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Pope winds up trip

VATICAN CITY — Flying home after an "unforgettable" eight days in Poland, Pope John Paul II offered prayers his trip will improve social conditions and church-state relations in his homeland. In Poland, there were reports martial law may be lifted next month but the pontiff only waved to well-wishers on his arrival at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport late Thursday and strode through the airport without making a statement.

Envoy is ambushed

DAMASCUS — A Palestinian supply convoy was ambushed today on the Syrian border with Lebanon, killing or wounding 13 guerrillas loyal to Yasser Arafat in a four-hour machine-gun battle, Arafat said. Arafat, who had gone to Damascus from his new base in the northern Lebanese port of Tripoli, charged today the attack was a "Syrian responsibility" though it appeared Palestinian rebels were behind the assault.

Secret base unveiled

WASHINGTON — The United States built a secret base in Egypt to meet any crisis in the Persian Gulf and stationed 100 men and \$70.4 million worth of equipment at the installation known as "Site Mike," congressional testimony and sources disclose. The clandestine base was kept secret at the request of Egypt.

Kennedy tapes released

BOSTON — President John F. Kennedy was so determined to see a black attend the University of Mississippi in 1962 he considered arresting then-Gov. Ross Barnett, and agonized over NASA priorities in 1963 tax cuts, newly released tapes show.

Shultz journey resumes

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Secretary of State George Shultz, forced to delay his Asian trip overnight due to the failure of a hydraulic pump in his nearly 30-year-old Boeing 707, today was set to resume his journey in support of American friends in Southeast Asia.

Veto issue said 'wreck'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court's ruling striking down Congress' legislative veto has created "a freight train wreck" in government that must quickly be cleared, lawmakers say. There was confusion on Capitol Hill about the impact of Thursday's decision throwing out Congress' practice, written into some 200 laws on subjects ranging from arms sales to used-car industry standards, of giving the president authority but retaining the right to on its own block his action later. In the long run, some suggest, the executive branch — not Congress — will be the loser, because Congress will draft more tightly written laws to administer.

Graduations this weekend

Graduation ceremonies are in the wings for eight Tonawanda area high schools this weekend.

Here's the commencement schedule:

Kenmore East High School, 2 p.m. Sunday, north Exhibit Hall, Buffalo Convention Center.

Kenmore West High School, 2 and 5 p.m. Sunday, school auditorium, 33 Highland Pkwy., Town of Tonawanda.

Niagara Lutheran Junior-Senior High School, 3 p.m. Sunday, school athletic field, 1333 Strad Ave., North Tonawanda.

Niagara-Wheatfield, 11 a.m. Saturday, Artpark, Lewiston.

North Tonawanda, 11 a.m. Saturday, Melody Fair, North Tonawanda.

Starpoint, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Melody Fair, North Tonawanda.

Sweet Home, 6 tonight, school stadium, 1901 Sweet Home Road, Amherst.

Tonawanda, 2 p.m. Sunday, school auditorium, Hinds and Fletcher streets, Tonawanda.



LOVING CARE: Brittany Amber Cozad, 2½ months, seems to object to the loving concern of her brother Jonathan, 7, left, and sister Nicole, 5, as they hold her. Brittany, who has undergone two open-heart surgeries since her birth on April 7, will be christened Sunday in the Church of the Advent in Kenmore. According to her mother and dad, Deborah and Bruce Cozad of Tonawanda, her surgery was done by Dr. S. Subramanian at Children's Hospital in Buffalo. Her dress was made by her great-great-grandmother in 1873 and has been worn for five generations.

Exact toxics site being sought

By ED REILLY
Correspondent

The exact location of a reported toxic chemical dumpsite in the Town of Wheatfield Nash Road dump was being sought today by North Tonawanda Mayor Betty Hoffman and city officials.

It is believed located somewhere behind homes on Forbes Terrace bordering the dump. A possible

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location was pointed out to the mayor Thursday by residents who said "the grass never grows there."

