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# Manchester Herald

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## Haig begins new peace drive

### Britain prepares for war

By United Press International

The British Cabinet was put on war footing today to deal with the Falklands crisis and Secretary of State Alexander Haig began a new peace drive in an unscheduled meeting with Argentine President Leopoldo Galtieri.

The move came after Argentine warships put to sea Thursday in a possible challenge to the British blockade of the Falkland Islands, seized by Argentina April 2.

The British naval task force was due to arrive at Ascension Island in mid-Atlantic about now but the Defense Ministry declined to comment on the fleet's precise location.

"It is clear tonight that the task will not be easy," Haig said when he arrived Thursday in Buenos Aires for another round of his peace-shuttle. "The stakes are so high that they demand the ultimate effort of all participants in these discussions."

Haig had a surprise meeting today with Galtieri, who earlier rejected a U.S. proposal for a joint U.S.-British-Argentine committee to rule the disputed 200-island archipelago until a permanent solution is reached.

President Reagan's envoy later met with an Argentine government team headed by Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez, who earlier said Haig was bringing "something new."

In London, government officials said Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher ordered her key ministers — including Foreign Secretary Francis Pym and Defense Secretary John Nott, to remain in the capital this weekend.

Government ministries were ordered to keep key officials permanently in touch. Officials said the orders amounted to war footing.

The last time such emergency measures were taken was during the 1973 Middle East war when the Soviet Union threatened to intervene and then President Richard Nixon ordered U.S. forces on a worldwide alert.

The Defense Ministry said today that two Royal Air Force technicians who remained in the islands after the Argentine invasion have returned to Britain and provided valuable information. They were said to have photographs proving the Argentines have been unable to extend the runway at Port Stanley as they had claimed.

Mrs. Thatcher, after cancelling plans to go to her official country residence because of the Falklands crisis, decided to spend the weekend there after all, a spokesman for her office said today.

But the spokesman said Mrs.

### Infant starves to death

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (UPI) — A starving, week-old Down's Syndrome baby, denied food on his parents' orders, died hours before lawyers were to ask a Supreme Court justice for an emergency order that might have kept him alive.

The infant died at 10:03 p.m. EST Thursday, a spokesman for Bloomington Hospital said.

Court-appointed lawyers for the baby had planned to appear before Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens today to ask for an emergency order directing the hospital to try to save the baby's life.

The Indiana Supreme Court had refused Wednesday, on a 3-1 vote, to overturn lower court rulings backing the parents' right to withhold treatment.

The baby's death sparked protests from those who felt life-saving steps should have been taken.

"I think it's an unmitigated tragedy," said Dr. J.C. Willke, president of the National Right to Life Committee.

The child was unable to eat normally because his esophagus was not connected to his stomach, but Monroe County Prosecutor Barry Brown, one of the child's court-appointed attorneys, said it would have been a simple procedure to connect the two.

"The chances of the child's survival were very high within the first 24 hours after the child's birth," he said.

"From what I gather, the baby had a 75 percent or better chance to survive and have a normal existence if that surgery had been done. It's happening frighteningly often in hospitals around the country," Willke said.

Hundreds of residents called Right to Life offices in Bloomington and Indianapolis to express outrage at the decision to let the baby die.

"We have just been flooded with calls from people who are angry that this could happen," said Mary Pat Marshall, president of Indiana Right to Life.

On the parents orders doctors refrained from feeding the baby either intravenously or by mouth.

Hospital authorities did not release the names of the parents or the child and said late Thursday "no further information will be released at this time."

Numerous couples had offered to adopt the infant after word of Wednesday's Indiana Supreme Court ruling, upholding the judgment of two Monroe County judges and a child protection committee, became public.

"This is direct killing. Since when do we allow people to be killed just because they are handicapped?" Willke said.



The pause that refreshes  
Mary Rodgers, left, of South Windsor, a second-semester student at Manchester Community College, enjoys a brief respite from the classroom and takes advantage of a bench and the



sunshine. Maria Ronalter, a sophomore from Andover, finds the grass more comfortable on a beautiful spring day.

### Faucher doing well

## He can't wait to come home

By Lisa Zowada  
Herald Reporter

Robert Faucher, the prominent Manchester resident seriously injured in a two-car accident Jan. 20, is "anxious" to get back home.

Faucher, 31, has been staying with his mother in Rocky Hill since he was discharged from Hartford Hospital last Saturday. He returns to the hospital once a week for rehabilitation therapy.

"Being out is a lot better than being in the hospital," Faucher said this morning. "At least I can start to think about an end to all this. I'm anxious to return to Manchester."

Faucher, the co-chairman of the

Human Relations Commission and founder of the Manchester Citizens for Social Responsibility, was seriously injured when the Toyota Celica he was driving was struck by a Lincoln Continental as Faucher was turning into the Cumberland Farms store on East Center Street.

Faucher suffered multiple trauma and chest injuries and was eventually transferred to Hartford Hospital from Manchester Memorial.

The driver of the other car, Thomas M. Sheridan, 36, of Bolton, suffered a mouth laceration in the accident.

FAUCHER SAID he has no memory of the accident that sent him to the hospital for almost three

months; but, he adds, it's just as well.

"I don't even want to remember," he said. "I've got enough to think about right now."

One of the thoughts preoccupying him is when he'll be able to resume all his normal activities. He is general manager for Nationwide Moving Co. in Bloomfield.

Faucher said his doctors have refused to commit themselves to a date. But Faucher said he's looking at the beginning of June.

"I'll be back in time to make a stink over the condominiums near Cheney Mills," he said, laughing.

Right now, though, Faucher is

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ROBERT FAUCHER  
... before the accident

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THE FORMER STATE THEATER  
... the church needs all of the space

Herald photo by Tarquinio

### Downtown church tells firms to move

Commercial tenants of the former State Theater Building, now owned by the Full Gospel Interdenominational Church, have been notified that they must eventually move out because the church needs the space to accommodate its growing needs.

Ground floor commercial tenants of the building at Main and Bissell streets are the Corner Soda Shop, Bray's Jewelers, the Head Chop, and Su-Deb Coin Co.

The only commercial tenant on the second floor is the law office of Garrity, Walsh, Diana and

Wichman. Attorney Vincent Diana said today the firm is in the process of buying another Main Street building and will move its offices into it.

Diana has represented the pastor of the church, the Rev. Philip P. Saunders, in legal matters.

Saunders could not be reached today for comment on the church's move to take over more of the space in the building it owns. The process has been ongoing, however. As spaces were vacated, the congrega-

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# News Briefing

## Mailer says term 'killing sentence'

NEW YORK (UPI) — Author Norman Mailer, who was so impressed with Jack Henry Abbott's writing he helped him get out of prison, says the 15-year to life term given the convict-author for a fatal stabbing is a "killing sentence."

Abbott, 38, who has spent most of his adult life in prison, was sentenced Thursday for killing an aspiring playwright while on parole last summer.

In imposing sentence, Acting Justice Irving Lang of state Supreme Court in Manhattan ruled Abbott must first serve an additional eight years in jail on a 1971 federal bank robbery conviction.

Abbott, author of the critically acclaimed prison diary "In the Belly of the Beast," remained impassive throughout hearing in which Lang declared him a "persistent violent felony offender" — a designation that let the judge give him additional jail time.

Abbott faces a minimum of 15 to 23 years in prison and a maximum of life. His lawyer, Ivan Fisher, said the sentence would be appealed.

## Guru wins vote; town vows fight

ANTELOPE, Ore. (UPI) — Red-garbed, ball-tossing followers of an Indian guru overwhelmed the locals at the polls, thwarting an attempt by townpeople to save the central Oregon hamlet by voting it out of existence.

In cool, crisp weather Thursday, 97 voters flocked to a two-room schoolhouse with battle lines drawn sharply: the followers of guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh vs. longtime residents of Antelope.

When the votes were counted, it was 55-42 against incorporating the town, a victory for the 50-year-old guru and his 280 followers. Locals had planned to incorporate to make it harder for the guru to set up businesses in town.

The religious zealots have settled on the 540-acre Moody Ranch 17 miles southeast of Antelope and have been buying property in the town.

Immediately after the polls closed, 70 votes were challenged and City Attorney Keith Mobley said he expected the election to be challenged in court.

In Oregon, voters may register on election day.

## Gambler feared 'Maximum John'

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (UPI) — A high-stakes gambler so dreaded being tried by a federal judge known as "Maximum John" that he had him killed, a grand jury said in indicting the narcotics kingpin, a hit man and three members of their families.

The reluctant testimony of the hit man's daughter apparently was the key to the indictments, which concluded a three-year, \$4.7 million investigation into the killing of U.S. District Judge John H. Wood Jr.

Jamie "Jimmy" Chagra, 35, an El Paso, Texas, gambler serving a 30-year sentence in Illinois for cocaine smuggling, and Charles V. Harrelson, 43, imprisoned in Texas for drug and weapons violations, were charged Thursday with murder and conspiracy.



UPI photo

## Today in history

On April 16, 1947, more than 500 people were killed when a French ship carrying nitrates exploded at the dock, setting off a series of blasts that rocked Texas City, Texas. Smoke rises from burning oil storage tanks in this aerial view.

## Skiers uninjured after avalanche

GORHAM, N.H. (UPI) — Five skiers escaped injury when trapped in an avalanche while skiing the 500-foot-wide headwall at Tuckerman Ravine on 6,288-foot Mount Washington, the highest peak in the Northeast.

All five were dug out by other skiers Thursday. A spokesman for the Appalachian Mountain Club said no one was completely buried by the snow. Names of the skiers were not immediately available.

One witness said "the whole headwall let go." The headwall is about 500 feet wide with a vertical drop of 800 feet in two-tenths of a mile on a slope as steep as 55 degrees.

The avalanche occurred between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. about half way down the steep slope that is a favorite spot for spring skiers. Snow cover in the area has been known to last into June.

## Wildcat strike shuts down 'T'

BOSTON (UPI) — Months of resentment over the use of part-time bus drivers boiled over into a surprise wildcat strike by mass transit workers early today, stranding at least 300,000 commuters and causing massive traffic jams.

The strike, called without notice just before the morning rush hour, shut down Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority rapid transit service in 79 cities and towns in the Greater-Boston area.

## Offers of hearts puzzle officials

TUCSON, Ariz. (UPI) — Callers offering their own hearts to save an impoverished transplant patient have hospitalized officials puzzled where people are desperate for money or simply extending the ultimate gift.

The University of Arizona hospital had a flurry of telephone calls from people offering to give, or sometimes to sell, their hearts to Anne Fletcher, 22, a Peoria, Ill., mother dying from a rare disease.

Psychiatrists told hospital employees answering the calls to say the hospital did not accept hearts from living donors.

"It happened too many times for me to think it's a joke," said hospital spokesman Trudy G. Jacobson. "It indicates to me that people are either desperate for money or just totally reaching out to somebody else."

## Aetna, Geosource meet on merger

HARTFORD (UPI) — The board of directors of Aetna Life & Casualty and Geosource Inc. were scheduled to meet today to act on an agreement in principle of a merger plan that would make Geosource a subsidiary of the insurance company.

Under the agreement, whose approval was recommended by Aetna Chairman John H. Filer and Geosource Chairman John D. Platt, each outstanding share of Geosource common stock not owned by the company would be exchanged on a tax-free basis for 1.25 shares of Aetna's common stock.

## Congress gets special deduction

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Members of Congress filed their income tax returns before midnight last night but, unlike millions of other American taxpayers, pocketed a very, very special deduction.

The bonanza — in effect for the first time on the 1981 returns — provided a deduction as high as \$19,200.

The milestone went almost unnoticed on Capitol Hill. Members of Congress do not boast of their special tax breaks.

But Common Cause, the self-styled citizens' lobby, said "April 15 has a special meaning this year for our 535 elected officials in Congress."

"It's the day in which the extraordinary tax break they voted themselves last December really pays off," Common Cause said. "For ordinary, taxpaying citizens, it's a day of inequity."

Enacted at the close of last year's session in December, the tax break was made retroactive to cover all of 1981. It allows members of Congress to deduct \$75 a day in expenses for every day their chamber is in session or during recesses of four days or less. They do not have to provide any justification.

## Panda missing and feared dead

GENEVA (UPI) — The world's first panda cub monitored by a radio collar is missing and feared dead, the World Wildlife Fund said today.

The cub of Zhen Zhen, one of five pandas with radio collars monitoring by scientists in the Wolong Natural Reserve in southern China's Sichuan mountains, has not been seen in recent months.

Field researcher Dr. George Schaller discovered the panda cub last October, when Zhen Zhen chased him up a tree to keep him away from her new baby.

Schaller said tracking Zhen Zhen in the snow with the help of the radio transmitter "has never revealed any footprints of a youngster and we presume that her infant died."

## 'Acid rain' foes face a challenge

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (UPI) — Environmentalists from the Northeast and Canada who blame midwestern power plants for "acid rain" should look in their own backyards for the main source of their pollution, a coal industry spokesman says.

William Beeman, president of the Indiana Coal Association, said Thursday a scientific report by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station "displays any evidence that acid rain has notably contributed to killing fish in Connecticut water."

