card. My husband also has Medicare. Upon my retirement, I enrolled in the UTC (United Technologies) Medicare Supplement (which also covers my husband) since I had no other Medicare insurance other than Medicare. Our coverage under this plan is for in-hospital and nursing care as well as drugs up to \$5,000 at a cost of \$66 quarterly for two of us. I wonder if you would advise us to take Blue Cross/Blue Shield policies since my present coverage includes no doctors' fees other than what is covered by Medicare. We feel we may not have enough coverage. What would the waiting period for Blue Cross/Blue Shield be? And what would the cost be?

ANSWER: You could cancel the Blue Cross 65 but I would suggest that you do NOT. The reason I say this is because the Blue Cross 65 policy (as expensive as it is) is necessary because it is the supplement to Medicare Part A which is the hospital coverage. Blue Cross 65 will cost you \$68.90 quarterly as of January 1984 but if you go to the hospital you are responsible for the first \$356 (as of January 1984) and this \$356 deductible is in effect in every Benefit Period.

It is NOT a once a year deductible but if you go into the hospital and are out for 90

percent. **ANSWER:** I would strongly suggest that you buy Blue Shield 65 supplemental policies. Both you and your husband need to have Blue Shield 65 because, as you said, your present coverage does not pay anything towards doctors' charges. It is not only doctors' charges but all Medicare services such as ambulance, medicare equipment or supplies, lab fees, anything paid for under Part B of Medicare. Where Medicare pays 80 percent of the allowed amount, Blue Shield 65 will pay the other 20 percent.



Students from Martin School took time off Tuesday to bring Christmas cheer to the Holiday House convalescent home on 28 Cottage St. James Martin, a resident of the home, receives a gift from students Tamesha Woods, left, and Erik Jung.

Christmas cheer

Zoo's newest acquisition has two separate heads

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — The St. Louis Zoo's newest acquisition has minds of its own. The animal, a two-headed baby bull snake, "with two brains telling the body what to do," arrived at the zoo late last month, said herpetologist Ron Goelner.

He said the snake leads a confusing life since it has two functioning brains issuing different orders. In the wild, such snakes usually die of paralyzing confusion, he said. "Sooner or later in the wild, they will die of exposure or starve," Goelner said. "With two brains telling the body what to do, they just wander aimlessly."

But the zoo's snake, found by a hunter and donated to the Missouri Department of Conservation, is doing well. It is believed to be 3 or 4 months old.

So far, the 14-inch snake has been eating mice only through the mouth on its left head. But the right head does not feel deprived because it receives food messages as soon as the mouse enters the reptile's single digestive system. Goelner said the snake — or at least the left head — has been eating regularly. However, he added that the right head now is showing increased interest in the mice. "What we don't want at all is the two heads grabbing the same mouse," said Goelner. "So now we just put a little barrier between the heads so the right one won't know what's going on."

Once the mouse gets in that common digestive tract, the right head feels psychologically satisfied.

What happened to sandlot?
By John A. Johnson
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SPORTS



Manchester center Eric Trudon (21) skates past fallen Jeff Bauer (5) of Glastonbury during the first period

Manchester icemen scap Glastonbury, 7-4

Manchester center Eric Trudon (21) Wednesday night at the Ice Palace. Trudon had a goal and four assists in 7-4 triumph.

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By Len Auster Sports Editor
BOLTON — What a difference a year makes. When Manchester High faced Glastonbury High twice on the ice, the Tomahawks skated to one-sided 11-0 and 10-3 verdicts. The sextets met up Wednesday night here at the Bolton Ice Palace but it was quite a different story as the Indians were the ones who did the scalping, coming away with a 7-4 verdict. Some of that had to come into play late in the second period as Manchester absorbed an inordinate number of penalties. That allowed the Tomahawks to have a five-on-three skating advantage for the final two minutes of the game. Manchester had a 2-0 lead in the opening three-and-a-half minutes of the third session. The Indians, behind some fine penalty-killing by Byram, Trudon and Blake, were able to weather the Glastonbury storm unscathed. "That was one of the keys," Horton said about the penalty killing. He also cited his pep talk between periods. "I think you saw a different team in the third period. We stopped taking penalties and started playing hockey." It didn't take the Indians long to regain their two-goal lead as they tallied at 13:10. Matthew, in the left corner, sent the disk out from where a waiting Beckwith slid it on the ice into the cage. Glastonbury's John McMahon missed an empty net. In the second period, Manchester's Blake didn't miss at 1:26. Byram, behind the net, sent a centering pass into the slot area where Blake



