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Today it can be done

On any other day it would be difficult for a man to keep his footing when he climbs up the side of the Channel building at the Parkade, but today, of course, is April First, when all kinds of things happen. (Herald joke by Pinto)

Bikes, feet replace seats

NEW YORK (UPI) — New Yorkers made it to work today without subways, buses and its major suburban rail link, all shut down by transit workers' strikes for better pay. Early morning walkouts by Local 100 of the Transport Workers Union in the city and seven operating unions on the Long Island Rail Road forced nearly 6 million daily passengers to improvise ways of getting to their jobs. Many walked, jogged, hitchhiked or rode bicycles across the Brooklyn Bridge and other major river crossings to Manhattan. Others

formed car pools or took taxis in surprisingly smooth flowing traffic during the first morning rush hour of the strike. Bill Keogh, 22, of Brooklyn, rode a bike to his job with the New York Telephone Co. in Manhattan. He was 20 minutes late but refused to blame it on the transit strike. "I went to the Rangers game last night," Keogh said. "Give me a break." Tracy Jamar got to her midtown antique shop atop her Arabian horse, Arrow, and one man dressed in a business suit zoomed past police officer Ralph Dire on roller skates.

Skateboards also were used by the more daring. City planners had predicted a transit strike — the first in 14 years — would clog Manhattan with 600,000 automobiles below 59th Street, triple the normal amount. But many people apparently decided to stay home to avoid the traffic crush or to observe the Jewish Passover holiday. At about 7 a.m., Inspector John Kenny, head of the city police Traffic Division, said, "Traffic at this time is light to moderate." But city officials later said traffic was building on major arteries and

Manhattan streets were filling to capacity. Several major roadways were reserved for taxis and emergency vehicles and city police set up special car pooling areas and blocked cars with less than two passengers from entering Manhattan south of 96th Street. Police Officers Richard DeLuca and Steven Hamilton were sent to East 96th Street to direct traffic, but wound up matchmaking.

Carter rules out more sanctions

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter said today the decision of the Iranian government to take custody of the American hostages is "a positive step" and "we do not intend to impose additional sanctions" against Iran. Carter met personally with a group of reporters in the Oval Office and said, however, the United States will continue the present "restraints" it imposed on Iran when the hostages were taken 150 days ago. Carter expressed confidence Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr would be able to keep his word that

"control of the hostages would be transferred to the government of Iran." But under questioning, Carter was unable to say when the hostages would actually be released and returned home. "In the light of that action, we do not consider it appropriate now to impose additional sanctions," Carter said. But he made it clear the freezing of Iranian assets and monitoring of Iranian students would continue. "We will continue to monitor the situation very closely," Carter said.

He sidestepped questions on whether the United States would abide by the conditions laid down by Bani-Sadr in his speech at a rally in Tehran — that the United States must refrain from any interference or conspiracy against Iran. Asked if he were certain the transfer of hostages would take place, Carter said, "We have no assurance this will be done except the president of Iran has announced it will be done." Before Carter spoke with reporters shortly after 7 a.m. EST, press secretary Jody Powell issued a state-

ment also describing the Iranian move as "a positive step." "The Iranian government has said that the hostage issue will be resolved when the new parliament convenes," Powell said. "We will continue to work for the earliest possible release of all the hostages." Carter had postponed until today the deadline for imposing stringent economic and political measures against Iran, including possibly closing the Iranian Embassy in Washington.

Annual river race scheduled



Scenes like this will be repeated in the annual Hockanum River Race scheduled for Manchester on April 13. This scene is from last year's race. (Herald photo by Pinto)

MANCHESTER — The fourth annual Hockanum River Canoe Race will be held Sunday, April 13th, as part of a weekend jamboree that also features the Willimantic River Race on Saturday the 12th. The 6.2 mile Hockanum River Race is being co-sponsored by the Hockanum River Linear Park Committee and the Savings Bank of Manchester. The race will be run by the riverrats and their friends. Last year's race attracted some 170 contestants. Registration will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. the day of the race. There is a \$5 entrance fee. The events will be held rain or shine. To be eligible, contestants must be at least 12 years old and equipped with an approved over-the-shoulder life vest. Six-foot bow and stern lines are also required. Seven classes will be recognized. They include: open boat under 18 feet 6 inches with any two paddlers; open boat under 16 feet 6 inches with any two paddlers; open boat under 18 feet 6 inches with one male and one female paddler; non-racing boats with any two paddlers; open boats with one paddler; open boats under 18 feet 6 inches with two women paddlers, and aluminum boats with any two paddlers. Plaques will be awarded for the first three places in each class. In ad-

dition, joint awards will be given for combined times in the same classes. Camping will be available in Tolland. More information can be obtained from Don Descy, 123 Brown's Bridge Road, Tolland (872-3606, days). A photography contest will also be held for nonprofessionals. Interested photographers should contact Lee Watkins, P.O. Box 511, Manchester, 06040 (643-5171, days). A traditional post race meeting will be held June 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Center Congregational Church. Refreshments, race day movies, pictures and slides will be featured in the basement meeting hall. The Hockanum River Race will begin in Manchester, near the Vernon town line alongside the Steak-Out Restaurant just south of the Vernon Circle Shopping Center. The river's water-level is greatly affected by rain. It is passable but scratchy in low water, and provides a fast current and one section of class III rapids within three days of rain. Most of the course however, is characterized by steady moving water and numerous bends. The race ends with one mile of quiet water. Additional applications may be picked up at the Watkins Furniture, 935 Main St., and branch of the Savings Bank of Manchester, or at the Manchester Evening Herald, Brainard Place.

Faucher heads condo group

By MARY KITZMANN
Herald Reporter

MANCHESTER — The 13-member Mayor's Condominium Committee, composed of prominent bankers, real estate agents, town officials and attorneys and private citizens, last night elected Robert Faucher as chairman.

Faucher is cochairman of the Manchester Citizens for Social Responsibility, the group which initiated the moratorium ordinance saying conversions displaced the elderly and poor.

Forming the condominium committee propose alternatives was part of the Board of Directors' action in imposing the 90-day moratorium.

Noting his own biases, Faucher nominated William Johnson, president of the Savings Bank of Manchester, as vice chairman. His nomination and that of Diane Wicks, human services director, for secretary, passed unanimously.

Meeting for the first time last night, the committee's immediate problem was its structure and goals. The committee voted to split into three subcommittees to investigate the human, legal, and zoning aspects of conversions.

In outlining the committee's responsibility, Mayor Stephen Penny suggested the committee investigate displacement of residents, and Manchester's housing problems.

Penny was also concerned that the conversion of smaller apartment complexes would eventually "make for slums" as maintenance costs would be shared by fewer residents than the large complexes.

He questioned whether the public "arena" had a place in private property.

Committee discussion eventually settled into three areas: discovering how many persons were being displaced, and where they were going; whether the town could enact ordinances regulating conversions, and the effects of possible state laws; and Manchester's housing shortage. Alan Lamson, town planner, Mr. Wicks, Johnson, and Faucher will serve on the information gathering committee.

Although no specifics were decided on how to seek the information, Lamson suggested areas to investigate would be the types of families being displaced. Another suggestion was discovering where these people would relocate, as Warren Howland, committee member, noted "a lot of young families are leaving Manchester."

The second committee, looking at how to regulate conversions, includes Ben Rubin, Kevin O'Brien, town attorney, Nathan Agostinelli.

O'Brien noted that laws regulating conversions are in the state Legislature. "Unless the state grants the town authority to act," he said, "we are subject to their acts."

But Johnson also noted the bill, Senate Bill 290, might not pass, and the committee should be ready to propose ordinance action. However, the bill should be voted on by the time the committee's report is due.

The third committee composed of Betty Sadoski, Warren Howland, Anne Flint, and William Hale will look at ways to encourage residence construction in Manchester.

Part of this will be evaluating the "M" zone. This zone allows for construction of group homes, when they are mixed with single family houses, and duplexes. Since adopting the M zone, seven years ago no new apartment complexes have been built in Manchester.

The M zone, and the town's density requirements have discouraged development, Warren Howland said last night.

Howland also noted that Manchester has "damn high" assessment rates for apartment complexes, which is 20 percent. "The national average is 14-16 percent," Howland said.

Howland also cited national construction figures which predicted about 1,800,000 new housing units. The prediction has since been lowered to 1,000,000 units for this year. New England's share of this estimate is 1.5 percent, or about 50,000 units.

The three subcommittees will report at the next meeting April 10.

Lack of proof delays charge

MANCHESTER — Manslaughter charges which were expected against Angel Rivera, 23, the man accused of stealing a van in Hartford and then striking two girls Friday, killing one and injuring the other, never materialized at East Hartford Superior Court during Rivera's arraignment Monday.

Police had said they would seek first-degree manslaughter in place of misconduct with a motor vehicle, the original charge lodged against the Hartford man. However, there was not enough evidence against Rivera prior to his arraignment Monday so the misconduct charge will hold unless police can accumulate enough

evidence to warrant the manslaughter charge before April 7, the date the case was continued.

Rivera, of 208 Farmington Ave., is being held on \$100,000 bond, up from the original bond set at \$50,000 Friday when he was taken to Manchester Police Headquarters.

The court will decide Monday whether Rivera will face the first-degree manslaughter charge or misconduct. He is also charged with second-degree larceny. Misconduct carries a sentence of not more than five years while the maximum sentence for first-degree manslaughter is 20 years.

Joyner to run

MANCHESTER — State Representative Walter Joyner, R-Manchester announced Monday that he will seek re-election in the fall. "If the Republicans want to again nominate me, I will be available to serve the people of Manchester for at least another term," Joyner said. During his term, Rep. Joyner has served on the Legislature's Public Health and General Law Committees.

The Manchester native, in his second year of service, has fought for health department investigations of those nursing homes he insists were

not properly monitored by the health department. Joyner has also questioned personnel practices within the health department he says were affecting morale and performance of the workers.

Town GOP Chairman Robert Von Deck today supported Joyner's reelection plans, saying he had already been made aware of them.

"He has had good communication with his constituents," Von Deck said, adding that it would be difficult to determine if the freshman legislator's seat would be challenged from within the party.

