



# Dodd lauds political clubs as vital link in system

If politicians ever lose sight of the need to keep contact with the people, they will enter a dark age in politics, U.S. Rep. Christopher Dodd (D-2nd District) said in Manchester Saturday.

# MSB branch bank opens at Finast supermarket

Manchester State Bank officially opened its first supermarket commercial branch bank in the First National Store in the K-Mart Plaza on Spencer St. at 10 a.m. today. The branch was the first supermarket bank to be opened by a commercial bank in Connecticut.

# Manchester police report

Manchester police detectives arrested a Hartford man and recovered several stolen items in connection with a burglary in two Prospect St. apartments last Tuesday.

# Gospel program set Tuesday

A "Sing and Share" gospel program featuring Brandt Gillespie of Grand Island, N.Y., will be presented Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 748 Mill Pond Rd.

Another speaker, Nicholas Carbone, majority leader of the Hartford City Council, told the group that all too often when politicians get into office, "you can't tell the Democrats from the Republicans."

# Circle sponsors film showing

William Stockdale of Putnam will present his new, full-length color motion picture, "America's Many Surprises — From Maine to Hawaii," Saturday at 8 p.m. at North United Methodist Church.

# Colt talks to resume Tuesday

WEST HARTFORD (UPI) — Striking employees at two divisions of Colt Industries plan to meet Tuesday with company officials and federal and state mediators.

# Rejects death

HARTFORD (UPI) — Students at a mock legislature Sunday debated for more than one hour before rejecting a proposal calling for reinstatement of the death penalty in Connecticut.

# About town

The Golden Age Club will meet Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, weather permitting. Refreshments will be served.

# LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold public hearings on April 4, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building to hear and consider the following petitions:

# Theater schedule

U.A. Theater 1 — "Town That Dressed Sundown" 7:20-9:10  
U.A. Theater 2 — "Fun With Dick and Jane" 7:15-9:10  
U.A. Theater 3 — "Bugsy Malone" 7:00-9:00

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# MACC news

Nancy Carr executive director of the MACC News has had a long-term commitment to the care of the ill and the elderly, particularly those confined in convalescent homes.

# MCC calendar

Wednesday, March 23  
HR 906  
Friday, March 25  
Duplicate Bridge — Open & Novice, 7:45 p.m., HR 102, 103.

# MACC news

one of our new volunteers, the MACC News has reappeared. One correction we would like to make is under the CWS Clothing Appeal to be held at Concordia Lutheran Church April 25 and 26.

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Opinion
Are we really better off?

Little wonder so many Americans suffering from cancer don't believe the Food and Drug Administration when it tells them the outlawed drug Laetrile is worthless. Any agency which could seriously propose banning saccharin because three out of 100 laboratory rats fed dosages equivalent to 800 12-ounce cans of dietetic drink a day developed malignant bladder tumors deserves to have its competency called into question.

Many people are wondering why the FDA chose to move against saccharin at this time. The Canadian investigation which prompted its action was by no means the first which has implicated the artificial sweetener, however remotely, as a cancer-causing agent. (Ironically, the Canadian government, which is similarly removing saccharin from the market, permits the sale and use of Laetrile.)

Of course, the Delaney Clause, enacted by Congress in 1958 as an amendment to the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, decrees that any food additive found to cause cancer in humans or animals — no matter how massive the test dosages or how improbable the ordinary risk to people — must be placed beyond the pale.

But the FDA could easily have called the Canadian tests inclusive. The fact that two out of 100 rats in a control group that were not fed saccharin developed tumors anyway would certainly seem to raise some reasonable doubts. The FDA also seems to have given little thought to the consequences to diabetics and others who must have a substitute for sugar in their diets.

At least one congressman is drawing up legislation to amend the Delaney amendment to exercise "reasonable judgment" in matters of this kind.

Rep. James G. Martin, D-N.C., who is himself an organic chemist, points out that in the nearly 20 years since the Delaney amendment, the ability of analytical chemistry to detect minute traces of carcinogenic (cancer-causing) substances has been vastly refined. "We can detect much lower levels of compounds which in large doses are carcinogenic. Yet they're safe in normal amounts, he says.

Pending a charge in the law, however, or a massive dose of public opinion administered to the FDA, saccharin has had it. And we may be pardoned if we entertain a reasonable doubt that anybody will be the slightest bit better off without it.

