

Region

Coach to speak at men's meeting

VERNON — The Men's Union of Union Congregational Church will meet on March 28 at Rockville Methodist Church, Grove Street. There will be a corned beef and cabbage dinner prepared by the women of the Ruth Circle.

Speaker for the evening will be Walt Nadzak, head football coach at the University of Connecticut.

Those planning to attend should make reservations by calling Bob Hoermann, if not contacted by a committee member.

A communion service and breakfast for men will be sponsored by the Methodist Church on Palm Sunday, March 30 at 7 a.m.

"Starv-A-Thon" set by church youth

VERNON — The Junior Pilgrim Fellowship of Union Congregational Church will conduct a "Starv-A-Thon" on March 21 starting at 11 p.m. and will continue until 11 a.m. on Sunday.

The young people are doing this in empathy with starving people throughout the world. They will only indulge in rice water which will be made with five gallons of water per handful of rice with a few leaves for taste, plain water and toothpaste.

They will be camping in the church annex and will be involved in activities centering around world hunger. Church members will be pledging money and this will be donated to World Relief organizations.

Women's Fellowship

VERNON — The Women's Fellowship of Union Congregational Church will celebrate its annual birthday party starting with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Following the supper there will be a "Yankee Swap." Members are asked to bring a \$2 gift.

Applications received

BOLTON — To date, 21 applications have been received for the position on the Bolton road crew. A recent resignation created the vacancy. Applications will be accepted through March 30.

Anyone wanting more information should call 649-8743.

Public hearing

ANDOVER — The Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Office Building on a proposed zone change of a 17-acre parcel on Riverside Drive.

Hop River Homes is asking to change the zoning from R-40 to GA (garden apartments).

Grange dinner

EAST HARTFORD — A roast beef dinner will be served at Hilltown Grange Hall, 617 Hills St., March 22, at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. by the East Central Pomona Grange. The meal will be served family style and the public is invited. Reservations can be made by calling 528-8015 or 633-2650. Proceeds will be used for charitable projects and camerhips.



Trumpet solo

Todd McGarity takes off on a solo number on his trumpet at he participated in a trumpet clinic Thursday at the Northeast School in Vernon. The clinic was led by Samuel Goldfarb, supervisor of music for the school system. It was part of the celebration of "Music in the Schools" week. (Herald photo by Adamson)

Adult classes planned

VERNON — On March 31 the Regional Office of Adult Basic Education and the Vernon Adult School will open a new semester of free daytime high school equivalency and pre-high school review classes.

The program is designed to prepare adults for the June high school diploma exam in the areas of grammar, literature, science, social studies, and math. Equivalency classes will be held every Monday through Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Pre-high school review classes will be conducted Mondays through Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and are intended to assist any adult who wants to become more proficient in any of the fundamentals of reading, writing, spelling and math. As an added feature for all pre-high school and equivalency students, the adult school will hold career and vocational planning sessions on Friday mornings. Classes in this area will cover self-interest inventory testing, letters of application, resumes and interviewing skills.

All programs will be conducted at the Vernon Adult Education Center at the corner of Route 30 and Center Road. Anyone wanting more information should call the regional office any weekday morning, 875-1960.

Event to aid MD group

VERNON — The Rockville Youth Ministry Parish groups of St. Joseph's, and St. Bernard's churches of Rockville and St. Luke's of Ellington, will sponsor a second annual Skate-A-Thon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The event is scheduled for March 20 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Vernon State Park on Route 83.

Anyone producing a minimum of 10 pledges the night of the Skate-A-Thon will be admitted free and will receive free rental of skates. Prizes will be awarded to the three top fund-raisers based on the highest amount of redeemed pledges by the deadline of April 7.

Last year the Skate-A-Thon raised \$3,500 for the patients in northern Connecticut. Anyone wishing further information about the affair or wishing to obtain pledge sheets, should call Pat Mytch at 875-8079 or the muscular dystrophy office, 289-1521.

Board faces challenge in finding replacement

COVENTRY — The Planning and Zoning Commission faces with still another resignation when Karen Thissell announced her plans to leave after serving a little over a year on the commission. She is stepping down for personal reasons.

Nominating committee chairman of both the Republican and Democratic parties have expressed concern about finding candidates for the PZC, which is second only to the Town Council in number of meetings hours held each month.

An ever-increasing amount of subdivision applications combined with revisions of the master plan of development and local regulations have added ongoing workshops to the two regular monthly meetings held by the commission which sometimes last late into the evening.

The group is currently headed by John Pagnini, a Glastonbury planner. Residents interested in serving on the PZC may contact him, the Town Council, the Town Clerk's Office, or members of the nominating committee of either the Republican or Democratic town committees.

The PZC approved a regulation revision allowing exceptions to the setback requirements for certain building extensions. Architectural features such as chimneys and solar heating devices now may extend up to three feet into the setback areas to the property lines.

In other business last week, the PZC approved a subdivision application for two lots on Cooper Lane owned by Arthur Tourmas. The approval will correct an illegal subdivision inherited by Tourmas when he bought the property.

The commission declined to act on a subdivision application for land owned by David Kotkin on Carpenter Road and Broadway. Although members believe the application is worthy of conditional approval, resident James Shea claimed that the developer must obtain drainage easements on some of the parcels before the commission may grant its approval.

Town Attorney Abbot Schwebel concurred with Shea, who is representing the developer. The PZC asked Town Planner Gregory Padick to draw up

motions for its next meeting which would deny the application without prejudice to allow Kotkin to obtain the necessary easements. Shea said he will not voluntarily grant the request, the issue is likely to go to court.

Commissioner Paul Jatkowski, head of the Coventry Lake Park Advisory Committee, suggested that plans for a new town garage be tied to a proposed dog pound project. The current pound is located at the sanitary landfill and has been vandalized and dogs seeking adoptive homes have low visibility there.

Jatkowski felt it would be mutually beneficial from a security point of view to have the garage and the pound adjacent, as is the case in Mansfield.

Sports night slated
EAST HARTFORD — The Edward B. Stevens School PTA is sponsoring a Sports Night March 18 at 7 p.m. The speaker before the Sports Night will be Fred Balet, director of the Parks and Recreation Department. He will speak on "Youth and Vandalism."

Test run
GLASTONBURY — Economic Development Commission member Carl Ruff, (left), and Mike Eigen, the son of Community Development Director Richard Eigen, leave A-Copy's helicopter after a short trip. The helicopter was flown to Eastern Boulevard, Glastonbury, where A-Copy is planning to construct a heliport to improve its transportation system.

Stock market panics; gold down

NEW YORK (UPI) — Speculators, viewing plans by President Carter and the Federal Reserve to counter inflation, fled the market in droves Monday while the stock market suffered its worst loss in five months.

But observers said the setback was so bad that bargain hunters are likely to get involved today and the market might stage a comeback. Bonds, which had been on the verge of collapse, rallied briefly Monday.

The Dow Jones industrial average plunged 23.04 points to 788.85 Monday, the lowest level since it closed at 787.51 on Dec. 18, 1978. That set 115.13 points below its Feb. 13 high of 903.84.

That loss was the worst since the Dow skidded 26.48 points on Oct. 9, right after the Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker enunciated a credit-tightening policy that has led to the highest interest rates in U.S. history.

Brokers said the market has taken such a drubbing the past month that prices of many stocks may be attractive to bargain hunters. Also, some traders will have to replace borrowed shares they sold earlier at a profit.

The Carter-Fed anti-inflation effort, unveiled Friday, was the basis of the market rout. Washington wants to balance the 1981 federal budget, reduce borrowing and cut gasoline consumption. Whether that can be achieved is uncertain.

Energy speculators, who gambled the first two months of the year on finds offshore Newfoundland and in Canada's Beaufort Sea, fled the market for two reasons.

First, Carter has imposed a "conservation fee" on oil imports and plans to pass it on to the entire gasoline industry. That could result in a court challenge, observers said, because some industry members don't think Carter has the power to enforce the program.

Second, the Fed has taken steps to reduce borrowing and discourage banks from making speculative loans. Short-term interest rates rose and speculators fled.

Observers say Carter's measures face a difficult battle in Congress during an election year.

Gold dropped anew on the London and Zurich exchanges today and the U.S. dollar opened slightly lower on most European and Tokyo money markets, the victim of some early profit-taking.

Gold opened at \$476 an ounce in Zurich and \$468.50 in London, down from Monday's closing prices of \$489 and \$479 in Zurich and London respectively.

In very much quieter conditions, the dollar was easier and sterling held steadier than of late, a dealer at Barclays Bank International said.

The undertone of the market was uncertain with the dollar encountering light profit-taking.

The dollar opened in Frankfurt at 1.8700 West German marks compared with Monday's close of 1.8745. In Zurich it opened at 1.7708 Swiss francs, against 1.7875 Monday.

In Amsterdam the dollar sold for 2.6565 Dutch guilders, compared with 2.6585 guilders Monday. In Milan the dollar opened at \$69.70 lire, compared to \$70.30 lire at Monday's close.

In London the pound opened fractionally higher, getting \$2.1860 compared with Monday's close of \$2.1850. But it was up slightly in Paris, bringing 4,800 French francs, compared with 4,3737, and in Brussels it also was higher opening at 31.785 Belgian francs compared to 31.71 Monday.

In Tokyo the dollar ended the day's trading slightly lower, at 248.80 yen compared with 249.40 Monday.

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Citizens comment on budget

By DAVE LAVALLEE

Herald Reporter

GLASTONBURY — Residents met with the Board of Education Monday to express opinions on teacher morale, proposed library plans and the foreign language program during public discussion of the proposed budget.

About 25 persons attended the meeting during which several members expressed concern over teacher morale.

Michael Riley said the board is going to have pay a better wage to the teachers.

"The proposed budget does not have an appropriate inflation rate for teachers. If you are going to attract quality teachers, you are going to have to pay them a decent wage," Riley said.

Board of Education member Betsy Dingley expressed concern over teacher morale at a board meeting on Feb. 25. She cautioned the board against accepting teacher resignations without looking into the

reasons why teachers are leaving. Riley said the proposed budget allows for only a 7 percent salary increase for teachers while the inflation rate is 13 percent. "That's a pay decrease of 6 percent," he said.

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Station status again placed in spotlight

By KEVIN FOLEY

Herald Reporter

MANCHESTER — Saying he saw no reason why "grown men and women can't sit across a table and talk," Gordon Lassow again brought the status of the Buckland firehouse back into the local spotlight.

Lassow, President of the Eighth Utilities District, read a letter from Mayor Stephen Penny to the District Board at its monthly meeting last night.

The letter, dated Feb. 15, asked the board to define its reasons for wanting to restructure the old Town District Liaison Committee. Lassow told the board he also had met with Penny but their meeting ended on a "negative note."

"The mayor doesn't want to discuss the use and disposition of the Buckland firehouse," Lassow said, "although he admitted that it was only his opinion."

Lassow told the board that Penny would only want to talk about the Buckland firehouse, Lassow said.

The Buckland firehouse has been the center of controversy between the Town and Eighth District since it was constructed on North Main Street. The Supreme Court decided in February that Buckland is under the Eighth District's jurisdiction. The town built the firehouse in anticipation of a favorable ruling by the Court and now is unable to legally fight fires in Buckland.

Joint use of the station has been suggested by Penny, but the District Board is exploring the possibility of constructing its own station in Buckland.

"Steve (Penny) thinks we're trying to hurt him," Lassow said. "We won our case in the courts. We're not bargaining. We're on the power side now and we want to get back to running the town. We need meetings between the Town and District) to manage our sewer rates, water and fire protection."

Lassow's statements touched off an angry tirade from board member Robert Blechman who suggested that Penny stop "playing games."

The liaison committee was Penny's idea," Blechman said. In retrospect, the Mayor's been locked into Ted Cummings' ideas. He should be looking out for the public's interest and shouldn't get his way. That white elephant in Buckland is costing taxpayers money."

Blechman added the Town should "swallow a little fiscal inefficiency," and get back to being in cooperative terms with the Eighth District.

The law says they can't have Buckland. What's Penny clinging to?" Blechman asked.

Fuel bank fund again solvent

By PATRICK REILLY

Herald Reporter

EAST HARTFORD — At one point Monday and today the town's emergency fuel bank was dry and applicants were being referred to the back fuel oil relief loan program.

Martin Burnham the fuel bank treasurer said the funding in the fuel bank had dwindled down to zero as of Monday. As of Tuesday morning, the town's Energy Coordinator Leslie Collier was relieved to hear that an application for \$2,000 in funding from the Christian Conference of Connecticut had been approved.

Ms. Collier said the additional funding should supply the program with enough emergency funding until the end of the winter season.

Burnham said Monday the fuel bank had committed fuel to 13 applicants but had not received the bill from the fuel companies. Besides the money that was committed, the fuel bank had no more money to distribute.

Burnham said \$5,200 in direct grants had been disbursed since the fuel bank began accepting applications Jan. 1. He said although the town's fuel bank had run out of money, there was no problem that people requesting fuel in emergency situations would have to go without fuel.

The fuel bank supplies a grant to applicants for 150 gallons of fuel at a cost of about \$130, Collier said. Applicants must prove that they can no longer afford to purchase fuel, must meet certain federal income guidelines and can receive only one grant.

The program has been funded by various social services and church groups, although the town did set aside \$2,000 in case the funds ran low. Collier said a recent problem has been that applicants haven't been checking their tanks and are making emergency fuel requests only when they are completely out of fuel.

If they call me and say they are completely out of fuel, I can't deny them the grant no matter what income level they are at," Collier said.

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The weather
Rain ending today and becoming cloudy on Wednesday morning. The 50s. Mostly sunny Wednesday with temperatures in the high 40s.

In sports
Battle of giant centers due in NIT finals. Louisville coach discounts NCAA basketball tournament rankings. Page 9.

Voting mechanics
The upcoming Connecticut presidential primary, scheduled for next Tuesday, includes some procedures which are different from ordinary elections and some procedures which are similar to other elections. Page 8.

