

RECORD

About Town

Pep rally is tonight

Residents are invited to attend a pep rally, designed to inform taxpayers how Andover, Hibernia, Marlborough Youth Services, Inc. saves its towns money, tonight at 7 p.m. at RHAM High School Library. For more information, call 238-9488.

Teachers are needed

Manchester Adult Evening School is looking for teachers in the following areas: microwave cooking and other cooking or bread making; conversational Russian, Chinese and languages other than Spanish, German, French or Italian; upholstery, chair caning, lampshades, sewing or tailoring and flower arranging. Courses also being planned are business courses, a course on math anxiety, literature, English and other suggestions. Please send name, address, telephone number, background overview and a descriptive paragraph before April 30 to Pat Reading, director, Manchester Adult Evening School, 134 E. Middle Turnpike, Manchester.

Art show applications due

The Manchester Art Association is accepting applications for its 17th annual outdoor arts and crafts exhibit and sale to be held June 3rd at Center Park. The show is open to all artists and craftsmen who have original work. Exhibitor's fee is \$25 with cash and ribbon awards to be presented. For more information, contact the association, P.O. Box 1981, Manchester.

Exercise class held

Exercise with Celeste Carlton will be held Wednesday, Friday and Monday at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Center, 549 E. Middle Turnpike. A blood pressure clinic also will be held on Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. for individuals whose last names begin with A-K.

Spelling bee to be held

Fifth and sixth graders from Manchester schools will compete Thursday during the Manchester Junior Women's Club's Sixth Annual Spelling Bee to be held at 7 p.m. at Hill Junior High School. The public is invited.

Fitness courses are offered

"Ballroom Dancing," "Open Swim" and "Gentle Aerobics and Exercise" are titles of three physical fitness courses being offered through the Manchester Community College Older Adults Association. Fee for each course is \$35. To register, call Edna Schuetz, program coordinator, at 647-6135, or the MCC Continuing Education Division at 647-6242.

School registration is open

Registration for kindergarten will be held until April 12 on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the K-4 school building at 108 North Road. Children must be at least 5 years old on or before January 1, 1991 in order to enter kindergarten. A birth or baptismal certificate is needed at registration. For more information, call 643-2411.

Gospel festival at MCC

Piano, organ, drums, tambourines, guitars and a brass ensemble will combine Thursday during the 12th Annual "Gospel Music Festival" to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowe Program Center of Manchester Community College. The festival is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served after the concert. For more information, call Samuel Davis at 647-6282.

Support group to meet

Formerly Abused Children Emerging in Society (FACE), a support group for women who were abused in childhood, meets every Thursday from 7:15 to 9 p.m. at the Women's Center of Manchester Community College. New members are welcome. For more information, call Carol Jodalas at MCC, 647-6062.

Bridge results announced

The Manchester A.M. Bridge Club played on March 19 and 22. Winners were: N/S, Tom Sagan and Jim Baker, Hal Lucal and Carol Lucal, Eleanor Berggren and Sara Mendelsohn, and Ellen Goldberg and Irv Carlson; EW, Frankie Brown and Phyllis Pierson, Frank Bloomer and Mary Sullivan, Mary Warren and Edith Boucher; and N/Berggren and Deane McCarthy and Frank Bloomer; EW, Frankie Brown and Peg Dunfield, Pat Gregorini and Judy Bastion, and Tom Regan and Mike Franklin.

Lottery

Here are Monday's lottery results from around New England:

- CONNECTICUT**
Daily: 2-8-4, Play Four: 4-3-5-6.
- MASSACHUSETTS**
Daily: 5-7-0-4.
- NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND**
New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine daily: 1-7-4 and 7-7-2-8.
- RHODE ISLAND**
Daily: 0-2-1-0.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather
Wednesday, April 4
AccuWeather's forecast for optimal conditions and high temperatures

Weather summary for Monday:
Temperature: high of 45, low of 40, mean of 43.
Precipitation: 0.02 inches for the day, 0.03 inches for the month, 9.89 inches for the year.

Weather records for today:
Highest on record: 77, set in 1981.
Lowest on record: 17, set in 1954.



SURPRISED — Emily Smith is surprised by her friends on her 80th birthday Saturday. Smith, a former Herald employee, was prominent in the Girl Scouts and once received the Chamber of Commerce's M award for service to the town.

Obituaries

Linda Darby

Linda (Olivieri) Darby, 67, of Hartford, wife of the late Samuel Thomas Darby Jr., died Sunday (April 1, 1990) at Hartford Hospital. She is survived by a sister, Angeline Armeniano of Bolton.

She is also survived by a son, David Darby of Hartford; a daughter, Linda D'Elorato of Newington; a daughter-in-law, Phyllis Darby of East Hartford; a brother, Ralph Olivieri of Hartford; four other sisters, Carmella Pignone of Niantic, Anna Caruso of Simsbury, Florence Sigliano of Westfield, and Gloria Mochoon of Newington; and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 8 a.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Westfield, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, Hartford. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park. Calling hours are today from 6 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Greater Hartford Visiting Nurse Association.

Joseph G. Cantin

Joseph G. Cantin, 60, of Enfield, died Sunday (April 1, 1990) at home after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Betty (Anderson) Cantin, a brother, Richard Cantin of Manchester, and a sister, Cecile Groat of Manchester.

He is also survived by two sons, William G. Cantin of West Park, N.Y., and John E. Cantin of Middletown; two daughters, Patricia L. Kapeep of Honolulu, and Mary E. Enfield; three other brothers, Norman Cantin of Westfield, Maurice Cantin of San Diego, and Paul Cantin of Vernon; another sister, Muriel Adams of Newington; and three grandchildren.

Military Notes

Arrives for duty at Benning

Army Pvt. Eric J. Moyher, son of Trena and Dean Cramer of 2366 Boston Turnpike, Coventry, has arrived for duty at Fort Benning, Ga.

He is a field artillery system mechanic with the 41st Field Artillery. He is a 1989 graduate of Rockville High School.

Arrives for duty in Italy

Air Force Sgt. Joseph A. Mankowski has arrived for duty in Italy. He is the son of Josephine A. Mankowski of 174 Oakland St.

The funeral will be Wednesday at the Lee-Stevens Enfield Chapel, 61 South Road, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. in Holy Family Church. Burial will be in the Enfield Street Cemetery. Calling hours are Wednesday from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Enfield Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Program, 19 N. Main St., or the Enfield Community Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 220, Enfield 06082.

