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Around the world without a stop

Voyager back home safe after nine tough days aloft

By John Antczak
The Associated Press

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Voyager ended its historic unrefueled, non-stop trip around the world with a safe desert landing today after a nine-day flight beset by storms, engine problems and worries over fuel.

The lightweight tri-fuselage plane with front and rear engines covered nearly 26,000 miles, its maker said, effectively doubling every non-stop, unrefueled distance record in aviation history.

The Voyager was accompanied by three chase planes as it appeared through clouds over the desert. It slowly descended, doing several victory passes before touching down at 8:08 a.m. PST on a dry lake bed, watched by 15,000 spectators.

Storm-battered pilots Dick Rutan, 49, and Jeana Yeager, 34, were helped from Voyager after the landing at this famed flight test center. Both had suffered bruises when Voyager was tossed around by turbulence over the Indian and Atlantic oceans and over Africa, and they appeared a little wobbly.

"Nine days, huh?" Rutan said moments before landing. "Nine days without a shower."

Rutan screamed a victory yell, stretched his arms above his head, thumbs up, and slapped on a cowboy hat before leaving the cockpit. The couple were to be taken to the base hospital for checkups as international aviation officials checked the plane to make certain it indeed had flown non-stop.

"How wobbly do you feel?" Rutan was asked as he sat on the cockpit cowl.

"A little bit," he replied, adding a minute later, "I want to sit here for awhile, doc."

"It's really great to be here. I'm really overwhelmed at all the people," he said.

"It wasn't the best landing I've made, but we'll walk away from it," Rutan said.

At the White House, President Reagan watched the landing on television and called the historic flight "magnificent, absolutely magnificent," press aide Mark Weinberg said.

"Jeana Yeager's and Richard Rutan's courage determination and refusal to give

up have thrilled and inspired us all," the president said in a statement released minutes after touchdown.

"They are a living example of American pioneerism as its best," Reagan said. Reagan was expected to telephone the pilots later in the day with his personal congratulations.

The flight had been repeatedly delayed amid warnings that if it didn't take off by mid-December, its next opportunity would be in the spring. Yeager had the flu when the plane took off at 8 a.m. Dec. 14 from Edwards, dragging its fuel-heavy wings on the desert runway and shaving at least a foot off each Styrofoam wingtip.

On the second day of the flight, concerns about fuel consumption arose as Voyager went farther than expected to avoid a typhoon near Guam, but the typhoon provided an assist with powerful tailwinds, and it turned out that a faulty fuel gauge had misled the crew into thinking they might run out of gas.

On Monday, aircraft designer Burt Rutan, the pilot's brother, had said the plane had enough fuel to fly on to New York and beyond if they wished.

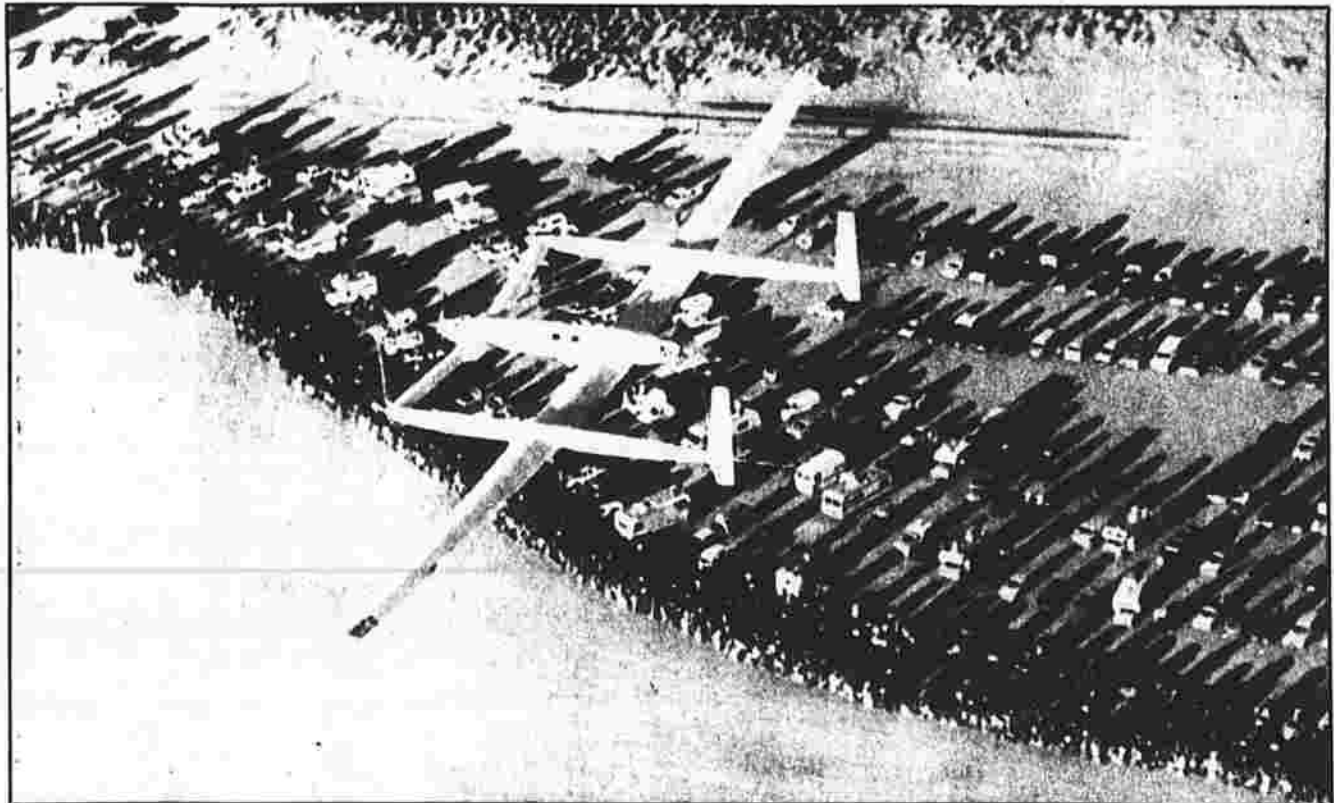
The storms, fuel fears and fatigue from several successive days cramped into a phone-booth-sized cabin also led to engine overheating when the pilots forgot to check oil pressure for nearly a day and a half, but they quickly solved that Dec. 20 by hand-pumping 1.7 quarts of oil into the engine.

Early today, the engine stalled, and Voyager lost 3,400 feet of altitude before its other engine could be started.

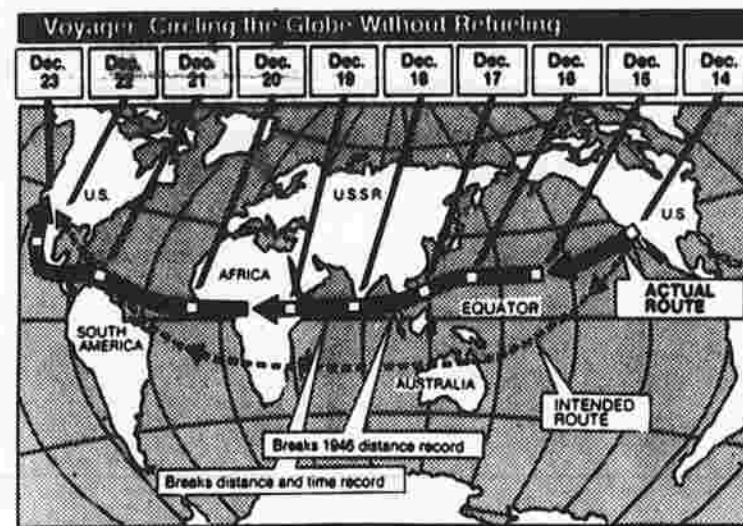
"Whenever you're over water and you've got no engine, it's serious," spokesman Peter Riva said. Voyager dropped from an altitude of 8,900 feet to 5,500 feet during the 90-second engine failure caused by a vapor lock, he said.

Fuel leaked into the cockpit during the ordeal, forcing the pilots to put on oxygen masks to prevent being overcome by fumes, Riva said.

Rutan and Yeager cleared a fuel line and restarted the front engine, which had been shut down to conserve fuel, spokesman Mark Greenberg said.



AP photo



Co-pilots Jeana Yeager and Dick Rutan bring Voyager in above the crowds at Edwards Air Force Base near Mojave, Calif., this morning after their record-setting flight. The craft came back to the United States today after making the first round-the-world flight without stopping to refuel. The chart at left shows the path of the nine-day voyage, which effectively doubled every non-stop, unrefueled distance record in history.

'Parents can't be warned enough,' toy experts say

By John F. Kirch
Herald Reporter

More than 120,000 children will be rushed to the hospital in the coming year for treatment of injuries sustained while playing with toys, according to federal government statistics.

And although many of those injuries are toy-related but not "toy-caused," the figures are high enough to concern product safety and toy industry experts.

In a series of interviews this week, industry officials gave a list of consumer tips that parents should follow when giving toys to their children over the holiday season, a time of year when the \$12 billion toy industry does 60 percent of its business.

The list contains nothing that most parents don't already know, but as one former federal official put it, "Parents can't be warned enough."

Stuart Stalter is a former commissioner of the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission. He currently runs a risk-avoidance and product-liability service for AT Kearney Inc. of Chicago, a company that helps toy manufacturers detect potential problems with their products.

For the past few weeks, Stalter has taken part in the "Child Care in the 80s" program sponsored by Ultra Pampers, a manufacturer of baby's diapers. The program is designed to inform parents about a number of children-related issues, including product safety.

In an interview last week, Stalter warned parents to watch out for certain items when purchasing toys and games. They include strings or elastic products because they can wrap around a child's neck, small parts that can be detached from a toy and swallowed, sharp and jagged edges, glass products and toys that can propel into a child's eye.

"Make sure in the selection of toys you buy items that are suitable for the child you are purchasing it for," Stalter said.

Others agreed. Carl Loven, a co-owner of Velvet Stable Inc. of Glastonbury, a maker of plush toys including puppets and dolls, said he was not an authority on the subject. However, he warned parents about

lead-based paint used on some toys that could be harmful if swallowed by a child.

Loven and Stalter said that last month a Taiwan version of the "Voltron Lion" toy, which was popular last year, was recalled after lead was found in the paint. Stalter said it was one of the largest recalls in U.S. history.

Stalter said many foreign toys face the same scrutiny that American-made products do. He pointed out that the "Voltron Lion" toy manufactured in Japan was lead-free.

