

Dynamics' troubles embroil Navy secretary

SEN. WILLIAM PROxmire, D-Wis., was involved in one of the most contentious investigations of the company's performance in the past few years. He is questioning whether the agreement is contrary to the interests of the taxpayers and has proposed a ban on General Dynamics' Electric Boat shipbuilding division.

Proxmire, who has been providing information to federal prosecutors in Athens, Greece, says he has a recording of a telephone conversation in which the deal was struck.

He charged that Lehman, then chairman David Lewis and assistant Navy secretary George Sawyer made the deal allowing the company to receive billions of dollars in taxpayer money, but reduce the government's risk in cases of cost overruns. Proxmire, who has expressed regret about "perceptions" his move has created, said in an interview that generally the profits are somewhat higher on GD contracts awarded under Lehman.

"I don't regret for one second the decision we made in 1981," John Lehman and I," he said.

CITING COST OVERRUNS that resulted in bitter battles with shipyards in prior years, he said the Navy offered to allow contracts to split 50 percent of cost overruns—unlike in the past when the shipyard bore the full cost of overruns.

In return, the government was limited to paying 50 percent of overruns.

"We all know a contract is a compromise," Sawyer said. "You're attempting to use inducements as well as a club."

Contracts awarded to General Dynamics in competitive bidding in the 1970s for construction of 688-class nuclear attack submarines allowed for profits ranging from a low of 11.9 percent of targeted costs to a high of 14.3 percent in 1979.

As in the Trident contracts awarded in 1982 and 1983, the company presumably allowed for inflation in calculating its profit for the multi-year pact. Navy officials say it takes four to six years to build a 688 submarine and from six to eight years to build a Trident.

For actual labor, material and overhead, an escalation clause automatically covers any impacts of inflation on Electric Boat.

According to Navy files, on a 688-class attack submarine awarded in 1976, the company agreed to build the vessel for \$93.6 million, including \$11 million profit, or 12 percent of the targeted cost.

In 1982, THE COMPANY AGREED to build the larger Trident, a nuclear missile carrier, but only Electric Boat is capable of producing, for \$331.6 million, including \$88.8 million profit, or 26.8 percent of targeted costs.

Lehman has asserted that the average profits on three Tridents awarded in 1982 and 1983—as a percentage of costs after projected inflation—is about 12.5 percent. He has declined to make available the data he used in calculating future inflation's effects on costs.

According to Velotis, under the 1981 agreement:

- The target profits on new submarine contracts would be increased in less than four years since Lehman took office; the actual profit dollars on construction of individual Tridents have risen from \$50.2 million to \$88.9 million, or 77 percent.
- The Navy would implement a new policy under which the government and contractors would split evenly any cost overruns or windfall profits on submarine construction. By undercutting the target price on the three Tridents by \$164 million, General Dynamics would increase its profit by \$82 million. As a percentage of the reduced contract cost, profit would amount to an average of 27 percent on the three contracts.

The company would drop threats to blame the government for delays in construction of 688s and file a \$109 million claim under the Navy's self-insurance program for its own faulty work.

A company spokesman said the firm is earning "modest profits" on 688-class attack submarine contracts awarded since 1982, and "reasonable profits" on the Tridents.

But Proxmire, who has sent Lehman a series of questions about the contracts and received no answers, is curious about a sharp rise in the overall price of the Tridents, from \$322.2 million in 1981 to \$619.9 in 1984.

"Now that is a colossal jump," Proxmire said. "There's no way you can account for it on the basis of inflation."

A company spokesman said the added costs resulted from fitting the Tridents with vertical launch tubes for cruise missiles.

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First storm of winter has snow and rain

About a dozen minor accidents were reported in Manchester early Friday evening when a storm blew into the region, leaving roads and walks treacherously slick.

Slate police Friday night had not counted the many accidents they said occurred on Interstate 86 during the worst of the frozen rainfall, between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. A spokeswoman for Troop K at the state police barracks in Colchester said there were five minor accidents in Bolton during the storm, all weather-related.

No injuries resulted from any of the accidents in the Manchester area, police said.

Town road crews sprayed sand over the main thoroughfares in Manchester, but their work was made easier by rising temperatures that turned most road surfaces to slush before midnight.

The Town of Manchester Fire Department helped one family pump out its flooded basement as the ice began to melt. There were no reports of fallen utility wires or other property damage requiring emergency service.

ELSEWHERE ACROSS THE NATION, the first day of winter had all the makings of the season with freezing rain, snow and near-hazardous conditions that settled into the Pacific Northwest and pushed across the central Plains.

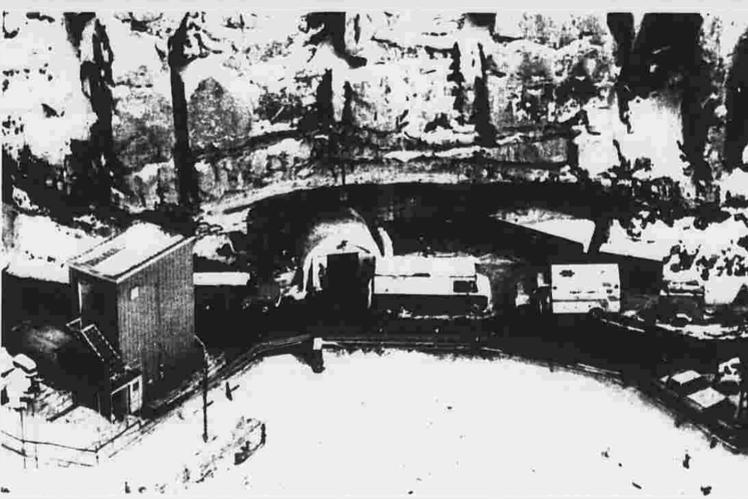
Winter made its official arrival Friday at 11:23 a.m. EST. Winter storm watches were also posted through Friday night over most of Massachusetts, sections of Connecticut and Rhode Island, southern Vermont and east central New York state.

A cold front that moved into the Dakotas ushered in another blast of Arctic air and wind chill factors of 25 to 50 below zero.

An extensive area of rain stretched from the mid-Atlantic Coast to the middle and lower Mississippi Valley. Snow fell from south-central Nebraska to southeast Minnesota with about 5 inches of snow at Ida Grove, Iowa.

The threat of a winter storm forced President Reagan to travel by car instead of helicopter to Camp David, Md., for the weekend.

Up to 20 inches of snow was on the ground in Mullan, Idaho, and 10 inches blanketed Spokane, Wash. Warnings and advisories for more snow and freezing rain were issued for Washington, Idaho and Oregon, where motorists braved freezing rain and icy roads early Friday to get to work and thousands of school children got an early Christmas vacation.



Rescue workers gather outside one of the entrances of the Wilberg Mine in Orangeville, Utah where 18 persons were still trapped. Nine bodies have been recovered from the mine and rescue work continues despite the mine fire and weather conditions.

Fate of 18 miners still unknown

By Paul Roty
United Press International

ORANGEVILLE, Utah — Rescuers battling thick smoke and a flaring underground coal fire found the bodies of nine men Friday, including six top executives of the Wilberg Mine where 18 others were still trapped in a dead-end tunnel.

The specially trained volunteer rescue squads braved searing heat and falling debris in efforts to reach the other miners, including one woman, who have been trapped for two days more than a mile inside a mountain 15 miles southeast of Salt Lake City.

But hopes that they might be found alive in a safety chamber deep in the mine were dimmed by discovery of nine bodies huddled in an area of the tunnel just beyond the fire, which was touched off Wednesday night when heat or sparks from a conveyor belt ignited thick coal dust.

It appeared the dead had tried to grope their way out of the smoke-filled tunnel, and may have been leading others. Emery spokesman Bob Henrie said.

