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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 Rosenfeld, 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.

Rosenfeld 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."

Rosenfeld 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 Israel 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 Quainton had asked the ruling Sandinista Front to allow the bishop and the Indians to cross the border unimpeded.

Some 10,000 Miskito Indians have been relocated inside Nicaragua, and another 13,000 have fled to Honduras due to strife in the region.

In Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, two Miskito Indians who said they escaped from the refugee group told reporters that anti-Sandinista rebels forced Schläefler and the Indians to go to Honduras "where they said they would find freedom."

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.

Coldest 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 icing was deceptive and looked like water, but was actually frozen surfaces.

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.

Garages: Most stores will be open Saturday and many will be open on Monday. Most supermarkets will be closed on Monday.

Banks: Most banks will be closed Saturday. All banks will be closed Monday.

Liquor: Liquor stores will be open Saturday but closed Monday.

Bars: Most bars will be open Saturday and Monday but closed on Sunday.

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.

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Conservationists strengthen fight against Reagan policies

By Robert Songeorge
United Press International

WASHINGTON — James Watt and Anne Burford, the most controversial figures to dominate the environmental policy scene in many years, departed amid much controversy during 1983 and left far more conciliatory decision-makers in their place.

The resignations of Watt as interior secretary and Mrs. Burford as Environmental Protection Agency administrator resulted in a lowering of voices between the administration and the environmental movement over President Reagan's strong pro-development policies.

But the political mobilization of conservationists that occurred when Reagan took office in 1981 seemed likely to grow more intense during the presidential

election year of 1984.

SEVERAL NATIONAL environmental groups, such as the Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth, are gearing up for what is expected to be an unprecedented involvement in congressional and presidential campaigns — both in terms of dollars and volunteers.

The replacement of Mrs. Burford by the politically moderate William Ruckelshaus and the ascetic Watt by soft-spoken William Clark is likely to pale in comparison to the controversies of 1983 over toxic waste cleanup, acid rain, offshore oil leasing, federal coal leasing and protection of national parks, wildlife areas, forests and wilderness regions.

At the EPA, Ruckelshaus, while not winning unanimous praise from environmental leaders, is credited with restoring profes-

sional integrity at the agency. He took over last May with the EPA engulfed in scandal over allegations of political favoritism, conflicts of interest, "sweetheart deals" with corporate polluters and mismanagement of the \$1.6 billion "Superfund" waste cleanup program.

The crisis ultimately forced the firings or resignations of more than 20 top EPA officials, including Mrs. Burford and Superfund director Rita Lavelle.

MISS LAVELLE WENT ON to become the only high-ranking Reagan administration official convicted of a felony for official acts, when a federal court jury found her guilty of perjury for lying to Congress and obstructing its investigation into the Superfund program.

Ruckelshaus got positive marks from environmental leaders for making reform of the toxic waste cleanup effort his top priority. But he has felt the heat of increasing criticism from those same conservationists for the administration's failure to resolve internal differences and come with an acid rain control strategy.

At the Interior Department, meanwhile, Watt ran into fierce congressional opposition as he pursued unabashedly development programs to open up massive areas of federal land and offshore regions to oil, natural gas and coal exploration.

But Watt's resignation was not the result of a policy dispute. His reputation for making unpredictable comments caught up with him Sept. 21, when he told a U.S. Chamber of Commerce breakfast that his advisory commission on coal leasing was led with

Phony money brings arrest of nurse, kin

A Massachusetts woman who Secret Service agents say worked as a nurse at the Meadows Convalescent Center in Manchester has been charged with using phony money to buy more than \$2,000 worth of Christmas presents.

The four were arrested by Secret Service agents and Meriden police at the Meriden Square shopping mall Wednesday afternoon, said Secret Service Agent-in-Charge Dan Marchitello.

They were Alice Schofer, 51, of Holyoke, Mass.; her sons Karl, 25, and David, 18, and daughter Almie, 20, a former Hartford night club dancer.

Marchitello said Mrs. Schofer was employed at Meadows. A Meadows spokeswoman this morning denied that Mrs. Schofer worked there, and said "no comment" when asked if she had worked there formerly.

The Schofers pleaded innocent and were released on \$5,000 non-surety bonds pending a Jan. 11 hearing. The charge carries a maximum sentence of 15 years.

At a news conference Thursday, Marchitello displayed stacks of phony money and a couple of portable printing presses the four allegedly used.

He said security officers at the mall had been tipped by the Secret Service that phony money was being passed in the Hartford area.

When Almie Zappas allegedly passed a counterfeit \$20 bill, mall security detained her and her son Karl, said Marchitello. She was said to have \$3,500 in counterfeit \$10s, \$20s and \$100s in her possession.

The arrest of Mrs. Schofer and her son, David, soon followed when a clerk in another mall shop contacted the Secret Service and said a woman had just passed a counterfeit \$20 bill. The clerk's description of the woman matched Mrs. Schofer's, Marchitello said.

He said authorities seized their purchases, which included record albums, towels, and cookie-makers valued between \$2,800 and \$3,900 and were to be given as Christmas presents.

Marchitello said the questioned money, which he described as of poor quality, was first discovered in Newark, N.J., and later followed through New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

He said the alleged operation was a family affair, and not connected to any criminal element. The press and a camera were seized at Mrs. Schofer's Holyoke apartment.

The two Zappas sons apparently read do-it-yourself counterfeiting material and "a family decided to go into the counterfeiting business," Marchitello said.

Someone tried to age some of the bills by sticking them in paper bags with dirt in the bottom and then shaking the bags, he said.

According to the American Dietetic Association, whole grains and beans, not fruits and vegetables are the most concentrated sources of fiber.



Reindeer winner

Four-year-old Bobby Berthiaume of Glastonbury poses with a stuffed reindeer he's just won in an Optical Style Bar drawing. Garry Lawrence, manager of the Main Street store, looks on. A worker at the store pulled Bobby's name from a binful of tickets people had turned in at the Manchester Product Show and afterward at the store.

Drunk driving charged

The following people were charged with drunk driving recently in Manchester: All were released on written promises to appear in Manchester Superior Court.

Ronald J. Fields Jr., of East Hartford, following an accident Dec. 5 that critically injured another driver, James Del Greco, 26, of East Hartford, on Dec. 15, Kenneth M. Morgester, 49, of 36 Thompson Road, Frederick R. Maloon, 25, of Stafford Springs, Irason N. Norman, 21, of 448 W. Middle Turnpike, Douglas C. Bousquet, 21, of 205 Center St., and Linda Lowby, 22, of Hartford, on Saturday, Chester P. Luke, 64, of 5 Fernwood Drive, Bolton, Ernest W. Harlow, 44, of Ashford, Robert M. Caron, 29, of South Windsor; and Paul J. Hyde, 21, of East Hartford.

On Sunday, Robert A. Jerry, 19, of Tolland; Keith R. Boushee, 19, of Adams Road St.; Joseph J. Adams Jr., 26, of 78 Birch St. On

Cooney believes hiring fair, but sees room to improve it

By Kathy Gormus
Herold Reporter

Although Manchester is attracting more minority applicants for municipal jobs than it used to, there is still room for improvement in the town's hiring practices, the new chairman of the Human Relations Commission said.

In an interview with the Manchester Herald Thursday, John W. Cooney said that while he believes the town's current hiring practices are fair, some people think they exclude minority applicants.

"The appearance of fairness is just as important as fairness itself," he said. Despite improvements in recruiting minority candidates in recent years, the process is always open for improvement," he said.

Cooney suggested that available positions be more widely advertised to encourage more minorities to make application and to show that because it's a suburban town doesn't mean they don't stand as good a chance as others.

Cooney, a Democrat, praised Fisher's work on the commission, but said his departure and the subsequent resignations of Democrat Liatana Blagrove and Republican Alan Allen would not have any long-term effect on the commission.

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Gauvin likely to head MEA

By Sarah E. Hall
Herold Reporter

Unless some other public school teacher volunteers to run for the post, Republican Anne Gauvin will head the Manchester Education Association in May.

"I'll do it until some other people feel that they're ready," Mrs. Gauvin said Thursday. While others are still being groomed for presidency, she said, she's got plenty of experience — she served as leader of the MEA from 1980 to 1982.

A Republican Town Committee member, she reported missing Sunday morning from two cars parked in a lot next to the Anderson Brothers garage at Main and Locust streets, police said.

Ormand Gagnon, 25, of 45-A Racebrook Drive summoned police to the lot when he returned to his car after attending church services and discovered 200 pounds of welding equipment missing from his car, police said.

While police were on the scene David Sandstrom, 42, of 1262 Boston Turnpike, approached and said someone had also broken into his car and taken a radio, a tachometer, a set of keys and a leather pouch filled with tools, police said.

But she said Thursday she doubted the union would become any more GOP-oriented than her at the helm. Endorsement decisions are left largely up to the association's political action committee anyway, she said.

"I don't see how my being president is going to alter anything within the association," she added.

She did say she and current MEA president Tognalli have a different leadership style. "I think I tend to be more directive, and Peter tends to be more

Peopletalk

Dr. Ben Casey updated?

With the success of the TV medical series "Trapper John, M.D.," and "St. Elsewhere," Vince Edwards has given some thought to updating the character he created more than 20 years ago — Dr. Ben Casey.

"I think we would do Casey now as a disillusioned idealist, fighting the business of medicine. When he first came out he was fighting the bureaucracy. Then he learned all there is to learn. Now he's fighting some 30-year-old guy who has just come out of financial school who says, 'We gotta move those beds, we gotta make some money.'"

Edwards noted that "medical costs have gone through the roof — you know, the old greed syndrome."



Dr. Ben Casey

Executive imagery

Chrysler Corp. Chairman Lee Iacocca has helped improve the image of corporate executives by doing commercials for his company. But a media adviser to big company officials says his imitators are hurting, not helping.

Roger Skiles, who gives a \$5,000 a day course in dealing with the media, said Iacocca helped the image of executives by appearing in the ads, taking stands on auto issues and paying back \$1.2 billion in federal loans.

In the December issue of Communications Journal, Skiles said that for every Iacocca there is "some yo-yo who runs a used car lot who either wants to be a camera himself or doesn't want to pay an actor so he just does it himself. That sets the whole image back 20 years."

Samantha arrives in Tokyo

TOKYO — Samantha Smith, an American schoolgirl who made headlines by visiting Moscow as guest of Soviet leader Yuri Andropov last summer, arrived in Tokyo Thursday for a 10-day goodwill tour.

Samantha, 11, was accompanied by her mother, Jane.

She was invited to address a children's symposium on the 21st Century, sponsored by a Japanese group promoting the international science and technology exposition, Tsukuba 85.

A letter from the group's secretary general earlier told Samantha she is "quite well known" in Japan.

"We're bringing friendship pins — we made a whole bunch of them — maple syrup and candy canes," Samantha said as she spoke with reporters in Portland, Maine, before heading to New York for her flight to Japan.

Samantha is to join four other American children in the symposium at the western Japanese port city of Kobe Monday.

Samantha, a sixth grader from Portland, Maine, will visit educational institutions and the cultural center of Kyoto before flying home on Dec. 30.

She was invited to Moscow by Andropov after her letter to the Soviet leader, expressing concern about the possibility of nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union, was published in the Communist Party newspaper Pravda.

