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New council OKs social services funding

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Although there were three new faces and a different seating arrangement, business continued as usual Monday night during the first regular session of the Columbia City Council.

In its major action, the new council approved a resolution to appropriate \$290,000 to the Boone County Community Services Advisory Commission, with \$12,000 set aside for a contingency fund.

The council also heard the introduction of ordinances to raise the pay range for the water and light director's position and to audit the city's Parks and Recreation Department. It tabled an ordinance requiring Municipal Court costs for those convicted of city offenses.

Mayor Clyde Wilson said social services

spending last year constituted less than 2 percent of the total budget. "The money spent on social services is not great compared to other services," he said.

One new council member wanted to delay the funding to the commission, in order to give new council members a chance to study the issue further. "My knowledge is minor," said Second Ward Councilman Holme Hickman. He also pointed out "areas of disagreement" between city staff recommendations and commission requests.

Wilson disagreed, saying "We need to give them direction tonight" to aid the commission in its planning. Only Fourth Ward Councilman Jim Goodrich voted against the resolution. Goodrich said the other city commissions, boards and departments are being asked to limit their requests to a 7.5 percent increase. The request by the commission is 12.3 percent above last

year's request. The city staff's recommendation allows a 7.6 percent increase. The request is above President Carter's guideline of 7 percent for pay increases.

The council tabled an ordinance to establish court costs of \$10 for those convicted in Municipal Court. City Manager Stuart Campbell said the court costs would give the municipal judge "more discretion" in handing down penalties. Campbell said the Municipal Court received \$131,315 during 1978, while its operations cost \$103,370.

Fifth Ward Councilman Ed Vaughan said the court doesn't need the funding and that "people don't reflect on court costs when they're breaking the law." But Third Ward Councilwoman Diane Farish said she "would like to reduce speeding" with the court costs.

Goodrich offered an amendment establishing only \$5 in court costs, but the council defeated it

on a 4-3 vote. Wilson, Hickman, Mrs. Farish and Sixth Ward Councilman Lew Stoerker voted to defeat the amendment. The council then tabled the ordinance in hopes that Municipal Judge Fred Dannov could explain the matter further.

The ordinance to raise the minimum and maximum pay raise of the water and light director's position would make the range from \$32,000 to \$39,150. The current range is from \$25,075 to \$33,441. Campbell said the raise is needed to get the right kind of person for the job.

Vaughan's proposal for an audit of the Parks and Recreation Department had been defeated by the former council.

Vaughan said he "continues to feel that in a city manager form of government there is occasionally a need for an outside opinion" to determine how a city department is doing and how it may operate more efficiently. The

proposal calls for \$12,000 to pay for the auditing costs.

In other action, the council:

Approved an ordinance providing for the acquisition of 3.6 acres (9 hectares) of land, west of Route PP near Orchard Lane, to develop a park.

Authorized a contract with Shell Engineering and Associates to develop an "air attainment plan" for the city. The attainment standards set maximum levels of dust particles and emissions in the atmosphere. Shell hopes to show that the city meets air attainment standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency. The company plans to take readings at areas other than the present location near Route B, which doesn't meet attainment (See CITY, Page 14)

Insight Drug victim able to bear normal baby

By Robert Musel
United Press International

LONDON — Elaine Dale, who is 18 and pretty, cuddled her baby with her feet and said, "The sheer joy of having her makes up for all the pain in the world."

Elaine knows about pain. She was born without arms, one of the 8,000 victims of the drug thalidomide which 20 years ago began leaving a trail of deformed babies in 46 countries.

Elaine, armless though she is, was one of the luckier British survivors of the dreadful damage done to the fetus in the womb by thalidomide. Before it was finally withdrawn from sale in most places in 1962, thalidomide was marketed as a safe treatment for morning sickness and other conditions.

