

More bodies recovered from collision of ships

By Cleo Cortes
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The navy today said 141 bodies were found after the sinking of a passenger ship and an oil tanker, and owners of one vessel released new figures showing that 1,630 people may be missing.

Mindoro island town of Pinamalayan, 130 miles south of Manila and about 20 miles from where the vessels collided on a moonless night.

Rescue workers continued searching today, but said there was little chance a significant number of the missing would be found alive.

Muscular dystrophy 'great feat' reported

NEW YORK (AP) — Researchers reported today the discovery of the biochemical flaw that leads to the deadliest and most common form of muscular dystrophy, a finding one scientist called a "great feat" in progress toward a treatment.

Working with Kunkel were Eric Hoffmann of Children's Hospital in Boston and Harvard Medical School, Robert Brown of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and C. Michael Knudson and Kevin Campbell of the University of Iowa.

Production of that protein is disrupted when the gene is defective, triggering the disease, scientists say.

The discovery of the protein "tells us exactly what it is that needs to be corrected in order to develop treatment for the disease," said Donald Wood of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which helped finance the research.

Researchers named the protein "dystrophin." It was found in muscle triads, a key area for regulating muscle contraction.

That location is the first clue for the crucial question of what dystrophin does, said geneticist Ronald Worton of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

The work is published today in the Journals Cell and Nature by researchers led by Louis Kunkel, an associate investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Once dystrophin's role is known, Kunkel said, researchers can experiment with therapies to take its place or make its function unnecessary in Duchenne patients.

Duchenne muscular dystrophy afflicts nearly all boys appearing in about one in every 3,500 male births in the United States. It is the most common and

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COVENTRY — A well-known herb farm has been cited a second time for 10 fire code violations first uncovered last spring and also has been cited with six new violations, according to a new state inspection report.



More arrests, quick trials for rioters

BETHLEHEM — Israeli forces rounded up hundreds more Palestinian activists in the occupied territories today and quickly brought some of them to trial. Some Christmas festivities in Bethlehem were scaled down because of the unrest.

Fromme flees from prison

ALDERSON, W.Va. — Police patrolled mountain roads and combed woods early today for Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, who escaped while serving a life prison sentence for the attempted assassination of then-President Gerald Ford.

Moonlighting Santa

Vivian Tilden of Manchester is taken by surprise at the Shady Glen in the Parkade Wednesday by Santa in a mailman's uniform. But St. Nick hasn't taken an extra job with the post office.

Holiday mail down this year but still double normal load

post office lobby would be mobbed by customers during the Christmas season. But people do not send as many Christmas cards as they used to, and the amount of holiday mail has decreased, he said.

Christmas 1987

Friday is Christmas Day, a legal holiday. Municipal, state and federal offices: All are closed Friday. The Bolton Community Hall will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday.

Country Club wants 10 percent fee hike

The Manchester Country Club is seeking a 10-percent increase in dues and greens fees for residents in order to raise money to help pay for capital improvements.

Integration plan said preposterous

A desegregation plan for Connecticut schools, which would bus Hartford school children into suburban areas such as Manchester, has led a Republican legislator to call for a state-wide referendum.

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A vacuum cleaner would help

Her husband's emotional and mental breakdown has left the entire family in crisis. With five children, under one of whom is disabled, Kathy and her children were being evicted for non-payment of rent.

Non-perishable foods, new and good as new toys, gifts for shut-ins and elderly, may be left at the Town Fire Department on Center Street, the 4th District Fire Department and ComPed's Main Street office.

Thoughts

Tomorrow much of the world will awaken to beautiful gifts wrapped in colorful paper. There will be tears of joy. "Thank you, God, for the gift of life and the gift of love."

Thoughts

Why do we do this? Why do many of us push our budgets beyond their capacities, our emotions into attitudes that we know deep down we do not really feel, and our stomachs beyond what we know will be comfortable? Because we enjoy the respite from the normal. There is something about us that likes happiness—even if it is short-lived.

Thoughts

For all of us Christmas can mean more than either the festivities or the pain. Christmas is a gift from God. He took His most precious possession—His Son, and offered Him for and to each one of us. The Scripture proclaims that "the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

Thoughts

Rev. Paul K. Knight
Trinity Covenant Church
Manchester



The Rev. Lynnette Engman and the Rev. Dr. Philip Sanders of the Full Gospel Interdenominational Church, Inc. stand behind tubes filled with toys. The church donated the toys to children in Peru.

Santa Claus George Banks of East Hartford waves "hello" to Gladys Poist, left, of Manchester and Eva Roys of East Hartford last Thursday as he steps out of a new van which was donated by the Manchester Department of Transportation to the Jefferson House Adult Day Center.



Special delivery
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Local church donates gifts for needy children in Peru

By Andrew J. Davis, Manchester Herald

Christmas may come a little early this year for some children in Peru.

Thanks to the efforts of the members of the Full Gospel Interdenominational Church Inc., children in Peru who may have been without a Christmas will be able to receive a brand new Christmas toy.

The toys will go to children living outside Lima who have contact with his church's foundation, he said. "Some of these kids were 10 to 12 years old and they have never had toys in their life," Sanders said.

"They asked us to help for Christmas," he said. The church is in the midst of building a center in Peru which will try to answer people's medical, social and spiritual needs. Sanders said.

Sanders made his plea to help the children after visiting Peru in November. He said church members had answered the call for help in one day.

Volunteers unpacked the toys such as teddy bears, board games and balls from their original cartons and then packed them in large tubes, which made the toys easier to send. They were then sent through Miami to Peru with the help of Eastern Airlines. Sanders said.

Christmas gifts, though spirit raisers, do nothing to combat the poverty of the country. The church thus passed out shoes and clothing to the children earlier this year, said Rev. Lynnette Engman.

Besides helping children in Peru during Christmas, the church also has missionaries in Haiti and a host of other countries, Sanders said.

Locally, the church also will try to help people who may need assistance in having a happy Christmas. Sanders said. "It's great to be a part of this and to help someone less fortunate than I am," he said. "People in this country don't realize how fortunate we are."

Coltman named to state post

By Andrew J. Davis, Manchester Herald

Eleanor D. Coltman, a former member of the Manchester Board of Education and professor at Manchester Community College, has been named to the Board of Trustees of the Regional Community Colleges.

Coltman, 72, received word of the appointment Tuesday she said. She will replace Dr. Walter Schardt on the 15-member board. Schardt retired from the board in June, 1986.

Coltman will serve on the board for the next six years. The board oversees the state's 12 community colleges, with each region having a member. "I had an idea it was going to come for a week or so," Coltman said. "It came as a very pleasant surprise."



ELEANOR D. COLTMAN, new trustee of the college seven years ago. Besides working for MCC, she also was a member of the citizen's advisory committee which established the college more than 20 years ago.

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Now president of the Manchester Community Services Council, she also was a member of the Manchester Board of Directors for two years. Though Coltman said she is unsure of some of the specific issues before the board, she said she would like to heighten the public's awareness of the role of community colleges.

"I'm concerned about the public understanding of the importance of the community college system," she said. "The general public still doesn't appreciate the importance of a community college in Connecticut... unless they had someone who has gone through the system."

Store employees 'adopt' families

By Nancy Concelmon, Manchester Herald

Had he decided to bring his eight reindeer, Santa might have created quite a stir in the main employee cafeteria at the JC Penney Catalog Distribution Center on Tolland Turnpike.

As it turned out, Santa caused enough excitement on his own. To raise money for the Manchester Area Conference of Churches adopt-a-family program, a 10-person committee from Department 33, which handles stocking and picking merchandise for orders, dressed employees Beth DeMars and Andy Burgie in Santa suits.

The santas manned posts in the main cafeteria for pictures with employees. The pictures were sold to employees for \$2 each and the money went to purchase food and gifts for the families adopted by that department.

JC Penney's Holiday Sharing program began four years ago with some associates who knew about the MACC adopt-a-family program. As a result, employees at the distribution center have helped make Christmas a little better for more than 130 needy families in Manchester and Bolton over the

past four years, said Julie Petch, co-chairman of the program. The JC Penney Catalog Distribution Center is one of about 50 of the individual and organizations, including business, girl scout troops, schools and churches, that participated in MACC's adopt-a-family this year, said Beth Harlow, director of Human Needs at MACC. Harlow said 367 families in Manchester and Bolton will receive food and gifts this year.

"This is something that our associates came to us with," Petch said. "This year, employees at the center, called associates, will provide 28 families with groceries and more, Petch said.

JC Penney gets the phone numbers and addresses of needy families in the area from MACC and is responsible for providing one week's worth of groceries, a Christmas day meal and a gift to each member of the family, Harlow said.

At the beginning of December, associates form committees, usually by department. In 1984, 14 committees served 24 families, said Jack Ferguson, co-chairman of the Holiday Sharing program and training administrator. This year 17 committees will adopt families.

Committee members contact the representatives, take the catalog orders, set up a Christmas tree in the center that was decorated with paper tags to be replaced with ornaments, mittens or other small gifts for the nine families it's adopted, Petch said.

"The intent of it is not just to raise the money. We find that a lot of families are in need of things other than the food items," she said. Included in the deliveries but separate from the adopt-a-family program are toys for children under 18 that Petch and Steve Chaffin, the supply manager, pick out from the catalog. "We just go through the catalog and decide what's appropriate," Ferguson said.

Although planning is up to the committees, nearly everyone participates in the program, Petch said. "I think it has increased because a lot more people in our distribution center have become involved," Petch said. "A lot of people come back and get involved even more so the next year. I think they find it's a very rewarding experience."

The families also appreciate the effort to do this," Ferguson said. "They're really overwhelmed that someone has gone through the effort to do this," Ferguson said.



Employees in the Telephone Center at the JC Penney Catalog Distribution Center on Tolland Turnpike were calling it Christmas early this year. Customer service representatives Dawn Anderson of Rockville, left, and Carolyn Alaimo of Manchester arranged gifts last week that they'll donate to needy families in Manchester and Bolton as part of JC Penney's Holiday Sharing Program.

Retailers report some holiday gains

By Nancy Concelmon, Manchester Herald

Local retailers reported moderate to high Christmas sales less than two months after analysts predicted a "disastrous" holiday season due to the stock market plunge.

But overall, individual merchants' descriptions of their sales varied as much as some of the unexpectedly popular gifts this year. "It looks like they had a very, very strong Christmas," said Maxwell Sroge, head of the catalog consulting firm Marke-Sroge Communications, which surveyed the nation's largest catalog houses.

"Almost everybody we talked to said the October stock market debacle caused a big dip in sales for a week or two afterward, but after that it smoothed out," Sroge said.

Meanwhile, Fred Nassif Jr. of Nassif Sports Co. at 991 Main Street said his selling season "started slow." Overall, though, he described it as "reasonable."

"It's the last eight to ten days before Christmas that it really starts to zoom," Nassif said. Nassif said that clothing, especially ski wear and pro-sports insignia garments, have sold especially well this year. But his expectations for high sales in tennis gear didn't materialize. Nassif said trends earlier this year seemed to indicate that tennis gear would be a hot seller, but he said tennis traditionally experiences surges in popularity.

Nassif was surprised at the dozen or more pairs of snowshoes he sold, and the fact that he's sold out of toboggans twice. "This year has been a year for relatively obscure things," he said. James Farr, owner of Farr's sporting goods store at 2 Main St., said he also sold a lot of toboggans and other large items, such as bicycles.

"Camping has been very good this year. Street hockey has just gone wild with us."

He said business has been great. "It's better than it's ever been. This is the best year we've ever had. It's been steady since Thanksgiving," Farr said.

"It's been a very big bakery season. That cycles about every three years," he said.

Joseph said he's surprised at the number of meat grinders and lobster steamers he's sold this year, as well as the number of jelly jars.

"I don't know what they're doing with them," he said. Fairway has an advantage because Joseph relies on local wholesalers, who can restock items quickly.

"I don't run out unless they run out. Where a lot of places are out of things, I've got them," he said. Christmas sales this year for stores new to Manchester were moderate.

"It's not a bad year," said Carmen Schiro, assistant manager of the Bob's Store at 240 N. Main St. "For a first-year store, I think we're doing well."