"Research conducted by the experiment station since the 1920s has catalogued strong evidence that the forestlands are the major contributors of acidification of lakes in that region," Beeman said.

"The scientific report says that decaying matter in forests — primarily leaves, needles and dead foliage — produces a humus which is extremely acidic," he said. "They say the residual acidity in humus is equivalent to 1,000 years of acid rain in the Northeast."



## Weather

### Today's forecast

Sunny and mild today. High temperatures around 65. Fair tonight. Lows 40 to 45. A mixture of clouds and sunshine breezy and warm Saturday. Highs around 70. Winds southerly 10 to 15 mph today around 10 mph tonight increasing to 10 to 20 mph Saturday.

### Extended outlook

Extended outlook for New England Sunday through Tuesday:

Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut: Chance of showers Sunday morning then fair Sunday afternoon, Monday and Tuesday. Daytime high temperatures mid 50s to mid 60s. Overnight lows mid 30s to mid 40s.

Vermont: Windy and cooler Sunday. Fair Monday. Increasing clouds Tuesday. High temperatures in the 50s to near 60. Lows in the 30s.

Maine: Chance of showers Sunday. Fair Monday and Tuesday. Highs in the 50s to low 60s Sunday turning cooler Monday and Tuesday. Lows in the 40s Sunday cooling to the 20s north and near 30 south Tuesday.

New Hampshire: Chance of showers then clearing Sunday. Fair Monday and Tuesday. Highs 55 to 65 Sunday turning cooler Monday and Tuesday. Lows in the 40s Sunday cooling to the 20s north and to near 30 south.

### National forecast

City & Part	Hi	Lo	Part	City & Part	Hi	Lo	Part
Albuquerque	77	58	c	Los Angeles	67	53	c
Anchorage	42	33	c	Louisville	61	46	c
Asheville	62	45	c	Memphis	68	50	c
Atlanta	72	56	c	Miami Beach	80	77	c
Baltimore	62	47	c	Minneapolis	60	45	c
Boston	56	39	c	Missoula	60	45	c
Butte	56	39	c	Montgomery	60	45	c
Charlottesville	62	47	c	New Orleans	78	70	c
Chicago	62	47	c	Portland	60	45	c
Cincinnati	62	47	c	Portland Me.	60	45	c
Cleveland	62	47	c	Raleigh	60	45	c
Denver	72	56	c	Richmond	60	45	c
Des Moines	62	47	c	Riverside	60	45	c
Detroit	62	47	c	Rochester	60	45	c
El Paso	62	47	c	Salt Lake City	60	45	c
Fort Worth	62	47	c	San Diego	60	45	c
Hartford	62	47	c	San Francisco	60	45	c
Houston	62	47	c	Seattle	60	45	c
Indianapolis	62	47	c	Spokane	60	45	c
Jacksonville	62	47	c	St. Louis	60	45	c
Las Vegas	62	47	c	Washington	60	45	c
Little Rock	62	47	c	Wichita	60	45	c

## Lottery

Winning numbers drawn 5985.

Thursday in New England: Rhode Island daily: 8335. Connecticut daily: 010. Vermont daily: 888. Connecticut weekly: 97. Maine daily: 222. Massachusetts daily: 057, 02670, green. New Hampshire daily: 7547.

## Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Friday, April 16, the 106th day of 1982 with 259 to follow.

The moon is in its last quarter.

The morning stars are Venus and Jupiter.

The evening stars are Mercury, Mars and Saturn.

Those born this date are under the sign of Aries.

Wilbur Wright, American inventor of the airplane, was born April 16, 1867. Actor Charlie Chaplin was born on this date in 1899.

On this date in history:

In 1862, Congress abolished slavery in the District of Columbia.

In 1947, more than 500 people were killed when a French frigate carrying nitrates exploded at the dock in Texas City, Texas.

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off for the moon with three American astronauts aboard. Also that day, U.S. planes raided the North Vietnam capital of Hanoi.

In 1975, the government of Cambodia asked the communist insurgents for a cease-fire and offered to turn power over to them.

A thought for the day: English critic, essayist and caricaturist Sir Max Beerholm said, "The dullard's envy of brilliant men is always assuaged by the suspicion they will come to a bad end."

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## Education Notebook

# The kids' favorite? Dried whole prunes

By Nancy Thompson  
Herald Reporter

Which food do you like best: dried whole prunes, cooked lima beans or cream of mushroom soup?

Students in the town's 611 elementary schools who sampled all three foods as part of the hot lunch program during February chose dried whole prunes as the most popular offering. Cream of mushroom soup came in second. Cooked lima beans were the least well-liked.

According to Peggy Grogan, nutrition consultant for the school lunch program, none of the items sampled proved to be extremely popular, as buttered cooked cabbage was last year.

The sampling took place on Wednesdays during February. After each lunch that included one of the unusual foods, students who purchased hot lunches were asked to respond to a questionnaire asking if they ate the food, whether they liked it and whether it was familiar to them.

"The disturbing statistic found in the results is the number of children who said they had never tasted the food being sampled prior to our serving it," Mrs. Grogan said. "If at this age the children are not introduced to these foods, it is almost a certainty that, as adults, they will never include these items in their diets."

Although none of the three items sampled proved to be really popular, many children were interested in trying the foods and looked forward to "sampling day," Mrs. Grogan said.

"Some children were reluctant to try the sampling item, but after some coaxing, did try a little and some even said they would be willing to try it again," Mrs. Grogan said.

On all three days at the 11 elementary schools, a

total of 3,099 meals were purchased. The students sampled the special foods on 1,909 of those meals. Of those, students said 910 times that they liked the food sampled and said 948 times that they would be willing to try it again (even though some of them didn't like it the first time around).

Of the total meals, 1,217 times the students were unfamiliar with the sampled food; 924 times they said it was a food served regularly at home.

BETTY Q. Hilton, a first grade teacher at Verplanck School, will retire at the close of this school year. Mrs. Hilton has taught first grade at Verplanck since 1957.

MORE THAN 50 children at Robertson School won ice cream sundae in a reading incentive program, according to the program's coordinator, Kathleen Phelps.

All students in grades kindergarten through two were invited to participate in the program. Students in those grades had to have their parents read aloud to them for 10 minutes four times a week for a four-week period. The parents were required to sign slips indicating that they had done so. Students who fulfilled those requirements received an ice cream sundae at the school cafeteria.

Selected students in grades four through six were also invited to participate in the program. Miss Phelps said. Those students had to do their own reading, in books of their own choice, and have parents vouch for their work.

Eight students in grades four through six received sundae at Peterson's for completing the requirements. Miss Phelps termed the program, which was designed to motivate children to read, a success.



Herald photos by Terquinio

## Signs of spring

Kindergarten students at the Robertson School celebrated the arrival of spring Thursday by putting on a play, "The Giant's Garden." Shown are children in two scenes from the play. Those in the cast were: Gerrit French, Evonne Rodriguez, David

Harding, Tylon Harris, Stephen Slayton, Michael Aresnault, Danielle Goodchild, Christopher Nixon, Kimberly Boland, Stephanie Skoglund, Joseph Svelny, Amanda Sweet, Michael Shannon, Katherine Zimmerer, and Philip Nichols.

## Just one minor change

# State budget wins House OK

By Suzanne Trimele  
United Press International

HARTFORD — A \$1.19 billion budget has passed the Connecticut House with only one minor change from a committee version and was sent to the Senate for consideration next week.

The spending plan for the fiscal year that begins July 1 was approved shortly before midnight Thursday by weary lawmakers who had debated more than 11 hours.

Differences between the Democratic majority dissolve into party unity to produce a 81-69 vote with only one Democrat, Michael Rybak of Harwinton, joining a solid Republican bloc of opposition.

Rep. Gardner Wright, D-Bristol, co-chairman of the Appropriations Committee, which sent the budget to the House, said it was a "responsible" spending plan that balanced increased pressure for government services against shrinking resources.

House Minority Leader R.E. Van Norstrand called it a "fraud" and predicted another deficit next year.

Democrats, who hold only a narrow seven-vote margin, went into the budget debate divided into three factions. An urban coalition wanted to raise spending for social services while seven fiscal conservatives supported Gov. William O'Neill's recommendation — about \$22 million less than the committee-approved package.

Democratic leader, worried about a divisive floor battle, tried to rally support for the committee's plan.

The Urban Coalition, among them House Speaker Ernest Abate of Stamford, a Democratic gubernatorial candidate — sponsored an amendment to raise spending for welfare, remedial instruction for disadvantaged children and medical care for the elderly by \$12 million.

"This amendment is a response on our part to help that segment of the population most hurt by the federal budget cuts," said Rep. Robert Sorenson, D-Meriden.

But after blasting their colleagues for ignoring the disadvantaged, Rep. Irving Slobeg, D-New Haven, one of the sponsors, asked that the amendment be withdrawn.

"Their needs are desperate," said Slobeg. "But we recognize the support



UPI photo

## MAJORITY LEADER GROPPO CONCERNED

... joins Speaker Abate during one vote

isn't there."

Observers said the urban faction worked out a last-minute compromise with the Democratic conservatives which allowed them to make their point on the floor, then drop it.

Democrats closed ranks to defeat a slew of Republican budget-cutting measures.

An amendment by the party's leadership to slice about \$22.5 million failed on an 81-69 vote and drew support

## Strain finds job

William T. Strain, the 53-year-old Center Street resident whose job-hunting woes were chronicled in Monday's Manchester Herald, has found a new job.

Strain will now be working, ironically enough, as a job counselor for the town of Cromwell. The position, funded through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), is temporary, and scheduled to expire in September.

In the new job, Strain will help people with social problems develop the skills they need to find jobs. "With what I've seen in my own life, I think I have a natural ability to work with these people," Strain says.

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## Peopletalk

### Can't endure much more

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy says the toughest thing he ever had to do in his life was to tell Edward M. Jr. that the youngster had cancer.

"When I heard the results of the biopsy, the news was so bad that I knew I could no longer tell him that all he had was a bad cold," he told Parade magazine. "I did my best, but it was still the hardest thing I ever had to do in my life."

Of the other tragedies in his life and in his family, he said, "I believe that we are not given more than we can effectively endure or cope with. But, honestly, I don't want to have to endure much more."



Edward Kennedy, Ethel Merman, Alan Aida

### Falklands diplomacy

Argentine diplomats will attend Canada's constitutional proclamation ceremonies in Ottawa on Saturday even though Queen Elizabeth will also be there.

An Argentine embassy spokesman says Charge d'Affaires Carlos Tecco will attend "because of the importance of the proclamation to Canada."

All members of the diplomatic community were invited, including Argentina, currently at sword's point with Britain over the Falklands.

### Merman at Carnegie

Ethel Merman is taking her one-woman show to New York for the first time on May 10.

The show, in which she sings with a local symphony orchestra, has been seen all over the United States.

She will be accompanied by the American Symphony Orchestra in her Carnegie Hall appearance, which will be a benefit for the Theater Collection of the Museum of the City of New York.

Preparations for the concert got under way Thursday with a lunch at Lord & Taylor's at which a moist-eyed Ethel said it might be "just the happiest day of my life." She got a standing ovation.

### Nixon's drinking

John Ehrlichman says President Nixon's drinking gave him cause for concern during the 1968 campaign but Nixon never let it get in the way of the job after his election.

The pre-election drinking "troubled me," the former White House aide told a news conference in Cookeville, Tenn. "I wanted some assurance from him that it was not going to be a problem." Nixon was very forthcoming, very willing to talk about it. And as far as I was concerned he kept his commitment to me."

The Nashville Banner quoted Ehrlichman as saying, "I have seen him drink on weekends at Camp David, but I never saw it get in the way of him doing his job. He was very careful to keep his drinking confined to his off hours, so to speak."

### Quote of the day

British-born singer Elton John, asked in jest on

### Dream bosses

Actor Alan Aida is the "dream boss" of top U.S. secretaries, according to a poll conducted by Manpower Inc.

Anti-EGRA leader Phyllis Schlafly and baseball star Reggie Jackson got top votes from the 225 secretaries in a "secretary of the year" competition where they were asked for whom they'd most like to work.

Aida was the top choice of 18 percent, who used words like "compassionate, creative and conciliatory" to describe him.

Runners-up were talk show host Phil Donahue and President Reagan, with 11 percent each, and newsman Dan Rather, with 10 percent.

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### Personal physician says Brezhnev may have had a stroke

MOSCOW (UPI) — President Leonid Brezhnev's personal doctor reportedly told foreigners the aging Soviet leader may have suffered a stroke, the first such report attributed to an intimate of the Communist Party chief.