Manchester's Brian Beckwith (15) lets a slap shot go in first period action Wednesday night against Glastonbury

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Buckner wakes up Celtics

BOSTON (UPI) — Boston Celtics coach K.C. Jones said if it weren't for Quinn Buckner and a capacity crowd in Boston Garden, the Celtics and the Atlanta Hawks might still be snoring. "It wasn't until half the whole place was sleeping, even up in the stands," said Jones following the Celtics' 107-93 victory over the Hawks Wednesday night. "But, in the third quarter, Quinn picked up the tempo and got everybody going." "If it was not for him, we might have been padding up the creek. The tempo intensified. They realized we were still home in bed." At halftime, the game was tied 46-46. "But in the opening seconds of the third quarter, Buckner scored six points and lit a fire under Cedric Maxwell, who tossed in three quick baskets as the Celtics ran off a 17-4 burst to take charge and drop the Hawks to 1-11 on the road. "Maxwell woke up like he had a pin stuck in his ear at a time when we needed it," said Jones. "What looked like morning to Jones seemed like dusk to Atlanta coach Mike Fratello. "We did not have the same intensity in the second half and our concentration was not the same either," said Fratello. "When you play a team like the Celtics, every turnover is intensified. They guaranteed us the entire game. We just didn't handle it well in the second half." Maxwell said it was a halftime pep talk that got the Celtics back on

Martin hired to be fired

The wait was fairly lengthy but the speculation turned out to be fact — New York Yankee owner George Steinbrenner indeed fired Billy Martin and replace him with Yogi Berra as the Bronx Bombers' manager. Martin is living proof of the doctrine that managers are hired to be fired. He's been fired more times than a warm fire on a cold winter's night. Steinbrenner had the strange idea that Martin was needed at the helm of the Yankees to light a spark under the team. All he did in his return to New York was provoke controversy. His dog house was bigger than any boarding kennel one could imagine. Players in the lineup one day could not be assured they would see the light of day the next. That's no way to build confidence in a ballplayer, no matter how long he's been in the game. These individuals are very egotistical and any slight variation in routine could set them off. And did there are those who scoff at Berra. They take a look at that lovable roly-poly face and can't imagine the Hall of Fame member can be serious. But behind that facade must be something. One other item which should be brought out under Berra is additional youth in the lineup. That should have been done, no matter who was to manage the Yankees in 1984. The Yankees are an old club. They have

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39-year-old Graig Nettles at third base, and Lou Piniella, Oscar Gamble and alike are not spring chickens, either. What's needed are some more Don Mattinglys and Andre Robertsons in the everyday lineup. Robertson, injured in that automobile accident, is said to be on the road to recovery. It's almost imperative that he return to shortstop in '84 for New York. Martin was a winner the first year wherever he went before 1983. But his act turned sour last season with the Yankees able to only manage third place in the American League East. A veteran team, unlike pliable youngsters, refused to put up with his antics. Steinbrenner's hand to 'promote' Martin to an advisory post was almost forced. Rich Gossage, who until last year was baseball's premier relief hurler, was turned off by Martin. He announced Tuesday he would not be back. Steinbrenner cannot afford to lose others. Steve Kemp and Don Bayler, each brought in by free agency, were in and out of the lineup far too often for them to be effective. Under Berra's guidance, maybe the offense they were supposed to supply last year will surface in '84. No question about it, Martin had to go. There are those who'll say Berra is too easygoing and will lose control of the players. But he's won before. And there's no reason why he can't win again. All he has to do is let the Yanks play. Without the mind games.



Linda Ruff of the Sabres (22) is sandwiched between Hartford's Joel Quenneville (left) and goalie Ed Stasiowski in play in Buffalo Wednesday night. Whalers took 6-3 verdict to snap seven-game winless streak.

Whalers finally win one

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI) — According to Buffalo rookie goaltender Tom Barrasso, the Hartford Whalers "didn't play spectacularly, they just played well enough to win." Hartford broke a seven-game winless streak Wednesday night in beating the Sabres 6-3. Sylvain Turgeon scored two goals and Mark Johnson added a goal and two assists to pace the Whalers. Hartford had lost its last four in a row to slip nine points behind Montreal in the Adams Division race for the fourth and final playoff spot. "They didn't play spectacularly, they just played well enough to win the game," said Barrasso, who allowed five goals. "We helped them out a bit here and there and we only had a handful of players that played good." Johnson, meanwhile, said the victory was a "big plus for his team. "It's a real big plus for us," said the former member of the 1980 gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic team. "The last seven games we haven't been able to put together a real solid effort. We played some good hockey games, but we haven't come away with any points." "It's a team effort," added Turgeon. "We came out positively and that's what helped us." The Hartford victory was the team's first against Buffalo since its first against Buffalo previous three games against their Adams Division rivals. The loss also ended a five-game Sabre winning streak.

