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Reagan readies 'workfare' plan

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — A plan under which welfare recipients could be required to work for their benefits will be proposed by President Reagan, possibly as soon as Tuesday when he outlines his new round of budget cuts, government sources said.

Although full details are not known, the plan is to apply to the program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), which pays benefits to about 3.6 million low-income adults and 7 million children.

Under existing law, states are barred from installing "workfare" plans that make recipients work off some or all their benefits at public jobs, but experiments have been allowed in the past. During Reagan's tenure as governor of California, some work requirements were imposed in that state's program.

Sources said that, under the new Reagan

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plan, devised by Robert B. Carleson, Reagan's welfare chief in California and now a White House program planner, states will be given wide flexibility to shape their "workfare" proposals as they wish to suit local conditions.

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The "workfare provision," which Carleson repeatedly has espoused in the past, is part of a package of AFDC changes Reagan

is expected to outline that are aimed at cutting back anticipated federal outlays for AFDC by at least \$1 billion below the program's anticipated \$8 billion level for fiscal 1982.

Reagan outlined about \$500 million in cuts on Feb. 18, but his new proposals may boost that to at least \$1 billion and possibly as much as \$1.5 billion, sources said.

Under the existing program, each state sets its basic levels, and the federal government reimburses the states for from 50 percent to 78 percent of each state's total

outlay. Low-income states get the higher percentages. State outlays in fiscal 1982 are expected to be \$7 billion under current law.

Other changes said to be included in Reagan's proposal:

- A major reduction in the amount an individual may earn and still remain on welfare. This would be achieved by reducing earnings that may be excluded when calculating a person's income level for purposes of benefits. At present, the costs of work and day-care for the child of a recipient who works are deducted from income.

Reagan reportedly will propose a firm "cap" on the amount that may be deducted, including no more than \$50 a month per child for day care. In addition, he is

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Shooting death ends 'quarrel'

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WESTFIELD — A Westfield woman killed her husband with three shots in the chest after "a violent domestic quarrel" Saturday night, police said.

Daniel Lucia, 32, of 8 Laurel Ave., was shot by his wife, Sheila, 24, at the home of the wife's parents, Thomas and Theresa Curran, where the couple resided, according to police.

Mrs. Lucia subsequently was charged with murder.

The weapon, police said, was a .38-caliber handgun.

Lt. George Varelas said police received "a telephone call from a frantic female" shortly after 5:30 p.m.

Thomas Curran, father of the accused, said he was not home at the time of the accident and declined to comment on the incident saying, "Things are pretty well tore up here right now."

Lucia was taken to Noble Hospital by the Westfield municipal ambulance and was pronounced dead on arrival at 5:40 p.m. by Dr. Richard Douglas.

An autopsy is to be conducted by Dr. George Vassos, medical examiner at the Wesson Unit of Baystate Medical Center.

"Oh my god, I can't believe it," was the response of neighbor and friend Chester F. Wilson, of 13 Laurel Ave., when he received the news that Mrs. Lucia had been charged with murdering her husband.

Wilson, who, with his wife Frances, attended the couple's wedding a little more than a year ago, said Mr. and Mrs. Lucia had visited a few days ago and "seemed to be getting along well."

Wilson was home when the ambulance arrived and helped place Lucia inside. He said he had no idea of the circumstances and thought that Lucia had taken ill.

"Mrs. Curran was crying," he said. "And Sheila stood there with her hand over her mouth."

Lucia was employed as a general machinist at American Saw Co. in East Longmeadow, Wilson said.

Joseph Wysk, manager of the company, said Lucia was a "fine employee, as far as I know. I never heard of any problems regarding him."

Mrs. Lucia, who was employed as a lab technician at Noble Hospital, was taken to police headquarters, where she was charged with murder and held without bail, police said.

The 24-year-old lab technician is to be arraigned Monday in Westfield District Court.



Republican Photo by Michael Gordon

Sweet taste of victory

High School of Commerce players, from left, Nasser Thomas, Jimmy Collins, Verman Brown, and Bruce Goolsby celebrate following their victory over Springfield Classical in the Western Massachusetts Division I Basketball Tournament Saturday at the Springfield Civic Center. Story, other photo on Page C-1.

Terrorists slay missionary

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Anti-government guerrillas killed kidnapped American Bible translator Chester Allen Bitterman early Saturday with a shot through the heart hours after announcing that time for negotiating his release had run out. His body, found in a hijacked minibus, was wrapped in the guerrillas' red and black flag, the U.S. Embassy said.

Police reported they found the body of the 28-year-old Lancaster, Pa., native at 4:30 a.m. in an industrial-residential neighborhood of Bogota six hours after the M-19 guerrilla group offered its "last chance" to bargain for Bitterman's life.

M-19 had accused Bitterman of being a CIA spy and demanded as the price for his life that the institute he worked for leave Colombia. The Summer Institute of

Linguistics, which translates the Bible into Indian dialects, refused to do so.

In Washington, Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig, Jr. issued a statement saying, "The barbaric murder of Chester Bitterman by terrorists in Colombia is a despicable and cowardly act which we totally condemn."

"Chester Bitterman, a young father of two small children, devoted his life to helping others. His death is a tragic loss to this country and the people of Colombia he sought to serve. We mourn this loss."

"Chester Bitterman and his family have shown the highest standards of steadfastness and bravery of which all Americans can be proud. I extend our deepest condolences to his wife and family. They have courageously demonstrated that Americans will not give in to terrorist blackmail."

The State Department announced that the U.S. Embassy was making arrangements for the transfer of the body. It said Bitterman was in Colombia "as a man of peace and faith and was innocent of any wrongdoing," and noted he worked as a linguist under contract to the government of Colombia.

Bitterman was shot once in the heart, according to the Bogota police chief, Gen. Luis Eduardo Castillo.

A spokesman at the Justice Department morgue told reporters, "We don't think he suffered because he was drugged before being murdered." He did not elaborate.

Castillo issued a communique saying three men in their late 20s hijacked the

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August makes it thinking big

By PETER SAENGER
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WILLIAMSTOWN — You're sitting in a study complete with two suits of armor, a roaring fire and ex-factory worker August Mansker.

Below you lies a basement the size of a football field. Above you are enough bedrooms for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

"Hm," you say. "Well. Cute. A little cramped, but cute." The attempt at humor fades into the 72 rooms.

Mansker, on the other hand, is at home here. This is his home, Mount Hope Farm, the most spectacular acquisition of this 42-year-old entrepreneur who owns a chain of West Coast physical fitness clubs called Pam's Figuretique Inc. He plans to use his mansion as a center for the study of private enterprise and as headquarters of a commercial



AUGUST MANSKER
...proved his parents wrong

self-improvement program to help businessmen "learn to think big."

Eight years ago, Mansker was broke, stranded, as he tells it, in a Columbus, Ohio, bus station, where he hocked his watch for \$1 to buy something to eat.

It took a lot of determination to get here. And in his careful choice of clothes and furniture, his fascination with the great millionaires of the past, you feel he has made a great effort to break with a blue-collar past and years of failure.

"The Great Gatsby," the film that you saw on television just a few days before, suddenly doesn't seem so dated.

Not that everything is rosy. Mansker is just emerging from a period of family difficulties, and he had a serious business

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Elm Tree House on Mount Hope Farm in Williamstown.

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