Reagan's choice
Republican presidential hopeful Ronald Reagan who has not yet made a choice on who his vice presidential running mate will be if he garners the GOP nomination, has already ruled out possible candidates. Page 2.

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Update

To challenge Dodd

HARTFORD (UPI) — An East Windsor building contractor who admits no "illusions" about winning says he will challenge Rep. Christopher J. Dodd for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate.

Abuse probe

MANSFIELD (UPI) — Federal officials have ordered the state to investigate reports of abuse to three retarded residents at the Mansfield Training School.

The U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare ordered the probe Monday following reports last week that the retarded clients had been abused by school employees.

Weather forecast

Rain ending. Partial clearing this afternoon. Windy with temperatures in the 50s, 13 C, falling to the 40s this afternoon. Clear and colder tonight with lows to 30.

Extended outlook

BOSTON (UPI) — Extended outlook for New England Thursday through Saturday.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Tuesday, March 18, the 78th day of 1980 with 288 to follow.

Lottery Numbers

The winning daily numbers drawn Monday in New England:

Probe started

HARTFORD (UPI) — Superior Court Judge George D. Sloughlin has been appointed as a one-man grand jury to investigate alleged crimes in Hartford County involving illegal gambling, bribery and hindering prosecution.

Siege goes on

BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI) — The siege of the Dominican Embassy by leftist guerrillas is three weeks old today with no end in sight for the 19 diplomats and 13 others being held hostage.

Peopletalk

Another Chappa chapter

The ghost of Chappaquiddick goes right on haunting Sen. Ted Kennedy, and it's latest materialization involves the man who tried to write a book about the fatal accident in 1969.

Dustin Haggard?

Ever since Loretta Lynn hit it big with "Coal Miner's Daughter," everybody down Grand Old Opry way has been climbing on the autobiography bandwagon.

East Fork games

Comedian Jerry Clower says he has a solution to the political problem of the summer Olympics.

Pie face

They grow up fast in show biz — what with all the shooting schedules, press conferences, autograph sessions and the like — and 10-year-old Danielle Brisebois was happy to take a break.

Quote of the day

Nancy Wright, on the excitement triggered by a meteor that drilled a hole Sunday in ice covering a pond near her father-in-law's house in Cumberland, Maine: "We'd welcome any university people or anyone else who wants to come take a look... but I don't see why everyone's making a big deal out of it. It is fascinating, but it's just a great big dumb rock."

Glimpses

Greek President Constantine Tsatsos is in Bern, Switzerland, to receive the international Kudenhove-Kallergi prize for his work in promoting "the ideal of Europe."

cape of Uruguayan Ambassador Fernando Gomez, 43, early Monday and a fall alarm that Venezuelan Ambassador Virgilio Llovera had suffered a severe heart attack diminished Monday night.

Gomez, who leaped out a two-story window and dashed to safety in total darkness before dawn Monday, was still hospitalized in a military hospital. He was expected to fly to Montevideo, Uruguay, this week.

The Venezuelan Embassy denied that its ambassador, Llovera, had suffered a heart attack as the guerrillas claimed at midday Monday.

A prominent heart specialist, Dr. Enrique Urdaneta, was let into the captured embassy to examine Llovera. Emerging nearly an hour later, Urdaneta said Llovera "is in good condition and it's not necessary to hospitalize him."

A Venezuelan Embassy spokesman later said Llovera suffered from a malfunction of the middle ear that caused him dizziness and loss of balance.

Bars Anderson

NEW BRITAIN (UPI) — Rep. John Anderson, giving frontrunner Ronald Reagan a good battle for Tuesday's Illinois primary, has been ruled out as a vice-presidential

running mate by Reagan, the former California governor said Monday night.

Reagan, campaigning in Connecticut at a fundraiser after four days of stumping in Illinois, said Anderson has refused to support him as a presidential candidate so it would be difficult for Reagan to invite the Illinois congressman to join his team.

"I think that anyone who would put him in the second spot would have to keep looking over his shoulder," Reagan said.

Store held liable

BOSTON (UPI) — A federal court jury has found Sears, Roebuck and Co. liable for the death of a baby girl who strangled on her own dress. The company was directed to pay her estate \$72,000 in damages.

The U.S. District Court jury Monday found in favor of Douglas and Donna Ryan, who claimed the tiny white buttons on the back of their daughter Rachel's dress caused her death when they became entangled in a fishnet-type playpen.

Donna Ryan had tearfully testified during the week-long trial before Judge John J. McNamara that she found Rachel entangled in the mesh and dress in their Brockton home in December 1973.



Under the sign of the shamrock, Republican Patrick's Day Rally in New Britain, to open a presidential hopeful Ronald Reagan met, three-day visit before Connecticut's March 25 Monday, a friendly crowd during a St.

Reagan strikes opponent as vice president choice

NEW BRITAIN (UPI) — Ronald Reagan's choice for vice-president is easier by one today — he has ruled out his strong challenger in Illinois, Rep. John Anderson.

Front-runner Reagan campaigned in Connecticut after four days of stumping in Illinois where polls put Reagan and Anderson almost neck-and-neck in today's GOP presidential primary there.

On arrival in Connecticut Monday night, Reagan told supporters he questioned the wisdom of naming Anderson as a vice-presidential running mate.

"It shouldn't be any problem," said Wright. He said there were sufficient surplus funds in the current state budget to cover the costs.

Wright predicted easy approval of the requests, including one for \$800,000 in additional funds to finance next Tuesday's presidential primary in the state. The committee heard testimony on the requests Monday.

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Mrs. Kennelly has asked the Legislature to increase the primary budget to \$1.2 million. The request

came as no surprise, since she indicated a year ago the primary probably was underfunded.

The deficiency budget also included \$80,000 officials, say it is necessary to pay the bill for insurance benefits lawmakers voted themselves a year ago, unanticipated fuel oil costs and more than \$15 million in Medicaid cost overruns.

"It didn't take advantage of it in the first place. And I'm glad it's one of the things on the list," Rep. William Rogers, R-Southern, said.

The committee also heard testimony during the day on measures that would expand the powers of the Legislature to deal with a budget crisis. They would give the Appropriations Committee the authority to suspend or discontinue programs when economic circumstances warranted.

Several legislators used the hearing to criticize the medical insurance program, which was among several benefits the Legislature approved for itself last year.

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Toes-warming check

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Approved zone changes pave way for housing

By MARY KITZMANN
Herald Reporter

MANCHESTER — With little discussion, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved last night two zone changes, allowing 89 new housing units.

The request of Louise England of Bolton, to rezone a 4.5 acre parcel between East Middle Turnpike, Plymouth Lane and East Center Street from single family residential to multi-family residential was approved.

Ms. England's attorney, Joel Janeda, told the commission at the public hearing that 32 condominiums would be built on the lot.

About 20 residents were concerned that the development would necessitate making Plymouth Lane a through street. However, after plans for using the street, the residents did not oppose the structure.

Although zoned Residence M, the property, near the Veterans of

Foreign Wars building, will be used only for condominiums. Residence M requires that one-third of the property be used for single-family, duplex, and group homes.

However, planning and zoning regulations allow building strictly group homes if the area is unsuitable for single-family.

At the public hearing, Janeda told the commission that single-family homes in the lot would not sell because it is near a commercial district.

A Residence M zone was also created last night at 366 Oakland St. Mrs. Wickham's request for rezoning 11.3 acres, did not specify what construction is intended for the lot.

John Loranger, Vernon planner, explained that the land's topography would not support the maximum of 75 housing units allowed by regulations.

The area could support construction of 37 units, eight single family, 14 duplex and 35 apartments.

No one opposed the zone change at the public hearing. Loranger also told the commission at the public

hearing the apartments constructed in the area would have to rent at \$500-\$570 to cover construction costs and keep the area within the density regulations allowed.

In other business the commission approved three inland wetland permits. The Town of Manchester was given a permit to construct a sewer main under a brook on Tolland Turnpike, near the Acadia Restaurant.

The firm of Blanchard and Rossetto, was given a permit to construct a home on Birch Mountain. The septic field of the home was in a wetland.

The commission approved an inland-wetland permit for bulldozing on New State Road.

The Hockanum Linear Park Committee bulldozed a 30 by 100 foot strip last fall without receiving a permit.

The commission granted the request with stipulations that erosion-control bales be placed within two weeks.

The commission also put a June deadline on loaming and milking the area.

Assistant Chief Harold Topfitt told the board the truck was the best bargain available and that it was needed to install wire for the firebox alarm system; the department is planning to update.

The board of directors also opened bids from civil engineers for updating sewer specifications in the district as prescribed by state law.

However, the board voted not to accept any bids until the matter could be further reviewed.

Baby's condition still critical

MANCHESTER — The condition of the 13-month-old baby that was allegedly beaten by Steven A. Wilson, 26, of Aberdeen, Md. is still critical, according to a Hartford Hospital spokesman this morning.

The baby, Amy Crouse, was transferred to Hartford after being admitted to Manchester Memorial Hospital Sunday. She apparently suffered extensive brain damage and is in a coma.

Wilson was charged with first-degree assault, risk of injury to a minor and cruelty to persons. The baby's mother, Patricia R. Crouse, 20, of 34 Williams St. was also arrested and charged with risk of injury to a minor.

Superior Court Judge Sabino Tamborra has ordered Wilson, a soldier stationed in Aberdeen, held for psychiatric examination in connection with the beating.

The judge continued Wilson's bond at \$50,000 and ordered him examined, saying the charges were "appalling" and "no normal person in any opinion" would be accused of such abuse.

Police said the baby appeared to have been pinched, slapped and bitten. They said the baby's sister, Kristine, 4, was in good condition at Manchester Memorial with minor injuries described as mostly bruises.

The judge reduced Mrs. Crouse's bond from \$25,000 to \$10,000 and continued her case until March 24.

Area police

Manchester police said they presented a court in Rockville today.

David Gosselin, 18, of Hart Drive, Vernon, was charged Monday night with second-degree criminal mischief. He allegedly damaged a grassy area in Henry Park by driving his car over it.

Police said the arson charges stem from investigations of a barn fire in the rear of 83-85 Union St. in October 1977 and also in connection with a motor vehicle fire on Prospect Street. The breach of peace charge involved an alleged disturbance at Frazier's home on March 15.

He was held overnight at the police station in lieu of posting a \$15,000 sur-

charge bond and was to be presented in court in Rockville today.

Gregory Gauthier, 18, of 25 Village St., Rockville, was arrested Monday on a warrant charging him with breach of peace. This was the result of the investigation of a disturbance at 46 Prospect St. on March 11.

He was released on a \$50 nonreturny bond for appearance in court on March 25.

South Windsor
David Ellis, 28, of Warehouse Point, was admitted to Manchester Memorial Hospital Monday night for observation. He was struck by a car while crossing Ellington Road, police said.

The driver of the car was Marc J. Conner, 18, of 61 Hillside Drive, South Windsor. No charges were placed against him, police said.

South Windsor Police are investigating the report of a break into the home at 84 Robert Drive, Monday night. Reported missing was some \$10 in change and about \$100-worth of jewelry.

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Editorial Bid alternatives wise

Manchester is seeking bids for trash collection for the first time in six years. The bid proposal calls for bids both on once-a-week collection and twice-a-week pickup.

The existing contract calls for picking up refuse twice each week.

The increased costs brought about by inflation during the past six years, and the soaring energy costs the United States is suffering make it wise to consider both alternatives for a new contract.

This move to explore a possible way to economize makes sense in light of prevailing economic conditions.

As various contracts come

up for renewal a concerted effort should be made to think creatively to best utilize the resources of the town.

It is easier to continue doing the many tasks of government the same way as they have been done for years.

Creative thinking and considering as possible may result in tax-dollar savings that are badly needed.

Town officials are to be commended for this effort to examine ways to save money and prevent waste.

The trash collection alternative is a good example of what may seem like a small step to save a few dollars. By saving a few dollars in

every department or in every contract, those savings can quickly add up to a leaner town spending posture which is to everyone's advantage.

Whether creative spending will result in significant town budget reductions remains to be seen.

The point is town officials appear to be doing everything within their power to trim costs.

Those involved in the town budget process generally concede there will be a need for some reductions in service if Manchester taxpayers are to enjoy a relative stability in the property tax.

Six years ago the trash collection twice a week was only \$30,000 per year more than a single pick-up plan.

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The bids on the new contract are due April 8. We speculate a twice-a-week pickup will cost much more than the last bid.

When those bids come in and are opened, we urge town officials to have the courage to reduce the service if the costs of twice-a-week pickup are significantly above the weekly pickup bid.

In addition, it appears the town is making another wise move in removing fuel from the bid process.

The town apparently is able to purchase fuel at a reduced price. This move could add up to an additional savings for the taxpayer.

But the creative thinking displayed in seeking bids for trash pickup is one example of government officials doing everything within their power to keep the lid on spending and taxation.

We think it is an excellent example of government responsiveness to the needs of the people and hope other spending decisions are approached with the same critical eye.

Letters

Not a solution

To the editor:

On March 11, Mayor Stephen Penny made the statement the town has got to think about reconsidering its withdrawal from the federal Community Development program.

The statement was made because of the apparent hardships that some of our citizens are going to face in light of condominium conversions. What bothered me most about his statement was his assertion the federal government was going to help us get out of a difficult situation.

On the contrary, it is the federal government that is creating a difficult situation.

For a long time conservative groups have been warning people about excessive federal spending. In essence there is no free lunch. On the other hand, the liberal groups have been demanding and getting every new social program Washington can dream up without regard for costs. Well, ladies and gentlemen, we are nearing the moment of truth — who is going to pay?

The first casualties of these inflationary spending programs are the elderly and low income people who cannot afford the outrageous high mortgage rates imposed by the federal government.

The elderly and low income groups, the ones the government is trying to help most, are the ones who are going to pay the most for the high cost energy indirectly caused by our inflated dollars that no European country wants.