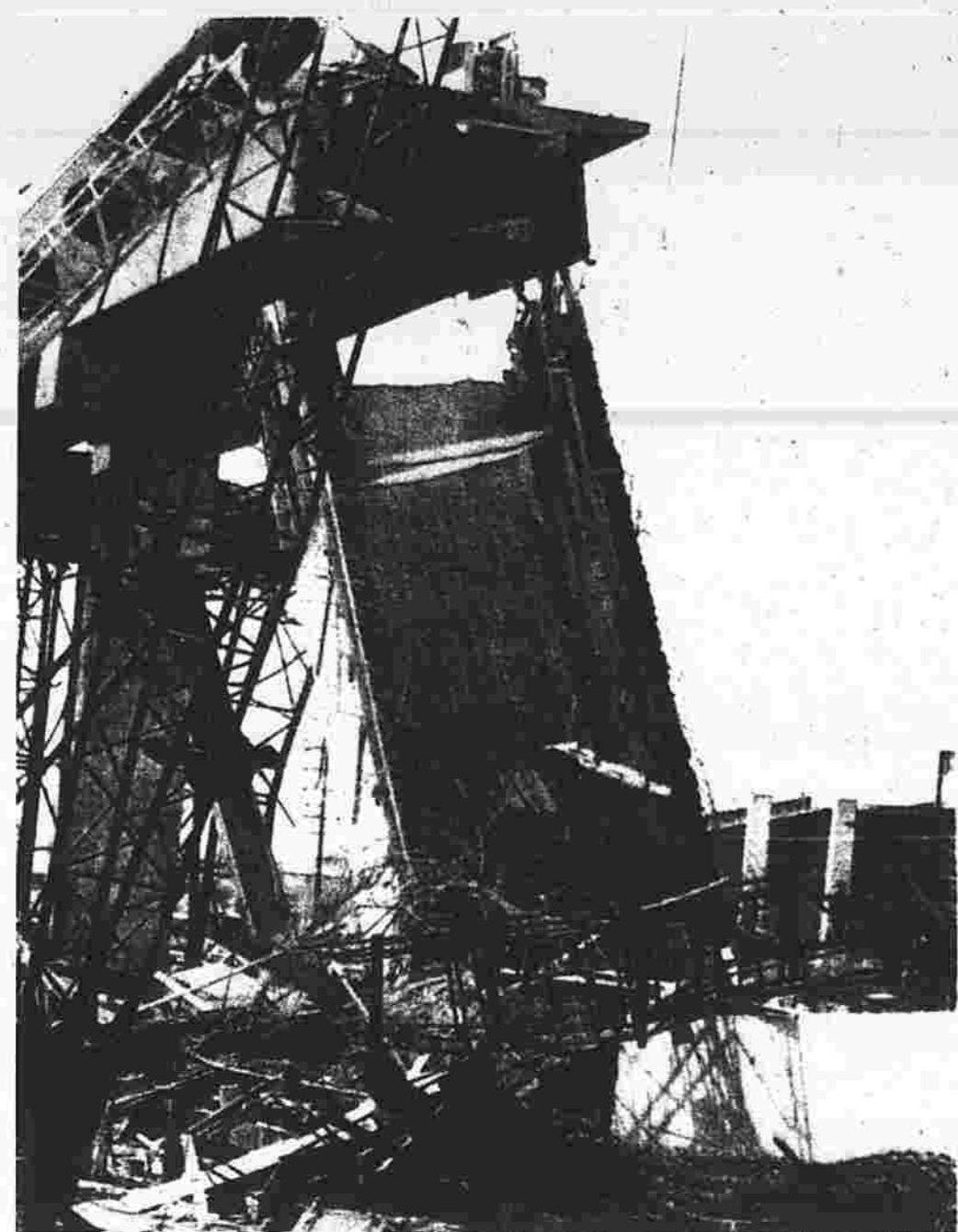
Dr. Yevgeny Chazov, the cardiologist who also serves as deputy minister of health, failed to appear at a scheduled news conference Thursday, possibly to avoid questions about the health of his best known patient.

But a member of a group of visiting foreigners who met with Chazov quoted the high-ranking Soviet physician as saying Brezhnev, 75, may have suffered a stroke.

No absolute diagnosis of a stroke was made, the Kremlin physician reportedly told the visiting scientific group, which included several Americans. Brezhnev's ailment may have been a simple case of extreme exhaustion, he said.

A series of reports from Soviet sources have provided the most details of the Soviet president's recent illness. Chazov's comments, however, were the first attributed directly to someone so close to the Communist Party leader.

Brezhnev has not appeared in public since March 25 but Western



CRANE LIFTS WORKER'S BODY FROM RUBBLE OF RAMP  
At least 12 workers killed and 17 more injured

### Reagan involved in talks

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan is more involved in the stalemated negotiations between congressional leaders and his aides over the 1983 budget than he is letting on, Senate GOP leaders say.

Republican leader Howard Baker confessed to being "impatient" with Reagan Thursday, and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Robert Dole said he had been "discouraged" as recently as Tuesday night.

But both are now saying chances are good that congressional leaders of both parties can put a spending and tax package in Reagan's hands next week that would keep the budget deficit below \$100 billion.

Reagan has been saying over and over again that he will not budge from his rigid stance in favor of more spending cuts and against any tax increases until Congress gives him a unified proposal on which to deal.

In Chicago Thursday, Reagan reiterated, "Raising taxes is no way to balance the budget," he said. "If people are serious about balancing the budget, they must cut spending."

White House spokesman Larry Speakes told reporters Reagan remains "solid as a rock" against using tax increases to balance the budget.

Baker and Dole both contradicted Reagan's assertion that he will not get involved in negotiations until congressional leaders act.

"The president clearly knows what we're doing," Dole told reporters. "He knows pretty much what's being considered" by congressional leaders of both parties and by his top aides. "He's said, 'keep it up,' and to me that really is progress. In my view we don't need many more meetings" before a compromise can be reached by next week.

Baker disputed the president's characterization of the talks between congressional leaders and top aides James Baker and David Stockman as mere "discussions" rather than "negotiations."

"You can't have these meetings with these people on this subject without it being called negotiations. They are negotiating," he told reporters.

Whatever they are called, the talks are to resume Saturday at a secret location in Washington, Dole said.

He said he was discouraged after five hours of meetings on Tuesday, but when he asked Reagan Wednesday if negotiators were wasting their time, he said he was told, "keep it up."

Earlier Thursday, Sen. James Easton, D-Neb., said "all signs for an agreement are curiously negative."

"Until the president eliminates his aloofness and quits emphasizing that he is not personally involved, as if this were a virtue, we are not going to get anything accomplished," Easton said.

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### Mafia war kills six

NAPLES, Italy (UPI) — Underworld gunmen killed six people, including the wife, mother and sister of a rival clan member, in the city's increasingly bloody Mafia war, police said today.

Officers said the three women were gunned down shortly before midnight Thursday in an apartment in the suburban village of Sant'Antonio.

They said the bodies of three men were found in a burned out automobile near the city of Caserta. Police said the corpses were too badly charred to be identified immediately but that the victims had been shot to death before being burned in typical underworld style.

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### Diplomats shuttling to ease concerns over Sinai pullout

JERUSALEM (UPI) — U.S. and Egyptian officials embarked on a flurry of diplomatic shuttles between Cairo and Jerusalem today to ease Israeli concerns only nine days before its final withdrawal from the Sinai.

Officials said U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Walter Stoessel planned to head for Egypt as Egyptian Foreign Affairs Minister Butros Ghali arrived with a message from President Hosni Mubarak to Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Stoessel's meeting Begin today before going to Cairo, said after two hours of talks with Begin Thursday he was "optimistic" Egyptian-Israeli differences could be resolved before the April 25 pullback.

But a lightning trip to Cairo Thursday by Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali failed to resolve a dispute over the Gaza strip.

Israel's state-run radio said an American inspection team will look Saturday into the alleged infractions and present its findings in time for the Israeli Cabinet meeting on Sunday.

Sharon said Ali would be in Israel Sunday to discuss the border. An Egyptian army officer was expected to arrive today to discuss ways to halt military supplies to guerrillas.

A week-long general strike that began Monday continued among Arabs in Israeli occupied territory. At least 31 Palestinians, including a 7-year-old boy who later died, have been shot.

### Tuition credit plan, just one day old, already in trouble

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan's proposed tax credits for families with children in private and parochial schools is just a day old, but it is already in trouble in Congress and the object of a stormy national debate.

Amid a debate over whether the proposal would undermine public education — both by aggravating funding problems and encouraging more private school attendance — congressional leaders said action this election year is doubtful.

Saying the leaders should support the "right to choose" where their children attend class, Reagan Thursday unveiled a formal proposal for the tuition tax credits he promised during his campaign for the White House.

"Politicians in the past promised tax credits and broke those promises," he said in a speech to the National Catholic Educational Association. "We really intend to keep our promises and we intend to act on the will of the people."

The proposed tax break would eventually allow many families to subtract \$500 per student from their federal tax bills each year to offset private or parochial school tuition. Full credit would be available to families with adjusted gross incomes of up to \$50,000. The cutoff would be \$75,000. The plan would cost the U.S. Treasury an estimated

### Scaffolding blamed for bridge collapse



PARAMEDIC HELPS VICTIM  
disaster hits highway project

EAST CHICAGO, Ind. (UPI) — Highway experts said faulty scaffolding may have caused an unfinished elevated expressway ramp to collapse during concrete-pouring, killing 12 workers and injuring 17.

Searchers were told to look for more bodies today.

Three spans of the 50-foot-tall bridge, each about 150 feet long and 15 feet wide, collapsed one-by-one in a chain reaction Thursday morning. The scaffolding that was supposed to support the structure until the concrete hardened apparently "buckled," officials said.

The search for victims was called off at dusk. Eleven of the dead — some who tried to escape by jumping and were crushed beneath the rubble — were taken to a temporary morgue but the twelfth, who was not identified, was entombed in a slab of concrete. Officials planned to wait until daylight to attempt to free his body.

At least two of the injured, who were taken to three area hospitals, were in critical condition.

John Kouris, attorney for the Lake County Coroner's Office, said more bodies might be found at the site when a search of the wreckage resumed today.

"Investigators from our office talked with workers at the scene at the time of the crash," Kouris said. "We will work on the presumption there are more out there."

Authorities cautioned that because there were numerous contractors and sub-contractors at the site, it was difficult to determine exactly how many workers were on the job when the structure fell.

"It was like a chain reaction," Lewis Conley, a carpenter, said. "The first section fell — boom — without warning. The other sections hung for a while before dropping."

"It looked to me like the scaffolding buckled," said James Brannock, a carpenter and project safety representative. "If you would have asked me yesterday, I would have told you the scaffolding would have held. But it didn't."

Gene Hallock, director of the Indiana Department of Highways agreed faulty scaffolding may have caused the collapse. "Presumably what fell was the false work — the scaffolding that holds up the forms for the concrete."

But state highway officials said it could be months before the exact cause is pinpointed.

James Denbo, deputy commissioner of the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said investigators would probe "the entire job site — materials, people and equipment" to determine the cause of the accident and "whether any violations

### Storms, tornadoes sock the Plains

By United Press International

Heavy thunderstorms rumbled across the country's midsection from Minnesota to Arkansas today, spawning tornadoes in Nebraska and North Dakota and killing a Missouri woman with a bolt of lightning.

The National Weather Service reported three tornadoes in Nebraska — at Syracuse, Nebraska City and Tecumseh. A rare early April tornado touched down near

Liabon, N.D., Thursday — the earliest since April 19, 1973. A tornado ripped through Dewitt, Ark., destroying one trailer and lifting two others from their blocks. No injuries were reported but authorities planned to survey the damage today.

Flash floods churning as much as 3 feet of water washed out water service in a small Nebraska town pounded by heavy rains and forced at least 100 people to flee their homes.

A Nebraska City police spokesman said officials were concentrating on getting people out of the path of flood waters.

"It's a mess," he said. "It just keeps getting worse as the time goes along."

The Nebraska State Patrol said help was sent to people in three motor homes trapped by rising water northeast of Syracuse.

Hail that accompanied the thunderstorms pounded portions of Nebraska, Missouri, Georgia, Iowa, Texas and North Dakota.

Flash flood watches were posted in Iowa, where Des Moines was soaked with nearly 2 inches of rain during a brief, but heavy, downpour.

Mike Wylie, a National Weather Service forecaster in Des Moines, said the city received a total of 1.89 inches of rain as well as some pea-sized hail.

In Crawford County in southwest Iowa, "bumper-deep" water, was reported on Highway 30.



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# OPINION

## Argentina must not get away with it

WASHINGTON — Roberto and Edith Etcheperaborda came here from Argentina in 1974. Two years later a military junta seized their country's government and 6,000 opponents of the regime disappeared.

"I personally don't agree with military governments," says Mrs. Etcheperaborda, whose husband works at the Organization of American States.

Yet when Argentina's military ruler Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri ordered the invasion of Britain's South Atlantic islands early this month, the Etcheperabordas responded by purchasing a full-page advertisement in the Washington Post to tell Argentina's side of the story. Cost of the ad: \$21,553.

"Unfortunately, we paid for the ad ourselves," Mrs. Etcheperaborda told me. "We have only feelings. We grew up knowing about the islands and being taught in school that they really belong to Argentina. Our people could have differences over our governments, but on this particular matter we are all together."