Another thing to consider, experts said, is the age of the child. Toys and games usually identify on their labels the age group they are made for. Parents should not give games and puzzles that are too

difficult for their child, since this can cause frustration, experts said.

Stalter and others said that when buying toys, parents should take into consideration other children in the household and the possibility of younger children getting hold of toys made for their older brothers and sisters.

"It's great to buy a chemistry set for the 10-year-old, but make sure he knows to put it away so the 5-year-old doesn't get to it," said Jodi Levin, communications director for Toy Manufacturers of America, the toy industry's trade group.

Although all who were interviewed agreed that parents must be warned about potential hazards, all also said toys are becoming safer every day and that most of the

injuries are caused by misuse of products.

"Every year the (Consumer Product Safety Commission) comes out with a scary list of statistics on child injuries," Levin said. "But what they don't say is that the majority of accidents are toy-related, but not toy-caused."

CPSC spokesman Lou Brott said that in 1976, about 150,000 children were injured playing with toys. In 1985, the figure was 123,000 and the commission expects the same number of injuries this year, he said.

But, Brott added, "That doesn't mean it's the fault of the toy. But the toy is involved."

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TODAY'S HERALD

Partly cloudy

Partly cloudy tonight with a low in the mid-20s. Becoming cloudy Wednesday with a high of 35 to 40. Rain likely Christmas Day. High in the 40s. Details on page 2.

Minister strikes back

A fundamentalist minister has filed suit charging that two activists hoped to intimidate other abortion foes into silence through a lawsuit filed against him last year. Named as defendants in the \$10 million federal lawsuit filed Monday by the Rev. Patrick Mahoney were Gayle Brooks of Southington, former head of the Connecticut chapter of the National Organization for Women, and Laura Minor of Bristol, an abortion advocate. Story on page 5.

N.Y. teens charged

Three white youths were charged with second-degree murder today after they and others beat three black men with sticks, baseball bats and tree limbs, and chased one man across a New York City highway to his death, police said. Story on page 7.

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Firefighters together in effort to feed needy

By George Lavng
Herald Reporter

On Election Day in November, members of the Town and Eighth Utilities District fire departments stood side by side outside Manchester polling places, but they were not working together and their goals differed sharply.

Town firefighters urged passage of a referendum question that would have made it easier to abolish the Eighth District Fire Department, while district volunteers handed out leaflets conveying the opposite message.

The split reflected the larger disputes that for years have divided the town and Eighth District, which provides fire protection and sewer

service to most of northern Manchester.

On Monday, after a month and a half of informal talks following the defeat of the referendum question, about 30 members of the two departments again stood side by side. But this time, their spirit was one of unity rather than division.

Over 1,000 pounds of food — collected by and from members of both departments for eight needy families — was displayed on two tables in the town's Spruce Street firehouse. The firefighters gathered around the tables, the two chiefs smiled and shook hands, and applause erupted.

"This is the first of other things to

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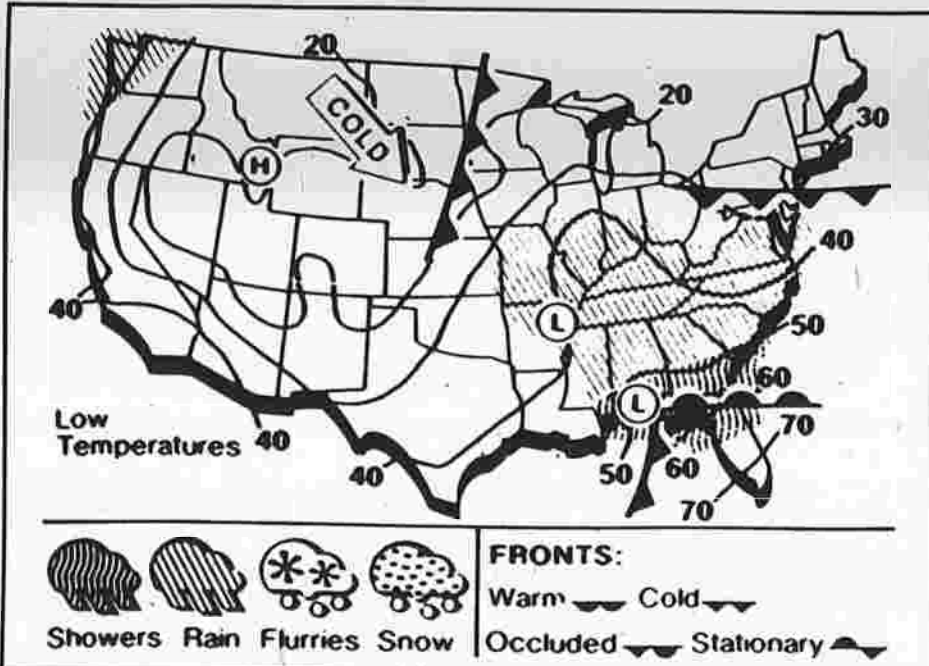


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Eighth Utilities District firefighter Thomas O'Marra (left) talks with Town Deputy Chief Peter Beckwith Monday at the town's Spruce Street firehouse.

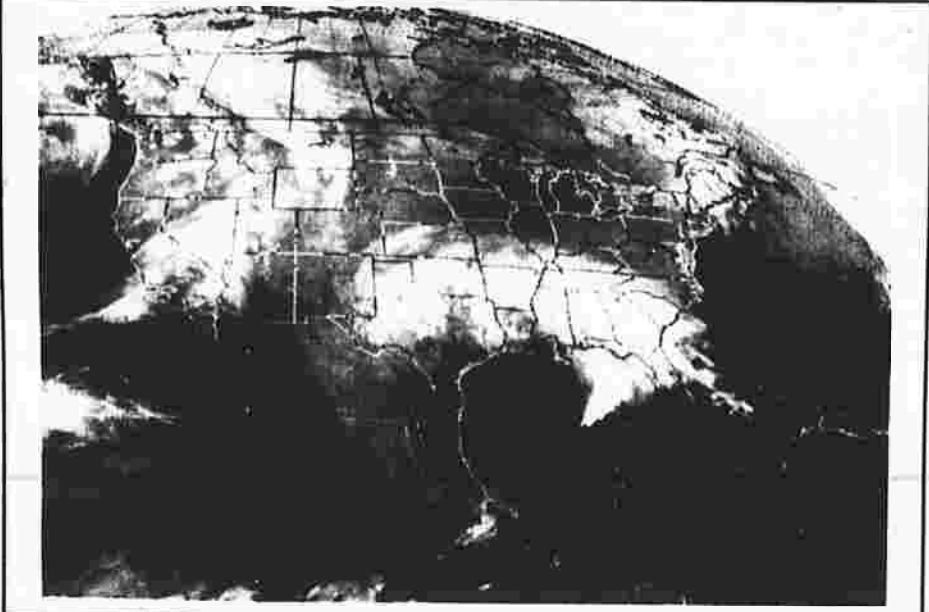
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WEATHER



NATIONAL FORECAST — Rain is forecast Wednesday from the Midwest to most of the Atlantic coast. Showers are expected from the eastern Gulf to Georgia and northern Florida. Rain is expected in western Washington.

Fair today and tonight. Becoming cloudy Wednesday.



MORNING WEATHER — Weather satellite photo taken at 2:30 a.m. shows a storm system centered over the Gulf of Mexico. Strong thunderstorms associated with this storm are visible over the eastern Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf coast while layered rain clouds obscure much of the rest of the Southeast. High clouds are visible over New England and southern California. Frontal clouds can be seen in the Intermountain region of the Pacific Northwest.

PEOPLE

Spinks helps out

Heavyweight boxing champion Michael Spinks says he's enjoyed good health so much that he felt compelled to help a woman pay for costly medicine she'll need after a kidney transplant.

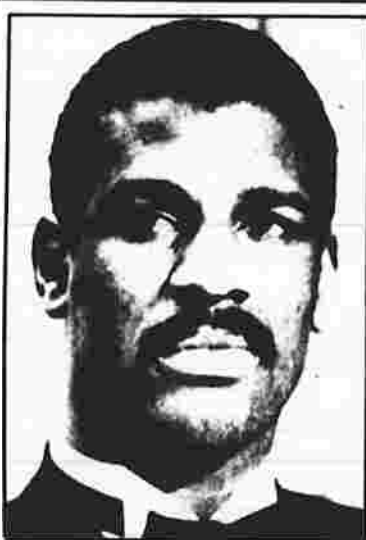
Lucille "Cindy" Swing, 48, of Wilmington, Del., received a check Monday for \$7,800 from Spinks and his manager, Butch Lewis.

"I've been so healthy all my life... and just felt I could," Spinks said.

"We're in the fight business and Lucille Swing is a fighter. We're glad to be able to help Cindy in her fight," Lewis said.

The \$7,800 was added to \$7,200 raised by the Lucille Swing Foundation, which had a goal of \$15,000. Foundation founder Margaret Servino said the group wanted to help Swing pay for cyclosporine, an anti-rejection drug.

Swing suffered kidney failure in May 1982 and has been on a transplant list for two years.



MICHAEL SPINKS ... compelled to help



PHILIP JOHNSON ... donates glass house

As a tour leader for Global Expeditions of New York City, Blake will start April 16 on the 18-day Australia tour, which includes stops in Fiji, Melbourne, Sydney, the Outback and Great Barrier Reef.

The tour through Alaska, May 19 to June 4, will take adventurers through Anchorage, Fairbanks and the Yukon.

The June 10 to July 3 Old West tour begins in Kansas City, through the Santa Fe Trail to Dodge City, Nebraska's plains and the Oregon Trail. Two nights are spent on a wagon train.

Blake retired in 1974 from TV's long-running weather show, in which she played the female lead opposite Matt Dillon for 19 years. "It was the end of the trail. The show only lasted one more year without me," she said recently.

Brotherly holiday

The seven O'Kelly brothers, who have struggled to stay together since their mother and grandfather died and their father abandoned them, will spend Christmas together in a temporary home.

The five older brothers are living in a temporary home on their seven-acre farm in Gainesville, Ga., until a new house built by volunteers is complete.

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Connecticut forecast

Central and Eastern Interior: Partly cloudy tonight with lows in the mid-20s. Becoming cloudy Wednesday with highs 35 to 40. Rain likely Christmas Day. Highs in the 40s.

East Coast: Partly cloudy tonight with lows around 30. Becoming cloudy Wednesday with highs in the lower 40s. Rain likely Christmas Day. Highs in the 40s.

Southwest Interior and West Coast: Partly cloudy tonight with lows around 30. Becoming cloudy Wednesday with highs in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 40s. Rain likely Christmas Day. Highs in the 40s.