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The weather

Continued sunny today with temperatures in the low 50s. Clear tonight and partly cloudy Wednesday. Details on Page 2.

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Update

Dollar level

LONDON (UPI) — The U.S. dollar hit its highest level in years on several markets today as the strength gained from high American interest rates. The price of gold held steady.

An ounce of gold was up \$7 at the start of trade in Zurich to \$603.50, but the price in London was \$591.50, down \$3 from Monday's close.

In Milan, the dollar opened at 907.50 lire, up from Monday's close of 898.30, which had been the highest in four years.

The dollar also reached its highest level in 30 months on the Hong Kong market when it soared to 253.70 yen, before finishing the day at 256.50 yen — up from Monday's close of 249.70 yen.

And in London, the dollar had its best opening since Nov. 15, 1979 with the pound sterling starting the day at \$2.1475. Monday's close had been \$2.1640.

"High U.S. interest rates remained the chief spur for the dollar, although President Carter's budget moves Tuesday and hopes for the release of the American hostages in Tehran were other factors in the demand for dollars," said a London dealer.

In Frankfurt, the dollar opened at 1.9610 marks, the highest since Sept. 20, 1978. Monday's close was 1.9488 marks.



For period ending 7 a.m. EST 4/2/80. During Tuesday night, snow is expected to fall across many of the Rocky Mountain states, probably changing to rain or showers in the southern sections. Generally fair weather is indicated elsewhere.

Weather forecast

Mostly sunny today. High temperatures 45 to 50, 7 to 10 C. Fair tonight. Lows 28 to 34. Variable cloudiness Wednesday. Highs 50 to 55. Probability of precipitation 10 percent today and tonight 20 percent Wednesday. Light northerly winds today. Light and variable tonight and Wednesday.

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

Mass., R.I. & Conn.: Cloudy with a chance of rain Thursday. Variable cloudiness Friday and Saturday. High temperatures will be mostly in the 50s with low temperatures in the 30s and low 40s.

Vermont: Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday. Chance of showers Saturday. Seasonable. Highs in the 40s and 40s. Lows in the 30s.

Maine and New Hampshire: Chance of rain south and chance of rain or snow north late Thursday and Friday. Clearing Saturday. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 40s north to lower 50s south.

Long Island Sound

Long Island Sound to Watch Hill, R.I. and Montauk Point, N.Y. A weak pressure pattern will dominate the area today and Wednesday. Variable winds averaging about 10 knots today and Wednesday and 5 to 10 knots tonight. Visibility generally 5 miles or better. Variable cloudiness today. Fair tonight and partly cloudy Wednesday. Wave heights about 1 foot today and Wednesday and less than 1 foot tonight.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Tuesday, April 1, the 92nd day of 1980 with 274 to follow. It's April Fool's Day.

The morning star is Mercury.
The evening stars are Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Those born on this date under the sign of Aries, Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninoff was born April 1, 1873.

On this date in history:
In 1853, Cincinnati, Ohio, began paying the fire department a regular salary. Ordinary firemen drew \$60 a year.

In 1918, the Royal Air Force was founded and two months later Britain began bombing industrial targets in Germany from French bases in World War I.

In 1931, 19-year-old Virne "Jackie" Mitchell became the first woman to sign with an all male baseball team. She joined the Chattanooga, Tenn. club.

In 1975, Communist troops from the north swept into South Vietnam towns on the central coast and an attack on Saigon followed.

A thought for the day: German philosopher Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche said, "Blessed are the forgetful, for they get the better of their blunders."

Lottery numbers

The winning daily lottery numbers drawn Monday in New England:
Connecticut: 947
Massachusetts: 9985
New Hampshire: 0780, Sunday, 8936
Rhode Island: 6692

"It's the old story," said a Frankfurt dealer. "The high U.S. German interest rate differential."
Elsewhere in Europe, the dollar opened on the Zurich market at 1.8710 Swiss francs from 1.8400, on the Paris market at 4.5475 francs from 4.4925, on the Brussels market at \$2.5250 Belgian francs from \$2.2750, and on the Amsterdam market at 2.1640 guilders from 2.1367.

Land claims

AUGUSTA, Maine (UPI) — Meddling with a proposed \$81.5 million settlement to massive Indian land claims may jeopardize years of negotiations between the state and two tribes, a legislative committee has been warned.

"Speaking as the chairman of our committee — and I hope you do not take offense — I will not tolerate any amendments to it," said Andrew Akins, chairman of the joint negotiating committee for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes.

"We came to an agreement that there would be absolutely no amendments at all," Akins, a Penobscot Indian, told a special committee of the Legislature studying the pact Monday. "If it is amended you will kill it."

The full Legislature meets to consider the agreement Wednesday.

The Legislature must ratify the proposed settlement before it is sent to Congress, which must appropriate \$27 million for a permanent trust fund and \$54.5 million for the tribes to purchase 300,000 acres from private landowners.

The tribes claimed 12.5 million acres, about two-thirds of the state, were taken from them in violation of federal law more than 150 years ago.

The Coast Guard, afraid the mine might be real, called in the Navy demolition team when the trawler Silver Mink returned to Provincetown, Mass., from a fishing trip Sunday.

Adkins said the Navy uses the dummy mines — which contain no explosives — to give ships practice in laying mines as well as for training minesweeper ships in deactivating mines.

He said the cylinder-shaped mine — about 7 feet long with a 20-inch diameter — apparently malfunctioned soon after being placed in the water.

"Most mines have signaling devices that let you know where they are so they can be recovered once an exercise is over. The Navy uses them over and over again," he said.

He said there was no way of knowing how many other similar mines, if any, might be floating in New England ocean waters.

NEWPORT, R.I. (UPI) — A Navy explosives expert says the 500-pound dummy mine snared in the nets of a

fisher trawler several miles off Cape Cod may have been in the water more than 15 years.

"The mine was in bad shape," Lt. Philip Adkins, officer-in-charge of the Navy's Explosive Ordnance Detachment at Newport, R.I., said Monday. "You could tell right away it had been in the water a long time. The salt had rusted it away."

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Israeli Ambassador to Egypt Elishu Ben-Elissar, left, participates in the traditional Jewish seder meal to celebrate Passover in Cairo Monday, along with more than 100 other Jews, the first Israelis ever to observe the holiday in the Arab world. "Tonight, for us it is the feast of freedom," said an Israeli diplomat. A prayer service was held at the "Gates of Heaven" synagogue in downtown Cairo. (UPI photo)

Peopletalk

Reflections in a wary eye
Chas. Cesar Romero, Liz Torres, Desi Arnaz, Erik Estrada — are just a few of the stars Rene Anselmo has signed for an April 5 TV special aimed at convincing Hispanics they have nothing to fear from the 1980 census.

Now the president of the National Spanish Television Network in New York isn't so sure. Anselmo says the immigration and Naturalization Service — natural enemy to thousands of Hispanics illegally in the country — promised to curtail raids during the big head count.

But Anselmo says instead the INS has stepped up operations. He calls it "sabotage" — says, "The INS is making a statement. They're letting the Hispanic communities know they are lurking in the wings — waiting to come out." He'll proceed — but warily.

Clarke's laws
Arthur C. Clarke first gave the world "Space Odyssey — 2001," and opened the door to film fantasies ranging from "Star Wars" to "Battistar Galactica."

Now, in the April issue of Omni magazine, he's out with something a bit more pragmatic — Clarke's three laws of progress:

(1) "When a distinguished but elderly scientist says that something is possible, he is almost certainly right. When he says it is impossible, he is very probably wrong."

(2) "The only way to find the limits of the possible is by going beyond them to the impossible."

(3) "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

They should be cropping up soon — in final exams.

Piper of many parts
Piper Laurie's roles in recent years have run to the haunted, the beleaguered and the damned, so she's grateful for the part she has now in S.N. Behrman's "Biography" at New York's Manhattan Theater Club.

Says she of her role as a loose and frothy free spirit of the arts, "I love playing a happy woman for a change." But that doesn't mean she's unhappy with her present television role, opposite Karl Malden, in "Skan."

That one got off to a rocky start, but says Piper, "lately, audience reaction has been good and they're writing more scripts. I'm hoping for a bigger role in it." And harrumphing that "Sunday I'd like to direct, too — which is how I started in theater."

Quote of the day
Astronaut Alan Bean, on the thrill of danger in his job, to Dynamic Years magazine: "All this built about you're safer in space than you are on the freeway. It's the biggest crack I've ever heard in my life. Any time you get something going 25,000 miles an hour, and it's in a vacuum, and you launch it on something that's got 6 million pounds of fuel in it, you'd have to be crazy to believe that's safe. It's not safe — it's risky, but that's part of what makes life worthwhile."

Glimpses
Frank Sinatra has been named national campaign chairman for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's 1980 Hope Chest campaign.

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Easter Eggstravaganza

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Board to take drinking age stand

MANCHESTER — The Commission on Children and Youth is set to take a stand on the drinking age at its 7:30 p.m. meeting Wednesday in the Municipal Building Hearing Room.

What that stand will be is not yet determined, but advance data on the meeting includes graphs from the Traffic Record Unit of the state showing the incidence of accidents involving liquor and how it relates to age.

The state is variously considering raising the drinking age for all liquor purchases, or raising the age required to purchase liquor from a package store, but maintaining the current age for drinking in bars.

Other commission business includes discussing a letter to the editors of local newspapers, calling for more news about the positive contributions of young people, and discussing calling for police to return to motorcycles and walking when on patrol.

As some of the commission members are 18, the age that would lose drinking rights if the age is upped.

Since the East Hartford Board of Health has already declined in use was the reason for the decision.

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Social service supporters to seek additional funds

MANCHESTER — In response to feedback from the general manager and the mayor, social service advocates will seek more than was originally mentioned in their report to reorganize the Human Services Department.

The original report called for adding \$22,000 to the budget to finance a director for the four divisions of human services: the senior center, the Human and Social Services Departments, and the Health Department.

The report noted that these officials reinforced for a statistician to monitor contracts and grants with state and local agencies, but stated that due to fiscal constraints, this job would have to be picked up by the director.