**Lee Roderick**  
Washington  
Correspondent

The Etcheperabordas symbolize the difficulty faced by mediators in trying to defuse the Falkland Islands crisis. At this writing, no shot has been fired since the initial routing of British marines on April 2. But, with a powerful English armada bearing down on the area, the potential for bloodshed is great.

ARGENTINA'S INVASION was conveniently timed by Galtieri to solidify his hold on the government and divert attention from stiff internal problems, including a inflation rate of 143 percent and 13 percent unemployment. His hope that Argentinians would forget their problems and rally to his side in

the current crisis has been realized — at least for the moment.

But now Galtieri, flush with an unfamiliar role as a national hero, is riding the back of a tiger. If he dismounts without a resolution of the Falklands crisis that he at least can claim is a victory, he surely will be devoured by the forces he has unleashed.

In the meantime, a far different kind of government in London faces its own need to recover the Falklands. Britain has been in eclipse as a world financial and military power for some years now, and the Falklands crisis provides Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher with the means to exert traditional

British pride. She vows not to compromise with Argentina until all Argentine troops are removed from the islands. But Britain faces tremendous difficulties in trying to sustain a military action near 8,000 miles from its shores and, as one member of parliament said, "In the next week or so we will learn what metal the Iron Lady is made of."

If Thatcher fails in the eyes of her countrymen, she in turn will probably be thrown out of office.

THE REAGAN administration has its own good reasons for seeking a peaceful resolution of the crisis. The administration looks to Argentina to support Washington in its drive against spreading Marxism in Latin America. And, of course, Great Britain represents America's staunchest ally on the world stage.

If forced to choose, however, there can be no question which U.S. interest is paramount. Dictatorships by their nature are unstable, and Argentina's Galtieri represents a very weak reed in the wind compared to historic

ally Britain. There is a more elementary reason why Argentina cannot be allowed to succeed in its audacious venture. The reason goes to the heart of the rule of law among nations.

Britain established sovereignty over the Falklands in 1833 — three years before Sam Houston's Texas defeated Santa Anna at San Jacinto and independence was proclaimed for Texas. In 1845, Texas was admitted to the Union.

Mexico probably has as legitimate claim to Texas today as Argentina does to the Falklands. But would anyone care to propose that the U.S. gives Texas back?

Now the Falklands clearly aren't Texas. They have less than 2,000 citizens and more than 300 sheep for every one of them. But the principle remains the same: Britain, in the interest of peace, should and hopefully will compromise enough to allow Argentina to save face. But Britain should never capitulate in the face of naked and illegal aggression.

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Dan Fitts, Editor  
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**Jack Anderson**  
Washington  
Merry-Go-Round

## A guide for spy-watching

WASHINGTON — If you should be invited to an embassy party overseas, look for a clean-cut Jack Armstrong type furiously peering behind the potted palms and philodendrons. That will be an American military attaché, checking for spies.

Each year the Defense Intelligence Agency's school in northern Virginia gives 100 future military attachés a rigorous training course in intelligence techniques. A training manual issued to the recruits warns them to be on guard against the agents of darkness who lurk in diplomatic circles.

"You soon will be meeting officers and agents of the KGB and GRU," the manual starts off, referring to the dread Soviet secret police agencies. "Depending on your area of assignment, you may also meet people from the HVA, STB, CSS, SB, RO, AVII, HSR and the DGI" — the spy agencies of Cuba, Czechoslovakia and other Soviet satellites.

Dizzied by this alphabetical barrage, the future attaché is then warned that anyone may turn out to be an agent of the Kremlin.

"You will chat with these people, shake hands with them at receptions, be their guest at cocktails, host them at dinners, and join them at the theater. You will give them orders as they drive your car or taxi, as they mix your drinks or as they prepare your lunch or shine your shoes.

"They will give you language lessons, help you with your travel reservations, cut your hair and repair your plumbing... They will be wearing tuxedos, military uniforms, overalls, bikinis, golf shoes and blue jeans."

This protuberant man is not to be trusted, though. Their goal is to "induce in you a sense of well-being, relaxation and carelessness." The fledgling attachés are warned.

"The above is not intended to convince you that there is a Communist agent behind every bush, although they are behind an undetermined but significant percentage of the bushes," the manual continues, "and the percentage is extremely high on those bushes located on or near the diplomatic circuit."

So if you meet an American military man at a garden party on Embassy Row, my associate Dale Van Atta suggests, be prepared to get nothing but name, rank and serial number in response.

SBA BLUES: Employees at the Small Business Administration are up in arms over the possibility that a new law will be passed that would strip them of their job. The law would strip them of their job if they are not promoted within a certain period of time.

## Delinquent customers will lose electricity

By Dennis C. Milewski  
United Press International

HARTFORD — About 132,000 delinquent customers who owe the state's major electric companies more than \$1.5 million in overdue bills will begin losing service Monday.

Northeast Utilities, the state's largest power company, said Thursday crews had orders to go "door-to-door to give people one last chance" before cutting off service to about 100,000 customers who are \$26 million in debt.

United Illuminating Co., which serves 17 communities in south central Connecticut, said it also would begin Monday to shut off electricity to 32,000 "hardcore" customers owing about \$5.5 million in past-due bills.

Both Northeast and United Illuminating said delinquent customers had ignored repeated warnings to pay or lose service during the past several months.

"The key is for them to contact us and let us know they're having problems," said Jack Dolan, a spokesman for United Illuminating.

Connecticut law prevents termination of utility service to "hardship" customers — such as the poor, ill and disabled — between Nov. 1 and April 15.

The utilities said the shutoffs were delayed until Monday because company policy did not allow termination on weekends or holidays.

Dolan said only customers 90 days or more behind in their bills and who failed to make "some attempt to work things out" will lose electrical service.

A company planned to shut off service to "hundreds daily," he said.

"It's a shock to people and very sad," Northeast spokesman Emmanuel Forde said. "It's all so distasteful, but unfortunately a very necessary part of our business."

A total of 284,000 customers were late with payments that totaled more than \$50 million, Forde said.

"It's the very last thing we want to do," he said. "But we have a responsibility to our other customers. It all falls on our paying customers. Others have had problems paying their bills, but they have them tried."

Forde said the problem was somewhat worse this year because of higher unemployment and poor economic conditions.

"We're tremendously sensitive to the fact there have been layoffs, pay freezes and other circumstances," Forde said. "It's somewhat worse, but it's a question of comparing bad with bad."

Forde also said some people had taken advantage of the state moratorium to avoid paying bills since no penalties are charged for late payments.

Bruce Carlson, the state Office of Policy and Management, said the agency has asked the utilities to document their claim, and added "it is a big problem we have some things on our mind."

The program has helped 60,000 low-income families pay for heat and electricity since December, and Carlson said assistance would be provided for another 10,000 before the program ends when funds run out April 30.

Carlson said the state has provided \$26 million in energy assistance so far and another \$6 million budgeted for additional aid.

"Clearly the fuel assistance program is not going to keep all the lights on in the state of Connecticut," he said.



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Joan Carter vaults over Andrea Robinson to enter the circle of ropes, with Denise Cameron at right, as the Hartford Sparklers showed their world championship Double Dutch jump rope style at the State Capitol Thursday. Gov. William O'Neill issued an official statement for the May 22 Double Dutch statewide tournament.

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## Botulism victim may be linked to salmon cans

By Steven W. Syre  
United Press International

HARTFORD — A paralyzed botulism victim remained in critical condition today, possibly the first person poisoned by salmon sold in 7½-ounce cans since a federal recall.

Dr. Douglas Lloyd, the state's health services commissioner, urged consumers not to eat the salmon and asked stores to remove all 7½-ounce cans of salmon, which have been subject to a growing recall ordered by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

"The FDA has confirmed that some of the products on the expanded list are in Connecticut and our department is now in fact investigating a suspected botulism case, which might be linked to the salmon," Lloyd said Thursday.

An unidentified 68-year-old woman remained paralyzed at Hartford Hospital while officials at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta tested cans of salmon found in her home.

Lloyd said the case was the first nationwide suspected of being linked with canned salmon since the recall began.

A spokesman for the state Department of Health Services said it was "highly probable" the third Connecticut case of botulism in 10 years was caused by the salmon.

The woman showed slight movement Thursday, an improvement since a test was performed two days before. Specialists hoped the improvement was due to treatment with anti-toxins.

"She has some muscle twitching, both voluntary and involuntary, which is a good sign because a test that was performed (earlier) showed no muscle action at all," the hospital spokesman James Battaglia said.

The woman was on a respirator and in "reverse isolation" — requiring any visitors to wear caps and gowns due to her body's diminished immunity to disease.

Lloyd said he was warning consumers because it was becoming difficult to determine what products specifically were covered by the FDA recall.

"The list of packers and can codes involved has progressively expanded over the past month," Lloyd said. "Since the FDA recall may yet expand, we are advising the public not to consume any 7½-ounce cans of salmon until the current situation has been resolved by the FDA."

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## An editorial Bring back front plates

There are two good reasons why the state should bring back the front license plates: the practical and the more frivolous aesthetic one.

The practical reason was spelled out by Manchester Police Capt. Joseph H. Brooks. Speaking for what must be a vast majority of lawmen in Connecticut, Brooks notes that the lack of a front plate reduces the "identifiability" of a vehicle by 50 percent.

And thieves are taking advantage of this. Brooks said some are clever enough to let only the fronts of their cars show when they commit their crimes. "Sometimes they'll back away from the scene of a crime, until they can get out of sight," he said.

Law enforcement is almost prohibitively difficult as it is. When the Legislature banned front license plates in 1981 (cars theoretically aren't supposed to wear front plates any more, though some still do), it threw a new obstacle in the way of our crime-fighters even as individual legislators almost without exception were issuing position papers decrying the high crime rate and portraying themselves as on the side of law and order.

In addition, the rapid switch from the two-plate to one-plate system left another loophole for would-be thieves. Motorists in 1981 were cautioned to remove the extra plate immediately, because car thieves were taking

the extras and affixing them to stolen cars. Nevertheless, some cars still carry two plates and the possibility for misuse continues.

Police protest the lack of a front plate, but few people have complained to the Legislature about the tacky look Connecticut cars have had in the last two years. They should.

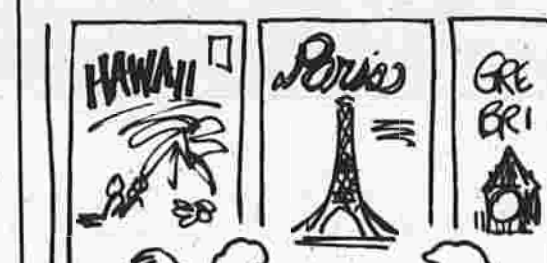
In place of the front plates many drivers have placed "I Love Connecticut" markers, which don't look too bad; many others have put plates bearing slogans like "Kiss me, I'm Irish."

In many cases it's not that the car owners felt a strong need to send a message. They simply wanted to cover the newly bare spots on the fronts of their cars.

How much tidier Connecticut cars would look were they all to have front license plates. The Legislature banned the plates in an economy move. The state saves almost \$300,000 a year by not requiring them, and to reinstate front plates could cost as much as \$7 million, according to the Motor Vehicle Department.

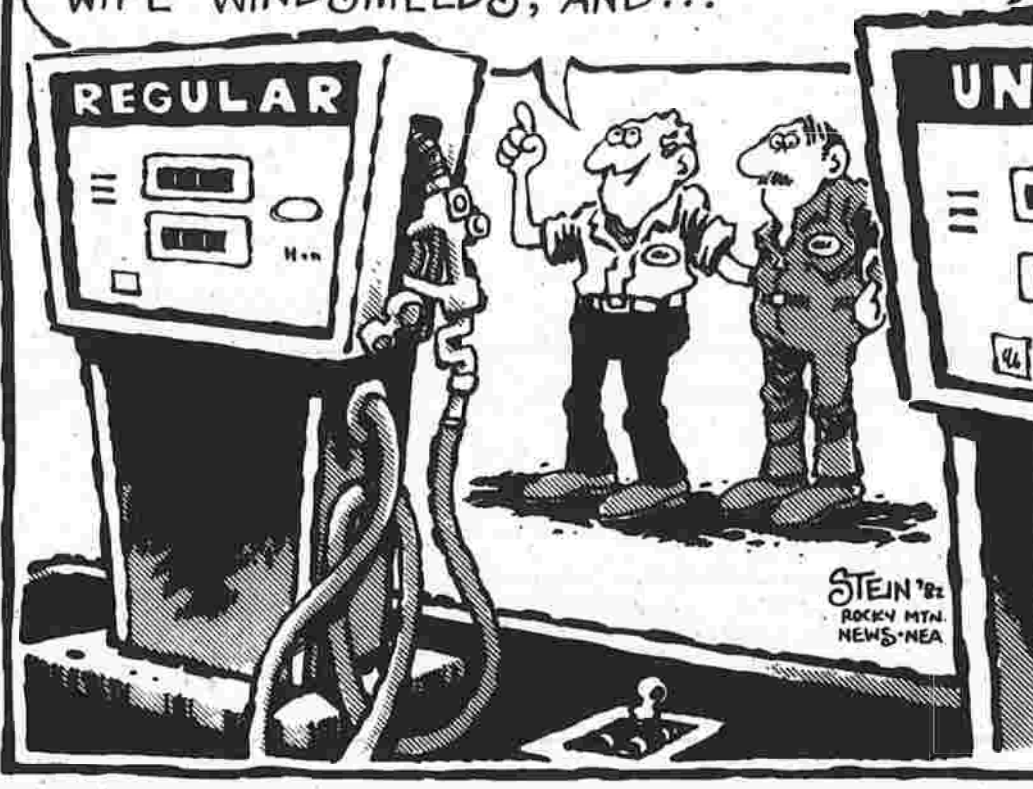
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## Berry's World



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### Good friends

To the Editor:  
I would like to tell you about my experience as an AFS exchange student in Manchester.

