

# CATA:

## Biedenbach says he doesn't want Lyght's job

By JOHN SCHILANDER  
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Whoever the Centre Area Transportation Authority hires to replace former manager Vernon Lyght, interim manager Joseph Biedenbach said it would not be himself.

And whoever CATA hires will inherit the challenge of a growing transit system with a tradition of clashes between union and management.

CATA has been searching for a new manager since Lyght, its third full-time manager in 4 1/2 years, resigned in October.

Although Lyght is technically the manager until his contract expires March 1, Biedenbach, named interim manager last month by the CATA board, has assumed most managerial duties.

Biedenbach said the application deadline for the management position was Dec. 1, and said he thinks the board will have hired a new manager before March 1.

Biedenbach has been tagged by one member of CATA's bus driver union - Local 1203-B of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - as the union's choice for manager.

However, Biedenbach said, "It's not

the kind of work I'd enjoy. I'm more into the technical aspects of the job than the management."

He said he has an engineering background that was well suited to his duties as assistant manager, the position he held before becoming interim manager and to which he said he will return when a new manager is chosen.

Concerning Lyght, Biedenbach said, "He's still active, although he isn't here physically." He said Lyght is still receiving his \$25,840 yearly salary, although Lyght is seeking other employment.

Lyght is still putting in time as a consultant, most recently in an arbitration case, Biedenbach said.

In searching for a new manager, Biedenbach said, CATA will probably pay more attention to finding someone who can deal effectively with the union - an organization with which Lyght had numerous problems.

"The board is considering not only individuals, but management companies also. Management companies can offer things that individuals can't," Biedenbach said, citing specialization of duties.

He said a management company would send one full-time resident manager who could handle on the specialized resources of the company.

"There's a wealth of people who stand

behind the resident manager," he said.

When asked if a management company would be better able to deal with the union, Biedenbach said, "A large portion of that depends on what resident manager they send in. He makes or breaks whether it works or not."

A management company would definitely be more expensive to hire than an individual, he said.

"What any organization has to weigh is what services a management company can offer against the cost (of hiring a company)," he said.

Biedenbach said the turnover in managers is not a problem peculiar to CATA.

"Generally it (CATA) is a training ground for people who want to get into transit management. If he does a good job, it's pretty easy for him to get a new job," he said.

He said a shortage in transit managers does exist. "An entire generation was skipped in education about transit management," he said.

Private transportation firms in the past weren't training enough new managers, he said. Now that most transportation firms have become private sector firms with increases in service, a shortage has been realized.

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led from his second-floor cell at Bellevue Hospital shortly before 9 a.m., a fitting with the vest and escorted to a waiting police van. Traffic was stopped outside the hospital while two police vans, lights flashing, and several patrol cars sped away in a motorcade.

The defendant has tried twice since 1977 to kill himself, and is being checked by guards every 15 minutes to make sure he does not attempt suicide again while undergoing psychiatric tests to determine his competency to stand trial.

A photo of Lennon's body, taken at the city morgue, was published on the front page of yesterday's New York Post, prompting an investigation by the New York City medical examiner.

The photo, showing only Lennon's head, was distributed by a Paris news agency, Sygma.

The paper and the agency refused to disclose anything about the origin of the photo.

A spokeswoman for Mayor Edward I. Koch said chief Medical Examiner Dr. Elliot Gross and his inspector general "are trying to check the matter out as quickly as possible. I personally am really distressed."

"Security measures were taken, but somehow they weren't enough," she said. Whoever was responsible for the security lapse will be fired immediately, she said.

She speculated that a morgue worker was offered a "whole lot of money."

## Municipal council cuts temporary loans

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The Centre Area Transportation Authority will no longer receive temporary loans from State College as a result of a municipal council vote to stop lending money to CATA.

The municipality has made the loans in the past - at 6 percent interest - to help CATA eliminate cash flow problems.

CATA also receives state and federal funds, but not until after expenses must be paid, said Joseph Biedenbach, CATA's interim manager.

"We don't get the money to make up the deficit until halfway through the year," he said.

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## State funds available for 12 new buses

The Centre Area Transportation Authority will receive state funds to help pay for 12 new buses.