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Article VI — Exclusions and Limitations

9. Medicare (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, no benefits will be paid for services rendered to a Member after the month in which he or she reaches age sixty-five (65) unless the Member age sixty-five (65) to seventy (70) has retained active membership under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, provided the premiums for the current period for such persons have been paid and accepted by the Corporation in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

Article VII — Termination of Contract

6. This agreement shall automatically terminate at the end of the calendar year in which a Member attains age sixty-five (65) unless the Member age sixty-five (65) to seventy (70) who is protected under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, in which no longer protected under such Act or at the end of the calendar year in which the Member attains age seventy (70). Upon termination of this agreement, obtain coverage under such other Contract(s), issued by the Corporation, which is available to persons eligible for benefits under Medicare (Federal Health Insurance for the Aged, Public Law 89-97, as amended) as shall have been approved by and with the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Connecticut. The Member who certifies to the Corporation in writing before this termination date that he has not enrolled in Part B of Medicare shall be reinstated under this agreement upon timely payment of the proper subscriber charges without interruption of membership. Applications for coverage under other Contracts issued by the Corporation are available upon request, but the Corporation cannot assume responsibility for notifying the Member of the necessity for applying.

Plan Utilization Review

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Section V — General Provisions

1. The benefits specified in Section VI are provided a Member for hospital services received in and rendered by a hospital, under its regulations for which charges are made to the Member by such hospital, and when such services are medically necessary care. For the purposes of this Contract, medically necessary care shall mean that care provided to Members actually ill or disabled, who, because of the severity of their condition, require daily or more frequent supervision by physicians, the continuing attention of skilled medical personnel, and/or complex medical services available only in an acute hospital setting.

16. In determining the availability of benefits under this Contract, the Corporation does not make medical judgments, but merely determines what services are covered by this Contract.

Section VII — Benefits Not Provided

1. Benefits for hospital care, and other services, any portion of which was covered or obtained: under a Worker's Compensation Act (by stipulation or otherwise); in a Veterans' or other Federal Hospital; under Public Law 89-97 (the Federal Health Insurance Program); under Public Law 92-603 (Social Security Amendments of 1972) except as specified in Section VIII, paragraph 2, (i), in whole or in part by public or private grants; or any portion of which, by law, was rendered, or but for the benefits herein provided would have been rendered without expense to the Member.

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People not aware of census' implications

By KEVIN FOLEY
Herald Reporter

MANCHESTER — Today is Census Day, and contrary to what some people might tell you, it has nothing to do with speaking, smelling, hearing, seeing or touching. No, it's the day to "stand up and be counted."

The fact of the matter is, some people aren't really aware of what the census is or what it's all about. Nor is the importance of the census — conducted every ten years — understood by others who may feel it's just another bureaucratic imposition.

But the sheer magnitude of the 1980

census limits officials to an every decade undertaking which will ultimately determine population distribution and hence the apportionment of congressmen and other elected officials. The census is required under the U.S. Constitution, and in order to be effective, must have the cooperation of every American.

By now, everyone has received a census package in the mail. The large white envelope made its appearance Friday and contains a questionnaire with four pages seeking information on the number of people in a household, their ages, ethnic background (Guamanian or Aleut, etc.), marital status, number of rooms in living quarters and the

value of one-family houses. More probing questions on such subjects as habits and toilets or where do you enter your living quarters may prompt some folks to feel like "Big Brother" is watching.

And those are on the standard form. One in five Americans received a more in depth questionnaire asking if you can speak English, how many babies women have had and whether or not you have any physical or mental disorders.

All of these queries serve a purpose, however, according to the Census Bureau. For instance, the question on health is to aid public agencies in distributing health benefits and services, the baby question in

allowing officials to compute and predict population growth and fertility and the language question in determining how many Americans can't speak the native tongue.

But civil liberties see the census as something inherently dangerous. Refusing to answer the questions can lead to a \$500 fine, but protesters have been prompted to defy the census by shredding the forms and an estimated half-million will refuse to participate.

The fact remains census information is not accessible to the public and census officials are sworn to secrecy. In its 100 year history — since 1790 — no court case against the Census Bureau for divulging in-

formation has ever been won. The Constitution directs the Census Bureau to present the president with the official population count for congressional apportionment no later than Jan. 1, 1981. Within three months after that date, governors of all 50 states must have populations of cities, towns and villages on their desks. Obviously, census computers will be working overtime to process statistics to meet those deadlines.

Ultimately, over 30 government programs stand to benefit in addition to the 14 Congressional seats which could change hands among states after the census. Head Start, agriculture research, nutrition for the elderly, rural development and

CETA programs are among the 36 programs which stand to benefit. Five years of research and work have gone into the planning and execution of the 1980 census. 90 percent of the population is expected to participate. 346 miles of lead pencils have been ordered. Stand up and be counted.

Contributions
MANCHESTER — Contributions in memory of the late Francis J. Ennis Jr., who died Sunday, may be made to the Long Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America, 70 Forest St., Hartford.

Dems in Manchester endorse Bill Cotter

MANCHESTER — The Manchester Democratic Town Committee last week unanimously endorsed William R. Cotter as the Democratic nominee for the 18th Congressional District.

In announcing the committee's endorsement, town Party Chairman Theodore Cummings said, "Bill Cotter has earned the support of every Democrat in Manchester. He's an industrious and extremely talented legislator who always keeps his constituents' best interests well in mind. I know he will continue his diligent efforts in seeking solutions to our local and national problems.

Cotter is seeking his sixth term in Congress.

Sites for energy aid closed on weekends

MANCHESTER — Officials at the Community Renewal Team of Greater Hartford have announced that fuel assistance in the neighborhoods will no longer be open on weekends. The "Heating" number, 347-2200, will be operable Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Residents seeking fuel assistance or information on energy related matters, should visit Clay Hill Progress Center, 822 Albany Ave. (at Sigourney), South Green Progress Center, 594 Park St., (at Broad), Italian Information Center, 239 Franklin Ave., or the CRT Administrative Offices at 380 Main St., Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After 4:30 p.m., all emergency calls should be made to the Governor's Info-Line, 1-800-842-2200. This line will be operable weekdays from 5 to 9 p.m. and weekends, through March 31, 1980.

Mrs. Wasick named Dodd campaign aide

MANCHESTER — Audrey Wasick of Manchester has been appointed district coordinator for Christopher Dodd's campaign for election to the U. S. senate.

Dodd, a Democrat, is now serving as U. S. Representative. Ms. Wasick is Democratic State Committee member. She will organize campaign activities in South Windsor, Manchester, Glastonbury, Marlborough, Bolton, Hebron and East Hartford.

Mrs. Wasick is state chairman of the Affirmative Action Committee working on the selection of delegates to the Democratic National Convention. She has served as vice chairman of the South Windsor Democratic Town Committee and is a physical therapist employed in East Hartford.

Sexuality concerns topic for workshop

HARTFORD — "Addressing Sexuality — A Challenge for Clergy" will be presented in a workshop April 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be held at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 Sigourney St. The conference offers a unique opportunity for an exchange among professionals from the fields of medicine, theology, education and psychology around the concerns of sexuality.

Those interested may register at the door or by calling Cathy Backus at 322-6201. There will be a modest fee for registration and lunch may be reserved in advance. The keynote speaker is Dr. Therman Evans who will speak on "Sexuality Concerns in a Religious Setting." All clergy and religious educators are welcome.

AARP tax sessions continue to April 15

MANCHESTER — The Tax Counseling Program for the Elderly which is sponsored by the three local AARP Chapters comes to a close with the final filing date for personal income tax, April 15. There are only two weeks left in which to prepare your tax forms if you have not already done so. The Tax-Aides are in session afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays at the South United Methodist Church, Tuesdays at the New Senior Citizens Center, Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall and Thursdays at the First Federal Savings Bank Branch on West Middle Turnpike.

Shut-ins may get help by calling Joseph M. Murphy, at 643-1225, or John Dorrner at 643-6760 or Robert Simmers at 643-2244. Further information or tax questions may be answered by calling any of these numbers.

So far the Tax-Aide Program is considerably ahead of last year in numbers counseled, and the aides urge the elderly who may need help in this area not to put it off till the last day, April 15.

Joseph M. Murphy
Manchester Coordinator
643-1225

Service set at Buckingham

GLASTONBURY — The Buckingham Church will present a Festival of the Dawn on Easter Sunday. This annual event is a brief service of worship held on the front lawn of the church and led by members of the choir, Deacons and church staff. After the worship service, coffee and hot chocolate will be served in the Social Hall of the church.

Everyone interested in the service is invited to attend. People should gather in front of the church at 5:15 a.m. Buckingham Church is located at the corner of Hebron Ave. and Cricket Lane, just above Manchester Road.

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Region Council starts slashing proposed budget

By BARBARA RICHMOND
Herald Reporter

VERNON — As the Town Council started working its way through the proposed \$7 million general government budget Monday night, it cut a total of \$4,400 from Mayor Marie Herbst's recommendations.

At the start of last night's budget workshop, Councilman Robert Wehrli asked to have a running total of the cuts made as they went along. He said he would like to put an arbitrary figure on the blackboard and work to that.

Mrs. Herbst said she would have a problem with that but said she had no objection to Robert Dotson, director of administration, keeping track of the pluses and minuses as they went along.

The first budget was approved with practically no discussion. That was the Town Council budget of \$4,350 which included \$1,050 for the fee for the secretary to the council and \$3,300 for supplies.

Most of the budgets are being approved exclusive of salaries. Councilman Robert Hurd asked the mayor to have a complete list of salaries and the level and step of the salary scale that the employee is on.

During discussion of the \$113,490 executive and administrative budget, \$59,785 of which is salaries, Councilman James McCarthy moved to eliminate the position of clerk II in the amount of \$7,884, but the motion was defeated.

Wehrli also called for the cut of this position noting that industries are making fewer people do more work, rather than having additional people. The clerk in question had

been a CETA worker and was absorbed a few years ago into the regular payroll.

Mrs. Herbst commented, "Obviously there was a place for her use or the past administration wouldn't have hired that person." The past administration was Republican. Mrs. Herbst is a Democrat working with a Republican dominated council.

Republican council member Hurd said, "We'll probably have to take a hard look at whether we can afford to keep some of these people no matter how long they've been working."

Dotson told the council if the staff is cut it would have to mean a cut in services and would probably mean closing the mayor's office for one or two hours each day.