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White Christmas for much of North, West

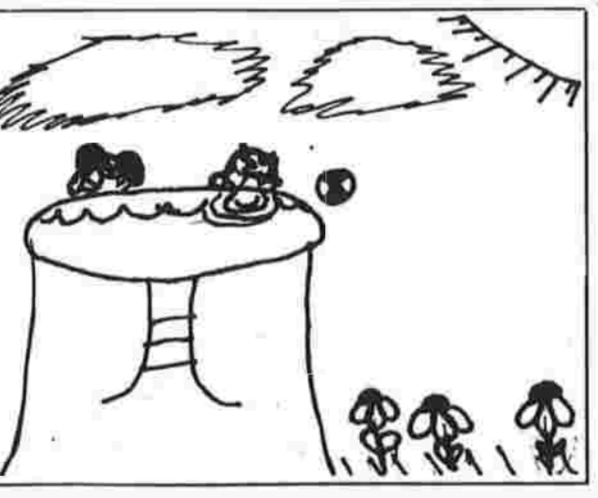
Falling snow decked the malls across the northern Plains from southern Minnesota to Colorado and New Mexico today, and forecasters promised a white Christmas Eve from the upper Mississippi Valley to the mountains of the West.

Winter storm warnings for heavy snow were posted for southeastern South Dakota, southern Wyoming and in New Mexico's west central mountains. A winter storm watch was posted for today and Christmas Day for New Mexico's southwest and central mountains, northeast and east-central plains.

Winter weather advisories were in effect for parts of southwest Minnesota, northwest Iowa, northern Nebraska, much of Colorado and Wyoming, all of Utah, and higher elevations of Arizona and northern New Mexico.

Winds gusting to 74 mph at Centerville, Utah, and canyon winds reached 100 mph at Kayville, Utah. Gale warnings were in effect along the central California coast. Snow accumulations early today ranged up to more than 5 feet in higher elevations of Wyoming. 15 inches in Casper, Wyo.; 10 inches at Harrisburg, Neb.; 9 inches in Fort Collins, Colo.; and 4 inches in Denver.

Temperatures early today were in the 20s in the Great Lakes and inland Northeast, while readings in the middle Mississippi Valley were barely, with 53 degrees at St. Louis and 45 at Kansas City, Mo., at 2 a.m. EST.



Today's weather picture was drawn by Erin Sullivan of Ralph Road, a 10-year-old from Keeney Street School.

CONNECTICUT WEATHER

Central, Eastern Interior, Southwest Interior: Increasing cloudiness. High 40 to 45. Winds becoming southwest around 10 mph. Cloudy tonight with rain beginning late at night. Low in the upper 30s. Winds southwest around 10 mph. Chance of rain 80 percent. Rain early in the morning Christmas Day tapering off to a few showers by afternoon. High 45 to 50. Chance of rain 80 percent.

Almanac

Dec. 24, 1987
Today is Christmas Eve, the 53rd day of 1987 and the third day of winter.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 20) and first quarter (Dec. 27).

TODAY'S TRIVIA: What was Ava Gardner's given name? (a) Abigail Gardner (b) Tula Finkles (c) Lucy Johnson

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1951, Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," the first opera written for television, first aired.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Kit Carson (1809); Matthew Arnold (1822); Howard Hughes (1905); Ava Gardner (1922)

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Journalism is literature in a hurry." — Matthew Arnold.

Abducted elm returns

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Elmer Elm, the victim of a tree-napping, is only a little worse for wear after being found not too far from the scene of his abduction.

Elmer is the Minneapolis Park Board's 7-foot-tall rubber costume of an American elm. For 12 years, he has visited the city's grade schools, urging care of urban woodlands.

He went to the Hyatt Regency hotel last Thursday night to entertain at the World's Largest Office Party, a fund-raiser. His keepers briefly left him in a storage room, and when they returned, Elmer was gone. He was last seen being carried from the hotel by four unidentified men.

Beth Burns, a Minneapolis real-estate agent, said the abducted elm was found in an elevator in the Hyatt parking ramp Tuesday night. "The doors opened and there was poor Elmer, face down on the

elevator floor. I knew who he was right away. I had shaken his limb last year, and I had read in the paper about him being stolen. I started yelling, 'It's Mr. Elm! It's Mr. Elm!'" she said. Paul Dombolt, a Park Board employee, said the agency doesn't know who took Elmer. The costume, valued at about \$3,000, was missing a few pieces of bark and had some torn leaves after the ordeal. Elmer is being repaired and is expected to be back in the grade schools soon.

Manchester In Brief

Tree cleanup slated

The Park and Cemetery Division will again be carrying out a Christmas tree recycling program. Trees will be fed through a chipping machine to make mulch and trail base material for use in the town's parks and cemeteries.

Residents are asked to bring their trees to one of the following locations:
—Salter's Pond parking lot
—Tolland Turnpike at gravel pit entrance
—The sand pile on Keeney Street near Primer Road
—The sand pile on Edgerton Street
—The sand pile on Union Pond on North School Street

Residents are asked to remove all nails or other metal from the trees and to pile them adjacent to the sand pile to prevent them from blowing around. Please do not dispose of garbage at these locations.

DiRosa named to committee

Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. has been appointed to a committee to establish a permanent chair in Modern Italian History at the University of Connecticut.

Emiliana Pasca Noether, professor emerita of the university, has donated \$120,000 to the university for establishment of the chair. A goal of \$1,000,000 has been set to establish the chair. This special project will house memorabilia and papers of prominent Connecticut Italian-Americans. The endowment will be self-financed by the interest on the \$1,000,000.

Christmas



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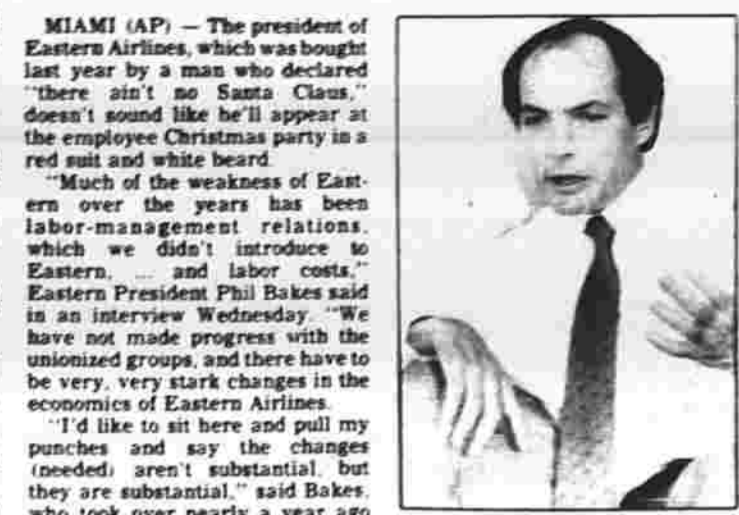
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Eastern prez declares 'ain't no Santa Claus'



MIAMI (AP) — The president of Eastern Airlines, which was bought last year by a man who declared "there ain't no Santa Claus," doesn't sound like he'll appear at the employee Christmas party in a red suit and white beard.
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Arrest may be near in JI case
HARTFORD (AP) — The father of a slain Journal Inquirer reporter says he doesn't want to comment on reports that an arrest is imminent because he does not want to jeopardize the case.

Births

Wicks, Andrew James, son of James T. and Joyce Oppelt Wicks of Coventry was born Dec. 10 at Hartford Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Mary and Robert Oppelt of East Hartford. His paternal grandparents are Robert Wicks of Manchester, his maternal great-grandmother is Ellen Watts.
Kwiatkowski, Timothy James, son of David J. and Debra Richard Kwiatkowski of 1212 W. Middle Tpke., was born Dec. 7 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Francis and Lillian Richard of Springfield, Mass. His paternal grandparents are Ronald and Rita Kwiatkowski of West Springfield, Mass.

The 100th Congress World events shaped 1st session

By Lee Gould
The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Outside events, more than legislation, shaped the first year of the 100th Congress, which saw its agenda overwhelmed by the Iran-Contra affair, a stock market crash and the president's attempt to fill a Supreme Court vacancy.
The rancorous session ended quietly Tuesday after bitter fights over aid to Nicaragua's Contra rebels and passage of a \$600 billion spending bill that was needed because Congress failed all year to pass a single appropriations bill.
When the 100th Congress opened on Jan. 6, Democrats held control of both the House and Senate for the first time since 1980 and were eager to capitalize on the waning Reagan presidency.

The Quiz

Worldscope (10 points for each question answered correctly)
1. A U.S. Navy helicopter crewman is shown here winched aboard his Sikorsky Blackhawk after helping rescue the seaman aboard the burning (CHOSE ONE) Cypriot, Kuwaiti seaman tanker "Pivot," which was hit recently by an Iranian frigate in the Persian Gulf.

Coventry High names 1st quarter honor roll

- COVENTRY — Named to the honor roll for the first quarter marking period at Coventry High School were:
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A Honors
Miss Chester, Michael Grandore

Arrest may be near in JI case

HARTFORD (AP) — The father of a slain Journal Inquirer reporter says he doesn't want to comment on reports that an arrest is imminent because he does not want to jeopardize the case.
I want to see something happen," said Edward Laczynski, Hartford police Sgt. Richard Grucki, of the crimes against persons unit, declined to comment.
A co-worker discovered the Laczynski's nude body in her first-floor efficiency apartment in Hartford's West End on Oct. 5. She had been strangled.

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OPINION

Impatience turns to good will

It is not a Christmas story, or is it? Here's a way the story goes in a general way even though some details may be mixed up a bit, the way details do get mixed up when people grow impatient with each other.

The story began on a high note when a Manchester man and his wife decided to open an ethnic grocery store and delicatessen in a shopping plaza in Manchester.

He had a sign painted in the style and colors he felt were best suited to the image of the store he was going to run.

He was unaware when he did that there was a restriction on the way the sign had to look.

So, the man had the sign put up on the roof over his front door.

Meanwhile town officials kept telling him he had to do certain things for health and safety reasons before they could give him the certificate he would need to open up his business.

Then one town official told him the sign on his roof would not do and he would have to find another place to put it or change it to look like the roof signs for other businesses in the same building.

That took the man by surprise. It made him very angry and he talked to a reporter to say he felt he had been mistreated. He said the sign would stay where it was and he was going to sue the town officials if he did not get his certificate very soon. He had some harsh words for them.

But within a couple of days the man had changed his mind. A number of people had been very good to him in the intervening time, including some of the officials he had criticized.

Discussions with those officials had straightened out the health and safety matters involved. The man learned more about why the kind of sign he could have was restricted. He concluded that the whole mess came about from bad communications and not a plot against him.

He still thinks town officials misled him about that sign in the first place. But he says that anyone is entitled to make a mistake. He had some kind words for the officials.

The no-longer-angry man has taken down the sign. He's willing to change it.

The owner of his building is going to try to have the restriction modified so the sign doesn't have to be changed. And the people who made the sign for him say they will change it for just the price of the paint if he has to have it changed.

The story has nothing to do with Christmas. It's just a story about a man who got angry and was ready to fight but got over being angry because people were good to him.

DEAR MR. ROSS: He's a recovered alcoholic. He's mostly confined to a wheelchair. He can get up for short periods of time, but always with great difficulty and pain.

He's very lonely. He's seldom able to leave his small apartment and must do his own cooking. He has a hard time manipulating the pots and pans.

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Jack Anderson

Is Uncle Sam on the price fixers' side?

WASHINGTON — If the Grinch spared your Christmas this year, just wait 12 months. President Reagan is threatening to veto a bill that would prohibit manufacturers from dictating to retailers how much they can charge for merchandise. If the bill bites the dust, it could drive discount stores out of business.

The way it stands now, if you shop around from upscale department stores to downscale factory outlets specials, you can find many items on your Christmas list in a range of prices. But the Justice Department thinks it's right and legal for the manufacturer to set a price for both stores.

The practice is called "vertical price fixing," and here's how it works.

A high-priced store, stung by competition from a discount store, runs to the manufacturer and asks to have mandatory retail prices set in stone. Goodbye, suggested retail price.

If the high-priced store moves enough merchandise to carry some weight with the manufacturer, the manufacturer will set the price and take the chance of offending the discount store. Anyone who undercuts the price is cut off from the supply.

From 1911 until seven years ago, the Justice Department has persistently argued that the arrangement is legal, and the courts seem to be coming around to that point of view. Also, big business has been lobbying Congress, trying to convince lawmakers that vertical price restraints are one way manufacturers have of controlling the way their products are distributed and showcased, and ought to be practiced universally.

Consumer groups want a law that bans vertical price fixing once and for all. The practice, they say, threatens to cheat shoppers out of bargains. As manufacturers lean on discounts, the discounts increase their prices or risk going out of business, because they can't supply popular merchandise, according to Public Citizen's Congress Watch, a public interest group founded by Ralph Nader.