Northwest Hills: Partly cloudy tonight with lows 20 to 25. Becoming mostly cloudy Wednesday with highs 35 to 40. Rain likely Christmas Day. Highs around 40.

Coastal forecast

Long Island Sound to Watch Hill, R.I., and Montauk Point: Winds shift 10 to 20 knots today. Becoming northwest tonight at the same speed. Wednesday winds becoming northeast to 20 knots shifting to the east later in the day with increasing to 15 to 25 knots.

Seas 1 to 3 feet today and tonight and 2 to 4 feet Wednesday.

Fair today and tonight. Becoming cloudy Wednesday.

Across the nation

Rain spread across the South today and set off high-water alerts, while temperatures in sections of the Midwest were unseasonably mild.

Rain also was widespread from western Oregon and central California into the Tahoe Valley, while snow was scattered across southeast New Mexico into northwest Texas.

Rain ranged from northern Florida across southwest Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, southern Arkansas and much of Texas.

Flood warnings were posted along the central and lower Texas Gulf Coast at the same speed. Drenched sections of southeast Texas since Monday evening.

Flood watches due to heavy rain, high tides and gusty winds were in effect over southeast Texas, southeast Louisiana and on the Mississippi coast.

Warnings of gale-force winds were issued along the Gulf from Brownsville, Texas, to northwest Florida to the east.

Warnings for fog, freezing rain and light snow were posted for the southeast third of New Mexico, and advisories for ice-covered and slippery roads extended across northwest Texas. Light snow was expected in the mountains of southwest Texas.

Snow and icy roads also led to travelers' advisories for the Oregon Cascades and Siskiyou.

Record highs were set Monday in Alpena, Mich., 42, breaking a 1979 record of 41, and Marquette, Mich., 42, breaking a record also set in 1979. Seattle's 54 tied a record set in 1950.

FOCUS

Playing with Putty

War toys like this one are once again a source of controversy this season. Some toys never generate any debate. For example, parents have always appreciated Silly Putty, which looks like chewing gum but doesn't stick. Silly Putty was invented in 1947 by researchers at General Electric who wanted to use it to replace rubber. However, the substance had no real industrial potential. An ad agent then bought some of it from GE and marketed it as a toy. It was an instant hit.

DO YOU KNOW — What toy company created the Barbie Doll in 1958?

FRIDAY'S ANSWER — Alexander Hamilton's face appears on the ten-dollar bill.

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Almanac

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1986. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:
 On December 23rd, 1823, the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore was published anonymously in the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel. The poem is more popularly known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

On this date:
 In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon.

In 1788, Maryland voted to cede a 4-square-mile area for the seat of the national government. That area became the District of Columbia.

In 1885, Joseph Smith Jr., founder of the Mormon Church, was born in Sharon, Vt.

In 1913, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Federal Reserve Act into law.

In 1928, the National Broadcasting Co. set up a permanent, coast-to-coast network.

In 1941, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese war leaders were executed in Tokyo.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson, on his way home from a visit to Southeast Asia, held an unprecedented meeting with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican.

In 1975, Richard S. Welch, the Central Intelligence Agency station chief in Athens, was shot and killed outside his home.

Today's birthdays: Actor James Gregory is 75. Dancer Jose Greco is 68. Actor Gerald O'Loughlin is 65. Actress Ruth Roman is 62.

On the Light Side

Determined students hit cab ride home

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — It took some bargaining, but two students found a way to get home to Billings from fog-bound Salt Lake City airport and got a bit of an education along the way.

Butch Nolan, 18, a freshman at the University of Utah, and Jason Jourdan, 19, attending flight school in Oregon, figured they'd find a way to travel the 550 miles rather than wait for the fog to lift. They cashed in their tickets and tried to rent a car, but rental companies wouldn't rent to two teenagers with no credit cards.

They were set to take a 17-hour bus trip, but then Adrian Kolman, the Romanian immigrant cab driver who drove them from the airport to the bus station, offered to drive them to Montana for \$400.

"\$200," said the Montanans. "\$300," said Kolman.

"Deal," the Montanans agreed.

"My parents were real surprised," Nolan said. "At \$150 apiece, it was cheaper than a plane ticket."

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Eight District Deputy Chief James Saries, left, shares a laugh with members of the Town Fire Department during a meeting Monday evening at the town's Spruce Street firehouse. From left to right are Ron Trinks, Bruno Allezi, Bob Chaves and Kenneth Bignone.

Town Fire Chief John Rivos, left, listens to Eighth Utilities District Fire Chief Harold Topfiff during a gathering of firefighters from both departments Monday evening.

Firefighters, together in food drive, promise future unity

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"The two units are the best they have been in a long while. Topfiff added. Town Fire Chief John Rivos agreed. We always worked together — a couple of incidents, yes — but these things have been forgotten and we got the job done."

Tonight, teams made up of one firefighter from each department will deliver the food baskets and gifts to the families, who were selected by the Manchester Area Conference of Churches.

"At Monday night's gathering, the firefighters spent over an hour informally talking and making plans to stage joint drills early next year."

Eighth District Deputy Chief Gerald Denis and Town Capt. Jack Hughes, the training officers for both departments said, members of the first combined exercise will probably involve using each department's large-diameter hoses. The last joint drill occurred in 1985 at the J.C. Fenney warehouse, Denis said.

"Can you feel it?" asked town firefighter Daniel Hupe. He said the new-found cooperative spirit runs "right from the bottom guys all the way up to the chiefs."

"The possibility has always been there," said Curtis Walker, a volunteer member of the Town Fire Department. "It's about time something has finally happened."

"I just hope the leaders take a good look at what's going on," said Eighth District Capt. Bernard Niedzielski, who also participated in the informal talks.

"We've had a real good working relationship," he said. "Add politics, and it got a little tense at times."

Firefighters said the food drive turned out better than expected and that they hope to make it an annual affair. In addition, a joint press release said the informal meetings between members of the two departments will continue.

"The success of this initial effort has been encouraging and the group is looking forward to continued cooperative efforts in hopes of breaking down barriers," the release said.

Members of the two departments said they have come to know each other over the years when answering mutual calls, and a number of town firefighters, such as MacDonald, were previously Eighth District volunteers. One of the chief participants in the informal talks, Eighth District Deputy Chief James Saries, has a brother who works for the Town Fire Department.

In Brief

Kitchen fire leaves minor damage

A small fire in a Charles Drive apartment Monday afternoon was extinguished by the Town Fire Department minutes after it began in the kitchen, fire officials said.

No one was hurt and the apartment suffered only minor damage, according to Capt. Jack Hughes. Hughes said he had no clear damage estimate yet, but added that the family could move back into the apartment immediately.

Twenty firefighters responded to the call, Hughes said. Hughes said the apartment at 358 Charles Drive is rented by James Magowan, who lives there with his two sons, Jeffrey, 13, and Lee, 12. The building is owned by Peter Makinson, Hughes said.

The fire started sometime between 1:30 and 2 p.m. Monday, Hughes said. According to fire officials, Lee Magowan was cleaning the kitchen when he emptied an ash tray in the kitchen trash can.

The ash tray apparently contained a "live cigarette," Hughes said, and started to burn just after Lee left the apartment.

Medical students pass examination

Five town medical students are among seven in Manchester Memorial Hospital's School of Radiologic Technology who have passed the National Registry Examination administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technology, a release from the hospital said.

The students, representing the entire 1986 graduating class, officially become registered technologists in radiography and are qualified to take positions at hospitals and radiologists' offices in Connecticut.

The Manchester students who passed the exam were Pamela Cook, Lianne Bolduc, Kathy Gooden, Donna Grinavich and Alicia Koski.

Soccer program switches times

The Manchester indoor soccer program for 6- and 7-year-olds will be held Sunday afternoons instead of Sunday mornings as originally planned, town Director Stephen Cassano said Tuesday.

Cassano, the liaison to the Town Advisory Park and Recreation Commission and a key backer of indoor soccer, said the change was made so that there would not be any conflict for children who attend church Sunday mornings.

Recreation Director Scott Sprague said 32 children signed up during the first registration on Monday. He said ideally he would like to have at least 96 players so that there would be 12 on each of eight teams. Sprague said there is no registration fee, but participants must have a recreation card, which costs \$4.

The next signups are scheduled for Friday, Monday and Tuesday at the Mahoney Recreation Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Sprague said the games will be played at Mahoney from 3 to 5 p.m. beginning Feb. 1 and lasting into April.

Holiday closes offices

Thursday is Christmas, a federal and state holiday. The following is a list of what will be open or closed on Christmas and over the weekend.

Municipal offices: Manchester town offices will be closed Thursday, but open on Friday. Town offices in Bolton and Coventry will be closed Thursday and Friday. Andover town offices will close at noon on Wednesday and reopen Monday.

State and federal offices: Closed Thursday. Some will reopen Friday. State motor vehicle offices will be open until 7:30 p.m. today. Auto emissions testing stations will be open on Friday.

Post Offices: Closed Thursday, open Friday. There will be no regular mail delivery Thursday, but service will resume Friday.

Banks: Closed Thursday, open Friday.

Business offices: Most will close Thursday and stay closed early Wednesday and stay closed Thursday and Friday.

Public Libraries: The Mary Cheney and Whitt Memorial Libraries in Manchester will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, and will remain closed Thursday. They will reopen Friday.

Alcoholic beverages: Package stores will be closed Thursday, but alcohol service is permitted with hot meals in restaurants, cafes, clubs and hotels.

Garbage collection: There will be no refuse collection in Manchester and Bolton on Thursday, and the Manchester landfill will be closed Thursday. Refuse will be collected one day late.

Emergency numbers: In Manchester, highway, 647-3233; refuse, 647-3248; and sanitary sewer and water, 647-3111.

Manchester Herald: Will not publish on Thursday and its offices will be closed.

Manchester cable cost may keep rising

By John F. Kirch Herald Reporter

Manchester residents will pay 13.4 percent more for basic cable service starting Jan. 1 and may see further increases during the next few years, a cable company official said today.

Cox Cable Greater Hartford, which serves Manchester and five other towns in the area, will raise its rates for basic cable service from \$13.18 to 14.85 a month when the new year arrives, according to Sebastian Listro, the company's vice president and general manager.

Premium services such as the Movie Channel, Sports Channel and the others Cox Cable offers, will increase between 50 cents and \$1, Listro said. Total monthly rates for premium services depend on the service the customer receives.

