

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.

"We are as surprised as the rest of the world," said Marianne Scipione, U.S. Surgical vice president for corporate communications, of the resignation of the Big 8 accounting firm.

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.

Louderback says some retailers want to own the computer systems, while others would rather have banks install their own machines.

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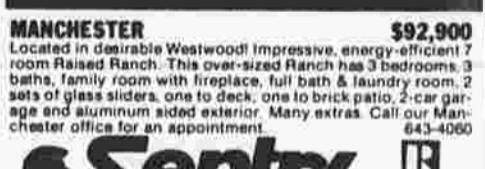
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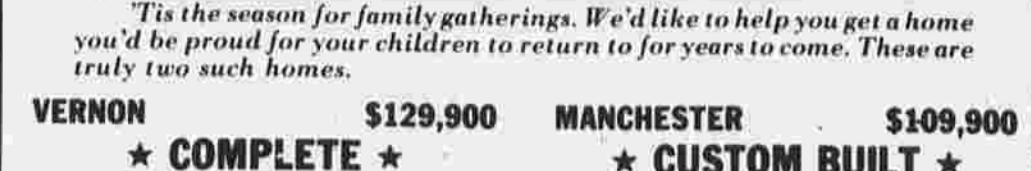
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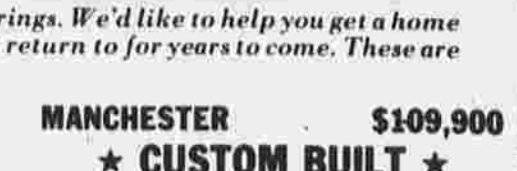


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We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Manchester Herald

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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 Wethersfield and Dolores Perri of Glastonbury look over telephones as gift possibilities. The shoppers were at Caldor in Burr Corners Friday night.



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.

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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.

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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.

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.

MACC REFERRALS from public school social workers have tripled.

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

But the two Le Pen 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.

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 Cuny, 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," Cuny 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 16-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.

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.

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Your neighbors' views:

What was the best Christmas present you have ever received? (Asked at Marshall's Mall, Manchester)



Justin Dyer, Manchester, "A motorcycle. I have had it for a few days ago."
Thomas Campo, Andover, "A ski trip to Austria and one to Vermont."
Erin Hickey, Manchester, "A ski trip to Austria and one to Vermont."
Shirley Dunn, Manchester, "The best coat back in 1973 before Christmas after being a week. We had a newborn baby."
Gloria Fonseca, Manchester, "A ring with a diamond and rubies."
Katie Farrell, Manchester, "A lazy daisy doll."
Marilyn Watt, Manchester, "The last doll of my childhood with a complete wardrobe."
William Greene, Manchester, "Getting my wife out of the hospital two days before Christmas after she had had surgery."

Peopletalk

Birthday almanac

Dec. 25 — Sissy Spacek (1949), the actress whose films include "Carrie," "Three Women" and "Coal Miner's Daughter," for which she won a 1980 Oscar as best actress.
Dec. 24 — Alan King (1927), the stand-up comic and actor who has appeared in night clubs and concerts, as well as TV shows. He has acted in several films.
Dec. 27 — Louis Pasteur (1822-1895), the French chemist and microbiologist, who, among other notable achievements, originated the process known as pasteurization.
Dec. 28 — Woodrow Wilson (1856-1919), the 28th President of the United States, who prior to his presidency, headed Princeton University and was governor of New Jersey. He was awarded the 1919 Nobel Peace Prize.
Dec. 29 — Mary Tyler Moore (1927-), the actress and dancer who has starred on television in the "Dick Van Dyke Show" sitcom as well as her own "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." She received critical acclaim for her performance in "Ordinary People."
Dec. 30 — Sandra Kouxif (1935-), the Hall of Famer who pitched four no-hit games during his career, including a perfect game in 1965. He won the Cy Young Award in 1963, 1965 and 1968.
Dec. 31 — Ben Kingsley (1943), the British stage and screen actor who received the 1982 Academy Award as best actor for his performance in the film "Gandhi."

This number means trouble

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — A one digit error in dialing a phone number can mean the difference between a cheery chat with Santa Claus or a steamy call to a "saintly sweetheart."
The similarity of the two numbers came to light Wednesday when a Uniondale, N.Y., woman, who asked not to be identified, watched her 9-year-old daughter dial Santa.
"My daughter turned to me and said, 'Santa is a woman, Mommy, and what is she talking about?'" the mother stated.
Dial one number, and the hearty voice of Santa promises to be there on Christmas Eve to fill your shoes and stockings.
Dial the wrong number, and the sultry voice of "your saintly sweetheart" explains that "my black stockings make my legs so long and sexy."
Samantha Smith, the American schoolgirl who visited Moscow as guest of Soviet President Yuri Andropov, said Friday that watching the television movie "The Day After" made her more worried about nuclear war.
Samantha, and a group of accompanying teenagers, were carrying a tape of "The Day After" that they plan to show in Hiroshima, which has been rebuilt since it was razed by a U.S. atomic bomb in 1945.
Samantha, who is in Japan for a children's conference, said she felt more worried about an atomic holocaust after seeing the ABC television movie that showed how a nuclear war could affect the United States.

What people are saying

"It was sort of an alcoholic's alcoholic."
— Sterling Hayden, actor, on why he decided to stop drinking. (NBC-TV)
"Watching college students today is about as exciting as watching TV bowling. A lot of youth are doing things like throwing up on their sweatshirts every Friday night, and that's the extent of their political involvement."
— Abby Hoffman, former Tipple leader.
"I thought of (being) a mounted police officer. I was kind of before my time."
— Olivia Newton-John, singer, on her youthful ambitions. (Rolling Stone)
"I'm a prisoner here. I'm like a bird in a cage. He doesn't have enough time for himself. He doesn't have enough time for me."
— Ethel Bradley, on being the wife of Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles.
"A lot of my neighbors thought I was quite crazy to make the trip and spend all this money. But I was determined to get Leanna a doll for Christmas."
— Edward Pennington, a Kansas City mailman who traveled to London to buy his daughter one of the coveted Cabbage Patch Kids.
"I served one of the longest internships ever, being married to a former member of Congress."
— Elise du Pont, who is seeking the Congressional seat once held by her husband, Pierre S. du Pont, a Delaware Republican who served three terms before being elected governor in 1974.
Mrs. du Pont is an executive of the Agency for International Development.
"I do think you can be conservative and gay. The last thing this country needs is another gay liberal."
— Robert Bauman, former Maryland congressman. Bauman was defeated for re-election in 1980 after pleading guilty to solicitation of a male prostitute.
"A friend who knows how much exercise I get from this says I ought to write a fitness book about the benefits of chopping and stacking, called 'Pumping Firewood.'"
— President Reagan, on the exercise he gets from chopping wood. (Parade)

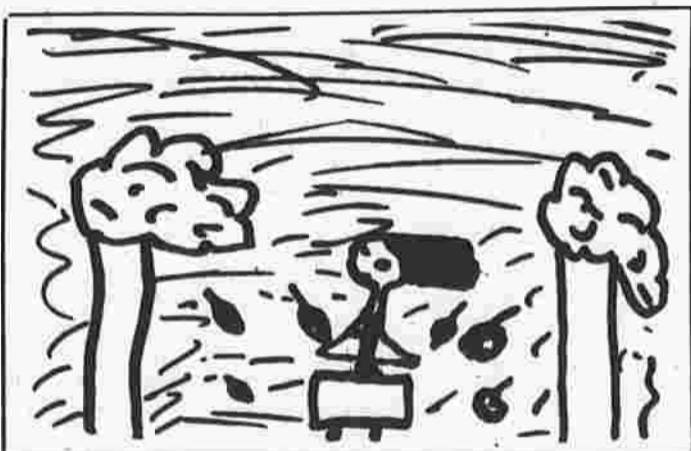
Sterling Hayden

Ronald Reagan

Weather

Today's forecasts

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Very cold and windy Saturday with variable clouds. A chance of flurries in the west Saturday. Highs 10 to 20. Remaining very cold and windy Saturday night and Christmas Day. Lows from 5 below to 10 above. Highs in the teens. Outlook for Monday: clear and continued cold.
Maine: Increasing cloudiness with gradual clearing. Lows 5 to 15 below except zero to 5 above on the coast. Christmas Day cold with flurries north and fair south. Highs 5 below to 15 above. Highs 5 above to 15 below. Christmas Day scattered flurries north and fair south. Highs 5 below to 15 above. Highs 5 below to 15 above. Highs 5 below to 15 above.
New Hampshire: Increasing cloudiness with scattered flurries later tonight. Lows from 5 below north to teens south. Saturday scattered flurries. Highs in the single numbers north.
Vermont: Clouding tonight with some light snow or flurries developing. Low 10 below to 15 above. Windy and very cold Saturday with some light snow or flurries west and north and chance of flurries southeast. Afternoon temperatures 5 to 10. Bitter cold with windy Saturday night and Sunday. Changing skies with flurries west and north partly cloudy southeast. Low 15 below to 5 above. High Christmas day 5 below to 10 above.



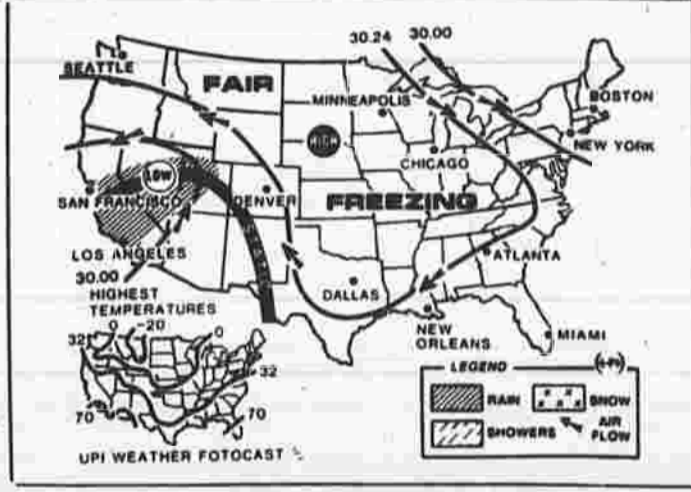
Windy and cold in Connecticut

Windy and very cold in Connecticut Saturday. Variable cloudiness. Highs teens. Northwest winds 15-25 mph. Remaining very cold and windy Saturday night and Sunday. Partly cloudy. Lows Saturday night 5 below to 5 above. Highs Sunday teens. Weather outlook for Monday: remaining very cold with mostly sunny skies. Today's weather picture was drawn by Kristin Kozniar, 9, of 73 Park St., a fourth-grade student at St. James School.



Satellite view

Commerce Department satellite photo taken at 1 p.m. EST Friday shows a band of cloudiness stretching along the Gulf coast states from Texas to northern Florida and Georgia. Another band of clouds extends from northern California eastward to the mid-Mississippi Valley. Clear skies cover most of the Northeast and northern tier of states while snow flurries cover parts of the Great Lakes.