The company officials were in the mine to observe as workers tried to set a 24-hour world production record. Henrie downplayed the production speedup, saying there was "absolutely no correlation" between the record attempt and the fire.

Search team members stumbled across the bodies before dawn Friday. The rescuers, wearing fire retardant suits and portable oxygen units, checked the identities of the victims, then moved on. The bodies were still in the shaft late Friday.

Henrie said the men who died apparently walked about 1,500 feet toward the side tunnel's entrance before they were overcome. Had they made it another 30 feet, he said, they may have been able to get past the fire—as did section foreman Kenneth Blake, the only slurry who escaped.

All day the rescue team fought unsuccessfully to work its way into a safety chamber at the end of a 3,000-foot-long side shaft, where the others might be huddled in an air pocket protected by heavy canvas curtains.

Meanwhile, another crew worked to drill an air hole into the safety chamber.

Henrie contradicted an earlier report that a 3-inch air hole had been drilled into the chamber. He said work crews were having trouble piercing the tough mine walls.

Holes were drilled, however, from the adjacent Deer Creek mine so that water could be pumped into the burning coal seam. Crews erected slabs of concrete blocks along the smoldering seams in an effort to snuff out the fire. They also doused it with a slurry of water and foam.

Several times Friday the fire flared out of control, forcing the rescue team to retreat.

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Memo maze keeps holiday in question

By Susan Vaughn
Herald Reporter

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the town hall, the memos were flying and the workers were wondering whether they would have to work — on Christmas Eve.

Since Christmas Eve falls on a Monday this year, the question arose among town employees. Some said they were even willing to give up Lincoln's Birthday to have the extra day off at Christmas.

So management pursued the question with the union and the first conclusion was "NO." It couldn't be done. It had apparently been tried before and one town employee insisted on having Lincoln's Birthday off and filed a grievance with the union.

The union indicated there was little interest in having the day off after polling some members, thus the first memo telling employees they had to work.

Then about two days later the union called management back and said it was getting more interest from members in having the day off. Management said it could go along if a written agreement were drawn up, which it was.

Then the second memo came out telling employees "YES," they could have Christmas Eve to themselves after all.

That declaration brought forth a loud cheer from the Town Hall.

But, alas, the merriment was not to last for long. The union president read his by-laws. Taking such action, his by-laws said, required him to post a notice to employees five days before the day off.

By that time, there weren't five working days left before Christmas, so he couldn't go along with it without risking more grievances.

So ... the third memo went out. This one simply stated that Town Hall would be open on Monday and all employees would be expected to work.

The day the third memo came out was the day, according to the poem written by Betty Hill of the assessor's office that "A dark cloud hovered over, in the late afternoon. Another memo came out, spreading a feeling of gloom."

After all the memos back and forth, Steve Werber, assistant general manager, said he figured town employees were confused enough, so he issued a final memo — to explain all the preceding memos.

The conclusion, according to Hill's poem: "Twas the day before Christmas, all through the hall, the employees were working, but having a ball!"

Poor family needs Yule sharing

Editor's note: This is another in a series of vignettes prepared by the Manchester Area Conference of Churches, which is seeking to provide needy Manchester and Bolton families with Christmas gifts, food and clothing baskets, and hot Christmas dinners.

He has a lot more going for him than many of our mental health patients. Following a two-year hospitalization in Norwich, he was placed with another patient in a supervised living arrangement.

Unfortunately, for him it wasn't supervised enough. Shy and unable to verbalize his fears and feelings, he simply disappeared out onto the street when his roommate abused him.

Fortunately, he still has a family who keeps in touch. A brother and sister-in-law looked for him until they found him in a shelter.

Jim is very blessed in his family. They have very little in worldly goods, but much in caring.

Jim now has a single room near one member of his family and is linked up with the mental health clinic and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. He is able to eat at the Soup Kitchen and goes to MACC Genesis House. Slowly, he is opening up to other people and beginning to feel more comfortable by himself.

Money is still a critical problem. Although he receives a monthly check through Social Security Disability, his rent is so high he cannot manage to totally support himself.

His sneakers are full of holes. He badly needs a warm winter jacket and gloves. He was wearing a pair of used boots that were so small, there were enormous blisters on his feet until our Genesis staff noticed him hobbling and took him to the emergency room for treatment.

He has a poor, but caring family. We can help them help him build a new life among us with our support this Christmas.

The man described above is one of the more-than-350 individuals and households, which MACC hopes to help this Christmas season. Non-perishable foods, new and good-as-new used toys, and gifts for the elderly may be left at the town fire headquarters on Center Street, the Eighth Utilities District fire station at 32 Main St., any office of Heritage Savings and Loan, or the Manchester Mall at 811 Main St. Checks should be mailed to MACC Seasonal Sharing, Box 773, Manchester, Conn. 06040.

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What were the biggest stories of 1984 in Manchester?

The Manchester Herald is preparing a list of the major news stories of 1984 in Manchester, and we'd like to have readers' help in selecting the top ten. Please look over the following suggestions, ranking them from 1 to 10.

Responses should be mailed to "Top Ten," Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 591, Manchester, Conn. 06040. We would appreciate receiving responses by Thursday, Dec. 27, from 1 to 10.

"Top Ten" Nominations
Leadership changes in government — a new town planner, recreation director, general services director, tax collector, Eighth District president and fire chief, and others.

The Cheney legacy — Cheney Bros ends operations in Manchester; mill conversions begin; Cheney Hall renovation.

Eighth District town affairs — firehouse issue in Buckland; sewer rate lawsuit; calls for new liaison committee.

Politics and the Nov. 6 election.

Infrastructure — reconstruction of Interstate 86; new water treatment plant; Route 83 drainage problems; funds lost and regained for the Porter trunk sewer.

Downtown developments — the scaled-down proposal for reconstruction of Main Street; conversion of Watkins buildings to office condominiums.

Manchester Memorial Hospital — changes in administration; new main building opens.

Multi-Circuits Inc. — company sold to Tyco Laboratories; continuing problems with chemical spills at Harrison Street plant.

Housing for the elderly opens in the former main building at Bennett Junior High School.

Education — Highland Park school closes; fall enrollments higher than expected; curriculum studied by citizens' committee.

Radio station WINF is sold; it becomes WKHT with a new country music format.

Manchester Community College opens the Lowe Building, the first permanent campus for the college.

Thousands celebrate Independence Day as fireworks return to Manchester.

Police issues — continuing concerns about efforts to recruit minority officers; citizens' complaints about discrimination in the detention of two blacks in separate incidents.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park being developed on the site of the Odd Fellows Building at the Center.

The right-to-die case involving Sandra Foody at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Development — Winchester Mall proposed in Buckland; Condominiums proposed and under construction throughout town; Super Stop & Shop opens at Parkade.

Shelter for the homeless — Manchester Area Conference of Churches unable to find a permanent site; town is asked to provide service.

Other:

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Peopletalk

Plenty of Christmas dolls

Christmas came a bit early for the expanding Doll family of Washington state this week as two brothers and their sister became parents within 24 hours.

The first birth occurred early Wednesday at Seattle's Swedish Hospital, when Cynthia Doll and her husband, Patrick, became parents of 6-pound, 7-ounce Jennifer Eveve.

Later that afternoon, doctors delivered 7-pound, 9½-ounce Carmen Michelle to Patrick Doll's brother, David, and his wife, Meredith.

And on Thursday, Valerie Doll Claiborne, Patrick and David's sister, gave birth to an as-yet-unnamed baby boy at 11:54 a.m. at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Wash.

And that was not the end. Both Cynthia Doll and Meredith Doll gave birth by caesarian section, according to hospital spokeswoman Dee Jones. And the two women, "by accident," ended up in the same hospital room, Jones said.