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Mini-editorial

The word from the Soviet Union is that glasnost has made Soviet teens a mile foolproof for the likes of the Communist Party Central Committee. Committee member Yegor Ligachev wants to turn down the volume on that petty bourgeois import from the West, rock music, fearing that a new openness has corrupted teens into "metallists."

That's Russia for orange hair, leather pants and a spiked dog collar. We say let rock run its course in the Soviet Union. Otherwise, what would parents and kids have to fight about? "Moscow Nights" blaring from the boom box just doesn't have the same effect.

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Cards cheer us on

By N. Loveri Christensen
Scripps League News Service

greeting card:
"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you!"

By 1860 the custom of exchanging cards had spread through Great Britain.

The first Christmas card in the United States was made in 1875 by Louis Prang, a German-born Boston printer.

In modern times, as you can imagine, billions of cards are delivered across the world.

The average card in the boxes my wife saved tends to be smaller than the new ones of today, but not in all cases.

Refinements in modern printing technology probably give today's cards the edge in color excellence.

The tradition "Old-fashioned scenes" — a sleigh through the Snow, the old country gristmill, or a stagecoach in a Yuletide setting — are portrayed equally well in the old and new cards, it seems to me.

Quoting Christmas literary gems on cards may not quite as

popular now as in Yesteryears. I jotted down a few such gems from our old cards:

"Somehow, not only for Christmas
But for the long year through,
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you."

— John Greenleaf Whittier

"At Christmas may these gifts be yours,
The gladness of hope
The Spirit of peace
The warmth of Love."

— Anon.

"There seems to me magic in the very name of Christmas; would that Christmas lasted the whole year through."

— Charles Dickens.

"Christmas is here, Merry Old Christmas,
Gift-bearing, Heart-touching
Joy-bringing Christmas;
Day of Grand Memories, King of the year."

— Washington Irving.

Scriptural Quotes are always appropriate on cards that reflect the religious significance of the Yuletide. A few examples:

"Glorious to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace, Good Will toward men."

— Luke 2: 14

"...and Lo, the star which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was."

— Matthew 2: 19

"...I presented unto him gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh."

— Matthew 2: 11

And one more which will be the Christmas Wish of this column:

"And the God of Love...Be with you."

— 2 Cor. 13: 11

Letters to the editor

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Did the U.S. score at the summit?

Most Americans, evaluating the recent summit, will have little trouble pushing aside such trivia as Gorbachev's alleged display of "PR genius" in getting out of his car to shake a few hands. The real question is which side accomplished most.

It is wise to assume that both sides think they managed to accomplish something; otherwise there would have been no summit, and certainly no agreement. What did they, in fact, accomplish?

From the American standpoint, our long-range objective is to blunt the communist drive for world domination, by persuading the communists to abandon it, if possible, or by maintaining effective political, economic and military defenses against it, at a bearable cost.

From that perspective, the Washington summit can probably be scored as a modest success. We succeeded in eliminating from both arsenals one small category of nuclear missiles, and we have a reasonable prospect of making much bigger cuts in much more important (and expensive) categories at another summit next spring in Moscow.

President Reagan accomplished this over the dead bodies of his critics on both the liberal left and the muttonous right. The liberals have been bellyaching for years that Reagan was too preoccupied with building up America's defenses to Soviet levels, too insistent on "impossible" kinds of verification, and too unwilling to use SDI "as a bargaining chip." But the president firmly refused to so rearm, or waive effective verification, or bargain SDI away — yet to lead and behold, he has his treaty.



William Rusher

For their part, certain inconvertible conservatives argue that mutual withdrawal of intermediate-range missiles will benefit the Soviets most, because it will lighten West Germany's sense of insecurity and thus threaten to "decouple" NATO. Since the withdrawal was Washington's idea, first proposed in 1981 and sternly rejected by the Russians until recently, one wonders why these critics didn't make their reservations known earlier? (And where was "German insecurity" in all the years before the first Pershings were deployed, late in 1983?)

In addition, Reagan's right-wing critics point to the large number of subjects on which American remonstrances apparently got nowhere: Soviet meddling in Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Angola and Cambodia; Moscow's disgraceful human rights record; its brazen cheating on earlier arms treaties, etc.

There certainly are a great many instances of Soviet misbehavior on which this summit

accomplished little or nothing. On the subject of cheating, though, it really isn't reasonable to ask President Reagan to mop up all the messes left by the ill-considered and unverifiable treaties negotiated by Measars, Kissinger, Nixon, Ford and Carter. (Fortunately there have been hints that the notorious phased-array radar installation at Krasnopol' will have to be dismantled before there is agreement on a START treaty.)

And what about Gorbachev? Pretty clearly, he too wanted to reduce the cruel cost of arms, and has done so — a little now, and far more later. If a START treaty is negotiated, he probably also hoped to soften the moral resistance of the West to his and his system, with a view to weakening its will and obtaining its technology. The extent to which he succeeded is, however, for the West to decide. (Do you happen to know whether "Moscow Nights," as Van Cliburn played it at the White House, contains a passage about a midnight knock on the door?)

There is also no question that Gorbachev wanted to halt U.S. progress toward a space shield — and that he failed utterly.

But underlying Gorbachev's readiness to bargain, I suspect, is a far more compelling motive than any of these: a dawning realization that the Soviet system is fatally at odds with the essential symbols, now slowly unfolding, toward freedom and that very "science" upon which Marx and Lenin piled their hopes. Poor Mikhail and his fellow slave masters, in other words, are on their way to being yesterday's problems.

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Thanks A Million
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DEAR MS. H.: He's my brother, too, for we're all brothers under the skin. He's getting a new microwave because my check is on the way.

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What more do you need to know? MR. B.F. FAIRFIELD, ALA.

DEAR MR. F.: You can write me 50 times, but my answer will be the same. There are many things people would like, but just wanting them doesn't mean you're going to get them.

DEAR MR. ROSS: This is about my 8-year-old son. He collects aluminum cans and saved the money in his piggy bank. The bank recently got full so I set it away

on top of the ice box. He was saving for a new boy's bike and to get his younger sister a talking baby doll.

That day we had company — my mother and father. My father has a serious problem — he's an alcoholic and had come around looking to borrow money from me.

My husband and I don't drink alcohol. We live on a very tight budget and didn't let my father have the money he asked for.

When my folks left, apparently so did my son's bank account. I told my son his bank was gone, he started to cry and said he couldn't buy his sister the doll.

Mr. Ross, this hurts me so much, I don't know much about what alcohol does to a person. I do know it's a disease. Do you think after my father sobers up, he'll know what he's done?

Although I'm concerned about my father, when I see him again, I'll have to tell him to stay away until he gets his life straightened out. I know you can't help with my hurt, but would you help my son with his?

MRS. D.H. SALEM, ILL.

DEAR MRS. H.: That's one of the ugly facts of alcoholism — it will lead a grown man to steal a little

boy's piggy bank just to get a drink.

It's difficult enough for an adult to understand this behavior, let alone a child. So after receiving my check, let your son know he was meant to have a bike and his sister a doll.

DEAR MR. ROSS: For a man in your position, I see you as being a poor opportunist. Let me ask — what's the best opportunity you've seen in the past 12 months? O. H. SEATTLE, WASH.

DEAR MR. H.: One lone dog in a parking lot full of Christmas trees.

Minneapolis millionaire Percy Ross is internationally known for his philanthropic works and likes to encourage others to help solve problems for those in need. Write to Ross in care of the Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 35000, Minneapolis, Minn. 55435. Include a phone number if you wish. All letters are read. Only a few are answered in this column, although others may be acknowledged privately.

Stay alert to cut the cost of medical fraud



Sylvia Porter

You all know how steeply medical costs are rising — but do you know that a major reason for the increase is crime? Crime affects us not only through higher health bills, but also through a lower quality of medical care.

Fact: The Federal Trade Commission estimates that fraud drains \$10 billion from the health-care system each year.

Fact: Fraud adds to the high cost of care by artificially inflating medical costs and boosting insurance premiums.

Intentionally giving false information.
Leaving relevant information off a claim form (such as failing to reveal whether a spouse has health insurance coverage through his or her employer).
The means of medical insurance fraud are as varied as human ingenuity and can break into the medical reimbursement process at any Division's Fraud Squad at Aetna Life and Casualty. "Valid claims may be exaggerated, claims made for real maladies may be faked."

Gaelca, whose team has saved Aetna policyholders more than \$24 million since it was established in June of 1982, notes that the swindler may be a patient, provider or a

group of individuals.
"To give but one example," he says, "unscrupulous medical practices have targeted employees since you wind up paying the bill for health insurance fraud, how can you help detect it? Boosting patient alertness is the top priority."
1. Double-check all bills. Dishonest doctors, dentists and testing labs bill for services not rendered or tell patients that they can help the patients fully recover medical expenses. They might bill twice for the same procedure, or certify "used" names for additional claims medical conditions as serious as trisomy.
2. Look for indications of fraudulent billing. Be on the alert for the numerous warning signs of fraud, such as strike-orders, erasures or other alterations on a bill or claim form, including the simple addition

of another zero to the claim figure. Other signs include prescription bills that are consecutively numbered or bills that only come photocopied.
3. Don't fall for the "testing the healthy" gimmick. Mobile laboratories claim "rolling lab scams" visit health clubs offering free tests to members. The labs administer tests to individuals and submit enormous bills to medical carriers and Medicaid. They use the individuals' names for additional claims under different addresses.
4. Check the bills for elderly relatives. Less-alert patients who are not monitored by relatives are common fraud targets.
5. Cases involving fraud on the part of a primary physician are particularly difficult for patients.

Washington Wire

Green stuff helps grassroots flourish

By Jonathan Wolman
The Associated Press

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Names in the News

Sly Stone freed from jail

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rock singer Sly Stone was freed from jail after he admitted violating probation and made nearly \$5,000 in past-due child support payments with money raised by friends and supporters, officials said.

Husband, wife team set

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC is fielding a husband-wife team of Frank and Kathie Lee Gifford as co-hosts of late-night telecasts from the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta.

Hudson win 1,000 pounds

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Walter Hudson, who weighed well over 1,000 pounds before comedian-nutritionist Dick Gregory got him on a successful diet, has slimmed enough to escape from his bedroom for the first time in 16 years.

Gregory said Hudson's waist shrank from 113 inches to 93 inches and his neck size is down from 28 inches to 21 inches.

Hudson attracted national attention in September after emergency medical technicians were called to his home when he became wedged in the door frame of his bathroom.

Trump attack Mayor Koch
NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump, the opinionated developer and casino owner who has repeatedly accused Mayor Edward I. Koch of driving businesses out of New York City, says he has made a New Year's resolution to hold his tongue.

Yarborough now recovering
AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Former U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough successfully underwent quadruple bypass surgery, his surgeon said.

West hit by a major storm

Howard Goldberg
The Associated Press

The West is headed for a white Christmas tonight, and as a result, one family in comparatively balmy New Jersey, thanks to a relative who shipped 1,500 pounds of snow from Vermont.

A low pressure area over Colorado and one that developed over central Kansas late Wednesday afternoon triggered a major winter storm from the upper Plains to northern New Mexico, the National Weather Service said.

Snow accumulations early today ranged up to more than 3 feet in higher elevations of Wyoming, 15 inches in Casper, Wyo., 10 inches at Harrisburg, Neb., 9 inches in Fort Collins, Colo., and 4 inches in Denver.

'Stealth' jet contracts are awarded

WASHINGTON (AP) — McDonnell Douglas Corp. and General Dynamics Corp. will design and build a super-secret Navy attack jet using "stealth" technology in a program that could total \$3.5 billion.



A woman battles snow and luggage at Denver's Stapleton Airport Wednesday evening as she arrives for an outgoining flight. Some travelers experienced delays of over two hours as heavy snow from a winter storm fell on the area.

Their crops with smudge pots, wind machines and sprays. In the northern Great Lakes region and northern New England, farmers said they would protect

selected to build the engines for the ATA, no matter who won the primary development contract.

Police trick teen hijacker, ordeal ends

ROME (AP) — The 15-year-old boy who hijacked a KLM jetliner to Rome was angry, because his grandparents in Holland had sent him money to Italy where he had recently run away from home, authorities said.

The four-hour hijacking ordeal ended peacefully Wednesday night when police captured the unarmed boy after tricking him into leaving the airliner on the pretext of putting him on a flight to the United States.

The plane, which had 91 passengers and the crew members aboard, landed at the airport at 7 p.m. The boy released 60 passengers about two hours later.

No one aboard KLM flight 343 was harmed. The plane was flying from Amsterdam to Milan when it was diverted to Rome.