National forecast

For period ending 7 p.m. EST today. Rain will be expected in the Central Intermountain region, the South and Central Pacific Coasts. Elsewhere weather will remain fair in general. Maximum temperatures include Atlanta 42, Boston 23, Chicago 7, Cleveland 10, Dallas 27, Denver 9, Duluth -01, Houston 35, Jacksonville 68, Kansas City 0, Little Rock 16, Los Angeles 68, Miami 78, Minneapolis -10, New Orleans 50, New York 25, Phoenix 70, San Francisco 53, Seattle 34, St. Louis 4 and Washington 32.

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Repairs were a Steele

Bob Steele now has a coffee maker that makes better coffee than his old one, thanks to Manchester's George Marlow.
Steele, the WTIC radio host, announced on his show that his Wear-Ever coffee maker was on the friz. Alas, Steele said, he didn't know where he could get the parts to make it work, since it was a discontinued model.
Eight listeners called Steele and told him to go to Marlow's Department Store.
Marlow said Steele came in last Saturday for the parts, after calling him earlier in the week.
"He was a little skeptical at first," said Marlow. "After all, I don't drink coffee."
Marlow made the needed repairs and sent Steele on his way. This week the radio personality called Marlow to thank him.
"He told me it was making better coffee than his old one," Marlow said.

Room in mental health ward

It's a paradox. While the new mental health center at Manchester Memorial Hospital has plenty of open beds for patients who aren't acutely disturbed, psychiatric department director Stephen Holzman said recently, there's a back-up of patients who need placement in state mental hospitals — and can't get it.
There's no quick solution in sight for the state hospital bed shortage. And as depression over the holidays takes its toll, many of the empty beds at MMH will fill up. As Holzman put it, "patients come out of the cracks over Christmas."
MMH's mental health clinic is the only one in the region which serves only those who have less than 80 percent medical insurance coverage and cannot afford private psychiatric treatment. Holzman noted. He estimated that about half of the patients seen there live at or below poverty level.
There is no limit on the number of mental health cases admitted at the center, Holzman said.

Party for good teachers

Joan Taylor, Manchester Teacher of the Year for 1984, will join 41 honorees from other towns across the state at a special reception Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the Governor's residence.
Mrs. Taylor is a teacher at Bennet Junior High School.

Dump closed Monday

The Manchester landfill will be closed all day Monday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holiday. It is open today.
The dump will also closed Monday, Jan. 2, for the New Year's holiday.

MHS faces competition for state funds

By Kathy Gormus Herald Reporter

The Manchester Housing Authority faces stiff competition for state funds it hopes to use for subsidized housing for the elderly because of the \$30 million available will be divided among 28 different programs.
Joseph E. Canale, commissioner of the state Department of Housing, said Friday the money will be used to fund a number of different programs, including elderly housing, housing rehabilitation and energy conservation.
The Housing Authority last week

applied for funds under the state's Moderate Rental Housing Program to build rental units for the elderly on town-owned property on North Elm Street.
Despite many applications in response to Canale's Dec. 7 letter to municipal housing authorities announcing the availability of the funds, Canale said he hoped there would be enough to satisfy all applicants.
"We try to make sure we don't slight anyone," Canale said.
Canale said he could not specify the criteria that will be used to allocate the funds until all applications had been

received. The deadline for applying for the funds is Jan. 15.
In his letter, Canale indicated that projects of 50 units or less would be given consideration and that priority would be given to "proposals which incorporate additional sources of funding or subsidies."
The letter took the Manchester Housing Authority by surprise because until now no state funds have been available.
The town's affordable housing committee was proceeding with ideas for the construction of housing on North Elm Street on the assumption that

there would be no state funds.
Without state assistance, apartments would have rented for about \$375 a month. With the funds, they would be considerably lower.
Rents at Manchester's two other state-subsidized housing projects range from \$60 a month to 25 percent of income, whichever is higher, to \$81 a month or 25 percent of income.
Carol Shanley, executive director of the Housing Authority, said she did not know how the town would fare in its quest for assistance.
"We'll just have to wait," she said.

Manchester Superior Court settles several cases

The following local cases were disposed of recently in Manchester Superior Court. The judges were Lawrence C. Klaczak and David M. Barry.
Dorothy Jordan, first-degree larceny, one year, suspended; five years' probation.
Elizabeth Price, five counts of sixth-degree larceny, seven counts of issuing a bad check, granted accelerated rehabilitation.
Carol Burke, second-degree larceny, charges dropped by the state's attorney.
Gordon Kinkade, two counts of drunk driving, granted entrance into the state alcohol education program on the first count, fined \$415 on the second count. A charge of evading responsibility in an accident was dropped by the state's attorney.
Robert Butler, charges of first-degree criminal trespass, interfering with police and disorderly conduct were dropped by the state's attorney. Butler has already been sentenced to five years in prison, suspended after three, on three counts of selling marijuana to undercover agents in late 1982.
Jeffrey Monex, two counts of drunk driving, granted entrance into the state alcohol education program on the first count, fined \$515 on the second count.
Jeffrey Read, first-degree larceny, one year, suspended; two years' probation. A second count of first-degree larceny and charges of drunk driving and

sixth-degree larceny were dropped by the state's attorney.
Gary L. Richards, drunk driving, \$515.
Dominic Rullo, perjury, four months. Two charges of drunk driving were dropped by the state's attorney.
Raymond Scott, charges of third-degree larceny and second-degree failure to appear were dropped by the state's attorney.
Sandra Brookes, second-degree larceny, granted accelerated rehabilitation. Charges of evading responsibility and failure to carry automobile insurance were dropped by the state's attorney.

Marek Masniukiewicz, drunk driving, 60 days.
The following named people, facing drunk driving charges, were granted entrance into the state alcohol education program.
Arthur E. Blysk Jr., Philip Botticello, Paul D. Calvo, Patricia Chiochio, William Coffey, Peter T. Doyle, Harry Figueroa, Michael Gardner, William A. Gilbert, Shari L. Goodwin, Donald Hollister, George Maloney, Judith Michael, Sandra Motocidak, Kathleen O'Brien, Michael Presti, Michael Quinn, William Richard, Walter Scharnh, Patrick Shea, Brett A. Smith, Robert Wehr and Michael Zombik.

Fire calls

Manchester
Thursday, 12:59 p.m. — motor vehicle accident, Keeley Street and Bush Hill, Box 1 (Town, Paramedics)
Thursday, 1:58 p.m. — electrical problem, 20 Adelaide Road (Town, Paramedics)
Thursday, 3:56 p.m. — medical call, 23 Bonner Road (Eighth District, Paramedics)
Thursday, 4 p.m. — water problem, 336 Broad St. (Town)

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On this date in history: In 1814, the Treaty of Ghent was signed by representatives of the United States and Great Britain, ending the War of 1812.
In 1851, the U.S. Library of Congress and part of the Capitol Building were destroyed by fire.
In 1942, Admiral Jean Louis Darlan, the French administrator of North Africa, was assassinated as a sympathizer of the French Vichy regime.
In 1981, an explosion aboard a Chinese jetliner in Canton killed 23 people, including three Americans.

A thought for the day: Scottish poet, author and historian Sir Walter Scott wrote these words: "Heap on more wood! — the wind

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Bob Hope brings holiday cheer to Beirut

ABOARD THE USS GUAM (UPI) — Comedian Bob Hope, flanked by a host of U.S. stars, brought the Marines in Lebanon a bit of America as a Christmas present Friday with a show filled with sexy girls and hometown songs.

"I thought the girls were gorgeous," said Lance Cpl. William Thompson of Phoenix, Ariz.

Tenage sex symbol Brooke Shields, television stars Cathy Lee Crosby and

Ann Jillian and Miss USA Julie Hayek strutted onto the stage in low-cut, scooped-back and slit up the side sequined evening dresses to the howling whistles of hundreds of Marines.

"It's the best Christmas I could have expected," said Lance Cpl. Brian Moore, from Jersey City, N.J., "It made the whole thing worth it."

"It's not home, but it's as close as you can get," said Lance Cpl. Russell Biffle, from Pontotoc, Miss. "I miss my

family a lot."

"Geeze, I would've spazzed out completely if it wasn't for this," said Lance Cpl. Richard Berry, from Columbus, Ohio.

The 80-year-old Hope, who stayed in the captain's cabin on the amphibious assault carrier USS Guam, came out on stage in Marine fatigue knickerbockers, carrying what he called a "combat club" — a camouflaged golf club.

"If this is peace-keeping, aren't you glad you're not in a war," Hope joked with the some 400 Marines who sat on the floor on their flak jackets and kit bags.

A suicide bomb attack on the U.S. Marine base near Beirut airport killed 241 American servicemen on Oct. 23, and until recently the Marines were involved in running gunbattles with Moslem militiamen on the base perimeter.

Record Christmas mail delivered despite weather

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Neither snow nor plunging wind-chill factors will stop America's letter carriers from delivering a record 10 billion pieces of mail during the holiday season.

In Minneapolis, for example, letter carriers wearing ski masks braved a wind-chill factor of minus 25 at high noon Friday to slog through four feet of snow.

In Washington, Postmaster General William Bolger said any significant delay in the weather "will allow us to deliver the holiday mail before Christmas."

But the nation's top postman warned, "Without the breaks, we can expect delivery delays of a couple of days for mail that is now awaiting transportation."

Bolger predicted American postal

workers will process 800 million more pieces of mail this holiday season than they did last year.

The big problem this year has been the severe weather that has curtailed transportation of mail in such hubs as Dallas, Atlanta, Denver Chicago and St. Louis.

In many post offices, sorting has been simplified by sophisticated technology — optical character readers that rapidly scan zip codes.

Some chores still must be done the hard way.

For example, George Cherry, a special distribution clerk in a Washington, D.C., post office, still must work 20 to 40 hours of overtime in the holiday season, peering at letters that have missing or incorrect zip codes.

U.S./World In Brief

Weather may curb death toll

Holiday motorists took to the roads Friday amid optimism bitter cold and snowy weather over most of the nation would curb the 300 to 400 deaths experts estimated for the three-day Christmas weekend.

"People have always tended to drive more carefully in serious weather," said Chuck Vance, spokesman for the National Safety Council in Chicago, which estimated 300 to 400 deaths and 14,000 to 19,000 disabling injuries during the holiday period.

Arafat sails toward Yemen

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat sailed toward Yemen Friday, trailed by cries of traitor over his dramatic meeting in Cairo with the president of the only Arab state recognizing Israel.

The furor raised by the meeting between Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak overshadowed events in Lebanon where government troops and Druze militiamen exchanged rocket-propelled grenade fire near Beirut.

In Rome, Italian President Sandro Pertini charged the U.S. peace-keeping force was in Lebanon to defend Israel and called for the removal of Italy's 2,100-man contingent.

U.S. bishop leads refugees

TEGUCHIGALPA, Honduras — U.S. Roman Catholic Bishop Salvador Scherer, whose death had been reported by the Nicaraguan government, led some 500 Nicaraguan Indians across the border into Honduras Friday, U.S. and Honduran officials said.

Misura, an Nicaraguan Indian rebel group, said more than 2,000 other refugees wanted to cross the border but were under air attack by Sandinista planes. There was no independent confirmation of the charge.

The Nicaraguans have denied they are attacking the refugees.