Yaz joins WNEV-TV

BOSTON (UPI) — Former Boston Red Sox slugger Carl Yastrzemski will join WNEV-TV in February as an on-air sports reporter. It was announced Wednesday. Yastrzemski, who retired last fall after 23 years, also will work on public service, community relations and marketing. The appointment was announced by Sy Yanoff, the station's general manager and president.

East girls fall to 1-3

DEEP RIVER—The East Catholic girls' basketball team saw its record slip to 1-3 Wednesday night, as the Eagles dropped a 57-38 decision to Valley Regional.

East was unable to overcome the height advantage of Valley Regional's Penni Atkinson and Bonni Gates, whose combination of inside power and outside shooting took too much to handle.

East trailed by only six points, 38-24, at the half, but a preponderance of turnovers in the second half widened the deficit.

Liz Palmer led the Eagles with 19 points. Carolyn DeSignore had nine. Atkinson and Gates had 27 and 21 points, respectively, as Valley Regional improved its record to 4-1.

The record of the East junior varsity team also fell to 1-3, as Valley Regional was victorious, 26-20.

The Eagles' next game will be against Tolland High Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the Tolland Invitational Tournament.



Imposing Patrick Ewing (33) of Georgetown forces Western Kentucky's Bryan Ashberry (50) to alter his shot in college action Wednesday night at Capital Centre.

College basketball roundup Rulebook put in order

By Fred Lief
UPI Sports Writer

College basketball has put its rulebook in order.

After a chaotic month of excessive fouling and interminable finishes to games, the NCAA's Rules Committee Wednesday took an unusual step in voting to rescind its new rule concerning foul shots in the last two minutes.

The rule, intended to reduce fouling, states that two free throws are awarded for each common foul committed in the last two minutes if the bonus rule is in effect.

But, following an outcry from coaches, the rule has been scrapped. And beginning tonight the old rule is in effect — two free throws for a non-shooting foul only if the foul is deemed intentional.

"I think it's great," Western Kentucky coach Clem Haskins said of the change. "I thought it was a stupid rule to begin with. I don't know why they put it in the first place."

The reason was to bring more consistency to calling intentional fouls. The Rules Committee wanted to take the heat off the officials. And by increasing the penalty for fouling, the theory went, less fouls would be committed.

So much for theory.

In the last two minutes, teams looking to catch up went after the opposition's worst foul shooter like a piranha after fresh meat. And instead of less fouling, there was more. And the fouls often took the form of assault.

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"We were looking for the play to run to Gervin coming off Gilmore or for him to set pick for Gilmore," said Erving. "Neither option was available and we had pretty good position and pressure on the play. I can't understand why their record is so poor as 11-15 — it seems like they're struggling against lesser teams."

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Eagle sextet stays spotless

ENTFIELD — Two goals in the final six minutes lifted Eastern East Catholic past a tenacious Suffield High sextet, 2-0, here Wednesday night at the Entfield Twins Rink to spoil a fine effort by the Suffield defense. East's victory improved its record to 4-0.

The Eagles outshot Suffield 31-11, but were unable to score until Kevin Walsh converted a pass from Pat Barrett at the 13:54 mark of the third period. Three minutes later, Dave Olander closed out the scoring, with an assist from Ken Hutt.

Until Walsh's goal, the Eagles were blanked by Suffield netminder Steve Gorman, who East coach Bill Mannix calls "the best goalkeeper in the state."

Gorman was helped by his team's box-and-one defense, which kept the more talented Eagles away from the goal and forced them to take longer shots than they are accustomed to taking. "Suffield's system is frustrating to a lot of teams," Mannix said. "Goalie Steve Cavallo registered the shutout for the Eagles."

"This was a real heart-stopper," Mannix said. "It was wondering what we had to do to get a goal at the end."

Suffield fell to 1-3 with the loss.

The Eagles' next game is against Rockville Friday night at 8:10 p.m. at the Babson Ice Palace. Spectators will not be allowed into the rink until 9 p.m.