The notion the community block

program or any other federal programs are going to solve the housing crisis is dangerous and misleading.

Look around you, Mr. Penny. Look at all the multi-family housing, apartments, tract houses. They were not built by federal programs.

Granted, the feds lent the GIs low interest money after the war, but the emphasis was on rent, and the money was paid back. Today the emphasis is placed on subsidies thereby the government controlling "with strings attached" the housing.

I think we are in a housing crisis, but I don't think we should panic and start building subsidized housing.

I think the solution is at the federal level, by creating new tax laws whereby builders and developers would not have to pay federal taxes on profits created on any new multi-family housing for a period of 20 years.

This would be good for the construction industry, it would be good for the economy, and it would be good for the people that need housing.

With a program like that you will get investors that have their money tied up in gold reinvesting in the stock market, and you will get the federal bureaucrats that will not have done anything to solve the housing problem out of the picture.

John A. Tucci,
30 Castle Road
Manchester



Congressional Quarterly Candidates' stand on health insurance

By ELIZABETH WEHR

WASHINGTON — Chronic American anxiety over medical bills has made national health insurance one of the nation's most durable political issues.

But in 1980, as in past elections, the issue has been shoved aside by more urgent concerns — inflation, foreign affairs and energy.

The health policies of the presidential candidates range from Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's call for comprehensive coverage to endorsements by the major Republican contenders of insurance for very costly "catastrophic" illnesses.

President Carter comes out in the middle, advocating catastrophic coverage by private insurance companies and modest improvements in Medicare and Medicaid, the public programs for the elderly and the poor.

Nobody is talking about a British-style health plan, run by public officials, staffed by salaried doctors and paid for by taxes.

Kennedy and Carter both would set minimum federal standards for private health insurance for working Americans, and require employers and, to some extent, workers to buy that minimum coverage.

Public funds would continue to pay for the poor and elderly. Kennedy proposes far broader coverage for these groups than Carter.

Republicans say increasing health care costs are a reason not to enact any massive new programs, while Kennedy argues that the only way to put a lid on costs is to organize health care nationally.

The GOP candidates generally argue that health care is overregulated. Some also suggest Americans are overinsured and think that cutting back federal tax subsidies for private health insurance plans would make Americans cost conscious by forcing them to pay more of their medical bills out of pocket.

Kennedy's plan calls for comprehensive coverage for all U.S. citizens, with doctor and hospital bills to be paid through heavily regulated insurance companies and prepaid group medical plans.

Public revenues would finance benefits for the poor and elderly, while employers and, to some extent, workers would pay insurance premiums for the required coverage.

Cost control would be achieved by an overall national budget for health spending, by negotiated fees for physicians and by set payment rates for hospitals.

Carter would require employers and workers to share the cost of mandatory private health insurance for full-time workers. Comprehensive benefits would begin only after an individual had paid a \$2,500 "deductible" out of pocket each year.

Carter also wants to merge Medicare and Medicaid, expanding the eligibility and benefits of both. Carter insists that all pregnant women and infants should be fully covered. While they might have to pay part of the premiums, they wouldn't have to share the cost of services.

Carter is relying on hospital cost control, negotiated physician fees for

the public program, and certain other changes to control costs.

Cost controls on hospitals and other health services and preventive medicine are the favored "approach" to national health insurance of Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. of California, who also thinks that states should pay a greater part of Medicaid costs.

Brown urges more "attention to health education, nutrition, occupational health and environmental hazards."

On the Republican side, Illinois Rep. John B. Anderson thinks that a massive national health plan would exacerbate costs and erode the quality of care. But Anderson says that catastrophic coverage is a "must," although he hasn't specified who would pay for it.

Anderson is concerned that insurance has bred "consumer ignorance" of the cost of care and calls preventive medicine "the best possible health insurance."

Former California Gov. Ronald Reagan says tax incentives could be used to encourage private sector in-

Thoughts

Somewhere I came across the suggestion, "Become a guest of the Holy!" and it seemed most appropriate during the season of Lent. The invitation is always present, because God is constantly reaching out to us, encouraging us to become who we are intended to be. So the invitation is extended: become a guest of the Holy!

Some people have great memories. Others tend to forget. And sometimes that's the best, for some things are far better forgotten. Some

can remember all the slights and hurts that other folk have inflicted on them. But when we become a guest of the Holy, it's well to leave a lot of room in our minds for the pleasant, good, positive and helpful things our neighbors do and say. It will make a difference in our outlook.

Newell H. Curtis Jr.,
Center Congregational Church
United Church of Christ, Manchester

Washington merry-go-round

Operation Cuba watch is now in full swing

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — The uproar over the Soviet "combat brigades" in Cuba last fall has been supplanted in the headlines by Iran and Afghanistan, but the short-lived Cuban crisis brought a dramatic reordering of priorities in the U.S. intelligence community.

Cuba has now replaced Red China as the target of our second most intensive intelligence efforts — second only to the Soviet Union.

From the status of "low priority attention," the Marxist-ruled island 90 miles off the Florida coast has risen in the intelligence community's estimation as an area worthy of concentrated and massive surveillance.

"If a rabbit moves on that place, we know about it." So a Central Intelligence Agency source described the new emphasis on Cuba to my

associate Dale Van Atta. While this sounds like hyperbole, it's not all that farfetched. The satellites that have been committed to spying on Cuba since the Soviet brigade fiasco can take clear pictures of a one-foot object from 100 miles up in the stratosphere.

The administration is clearly not going to be caught napping on Cuban developments again. Briefings by the CIA are made on an almost everyday basis. As a CIA source put it, "Cuba gets an intelligence enema every three days."

A series of "Top Secret Umbra" reports from the summer of 1979 to February 1980 shows the detail with which U.S. intelligence agencies have been alerting the administration to the dangers from Russia's Caribbean colony. Much of the information focuses on Cienfuegos, on the southern coast of Cuba, where Fidel Castro has been modernizing a key naval and air base.

"A 1979 Defense Intelligence Agency report predicts that the Russians

may send a detachment of Backfire nuclear bombers into Cuba in 1980. Runways at the Cienfuegos airfield are being lengthened to 9,000 feet — the distance required for the Backfire — and there are already two airfields in Cuba that could handle the Soviet planes.

From bases in Cuba, Soviet Backfires could hit virtually any target in United States. What alarms our military experts is that present defense against bomber raids are aimed toward the north against Soviet missiles coming over the North Pole) and on each seacoast (against submarine-launched missiles), leaving the nation's southeastern defenses relatively naked.

"Spy satellites have spotted a suspicious-looking building at Punta Moreiras, near Cienfuegos. It closely resembles the kind of structure used in Eastern Europe for storage and maintenance of nuclear missiles. Punta Moreiras is also being connected to Cienfuegos by a railroad, which

raises the possibility that nuclear submarines could be served at the port."

Some intelligence analysts, however, have cautioned that everything turned up by the spies-in-the-sky is consistent with a nuclear power plant the Cubans are building south of Havana in the Cienfuegos area. And these experts note that there have been "no indications that Havana has plans for nuclear weapons."

On the other hand, some intelligence reports express concern that the CIA may be ignoring evidence that Castro plans to use the Soviet-sponsored nuclear technology for military purposes.

"The secret intelligence reports show that the Russians have been upgrading their communications equipment in Cuba in recent years. One communications-satellite facility, according to a 'Top Secret Umbra' National Security Agency report, permits nearly simultaneous two-day exchanges between Havana and the

noted that the government would have saved \$15,500 in transportation and accommodations if the conferences had been held in Washington.

"Here's one that'll bring tears to your eyes: The National Science Foundation shelled out \$65,100 to two University of Miami professors for what is loftily described as "Systematic Studies in the Genus Capsicum." With its Latin cover peeped off, this means an in-depth research bonodoggle on the chili pepper. The year-long project will include a study of the "evolutionary history" of the chili pepper; and to add a little spice to the grant, the two scholars will travel to Bolivia and Peru to trace the chili pepper's roots.

Footnote: Some economists agree that the soaring federal budget is a major cause of inflation. I invite my readers to help fight it by sending examples of government extravagance to Jack Anderson's Watch on Waste, P.O. Box 2390, Washington, D.C. 20013.

Innovation to aid elderly and their families

By DAVE LAVALLEE
Herald Reporter

GLASTONBURY — Housing Authority Executive Director Bill Willett has come up with a proposal to deal with a segment of the population, whose physical limitations can cause hardships for themselves or their families.

Willett is considering ways to provide meals and housing project where services could be provided for tenants whose physical incapacities prevent them from preparing meals or doing their own housework.

At the present time, seniors whose mental capacity is sharp, but whose physical limitations prevent them from doing small chores, usually do not stay in a project.

This situation usually results in the tenants being placed in a nursing home a situation they really don't want and one that is extremely costly.

Willett has been working on one plan for the additional 40 units of elderly housing to be built at Knox Lane. There are currently 50 10-year-old elderly units at Knox Lane.

"We have a situation now where people who moved in 10 years ago were 65 and 70 years old and now they are 75 to 80 years old. We have had cases of several elderly persons leaving to go to nursing homes," Willett said.

This is where congregating housing comes in. In April of last year, Housing Authority officials attended a conference sponsored by the Community Council of the Capital Region which outlined the concept of congregating housing.

Congregating housing is designed to meet the needs of the semi-independent elderly person. The basic concept is based on the fact that elderly persons need a combination of shelter and services that will aid them while growing older. The reason for these services is to provide the elderly person with as much independence as possible for the longest duration.

Willett said congregating housing can be broken down into four categories: meals, social programs, hygiene, and psychological services.

Willett is now considering plans to provide housekeeping and meals while the plans for the additional 40 units undergo basic review by the state Department of Housing. The authority has received a \$954,000 grant to do the project.

Currently, the units at Center Village and Knox Lane are all independent tenants. Tenants provide for their own meals and take care of their housekeeping.

Knox Lane Tenants' Association President Frances Roach said there is a definite need for additional services.

"There is a terrific need here. Some people don't like eating alone anymore and some people cannot prepare their meals," she said.

"There are five or six persons here who really need help," she said.

Willett said state officials have informed him that 100 units are needed to run a congregating program successfully. With the additional units, Willett would have 90 units at Knox Lane.

Willett said he would not be the person who handles the running of the program.

"We would hire a social director, trained in social services. That person would oversee the administration of meals and housekeeping. In addition, his or her duties would include counseling and recreation," Willett explained.

Willett said the Housing Authority would still be the manager of the project.

"However, there would be a serious marriage between the Housing Authority and the Social Services Department," Willett said.

"I just want to know where the money is going to come from to do this kind of thing," Mrs. Roach said.

Willett said he would apply for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 8 funds for the project. This would allow tenants to continue to pay no more than 25 percent of their incomes for rents.

Willett is considering providing two meals, breakfast and dinner and a box meal for the evening meal.

According to Willett, there are three alternatives for providing the meals.

One would be the use of Glastonbury High School cafeteria facilities, another would be the use of the Community Renewal Team of Hartford, which provides federal funding for food services, and the local Commission on Aging, which provides meals on a twice weekly basis.

If we don't get funding, then we won't go into the program," Willett said.

The Housing Authority could also seek funding from HUD under the Community Development Block Grant program, and Congregating Housing Services. The state also lists three different programs for the initiation of congregating housing and they are: Elderly Housing Construction Program, Congregating Housing Program and funding through the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority.

Willett said during the engineering of the new units, the congregating plans have to be included.

"The new buildings would not be modified and this would enable persons to choose whether they want congregating housing," Willett said.

Willett said the community hall at Knox Lane would be expanded to improve the kitchen facilities and more furniture would be added to handle the dining function of the

hall.

According to Willett, the social director would have a special office in the community hall.

"The hall has to be expanded anyway for the additional 40 units," Willett said.

"I feel this kind of a thing can work, but it is always difficult when the Housing Authority has to get involved in the restaurant and homemaking business," Willett said.

Willett said he would establish a contract system for the program. Tenants would elect on the contract to provide for their own meals, do their own shopping and cook in their units or elect to have meals provided for them.

"We would not force any relocation of tenants when this program begins," Willett said.

"In the long run this would save taxpayers money," Mrs. Roach said. "They wouldn't have to keep paying increased Medicaid costs for persons in nursing homes."

"Some people will argue against this, but they can't see past their noses," Mrs. Roach said.

Mrs. Roach said Willett has a genuine concern for older people.

"He is so concerned for older people. This is the first time we have ever been treated this way, she said.

Barbara Thompson, the town coordinator for senior citizens, said there is definitely a need for something in between the independent housing and the nursing home.