Pope urges world peace

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II, in a message prepared for World Peace Day, warned world leaders Friday that they "must not sacrifice uselessly the lives of their fellow citizens" in military adventures.

The pope issued the warning in a message to be delivered on the occasion of the 17th World Peace Day Jan. 1. His remarks were released by the Vatican press office.

The 16-page address was titled "From a new heart, peace is born" and its main theme was that humanity must undergo a change of heart and conscience if world peace is to be achieved.

Thatcher visits Belfast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Defying Irish nationalist terrorists, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher made a surprise Christmas visit to Northern Ireland Friday and vowed the province will remain British-ruled.

Mrs. Thatcher was nearly swept away by cheering well-wishers in the market town of Newtownards, 15 miles east of Belfast, when she took a walking tour to greet shoppers. One officer described the scene as "absolute bedlam."

Later, the prime minister met widows of policemen who have lost their lives in religious violence in Northern Ireland.

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OPINION

Pure Christmas spirit isn't universal



Manchester Spotlight

By Dan Fitts — Editor

One of the Manchester Herald photographers was out of commission with a bad back and the woman on the other end of the line was furious.

Because of the photographer's injury, a picture that had been scheduled — one that already had been rescheduled for some reason that escapes me — now probably wouldn't be taken at all. It would be too hard to get all the people who were supposed to be in the photo together again in time for Christmas.

This was a crying shame, she said, because the picture would have provided needed "recognition" to the scouts who were to have been in it.

The woman went on and on in her angry disappointment. My sympathy for the scouts began to lose ground to my increasingly uncharitable feelings about the caller.

The incident revived in me that uneasiness I sometimes feel, especially at this time of year, when I hear about public displays of generosity.

I'm pretty sure the scouts would have done their good deed

even if they hadn't expected to see their picture in the paper. In fact, we at the Herald are happy to publicize such good deeds, time and space permitting. But there are many cases of charity that never would have happened without the promise of "recognition."

Would United Way attract quite so many donations if some employers, worried about corporate image, didn't make it clear that they wanted their workforce to pitch in?

Would some of the service clubs give so freely to good causes if they knew no one would ever learn of their donations?

Would United Technologies give such liberal support to the arts in Hartford if it had to do so anonymously?

Organizers of causes that depend on public contributions are adept at playing to the self-interest of potential donors. Probably almost any of these organizers could curl your hair

telling you about the lengths to which some people will go to see their name decorating, say, a new university building.

Fund-raising is a tough business. Appealing to human vanity is a time-proven technique for bringing in money.

But in my more jaded moments I wonder just who it is these donors "think they are impressing."

THE MAJORITY of people are genuinely charitable, however. Just look at the response MACC got this year in its annual Christmas appeal.

The hundreds who have contributed, with the prospect of no more recognition than a mention in Nancy Carr's MACC column in the Herald, had to have been motivated by something other than vanity.

Probably most of these people didn't care if anyone at all knew of their good deeds.

Maybe if you analyzed the

charitable behavior of some of these near-anonymous donors deeply enough, you would find some self-interest at bottom: a desire to look good in God's eyes, or simply to think of themselves as generous. But in most cases I bet you'd find the main motive was the simple desire to make the world a little more bearable.

MY BIGGEST act of charity this week was collecting one of my sisters-in-law at Bradley International Airport.

Christmas week is no time to be there. It was one of the busiest nights of the year for the airport, which might partly explain my ordeal.

It didn't matter that I was late, though, for my sister-in-law had been bumped at the last minute from her People's Express flight from Newark and I ended up having three hours to kill.

Have you ever tried to kill three hours at Bradley? Actually, it wasn't that hard to do. It wasn't pleasant, but I managed to keep busy.

There was a 20-minute wait at the snack bar, where I bought a cold (though, admittedly, large) hot-dog and coke for \$1.

That killed some of the time, and reading cover-to-cover the Wall Street Journal and USA Today (Boy, does that ever have a lot of information) killed some more.

I also spent many minutes trying to learn from the few People's Express people there the expected arrival time of the next flight from Newark. (Boy, did those people ever not have information!)

My sister-in-law finally arrived, but she had trouble finding her luggage, which had come on the earlier flight. People's Express has a no-frills approach to flying, but you would think that giving passengers a clue about where to find their luggage would be considered a basic service.

My sister-in-law had been through a much more extreme ordeal, but she was surprisingly untruffled. She had made friends with some others who had been bumped from the first flight. They all had fun talking about what an ordeal it all was.

Maybe they felt a bit of the Christmas spirit.

Richard M. Diamond, Publisher
Dan Fitts, Editor



Bonuses reward bunglers

WASHINGTON — In an earlier column I identified five senior Energy Department officials who were criticized by congressional investigators for allowing shoddy lapses of security at government plants that produce weapons-grade nuclear material.

In what Peter John Dingell, D-Mich., called a "curious" system of rewards and punishment, the five officials were given achievement medals and substantial bonuses despite the accusations of mismanagement.

Now my associates Indy Baldwin and Tony Capacetto have obtained internal DOE documents which show that some of the bonus babies were the glowing recommendations that earned their colleagues the financial awards.

Dingell's year-long investigation concluded that the five officials not only were responsible for lax security that left the nuclear plants vulnerable to terrorist attacks, but deliberately misled both Congress and the White House on the lapses.

Yet during the three-year period, alleged mismanagement, the accused officials pocketed \$115,000 in awards.

In a pitiful attempt to cover up the congressional criticism, Len Kojm, a DOE congressional liaison official, tried to use his own stamp and ink pad to put a spurious "secret" label on a letter from Dingell that spelled out the transgressions of the agency officials.

HERE'S A RUNDOWN on the inebrious bonus babies:

• Herman Roser, assistant DOE secretary for defense programs, collected more than \$35,000 in bonuses. Based on Roser's testimony at a closed hearing on Sept. 10, 1982, and other meetings, Dingell concluded that the official had not only misled the subcommittee but had managed to kill a highly critical security assessment undertaken by independent anti-terrorist experts.

But on Sept. 16, 1982, in a recommendation for an \$11,115 bonus, Energy Secretary Donald Hodel cited Roser's "exceptional" service and cited his "strengths in communicating and negotiating with members of Congress."

• Troy Wade, principal deputy assistant secretary, won more than \$32,000 in merit awards. Roser commended Wade for having "exceeded expectations in his work," and praised him for ensuring that safeguards for DOE facilities received top priority.

Dingell concluded that Wade was Roser's "point man" in scuttling the embarrassing independent assessment program.

• James Culpepper, deputy assistant secretary for security, earned more than \$20,000 in bonuses. Wade wrote that Culpepper had discharged his duties "in a highly proficient and diligent manner." Dingell pointed out that Culpepper was responsible for a report to the president that the General Accounting Office called "misleading."

• Ralph Caudle, director of the safeguards office, was given a silver medal and about \$15,000 in bonuses. Dingell wrote that at the Sept. 10 hearing and later, Caudle "continued to assure Congress that security was adequate." But Dingell added: "This was not true, and documents in his own files indicated that it was not true." Yet in a performance rating dated Sept. 8-16, 1982, Culpepper praised Caudle's skill at "intra-agency and congressional interface" and in conveying "a message of safeguards and security."

• Robert Morgan, former manager of the Savannah River S.C., nuclear plant, topped \$28,000 in cash awards. Dingell found that Morgan had "misled the subcommittee" about the state of safeguards at Savannah. In a recommendation dated Sept. 8, 1982, Roser said Morgan "has established effective contact with members of Congress to insure that they are well informed."

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Saturday TV

7:30 A.M.

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- 11 - *Out There*
- 12 - *News & Realities*
- 13 - *Pink Panther Show*
- 14 - *Rich Little's A Christmas*
- 15 - *Sport Bill*
- 16 - *Poppy and Friends*
- 17 - *Sports Review*
- 18 - *Thumper, The Barbarian*
- 19 - *It's Your Business*
- 20 - *Mornington*
- 21 - *Christopher Close-Up*
- 22 - *Balham*
- 23 - *Wonders*
- 24 - *Best of Booby Doo*
- 25 - *Clayton Kopp*
- 26 - *Tom & Jerry and Friends*
- 27 - *Scholastic Sports Acad.*
- 28 - *Spiderman*
- 29 - *News/Sports/Weather*
- 30 - *Flintstones/Funniest*
- 31 - *MOVIE: The Blue Lagoon*
- 32 - *MOVIE: The Boy Who Swam With Sharks*
- 33 - *Seaside Strips*
- 34 - *Teatro Fantastico*
- 35 - *From the Artist's Desk*

8:30 A.M.

- 10 - *Saturday Superquiz*
- 11 - *Make Room For Daddy*
- 12 - *Monchhichis/Little Rascals/Ricbie Rick*
- 13 - *Kidnapped*
- 14 - *Harold of Truitt*
- 15 - *Vic's Youth Unit Program*
- 16 - *Short Tales*
- 17 - *Thunderbirds vs. Mind Meld*
- 18 - *The Train Show*
- 19 - *Star Search*
- 20 - *Nine on New Jersey*
- 21 - *Old Time Scooper*
- 22 - *ESP's SportsWeek*
- 23 - *Co-Ed Mag's Griffin hosts this weekly teen magazine*
- 24 - *Hardy Boys/Nancy Drew Mysteries*
- 25 - *News Update*
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- 11 - *Pac-Man/Rubik's Cube*
- 12 - *Davey/Colfax*
- 13 - *Inside Baseball*
- 14 - *Money Watch*
- 15 - *MOVIE: Money*
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- 10 - *Plasticman*
- 11 - *Saturday Morning*
- 12 - *All Star Wrestling*
- 13 - *Essence*
- 14 - *NFL Game of the Week*
- 15 - *Inside the NFL*
- 16 - *Scholastic Sports Acad.*
- 17 - *News Update*
- 18 - *MOVIE: My Fair Lady*
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- 10 - *Charlie Brown & Snoopy*
- 11 - *Little*
- 12 - *FIS World Cup Skiing*
- 13 - *Sports Probe*
- 14 - *Style With Ela Kleisch*
- 15 - *Alvin & the Chipmunks*
- 16 - *Electric Company*
- 17 - *MOVIE: Time Traveler*
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HORATIO ALGER

Thor Fields stars as a courageous young man, forced from his family home by an evil stepmother and her bullying son, in "Horatio Alger Updated: Frank and Fearless," airing at 7:30 P.M. on SATURDAY, DEC. 24.

CHECK LISTINGS FOR EXACT TIME

MOVING RIGHT ALONG Everbody's Doing It? 7:45 P.M. MOVIE: The New Adventures of Heidi! Heidi feels that she can't live with her cousin, Karl Kitzman, and she decides to run away.

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Cutter to Houston While trying to save a small boy's coma, Andy and Ben face demands from his father that the child be moved to a larger hospital. 1950. (C) 1983. R

MOVIE: 'A Christmas Without Snow' A group of cheerleaders struggle for the leadership of a perfectionist instructor. Michael Keaton, John Wood. Ramon Berr, 1980

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Obituaries

Natalija E. Turkis
Natalija E. Turkis, 83, of Vernon, mother of Harris Turkis of Manchester, died Friday at an area convalescent home.

She was the oldest woman member of the American Latvian Lutheran Church in Manchester.