Asked in Maine how she feels about being away from home on Christmas, Samantha said, "Well, it's OK. I mean, I'm going to Japan."

'If it ain't broke ...'

The new owners of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville say they will make no changes in America's longest-running radio show because, as Opry star Minnie Pearl told them, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

"It ain't, so we won't. It doesn't need fixing," the Opry's new owners, Gaylord Broadcasting Co., said in a full-page advertisement in the Wall Street Journal.

Gaylord Broadcasting, of Dallas, paid American General Corp. a reported \$250 million last July for the Opry, WSM radio, the Opryland U.S.A. theme park and hotel and the Nashville Network, a new cable television enterprise.

Many Opry stars, including Minnie Pearl, called the new owners "outsiders" and feared they would try to change the radio show that has been the home of country music for half a century.

Best and worst dressers

Fashion designer Jacques Belanti rates Elizabeth Taylor and Burt Reynolds the world's worst dressed celebrities, while President Reagan and Joan Rivers head his best-dressed list.

Belanti, who published his list in the Dec. 27 Star, went on to name the rest of the worst — Dolly Parton, Meryl Streep, Jennifer Beals and Christina Onassis among the women; and Warren Beatty, Mr. T, David Hartman and Richard Pryor among the men.

The other best dressed men are Prince Charles, John Forsythe, Richard Chamberlain and Frank Sinatra. Best dressed women are Princess Caroline, Joan Collins, Princess Diana, Caroline Kennedy and a special award to Nancy Reagan.

Oil magnate in Moscow

Oil magnate Dr. Armand Hammer is holding a series of meetings with Soviet officials to discuss trade, according to the Soviet news agency Tass.

On Wednesday, Hammer, 85, met with Vladimir Alkhimov, chairman of the board of the State Bank of the U.S.S.R., and Nikolai Patolichev, minister of foreign trade.

Hammer, president and chairman of Occidental Petroleum, is a frequent visitor to the Soviet Union and has been a friend of Kremlin leaders from Lenin to Brezhnev. Tass did not say when Hammer arrived in Moscow nor how long he planned to stay.

He'll save it to retire

A 66-year-old Shelton factory foreman who said he was shocked just to have the chance to win the Connecticut Lottery's Rainbow Jackpot drawing said he will save some of the \$100,000 he won Thursday for his retirement.

Louis Catlin Jr., a foreman for Apex Tool and Cutter Inc. in Shelton, said he will also use his winnings from the weekly drawing to help his wife Fray and their three sons.

Fray Catlin said it was the first time the couple had won anything in the 42 years they have been married.

Weather

Today's forecasts

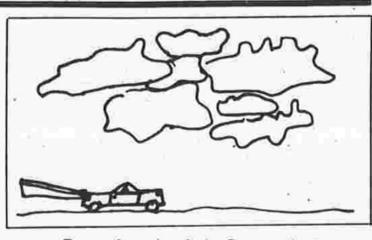
Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Clear early tonight becoming cloudy with a chance of snow after midnight. Lows 5 to 15 interior 15 to 20 along the coast. Saturday a chance of snow in the morning then variable cloudiness windy and very cold. Highs only 10 to 20.

Maine: Fair tonight with some clouds southwest. Lows 3 to 8 below north to 10 to 16 south. Variable cloudiness with scattered flurries north and mostly sunny in the south on Saturday. Highs in the single numbers north to the teens south.

New Hampshire: Partly cloudy tonight. Lows 0 to 7 below north and 0 to 10 above south. Variable cloudiness with scattered flurries north and mostly sunny in the south on Saturday. Highs in the single numbers north to the teens south.

Vermont: Cold tonight. Partly cloudy with a chance of light snow and flurries. Lows 5 below to 10 above zero. Windy and still cold Saturday. Mostly cloudy with a chance of more light snow and flurries. Highs in the teens.

Long Island Sound: Gale winds remain in effect. Winds from 20 knots today and tonight. Winds becoming northerly 20 to 25 knots Saturday and continuing to increase Saturday night. Visibility — more than 5 miles miles except occasionally briefly lower in some areas tonight. Average wave heights — 2 to 4 feet decreasing to 1 or 2 feet later today and tonight. Sea heights increasing Saturday.



Becoming cloudy in Connecticut

Becoming cloudy tonight in Connecticut with a 50 percent chance of snow after midnight. Lows 10 to 15. North winds around 10 mph. Saturday a 50 percent chance of snow in the morning then variable cloudiness, windy and very cold with highs only in the teens. Outlook for the rest of the holiday weekend: remaining very cold with mostly clear skies. Today's weather picture was drawn by Stephen Prunty, 9, of 36 Durkin St., a fourth-grade student at Bowers School.



Satellite view

Commerce Department satellite photo taken at 4 a.m. EST shows high clouds extending from Texas across the Gulf states and Carolinas to the Middle Atlantic coast. Rain and snow producing clouds can be seen over northern California. Patches of cloudiness are dimly visible from the Southwest across the southern and central Plains to the Ohio Valley.

Extended outlook

Extended outlook for New England Sunday through Tuesday: Cloudy, with scattered flurries and Rhode Island: Fair weather through the period. Very cold with overnight lows from zero to 15 above. Daytime highs from 10 to 25 degrees.

Vermont: Very cold Christmas Day with partly cloudy skies and chance of flurries. High 5 to 15. Low zero to 15 below. Slowly moderating temperatures and dry weather. By Tuesday highs 15 to 20 and lows zero to 15.

Maine and New Hampshire: Chance of flurries north and mountains on Christmas Day otherwise fair and very cold through Tuesday. Highs in the single numbers north to the teens south. Lows 5 to 15 below north and near zero south. Moderating trend about Tuesday.



National forecast

For period ending 7 a.m. EST Saturday. Tonight, snow will be expected in the Central Intermountain Region, changing to rain over the South Pacific Coasts. Elsewhere weather will remain fair in general. Minimum temperatures include: (maximum readings in parentheses) Atlanta 22 (42), Boston 18 (23), Chicago 7 (15), Cleveland -05 (16), Dallas 15 (27), Denver -08 (8), Duluth -25 (-10), Houston 28 (35), Jacksonville 44 (68), Kansas City -23 (0), Little Rock 13 (16), Los Angeles 56 (68), Miami 61 (78), Minneapolis -28 (-10), New Orleans 39 (50), New York 15 (25), Phoenix 52 (70), San Francisco 41 (53), Seattle 14 (34), St. Louis -12 (4), and Washington 19 (32).

High and low

The highest temperature reported Thursday by the National Weather Service, excluding Alaska and Hawaii, was 84 degrees at West Palm Beach, Fla. Today's low was 46 degrees below zero at Butte, Mont.

Weather radio

The National Weather Service broadcasts 24-hour continuous weather information on 162.475 mHz in Hartford, 162.55 mHz in New London and 162.40 mHz in Meriden.

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Marines face more threats from Moslem extremists



By Steve Hoge/United Press International

BEIRUT, Lebanon — American and French peacekeepers in a grim Christmas weekend today, with a Moslem extremist group warning of new terrorist attacks if they remain in Lebanon.

The group, the Islamic Jihad (Islamic Holy War), said Thursday it carried out the truck bomb attack Wednesday near a French post of the multinational force.

Official government news agencies said between 12 and 15 people were killed in the blast, but other sources put the toll at between 23 and 27 people dead.

One French soldier died in the explosion, French military officials said.

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service men and 58 French paratroopers Oct. 21 at their bases in Beirut.

In the early evening attack Wednesday, witnesses told police they saw a man park a truck near a French military post in the heart of Beirut, then haul a passing gray Volvo and speed away.

An Ethiopian was killed and four others were wounded when another bomb ripped through a crowded hotel bar Wednesday night in west Beirut.

Lebanese police reportedly questioned two people in the truck bombing, but there were no arrests announced.

In southern Lebanon, attackers hurled a hand grenade at an Israeli patrol Thursday, killing one civilian and wounding two others, police said.

In the Shouf mountains southeast of Beirut, Lebanese army units came under mortar and rocket-propelled grenade attack from Druze Moslem rebels, Beirut radio said.

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In Beirut, Hope will try to fight U.S. troops' depression

By Daniela Iacano/United Press International

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Far from home and on guard against terrorist attacks, U.S. Marines in Lebanon are in the doldrums this Christmas season, but there is hope for some holiday cheer — Bob Hope and tons of baked goods from America.

"Mom will be baking cakes and cookies, and I'll be here," lamented Lance Cpl. Greg Fife of Dayton, Ohio.

"All I can think about Christmas is that it's one day closer to getting out of this place," Lance Cpl. Alex Chavez of Albuquerque, N.M., said Thursday.

But prospects of a goodwill visit by entertainer Bob Hope and tons of gifts sent from America are expected to raise the spirits of the peace-keeping forces.

Hope, along with teenage model Brooke Shields and entertainers George Kirby, Vic Damone, Cathy Lee Crosby, Anne Jillian and Miss USA Julie Hayek, were en route to Lebanon today to stage a series of Christmas shows for the servicemen aboard U.S. ships offshore Beirut.

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They will dine in their bunkers on roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, egg nog, cranberry sauce and fruit cake. They will even get to drink beer — but no more than three cans each because of regulations.

"The men will eat at their locations," Jones said. "I might think they can take advantage of us, thinking we're relaxed."

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World In Brief

Police summon Walesa

WARSAW, Poland — Nobel Peace Prize winner Lech Walesa has been ordered to tell authorities next week about a secret meeting he had with leaders of the banned Solidarity union after he eluded a police car tailing him, his wife said.

Danuta Walesa, who went to Norway last week to accept her husband's Nobel prize, said Walesa was told to appear before police next Thursday. Walesa was not available for comment.

In a telephone interview from their apartment in Gdansk, Mrs. Walesa said the summons resulted from a secret meeting Walesa held recently with four Solidarity underground leaders.

In a related development, the official Polish news agency PAP reported Thursday that 10 Solidarity underground activists were arrested in the city of Gorzow Wielkopolski in western Poland.

The broadcast also said a radio transmitter used for broadcasting the union's programs was confiscated along with thousands of anti-state leaflets.

Shopping chore for Poles

WARSAW, Poland — Christmas shopping has become something of a chore for millions of Polish families who are finding high prices and shortages of many traditional food items in most stores.

The list of the food items that housewives could only dream about were as long as the lines in front of the shops this Christmas season in Poland, which is 85 percent Roman Catholic.

And with average Polish wages of \$143 a month, the Christmas holiday was a financial effort requiring, in most cases, the whole monthly income for shopping.

Candies and chocolates being sold on rationing coupons along with meat, butter, sugar and flour were in short supply. Virtually unavailable were raisins, almonds, lemons, baking powder, olive oil and bananas.

Arafat leaves Egypt

CAIRO, Egypt — Guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat left Egypt after a triumphant meeting with President Hosni Mubarak that was condemned by other Palestinians as a move toward endorsement of U.S. Middle East peace plans.

Arafat held two hours of talks Thursday with Mubarak, a strong U.S. ally, in a visit that ended six years of hostility toward the only Arab state that has signed a peace treaty with Israel.

The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization met with Mubarak two days after being expelled from Lebanon along with 4,000 of his fighters by Syrian-backed Palestinians opposed to his rule of the PLO.

