*********************** KEEP CHRISTMAS - "MERRY" !! An Editorial 泰泰森在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在在

A man's home may be his castle — but during the Christmas Holidays, it is more susceptible to fire than

at any other time of the year.

Because of this intensified fire hazard created by holiday decorations, all families should have an escape plan worked out and rehearsed for use in case of fire. Parents are urged not to leave children unattended for even a short period while shopping for last minute

Last year's death toll from fires in December was over 800, with the property loss accompaning these

deaths running way up in the millions.

Part of these staggering losses could be directly attributed to Christmas Trees and Decorations. Thus in order to at least eliminate this source of fire during the Christmas Holiday Season, here are some suggestions that should be followed:

When buying a Christmas Tree - shop around if necessary — but buy only a fresh tree! Stroke the needles on a branch of the tree you are planning to buy with your hand. If the needles drop from the branch, the tree is not fresh — so pick out one that doesn't do

A tree kept out-of-doors will stay fresh much longer than one in the house. So, if possible, keep your tree outside until before Christmas - and be sure to put it in a pail of water as soon as you get home with The tree will "drink" water, and the water will help keep the tree fresh and green.

When you bring the tree inside the house to decorate it, put the tree in the coolest part of the room -

away from radiators, hot air ducts, and fireplaces.

To help keep your tree fresh longer, you should use a tree stand with a metal container that can be filled with water. The container should be filled with water immediately, and then re-filled daily until the tree is taken down.

Only tree decorations made of glass, metal or some other non-combustible material should be placed

on the Christmas Tree.

White plastic foam, a popular material for ornaments and centerpieces may seem fireproof, but in fact, burns easily and can be ignited by a spark. Another fire hazard is created by mixing angel hair and snow and sprayed on a tree. Both items are advertised as non-flammable, and are essentially safe when used alone; however, in combination they become so flammable that a mere touch of flames sends them into a burst of fire.

Check Christmas tree lights before placing them on the tree to be sure they are in good operating condition. Strings of lights with frayed wires or faulty sockets should be replaced with new ones. (We find it most economical to buy a new string of lights right after Christmas when they are on sale - and then throw the poorest string of lights away when taking the tree down).

Christmas tree lights should be turned off at night and — NEVER leave lights on when everyone is

away from home.

If you have a metal tree, do not decorate it with Christmas lights as they could cause a short circuit intsead, use an off-the-tree lighting arrangement.

And last — but not least — when the needles start dropping off the tree, take it down even though you had planned on leaving it up a few days longer.

Christmas wrappings should be removed as quickly as possible, but they should not be burned in the fireplace.

Then after following all these suggestions, have a "Merry Christmas" — without fear of a disastrous fire over the Holidays!!!

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by Alex Rankin

All but hidden in the tidal wave of defeufit spirites sweeping across. New York City and new New York. State is the making of a major scandal, the indictatent of the second highest man in state government and his son on charges that they offered a job to a man in return for a campaign contribution. The man is Democratic Assembly Speaker Stanley Steingut and his son Robert, a New York City councilinean.

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Ois a purely political level, the news of the indictment can only help Republicans across the state who are in serious trouble because of President Ford.

Ford scenie to have written off New York State for next year when he runs for president. At the same time voters will be selecting a new state Legislature on the samballot. Ford, for example, has suggested the state Legislature raise taxes to help New York City Democrats are sure to make a lof of that, and other items, as they hold on to the Assembly and possibly take over the Senate.

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hold on to the Assembly and possibly take over the Senate.

Long island and other suburban Republican candidates for the Legislature may not go so far as hold to back former California God. Ranald Regan, but they will be staying about as far away as thoy can get from Ford.

The President's style, according to the thinding of many top Republicans in the state, about matches the confrostation he had with a small boy near Hoston recently. The President was greeting a crowd and shaking hands when the youth accidently thrusan American Flag into Furd's forehead. The President rected backwards and a Secret Service agent hurled the flag to the ground, saying "Get that thing out of here."

Everyone is running out of money, but not the New York Port Authority.

It will cost taxpayers more than \$1 million to furnish a club and restaurant into which the public will never be invited — its "pri-

How can it cost that much? Well, take for example the ladies rest room. It is going to have a sofa covered in "fur cowhide", and the ceiling and walls are to be covered in slik, at about \$50 a yard. Don't worry, the men's room is getting the same slik treatment.

President Ford has now officially changed his mind about helping New York City but the price appears to be steen — barring opposition by Republicans who control the State Senate.