Gordon M. Russell

Gordon M. Russell, 74, of East Hartford, husband of Helen (Kulak) Russell, died Sunday (April 1, 1990) at a local convalescent home. He is survived by a daughter, Sandra L. Russell of Manchester.

He is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth G. and Diane P. Russell of Southington; a sister, Peggy Johnson of East Hartford; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave., East Hartford. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Calling hours are Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Esther Lessner

Esther (Margulies) Lessner, 76, of 44 Robert Road and Palm Beach, Fla., died Monday (April 2, 1990) at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She is survived by her husband, George C. Lessner.

She was born in Hartford, and was a graduate of Hill High School in West Hartford. She was a member of Temple Beth Shalom, and past president of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom. She was a member of Tumblebrook Country Club, a life member of Hadassah, and a volunteer at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

She is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph C. and Emily Lester of Manchester; a daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Dr. Michael Cheres of Atlanta; a brother, Saul Margulies of Providence; two sisters, Dorothy Goldenberg of West Hartford, and Miriam Serfaty of Bloomfield; and five grandchildren.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 11:54 a.m. on Hillstown Road near Barnwood Road, police said.

Edwards was traveling south when a rabbit ran out into the road in front of him, and he swerved to avoid hitting it, police said.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, or the American Cancer Society, or to Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Rocco J. Vumbaco
WALLINGFORD (AP) — Rocco J. Vumbaco, a flamboyant politician who served as Wallingford's mayor for nine years, died at home of a heart attack.

Vumbaco, 66, died Monday. Vumbaco, a Democrat, became mayor in November 1974 following the death of Joseph C. Carini and remained in office until 1983 when he was defeated by William W. Dickinson Jr. He lost another bid for the mayor's office several years ago.

Vumbaco also served on the Wallingford Town Council and was chairman prior to becoming mayor in 1974.

Vumbaco was credited with leading the fight to build a regional resource recovery plant in Wallingford which now serves five towns.

He was also credited with luring the Bristol Meyers Co. to Wallingford where the company has a research and development facility.

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Pastor Mark Green
The Church of the Nazarene

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Today's weather picture was drawn by Gerry Fiato of Martin School.

Police Roundup

Gunman gets \$150 in holdup

A gunman stole about \$150 in small bills from a pet store in Burr Corners shopping plaza and escaped on foot Monday, police said.

The 4 p.m. incident at Cathy's Critters is being investigated, but police had no word on suspects. According to a clerk who was manning the pet shop's cash register at the time, the robber appeared to be about 30 years old, six feet tall and had darkish blonde hair and an unkempt beard. He wore a long Army-green overcoat, he said.

"He was in the store for about 10 minutes, just looking around," the clerk said. Suddenly, at about 4 p.m., the man walked up to the clerk and asked for change for a quarter.

After the clerk opened the cash register, the robber pulled out a gun from beneath his coat and demanded money, the clerk said. The robber then ran out of the store and disappeared, he said.

"It was scary," the clerk said. Only the clerk and another shop employee were in the store at the time, he said.

This is the first time the pet store has been robbed at the Burr Corners location, where it has been located for almost a year, the clerk said.

Man cut when car hits pole

A Manchester man suffered facial cuts Monday when he accidentally drove into a utility pole in order to avoid hitting a rabbit which ran out the road in front of him, police said.

James Edwards, 31, of 229 Bush Hill Road, was treated at Manchester Memorial Hospital and released, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The accident happened at 1:54 a.m. on Hillstown Road near Barnwood Road, police said.

Edwards was traveling south when a rabbit ran out into the road in front of him, and he swerved to avoid hitting it, police said.

Public Meetings

Public meetings scheduled for tonight:

Manchester
Board of Directors, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7:30 p.m.

Andover
Andover Board of Finance, Andover Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.
Republican Town Committee, Town Office Building, 8 p.m.

Coventry
School Buildings Committee, Coventry High School, 7:30 p.m.
Republican Town Committee, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

Thoughts

"We wonder in the bleak times of our lives "Where is God when I hurt?" "Does He care for me in hopeless circumstances?"

Entering into the Lenten season we begin afresh to see what Christ has revealed about the Father. At the pain of the Cross Jesus cried out: "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?" God remained hidden even by Jesus' perception.

But then came the moment of trust after the pain was endured and death was upon Him: "Father, into your hands I commit My Spirit." Despite the darkness of the sun, the pain of the Cross, and the agony from hearing of the aims of the world, the Son of Man found hope in His Father, the One worthy of His trust.

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MAIN MATTER — An employee of the Manchester Water Department's Construction Division uses heavy equipment Monday to install a water main under Porter Brook behind the department's garage.

Coventry council members question pay survey's validity

By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — A salary survey done as part of a classification and pay plan for town hall workers by a management consultant firm may be unfairly compared to the town's weather conditions, according to some Town Council members.

The study was done by the William E. McClane firm of Weston. McClane and an associate Robert Lubeck presented their findings.

"All the towns chosen have higher per-capita income with the exception of Mansfield which has a dummy number (listed)," Council-

Closed club wants use of part of lake for skiing

COVENTRY — The Town Council is considering a plan to allow a closed lake to use a portion of Coventry Lake.

Under the plan, the Coventry Lake Water Ski Club would install a slalom course in the lake from Waterfront Park to Avery Shores. It would be 450 feet from the shore line, off Beebe Camp Road. The course would be 850 feet long and 75 feet wide and consist of 22 buoys.

Town Manager John Ellessor said during the Monday night meeting at the Town Office Building that he had received a call from an official of the state Department of Environmental Protection regarding the club's application to the state.

"I could have said 'no' but, I said it should go to the Town Council as a policy decision," Ellessor said.

Council member Harvey Barrette, a club member, spoke about it.

Town Council Chairman Joan Lewis raised concerns about public reaction and the council agreed to schedule a public hearing on the matter prior to their first meeting in May.

"Does (something) like this tend to be controversial?" asked Councilman Lawrence Golden.

Ellessor said, "There is a general sense of taking a public course and trying it up for club members only."

Later in an interview Barrette said there is no requirement to know how to water ski to join the club.

However Barrette said the club is currently closed to new members. "We have the level we want," he said.

In a telephone interview, club vice-president Cole Maurer of Vernon said there are now 28 members who will meet Saturday to vote on whether to accept new members.