KLM Chairman Johan de Soet identified the youth as Zino Scloni, but the Italian state-run RAI television said his name was Adalgiso Scloni. The discrepancy could not immediately be resolved.

Police said the hijacker had run away from home in the Italian island of Sardinia on Dec. 16 to join his grandparents in Holland.

Police officials said most of the passengers were Dutch and Italian. The U.S. embassy said no American citizens were on board.

Commissioners told to quit
BRIDGEPORT (AP) — Five members of the city's zoning commission are getting a distinctly unfriendly holiday message in the mail from Mayor Thomas W. Bucci: quit or be fired.

Commissioners J. William Burns said Tuesday. The tickets will go on sale Monday. They can be purchased by mail from Connecticut Transit or from the agency's information booth.

Seniors get bus fare break
HARTFORD (AP) — Senior citizens and disabled people will be able to purchase multi-fare punch tickets for use on public buses starting in January, state transportation officials have announced.

Shooting injures two
BRIDGEPORT (AP) — Two Bassick High School students were slightly injured when another student fired a shotgun or pellet gun after an argument, police and school officials report.

Shuttle test is 'perfect'
BRIGHAM CITY, Utah (AP) — NASA celebrated the season with a burst of flame and smoke as engineers conducted a flawless second full-scale test-firing of the redesigned space shuttle booster under severe winter conditions.

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Connecticut In Brief

Prison land purchased
SUFFIELD (AP) — The state has completed the purchase of 100 acres that will be the site for a new \$85 million, 600-bed, medium-security prison.

Shelters get funding
HARTFORD (AP) — The efforts in Hartford and Middletown to cope with the problems of homeless people have received \$1.5 million in support from the federal government.

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The committee began reviewing the department's program last month when questions were raised about the competence of mentally retarded clients who signed leases for homes in Chester and Old Saybrook.

Shooting injures two (continued)
The shooting occurred outside the school at about 12:45 p.m., 15 minutes before school recessed for the Christmas holiday, police said.

Shuttle test is 'perfect' (continued)
The shuttle showed that the deficiencies that plagued the Challenger design have been "well corrected," according to a Morton Thiokol engineer had who warned against launching the space shuttle in freezing conditions.

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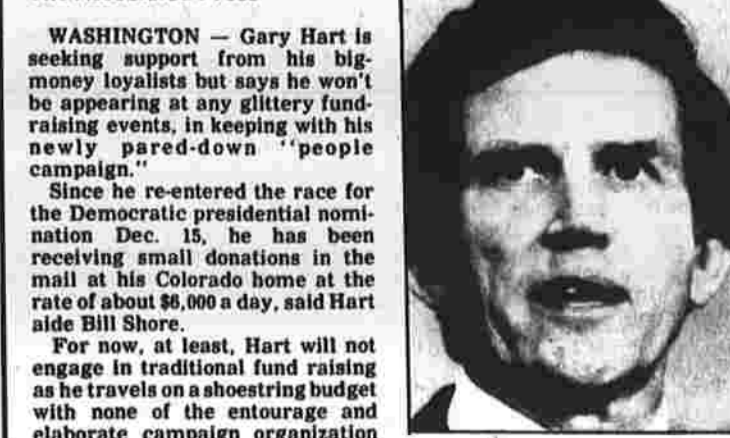
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Hart eschewing events in his 'people campaign'

Rita Boehm
The Associated Press



Gary Hart said he won't attend glittering fundraising events in keeping with his new pared-down "people campaign."

"Gary talked to all of us and about the kind of campaign he wanted to run," said executive Al Gersten of Los Angeles, who participated in the call. "At the

present time it is a grassroots campaign, going out to the people." However, Gersten added, "Even a grassroots campaign will need funding of some kind at some point and (Hart asked) that each of us would consider ways we could go out to our friends or the public and try to help."

Campaign attorney Bernie Schneider said no "typical fundraising events" are planned. "As long as it's a people campaign they don't need much money," he added.

Hart does need \$150,000 before the Feb. 16 New Hampshire primary, his campaign estimates, so the money network has started gearing up for calls to potential donors and devising ideas for raising money without Hart's presence.

The campaign also is sending out a direct-mail appeal to Hart's list of several thousand contributors.

And Hart expects to get a big shot in the arm if the Federal Election Commission certifies him to receive federal matching funds, which Hart aides figure will bring in some \$1 million from the federal Treasury.

Schneider said he anticipates the FEC will declare Hart eligible next week.

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Business Mirror

A very unusual Santa

By John Cuniff
The Associated Press

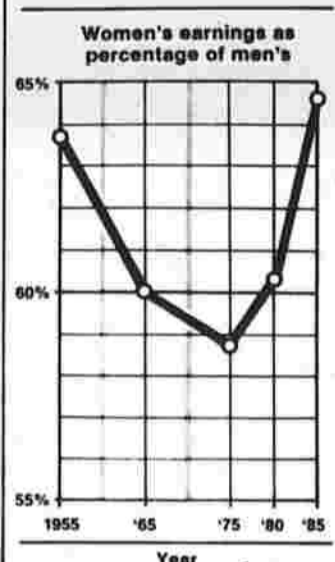
NEW YORK — The tax collector makes a very unusual Santa Claus almost everyone will agree. But other aspects of the Internal Revenue Service's behavior are just as noteworthy. One is arbitrariness. Another is a propensity to confuse. All year long the IRS has told Americans to fill out their W-4 tax statements so that they would have the proper amount deducted from their paychecks. Those who failed to do so, and thereby fell behind in their taxes, would be charged an interest penalty on the shortfall. By law, total withholding by the end of the year should amount to at least 90 percent of your tax liability. But now, in what is being hailed as a munificent holiday gesture by some, the IRS has decided to waive the penalty for not keeping current with tax liability. What it amounts to is an estimated \$6 billion gift to those who failed to obey the law. But where is the gift for those who dutifully obeyed? There is none. Law abiders, in effect, got penalized. Those who failed to obey the law had the full use of funds that should have gone to Uncle Sam. If they were wise or lucky, they made good use of that money, conceivably even doubling it through investments. Those who did obey the law never had that opportunity. True, the money doesn't amount

to much in most cases. But whether it's a dime or a dollar, it's nice to have the cash. Arbitrariness is a pronounced characteristic of the IRS. In the past, for example, you could obtain a variety of exemptions to the same question, depending upon what regional officer or representative you called. Most of those questions and answers involved dollars, of course, so the arbitrariness often had immediate and serious consequences. Some people paid, others did not, because the IRS's own interpreters were confused. Confusion is an old story in taxing, and it was an attempt to correct that confusion that supposedly guided those who formulated the tax reform of 1986. The new tax forms, it was widely proclaimed, were doubling in size. So simple, in fact, that the IRS instruction package grew to 50 pages from 36. But no amount of instruction is likely to help some people when they encounter the complexities of their 1987 returns. Consider, for example, the section of the tax code that says a certain tax break is available to an individual engaged in an activity stated to be passive, so long as the taxpayer is active in the passive activity. That actual situation may apply to a taxpayer who collects rent from a house, an activity deemed passive, so long as the taxpayer is actively engaged in collecting that rent and otherwise involved in the operation. The full realization of the confusion still awaits many taxpayers. Convinced that their taxes are lower this year than last, as they have been told repeatedly, they face the prospect of discovering that their bill has risen instead. Moral: Beware of posers in Santa Claus suits.

SALARY GAP



Earnings differences between men and women



NEA graphics

In 1985, the mean earnings of white men in the United States were \$28,159 a year. Hispanic women had lower earnings than men, white women and black women, as their earnings averaged only 51.7 percent of the earnings of white men.

Spurt in takeovers aids London stocks

By Colleen Timberlake
The Associated Press

LONDON — Takeover activity in England, especially among oil companies, is growing faster than before October's stock market crash, giving a boost to the beleaguered London market. The Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading British shares has stayed in positive territory for seven consecutive sessions. The index — which stood at 2,399.1 the session before the Oct. 19 crash, and sank to 1,565.2 Nov. 9 — gained 130.6 points, or 5.1 percent, during a streak that began Dec. 11 and ended Monday. It slipped 2.3 points to close at 1,747.4 on Tuesday. In addition to buying prices, the takeover activity has generated volume on the London Stock Exchange. Analysts attributed the interest both to cheaper post-crash prices and to companies that have cash to spare, but there are several factors that make the London market more attractive than other markets. There are relatively few restraints on stock purchases and takeovers; the British economy and currency are strong; and, buying a British company offers a cheap entry into the Common Market. Although most of the attention has been focused on the oil companies, bidders are interested in a wide range of stocks, including a supermarket chain, a maker of electrical accessories and a financial firm, he said. New suitors emerged Tuesday, including a mystery bidder who went into the market looking to acquire 14.9 percent of Blue Circle Industries PLC, Britain's largest cement company. But it's British Petroleum Co.

Rat in sheep's clothing

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — The capybara, the world's largest rodent, can be the size of a small sheep, weighing 130 pounds or more. Found in open grasslands near water or in tropical rain forests, the rodents are excellent swimmers and spend much time bathing, resting and grazing. If the thought of a rodent the size of a sheep is intimidating, consider that the capybara's ancestors were bigger than grizzly bears.

BUSINESS

Business In Brief

Baranowski named benefits officer

Sandra Shack Baranowski of 36 Greenwood Drive has been promoted to employee benefits officer in the Investment Services Division at the Connecticut National Bank office in Hartford. Baranowski joined the bank in 1984 as an employee benefits analyst and was promoted to representative last March. She is a 1981 graduate of Manchester Community College and a 1984 graduate of the University of Connecticut. She is also a council member of the Concordia Lutheran Church, where she serves as a deacon and chairperson of the Youth Committee. She lives in Manchester with her husband, Joel.

New McDonald's to open Dec. 30

A new McDonald's restaurant will open at 46 W. Center St. on Dec. 30. The new restaurant, located next to the current McDonald's, will be owned and operated by Walsh Enterprises Inc. Groundbreaking for the restaurant was held in September. The new restaurant will include full-height bow windows, increased indoor seating and a double-window drive-thru.

Collins relocates office

Attorney William B. Collins of Manchester has relocated his office to 843 Main St. Collins has been a practicing attorney in the Greater Hartford area for the past 27 years. He was most recently the chief litigation attorney with the firm of Serignese, Collins & Petrone. Collins lives in Manchester with his wife, Claire.

Former resident, Butler, promoted

Janice L. Butler, formerly of Manchester, was recently appointed assistant vice president-production operations manager at Commonwealth Savings & Loan in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Butler was formerly office manager for the Connecticut National Mortgage Co. and manager of mortgage lending for the Bank of Hartford. She joined Commonwealth in October, 1987. A graduate of the University of Connecticut, Butler now lives Boynton Beach, Fla.

Dr. Kahaner named Fellow

Dr. Harvey A. Kahaner of 239 Ludlow Road, was recently named a Fellow of the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Kahaner's office is at 320 Main St. Academy Fellows must be in practice at least three years and be a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons or its equivalent. The academy is an association for surgeons specializing in facial plastic surgery, specifically the head and neck region. Kahaner earned his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine.

Dodge honors Coventry resident

Gene Wilson of 10 Grant Hill Road, Coventry, was recently awarded for individual performance in selling Dodge vehicles. Wilson is a salesman at Churches Motors Inc. of 80 Oakland St. He has reached the silver level of recognition in Dodge's Sales Professionals Club. Awards are given for outstanding product knowledge and sales achievement at three performance levels—bronze, silver and gold.

Growth projections are in line

Tom Raum
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While House economic projections frequently prove overly optimistic, but it is certainly within the range of reasonableness, he said. Chimerine noted that growth rates between 2 percent and 3 percent — once considered anemic — are becoming the norm. "It's not possible to keep growing at the rates we did back in the 1950s and 1960s," he said. Many past White House forecasts for growth have been far wider of the mark, usually on the optimistic side. For instance, the Reagan administration in January 1986 predicted gross national product growth that year of 4 percent, nearly twice the level pegged by many private forecasters. The actual rate turned out to be 2.2 percent. In 1985, the administration also had projected 4 percent growth and actual growth of 2.9 percent. When the final quarter of 1987 is added in, the final level is likely to be close to that original 3.2 percent projection.