"For the existing cable services, we've had rate increases from our program suppliers that we've had to deal with," Listro said. He said the company was adding programming for its 44,000 subscribers, who include 13,200 in Manchester. Those services include Nickelodeon, Arts and Entertainment, Discovery, an ethnic channel and CSpan II, which will broadcast U.S. Senate hearings.

"There's a lot of added programming," Listro said.

He said further rate increases could come in 1988, but the company has not discussed them yet.

"You might get modest annual increases, but nothing that will be dramatic," Listro said.

Meanwhile, officials from United Cable Television Corp. of Connecticut, which serves seven towns including Andover and Bolton, said the company plans no increases for 1987.

Bolton and Andover residents currently pay \$13.95 a month for basic service, spokeswoman Kelly MacGarra said today.

Cox Cable is increasing its rates along with six other cable companies in the state at a time when state officials are suing the federal government over a deregulation law passed by Congress in 1984.

State officials, including Attorney General Joseph I. Lieberman, have called the bill "anti-consumer."

The state has charged that the federal law limits state's power to regulate rate increases. Competition within the industry is unlikely, state officials have said, because of the high cost of installing equipment and transmission lines.

Under the law, the 26 cable companies in Connecticut could automatically raise rates by 5 percent in 1985 and 1986 without approval from state regulators. The law removes all controls over cable charges in 1987.

Listro said the law is not anti-consumer, and argued that cable companies face competition from theaters, the three television networks and independent stations and videocassette recorders.

"This is a highly saturated television market," Listro said.

Tax law's local impact said likely to be limited

By George Lovno Herald Reporter

The federal tax changes that will be phased in starting Jan. 1 will not have a chilling impact on contributions to local charities and non-profit groups even though the new law means less of a break for some of those who donate, fund-raisers at Manchester non-profit organizations said this week.

"The revisions will mean more work for those promoting a variety of causes, most said.

"It may have some effect," said Manchester Memorial Hospital spokesman Andrew Beck. "It means we have to work a little harder."

Nancy Carr, head of the Manchester Area Conference of Churches, said the effect on her organization will be minimal. "I don't know if there will be a major impact on us because a lot of our money comes from people who aren't well off," she said.

"It's not going to be life-death," said Steven Ling, director of the Lutz Children's Museum. But Ling cautioned that "it's going to affect us and we're going to feel it."

Donations to charities and non-profit groups will still be tax-deductible when code changes spurred by the reform measure that passed Congress occur, according to Mike Dobzynski, public affairs officer for the Internal Revenue Service. The major difference is that all deductions now will have to be itemized, meaning more work for some taxpayers who now do not make a list of their contributions.

The change in the range of tax brackets also will affect donations, he said.

Currently, a person can deduct from the amount of total taxable income a percentage of a contribu-

tion based on their tax bracket, he said. Because the new tax law will lower the tax brackets for many, the percentage they can deduct will be lower.

In 1987, there will be only five tax brackets instead of the current 15, he said, and they will range from 11 percent to 38.5 percent instead of 11 percent to 50 percent. In 1988, there will be only two brackets 15 percent and 28 percent, Dobzynski said.

MACC Director Carr said that since many give so generously, most are at the lower end of the tax scale, the change in the bracket they can receive will not be great. "Most of our contributions come in from \$15 to \$100," she said, calling it "very rare" for MACC to receive a \$1,000 donation.

Carr said that she expects MACC will continue to receive about the same level of donations next year.

Ling said he does expect donations to the Lutz Museum to decline, but did not predict how much. Donations make up 37 percent of the museum's funding, he said, adding that the museum has sent out letters urging people to contribute until the tax changes take effect.

However, Ling said the museum will continue to receive about the same level of donations next year.

"We do expect some people who may upgrade their giving this year since they give so generously next year," said MMH spokesman Beck.

He said the hospital, a non-profit organization, will work harder to educate the public about the changes in the tax law and their effect on contributions.

But Beck said MMH hopes the main reason people give is not because of the tax break. "We're hoping people donate because of the worthiness of our cause," he said.

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OPINION

Time is here for hike in minimum pay

In a state such as Connecticut, where housing, food and fuel costs are relatively high, it would be nearly impossible for a person to survive on \$134 a week.

Yet that is what many Manchester retailers would have state lawmakers believe is a just wage for some employees, based on a 40-hour work week.

Several of the merchants interviewed this week about a proposal to raise the state's minimum wage from \$3.37 to \$4.50 declared the plan, saying it is a recipe for economic disaster for small businesses. Any hike in the minimum wage would force retailers to boost their prices and perhaps even cut services, the merchants argued.

Such arguments don't hold water, particularly for small businesses that employ few people.

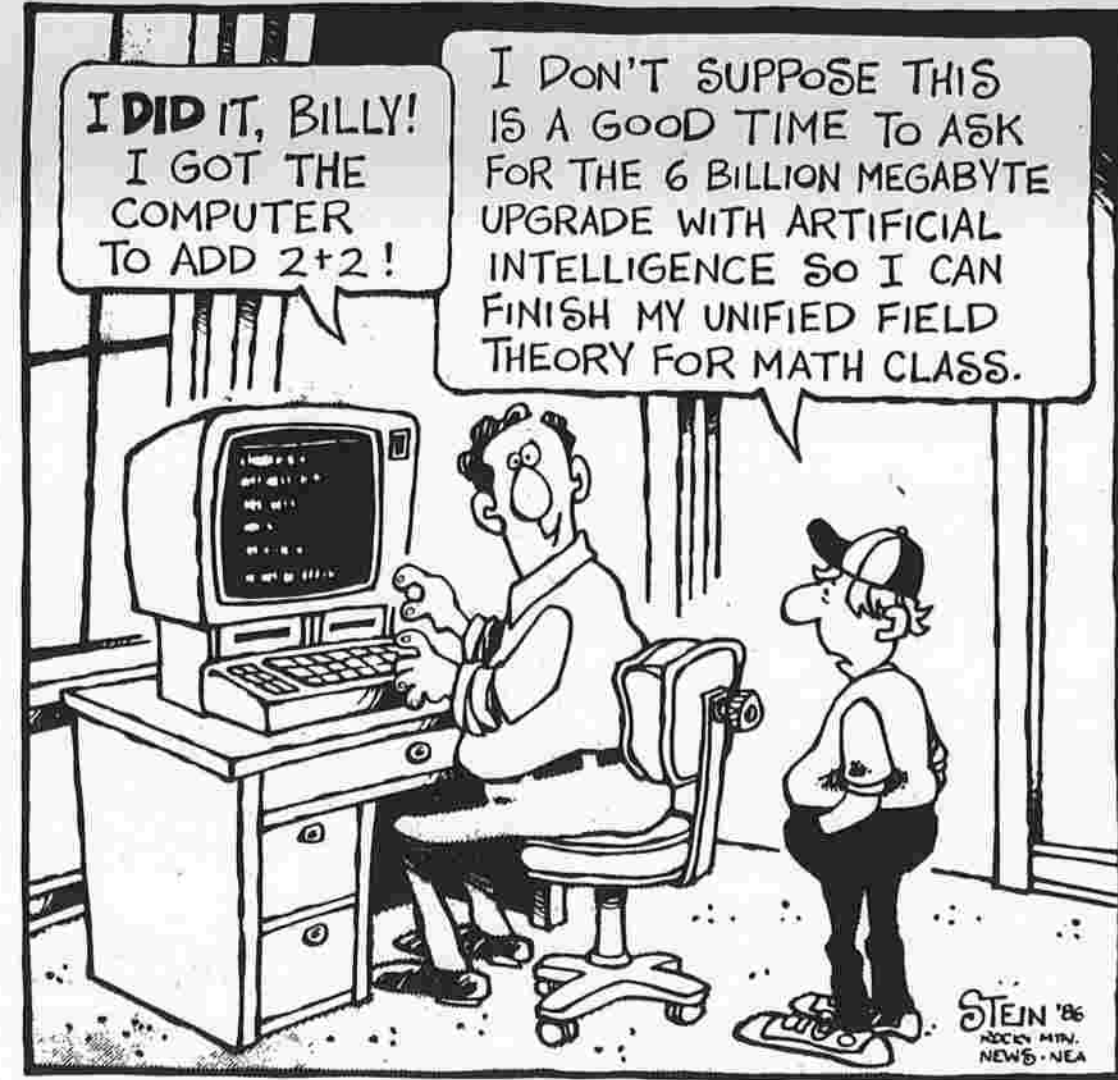
And while some of the merchants argued further that certain employees do "menial" jobs and are not entitled to any more than \$3.37, the fact remains that the state's minimum wage has not been raised since 1981. Although inflation is not eroding the dollar's value as quickly as it was in the late 1970s, prices have nonetheless continued to rise since 1981, and an increase in the minimum wage is in order.

A raise to \$4.50 is not the General Assembly's only option, but it certainly does not appear beyond reason.

To continue to deny some workers a fair wage based on the fact that their duties might not rank in importance with those of the company president or because of dire economic predictions from merchants would be inexcusable.

If legislators in previous years had heeded such self-serving warnings, the minimum wage would probably still be frozen at the 1977 level of \$2.31.

The state Legislature that convenes next month should act quickly to end the economic plight against teenagers, women, the unskilled and others who hold the bulk of minimum-wage jobs.



Open Forum

Troopers beat Bolton's Rambos

To the Editor:

Cancellation of the liability insurance for constables may have been a shock to Bolton Board of Selectmen, but it comes as no shock to most townspeople.

There was newspaper coverage of a Bolton constable pressing his gun into the head of a Manchester resident, his face pushed into the ground. The constable drove into Manchester and rammed the victim's car for committing a very minor motor infraction in Bolton, and the townspeople later had to spend \$10,000 to replace the damaged cruiser. Then a constable sped through Bolton residential streets at 80 mph to make a pinpoint arrest of a youngster for driving a car with a noisy muffler, and Bolton selectmen found no fault in this.

The only surprise is that it took the insurer so long to cancel. It is the "Rambo" mentality of the selectmen, who appoint, supervise and set the guidelines for behavior for constables, that was the principal cause in the insurance cancellation. The public statements by the selectmen in support of high-speed and gun-point arrests display a complete disregard for the legal consequences to the town.

This year the city of Miami was held liable for \$500,000 in private legal costs for a policeman

involved in a very questionable bullet-in-gun. Liable because like our Bolton selectmen, public statements were made in support of the questionable use of a firearm. That \$500,000 can sure support a lot more resident state troopers for Bolton.

While Bolton has one resident state trooper, Ellington, pop. 9,700, has five resident state troopers to police their town on different shifts.