Mrs. Turkis was the wife of the late Martin Turkis. She was born in Latvia in 1899 and had lived in Vernon for 20 years.

Besides her son in Manchester, she is survived by two other sons, Maigonis Turkis of Vernon, with whom she made her home, and Herbert Turkis in Latvia, and one grandson.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Burial will be in East Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

William Dave Casavant
William Dave Casavant, 64, of South Yarmouth, Mass., formerly of South Windsor, died Friday at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington.

He was the father of Stephen D. Casavant and Peter J. Casavant, both of Manchester.

He had been active in support of the Little League and Midget Football, both in South Windsor and in Manchester.

Born in Merrimack, Mass., Casavant had lived in South Windsor for 23 years before moving to Cape Cod. Before retiring he had been employed by United Technologies Corp. in the warranty division at its Middletown plant.

Survivors, besides his sons in Manchester, are his wife, Helen (Barton) Casavant; another son, Louis E. Casavant of Framingham, Mass.; two daughters, Mrs. Marcia Yate of Torrington and Mrs. Paula Fox of South Windsor; and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 9:30 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in South Windsor. Burial will be in Wapping Cemetery. There are no

calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to the Lupus Foundation of Connecticut, 91 North Main St., East Hartford.

The John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., is in charge of arrangements.

George Smith
George D. Smith, 67, of 23 Bonner Road, died Thursday at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

His wife, June Waters Smith, predeceased him in 1976. Born in New Hartford, he had been a resident of Manchester for 20 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

Before retiring last January, he had been employed as a paymaster for 28 years at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, East Hartford.

He is survived by a son, David G. Smith of Albany, N.Y.; a daughter, Elizabeth Levine of Manchester; and a son, Eitel Brooks Smith of New Hartford, five brothers, Harold Smith of Manchester, James Smith of Pine Meadow, Robert Smith of New Hartford, and Harry Smith of Hopkins, Ky.; and Bernard Smith of Florida; and two sisters, Marguerite Barrett of Winsted and Helen Coleman of Colebrook.

The funeral will be Tuesday at Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Burial will be in East Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to the Manchester Memorial Hospital Redevelopment Fund.

William J. Witwicki
William J. Witwicki, five months old, the son of Witold and Cynthia (DiDonato) Witwicki, died Friday at Hartford Hospital.

He was born in Manchester on July 17, 1983. Besides his mother and father, he is survived by his sister, Christine L. Witwicki, his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John DiDonato of Manchester, his maternal great-grandmother, Edna Coda of Miramar, Fla.; and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Witold Witwicki of Colebrook.

The funeral will be Tuesday at Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Burial will be in East Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to the Manchester Memorial Hospital Redevelopment Fund.

Man robs liquor store, takes \$1,365
BOLTON — A lone robber, armed with a small gun, robbed the Parkade Pharmacy and Liquor Store on Route 6 Friday about 8:20 p.m. and escaped in a car with all \$1,365 in cash.

The man, described as short and stocky, wearing a ski mask, tan jacket and work boots, headed west on Route 6 in a car that had been parked in rear of Fiano's Restaurant nearby.

Police said the robber entered the store and told the owner and his son to lie on the floor. He jumped over the counter and told the boy to open the cash register. His father said the boy did not know how. The robber demanded that the father open the register and took the money from it.

"Where's the rest of the money," he asked. The father set up to open the safe. The robber hit him in the back of the head with the gun, took the money from the safe and ran out.

The gun had silver-colored handle.

Boy injured; struck by car
Francis Yesonis Jr., 17, of 425 E. Middle, Turpike safety heard injuries when he was struck by a car at Parker and Franklin streets at about 5:45 p.m. Friday.

Late Friday night, Yesonis was being examined at the emergency department of Hartford Hospital to determine the extent of his injuries. A hospital spokesman said he would be admitted to the hospital.

He was transferred from Manchester Memorial Hospital.

The driver of the car, William J. Palizza, of 244 Center St., was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol.

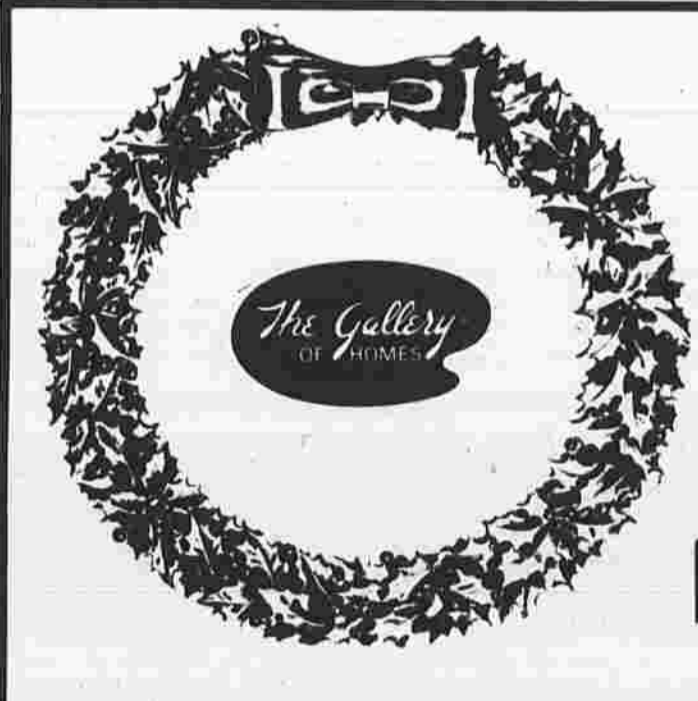
No further details of the accident were available.

After evaluating his condition, paramedics at the scene of the accident started an intravenous, applied a cervical collar and anti-shock trousers before transporting him to the Manchester hospital.



Herald photo by Tarquino

Poinsettias on wheels
Meals on Wheels drivers brought clients fresh poinsettias with their meals this week. Edgar Goodrich, an 81-year-old Manchester resident, receives his plant from driver Albert Heavisides.



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Connecticut In Brief
Jobless claims increase
WETHERSFIELD — There seemed to be little Christmas cheer for hundreds of state residents who were counted in higher average weekly unemployment filings reported Friday by the state Labor Department.

Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro said filings resulting from temporary seasonal closings raised claims to nearly 32,000 for the two weeks ending Dec. 17. The most recent statewide unemployment rate was estimated at 4.7 percent.

Seasonal shutdowns were linked to about 1,500 claims, up from nearly 400 in the last two-week period when statewide claims averaged about 30,520 weekly. For the same period last year, filings were 45 percent higher at nearly 58,290, Peraro said.

Nurse seeking transplants
NEW HAVEN — A young nurse whose lungs can't do the work and whose heart is failing Friday made a Christmas appeal for organ transplants and \$150,000 to finance the procedure and treatment.

"We can't let a 29-year-old girl die here because we don't have any money," her doctor said at a news conference at the Hospital of St. Raphael and nurse Claudia Zabaski flunked him in a wheelchair, drawing her life's breath from a portable oxygen supply.

With transplanted organs and no major complications, she could live a normal life. She has six months to live otherwise, her doctor said.

'Saint' pleads no contest
WATERBURY — A Waterbury woman known as the "Saint of Oakville" Friday pleaded no contest to embezzling \$60,000 from her church.

Mrs. Helen Penoncello, 58, was accused of first-degree larceny for taking money from St. Mary Magdalen Church in Oakville between Dec. 1, 1979, and Oct. 1, 1982, when she was counting collections.

Superior Court Anthony V. DeMayo accepted the no-contest plea and found her guilty. No contest pleas are entered in cases where civil claims are pending against the accused.

'Thanks, you saved my life'
HARTFORD — "You truly saved our lives," Patricia Howard told a group of Red Cross blood

donors Friday as her 5-year-old son who has been kept alive with transfusions played happily near his mother.

Jimmy Howard, who suffers from a genetic blood disorder and received the first of 15 transfusions when he was one day old, was selected the 1984 Poster Child for the Red Cross Blood Services of Connecticut.

The parents of the blond, blue-eyed boy said he is normal and active, but thinks all people must go to the hospital for blood transfusions when they are ill.

The caption above Jimmy's picture on the Red Cross poster reads: "Thanks, you saved my life."

Students sing in protest
NEW LONDON — More than two dozen students at New London High School walked out of class Friday and roused the halls singing carols to protest the removal of a Christmas tree from the school lobby.

Principal James R. Giordano, the subject of the protest, ordered about 20 students back to class after the brief demonstration. He said he had no choice but to follow the school board's strict policy on religious observations.

Giordano recently had the decorated Christmas tree removed and insisted holiday decorations with religious connections had no place in a public school.

Calendars
Manchester
Monday Municipal offices closed.
Tuesday Downtown Coordinating Committee, 8 a.m., Lincoln Center gold room.
Wednesday Pension Board, 3 p.m., Lincoln Center gold room.
Thursday Judge's hours, 6:30 p.m., Probate Court.
Democratic Town Committee, 7:30 p.m., Lincoln Center hearing room.

Bolton
Monday Public Building Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Ladies' Auxiliary, Bolton Community Hall, 2 p.m.

Coventry
Wednesday Patriots Park Board of Directors, Town Office Building board room, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Bolton Cemetery Association annual meeting.

Andover
No meetings scheduled.

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The Family of John Keegan

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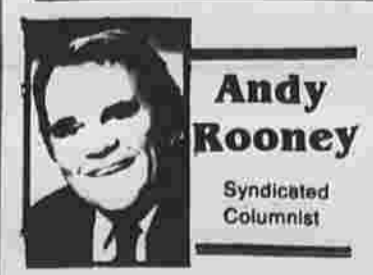
Seasons Greetings

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Andy Rooney
Syndicated Columnist

Switch jobs? Maybe

It might be a good idea if there were a law making it mandatory for each of us to stop doing whatever we're doing once every ten years and start doing something else. So often we get caught up with the idea of security that we end up doing the same thing all our lives.

I was thinking maybe I ought to set out to make some real money. I'm not complaining now but I'm thinking of big bucks. I'd be a tycoon of some sort. I've thought of several possibilities.

Starting a bank might be a good idea for me. Last night at a party I actually met two people who said they were starting a bank. I didn't even know you could just start a bank until they told me. Maybe that's what I ought to do.

If I did that and wanted to make those big bucks, the first thing I'd do after my bank got going and I had my customers would be to cut down on services. I'd fire all my employees who dealt with customers and do everything by computer. Next, I'd increase the charge for each check a customer wrote. I'd make it clear to customers that all my bank wants is their money. We don't want to spend a lot of time on bookkeeping with people putting money in and taking it out.

The doll business looks good this year. I could make and sell some new dolls. It would have to be different from the Cabbage Patch doll. You get adoption papers with those and each one is a little different because it's designed by computers that alter the features every time a doll is born.

IF I GO INTO the doll business, I'd have to have a new gimmick. I wouldn't make a baby doll. I'd make a grown-up doll for kids. The more realistic a doll is the better.

I'd produce a mother and a father doll. Instead of treating their dolls like babies, little girls and boys could treat their Mommy and Daddy dolls the way they treat their real mothers and fathers. A little girl could pretend her mother was telling her to eat all her vegetables and she could ignore the Mommy doll. Little boys could pretend they didn't hear their Daddy doll when it told them not to watch any more television.