Blue Chip Economic Indicators, a financial newsletter that surveys 51 top economists each month, says the consensus estimate is that the economy will expand at a 2 percent annual rate in 1988. Lawrence Chimerine, chairman of the Welfa Group, a private forecasting service based in the Philadelphia area, said his projection is also for 2 percent growth next year. "The administration forecast 'is a little on the high side, but it is certainly within the range of reasonableness,' he said. Chimerine noted that growth rates between 2 percent and 3 percent — once considered anemic — are becoming the norm. "It's not possible to keep growing at the rates we did back in the 1950s and 1960s," he said. Many past White House forecasts for growth have been far wider of the mark, usually on the optimistic side. For instance, the Reagan administration in January 1986 predicted gross national product growth that year of 4 percent, nearly twice the level pegged by many private forecasters. The actual rate turned out to be 2.2 percent. In 1985, the administration also had projected 4 percent growth and actual growth of 2.9 percent. When the final quarter of 1987 is added in, the final level is likely to be close to that original 3.2 percent projection.

over as treasury secretary in 1985. Baker has led a process among industrial nations for closer economic policy coordination based on economic forecasts and indicators — a process that would not work if U.S. forecasts were continually faulty. In the new forecast, the administration predicted growth would rebound to 3.5 percent in 1989 and stay between that level and 3.2 percent through 1993. In other forecasts, the administration said civilian unemployment would remain at its November level of 5.9 percent through 1988, drop to 5.7 percent in 1989 and then ease gradually to 5.3 percent by 1993. Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, will drop to 4.3 percent in 1988 from its 1987 level of 4.7 percent, then decline to 3.9 percent in 1989 and to 3.2 percent in 1992, the administration predicted. On interest rates, the administration projected that long-term rates, based on 10-year Treasury bonds, would ease from the current 8.4 percent to 8 percent in 1988 and to 7.4 percent in 1989. For short-term rates, the administration said three-month Treasury bills — now at 5.8 percent — would ease to 5.3 percent in 1988 and to 5.2 percent in 1989. The administration issues its economic forecasts twice a year. The new projection will be used in the preparation of President Reagan's fiscal 1989 budget, expected to be submitted to Congress on Feb. 16.



Beryl Sprinkel, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, announced Wednesday the Reagan administration's newly lowered economic forecast for 2.4 percent growth in 1988.

Figuring T-Bond yield is not easy

QUESTION: My \$20,000 certificate of deposit will mature soon and I am considering buying a U.S. Treasury bond. Looking at Treasury bond quotations, I see that the stated interest rate on a particular bond can be higher or lower than the bond's "yield." Can you provide a mathematical formula for arriving at that yield?



Investors' Guide
William A. Doyle

ANSWER: None, because the formula is far too complicated and has too many variations to be spelt out in this column. You'll have to settle for some words of explanation. The yield quoted on a U.S. Treasury bond or note is "yield to maturity" — a number that takes into account the bond's fixed rate of annual interest and the price at which the bond will be redeemed at face value when it matures. This is best explained in three steps.

Let's say you buy a 9 percent Treasury bond due to mature in exactly 10 years at "100" — 100 percent of face value of \$1,000 per \$1,000 bond. You know you will collect \$90 interest each year. Your "current yield" — annual interest divided by market price — is 9 percent. So is your yield to maturity, because you paid \$1,000 and will get \$1,000 when the bond matures.

Next, let's say you buy the same bond at "110" — \$1,100 per \$1,000 bond. Your current yield — \$90 divided by \$1,100 — is about 8.2 percent. Because you paid a 10 percent premium over the bond's face value, the 9 percent stated interest rate is reduced by approximately 1 percent annually over the bond's remaining 10 years. Your yield to maturity is approximately 8 percent.

Finally, let's say you buy that bond at "90" — \$900 per \$1,000 bond. Your current yield is 10 percent discount below the bond's face value, the 9 percent stated interest rate is increased by roughly 1 percent a year — making your yield to maturity about 11 percent. Another way to look at it is that yield to maturity adjusts for the difference between the price at which the bond is purchased and the face value amount at which it will be redeemed. A premium in the purchase price is prorated over the life of a bond to reduce yield to maturity. A discount in purchase price over a bond's life to increase yield to maturity.

You undoubtedly noticed my use of hedging words, such as "about," "approximate" and "roughly." That's because the three-step method outlined above does not account for compounding of interest each year on the difference between purchase price and face value, and other complicated steps necessary to arrive at precise yields to maturity. Even bankers and brokers don't use mathematical formulas to determine yields to maturity. Instead, they open fat "basis books" containing page after page of exact yields to maturity.

QUESTION: I see a U.S. Treasury bond quoted at "95.28." Does that mean it's trading at \$952.80 per \$1,000 face value of bond?

ANSWER: No. That means its market value is \$958.75 per \$1,000 face value. Like other debt securities, Treasury bond and note prices are quoted in straight percentages of face value — until the decimal point. The number in front of the decimal point is easily understood. "95" means 95 percent of face value — \$950 per \$1,000 bond. But the numbers behind the decimal point in Treasury bond and note quotations are in 32nds. And 28-32nds is exactly \$8.75 per \$1,000 bond.

QUESTION: A Treasury bond in which I would like to invest is quoted at 95.28 bid, 95.28 asked. Can I buy \$20,000 face amount of that bond at the asked price?

ANSWER: Almost certainly, no. Published Treasury bond and note prices are those quoted by bond dealers to each other for

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Obituaries

Dorothy Enes

Dorothy (Hanna) Enes, 78, of Wetherfield, wife of Pierce M. Enes, died Tuesday at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

David T. Menser

David T. Menser, 68, of Largo, Fla., died Sunday at Largo Medical Center Hospital. He was the brother of Madeline Solomson of Manchester.

Rocco G. Florita

Rocco G. Florita, 92, of Windsor, died Tuesday at Mount Sinai Hospital. He was the husband of the late Mary (Sposito) Florita and brother of Joseph Florita and Theresa Hublard, both of Manchester.

Ernest M. Pohl

Ernest M. Pohl, 75, of 223 N. Main St., died Wednesday evening at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of the late Ruth (Hurlock) Pohl, who died in 1973.

Fromme flees from prison

Continued from page 1. Atwood said local, state and federal authorities, including the Secret Service, were notified.

School plan attacked

Continued from page 1. House Speaker Irving J. Stolberg, D-New Haven, said, "I basically want our education committee to examine the recommendations very thoroughly."

State cites Caprilands

Continued from page 1. The violations were discovered in 1986 during a routine inspection by Cooper. Cooper said Sunday that an update inspection by the state fire inspector revealed that some of the 18 violations had been corrected.

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Inmates send replies to 'Dear Santa' letters

By Elizabeth Shogren The Associated Press. The substitute Santa wrote back. "I'll be sure to visit you in the land 'down under' on Christmas Eve. Stay the good boy you have already been."

Dues hike asked

Continued from page 1. no hike in fees for senior citizens. In a Dec. 14 letter to the subcommittee seeking the increase, Rosetto said that course play increased "significantly" during the past year to 70,000 pieces.

Travel spending generates jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — Travel spending in America directly generated 5.2 million jobs in 1986, paying nearly \$88 billion in salaries, and producing over \$33 billion in federal, state and local tax revenue, reports Travel Agent magazine.

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Continued from page 1. needed repairs. Some of the original violations included inadequate access to emergency exits, doors that swing in and out, lack of fire proofing on the walls and an adequate fire alarm system.

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SPORTS Intensity the key to Manchester victory

By Jim Tierney Herald Sports Writer. Intensity is a term any coach continually wants to instill in his players. When it is present on his team, the outcome is usually a pleasant one.

Manchester's intensity was blatantly evident during the second quarter as it scored the first 18 points of the stanza to take a 38-16 lead on a layup by senior Troy Peters with 3:20 left before half.

Manchester also took the junior varsity contest by a score of 69-55. William Burg led the young Indians with 12 points while Emil Asavi had 10.

East wins game on ice, loses coach for game

BOLTON — One thing you better not ask first-year Coach Joe Hubback to do is hide his emotions. He won't. Hubback was not pleased by the play of Wetherfield High toward the end of last night's ice hockey game, taken by Hubback's Eagles, 5-1, at the Bolton Ice Palace.

West had a goal and an assist and Prestach two assists for East. Each side had seven power-play opportunities with East's coming late at Wetherfield, according to Hubback, was getting whistled for getting its sticks and hands up.



Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

'Rags' re-signs with Yankees

By Ronald Blum The Associated Press. NEW YORK — The unannounced ban on three-year contracts for pitchers is over, and New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, naturally, was the one to break it.

"All the other offers from the other teams were all in the same ballpark," Righetti said. "We love you and all that."

A retrospective look at the sportsworld for 1987

Another year has passed in the world of sports and several new champions were crowned. In this cable-television focused society of ours sports has relentlessly forged to the forefront as both entertainment and big business.

Jim Tierney Herald Sports Writer. CONCERNING THE "SPORT OF Kings," Alysbeha and Bet Twice created a classic duel in May which was reminiscent of the peerless tandem of Aitirmed and Aldyar in 1978.

LOCALLY SPEAKING, JOHN DOHERTY (newly sworn Irish citizen) successfully defended his Manchester Thanksgiving Day Road Race title. Doherty outduelled fellow countryman Richard O'Flynn while the two turned in the second and third fastest times ever in the Silk City: 21:31 and 21:35 for the 4.75-mile loop.

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Sports In Brief

Lomax, Bosworth cited by the NFL

NEW YORK — Neil Lomax of St. Louis, Rickey Jackson of New Orleans, Mark Duper of Miami and Brian Bosworth of Seattle have been named the NFC and AFC players of the week, the NFL announced Wednesday.

Lomax, the Cardinals quarterback, completed 22 of 29 passes for 223 yards and three touchdowns in a 31-14 victory over Tampa Bay. He tied a club record he already shared with Jim Hart, with 12 straight completions during the game.

Jackson had three sacks in New Orleans' 41-24 win over Cincinnati.

Duper had six catches for 170 yards and three touchdowns, including the winner with 1:07 left in Miami's 23-21 victory over Washington Sunday night to win AFC offensive honors.

Bosworth, Seattle's highly publicized rookie linebacker, had six tackles, one sack and grabbed a fumble which he returned to the 1-yard line in a 34-21 win in Chicago.

NBA suspends Pistons' Dantley

NEW YORK — Forward Adrian Dantley of the Detroit Pistons was suspended for one game and fined \$1,000 by the NBA Wednesday for bumping referee Ed Rush during a 117-112 victory over Dallas last Friday.

The penalties were announced by NBA vice president Rod Thorn, who viewed videotapes of the incident.

Dantley's suspension will be in effect for the Pistons' next game, Friday against the Knicks at Madison Square Garden.

Oilers' Fuhr top vote-getter in NHL

MONTREAL — Goaltender Grant Fuhr of the Edmonton Oilers has become the top vote-getter in balloting for the NHL All-Star Game, the league said Wednesday.

Fuhr and teammates Wayne Gretzky, Jari Kurri and Kevin Lowe have big leads on Campbell Conference starting positions for the game, Feb. 9 at St. Louis.

Fuhr was voted for the starting lineup Dec. 31. The remainder of the squads will be chosen by the coaches — Glen Sather of the Campbell Conference and Mike Keenan of the Wales Conference.

Fuhr has received more than 220,000 votes, more than four times the total of his nearest competitor, Rick Wamsley of St. Louis.

Gretzky has 202,972 votes at Chicago, compared to 63,054 for runner-up Denis Savard of the Chicago Blackhawks.

At right wing, Kurri has 167,070 votes, leading Dino Ciccarelli of Minnesota, who has 76,840.

Balboni probably won't return to KC

NEW YORK — Steve Balboni, who became a free agent Monday when the Royals did not offer him a contract for next season, probably will not re-sign with Kansas City, his agent said Wednesday.

"He didn't want to come back to Kansas City anyhow," Gary Richard, Balboni's agent, said. "I never say never, but in all likelihood, he won't be back there."

Francis back with Patriots

FOXBORO, Mass. — Former All-Pro tight end Russ Francis has become the first player to be traded back to the Patriots since he was drafted by the team in 1975, was waived by the Patriots last week.

Francis, the Patriots' top draft pick in 1975, was waived by the San Francisco 49ers last week.

He was expected to play Monday night, when New England ends its season against the Miami Dolphins.

"I feel right at home," Francis said. "I never say never, but in all likelihood, he won't be back there."

Flyers' Brian Propp out 2-3 weeks

PHILADELPHIA — Left wing Brian Propp of the Philadelphia Flyers will be sidelined for two to three weeks with a sprained left knee, team officials said Wednesday.

Propp injured the knee during the second period of the Flyers' 6-4 victory Tuesday night over the New York Rangers. The injury was to the same knee that sidelined Propp for 27 games last season.