On Wednesday, Gov. Dick Thornburgh signed Senate bill 381 that establishes a pooled bus fund and authorizes state bond funds to be used in the program," said a spokeswoman for the administration's Legislative Office.

Joseph Biedenbach, CATA's interim manager, said CATA handed together with 20 other transit authorities to petition state and federal sources for funds

# Professors get Pugh honors

## Five faculty members named

By MARK FEATHERSTONE  
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Five University faculty members have been named Evan Pugh professors, the highest honor a faculty member can receive from the University.

The professors, who will retain the honor until their resignation, death or retirement, are:

- George Andrews, department head and professor of mathematics.
- Paul Baker, department head and professor of anthropology.
- Rustum Roy, director of the Materials Research Laboratory and professor of solid state science.
- Elliot Vesell, chairman and professor of pharmacology and professor of genetics and medicine at Hershey Medical Center.
- Phillip Young, fellow of the Institute for the Arts and Humanistic Studies and research professor of English.

The professors were named by University President John W. Oswald after recommendations from a panel of seven faculty members - including five current Evan Pugh professors - who reviewed each candidate's research or creative work, recommendations from colleagues and evaluations of former students.

Each of the new Evan Pugh professors will receive a \$5,000 per year permanent bonus in addition to their salaries and will receive \$5,000 per year to help with research or other creative work. In addition, the professor's college will receive \$5,000, which can be used for research or other educational purposes.

Andrews said he was pleased to be named an Evan Pugh professor and said he thought the main reason he was named was because of his research work in the areas of additive number theory, combinatorics and special functions.

"It's a great honor," Andrews said. "I hope that I can use it to improve the entire math department at Penn State."

Young said he was surprised to receive it, although he said he knew of his nomination. Young also said he

was happy that someone from the humanities had been named.

"I am the only one from the humanities, and I'm glad the humanities have been represented. By and large, they (the previous professors) have been scientists," he said.

The Evan Pugh professorships, named after the first president of the University, were started in 1980 and were open only to researchers in 1979. The Board of Trustees changed the program so all professors - regardless of their field - were eligible.

With the appointment of the five new Evan Pugh professors, there are now 15 active professorships.

The others include: Hans Panofsky, atmospheric sciences; Vernon Aspatarian, political science; Howard Morgan, physiology (Hershey); Richard Nelson, plant pathology; Philip Skell, chemistry; Philip Walker, materials science; Eugenio Battisti, art history; Stephen Benkovic, chemistry; Herschel Leibowitz, psychology; Fred Rapp, microbiology (Hershey).

# New attorney appointed for alleged Lennon killer

NEW YORK (UPI) - A former assistant U.S. attorney, Jonathan Marks, yesterday was appointed to defend Mark Chapman, the former mental patient charged with murdering Beatle John Lennon.

Amid police reports of threats on his life, Herbert Adlerberg, the attorney originally selected to defend the accused-killer, earlier asked Criminal Court Judge Rena Uvler for permission to withdraw from the case.

Uvler had said she would not announce a decision until Monday, but later changed her mind and announced Marks' appointment.

Marks, a Harvard Law School graduate who recently served as defense attorney in another celebrated criminal case, told reporters he foresees "no problems" in serving as Chapman's lawyer.

"This man needs a lawyer, and that's my job," he said.

Marks, who met with Chapman for one hour yesterday, refused to disclose what he and his client discussed. He said he would not be deterred by death threats.

"The attorney is best known for his successful defense of Allen Curtis Lewis, a stockroom clerk who was charged with pushing a gifted young music student in front of a subway train. The violinist's right hand was severed in the accident."

"During Adlerberg's petition of the court, Chapman, wearing a bulletproof vest and surrounded by police officers fearful

of an attempt on the suspect's life, stood silent.

"This case is becoming something of an albatross for me," Adlerberg said. "From my vantage point, it would be the detriment of this defendant if I were to remain on the case."

Adlerberg, who first met privately with the judge, made no mention in court of threats on his life, but police sources said that was the reason behind his request.

The origin of the death threats against Adlerberg was not immediately known. Police sources said numerous calls also had been made threatening the life of Chapman, who is charged with gunning down the rock star Monday night as he walked into his apartment building overlooking Central Park.