Boys and girls with my dolls could pretend it was the middle of the night. They'd make believe they were sick to their stomach and they'd start crying so their dolls would have to get up and take them to the bathroom to throw up.

If my doll company did this thing right, we could make everyone forget about the Cabbage Patch dolls.

There are a lot of new telephone companies starting up. I don't understand what's happening but maybe I ought to start a new telephone business. A lot of the new companies don't seem to understand what they're doing, either.

IF I START a telephone company, the first thing I'll do is raise the rates. I'll make some little mistakes on your bills, too. This will make you think I'm just a regular telephone company.

After I've raised the rates on your long distance calls, I'll apply for another increase on your local rates. I'll need the money to pay for the extra help I'll have to hire to count the extra money coming in from the long distance increase.

The credit card market is another thing I've been thinking about as a new enterprise. Maybe I'll get into the credit card business. I'll issue credit cards that light up in the dark and shine. With their light you'll be able to read the bill in a dark restaurant before you sign it.

The company should have an important name. How would "United States Express Card" be?

I don't know. Maybe I'll just stick to what I'm doing. The money isn't that bad.

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Merry Christmas!

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On Christmas Eve, my father's friend came and gave me a letter from grandmother. I gave it to my mother. Then I went to my room to wrap some presents for my family and friends. At the supper table, my mom told me the good news. The good news was that, my grandmother got our letter and

she said she was crying, when she saw our picture. My mother showed us a picture and it had my grandfather, grandmother, cousin and her mother. After supper I went in my room and I thought about sending my grandmother a beautiful coat for next Christmas. Then I went to sleep. In the morning I opened my presents from my friends and family.

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Kids' turn

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Herald photos by Tarquino

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News for Senior Citizens

New system for meals is beginning at Senior Center

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cancelled, our bus will not run. Individuals should listen to WINF for the cancellations. If you still have any doubts, please feel free to contact the center at 647-3211.

The price is \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door, so get your tickets early. This week is the last week to confirm your reservations for Florida from Feb. 28 to March 12.

center office. Just a reminder that the center will be closed on Dec. 26 due to Christmas and on Jan. 2 due to New Year. There will not be any meals from Dec. 27 to Jan. 2.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK Monday: closed for holiday. Tuesday: 9 a.m. shopping bus. Bus returns from shopping at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday: turkey sandwich on whole wheat. Thursday: baked manicotti with sauce, tossed salad, Italian bread and butter, ice cream, beverage.

Friday: corned beef hash, buttered vegetables, bread, butter, dessert, beverage.

WEDNESDAY PINOCHLE: Helen Silver, 694; Bess Moonan, 601; Ruth Howell, 553; Sol Cohen, 580; Maude Custer, 556; Ada Rojas, 552; Julien Strong, 548.

BOWLING SCORES: Women, high single and high triple, Cathy Ringrose, 212 and 509; Men Cooper, 4,310; Ruth Lauber, 212; high triple, Hilery, 4,220; Helen Mike Pierre, 565.

About Town

Clinic scheduled for seniors

The town's Geriatric Clinic will have a blood pressure screening Wednesday at the Salvation Army Citadel, 661 Main St., from 1 to 2 p.m. for senior citizens whose last names begin with the letters A through N.

YMCA offering classes

VERNON - The Indian Valley YMCA, which serves Manchester and five other area towns, is offering another session of classes at its facilities at 372 Hartford Turnpike.

Chorus to rehearse

The Beethoven Chorus will rehearse Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St.

There will be a coffee hour before the rehearsal. The group will perform Jan. 5 at 2 p.m. at Crestfield Convalescent Home, 565 Vernon St.

Film open to public

The Educational Community, 645 Birch Mountain Road, will show the film "World According to Garp" Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Krupps lead program

NEWINGTON - The Krupp family of 40 McDevitt Drive will lead a family program on juvenile arthritis Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the amphitheater of Newington Children's Hospital.

Program is designed for teenagers and their parents

Referrals will be taken for reservations. Call Dr. Lawrence Zemel, program coordinator, 667-5591.

CELEBRATE THE CHRIST-EVENT at CENTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Communion Services 7 and 10:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10 a.m.

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Advice

Tearful tot must learn three is a crowd.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 21-year-old woman with a 3-year-old daughter, Tammy. I'm not married yet, but I would like to be Tammy and I like with my parents. They have been wonderful to us, but I want Tammy to have a daddy.



Dear Abby Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: When I was 17, I became involved with a so-called "religion" that, at the time, placed restrictions on me which helped me refrain from sex, drugs, cigarettes, etc.

At first, it did not matter that my "religion" did not allow such things as blood transfusions, saluting the American flag, voting and getting involved in politics.

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My problem is that Tammy cries and fusses when Russell comes to take me out. We finally have to take her along. Then all the time she's fussing and spoils our evening.

Russell comes to take you out, visit with Tammy for a while, then tell her you are going out and kiss her goodbye.

I met a fine gentleman about three months ago, and he is courting me. Russell is the first man I've gone out with since Tammy was born, and I like him a lot.

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Births

Lussier, Kimberly Anne, daughter of Paul and Linda Shaffer Lussier of 33 Oakwood Drive, Coventry, was born Dec. 1 at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Bush, Kevin Michael and Jason Lawrence, twin sons of Ernest L. and Melissa Osborn Bush of 156 Park St., were born Nov. 23 at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Smyth, William Thomas IV, son of William Thomas and Jennifer Powell Smyth III of East Hartford, was born Nov. 29 at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Blake, Carly, daughter of Larry R. and Marianne Maragnano Blake of 256 Lake Road, Andover, was born Dec. 7 at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Gilba, Nissa Elizabeth, daughter of Fred F. and Karen Fain Gilba of 14 Rabbit Trail, Coventry, was born Dec. 6 at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Hogan, McKenzie Bauman, daughter of Timothy Marc and Joan Hane Hogan of Glastonbury, was born Dec. 1 at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

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MACC News

Here's a mile-long thanks to everyone

Editor's note: This column is prepared by the staff of the Manchester Area Conference of Churches.

By Nancy Carr
Executive Director

Christmas is blossoming all over Manchester into overflowing Christmas baskets, warm bright-colored sweaters, soft handmade lap robes, toys for every child on our list plus sturdy winter pants, coats and boots.

We are absolutely surrounded by the spirit of Christmas love and sharing that is expressed in boxes of food, piles of gifts, stacks of checks. Caring expressed in crumpled up dollar bills and a shaky note that says "I wish I were more" and the largest single gift we have ever received in the conference — a check for \$2,500. Merry Christmas, Manchester. Merry Christmas.

families. John and Jeff did garbage detail. Neil not only cleaned his room but vacuumed the house (you get a lot for a dollar with these youngsters, bless them!) Other boys raked leaves and did other household chores. Pack 37, we salute you.

CHRISTMAS SPARKES

We just received a \$180 anonymous money order and in the corner for return address was neatly printed "from God with love".

And speaking of loving gifts, I coaxed Sam Pierson into telling me what lies behind their Christmas gift in Seasonal Sharing. For the past three years, Sam and Phyllis have headed our impressive and lengthy list of Seasonal Sharing contributors. I wanted to share their Christmas thoughts with you.

Both the Piersons are community minded. Phyllis introduced me to Church Women United. The community response to the front page profiles in the Herald and the hourly broadcasts on WINF has been overwhelming. Our floor-sweeping mother has had table, and we have an offer of a rug by the next afternoon and we have two mattresses left over.

Wonderful Pete who has so often befriended people in need brought in a giant check to purchase new shoes and a cane for our elderly walker. And another wonderful lady brought in a \$100 check to buy food and boots for the children and grandchildren of one of our mothers. Merry Christmas indeed.

And then 3-year-old Chris marched in with a 3-foot Teddy Bear taller than he is and gave it to us so that some other little boy could have a good Christmas. Chris won the magnificent bear (he's not only huge but soft enough to hold) and a Christmas drawing. Bless you Chris — we promise your bear will be in a little boy's arms on Christmas morning.

Calendar

Emanuel plans Jullotta

Emanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St., will have a Swedish Jullotta service Sunday at 6:30 a.m. The Swedish language will be used throughout the service.

The Rev. Bruce K. Benander of Springfield, Mass. will preach. Lennart Torstenson will serve as lector. P. Melvin Lupkin will be organist and choir director.

Coffee and Swedish coffeecake will be served in Luther Hall following the service. The public is invited.

Other Christmas services at the church are planned. A family service is today at 4:30 p.m. A candlelight service tonight at 11:30 will follow a half hour of Christmas choral and organ music and hand bells.

Here's Emanuel's week

The following events have been scheduled at Emanuel Lutheran Church for the coming week:

Monday — office hours, no school.
Tuesday — 10 a.m., Beethoven Chorus; 11 a.m., Bible to take down Christmas decorations.
Wednesday — 10 a.m., prayer group; 11:15 a.m., care and visitation; 12:30 p.m., Belle Church lunch; 3 p.m., youth service planning with tapper following.

Religious services

Assemblies of God

Calvary Church (Assemblies of God), 400 Buckland Road, South Windsor, Rev. Kenneth L. Gustafson, pastor, 7:30 a.m., Sunday school; 10:30 a.m., worship; 7 p.m., evening service of praise and Bible preaching. (644-1102)

Baptist

Baptist Bible Church of Coventry, the Grange building, 240 Main St., South Windsor, Rev. Philip Smith, pastor. Worship services Sunday in the morning at 10 a.m., morning service at 11 a.m., evening service at 7 p.m. All are welcome. (242-3737)

Catholic

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 111 Main St., Manchester, Rev. James J. Conroy, pastor. 8:30 a.m., Sunday school; 10:30 a.m., worship; 7 p.m., evening service. (644-1102)

Methodist

Bethlehem Methodist Church, 1041 Bolton Turnpike, Bolton, Rev. Stewart Lanier, pastor, 9:30 a.m., worship; 7 p.m., evening service. (647-3472)

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church, 240 Main St., South Windsor, Rev. K. Kreutzer, pastor. (642-7542)

Christian Science

First Church of Christ, Scientist and Mother Church, 10:30 a.m., Bible classes; 7 p.m., worship; 8 p.m., coffee and fellowship. (646-2923)

Church of Christ

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the next four weeks, we will say Merry, Merry Christmas to all of you who have given so much of yourselves to help your neighbor.

And we'll start with thanks to: George E. Budd; Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Preston; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Arvey; Mr. and Mrs. David M. Russell; Carroll Ann Cowing; Mr. and Mrs. Davis S. Sullifer; Mr. and Mrs. Whitney W. Jacobs; Dr. and Mrs. A. Elmer Dickson; Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Feltz; Marvin B. Folokowski; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Demers; Mr. and Mrs. George Trudell; Mr. and Mrs. J.W. McKay; Phyllis K. Courtney.

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SPORTS

East skaters now 5-0



Whaler goalie Ed Stanlowski keeps his eye on the puck as North Stars' Dennis Maruk skates towards it in NHL action Friday night at the Hartford Civic Center.