Hall named Idaho State grid coach

POCATELLO, Idaho — Idaho State named Oregon State offensive coordinator Gary Hall as its football coach Wednesday.

Hall, 41, succeeds Jim Koetter, who was fired after five seasons.

He will attempt to resurrect a football program that was 5-16-1 in the past two seasons, including the school's worst beating in 40 years, a 63-0 loss to Montana this year.

Hall was given a one-year contract for \$46,000.

Magic leads NBA West voting

NEW YORK — Guard Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers is the Western Conference leader in early balloting for starting yards in the NBA All-Star Game, the league announced Wednesday.

Johnson, who is second in the NBA in assists with an 11.6 average, has received 219,174 votes. He was the conference's leading vote-getter last year with 949,304 votes.

Fat Lever, who leads Denver in rebounding, steals and assists, ranks second among West guards with 138,271 votes.

Denver's Alex English and Calvin Natt lead the forwards. English, the NBA's No. 7 scorer with a 24.6 average, has collected 161,822 votes and Natt 158,228.

Akeem Olatunji, the No. 4 rebounder in the NBA with an 11.2 average, tops the centers with 149,186 votes.

Voting continues through mid-January. The 38th annual All-Star Game will be Feb. 7 in Chicago.

Rams' Dennis Harrah to retire

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Los Angeles Rams guard Dennis Harrah, a colorful country boy with a knack for talking as well as blocking, announced his retirement Wednesday after 13 NFL seasons.

His timing as good as his endless stream of one-liners, Harrah made the announcement shortly after the league announced that he had been selected to the Pro Bowl for the sixth time.

"It's the final chapter in a very lucky book for me," said the 34-year-old Harrah, who has been bothered by a bad back and a torn leg muscle.

"I feel very fortunate to end it on this note. Hopefully, I'll be healthy (by Feb. 7) and the Pro Bowl will be my last NFL game."

Harrah has missed three games with injuries and won't play Sunday against San Francisco in the Rams' final game of the season. He admitted that his selection was as much a reflection of his career and his popularity as it was his play this season.

Dorsett expects to be traded

IRVING, Texas — Tony Dorsett believes Sunday's game will be his last in a Dallas Cowboys uniform, and that he already has a list of teams he wants to play for next season.

"Personally, I just don't see me being here," Dorsett said. "The only way I can see being here next year is if no other team in the league was interested in me."

In an interview Wednesday with the Fort Worth Star Telegram, Dorsett said once again that he was upset with the way the transition to Herschel Walker was handled.

"Hopefully, they (the Cowboys) will be kind enough to give me a new address and let me play football," Dorsett said.

Rice only unanimous Bowl pick

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — San Francisco 49ers' record-breaking wide receiver Jerry Rice is the only unanimous selection for the Pro Bowl, while quarterback Harry Carson of the New York Giants will tie a record with his appearance in the NFL all-star game.



Entering the final week of the regular season, Rice, voted to the Pro Bowl, has caught touchdown passes in a record 12 regular-season games, more than the old mark held by Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch of the Los Angeles Rams and Buddy Dial of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Rice's 26 TD receptions in 11 games in the strike-curtailed season broke the old record of 18 set by Miami's Mark Clayton three years ago.

Carson would be making his ninth Pro Bowl appearance at Honolulu on Feb. 7 after being voted Wednesday to the NFC team. Others voted in nine times were Joe Greene and Ted Lambert of Pittsburgh, Ken Houston of Houston and Washington, and Walter Payton of the Bears.

The Cleveland Browns and Indianapolis Colts placed the most players on the 4-man AFC team. Cleveland will be represented by seven players and Indianapolis by five.

The AFC squad will have five players each from five teams — the Chicago Bears, Los Angeles Rams, Minnesota Vikings, New Orleans Saints and 49ers.

Playing his final season, Carson was not chosen this year by players and coaches.

The NFC team includes Rice and Quarterback of Philadelphia as starting wide receivers with Anthony Carter of Minnesota and Gary Clark of Washington as alternates.

Mark Bavaro of the Giants and Steve Jordan of the Vikings are the tight ends, with Bavaro as the starter.

Jackie Slater of the Los Angeles Rams and Gary Zimmerman of the Vikings are the starting tackles, backed up by Luis Sharpe of the Cardinals.

Bill Frier of Atlanta and Dennis Harral of the Rams are the starting guards, with Brad Edelman of New Orleans as the backup.

The centers are starter Jay Hilgenberg of Chicago and Doug Smith of the Los Angeles Rams. Joe Montana of San Francisco and Neil Lomax of St. Louis are the quarterbacks, with running backs Riesen of Cleveland, guard Ron Solt of Indianapolis, center Dwight Stephenson and quarterback Dan Marino of Miami, running backs Kevin Mack of Cleveland and Mike Rozier of Houston, defensive end Howie Long of the Raiders, defensive tackle Bob Golic and outside linebacker Clay Matthews of Cleveland, inside linebacker John Olsheid of Miami, and defensive backs Frank Minifield and Hanford Dixon of Cleveland, Kenny Easley of Seattle and Deron Cherry of Kansas City.

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San Francisco wide receiver Jerry Rice is shown here after scoring one of three touchdowns in a win over the Cleveland Browns on Dec. 12. Rice is the only unanimous pick for the Pro Bowl. Rice has set records for TD pass receptions in a season (20) and has caught a TD pass in 12 straight games.

UCLA after sixth straight bowl win

By John Nodel

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — UCLA will attempt to become the fifth team in NCAA history to win six bowl games in a row when the Bruins take on the 10th-ranked Oregon State Beavers on Christmas Day in the Aloha Bowl.

Oldsmakers say the Bruins will accomplish such a feat, having established them as nine-point favorites over the Gators.

Schools who have won bowl games at the conclusion of six consecutive seasons are Georgia Tech (from 1951 to 1956), Nebraska (1969-74), Southern Cal (1974-79) and Oklahoma (1975-80).

Under Coach Terry Donahue, UCLA has won three Rose Bowls, one Fiesta Bowl and one Freedom Bowl starting with the 1982 season. The Bruins enter Friday's game with a 9-2 record.

The Bruins' chances were hurt Wednesday when it was announced that running back Gaston Green

will miss the game because of a pulled thigh muscle.

"I won't be able to play, I'm very disappointed," Green said after Wednesday's practice session. "I was looking forward to it. It was going to be my last game and I wanted to go out with a good one."

Although hampered by injuries, Green, a senior, gained 1,098 yards on 206 carries and scored 11 touchdowns this season, giving him career totals of 3,721 yards, 708 carries and 40 touchdowns, all school records. He has rushed for 45 yards in three previous bowl games, including a major bowl record 266 in last year's Freedom Bowl.

Green's spot will be taken by junior Eric Ball, the hero of UCLA's 45-28 win over Iowa in the 1986 Rose Bowl. Ball also replaced an injured Green in that game and rushed for 227 yards and four touchdowns.

This year, Ball gained 334 yards on 53 carries and scored seven touchdowns.

Donahue said he wanted the trip to Hawaii to be a positive experience for his team, but added, "The most important thing in a bowl game is winning the game. What I want to do is win the game, finish with a record of 10-2 and keep our string of bowl victories alive."

The game begins at 10:45 a.m. local time, meaning a 3:45 p.m. kickoff in the East and 12:45 p.m. start on the West Coast. It will be televised nationally by ABC.

While the Bruins have been enormously successful in recent bowl games, the Gators haven't participated in a postseason contest since 1983, but not because they haven't been good enough.

Florida won't be eligible to play in bowl games following the 1984 and 1985 seasons because of NCAA sanctions announced in October of 1984. The Gators went 9-1-1 in each of those years.

Last season, the Gators were 6-5. A loss to Kentucky in the 10th game of the season kept them out of a bowl.

Florida was also 6-5 this season.

but its losses came at the hands of five very good teams — Miami, Fla.; Louisiana State; Auburn; Georgia, and Florida State. All are ranked among the nation's top 20 and all are playing in bowl games.

UCLA is a member of the Pacific-10 Conference while Florida is one of the Southeastern Conference.

"They're a gifted team physically," Donahue said. "They've got a tremendous amount of speed. Their strength is defense."

Their quarterback (Kerwin Bell) is the all-time leading thrower since 1983, but not because they've gotten a hot hand and hitting a lot of passes, (running back) Emmitt Smith is terrific, a great back. He's a big-league guy, he can get it done.

"They've got a real quick, aggressive, active-type football team, one who will give us everything we want."

Florida Coach Galtan Hall expressed regret that the Gators must face the Bruins.

Oklahoma awesome in rout of Virginia

By Bob Greene

The Associated Press

Forget the 109 points 12th-ranked Oklahoma scored. The defense won the game.

"Our defense really dictates our game," coach Billy Tubbs said after his Sooners defeated Virginia 109-0 Wednesday night. "It sets the tempo of the game. And the first 10 minutes of the second half was about as awesome I've seen in a long time."

Oklahoma scored the first 27 points of the second half and held Virginia to just three field goal attempts in the first eight minutes before the Cavaliers' Bill Batts scored on a slam dunk.

And the Sooners defeated Virginia to commit 33 turnovers, 24 of them in the second half. Oklahoma only had nine turnovers.

In other games involving ranked teams, No. 15 Nevada-Las Vegas routed Creighton 91-59 and No. 20 Memphis State downed Oklahoma State 87-64.

Oklahoma led by only 45-36 at the half. Then the defense went to work.

Harvey Grant and Stacey King scored 20 points each to lead Oklahoma.

Mookie Blylock scored 17 points and Tyrone Jones added 15 for the unbeaten Sooners, 4-0. Bill Batts led Virginia, 4-5, with 12 points.

No. 15 Nevada-Las Vegas 90, Creighton 88: Gerald Padilo scored 29 points and tournament MVP Jarvis Bannight had 16 for the Runnin' Rebels, who won their own Rebel Roundup for the sixth straight time.

The Rebels, 7-0, used a trapping defense and superior front-court experience to force 12 turnovers in the first half and take a 21-11

rebounding edge. They were never seriously tested thereafter.

Rod Mason scored 14 points and James Parr 12 for Creighton, 4-4.

No. 20 Memphis State 87, Alcorn State 64: Rodney Douglas scored 20 points and grabbed six rebounds as 20th-ranked Memphis State shook off stubborn Alcorn State late in the first half. Douglas hit on 10 of 14 shots from the field.

Memphis State, 6-1, outscored the Braves 27-5 midway through the second half to secure its sixth victory in seven outings.

Vincent Riley led Alcorn State, 1-0, with 15 points.

Other games: Sophomore center Alec Kessler scored a career-high 23 points and Willie Anderson had 21 as Georgia defeated La Salle 79-71 in the round-robin Chaminda Christmas Classic in Honolulu.

Anderson gave Georgia, 7-2, the lead for good at 69-58 on a fall-away jumper with about 10 minutes left in the game, and Kessler scored nine of his team's final 19 points to seal the victory. La Salle, 5-3, was led by Craig Conlin's 15 points.

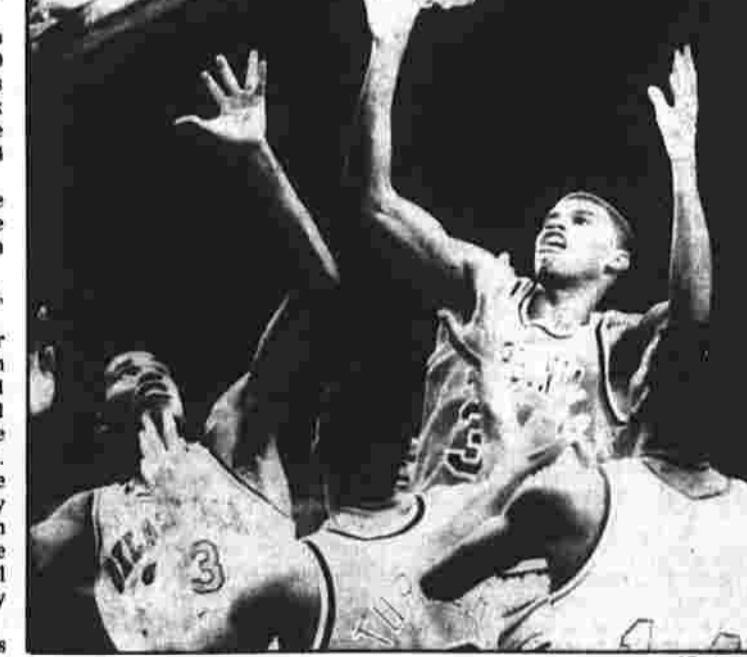
Rod Strickland scored 21 points and Kevin Edwards added 19 to lead DePaul, 7-2, over Texas-San Antonio 93-82. The Blue Demons let an 11-point halftime lead shrink to a point before a 15-2 spurt midway through the second half put them comfortably ahead of the Roadrunners, 4-3, who were led by Eric Cooper with 21 points.