AFS (American Field Service) is a non-profit organization that exchanges students from 16 to 18 years old all over the world. American students go abroad for the year and foreign students come to live with a family and share their culture.

I am one of two AFS exchange students currently at Manchester High School staying for the year and I am having a terrific time. During this year I am also staying with a family in Manchester and that is one of the factors that makes the experience so marvelous and enriching. By becoming a member of a local family I have had the opportunity to know your culture really well. My host family, the von Hollens, learns about my country and my culture and it is almost as if they were traveling without leaving their own home.

For both, the family and me, it is wonderful to share a year of our lives and I am sure the bonds already strong in our friendship will last forever. I also would love to have them in my house if they decide someday to go to Portugal.

### Policy on letters

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### For me it has been an opportunity to know more about American culture, not by watching western movies on T.V. or by seeing pictures of monuments, but with real involvement face to face, which includes the exchange of love and understanding.

In Manchester I am involved with many activities related to the community. At school I take the subjects interesting to me and I have many friends.

Although I am attending such a different educational system, I was happy to find myself so easily adjusted. It has been great to make so many good friends in the community and school and I now think how hard it is going to be when I leave all these people whom I care so much for.

AFS is a wonderful organization and something I will always be thankful for. All the volunteers involved with AFS are extremely helpful and efficient. We just had the 30th anniversary of AFS in Manchester and I was happy to see Portuguese dancers could give my friends a little taste of Portugal.

This year in Manchester, Fanny Montero from Costa Rica and I are having one of the most enriching periods of our lives. It would be nice if families in Manchester would provide next year such a great

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NORTH CANAAN (UPI) — The chief official in this picturesque town was shocked to learn a handgun was sold to a distraught mother in Massachusetts who killed her children and then herself.

Henry E. Pozzetta says the memory of the incident lingered with him until he found himself searching his files to find out who had the authority to issue handgun permits in North Canaan. He didn't have to look far.

Pozzetta discovered that his election last November as the town's first selectman, or chairman of the town's governing board, meant he also wore the hat of the town's police chief and permit authority.

"It was a tragedy," said Pozzetta, who runs a funeral home. "In 30 years of business I've seen a lot of tragedies that could have been prevented. I would not want it on my conscience to have issued a gun permit."

"I'm the one who is responsible," said Pozzetta, who doesn't own a pistol, but who collects antique firearms that "have never been fired."

"In small towns (first) selectmen are also the chief of police. But I'm not a professional — just an ordinary citizen. I don't feel qualified to issue permits right now," he said Thursday.

Pozzetta said he was responding to the deaths of Melinda Daniels and her two children, whose bodies were found March 8 in a cemetery in Pittsfield, Mass., which lies north of North Canaan over the state border.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Farm, labor, consumer and energy groups are working to block support in Congress and the Reagan administration for a \$5-a-barrel oil import fee to help ease the huge federal deficit.

Speakers for a wide range of interest groups expressed concern Thursday that President Reagan is about to endorse a fee system in order to reduce his budget deficit.

### Abate knocks vote against ethnic rules

HARTFORD (UPI) — House Speaker Ernest Abate, D-Stamford, has criticized the 27 senators who voted against an amendment that would have made it illegal for lawmakers to accept gifts worth more than \$35 from lobbyists.

Abate, who is seeking the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, said Thursday the Senate's 27-9 vote Wednesday was "a rejection of the accountability every public official owes the public to serve."

### Volunteer, Speziale asks

HARTFORD (UPI) — State Supreme Court Chief Justice John A. Speziale has called on the state's lawyers to volunteer to help with the poor who won't have access to legal aid because of cuts in federal legal aid programs.

### Willis on campaign trail

ENFIELD (UPI) — Democratic congressional candidate William Willis says he will work for legislation for the safe disposal of hazardous wastes and a national groundwater protection policy if elected.

### State receives land gifts

HARTFORD (UPI) — The state has received gifts of about 2,400 acres of open-space land in Harwinton and Westbrook.

### Bond authorization rises

HARTFORD (UPI) — The bonding authorization of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority has been raised from \$200 million to \$300 million under a bill signed into law by Gov. William O'Neill.

## Weicker protests special ed cuts

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Lowell Weicker, protesting proposed budget cuts in programs for the handicapped, says slashes in training and special education can do "permanent damage."

"I don't want to play the game in your ballpark," Weicker told Education Secretary Terrel Bell Thursday. "All of these areas should be increased. We were just as a nation getting started in helping these people."

At a Senate Appropriations Committee hearing, Weicker, R-Conn., assailed a proposed \$91 million rescission in tax revenues necessary to reduce the federal deficit.

They estimated such a fee would add as much as \$30 billion to the cost of oil; increase unemployment between 150,000 and 300,000 over three years; and have an especially harsh impact on New England, California, New York and Florida.

Several unions and industry groups expressed anger in statements issued at the conference.

Frederick Weeber, executive vice president of Edison Electric Institute, called such a move "bad energy policy and bad economic policy."

William Wynn, president of the United Food and Commercial Workers union, said it "is another effort to fleece low and moderate income Americans to maintain the tax giveaways provided last year for corporations and the rich."

"Only an administration and a Congress bent on political suicide would adopt a measure with such inequitable impacts," said Kenneth Blaylock, president of the American Federation of Government Employees.

Sens. George Mitchell, D-Maine, and John Chafee, R-R.I., announced they will introduce a resolution next week in the Senate to express opposition to oil import fees.

### Curry ignores Leonhardt's 'prove it' call

HARTFORD (UPI) — Sen. Clifton Leonhardt's call for a challenge in the Democratic 6th District congressional race to put up or shut up over claims of delegate support has passed a deadline with no results.

Leonhardt earlier this week challenged Sen. William Curry of Farmington to prove his claim that he had 46 delegates backing him for the Democratic nomination, which is also being sought by four other men.

Leonhardt also offered to step out of the race for the seat being vacated by Rep. Toby Moffett, D-Conn., if Curry would disclose who the 46 supporters were by 10 a.m. Thursday.

However, the deadline passed with no reply and Leonhardt charged Curry was using an old-fashioned style of politics "that today's sophisticated voters no longer buy."

Leonhardt stopped short of calling his close colleagues in the state Senate a liar, saying he would leave that decision up to the voters.

Curry reaffirmed his earlier claim that he had 46 delegate votes so far from among the district's 228 delegates and labeled Leonhardt's actions "an assault on my character."

Leonhardt said he himself has 17 delegates so far and Curry had no more than 16. He said he felt the leading center in any of the prior 10 years, First Selectman Jean S. Gasper said.

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from the RHAM budget, but only by one or two mills.

The regional school board cut its levy on Andover about \$61,000, which is just short of four mills, but Yeomans implied the finance board may still propose keeping the mill rate up to raise the surplus.

Other residents backed Thompson's suggestion, and only one member, Selectman Edward M. Yeomans, said the town should consider paying for the bridge outright to avoid adding \$50,000 in interest costs. The other residents contended that short-term borrowing would keep the tax jump to a slow rise, something more easily manageable.

THOMPSON ALSO led the attack on the finance board's proposal to put a total of \$67,000 into the various equipment funds. He said with \$70,000 in the fire engine fund, that account doesn't need the \$20,000 proposed by the finance board, and similarly, the \$42,000 school bus fund doesn't need the \$17,000.

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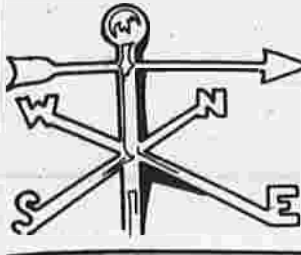
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### Region Highlights

#### CIB awaits approval

GLASTONBURY — The Connecticut Institute for the Blind has options to buy two lots for group homes for the blind, but a federal agency first must OK a loan request before a sale will be approved.

Last October the federal department of Housing and Urban Development approved the institute's initial application for a \$608,000 loan but the approval wasn't binding so an additional application was necessary. The group now has applied for a 40-year, \$657,000 loan but doesn't expect a decision until summer.

The lots are on Heron Avenue and Matt Hill Road and plans are to build a 3,000-square-foot home on each lot. Each home is to house six visually handicapped adults who will contribute more than 25 percent of their income to help pay the loan. The rest of it will be paid through a Section 8 rental subsidy.

#### More closings possible

VERNON — Arthur Michals, chairman of the Board of Education's enrollment study committee, said the board may have to close another elementary school in three or four years. The Vernon Elementary School was closed at the end of last school year.

Michals said Vernon's population is going one way and it's not up. He said the committee is recommending that when the total school population drops below 1,500 students, the school board should close another elementary school. It's expected to drop below that level by September, 1985 or 1986, Michals said.

#### Principals notified

EAST HARTFORD — It was pink slip day Thursday for Roch Girard, principal of Sunset Ridge School, Raymond Brown, principal of Burnside School, Craig Jordan, assistant principal of O'Brien School and Mildred Fitzgerald, assistant principal at Sunset Ridge. All were told they will be out of a job by fall.

Officials said these are the first administrative layoffs in the history of the school system. Some 38 non-tenured teachers have already been notified they won't have jobs next fall. Declining enrollments and the closing of Slye and Stevens schools were cited as the cause of the layoffs.

All four administrators are former teachers, but because of the board's layoff of 21 tenured teachers, it's unlikely they will be needed on the teaching staff.

None of the administrators who received the layoff notices are with schools that are slated for closing. Officials said the layoffs were determined by the length of tenure in the town's school system.

#### Heavy sleeper

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## Sales tax revenues rise 7.3%

HARTFORD (UPI) — The Office of Policy and Management says Connecticut collected \$83.7 million from the sales tax last month, a 7.3 percent increase in revenue from the state's biggest money maker over March of last year.

The increase in March sales tax revenue, which reflected February sales, was 1.3 percent higher than expected, said Edward Balda, chief of economic and revenue forecasting for the Office of Policy and Management.

Overall, he said, sales tax revenue was running about 8.7 percent higher than last year. The increase predicted in the budget was 8 percent.

"For the balance of the year we should be coming in at 6 or 7 percent," Balda said Thursday. "How we do depends on whether we get a recovery and to what extent people will buy in anticipation of the July 1 tax cut."

The state probably will be getting a boost in revenue from the 2 percent tax on oil company gross profits. Balda said the budget was built with the expectation the Legislature would close a loophole in the tax to extend it to companies that distribute, as well as refine, oil in the state.

The House passed the bill Wednesday to close the loophole and sent the bill to the Senate. Balda said it would add about \$2.5 million in oil tax revenue this year because, it would go into effect April 1 and bring in \$10 million in a full year.

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Obituaries

Margaret E. Guerrero
Margaret (Evanowska) Guerrero, 69, of 44 Main St. died Thursday at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center. She was the wife of Dominick Guerrero.



CARGO HELICOPTER DIRECTED TO FALKLANDS LANDING ... Argentina continues its military buildup

Britain prepares for war

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Thatcher will be in continuous touch and can return to London on short notice from Chequers, just 40 miles northwest of the capital.

Three nuclear powered British submarines lay in wait to sink any Argentine ships entering the area. The British armada of more than 40 warships, reinforced by a number of other ships requisitioned from private service, is expected to complete its 6,000-mile voyage to the Falklands in about a week.

April 15 was a taxing day

By United Press International

In Dayton, Ohio, protesting farmer Ralph Dull tried to pay his taxes with a truckload of grain.

Kent Guida, 34, a businessman, explained his presence. "I owe the government money and the only sensible thing to do is to pay at the last minute."

The IRS office in the John F. Kennedy Federal Building in Boston was hopping with last-minute filers getting assistance from IRS workers. Some taxpayers grumbled, others looked befuddled and many just shook their heads and signed the bottom line.

Resident booked in death

A 48-year-old woman charged with murder in the shooting death of her husband in West Hartford had been living in Manchester with her daughter recently, according to documents on file at West Hartford Superior Court.

Leta Miner, who surrendered to police yesterday, is charged with shooting Francis Miner, the man she had lived with for 19 years, on Feb. 21. Miner's body was found in the parking lot of the West Hartford apartment building where he and Leta Miner had lived.

Farmer Dull drove a truck filled with 325 bushels of corn to the IRS office in Dayton, trying to pay his taxes with this harvest.

Christy P. Africano

VERNON — Christy P. Africano, 77, of 35 East St. died Thursday at Rockville General Hospital. He was the husband of Isabelle F. Africano.