While the selectmen's heavily armed constables were in fierce pursuit of noisy-muffler, seat-belt and no-parking-zone criminals, burglars were breaking into six out of ten homes on one street.

A New Year wish is that the leadership of the Republican and Democratic parties will offer more mature candidates for the Board of Selectmen in the next election — selectmen who will put the best interest of Bolton before politics and add more resident state troopers for Bolton.

Walter Treschuck Bolton

Traffic increase calls for change

To the Editor:

For over six years I have grieved over the difficulty of exiting from Hartford Road onto Main, South Main, or Charter Oak Streets. With more residents in The Cheney Historic District, the

definition? Didn't we have an inkling that this wasn't the sharpest tool to come along in politics? But in 1980 we were mad at Carter, mad about the inflation, and irritated that everything in Washington seemed to be yapping and confusion. Enough of us decided, what the hell, take a chance, and then in 1984, regardless of whether he was a genius or he'd lucked out, the guy seemed to have it together if you didn't listen to press conferences.

Oh, those press conferences where the reporters would play knock-knock on Reagan's pate and there wasn't always somebody home to say knock-knock who? That drove the reporters crazy, showing that Reagan didn't have facts straight, that he was living in a make-believe world but the electorate didn't care if their big guy spent his afternoons playing let's pretend.

IF WE DIDN'T KNOW we could guess Ronnie doesn't read much and Ronnie doesn't know much. You could tell that, even if he for lower taxes, he wasn't qualified for the job. But what does that prove? James Madison was qualified — Jeze! the guy wrote the Constitution, didn't he — and he was a bum president. There's only one qualification for that job — knowing how to get it and that Ronald Reagan knew.

At one time in a career that may have been more glorious than the president's but was shorter, Napoleon was pressed to promote one of his lesser known generals. The emperor's aide recalled the general's qualifications, but Napoleon waved him into silence. "I don't want to know all that. Just tell me one thing: Is the man lucky?"

Hell, Ron's luck ran out. It's as simple as that.

R. E. Barde 4415 E. Main St.

North Main lift wins 'thank you'

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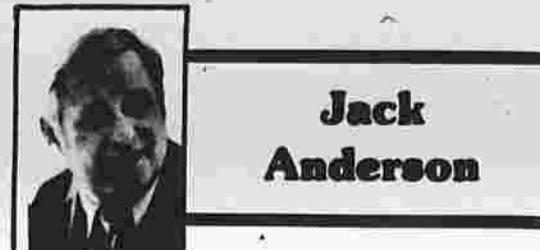
This is a thank you note to two gentlemen who stopped on North Main Street in front of the Mayfair Garden Apts. to help my friend who had fallen face first in the snow.

We had been for a walk and the frigid wind proved to be too much for him. In the anxious time I failed to get these fine persons' names. Thank you again and my friend is OK.

H. Chambers 32 Byron Road

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Jack Anderson

Petty lawsuit exposes details of arms deals

WASHINGTON — International arms dealers belong to a small, secretive fraternity. Insiders in this multimillion-dollar industry know who's selling what to whom — who's involved, for example, in the Iran/Contra weapons scandal. But they are reluctant to talk because it would knock them out of the clandestine trade.

On rare occasions, this conspiracy of silence is broken by a squabble over some lucrative arms contract. That's what happened when Sherwood International Export Corp. was sued by a former salesman for a \$300,000 commission he claimed was owed him on a Central American arms deal.

The case was quietly settled and the court records sealed. But our associates Corky Johnson and Donald Goldberg have obtained the suppressed documents, which shine a light into the murky arms traffic.

Sherwood has grown from a small California company into a worldwide arms network with offices in Los Angeles, Washington, London and Miami. Trade publications and its own catalog show that Sherwood can supply everything from automatic rifles to heat-seeking missile launchers and armored combat vehicles.

UNDER ITS PRESIDENT, Michael Kokin, Sherwood has become the CIA's trusty right arm in the movement of guns and material to the hot spots of the world. Purchase documents between Sherwood and the CIA's front company, Associated Traders, reveal that Sherwood has handled millions of dollars in transactions as the middleman for CIA arms trafficking.

Kokin declined to comment. When we asked him two years ago about CIA ties, he said, "I have never met a real CIA man."

With secrecy so important, and so much money at stake, it is surprising that Sherwood risked blowing its cover in a lawsuit with its disgruntled sales agent, Carlos Davila. But it did just that, and the cat slipped out of the bag before the case was settled.

The case began when Honduras sought to buy as many as 150 million rapid-fire machine guns from Belgium's respected Fabrique Nationale Herstal. When Sherwood tried to broker the deal, a telex from the Belgian government company said no thanks. "Handling this business directly," the telex explained.

Later wires show that Sherwood did manage to intervene in the sale. Davila claimed he was responsible for the Belgians' change of heart; he had been a manager of Fabrique Nationale Herstal before going to work for Sherwood. Davila said his contract called for "procuring armaments from the (Belgian) company) for resale through various offshore subsidiaries (of Sherwood) to certain specialized security agencies in the U.S. and one or two other foreign governments." Because of a gag order imposed on the case, Davila would not say whether "security agencies" referred to the CIA.

THE PRICE THE HONDURANS were to pay for their Belgian machine guns was \$3.2 million. For his work, which allegedly included getting a substantial discount from the Belgians, Davila claimed he was owed a commission of \$300,000, which Sherwood refused to pay.

In its legal defense, Sherwood produced invoices that named a key offshore subsidiary, a Cayman Islands firm called Nottingham Investments. The company shares the same address as another Sherwood firm, Shimon Ltd., which is known to have been used several times by the CIA to ship arms to various locations.

The Nottingham invoices also fingered at large European arms broker, Sidem International. A Sidem official in London at first claimed his company had done no business with Sherwood for several years. Told about the invoices, the official then said perhaps Sidem had played a minor role in the sale of the Belgian machine guns to Honduras.

This in a private quarrel over a relatively piddling commission, Sherwood exposed its friends in the CIA and the international arms fraternity.

Mini-editorial

Pat Buchanan, the rhetorical Rambo of the Reagan administration, never fails to amuse us with his footwork. Only a few hours after his sneer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was revealed in the Nixon papers, there was Buchanan extolling the courage of 19th-century civil rights activists who helped slaves to freedom via the Underground Railroad. Like his hero Ollie North, he broke the law for higher principle, Buchanan explained.

What have we here — Pat Buchanan, demonstrator, defying the law for a sacred cause? We sure picture him now, picketing Congress and singing, "All we are saying is Give war a chance!"

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Minister sues pro-choice activists

By Brent Layman The Associated Press

HARTFORD — A fundamentalist minister has filed suit charging that two activists hoped to intimidate other abortion foes into silence through a lawsuit filed against him last year.

Named as defendants in the \$10 million federal lawsuit filed Monday by the Rev. Patrick Mahoney were Gayle Brooks of Southington, former head of the Connecticut chapter of the National Organization for Women, and Laura Minor of Bristol, an abortion advocate.

Minor, who is not a member of NOW, sued Mahoney last year over a widely publicized abortion referendum he succeeded in getting on the local ballot in Bristol in 1985.

Mahoney charged in his suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Hartford, that Minor's lawsuit violated his constitutional right to free expression. He said her suit was a form of harassment designed to discourage others opposed to abortion from working to get such questions on ballots.

Mahoney also claims that Minor

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and Brooks met to discuss how such an suit would intimidate other anti-abortion groups across the country from "the exercise of their right of access to the political process."

Brooks could not be reached for comment Monday. Her home telephone was answered by a recording machine. Minor said she hadn't been served with court papers yet and so couldn't comment on the suit.

"We support their right to engage in mean, vitriolic and insulting attacks on those with whom they disagree," Dence said during a news conference. "But when as here, a national organization focuses its energy on silencing an individual minister, we think they've crossed the line that the First Amendment draws and we intend to stop them."

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Dence said during a news conference that he had filed a new conference to express support for the action.

Neither Brooks nor NOW was a plaintiff in Minor's suit, although Brooks appeared at a news conference to express support for the action.

David E. Obarowski, Mahoney's attorney, said the plaintiffs would present evidence that some anti-abortion groups had decided against seeking to have abortion questions placed on local ballots out of fear of suits like Minor's \$1 million suit against Mahoney.

He declined to identify those groups Monday.



The Rev. Patrick Mahoney of Bristol talks with reporters at a news conference in Hartford Monday. Mahoney announced that he has filed a \$10 million lawsuit against two activists, claiming they intimidated abortion foes. At right is Joseph P. Secola, one of Mahoney's attorneys.

Connecticut In Brief

Horses, motorist die in mishap

MILFORD — A motorist was killed, his passenger was injured and four horses died in a mishap on the Wilbur Cross Parkway, state police said.

The accident shut portions of the highway and tied up rush hour traffic for about two hours after state police at the Bethany barracks were alerted to horses running loose in the Milford-Orange area around 8:20 a.m., authorities said.

The first car to hit at least one of the horses continued about a half mile before stopping on the median divider. Its driver was killed and a passenger was injured, said authorities who could not immediately identify them.

Another car struck two more horses, but the driver of the second auto was not injured, police said.

Three horses were killed by the vehicles and a fourth, injured horse was shot and killed by police at the request of the owner of the animals.

Police said the horses were among seven which had gotten loose from the Silver Horseshoe Stables in Milford.

Judge denies robbery suspects bail

HARTFORD — Two men alleged by the government to be masterminds of the \$7 million Wells Fargo robbery will remain in prison indefinitely after being denied bail by a federal judge.

U.S. District Judge T. Emmet Clarke refused on Monday to set bail for Filiberto Ojeda Rios and Juan Segarra Palmer, saying they are likely to flee prosecution.

He cited their records as fugitives from justice, use of aliases, and allegations by law enforcement authorities that the two are leaders of Los Macheteros, a violent group advocating Puerto Rican independence.

"It's surprising to find that due process applies to everyone but certain people," said Segarra's attorney, Leonard I. Weinglass of New York City. "I'm almost certain we will appeal."

Man beaten during drug deal dies

DANBURY — A man who was severely beaten in a drug deal that apparently went sour last week has died of his injuries.

Michael Ryan, 34, of Newtown, who police say suffered a fractured skull in the beating, died at 9 p.m. Monday, said a nursing supervisor at Danbury Hospital.

No one has been charged in connection with the assault.

Police found Ryan on the ground near a housing project shortly before 2 a.m. Friday, bleeding heavily from his left eye, nose, ears and mouth.