McCarthy said nothing mandates that the town has to absorb all of the CETA workers on its payroll. "I don't

think the town can afford all of the CETA positions," he said.

Council member Lena Therault again reminded the Republicans that their past administration put them on the payroll. Wehrli commented, "Why keep harking back to the past administration, we know that."

However, in that budget the council approved reducing the mileage reimbursement account by \$250 to \$2,150 and the fees paid to the Capitol Region Council of Governments by \$600 and approved that portion of the budget at \$2,875.

The council quickly approved the registrar's budget of \$1,200 exclusive of \$12,276 for salaries and also approved the Probate Court and Jury Committee budget of \$2,300.

The registrars had asked for \$5,500 to replace two outdated voting machines but the mayor deleted the request. The elections budget of \$8,850 was reduced by the council by \$750 to \$8,100. The reduction was made in the fees account for election workers and another \$50 was deleted from the utilities account for telephones.

In the election primaries budget, the council also reduced the fees account by \$250 to \$1,750 subject to a check of the state suggesting to see if this is legal. The amended budget was \$1,950.

In the accounting budget, McCarthy questioned a \$12,000 line item for data processing service for payroll and accounts payable. Mrs. Herbst explained that the town is exploring the possibility of using the computer the Board of Education plans to buy. Action on this account was tabled pending receipt of more information.

The outside auditing budget was approved at \$14,000 after Dotson read a letter from the auditing firm explaining the number of hours taken to do the audit report.

Under the finance assessment budget, McCarthy asked the mayor why she cut the rentals and contractals account from a requested \$116,015 to \$69,215. She explained that she adjusted the request for \$106,800 for the balance of payment on the revaluation and put part into the following year's budget.

The tax collector's budget was approved at \$17,130, exclusive of salaries. Mrs. Sylvia Wilson, the tax collectors made a plea to have the \$3,620 she requested for a valuating and receipt processing machine, deleted by the mayor, put back in the budget, but the request wasn't honored at this time.

The council, on request of George Russell, town planner, did some juggling in that budget to allow the planner to buy a needed filing cabinet.

The law account was approved at \$27,000 but the mayor cautioned the council this may have to be increased due to many lawsuits pending. "You can cut the account but you may very well have to put more back in," she said.

The council cut the fees line item from \$27,000 to \$24,000 and increased the rentals and contractals from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

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Budget boost faces officials

SOUTH WINDSOR — The Town Council is considering a \$16.6 million proposed budget for fiscal 1980-81, representing almost a 20 percent increase over the current budget.

If adopted, as proposed, the new budget could mean a 4 mill increase for South Windsor taxpayers.

Acting Town Manager Charles Enes presented a \$7.6 million municipal budget, representing a 33.8 percent increase. The Board of Education has proposed a budget totaling \$9.01 million, representing a 10.7 percent increase in spending.

Both Enes and Board of Education Chairman John Giordano have blamed inflation and high energy costs for much of the increase over the current budget.

Included in the municipal budget is proposed capital improvements totaling \$420,000, according to Enes, including renovations at Spring Pond, which are expected to run some \$300,000, and new tennis courts proposed at \$82,000.

Also included in the municipal budget are salaries for unionized employees including town hall, public works and pollution control workers. In other areas where negotiations have not been settled such as police and management level town hall staff, the salaries were budgeted at the present level. A contingency fund allowance was provided to allow room for revisions, Enes said.

The \$9,017,977 Board of Education request was approved by the board, but must also be accepted by the Town Council as part of the total budget.

A Public Hearing on the Board of Education budget is scheduled for April 17.

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Cleanup drive set this month

By DONNA HOLLAND
Herald Correspondent

ANDOVER — Several streets in Andover will be cleaned of litter, thanks to the efforts of a group of Andover Elementary School students and members of Boy Scout Troop 47 of Manchester.

Arrangements for the clean-up are being made by Robert Post, Post, a school bus driver, said the scenic bus route he drives every day is a mess because of litter.

The run includes Bunker Hill Road, Parker Bridge Road and part of Route 6.

Students in Grade 1-4 who ride the bus with Post every day will be helping the clean-up. Anyone else who wishes to help will be welcome.

Everyone will meet at Post's farm on Route 6 on April 12 at 10 a.m. and will leave from there to begin cleaning up the mess.

They will be supervised by the scouts in Troop 47. The scouts in that troop have been camping out at Post's farm for several years. This year their weekend campout will be held in conjunction with the clean-up.

After the litter is cleaned up, everyone will return to Post's farm for a picnic. After the picnic the scouts will show the school students their campsite and will talk about scouting.

Ruel Wick is the troop advisor and Ronald Giggie is the scoutmaster.

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Editorial Budget answers needed

Town Manager Robert Weiss has some selling to do if he expects the citizens of Manchester to buy his proposed budget and the 11 new jobs it includes.

Recently the Board of Directors decided to purchase new police cruisers, citing a budget surplus because there were vacant slots in the Police Department.

Now the taxpayers are being told the Police Department budget will increase by some 15 percent, even though there was a surplus and even though new cruisers are to be purchased this year, eliminating the budget impact for next year.

We think the taxpayers deserve an answer if they are to decide whether or not they will support the call for the increase.

When a budget surplus sur-

faces one year, it should mean the budget could be held within a few points of current authorized spending levels, even if vacant positions are filled.

The Police Department budget recommendation needs clarification to help citizens understand why a 15 percent increase is justified.

In the Planning and Zoning Department an additional employee would handle a variety of talks including planning for the Cheney Historical District and downtown revitalization plans. The new employee would also start updating the town's comprehensive development plan.

However, it appears this new position is based on continued development that has been made doubtful by high interest rates and a general decline in development ac-

tivity.

We wonder if the position is realistic in the context of the economic realities of 1980.

Another new position, a junior engineering aide, would replace a CETA position and would be involved in subdivision regulation.

Subdivision development activity also is apt to be slowed by prime interest rates approaching 20 percent and we wonder if the new position is realistic.

Some of the new positions are mandated by state law and there is little that can be done about them.

But at a time when money is tight and taxpayers are feeling the loss of spending power inflation has burdened them with, we wonder if the town can justify such new positions as a full-time ceramics instructor and a new position in the recreation

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program to provide a gym instructor for the West Side Recreation Center.

We would like to see more creative thinking in the budget process, where existing positions are re-evaluated and existing municipal employees could shift their duties to meet the demand for certain programs, popular with the citizens.

At the same time programs which lack broad participation could be eliminated, making possible better utilization of existing manpower.

We haven't drawn any hard

and fast conclusions on these new positions to date, but we would like to see the taxpayers given the full picture on the budget.

With some citizens already circulating petitions calling for a spending freeze, we think the town manager and Board of Directors will need to persuade the citizens these additional jobs are essential to the well-being of town government.

Unless there is such an approach we fear the budget proposal will result in a Proposition 13-style taxpayers revolt.

Letters

Condo conversions

To the editor:

For a while, after the Board of Directors had passed the ninety day moratorium on condominium conversions, we had been lulled into the belief that town officials were at long last paying heed to the needs of the 40-45 percent of the town's population who are renters. This belief was quickly dispelled by the announcement of the appointments to the mayor's special committee to study the conversion process.

The track record of the town's concern for the plight of renters has not been a particularly good one. A revision of the town's housing code, first offered in 1977, has lain on the directors' inactive table ever since. A proposal for a fair rent commission, offered to the board in 1979, has never been considered, while the number of towns in Connecticut having such commissions has doubled in the same period. (Though such a commission would not have 'staved off' the conversion on slant, it could have had an ameliorating effect on the rate of conversion as well as on the steeply rising rent levels, exacerbated by conversions.) The most recent action taken on the Section 8 certificates was the most shameful exhibition yet of the disregard of tenants' needs. Here, fourteen Manchester families were denied these certificates because six others were to be retained for out-of-town families.

In the recent municipal election, when certain questions relating to housing needs were brought to the candidates' attention, the Democrats responded by defending free enterprise and the Republicans proclaimed, "Social dogma!"

The representation of renters and unaffiliated voters on town committees has continued to be almost nil. Even the now defunct Community Development Advisory Committee, which had been required by regulation to have a substantial number of low- and moderate-income persons (mainly renters) aboard, could identify only two or three out of fourteen Democrats and none among the Republicans. The Housing Authority is yet to find its first renter appointee to comply with a new state law.

Now we have the mayor's committee of twelve people collected to deal with an issue most vital to the town's renters — the condominium conversion process. Among the twelve, there are only two who can be identified as renters, and neither

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by Doug Sneyd

The Herald in Washington Westerners question judgment

By JEFF MAPES

WASHINGTON — Can a handful of public officials from Nevada and Utah tell the Pentagon experts how to build a nuclear missile system? There may be some Air Force brass and Department of Defense military strategists increasingly worried about that possibility. If two days of recent hearings on the proposed MX missile system is any indication.

"In my opinion, the Air Force should be sent back to the drawing board," declared Nevada Gov. Robert List before a House appropriations subcommittee. "Given the inevitable improvement in Soviet technology," the idea of shuttling each MX missile around an oval road to one of 43 shelters may not work, the governor added.

List has come a long way from a year ago when he wrote a letter to the Defense Department welcoming the plans for the MX. Realizing that complaints about the loss of grazing land and scarce water will not be enough to stop the MX, the two governors have also chosen to question the judgment of military planners.

This means, for instance, that they have to match wits with such experts as Defense Secretary Harold Brown, who has been thinking about nuclear weapons strategy ever since he was a young physicist at a government weapons lab in the fifties.

Brown spent two hours before the subcommittee explaining why the United States needs to replace its aging Minuteman missiles with the MX — which is now conceived to consist of 200 interdenals, each shuttled between 23 shelters.

In a few years, the Soviet Union will be able to target its missiles so precisely that it could wipe out America's Minuteman missiles, the Pentagon believes. The only way to protect these missiles, Brown said, would be to launch them before the Soviet missiles arrive. This raises the chilling prospect of the president having perhaps 10 minutes to decide whether to launch nuclear missiles on the basis of computer readouts.

Brown also rejected reliance on U.S. bomber and submarine forces. The other two legs of the U.S. nuclear "trident."