The lake, which has a state boat launch, offers public access.

Bolton school roof job to start; funds needed

By Donna O'Leary
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — Work on the Bolton High School Roof should begin the second week of June, members of the Public Building Commission told the Board of Selectmen Monday.

PBC member Arthur Mensing said Hartford Roofing of Chastabury has to complete work by Aug. 29 or could face fines of \$1,000 a day. The work will begin once school lets out, he said.

PBC members said the roof will have a guarantee of 20 years, and a five-year maintenance guarantee in which they will replace the roof if it fails. The company submitted a base bid of \$262,200.

The roof will cost \$325,000, said Robert Morra, Republican first selectman. The town already has \$200,000 in funds and \$75,000 still needs to be obtained, he said.

Helen Kemp, executive assistant to the Board of Selectmen, said even though the town attorney says the town charter does not allow it, she is asking the selectmen to authorize the town to borrow the remainder of the money.

The selectmen also announced that Chem Tech of West Mystic has agreed to correct piping problems with an underground tank at Bolton Center School. The company had mistakenly installed plain black piping with the tank instead of coated steel pipes required by the state, said Kemp.

The piping has made it difficult for fuel to be pumped to burners at the school, she said.

Kemp said the work had to be completed by April 13 or the firm will be fined.

Chem Tech could not be reached for comment.

Also at the meeting, Mensing informed the selectmen that the PBC will open bids for asbestos removal at Bolton Elementary School on April 23.

Kemp also announced at the meeting that Manchester has invited Bolton to share in a no-cost program called Manchester 504 Transportation Program. The program would provide rides for disabled people to work, academic or training sites. The state-funded program must be regionalized between Manchester,

Bolton and Vernon to receive funds, she said.

The program, directed by the Hockanum Valley Community Council of Vernon and the Manchester Committee on Transportation, will not replace Dial-A-Ride or similar services, said Kemp. The service will begin on Sept. 1.

Morra added that he was afraid the program as long as it was at no cost to the town. The selectmen subsequently voted unanimously to become part of the program.

A referendum would allow more people the option of voting instead of being limited to how many people could attend a town meeting, said Robert Morra, Republican first selectman.

"In a way we are denying voting rights to people at our town meetings," he said.

Morra added that he was afraid that concern over the school budget may make it difficult for the town budget to pass. The two budgets must receive approval at the same meeting for both budgets to pass, according to the charter.

The selectmen hope a decision is reached by the state before the April 9 hearing on the \$5.7 million school budget and the April 11 hearing on the \$3.3 million town budget.

District offers 7.75-mill rate

A budget that will require a tax rate of 7.34 mills, an increase of 3/4 of a mill over the current rate, will be presented to district residents at a public hearing April 16.

The district Board of Directors decided Monday night to abandon efforts to make cuts in the proposed budget and, instead, get input from the residents.

The proposed budget now totals about \$1.77 million when combined with other revenues estimated at \$150,000.

The \$1.77 million tentative budget proposals for the year that starts July 12, compares with a budget of \$1,675,757 for the current year.

A rate increase of 3/4 of a mill would cost the average district household about \$24 a year in taxes, according to a calculation made by the directors Monday.

The April 16 hearing will be held at the district's headquarters, 18 Main Street, at 7:30 a.m.

The final decision on the budget will be made by district voters at the May 23 annual meeting.

The only change made in the budget proposal Monday was a reduction of about \$78,000 in the amount the district will pay the town for treatment of sewage collected in district sewer lines. The change was made after a discrepancy was found in the amount the district budget had allowed for the expenditure and the amount the town expects to collect from the district.

At the outset of the meeting, District President Thomas Landers asked the directors if they wanted to try to cut the budget proposal by about \$150,000 to retain a 7.75 mill rate or by about \$46,000 to set the rate rate at 7.12 mills.

Director Samuel Longest said he felt the directors would have trouble cutting \$46,000, much less \$150,000. Director Gordon Laisow suggested leaving the budget uncut for now and holding the public hearing to learn the opinion of voters.

The six directors present voted for that course of action. Director Joseph Tripp, who is hospitalized, was absent.

In other actions Monday, the directors voted to contract with Northeast Utilities for improved lighting in the parking lot of the new district headquarters at a cost of about \$500 a year and to waive competitive bidding to contract with Alarm Systems of Vernon to install fire and security devices in the headquarters for a sum not to exceed \$3,000.

Three other proposals for installing such systems had also been considered.

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MCC students at hearing ask state to fund programs

By Nancy Foley
Manchester Herald

When Bob Shetler was a student at Manchester High School several years ago, his life lacked direction. "I had very poor grades, heavy attendance, and I didn't care about anything," he said. Shetler knew, however, that he wanted to go to college and was accepted at Manchester Community College.

Today, he attends school regularly and has made the honor roll. "I have goals in my life. I'm going to make something of myself."

The same opportunity should be available to other young people like him, Shetler said at a hearing on the governor's budget at Manchester Community College Monday.

On Saturday, the General Assembly's Appropriations Committee restored over \$16 million in funding to higher education. About 55 million of that will go to community colleges and technical schools. Sen. Michael P. Meotti, D-Glastonbury, said today.

The governor had proposed \$401 million for higher education, a 1.4 percent increase that many college officials had said was not enough to continue funding programs or deal with increasing enrollment.

Manchester Community College is the largest community college in the state with about 9,000 students and an annual operating budget of about \$14 million.

Yale plans to hike aid to New Haven

NEW HAVEN (AP) — Yale University will sharply increase its financial contributions to the city by paying more than \$1 million annually for fire services and putting its golf course on the tax rolls, but the move will have little effect on New Haven's budget woes.

Under an agreement announced and signed Monday, Yale will also pay the city \$1.1 million for the right to convert the streets through four campus blocks into walkways. While the walkways will remain public space, Yale was assured of the development rights to the airspace over the streets and the ground under them.

The university also got something important in return for agreeing to pay for fire services: a promise from the city not to undertake any further challenges of the tax-exempt status of any Yale properties as long as their use remains substantially the same.

Mayor John Daniels called the agreement historic, and Yale President Benno C. Schmidt Jr. said it would leave the Yale League school unrivaled in terms of its generosity. But labor unions fighting municipal layoffs and a proposed wage freeze bitterly attacked the accord as a "bad deal" for the city.

"With this agreement Yale will be doing more for its home city than any private university in the country," said Schmidt, who joined Daniels at a news conference in the mayor's office.