Redskins place five on NFC All-Star team

By Ira Kaufman
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NEW YORK — Five members of Washington's record-breaking offense unit made the first team and linebacker Lawrence Taylor of the New York Giants received the most votes on United Press International's 1983 All-NFC squad announced Tuesday.

Taylor received 54 votes as outside linebacker from the panel of 56 pro football writers, four from each of the 32 NFL cities. The devastating blitzer capped his third straight standout season by sacking Redskins' quarterback Joe Theismann three times in New York's 17-10 victory over the Redskins on Dec. 19.

Theismann racked up 51 votes to easily gain the first-team quarterback spot. He directed the Redskins' attack to an NFL-record 54 points as Washington led the league with a 14-2 mark. He is joined in the starting backfield by teammate John Riggins, who set an NFL record with 24 touchdowns, and Los Angeles' rookie sensation Eric Dickerson, the league's rushing leader.

Three members of Washington's offensive line, dubbed the "Hogs," also made the first line, center Jeff Bostic, guard Russ Grimm and tackle Joe Jacoby. Free safety Mark Murphy is the sixth Redskin on the first team.

Both the wide receivers, Philadelphia's Mike Quick and Roy Green of St. Louis, are on the team for the first time along with Green Bay tight end Paul Coffman.

Joining Jacoby at tackle is Jackie Slater of the Los Angeles Rams, while the Rams' Kent Hill was picked at guard. Rookie Ali Haji-Sheikh of the Giants, who converted an NFL-record 18 field goals, was selected at kicker and Carl Birdsong of St. Louis was the runaway choice as punter.

Detroit's William Gay earned his first selection at one defensive end spot next to Dallas veteran Ed "Too Tall" Jones and Cowboys' tackle Randy White completes the 3-man front.

Tampa Bay's Hugh Green joins Taylor at outside linebacker, with Mike Singletary of Chicago and the Cowboys' Bob Bruegning making the inside linebacker berth.

Johnnie Poe of New Orleans and San Francisco's Eric Wright were picked at cornerback and Saints' strong safety Russell Garry joins Murphy to complete the secondary.

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Sports in Brief

Lombardo earns fourth letter

PROVIDENCE — Jeff Lombardo, co-captain of the Brown University soccer team, won his fourth varsity letter this year.

Lombardo, a senior forward, was the fourth leading scorer for the Bruins, who finished the season with a record of 10-4-1. He scored one goal and added nine assists, for a career total of three goals and 29 assists. His best game came against Princeton, when he tallied his only goal and added two assists.

Lombardo is the son of John and Lynn Lombardo of 502 Spring Street.

Blazers 116, Suns 112

At Phoenix, Jim Paxson scored 31 points. Calvin Natt 24 and Kenny Carr 22 to overshadow a 40-point performance by the Suns' MVP, Kevin McHale. George Johnson's 20 points and 10 rebounds led Indiana, 9-13 on the road this season.

Maple Leafs 5, Bruins 4

St. Louis 133-4 Toronto 113-4

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Arafat splits U.S., Israel

By Jim Anderson
United Press International

WASHINGTON — In a sharp disagreement over the future of the Middle East negotiations, Israel and the United States are differing publicly over whether Yasser Arafat and his wing of the PLO could revive the stalled negotiations.

The disagreement was sparked by a meeting in Cairo Thursday between Arafat and Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak that the State Department described as encouraging and the Israelis condemned.

Israeli ambassador to the United States Meir Rosenne, speaking to reporters at the State Department after a meeting with undersecretary of state Lawrence Eagleburger, called the meeting between Arafat and Mubarak "a violation of the spirit and letter of the peace treaty" between Egypt and Israel.

Rosenne said, "We do not think Arafat represents anybody. We don't think Arafat should be resuscitated. We don't think this man should be a party to any negotiation."

Rosenne described Arafat as "this criminal who rejoiced over the assassination of Anwar Sadat."

The State Department and White House issued statements saying, "We view renewed Egyptian-PLO discussions as an encouraging development."

"We are hopeful that such talks will serve to persuade Mr. Arafat that peace negotiations within the framework of the president's initiative are the best means of achieving Palestinian goals," the U.S. statement said.

A senior White House official said the administration is "puzzled" at the Israeli opposition to Arafat's departure from Lebanon and to the possibility of the PLO leader being drawn into negotiations.

"It is difficult to understand how it could be to anyone's benefit for there to be a radicalized PLO," State Department officials expressed the hope that Arafat, who did not agree in April for King Hussein of Jordan to enter negotiations with Israel and Egypt over Palestinian autonomy, will now reconsider and give the go-ahead.