New study on liquor

Thousands of people considered to be neurotics and psychotics may only have an allergy to certain foods doctors say.

In an article released earlier this week, Dr. Stuart Mark Berger told Parade magazine many people become depressed, irritable or fatigued when they consume such common items as yeast, liquor, vinegar, cheese, mushrooms or dried fruit.

"Each of us has hidden sensitivities to certain foods that, when eaten, react with the white cells in our blood, damaging hundreds of thousands of them," Dr. Berger said.

"Each person's specific food sensitivities are so unique that they make up a part of his or her 'fingerprint,'" he told Parade. "Even siblings raised together, eating the same foods, develop different food allergies."

Berger said yeast is another food that commonly triggers mood swings.



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Pledges of friendship

Samantha Smith, right, of Manchester, Maine, who visited the Soviet Union in July, 1983 at the invitation of the late Soviet Premier Yuri Andropov, presents pledges of friendship — from American children to Soviet children — to Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin's granddaughter Kate Thursday.

The friendship pledges were developed by "The Get Along Gang," a Saturday morning cartoon series. Montgomery Moose, center, leader of the gang, helped present the pledges.

Bad act, good actor?

A drama student's act was so bad — or perhaps so well done — it got him arrested by police who believed he was about to detonate a hand grenade in a classroom.

Paul Severin, 17, entered a classroom earlier this week at McCallum High School in Austin, Texas and pulled what appeared to be a hand grenade, Principal Billy Smoot said.

"I'm fed up with a lot of people around here and about a lot of things," declared Severin, also brandishing a dagger.

The drama teacher ordered students to leave the room and a student teacher called police.

Severin, who appeared to be in a stupor throughout the episode, suddenly changed moods and asked, "I did a pretty good job, don't you think? This is my final exam!"

The grenade proved to be a fake, but the was dagger real, and the youth was charged with carrying a weapon, police said.

Weather

Today's forecast

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Today: rain ending early morning then partly cloudy. Highs 45 to 50. Clear Saturday night. Lows in the 20s. Sunny Sunday. Highs 30 to 35.

Maine: Precipitation ending followed by clearing Saturday. Highs in the mid 20s north to upper 30s south. Fair Saturday night. Lows in the single numbers and teens. Partly to mostly sunny Sunday. Highs in the teens and 20s.

New Hampshire: Precipitation ending followed by clearing Saturday. Highs in the 30s to low 40s. Fair Saturday night. Lows in the single numbers and teens. Mostly sunny Sunday. Highs in the mid 20s to low 30s.

Vermont: Cloudy periods Saturday with a chance of rain changing back to snow late in the day. Highs 35 to 45. Clear and cold Saturday night and Sunday. Lows Saturday night 15 to 20. Highs Sunday 25 to 30.

Extended outlook

Extended outlook for New England Monday through Wednesday:

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Fair through the period. Overnight lows in the 20s and low 30s Monday. The mid teens to mid 20s Tuesday and Wednesday. Daytime highs in the upper 30s to mid 40s Monday and Tuesday. The 30s on Wednesday.

Vermont: Dry and cold through the period. Highs 20 to 30. Lows 10 to 15. Maine and New Hampshire: Fair through the period. Lows in the single numbers north to the teens south. Highs in the teens to low 20s north and in the 20s to low 30s south.

Motorists take to the highway

Motorists en route to Christmas gatherings and late in shopping took to the nation's roads Friday and state police added extra patrols as an effort to curb accidents during the holiday weekend.

The Christmas holiday weekend begins at 6 p.m. and ends at midnight Tuesday.

The National Safety Council estimates between 370 and 470 traffic deaths may occur during the 102-hour holiday stretch and between 18,000 and 21,000 traffic-related injuries.

During last year's Christmas weekend 228 people were killed on the nation's roads and 11,200 were injured.

Law enforcement officials across the country are taking extra precautions to ensure a safe holiday weekend.

High and low

The highest temperature reported Friday by the National Weather Service, excluding Alaska and Hawaii, was 88 degrees at McAllen, Texas. The low was 9 degrees below zero at Ephrata, Wash.

Lottery

Connecticut daily

Friday: 667

Play Four: 7266

Weekly Lotto: 6-8-11-19-21-29

Other numbers drawn Friday in New England:

Massachusetts daily: 1890

Vermont daily: 836

Maine daily: 718

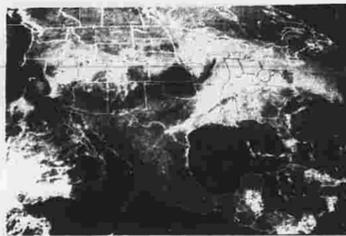
Rhode Island daily: 3848

New Hampshire daily: 0782



Winter comes sloshing in

Today: rain should end early in the morning before turning partly cloudy. Highs 45 to 50. Clear Saturday night. Lows in the 20s. Sunny Sunday. Highs 30 to 35. Today's weather picture was drawn by David Beaulieu, 9, of 40 Strawberry Lane, a fourth grader at Kenney Street School.



Satellite view

Commerce Department satellite photo taken at 1:30 p.m. EST Friday shows thick, layered clouds, associated with a developing storm, covering the northeast, Ohio Valley, Great Lakes and upper Plains. Low clouds and fog extend across the southeast. Frontal clouds stretch from the mid-Mississippi Valley into Texas and the second frontal cloud band extends from the northern Plains into the central Rockies.



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National forecast

During today, snow is forecast for northern portions of the Rocky Mountains, Missouri Valley, Great Lakes, and Atlantic coast areas. Rain and showers are expected for portions of the Upper Mississippi Valley and Great Lakes, the north, middle, and south Atlantic coast areas. Elsewhere, weather will be fair in general. Maximum temperatures include: Atlanta 65, Boston 50, Chicago 37, Cleveland 51, Dallas 64, Denver 44, Duluth 10, Houston 72, Jacksonville 74, Kansas City 24, Little Rock 60, Los Angeles 63, Miami 81, Minneapolis 18, New Orleans 72, New York 52, Phoenix 67, San Francisco 52, Seattle 47, St. Louis 39, Washington 60.

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Firefighters help MACC

Town firefighters team up to help the Manchester Area Conference of Churches' Seasonal Sharing Appeal. They are, from left, Paul Martin, Bob Martin, Dan Huppe, Bob Lindsay, Dick Klein and Alan Ogren. The boxes of food, clothing and toys will help needy Manchester families.

Transcripts remain at issue

Judge enters skirmish between McGuigan, state police

By Bruno V. Ronniello United Press International

HARTFORD — A judge Friday denied an attempt by the Chief State's Attorney's Office to thwart state police access to transcripts of a hearing on the state's investigation of a shooting in Torrington.

The motion was submitted by special prosecutor Glenn E. Coe who questioned whether state police could conduct "a serious and impartial investigation" if given transcripts of a secret grand jury investigation.

The grand jury, Superior Court Judge John D. Brennan, investigated illegal gambling in Torrington and in a 10-page report criticized three state troopers for allegedly spreading rumors about former Chief Justice John A. Spziale, who stepped down from the state Supreme Court Nov. 21 to return to law practice, was given a report of the allegations by

McCavanagh gets public safety post, also named to judiciary committee

By Kathy Gormus Herald Reporter

State Rep. James R. McCavanagh, D-Manchester, has been named deputy ranking member of the Legislature's Public Safety Committee, outgoing House Speaker Irving J. Stolberg, D-New Haven, announced Friday.

McCavanagh was also assigned to the Judiciary Committee.

"It worked out very well," McCavanagh said. The second-term representative from the 12th Assembly District was on the Public Safety Committee during his first term and said he had asked to be reassigned to it.

Also announced Friday was the assignment of state Rep. Donald F. Bates, D-East Hartford, to the Public Safety and Transportation committees. Bates, whose 8th Assembly District includes a portion of Manchester, was on both committees during his previous term.