Yale has come under increasing pressure in recent months to increase its contributions to the city, which is in a deep financial crisis. But Schmidt insisted the agreement was not struck in response to New Haven's budget problems. He and the mayor said they began their talks before the city realized it was facing a financial crisis.

Indeed, the accord will not have a great impact on the city's fiscal woes.

New Haven is facing a projected budget shortfall of \$38 million in the year starting July 1. Finance Board officials have proposed a 13 percent tax hike and up to 220 layoffs to close the funding gap, in addition to the scores of layoffs that have already occurred.

Daniels said he was sure how the agreement would affect the city's tax rate or the number of needed layoffs.

Yale, which holds 30 percent of the city's tax-exempt land, currently pays New Haven about \$2.2 million annually through taxes on apartments and commercial properties and through sewer and landfill fees.

With the city now to receive the \$1.167 million contribution for fire services and about \$304,000 in property taxes from Yale's 18-hole golf course, the university's direct financial payments to the city will be rising by more than 60 percent.

Colt plans modified version of disputed AR15 assault rifle

HARTFORD (AP) — The newly formed Colt's Manufacturing Co. will start producing a modified version of the controversial AR15 semiautomatic rifle for target shooters and hunters, according to a published report.

Richard F. Gambic, president of the Colt's Manufacturing Co., told the Hartford Courant in a story published today that the new rifle — called the Sporter — would not be an assault weapon, a title thought by many to serve no legitimate purpose in civilian use.

Hartford-based Colt Firearms stopped production of the AR15 considered an assault-style weapon — for the civilian market in March 1989. That decision came after the federal government imposed a temporary ban on imports of dozens of similar foreign-made weapons. The report ban became permanent in July. Colt still makes the AR15 for use by police.

Gun-control advocates reacted with concern to Colt's announcement, saying they feared the design changes did not go far enough. State Treasurer Francisco L. Borges, who invested \$25 million in state pension



FUNNY BUNNY — Timmy DeCormier, 3, of 100 Arrott Road, and Rebecca Gorman, 4, of 105 Hartlock Street, met a bunny at the Manchester Junior Women's Club "Bunny Lunch." The April 7 event — from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the club — will feature lunch, games, balloons and pictures taken with the bunny.

Irving Street sewer job to begin despite conflict

By Alex Givelli
Manchester Herald

Installation of the sewer for the Irving Street area will start soon, despite a disagreement between the Eighth Utilities District and the town over who should pay to repave roads after the lines are installed.

The district directors voted Monday night to allow the Glenn Construction Co. to get a town permit and abide by town requirements for repaving some of the road surface.

But the directors also voted to authorize district officials to continue negotiating with the town over \$16,000 in added cost to the project, which could have to be paid by about 40 house owners who will be served by the sewer. If the talks fail, the district plans to challenge the town's right to require the paving measures.

District President Thomas E. Landers said again Monday that the district has the right under its charter to install sewers without getting a permit from the town. The town disagrees.

But Landers and his fellow directors agreed that if they continued to fight the town now the sewer sewer will be delayed and the contractor, Glenn Construction Co., will be put

Sartor plans to see if town can control its banners, signs

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

Responding to a complaint from Democratic Director Stephen T. Cassano, Town Manager Richard Sartor said the administration will see if the town can control the displaying of banners and signs that advertise various town events.

Sartor said the matter would have to be looked into because imposing restrictions may not be possible since many of the signs are posted on state-owned land, such as islands in the Center Street. The town, which is also routes 6 and 44, is part of the old U.S. highway system, and therefore is on state land.

Cassano issued the complaint Saturday at a budget workshop for the Parks Division.

"It really is trashy," he said about the various signs and banners that are routinely put up in the area near the intersection of Center and Main streets.

He said he would like a consensus from the Board of Directors regarding the problem should be addressed.

Republican Director Wallace J. Irish Jr. said he agreed that the signs are ugly, adding that he knew of some in the area of Main and North Main (Route 83).

Sartor pointed out also that restricting or prohibiting the posting of signs would probably anger those civic organizations which use signs to publicize their events.

In an unrelated matter, Republican Deputy Mayor Susan Buckno raised a complaint about recreation cards not being checked at the Globe Hollow pool where she swims. But those directors and administrators present did not decide how the problem would be solved.

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LaPointe sworn in as deputy sheriff

By Rick Santos
Manchester Herald

Richard LaPointe of 55 Westworth St. has been sworn in as a Hartford County deputy sheriff, according to Hartford County Sheriff Alfred J. Kiorx.

As a deputy sheriff, the 56-year-old Manchester resident is authorized for courthouse security, prisoner transportation and service of criminal and civil court documents within Hartford County's 29 towns, including LaPointe's town.

LaPointe said he became interested in becoming a deputy sheriff because he wanted to do something different after his May retirement as head custodian at East Hartford Middle School.

For 35 years, he has worked as a custodian for the East Hartford Board of Education, and from 1954 to 1962, LaPointe served in the Marines and its Corps Reserves.

"I was always interested in becoming a deputy sheriff," said LaPointe. "I saw the opportunity to change my occupation and was interested in law enforcement."

In addition, LaPointe is involved in a number of local organizations. He is an active member of the Army

Navy Club, a member of the Manchester Public Building Committee, a chairman with the Manchester Democratic Town Committee and chief voting mechanic for the town.

He is married to Bertha (Early) LaPointe. They have two children, a son and a daughter, and two grandchildren, Tina and Eric Kvat.

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NATION & WORLD



EXTRA DUTY — A Buffalo police officer directs traffic Monday as 120,000 commuters who usually take mass transit were forced to find alternate means of transportation when the transit system ran out of money.

State and city move to bail out Buffalo's public transit system

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A state- and city-funded bailout plan Buffalo's transit system on track for a morning after a two-day shutdown that forced thousands of bus and subway riders to put on walking shoes or get a lift from friends.

The Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority on Monday night to restart service at 5:30 a.m. after the bailout package was put together. It includes a fare increase and taxes dedicated to transit.

After the vote, NFTA Chairman Robert D. Gioia pleaded with the system's 120,000 riders, "We need you, and we need you back immediately."

The transit system, consisting of a six-mile subway line and 1,015 miles of bus routes, ran out of cash and that down Sunday, its crisis blamed on rising operating costs, falling federal subsidies and the Erie County Legislature's refusal to act as four days earlier to agree on a tax dedicated to the system.