Along with the reports of death threats came the news from London that another former Beatle, Paul McCartney, had hired a security firm to guard his country estate 50 miles south of London.

Adlerberg said his private law practice had suffered because of the time he had to spend preparing Chapman's defense. He left the hearing without comment.

Assistant District Attorney Kim Hogrefe had praised Adlerberg's ability before he was replaced. The judge concurred. "Mr. Adlerberg's reputation does precede him here," she said.

Chapman, 25, an unemployed security guard and amateur rock musician, was

which proved to be "too tempting for somebody."

Calling it a "poignant and historic picture," the Post said the photograph was taken at the city morgue before Lennon's "last journey."

In Honolulu, Chapman's Japanese wife, Gloria, expressed her sorrow about her husband's alleged act.

"I'm very, very sorry that this had to happen. Sorry for Yoko and her son, Sean, and that her husband had to die," Mrs. Chapman said.

Asked what message she would like to convey to her husband, Mrs. Chapman said, "I would tell him I love him."

But the husband of a woman who worked with Mrs. Chapman had bitter words for the alleged killer.

"He was a creep, a negative, cold, ugly person," said Mark McLean, who often saw Chapman at the travel agency where both their wives worked. "I want to make sure this guy doesn't come off as some goodo-goodo that one day suddenly went crazy. He hated everything that was good in the world."

Yoko Ono said she was concerned that her husband's death would prompt such bitter feelings. Two dependent Lennon fans in Brooksville, Fla., and Salt Lake City, Utah, have committed suicide since his slaying.

"This is not the time for hate or disillusionment," she said in an interview with the Los Angeles Times, her first since Lennon's death. "It would just add to the

tragedy if people turned away from the message of John's music."

One set the time for a 10-minute silent prayer vigil for the slain rock star for 2 p.m. Sunday "wherever you are."

There will be no funeral service. Lennon's body was cremated Wednesday; it was not known what was done with the ashes.

Ono said wistfully that she and Lennon, 40, had talked of living until the age

of 80. "We even drew up lists of all the things we could do together for all those years. Then, it was all over. But that doesn't mean the message should be over. The music will live on."

She only told their 5-year-old son, Sean, that his father was dead on Wednesday. "He wanted to know why the person shot John if he liked John," she said. "I explained that he was probably a confused person."

# Earthquake hits Japan

From our wire services

TOKYO - A sharp earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale hit southern Japan this morning, cutting power supplies and shattering window panes but apparently causing no casualties or major damage.

The government's Meteorological Agency - which had earlier predicted an earthquake would soon hit the country - said the quake was felt over extensive areas in the southernmost main island Kyushu.

The earthquake, which struck at 8:10 a.m. (6:10 p.m. EST yesterday), caused a seven-minute power stoppage in Miyazaki in eastern Kyushu as a main transformer was shut off automatically by the quake, officials said.

The jolt shattered window panes at the Oita city government office on Kyushu and employees dived under their desks for safety.

"It was really scary," one female employee said in describing the swaying of the nine-story government office.

The government-operated Japan National Railway halted train service in the most affected areas to check for rail conditions, officials said.

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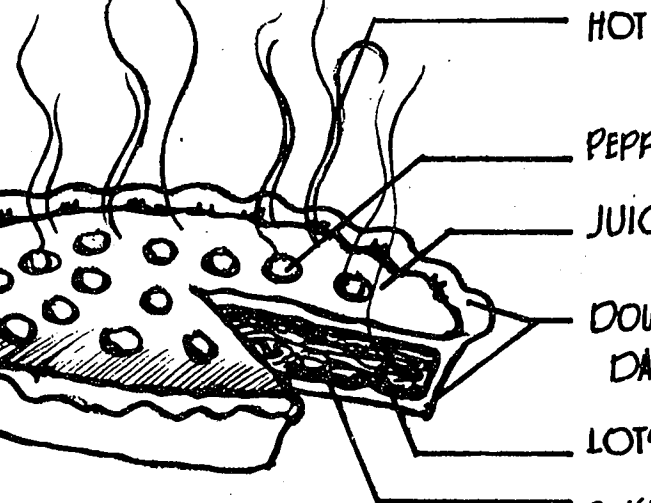
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