NHL roundup

Johnson paces Whale

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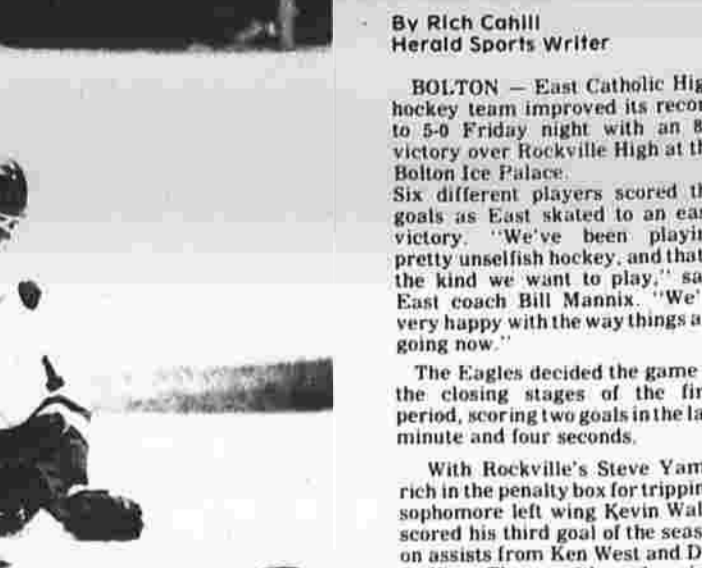
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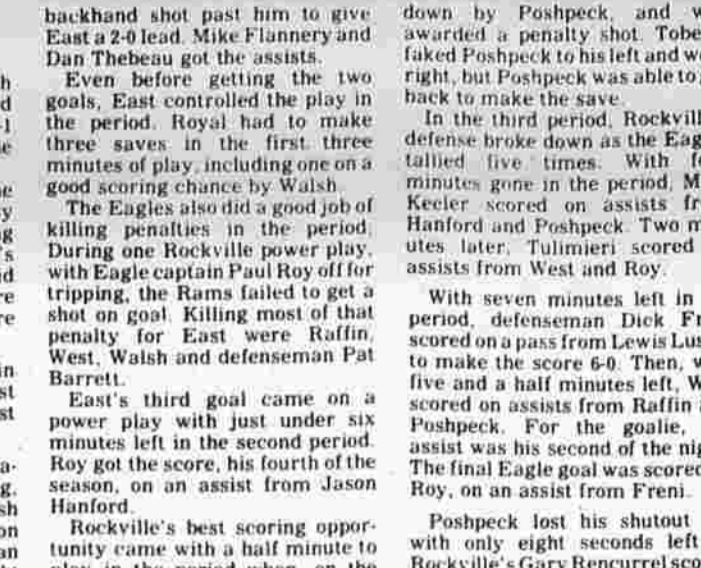
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Celtics upend New Jersey

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The Celtics finished the first quarter with a 37-26 lead on the basis of Bird's 10 points. The Celtics held a 69-58 halftime advantage and in the third period, the Celtics expanded their lead to 97-80, taking advantage of Nets' center Darryl Dawkins' foul problem.



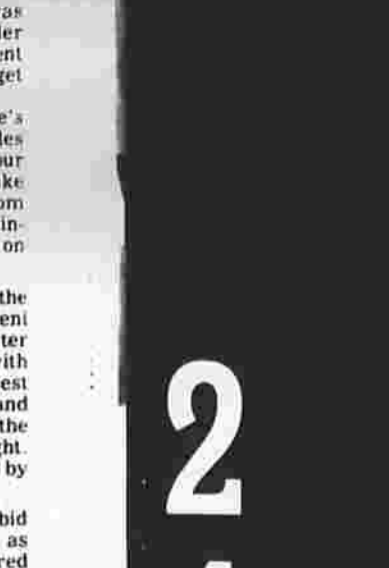
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Holiday at Full Gospel

The following holiday services are planned at the Full Gospel International Church, 745 Main St.

Tuesday — 8 p.m., Christmas Eve service.
Wednesday — 7 p.m., worship service; no Sunday morning service.
Monday — 7:30 p.m., Christmas program; snow date, Tuesday. Admission free. Program includes music, plays and treats for children.
Jan. 1 — 10:30 a.m., service and Sunday school; 7 p.m., worship.

Baptists plan holiday

The following holiday services are scheduled at Community Baptist Church. Tonight at 7 there will be Christmas Eve candlelight carol and communion service. John and Sherrie Saling will be baptized. Child care will be available.

Center's yule plans

Center Congregational Church plans a special Sunday Christmas service.

Christmas Eve candlelight services: 7 and 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day worship service: 10 a.m.

The church is located at the corner of Main and Center streets. Pastors are Newell Curtis, Michael Thornton and Robert Bliss.

Alone for holidays?

All Manchester residents who will be alone for Christmas holidays are invited to take part in a Christmas Eve dinner at the Salvation Army Citadel, 681 Main St.

Menu: baked ham, raisin sauce, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green peas, cole slaw, rolls and butter, and ice cream.

There is no charge. Capt. and Mrs. Randall Davis and other Salvation Army members will be on hand.

Free State of Israel

The Free State of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv on May 13, 1948, with the United States on the same day becoming the first government to recognize the new nation.

This sign on Manchester's town hall is certainly in the spirit of the holidays.

Unitarian

Unitarian Universalist Church, 240 Main St., South Windsor, Rev. Arnold Westwood, pastor. 8:30 a.m., service. (646-5151)

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Broncos seek Miami sunshine in first round of NFL playoff

**By Mike Tully
UPI Sports Writer**

With bitter weather and a cloudy quarterback situation behind them, the Denver Broncos hope to earn a trip to the Miami sunshine. But first they must stop indoors for a few hours against the Seattle Seahawks.

The teams meet Saturday (4 p.m. EST) in the wild card game to decide who will journey to Miami against the AFC East champion Dolphins. Seattle, appearing in the playoffs for the first time in its eight-year history, is rated a 3½ point favorite.

In the other playoff clash this holiday weekend, the Cowboys face the Los Angeles Rams Monday in the NFL wild-card game at Dallas.

Bitter cold weather hampered the Broncos' prep work this week, as sub-zero temperatures kept them indoors. They practiced Thursday for the first straight day in the city convention center, Curran Hall, which has concrete floors.

The Broncos also moved up their flight plans to Seattle, deciding to fly Denver in the morning Friday instead of the afternoon. It

was not the only juggling they did. Previously, their quarterback had a puzzle.

First, coach Dan Reeves chose million-dollar rookie John Elway, then Steve DeBerg, then back to Elway, next to unheralded rookie Gary Kubiak, and then back to Elway once more.

This week the tide shifted back to DeBerg, who was activated Thursday and is scheduled to start.

"I'd say he's start unless something happens between now and then," Broncos coach Dan Reeves said. "I can't imagine anything is going to happen. I guess he could get hit by a car or something, but he's starting right now."

Chuck Knox, in his first season as head coach of the Seahawks, benched eight-year veteran quarterback Jim Zorn after eight games in favor of Dave Krieg, a former NFL player who spent three years in the NFL with the Seahawks.

"He's done a lot of good things and he's made some mistakes because he's maturing as a quarterback," Knox said. "But he has a chance. He has made some that

were not of a designed nature, the impromptu thing that a quarterback has got to do for you."

DeBerg has played against Seattle three times, and has lost all three times. To free a spot on the roster for DeBerg, the Broncos placed tight end Dean Burnett on injured reserve. Burnett has had knee trouble several weeks.

Dallas suffered a 31-10 rout at the hands of Washington on Dec. 11 then dropped the final game of the regular season last Monday night, 42-17 to San Francisco. The result dropped the Rams into the wild-card game.

In only two games this season — against Kansas City and Seattle — have the Cowboys led from start to finish. Dallas has had a fumble at its own goal line in the opening minutes to keep Seattle from scoring first.

Despite that, the Cowboys will take a 12-4 record into their wild-card playoff meeting with the Rams.

Strawberry was named the National League Rookie of the Year. San Diego became a rocket and has been impressive in the early NBA season. Heavyweight contender Tim Wintersopron gained national recognition last May by nearly winning the World Boxing Council title from unbeaten Larry Holmes. Wintersopron, who was previously unbeaten, lost a controversial split decision to the champion. Holmes gave up his WBC title in December to join the newly formed International Boxing Association and WBC super featherweight champion Hector Camacho emerged as one of boxing's hottest box office items. The bustling 21-year-old says he wants to win three world titles.

It took Milton McCrory two tries but the 21-year-old stablemate of Thomas Hearns finally won the WBC World Boxing Council title from unbeaten Larry Jones. The two fought to a draw in March. Also, Edwin Rosario of Puerto Rico won the WBC lightweight title vacated by Alexis Arguello.

There were 10 first-time winners on the PGA tour in 1983 and Hal Sutton, in only the second year on the tour, emerged as the game's possible new superstar with two victories, the Tournament Players Championship and the PGA Championship. South African Nick Faldo, another veteran of the wild tour who received his PGA card in 1983, was the surprise

winner of the World Series of Golf and was the top rookie for the year.

Stephanie Farwig won the 1983 Rookie of the Year on the women's tour.

17 tennis among the new attractions to emerge were Andrea Temesvary of Hungary, Carling Bassett of Canada and Kathy Rinaldi of the U.S. Temesvary, 17, won the U.S. Clay Court Championship and was ranked in the top near the year's end. Bassett, just 16, broke into the top 20 and nearly upset veteran star Chris Evert Lloyd in the finals of a tournament while Rinaldi, who still attends high school in Florida, also broke into the top 20 with some key victories.

Further evidence that the winners keep coming in younger packages was provided by Aaron Krickstein. After a stunning upset of Vitas Gerulaitis in the third round of the U.S. Open, where he came from two sets down, Krickstein turned pro on Oct. 1 and two weeks later the 16-year-old won the Israel Tennis Center Classic in Tel Aviv to become the youngest player ever to capture a Grand Prix title.

Running back Mike Rozier of Nebraska led the Cornhuskers to the brink of a national championship and won the Heisman Trophy while Brigham Young's Steve Young set 13 NCAA passing records and finished second in the Heisman voting.

In track, unknown Zhu Jianhua of China set two records in the high jump, ending at 7 feet 9 inches.

Drug abuse tops stories for 1983

**By Fred Down
UPI Sports Writer**

NEW YORK — The sports world opened the Pandora's box of drug abuse in 1983 with many athletes learning a new means of words like disappointment and defeat.

By the end of the year it was clear that athletes caught in the web of drug abuse would not be granted the same respect as their peers, the fans, amateur and professional officials and, finally, district attorneys and the courts.

That change in the athlete's status — the image of the athlete pampered since youth and insulated by the system against normal responsibility was pointed again when the 1983 survey was selected by a year-end UPI survey as the most significant sports story of 1983.

It was punctuated by the clang of jail cells, replacing the cheers of the crowd, behind Willie Wilson, Vida Blue, Willie Aikens and Jerry Martin of the Kansas City Royals who pleaded guilty of attempting to purchase cocaine in Kansas City.

United States Magistrate J. Milton Sullivan sentenced all four to three months in jail. In addition, Wilson, Aikens and Blue were fined \$5,000 and Martin \$2,500 and later suspended for one year by Commissioner Bowie Kuh.