"The lack of a common vulnerability presents an attacker with a virtually impossible problem if he attempts to disable all of our strategic forces and thus avoid retaliation," Brown said.

Enter the MX. Because the 200 missiles will be in any one of the 4,800 shelters, the Soviets will be unable to be sure of hitting all of the missiles.

So far, there is no argument from the Utah or Nevada folks. What they don't like is being told that all 200 missiles will be located somewhere in a 10,000-square-mile area of the Great Basin desert of the two states.

They contend the Air Force chose the Great Basin largely because so much of it is federal land and, in the words of Rep. Jim Santini (D-Nev.), "we're easy pickings" because the two states have little political clout.

They say the MX will create a "boom and bust" economy and rip apart the social fabric of small towns, as well as take away thousands of acres of land from ranchers and mineral and energy developers.

The Pentagon should give more serious consideration to basing some of the missiles in other areas of the country, the Westerners argue. Split-

Thoughts

Light

Have you ever considered the light by which natural life is sustained? Man must have light in order to live and have health. The sun-light God gives in the heavens is ordained of Him to bring life to man. If you were to take any part of the vegetation that is used to keep man alive and put it into a dark room with no light at all, it would die. It would die because it needs the warmth and rays of the sun for it to grow.

We have a small garden in the back of our house that we plant every year. One year we planted real early in the spring. Thinking we would take a chance and get ahead of the season. We put a lot of seed in the ground. It was still a little cold. Then we had about two weeks of better of cloudy and rainy weather. Well, I want you to know the seed we planted did not begin to come up until the warmth of the sun had done its part. They needed the light to live. They needed the sun-light to shine and bring the warmth that is necessary for life to come forth of those seeds.

Happy Easter

Easter is an old idea. Early Christians adopted the Persian custom of exchanging eggs to

Atheneum planning final lecture-luncheon April 14

In keeping with the theme of the 30th anniversary of the Women's Committee of the Wadsworth Atheneum, "Women in the Arts," the final lecture in this season's lecture-luncheon series is entitled "Women in Art Patronage from Mme. de Pompadour to Mme. Recamier."

Mrs. Jack Hunter of Manchester, cochairman of the event, has announced that Dr. Danielle Rice, curator of education at the Atheneum and Mrs. Barry and Fragonard and Mme. Recamier and Jacques-Louis David.

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Betty's Notebook

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By BETTY RYDER

Congratulations to pretty Maura J. McGahey, daughter of June O. McGahey of East Hartford, who won the 1980 Miss Greater Vernon Scholarship Pageant, sponsored by the Greater Vernon Jaycees.

Maura, perhaps you will recall, was crowned Miss Manchester in 1978 and was third runner-up in the 1979 Miss Connecticut Pageant. A graduate of Kingswood/Oxford High School, she is currently a sophomore at the University of Connecticut majoring in communications/acting. A member of the Center Ballet Theater, she has danced with the Hartford Junior Ballet Co. and taught ballet for the Vernon Recreation Department.

We were also delighted to see the picture of lovely Linda McCarthy of Talcottville gracing the Cover of the pageant program. Linda was Miss Greater Vernon in 1979. Loyalty Day Queen, representing the Anderson-Sea Post in Manchester, and was first runner-up in the 1978 Orange Bowl Queen Contest in Miami. She has modeled in New York City and Talcottville. You can look for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. McCarthy of Talcottville as Miss Black Velvet this coming holiday season.

Linda served as mistress of ceremonies for the Vernon pageant and was also in attendance at the VFW Loyalty Day Queen competition held by the Anderson-Sea Post recently.

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exchange flight will be conducting bake sales on Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m. in area stores. Proceeds will be used to provide financial assistance to people seeking aid to participate in the exchange.

Locations for the sales are as follows: Finest Supermarket, Tri-City Plaza, Vernon; Stop & Shop, East Middle Turnpike, Manchester; and Stop & Shop, 1501 New Britain Ave., West Hartford, across from West Farms Mall.

Residents wishing to donate baked goods may take them directly to the stores between 9 and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, or drop them off at the following locations:

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celebrate the first day of spring. Later the Christians stained their eggs deep red to symbolize the blood of Christ. According to a Hallmark Cards researcher, people began to write lengthy messages on the eggs to exchange with friends and in the mid-19th century in Germany the first Easter cards appeared as substitutes for the egg messages. (I suppose the eggs were a little difficult to mail.)

Did you know, Easter Island in the Pacific Ocean was discovered on Easter Sunday in 1722. Easter services weren't held there until 1888 when the islanders converted to Christianity.

In case you're traveling this Easter, the first Easter sunrise service in the United States will be held at Point Udall, St. Croix, in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the easternmost territory of this country.

Within the continental U.S., the first outdoor service will be at Cadillac Mountain, Maine, which receives the first sunlight on the mainland because of its eastern extremity and altitude.

The name Easter is believed to derive from the Scandinavian "Ostra" and the Teutonic "Oestre", both goddesses of mythology signifying the coming of spring.

Early Christians wore garments of white linen when baptized. This mode of dress may account for the traditional link of Easter with spring fashions.

I hope you're day turns out "eggsactly" as you want it. Happy Easter!

Engaged

Mozur-LaGace

The engagement of Miss Andrea E. Mozur of Poquonock to Raymond C. LaGace of Essex has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew P. Mozur of Poquonock.

Mr. LaGace is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore J. LaGace of 386 Spring St., Manchester.

Miss Mozur graduated from Windsor High School, from the University of Connecticut with a bachelor's degree in industrial administration and from the American Institute of Banking. She is employed as a residential loan representative in the Mortgage Department at Hartford National Bank and Trust Co., Hartford.

Mr. LaGace graduated from East Catholic High School, from Boston College with a bachelor's degree in economics, and from Bryant College with a master's degree in management. He is vice president and mortgage officer at Deep River Savings Bank, Deep River.

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Bonnie Prudden Workshop scheduled for April 19

The Manchester Recreation Department will sponsor the Bonnie Prudden Workshop on Saturday, April 19 at the West Side Recreation Center, 110 Cedar St., Manchester.

On April 19, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Bonnie Prudden will present a Pain Erasure Clinic. This is a general clinic geared to help the average person to help his or herself and their family. Participants will learn how to locate "trigger points", erase

them and stretch the muscles to keep them out of the habit of going back into spasm and therefore painless.

Problems to be covered are: Backaches, stroke, "sciatica", arthritis, shoulder syndrome, shin splints, headaches, whiplash, sprains, "bursts", TMJ (jaw pain), "tennis elbow", multiple sclerosis, leg cramps and dizziness.

For reservations, call Mrs. Hunter at 646-2200.

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Justice may not be blind, but she's swayed

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — At a time when the Supreme Court has approved the life sentence of a man who stole the sum total of \$229.11, the public should be reminded that such draconian penalties are rarely meted out to those with the right connections.

Justice is seldom blind to high position or political influence. It was recently revealed, for example, that Gen. Douglas MacArthur and members of his staff accrued thousands of dollars from

Manuel Quezon, the president of the Philippines, who was evacuated to safety within hours after the money was deposited. The Pentagon knew about these transparent bribes but never bothered to investigate the distinguished recipients.

Another remarkable but more recent case involved Navy Cmdr. Griffin F. Hamilton, who was caught accepting a \$7,500 bribe from the contractor who installed a \$250,000 computer on the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. Though a federal court sentenced Hamilton to a \$5,000 fine and five years' probation, the Navy took no action against him.

Last July, Hamilton received his 20-year retirement with this accolade

in his personnel jacket: "Your dedicated service to the Navy and your country is deeply appreciated. May you enjoy every success and happiness in the future."

Incredibly, though Hamilton collects an annual pension of \$18,771, he has yet to pay the \$5,000 fine imposed on him by the court three years ago.

A 1959 Naval Academy graduate, Hamilton was clearly a member of the military elite from the start of his career. Even when, as an ensign, he lost about 20 pages of a secret code book, he was let off with only a mild reprimand. From that time on, his confidential personnel file — bulged with dazzling fitness reports — and

promotions. By 1974 he had made commander and was moving in the highest circles of Navy brass.

In 1975, as the operations officer on the staff of Rear Adm. George Klennert II, commander of the Kitty Hawk, Hamilton drew official praise for his "active role ... enthusiasm, drive and devotion of countless extra hours and effort" in connection with the carrier's new computer system.

It turned out that this outstanding effort was being rewarded by more than a laudatory fitness report. Philip F. Ashton, president of the computer supplier, California Data Products, had paid Hamilton more than \$7,500 under the table, court records show.

Hamilton said later he took the money during a time of serious personal and financial problems. The Navy was more than willing to forgive one of its own. "No command action has been taken nor is any action contemplated," states an internal memo to the Navy personnel office from the head of Hamilton's command, Rear Adm. E.B. Fowler.

The bribery conviction was never even recorded in Hamilton's fitness reports, and he was subsequently "most highly recommended for promotion." He was transferred to Washington, still in a position to have indirect input into procurement decisions. But before he could be promoted, he opted for retirement,

and is now a weapons system consultant to major defense contractors.

"I gave a lot more than I got," Hamilton told my associate Peter Grant. "I don't have the feeling that anyone gave me a penny."

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TownTalk

At the Advisory Board of Health meeting in Manchester Tuesday, Head School Nurse Lynne Gustafson talked about the sensibilities of education officials. She said the preschool dental care program, called "Spit and Swish," catches in the throat of the education-

ficials. Referring to the first word in the program she said, "It's funny, you know, they don't like the word 'spit.' They keep wanting to change it to 'swish.'" During a discussion of the superintendent's report, parents'

handbook and certain programs of study, one Glanbury Board of Education member said three Town Council members feel that the booklets are too expensive and they are too slick. In return, board member Michael Meotti said, "If the Town Council is against this,

then I think we should suggest that the board cut hockey and football from the student activities account. "People are saying it took a great deal of courage to make these motions, but you would never hear anyone say it took a great deal of courage to cut English."

washout. According to Weiss it has taken, "an endless time for the state and feels to approve it." He added that he now expects some swift action.

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Obituaries

Raymond C. Phelps
MANCHESTER - Raymond Charles Phelps, 24, of 43 S. Hawthorne St., died this morning at Manchester Memorial Hospital, after a short illness.