But the FDA could easily

Legal gambling: We lose

A decade or so ago, legal wagering in states other than Nevada was confined almost exclusively to racetrack betting. At the end of last year, 44 states had some other form of legalized gambling and legislation to permit new types of betting games was pending in 37 states. Thirteen states now operate lotteries.

The rationale behind the growth of legalized gambling seems to be: People will gamble, whether it's legal or not, so why shouldn't society cash in on it and perhaps at the same time undercut one of the foundations of the criminal underworld?

There is no doubt about the popularity of gambling. The recently published final report of a federal Commission on the Review of the National Policy Toward Gambling states that 61 per cent of adult Americans — about 100 million persons — participate in some form of gambling in a year.

Total volume of legal betting is about \$18 billion a year and that of illegal betting is estimated to range from \$10 billion to as much as \$39 billion. But society is playing a very dangerous game when it legalizes gambling, warns Bernard Kaapke in an article in the Journal of Insurance, a publication of the Insurance Information Institute. "The two goals of producing revenue for the state and curbing criminal activities are mutually incompatible, he says, because taking a tax bite out of gambling proceeds inevitably drives gamblers to the illegal gambling market for its higher payout. The end result is an increase in all types of gambling, legal and illegal.

Not only do legalized or government-sponsored games of chance recruit multitudes of new gamblers, he says, but a percentage of these recruits are likely to become compulsive gamblers. And among these are many whose gambling ultimately will lead to crime to get money for betting or to pay off bookmakers and loan sharks. "The addiction known as com-

petitive gambling," Kaapke asserts, "provides one explanation of the mystery of what makes many an apparently respectable, often successful or highly placed individual turn to such crimes as embezzlement, forgery or fraud."

Violence is in the home
Not all the violence in American homes takes place on the television screen. Indeed, the fictional violence that concerns so many people pales into insignificance compared with the actual violence committed by parents against their children, by husbands and wives against each other and by children against children.

According to researchers with the Universities of Rhode Island and New Hampshire, reporting the results of one of the first major studies of violence in the home, each year 1.2 million to 1.7 million children are kicked, bitten or punched by their parents, 460,000 to 750,000 are "beaten up" and 46,000 are attacked with guns or knives.

As for violence between husbands and wives, 7.5 million couples per year experience a "violent episode" — anything from a slap to a murder — in a given year, the researchers told the recent meeting of the American Association For the Advancement of Science in Denver.

Reflections

Hal Turkington
Managing Editor

When he didn't call back, we figured it must be minor. Next time I heard from him was Monday morning; he had the biggest news of the weekend, something he spread all over Page One and on the inside pages, too.

It was the fire that destroyed the old Army on Wells St. There are folks in town who remember seeing arms and ammunition issued to the soldiers before they marched to the Cheney Bros. railroad depot near the mills where they boarded trains that took them to Ft. Knox in Bucksport, Maine, in 1898. Ft. Knox isn't in Maine anymore. The reservation "Down East" was closed, and a new Ft. Knox was authorized, out in Kentucky. That fort today is known to every American old enough to understand the weekend, something he spread all over Page One and on the inside pages, too.

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Firemen had struggled from 2:30 in the morning until late Sunday afternoon, in ice-cold conditions that saw temperatures fall to 22 degrees, to get the fire under control. But the Army was lost. Five companies from as far away as Coventry, Hebron and Willington were called upon for assistance. That old Army had a lot of history; we wrote these following paragraphs that Monday morning, much from memory after researching its history for a previous story.

She's reduced to ashes today, but the Old Lady of Wells St. was once a proud structure within whose walls much of Manchester's history was made. Co. G was the only basketball team to call the Army "home."

But her doors weren't closed. Dances resumed there, and roller skating made a comeback. That was still life in the old gal yet. She became known as the Manchester Sports Arena.

And, like many recreation activities, roller skating ran its cycle. When interest lagged, the box office window closed. The building was bought in 1948 by the McClure Pontiac Co. They stored new cars in the building. McClure sold it to the Balch Pontiac store in 1950 and Balch sold it to Eugene and Olive Carlin April 1, 1955. On June 10 of the same year, Carlin sold it to Spencer Rubber.

Spencer was in the process of expanding and asked the town's Zoning Board of Appeals for an exception to use the building for part of its operations. Neighbors petitioned the board to deny the request. The board, however, for the Old Lady's scalp then. She was too old, they said. She was a hazard, a wooden block that could be serious if she broke out in her. That must have taken a few years away from her right then and there.