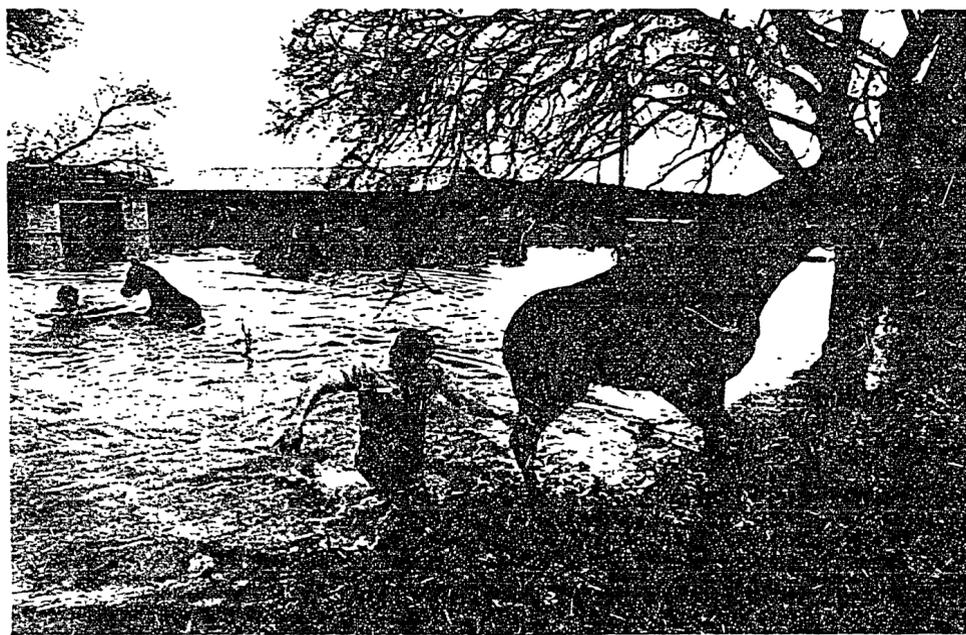
Mothers screamed in agony when doctors showed them their terribly handicapped newborn. There were suicides, broken homes, mercy killings. In Belgium, a couple freed of murder charges in the poisoning of their legless 8-day-old baby were cheered by a crowd of 1,000.

In addition to the physical distortions, there were the complications of epilepsy, autism and mental retardation that still torment thalidomide families today.

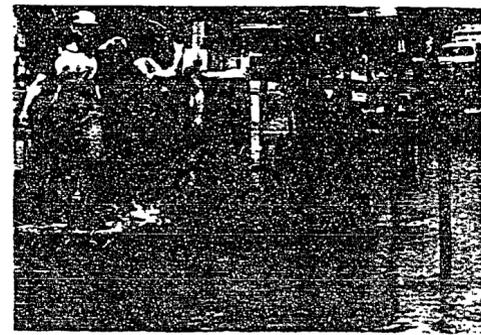
Some victims surrendered to their infirmities and are little more than vegetables. But Elaine and hundreds of others never stopped fighting and are living what they consider worthwhile lives. Elaine refused artificial arms and learned to drive a specially adapted car and do other tasks with her feet. She met her husband, Peter, a TV repairman, at a folk club. He insists he never even noticed she had no arms.

Their baby was the first born to a thalidomide victim in Britain. And when doctors were able to say that newcomer Sara was normal there were tears and smiles throughout Grimsby Maternity Hospital.

A new book, "Suffer the Children: The Story of Thalidomide" (Viking), claims the thalidomide tragedy could have been avoided, could happen again and may be happening right now. It says that the United States has



A role reversal occurs in St. Louis County, above, as a horse leads a man from water Friday. Rescuers were helping the horses from the stalls in which they were trapped after the flooding of Creve Coeur Lake. The historic district of Ste. Genevieve, Mo., right, the oldest settlement west of the Mississippi, was sandbagged Monday as the area was threatened by the flooding Mississippi River. In Jackson, Miss., another area hit by flooding, workmen waded in ankle deep water Monday. The raging Pearl River forced more than 17,000 persons from their homes in Jackson.