"Egypt was and will continue to be the true bulwark of the Palestinian people and its struggle to regain Palestine," Arafat said.

He later rebanned the Greek ferry that carried him from Lebanon to Egypt and headed south through the Red Sea.

Wreath of peace arrives

SOUTH GOULDSBORO, Maine — When Bob Duerr tried to send a hand-made Christmas wreath to Russia as a symbol of peace, he found it was an impossible task, "so the people in the office said a prayer, and it happened."

On Tuesday, Duerr received confirmation that the wreath sent to the Tombs of the Unknown Soldier in Leningrad and Washington, D.C., had made it to their respective destinations.

"Those two guys in the unknown soldier tombs were allies 40 years ago," Duerr said Thursday. "Our business is Christmas time, this is Christmas time, we sent this as a message from our little shop as a symbol of Christmas peace."

Duerr and his two brothers operate The Attitude Wreath in South Gouldsboro, a minuscule town "Down East." This year, they shipped more than 22,000 balsam fir wreaths all over the globe.

Spending Christmas in White House

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Israelis tighten security in Holy Land

By Jeffrey Heller/United Press International

TEL AVIV, Israel — Israeli police worried by new terrorist tactics such as suicide bombings are tightening security around Holy Land sites as thousands of pilgrims arrive for the Christmas holidays.

"It is really crazy these days and that obligates us to be more on the alert," a police spokesman said Thursday.

Police in the Jerusalem and Bethlehem areas will be out in full force for Christmas. Officers will set up roadblocks to check cars, and in Bethlehem, they will carry out body searches of visitors in Manger Square.

Grenade booby-traps exploded Tuesday at a Greek Orthodox monastery in Bethany, where the Bible says Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. A nun was wounded in the blast.

A mysterious group calling itself "Terror Against Terror" believed to be composed of Jewish extremists — claimed responsibility for the Bethany attack and the planting of similar grenade devices at three Christian holy sites in Jerusalem two weeks ago.

The police spokesman said it was not so much those incidents that had police worried, but the specter of a large-scale terror attack during the Christmas festivities.

"There is apprehension over terror attacks aimed at destroying the joyousness of the holiday," he said. "The year as a whole was not very pleasant."

"There were all sorts of phenomena that were new to us, such as suicide bombers," he added, referring to the attacks on American installations in Lebanon and Kuwait.

Despite the security alert, the spokesman said it would be "impossible to guard everything."

Bethlehem, the hilltop town where the Bible says Jesus Christ was born, celebrated a lonely Christmas last year as the war in Lebanon discouraged visits to the Holy Land.

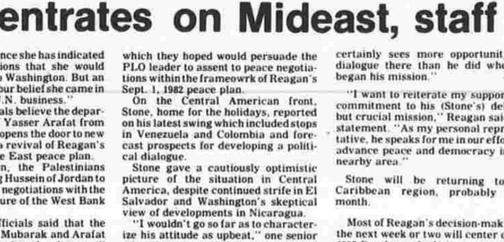
"The fear over the war in Lebanon has receded and that, coupled with a better economic situation abroad, has helped," an Israeli Tourism Ministry spokeswoman said.

made prior arrangements for the pickup, but the Marines decided this week it would be "inappropriate for Marines to go into a homosexual establishment."

"I couldn't believe it," said Sgt. Ben. Alan Robbins, whose district includes the bar. "Here we had people who had donated toys for children to have a happy Christmas and the toys were just sitting there. I just did the logical thing."

"I'm kind of surprised that the Marines would not pick up the toys here," Robbins said in an interview from the bar. "Who knows, maybe when I run again my slogan will be, 'Alan Robbins will go where the Marines are afraid to go.'"

Marines from transport and maintenance group pose with their M16 rifles in front of a Christmas tree at their base in Beirut. The Marines will celebrate Christmas a day early for security reasons.



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United States In Brief

ACLU Bible suit dismissed

LOS ANGELES — Three days before Christmas, a federal judge dismissed a lawsuit claiming President Reagan's proclamation of 1983 as the "Year of the Bible" was unconstitutional.

The judge said the joint resolution of Congress passed in October 1982 and the proclamation made by Reagan on Feb. 3, 1983, was a non-binding "patriotic appeal to the American people in the spirit of the Founding Fathers."

The joint resolution of Congress does not exact any particular behavior from any individual. U.S. District Judge Manuel Real said Thursday.

"It certainly imposes no penalties or sanctions of any kind. It is not a law."

The American Civil Liberties Union, representing 16 plaintiffs including clergy from the Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and Sikh faiths, along with humanists, agnostics and atheists, charged the proclamation was an "endorsement of the Bible as the Word of God (that) offends every non-Christian religion." They also charged it violated the First Amendment by stamping Christianity as the official religion of the land.

WASHINGTON — General Motor and Toyota have tentative approval to build a new car line despite complaints from competitors.

Federal Trade Commission members the deal will give the two giant automakers a stranglehold on the subcompact market.

By a 3-2 vote Thursday, the FTC approved a consent agreement that would impose some restrictions on the joint venture that will produce a GM-style car with a Toyota-designed engine.

In voting to tentatively accept the proposed consent agreement, the FTC decided not to challenge the landmark deal that will mark the first time two major automakers jointly build a new line of cars in the United States.

Critics said the restrictions still would not keep the landmark deal from restraining competition in the U.S. market.

The FTC is "letting the two strongest automotive companies in the world monopolize the small-car market," Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca.

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New England In Brief

Beaching of whales studied

BLOCK ISLAND, R.I. — Veterinarians from the National Marine Fisheries Service were expected to join a crew from Mystic MarineLife Aquarium today at the island cove where seven pilot whales beached during the snow storm.

The crews hope to discover the cause of the beaching, which was discovered about 11 a.m. Thursday and reported to island police.

Five of the whales died shortly after they beached, said officials from the Mystic, Conn. aquarium, who were called to the scene by local authorities.

Aquarium officials said they were not sure why the 18-to-22-foot animals beached, but spokesman Roger Wyley said pilot whales are prone to beaching because they rub to the aid of other whales in need.

New prison wing opens

CONCORD, N.H. — Some of the 440 inmates at the 110-year-old New Hampshire State Prison are expected to be transferred to a new \$6.25 million maximum security cell block next month.

State officials inspected the 100-cell unit Thursday, calling it "a state-of-the-art" facility. It is also the first completed phase of a \$28 million expansion and improvement program at the prison.

Inmates will be housed in separate cells with approximately 80 square feet of space each. A spokesman said the main security feature is that it can be sealed off into 12 separate areas. Each cell can also be individually sealed off.

The facility is the result of eight years of study and legislative action. The entire \$28 million expansion and upgrading is scheduled for 1990.

NEW YORK (UPI) — The bottled water market in the United States is expected to rise from \$944 million in retail sales in 1982 to about \$1.745 billion in 1990, a new study shows.

The 1990 figure from the survey by Find-SVP, a New York-based market research company, is based on 1982 dollars.

The study showed only moderate growth in sales this year, but indicates an average of 8 percent annual growth, without inflation, from now until 1990.

Market research manager Peter Allen said bottled water is becoming more popular because of consumer awareness of problems such as pollution of public water sources.

Kennedy calls for anti-hunger program



Sen. Edward M. Kennedy

By Elmer W. Lommi/United Press International

WASHINGTON — Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., saying the Reagan administration doesn't recognize that millions of Americans are going hungry, is calling for a \$2.5-billion-a-year program to make sure they can eat.

"There is clear, undeniable and authoritative evidence of widespread and increasing hunger in America," Kennedy said Thursday. "After years of slow but steady progress, the momentum has shifted against us and the enemy is advancing."

The Massachusetts Democrat made the statement at a news conference during which he released a report, "Going Hungry in America," based on his findings during a six-day tour of four major cities and a number of smaller communities just before Thanksgiving.

"Economists tell us that the recession officially ended in November 1982," he said. "But it is far from over

and millions of Americans who are invisible to the Reagan administration."

Kennedy's report gives details on growing numbers of people standing in food lines in Minneapolis, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Detroit and smaller communities in western Kentucky.

In his \$2.5 billion proposal, Kennedy includes a 10 percent increase in food stamp benefits as well as increased spending for child nutrition programs and home-delivered meals for the elderly.

Calling the proposal "an extremely modest" one, Kennedy said its cost would be "only one twentieth of the \$50 billion increase the Defense Department is seeking for military spending in the next year alone."

"Presumably, that increase is supposed to advance the national defense," he said. "But surely the defense of this nation includes the health of our families as much as the size of our bombs."

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OPINION

Richard M. Diamond, Publisher
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Catholic teachers settled for less



Manchester Spotlight

By Sarah E. Hall — Herald Reporter

Last week, when teachers from five Catholic high schools in the area overwhelmingly ratified a contract proposed by a state mediator, I was much surprised.

The contract they adopted was not all that different from the administration's proposals they had been rejecting for more than a year. Why the sudden capitulation?

The union representative from East Catholic High School, teacher John J. McConville, said he couldn't explain it. "I'll never understand it," he said. "I thought the vote was going to be a lot closer."

Me, too. The ratified contract keeps Catholic teachers at the bottom of the pay-and-benefit heap. And just before last Friday's vote, every East Catholic teacher I queried had expressed disappointment in the contract put before them.

Maybe East Catholic teachers felt strength in numbers — their school has the largest staff in the diocese and the highest percentage of lay teachers — and so were more apt to complain than those at the other four schools. Maybe some still smarted from the lay-off

last June of a few among their rank, or from the firing of several others, a couple of years before that, who had violated Catholic remarriage laws.

But for the majority who supported the contract, maybe it was a case of weariness, of wanting to end the labor struggle before Christmas. Or maybe it was fear that a no-vote would mean a strike.

"This settlement was the only alternative to a strike," East Catholic guidance counselor Joseph W. Duffy said in a phone interview Thursday. "This wasn't satisfactory. It was better than a strike."

Maybe the specter of Big Labor defeats across the country haunted teachers' dreams of a decent wage and benefit package, inspiring fear that a strike wouldn't do any good.

"There comes a point when you don't want to cut off your nose to spite your face," Duffy said.

But strike or not, Catholic teachers had a choice between ending the contract battle now or facing an even more lengthy contract limbo — and they had already been working under an expired contract since September.

A LARGE PART of the problem was that Catholic teachers had no binding arbitration law to fall back on, as their public school counterparts in Connecticut do. That law not only requires the intervention of a neutral arbitrator after contract talks have gone on for a certain time, but sets guidelines for the entire negotiations process.

Manchester Education Association President Peter B. Tognoli says the law lends teachers bargaining muscle. Certainly it diminishes the likelihood of strikes. But I've heard from several Catholic teachers that the lawyer for the Diocesan School Office refused even to consider a contract settlement imposed by someone outside the system.

The lack of the arbitration option, or indeed of any tight bargaining structure, crippled a teachers' union already beset by inexperience and unwieldy make-up.

First of all, this is the first time the Catholic teachers have staged a full-fledged contract protest; secondly, their association spans five major high schools in five different towns, creating logistical problems.

And just picture the scenario. The Catholic teachers on one side, the clergy who make up their administration on the other. The "sheep" fighting the men who are ordained to hear their confessions and place holy bread on their tongues.

Hardly a fair fight from the start. But Catholic teachers managed to use that scenario to

their public relations advantage, crying that the church wasn't living up to its fair-wage principles, its commitment to protect the underdog.