Also, pitcher Steve Howe of the Los Angeles Dodgers was suspended three times during the season for using drugs.

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Drug abuse in sports led the list of the most significant sports stories of the year by a decisive margin, followed by Australia's victory in the America's Cup ending 132 years of United States superiority in international 3-mast yachting and the Washington Redskins' Super Bowl triumph.

Rounding out the top five were baseball's pine tar incident involving the New York Yankees and Kansas City Royals and North Carolina State's triumph at the buzzer over Houston in the finals of the NCAA basketball tournament.

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When athletes from 10 nations, including two U.S. athletes, were stripped of their gold medals after testing positive for the use of banned substances while participating in the 1983 World Championships in Helsinki, Finland, it was a stark reminder of the consequences of drug abuse in sports.

When a player is caught using drugs, the consequences are often severe. In the case of Willie Wilson, Vida Blue, Willie Aikens and Jerry Martin, they were suspended for one year by Commissioner Bowie Kuh.

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Gossage said Atlanta bound

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It's not just Gossage. Steinbrenner. It's not just Billy Martin, either, although Gossage isn't in love with either one. It's a combination of them both and some other reasons.

"You know that jingle? 'I Love New York'?"

Gossage never sings it.

He isn't crazy about the city, which is not a major felony. A lot of other people don't like it, either. Then there are others who think it's the best city in the world.

Gossage is one of those big country boys from Colorado Springs, Colo., who'd much rather go off hunting with his buddies or to some place like Pike Peak than Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts to watch Baryshnikov dance The Nutcracker Suite.

Some ballplayers yearn to play in New York City because they want that where all the exposure is, and the money that goes along with it. Gossage looks at it a little differently. Especially since he already got a taste of the big money when he signed a six-year contract as a free agent with the Yankees in 1977 for \$2,748,000. That was a \$500,000 a year for someone who always felt he could get along quite nicely on \$250,000 a year. By Gossage's standards, he's set for life already.

There's also another reason he doesn't care to return to New York. The media. Too much of it for his purposes, and simply put, he does not like to take to some members of it.

There were occasions in the past when Gossage, usually talking privately, expressed his dislike for the way he felt about Steinbrenner, Martin and certain segments of the media. Sometimes, he even did so publicly.

I can hear him now. "I'm not coming back here. I'm not coming back here. I'm not coming back here. I'm not coming back here. I'm not coming back here."

He knows better than anyone else he can't live his fastball by the hitters as consistently as he did, say, two years ago. He saw a record \$15 million for five years, which is more than double what the Yankees were paying.

Blue-Gray tilt eyed by pros

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI) — To some college football players, the 46th Annual Blue-Gray All Star Classic on Christmas Day could mean a shot at a pro career.

More than 70 players who have practiced the past week under the watchful eyes of pro scouts will square off in the nationally televised charity contest Sunday.

Both the NFL and the United States Football League had scouts at practice sessions and Charles Jones, the game's executive director, said he expects several players to be drafted. Last year's classic had a record 58 players drafted by pro teams.

Jerald Bayless of Southern Mississippi, who will play nose guard for the South squad, typifies players hoping to impress pro scouts and get some national recognition.

"I definitely think it will help me," he said. "I'll be playing against some of the best players in the country and it has to help if you play good against them."

"It makes you feel good knowing that you've been picked to play when they only choose the most skilled player at every position."

Bayless said that the pro scouts can become a distraction, "but you've just got to put that out of your mind. If you start thinking about that you pull away from your game plan and lose your concentration trying to impress them. You've just got to play your game."

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Scoreboard

Hockey

NHL standings

Western Conference

Team	W	L	T	pts
Pittsburgh	21	11	3	45
Kansas City	19	13	2	39
Philadelphia	17	15	3	36
St. Louis	15	17	3	33
Chicago	14	18	3	30
Los Angeles	12	20	3	27
San Diego	11	21	3	24
Edmonton	10	22	3	21
Minnesota	9	23	3	18
Colorado	8	24	3	15
Calgary	7	25	3	12
Winnipeg	6	26	3	9
San Jose	5	27	3	6
Los Angeles	4	28	3	3
Phoenix	3	29	3	0

Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	T	pts
Pittsburgh	11	3	1	23
Detroit	10	4	1	21
Montreal	9	5	1	19
Quebec	8	6	1	17
Philadelphia	7	7	1	15
St. Louis	6	8	1	13
Washington	5	9	1	11
Atlanta	4	10	1	9
Buffalo	3	11	1	7
Calgary	2	12	1	5
San Jose	1	13	1	3
Los Angeles	0	14	1	1

Basketball

NBA standings

Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	pts
Philadelphia	20	5	45
New York	19	6	42
Washington	18	7	39
Atlanta	17	8	36
Detroit	16	9	33
Chicago	15	10	30
Los Angeles	14	11	27
San Antonio	13	12	24
Phoenix	12	13	21
Portland	11	14	18
Golden State	10	15	15
San Diego	9	16	12
Los Angeles	8	17	9
Portland	7	18	6
Phoenix	6	19	3
San Antonio	5	20	0

Western Conference

Team	W	L	pts
Los Angeles	19	6	42
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Portland	17	8	36
Golden State	16	9	33
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Los Angeles	5	20	0

Baseball

MLB standings

American League

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Oakland	21	11	43
Seattle	19	13	39
Los Angeles	17	15	35
Minnesota	16	16	32
Chicago	15	17	29
San Diego	14	18	26
Philadelphia	13	19	23
St. Louis	12	20	20
Atlanta	11	21	17
Washington	10	22	14
Los Angeles	9	23	11
San Francisco	8	24	8
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San Diego	8	24	6
Atlanta	7	25	3
San Francisco	6	26	0

Football

NFL standings

American Football Conference

Team	W	L	pts
San Diego	11	3	23
Pittsburgh	10	4	21
Los Angeles	9	5	19
San Francisco	8	6	17
San Diego	7	7	15
Los Angeles	6	8	13
San Francisco	5	9	11
San Diego	4	10	9
Los Angeles	3	11	7
San Francisco	2	12	5
San Diego	1	13	3
Los Angeles	0	14	1

National Football Conference

Team	W	L	pts
San Francisco	10	4	21
San Diego	9	5	19
San Francisco	8	6	17
San Diego	7	7	15
San Francisco	6	8	13
San Diego	5	9	11
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Business In Brief

Two realtors graduate

HARTFORD — Manchester realtors Thomas M. Eastman and Gregg E. Moffat attained the Graduate Realtors Institute designation during 1983. John M. Kellam, educational chairman of the Connecticut Association of Realtors, has announced.

Eastman works for the Edmund J. Gorman Real Estate Agency, according to the business group and Moffat works at the Century 21/Jackson Showcase agency.

Both attained their designations by taking three courses offered by the CAR and approved by the National Association of Realtors, an institute said. Each course included 30 hours of classroom instruction and a two-hour exam.

Topics covered ranged from construction to marketing and also included advertising, taxation, ethics and depreciation.

Some 211 realtors statewide earned the GRI designation during 1983, the institute said.

Colonial declares dividend

WATERBURY — The board of directors of Colonial Bancorp Inc. recently declared a quarterly dividend of 20 cents per share of common stock, the company has announced.

The dividend is payable Jan. 27, 1984, to shareholders of record Dec. 30.

Colonial is a bank holding company which carries its assets for more than \$1.3 billion. It operates some 60 offices in the Connecticut.

DIMaggio joins CBIA

HARTFORD — Donnamaria A. DiMaggio of South Windsor has joined the Connecticut Business and Industry Association as an administrative staff programmer, the association's president, Kenneth O. DiDuce, announced.

DiMaggio is a native of Hartford and the announcement said. She holds a master's degree in computer science from the Hartford Graduate Center and a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Connecticut.

Prior to joining CBIA, Ms. DiMaggio worked for American Design, a Hartford-based engineering firm, CBIA said.

CSCPA schedules meeting

HARTFORD — The Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants Educational and Research Foundation will sponsor its annual conference for college-bound students considering becoming certified public accountants Jan. 4.

The conference, which begins at 9 p.m., will be held at Quinnipiac College in Hamden.

Society representative Harold Miller, a partner in the Bridgeport accounting firm of Caposella, Cohen, Engelson and Coleman, said he expects about 250 students to attend. Five students and one faculty member have been invited from each high school in Connecticut, the CSCPA said.

The two-hour program will include a luncheon, a film on the CPA profession, several short presentations and a question-and-answer session.

Miller said the conference's objective is to provide the students with a perspective on the profession.

If the Jan. 4 conference is canceled because of snow it will be held Jan. 11, 1984, the CSCPA said.

Emhart receives orders

FARMINGTON — Emhart Corp. says its Farrel unit received orders from China and Kuwait for machinery equipment totaling \$4.3 million.

Emhart said Monday the China order was for \$2.3 million of equipment for the production of packaging film. It said it received orders totaling \$1.8 million for equipment used in the production of architectural aluminum products.

Investment report

Investment prices, courtesy of Advest Inc., are as of 3 p.m. Friday.

	Price	Change	Friday	Friday	Week
Advest Inc.	11 1/2	up	14	1/4	
Acmat	12 1/2	up	14	1/4	
Aetna	35 1/2	dn	1/2	1/4	
CBT Corp.	27 1/2	up	1/2	1/4	
Colonial Bancorp	27 1/2	dn	1/4	1/2	
Finast	14	up	1/4	1/2	
First Bancorp	58 1/2	nc	1/2	1/4	
First Connecticut Bancorp	44	up	1/2	1/4	
First Hartford Corp.	1/2	nc	1/2	1/4	
Hartford National	36 1/2	up	2	1/2	
Hartford Steam Boiler	55	dn	1/2	1/4	
Ingersoll Rand	51 1/2	up	1 1/2	1/4	
J.C. Penney	56	up	3/4	1/2	
Lydall Inc.	14 1/2	up	1/4	1/2	
Sage Allen	11	up	1	1/2	
SNET	34 1/2	up	1/4	1/2	
Travelers	31 1/2	up	1 1/2	1/4	
United Technologies	72 1/2	dn	3/4	1/2	
New York gold	\$380.50	up	3.25	1/4	

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I had dinner the other evening with J. Morton Davis, a fellow who, if he could convert his assets into cash, has the wherewithal to do just that. And if he did, he'd still have millions left over.

It's one of the super rags-to-riches stories of one of our country's most successful entrepreneurs in the new-issue game.

And to hear Davis tell it, the new-issue market — which was red hot earlier in the year and then turned into a disaster area for many investors when the general market started to falter in mid-June — is starting to perk up.

The 54-year-old Davis — his legal name is Davidowitz (pronounced Dah-VID-oh-wit) — is the sole owner of D.H. Blair, a small investment banking firm specializing in emerging growth companies. It was founded in 1964.

"Four or five weeks ago I couldn't do a deal (a new public offering)," Davis tells me. "Nobody wanted to hear about it — notwithstanding our good record. Our clients were afraid to buy."

Now, though, he says, the window's starting to open up and investors are coming back in. Davis attributes this to the fact that investors are now getting a better shake — with underwriters cutting both the offering price and the size of the deal.