Mr. Phelps was born in Manchester Dec. 24, 1955, and had lived here all his life. He was employed as a delivery man for Peter's Furniture. He attended Manchester schools and was a graduate of Manchester High School, class of 1974. He had been active in Little League where he ran the concession stand at Waddell School. He was also a coach in the Middle Foot League. He attended Camp Kennedy as a camper and later served as a volunteer counselor for many years.

He is survived by his parents, John W. and Noreen (Costello) Phelps of Manchester; three brothers, Roger Schuetz and John J. Phelps and Robert D. Phelps, all of Manchester; one sister-in-law, Esther Schuetz of Manchester; and several uncles, aunts and cousins.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene. Burial will be in the East Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Wednesday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Edward Monaghan
GLASTONBURY - Edward Monaghan, 70, of 80 Douglas Road, husband of Eunice (Lewis) Monaghan, died Thursday at the state Veterans Home and Hospital, Middletown, the son of the late Harry F. and Bertha (Stevenson) Monaghan.

He is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Maria) Guaschino of Manchester; a brother, Gene Monaghan of Haverhill, Mass., and two grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be in Indian Hill Cemetery, Middletown, at a date to be announced.

There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 5100, Indianapolis, Ind. 46216.

The Doolittle Funeral Service, 41 Church St., Middletown, has charge of the arrangements.

Wilfred A. Poulin
EAST HARTFORD - Funeral services were held this morning for Wilfred A. Poulin, 93, of McKee Street, who died Friday at an East Hartford convalescent home.

He was born in Dorchester County, Canada and had lived in East Hartford for the past 30 years. He was a member of the Associated Canadian-American Cour-St. Anne 60 of Hartford.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Peter Benoit of East Hartford and Mrs. Charlotte Labbe of Manchester, N.H.; a sister, Mrs. Antonette Ancillotti of Charlestown, Mass.; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, East Hartford. The Callahan Funeral Home, 105 Main St., East Hartford, was in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Church, 15 Maplewood Ave., East Hartford.

Energy funding
MANCHESTER - The town has garnered \$900 of federal grant money awarded to improve energy efficiency in schools, hospitals and public institutions. The ultimate aim of the funding is to reduce energy consumption, thus reducing the taxpayers' burden. Other local towns receiving funds are South Windsor and East Hartford.

Offices to close
HARTFORD - All Motor Vehicle Department offices will close at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, in observance of the Good-Friday-Easter holiday weekend. Commissioner Benjamin A. Muzio has announced. The offices will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, and will be open until 7:30 p.m. that day for the convenience of the public. The remainder of the week normal public services hours will be in effect.

FIRE CALLS
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Birthday bingo
Members of the Manchester Junior Women's Club recently held a birthday bingo for residents of Green Lodge in Manchester. The event was sponsored by the club's Home Life and Health Division. Membership in Manchester Juniors is open to women 18 years and older. Their next meeting will be April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Federal Savings Bank, West Middle Turnpike, Manchester. (Herald photo by Adamson)

Passover observance underway

MANCHESTER - Passover, a sacred Jewish holiday, began Monday at sundown. It celebrates the liberation of the Jews from bondage in Egypt and lasts eight days.

Services at the Temple Beth Shalom began this morning at 10 a.m. and will be held again tonight at 5:45 p.m. Services for the remainder of the holiday are as follows:
Wednesday: 10 a.m.
Friday: Sabbath Services, 8:15 a.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.
Sunday: 6 p.m.
Monday: 10 a.m.
Tuesday: 10 a.m.
Passover ends on Tuesday at sundown.

Coventry man dies at meeting

COVENTRY - Stephen Toth, 75, of Broadway, died at Windham Community Memorial Hospital in Williamstown Monday night after being stricken while attending a budget meeting at Town Hall. He was the husband of Catherine Ray Toth. Toth had spoken at the meeting and shortly afterwards he slumped over in his chair. Attempts to revive him by Karen Nash, former Town Council member and a member of the staff of the Public Health Nursing Association and Heidi Hall, another nurse and by an EMT instructor in the emergency medical technician program, failed.

Toth was taken to the hospital and resuscitation attempts continued en route. He was pronounced dead at the hospital about 9 p.m. Mr. Toth was born in Astoria, Long Island, N. Y. He retired in 1963 as head of Shell Oil Company's advertising department. The late Funeral Home, 19 Ellington Ave., Rockyville, is in charge of funeral arrangements which are incomplete.

Police report
MANCHESTER - Eight police arrested Kaliph Brown, 29, of 73 West-Street, Hartford, and held him for Manchester police who charged him with failure to appear in the first and second degree.

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Chess tourney
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Petition drive not a factor

By MARY KITZMANN
Herald Reporter
MANCHESTER - A local citizens' group petition drive for a tax freeze ordinance has had no effect, the town attorney's office has ruled.

The opinion, issued by Kevin O'Brien, town attorney, says that only the Board of Directors is authorized to "adopt the budget and set the tax rates, and by implication this excludes the electorate from exercising these powers."

The Manchester Property Owners Association is petitioning for an ordinance that would limit tax increases to increases in the Grand List. About 1,400 signatures are needed to force a Board of Directors vote on any petitioned ordinance.

O'Brien noted the legal question was not whether the group could petition, but whether the group could propose a tax ordinance. "To allow the electorate to approve or disapprove of the final budget and tax rate would recognize a power in the town electorate directly at variance with the legislative intent expressed in the charter to vest that power exclusively with the board," the opinion reads.

The opinion states that public input is sought during the budget hearings, and after that, the board may not make additional appropriations, but can cut the budget.

Betty Sadoski, president of MPOA, said she was expecting the town to be a strong proponent of the ordinance.

Correction
MANCHESTER - The Manchester Public Health Nursing Association Thursday will offer a free blood pressure screening and diet consultation at Westhill Gardens from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The Herald had incorrectly given the date of the clinic in Monday's paper. This clinic is part of the continuing program on geriatric care that includes nutrition information offered by the nursing association.

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Holmes undisputed champion

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI) - World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, unscathed and bragging, said he was willing to fight anyone in the world - for the right price.

"Larry Holmes is the heavyweight champion," Holmes said Monday night after defending his title for the sixth time with an eighth round technical knockout of Leroy Jones.

"As long as they keep setting up the pins, I'll keep knocking them down. I'll fight any man in the world if the money is right."

Herald Angle

By Earl Yost
Sports Editor
Track stars now allowed to endorse

Track athletes are now allowed to affix their names to endorsements without any penalty from the Amateur Athletic Union heads concerning professionalism. Among the first to jump into the dollar bonanza was Manchester's Frank Shorter and Bill Rodgers. The former will head the National Run for Life Day run in Hartford April 26 sponsored by Connecticut Mutual.

The latter served as a financial agent for the Manchester Five Mile Road Race committee last November. Amby Barfoot, winner of nine Manchester Five Miles, has opened a health food store in New London. He's also the east coast editor for Runner's World, considered the top publication of its kind for runners.

First prize in the Manchester Five Mile Road Race was \$10,000. The prize money was split among the top three finishers. The Manchester High wrestling team, in its 11th year, is well-supported at the Clark Arena and outdoors at Mt. Nebo. Glanbury's two most famous current day sports figures among its residents are hockey player Gordie Howe and wrestling champion Bob Backlund.

Bird measures 6-9
Judging by the number of phone calls Monday, there must be a contest, or wager, as to the height of Larry Bird of Boston Celtics. The former Indiana State All-American is 6-9. Hope this settles all disputes. Mark Albert, a member of the Manchester High wrestling team, is hopeful of a support at Monday night's Manchester Board of Education meeting at the board office, 45 North School Street. The biggest need for the wrestler is a new mat. Mark Couette and Elizabeth Murray, both of Manchester, are members of the men's and women's tennis squads at New Hampshire College in Manchester, N.H., this spring.

United Cerebral Palsy Track and Field Invitational, involving 300 disabled athletes, will be held April 13 at Weaver High in Hartford. Children's Fishing Derby, sponsored by the Manchester Lions Club, will be staged Saturday, April 12 at Salter's Pond. More than \$2,000 worth of prizes will be awarded.

Third round knockdown punch
Eddie Gregory connects with third round knockdown punch against Marvin Johnson in light heavyweight bout. Gregory won in 11th round. (UPI photo)

Weaver credits crowd
Slate pulling for opponent

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) - Mike Weaver credited the crowd that was pulling for John Tate for giving him his chance to win the World Boxing Association heavyweight boxing crown.

As Weaver pointed out, Tate would have beaten him on points Monday night if he hadn't knocked the former champion out with only 45 seconds left in a 15-round fight that had been billed as the "Battle of Ole Smokey."

Instead of playing it safe in those final three minutes, Tate—who took a beating in the previous four rounds—responded to the hometown crowd's "Big John, Big John" chant and tried to mix it up with Weaver.

"The crowd cost Tate the fight," said Weaver. "Instead of boxing, he made the mistake of trying to come into me."

Now that he has the WBA version of the heavyweight title, Weaver, a 27-year-old ex-Marine from Los Angeles, has his sights on the World Boxing Council championship as well.

"I'm going to get Larry Holmes who retained the WBC championship Monday night with an eighth-round TKO over Leroy Jones in Las Vegas," said Weaver.

Holmes knocked out Weaver in the 12th round last June in New York to win the WBC title, but Weaver, flushed by his upset of Tate, said, "I'll get him next time."

It appears, however, that before Weaver gets another shot at Holmes, he'll first have to beat Muhammad Ali, who is coming out of retirement again. His manager, Don Manuel,

Holmes, who weighed a trim 211 pounds, earned \$1.3 million against Tate. Tate, who weighed 254½ pounds, was stopped at 2:56 of the eighth round of a scheduled 15-rounder.

"I was sick and I got out of the sick bed to fight," he said, adding he had the flu and bronchitis 10 days before arriving in Las Vegas to complete his training.

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Bolton man wins \$250,000 drawing

BOLTON — Robert D. Vrecek of Converse Road, won \$250,000 in last Thursday's Connecticut state lottery's weekly Money Tree drawing. Vrecek had a one-in-five chance for an additional \$200,000 after he had already won the top prize of \$50,000. Vrecek is a librarian at the University of Connecticut Library.