McCavanagh said he is working on four safety bills he plans to introduce for consideration in the session that starts in January and two others dealing with taxes. He declined to disclose the specifics of the bills.

Bates said today he was pleased to be reassigned to the Public Safety and Transportation committees.

"It's nice to go back into something you're familiar with," he said.

Bates said he had some ideas for legislation, most dealing with transportation issues, but also declined to elaborate.

HE SAID HIS BIGGEST CONCERN is to make sure that a 10-year, \$5-billion infrastructure and transportation program passed by the Legislature this year is not eroded. Bates said that some programs have a way of deteriorating once they are out of the public eye.

"I never thought the Republicans would have the majority, so I'll be looking even closer," he said.

The Democratic committee assignments had been expected since late last week, but were delayed because of some last-minute changes and a move by the Democrats to get more seats on some of the committees, said Josh Howroyd, a Democratic legislative aide at the Capitol.

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Perhaps by spring

Cedar St. museum to open soon

A museum of local history being planned by the Manchester Historical Society could be ready to open in the spring, the society's publicity chairman said Friday.

Jon M. Harrison said that the outside of the Cedar Street building that will house the museum has been repainted and the inside has been cleaned. Talks are now underway with contractors about upgrading the building to meet fire codes and with a Manchester security firm about the installation of an alarm system, he said.

At least part of the museum could be ready to open in the spring, Harrison said. The exterior condition of the building

prompted complaints from several town directors earlier this year, who said the society should make aesthetic improvements to the building. The building, which is next to the Mahoney Recreation Center and the Washington School, is leased by the society from the town.

The building housed the Lutz Children's Museum until it moved to a new location on South Main Street two years ago.

Among the items to be displayed at the historical museum are old advertising materials, clothing items made at the Cheney mills, a collection of books on agricultural instruments, old military uniforms, newspaper clippings, a postcard

collection and a collection of books, including some by Manchester authors, said Herbert Bengtson of the museum committee.

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Calendars

Manchester

Thursday
Judge's hours, Probate Court, 6:30 p.m.

Andover

No meetings scheduled.

Bolton

No meetings scheduled.

Fire Calls

Manchester

Friday, 8:41 a.m. — motor vehicle accident, Main and Woodbridge streets (Paramedics).

Friday, 9:48 a.m. — medical call, 155 Pine St. (Town, Paramedics).

Friday, 1:59 p.m. — medical call, 138 Green Manor Road (Town, Paramedics).

Friday, 3:47 p.m. — medical call, Irving Street (Town, Paramedics).

Friday, 7:19 p.m. — medical call, 165 Adams St. (Paramedics).

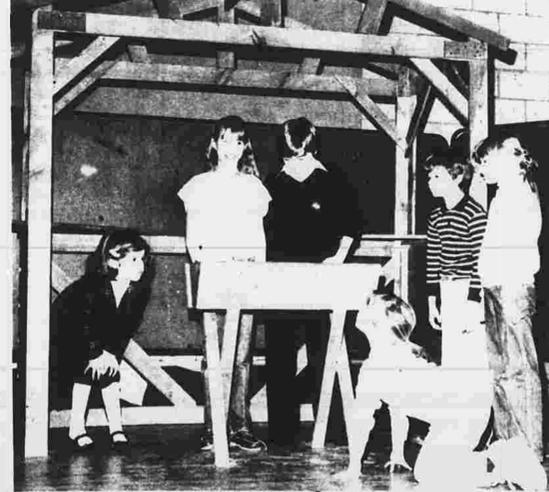
Friday, 8:22 p.m. — water in basement, 201 E. Center St. (Town).

Tolland County

Friday, 3:15 p.m. — smoke investigation, Route 44 at Englands Hardware, Bolton (Bolton).

Friday, 6:33 p.m. — motor vehicle rollover, 106 Hebron Road, Bolton (Bolton).

Friday, 7:53 p.m. — medical call, 35 Brewster St., Coventry (North Coventry, Andover).



'Stranger in the Straw'

Rehearsing for Sunday's Salvation Army musical are, from left, Emily Berry, Christine Russell, Gregory Geer, Angela Orfitelli, Michael Orfitelli and

Joanna Perrett. The musical, titled, "Stranger in the Straw," will be performed at 4 p.m. at the Citadel, 661 Main St. The public is welcome.

New Britain police continue internal probe

NEW BRITAIN — New Britain police are conducting an internal investigation to determine how many officers stole goods and funds during the mid-1970s.

Two current and four former police officers have admitted to a grand jury they stole money either from patients being transported to hospitals or from businesses and homes.

The police commission has scheduled a special disciplinary hearing Dec. 28 for officer Randall Wentz.

The grand jury report states Wentz testified before Superior Court Judge George D. Stoughton that he and another officer took cash on three or four occasions from people being taken to hospitals.

Wentz also admitted taking a bag of change while investigating a break-in at a house, stealing tools from four businesses and taking money.

Police are also investigating the admissions of officer Daniel J. DePinto, who testified he stole

looters from the New Britain Seafood Co.

Stoughton's report says other officers participated in some of the thefts.

"You have to turn over all the rocks," said Police Commission Chairman James Fragale, noting commissioners asked the identity of the other officers mentioned in the report.

Neither DePinto nor Wentz can be prosecuted because the statute of limitations has expired. The corporation

ration counsel has ruled the city can discipline DePinto and Wentz if the police investigation uncovers evidence of wrongdoing. Mayor William McNamara has said the city has the authority to fire the two officers if evidence of wrongdoing is found.

American steamship Savannah made the first steam-powered, part sail-powered crossing of the Atlantic in 1819.

Almanac

Today is Saturday, December 22nd, the 357th day of 1984 with nine to follow.

The moon is new. The morning stars are Venus, Mars and Jupiter.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Capricorn. They include opera composer Giacomo Puccini in 1853 and T.V. game show host Gene Rayburn in 1917.

On this date in history: In 1785, the American Continental Navy fleet was organized, consisting of two frigates, two brigs and three schooners. Sailors were paid \$8 a month.

In 1864, Union General William Sherman sent President Abraham Lincoln this message: "I beg to present you as a Christmas present the city of Savannah."

In 1944, ordered to surrender by Nazi troops who had his unit trapped, General Anthony McAuliffe of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division replied with one word: "Nuts!"

A thought for the day: American statesman Adlai Stevenson said, "The time to stop a revolution is at the beginning, not the end."



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Today in history

On Dec. 22, 1983, P.O. leader Yasser Arafat was welcomed into Egypt by President Mubarak. Arafat is shown a month earlier visiting wounded fighters in the northern Lebanese port of Tripoli.

U.S./World In Brief

Soviet defense chief dies

MOSCOW — Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov, who presided over the greatest arms buildup in Soviet history, died of a heart attack following surgery for a ruptured artery. The Soviet leadership announced Friday. He was 76.

The official Soviet news agency TASS announced Ustinov's death at 8:32 p.m. Moscow time. He had struggled through a long illness that began with a bout of pneumonia late in October. He had not been seen in public since Sept. 27. Authorities had explained his absence by saying he was suffering from a cold — the same statement that preceded the death of Soviet President Yuri Andropov.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said Ustinov's death was not expected to affect next month's talks in Geneva between Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Secretary Andrei Gromyko.

Pope raps liberation theology

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II Friday told leaders of the Roman Catholic Church they must defend the poor from the "illusory and dangerous ideological proposals" of liberation theology.

The pope used his annual Christmas audience with cardinals and priests from Rome and the Vatican to make a second attack in as many days on Marxist concepts, many of which are espoused by advocates of liberation theology.