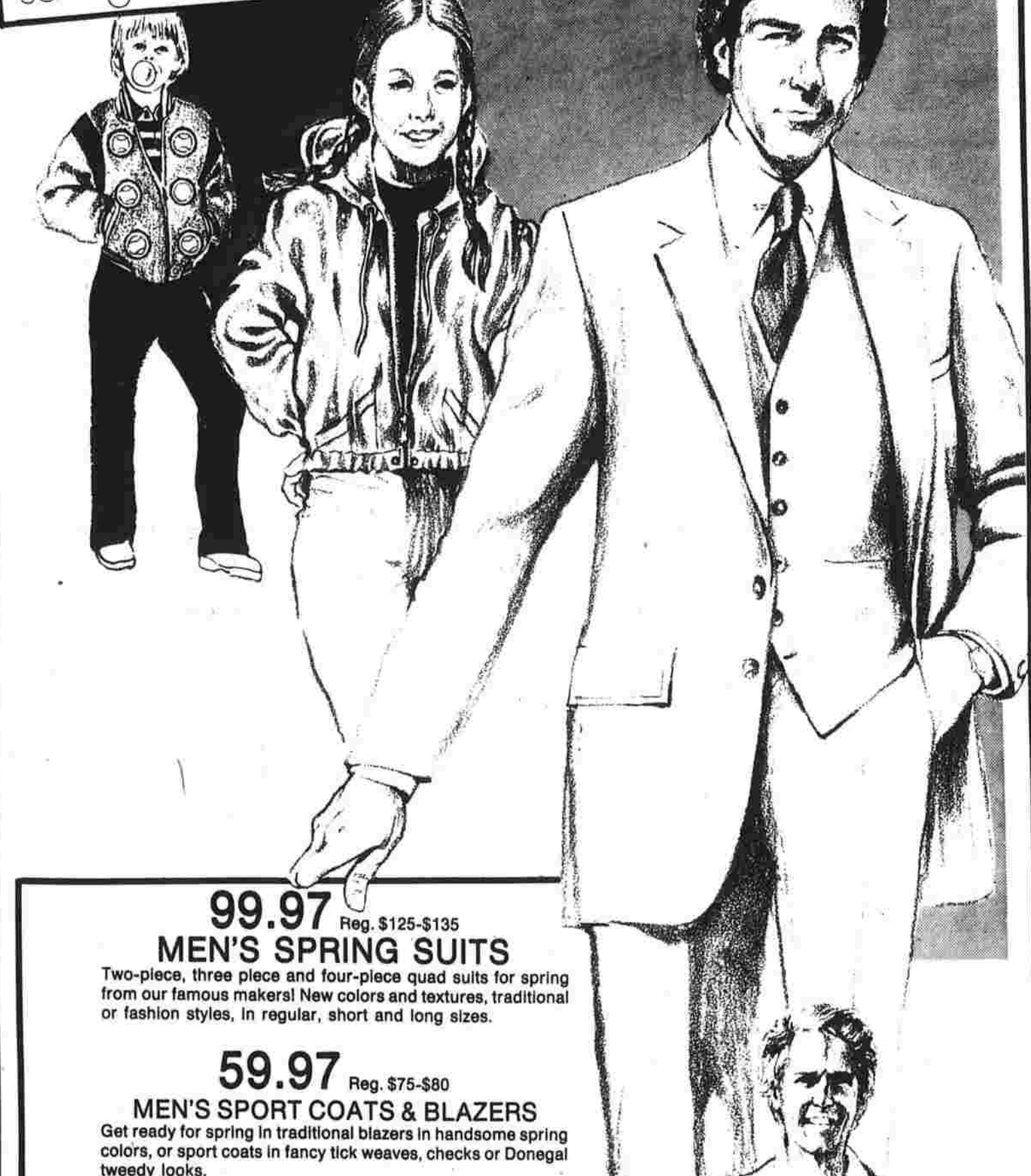
"There aren't enough of these facilities for elderly persons. It would be nice if we could go back to the old boarding house idea where a person had a home place, but could still be independent. Maybe this is a move in that direction," she said.

"We need to provide one hot meal a day for these people," Mrs. Thompson said.

"I think new strategies have to be working out now for the elderly because if we don't we will not have services available when we need them," Mrs. Thompson said.

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Betty's Notebook

Happy anniversary

The Dilworth-Cornell-Quey Post of the American Legion in Manchester celebrated its 54th anniversary Saturday night and we all enjoyed the festivities.

A super roast beef supper was served and Al Carlson & Company played that very danceable music we like.

Sat with Hank and Barbara Wierzbicki and we were all envious of the beautiful times they had after returning from five weeks in Florida.

It was a nice evening, with especially nice people.

Picking a queen
This Saturday, the Anderson-Shea Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Manchester will have the difficult task of picking a queen to represent them in the State Loyalty Day Queen contest.

The winner of the state competition will reign over the Loyalty Day Parade which is being held in Manchester this year.

At this writing, there are six young ladies vying for the title and we're sure the judges will have a hard time deciding. Following the judging.

Births
Botticello, Michael Anthony Jr., a son of Michael A. and Noreen Cullen Botticello of 67 McKee St., Manchester. He was born March 13 at Hartford Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Cullen of Manchester.

His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Botticello of Manchester. His paternal great-grandparents are Mrs. Vito Botticello and Theodore Gull. He has two sisters, Amanda, 4 and Bridget, 4.

Karnell, Amanda Louise, a daughter of Alan E. and Kathy Marx Karnell of 33 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. She was born March 4 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandfather is G.E. Marx of Baton Rouge, La. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Karnell of West Palm Beach, Fla. Her paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karnell of Guilford.

Drake, Kevin Mason, a son of Dwight J. and Claire Stone Drake of 46 Birch Mountain Extension, Bolton. He was born March 4 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are the late Clifford and Ann Scorsio. His paternal grandparents are Mrs. Eleanor Drake of New Hampshire and the late Mason K. Drake and Mr. and Mrs. Gladwin Brown of Vermont. He has a sister, Kimberly Ann, 2.

Champ, Teri Lynn, a daughter of Frank and Paul Haldean Champ of Manchester. She was born March 5 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Haldean of Manchester. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Gupion of Vernon.

Somberg, Jennifer Sarah, a daughter of Neil N. and Jacqueline Baum Somberg of 142 Lamplighter Drive, Manchester. She was born March 5 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Mrs. Irene Baum of Westbury, N.Y. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Somberg of Westbury, N.Y. Her great-grandmother is Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Somberg of New York. She has a brother, Matthew, 2 1/2.

Richey, Christopher Michael, a son of William E. Jr. and Valerie Dubois Richey of 87 Oxford Drive, East Hartford. He was born March 5 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dubois of East Hartford. His paternal grandparents are Leona Richey of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Strieby, Christina Cornelia, a daughter of David B. and Johanna M. Droppert Strieby of 86 Bolton Branch Road, Coventry. She was born March 6 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C.P. Droppert of Der Haag of Delft, The Netherlands. Her paternal grandmother is Mrs. Cleo Strieby of Syracuse, Ind. She has a sister, Anne, 3.

Gott, Michael Justin, a son of

Miss Sandra Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Myers of 76 Carpenter Road, Manchester. She participated in the recent competition held by the Distributive Clubs of America (DECA), Junior Collegiate Level, for the North Atlantic region.

It was held on Feb. 29 through March 2 at the Marriott Hotel in Springfield, Mass. Students from various colleges in the North Atlantic region participated.

Miss Myers received a first place in human relations and a trophy for placing third in the overall competition. She plans to participate in the national competition being held on May 4 through May 9 in Orlando, Fla.

A 1979 graduate of Manchester High School, she is currently a freshman at Johnson & Wales College in Providence, R.I.

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Dean's list
Christine M. Whitman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Whitman of 4 Birch Mountain Extension in Bolton, has been named to dean's list for the fall semester at New Hampshire College, Manchester, N.H. She is majoring in the two-year Executive Secretarial program.

Miss Wendy A. Murdock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Murdock of 88 South Road, Bolton has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Marymount College, Tarrytown, N.Y.

Among the students named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Bryant College, Smithfield, R.I., are Becky Seibert of Manchester, and Margaret S. Jukins of South Windsor.

Symphony Orchestra to mark anniversary

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra will celebrate its 20th anniversary season on Sunday March 30 with a special concert, featuring Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto, the work which highlighted its inaugural concert.

Soloist will be Joseph Villa, prize-winning graduate of the Juillard School, now an assistant professor of music at the University of Connecticut.

The concert will be held in the auditorium of Manchester High School, beginning at 4 p.m.

Under the direction of conductor, Dr. Jack Heller — who played 1st violin in the first performance — the orchestra will also present Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, Moldau by Smetana and the Dance of the Clowns by Rimsky-Korsakov.

The celebration will begin with Birthday Greetings by Stravinski and will end with a reunion and reception for all in the school cafeteria, hosted by the Manchester Music Guild.

Invitations have been sent to all charter members of the orchestra, as well as its founding conductor, John Grabner, who played 50 voices under the direction of Stuart Gillespie. Joseph Villa began playing the piano at the age of four and first performed in public at the Juillard School, when he was 10. He graduated in 1971, after studies with Sascha Gordinzki, and received the Ernest Hutcheson Prize, the school's highest award.

A veteran of numerous radio and television appearances, Villa is also a composer. His Hebraic Elegy for cello is performed by Leonard Rose, one of his 50 songs, "En Soudaine," was dedicated to and sung by the late Jennie Foure; his piano compositions are applauded by Alicia de Larrocha and Garik Orlson. He has recorded for Musical Heritage Society and Spectrum.

Tickets for the concert — \$3 and \$1 for students and other citizens — may be obtained at the door or by contacting Elizabeth Brown, president of the Manchester Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, at 633-3419.

Children and TV:
Most Saturday mornings, Peggy Charren spends the couple of hours in front of the tube at home in Newtonville, Mass., watching kids TV programs.

The odd part: her daughter, 23, and son, 15, have outgrown the kid stuff on television.

The reason this grown woman peers at cartoons and all that other Saturday morning fare is that she is a founder and president of a group called ACT — Action for Children's Television.

The organization formed by concerned mothers over coffee in the kitchen of a suburban home 11 years ago first inched along toward its goal of improving television for children.

Expenses were paid by cookie jar coins and small bills. Now, ACT's out of the small potato class. Its annual budget is \$40,000. Its clout? Makes waves in the television networks.

ACT's eighth national symposium, in Washington next Wednesday and Thursday, will feature big name people from government and industry, the television industry and the health professions.

The theme: "Children and television — The

Down is now up
NEW YORK (UPI) — Ten years ago, Carlo Vieni couldn't sell six dozen jackets in all of New York City.

"Down was downtown," says Vieni, president of William Barry, using a Fashion Avenue expression to describe something that isn't fashionable.

But all that has changed. Down is in, even chic, and as Vieni will tell you, big business.

From a starting down line of 100 jackets, Vieni now has 75 to 80 different styles. And sales keep doubling each year.

Now, there isn't one department store in New York that isn't carrying down jackets and vests.

In fact, Vieni says his firm just sold 500 jackets at one Miami department store.

"The store's buyer just couldn't believe it," he says with a laugh. "As anyone who owns a down jacket is likely to tell you, there's nothing warmer or more durable."

Down is not feathers per se, as some think. It is the fluffy stuff beneath the feathers of ducks and geese that keeps them warm.

A common myth about purchasing a down jacket is that goose down is better than duck down.

Not so, says Vieni. "It's better to have quality duck down than lower quality goose down," he says.

In recent years, some coats have been appearing on the market that have a synthetic substitute — such as Thinsulate.

Vieni, whose line includes synthetic filled jackets, says they're "good products" but adds, "down breathes, polyester doesn't."

It's down's breathing quality that makes the jackets so warm.

A major problem with down is that it doesn't stand up too well in the rain.

"If the down gets wet, you can get colder than hell in it," Vieni says. "Some jacket shells are made of water repellent material, but most are either synthetic or poplin. All are finely woven because 'down will sneak through anything,'" says Vieni.

"If a shell should rip — Vieni once thought of equipping each coat with a 'repair kit' but met resistance from the stores — the best thing to do is to tape it up and take it to a tailor. While some down will escape from

Tax Tips

Miscellaneous tax items deserve close scrutiny

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of 11 articles designed to help income tax return filers deal with changes in federal income tax law effective for 1979. The series is prepared by the Commerce Clearing House of Chicago, a foremost reporting authority on tax and business law.

By United Press International
Some knowledge of federal income tax rules on miscellaneous tax items can pay off for the average taxpayer.

The following miscellaneous tax items could affect taxes for 1979 and should not be overlooked, according to the Commerce Clearing House, a tax law authority.

For instance, you have the opportunity to "average" income for tax purposes if you had a big jump in income in 1979, including income from capital gains, wagering, or gifts or inheritances. And in so doing, you can get a lower tax bill.

The privilege applies if your 1979 "averageable" income is more than \$3,000 greater than 10 percent of your average income for the preceding four years (pre-1977 years' taxable income must be increased to reflect zero bracket amounts but increases in zero bracket amounts for 1979 will not affect amounts added back to pre-1977 years in income-averaging computation).

Example: If your average income for 1975-1978 plus your zero bracket amount for 1979 is \$18,000, you may elect to average your income for 1979 by adding back to 1979 the amount of \$24,000 in 1979 tax-qualified benefits (120 percent of \$18,000, plus \$3,000).

The 50 percent maximum rate (not available to taxpayers who elect income averaging) on personal service income can save taxes for high-income individuals by putting a ceiling on the tax on the taxable personal service income as wages.

Also, don't forget that transportation expenses essential for medical care — for example, the cost of bus, train, taxi fares and gas, oil, parking fees, etc. — are deductible medical expenses. Instead of taking your actual car operating expenses, you can take a standard mileage rate of 8 cents for each mile you use your car for medical purposes (parking fees and tolls may be deducted in addition to the 8 cents per mile).

A taxpayer may claim an income tax credit for energy-conserving expenses and also for solar and wind energy equipment expenses incurred with respect to his or her principal residence.

Energy-conserving expenses cover the purchase of insulation, fuel-reducing furnace replacements, storm or thermal window coverings, doors, caulking or weatherstripping, and the like. Original use of such items must begin with the taxpayer, and the items must be reasonably expected to remain in operation for at least three years (five years for solar and wind energy equipment).

The credit is 15 percent of the first \$2,000 of qualifying energy-conserving expenses (maximum credit of \$300). For qualifying solar and wind energy equipment installed on a principal residence, the credit is 30 percent of the first \$2,000 of expenses and 20 percent of the next \$8,000, for a maximum credit of \$2,200.

The residential energy credit is computed on Form 5695 and claimed on line 45, page 2, of the 1979 Form 1040.

Another item worth checking is the timing of loss deductions. Casualty losses by fire, storm, shipwreck, or the like are usually deductible only in the year they occur. A loss by theft, on the other hand, is generally deductible in the year it is discovered, not when the theft actually took place.

But disaster losses (from floods, hurricanes, unusually heavy snow, and the like) rate special treatment if they occur in areas subsequently declared by the President to be disaster areas. In such case, you can take the loss either on the return for the disaster year or on your preceding year's return.

Often the disaster will also affect your income in the loss year. Thus, under the option, you can take the loss in the previous year when your income was higher, although not in excess of the loss that would have been deductible in the taxable year in which the casualty occurred.