He won the lottery by subscription to the weekly Money Tree game which he said he's been buying for a couple of years. Beatrice Sawyer of East Hartford won \$3,000 during the same drawing.

Residents urged to write solons

COVENTRY — Coventry parents are urged to write their U.S. representatives, to let them know their feelings about proposed budget cuts that will have an effect on the school lunch program.

Coventry cafeteria officials said it would mean a five-cent decrease in all paying lunches and free and reduced-eligibility guidelines will be reduced, affecting those on the free and reduced lunch program.

Also proposed is a reduction in the reimbursement for the milk program and a reduction in government commodities to the program because of anticipated reduction in the sale of lunches.

Coventry officials who attended the legislative conference in Washington, D.C. in February, said the outcome wasn't pleasant. They said they are all aware and concerned of the need to balance the budget but said to put working programs behind so many years will mean increased costs to the students.

They said they are doing their best to keep costs at a minimum without affecting the quality of the lunches. U.S. Rep. Christopher Dodd can be contacted at 24 Cannon House Office Building, U.S. Rep. Robert Giannino, 2207 Rayburn Office Building, and Senator Lowell Weicker, 313 Russell Senate Office Building, all Washington, D.C., 20510.

Koffee Klatch scheduled

COVENTRY — The monthly Koffee Klatch will be held at the First Congregational Church, Route 31, April 9 from noon to 1 p.m.

The public is invited for a leisurely lunch of a variety of sandwiches, desserts, tea or coffee for a donation of \$2. Clam chowder is 35 cents a cup.

The Koffee Klatch is sponsored by the Friendly Circle of First Church. This month's proceeds will benefit Windham Community Memorial Hospital.

Kindergarten forms sent home in Hebron

HEBRON — Gilead Hill School and Hebron Elementary School have sent kindergarten registration forms home to all parents who, according to enumeration data gathered in April of last year, have children eligible to attend kindergarten next fall.

Parents who have a child who will be five by next December 1980 and who did not receive a form should contact either of the schools. Forms should be filled out and returned to the school immediately.

On April 14 there will be a special meeting of all parents of prospective kindergarten students at 7:30 p.m. in the gym of Hebron Elementary School. This is a change of date. The meeting was originally scheduled for April 7 but a town meeting has been scheduled for that night.

At the April 14 meeting the kindergarten screening process will be discussed and parents will be informed of the special services the schools have.

Screening will take place during the week of May 5. Parents should call their neighborhood school now to set an appointment for the screening.

4-H camp program slated

ANDOVER — The Andover-Columbia 4-H Town Committee will sponsor a 4-H camp presentation April 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbia Congregational Church, Columbia Center.

Slides will be shown and brochures will be available on the camps sponsored by 4-H. All children ages eight and older are eligible to attend camp.

YMCA seeking volunteers

VERNON — The Indian Valley YMCA is seeking volunteer leaders for its Gra-Y program. The leaders of this club should be willing to put in about one hour per week to help students aged 9 to 12.

Region Food stamps threatened

VERNON — The Windham Area Community Action Program Inc. which serves the Town of Vernon, warns residents that unless action is taken by mid-May, on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, food stamp recipients may be without the benefit of food stamps after June.

Leon J. Rioux, executive director, said this would adversely affect nearly 8,000 food stamp recipients in the WACAP service area.

Rioux explained that the food stamp program helps people with very low incomes by giving them an average of \$1 per day per person in food stamps which are used to buy food in local stores.

He said this means that not only will people miss out on needed food but about \$140,000 will not be spent in area grocery stores.

Rioux said, using the multiplier effect, which stimulates 3.84 times that much spent when spin-off jobs and other effects are included, this will result in \$509,000 being lost to the local economy.

Considering the high cost of food, Rioux said if people get no food stamps their situations may well become desperate.

Church women plan meeting Handicap group meets Thursday

VERNON — The Greater Rockville Area Church Women United will hold an open board meeting April 1 at 10 a.m. at the Vernon Methodist Church, Route 30.

The spring clothing drive for Church World Service will be conducted during the week of April 6. For more information about the drive, contact Mrs. Esther Chapman, 875-9031.

Representatives of the various area churches are asked to attend next Monday's meeting which is open to all women of the community. Plans will be completed for May Fellowship Day to be held at the Somers Congregational Church.

Handicap group meets Thursday

VERNON — The Tolland Area Association for the Retarded and Handicapped Inc. will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Stop & Shop Community Room, Route 30.

The topic of the meeting will be "Developing Community Resources for Group Living for the Retarded." Ms. Melanie Haber, executive director of MARCH Inc. of Manchester and Lara Guldager, director of Oak Hill School in Hartford will lead the panel discussion.

A business meeting will follow the presentation under the direction of Dr. Melvyn Reich who will ask the membership to address the topic, "TARH's Future - Advocacy or Service?"

All TAARH meetings are open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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Inmate again spared from pardon

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Palm, 68, who has spent more time in Connecticut prisons than any other inmate, says he won't leave until the state affirms what he has stubbornly maintained for more than 42 years: that he is innocent.

He was supposed to be released today but won a delay from the state Board of Pardons which agreed to let him stay put until it hears his request to overturn the pardon.

His attorney, James Greene, said Palm "said he would not accept the pardon unless it was accompanied by a statement concerning his innocence. But the pardon board has no authority to retry the case."

As a result of Monday's delay, Greene will be given a chance to argue to have the pardon rescinded and allow Palm to remain at the maximum security Connecticut Correctional Institution in Somers.

Prison volunteers recently described Palm as having a "sharp mind and tremendous memory."

limiting his conversation almost solely to how he "was taken for a ride by a kangaroo court."

Greene, legal assistance director for the Connecticut Prison Association, said Palm changed his mind about the pardon several times.

"Sometimes he said he would accept the pardon, other times he said he wouldn't. It became apparent last week he was going to refuse to leave the prison on April 1," Greene said.

Manson had been prepared to free Palm until the pardon board's action Monday afternoon. The commissioner said that if the delay had not been approved, "he would have been obliged to leave Tuesday."

Palm grew up in New York City, where he served time in the early 1930s for an attempted robbery. He was on parole in Connecticut when he was convicted of the 1936 murder of deputy sheriff Peter Kaminski in Milford.

He was originally sentenced to death, but Gov. Wilbur Cross reduced the punishment to life imprisonment.

Prison association attorney Elizabeth Altach won his release in an Oct. 15 ruling by the Board of Pardons.

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During snake season, from the last week in February until about May 15, John F. Shaddix works from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. each day in the parking lot of a local dance hall weighing and buying rattlesnakes, dead or alive.

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Maine village wants Games

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But boatbuilder George Jennings was upset part of the harbor would be filled in for a parking lot adjacent to an Olympic village high-rise.

And readers of the weekly Camden Herald were shocked that a painting from the Rockport library sold by a New York gallery for \$220,000 was a paint-by-numbers model "designed by Mattel Toy Co. in 1952."

"I ran into a lot of people who took the April Fool's issue seriously," said Herald editor Nancy Griffin.

The newspaper in the past had sprinkled April Fool's stories on the front page, but this year had an entire front page of joke stories — "all the news that's fit to eat" — in last Thursday's issue.

"We decided to print our lampoon ahead of the actual day to alert everyone that prank day is near," said an editorial inside the April Fool's edition.

Ernest Quagmire reported that Hugh Helmer had bought the Camden Snow Bowl ski area for a "Playboy Club North" — and Ms. Griffin said "lots of people were interested in becoming personnel director" there.

"The items were all based on actual stories we do all year and that are always on the front page, like the Snow Bowl," Ms. Griffin said. "I had nothing to say to people who took them seriously because I couldn't believe anyone would."

Two years ago the newspaper reported the Maine State Prison in nearby Thomaston would be moving to the luxury Samoset resort hotel in Rockport, which was being sold through bankruptcy proceedings.

"We got about 60 phone calls," Ms. Griffin said. "People marched to prison guards were concerned about guarding inmates in such an informal atmosphere."

And we had calls from mothers of waitresses at the Samoset who said they didn't want their daughters waiting on prisoners," she said.

Two primaries face hopefuls

ARNOLD SAWISLAK, UPI senior editor.

It was unpredictable Wisconsin's turn today and snowbound Kansas also will try to vote in the sixth hectic week of 1980 presidential primaries.

Again, President Carter and Ronald Reagan are supposed to win, and again an upset could be in the wind.

Wisconsin, famous for shooting down favorites and favoring underdogs in the 75 years it has held presidential primaries, voted in cool, clear weather. It was estimated as many as 1.5 million of the state's 3.4 million voting age citizens would turn out.

Kansas was another story. By late Monday, more than a foot of snow had fallen in seven northwest counties and

more was forecast. Steve Carr, an assistant attorney general, said local judges and election officers might have to postpone some balloting in the state's first presidential primary.

Although Kansas offered 37 Democratic and 32 Republican delegates, candidates in the parties concentrated in the final days of the campaign on Wisconsin, where 75 Democratic and 34 Republican delegates were on the block.

Before today's voting, Carter had 778 of the 1,666 delegates needed to win the Democratic nomination — 55 short of the halfway mark. Sen. Edward Kennedy had 404.5, California Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. had none.

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Policeman retires

Capt. John J. Baldyga (right) shares a laugh with his wife Dorothy and Police Chief Robert Lannan (left) and Bill Thornton of Manchester Sand and Gravel during his retirement testimonial dinner Friday evening at the Colony Restaurant in Talcoville. Baldyga left the force after a 31 year career which began as a supernumerary in 1949 and ended March 1 as captain in charge of maintenance.

American studies conference topic

HARTFORD - The New England American Studies Association will hold a conference on Saturday, April 12 at Trinity College. The public is invited to attend conference sessions. At 10:45 a.m., a session on "Women in the New England Tradition: The Problem of Vocation" will be held in Wean Lounge of Mather Campus Center. Speakers will focus on the careers of two women reformers: Dorothea Dix, a leader in prison reform; and Elizabeth Palmer Peabody, an educational reformer. Also at 10:45 a.m., a panel entitled "Literary and Domestic Hartford: T'win and Stowe" will begin in McCook Auditorium. The afternoon sessions will include a workshop entitled "Doing American Studies in the Schools," led by two teachers from Chelmsford High School in Massachusetts. The session will be held at 2:15 p.m. in McCook Auditorium. Also at 2:15 p.m. in Wean Lounge, a session will be held called, "Radical Visions of Art and Self in the 20th Century," focusing on the lives of Gertrude Stein and Mabel Dodge. For information on the conference, contact Professor Eugene Leach, director of American Studies at Trinity College.