On Monday, commuters bicycled or walked to work through rain and fog or hitched rides with friends.

U.S. Supreme Court refuses to change stay of execution

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Robert Alan Harris came within 12 hours of the gas chamber but said only "Oh, thanks" after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to allow California's first execution in 23 years, a prison spokesman says.

The court Monday voted 6-3 against lifting a stay of execution issued by a federal judge last week. The ruling sent the double murderer's case back to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, where it is expected to remain for months.

"His reaction was very calm," San Quentin Prison spokesman Lt. Cal White said Monday. "He just said 'Oh, thanks,' and remained very calm."

Family visiting him jumped up and embraced him, some even cried," White added. "But he remained very calm throughout the whole thing."

Harris, 37, was sentenced to die for the 1978 kidnap and murder of two 16-year-olds whose car he stole to use in a \$3,000 bank robbery. He would have been the first person put to death in California since 1967, and death-penalty opponents had feared his execution would open the floodgates on capital punishment.

The ruling pleased opponents of the death penalty and frustrated prosecutors and relatives of Harris' victims.

Kathryn Maesky Sanders, the mother of victim John Mayeki, said: "We see how the justice system

works. The execution should have happened 11 years ago."

"Everybody protests the criminals, but what about us?" asked Linda Herring of Escondido, Calif., sister of victim Michael Baker.

Harris was to have died at 3 a.m. today, but federal appeals judge John Noonan halted the execution on Friday, citing arguments that Harris did not get adequate psychiatric help at his trial. Harris claims to have mental disorders stemming from childhood abuse.

Prosecutors immediately asked the Supreme Court to lift the stay of execution, arguing that Harris had the help of two distinguished psychiatrists.

On Monday, Attorney General John Van de Kamp said he would ask the 9th Circuit for an expedited hearing. Inside the prison, Harris was to be moved back today to his death row cell from the special one where he'd been held.

Gov. George Deukmejian, who as a state senator wrote the death penalty law, lashed out at an "incompetent federal judicial system."

But death-penalty opponents, who had planned a vigil outside the prison gates to protest the execution, turned the event into a celebration. About 300 people smiled as they referred to the court's decision to spare "Bobby."

Vigil leader Stephen Souza, who spent 33 nights outside the prison to protest capital punishment, called the court's decision "a small victory in the struggle for human rights and abolition of the death penalty."

"I feel for the families of John Mayeki and Michael Baker," he said. "I know they are hurting, but if we wait to execute Robert Harris, it would do nothing to bring them back."

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia and Anthony M. Kennedy voted to let Harris die.

One-third of women 35-44 have chosen sterilization

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly one-third of American women aged 35 to 44 have chosen to be surgically sterilized to avoid having more children, according to a new government study.

"The continuing increase in sterilization keeps surprising me," Dr. William D. Mosher of the National Center for Health Statistics said Monday.

Sterilization was the choice of almost one woman in six in the common childbearing ages of 15 to 44, he said. That limits them to three options: going back to the birth control pill or either male or female sterilization, said Mosher.

Most of these women have used the pill in the past and want to use some form of contraception that is as effective as the pill, or close to it, he said. That limits them to three options: going back to the birth control pill or either male or female sterilization, said Mosher.

Nearly one-fourth of all currently married women, 23.4 percent, had been sterilized surgically, the study found. That was an increase from 18.7 percent in 1982.

Among widowed, divorced and separated women the rate was even higher, 29.2 percent in 1988, up from 21.8 percent. Only 2.7 percent of single women had been sterilized, but that was up from 1.3 percent in 1982.

Male sterilization, on the other hand, has changed little over the years, Mosher noted. It increased from 6.1 percent of men in 1982 to 7.0 percent in 1988.

Use of condoms by partners of "never-married" women, meanwhile, doubled from 4.1 percent in 1982 to 8.2 percent in 1988, the study found.

For married women the rate rose from 9.4 percent to 10.6 percent in the same period.

Even so, birth control pills remained the leading method used by single women, at 24.7 percent in 1988, up from 18.7 percent in 1982. The report was based on interviews with 8,450 women across the country in 1988. The margin of error varies, but all results of the survey were considered statistically reliable at a 95 percent confidence level.

In addition to the women who chose sterilization as a method of birth control, 4.7 percent of women aged 15 to 44 had become sterile as a result of surgery performed for some other reason.

Here is a rundown of the major methods of contraception and the percentage of women aged 15 to 44 using them in 1988 and 1982. The report does not say as to whether because many women are not using contraception for a variety of reasons, such as wanting to become pregnant, currently being pregnant or not engaging in intercourse.

Method	1982	1988
Pill	18.5	23.4
Sterilization	16.6	23.4
Condom	8.8	8.8
Diaphragm	3.5	4.5
Rhythm	1.4	2.2
Withdrawal	1.3	1.1
IUD	1.2	4.0
Foam	0.6	1.3
Douché	0.1	0.1

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OPINION

Data helps government in doing job

Information being sought in the federal Census is vital to the implementation of programs which many people have come to accept as the responsibility of government at various levels.

It is also needed by non-governmental agencies which carry out social service programs. Many people question the need for telling the Census Bureau details about themselves, their disabilities, their plumbing, their properties, and their businesses.

The desire not to reveal information like that is understandable, but it is inconsistent with the public's view of the role of government.

Those who accept the idea that government has broad responsibilities for the welfare of the populace, must also accept the idea that government must have information on which to base the decisions it makes about projects and programs that fulfill those responsibilities.

Some Census questions have drawn resistance from the American Civil Liberties Union and from the Libertarian Party. The Libertarian Party has taken the position that answering the Census question should be voluntary.

That position is fully consistent with the Libertarian position that government has a limited function.

But for citizens who believe it is government's job to aid the aging or the homeless or the undernourished or the undereducated, it is illogical to be reluctant to provide the requested information.

And for the five or six families who are asked to fill out the census "short form," which does not ask detailed questions, there is no reasonable excuse for not completing the form and getting it into the mail promptly.

WATERTOWN, Mass. — The woman at the head of the table is smiling ear to ear and obviously pleased with herself.

She hesitates. Swallows. And she tells her story. She was raised by alcoholic parents, who charted the route to her own affliction.

She lowers her head. And cries. Welcome to the Watertown chapter of Narcotics Anonymous. It is at once a most wretched and jubilant experience.