When you are surveying the medical expenses deduction area, don't overlook that the law permits one-half of medical insurance premiums for you, your spouse, and dependents, (with the total deduction limited to not more than \$150 per year) to be deducted outside of the 3 percent floor on other medical expenses.

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OES elects new officers

MANCHESTER — Temple Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star elected Richard G. Claing and Karen Claing worthy patron and matron for the coming year.

Mr. Claing is an engineer at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Group of United Technologies Corp. He is senior steward for Friendship Lodge of Majors and a member of the Sphinx Temple, the Omar Shrine Club and the Sphinx Temple Drum Corps.

Mrs. Claing is employed by John A. Bailey Associates Inc. of East Hartford as sales coordinator.

A semi-public installation will be held by March 29 at 8 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 25 East Center St.

Other elected officers are Margaret W. Waters, associate matron; Lester H. Wolcott, associate patron; Carolyn L. Nelson, past matron, secretary; Janice M. Hodge, past matron, treasurer; Lucille W. Nichols, conductress; and Connie W. Shorrock, associate conductress.

Appointed officers include Elizabeth M. Ledoux Jr. past matron, chaplain; Kate Karen B. Guillet, marshal; Alice M. Need, Adah; Eunice I. Bernard, Ruth; Marlene R. Taft, Esther, Louise A. Smith, past matron, Good Intent Chapter, Glastonbury, Martha; Virginia Healy, Elsie, Sandra G. Crawford, warder; Robert W. Nelson, sentinel; and the guest organist for the year will be Barbara Lot, past matron of Climax Chapter, Merrow.

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Entry test set at St. Bridget

MANCHESTER — A 3 1/2 hour entrance test for entering Grades 5, 6 and 7 of St. Bridget School in September will be given Saturday, March 22, promptly at 8:30 a.m.

There are still 100 openings for Grades 5, 6 and 7. If anyone is planning to register, please do so before the testing date. St. Bridget School will be a testing site for the day of the test. Students will be measured for uniforms Saturday, April 12, at 10:30 a.m. in the school.

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TownTalk

A Manchester Dog Warden saw evidence of the celebration of St. Patrick's day Monday when he picked up a loose dog which was wearing a green shirt.

One of the quips heard at a

"roast" honoring Monsignor Edward Reardon at St. Patrick's Day last night. Vernon Friday night was attributed to Michael Lynch, one of the guest speakers. Lynch said, "Monsignor Reardon is the Guinness of the Guinness World Records for having five collections in one day."

Someone was heard expressing surprise that St. Patrick's Day last night was a holiday. The speaker said that he had never heard of it until he was in Scotland.

Discussing ways to cut the cost of building a new firehouse in Vernon, Mayor Marie Herbst commented on a \$100 cost for shower curtain, which had been cut by the Building Committee. "I never paid \$100 for a shower curtain in my life. I'd rather not bond a shower curtain."

She said adding that she didn't mean to be facetious but she said she felt that could go in the annual budget.

The fire that destroyed the Silver Lane Cleaners and Launderers in East Hartford February 4 has not destroyed the hopes of owner Gregory C. Neary. Neary, who also owns and operates Neary's Restaurant next door at 120 Silver Lane said the land has been cleared of the rubble and he plans to start construction of a new cleaner and laundrette business very soon.

Obituaries

Bertha F. Kuehnel
EAST HARTFORD—Bertha (Fuhrer) Barberick Kuehnel, 92, of 106 Cannon Road, died Sunday at a local convalescent hospital.

Born in England, she had lived here for the last six years.

She is survived by a son, Arthur A. Barberick, and five grandchildren. She was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Private funeral services and burial will be at the convenience of the family.

The Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements.

Carroll Rice
EAST HARTFORD — Carroll Rice of 81 Rivermead Blvd., died Sunday at his home Sunday. He was the husband of Marion Rice of East Hartford.

He had lived here for the last 23 years.

He is also survived by a son, Glenn Rice, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family.

Calling hours are tonight from 7 to 9 at the Ellahan Funeral Home, 1022 Main St.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 670 Prospect Ave., Hartford.

Rena H. Zehner
ELINGTON — Rena (Hyer) Zehner, 75, of 9 Sunset Road, died Monday at Rockville General Hospital. She was the wife of Robert Zehner.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., she had lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Springfield, Mass., before moving here 24 years ago. She was a member of the Ellington Congregational Church.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, 11 a.m., at the Ellington Congregational Church, 1022 Main St., Ellington.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 670 Prospect Ave., Hartford.

Rachel Gibson
GLASTONBURY—Mrs. Rachel (Barber) Gibson of 1721 Main St. died Sunday at her home.

She was born here and had been a lifelong resident of this town. She retired in 1967 from Town Farm, a boarding house owned by the town, as manager after many years of service. She was a member of the Second Church of Christ Scientist.

She is survived by a son, Graham B. Gibson of Texas; a daughter, Mrs. Peter (Nancy) Konyak of Hartford; three sisters, Mrs. Marie West of East Hartford, Mrs. Lois Garrigus of Martinsville, Maine, and Mrs. Mary (Mildred) C. Glendonbury; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Private funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nursing Service for Christian Scientists Inc., 20 Longview Drive, Bloomfield, Conn. 06002.

The Glastonbury Funeral Home, 450 New London Turnpike, has charge of the arrangements.

Voter changes seen in primary

MANCHESTER — Several delegates mark Connecticut's first presidential primary from other elections.

The most noticeable is that only party members can vote. Unless an unaffiliated voter joined the Democratic or Republican Party by March 11, he is not eligible to vote next Tuesday.

Another change is voters are not casting a direct vote for the candidate but to appoint the delegates each candidate receives.

According to the voter instructions, the purpose of the primary is to "establish a basis for selection of Connecticut delegates to the national convention" of each party.

"The votes cast at this primary will determine, in accordance with the law and the rules of the party, the number of delegates, if any, committed to each listed candidate," and the number of uncommitted delegates. "Ballots for uncommitted

Area road plan backed

By MARTIN KEARNS
Herald Reporter

HARTFORD—The Capitol Region Council of Government's Transportation Committee endorsed Monday a plan to fully develop the highways in this area.

The committee accepted the CROG staff proposal by a 10 to 7 margin. The decision will be forwarded to the CROG Policy Board as a recommendation. The board is scheduled March 26 to determine the region's transportation policy for the next 15 years.

The Policy Board last month rejected the same plan endorsed by this committee of local representatives.

A committee hearing will be held tonight at 7:30 in the hearing room of the Manchester Town Hall. In anticipation of strong local interest, the Manchester Board of Directors' regular meeting, also scheduled for this evening, was canceled.

Under the plan, two new interstate connectors will be built, interstate 291 connecting Interstate 88 in Manchester with the Bissell Bridge and Interstate 91 in Windsor, and Interstate 284, a north-south arterial running east of the Connecticut River through East Hartford and South Windsor.

Both routes have been designed to reduce traffic congestion and pollution levels resulting from the present interstate system around Hartford. It is also assumed that the redeveloped system will ease traffic overloads on the region's local roads.

Ed Havens, representing South Windsor backed the development of Interstate 291. He said construction of the new connector was crucial to relieving congestion on that town's roads.

The position represents a shift from the policy set forth last month by the town. At a meeting with Manchester directors and municipal officials, representatives from South Windsor opposed Interstate 291, calling instead for redevelopment of existing roads. The final determination of the proposed connector would disrupt development of the town's industrial park of Ellington Road.

Also included in the plan is the completion of Interstate 84 between Manchester and East Hartford. The construction has been blocked by environmental groups in the eastern part of the state who see it as connected to the extension of the Interstate to Rhode Island, which they oppose.

Should the Policy Board accept the option, labeled "full build," the stage will be set for improvement to Interstate 91 north of Hartford. Included in the plan is the heavily traveled commuter route and installation of a high occupancy vehicle lane, designed to increase use of car pools and buses.

The Policy Board must decide the region's transportation pattern from among five options presented by the CROG staff. The final determination will be a mix of highway, rail and bus systems.

Being considered are the effects any new transportation system would have on the economy and quality of life in the region.

CROG has been charged by the federal government with the development of interstate transportation policy by virtue of this region's role as channel for interstate commerce.

Senior Citizens prepare for one of the first bingo games in their new center in Manchester. Renovating Green School was completed through the efforts of the center member and the community. The new center opened yesterday. The vacated center on Linden Street will be sold or leased by the Board of Directors. (Herald photo by Pinto)



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Board nixes nursing jobs

By PATRICK REILLY
Herald Reporter

EAST HARTFORD — In a move to avoid juggling any more money within the current school year budget, the Board of Education voted 4-2 Monday night against a request to hire additional school nurses for the town's elementary schools.

Acting School Superintendent Sam J. Leone gave the board three possible options that would have increased the medical staff at the schools with children and parents must deal more often with medical problems.

The decision by Leone to request more medical staff for the schools came after the school secretaries refused to take a first aid course that would have properly certified them to administer first aid.

A clause in the secretaries' contract reads they are obligated to administer "minor first-aid" but Secretary union president Ruth DeCrozio has said that responsibility has grown to involve more serious and important medical matters.

However, he said, Chairman Edward DePonte, said he didn't think the secretaries were going beyond their first aid duties. Many teachers and administrators in the district pointed out that DePonte was wrong.

After the request to hire additional nurses was voted down, DePonte would report back to the board on the medical staff situation in the schools.

Leone responded that there is no reason to expect that he will think that his 11th win in 16 games.

"My great-grandfather came to Canada, and his name was O'Reagan, but he changed it along with the way, to my Irish ancestry had to have something to do with the win tonight on St. Patty's day," Riggins said Monday night.

Riggins conceded, however, that there was more than just luck to the Atlanta win, their fourth straight on the road.

"The real pressure is to stay among the top eight places overall and get home-ice playoff advantage," said Riggins. "The other goalies, Dan (Bouchard) and Jimmy (Craig), are really hot right now, and when you're playing and sharing one-third of the games the pressure is just to get into the nets.

"But, the guys are giving their best effort in front of the net, and that's the real difference this season."

Ex-Leafs Paul Henderson and Garry Unger accounted for three Atlanta goals. Unger scored his 17th goal of the season at 17:43 of the first period of a Henderson assist.

The team, which was conditionally approved more than two months ago, was scheduled to come before the board today.

East Hartford educators vote lunch price boost

By PATRICK REILLY
Herald Reporter

EAST HARTFORD — The price of a school lunch will increase from 70 cents to 80 cents after March 31, the Board of Education voted Monday night.

The board approved what was called a "reasonable" increase after hearing requests from the school system's cafeteria operator that the increase was needed to offset an expected deficit in the cafeteria account.

The 10-cent increase in meals will be accompanied by increases of five to 15 cents in the cost of a la carte items on the cafeteria's menus.

Acting School Superintendent Sam J. Leone said the expected deficit is due to drastically increasing food prices and the unavailability of certain commodities from the state for a three month period in 1979.

Leone said the Interstate United Food Services, the school's cafeteria operator, was forced because of paperwork confusion to go out on the open market to get necessary commodities. School business Director Dominick Pulco said purchasing on the open market cost the cafeteria an extra \$20,300.

John Zizamia, director of school's food programs for Interstate, said he wanted the price of a school lunch increased immediately to prevent any further revenue loss.

Zizamia said the food service is expected to lose another \$4,000 before the price increase March 31. He said if the food prices don't stabilize, he will be coming back to the board in the fall requesting another increase.

He said he doesn't consider the lunch price increase an impossible request for those who use the program. The Interstate food service has held the contract for the school lunch program for six years and a lunch cost 65 cents six years ago.

Zizamia said a strip of lunch tickets, which includes five meals, will go up in price from \$3.25 to \$4.

He said the increase means the company will no longer offer a five-cent incentive on each ticket bought in the strips.

The food service, which serves about 1,800 students daily, should be able to avoid the expected deficit with the dime increase, Zizamia said.

"Some parents know their child is sick but send the children to school so the school nurse can take care of them," Field said.

Mrs. Welsh agreed that nurses could be used in a teaching as well as administering capacity, and could also spend time with the medical needs of East Hartford's large percentage of special students.

With the defeat of the request for nurses, Leone was told the situation will have to stay the same with principals and secretaries administering first-aid when a nurse isn't there.

First-aid public and parochial schools are without full-time nursing.

School officials said an alternative method of expanding the schools' medical staff might come before the board again at a future board meeting this year.

Police probing store heist

EAST HARTFORD — Police are investigating a robbery which took place at the Cumberland Farms Store, 1084 Burnside Avenue, during which an undetermined amount of money was taken at about 1:10 p.m. Monday.

Police said there were no injuries and no weapons were shown.

Police said a 21-year-old female manager and a fellow female employee were on duty when the robbery took place.

According to police, the suspect was a white male, between 25 and 30 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall and 130 pounds. According to police, he was slim with black hair over the ears.

Police said he entered the store and allegedly pushed one of the girls aside and asked for the money. He then put the girls in the back room and fled west on Burnside to a waiting car at the Bell Court Apartments.

The robbery is still under investigation.

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Anderson to speak

GLASTONBURY — Republican presidential hopeful John Anderson will speak at a student rally at Glastonbury High School Friday at 10:55 a.m., according to Anderson's campaign officials.

Neil Bush, 24-year-old son of Republican presidential hopeful

Interviews continuing

MANCHESTER — Judy Kargl, chairperson for the selection committee on the directorship of the Sheltered Workshop, said today that three candidates had been interviewed.

Mrs. Kargl said three more were scheduled for interviews, and that the committee expects more

Sutter, Cubs unhappy with one another

ST. PETERSBURG Fla. (UPI) — Bruce Sutter, the National League's Cy Young Award winner last season, is unhappy with the Chicago Cubs as they are with him, and all they have to do is throw in another player and the St. Louis Cardinals will gladly take him off their hands.

A deal for the 27-year-old right-hander could be worked out within the next few days.