FOR MANY Catholic teachers, the dispute itself transcended dollars. Duffy, for instance, said Archbishop John P. Whealon's refusal to meet with teachers upset him far more than anything else in the dispute, creating a "legacy of bitterness that will take a decade to heal."

Maybe teachers were a little too willing to accommodate, too willing to accept delays based on the principle of cooperation. Maybe their first mistake was to let the new school year start without a protest.

But Catholic teachers association officials in this country. Law enforcement authorities used to this criminal force simply as "The Association."

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Jack Anderson
Washington
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Viet gang terrorizes refugees

WASHINGTON — Former South Vietnamese soldiers, trained for combat by the U.S. Army, provide the enforcement muscle for a violent underworld organization that is terrorizing Vietnamese communities in this country. Law enforcement authorities used to this criminal force simply as "The Association."

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But authorities told my associates Donald Goldberg and Corky Johnson that the armed gangs are growing more brazen. Many of the U.S.-trained enforcers are experts in military weaponry; the Frogmen, for example, are former South Vietnamese marines and underwater demolition specialists.

The gangs are believed to be directed by former South Vietnamese generals. The Association's "boss of all bosses," identified in an October 1979 organized-crime task force report as Nguyen Cao Ky, the former premier and air force chief of South Vietnam.

These high-ranking South Vietnamese officers were airlifted to the United States when their country was overrun by the communists in 1975.

Now these American-hatched chickens are coming home to roost. Authorities were concerned enough about The Association's operations in the refugee communities, but they now fear that the Vietnamese gangs are going to expand their depredations beyond the closely-knit exile settlements.

How dangerous are the gangs? The confidential task force report states: "Ky's enforcement groups do not make idle threats. Many in the Vietnamese community pay dues, which help run the organization. Ky rules the Vietnamese community through force and fear, thus, the Vietnamese people fear him and will not come forward to testify."

POLICE HAVE DEVELOPED contacts among the refugees, and some of the tips they get are alarming. Following a recent robbery in California in which sophisticated weapons were used, for example, police say they were warned by informants that the Vietnamese gangs are "going to take on the cops."

Some Vietnamese refugees, mostly the older ones, contribute to The Association willingly in the belief that it is planning an eventual military liberation of their homeland from the communists. But those who aren't anxious to contribute their hard-earned money soon get the message.

"These funds are collected through intimidation by appealing to the refugees that if they don't give money to this group which is trying to free the country, then these people must themselves be communists and will be dealt with accordingly," one internal police report compiled this past summer explains, adding: "Allegedly, this has been a successful method of raising money."

Occasionally, an object lesson is needed. A Vietnamese communist sympathizer was assassinated two years ago in San Francisco, and police are convinced it was The Association's work.

Several sources said they have been told of small armies of Vietnamese being trained in this country and in the Philippines, presumably waiting to be unleashed against the communists. But officials suspect these rumors are fantasies spread by The Association to give legitimacy to its fund-raising operations.

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The driver of the truck, Michael Labelle, 35, of Bristol escaped injury, he said. Paradise said the Oleski vehicle was traveling westbound on Route 160 about 9:28 a.m. when the accident occurred.

Footnote: Ky refused comment, but a family member said there was "no truth" to the charges that he is involved with a criminal organization.

Blanche Newman, Chairman, Blood Services, Connecticut Valley East Branch American Red Cross

State wants tougher rules on hazards in workplaces

By Susan E. Kinsman
United Press International

HARTFORD — Connecticut has challenged a new federal rule on hazardous chemicals in the workplace, claiming states should have the right to impose tougher standards.

State Attorney General Joseph Lieberman said Thursday he is worried the federal "Hazard Communication Standard" will preempt Connecticut's stricter standards requiring hazardous chemicals to be labeled and giving workers the right to know what they are handling.

"It's a 10th Amendment argument. States ought to have the right to impose higher standards than the federal government," Lieberman said.

Earlier this week he asked Philadelphia's 3rd U.S. Court of Appeals to review the standard as part of a suit filed by the United Steelworkers of America.

The standard, issued by the federal Occupational and Safety Administration Nov. 22, requires chemical manufacturers and importers to assess the hazards of chemicals they produce or import and supply the information to all manufacturing employees.

It does not protect workers in non-manufacturing jobs. In some states it may represent an improvement. But in Connecticut... we have an outstanding series of protections and guarantees of information for workers handling hazardous chemicals, Lieberman said.

We are somewhat concerned it will preempt state laws for state and local workers and preempt all right-to-know laws," Lieberman said.

State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Ferraro estimated 60 to 65 percent of those workers covered by Connecticut law would no longer be covered under the federal standard.

Lieberman said Connecticut would ask OSHA to approve the state's supplemental plan to enforce federal and local standards, but joined the suit "to protect our rights in court."

"Our understanding is our odds of obtaining an exception are not good. (The agency) wants to enforce a national standard" to reduce the burden on interstate commerce resulting from conflicting state and local regulations, Lieberman said.

Fenn said approximately half the states in the country reimburse for liver transplants as a "therapeutic" and not an experimental procedure.

Yale-New Haven is evaluating other potential transplant patients, including several Medicaid recipients. One patient, not covered by Medicaid, has been accepted and is waiting for a donor liver, Fenn said.

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Iceland is icy
Iceland covers 39,769 square miles, and three-quarters of its surface is covered by glaciers, lakes and lava desert.

Democratic coalition
HARTFORD (UPI) — A coalition of progressive Democrats will be a new campaign next month to promote liberal candidates for local Democratic town committees and the 72-member Democratic State Central Committee.

The project is being sponsored by the Legislative Electoral Action Program, which has concentrated on electing liberals to the Legislature, and 20 labor, citizen and community organizations.

Marc Caplan, LEAP's director, said Thursday a full-time staff member will be hired to help LEAP members win seats on the party committees and to identify and build stronger relationships with current committee members who are sympathetic to progressive causes, such as tax reform, environmental protection and health care.

Caplan said the project is not meant to challenge the leadership of Gov. William O'Neill and Democratic State Chairman James M. Fitzgerald, who represent the moderate-to-conservative wing of the party.

"Clearly, the political parties and the Democratic party in particular, has an important role in setting an issue agenda," he said. "We want to give the party more focus and attention."

"We see this as a strengthening of the party. This is being represented in a very positive way," Caplan said. "We want to bring new people and new energy into the party."

Protesters arrested at shipyard
GROTON (UPI) — Anti-nuclear protesters dressed as Santa Claus and elves and calling themselves the Santa Claus Liberation Front promised to appear in court next month after they were arrested for demonstrating at Electric Boat shipyard.

About 35 protesters gathered outside the administration building of the General Dynamics Corp. division Thursday and police arrested the 20 for blocking the entrance to the building. They were released after promising to return to New London Superior Court Jan. 13.

The 20 were charged with disorderly conduct for sitting on the sidewalk along the Eastern Point Road and trying to prevent EB workers from going inside the building.

Silck blamed in fatal crash
BERLIN (UPI) — A Rocky Hill man was killed and his wife injured when their car skidded on Route 160 and flipped sideways in front of an oil truck, police said.

Walter Oleski, 51, was a passenger in the car driven by his wife Janet, 46, when the vehicle slid out of control Thursday on the slick road surface, said Officer Steven Paradise.

Paradise said Mrs. Oleski was injured. She was reported in fair condition in the intensive care unit at New Britain General Hospital.

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In Manchester

A mixed bag from Faucher

Robert Faucher, former chairman of the Human Relations Commission, deserves a lot of applause and a little criticism for his recent commission activities.

The applause is for his decision not to seek the chairmanship of the commission.

Faucher had been chairman. He was rejected by the commission last year in favor of Rubin Fisher when Democratic party lines broke and gave a Fisher a majority of the votes.

The political reverberations kept refueling the already antagonistic relationship between the commission and the Board of Directors.

Politics, in the small partisan sense, has not been the principal cause of the disagreement, but the addition of a partisan note to the discord has not helped.

Now that Fisher has recently been removed from the commission, Faucher could have been expected to want to take back the leadership post that was wrested from him. Apparently he declined to do so in the interest of harmony.

After the Democrat-led directors refused to reappoint Fisher to the commission, Faucher wanted no one to think Fisher was ousted to make way for Faucher to become chairman.

"It's time for the commission to put politics aside and get back to doing what we're supposed to be doing," he said. He's right. His decision not to seek the chairmanship may help.

The HRC and the Board of

Directors will have enough trouble reconciling their long-standing difference over the town's record in hiring (or not hiring) members of minority groups. They don't need any extra aggravation.

Faucher put his ego aside. He is to be congratulated.

The action for which he deserves a little criticism is his raising the question, at this late hour, of whether the town's paramedics are, or should be, firefighters as well as paramedics.

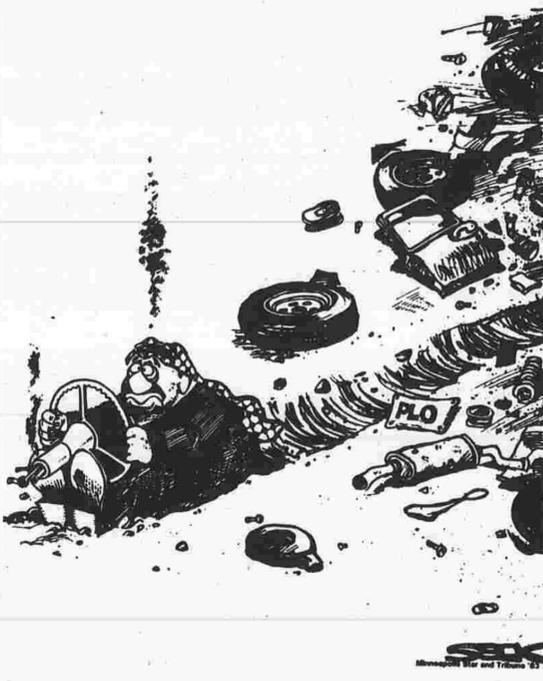
He got no support from other commission members in pursuit of that topic. They say, quite correctly, that Steven R. Werbner, assistant town manager, has adequately answered Faucher's questions.

The paramedics are in fact and in name firefighters. That has been clear since before the town's Advanced Life Support system went into operation.

Granted, it was not the arrangement everyone wanted in the early days of planning the service. But the arguments over the whos and hows were gone over and should be put to rest.

If the ability test for firefighters is easier for men to pass than it is for women, that is not a reason to relieve paramedics from firefighting duties.

Faucher deserves credit, even at that, for the way in which he raised the questions. He addressed them directly to Werbner, who is personnel director, before he raised them at the commission meeting.



Open forum / Readers' views

Send letters to: The Manchester Herald, Herald Square, Manchester, CT 06040

Many people need gift of blood

To the Editor: As the countdown of days before Christmas goes into the single digits, the frantic search for the "perfect" gift, the appeals for our generosity to the needy and the demands on our time and energy increase.

We all need food to sustain us, safe shelter from the elements, and a feeling that someone cares enough for us to see these needs are met if we cannot meet them ourselves. But for many people filling those particular needs is not enough, for they have an even greater, basic need for blood just to keep them alive.

Happily, Connecticut has one of the best blood programs in the nation. Yet the loyal volunteer donors who keep this program going are only a small percentage of those who are eligible to give.