The address reinforced a series of statements from the Vatican in recent months warning of the dangers of linking religion with Marxist precepts, such as the struggle between economic classes. It also came as the pope prepares to begin within six weeks a visit to Venezuela, Ecuador and Peru, the homeland of the Rev. Gustavo Gutierrez, founder of liberation theology.

More fake dolls seized

DALLAS — No more raids for counterfeit Cabbage Patch Kids dolls were planned in the Dallas area but U.S. marshals had already seized more than 1,500 of the allegedly fake dolls, a marshal said Friday.

U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders ordered the dolls seized after Original Appalachian Artworks Inc. of Cleveland, Ga., asked him to halt distribution and sale of the poorly counterfeited Cabbage Patch Kids. They are thought to be imported from Taiwan.

No arrests were made in the raids on two of five alleged distributors in Dallas.

Original Appalachian Artworks is the dolls' designer and Coleco Industries of Hartford, manufactures the coveted toys, which are again in short supply.

Fedorenko looks for country

NEW YORK — The lawyer for a former Nazi prison guard said Friday he has exhausted all attempts to keep his client from being deported to the Soviet Union where he could be put to death.

Andrew Fylypovich, the lawyer for Ukrainian-born Fedorenko, 77, met with officials of a foreign country he declined to name to discuss the deportation.

"The potentially interested government has refused to admit Mr. Fedorenko," a spokeswoman for Fylypovich said. "For all we know at this point he may already be deported. He may already be on a plane."

She said Fylypovich had left New York, where he had been trying to arrange for another country to take Fedorenko, and was headed home to Philadelphia.

Court blocks child testimony

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Minnesota Supreme Court ruled Friday that people accused of child abuse in two Scott County sex rings may not force their alleged victims to testify at pre-trial hearings.

Alvin Rud, 47, and his wife, Rosemary, 51, of Jordan, Minn., who were among 24 people charged with sex abuse, wanted to ask the children to testify at a pre-trial hearing on more specific sex abuse claims.

State District Judge Martin Mansur ruled in February the couple could not force the children to appear. The Minnesota Court of Appeals in July then said the children could be called for limited questioning.

Twenty-four adults were charged during a year-long investigation of the case. One man pleaded guilty in a plea bargain and a jury acquitted a married couple.

Judge strips congregation of control

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Supporters of a jailed Lutheran minister who claim "their law is God" were ordered Friday by a civil court judge to relinquish the keys and records of their strife-torn church.

But the adherents of the Rev. D. Douglas Roth were not expected to comply with Judge Emil Narick's order that they turn over the keys to Trinity Church to a representative of the Lutheran synod on Dec. 27 at 10 a.m. EST.

"They have already said they would not," Roth said after the order was handed down. Roth was fired from his pastorate after some of his flock complained about his support of an activist labor group. He has been serving a 90-day jail sentence for refusing to comply with an order prohibiting him from preaching at the church in nearby Clairton, a depressed steel town about 15 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

A few hours after Narick made his ruling, council president Wayne Cochran issued a statement saying he would not comply with the order.

Narick ruled the keys and all financial records should be turned over the Rev. Mont Bower, who was appointed by Bishop Kenneth May to take Roth's place at the pulpit of the church.

Union Carbide plans layoffs in Georgia

DANBURY (UPI) — Union Carbide announced plans Friday to lay off 27 workers at a Georgia insecticide plant because production of a toxic gas that killed 2,500 people in India has been suspended.

The company also announced that shipments of the chemical methyl isocyanate that were turned away in Brazil and France will be returned to the United States through the Norfolk International Terminals in Norfolk, Va.

Union Carbide officials met with federal, state and local officials in Norfolk to discuss procedures for handling the shipments, which were refused by officials in Brazil and France following the disaster in India.

The company, in a statement from its headquarters in Danbury, said the shipments will be "handled in the same manner they have been handled without incident for the past 10 years."

"The unloading operations will be conducted in full compliance with all appropriate regulations in order to insure the safety of all those involved and of nearby communities," the statement said.

Union Carbide said it will lay off 27 workers at its Woodbine, Ga., plant, where the chemical is used. More than 2,500 people died when the chemical leaked Dec. 3 from a Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India.

Following the tragedy, Union Carbide directed its worldwide affiliates to convert remaining supplies of the chemical into finished products a safety precaution.

Company officials initially said 60 workers at Woodbine would be laid off starting Saturday but later announced the number of workers had been reduced and the effective date of the layoffs delayed.

The company canceled plans to temporarily lay off 33 workers at Woodbine Saturday and said the permanent layoff of another 27 workers had been delayed from Dec. 29 until Jan. 5, 1985.

The 33 workers who will keep their jobs will be used to package finished products. Union Carbide said.

The only employees expected to be affected by the January layoff were hired in November with the understanding they were meeting temporary demands, the company said.

Union Carbide suspended production and shipments of methyl isocyanate from its Institute, W. Va., plant after the lethal gas leaked from the similar plant in Bhopal.

"Additional layoffs may be necessary at Woodbine, as well as layoffs at our Institute plant unless we are able to resume production and distribution of methyl isocyanate at the Institute plant by the end of January," said Robert Oldford, president of Union Carbide Agricultural Products Co.

Production will not be resumed "until the causes of the tragic incident are fully understood," Oldford stressed.

Methyl isocyanate is a raw material used in the production of insecticide products at the Woodbine plant and is normally supplied from the company's Institute facility.

Oldford said the company was making every effort to find out what happened in India.

Union Carbide Corp.'s technical team from the United States will continue its investigation at the site through the holidays to expedite the results of their investigation," Oldford said.

The company said inspectors from the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration are working with Union Carbide in a safety review of operations at the Woodbine plant that convert methyl isocyanate into finished products.

Union Carbide said OSHA inspectors also will be at the plant while remaining inventories of the chemical are processed into finished products.



A special Christmas

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., serves food Friday morning in a feeding station at the Bati Refugee Camp in the Wollo Province of Ethiopia. Kennedy, on the third day of visiting Ethiopian famine centers, spent nearly five hours in Bati. He and two family members will travel to the Sudan for Christmas Day.

New probe heads toward Halley's comet

By John Ions
United Press International

MOSCOW — The second of two Soviet Vega space probes carrying American scientific equipment rocketed away from Earth Friday for a journey to the planet Venus and a historic rendezvous with Halley's comet in March 1986.

Official Soviet television broadcast nationwide the launch of the white rocket carrying the 8,000-pound Vega 2 probe from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in the Central Asian desert. Space officials interviewed on television said all systems were functioning normally.

Like Vega 1 launched last Saturday, the Vega 2 spacecraft carried a comet dust analyzer built in the United States and paid for by the American space agency.

The Soviet news agency Tass said the Vega mission provides "graphic evidence of the high efficiency of international cooperation in the peaceful use of outer space." Tass made no mention of the American instrument.

The \$117 million Vega mission will be man's first close-up study of the comet named after British astronomer Edmund Halley who first calculated that the comet swings past the sun and Earth every 76 years.

The European Space Agency is scheduled to launch a spacecraft named Giotto in July to rendezvous with the comet on March 13, 1986. Two Japanese spacecraft are scheduled for launch in January and August to reach the comet on March 8, 1986.

The main part of each Vega will continue on toward the rendezvous with Halley's comet. Vega 1 is scheduled to pass within 6,200 miles of the comet's nucleus on March 6, 1986, with Vega 2 passing closer three days later.

Halley's comet is believed to resemble a giant snowball made up mostly of dust, rocky material and ice. Like other comets, it is believed to represent part of the frozen remnant of material left from the formation of the sun and planets.

The United States also plans to use a satellite in orbit around Venus to look at the comet and a set of telescopes will be flown aboard a space shuttle in Earth orbit to examine the comet.