Police said Ryan and a friend went to the project to buy drugs after drinking in a Newtown bar. Police said they believe Ryan was struck with a blunt instrument, although no weapon was found at the scene.

The victim's friend, Michael Henrikson of Bethel, told police that a gun was shoved in his face after money was snatched from his or Ryan's hands.

Westport to challenge station ruling

WESTPORT — Westport officials say they will appeal a judge's decision earlier this month allowing a temporary truck weigh station to remain on Interstate 85.

"It's extremely important for the state of Connecticut to have this very strong message from Westport that we are deadly serious about our concern over the presence of a weigh station," First Selectwoman Martha Hauhtuth said Monday.

The town has been unsuccessful in three previous attempts to persuade state and federal judges to close the weigh station. The latest attempt was foiled on Dec. 16 in Hartford Superior Court.

The station was built last summer to check trucks traveling on I-85. Gov. William A. O'Neill has told Westport residents that the weigh station is only temporary.

Residents have complained about traffic problems created by the station, which is located just before Exit 18 on the highway. Truck drivers use local roads to avoid the station, they said.

Holidays slow lighting probe

HARTFORD (AP) — The holidays have slowed a state agency's inquiry into the state's purchase of lighting equipment from two companies, both of which are represented exclusively in Connecticut by the John Mustangs Co. Inc. of Meriden, headed by John Mustang, husband of Sen. Amelia P. Mustone, D-Meriden.

Thomas Barnett, spokesman for Administrative Services Committee member Elisha C. Freedman, could not say Monday how much longer the inquiry will take. "This is a difficult time of the year," Barnett said.

At issue is the purchase of at least \$400,000 in fluorescent lighting equipment from two companies, both of which are represented exclusively in Connecticut by the John Mustangs Co. Inc. of Meriden, headed by John Mustang, husband of Sen. Amelia P. Mustone, D-Meriden.

The General Assembly's Program Review and Investigations Committee has asked the state inspector general to look into the matter.

Driver shortage threatens Safe Rides

By The Associated Press

The Safe Rides program in which teenagers agree to drive their drunk friends home is having mixed success in Connecticut communities.

In some towns, shortages of drivers and other problems have caused some programs to shut down and crippled others. Elsewhere, the programs are thriving.

Wethersfield Safe Rides has been shut down for nearly two months because no one was interested in helping while in Enfield only one teenager of 35 who has volunteered has parental permission to drive.

Programs failed in Tolland and Vernon because of problems in organizing them.

"I have been going to schools, talking to different classes. They sign up, then they tell me that

parents won't let them," said Ronda Fabian, the program's advisor in Enfield. She said students tell her their parents are afraid they may be used if there is an accident or other problem.

But in Stamford, between 700 and 800 teenagers have been given safe passage since Safe Rides was started in 1983, an adult supervisor, Diane Feder, said.

She said there are 20 inter-connected programs in Fairfield County, allowing a youngster to get a ride from one end of the county to another.

"The program is very valuable here. If anything, the programs are growing in Fairfield County," Feder said.

The Safe Rides program was started in April 1982 in Darien, where six teenagers were killed as a result of drunken driving within three years. The program has

spread to other states.

Under the guidelines, two people — preferably a male and a female — pick up youths under 20 who are too intoxicated to drive. Rides are also provided to teenagers who were driven to a party or some other event by someone who became intoxicated.

Fifteen Safe Rides programs in Connecticut are run under the auspices of Boy Scouts of America, which provides several million dollars of additional insurance coverage to anyone involved, said Richard Behrens, spokesman for the Long Rivers Council in Hartford.

The Scouts also provide liability coverage for drivers, he said.

Volunteers receive about six hours of training in the goals of the program, their responsibilities as first aid, and defensive driving, Fabian said.

A lack of drivers shut down Newington's Safe Rides in November, but it is now being reorganized, said Dot Revzon, the town's youth services director.

Revzon said she believes the volunteer shortage is due to students being busy with other activities and those who do drink working out ways to get home in advance.

The head of South Windsor's Youth Services Bureau, Dennis Sheridan, said he hoped the problems experienced by other Safe Rides towns don't have a "snowball effect."

In Manchester, the program has a list of about 50 people waiting to be trained, said Safe Rides President Cathy Topping.

"Every day the list grows. We just don't have time to train the people," she said.

Judge signs school accord

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A group concerned about the rights of mentally retarded people isn't pleased with a federal judge's decision to sign a plan to improve conditions at Southbury Training School, saying the plan doesn't do enough to protect civil rights.

U.S. District Judge Ellen Buras on Monday signed a plan negotiated earlier this year by the state Department of Mental Retardation and the U.S. Justice Department. The settlement calls for more staff members and fewer residents at the training school.

A Justice Department investigation of the state-run school for mentally retarded people found that unsafe conditions there violated the constitutional rights of the 1,100 residents. The conditions included instances of inadequate medical care, dangerous medication practices, a lack of staff, and inadequate staff training.

In an eight-page decision, Buras said that the negotiated settlement is fair, reasonable and fulfills the requirements of the federal Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act.

She rejected pleas by the state Office of Protection and Advocacy, the Connecticut Association of Retarded Citizens, and Southbury Home and School Association to intervene in the settlement.

The state advocacy office and CARC wanted for community placement for some residents, improved school programs and a reduction in the number of Southbury residents. The Home and School Association opposed community placement, arguing that profoundly retarded people are better off in an institution.

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Time had come for Ron's luck to run out

The Washington Post may not have been out of the gate quite as fast as it was during Watergate days so many years ago, but the paper has been out ahead of much of the competition on the Iran story. It went way out ahead, possibly even over the cliff, with a recent front-page piece suggesting that if Ronald Reagan isn't out to lunch, at least he's late for breakfast.

The article, written by Lou Cannon, who has covered Reagan the better part of 20 years both in Washington and Sacramento, speculates on whether "the 75-year-old president has either the vitality or the understanding to cope with the crisis." Elsewhere Cannon writes that, "Some administration officials said Reagan's grasp of substance is so tenuous he is also capable of authorizing an action without precisely realizing what he has done."

AS IF THAT WEREN'T ENOUGH, Cannon talks about Reagan signing orders "without reading the fine print" and quotes a White House staffer as saying that the president "might sign something very important that was placed before him and literally not remember it." This invites wondering if National Hero Ollie North and sub-national hero John Poindexter were in the habit of wandering into the Oval Office to tell Reagan they were about to commit some act of international silliness, confident it would have slipped over in his memory before you can say anti-aircraft missiles for Iran.

The last paragraph of Cannon's piece has a former White House official remarking that "Reagan's vitality is critical to his presidency and it is less than it should be. The flame isn't burning as brightly now. There's a flicker to it." The first response to such a piece is to ask why in



Nicholas Von Hoffman

Sam Hill didn't Lou Cannon tell us this before? Say about seven years ago before we voted for him. In the first, and most loyal Reaganians in the press corps, has saluted his pieces on Reagan with little nuggets suggesting that, at the least, the president is neither a well-read nor knowledgeable man. Cannon would be able to go back over his copy and point to numerous little anecdotes tending to depict the president as a low-wattage light bulb.

HE WASN'T THE ONLY ONE. Ronald Reagan has been acting like goofus for years, but apparently we weren't impressed. When he told the country that trees were a major source of air pollution, the remark didn't go unreported. Indeed his exaggerations and hallucinatory episodes concerning welfare mothers and such were widely reported, but until now it didn't seem to matter. Congresswoman Pat Schroeder coined the expression "Teflon president," "and everybody agreed and went on voting for him." Or you can look at it this way: can you call a man dumb who gets himself elected governor of California and president twice? Isn't that smart by

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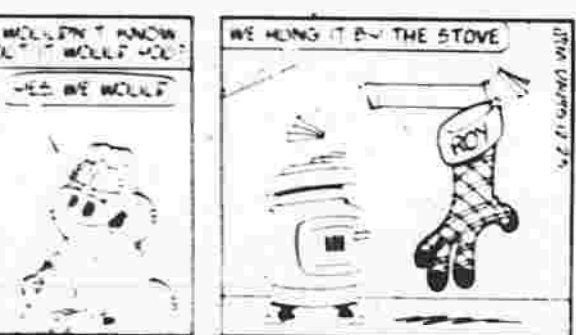
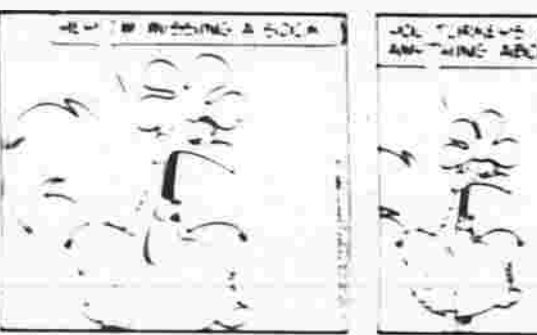
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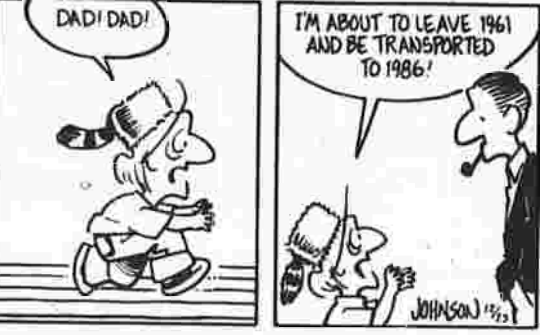
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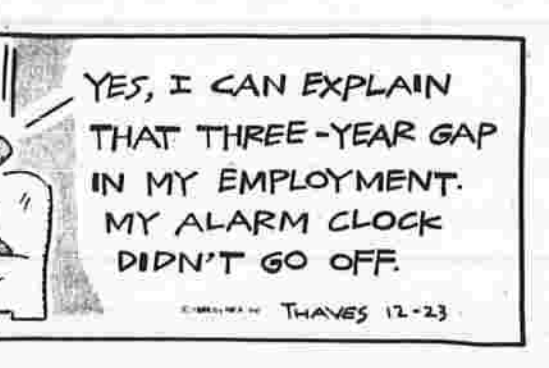
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Word puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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Astrograph section with birth date and horoscope text.

Celebrity names and puzzle grid.

Celebrity names and puzzle grid.

Bridge

Bridge section with a hand and analysis.

Finding a better way

By James Jacoby. South had a sound opening bid with first round control in three suits and a singleton diamond.

Arms dealer: Canada not involved

WASHINGTON — Saudi Arabian arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi today denied reports that Canadian investors were involved in financing the U.S. arms sales to Iran.