DePaul scored eight points during the opening minutes and Andrew Lang intimidated Alabama as Arkansas knocked off the Southern Crimson Tide 80-55. Arkansas im-

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Weekenders

Great medicine show

Billing themselves as "an old time medicine show," the Great Interplanetary Soapbox Revival will present a show for adults and children on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Wadsworth Atheneum.

Marc Levitt and Sylvan Valcitta, the stars, are performers and teachers. The show uses juggling, music, storytelling and vaudeville-style entertainment to involve the children.

The character of Dr. Bonus J. Bonus appears on stage, along with an array of others who bring to life the tales and myths of New England and the rest of the world.

The show will be in the museum's Avery Theater, 600 Main St., Hartford. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under, and will be sold at the door.

Don't unwrap these

Your kids may find loads of presents under the Christmas tree, but in West Hartford they'll find toys which they cannot unwrap. A parade of toy soldiers, an elaborate Victorian dollhouse and a miniature general store from the 1800s are among the things displayed in the exhibition called "Toys from Past Times at Noah Webster House, 227 S. Main St., West Hartford. This exhibition shows toys, games and amusements from the past.

From simple wrought iron cars to an early toy typewriter, toys which will fascinate both adults and children will be displayed. The exhibit will be open through Jan. 10. The museum is open daily, except Wednesdays, from 1 to 4 p.m. It will be closed Christmas Day. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children.

All lit up

The Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe houses will be open for house tours on Sunday, all lit up for the holiday. The tours are from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and admission is \$5.50 for adults and \$2.75 for children. Discounts are offered to anyone who brings a non-perishable food item. Call 247-0998 for more information.

The trio triumphant

The Kingston Trio will be at the Bradley Playhouse in Putnam, about an hour from Manchester, for two performances on Sunday. Tickets for the shows, at 2 and 8 p.m., cost \$14.

These performances are sponsored by the Northeast Repertory Theater. Call 928-7887 for reservations.

Climb on the train

This will be the last weekend to take the Christmas Express at the Valley Railroad Company, on Railroad Avenue in Essex. The train ride winds through 10 forest scenes, and features a visit from Santa. Rides will be Saturday and Sunday at 2:45 and 4:15 p.m. Admission is \$6.95 for adults, \$2.85 for children 12 and under. Call 827-7852 for more details.

Go dancin'

Parents Without Partners will have an open dance on Saturday evening from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Italian American Club on Tolland Street in East Hartford. Admission is \$4 for members, \$5 for non-members. Music will be by the Entertainers.

See free flick

The cartoon feature, "Crickets on the Hearth," will be shown in the Junior Room at Mary Cheney Library on Saturday at 2 p.m. This is a full-length film, appropriate for children and adults.

Vacation busy for area kids

By Nancy Pappas

Manchester Herald

No need to be bored over the winter Christmas vacation. You'll find plenty to do, even though there's no sign yet of the ice and snow you'd need for trying out those new ice skates and skis.

On Saturday and Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and Jan. 2 and 3, the Late Children's Museum will be open from noon to 5 p.m. Movies such as "Curious George" and "Make Way for Ducklings" will be shown each day at 2 and 4 p.m. There will be live animal programs most days, at 1 and 3 p.m., although they will be postponed if the schedule in advance. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children.

From Sunday through Wednesday and again on Jan. 2, the National Theatre of the Deaf will present a program of works aimed at both children and adults. It will be produced in The Meeting House Theater, Goose Hill Road, Chester. Besides the Dylan Thomas tale, "A Child's Christmas in Wales," there will be poetry by e.e. cummings, and a "fill in the blanks" ghost story created by the actors with the audience.

With James Thurber's "The Night the Bed Fell," the actors hope to tickle a series of morning proverbs for children of different ages, from Monday through Thursday. Children who are 3 and 4 may attend on Monday, and must bring along a parent. On Tuesday, there will be programs for 5- and 6-year-olds. Wednesday the program is for 7- and 8-year-olds and Thursday the 9- to 11-year-olds may attend.

Each program is from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and the program fee is \$2.50 per child. Reservations are required. See call 572-0711.

There will be a "birthday party for Jesus" on Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. at St. George Episcopal Church, 1160 Boston Turnpike, Bolton Plaza will be served and kids will get to decorate their own cookies. Storyteller Linda Marchisio will entertain. This activity is for children in grades through 5, and will cost \$2 per person, which covers the cost of the pizza. In case of snow, the party will be the next day.

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2 East Indian tree
3 Cry of surprise
4 Thatch palm
5 Snaphot, for short
6 Rowing tools
7 Curved molding
8 Government security rating
9 Facilitate
10 Regard
11 Conclude
12 Thieves
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14 Spanish hero
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16 Small island
17 Fervent appeal
18 Teasing
19 Disobays
20 Feminine garment
21 Tart

Answer to Previous Puzzle
Crossword grid with numbers 1-24 and letters O, T, U, I, N, O, P, A, etc.

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ZAJ FMWUJTWUF JXU
KXKULQMLP TF
MOULQXUEWTVV - QULYXUL
OMY ZLCAY
PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "True friendship comes when silence between two people is comfortable."

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.
TOARA
BREHT
CEEDDO
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Astrograph

Your Birthday
Dec. 25, 1987
Friends will play important roles in your affairs over the coming months. The doings of an old pal who will re-enter your life will be especially significant.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be a good listener today, especially if you are at a gathering where new topics are being discussed. What you learn can later be of great importance to you. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Matchmaker self can help you understand what it might take to restore the relationship. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 81426, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Conditions will be more advantageous for you today than they will be tomorrow, particularly where your career or material interests are concerned.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Knowledge gained from experience is your ally today. If you are stymied in any undertaking, look into the past for the key to unlock today's enigmas.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) If there is something nice you want to do for someone close to you today, carry it out with as little fanfare as possible. Others will look your horn later.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Contact

TV Topics

Writer went undercover for plot

By Jerry Buck
The Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — Screenwriter Anna Hamilton Phelan went undercover to research white supremacist organizations for the HBO movie "Into the Homeland."
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7:00PM (S) CBS News
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SUPPY by Bill Griffith

"FA-LA-LA-LA-LA"

YEAL, LIPPY! MAKE THE "GARGLE" LOOK LIKE NIBBLE TEMPLE! LISTEN, WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK TO TOWN? YEAH... WE'RE SERVING JELLO HERE.

MELT, FROSTY MELT!!

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I'M HERE? I'M HERE TO BECOME A WHOLE LOT MORE LUSH!

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PEANUTS by Charles M. Schulz

HE HAS THESE REINDEER, SEE AND THEY FLY THROUGH THE AIR PULLING HIS SLED...

AND IF YOU BELIEVE THAT I HAVE A GOLD BIRD NEST THAT I'LL SELL YOU FOR A DOLLAR!

HAHAHAHA!

MERRY CHRISTMAS LITTLE FRIEND!

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Din Brown

SHOULD WE OPEN OUR GIFTS TOMORROW OR... ..TODAY?

THE PHANTOM by Lee Falk & Sy Barry

UH, DEAD BODIES, GO IN THAT CHUTE, WHAT? YOU'D BE UNCOMFORTABLE IN THE SECRET-POLICE PRISON...

BLONDIE by Dean Young & Stan Drake

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING FOR CHRISTMAS, ELA?

A BIKE, A BASEBALL GLOVE AND MY OWN VCR!

AND WHAT ARE YOUR PARENTS' HINTS?

A LOT OF HINTS, AT THE VERY LEAST!

THAT'S HARDLY AT LEAST THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS!

WHAT A GUY by Bill Hoest

"IS THERE ANY SONG YOU REALLY LIKE, MOM? WE PROMISE NOT TO PLAY IT."

ON THE FASTTRACK by Bill Holtbrook

LISTEN, CAT, I KNOW YOU'RE USED TO HAVING WENDY TO YOURSELF, BUT NOW I'M HERE TO STAY!

SO YOU'D BETTER GET USED TO HAVING ME AROUND! GOT IT?

RIP SLASH TEAR RIP

WENDY?

Bridge

A missed chance for gift-giving

By James Jacoby

South bid four spades without hesitation when his partner gave him a jump raise. Although South had only five high-card points, he knew the value of a supported six-card suit, and he liked his fit with North's diamonds (the opening suit). Unfortunately the defense was unerring. Declarer covered the opening lead of the club queen with dummy's king. East won the ace and returned a low heart. South's king went to West's ace, and another heart back gave the defenders three tricks. Later South had to lose a diamond, so down one was the result.

The bidding was fine, but South needed to get himself more in the spirit of the season. Had he remembered today is Christmas Eve, he would have graciously made a present of the first trick to West. Let declarer play low from dummy on the opening lead, and watch how the play continues. On the next club play, East will play the ace, but it will be ruffed. Later, after drawing trumps, South can discard a heart on dummy's high club, and declarer will only lose one club, one heart and one diamond. What if East plays with great foresight and wins the ace of clubs at the first trick so he can play back a heart? The defenders will of course take two heart tricks to go with their ace of clubs, but South will be able to shed two of his little diamonds on dummy's K-J of clubs to make 10 tricks. And if West shifts to a trump or a diamond at the second trick, declarer simply takes a ruffing finesse by leading dummy's K-J of clubs through East, thus establishing a trick and avoiding the loss of two hearts.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books.

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WHAT DOES IT SAY?

IT SAYS "DON'T SWEAT, EASY DOES IT."

READY TO FIRE.

ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE GIFTS THAT KATIE LOVES ARE OFTEN DISAPPOINTING?

AND THE QUIET ONES ARE SOMETIMES A WONDERFUL SURPRISE?

THIS HAS GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE BIG PICTURE, RIGHT?

ALLEY OOP by Dave Grusec

LET'S GO, CAPTAIN! TO PLAN!

SHALL I LEAVE A GUARD DETAIL, EXCELLENCY?

NO NEED, CAPTAIN! THE GUARD IS SUFFICIENT!

WHAT ABOUT FEEDING 'EM, EXCELLENCY?

LET'S LET 'EM CATCH HIS FOOD AS IT FLIES BY!

HEH HEH HEH!

THE BORN LOSER by Art Sansom

WHY SO GLUM?

AW, GLADYS SAYS SHE'S MAKING AN CHRISTMAS GIFT!

AH, WELL, YOU ALWAYS TOLD ME THE GIFTS SHE BOUGHT YOU WERE TASTELESS ANYWAY...

SURE, BUT AT LEAST I COULD TAKE 'EM BACK!

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

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...OKAY, AND WHAT'S MY PRICE BREAK ON FIFTEEN BILLION PIECES?

WINTHROP by Dick Cavelli

I KEEP THINKING I HEAR FOOTSTEPS BEHIND LIS.

THOSE ARE MY FOOTSTEPS YOU HEAR... IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO...

WITH THE ECHO-PRODUCING PROCLIVITIES OF CHEAP SHOES.

U.S. ACRES by Jim Davis

POST, HEU SHELDON! COME ON!

WHERE?

YEAH!

WE'RE GONNA STAY UP TO SEE SANTA!

SLEEP TIGHT, BOYS!

Kit 'n' Carlyle by Larry Wright

IF SANTA DOESN'T COME SOON AND PUT SOME KITTY IN MY SOCKS, MY FINGER WILL BE SORE TO FALL ASLEEP!

FOCUS

Cards deliver cheer even after holidays

Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: You helped me last year - can you help me again? I am still interested in helping neglected and abused children located in a home near Las Vegas. They have a project that helps them earn a little pocket money. It's recycling used Christmas cards.

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Dear Abby: Allen (not his real name) and I have been happily married for 14 years. We own our own business and do quite well. Allen has never been very particular about shaving and showering daily for work or before we make love. I keep myself very neat and clean at all times. I've hinted several times that I wish he'd clean up more, but he never takes the hint. Maybe I should be more blunt. But I hate to hurt his feelings.

A few months ago we hired an attractive young woman to help us out at work on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Allen immediately started to shower, shave and dress up on those days. He even started to wear cologne - but only on the days she works with us. There have been no signs that there is anything going on between them, but I am just as hurt as if there were. Knowing that he gets all neat

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Another opinion seems necessary

Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a large diverticulum of the bladder. My urologist thinks that it should be removed. Another doctor, a pathologist, believes that surgery would just create a weak spot and potential problems later. What is your opinion? I'm 73.