According to America's Planetary Society, the two Vegas carry television cameras, spectrometers to study the makeup of the comet, the American dust analyzer, and instruments to measure radiation and magnetic fields around the planet.

"This opportunity seemed important not only for its scientific value, but also as a demonstration of the cooperative, peaceful space exploration which can be achieved between our two countries," Simpson said.

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OPINION

New town plan will be 'tip of the iceberg'

In September 1983, the town planning director informed the business community that a new Comprehensive Plan of Development for Manchester would soon be ready for consideration.

The old plan, he told members of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce at a breakfast meeting, had been virtually useless for years. Developed by a consultant in 1963, the plan had never been updated and failed to reflect the massive changes seen in town since its inception.

During his presentation, town planner Alan Lamson predicted that a public hearing on a draft of the new plan would be held in November 1983, followed by adoption by the Planning and Zoning Commission early in 1984.

ALTHOUGH MANY THINGS have changed since that meeting, including the occupant of the planning director's office, we're still waiting for a glimpse of the plan and its vision of what the future Manchester ought to hold. But Mark Pellegrini, who took charge of planning in the spring, reassured us this week that the plan has not disappeared into the bureaucratic mire.

Pellegrini said the new plan should be ready for consideration by the late spring or early summer of 1985, depending on how busy his staff is kept with other things. If you ask the planner, however, its adoption is merely "the tip of the iceberg."

After the plan is approved, Pellegrini said, it will be time for a comprehensive review of the town zoning regulations so they can be brought into conformity with the goals established in the new plan.

ONE OF THE DOCUMENT'S major features, as reported by both Lamson and Pellegrini, will be its anticipation of changes resulting from the reconstruction of Interstate 94 and the advent of the



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James P. Sacks
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highway that will join it with the I-94 extension connecting Spencer Street with Bolton Notch.

Pellegrini said, for instance, that the town has received "lots of preliminary inquiries" concerning the Buckland area and foresees a strong interest in further development immediately along the highways and near interchanges.

In addition to addressing development along the highway corridors themselves, the plan will anticipate the long-term impact the construction should have on Manchester.

IT WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT an increase in the attractiveness of the southern portion of Manchester to people working in Hartford and beyond. The projection is that once the highway is connected to I-94, what is now a troublesome trip will become an easy one.

Overall, the plan will have to address a significantly different community than did the one adopted in 1963. As Pellegrini sees things, one goal will be to account for the delivery of services in a town that comprises an urban center surrounded by increasingly populated fringe areas.

ANYONE WHO HAS WATCHED the deliberations of Manchester's zoning officials can tell you that the new plan is long overdue.

Its presence would lend cohesiveness to the way the zoning authorities approach specific applications for things such as zone changes and multi-family housing development in Manchester's less dense areas.

Moreover, Pellegrini is right to call for a subsequent study of the regulations, which he sees as "tools that you use to implement the plan of development."

Recently we have seen some progressive changes in the zoning regulations, especially in the newly adopted provision allowing group homes to house emotionally disturbed teenagers. But there's plenty of room for further, and more technical, improvements, which must remain on hold until a new comprehensive plan has been adopted.

REPORTS OF THE IMPENDING presentation of a new plan date back several years, and the document's failure to materialize can't really be blamed on the planning staff. Like other municipal agencies, the planning department has limited resources with which to accomplish a seemingly endless amount of work.

The answer may be that adoption of a new plan — and keeping it up to date so it will be in zoning decisions for years to come — is something that should be made a priority by the town administration. Right now, leading officials know what they want, as do developers, but there's no comprehensive guide that planners can use as a basis for important land use decisions.

If Pellegrini and his staff find themselves in danger of being unable to meet their current projection for submitting the plan, the administration and the Board of Directors should provide the resources they need to meet the deadline.



Jack Anderson
Washington Merry-Go-Round

Sleuth finds shenanigans Down East

WASHINGTON — Tom Dunn is a big, tough-looking man, a 48-year-old former Army intelligence officer and Baltimore cop who has ignited a forest fire of controversy in Maine with his self-appointed campaign as a citizens' rights advocate.

Depending on who you believe, Dunn is either a champion of the little guy or a self-promoting crackpot.

Even the torching of his house five years ago is the subject of controversy. Some officials in Maine say they think Dunn set the fire himself to get publicity. They view with equal suspicion his report a year later that he was shot twice by a pair of assailants.

Even being silenced by the official hostility and skepticism, Dunn continues his crusade with unabated zeal. Last month, he made a respectable showing in his losing race for sheriff of Kennebec County.

DUNN TOLD his associate Corky Johnson his troubles began in the mid-1970s, when he volunteered to look into complaints from county residents that they had been bilked in real-estate transactions. They came to him, he said, because they knew his background as an investigator.

Dunn investigated and concluded that perhaps two dozen persons had been unfairly treated. He forwarded his findings to the state attorney general. According to accounts by the people Dunn tried to help, the state real estate commission also referred some of the cases to Maine's attorney general for action.

Former state Assistant Attorney General Cheryl Harrington said her office didn't have enough evidence for a prosecution.

But in a report filed by a state consumer rights group, three independent experts agreed that Dunn's charges deserved "more thorough investigation."

THE REAL ESTATE cases were only the start. Dunn soon began rattling even bigger charges by charging that state gift federal funds may have been misused by the state transportation department.

Documents and other sources support many of Dunn's charges that Maine's transportation department was engaging in at least some questionable practices.

For example, sources in the department told my reporter that bridges were built on roads that led only to the front doors of local officials or onto land owned by big timber companies.

A former state representative said that when he tried to blow the whistle on some dubious bridge constructions, the windows of his business were shot out. One bridge, the former representative said, led directly to a lumber company's land — and nowhere else. It cost the taxpayers \$350,000. "It is a real dirty mess up here," he said.

THERE WERE OTHER reports of questionable practices in the department, including charges of overpayment to favored employees, and the use of department fuel and equipment for employees' personal benefit.

While investigating the real-estate and transportation department charges, Dunn says he discovered the screws on his car's carburetor had been loosened, posing the risk of explosion. He also says the windows of his pickup truck were shot out. Then the attic of his home burst into flames in what the state fire marshal said was a case of arson. A year later, Dunn was shot in the back and neck.

District Attorney David Crook said he has been told by police that Dunn shot himself. But state police investigators say that claim is "reckless." Crook said Dunn's supporters "contain every nut in the state," and he claimed that a check with Baltimore police would reveal that Dunn was fired for mental disability.

Baltimore records, however, show that Dunn was retained because of duty-related back injuries.



ROCKPORT WINTER, CONTINUED
Photo by Al Terquino

Open Forum

Hanukkah really a joyous festival

An article appeared on the High School World page Dec. 18 concerning the celebration of Hanukkah. While it is true that Jews do celebrate Hanukkah this season, the reason for the festival is somewhat different than that portrayed in the article. Perhaps some amplification is in order.

Hanukkah is a joyous festival celebrating the first great victory for religious freedom won by the Jews more than 2,000 years ago. In those days, the Jews of Palestine were dominated by the rule of Antiochus IV, a Syrian-Greek emperor who demanded that everyone in his empire follow his way of worship.

Attempting to force the Jews to adopt his pagan ways, he seized their temple in Jerusalem, filled it with idols, and then ordered the Jews to abandon their faith on pain of death.

But the Jews refused to give up their faith in the One God, Matthias, the elder of the town of Modin in Palestine, in defiance of the tyrant, called on the Jews to revolt. They followed their leader into the hills of Judea where Judah Maccabee, one of Matthias' five sons, organized them into an army.

"It is better for us to die in battle than to look upon the tragedies of our nation and sanctuary," he told the Jews. Judah received the name Maccabee, which means "hammer," because of the blows he struck for freedom.