Perhaps this is our fault for not letting the public know just how important a blood donor is. We hope that sharing the following,

which recently appeared in a Red Cross publication, will remedy that.

What good is a blood donor? A blood donor is good for people who go through windshields and red lights. For someone with leukemia.

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For little tots who manage to uncup a bottle of something poison. For people who are burned pretty bad. For new mothers needing a transfusion and new babies who need a complete change of blood supply. For men and women having open heart surgery. For cancer patients.

For people with a severe case of hepatitis. For kids who fall out of

trees or whatever. For anybody any age with bleeding ulcers. For those unlucky enough to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

For the very tired with acute anemia. For people who run into things. For people who are in a lot worse shape than most people you know.

A blood donor is good for life! So, if you like to be good for life, give the last gift which can't be bought. Join us at the special holiday bloodmobile at the Army and Navy Club, 1096 Main Street today until 5 p.m. Child care will be provided.

Our thanks for the support of Manchester's donors and volunteers in the past and our best wishes for a happier, healthier 1984 to all.

Blanche Newman, Chairman, Blood Services, Connecticut Valley East Branch American Red Cross



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Obituaries

Mary Edwards Goodwin Olmsted
 Mary Edwards Goodwin Olmsted of East Hartford died Thursday. She was born Jan. 24, 1883. She was the widow of C. Henry Olmsted and the mother of Richard S. Olmsted of Manchester.
 She is also survived by another son, Edward S. Olmsted of Pennsylvania; a daughter, Margaret Olmsted Ford of West Hartford; a brother, George Goodwin of East Hartford; five grandchildren, a niece and a nephew.
 A memorial service will be conducted by the Rev. William Flynn Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church in East Hartford. Burial will be in Center Cemetery, East Hartford, at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church or to the Church of Christ in Greensboro, Vt.

Alexander Dennenno
 Alexander Dennenno, 69, of 43 Dougherty St., died Thursday at Manchester Memorial Hospital after a long illness. He was the husband of Eleanor Chapman Dennenno.
 He was born in Dedham, Mass., and had lived in Manchester for the past 32 years. During World War II he worked at the Boston Naval Shipyard, and later he worked for the Jarvis Construction Co. He retired in 1976.
 Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Kenneth R. Dennenno of New York; a daughter, Mary Lillian O'Donnell of California; two brothers; two sisters; and several grandchildren.
 A funeral mass will be Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Church of

the Assumption. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. The John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., has charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Man with gun holds up store

An robber armed with an automatic pistol held up the Dairy Mart store on Center Street just before noon Thursday and made away with an undisclosed sum of money, police said.
 The woman attendant told police the robber politely demanded she empty the cash register and hand over the money inside, police said. She described the man as white, about 35 years old, just under 6 feet tall, stocky, with large blue eyes.

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FOCUS / Weekend

The winners

The Manchester Herald's Christmas memories contest is now history. Here are the first-second- and third-place winners.
 Prizes: first: \$25, second, \$15, and third, \$10.



Elsie (Biz) Swenson

It was all for Ella Cinders

As a young child I was a skinny-looking plucked chicken and a great worry to my mother and father. About a month before Christmas my parents purchased a box of 36 Tasty Yeast bars and promised if I ate one every day, Santa would bring me my one wish — the famous doll at that time — Ella Cinders.
 For years the name Tasty Yeast was canceled from my memory until recalling it a few weeks ago. Ted Cummings Sr. came up with the famous name. My friend, Terry Messenger, even remembered the famous words and song.
 Well, I guess I was pretty naughty rather than nice because most of the candy ended up in the round file.

When Christmas Eve arrived and Mom weighed me — I hadn't gained an ounce. With many tears, but not telling the truth about not eating the candy health food, my Dad said he was pretty sure Santa would realize I was meant to stay thin.
 On Christmas morning, sitting under the tree in a child's rocking chair, was my beautiful Ella Cinders doll. But in her lap she was holding another big box of — you guessed it — 36 more bars of Tasty Yeast. To this day — I remember that it isn't nice to try and fool good old Santa.
 Elsie "Biz" Swenson
 560 Porter St.



No more candles, ever

My family grew up on a farm in eastern Connecticut — Dad, Mom, five girls, and a brother who came along last. I cherish the memories of our large family; only one sister and I are now living.
 Back to Christmas. Mother made sure that we each had one good gift, often clothes, which were most welcome, certainly to me, who, as the youngest girl, grew up growing into my sisters' clothes. We girls gave small gifts to each other, probably something we had made, so there was a respectable array of packages under our tree. Oranges and candy were special treats.
 My father would cut a tree from our woods, and then our treasured decorations were carefully tied on. Finally, on the branches we clipped small metal candle holders, into which small red

candles were inserted.
 Of course, we had no electricity then (nor for many years thereafter). Gift exchange came after our traditional chicken pie dinner; when the dishes were done everyone went into the parlor; we had a parlor in those days, and Dad would light the candles.
 And then it happened! My middle sister caught fire! Dad and Mom grabbed her and quickly tossed her into a snowbank, where I guess she was more scared than burned; but both suffered badly burned hands, which I still vividly remember.
 Need I add, that was our last Christmas tree with live candles? Or, that it is still unforgettable?
 Mrs. Beatrice B. MacAlpine
 103 Henry St.



Beatrice B. MacAlpine

The tree, that beautiful Christmas tree, was all his



Richard Reichenbach

In this year of computers, video games and artificial trees, it may be difficult to realize there was a time — not too long ago — when Christmas was enjoyed with what was available at home. Ornaments were made of wood or paper and fruits or nuts were hung, while pop-corn or cranberries were strung in long strands to add color to the tree.
 And the tree! It was a fir, a spruce, a hemlock, or any green tree available in a local wood lot! It was usually cut on Dec. 24 and "dressed" at the family gathering after Christmas Eve church service.
 For several years I had been deemed old enough to "help" my father choose a proper tree. (Now I suspect I was taken along to show him where we young ones had seen some likely trees!)
 The tree would be cut, drawn home on a sled, and if it had a weak side, holes were drilled in the main stem so branches from

the lowest area could be inserted to fill the voids.
 I still remember the year — I was all of 12 or 13 years — when, thrill of thrills, my dad asked me if I would get the tree by myself. Gee! I was now doing what I thought was quite adult! Of course, I received the usual instructions from mother about the proper height with a "be sure it's full all around."
 I can still see the tree which finally was set up with the help of cousins and a few of the elders. When it finally passed inspection and we were given matches to light the candles, my pride was unbounded.
 To this day, when I join in the singing of carols, I can still recall the thrill of 50 years ago as we youngsters sang carols that night around MY TREE!
 Richard Reichenbach
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James Cagney (right) plays the title role in CBS' "Terrible Joe Moran," which also stars Art Carney (left). It marks the first time that the 84-year-old Cagney is making a television appearance since the 1950's. No air date has been set yet for the movie, in which Cagney plays a retired prize fighter.

For James Cagney, work is best medicine

By Julianne Hastings
United Press International

NEW YORK (UPI) — James Cagney, film's most famous scrapper, is out of retirement again, working on his first TV dramatic appearance since the 1950's when his good friend Robert Montgomery coaxed him onto his live show.

The 84-year-old motion picture legend plays the title role in CBS' "Terrible Joe Moran," which also stars Art Carney, Ellen Barkin and Peter Gallagher. No air date has been set for the movie, in which Cagney plays a retired prize fighter.

Cagney first retired in 1961, deciding to spend his time on his 800-acre farm in upstate New York.

It was his doctors who ordered him back to work after he suffered a stroke a few years ago. Cagney said he talked to his close friend, the late Pat O'Brien, about taking the role of the police commissioner in the 1981 movie "Ragtime."

"He said, 'Do it kid! It's medicine.'"

RELAXING in his suite at a Manhattan hotel not far from where his first made-for-TV movie was being shot, Cagney laughed and cried as he talked about a career that now comprises more than 70 films and 50 years.

The tears first came when he talked about "Yankee Doodle Dandy," the 1932 musical that won him an Oscar for his portrayal of George M. Cohan. "That movie had everything," he said. "I loved dancing. I always wanted to be a dancer."

Cagney said he never had any formal training as a hooper. The closest he came to lessons were the instructions he got from his wife Frances, whom he calls

"Willie."

"I was muscle-bound, so she taught me clog dancing," Cagney said. The rest he learned from just watching.

HE STILL watches, and is a great fan of Mikhail Baryshnikov.

As for singing, Cagney has no grand illusions. "I couldn't sing worth a damn."

More tears came when he recalls his friendship with O'Brien, who died last October of a heart attack.

"His legs were huge, he had arthritis so bad. But he'd get up and sing for me. He'd sing 'Shake Hands with Your Uncle Mike' and do a little dance."

Cagney said, his tears quickly turning to laughter as he remembers the routine.

Then there was the trip the Cagneys and the O'Briens made aboard the QE2 to London, where "Ragtime" was being filmed.

"It was so cold in our rooms," he laughed. At one point he went to the O'Brien's stateroom to see if his old friend was enjoying the trip. O'Brien was making out just swell, lying in bed under the covers, with all his clothes on — boots, cane and topcoat.

CAGNEY SAID he enjoyed being back in the town where he was born, but the noise bothered him. "It never stops. Day and night," he said shaking a finger toward the window as the grinding roar of a garbage truck pierced the calm.

He likes to take drives through his old neighborhood to see the old faces.

"They don't know I'm there, but I go and I look," he said.

Sitting in a leather armchair, in robe and pajamas with a brown plaid coverlet over his knees, the white-haired actor punched Friskily at his assistant

of many years, Marge Zimmerman, as she playfully chided him about not liking to attend functions.

Although he counts Ronald Reagan as a good friend — he was president of the Screen Actors Guild just before Reagan — Cagney has only seen him twice since he became president, once at the White House and once at West Point.

The one-time city kid now is most content when he's in the country. He got hooked on country living years ago visiting Greenfield, N.Y.

"I had a great aunt on Long Island who had a tiny house and we used to hire a horse and buggy and go out there — Chestnut and Bay Avenue," he said.

HE NOW RAISES Scottish Highland cows, ugly, mean things — horses, corn and hay on his upstate farm, where he also keeps a collection of antique coaches, including a joggling cart from Ireland of which he is especially proud.

The Cagneys also have a nine-acre estate in Beverly Hills, which is like being in the country.

Cagney rode horses until 1974. He learned to ride for some of his films, which included a number of Westerns, such as "The Oklahoma Kid" in 1939 and "The Frisco Kid" in 1953.

He said he went into acting because he needed a job.

He had been a bellhop, he wrapped packages at Wanamaker's department store and he stacked books at the Webster branch of the New York Public Library — still in business on the upper East Side — when he was 15.

Then in 1918, he heard there was a job on Broadway. He went down, applied and got it.

CBS gala fetes five artists

NEW YORK — President Reagan and the first lady, Walter Cronkite and a host of celebrities pay tribute to five American artists on CBS Tuesday night in "A Celebration of the Performing Arts."

Honorees in the sixth annual salute to the performing arts are actor James Stewart, choreographer Katherine Dunham, director Elia Kazan, singer Frank Sinatra and composer Virgil Thomson.

The program, which was taped Dec. 4 in the Opera House at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., airs 9:11 p.m. EST.