White House officials said U.S. mediator Donald Rumsfeld met in London recently with Hussein. Rumsfeld met President Reagan and his advisers at the White House Thursday and had lunch with Secretary of State George Shultz at the State Department.

The negotiations that the U.S. administration would like to see would involve talks between a moderate Palestinian leadership, Jordan, Egypt, Israel and the United States.

A State Department spokesman, John Hughes, acknowledged that Arafat would have the final approval over any Palestinian delegation that came to the peace table, and Israeli officials made it clear that Arafat, or anybody approved by him, would not be acceptable.



PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat (left) meets with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak during his first stop after the Palestinian exodus from Tripoli, Lebanon. Arafat flew from the Suez Canal city of Ismailia to the presidential palace in Cairo to meet with Mubarak.

Yule sales above '82, stores say

By Kathy Garmus
Herald Reporter

With home computers, clothing and Cabbage Patch dolls topping the most-wanted list, Manchester retailers say this Christmas season far exceeds those of last year.

"From what we see at the store, they are much better than last year," said Terry B. Wright, manager of Caldor at Burr Corners. "Customers are certainly willing to spend more this year."

He said the items in biggest demand include home computers, Cabbage Patch dolls, clothing and giftware. Despite the better-than-anticipated sales, Wright said, the store has not run out of merchandise, with the possible exception of, of course, the Cabbage Patch dolls.

"IT'S LIKE NIGHT AND DAY," said Brian Rogers, owner of the Warehouse Outlet toy store on Broad Street. "It seems like everything is selling."

Like most retailers surveyed, Rogers attributed the improved sales to a rebounding economy. "People have a lot more confidence in the economy and are spending their money more freely," agreed Al Seiffert, one of the owners of Al Seiffert's Appliances on Hartford Road. "They're enjoying themselves."

Seiffert estimated that business this year is up about 40 percent over last year, with microwave ovens, video cassette recorders and televisions all selling very well.

Steven Pershan, manager of Bernie's TV and Appliance on Broad Street, described business as "phenomenal." He attributed the improvement over last year to the economy and increased advertising.

But while consumers are less hesitant to spend money this year, they are not spending recklessly, Pershan said.

"They're spending it but spending it carefully," he said. "They're trying to shop more intelligently."

Barry C. Pinto, manager of the Radio Shack at the Manchester Parkade, said consumer confidence is evident from the sale of high-priced items.

"The higher ticket items have been going better than in past Christmases," he said. "This year has been one of the best."

Along with computers, telephones and related equipment were selling very well, Pinto said.

Nancy Russell, manager of the D & L clothing store at the Parkade, said the store set a record for one-day sales last week.

"They're buying everything," she said. "They are more willing to part with their dollar this year."

"In comparison to last year, we're doing very well," said Robert E. Matson, merchandise manager of the Sears store on Middle Turnpike West. Matson reported computers and appliances are making the strongest showing so far.

Because of the unexpected volume of sales, the store has run out of some merchandise, he said.

"We've probably had twice as big an increase in sales as we expected," Matson said. In addition to the improved economy, Matson cited the mild fall and winter weather as a probable factor in the sales. Consumers are spending more on telephones, he said.

DESPITE the generally upbeat reports, some of the more established retailers in town reported little change from previous years.

"We're about even or a little bit ahead," said Joseph Garman, owner of J Garman Clothier on Main Street. The store, he said, is a "traditional" one which attracts a steady clientele regardless of the economic picture.

Aside from the extra shopping day this year, George Marlow, owner of Marlow's Department Store on Main Street, also reported little change.

"This is our 72nd Christmas so that over the years, things really haven't changed much," he said. "Overall, it will probably wind up as good as any other Christmas."

Rebel leader says U.S. clergyman is alive

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (UPI) — A 63-year-old American priest is leading 3,000 Nicaraguan Indian refugees to safety in Honduras under the cover of darkness to avoid Nicaraguan air force attacks, a spokesman for the Indians said.

The spokesman for the Misura, an Indian rebel group fighting the Marxist-led Nicaraguan regime, said Thursday that Bishop Salvador Schläefler, 63, and three other churchmen were leading the Indians to Honduras under the protection of another group of Nicaraguan anti-government rebels.

The refugee group was attacked by Nicaraguan air force planes and was traveling at night through the remote border region to avoid the bombings, the spokesman said.

He placed their numbers at 3,000 and said they were less than 10 miles from the frontier, but added the group was short of food, and it could take up to two days for them to reach the border.