Dear Reader: A diverticulum is a weakened, bulging portion of the bladder. It does not contract or contracts weakly - during urination, hence bladder diverticula can contribute to urinary residual, the presence of remaining urine in the bladder after voiding. This residual can trap bacteria and provide a source for chronic urinary infection.

If your diverticulum is associated with symptoms, such as those of infection, it should be removed. In my experience, the operation rarely results in problems.

The decision regarding surgery is one best left to you and your urologist. Rather than obtaining a second opinion from a pathologist, who is not a specialist in bladder ailments, you would be better served by getting a second urologist's opinion.

Dear Dr. Gott: Don't laugh, because this is true: Our 14-month-old son has ears that ring so loudly that we and the doctors can hear it. He's not in any pain and no one can figure out the cause. We are afraid he may go deaf.

Dear Reader: Tinnitus (ringing in the ears) is a common consequence of noise exposure from excessive noise. It can also occur in normal people for no apparent cause. I have never heard someone else's tinnitus. I'd always been under the impression that only one person can hear tinnitus: his own. Therefore, your son's problem must be a very unusual one indeed.

I do not know whether his hearing will be affected, but I would certainly encourage you to have him examined and tested by capable ear specialists in the hope that the doctors could discover a cause for the ear-ringing - which must be, at best, an annoyance for him.



Barbara Richmond/Manchester Herald

Return of Ebony

Adopt a pet

By Barbara Richmond
Manchester Herald

You'll recognize this week's featured pet. It's Ebony and he was featured a few weeks ago. Other than a dog that had a known owner, he was the only dog left at the pound this week.

Ebony is going to be very lonesome unless someone will adopt him tonight or tomorrow. He's an all-black setter and was found by Porter Street and Ferguson Road on Dec. 1.

Last week's featured pet, Buffy, a little beagle, was adopted by an Andover family and the all-white male shepherd, found on Lawton Road on Dec. 10 has been adopted by an Enfield family.

The dog pound is located on town property near the town landfill on Olcott Street. Rand is at the pound weekdays from noon to 1 p.m. The phone number at the pound is 643-6642. If there is no answer call

the police department at 646-4555. There is also someone on duty at the pound Monday through Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.

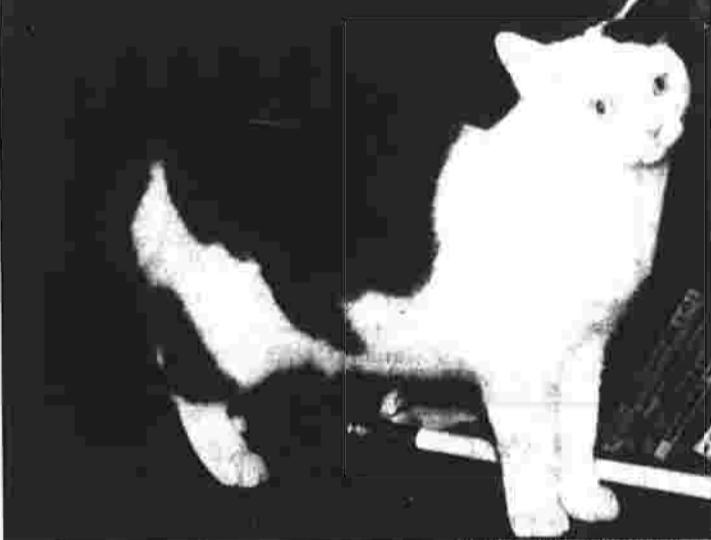
There is a \$5 fee to adopt a dog and the new owner must have the dog licensed.

Aid to Helpless Animals Inc. is always in need of good homes for cats and kittens that are lost or abandoned.

Many members of the organization board the cats and kittens in their homes until they are adopted.

This week's featured cat is Twinkle, a beautiful black and white female with an angelic face. She has been spayed and had her shots.

To adopt a cat or kitten call any of the following numbers: 666-7000, 232-8317, 242-2156, or 623-0489. People are also needed to take in cats or kittens on a temporary basis. The mailing address for the organization is Aid to Helpless Animals Inc., P.O. Box 434, Bloomfield 06002.



Judy Lazorch/Special to the Herald

Twinkle, a beautiful black and white cat, is among the many being sheltered by Aid to Helpless Animals while waiting for a permanent home.

Love and Peace and Happy Holidays to all our friends.

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Association keeps hospitals modern

Pet Forum
Edward A. Williams, D.V.M.

QUESTION: In some veterinary hospitals I've noticed the acronym "AAHA" on a sign or poster. What is AAHA? Is it an AAHA hospital?

ANSWER: AAHA stands for the American Animal Hospital Association, a national association of small animal practitioners who maintain their pet hospitals in accordance with or above the standards proposed by the parent organization (AAHA).

AAHA standards encompass the entire design and function of a small animal hospital. They govern housekeeping, lab procedures and equipment, surgical sterility techniques and equipment, hospital wards and runs, emergency coverage, X-ray equipment, kitchen facilities, isolation accommodations, etc. Practically every facet of the modern small animal veterinary hospital is covered by these regulations.

If a member hospital falls below the standards set by the AAHA it receives a warning and possibly probation. If upon re-examination the deficiency remains the hospital can lose its AAHA accreditation. Throughout the 55 years of AAHA existence the standards have become more stringent, more exacting, more modern. Although this may make it increasingly difficult to maintain standards it is meant to improve the image of small animal hospitals and update veterinary practice in pace with modern medical advances.

This doesn't mean that small animal vets that aren't members of AAHA are less competent practitioners than AAHA members. Director of some pet hospitals choose not to belong and be subject to the periodic inspections by AAHA representatives but still maintain high quality hospitals. Those of us that are AAHA member hospitals feel that the standards enforced keep us on our professional toes and prevent the lowering of practice standards.

Long looked on as the hick or little step-brother in medical circles, AAHA is now a force to be reckoned with.

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QUESTION: I'm moving from a house where my 10 year old cat could roam outside to a high rise condo with an open balcony. (The balcony is not enclosed.) Dare I let my kitty roam the new condo or not?

ANSWER: Definitely not. Your cat's habits are probably rather ingrained and as you note include roaming outside. She will probably continue to attempt to do this. You must be sure the windows are screened and since the balcony is not enclosed, that must be off limits. Your cat has undoubtedly enjoyed leaping at a passing bird, only now if she leaps out of a window or off the balcony it's a long way down. Perhaps a screened or grided window ledge will satisfy her but I'm afraid the balcony must be off-limits unless it is enclosed or kitty is kept carefully caged while out there.

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Your Social Security

Don't wait, apply!

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Airline food was high-flying fare in 1927

By Rita Cipolla
Smithsonian News Service

It was a meal fit for royalty: celery hearts with Roquefort, assorted crudites, spring chicken a la Louisianne with rice, creamed baby limas and golden bantam corn, hot rolls with sweet butter and individual lemon meringue pies. The silver was sterling; the napkins, linen damask; the service, impeccable.

To a casual observer, this scene from 1941 could have taken place in any fine restaurant, but this heavenly meal had loftier origins — served to a select group of passengers on board a DC-3 some 8,000 feet above the Earth.

From such tenderly prepared meals for 21 well-to-do passengers grew today's U.S. airline food industry, a business that grosses an estimated \$1.2 billion each year and serves literally hundreds of millions of meals to airborne passengers.

Fifty years ago, on July 30, 1927, the first on-board meal was served on the Golden Ray Service from Paris to London. "Trained stewards were recruited from the best London hotels to serve elegant sandwiches and cakes to the passengers," explains R.E.G. Davies, curator of Air Transport at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

IN-FLIGHT MEALS were offered in the United States a few years later. In 1929, Transcontinental Air Transport, the forerunner of TWA, began a rail-air operation with limited food service. "At points where passengers would transfer from train to plane, a deal was made with Harvey House, a famous restaurant chain, to provide meals," Davies says. The two-day transcontinental journey cost \$338. "This was so expensive that TAT reduced the fare to \$160," Davies says. "Even so, only the very wealthy could afford it.

As the brochure stated, it was for 'the fortunate few.'"

TAT's train-plane service was the first air service designed specifically for passengers, but it was not the norm. In the early days of the industry, the airlines' first priority was carrying the mail and cargo. On most flights, when meals were included, they consisted of a box lunch with a sandwich and a piece of fruit.

"Although meals were austere," Davies says, "it was all rather jolly and passengers thought they were fortunate to get anything at all."

The big change came with the introduction of female flight attendants. The first stewardess, nurse Ellen Church, was hired by United Air Lines in 1930. It was thought that hiring women who were nurses would ease the minds of skittish passengers. Airline executive S.A. Simpson proposed the idea in a memo to his boss: "Imagine the psychology," he said. "Imagine the tremendous effect on the traveling public." Soon, preparing and serving meals aloft became an important part of the flight attendant's job, and it remains so today.

By the mid-1930s, as competition between airlines increased, efforts were made to improve and vary the food service. One airline had the co-pilot take the passengers' orders; the orders were radioed ahead to where the food was prepared so it could be put on board upon landing. Eastern Airlines arranged its schedule so that passengers could eat at airport restaurants before undertaking the next leg of their journey. In 1937, hot-meal service was introduced: The food was kept warm in special thermos containers and jugs.

AIRLINES BEGAN to spend time and effort to keep passengers — and their stomachs — happy. As early as 1930, Boeing Air Transport hired a dietician as chief stewardess and proceeded to make food a

serious study. Rich andatty foods were eliminated, as they could lead to air sickness. American Airlines hired New York food consultant Pearl Metzeltin, who introduced wooden utensils on flights and mixed such menu items as broccoli and fish because their preparation created lingering odors. Souvenir menus were printed for Christmas, New Year's, St. Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day; fresh flowers on the food tables or trays provided a special touch. "The London-to-Paris flight on Imperial Airways," Davies says, "even offered five-course luncheons on its 220-mile, two-hour flight across the channel."

On the Douglas DST, the sleeper version of the DC-3 introduced in 1936, a bedtime snack was served to passengers before they retired or the evening and a piping hot breakfast of fresh or stewed fruit, eggs, ham or bacon and coffee greeted their awakening. During the 1950s, the Boeing Stratocruiser even included a cocktail bar.

Only one kind of airline travel existed in the 1930s and 1940s — first class. "Tourist class was not introduced until 1948 in the United States, and in 1952 on trans-Atlantic flights; economy class began six years later," Davies says. "Both were inaugurated in the interest of expanding the market. Today, business class has taken the place of tourist class, and only about 5 percent of the traveling public flies first class."

REGARDLESS OF what class a traveler chooses, the in-flight food will be prepared by any one of a dozen companies nationwide. Although most airlines contract out this service, some, such as United Air Lines, have their own in-flight kitchens.

United has 17 flight kitchens in the United States employing some 3,000 workers. "Menus on our flights change every two weeks, although we hope to be going to a weekly rotation soon," explains Edgar Bader, who has been an executive chef at United for

more than 14 years. The meals are planned about a year in advance and coordinated nationwide so that a passenger traveling round trip from New York to Los Angeles within the same week will not receive the same meal.

Keeping this straight means that the kitchens are organized down to the last detail. Some caterers color-code their food by day, for example, to make sure that something made today goes out today and not tomorrow. Usually there are two to three hours between the time a meal is prepared and when it is served in flight. During this time, the food is chilled in special compartments, then reheated in microwave ovens on board the aircraft at mealtime. Some airlines buy about half of their meals already frozen; first-class and business-class food is usually prepared from fresh ingredients.

Even airlines that use a contractor to provide in-flight meals still "plan their own menus, use their own equipment and decide if they want to provide china or disposable service," explains Carl Dunaway, senior vice president for marketing in Marriott Corporation's In-Flite Services. Marriott, which provides 1 million meals a day to some 150 airlines worldwide, is the industry's largest in-flight caterer. The company operates 100 flight kitchens worldwide.

Regardless of who prepares the meals, the real issue has always been the quality of the food. Says Bader: "Fifteen years ago, people were happy with white bread and a salad of green lettuce and a tomato. Today, they want better desserts, a choice of grain breads and a variety of salad ingredients."

For variety, airlines tout ethnic or regional food. United Air Lines, for example, inaugurated an Oktoberfest menu on a recent Chicago flight. Mexican food might be served aboard a flight from Dallas or seafood on a flight from Baltimore. Another growing field is that of "special meals" — food prepared for religious or dietary reasons.

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