I'm Corrine. I'm a junkie

By Tom Tiede — Narcotics Anonymous is, of course, a clone of Alcoholics Anonymous. It was originated in California in 1953, and it is now an international organization.

WATERLOO, Mass. — The woman at the head of the table is smiling ear to ear and obviously pleased with herself. She has not had all that many good days in her life, but this is one of them.

She hesitates. Swallows. And she tells her story. She was raised by alcoholic parents, who charted the route to her own affliction. She dropped out of school after beating up the teacher. She became so involved with drugs that a year ago at this time she could not so much as hold a cup of coffee steady in her hand.

She lowers her head. And cries. Welcome to the Watertown chapter of Narcotics Anonymous. It is at once a most wretched and jubilant experience. The participants are junkies who are taking an arguably desperate step to refurbish their lives, which is to say they are relying on one another for salvation.

After the vote, Byrd avoided criticizing Mitchell and gave credit to the White House for swinging votes. "I have no regrets, no recriminations," said Byrd, who can try to help the miners later with other legislation.

Byrd said three of his colleagues said they would vote with him, but did not when it came down to the crunch. He'll remember who they are. And as chairman of the Appropriations Committee, he'll have plenty of chance for revenge, if he so desires, when those senators seek money for projects.

As for Mitchell, he still can expect Byrd's help in the future. Byrd knows that if he were not a deal breaker, it would be a top Senate aide after the vote, Mitchell and Byrd "need each other," the aide said.

Mitchell duels Byrd and wins

By Steven Komarow

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell has passed a test no other majority leader ever had to take: He squared off against his predecessor and won.

The Maine Democrat, in his second year as majority leader, had proven himself a strong partisan warrior. Most notable last year was his success in defeating President Bush's proposed capital gains tax cut, which Democrats said would mostly benefit the wealthy.

Byrd preceded Mitchell as Democratic leader. He is the only senator ever to relinquish the majority leadership and stay in the Senate. He's now Senate president pro tempore, third in line to the presidency, and chairman of the mighty Senate Appropriations Committee.

When Byrd ran for re-election in 1988, he said he was giving up the majority leader's job so he could concentrate on doing more for West Virginia.

That promise eventually put him on a collision course with Mitchell as the new leader worked to wrap up the major revision of the nation's air pollution laws in 15 years.

Byrd for years worked against clean air legislation because it would cost thousands of coal miners their jobs. He was convinced to support the new version — an intricately compromised solution — but he still wanted an amendment to provide a \$500 million package of special unemployment and retraining benefits for coal miners who would be thrown out of work.

Labor groups and clean air activists endorsed the Byrd amendment, but the White House threatened a veto of the bill if Byrd won. Mitchell was thrown into the position of going against Byrd to save the bill.

For two weeks the tension in the Capitol increased as the personal stakes mounted. In a dramatic climax, Mitchell prevailed Thursday on a 50-49 vote.

Shevardnadze, Bush will meet

By Ken Kusner The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze arrives today to face close questioning on the independence crisis in Lithuania from President Bush and Secretary of State James A. Baker III.

Baker and Shevardnadze also are likely to discuss — and perhaps announce — a date for the next summit meeting between Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

The summit is tentatively planned to be held in Washington during the second half of June.

Shevardnadze's talks with Baker and other State Department officials will intertwine with the visit this week of West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, whose talks are expected to focus on German reunification.

In his meetings with Shevardnadze, Baker is expected to discuss the Soviet military buildup in Lithuania and such actions as the seizure of government and Communist Party offices in Vilnius, the Lithuanian capital, and the expulsion of Western reporters.

Ms. Tutwiler said the United States does not believe it should attempt to prescribe "the precise solution to the conflict" in Lithuania.

She expressed the hope that "every peaceful means" will be explored to resolve the situation and urged that nothing be done by either side to preclude a dialogue on Lithuania's future.

The United States has repeatedly called on the Soviet not to use coercion, intimidation or military force in Lithuania.

Teen, symbol of AIDS, near death

By Ken Kusner The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Ryan White, the teen-age AIDS victim whose battle for acceptance won hearts and better understanding of the disease across the nation, was reported near death today on a life-support system.

His mother and sister remained at the bedside of the 18-year-old, who during his 512-day battle with AIDS grew from an object of scorn in his hometown to an international spokesman for children with the disease.

He's not expected to come out of it," said Carrie Van Dyke, director of health promotion for the State Board of Health and a spokeswoman for the White family.

Dr. Martin B. Kleiman, White's chief physician, refused to speculate on how long the teen-ager would live.

White, a hemophiliac who contracted AIDS from contaminated blood products, put a youthful face on the AIDS plight. He increased awareness of the disease and helped reinforce the message that AIDS cannot be spread through casual contact. His struggle was the subject of a People magazine cover story and a TV movie.

The teen-ager was admitted to the Riley Hospital for Children on Thursday with a respiratory infection and was suffering from internal bleeding that was inoperable because of his hemophilia, which impairs the blood's ability to clot, officials said.

White has symbolized not just the tragedy of AIDS, but also the ignorance of society toward the disease, said Steve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project. The group has sponsored the creation of a nationwide AIDS memorial quilt.

"It is the end for him, I hope the people of this country derive some lesson from the obstacles he faced and the determination that he and his family showed to overcome those obstacles, that he had to defeat more than an illness," Jones said in a telephone interview from San Francisco. "I think that's something this country should be ashamed of."

North sells own line of body armor

By Ken Kusner The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — "I rely every day on the security of a GTI vest," says Oliver L. North in a catalogue promoting his own line of body armor — more popularly known as bullet-proof vests.

North, the linchpin of the Iran-Contra affair, has gone into business with another key figure in the scandal, former CIA station chief Joseph Fernandez.

The pair, fired from their government jobs, are the sole proprietors of Guardian Technologies International, which will manufacture lightweight vests.

"There is no other partner," Fernandez said. "It's our idea, our money and our effort. Ollie North is the chairman and I'm the president of the company."

Guardian will use a material called Spectra, made by aerospace manufacturer Allied-Signal Corp. Fernandez contended it is lighter than other materials used in vests and therefore more likely to be worn by police officers who don't like body armor because it is too bulky.

"We are looking ahead for our future," Fernandez said. "Obviously, we are going to get some ground, we feel comfortable dealing with America's law enforcement community."