It is everything the Academy Awards presentation should be — not a parade of people marching up to the stage to thank you to a long list of bankers, lawyers, doctors and politicians, but a glitzy-free tribute to lives that have

made a mark on American culture. Cronkite hosts the gala and the Reagans are seated in a box next to the honorees.

Warren Beatty, whom Kazan directed in his first major film "Splendor in the Grass," and Anthony Quinn, who won his first Oscar in Kazan's "Viva Zapata!," pay tribute to the director.

Gene Kelly describes Sinatra's contributions to the performing arts, including three movies the two men made together — "Anchors Aweigh," "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and "On the Town."

Perry Como sings "Young At Heart" for his fellow crooner and Mikhail Baryshnikov and Elaine Kudo dance "The Sinatra Suite," choreographed by Twyla Tharp to the music of "All the Way," "That's Life," "My Way" and "One for My Baby." Baryshnikov also tells Sinatra

that James Cagney, a former honoree, sends his best wishes.

Columian Art Buchwald pays tribute to all five honorees and has some fun with the Reagan administration while doing it.

"First I would like to thank the secretary of defense for permitting the press to be here tonight," Buchwald says, referring to the press ban during last month's Grenada invasion.

Then, speaking of federal funding, Buchwald asks Reagan to think of the arts as he would Central America. "If the Kennedy Center goes communist, the Hollywood Bowl goes next."

Choreographer Agnes de Mille, a 1960 honoree, speaks about Miss Dunham's career. "She told us — choreographed by Twyla Tharp to the music of 'All the Way,' 'That's Life,' 'My Way' and 'One for My Baby.' Baryshnikov also tells Sinatra

Theater Et Cetera

Hartford Stage Company, Hartford: "Of Mice and Men." Preview performances Wednesday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Thursday at 8 p.m. Regular performances with run Dec. 30 through Jan. 29, at the theater, 50 Church St. (527-5151).

National Theater of the Deaf, Chester: "A Child's Christmas in Wales," playing Sunday at 2 p.m. on Sundays and Monday through Friday, 2 and 7 p.m. (526-4977).

Long Wharf Theater, New Haven: "Not Quite Dead," playing through Jan. 15, at the theater, 222 Sargent Drive. (787-4282).

Coaching Dinner Theater, East Windsor: "A Connecticut Yankee," playing through Feb. 5, at the theater on Route 5. Nightly, except Mondays plus regular matinees. Doors open for cocktails and dinner before the show at 6:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Sundays and 11:30 a.m. for weekday matinees. (522-1266).

Center Church, Hartford: The film, "The Other White Man," playing at noon Wednesday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Thursday at 8 p.m. for lunch and program reservation \$3 or bring own lunch without reservation. Beverage and minimum \$1.50. (249-5631).

Rearing Break Nature Center, Canton: Mini-camps for vacationing school children, Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, at the center, 70 Grocer Road for children in Grades K-2 and 3 through 5. \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. (693-0263).

Copernican Observatory, New Britain: Program for Christmas on the "Star." Mondays through Thursday, Dec. 31, daily at 4 p.m. The planetarium, located at Central Connecticut State University, will be open on Christmas Day, 5 p.m. on Sundays and 11:30 a.m. for children under 12 and seniors. (827-7419).

Trans-Lux Cinema, Storrs: The movie, "Travolta," playing Monday through Wednesday at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:45, 4:45 and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday, 7 and 9 p.m. (429-6023).

Children's Museum, West Hartford: Special programs daily at 2:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Free with regular museum admission. A small material fee for some programs. The museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive. (236-2961).

Weddeth Athenaeum Cinema, Hartford: "La Traviata" playing Monday through Wednesday at "The Great Waltz," Dec. 29 through Jan. 1. Showtime for "La Traviata" 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., each day and "The Great Waltz," 7:30 p.m., each evening.

Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Mass.: From Monday through Saturday, village lectures scheduled four to six times daily, at the village. Slide lectures will be offered at 1 p.m. A number of other programs and workshops are scheduled for the entire week. The village is on Route 20. Admission is \$7.50 and most of the programs are included in that fee. Admission for children ages 6-12 is \$3.50. (617-347-3362).

To list events

To list events in this weekly calendar of "where to go and what to do," submit them by Monday at noon to Entertainment Editor, The Manchester Herald, Herald Square, P.O. Box 591, Manchester, CT 06040.

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Teenage Penny Baker tries centerfold route to fame

By Vernon Scott
United Press International

HOLLYWOOD — Blonde, 18-year-old Penny Baker (that's her real name) posed nude for Playboy's 30th Anniversary Playmate in the January issue, her shortcut to becoming a star.

The fact that no major movie or TV star has emerged from the centerfold ranks failed to deter Penny. There is always a first time.

Dorothy Benton and the ill-starred Barby Stratton are the best known Playmates who went on to become national figures, so to speak.

But Penny, impatient for the gold ring, dreams of movie stardom. She sees the nude layout — a some of it frankly immodest — as a means of establishing herself in the eyes and minds of Hollywood producers.

Penny might still be modeling in New York and Chicago except that she virtually outgrew her desirability in that field.

Penny is a slender, 115-pound, 5-foot-8, long-legged beauty whose full figure betrayed her. She is too fat to model in the fashion maven's eyes.

"The standard for models is a 34-40-36," Penny explained in an untrained, girlish voice. "I got too large. I couldn't model lingerie or swimwear anymore. So I thought about changing careers."

Penny is a classic case of small town girl who winds up posing starkers.

A native of Springfield, N.Y., 30 miles south of Buffalo, Penny is the daughter of a business executive.

She graduated from high school at 16, with a 94.5 percent grade average, and moved to New York City to model.

"I wanted to become another Christie Brinkley or Cheryl Tiegs," Penny said. "But the competition was much tougher than I thought."

She moved to Chicago last summer and signed with the Playboy modeling agency.

In Chicago, Penny heard of the nationwide search conducted by the magazine for its 30th anniversary Playmate. The magazine said it interviewed 7,000 women in 31 cities.

Penny, one of the last prospects interviewed, was only 17 and it was necessary to get written parental consent to pose nude, after Playboy satchmen decided she was the girl they wanted.

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Mel Brooks turns new leaf with 'To Be Or Not To Be'

By Vernon Scott
United Press International

HOLLYWOOD — Hollywood's great vulgarian is producer-director Mel Brooks whose scatological films include "Blazing Saddles" and "History of the World, Part I."

His movies doubtless encouraged comedians Richard Pryor and Eddie Murphy to rely on the shock value of filthy language to elicit cheap laughs.

The questions is often asked, can these guys be funny without filth?

The jury is still out on Pryor and Murphy.

Brooks, who took a terrible beating from critics and filmmakers for the tastelessness of "History of the World, Part I," has redeemed himself by producing and starring in a remake of a classic old movie.

BROOKS AND his actress wife, Anne Bancroft, star in "To Be Or Not To Be," which originally was filmed in 1942, starred Jack Benny and Carole Lombard, and was directed by Ernst Lubitsch.

Brooks' version, in theaters this holiday season, is squeaky clean. But is it funny?

A resounding yes.

Brooks gives the best performance of his career. Miss Bancroft, as always, lights up the screen with grace and humor.

Even so, Charles Durning, as a Nazi officer rounding up Polish Jews during World War II, steals

the picture.

Brooks makes no pretense of patterning his performance after Benny, whom he greatly admires. As an inside joke, a street name Kubelsky — Benny's real name is prominently displayed in one sequence.

While not as wildly off the wall as "Young Frankenstein," "Silent Movie" or some others, "To Be Or Not To Be" is perhaps the best of Brooks' movies. It is touching, funny and suspenseful.

"Before I began, I polled more than a thousand people around the country to find out if they remembered the original 'To Be Or Not To Be,'" Brooks said the other day.

"LESS THAN 6 percent ever heard of it and less than 4 percent had seen it. You can only see it on a TV rerun at 4 a.m. or at an exotic film festival in Sausalito.

"We live in an insular community, and I try not to make pictures based on Hollywood values. I would never have made this picture if it were still familiar to people. I couldn't face the wrath and ire of the public.

"As it is, only critics and the cognoscent compare it with the original.

"To Be Or Not To Be" is the perfect vehicle for me. Of course, I brought my own interpretation to the part of the Polish actor who helped smuggle Jews out of his country.

"Benny and I are as different as

night and day. I play Bronski, the actor, my own way. But I did a momentary impression of Benny in one scene."

Brooks interrupted himself to mimic Benny's fastidious, around his 20th Century-Fox office in perfect imitation of the late comedian.

"We kept the place and time, but brought the screenplay up to date for current sensibilities. I can't tell you how ecstatic I am with audience reaction to the picture. They laugh harder and longer than at any film I ever made."

"In 12 test screenings I discovered popcorn sales go down in direct proportion to how much the audience is enjoying a film. The more they enjoy it, the slower they eat popcorn."

ASKED if he deliberately switched from vulgar, bathroom comedy to a family-style movie, Brooks blinched. He doesn't like the word "vulgar."

"Let's call it Rabelaisian humor," Brooks said, still wincing.

"It was a purposeful, conscious move away from scatological humor after the critics pummeled 'History of the World' for the rude and crude comedy. But I didn't invent that stuff. It came straight from the history of the kings of France.

"Also, scatology would be totally out of place in 'To Be Or Not To Be.' There isn't a single dirty word in the picture."

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These kids' Christmas dolls are better than the 'real thing'



By Susan Piese Herald Reporter

There are three real little kids at 64 Alton St. who won't find any Cabbage Patch Kids under their Christmas tree this year. But the popular dolls won't be missed much, either.

You see, Lauren, Michael and Katy Conti are already adoptive parents. And their "children" make the Cabbage Patch Kids look canned.

"They look like the Coleco dolls should look, if they were soft-sculpture," says Jodi Conti, the children's mother. Mrs. Conti's mother, Ruth Garvey of Greenwood, S.C., fashioned the dolls for her grandchildren, using double-knit polyester.

"The dolls were made to look like the Contis' three children," says Mrs. Garvey.

children. Lauren, almost 3, has blonde hair, as does her doll Michael, 4, who has a curly head and a recent haircut, so his doll has brown curls. Katy, the dark-haired 6-year-old, has a dark-haired baby doll.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Garvey won't accept orders. But, take heart, the dolls are awfully expensive, anyway. Dolls similar to the ones Mrs. Garvey made are selling for \$125 to \$150 in South Carolina.

THE DOLLS, dubbed "Adoptables" by Mrs. Garvey, came with their own birth certificates. She obtained the forms from a South Carolina hospital. Mrs. Garvey wrote in the date of birth, and the baby's weight. She left a blank for the baby to be named, and a space for the new "parent" to sign. Katy calls her child

Candy. Lauren's is Libby. Michael favors the nonsense approach to naming children, however. His son is called Clark Kent.

Three-dimensional features are fashioned by pinching the fabric, then tacking with a needle and thread in strategic places. Dimples on the fat cheeks are sewn in. So are the chin and button nose. The dolls each have a different expression: Lauren's, especially. How- ever, she's just been found with her hand in the cookie jar.

Eyes are handpainted, and blush is applied to the cheeks to make them look rosy.

BUT THE DETAILS don't stop at the face. Fingers and toes are sculpted. On the left side of the chest, there's a red embroidered heart imprinted with "Nana."