There was a strong detectable odor of "chlorine or chemicals," Mayor Hoffman said.

Residents of the area have been concerned since the news broke several days ago that tons of Love Canal materials may be buried close to their homes.

It was revealed today that Wheatfield Town Clerk DeEtte Toellner has found an entry in the town clerk's cash book showing that the town received payment of \$1,000 from Stimm Associates Incorporated of Buffalo.

The entry was made on June 26, 1968, Mrs. Toellner said. According to the minutes of a Town Board meeting on May 8, 1968, the Buffalo firm was to pay the fee for permission to dump materials at the Nash Road dump.

The Stimm Company reportedly transported the toxic material from Niagara Falls to the Wheatfield, dump.

The dumping is alleged to have taken place in 1968 when the material was excavated during construction of the LaSalle Expressway in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The Forbes Street, Forbes Terrace community is known as the Bel-Aire subdivision.

Retired banker Christian Hoffmeister and his wife Alice have raised three children at their 1318 Forbes Street home. They have lived there 24 years.

Standing in his backyard near an old farm drainage ditch, now dry, that runs parallel to Forbes Street, Mr. Hoffmeister said, "There was always water here."

After a rain, he explained, the water ran off the wooded area toward his house and halfway up his backyard.

The problem was alleviated in the early 1970s when the North Tonawanda Public Works Department installed two plastic pipes from the drainage ditch to the storm sewer in front of the homes on Forbes Street.

Mr. Hoffmeister Thursday afternoon escorted a group including Mayor Hoffman through backyards, past a neighbor's impressive, healthy looking vegetable garden to a high point in the wooded, dump area.

Mr. Hoffmeister surmised the hill was formed when the soil was excavated to dump refuse. From this



Mr. Hoffmeister shows drain to granddaughter, Jennifer

vantage point, the normally wet areas of the dump could be identified by large clumps of wheat-like swamp grass.

"The kids play back here all the time," Mr. Hoffmeister said, pointing out the familiar packed-down tracks formed by three wheelers and dirt bikes.

After a twisting, turning ride in a carryall through a dump area where there was no road, the mayor and her party followed young Gary Forth and his sister Susan a stagnant pond lined with debris and broken wood and dotted with automobile and truck tires of all sizes.

The surface of the water has a black, greenish color. Exposed portions of the debris and areas in the dump that have dried up have a strange, rust color.

Gary, 14, and Sue, 15, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Forth, of 1478 Forbes St. Gary said they've lived there since 1972 and he's always played in the dump area, effects.

His comments were echoed by other young people in the area, Timothy, 17, of 1310 Forbes St., and Thomas Goodrich, 15.

"In the summer when it's wet and hot, it smells real bad out here," Tim said. "It gets mucky and the ground looks a darker orange only

because it's wet."

The pond never freezes solid, he added. It's a black color and they have seen the water bubble when they disturbed the bottom of the pond, Tim said.

Tim's brother John, 27, said they used to ride on the pond on a raft and he was in the water up to his knees a few times. The Rosebrooks have lived on Forbes Street 17 years, Tim said.

A neighbor couple on Forbes Terrace reported they complained to former Wheatfield Supervisor Stanley Brzezinski about the dump in 1967 when their three-year-old son and a four-year-old friend wandered into the dump area.

After a frantic search by neighbors, they said, the children were found on the slopes of a deep, 10-foot-wide hole containing about eight feet of slime-coated water.

They wrote asking Mr. Brzezinski to have a gate installed around the dump to keep youngsters out. A reply was received, they said, from then Town Attorney Robert R. Neubauer stating the dump was there when the family moved in and recommending parents to keep a better watch on their children in that area.

The gate never was installed. There were a lot of those water filled holes at that time, apparently dug to dump debris," they said.

Investigation by crime force aimed at county

By LEN DELMAR
Correspondent

The state's Organized Crime Task Force is delving into political and public agency operations in several areas of Niagara County, the Tonawanda NEWS has learned.