North, a former Marine lieutenant colonel, was convicted last year of three felony counts stemming from his role as a White House aide helping the Nicaraguan Contra rebels. He was assessed no jail time and has been out of the lecture circuit with speech fees of \$25,000.

Fernandez, once CIA station chief in Costa Rica, was charged with obstructing inquiries into the Iran-Contra affair by the CIA inspector general and the Tower Commission. But the indictments were dismissed after Attorney General Dick Thornburgh refused to release class-action information.

GTI's eight-page, full-color brochure shows vests worn under shirts, over shirts, under jackets and rain coats and the outfits worn by SWAT teams. One of the models was North's bodyguard during his trial last year. Fernandez said helping the Nicaraguan Contra rebels. He was assessed no jail time and has been out of the lecture circuit with speech fees of \$25,000.

Pupils in survey know little of history, civics

By Ken Kusner The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new survey says only 38 percent of eighth graders know American history and civics, and that they know Congress makes laws, more than half don't know the meaning of separation of powers and barely half know the United States is a representative democracy.

The assessment seems to show a Trivial Pursuit sort of familiarity with some of the key figures and dramatic events of our past, but even on this level the gaps are wide," said Richard Riley, former governor of South Carolina and a member of the assessment governing board.

Mulla helped conduct the first surveys of American history and civics at the fourth, eighth and 12th for the National Assessment of Educational Progress, popularly known as the Nation's Report Card.

For two weeks the tension in the Capitol increased as the personal stakes mounted. In a dramatic climax, Mitchell prevailed Thursday on a 50-49 vote.

"This was his first real test... to show he could knock heads together and make things happen," said Norman Ornstein, a congressional scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

"It was an important vote for him as majority leader to be able to put together a majority even though it was razor thin," said Sen. John Breaux, D-La.

Jury deliberating Poindexter's fate

By Ken Kusner The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jurors in John M. Poindexter's trial are sifting through numerous exhibits as they consider whether the former national security adviser lied to Congress about the Iran-Contra affair.

Jurors deliberated for four hours Monday afternoon after receiving final instructions about the law from U.S. District Judge Harold H. Greene.

His first note to the judge requested more than 50 trial exhibits admitted into evidence during the three-week trial, as well as copies of the judge's instructions and the five-count indictment against Poindexter.

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He's not expected to come out of it," said Carrie Van Dyke, director of health promotion for the State Board of Health and a spokeswoman for the White family.

Dr. Martin B. Kleiman, White's chief physician, refused to speculate on how long the teen-ager would live.

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Mulla helped conduct the first surveys of American history and civics at the fourth, eighth and 12th for the National Assessment of Educational Progress, popularly known as the Nation's Report Card.

For two weeks the tension in the Capitol increased as the personal stakes mounted. In a dramatic climax, Mitchell prevailed Thursday on a 50-49 vote.

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Missing teen-ager still puzzles cops

By Dianna M. Talbot
Manchester Herald

Was she abducted or did she run away?
That's the question plaguing Manchester police who are still looking for Plum Orm, 13, a Cambodian girl who has been missing since March 27.

Her father, To Throng, said he thinks his eldest child, described as 5-feet-5-inches, thin, with black-hair and brown-eyes, and appearing as much as five years older than she is, might have been abducted.

Orm, who lives with her mother and two younger siblings at 67 Wadsworth St., usually walks about a mile to and from St. James Parochial School on Park Street, she said.

Last month, police said a man in a car attempted to kidnap a Manchester girl who was walking home from school, but the girl ran away.

Police, on the other hand, think the one-time runaway may have left home on her own again, this time for a longer period. Early in February, Orm ran away for one night, police said.

At that time, police believed she stayed at the home of 17-year-old Jason Kozikowski of Manchester, who lives with his mother and grandmother on Schaller Road. He subsequently was warned by police that he should not be involved with such a young girl, police said.

Kozikowski does not know where the girl is or whether she ran away, according to his mother, Niki Asvestas. She said he has not seen Orm in the past four months, and that Orm originally lied to her son about her age. The girl told Kozikowski that she was 16, instead of 13, the mother said.

Police, however, believe Kozikowski recently has seen Orm, said Gary Wood, spokesman for the Manchester Police Department.

On Saturday, police searched Kozikowski's room in hopes of finding some evidence that the girl may have been hiding in the house. No evidence was found, Wood said. Police were not allowed to search the rest of the residence, he said.

Today Asvestas said she is taking legal action against the police department because Saturday's search affected the health of her mother, Sara Asvestas, 74, who has a serious heart condition.

An impending lawsuit would be based on charges that the search was illegal and the elderly woman suffered harassment and emotional distress because of it, Asvestas said.

The elderly woman stayed in bed for the rest of the day and had to take the maximum dosage of medicine allowed for her heart condition, Asvestas said.

In response, Wood said there probably is no grounds for the lawsuit and the search was not illegal. It is standard practice for police to ask a person permission to search a home in an effort to avoid having to obtain a search warrant, he said.

The Asvestas complied with the request, he said.

But he added that the bank is concerned about a recent rash of robberies at its local branch offices. Monday's 9:40 a.m. robbery was the bank's fifth, possibly most costly one, within the last 17 months. So far, no one has been injured in the holdups, but more than \$43,000 has been stolen.