Mrs. Garvey's trademark. The dolls Mrs. Conti had to be sewn into the head individually — a very time-consuming project. "She said she would never do it again," says Mrs. Conti.

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The three Conti children pose with their Cabbage Patch Kids look-alikes. From left are Lauren, Michael and Katy.



Don't be fooled by these dolls — they're not the real thing.

Making friends

Fern O'Connor of the Manchester Area Conference of Churches, center, shares a laugh with one of the stuffed animals donated to the MACC Seasonal Sharing

appeal from the Manchester police union. Sgt. Gerry Cate, left, and Jon Hawthorne are on hand. The union buys toys for needy children each year.

Advice Gift-giving is thankless task for this exasperated aunt

DEAR ABBY: I need your help in handling this "slow burn" that's been building up over the years. How does one get through to someone who doesn't understand the importance of acknowledging gifts?

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FAVORITE AUNT IN HAWAII

DEAR ABBY: Have you ever told them how you feel? If not, it's time you did, stressing that people who do not acknowledge gifts are considered ungrateful and ill-mannered. If they don't, they refuse to buy new clothes — he keeps wearing clothes that should have been discarded years ago. I love my husband, but I have absolutely no desire



Abigail Van Buren

to have sex with him. It's like being crushed by a ton of bricks! Please help me. Perhaps you or a reader can offer a workable solution.

DESPERATE

DEAR DESPERATE: Neither you, nor I, nor any reader can help you unless you are willing to be helped. The longest march in the world begins with one step, and in this case, that step is to a physician's office for a complete checkup. The next step is a diet and exercise program. No amount of nagging or pleading will help. His is a do-it-yourself project. He may need a "shrink" to help him shrink the rest of him.

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generation to generation. How can I stop this from snowballing?

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About Town

Women's Club donates \$100

The Manchester Junior Women's Club has sent a check for \$100 to the Manchester Area Conference of Churches fuel bank. The money was raised by selling poinsettias.

Meal service expanded

Meals on Wheels of Manchester has recently expanded its services. There are immediate openings available to any homebound, disabled person who is unable to shop or prepare meals. Call 642-9311.

Rec sponsors ski trip

The Manchester Recreation Department will sponsor a ski week in Killington, Vt. for youths age 12 to 18 during February vacation.

Public Records

- Warranty deeds**
John M. Davis to Lydall Woods Corp., property on north side of Lydall Street, \$923,000 (based on conveyance tax).
- Yajima Katsuno to Edward and Lisa L. Krzyznicko, 247-249 School St., \$91,000.
- Hans Lerch to Charles Washington, 71 Adams St., \$78,000.
- Charles Washington to Leslie A. Margolin, 365-367 Adams St., \$75,500.
- Martin and Rothman Inc. to Robert H. and Carol A. Willshire, 14 Earl St., \$73,900.
- Blanchard and Rossetto Construction Inc. to Warren E. and Darlene S. Mack, 60 Westery St., \$68,875.
- Edward W. and Merrily E. Tierney to Mark S. and Debra L. Imman, 71 Whitney Road, \$66,800.
- Doris C. Potter to Raymond Norberg Litchfield and Sue Ellen Litchfield, 50 Elizabeth Drive, \$65,000.
- Barry R. and Marsha C. Bernsten to Christine A. Swenson, 9C Ambassador Drive, \$64,500.
- Amoinette Jones to Jeffrey W. Curry and Richard Curry, 86-88 School St., \$62,500.
- Anna Benche to Heritage Savings & Loan, 59 Maple St., \$57,500.
- Ek Associates to MIP 20 Corp., property at 117 Colonial Road, \$57,000.
- Rosemarie Davis to John M. Davis, property on Lydall Street, \$56,875.
- Sylvia P. Daniels to Doris C. Potter, property at 50 Elizabeth Drive, \$56,875.
- Gulf Oil Corp. to Irwin B. Singer, property on Middle Turnpike West, \$56,000.
- Josephine J. Uzapes to Jonette B. Holton, property at Summit and William Streets, \$55,000.
- Estate of Robert C. Jobb to Samuel J. Robb Jr., property on Autumn Street, \$54,000.
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Is there a permanent cure for a rheumatic big toe?

Your Health

DEAR DR. LAMB: I am afflicted with a rheumatic big toe. It doubles in size and is very uncomfortable. My doctor has diagnosed it as gout caused by too much uric acid in the blood.

He has prescribed Colbenemid. Sometimes it helps, but nothing happens. Can you help me get real, rather than temporary relief, from this condition?

Correction

The photo accompanying a Dec. 15 Newspaper Enterprise Association story about author Charlotte Lamb was incorrectly identified. The photo was of Ms. Lamb, not publisher Kathryn Falk.

Advice

Dear Abby

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SPORTS

North Stars outwork Bruins for 4-2 win

BOSTON (UPI) — Both teams agreed on what the difference was in the Bruins-North Stars game: who was willing to work harder. The 4-2 score gave the answer — Minnesota.

UConn guns for fourth straight CMC crown

HARTFORD — Six times the University of Connecticut has won its own Connecticut Mutual Basketball Classic. It's won the last three in a row, beating Texas A&M for the 1982 championship.

Hatfield successor to Holtz

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (UPI) — The announcement that Ken Hatfield will leave high-flying Air Force to take the head coaching job at Arkansas surprised hardly anyone — especially after Texas Tech's Akers served notice he wasn't interested.

Inside kick does trick in WVU Fame victory

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) — Underdog Kentucky was giving West Virginia's Coach Jerry Claiborne, whose team finished at 6-1, a lesson in how to win a national title.

DeBerg returns to Seattle

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By United Broncos quarterback Steve DeBerg returns to Seattle Saturday, not only to avenge a 27-19 loss to the Seahawks a month ago, but to prove he has overcome an injury to his non-throwing arm suffered in that game.

Nuggets hit bottom losing to Indiana

By Dave Ruffo UPI Sports Writer
Doug Moe wasn't a bit surprised that the Indiana Pacers snapped a 29-game road losing streak against his Denver Nuggets Thursday night.

Schedule wiped out

Thursday's winter storm forced the postponement of several local athletic events. The boys' basketball game between Manchester High and Enfield, which was scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 25, has been rescheduled for Wednesday night at 7:45 p.m. The Manchester girls will play at Enfield that afternoon at 3 p.m.

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Martin has everything behind him

With apologies to George Brett, Billy Martin would like everybody to know it's all behind him now. He's talking about the surgery by both the doctors and by the Yankees, and from his hospital bed, he has a message for all of you.

The message is: "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." Billy the Kid wishes it truly means that for everybody. He's including George Steinbrenner, the man who's still his boss and who cut him loose as Yankee manager a third time but kept him as his "top adviser." Yogi Berra, his old buddy and partner of more than 20 years, all the fans in New York and the entire media—even those who took some pretty good pot shots at him now and then.

Martin was operated on last Friday. Not for cancer or any other major problem, as the same condition that temporarily shelved Brett during the 1980 World Series. Hemorrhoids.

Were it not for a slight complication, Martin would be getting out of the hospital in another day or so. But he popped a couple of stitches and had to be sewn up again. The doctors have told him he'll probably spend Christmas and New Year's Eve in the hospital. That's not bothering him particularly because he should be released shortly thereafter. In the meantime, he thinks they must be mistaking him for some Middle Eastern oil sheik since they couldn't be giving him more attention if he was one.

Martin would like to get one thing across. He isn't being mysterious about the name of the hospital he's in or its location. The only reason he's trying to keep it quiet, he says, is because he wouldn't mind a little peace and privacy.

Shortly after he comes out of the hospital, Billy will be back. Yup, again. He'll be back in New York making some of those TV commercials with John Madden, Bob Powell, Red Auerback and Dick Butkus.

For the time being, his friend, Judge Eddie Supra, is his key communication link with the outside world. He and Martin are very close. Closer than some brothers.

Supra, who normally presides in criminal

Sports Parade

Mitt Richman

court in New Orleans, was at Steinbrenner's side in the Yankee owner's office Friday afternoon during the announcement that Berra was replacing Martin as manager. Supra was there at Steinbrenner's personal invitation. Steinbrenner likes Supra. So does everyone else, one of the reasons being the judge has a genuinely warm, friendly personality.

No one at Friday's news conference paid a whole lot of attention to a phone call that came into Steinbrenner's office right in the middle of the question-and-answer session that followed the original announcement. Supra was answering one of the newsmen's queries about Martin when Steinbrenner informed him there was a long distance phone call for him.

"At first, Supra had the impression it was Steinbrenner's way of telling him to try to cut short his remarks," Supra knew another session with the TV, radio and photo people was to follow this time with the writers, and also was aware he and Steinbrenner both had planes to catch.

When Steinbrenner told him there was a call for him a second time, Supra realized there actually was one for him and took it in the adjacent office.

He was rather surprised to find it was Martin on the other end of the line. "I was elated," Supra says. "He had been operated on that morning and was calling from the hospital. As groggy and shaky as he was, what he wanted me to do was to be sure to thank the New York fans for him for being so loyal and supportive. He also wanted me to thank the New York

media and to wish them and everyone else a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Billy wanted those members of the media, who thought he might be upset with them for any reason, to know he was looking forward to working with them in his new capacity.

"He didn't even know who the new manager was," Supra reveals. "I told him it was Yogi. 'That's great,' he said. 'I asked him would you like to congratulate him?' He said he would, and I went in and got Yogi and put him on the phone. Yogi told me Billy told him he was looking forward to working with him and that he thought George had made a good choice."

"He looks at what happened as a dual opportunity," his friend says. "All he wants to do is help both George and Yogi any way he can. He doesn't think this is the end of the world. The truth is his outlook couldn't be any better. He said to me, 'I'm going to continue going to church and give charity.' I'll tell you something else. He could've had this operation during the season, in July, but he put it off until after the season because he didn't want to leave the team. He'd rather sacrifice his Christmas and New Year's the way he's doing. That's the kind of person Billy is. How loyal can a guy be?"

There's little question about how Eddie Supra feels about Billy Martin, or for that matter, the other way around. If there is any question, here's what Supra has to say about the Yankees' new manager.

"I love you, he's I'm elated that he was given the opportunity to remain in baseball in a prestigious position because he loves the game so very much and he's so great for the game. The fans will always love him. They see him as one of them because he's really still a fan himself."

In that case, I would like very much to convey a personal message to Billy Martin and to everyone else. It's the same one as his. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and I hope he'll be back and so will you when I get back on Jan. 2.



Ohio State's Dennis Hopson goes up alone for two points in the first half of Thursday's 79-74 victory over Kansas in Columbus, Ohio.

College basketball roundup

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Scoreboard

Hockey

Islanders 6, Capitals 1
Washington 10-1
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NHL standings

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Available in New England

Snow conditions reports from ski areas throughout Vermont are available on a 24-hour Vermont telephone report at (802) 259-0631. The Berkshire Hills Conference will provide reports on conditions at western Massachusetts ski areas for callers dialing (413) 443-9186.