Three teens charged in 'racial lynching'

NEW YORK (AP) — Three white youths were charged with second-degree murder today after they and others beat three black men with sticks, baseball bats and tree limbs.

Police lead Scott Kern, 17, from the 108th precinct in New York City late Monday night after he and two other youths were charged with murder following an attack Friday night on three blacks in their neighborhood.

Sakharov hits Soviet policies on return

By Carol J. Williams The Associated Press. MOSCOW — Andrei Sakharov returned to Moscow today from nearly seven years of internal exile and picked up where he left off before his banishment, criticizing Soviet policies in Afghanistan and demanding freedom for dissidents.

Today's travelers worry about checks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A major fear prior to the 18th century and the creation of travelers checks was losing money owing to stolen checks.

Wilson Oil Co. advertisement with price 56.9 and phone number 872-2140.

Channels of Beauty advertisement for jewelry with contact information for Michaels.

U.S./World In Brief

Muslims say they'll free hostage

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Shiite Muslims claiming to hold two Frenchmen hostage today pledged to release one soon as a Christmas gesture, and urged France to stop sending military supplies to Iraq.

Boat with 48 aboard capsizes

RINCON, Puerto Rico — Rescue workers today searched waters about 250 yards off the west coast where a boat said to be carrying 48 people from the Dominican Republic capsized, killing at least four people.

Philippine rebel says bases must go

MANILA, Philippines — A negotiator for Communist rebels said today as new peace talks began that U.S. bases in the country must be closed but that the timetable is negotiable.

Two crewmen killed in fighter crash

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Two crewmen died in the crash of an Air Force fighter on a bombing and gunnery range near Gila Bend in southwestern Arizona, military officials said.

Ex-Reagan aide says bishops wrong

WASHINGTON — A former economic adviser to President Reagan says the nation's Roman Catholic bishops are ignoring the Bible as well as sound economics in their call for more government help for the poor.

NASA plans 6 launches in '87

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Six unmanned rockets, including one on a "Star Wars" mission, will be launched in 1987, NASA officials say.

Celebrate Christmas at the Center advertisement for Christmas Eve Services and other events.

Finguerria sells land for mall

The Chicago-based Homart Development Corp., which plans to build the giant Mall at Buckland Hills in northern Manchester, purchased 115 acres from its partner in the project, New York developer John Finguerria, according to town land records.

The conveyance tax on the transfer was \$13,776.40, indicating that the purchase price was about \$12,524,000.

The land, north of Interstate 84 between Slater and Buckland streets, is the site where the 785,000-square-foot enclosed shopping center and its anticipated spinoff commercial development are being planned.

The transaction, which was completed Monday afternoon, means that Finguerria will be stepping aside and will no longer be involved in the mall project, Finguerria said today.

Finguerria said he started purchasing the land in northern Manchester a year ago specifically to sell it to Homart.

Finguerria still owns about 150 additional acres around the mall site where he plans to build a major hotel, and commercial and residential development. He said he has no timetable for when that development will occur, but added that site plans are currently being worked out.

Homart, a subsidiary of Sears, Roebuck and Co. and one of the largest mall developers in the United States, will build the shopping center with another firm, Melvin Simon and Associates of Indianapolis. In the past, the two developers had competed to build a regional mall in the area, but last summer both agreed to combine their projects.

Manchester officials have welcomed the prospect of vast commercial development in the Buckland area because of expected economic benefits to the town. Originally, Melvin Simon had planned to build the proposed Winchester Mall in South Windsor.

Waste plan passes

COVENTRY — The Town Council Monday night approved a solid waste disposal plan that will bring the town into compliance with a state mandate.

The plan — put together by Town Planner Patricia Gatzkiewicz and adopted unanimously by the council — recommends that Coventry take steps to join either the existing Windham Energy Relief Facility or the mid-Connecticut facility under construction in Hartford.

The action was required to meet a Jan. 1 deadline set by the Department of Environmental Protection for cities and towns to submit 20-year plans for solid waste disposal.

The plan approved Monday was revised from an earlier one put before the council in December. It originally recommended the WERF because of its convenient location. However, council members pro- and con — recommended that Coventry take steps to join either the existing Windham Energy Relief Facility or the mid-Connecticut facility under construction in Hartford.

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Even before her husband left them, it was hard coping with mounting bills and serious illness. Now Jane finds herself, and many of the single parent families referred to MACC by town and state agencies, almost overwhelmed by financial and physical problems.

The youngest of the three children suffers from both kidney and spinal ailments. Recovering from kidney surgery at Newton Children's Hospital, she was home for Thanksgiving and is now attending school on a special part-time program.

A leg brace and special wiring enable her to get around, providing limited mobility for a youngster who has had more than her share of difficulties. Until Jane can find a job that will enable her to care for her disabled daughter, the flat grant provided by the state will cover rent and food.

There is no money at all for back bills or extras. None of the family have shoes or boots — only sneakers, and we would like to provide some special games and crafts this Christmas for a plucky little girl.

Jane and her children are among the 343 households MACC hopes to help during the Christmas season. Non-perishable foods, new and good-as-new toys, and gifts for shut-ins and elderly people may be left at the town's Center Street fire headquarters, the Eighth District fire station at 32 Main St., any office of the Heritage Savings and Loan Association or the Manchester Mall at 811 Main St. Checks can be mailed to MACC Seasonal Service, P.O. Box 773, Manchester, Conn., 06060.

District leader says sewer delay is town's fault

The town is to blame for the Eighth Utilities District's delay in building a sewer line planned in Buckland to serve new development in northwestern Manchester, district President Walter Joyner charged today.

Joyner said the district had hoped to start building the sewer line four months ago. He said bids for the project, estimated to cost \$1.4 million, could have gone out for this winter, when building activity is slower and costs are less.

What delayed the work was that the town was slow in providing engineering data to the district's consulting engineer for the project, Richard Lombardi of Vernon, Joyner charged. In addition, he said the town delayed giving the Eighth District the go-ahead to build the line while leaving intact the district's right to an appeal to the state over who would control the flow through the line.

Town Manager Robert Weiss said he could not be reached for comment.

entitled to the outlet charges in order to cover the cost of downstream improvements to the town sewer system, into which the district waste eventually flows.

Joyner said the district needs the funds to maintain its sewer lines.

Asked about an offer by Weiss that the town stands ready to provide sewer service to Buckland if the Eighth District does not, Joyner would not comment.

However, he questioned when the town Board of Directors gave Weiss the authority to make that offer.

Mayor Barbara Weinberg said this morning the town directors did not vote on the matter, but have voted to support public improvements in the Buckland area for a planned shopping mall.

"So I think from that the manager could assume the board would support sewers," Weinberg said.

Toy experts urge parental caution

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In 1972, the U.S. government passed the Safety Products Act and created the Consumer Product Safety Commission a year later to help avoid product-related injuries. Although the commission does not inspect toys before they reach the shelves, it can investigate consumers' complaints. If consumers find a problem with a toy, or any product for that matter, they can call the commission at 1-800-638-CPSC.

Along with that, the government and toy manufacturers have established a set of standards to ensure safety, Statter said.

"Depending on the toy, it might go through 100 tests," Levin said.

Another thing that has helped is the formation of private companies that help toy manufacturers and distributors detect potentially dangerous elements in their products before they get on store shelves.

Such practices not only improve the reputation of toy manufacturers, but help avoid lawsuits and costly recalls.

Even with safer newer toys hitting the market, there are still older ones around that can be a hazard.

"We have made major advances," Statter said. "But many of these older toys are stored in garages and basements and are sold in flea sales or are handed down."

Statter urged parents to buy newer toys and stay away from older ones that may not have undergone extensive product testing.

Regardless of how many tests a new toy goes through, Statter said, children can still get hurt if they are not careful.

"Any toy can prove to be a hazard," he said. "If the toy is used in a way it is not intended."

Obituaries

Harold G. Shannon
Harold G. Shannon, 78, of 17 Oval Lane, died Tuesday at Manchester Memorial Hospital after being stricken at home. He was the husband of Alice (McAllister) Shannon.

He was born in Barre, Vt., May 12, 1908, and had been a resident of Manchester for the past 45 years. Before he retired in 1960, he worked at the S.K. Lavery Co. in West Hartford for 40 years.

He was a member of the South United Methodist Church, the Manchester Lodge of Masons, a charter member of the Manchester Elks and a member of the Manchester Senior Citizens' Center. He and his wife celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in April.

Besides his wife he is survived by a son, Conrad N. Shannon of Brunswick, Ga.; three daughters, Cynthia Doxon of Windsor, Colleen Williams of Exeter and Mrs. Jonathan "Dusty" (Cathy) Nelson of Coventry; a sister, Rosabell Gray of New Britain; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., with burial in the East Cemetery. Calling hours are tonight from 7 to 9.

There will be a Masonic service at 7:15 tonight at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Manchester Rescue Squad, care of Town of Manchester Fire Department, 75 Center St.

Anna B. Vlets
Anna (Meyers) Brewer Vlets, 82, formerly of Somers, died Monday at an Enfield convalescent home. She was the sister of Mary Evans of Manchester.

Besides her sister, she is survived by two sons, Thomas H. Brewer of Somers and Richard J. Brewer of Enfield; a daughter, Lorraine Brewer of Waterbury; three brothers, William Meyers of Avon, Stanley Meyers of Simsbury and Lawrence Meyers of Granby; another sister, Helen Wallace of Wethersfield; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Somers Funeral Home, 354 Main St., Somers, followed by a mass of Christian burial at 9 a.m. in All Saints Church. Burial will be in Somers Center Cemetery. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wallingford Masonic Home, Wallingford.

Ruth O'Leary
Ruth (Lewis) O'Leary of Hartford, wife of Edward J. O'Leary, died Sunday at Hartford Hospital. She was the mother of George A. (Debra) Kingsbury Jr. of Coventry.

She also is survived by a son, Edward N. O'Leary of Hartford.

A private funeral and burial will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 96 Webster St., Hartford, in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Newton Children's Hospital, 181 E. Cedar St., Newton 06111.

Edith Scoville
Edith (Risley) Scoville, 84, of East Hartford, died Sunday at an area convalescent home.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 150 Elm St., Rocky Hill, with burial in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wallingford Masonic Home, Wallingford.

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FOCUS

The winners!

Congratulations to the three winners of the 'My Most Unforgettable Christmas' contest. We hope you enjoy them as much as we did.



ELAINE WANDYCH ... first place

Surprise visit

Editor's note: Elaine Wandych captured top honors with her recollection of Christmas 1942. She moved to Manchester in 1983, after spending most of her life in Meriden. She has worked as an executive secretary.