He notes that of seven underwritings he's done in the past four weeks, five are up and two are down.

If you look at the current prices of some of the highly touted new issues that came out earlier this year, it's easy to understand why investors should be wary — and then some.

U.S. Telephone is down from a high of 58 1/2 to 4 1/2. Victor Technology, which sold as high as 2 1/4 earlier this year, is now 4. Another dog, Fortune Systems, has fallen from 2 1/2 to 6. And Kolff Medical has shrunk from 1 1/2 to 4 1/4.

Greed on the part of underwriters and corporate management namedly overpricing the deal — is viewed by Davis as one of the chief reasons why many new issues took a shattering this year.

He notes, for example, a \$22 offering price for Biogen, which he cites as a good company in the genetic engineering field, but an overpriced deal. The stock is now hitting new lows (\$9.75) because of tax-selling pressures.

Another Davis example in the same field — Cetus, which came out a few years back also at \$22. The company raised \$125 million from the public for only 20 percent of the business, had no visibility of earnings at the time and the stock's now around \$11.

This kind of pricing is sheer stupidity, Davis declares, because the public gets hurt, the company has problems coming back into the market with additional stock offerings (that'll help finance the business) and the insiders wind up poorer.

Davis' rule of thumb: "I'd only do a deal at a particular price if I would be willing to put my own money into the stock at the same price."

When Davis talks about trying to price a stock low and giving the public good value, his actions — as well as the overall performance of his offerings — suggest he's not serving a lot of hot air. He's even bigger initial profit for a while, but that's not what he's after. He's after a life term for a piece of \$13 million. Davis' current value: \$11.3 million. Home Centers of America, another genetic company and Davis' current favorite stock, represented an investment of \$81,291. Current value: \$1.3 million. When Davis talks about trying to price a stock low and giving the public good value, his actions — as well as the overall performance of his offerings — suggest he's not serving a lot of hot air. He's even bigger initial profit for a while, but that's not what he's after. He's after a life term for a piece of \$13 million. Davis' current value: \$11.3 million.

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Obviously Davis is doing something right. Accord-

ing to an analysis by Abrahamsen & Co., corporate finance data-base specialists, the average new issue brought out by D.H. Blair — covering Dec. 1, 1979, through Sept. 30, 1983 — is up 210 percent. That's 54 offerings all told — raising capital of \$242 million.

In contrast, in the same period of time L.F. Rothschild Unterberg Towbin and E.F. Hutton each brought out 17 new issues as the sole lead underwriters. Rothschild's are up an average 82 percent. Hutton's, 44 percent. The 12 new issues brought out by Merrill Lynch in which it acted as sole lead underwriter averaged a 62 percent gain.

For the 12-month period ending last Sept. 30, Blair's average new issue sports a 41-percent gain — not bad, but a few percent below the advance of the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index in the same period.

All told this year, Blair's done 32 deals — with 19 currently up and 13 down.

Since Davis is not averse to taking a shot in high-risk situations, you'd figure he'd have his share of bankruptcies. Actually, if you look at his nearly four-year record covering those 54 new issues, 35 are up and 19 are down. Just two companies, Accutest (oil services) and Biocell (cancer test), can be viewed as potential bankruptcies, Davis tells me. Moreover, he says, just six stocks are down more than 50 percent.

One big Blair disaster is XOLL, an oil and gas tax-shelter company that moved into the exploration end. The stock came out at 4 in August of '80, ran up to 24 and is now around 2 1/2. Some of Davis' closest friends were badly butchered in the company, which almost went bankrupt. Davis says he's personally put \$14 million of his own money into XOLL, to keep it alive and a fervent effort is now being made to rebuild it.

A former Blair official describes Davis to me as "one of the pushed and loudest guys I know on the street, but one who sure knows how to make a buck."

Clearly Davis is a money-making machine. In taking a company public, Davis will usually get a slug of its warrants at a minimal price — say about a penny each. And these warrants generally give him the right to buy the stock at 10 percent above the initial offering price.

If you look at those 54 deals he's done, Davis' personal investment is just about \$2.26 million; the present value of these holdings: about \$67 million. His big killing is TIE, but there's a slew of other huge winners. For example, a \$100 million investment in Genetic Systems is now worth \$3.2 million. Enzo Biochem, another genetic company and Davis' current favorite stock, represented an investment of \$81,291. Current value: \$1.3 million. Home Centers of America, another genetic company and Davis' current favorite stock, represented an investment of \$81,291. Current value: \$1.3 million.

Dan Dorfman

Syndicated Columnist

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J. Morton Davis' 10 biggest killings

Company	Total Current investment value
ETC-communications	\$101,000 \$35,219,000
Enzo Biochem	\$31,291 \$1,346,000
Genetic Systems	1,000 5,205,000
Xicor	2,000 3,116,000
Home Centers of America	1,000 2,385,000
Health Info. Systems	464,000 2,450,000
Telepictures Corp.	1,000 2,360,000
Weber Electronics	861,000 2,238,000
Patent Technology	1,000 1,346,000
Intl. Mobile Machines	1,000 920,000
Total	\$2,261,291 \$66,985,000

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Pope meets Agca in Rome prison

By Paolo Buitrago United Press International

ROME — Pope John Paul II met and talked quietly for 20 minutes today in a private jail cell meeting.

"I have spoken with a brother whom I have pardoned and who enjoys all my trust," the pope told aides after the meeting.

The pope's encounter with Mehmet Ali Agca, 25, who wounded John Paul in St. Peter's Square May 13, 1981, climaxed a 3-hour visit to Rome's top-security prison, Rebibbia, on Rome's eastern fringe.

The pope's meeting with Agca followed a Christmas service and prayers in the prison chapel attended by about 500 selected male inmates. Women did not attend the ceremony because of prison rules forbidding male and female inmates to mix.

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Pope John Paul II talks with Red Brigades terrorist Valerio Fiorucci in the church of Rome's top-security prison today after celebrating a Christmas service for about 500 prisoners. Agca assassinated him in May 1981.

Beirut airport shelled as brief cease-fire ends

By Daniele Iacono United Press International

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Heavy artillery shells slammed into Beirut airport today, forcing U.S. Marines to take to their bunkers on a maximum alert as a cease-fire in the capital shattered after less than 24 hours.

The Shiite Muslim rebels earlier opened fire on Lebanese army troops trying to secure a Palestinian refugee camp and police reported that Druze Moslems joined the battle, lobbing mortar shells and rockets from their mountain strongholds to Christian areas of Beirut.

President Reagan said that he accepted full responsibility for the terrorist bombing that killed 241 U.S. servicemen at the Marine headquarters Oct 23.

"If there is to be blame, it properly rests here in Washington with this president," Reagan said in a statement on a critical Pentagon report on sectarian violence in Lebanon.

The renewed fighting followed a boycott by Druze and Shiite Moslem representatives of a meeting called to solidify the truce that took hold at dusk Monday.

Downtown panel backs Cheney mills tax break

By Kathy Garmus Herald Reporter

Citing likely deterioration of the Cheney mill area if plans for conversion of two buildings to apartments are withdrawn, the Downtown Coordinating Committee unanimously voted this morning to recommend removal of a ceiling on tax benefits so that developers of the projects could be granted a phase-in of taxes over a 9-year period.

There is currently a \$150,000 limit on tax benefits. The proposed phase-in for each project would involve an amount at least twice that figure.

The developers have indicated that financing for the projects depends upon their receiving a substantial tax deferral. The building, for which 100 apartments are planned, and the Clock Tower Mill, which is slated for conversion to 143 apartments.

If the committee's recommendation is accepted by the Board of Directors at its meeting Tuesday, the phase-in would begin the first year after work is completed on the buildings, with taxes increasing by 12 1/2 percent each subsequent year until the full assessment value is reached.

12 die on frozen New England highways

By United Press International

At least 12 people died on New England highways over a frigid Christmas holiday weekend.

The weekend ended with moderating temperatures that brought droves of bargain hunters and ski enthusiasts out for a final fling.

Despite finger-numbing temperatures during most of the weekend, ski area operators reported crowded slopes and no vacancies in local inns and motels.

At least 12 highway fatalities were reported in the region during the holiday weekend and at least five deaths were blamed on the bone-chilling weather.

Nationwide, Arctic weather that froze car engines and closed highways turned out to be "a blessing in disguise" for Christmas holiday weekend motorists, and passed out in sub-zero weather.

Even if the developers were to proceed with the projects without the phase-in, rents at the two apartment complexes probably would be above market value, Weiss said, noting that projected rents are already high.

Rents at the Manchester Modes building are scheduled to begin at \$450 a month for a one-bedroom apartment, and about \$615 a month for a two-bedroom apartment, Weiss said.

While he acknowledged that the company probably will be against granting the developers a tax break, Weiss said that even with the 9-year phase-in, tax revenues from the properties would increase substantially over their present level.

At its current assessed value, the Manchester Modes building would bring \$99,000 in tax revenue over a 10-year period, Weiss said. If the building is converted to apartments and the phase-in plan is approved, taxes over a 10-year period would be \$410,000, he said. Without a phase-in, the amount would be \$730,000.

In addition to the increased property taxes, conversion of the buildings would bring additional revenues to the town in the form of motor vehicle taxes, Weiss said.

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Yuri misses meeting

By John Irams United Press International

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Andropov, unseen in public for 131 days, had a speech read in his name at the key two-day meeting of the Central Committee that began Monday.

I deeply regret that because of temporary causes I will not be able to attend the session," the 69-year-old president said without elaboration.

Although Soviet officials say Andropov has nothing more than a cold, unofficial sources have indicated that he is suffering from a serious kidney disorder and may have had surgery recently.

Andropov's absence from public view since Aug. 18 "probably means he is in pretty bad shape," an American diplomat said. The Soviet leader also missed the important annual military parade in Red Square Nov. 8.

Despite Andropov's failure to appear before the Central Committee, its election of Vitaly Vorotnikov, 47, to fill a vacant membership in the Politburo, and Viktor Chebrikov, 69, head of the KGB spy agency to non-voting Politburo status, showed he was still in charge.

Vorotnikov and Chebrikov are both protégés of the Soviet leader. The Politburo runs the country on a day-to-day basis in the name of the central committee.

Another Andropov man, the little-known Yevgeny Ligachev, 51, was given the important post of secretary of the Central Committee.

The 300-member committee also voted to elect Mikhail Solomentsev, 70, to voting status in the Politburo. He is not a Andropov protégé but his elevation to the body has been seen as automatic since he became head of the party's disciplinary commission last June.

A West German diplomat said, "I am astonished that Solomentsev and Vorotnikov were promoted without Andropov being there."

But he said, "It means he is in full command of things. I can't imagine any personnel changes being made without him (approving)."

Diplomats predicted that because of his absence at the party meeting, it was extremely unlikely Andropov would appear at the meeting of the Supreme Soviet, or legislative body, that begins Wednesday.

The Supreme Soviet will approve the economic program passed by the central committee.

Another Western diplomat said of Andropov: "Domestically, his continued absence is not a problem."

"Internationally, it is how long can they go on with a president who is unable to travel."

The most important thing now is not to lose the tempo and general positive intent to get things going, he said.

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