Rivers retreat as flood threat eases in state

From our wire services

The threat of further flooding in eastern Missouri eased Monday as the Mississippi, Missouri and Meramec rivers began a slow retreat from land inundated by the high waters.

Seventeen eastern Missouri counties hard hit by the flooding were declared disaster areas Monday by Gov. Joe Teasdale. The counties were: St. Louis, St. Louis City, Texas, Ste. Genevieve, St. Charles, Franklin, Jefferson, Scott, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Mississippi, Stoddard, Maries, Pulaski and Phelps.

In Ste. Genevieve, weary residents stood quietly in the rain on North Main Street Monday morning, hoping the sandbag levees would hold, keeping the river from invading more of the town.

Just downstream at St. Marys about 100 evacuated residents on Kaskaskia Island were told by the Army Corps of Engineers that chances were good that the levees that surround the island were going to hold.

"We hope the Mississippi doesn't surge and crest again as it did several times during the flood of 1973," said Corps spokesman Ken Long. "What we really need now is about four or five rainless days in the upper basin to let the rivers go down and give us some leeway."

The Corps has warned, however, that the threat of floods in the near future is a real one, with a heavy snowpack still unmelted in the northern part of the Midwest.

Meanwhile, 20 miles (32 kilometers) south of St. Louis at Arnold, about 600 residents waited for the swollen Meramec River to subside from its crest at 15 feet (4.5 meters) over flood stage so they could return to their homes. Many residents were at the river's edge Monday, using boats to check on their homes.

About half of the 125 National Guardsmen sent to the area were pulled out Monday, leaving 60 on duty

to guard against looting.

"The river's dropping today (Monday)," said one Arnold resident as he watched a neighbor prepare lunch in her camper. "But it really doesn't matter. We lost everything. I don't know whether to move back in or just move out."

Upstream from St. Louis the Missouri and Mississippi rivers began a fall of about 1 foot (30 centimeters) a day.

"There's good news for the people in St. Charles and West Alton," Long said. "The water is going down and should continue to do so unless we get more heavy rain."

In Jackson, Miss., the worst Pearl River flood in history surged deeper into the city's heart on Monday, sending water to the eaves of some homes in the suburbs and forcing officials to seal off the downtown area.

With an estimated 17,000 persons already driven from their homes, the river poured over sandbag levees and inundated more houses, businesses and public facilities, including the city's new \$48 million sewage treatment plant.

The levees were holding, but the water surged over the top in spots as the Pearl reached almost 43 feet (13 meters) at Jackson on Monday, nearly 25 feet (7.5 meters) above flood stage and well above the previous record of 37.5 feet (11 meters) set in 1902. Officials said the river could crest at 43 feet (13 meters) sometime Monday night.

"We think the peak will come pretty soon," said Dave Waite, a city spokesman. "We're praying that's the case."

President Carter declared the state a federal disaster area late Monday. Flood victims will become eligible for temporary federal housing and low-interest loans to repair homes and businesses.

Columbian found guilty of Morlock murder

By Sharon Gray
Missourian staff writer

Ending a one-day trial with a 90-minute deliberation, a Macon County Circuit Court jury Monday found Lewis Harvey guilty of murdering 17-year-old Della Morlock Sept. 3 at the Everyday People crisis counseling center, 209 Price Ave.

Sentencing was set for May 29.

Harvey could receive life imprisonment for his conviction on the first degree murder and armed criminal action charges.

The trial was moved to Macon County after Boone County Circuit Judge Frank Conley granted a change-of-venue motion filed by Boone County Public Defender David Strauss. He said publicity surrounding Harvey's arrest precluded a fair trial in Boone County.

In the trial Monday, Strauss called no witnesses, but special prosecutors Robert Hines and Dick Thomas called several to the stand.