Here's the way matters stand: The Cubs have told the Cardinals they'll let them have Sutter, regarded by some baseball men as one of the outstanding relief pitchers of all time, for relief pitcher Mark Littell and catcher Terry Kennedy, who is the son of Cubs executive vice president Bob Kennedy.

The only stumbling block in the way of Sutter moving over to the Cardinals is their insistence that the deal be two-for-two instead of two-for-one.

Sutter had 37 saves last season, tying the all-time National League record, and he also compiled a brilliant 2.23 earned run average while winning six games and losing the same number. All told, he is expected to be a valuable asset to the Cardinals in 1980.

The Cubs countered with an offer of \$150,000, and Sutter said he wished to go to arbitration. An arbitrator decided in favor of Sutter whereupon he said he expressed dissatisfaction, saying he wished to have a multiple year contract.

Kennedy said nothing doing to that and made it known that the Cubs would listen to trade offers for him.

A number of clubs in both leagues, including the Philadelphia Phillies and Milwaukee Brewers, showed interest in obtaining the 6-foot-2, 190-pound Lancer, Pa., native who has recorded 104 saves in 3½ seasons with the Cubs and has been the winning pitcher in the last two All-Star games.

But the inter-league trading deadline came and passed last Saturday night with the Cubs being unable to make a deal with any American League club and now the Cardinals offer appears to be the best they have been able to get.

Littell, a 27-year-old right-hander who came to St. Louis from Kansas City in 1978 for reliever Al Hrabosky, had an excellent season with the Cardinals last year, posting a 6-4 record along with a 2.30 ERA in 63 games. Those nine victories was a career high for Littell, who also led the Cardinals in saves for the second year in a row with 13. He had identical 8-4 records with the Royals in 1976 and 1977 before they dealt him to the Cardinals.

Kennedy, a 23-year-old left-handed hitter, was a first draft choice of the Cardinals in June, 1977 and was one of the most sought after players during last December's winter meetings in Toronto.

He hit .293 in 84 games with Springfield, Ill., of the American Association last season, showing some power with 13 home runs and 64 RBI and then batted .284 in 33 games when he was brought up by the Cardinals on June 25 following an injury to their regular catcher Ted Simmons.

Kennedy could probably take over the first string catching job with a number of big league clubs, but not with the Cardinals where Simmons, a six-time All-Star with a .227 lifetime batting average, has a lock on the position.

There was some talk about Simmons playing the outfield to make room for Kennedy behind the plate, but Simmons, who tried that briefly, told the Cardinals he felt catching was his natural position. Since Simmons usually averages 150 games a season, that left Kennedy with the prospect of no place to play when he was one of the reasons so many clubs made bids for him during the winter meetings.

While the Cubs and Cardinals were trying to consummate their deal, the San Diego Padres, training in Yuma, Ariz., sent one of their scouts to follow the Phillies here in Florida quite possibly with the idea of engineering a deal for their superstar slugger Dave Winfield.

Like Sutter, Winfield also is highly valued by his existing contract and is seeking a new 10-year one in excess of \$10 million.

During Toronto meetings, the Phillies offered outfielders Greg Luzinski and Bake McBride, pitcher Larry Christensen and Tug McGraw and one of their minor league infielders for Winfield and left-handed pitcher Bob Shirley, but those negotiations hit a snag when the Padres refused to part with Shirley. They said the Phillies would substitute Garry Maddox for McBride they would make the deal but Philadelphia balked at that.

Half the guys on that team were afraid of Herzog. Then, when he told me no one had picked me up (off waivers), I realized he must have said something to the other managers, something to mess me up."

Three weeks before the season ended, Scott was placed on waivers and signed by the Yankees as a free agent. Scott said he was told by Billy Martin the Yankees would invite him to spring training. But Martin was fired and the Yankees signed Bob Watson.

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Vet Phil Niekro set for opener

NEW YORK (UPI) — The major league baseball season is still three weeks away, but veteran Phil Niekro is probably ready right now.

Niekro, who will be 41 April 1, limited himself to two hits over four innings and hit a solo home run and Jerry Roster drove in two runs in a six-inning spring training game to help the Atlanta Braves to an 8-2 exhibition triumph over the Astros.

Niekro, making his second spring appearance, hit his homer in the third inning to tie the score 1-1. Houston had gone ahead in the first inning when a Niekro knuckleball got passed from catcher Biff Pocoreba for a away ball.

Niekro's homer was the only run Atlanta scored off Houston starter Ken Forsch in three innings.

In the big Atlanta eighth, Dale Murphy, Benedict, Rafael Ramirez, Eddie Miller and Roster drove two runs off Astros' right-hander Bert Rosenberg.

Braves' reliever Dave Bradford pitched two scoreless innings, and Preston Hanna gave up one run in the final three innings.

In other games in Florida, Montreal edged the New York Mets 5-3 at Daytona Beach, Minnesota got by Toronto 3-2 at Dunedin, Philadelphia bombed Boston 9-3 at Winter Haven, Detroit outlasted Pittsburgh 4-1 at Cincinnati, Kansas City blasted Cincinnati 7-2 at Tampa, Los Angeles beat St. Louis 4-2 in 10 innings at St. Petersburg, the New York Yankees drubbed Texas 6-1 at Fort Lauderdale and Baltimore hammered the Chicago White Sox 12-2 at Miami.

Out-West, San Diego shaded Milwaukee 7-6 at Yuma, Ariz., San Francisco blanked Seattle 2-0 at Phoenix, Chicago defeated Cleveland 4-2 at Tucson and Oakland downed California 5-3 at Palm Spring, Calif.

Pinch-hitter John Tamarag singled home Roberto Ramos with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Montreal its win ... Ron Jackson stroked an RBI triple in the ninth inning and scored on a throwing error ... Pat Rockett to lift Minnesota ... Greg Gross and Jay Lavigio drew two runs apiece for Philadelphia ... Ed Pittman's three-run homer in the ninth powered Detroit ... Amos Ott went 4-for-4 for Kansas City ... St. Louis reliever Buddy Schultz walked in the winning run in a two-run Los Angeles 10th ... Luis Tiant pitched three hitless innings in his first spring start and five Yankees had two hits apiece as the Rangers fell to 0-8 ... Eddie Murray smashed a home run and a triple to drive in four runs to carry Baltimore ... Aurelio Rodriguez smacked an RBI double to help San Diego ... John Monticola hit a home run and a triple to edge the New York Mets 5-3 at Daytona Beach, Minnesota got by Toronto 3-2 at Dunedin, Philadelphia bombed Boston 9-3 at Winter Haven, Detroit outlasted Pittsburgh 4-1 at Cincinnati, Kansas City blasted Cincinnati 7-2 at Tampa, Los Angeles beat St. Louis 4-2 in 10 innings at St. Petersburg, the New York Yankees drubbed Texas 6-1 at Fort Lauderdale and Baltimore hammered the Chicago White Sox 12-2 at Miami.

Scott offering services cheap

BOSTON (UPI) — George Scott, who turns 35 on Sunday, is offering his services cheap to any team that takes him. He's convinced it's because of an effort to blackball him from the major leagues.

"I've offered to go to spring training without a contract but not one club has invited me," Scott told the Boston Herald American.

Scott said that when he was with the Yankees he was told by Billy Martin the Yankees would invite him to spring training. But Martin was fired and the Yankees signed Bob Watson.

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Giants' Evans likes changes

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI) — Darrell Evans, one of those quiet yet intense players who takes great interest in everything the San Francisco Giants do, needed a breather, so he sat on the bench for a few minutes to discuss his team's chances in 1980.

"We didn't win the division because we didn't play well. Our talent was there but we didn't perform. We lost too many games because of mental mistakes. You can't blame that on the manager. Joe Altobelli was a solid manager but the way the system works, he had to take the blame. I'm one of those players who believes players make the field, not in your head or in the newspapers."

"I can play a lot better and so could the whole team," he said. "We sank together, there was no one man's fault and to try to put the blame on anyone is ridiculous. Teams rise and fall together. Rarely is it because of one player. Personally, I'm tired of hearing people knock certain players and put the blame on them."

Evans said after the Giants challenged for the National League West title in 1978 they went to camp the following spring feeling they could win it all.

"I can't honestly say we were overconfident," he explained, "but there seemed to be a feeling among a lot of us that all we had to do was show up, play the season and that would be it. Things never work out that way in baseball. You win half the games on the field, not in your head or in the newspapers."

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Walks plague Torrez

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (UPI) — Boston Red Sox right-hander Mike Torrez had trouble with too many walks last season. So far this year, he's not too thrilled with his spring training control either.

The Philadelphia Phillies tagged him for three runs and five hits Monday on their way to a 9-3 win over Boston, Torrez, who became the first Red Sox pitcher to go four innings this spring, also walked four batters. He was especially disappointed because he has been trying to better his control here.

"I thought I threw well, but I'm afraid I have quite a bit more work to do," he said.

Boston manager Don Zimmer said Torrez has got to cut down on the walks for better production.

"Those walks have to hurt you in close games," said Zimmer. "The fact that he has never really done it makes you wonder if he can. Cutting down on the walks would be the difference between a good pitcher and a great one."

Boston outfielder Glenn Hoffman was the only Boston player to get two hits, a single and a double.

Hoffman returned to the bench today as regular third baseman Butch Hopkins made a belated debut. However, the rookie has made a strong impression.

"He has done everything you could want a kid to come into spring training and do," said Zimmer. "He has looked good."

Hobson's return is just one piece of good news for the Red Sox. Carlton Fisk made his 1980 debut Monday, going 1 for 4 as designated hitter.

Fisk is still some time away from being behind the plate, but Zimmer said he intends to DH the catcher every other day.

Monday's exhibitions

Team	Time	Location
Atlanta Braves	1:00	Atlanta
Baltimore Orioles	1:00	Baltimore
Boston Red Sox	1:00	Boston
California Angels	1:00	Los Angeles
Chicago White Sox	1:00	Chicago
Cincinnati Reds	1:00	Cincinnati
Cleveland Indians	1:00	Cleveland
Colorado Rockies	1:00	Denver
Detroit Tigers	1:00	Detroit
Florida Marlins	1:00	Miami
Los Angeles Dodgers	1:00	Los Angeles
Minnesota Twins	1:00	Minneapolis
Montreal Expos	1:00	Montreal
New York Yankees	1:00	New York
Philadelphia Phillies	1:00	Philadelphia
Pittsburgh Pirates	1:00	Pittsburgh
San Diego Padres	1:00	San Diego
St. Louis Cardinals	1:00	St. Louis
Texas Rangers	1:00	Ft. Worth
Toronto Blue Jays	1:00	Toronto
Washington Senators	1:00	Washington
White Sox	1:00	Chicago

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Battle of giants Wednesday

NEW YORK (UPI) — Freshman center Randy Brewer proved he could play with the big boys of the Big Ten this season, but now the tallest player in Minnesota history must take on the biggest obstacle of all.

Brewer, an obscure 7-foot-2 reserve who averaged only 18 minutes per game in the regular season, scored a game-high 24 points Monday night to lead the Golden Gophers to a 65-63 victory over Big Ten rival Illinois.

and a berth in Wednesday night's National Invitation Tournament final.

But in the championship game, Brewer will be forced to do something he hasn't done all season — look up to his opponent.

Virginia's own towering freshman center, 7-foot-4 Ralph Sampson, scored 26 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to power the Cavaliers to a 90-71 triumph over youthful Nevada.

"A lot of people said I couldn't compete with Big Ten players," said Brewer, who ran off 13 straight points for the Golden Gophers at one point of the second half. "I've finally developed a lot of confidence in myself and I can feel a steady improvement. My teammates believe in me."

So does Illinois Coach Lou Henson. "Brewer's getting better all the time," said Henson, "and I know their size could hurt the Gophers, but their free throws real well."

Nevada-Las Vegas, which starts one senior, three sophomores and a freshman, managed a 55-38 halftime deficit before Sampson and Jeff Lamp started ahead of him at center and is considered a first-round NBA draft choice. McNamee, who scored 12 points and had a game-high 11 rebounds, didn't move into the backcourt until Brewer could stretch his legs.

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finished the game 9-for-11 from the line.

Eddie Johnson and Mark Smith, a pair of gifted forwards, rebounded from dismal first halves to spark a second-half Illinois rally which erased a 35-28 deficit. Johnson shot only 4-for-11 from the field but scored 10 of his 14 points in the second half and Smith — who attempted only one field goal over the first 20 minutes — scored 13 of his team-high 16 points after intermission.

Brewer stole the spotlight from senior teammate Kevin McNamee, who starts ahead of him at center and is considered a first-round NBA draft choice. McNamee, who scored 12 points and had a game-high 11 rebounds, didn't move into the backcourt until Brewer could stretch his legs.

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he was shooting downhill. He hit a jumper, a layup, a hook and added a free throw in four minutes to help Virginia to a 64-59 lead. Lamp, whose feathery jumpers ruined the Illinois Rebels' plan to collapse on Sampson, scored 19 of his game-high 30 points in the second half.

"The biggest difference in Ralph is that he's so much more consistent now," said Lamp. "Maybe we weren't ready earlier in the season for all the commotion of having someone like Ralph here. Sometimes the demands on us became almost too great."

Nevada-Las Vegas freshman forward Sidney Green, New York City's High School Player of the Year last season, suffered through a frustrating night in front of his hometown fans, scoring only 12 points.

"Sampson's unstoppable," said Green shaking his head. "Once he gets the ball down low, you almost have to break his legs to handle him."

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Herald Angle

By Earl Yost
Sports Editor

Howe spent 34 1/2 games cooling off

Professional hockey's most penalized player is Gordie Howe of the Hartford Whalers.

Every time the soon-to-be 52-year-old playing grandfather is whistled off the ice to the penalty box he adds time to the dubious record.

After Sunday night's 6-1 thrashing at the hands of the Minnesota North Stars in Hartford, a game in which he picked up two minutes, Howe's penalty minute total for 26 seasons in the National Hockey League and seven in the now defunct World Hockey Association is 2,072.

