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The Times of DAS

There's not a periodical in existence that can resist the temptation of putting out some sort of year-end millennium commemorative issue.

Well, we couldn't resist either.

So let's take a look back at some of the agency's more memorable moments ... interspersed with some little known facts about DAS and the New Year's plans and resolutions shared by co-workers.

Scouring through the dusty archives of old photographs and *State Scene*

newsletters yellowed with age, we were reminded time and again just how far we've come - from typewriters to laptops, snail mail to e-mail, file cabinets to file management software.

This is the foundation that has made DAS what it is today, and it's upon that foundation that we will continue to build in the next millennium.

We at DAS are accustomed to looking forward, but we hope you will enjoy this step back in time as much as we've enjoyed putting it together.

Thanks for the memories, DAS.



From the DAS Christmas album...which one is naughty and which one is nice? Commissioner Waters and Deputy Commissioner Mazzola pose with Santa (Ray Bailey) at the 1998 DAS Toy Drive.



Who could forget Bill Roberts? Is this a team-building exercise or a Conga line?

Cheryl Sawina will be spending New Year's Eve at home and well fed as her husband makes a feast of lobster and baked stuffed shrimp, while sipping on champagne. They will then watch the traditional ball drop in Times Square, then run out in the yard and wish passing cars a happy New Year.

Excellent!

Mike Barletta plans a quiet evening at home with some close friends, good food, drink, and a visit from another friend who is a singer in a professional barber shop quartet. The quartet will provide a sample of their talents and then move on to other "gigs."



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Courtesy of the *State Scene* c. 1978, this was the state of telephone technology. Where was Kathy "Ma Bell" Valone when they needed her?



He wears short shorts. It's none other than Joe Lefkowski on deck. ..around the late 1970's is our best shot. Oh, and what is that beverage on the field?

Paul Felix, "I'm going to First Night in downtown Hartford with my wife Ellen and two sons now that they are old enough to enjoy it."

Flashback:

Sample legislative proposals involving DAS from 1989's session, courtesy of the *DAS News & Views* newsletter, included motions permitting the donation of surplus property to charitable and non-profit agencies and the ability to grant contract extensions.



Janet Knopf's New Year's resolution is to max out her deferred comp. "Do it now while I'm young so I can benefit from it when I'm old."



Did you know that 80 Washington Street used to be a Fleet garage? Prisoners washed and cleaned cars there.

David Elwell's New Year's resolution: As a musician and performer, take an extended leave and go on tour with Ricky Martin, *Livin' La Vida Loca*. He's also looking forward not having to hear the terms "Y2K" and "New Millennium" any longer.

Flashback:

The following vehicles once figured in the state's fleet:

- Studebakers
- Ford Falcons
- Chevy Vegas
- Plymouth Dusters
- ChevyChevettes
- Plymouth Reliants



DAS employees stricken with Husky fever proudly display their garb and regalia as they celebrate the 1999 UCONN national champs.



Henry Jovanelly - a dead ringer for Sam Elliot - in his pre-spike and shaven days sharing his MIS expertise with fellow Collection Services employees. We're guessing vintage '89 or '90 on this keeper.

Did you know that before he struck it big in Hollywood as TV detective Columbo, Peter Falk used to work somewhere else...just like so many of us, he too came to work every morning at the State Office Building in Hartford.

John McKay is headed to northern Vermont with six college friends for four days of skiing, sledding, snowmobiling, feasting, and festivities. On top of that there will be a murder mystery dinner, an indoor beach party, scavenger hunt, and a midnight bonfire with a fireworks show.

Vanessa Wimberly will be attending her church's annual "Watch" service to celebrate this ending decade.

A sample of famous celebrities who have namesakes employed by the State of Connecticut:

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| Ed McMahon | James Woods | Robert Klein |
| Marilyn Quayle | Charles Lindberg | Jose Feliciano |
| John Kennedy | Jimmy Stewart | Geraldo Riveira |
| George Wallace | Glenn Miller | Lawrence Taylor |
| Nathan Hale | Jim Thorpe | Bobby Fisher |
| Elizabeth Taylor | Robert Vaughan | Davy Jones |
| Matt Dillon | Larry King | Pamela Anderson |
| Ricky Martin | Steve Martin | Chuck Yaeger |



The camera always loved the Commish. Although we have no date for this picture, based on the scarf, it must be in the 80's.