Paul Ranney, a volunteer at the crisis counseling center at the time of the murder, testified that an unidentified "crasher" said he thought a girl lying in a back room bed was dead.

Ranney, 24, of 1512 Rosemary Lane, said he notified the police after he

checked for Ms. Morlock's pulse and found her neck cold. Police said she had been sexually assaulted and shot in the back of the head with a small-caliber pistol.

As testimony continued, 25-year-old Donald Stammer, a Boone County Hospital paramedic, said Ms. Morlock, a Tipton girl, was lying on her back. He also said the room was sealed off im-

mediately after he saw blood stains on the pillow.

Sgt. Larry Duncan of the Columbia Police was the third witness called by the prosecution. Duncan, accompanied by police Detective Willard Ward, had gone to Harvey's house at 136 Sexton Road on Sept. 10 to question Harvey about his father's gun which was

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Inside Vicious

He may be grumpy, shy or just plain hostile. He may be afraid someone is taking his food away or invading his property. For whatever the reason, and the reasons are many, a dog may bite. Read about biting on Page 5.

Victorious

Bill Rogers, making a conquest on Heartbreak Hill, won his third Boston Marathon Monday. For details, including the incident that added a full minute to his record-breaking time, turn to Sports, Page 6.

Vanquished

Tanzanian troops closed in on Idi Amin's last stronghold Monday, and officials say the deposed Ugandan dictator has almost certainly fled. For more, turn to Page 13.

In town today

9 a.m. Boone County Court meets, fifth floor, County-City Building.
1 p.m. Fashion show, University fashion board, Harvest Moon, 27 S. 10th St.
8:15 p.m. Singers concert, Ira Powell, director, Memorial Union Auditorium.

N&W official: Coupler caused Sturgeon wreck

By Charlie Rahm
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An official of the Norfolk and Western Railway Co. said Monday that a defective coupler yoke was the cause of the Jan. 10 train derailment near Sturgeon. The railroad has notified the builders of the tank car and the car's coupler, that they are responsible for all expenses caused by the accident.

The car was punctured upon derailment, allowing 20,000 gallons (76,000 liters) of orthochlorophenol to be released and forcing nearly 1,000 persons to be evacuated from their homes. The car was making its first trip since being built by General American Transportation of Chicago.

"Based on our investigation and (See PHELPS, Page 14)

Israeli agents prevent 'bloodbath'

BRUSSELS, Belgium (UPI) — Israeli security agents on hand for the arrival of an El Al Israel flight with 160 passengers opened fire on four Palestinian terrorists at Brussels airport Monday and broke up what could have been a major bloodbath.

The Israelis shot one heavily armed terrorist and captured a second. Belgian gendarmes joined the shootout but were unable to find two other attackers, one a woman.

The terrorists, armed with fragmentation grenades and Soviet-made Kalashnikov-type submachine guns were thwarted in their attack on the El Al plane when flight 333 from Tel Aviv arrived late.

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The attack began shortly before 2 p.m. (7 a.m. CST) when the terrorists hurled two light hand grenades into the crowded terminal from a balcony, wounding what officials said was "about a dozen persons," none seriously. The wounded were having dinner in the restaurant of the departure hall. They were taken to hospitals in Brussels, 10 miles (16 kilometers) away.

Police found a piece of paper, dropped by one of the attackers, containing in Arabic a demand that the Belgian prime minister and chief of

police come to the airport and that a plane be put at their disposal.

In Beirut, a previously unknown Palestinian guerrilla group calling itself "Black March," claimed responsibility for the attack. An anonymous telephone caller to the United Press International office in Beirut said, "The Black March Organization declares its responsibility for the Brussels operation."

The name "Black March" apparently refers to the March 26 signing in Washington of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, which the Palestine Liberation Organization has denounced and vowed to avenge as treason against the Palestinian people.