In addition, a major television network also is concentrating an investigation in Niagara County in general and Niagara Falls in particular.

The two probes are interconnected on several facets.

A spokesman for the Task Force, although not giving specifics, acknowledged that it has an ongoing investigation in the county.

One of the people interviewed by both the task force and ABC Television News was Ilene Boyd, who, on June 7 was fired as clerk of the Niagara County Legislature. It was a luncheon meeting between Mrs. Boyd and an official of ABC-TV on the day she was fired that Mrs. Boyd believes was one of the causes of her dismissal.

"I wasn't trying to hide anything," Mrs. Boyd told the Tonawanda NEWS. "If I was, why would I meet him at one of Lockport's busiest restaurants (DeFlippo's)?"

Mrs. Boyd said during that luncheon, Sheriff Anthony Vilella walked in and saw her and the television executive.

"When I got back to my office," she continued, "I got a telephone call to tell me I was going to be fired that night and I had better make some kind of explanation to the sheriff."

She never made the call and was fired when four Democrats on the legislature joined the 14 Republicans to vote to replace her with David Kyzmir, another Democrat.

The spokesman for the Organized Crime Task Force confirmed that Mrs. Boyd was interviewed and that she had an attorney present at the time. Mrs. Boyd said the attorney was present on another matter. She did not identify him.

The Task Force investigation and that of ABC-TV is focusing on the handling of the construction, maintenance and management of the wastewater treatment plant in Niagara Falls. But apparently those probes have taken both parties far afield into other areas involving politics on both sides of the political fence.

The wastewater treatment plant in Niagara Falls has become a political football in the Cataract City since it was designed. At present the city is involved in discussions about the plant's original construction, its capabilities and possible need for reconstruction, and its management.

The Tonawanda NEWS has learned that William Patterson, a former Niagara Falls city councilman who was deputy director of public utilities for the city when the plant was built, has kept a diary of sorts on the operation of the facility. Mr. Patterson, who is in a hospital, resigned his post with the city when Robert Matthews was hired to operate the new plant.

Portions of this diary have been given to ABC-TV.

The spokesman for the Task Force said it is ironic that his staff's investigation "continues to turn up some familiar names from the past." He said that is why the Task Force's investigation is spreading out beyond the Niagara Falls city limits and into county government.

William Miller dead; on '64 Goldwater ticket

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI) — William Miller, the unsuccessful 1964 Republican vice presidential candidate, died today at Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo. He was 69.

A hospital spokesman said Miller, who was hospitalized earlier this month, suffered a stroke last weekend and another stroke earlier this week.

Republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater plucked Miller from relative obscurity and tapped him as his running mate for the 1964 campaign. He had served in Congress, representing the old 42nd District for 14 years, and was selected for vice president just a few months after announcing his retirement from Congress.

But the Goldwater-Miller ticket didn't have a chance. President Lyndon Johnson, who had been in office only a year following the death of President John Kennedy, was riding the crest of national popularity. He and running mate Hubert Humphrey defeated the Goldwater-Miller ticket in the biggest landslide in history up to that time.

Miller had said he had "no regrets" about running for vice president.

"I enjoyed campaigning and I enjoyed meeting people and I made a lot of friends," he said in an interview a few years ago.

After the defeat, Miller, a native of Lockport, returned to his native western New York to live and practice law. He was a senior partner in the Buffalo law firm of Miller, Farmelo, Cane and Greene before his death.



Dance marathon slated Saturday

Like to dance? Then the place for you on Saturday is the Carnegie Cultural Center, 240 Goussdry St., North Tonawanda.

The Tonawanda Community Theater has slated its annual dance marathon from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dancers and sponsors are needed.

If interested, call 691-3430 or come to the center with your "dancin' shoes."

Kohler Pool opening set

Here's something that's bound to make waves in Tonawanda: Kohler Pool is scheduled to open for the season at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Pool cards will be sold prior to the opening, beginning at 10 a.m.

This season's registration fee is \$2 for youths under 18 and \$4 for those 18 or older.