Mildred M. Dewey

BOLTON — Mrs. Mildred M. Dewey, 85, formerly of 6 Bayberry Road, died Thursday at a Manchester convalescent home. She was the wife of the late Robert J. Dewey Jr.

He can't wait to come home

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After the accident police remained tight-lipped about exactly what had happened that night and what charges, if any, had been filed.

Downtown church tells firms to move

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Church has taken over the space for church use. A couple of rooms that the law firm uses for storage have been taken by the church on the second floor.

Broken ballots

Citizens of Athens scratched their votes on pieces of broken pottery. Potsherd ballots cast more than 2,400 years ago have been unearthed by archeologists.

Lee Memorial

The Robert E. Lee Memorial is a historic residence, Arlington House, on a hilltop above Arlington National Cemetery. It was built by George Washington Parke Custis, grandson of Martha Washington and father of Mary Ann Randolph Custis, who married Lee in the house in 1811.

Cyclist hurt in accident

A motorcycle rider was injured Thursday when he slid under a car trying to avoid hitting another car at the intersection of Parker and Woodbridge Streets, police say.

Man held in stabbing try

A 53-year-old man was charged Thursday with the attempted stabbing of his live-in companion.

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FOCUS / Weekend

'Iolanthe' Come watch a Victorian fairy tale of immodest proportions



ROBERT HORTON AND ROBERT GORDON SAVE A DAMSEL IN A FAINT ... Susan Borst, as Phyllis, may have to wed one of the two

By Susan Plese Herald Reporter

Gossamer wings and chiffon frocks in rainbow shades. Rich, royal velvet robes in brilliant reds and greens, heavy brocaded gowns — the room is alive with color.

If the dress rehearsal for Manchester's Gilbert and Sullivan upcoming production of "Iolanthe" is any indication, audiences will have eyes on the costumes to feast their eyes on as well as lovely voices to hear.

The downstairs hall in Center Congregational Church was transformed last week into a workshop. In one corner a player was rehearsing a complicated piece with the pianist; in another corner bright photographer's lights were set up for actors' publicity shots.

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S "Iolanthe" scheduled to run April 22, 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. at East Hartford High School, 777 Burnside Ave., East Hartford, is a Victorian fairy tale of immodest proportions.

The contrasts seen in the opera between the ethereal fairies and the proper lords make for often humorous and sometimes silly situations. Intrigues abound, aided by exiled fairy Iolanthe, banished for her marriage to a mortal; her son Strephon, half-fairy and half mortal, and his lady love Phyllis, a ward in Chancery.

The young lovers wish to marry, but are plagued by lack of cooperation from Phyllis' guardian, the lecherous Lord Chancellor.

But enough on the plot — Manchester's audiences should get themselves whether Phyllis will finally marry Strephon, or whether she will yield to rivals Lord Toller and Lord Mountararat.

Playing the title role of Iolanthe is Jo Marie Clark, in her debut with the Gilbert and Sullivan players. Strephon, her son, will be played by Rick Bell, and Susan Borst, a



A FAIRY FINDS TIME TO RELAX BETWEEN SCENES ... Jo Marie Clark as Iolanthe waits her cue

veteran of nine years with the performing group, will portray Phyllis.

OTHER MAJOR ROLES will be played by Robert Horton as Lord Toller, Robert Gordon, a charter member of the players, as Lord Mountararat, Linda Nadeau as the Queen of the Fairies, and Bob Plunkett as the Lord Chancellor.

Stage director is Sari Ketter, with music direction by William Tyler. Costume designer is Chris Hand. Parliaman. Lighting is by Tom Limbacher, and accompanist is Princess Margaret.

Others in the cast include Cathy Nystro, Gail Weed, Jeri Lyons, Thomas Desrocher, Heidi Hansener, Laurel Burton, Louise Elwell and Eileen Gordon.

Also Laurie Hubbard, Marjorie Hutensky, Sandra Kalom, Ann Kerntis, Susan Marteney, Laura Nadeau, Viki Reis, and Ginny Schneider.

Also Beverly Stitt, Jeanne Thompson, Jay Austin, Robert Burns, Gerald Cream, Michael Gale, Philip Gordon, Robert Herron, and Alan Lyons.

Also Pierre Marteney, Mark Matthews, Mark Nystrom, Keith Tzetzetti.

For tickets or information call 872-6684 or 647-8232. Tickets are \$5.

'It got more and more depressing' A long climb to 'Hill Street' for Barbara Bosson

By Stacy Janel Smith

HOLLYWOOD — The nurse in Barbara Bosson's doctor's office was nice to her for the first time the other day.

"She'd always been nasty — always," Barbara says. "But a few days ago I went in and she said, 'You know, you look a lot like that woman on 'Hill Street Blues.' I had the script right in front of me. I was working on my lines, and she said, 'Oh, what's her name?' I said, 'Fay?' She said, 'That's it! And I held up my script and said, 'You mean like this scene I'm doing tomorrow.'"

"Her personality changed on the spot. She started calling me 'Honey.'"

It's a lot of fun talking to Barbara Bosson. Her conversation is brisk, sharp, funny, seasoned with a dash of salt. And she's enjoying herself, with good reason.

"I felt like I had to go back to the beginning, to symbolically if not realistically do it again — do it right this time." She ended up trying out for Carnegie Tech again, won a scholarship, and entered as a freshman woman advancement.

"Being 26 when everyone else is 18 really makes you look good," she says. "I was simply more mature, and I knew what I wanted and what I needed."

"No, I loved it! I dated all those boys and they were wonderful." After a year at the institution, "I felt so much more focused. The people there made me feel talented. Nobody ever before had made me feel talented."

From there she went on to San Francisco and the famed improvisational group, The Committee — and to protesting the war, getting involved "with a group that tried to get people out of the country who didn't want to go to Vietnam" and becoming a part of the heated, political open discussion nights The Committee used to hold.



BARBARA BOSSON ... of 'Hill Street Blues'

"I went to auditions and they'd yell, 'Next!' when I was only halfway out on the stage," she says with a laugh. "It got more and more depressing."

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"When I was a teenager growing up in Florida, I was told that for anyone with acting aspirations, Carnegie Tech was one of the best classic training schools in the country. I got in to audition, but at the last minute my family told me they really couldn't afford it."

"So," she says, "without the least trace of melodrama in her voice, 'I moved to New York where I struggled from ages 18 to 26, living sort of hand-to-mouth, working as a secretary or a cocktail waitress, trying to take acting classes whenever I could.'"

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"The great turnaround in her life came when Barbara had just reached the end of her rope in New York. 'I was getting older and older and I wasn't getting anywhere. Everything was slipping through my fingers. At that age, 26, it seems like your whole life is over. You've lived, you've failed.'"

She tried again.

"I could hardly keep from crying," Barbara says. Episodes dealing with alcoholism and other problems have engendered thousands of letters from viewers saying they were inspired to get help, she proudly reports. "I think the reason the show is inspirational is that it doesn't set out to have that effect."

The same might be said for Barbara herself.

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Advice

# Moustache as close as the Yellow Pages

DEAR ABBY: This may sound like a very insignificant problem compared to some of the ones you get, but it's very important to me. I'm a 23-year-old man who can't seem to grow a respectable-looking moustache. I've tried several times, but I always get disgusted and shave it off because it grows in so sparse it looks ridiculous. I would even be willing to buy a fake one. Is there some movie studio make-up department that has them for sale? It would have to be a good one that would stay in place. Can you help me? Money is no object.

MACHO MAN  
WANTS MOUSTACHE

DEAR MACHO: Ready-made moustaches can be purchased at most "hair goods" stores. And if money is no object, you can have a custom job designed especially for you. Look in the Yellow Pages under "Hair." It's right under your nose.



**Dear Abby**  
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Please say something to well-meaning friends and relatives who insist on crowding into the kitchen to help serve a meal even after you have said no, thank you, to their offers. They block the passageways, the stove, the refrigerator and cabinets, and they think they're helping you. I've worked many hours preparing a good meal, but before I get it served, I'm ready to go to bed! When a hostess refuses my offer to help, I retreat, return to the other guests and keep the conversation going. How I wish everyone would treat me that way. Sign me—  
NO HELP WANTED  
PLEASE STAY AWAY FROM MY KITCHEN  
Please stay away from my kitchen. From my dishwashing, cooking and such.  
You were kind to have offered to

pitch in. But thanks, no, thank you so much! Please don't think me ungracious. When I ask that you leave me alone; For my kitchen's not any too spacious. And my routine is strictly my own. Tell you what: You stay out of my kitchen. With its sodden, hot, lackluster lures— When you're here, stay out of my kitchen. And I promise to stay out of yours!

DEAR ABBY: Can you stand one more letter about guest towels? Most hostesses are deathly afraid that their husbands and children will give their greasy little hands on the guest towels before the guests arrive. An acquaintance of ours tried to solve this problem by pinning a note to the guest towels saying, "If you use these towels, I will kill you!" You can imagine the state of shock she was in the next morning when she discovered that she had forgotten to remove the note!

ALBERT C. MALMSTEN,  
TRENTON, MICH.



Belated bunny

Bob Nikodemski, manager of Burger King, and Joseph Stack, sports director for the Manchester Jaycees, watch as an Easter bunny, a bit late for his rounds, talks to

Robert Venznezano. The annual egg hunt sponsored by both groups was postponed to this Saturday at 11 a.m. in Center Springs Park.

## About Town

### Egg hunt rescheduled

The Easter Egg hunt at Wickham Park has been rescheduled for this Saturday at 11 a.m. Sunday the rain date.

This will be the first hunt to be sponsored by the park. It's open to all area children. Jeff Maron, park supervisor, said a special area will be set off for children under age 5.

There will be special prizes given out by an "Easter Bunny." No admission will be charged.

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### CWU meets Tuesday

Church Women United will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Unitarian Meetinghouse on West Vernon Street.

Speaker will be Ned Coll of the Revitalization Corps in Hartford. He will speak at 10:30 a.m. Members of the community are invited. There is no admission charge.

Child care is available by calling 649-2374.

World Service Clothing Drive is April 26 and 27 at Trinity Covenant Church on Pitkin Street from 1 to 3 p.m.

### Egg hunt Saturday

ANDOVER — The annual easter egg hunt will be Saturday on Hutchinson Road at 2 p.m.

Participants are asked to bring their own containers. The event was cancelled last Saturday because of the storm.

### Pocahontas meeting

Sunset Council 45 and Collewannah Council 24 degree of Pocahontas will welcome Great Pocahontas Ann Packer and her board of great chiefs at Zipser Club at 8 p.m. Monday.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

### Teen Night tonight

There will be a Teen Night tonight from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Mahoney Recreation Center, Cedar Street. Special activities will be offered exclusively for teen participation.

Features for the evening will include a live band, free refreshments, and a raffle. Those 12 years of age or older, are welcome to attend. For more information call 647-3166.

### Chess tournament set

The Manchester Community College Chess Club will sponsor an open chess tournament on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Student Center lounge at the college, 60 Bidwell St.

Championship is three round Swiss with 70 moves in 100 minutes. Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place.

There is no charge to participate. Contestants must provide their own equipment.

For additional information call Dr. Alden Baker at 646-4900 ext. 204.

### Demo Women meet

Manchester Democratic Women's Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the First Federal Savings, 344 W. Middle Turnpike.

There will be an election of officers and plans for the installation and card party will be discussed.

Members are reminded to bring canned goods and prizes for the card party.

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## Future scientists

Grade 5 and 6 students at the Buckley School hold the certificates they were awarded in the recent science fair. Winners are, left to right, Gary Garber, Grade 5, first place; Cheryl Spiegel, Grade 6, second place; and Andrew Sweeney and George Russo, Grade 5, tied for third place.



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# Astro-graph

**Our Birthday**  
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Normally you don't get overly excited about becoming involved in partnerships, but this coming year you may feel differently. You may feel that you have a special destiny set out to establish important ones. Both work and love relationships are important to you. Try to spend the day with active people who stimulate your thinking and encourage you to expand your horizons. You'll respond to good advice. Predictions of what's in store for you in each of the quarters following your birthday are in your Astro-Graph. Mail \$1 to each to Astro-Graph, P.O. Box 485, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10101. Be sure to include birth date.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Be alert for a profitable development which will enable you to get a greater return from something in which you've already invested.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Gemini are known for their ability to make quick decisions and this quality is likely to be emphasized even more this year. Trust your judgment.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Today you are likely to be more gifted at solving problems for others than you were in handling your own affairs. Help others when you can.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Social gatherings with a lot of fun are in store for you. Don't miss them.