The Nicaraguan government denied charges it was attacking the group and said a "rescue mission" was being mounted to stop the rebels before they pass into Honduras with the refugees.

In Washington, the State Department said U.S. representatives plan to be at the border to assist any refugees who cross over.

Schläefler, originally of Campbellsville, Wis., and Wendelin Shafer, 64, a priest from Jackson, Mich., were last seen Wednesday at the relocation center of Francisco Sique, 240 miles northeast of Managua.

Nicaragua backtracked on a charge made Wednesday that U.S.-backed anti-government rebels killed Schläefler and instead admitted he is alive and with the Indians.

Nicaraguan state security chief Cmdr. Lenin Cerna said Thursday that U.S. Ambassador to Nicaragua Anthony Quaintan had asked the ruling Sandinista Front to allow the bishop and the Indians to cross the border unimpeded.

According to Cerna, Quaintan told Sandinista officials that the Indians were leaving Nicaragua voluntarily and had not been kidnapped. Quaintan said Schläefler was leading the Indians across the border.

"Both the information transmitted by the U.S. ambassador and the statements made by the mercenary forces of the service of the American government are evidence of... coordination between the two," said Cerna.

Thieves ruin tree, open child's gifts

TIVERTON, R.I. (UPI) — Thieves broke into a home, tore down a Christmas tree and ripped open gifts set out in anticipation of a young boy's return from Pittsburgh where he has undergone two life-saving liver transplant operations, police said.

Three women and a male youth from Newport, R.I., were arrested Thursday in connection with the break at the home of Michael Almeida, police said.

The grandparents of the 3-year-old boy, scheduled to return home with his parents Saturday after three months in Pittsburgh, had been watching over the vacant home during the family's absence, police said.

To welcome the youngster home, they decorated the house, trimmed a tree and set out presents, police said.

At 3 p.m., Little Compton police stopped a suspicious car and found three piggy banks, one marked with Michael's name, in the car, clothes and other articles in the trunk. The labeled piggy bank led to the Almeida house.

The house was ransacked, the Christmas tree knocked over, presents were torn open, and welcome-home cards strung on tree limbs were strewn on the floor, police said.

There were only a few pennies remaining in the piggy bank, said Tiverton Police Detective Robert Toolin.

"They used Mike's piggy bank money for gasoline," said Toolin.

Christmas 1983

Town offices: Closed Monday. Coventry town offices also are closed today.

State and federal offices: Closed Monday.

Post offices: Regular mail delivery and window hours Saturday. There will be no window service or mail delivery on Monday.

Libraries: Both Manchester libraries will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday but will be closed on Monday. The Bentley Memorial Library in Bolton will be closed Saturday but open on Monday. The Andover Public Library will be closed Saturday and Monday.

Schools: Manchester public schools closed at noon today. Manchester parochial schools closed at 11:30 a.m. today. Andover public schools, RHAM High School and Coventry public schools will close at the end of the school day today. Bolton public schools closed at 1 p.m. today. All schools will reopen on Jan. 3.

Gas: There will be no pickup on Monday in Manchester and Bolton. The dumps in Andover and Coventry will be open regular hours on Saturday but will be closed on Monday.

Emergency numbers: In Manchester, emergency phone numbers are highway, 647-3233; refuse, 647-3248; sewer and water, 647-3111. In Bolton, civil preparedness, 649-8743. In Coventry, town garage, 742-6586.

Manchester Herald: The Herald will not publish Monday and its offices will be closed.

Colest December rewriting records

The coldest December in 50 years kept on rewriting record books today as it claimed the lives of at least eight people, dropped the wind chill to 20 below zero in North Dakota, and threatened power cuts in Texas.

It also slammed heavy snow through northern New England.

The record cold was blamed for at least 96 deaths in the past week.

In Connecticut, falling temperatures today freezing melting snow and leftover rain icing roads across Connecticut causing hazardous driving conditions for morning commuters. Clear skies and sunshine were forecast through the day, with temperatures expected to peak between 20 and 25.

Five elderly men died of exposure to zero to 10 degrees tonight with Saturday's highs in the 20s.

A Greyhound bus overturned on an ice-packed, curving road near Fredericktown, Mo., Thursday, sending 43 people to hospitals. Rescuers worked hard to protect them against exposure in the minus-10-degree weather.

A spokesman at the Connecticut Department of Transportation urged motorists to use extreme caution during the morning commute because the ice was deceptive and looked like water, but was actually frozen surfaces.

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