Professor receives grant

STORRS - Dr. James A. Everole, professor of music at the University of Connecticut, has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to compose a work based on Benjamin Franklin's "Poor Richard's Almanack." The new work by the UConn teacher of music theory and composition is slated to be presented in the spring of 1981 as part of UConn's Centennial observances. Still untitled, the piece will be for chorus, soloists, and orchestra, and will be performed by the UConn Symphony and choral organizations during a gala program to be presented by the School of Fine Arts as its contribution to the Centennial celebration. There are also plans to present performances of this work at several of the university's regional campuses.

'Godspell' coming to MCC

MANCHESTER - Manchester Community College presents the New York Touring Company Production of Godspell April 10 at 8 p.m. in the Manchester High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$4 for students and \$5 for general admission, and are on sale now. For information and tickets, call the Student Activities Office at 646-4900, Ext. 259.

Recital set

ELLINGTON - Carol A. (Krieski) Daley, soprano, will present a recital Friday, April 11, at 8 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church Hall, Orchard Street, Ellington. The recital is open to the public, free of charge.

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Business



Drapery department

Lester Miner and Kathy Wilson look over selections in the newly expanded drapery department at Marlow's Department Store located on the furniture floor with access from Main Street or Purnell Parking area. In addition to Lester and Ms. Wilson, the department includes Stella Roavazino. The selection includes a wide variety of draperies for domestic and commercial use as well as rods and accessories. (Herald photo by Pinto)

Retailing workshop set in Glastonbury

GLASTONBURY - Robert N. James, president of Discoveries Inc., a Glastonbury-based management consulting firm, has been retained by the Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce to conduct a five-session retail sales and customer service workshop to be held at the meeting room of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, 250 Main St., Glastonbury, on consecutive Tuesday mornings, 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., starting April 22. "The purpose of this course," said John Hamby, president of the Glastonbury and the Glastonbury Bank and Trust Company, "is to give area businesses which deal with the public, a convenient and quality course to aid their contact people and sales employees by increasing their ability and enthusiasm to effectively sell and handle customer complaints and inquiries." He urges anyone interested to contact the Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce or their own chamber for further information and enrollment details. A special reduced tuition applies to members of any area chamber, although the course is open to all. Enrollment is limited to the first 30 applications for maximum effectiveness.

Ad sales coordinator

WEST HARTFORD - Herbert Kingsbury of Vernon has been appointed an advertising sales coordinator of Imprint Publications, a division of Imprint Inc. of West Hartford. He is a graduate of Western Connecticut State College and the University of Connecticut. He resides at 27 Tracy Drive with his wife and two children.

Assistant secretary

HARTFORD - Richard C. Benson of Willington has been elected an assistant secretary in the corporate accounting department of the Hartford Insurance Group. He is responsible for the operation of the accounting department's MAP system which produces accounting and financial information for all domestic companies. In addition, he coordinates all time-sharing activities and leads other special projects in the area of accounting mechanization.

Grand opening

Grand opening for the Fashion Bug at K-Mart Plaza, Spencer Street, was held recently. The store is the latest outlet in the chain of stores specializing in women's fashions. From left, Gary Mace, area manager; Linda Brody, assistant manager and Ben Mento, regional manager. (Herald photo by Pinto)

Door representative

MANCHESTER - Cole Agency Inc., of 54 Timber Trail was appointed recently by Embossed Door Corp., Detroit, as New England and Western New York representative in marketing a new line of deeply-embossed steel doors, believed a first in the industry for new home construction. Patrick J. Carmody, vice president of marketing at Embossed Door said the new agency includes two principals, Bill Cole who works out of Manchester, and Marty O'Toole from Oswego, N.Y.

Heslin to speak

MANCHESTER - Mary M. Heslin, commissioner of the State Department of Consumer Protection, will speak at the April 11 meeting of the Women's Council of Realtors at the Manchester Country Club. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. and the public is invited. At the meeting a special welcome will be accorded Ann Acti, state president of the Women's Council of Realtors, who will present the membership award she brought back from the national meeting in Dallas. Cost of the luncheon is \$5. Reservations should be made with Rose Viola at 646-2482.

L.M. Gill names manager

MANCHESTER - Richard Brink, President of BHS Inc., parent company of L.M. Gill, has announced the appointment of James A. Whitaker as plant manager. Whitaker will be responsible for the overall sales and operations of this division of BHS. L.M. Gill is involved in the machining and welding operations of materials for experimental and prototype work in the aerospace industry. Whitaker, born in Macon, Ga., after schooling, entered the Air Force in 1946. He took his pilot training in 1948 and was in the air transport service for four years. Another five years was spent at the air proving grounds and for 11 years he was involved in various assignments with the Logistics Office. In 1967 he retired as a Lt. Colonel. For 1 1/2 years he was employed by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft as a buyer in the purchasing department in East Hartford. Whitaker is married, has a son who is a senior at Bates College in Maine, and a daughter, a sophomore at Bates College. Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker live at 29 Orchard Hill Drive, South Windsor. L.M. Gill employs over 30 people, is located in Manchester, and is a division of BHS Inc., manufacturers of wire machinery and wire rolling mills.

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Probate Notice

Court of Probate, District of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts. NOTICE OF HEARING. ESTATE OF ABRAHAM VERBURG. Pursuant to a order of Hon. William E. Fitzgerald, Judge of the Probate Court, a hearing will be held on the 11th day of April, 1980 at 11:00 a.m. at the Court of Probate, 47 East Center Street, Manchester, New Hampshire. All persons interested in the estate of the said deceased are invited to appear at the hearing and be heard as to the said estate. The hearing will be held at the Court of Probate on April 11, 1980 at 11:00 a.m. at the Court of Probate, 47 East Center Street, Manchester, New Hampshire. Paul J. Holman, Asst. Clerk

Probate Notice

Court of Probate, District of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts. NOTICE OF HEARING. ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. FITZGERALD. Pursuant to a order of Hon. William E. Fitzgerald, Judge of the Court of Probate, a hearing will be held on the 11th day of April, 1980 at 11:00 a.m. at the Court of Probate, 47 East Center Street, Manchester, New Hampshire. All persons interested in the estate of the said deceased are invited to appear at the hearing and be heard as to the said estate. The hearing will be held at the Court of Probate on April 11, 1980 at 11:00 a.m. at the Court of Probate, 47 East Center Street, Manchester, New Hampshire. Paul J. Holman, Asst. Clerk

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received in the office of the Director of General Services, 41 Center Street, Manchester, Connecticut until April 11, 1980 at 11:00 a.m. for the following: EIGHTEEN (18) PASSENGER VEHICLES. The Town of Manchester is an equal opportunity employer, and requires an affirmative action policy for all of its Contractors and Vendors as a condition of doing business with the Town, as per Federal Order 15136. Bidder's name, plans and specifications are available at the General Services Office, 41 Center Street, Manchester, Connecticut. Town of Manchester, Connecticut. Robert G. Weiss, General Manager 697-04

Probate Notice

Court of Probate, District of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts. NOTICE OF HEARING. ESTATE OF ROSE A. LAMOTHE. Pursuant to a order of Hon. William E. Fitzgerald, Judge of the Court of Probate, a hearing will be held on the 11th day of April, 1980 at 11:00 a.m. at the Court of Probate, 47 East Center Street, Manchester, New Hampshire. All persons interested in the estate of the said deceased are invited to appear at the hearing and be heard as to the said estate. The hearing will be held at the Court of Probate on April 11, 1980 at 11:00 a.m. at the Court of Probate, 47 East Center Street, Manchester, New Hampshire. Paul J. Holman, Asst. Clerk

NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF DIRECTORS TENTATIVE BUDGETS OF GENERAL MANAGER APRIL 7, 1980 3:30 P.M. WADDELL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM 163 Broad Street. Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter V of the Town Charter, as amended, the Board of Directors of the Town of Manchester will hold a Public Hearing in the evening, at which hearing any elector or taxpayer may have an opportunity to be heard. For and by order of the Board of Directors of the Town of Manchester, Connecticut. James R. McCavannah, Secretary

Legal Notice

PUBLIC HEARING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS TOWN OF MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT. Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors, Town of Manchester, Connecticut, will hold a Public Hearing in the evening, at which hearing any elector or taxpayer may have an opportunity to be heard. For and by order of the Board of Directors of the Town of Manchester, Connecticut. James R. McCavannah, Secretary

Proposed additional appropriation to General Fund Budget 1979-80, Recreation Department, for Bonnie Prudden Clinic and classes \$3,000.00 to be financed by fees to be collected. Proposed additional appropriation to General Fund Budget 1979-80, Recreation Department, supplies for craft classes ending in June, 1980 to be financed by fees to be collected. Proposed additional appropriation to General Fund Budget 1979-80, Board of Directors, for Commission on Children and Youth \$50,000.00 to be financed by State Grant.

Proposed additional appropriation to Educational Special Grants, Fund 41, Title IV-B, Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Library Media, to be financed by State Grant. Proposed additional appropriation to General Fund Budget 1979-80, for capital improvements to conserve energy \$29,000.00 to be financed by Whitton Trust Fund Account.

Proposed additional appropriation to Special Grants, Fund 61, Outreach, Social Support Coordinated Project \$18,045.00 to be funded in part by a Grant from the North Central Connecticut Agency on Aging \$14,855.00 and a contribution from the General Fund \$1,690.00.

Proposed additional appropriation - contribution to Fund 81 - Outreach, Social Support Coordinated Project \$1,690.00 to be financed from unappropriated surplus. Proposed Ordinance - To consider the sale of Lot No. 21 in the Beckland Industrial Park to Kenneth F. Cavanaugh for the sum of \$50,000.00. A copy of the Proposed Ordinance may be seen in the Town Clerk's Office during business hours.

James R. McCavannah, Secretary, Board of Directors. Dated at Manchester, Connecticut this 28th day of March, 1980 697-02