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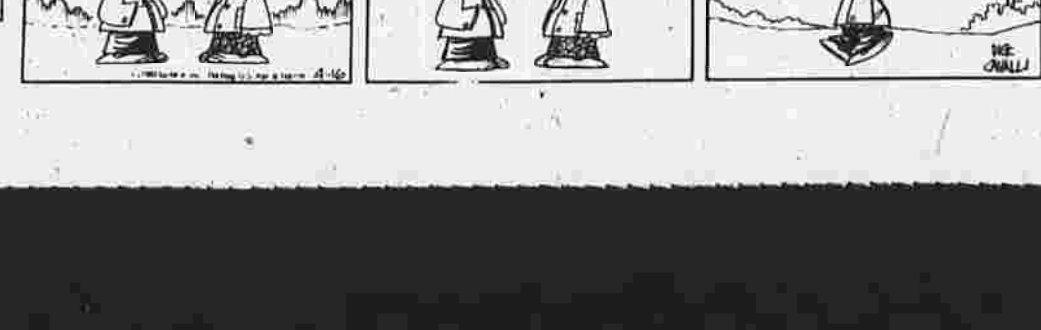
# Frank and Ernest — Bob Thaves



# The Born Loser — Art Sansom



# Winthrop — Dick Cavalli



# Crossword

**ACROSS**  
1 What (pl)  
4 Rubbish  
8 Greek letter  
12 Eighth month  
13 African nation  
14 Former nuclear agency (abbr)  
15 Sunshine  
16 Sailing term  
17 Bishop's throne  
18 Diner  
20 Russian mountains  
21 Dog group (abbr)  
22 Confed states  
23 Playing card  
24 Large Baboon  
25 Brackbird  
26 Soldier's address (abbr)  
27 Bony expense  
28 To (fr)  
29 Pompeian coin (pl)  
30 Relative  
31 Rabbit  
32 Italian house  
33 Back of the foot  
34 Mower's truck  
35 Mineral  
36 Costume  
37 Aries  
38 Playing card  
39 Small  
40 Quaint  
41 Emancipated laborer  
42 Ship's body  
43 2nd aspirate  
44 Arkansas mountains  
45 Hot steamy  
46 Jack's 2nd husband  
47 Rabbit constellation  
48 Automobile class (abbr)  
49 Mower's truck  
50 Evidence  
51 Roman last name (pl)  
52 Eight (Sp)  
53 Quaint  
54 College  
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**CELEBRITY CIPHER**  
Celebrity Cipher requires an answer for another by finding initials, last and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: "Fagan D."

**ACROSS**  
1 DL OE QSCVFAY BQSHY IMIJ OIK  
2 F BQOFA QA KQI CKJHK BQG  
3 HGGNYI HDNI KQI BGOIA DA QDC  
4 RFDKADATC, QI BQSHY LFHM GMIJ  
5 DA F YIF LFDKAK — OJC. RFWHO  
6 RDZFCGG

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "The hydrogen bomb is history's exclamation point. It ends an age-long sentence of mankind's violence." — Marshall McLuhan

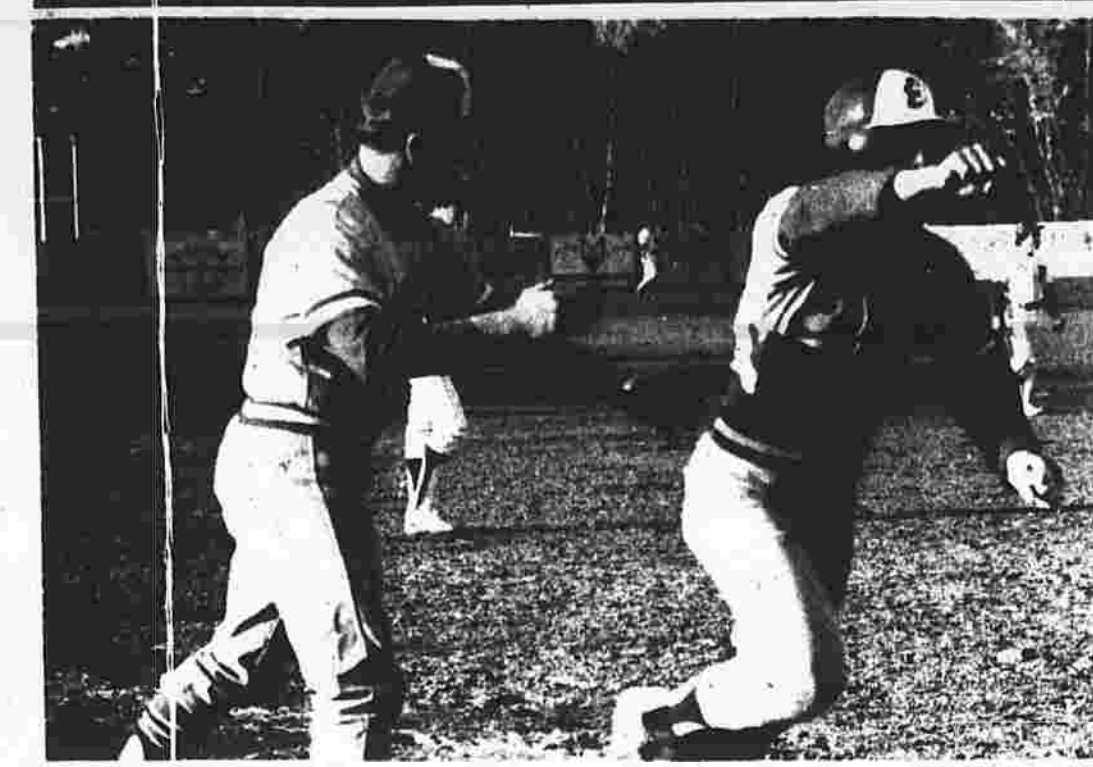
# Kit 'n' Carlyle — Larry Wright



# Bugs Bunny — Warner Bros.



# SPORTS



JEFF RIGGS (22) HEADS FOR HOME AFTER FOUR-BAGGER. East Coach Jim Penders extends his congratulations.

# Misplays play part in Indians' setback

The Falcons regained the lead in the home third with a pair of unearned runs. Bud LeMay walked, Kevin Gionone reached on an error and both rode home on a throw from the young right hander. Penders added six singles in the fourth and sixth frames with the home third with a pair of unearned runs. Bud LeMay walked, Kevin Gionone reached on an error and both rode home on a throw from the young right hander. Penders added six singles in the fourth and sixth frames with the home third with a pair of unearned runs.

# 'Too many walks, too little hitting' Coach Don Race

Manchester's second game of the season was a 9-7 loss to the Indians. Coach Don Race said, "Too many walks, too little hitting." The Indians scored almost all in the early going. Two runs came across in the first on an RBI single by Karen Daley and groundout by Karen Moran.

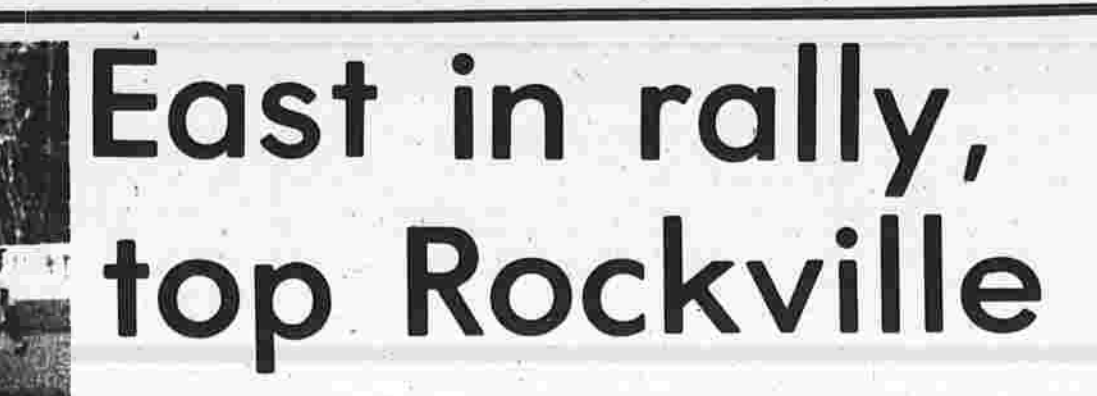
# Indian girls outlast Fermi, 9-7

With its second win in as many days, Manchester High girls' softball team held on for a 9-7 win over Fermi High in OXIL play yesterday at Fitzgerald Field. The Silk Towners had an 8-0 lead and junior Kathy Brann was breezing along with a no-hitter until the visitor's fourth frame. "There, a walk, single and four defensive errors led to six unearned runs. I thought we were going to tighten the match considerably." Manchester upped the edge to 9-6 in the home 7th as Tammy Kleperis singled home Donna Piccinello from second. "Fermi scored once on three singles in the sixth before Brann got the final out on a strikeout and then retired the side in order in the seventh. She allowed six hits while striking out nine and issuing just one free pass. Manchester's next outing is Tuesday in West Hartford against Hall High at 3:30.

# Seven innings ... thank you

Start of the 1982 OXIL baseball season for Manchester High took place Tuesday afternoon at 3:25. Six-and-one-half innings later, the home club comfortably in front by a 5-1 count, the contest came to a conclusion at 5:23. Now if this was a year ago, and thank goodness it was not, the game would have been nine innings a no lasted to 6:23 — at least. Early season games are a twofold problem. First and foremost is the pitchers are not ready to nine full innings. Some pitchers can't go nine by the end of the season but at least by then they've undergone a full campaign of conditioning. But two-and-a-half weeks of pre-season practice is far from enough. And then, as people have already seen, the elements come into play. Darkness, minus daylight savings time which comes shortly, creeps in and the seventh inning. That and the cold which is especially biting with sunset. Three hours is the average for early season nine-inning contests. Play is usually slower with the players literally and figuratively colder than they'll be later on. They're still trying to work out the winter kinks when the first pitch is thrown. The OXIL first time around in playing conditions at best conditions. 1) getting complete games; 2) allow pitchers to build up their arms without duress; and 3) put an end to the practice of trying to hasten the final two innings until complete darkness arrives. Many a game previously were completely under way at best conditions. The pitcher knows where it's going — usually — but you'd like to be a batter waiting for an offering at which he gets a glimpse, not look. Seven innings early in the year is a good idea. The CIAC should take the aspect one step further in regards to the state tournament. Most Class S schools, if not all, play seven-inning games throughout the year. Then tournaments are scheduled around and nine innings are required. How about the S Tournament contests be of seven-inning duration? The two additional frames do make quite a difference to the pitchers. Statistically, however, it has been shown most games are decided by a run with little change. Sometimes just the inevitable is prolonged. Holy cow! Manchester Community College has a schedule upcoming you wouldn't wish on a pitching-poor major league squad, let alone a collegiate diamond nine. Beginning with its action Thursday against Tunxis the Cougars are scheduled, weather permitting, to play 18 games in a 13-day span. The only break is April 21 when no contest is slated. Otherwise MCC will live a diamond life, with six doubleheaders in the span. MCC opened a 2-2 won-lost mark, with its last appearance two weeks ago, going into the Tunxis affair.

# East Catholic 8, Rockville 6



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# Nine innings pays dividend

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# 10-inning thriller

# Dramatic triumph for Cougar nine

Playing its first baseball game in nearly two weeks, Manchester Community College pulled out a 4-2 10-inning victory over Tunxis Community College yesterday at Farmington's Mead Park. The Cougars came from behind in dramatic fashion to win the first game of their second season after the past nine scheduled contests were either postponed or cancelled. MCC, now 3-0, faces Middlesex Community College in a doubleheader today at 1 o'clock. It's the first of three games in the next three days. The Cougars scored a pair of unearned runs in the top of the 10th without an error. Doug Sarant reached on an error and pinch runner Armond Johnson moved up on Ed McKiernan's sacrifice. "MCC then was handed another gift as pinch hitter Scott Carone was awarded first base on catcher's interference after apparently flying out. Willie Gonzalez, who earlier homered, was walked to jam the sacks. Reliever Danny Ringrose then muddled a wild pitch for the first run and Freddy Caro lofted a sacrifice fly for the other tally. Alan Tager, 2-0, was untouchable in relief for MCC, blanking Tunxis over the final three innings to earn the triumph. Danny Corazzelli hurled the first seven innings for MCC. He allowed two hits but only two runs, both in the home fourth when Tunxis took a 2-1 lead. MCC drew even in the top of the ninth on back-to-back doubles by Ken D'Attilio and Darryl Morhardt. D'Attilio had half of MCC's six safeties. Mark Palmese had three singles and a triple to pace Tunxis' 12-hit attack. Tunxis stranded 12. MCC (4) — W. Gonzalez 3b, 4-1-1-1, Caro 2b, 3-0-0-1, D'Attilio cf, 5-1-3-0, Morhardt dh, 3-0-1-1, Troian lf, 4-0-0-0, Bottoner pr, 0-0-0-0, Desautelians ss, 4-0-0-0, Sarant c, 3-0-0-0, Johnson pr, 0-1-0-0, McKiernan lf, 3-0-0-0, C. Gonzalez rf, 2-0-1-0, Carone ph, 0-0-0-0, Corazzelli p, 0-0-0-0, Tager p, 0-0-0-0. Totals: 31-4-6-3. Tunxis (2) — Palmese cf, 3-0-1-1, Dempsey c, 0-0-0-0, Barber 3b, 3-0-0-0, Valentine ss, 3-0-0-0, Cooper dh, 4-1-3-0, Hargrave pr, 0-0-0-0, Carter lf, 3-0-0-0, Clark lf, 3-0-1-1, Ringrose rf, 3-0-2-0, King pr, 0-0-0-0. Totals: 36-2-12-2. Key: at bats-hits-runs-RBIs: MCC 001 000 001 3-4 Tunxis 000 200 000 0-2

# Eagle girls' bats alive in winning first start

Behind a nine-hit attack, East Catholic girls' softball team swung into the 1982 campaign with a 6-4 win over the Indians High yesterday in South Windsor. East was scheduled to return to the diamond today at 1:30 at Robertson Park against Lake Shore Central High of Angola, N.Y. The Eaglettes opened the scoring drive with the blessed with the lead. Michele Freiheit singled and took second on a groundout. Sue Evans walked and Martha Barter sacrificed both runners. Stacey Simmons' shot to shortstop was mishandled allowing one run to score and Pam Cunningham singled home Evans. The Bobcats came back with a run in the home third before East tallied on the fourth. It added two tallies in the fifth. Cunningham doubled to left and freshman Sue Wallace ripped an RBI single to right. She rode home on Michele Leavitt's long triple to right. The Eaglettes added a final marker in the seventh while South Windsor scored twice in the sixth and once in the seventh. Cunningham had three hits and Wallace and Freiheit two apiece to pace East. "Being our first game of the season I was pleased with the way we did. The girls executed the plays very well," stated East Coach Jay McConville. "The hitting was a pleasant surprise." Evans was the winning pitcher, allowing five hits. She walked two and fanned one. "She's an impressive pitcher, showing very good control and fine fielding," McConville cited. Two games BOSTON (UPI) — The Boston Red Sox and Chicago White Sox will play a two-night doubleheader April 26 to make up the two games postponed last week by the blizzard. The teams were scheduled to open the season April 6 in Chicago but that game, plus a second contest April 6, both were postponed.