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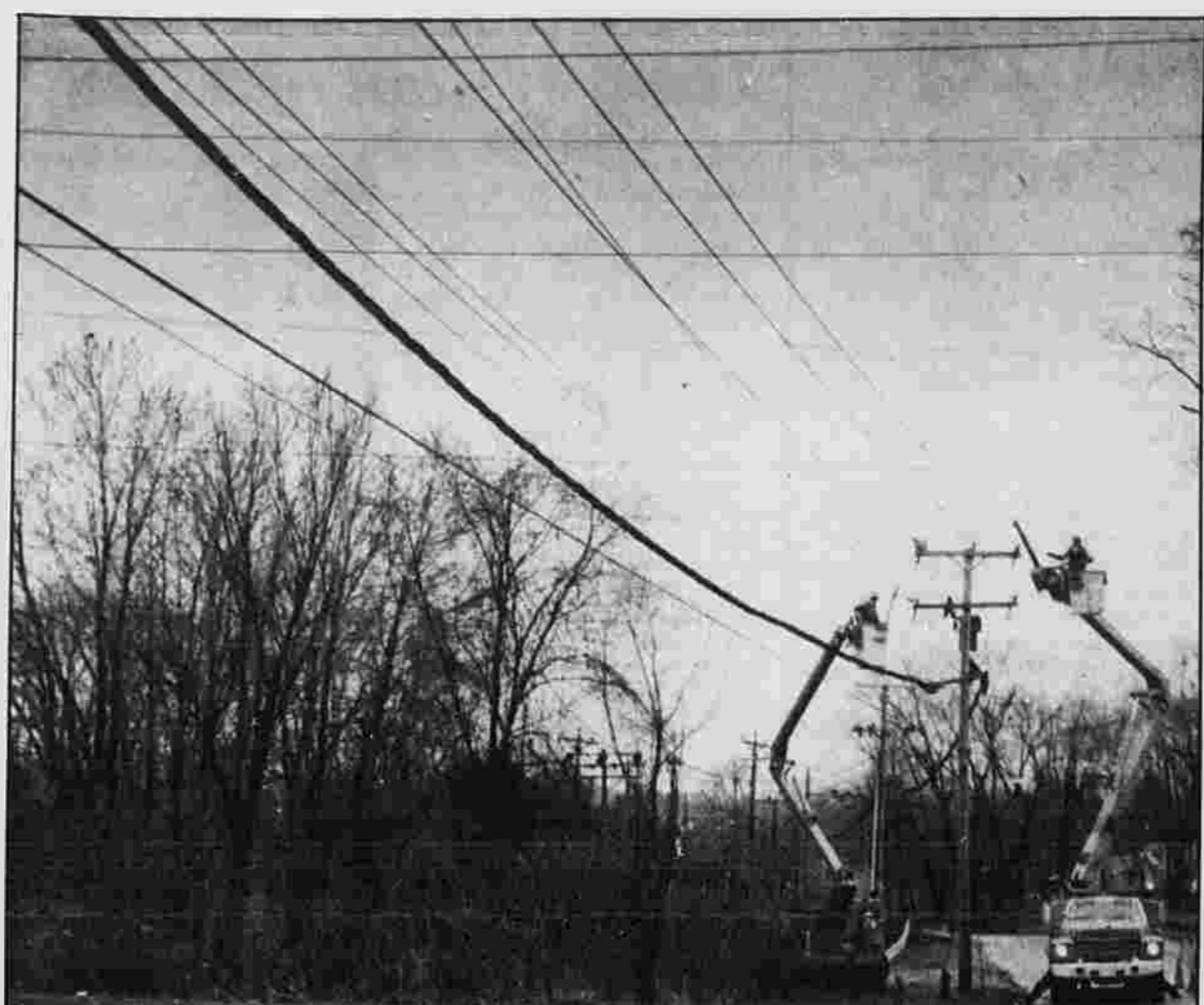
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HIGH WIRE ACT — A power company crew works on power lines Monday near the Olcott Street substation.

Pair at large in \$12,500 heist

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Eight of the 18 points came on fast breaks, two off steals by Stacey Augmon, the man whose name has become synonymous with defense at UNLV. Anderson Hunt had 12 of the points in the run, including two 3-pointers and two fast-break layups.

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SPORTS

Call 'em anything, but call UNLV champs

By John Nelson
The Associated Press

DENVER — The Turk finally made his mark, and how! With the most dominating performance in the history of the NCAA championship game, Nevada-Las Vegas beat Duke 103-73 Monday night, giving Runnin' Rebels coach Jerry Tarkanian his first national title.

"You can call us bad guys. You can call us thugs. You can call us hoodlums. But please, at the end of that, just put national champions," UNLV's Larry Johnson said.

For Duke, the team that's been to the Final Four three straight years and four of the last five without a title, things got worse with experience rather than better.

The 30-point winning margin was the largest in the history of the NCAA's title game, and UNLV was the first team ever to score 100 or more points for the championship. UNLV also had a record 16 steals as the Runnin' Rebels defense contested nearly every Duke pass.

"I really didn't want to accept the trophy," Johnson said, "I wanted our athletic director to do it, but they said I had to."

It was not a signal of personal revenge, he said, just the opposite. He didn't want to look like he was gloating, and he wanted the trophy to go to the team that he felt was for all the people of Nevada.

"Nevada got knocked a lot," he said. "But I know the city is going crazy right now. This obviously was a great win for this year, for our community, and the city of Las Vegas."

"This is not revenge, but it is sweet," Johnson said. "I really thought that we'd play well and that we could win. It's a dream to win the national championship, and for that to not happen and then to have them dominate us, well, I feel terrible."

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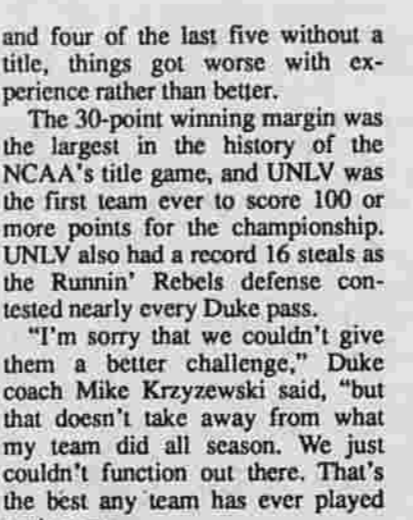
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Snow

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O'Connor said he is not discouraged about any winter that snows on his budget because of one thing he has learned in the 22 years he has been involved in the process: he is not God.

"When you're budgeting for snow," he said, "you don't know if you're putting in enough."

The amount budgeted for any year provides for a standard increase in wages and other costs from the preceding year, two off steals by Stacey Augmon, the man whose name has become synonymous with defense at UNLV. Anderson Hunt had 12 of the points in the run, including two 3-pointers and two fast-break layups.

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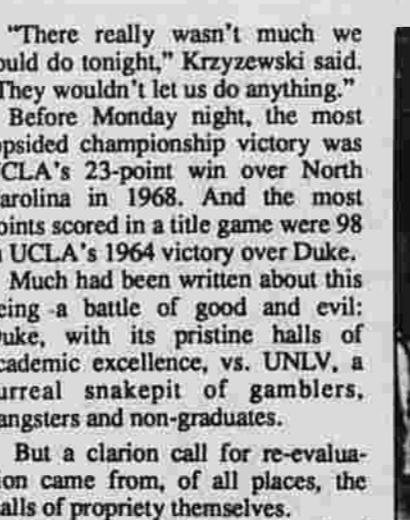
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