Thus, he has spent a grand total of 34 1/2 games cooling off in the penalty box, or 34 1/2 hours, which is more than one-half a regular 72-game annual schedule.

During 25 campaigns with the Detroit Red Wings, Howe was assessed with 1,643 penalty minutes, picked up an additional 399 minutes in the WHA and has 30 more minutes in his return to the NHL.

The only pro athlete to play in five decades, Howe accumulated 100 or more penalty minutes in four seasons in the quarter century as a Red Wing. He was tacked with less than 50 in a season.

With the advancing years, Howe does not drop his gloves as he once did and challenge enemy players. He's content to be a peacemaker in his twilight years.

For years with Detroit, while not ever labeled a "bad man" of the team's policeman, Howe earned the label as the strongest physical player in the NHL and some of his all-time winning brawls were legendary.

Howe has never won the Lady Byng Trophy for being the NHL's most gentlemanly player, but he's honored far more than his share of individual honors during his long career.

He's sat in every penalty box in both the NHL and WHA and the

chances are good that he'll spend a few more minutes in the same place in the remaining weeks of the 1979-80 schedule.

Bird returns

Well on his way to dual honors as rookie of the year and the National Basketball Association's most valuable player, Larry Bird will lead the Boston Celtics into Hartford tonight for their final appearance against the Indiana Pacers.

Bird has more than lived up to expectations and has fit perfectly into the mold established by new coach, Bill Fitch.

The result fits the club atop the Eastern Conference's Atlantic Division and boasts the best win-loss percentage among the 22 franchises.

For the second straight time the Celtics will play before a full house at the Hartford Civic Center Coliseum with Bird the main attraction.

Notes off the cuff

Whaler hockey fans got a first look at Steve Cristoff who helped the United States win the gold medal in the Olympic Games when he appeared with Minnesota Sunday in Hartford against the Whalers.

Named the game's No. 3 star, he tallied what proved to be the winning goal and also assisted on one other.

"He was given the No. 1 star against Montreal. We saw him play in high school and college and we are not surprised that he has played so well," Cristoff has three goals in the game.

The first and last minutes are most important in hockey and the North Stars made this stand up when they tallied at the 1:01 minute mark of the first period. The Minnesota's final 15 points came made a second score with 1:02 left in the same session...

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Longwood dates moved

BROOKLINE, Mass. (UPI) — Dates for the 1980 U.S. Pro Tennis Championships at Longwood Cricket Club have been moved up to July 14-20, to avoid a conflict with the U.S. Open that threatened the tournament's future.

The Men's International Professional Tennis Council Monday announced the switch from the usual August dates.

Other officers are: Bud Murano, vice president; Bill Knight, Treasurer; Penny Kelly, secretary; Steve Hodge and Al Schuberl, facilitators; Mike Goodman, membership; Elsie Easterbrook, publicity; Bob Jenkins (men) and Sue Hodge (women), events; Barry Rutzman, finance.

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Neipsic Club elects Pastel

After a two-year spell as president of the Neipsic Tennis Club, Ray Easterbrook has turned the gavel over to Harvey Pastel for the 1980 season.

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USC probe under way

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The Pac-10 Conference has launched an investigation into the status of 34 University of Southern California athletes who were to receive credit for previous classes they did not attend last fall.

Wiles Hallock, Pac-10 executive director, Monday said the investigation would include visits to the USC campus and interviews "with all the persons involved."

Most of the 34 athletes, including Heisman Trophy winner Charles White, were members of the Trojans' football team, which finished ranked No. 2 in the country.

The issue forced the resignation of USC's debate coach, John DeBross, who taught the courses, and the suspension of Jeff Birn, athletic department academic coordinator, who later resigned voluntarily.

Hallock said he was informed about the situation by USC on Jan. 14. USC athletic director Richard Patry said he learned about it Dec. 7.

Nineteen of the athletes, including White, were allowed to take a crash course to make up for their non-attendance during the summer.

DeBross maintains he has never given students credit "for courses they did not attend."

Meyer UPI coach of year

NEW YORK (UPI) — Ray Meyer, whose electrifying season at DePaul was short-circuited by a quick knockout in the NCAA tournament, was the overwhelming choice for UPI's Coach of the Year.

In a nationwide poll of 205 sports writers and broadcasters, announced Monday, Meyer won by more than a 4-to-1 margin over his closest competitor. The 66-year-old coach picked up 121 votes, Ralph Miller of Oregon State was second with 29 and Lefty Driessell of Maryland was third with 11.

The voting mirrored college basketball's love affair with one of its most respected and affectionately regarded coaches. While Meyer is the great coach at DePaul, he is also a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, only the fourth active coach to be so honored.

In his time, college basketball has evolved from a slow-moving, patterned game played in dank gymnasiums to a near-theatrical production set in multi-million dollar superstructures and accompanied by fastbreaks and slam dunks.

But Meyer, who coached the great Mike Ditka during the 1940s at DePaul, has spanned the generations. Through the years Meyer's teams have been intelligently handled. This season he has distributed much of DePaul's success to his son, Joe, who serves as assistant coach and the school's key recruiter.

Meyer has also insisted that a coach will go as far as his players take him. "Talent makes you a coach of the year," he said. "In order to be Coach of the Year, you have to use your talent to the best of your ability. You have to have them, all five players, know their roles. Some may be

Big scorer hacked

Derek Holcomb, of Illinois, hacks Minnesota's Randy Brewer as latter goes in for layup during NIT game last night. Brewer's 24 points led Minnesota to victory. (UPI photo)

Bird well on way to double honors

NEW YORK (UPI) — Larry Bird is the NBA's Rookie of the Year — there doesn't seem to be much question about that. But the Boston rookie is also starting to gather support for the league's Most Valuable Player award.

New Jersey Coach Kevin Loughery Monday night became the latest opposing coach to sing the praises of the Indiana State first-year man.

"Bird is either Larry Bird or Lew Alcindor (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) or Dr. J. (Julius Erving) for the MVP award," Loughery said after Bird scored 29 points to carry the Celtics to a 117-92 rout of the Nets.

"I did notice the crowd," admitted Bird. "It sounded almost like Hartford when they really root for us but I don't try to play for the crowd on low because if I did that the crowd would bench me."

"I believe we got to harder on the road. The road is the biggest problem for me. I haven't gotten used to the NBA pace even yet."

Rookie Cliff Robinson, who came on for Lucas, led the Nets with 22 points and Mike Newlin added 18.

In the only other game, Erving, Darryl Dawkins, Steve Mix and Bobby Jones scored 16 points apiece to lead the Rockets to a 123-100 victory over the Detroit Pistons, who have lost seven straight and 21 of their last 22.

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The 6-foot-7, 220-pound Aguirre, who helped turn DePaul into a national basketball power, was the runaway choice for the UPI honor. He captured 110 votes in a national poll of 205 sportswriters and broadcasters, with his closest competitor, Darrell Griffith of Louisville, picked 24.

Kyle Kytka of Kentucky got 12 votes. It was rumored earlier this year that Aguirre might turn pro after this season under the hardship rule which Michigan State's Earvin "Magic" Johnson did last year.

East Catholic's girls' basketball squad

Qualifying for the state tournament for the second year in a row and finishing with a 10-9 record this past season was the East Catholic girls' basketball team. Team members (l-r) Front row: Chris Harvey, Pam Cunningham, Denise White, Fiona Campbell, Kathy Skehan. Standing: Kelly Walsh, Karen Lucier, Monica Murphy, Felicia Farr, Sue Daley. (Herald photo by Adams)

Craig Swan grateful salary ordeal over

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UPI) — Both sides finally had reached agreement after negotiating for three months.

Craig Swan was grateful the ordeal was over and delighted the New York Mets thought enough of his pitching talents to give him a five-year contract for something like \$1 million, not counting small change.

Frank Cashen, the Mets' new Executive Vice President, General Manager and Chief Operating Officer who had negotiated some fair-sized contracts when he was with the Baltimore Orioles, led Frank Robinson's, Jim Palmer's and Brooks Robinson's, but never anything like this one, had the agreed upon figures inserted and it was ready for Swan to sign.

"The Mets' big right-hander was sitting in a chair across the desk from Cashen. He was in full uniform, getting ready for the team's exhibition opener with the St. Louis Cardinals Saturday and in his anxiety to sign his name, he got up a little too quickly. His chair nearly slipped out from under him."

"I almost fell out of the chair trying to get to the contract," he said, a half hour later after he had left the Mets' office at Huggins-Stengel field and accompanied the other players to Al Lang Stadium a few blocks away where the Cardinals already had finished their batting practice.

Swan, who as the Mets call the ace of their staff, was sitting in another chair in the visiting team's quarters, and although he looked happy, he certainly didn't strike you as someone who had just become an instant millionaire only 30 minutes ago.

"I didn't make any rash promises about how many games I'd win this year," said Swan, whose 14-12 record for the Mets last year marked the first time he ever won more than nine games in one season since he originally joined them late in 1973. "I didn't promise them any rose garden. I just told them I'd do the best I could and they said that's all they'd ask. In all the negotiations we had, they never brought up my past performance, saying I never won 20 or something like that."

Joe Torre walked by Swan's "Where did you park your limousine?" the New York manager kidded him, patting him on the back. Swan laughed. He doesn't have a limousine and he does not intend to rush out and getting one. He said he has a Buick.

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A's relief pitcher shaves head again

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (UPI) — Dave Heaverlo has shaved his head again and he plans to keep it bald until Charlie Finley says the Oakland A's.

"I won't let my hair grow until Charlie shaves the breaks," Heaverlo said during a break in the spring training game.

Heaverlo, who is a better than average relief pitcher, shaved his head for the first time upon being promoted to the San Francisco Giants way back in 1975.

"I did it then to draw attention to myself," Heaverlo said. "I figured when they looked my way there would be no mistaking who I was."

Heaverlo has no such problems on the A's. He's the club No. 1 man coming out of the bullpen, and he likes the job very much.

"I'm the kind of guy who reacts to pressure," Heaverlo said. "When they bring me in, the game is on the line, and that suits me fine."

White Heaverlo would like to see Finley sell the A's, and as he said "I don't want to see the team go to Los Angeles, he actually got a raise out of Charlie this year."

"I know it's hard to believe," he said, "when you consider I took Charlie to arbitration last year and won. This year, he sent me a contract which called for a small raise. I wanted more so we talked a little and we finally agreed. Really, there was no hassle, but for the good of this club I'd like to see him sell and let someone who is interested for the long haul run the team."

Heaverlo spent most of the 1979 season asking Finley to trade him. He was fed up with his own situation, who at times felt his team did not deserve to be No. 1 this season, can let loose with thunder when it's called for.

"I had to come to the ballpark," he said. "Nothing that went on was very cheerful and eventually it affected me."

Then why didn't he press

Indians rallied to share crown

By LEN AUSTER
Herald Sportswriter

It was off to a stumbling start, losing the season opener. Then a mid-season crisis occurred with one player quitting and his mother running to the town board of education accusing the coach of harassment.

Through all the circumstances, however, the Manchester High basketball team prevailed and annexed one-third of the CCHL championship. It then went on to turn in one of its best performances — albeit a losing one — in bowing to Hartford Public in the state tournament.

Public went on to reach the Class LL semifinals before being itself sidelined.

"I think the team performed up to expectations," stated Tribe Coach Doug Pearson, who has helped the team either win outright or share the CCHL title three times in six years at the controls. "We were favored to be one of the teams in the league and area and were."

"Sometimes it's hard to fulfill expectations with ordinary day-to-day pressure but this team was able to do it."

The Silk Towners won in the league and 17-7 overall, encountered some mid-year turmoil as their leading scorer John Haslett quit after the ninth game.

"I think that had a big effect on the team for a week or two simply because they were under a lot of constant pressure, a lot from outside sources," Pearson remarked.

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Shorts sets pace in junior bowling

Todd Shorts paced the Manchester Parkade Bowling Lanes' entry in the Central Connecticut Junior Tournament last weekend at South Windsor.

Shorts, a 16-year-old sophomore, won 205-225, Ken Margotta 208-257, Dick Lourie 509, John Booth 225-537, Bill Conway 325, Fred Poole 151-394, Fred Simmons 311, Dave Fraser 502, Bill Calhoun 529, Bill Neichers 507, Catania 520, Bob Adams 512, Ernie Erickson 501, Dean Baker 549, Wendell Labe 538, Mac McDonald 500, Jim LaBelle 501, Dick Kingsley 519.

Yell McKimway 164-173, Dan Vignone 145-147, 162-654, Joe Dewar 136-370, Ted Backel 170-430, Terry Schilling 138-517, Ed Bujacius 167-142-653, Rocco Lupacchino 154-135-388, Pete Aceto 151-391, Joe Twaronite 138-371, Al Bujacius 171-432, Bob Claughey 129-359, Adam Tyc 141-137-395, John Izzo 159-139-142-440, Adoff Kusaj 157-401, Ed Burbank 151-394, Fred McCurry 137-148-393, Tony Marinelli Sr. 164-139-423, John Rieder 368, Mark Abarneth 520, Bob Adams 512, Art Johnson 368.

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Region Council admits confusion over fire consolidation

By BARBARA RICHMOND Herald Reporter

VERNON — Despite the tongue lashing the Town Council took from several members of the fire department, Monday night, members gave in partially to their request, noting there had been some misunderstandings about the proposed new fire station.

Two weeks ago the Permanent Municipal Building Committee and architect Richard Lawrence came in with plans for a new station to replace the antiquated Dobson Road station. But the price tag of \$223,000 was considerably more than the council felt the town could afford.

The committee and fire department officers were asked to come back with a more realistic proposal not to exceed \$175,000. Fire Chief Donald Maguda said the building committee met and scaled down the plans and came up with a price of \$180,000 but met again and scaled them down even more for a cost of \$225,000. The fire department members, for the most part, didn't object to the first figure but did strongly object to the latter.