A bearded Kenn Stephenson gets ready for a blow-out sale of classic state issued typewriters at the Retail Surplus Store in Wethersfield.

Lorraine Lombardi and her brood are going to a house party - kids and all. "The plan is to feed the kids first, send them downstairs to the play room (hoping they will stay down there most of the night), then put out a wonderful spread for the adults, enjoy, party, and get wild!" she said.

For New Year's Eve, **Mike Felix** and his wife Lynne are hosting a small party, then New Year's Day they are off visiting family and friends throughout the state. His wish for everyone is simply good health, peace, and happiness.

By the numbers . . .

1+1=2 **71,003** Number of hits on the new DAS home page between August 1996 and June 1998.

351,572 Number of hits on the new DAS home page since then.

3 Number of logos DAS has used.

400 Number of dollars paid for a \$100,000 water craft acquired by DEP through the DAS surplus program.

13,000,000 Number of pages of automotive technical information that resides on Fleet's new ShopKey CD-ROM.



Some people never change. This photo from 1994 proves that time obviously doesn't affect Joan Donahue who is always a beauty!

Right - Posing zero threat to the New York Yankees, the DAS softball players led by Jim McKenna and Bob Cosgrove pay a rare visit to home plate.



Below: Linda Shackett - never Blue- in a 1994 pose. Linda, is that a Christmas list tucked in the corner of your desk?



By the numbers . . .

1+1=2 83 Number of DAS employees recognized at Employee Recognition Award ceremonies to date.

1,781 Number of small and minority-owned state businesses currently listed on the Business CONNECTIONS web page.

The Management Information Solutions folks chimed in with their plans:

"Going to a very quiet house party." **Bill Skyrme**

"Staying home with baby and hubby."
Angelika Scheffera

"Spending the evening with friends."
Marilyn LaFontaine

"Going to bed early because I HAVE TO COME TO WORK THE NEXT DAY!" **Linda the Hubenator**

"I aspire to be asleep." **Matt Shea**, father of a three-week old baby boy.

"New millennium, new pair of socks." **Mark Zager**

"Celebrating my ninth wedding anniversary."
Dick Omohundro

FSC's **Peter Kerensky** and his wife Jan are going to start New Year's Eve off with a celebratory dinner at Costa del Sol in Hartford. Afterwards they'll participate in the First Night celebration, and watch the fireworks display in Bushnell Park. Then they'll try to squeeze into Mozzicato's Cafe on Franklin Avenue for a nightcap cappuccino and cannoli before heading home. Peter's resolution for 2000 is obvious. As FSC Newington prepares to move to Hartford, he wants to discover and enjoy the best of the Greater Hartford area.

Excellent!

Donna Micklus and husband Tom Cicalone are continuing a 23-year tradition, celebrating with friends they only get to see once a year. "Lots of champagne, great wine and hopefully a great dinner....but since I'm cooking, the dinner part isn't exactly a certainty," Micklus said. Her New Year's resolution? Get their bulldog Tucker a date.



Remember all that scaffolding as the State Capitol gets a face lift in August of 1979?

From the Fleet archives, Steve "Twenty bucks says I can fit in there" Dygus sizes up the storage space in a CNG van.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Did you know that in the early days of DAS there was once a fire at the State Office Building? Thanks to the building's effective fire drill execution, all employees were evacuated safely.



And back to the present....The *DAS Times* team wishes our colleagues the happiest of holidays. May the joy of the season touch each day of the coming year. Donna Micklus, Heather Cavanaugh, Cindy Duberek, Mike Mansfield, John McKay and Nina Ritson.



This crew wouldn't MIS the 1999 Christmas Party. Angelika Scheffera and Sue Miller with Dick Omohundro doing his best Santa imitation.

Vin Lombardo has a prediction for the next millenium. With computer power doubling every 18 months since its inception, the 90's were a period of vast advancement, but this next decade will far surpass that. With this ever-doubling critical mass of computer power, we are at a point were the raw data is there, now the computer power is getting there to mine this data. Because of this, early in this new decade, we will see cures for the major diseases and solutions for the major social ills of today.