My friend Barbara and I were sitting in her kitchen, drinking coffee, trying to find comfort in each other's presence.

It was Christmas Eve, 1942. My fiancé, Carl, had been shipped to some unknown destination, my brother was in the service and my sister was stationed somewhere in Europe. We felt the loneliness and desolation, like all young people did in those war days. I thought about Carl and wondered where in the world he was.

We were interrupted in our self-pity by a sudden knock at the door. Barbara, endeavoring to be flippant, shouted "Come in if you're good-looking!"

A huge jolly beautiful lady walked in and we each donated to the "poor little orphans." She visited for a while. After she left another knock sounded.

"This time I myself replied, "Come in if you're good-looking!" I almost fainted

Gifts of love

Editor's note: Third-place winner is Christine Law of Manchester. She has lived on Loomis Street for 40 years. She is a counselor at the group home on East Middle Turnpike.

A memorable Christmas event occurred in the '50s when our grammar school class made ceramic earrings and tie clips for our parents. Needless to say how heavy they came out, and how "homemade" they looked!

Ma proudly wore her big round green earrings — which gave her awfully droopy ear lobes — to work as church secretary. Dad went to Pratt & Whitney, where he worked as an engineer, wearing his long heavy tie clip with sagging tie.

Neither of my parents commented on their gifts in any negative way. They were so happy to work as church secretary. Dad went to Pratt & Whitney, where he worked as an engineer, wearing his long heavy tie clip with sagging tie.

Christine H. Law 133 Loomis St. ... third place



CHRISTINE H. LAW ... third place



when the door opened and there stood Carl in full uniform. We fell into each other's arms, alternately laughing and crying.

Apparently, the troop ship Ile De France had returned to New York Harbor after reports of Nazi submarines in the area. Any serviceman who lived within 100 miles of New York was given an impromptu six-hour furlough.

I have never forgotten that precious, incredibly-happy Christmas Eve.

Elaine Wandych 110 Irving St.

Mystery box

Editor's note: Second-place winner is Shirley Popeleski of 112 Helaine Road. She has lived in Manchester all her life, growing up in the Manchester Green section of town. She recently retired after 30 years with the telephone company.

I have always loved Christmas, but 1984 rates a special spot. Our daughter Janet, a ballerina, had been dancing in Europe for several years. We did not expect her to be with us.

The family was to gather for Christmas Eve at my sister's home. Several months prior to Christmas our Old English sheepdog, Quincy, had passed away. When our son Tom brought in a large box I was convinced that he had bought us another dog, as I saw the box move a little. My husband and I broke the ribbon and tore the paper and we were about to open the lid when our daughter jumped out of the box.

We could hardly believe our eyes! Needless



SHIRLEY POPELESKI ... second place

to say we were truly overjoyed. My son sat back with a grin in his eye, pleased that he was able to pull off the surprise.

Shirley Popeleski 112 Helaine Rd.

These Christmas honorable mentions are unforgettable

Editor's note: Among the many unforgettable Christmas memories received by the Manchester Herald, these received honorable mention.

The first, Danny's story, exceeds the 250-word length set by the judges. The story, though, is too extraordinary not to share.

A new heart for Christmas

The year had been a hopeful one at the onset. Danny would enter the hospital in June for corrective heart surgery. It would be complicated, but our trust was in the Lord. By July he was swimming and in August riding a bike with his new valve and pacemaker. September saw him collapse in need of another valve and even that didn't help. By Thanksgiving he was dying.

Those were long chilly November days as we watched the most brilliant of medical minds admit that they were near helpless to rescue this skinny kid with the indomitable spirit. Danny would not be defeated. He was thirteen and convinced that God had not forgotten him. On the way into the second open heart, jaundiced from liver and kidney failure and hanging onto life by the pure grace of God and nothing more, Danny muted as the elevator door shut:

"Don't sweat it Mom. The Lord's taking care of me." And yet a month after this trust proved God once more, the kid was dying anyway.

There wasn't time to debate whether this all seemed fair. There was only time to grow more trust. So Danny decided that his Christmas list would be simple — a new heart and a new guitar. As the weeks passed, the screening determined that he would be a candidate for transplant, that the lungs would not have to be transplanted in addition to the doctors had originally feared. Danny felt confident that the Jesus he had come to know wouldn't forget his list on Christmas. I remember my gut feeling went something like, "I'll just close my eyes, Lord, and keep on pedaling this bicycle of faith 'til we meet on the other side of this miracle." As the days grew desperate, we did Christmas early so Danny would not miss out if the heart came for the 25th. We learned how to see

that baby Jesus as a Savior who really came and walked this earth for us personally. Danny took him through that long-awaited guitar, thinking, "Now I need my new heart so I'll have the strength to play it."

On the Saturday before Christmas, Danny's heart reflected the irregularities of failure. The I.V.s in both arms weren't going to keep that old heart pumping much longer. I knew we didn't have long to wait, one way or the other. Hours later I came back to I.C.U. from the store, walked through the door to hear a perky voice from my dying little faith partner shout, "My heart's on the way, Mom!" By the next night Danny had a healthy heart in and ticking for the first time in his life. Valium took him through the holiday, but he missed nothing because this special Christmas exchange was personal one between God and Danny himself. We learned that the Holy birth was more dimensional than just a birth of our King; it was the resurrection power for those of us who chose to trust him.

We'll never be able to top a Christmas like last year, so this year Danny's learning to play that special guitar.

Debbie Stence 300 Oakland St.

responded down below!

My gift to the family that year was handmade at Henry Miller's woodworking shop. It was a maple magazine rack. Wood and all, it cost \$2!

Our family in 1935 decided to give good used gifts. I wanted a used bike from Santa, to get around my Manchester Herald route with my cousin gave me his old New England, with the help of Bill Green's Smorgasbord. For \$8 and a lot of pointing, I was the happiest kid at Barnard.

On the 23rd, our family attended the Lucia Fest at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. My Christmas Luck was a ill with me. After the Fest, we went to Luth Hall and I had one of the biggest Swedish Smorgasbord of my young life. The Depression Christmas of 1935 was one of the best.

On Dec. 22 they all brought in food, sandwiches, cookies and you name it.

We were "segregated" at Barnard in 1935. The girls were on the top floor, the boys on the ground floor. Our orchestra at Barnard was small in those days. We played Christmas carols in the halls and stairways. The girls sang in their angelic way, the boys

Cinderella story

'Twas the week before Christmas, and a very special aunt had invited me to spend a few days with her. Many years later I realized that the reason for this special visit at this particular time was because of my upcoming birthday on Dec. 28. (Yes, Virginia, your grandmother, OK, great-grandmother, was once a 6-year-old child.) During that week the Sunday school in her church was presenting its Christmas program, and it was an evening to be remembered by me for a lifetime.

As I reconstructed the events when I was older, my aunt had obviously asked the Sunday school superintendent to invite me to be a part of the program. Perhaps she had suggested that he ask me to sing, or perhaps it was his own idea. Anyway, what happened was that I did sing, probably a carol, its name long forgotten by this particular Jenny Lind, who vaguely remembers fluttering stage-frightened butterflies.

When the gifts were distributed from under the tree, I was bug-eyed when a big, beautiful doll was given to me! She was gorgeous, and I named her Cinderella on the spot, terrified that some awful

Douglas A. Johnson Sr. 27K Bluefield Dr.

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Bolton - 6 room ranch with 3 bedrooms, brick fireplace living room, formal dining room with built-in hutch and 11 x 23 lower level family room. 16 x 16 deck overlooking 1.34 acre country lot bordering a trout stream. 16 x 32 inground pool and garage. \$112,900.

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2 bedroom townhouse. Westage Condos. 1 1/2 baths, fully appliances kitchen, washer/dryer hook-ups and private basement. Central air, pool, tennis, and dining room. Small pet acceptable. Heat and hot water included. \$785/month plus security. Available immediately. Call 646-8352.	Manchester - 1 bedroom in 4 family. \$395 plus utilities. No pets. Security lease. 528-0776 or 643-4792.	Store - Manchester, Main Street. Approximately 750 square feet. For more information call 529-7858 or 563-4438.	87 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE Luvs diapers. 9 unopened boxes. Newborn size. 66 diapers per box. \$5.00 per box. Call 649-6240.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Department of Public Utility Control will conduct a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 16-11 and 16-43 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, at its offices, One Central Park Plaza, New Britain, Connecticut, on Tuesday, December 30, 1986 at 10:00 a.m., concerning Docket No. 86-11-19. Application of Continental Cablevision of Connecticut, Inc. for Approval of Merger. The Company seeks approval of the Department to merge its corporate entity with one into Continental Cablevision of Western New England, Inc. Presently, the Company holds the certificate of public convenience and necessity to serve the towns of Enfield, Hartland, Granby, East Granby, Suffield, Windsor Locks, East Windsor, Somers, Stafford and Union, Connecticut. Additional information may be obtained from the Department's Executive Secretary's Office.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL
ROBERT J. MURPHY,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
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LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to State Statute 46-61 a public auction is to be held on December 31, 1986 at 8 a.m. for monies owed on 1970 Chevrolet, I.D. No. 19497-540959 of 634C Center St., Manchester.

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1982 Buick Regal Estate Wagon-4 door, door locks, tilt wheel, tape player, rear defroster, air conditioning, power brakes and steering wire wheels, 48,000 miles. Almost new tires. \$5500. 643-6181.

Pontiac J 2000 1982-hatchback, rear window defogger, louvers, am/fm stereo cassette, new tires. Well maintained. \$3295/best offer. 649-6763 after 5:30.

1977 Datsun 2002Z - looks good, runs well. \$900. or best offer. 429-3108 or leave message.

Chevelle-1969 V-8, automatic transmission, 4 door, new battery. \$200/best offer. 647-1927.

1985 - 4 door Mercury Topaz, 5 speed manual, front wheel drive, 19,000 miles, AM/FM stereo, cassette. Warranty. \$7000. Death in family, must sell.

87 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Motor - electric, 1/4 horse power. 110 volts. \$20.00. Call 646-8302.

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Visit the SCANDANAVIAN GIFT SHOP. Nut crackers, pyramids, and Hummel figurines. We also carry Swedish foods. Ellington Center Plaza, Ellington. 872-0273.

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Ladies Down Ski jacket with hood. Reverseable. Size small. Blue. \$20. 649-2287.

74 FURNITURE
Bed frame - Twin, \$8.00. Call 649-4064.
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