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A track team representing Manchester High School took part in the Penn Relays in April of 1935. The picture was submitted by Everett Solomson for publication. Those who took part in the

College bowl games

College bowl games
Air Force vs. Mississippi
California Bowl
Florida State vs. Wake Forest
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Gator Bowl
Hula Bowl
Independence Bowl
Liberty Bowl
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Peach Bowl
Poinsettia Bowl
Rivalry Bowl
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Business In Brief

Gas company cuts prices

NEW HAVEN — The Southern Connecticut Gas Co. is dropping its natural gas prices by 3.5 percent because one of its pipeline gas suppliers cut its rates to the company.

The cut will drop the average monthly bill of Southern's residential home heating customers by \$4.70. Right now customers pay \$13.36 a month, the company said. The lowered prices will be reflected in January bills, the company said today.

Surgical stock tumbles

NORWALK — Stock in U.S. Surgical Corp. tumbled Tuesday after the company announced its independent auditors, Ernst & Whinney had resigned over an accounting dispute.

She said officials had no indication before this week of problems existing between the auditors and the company.

At issue is a 1981 management accounting decision that classified \$4.5 million tooling purchases as capital expenditures.

With its resignation, Ernst & Whinney also withdrew its opinion on the company's 1981 and 1982 financial statements.

U.S. Surgical, traded over the counter, closed at 14 1/4 Tuesday, down from Monday's midday closing when the company stopped trading.

Bridport Hydraulic dividend

BRIDGEPORT — The directors of the Bridport Hydraulic Co. have declared a quarterly dividend of 46 cents per share on the outstanding common stock of the company, payable January 13, 1984 to stockholders of record January 6, 1984.

The dividend continues the record of THC and its predecessor company of uninterrupted dividends dating back to 1890, and brings to \$1.84 per share the total dividends declared in 1983.

THC is the parent company of Bridport Hydraulic which serves in Fairfield, New Haven and Litchfield counties in Connecticut and is the nation's 10th largest investor-owned utility.

Debit cards replacing cash

WASHINGTON (UPI) — If banks get their way plastic money could take the place of cash by the year 2000, but critics say the bankers' dream may become a consumer nightmare.

Competition among banks has increased since the administration partially deregulated the financial industry. Now banks are vying for customers by offering a technological substitute for cash — bank debit cards.

Some stores already offer automatic bank teller machines that customers use to withdraw cash, and make deposits by using their bank cards.

The debit card concept takes this one step further. Customers place their cards and punch in their secret identification code on a device at a store register while a cashier enters the purchase amount, which would be deducted directly from their bank accounts.

equates the automatic payment system to George Orwell's grim predictions of totalitarian control in "1984."

"From the consumer's perspective, cash is widely accepted and anonymous," says Mark Leymaster, an attorney for the National Consumer Law Center in Boston, Mass.

Leymaster joined retailers and bankers recently in a panel discussion intended to iron out difficulties of instituting the system in Washington and the Middle Atlantic states.

Leymaster says retailers would have access to "all sorts of information" prompting "behavior profiles of their customers to see what these people buy."

The one-stop shopping concept has been initiated in several clothing stores and food chains across the country — from California to the Midwestern cities of Chicago and Des Moines and recently at Publix Supermarkets in Florida.

Banks have selected regional markets as the first step for a national system by 1990. Retail outlet executives and bankers on the East Coast have been meeting since February to remove the snags in this complicated profit scheme.

"The problem is getting retailers to believe we are offering something of value," says Peter Louderback, financial institutions market director for Peat, Marwick Mitchell & Co. of Short Hills, N.J.

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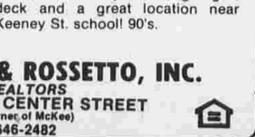
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Cold and windy, variable clouds — See page 2



Late shoppers make choices

Bob Burbank of Bear Swamp Road, Andover, makes some late Christmas shopping selections from among sporting goods. Keith Dunham of South Windsor checks the reading material. Jonathan Rival, at 15 months, is too smart to get worn out making decisions, so he rests in a shopping cart while his parents, Lynn and Jack Rival of East Hartford, do the work. Alida Justo of Wetherfield and Dolores Perri of Glastonbury look over telephones as gift possibilities. The shoppers were at Caldor in Burr Corners Friday night.

Bitter cold grips most of the U.S.

By United Press International

Inhumane cold settled in Friday from Montana to Texas, etching records from state to state. Snow fell in Houston, the bottoms fell out of thermometers in Montana and the week's bitter weather left a death toll of more than 100.

Forecasters said the coldest December weather in half a century would maintain its grip over the northern and eastern two-thirds of the nation through the Christmas weekend.

Snow frosted an area extending from the Colorado Rockies to Texas and freezing rain along the Gulf Coast forced the closing of the only roads connecting Galveston Island to the mainland.

Light snow dusted parts of Houston, astonishing even the most seasoned weather watchers in the Texas city.

"This is extremely unusual," said Steve Harned, National Weather Service forecaster in Houston. "It literally is impossible to be snowing today, but it is."

Records were broken in the Dakotas, Montana, Idaho, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa and parts of Texas.

The nation's coldest spots included Elk Park, Mont., with an unofficial reading at 64-below zero, Wisdom, Mont., at 55-below and Wiliston, N.D., at 46-below. Elk Park is located between Butte and Helena.

"Elk Park has an unofficial reading because the thermometer used there (the weather) station only goes as low as 46-below," said Rick Cundy, meteorologist with the National Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City. "It could be even colder."

"I hate to say it, but the central part of the United States is in for another cold night. It's going well below zero," Cundy said.

There were exceptions. Fort Lauderdale, Fla. toasted in 84 degrees Friday. There also were benefits — a spokesman for the National Safety Council optimistically said the cold weather could discourage enough Christmas traveling to lower the predicted 300-400 traffic deaths nationally.

At least 119 people died in the past week because of the weather.

A pre-dawn fire Friday ignited by people burning wood in a kitchen stove of their South Side bungalow to stave off 10-below temperatures killed six people, including five children. At least 11 other people were injured in the blaze.

In St. Louis, a 97-year-old blind man died of exposure in his apartment two days after the Laclede Gas Co. allegedly refused to accept payment for overdue bills totaling \$866. Howard Spears, retired postal worker, was found Thursday in an apartment warmed only by an electric heater "that wouldn't light a cigarette," police said.

The cold "is going to last through Christmas, at least, maybe a little longer than that," said Paul Swape, deputy forecaster for the National Weather Service in Chicago, who blamed the cold snap that's gripped most of the nation on the primary jet stream surging down from the Yukon.

"The snow cover just keeps creating its own cold. There's not much modification to the air pattern," he said. "The best advice is (for people) to stay indoors — only out if they have to. They should wear several layers of clothing."

Skies were mostly clear over New England, which was digging out from a storm centered that dumped up to 8 inches of snow Thursday from Massachusetts to Maine.



Seasonal Sharing Program

MACC drive likely to exceed \$20,000

By Sarah E. Hall Herald Reporter

The Seasonal Sharing Program run by the Manchester Area Conference of Churches will pull in well over \$20,000 this year.

"Community response has been just incredible," Executive Director Nancy Carr said Friday. She had already counted donations of \$18,925, and expected the day's mail would hold at least another \$1,000 in cash and checks.

Money was not the only thing people donated to the annual appeal for holiday help to the town's needy.

A mother of two who was sleeping on the floor got an apartment-full of furniture. An old man who walks the streets by day will get new shoes and a cane, since someone sent in a blank check to buy him whatever he needs. (Both these people were featured in

articles in the Manchester Herald.) Mrs. Carr expects this year's money donations will come close to last year's total of \$21,477. But gifts of toys and food are up considerably.

"We've got food all over," Mrs. Carr said. "We did not have to order a single turkey this year." The church group plans to send out 332 Christmas food baskets to needy families and individuals, 45 more than last year.

IT'S BEEN a madhouse atmosphere in the MACC offices, Mrs. Carr said, with donations of everything from canned tuna to toy trucks still pouring in. While she appreciates the gesture, she said she wished people would give earlier and save MACC the last-minute scramble.

Deluged by donations of used toys this week and last, MACC officials

hastily scheduled a second toy giveaway for poor families today from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Manchester Mall.

"If there's been any drop in donations at all, there's been a drop in gifts for the elderly," Mrs. Carr said. At the same time, she said, MACC is reaching out to local elderly more than ever before.

For example, the church group will deliver more than 30 hot dinners, complete with a gift and a Christmas bouquet, to invalids and elderly across town.

Mrs. Carr and her staff have been out buying nightgowns, slippers and other gifts for 60 other senior citizens in convalescent homes. Local residents "adopted" eight of those people, but MACC officials had hoped they'd adopt more.

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school social workers have tripled. Mrs. Carr said. Earlier this week, she received a call from one of these social workers who told her of a four-member family with just four slices of bread and three eggs left to eat.

The father of the family had been laid off from work and was reluctant to complain of his financial problems, Mrs. Carr said.

She spoke of a new population of needy people, those who are in financial trouble for the first time and don't know where to turn. Despite reports that unemployment is down, MACC has seen no drop in the number of people needing help, she said.

But she praised the efforts of people like Sam and Phyllis Pierson of 57 Arvine Place, who donated \$2,500, to bring a little holiday happiness into lives that are generally sad.

First interview since illness

Syria's Assad doesn't want confrontation

PARIS (UPI) — Syrian President Hafez Assad, complaining of a weak heart but in apparent good health, said in an interview published Friday Syria does not want a confrontation with the United States but will fight to defend itself.

Assad's interview with the weekly news magazine Le Point was his first with Western reporters since disappearing from public view Nov. 12 for what the Syrian government said was an appendectomy. Western intelligence sources said Assad suffered a heart attack.

"I do not wish to pursue this confrontation with the United States," Assad said. "But I have no choice."

"When the Americans bomb us we are forced to defend ourselves... I had an American envoy (Lyon) come into our country, we will fight you," he said, apparently referring to U.S. Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld.

Washington felt its interests were menaced in Lebanon, the Soviet Union isn't there," he said.

"If there was any agreement between us and the Soviets to serve Soviet interests in Lebanon, why wouldn't we already have carried it out? If we had a plan to attack Israel from Lebanon, why wouldn't we already have done it?"

He stressed that Syrian troops went to Lebanon at the invitation of the government at the height of the 1975-76 civil war.

"Lebanon and Syria constitute one people, one nation... two independent states (with) family feelings deeper than those between two states in the

United States," he said.

Assad's absence set off rumors throughout the Arab world that he was dead or dying.

But the two Le Point reporters, who interviewed the 59-year-old Syrian president at his villa 9 miles outside Damascus, said he looked well and spoke and gestured without effort.

While Assad did not identify his ailment, the reporters said they had the impression Assad was recovering from a heart ailment.

Assad told the reporters he moved to the villa to convalesce on his doctors' orders but expected to resume normal presidential duties in January.

"Actually I have never interrupted my activities," he said.

Christmas 1983

Town offices: Closed Monday.

State and federal offices: Closed Monday.

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

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

Schools: Public and parochial schools closed Friday and will reopen on Jan. 3.

Retailers: Most stores will be open today and many will be open on Monday. Most supermarkets will be closed Monday.

Banks: Most banks will be closed today. All banks will be closed Monday.

Liquor: Liquor stores will be open today but closed Monday.

Bars: Most bars will be open today and Monday but closed on Sunday.

Garbage: There will be no pickup on Monday in Manchester and Bolton. The dumps in Andover and Coventry will be open regular hours today 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, 742-6588.

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