Maguda told the council that it and the townspeople would be short-sighted to go for the smaller figure but other members of the department were much stronger in their comments.

Ralph Aresti told the council it was nice to see that something was being done about a new firehouse but added, "the whole project stinks."

"The town has a consistency of doing things in a half-baked manner," he said, adding that everyone takes it for granted that the volunteer firemen will come when they're needed. And he said, they do.

"We never fail, it's about time you and the rest of the town started treating us with the respect we deserve," he said, drawing attention to the fact that the fire department has 100 fire department members and others present at the meeting.

Aresti told the council, "It's time to stop playing partisan politics and doing what looks good politically." Patricia Aldrich, a lieutenant in the department, said "firefighting takes a special kind of person. I don't think anyone should tell what's good for them unless they walk in their boots."



Lyric-writer Sammy Cahn, Awards Dinner in New York Monday, Miss Merman was awarded the organization's Lifetime Music Achievement Award at the dinner. (UPI photo)

Council follows suggestion for new grant application

By BARBARA RICHMOND Herald Reporter

VERNON — On recommendation of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the Town Council adopted a resolution Monday night to allow Mayor Marie Herbst to stand by the HUD grant application for \$600,000.

Also, Vernon Water Company grant match, \$11,000; Franklin Park West doors and showers, \$20,000; drainage program on Linden Place, \$40,000; off-street parking improvements, \$25,000; Piton Fire Co. renovations, \$10,000; public works improvements (bridge rails), \$32,000; continuation of the Regional Fair Housing Program via CROCG; and administration, \$12,500.

HUD officials said that Vernon is successful in being funded, all eligible preparation costs of the application will be reimbursed. Otherwise, preparation costs are at the town's expense.

The proposed application has to be received or postmarked no later than the close of business on July 15, must completely meet the federal regulation requirement, must exceed the amount of \$100,000 and must be submitted to state and area-wide clearinghouses before or concurrently with submission to HUD.

George Russell, town planner, told the mayor that he felt the town's first application was rejected because other communities have greater need, their projects are higher than Vernon's, the desire by HUD to "spread the wealth" to many communities, Vernon's inability to spend previous grant money within the allotted time, Vernon's relatively low percentage of minorities and low and moderate income people, and most likely because of President Carter's desire to decrease federal spending.

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Budget meetings scheduled

By BARBARA RICHMOND Herald Reporter

VERNON — A schedule of budget meetings and dates for public hearings and the annual budget meeting, May 20, was approved by the Town Council Monday night.

The council will start its deliberations on the budget March 31 at 7 p.m. and will go over many of the smaller budgets.

To be reviewed that night will be the budgets for: Town Council, executive and administrative, professional services, youth services, registers, elections, accounting, outside auditing, assessment, Board of Tax Review, tax collector, purchasing, law, town clerk, Building Committee, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Commission, and Building Department.

On April 2, the following budgets will be reviewed: Conservation Committee, Personnel Policies Board, Economic Development, Commission, Sewer Authority, Arts Commission, Greater Hartford Transit District, Police Department, school crossing guards, fire department, fire marshal, civil preparedness, Traffic Authority, and canine control.

On April 9, the Public Works Department budget will be reviewed. Because this is one of the major town budgets, the only others scheduled for that night are building inspection, engineering, health, and housing code enforcement.

On April 14, the budgets for outside agencies to which the town contributes, will be reviewed as follows: Manchester Child Guidance Clinic, vital statistics, Rockville Public Health Nursing, ambulance service, Manchester Sheltered Workshop, Homekeeper-Home Health Aide Service, social services, youth services, Hockanum Valley Community Council, Community Renewal Team, and Rockville Public Library.

The final workshop session, before the public hearings is scheduled for April 16 when the Parks and Recreation, Cemetery Committee, town treasurer, interest on debt, principal payments, and the sewer assessment fund will be reviewed.

The first public hearing is scheduled for April 22 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Middle School. The second will be on April 30, the same time and place.

The council meeting with the Mayor on May 19 and the annual Town Meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the Middle School. This will be followed by a regular council meeting to set the mill rate for 1980-81.

Fire marshal limits lifted

By BARBARA RICHMOND Herald Reporter

VERNON — Repealing a previous motion it passed, the Town Council Monday night lifted restrictions which prevented the fire marshal from also being a member of the fire department.

The action was taken after the council learned that the full-time fire marshal, William Johnson, would lose insurance and other benefits if he isn't a member. Before being made the town's first full-time fire marshal, Johnson had been chief of the Vernon Fire Department. Donald Maguda, former Rockville department chief, was made chief of the consolidated fire department.

Last July the council passed a motion stating that the fire marshal shall not be an active member of the fire department.

The Vernon or Rockville Fire Department, and called for the motion to go into effect on Dec. 1, after the consolidation.

Johnson told the council he had no knowledge of such a precedent existing in this state either by statute or the regulations from the state fire marshal's office.

In fact, to my knowledge, in discussions with other fire departments and fire marshals around the state, this is contrary to any existing policy," Johnson said.

The council had stated it felt that it would be a conflict of interest for Johnson to fight fires and at the same time have to investigate their cause. The council felt that the department's existing in this state either by statute or the regulations from the state fire marshal's office.

He said most fire departments give the fire marshal the rank of a chief officer for many reasons, including entry into the building during a fire, directing and aiding the operation for the preservation of evidence, State Representative Abraham Glassman, Robert Smith (Town chairman of the Democratic Party), and Town Committee member Mary O'Hare.

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Alex Karras is exception to athlete-actor adage

By BARBARA RICHMOND Herald Reporter

NEW YORK (UPI) — Alex Karras continues to be the exception that proves the rule about former athletes making football actors.

Karras consistently turns in convincing portrayals of athletes. He did it again on CBS March 19, 9-11 p.m., Eastern time, as Detroit restaurateur Jimmy Butsirais in "Jimmy B. and Andre."

Karras' real-life lady, Susan Clark, is on hand as his long-suffering girlfriend, started up to look like the kind of Greek mother would want dead on her doorstep. She looks glittery-eyed and sexy, a far cry from her Emmy-award winning role as "Babe" in "The Godfather."

But the real show-stopper is little Curtis Yates as Andre Reynolds, a small, street-smart black boy in raggedy clothes who performs a super shoe shine and also does a job on Jimmy B.'s hard hat.

Karras' character, Jimmy B., is an amateur "godfather," arranging deals as easily as he once held a football dereluder while running a successful bar-restaurant. He's divorced, estranged from his own daughter, unwilling to marry his girlfriend, and fighting with his brother and disappointing in prosecuting drunk driving cases.

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Outdated law creates haven

HARTFORD, Conn. (UPI) — Connecticut has become a haven for drunken drivers because of its 11-year-old law under which motorists can refuse to take chemical breath tests, law enforcement officials argue.

A federal highway safety administrator and a woman who lost her teen-age daughter pressed lawmakers Monday to pass a tough drunk driving law to help stem mounting state highway fatalities — which hit a record 569 last year.

They were joined by police and representatives of alcoholism treatment agencies, who said Connecticut was hamstringing in dealing with drunk drivers by the state's 1969 "implied consent" law. That allows motorists suspected of drunken driving to refuse to take chemical breath tests.

"Under the present law, Connecticut has become a haven for drunk drivers," Charles Catania, chief of the Rocky Hill Police Department told the Legislature's Transportation Committee.

The committee heard testimony on a bill that would require the suspension of a driver's license for refusing to take a chemical test of alcohol level.

The proposal was introduced largely as the result of efforts by Nancy Winiakalski of Newton, whose daughter was killed in a car crash in Vernon in 1977.

"This would only be a start," said Mrs. Winiakalski, who helped set up a drug rehabilitation program at the Meriden-Wallingford Hospital and prevailed on Senate Majority Leader Joseph Lieberman, D-New Haven, to help draft the bill.

Mrs. Winiakalski said she would like the state eventually to enact legislation that would make participation in an alcohol rehabilitation program a condition for allowing convicted drunk drivers to resume driving.

Phillip Deiter, an administrator for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, told the chemical test law is among 11 states that do not take away drivers' licenses for refusing to take chemical tests.

"We are engaged in an all-out effort against the drunk driver," Dozier told the committee. He said more than half the nation's highway fatalities were alcohol-related and "85 percent of those who are killed are legally drunk."

"We need some real help in dealing with the rising death toll on our highways," testified State Police Capt. George Moore, head of the department's traffic division.

Moore said the 1969 law was "totally ineffective" to authorities in prosecuting drunk driving cases.

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Abby
By Abigail van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I'm desperate and need a quick answer. I was very much in love with a man about a year ago. We had a fight and broke up because we both had a lot of growing up to do.

About two weeks ago I ran into him, and the minute we saw each other we both knew we were still very much in love. We had a long talk, and he told me that he still loved me. He had a problem. While we were split, he started seeing another girl, and now she's pregnant!

Abby, I feel very sorry for this other girl, but I'm still in love with this guy. I know he still loves me, and I don't want to give him up. I honestly feel that if he marries the girl he wouldn't last. Yet it seems the only decent thing to do. My question: What should I do, if anything? The other girl doesn't even know I exist.

NO NAME, PLEASE

DEAR NO: You shouldn't do anything. Even though you still love him, stick to a hands-off policy until he is free of all obligations. It may be a long time, or forever.

Decent people accept the consequences of their own actions.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, a junior in college, and her boyfriend (same age) went on a skiing weekend with another couple - also college kids. My daughter told me that all four stayed at a motel in a large room that had two double beds in the room.

I was shocked! She said she and the other girl slept in one bed, and the two boys slept in the other bed.

Should I believe her?

YOUNG ONCE

DEAR YOUNG: Why not? If it had been her intention to deceive you, she would not have admitted to having been in the same room with the boys.

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Problems? You'll feel better if you get them off your chest. For a personal reply write to Abby, Box 67000, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Please enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Astrograph
Bertrice Bede Osol

Your Birthday
March 18, 1980

Your imagination and creativity will help you get your thoughts in order if you are able to discuss your ideas with one who specializes on your wave length. Select a positive thinker.

LEO (Mar. 21-Mar. 21) In competitive situations the odds are not to be fought in a constructive way this coming year. Your ideas will be necessary, yet you'll have practical applications.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There is something commanding about your attitude that is obvious to all with whom you deal today. Your aggressiveness, but pleasant, romantic, travel, luck, romance, possible promotion and career - all the coming months are all discussed in your Astro-Graph. Letter, which begins with your birthday. Mail \$1 for each Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10101 for one month.

Today your prime concern is likely to be doing something nice for one you love. This person will be thinking of ways to brighten your life too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you are as bustling today it will be because others are talking about you. You'd feel what flattered if you could hear what they're saying.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone you may be surprised to see in your corner will try to do something to boost your career. Your benefactor may never even mention it.

Berry's World - Jim Berry

ALDERMAN CORP IS COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO LOCATING THE STADIUM WHERE IT WILL THREATEN THE OWLS CLUB, WHEN HE'S ELECTED MAYOR, THAT STADIUM WILL BE BUILT ON THE GOLD COAST. THOSE ESTATES HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM FOR PARKING.

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Peanuts - Charles M. Schulz

I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW YOU MIGHT BECOME INFATUATED WITH ME. ONE THING I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO DO HOWEVER, AND THAT WOULD BE TO PUT ME ON A PEDESTAL.

GOOD! WOOMP! OF COURSE IF I WERE ON A PEDESTAL I COULD REALLY RUN THINGS.

Priellilla's Pop - Ed Sullivan

TROUBLE NUTHELL? I'M NOT GOING WITH YOU ANY MORE. HEY! YOU LIKE A JUMP? HEY! THAT WOULD BE GREAT! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THAT!

Captain Easy - Crooke & Lawrence

ATTN: GIRL CLAUDIA! WE CAN STILL GET INTO THE PARK WOODS - ACROSS THE FIELD!

SUDDENLY EASY STOPP SHORT - GLANCES UP AT THE SKY! A POLICE HELICOPTER!

WAIT! HOLD EVERYTHING! I THINK I'VE FOUND THE RACKET! I THINK IT IS!

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The Born Loser - Art Sanson

YOU BAKED A CAKE FOR ME? YEAH, CHOC'LIT.

IT SO HAPPENS CHOCOLATE IS MY FAVORITE!

IF IT TASTES A LITTLE FUNNY, IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE OUTTA SUGAR.

Winthrop - Dick Cavall

I HATE THIS "IN-BETWEEN" MAKE IT GOING THROUGH.

I BROKE ALL THE TOYS I GOT FOR CHRISTMAS...

...AND I'VE GOT FOUR MONTHS TO GO TILL MY BIRTHDAY COMES.

Short Ribs - Frank Hill

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ACROSS 68 Ginger cookie Answer to Previous Puzzle

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-68.

Bridge

Bridge hand with cards: NORTH, SOUTH, WEST, EAST.

Trump coup rounds defense

well. Three rounds of clubs forced declarer to ruff in dummy with the ace of spades. South's only problem was to guess the trump jack.

He led king of hearts from the dummy and played a spade to the king, which lost to East's ace. East returned a diamond, which was won in dummy. Declarer led the spade nine and passed it. West showed out.

South knew where the trump jack was but had no way of locating it as dummy no longer had any trumps. Declarer was no amateur. In an instant he found the winning line of play.

He led king of hearts from the dummy and ruffed it in hand when East followed. Declarer was no amateur. In an instant he found the winning line of play.

South led a small diamond to dummy and when East followed ruffed in hand and discarded his high diamonds on the next trick.

South would then overruff and draw the last trump. East conceded and South had his game.

(For a copy of JACOBY MOORE's send \$1 to: "Win at Bridge," care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10101.)

Heathcliff - George Gately

COOK-A-POOLE-PO!

YOU'RE UP EARLY THIS MORNING!

WHAT DO YOU SEE IN MY FUTURE, OH WISE BUGS?

I SEE A DARK CLOUD!

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