For three years the Jews fought the army of Antiochus. The account of this struggle is recorded in the Books of the Maccabees, where one of the battles is described as follows: The Maccabees, much smaller in number and arms than the enemy force, set up a dummy camp. The Syrian-Greeks, believing this to be a complete Jewish entrapment, attacked in full force — only to find themselves surrounded by the major part of the Hebrew army, which, under cover of darkness, had left the dummy camp and encircled the entire area. (George Washington, who had studied the Books of the Maccabees very carefully, used this same stratagem against the British when the outnumbered American troops were also struggling to achieve America's independence.)

We're not tired of Flutie stories

I wish to respond to Bob Papetti's rather cynical article regarding Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie.

Perhaps you are tired of hearing about Mr. Flutie, but there are many of us out here who are not. Many of us have sat in the stands at Alumni Stadium and Foxboro over the past three years and have watched him perform his "miracles." We cheered him on then and we continued to cheer him on this December when his moment of triumph came.

This "little" quarterback has restored a sense of pride among the whole Boston College community. We are so sorry that you have grown weary of the media attention he is attracting. It is far better to read about this refreshing young man and, yes, his Eagle team, than to read Dan Perno's excuses once again regarding his losing Huskies.

Shame on you for an extremely arrogant piece of "so-called" journalism.

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Attorney should keep his practice

Being a client of Mr. Anthony Paganio, I would like to comment on his experience as a lawyer and servant of the court.

He has shown that he is a professional attorney in his various courtroom dealings, both criminal and civil. In my opinion, he should be granted the continuance of the practice of law, in light of the tragic accident in which a fine husband, father, and teacher's life was lost.

He has been an asset to the Connecticut courtrooms and should be allowed to pick up his own life and lead a full practice of law.

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'Nutcracker' nice for 'Grandmother'

The nicest thing that happened to me this Christmas season was being in the Connecticut Concert Ballet's performance of "The Nutcracker."

"I was so proud to be the 'Grandmother' of so many talented youngsters, and also able to co-mingle with so many talented professional dancers.

I have watched for years Joyce Karpel's troupe and loved every performance and, like a child, wished I was one of the people on stage, and my dream came true.

Merry Christmas, and thank you to Joyce Karpel and the Connecticut Concert Ballet and — love, from Grandma.

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Books

Christmas is the time for coffee table books

By Jill Lal
United Press International

It is one time of the year when buyers are willing to spend for those expensive, lovely coffee table books, it's Christmas. The selection this year may leave wallets emptier than intended.

Western Art collectors will be interested in "George Catlin - Drawings of the North American Indians," (Doubleday, 430 pp., \$125) which is a facsimile reproduction of some 200 drawings by the 19th century artist. The drawings form a collection of Catlin's work that has been accessible only to a few until now.

The audience for Louis L'Amour books has always been great and fans will be delighted by "Frontier" (Bantam, 213 pp., \$24.95), a handsome work with text by the writer of westerns, with magnificent photos by landscape photographer David Muench. L'Amour gives free rein to his feelings of wonder at this continent's natural splendors. Those who admire excellence will be proud to own this book.

A treat for those of a literary bent is "The Golden Age" (Jovanovich & S Press, 381 pp., \$79), a facsimile edition of George Orwell's only surviving working manuscript. The manuscript, mainly in Orwell's handwriting, makes up about half of the text that was published as the novel, but spans the narrative. Each page of the manuscript is presented next to the typewritten transcript.

Fashion and photography enthusiasts will appreciate "Hors", by Valentine Lawford (Knopf, 296 pp., \$11.95). This excellent biographical portrait of the fashion photographer brings to the reader an intriguing look at a great artist and his world. One sees the world of the 1930s onwards, how people and fashion have changed. Horst did a lot of work for Vogue magazine and his pictures show his talent for working with light and mystery to produce true elegance.

Elegance of another sort is seen in "The World Atlas of Architecture" (G.K. Hall, 408 pp., \$79), an awesome undertaking that covers world architecture from the earliest days of China, Egypt, Greece

Try these Yuletide books for kids

This may be the best part of shopping for Christmas - buying books as presents for the children. And buying them lets you relieve your own childhood with some of the best books ever written for people and children alike.

The most complete gift this Christmas is "The World Treasury of Children's Literature" (Little, Brown, \$40), a two-volume set of classic children's stories selected by noted editor Clifton Fadiman. The set has such favorites as "Dr. Seuss," "The Little Engine That Could" and "Babar" - all reproduced here with the original art. This is more of a set to read from than to place in young children's hands.

Children's imaginations will be stirred by E.T.A. Hoffman's "Nutcracker," translated by Ralph Manheim, with illustrations by Maurice Sendak (Crown, 102 pp., \$18.95). Sendak first dealt with Hoffman's famous tale when he designed the sets and costumes for the Pacific Northwest Ballet. The venture led to this book and Ralph Manheim's very readable translation.

For a simple yet warning collection try "A Christmas Treasury" (The Unicorn Publishing House, Unpub., \$9.95) illustrated by Greg Hildebrandt. The book contains "Twelve Nights Before Christmas," the Nativity story and eight Christmas carols. The illustrations by Hildebrandt, who also provided artwork for an edition of "Lord of the Rings," alternate between the warm mood of Christmas fires and that of snowy winter nights.

You don't have to wait for the TV rerun any more for that Christmas standard "Miracle on 34th Street." Valentine Davies' story written in 1947, is illustrated by Tommie DePaola in this book from Harcourt Brace Jovanovich (118 pp., \$15.95). DePaola's drawings are based on research of New York of the 1940s.

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Other books worthy of consideration include "The Wider Shore" by Corley Barr and David James Wallace (Sierra Club Books, 162 pp., \$30), "Shorelines - Birds At Water" by Tommie DePaola (Warren (Times Books, 128 pp., \$25)), and "Tumultuosa - Birds by C.F. Tunnicliffe (Little, Brown, 168 pp., \$49.95).

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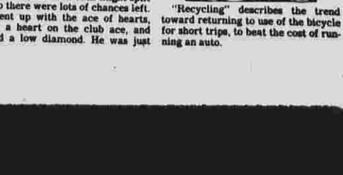
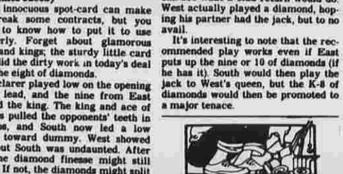
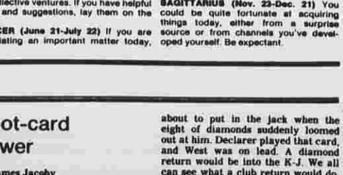
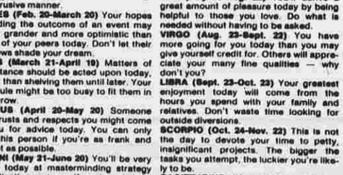
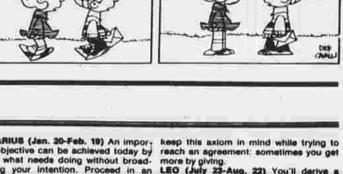
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Obituaries

Marvin L. Mundell

The funeral for Marvin L. Mundell, 27, who died at his 126 North School St. home Thursday, will be Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St.

Burial will be in the East Cemetery. Calling hours are Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Community Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 585 E. Center St.

Dr. Milda Pulkstenis

Dr. Milda Pulkstenis, 84, of Tolland, died Thursday at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Latvia Nov. 10, 1900. Before she retired, she was a research worker in Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

She is survived by her husband, Janis Pulkstenis, one son, Karis Pulkstenis of Merimac, N.H.; one daughter, Maija Skangalis of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.; and three grandchildren.

Everett A. Patten

Everett A. Patten, 66, of Niantic, formerly of Manchester, died Friday at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

He founded, owned and operated the E. A. Patten Co., a Manchester machine shop, from 1945 until 1975, when he retired and became chairman of the board.