So, since 1955 she has held crude rubber, cartons, rubber products and other materials used by the firm. Most of it was lost in the fire. What is left probably isn't salvable.

HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Arthritics should cut fats

DEAR DR. LAMB — You could comment on our relationship between ordinary garden vegetables and arthritis? There is a common opinion among some people that tomatoes may worsen an arthritic condition. Is there any basis for this belief?

DEAR READER — No basis whatsoever. Most people, including those with arthritis, would be better off to increase their vegetable and decrease their intake of fat and sweets.

To give you more information on arthritis so you won't believe such misinformation I am sending you The Health Letter number 4-10, Osteoarthritis: Degenerative Wear and Tear Arthritis. Others who want this information can send 50 cents for it with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for mailing.

DEAR DR. LAMB — After 15 months of being told there was nothing wrong with our listless inactive daughter we took her to a medical center and they found she had an undetectable thyroid. She had no teeth, had difficulty sitting up and, of course, did not walk. Her bone age was 3 to 6 months. She is on two-and-a-half grains of thyroid and in four months has lost weight has two teeth and is walking.

Recently I read that hypothyroidism in children is very serious because it retards physical and mental growth. I am now ready to know what had happened had we not found out something was wrong with our baby. Her body was badly deformed and now she is just beautiful. I would appreciate any information you can give me.

DEAR READER — I am glad your little girl is getting along so well. The thyroid hormone does work with the growth hormone to produce normal physical and mental development. Low thyroid function may be difficult to diagnose in the early months of life. In fact, it is rarely recognized at birth. The diagnosis is even more difficult if the thyroid gland was completely non-functioning in the uterus before birth, even giving thyroid hormone at birth might not have altered the outcome. If the problem began after birth, then your baby may develop normally. Time and good treatment will tell. Meanwhile her development should continue to be rapid to make up for lost time and she will no doubt be active enough to keep you more than busy and happy.

Because of the volume of mail Dr. Lamb cannot answer your letters personally but he will answer representative letters of general interest in his column. Write to him in care of Manchester Evening Herald, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019.)

In the service

Army Pvt. Charles M. Herrmann Jr., son of Charles M. Herrmann Sr., of 610 Center St., recently was assigned to the 23rd Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Pvt. Herrmann, a chaplain's assistant in Headquarters Company of the division's 65th Engineer Battalion, entered the Army in October 1976.

He was graduated from Manchester High School in 1975. Peter C. Marceau, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Marceau of 8 Tracy Dr., recently was promoted to Army first lieutenant while serving with the 2nd Infantry Division in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Lt. Marceau, a platoon leader in Co. B, 2nd Battalion of the division's 30th Infantry, entered the Army in January 1973. He was graduated from Manchester High School in 1969 and received his commission through an Officer Candidate School. His wife, Deborah, is with him in Germany.

Senior Airman Lawrence J. McCann, son of Thomas McCann of 22F Spencer St., has arrived for duty at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

A radio operator with the U.S. Air Force Systems Command, he previously served at MacDill AFB, Fla. He was graduated from Manchester High School in 1972.

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Today's thought

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The God of new beginnings can give anyone new life, who is sincere and willing to do some self-examination. Letare!

Rev. David M. Campbell, Pastor United Methodist Church Bolton

TEST 'A' SUGAR ONLY TEST 'B' SACCHARIN ONLY

And a few of these poor devils may get bladder tumors.

Let me tell you about Ingrid....

Andrew Tully

WASHINGTON — Over a convivial lunch at a private Washington club, the retired spy master at one of the cluster of U.S. intelligence agencies chuckled when the talk got around to the subject of female spies.

Enter Ingrid. During the Vietnam War, a neutral country was suspected of giving secret aid to the Communist side. Ingrid, which was not her name, was assigned to pilfer some code books from the home of the head of the country's purchasing commission in Washington.

But, someone asked the old spy master, what happened to the watchman and the young man? "Oh," he said, "things turned out rather well. We had a man waiting to talk to the watchman when he came to. The man had \$5,000 in cash with him and the offer of a job in an American embassy in Southeast Asia. He took his family with him, a few weeks later, after sticking to the story that he'd been assaulted and drugged by two husky intruders."

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Almanac

By United Press International Today is Monday, March 21, the 80th day of 1977 with 285 to follow. The moon is between its new phase and first quarter.

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