Ford's price is tax lives for everyone in the state, on a laundry list of items ranging from personal income taxes through gasoline and wine to the sales tax. The latter could go to nine per cent.

All of this and other matters are to be thrashed out at the special session underway in the capitol as this is being written.

None of it looks good for the taxpayer. President Ford has now offic-

None of it looks good for the tax-payer.

Gov. Carey and some interesting words on the subject for a roomful of local government executives from acress the state on the first day of the seaton.

Suport the new tax hikes, he told the mayors and councilmen, or you will see disastic suit in this aid to local government.

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"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

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It is with a great deal of conterr that I must report to you that
Governor Carey has decided to discontinue the publishing of the New
York State Budget Sammary. The
Budget Sammary, formerly one of
three hance fiscal reports, traditdistaly requires the Governor to
document in great detail the clasing accounts of the last completed
fiscal year and to offer mid-year
corrections for current year spending and revenues.

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The Sommary was something like a statement you get float the hand to balance your effects float the hand to balance your effects you a chance to review your spending policies and to set things straight ing Phatations. It was a most informative document for legislators and the fluidic.

The Governor's decision to discontinue the publication of the Budget Summary is a finite to the many advances that have been made to open in government and can only be considered as a move to intentionally hide the fiscal realities of New York State Government.

The threat is only a lever, how ever, at this point, since to reduce state aid to local governments, the state Legislature would have to be

As the special session started Manhattan Assemblyman Andrew Stein attempted to have democratic Assembly Speaker Stanley Stingut suspended. Steingut is under indictment for allegady promising a job to a man in return for a campaign contribution for his son, a New York Cay Councilman. Stein's move failed after a bitter attack on him by his Demographic calledgues in a closed-door meeting.

Some things may still be confusing in Albany these days as President Ford and Gov. Carey — and
the Legislature — dance around the
fate of New York City, but one:
thing is elear:
President Ford won't be able to
bury a wite in this state next year if
upstaters are hit with tax hikes to
pay for the insideeds of city officals who handed the government

pay for the misdeeds of city officials who handed the government over to labor unions and then used fiscal mirror games to hide what they did.

It looks like no matter what happens, however, that the bond holders come up wingers.

If the federal government merely guarantees New York City bonds—a move that wouldn't cost federal tanguers anothing, the owners of the bonds stand to make millions of dollars.

Those tederally-backed bonds would be gilt-edged. Their price would sky-rocket.

The Public Interest Research Group's lettest attempt to curb no-show jobs in the Legislature is most likely doomed to failure.

The standard reply of these who are on the payroll but not in Albany is that they are doing consulting work from their homes.

Prior has recently filed a law suit in Albany seeking to order State Comptroller Arthur Levitt to stop paying "no-shows." But no one was specifically named in the note.

They might have named three former Republican Assemblymen who were defined last year who not get \$1,500 a year and are rarely seen in the Capitol. Peter Contrant, Clark Bell, and Vincent

The are all working on projects," said a spokerman for Republican Assembly Minority Leader Perry B. Deliver H. The second most property man in the Chate Sensing July March.

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in warted thus far in his efforts to gain hundreds of millions in new State taxes, it stems that Governor Carey has turned to hiding

new State taxes, it seems that Governor Carey has turned to lidding the truth.

In my opinion the Budget-Summary was delayed by Stovernor Carey in hopes that state taxes would already have been ensualed before the statistical record was released for all to see. However, State taxes have continuously been resisted by Republicans. We have satisfantly against the continuously been resisted by Republicans. We have satisfantly against the Republicans. We have satisfantly against the fact of the second taxes of the satisfant of the satisfantly against the fact of the Budget, Summary would have provided those details.

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susplus.

Documented the failure of Governor Carey to hold spending to the amounts legislated and also his failures to realize the reductions he has announced.

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increase in revenue estimates admitted by the Governor since the time of the executive sudget.

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mismanagement of this administration.

From January to the present we have heard one reason after another and one excuse after another, from Governor Carey as to why and how New York State should and can impose new taxes would be the easy way out for the Governor. What is actually needed is backstary discipline in State General State Ge

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is aure. If subsequent years of the plan, State spending would be held below income until any deficit is eliminated.

It is a sensible proposal such as this, and not millions in tax measures, that are the only justicable solutions to the New York City fiscal crists and the Yew York State budget problems.

Governor Carey, let us have the facts as to your cost overune in

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SEMBLYMAN EMERY'S SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 11th

Thursday, December 11th —
Speaking, Alfred 14ons Club, at
Little Red Hen.
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Judges, 7th Judicial District, Roll-

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