He was a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church of Manchester, Manchester Lodge of Elks and a former member of the Manchester Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Zwick) Fatten, one son, Forest E. Patten of Manchester, one daughter, Lisa Lesperance of Glen Falls, N.Y., and a set of twin granddaughters.

The funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Emanuel Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the East Cemetery. Calling hours at the Holmes Funeral Home are Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Eleanor Lois Larkins

Eleanor Lois Larkins, 53, of East Hartford, formerly of Manchester, died Friday at Hartford Hospital.

She was born in Hartford Feb. 10, 1931. Before she moved to East Hartford a year and a half ago, she lived in Meriden and before that in Manchester. She was educated in the Manchester school system and was a graduate of Manchester High School.

She is also survived by three daughters, Jane C. Larkins at home, Anna Cheatham of Marlton, N.J., and Peggy Turner of Meriden, and one brother, Sherwood Clyde of Bolton. Three sisters, Bernice Paskick of Hartford, Doris Selden of Water Oak Lake, Fla., and Shirley Carey of Colebrook, and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Burial will be in the West Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 237 E. Center St.

Druze retaliate after car bomb kills five

By Steve Hagey United Press International

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A booby-trapped Mercedes-Benz exploded outside a Druze Moslem school in a mountain village, killing five people and wounding 40 others, Druze sources said today.

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Genesis to start social club

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"I drank my last drink on Dec. 7, 1978," Benson said. With the help of Project Genesis, he said, he has stayed sober throughout a series of recent crises — including a fire and his ex-wife's refusal to let him see his daughter.

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Mr. Brennan Joins Law Firm

Attorney Joseph F. Brennan of Manchester has joined the Law Firm of Golas & Horvath, P.C. at Watkins Centre, 935 Main Street, Manchester.

Mr. Brennan is married to the former Nancy Dutton of Manchester and resides at 23A Henry Street. He is a graduate of The College of The Holy Cross and New England School of Law.

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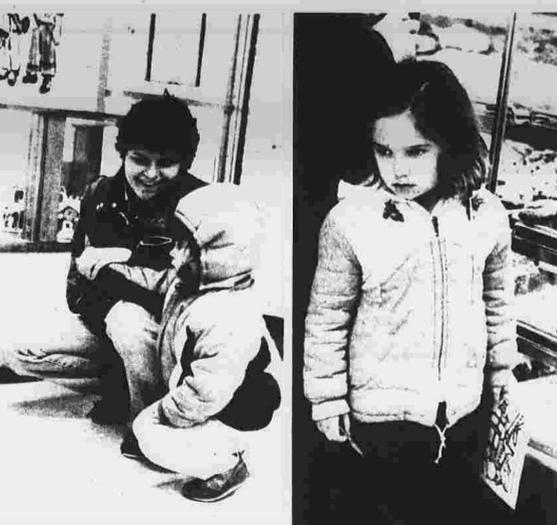


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Photos by Al Tarquinio

Phillips' brainchild is a model in its simplicity

NEW YORK (UPI) — Here's a personal invitation from me to you. Write, wire or call up to me I'm wrong, but I think you'd like to see that one final post-season game at the end, for the whole box of chocolates, to decide the No. 1 college football team in the land. I can't possibly think of a single fan who'd be against such a game, can you?

Richie Phillips, the attorney for the major league umpires, has come up with an exceptionally well thought out and imaginative idea for a contest like that, but guess what? He's running into all kind of bureaucratic obstacles. And who do you guess figures to be short-changed in the end by these barriers? You, the fan. So what else is new?

Phillips' brainchild really is a model in its simplicity. What he has done is create something he calls "The National Collegiate Football Foundation, a charitable organization to be funded through corporate grants, private donations and revenue generated from a proposed annual post-season game. The game would be scheduled on the second weekend each January and would determine the No. 1 college football team in the country. The two teams who'd meet for that distinction would be chosen by a special selection committee and would play the game at a different warm weather site each year.

AS THINGS ARE set up now, Phillips pointed out at a news conference there Thursday, the national college football champion is determined by the two major wire services. The coaches do the voting in our



Sports Parade

Mitch Richman

UPI ratings and AP relies on the writers' ballots. "The country wants a national champion to emerge from the field rather than a vote," Phillips said. "And no one can argue with him too much there. Intercollegiate football is the only sport where you don't have a playoff for the championship," he added. Not much argument there, either. The idea of having one final playoff game to determine the best college football team is not new. Phillips' concept, however, is new, particularly since he proposes to establish a post-graduate scholarship program for college players.

Phillips already has filed an application with the NCAA for the first annual National Championship game which he'd like to see played at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 14. Usually, there's a two-year waiting period after such an application is filed, but Phillips is hoping that Byrum Byers, the NCAA's Executive Director, will waive the waiting period this time so that teams like Brigham Young, Oklahoma,

Washington and Nebraska, or whichever ones are ranked one and two after the bowl games, can meet to decide who's best on Jan. 14.

IT'S A SAFE bet that game won't be played. That's the impression I came away with after speaking with Byers.

He had no comment on Phillips' specific proposal, but he did point out that under the NCAA by-laws, none of the members can play more than one post-season game. He also called attention to the fact that a special NCAA committee presented a plan last summer for a playoff game to its Division I-A members and those members had voted against it. "Unless the Division I-A colleges want the game, there's no reason to have it," Byers said. That's all well and good as far as it goes, but I did a little more checking, and my good friend, Walt Byers, may be surprised at a few of the facts I uncovered. Some of the top colleges in the nation already have been contacted about the National Championship game. They were informed there would be close to \$2 million going to each team that played in such a game. Guess what they said to that, Walt? You're right. They said they wouldn't mind playing in such a game at all.

BRIGHAM YOUNG DEFINITELY agreed. Washington, Boston College and other high ranked schools also said they'd go along with such an idea. None of the colleges called objection. Why would they? Phillips already has filed an application with the NCAA for the first annual National Championship game which he'd like to see played at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 14. Usually, there's a two-year waiting period after such an application is filed, but Phillips is hoping that Byrum Byers, the NCAA's Executive Director, will waive the waiting period this time so that teams like Brigham Young, Oklahoma,

With TV and all, for sure there'd be enough money. One aspect of all this escapes me.

The Final Four, that's the NCAA's national collegiate basketball championship — is one of TV's hottest sports items. CBS wrestled it away from NBC in 1981 and NBC would give anything to get it back because those televised games show a bigger profit margin even than baseball.

You know who signed the deal for that? Walt Byers. But he doesn't seem to like a similar package in football. Maybe because he feels a playoff game would take some of the gloss off the bowl contests. Or that one, I go along with Phillips. He says he'd get two competing teams out of the bowl games and that would enhance rather than diminish those contests.

THE SUPER BOWL Game is scheduled for Jan. 20. You have that big empty weekend before that. What would be wrong with ABC using Jan. 14 to carry the National Championship Game as one of its special Monday Night football additions? Or, for that matter, either of the other networks, CBS or NBC, using the game for a ratings coup of their own on Saturday, Jan. 12, or Sunday, Jan. 13? Phillips had the foresight to go to Coopers and Lybrand, the largest accounting firm in the world, and ask them for a financial projection on the game. The amount to the premier game in college football is he's proposing. They came back and told him that the Reds can stay in Cincinnati where they belong.

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Scoreboard

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NHL standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts
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Washington	17	5	3	129
New Jersey	16	7	3	127
New York	15	7	3	126
Pittsburgh	12	15	3	109
Carolina	12	15	3	109

Basketball

NBA standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia	18	5	.78
Washington	17	5	.77
New Jersey	16	7	.70
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Football

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Team	W	L	T	Pct.
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