# Bridge

# Duplicate play

North-South would have been propelled into game but East passed and West opened hearts in third chair. North made an off-shape takeout double and East led with the ace of spades. South's three spades were followed by a final heart ruff in declarer's hand. South led a club to dummy's ace, his eighth trick and ended with a club. The defense was block-jacked. Eventually dummy's ace-jack of trumps provided two more tricks. Careful timing had given South the overtrick. He had several finesses to choose from, but the heart finesse was the one he needed to take the club finesse as the play developed and the defense was finally forced to lead spades for four. Had East opened three diamonds in first seat, Priscilla's Pop — Ed Sullivan

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Joseph Hachey

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**HARTFORD** — The largest manufacturing show to be held in Hartford and New England this year opens at the Civic Center Tuesday. Sponsored by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Dearborn Mich., the Hartford Area Tool and Manufacturing Engineering Conference and Exposition will feature demonstrations of more than \$9 million worth of computer-controlled machine tools and related manufacturing and industrial production equipment.

The three-day event runs through 6 p.m. Thursday and is expected to attract more than 12,000 manufacturing engineers and company executives from throughout Connecticut and surrounding states.

The purpose of the event, according to its sponsors on critical applications for automated equipment and productivity-oriented management practices.

## Joins practice

Dr. John W. Connolly has become associated with



John W. Connolly

Manchester Obstetrics-Gynecology Associates, 18 Haynes St., Manchester. Dr. Connolly received his bachelor's degree at Manhattan College, Riverdale, N.Y., and his master's degree at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass. He later attended the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt., on a botany fellowship, and Villanova (Pa.) University on a biochemistry fellowship.

He served as professor of biochemistry in the research laboratory at the University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, where he received his medical degree in 1976. He served his clerkship at New York Medical College, New Rochelle Hospital, and his residency at the New York Infirmary and Beekman Downtown Hospital, New York, N.Y. He is certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Connolly and his wife, Mary, have three children. They live in Manchester.

## Earnings rise

**HARTFORD** — CBT Corp., the holding company whose major subsidiary is the Connecticut Bank and Trust Co., has reported that earnings for the three months ending March 31, rose 25 percent to \$7.7 million, or \$1.34 per share, from \$6.1 million, or \$1.07 per share, last year. First quarter earnings benefited from continuing expense control and a significantly higher level of earning assets, CBT said.

Average assets increased 16 percent to \$3.4 billion. Loans averaged \$2.1 billion for the first quarter, 17 percent above the first quarter last year. The \$295 million loan increase was reflected throughout the portfolio, with particular emphasis in the commercial and industrial category.

Total deposits averaged \$2.3 billion during the first quarter of 1982, 10 percent higher than the same period last year. CBT's six-month Treasury Passbook accounts were \$434 million on March 31, 1982, an increase of 12 percent over March 31, 1981. Also, CBT's Tax-Free Passbook (All Savers Certificate), and CBT's Million Dollar Passbook (IRA) contributed substantially to the growth in total deposits. CBT's non-deposit funds continue to be raised in its local markets which provide the corporation with a stable source of funds at attractive rates, CBT said.

Shareholder's equity on March 31, 1982, was \$179 million, 14 percent above the level a year ago. Key ratios were considerably higher than the first quarter of 1981. Return on average assets was 0.92 percent, and return on average equity was 17.69 percent.

Net non-interest expenses, which are non-interest expenses less non-interest income, increased 7 percent for the first quarter of 1982.

## Where to get it

We goofed.

A business page brief in Wednesday's Herald detailed the availability of a free guide to factory outlet shopping in Eastern Connecticut. But a gremlin caused accidental loss of the paragraph telling how to get the guide.

The guide, which lists 20 factory outlets, is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Thames River Development Corp., 30 Connecticut Ave., Norwich, Conn. 06360.

# Some calls have been disastrous in investment forecast business

This column should probably be headlined: Beware of the financial gurus; they can kill you.

Example: In early January — with the Dow in the 870s — Yale Hirsch, the publisher of Smart Money, an 8 1/2-year-old monthly investment letter out of Old Tappan, N.J., boldly forecast that the Dow would hit 1,000 the following month.

I remember it well; he said it in an interview in this column. And it turned out to be forecasting at its worst as the Dow subsequently plummeted to the low 800s.

Hirsch remembers it well, too; it cost him 1,500 subscribers (from 8,500 to 7,000). And with a subscription going for \$98 a year, that's a loss of nearly \$150,000.

"You don't like to be wrong and I feel lousy about it," Hirsch tells me. "But this is a tough business; it's never a precise science ... and you hope you do better the next time."

I ADMIRE HIRSCH'S frankness; it's unusual for any investment adviser to admit he lost more than 17 percent of his subscribers in just a few months because of a bum call.

I zeroed in on Hirsch as part of a cursory sweep of the forecasts that have appeared in this column. The reason: I got a couple of complaining letters from readers about some bad projections. And after having just written a column in which I reported that a study covering stock market and economic forecasts in the Wall Street Journal showed that about half of them were wrong, I thought it was only fair play to look at the accuracy — or inaccuracy — of the predictions that I've publicized.

The lack of time for a depth analysis prevents me from giving you specific percentages, but I have to admit I've had a fair number of bums.

Several of these were pointed out by Irving Taylor, a reader from Newark, N.J., who wrote: "I cannot imagine where you would find these 'high-class' characters to give you these stupid predictions."

Here are some of the ones he's talking about:

• In early December '80, John Rutledge, the president of the Claremont Economics Institute of Claremont, Calif., and an economist who's close to the Reagan camp, predicted \$2.50 to \$3 a gallon at the gas pump at the end of the year and a \$50-a-barrel price tag for imported oil at year-end '81.

• Or how about Howard Ruff, who writes the largest selling financial newsletter of them all (Ruff Times). Clearly, it was rough times for any of his subscribers who heeded his words in April '80 (shortly after gold had topped out) that by the end of '81 gold would be selling at between \$1,500 and \$2,000 an ounce and silver would be

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going for \$100 an ounce.

• Jim Benham, the likable head of Capital Preservation Funds I and II — they're two money-market funds based on Palo Alto, Calif., with assets over \$2 billion — came up a wicked loser with a January '81 prediction of a 30 percent prime rate by April or May '82.

• Clearly the most significant Wall Street force on the interest-rate scene is economic guru Henry Kaufman of Salomon Brothers. Labeled "Dr. Death" by some for his bearish view of rates, the financial markets frequently react strongly to his words.

No doubt he has a good track record, but let's not lose sight of his blunders. In July '81, for example, with money-market funds yielding roughly 17 1/2 percent (that was right above the high), Kaufman predicted the MM fund rate would rise to 20 percent. And, moreover, he said the prime could rise several percentage points above the all-time high of 21 1/2 percent. Anyone who would have played the fixed-income market at the time on the basis of Dr. Death's projections could have subsequently used a financial coffin.

IF THERE'S ONE THING that was re-inforced to me as I looked over the forecasts, you can't blindly follow a winner. Hot hands can turn awfully cold in a hurry. And if an investor fails to recognize this — if, say, he continues to heed the advice of a successful stockbroker who suddenly embarks on a "winning streak" — he can be bloodied.

A case in point is Steve Karplitz, a senior vice president of Shearson American Express and one of the country's top brokers. When I caught up with him in January '81, he had just wrapped up a successful '80 in which he chalked up gross commissions of about \$2.5 million (that's around \$1 million personally). And he had already figured out a sure-fire winning strategy for the new year — play the energy stocks (which turned out to be the biggest disasters).

His strong endorsement of energy (chiefly domestic oils) was predicted on the belief that "prices were going up, not down, that the companies can sell everything they produce." And of his five favorite stocks for '81, four were energy-related. The four — with their prices then and now (in parenthesis) — were Smith International, 64 1/2 (31 1/2); Natomas, 38 1/2 (18 1/2); Standard Oil of Indiana, 79 1/2 (41), and Western Co. of North America, 96 1/2 (34 1/2). The fifth was Waste Management, 30 then, about 30 1/2 now.

So, all told, Karplitz's energy selections dropped from 38 to 50 percent in a period in which the Dow fell around 14 1/2 percent. And if the broker did what he told me he was going to do — namely, have the five stocks comprise 60 to 75 of the investments of all new accounts — then his new accounts (and probably a lot of the old ones, as well) got butchered.

I COULD GO ON with a lot of other disastrous calls from the fraternity of financial gurus — like gold nut Jim Dines who rode gold all the way down from \$870 an ounce in January '80 to the low \$300s — but by now I'm sure you get the idea.

But hey, I've only given you the worst of the forecasts in Dan Dorfman's columns; there's also a goodly number of winning predictions, like economist Pierre Rinfret who was right on the button on his expectations in May '81 of continued decimation of the bond market, worsening of the housing and auto markets and continuing high interest rates. And then there were a couple of sharp technical analysts, Joe Barthelemy and Richard Yashewski of the Philadelphia brokerage firm of Butcher & Singer, who in mid-'81 called the coming shellacking of the technology stocks.

Bob Stovall of Dean Witter Reynolds, probably one of the most quoted market analysts around, puts his finger on the situation. There's a strong demand for gurus, he says; people want to be told what's going to happen, what to do — even though nobody, but nobody, can predict the future with any great consistency. Certain events like the Falkland Islands situation (which affects the general market) and blizzards (which hurt tourism and airline earnings) are beyond the realm of pinpoint predictions.

The predictions business, he goes on, is not an easy one; you do your best and if you're not right more often than you're wrong, then you wind up doing something else for a living.

What do I (Dan Dorfman) think? At the expense of sounding like a broken record, probably the first sentence of this column sums it up best: Beware of the financial gurus; they can kill you.

## Bank mergers are increasing

By United Press International

Two Connecticut banks have agreed to merge and another two say they are negotiating a consolidation. Mechanics and Farmers Savings Bank of Bridgeport and the New Canaan Savings Bank Thursday announced plans to merge after four months of negotiations.

A joint statement said the new bank would be a "much stronger competitor within Fairfield County and one having a larger capital base."

People's Savings Bank of Bridgeport and People's Bank of Vernon also said they started talks. A successful merger would be the Bridgeport bank's fourth acquisition in less than a year.

State and federal regulators still must approve the Mechanics and New Canaan merger. Boards at both firms have voted in favor of the consolidation.

Mechanics has \$528.6 million in assets and 13 offices in Fairfield County. New Canaan has \$109.3 million and three offices. Both lost money in 1981.

People's of Bridgeport, the state's largest savings bank with \$2.3 billion, has 39 branches in three counties. It lost \$1.5 million last year.

The Vernon bank has assets of \$59 million and lost \$522,000 in 1981. Acquisition of the bank would give People's of Bridgeport its first offices in north central Connecticut.

## Travelers plans Wallingford office

**HARTFORD (UPI)** — The Travelers Insurance Cos. says it is negotiating for the purchase of 177 acres of land in Wallingford to build a 600,000 square-foot office complex.

The giant insurance company said Thursday the office complex would be located in the Midway Business Park in Wallingford to meet expected space needs over the coming years.

Construction of the building was expected to begin early next year. It would house the company's group department, which currently has 2,500 employees working in Hartford.

The company said the new building would be staffed initially with workers transferred from Hartford and an employment office would be opened in the near future in the Wallingford-Meriden area to hire additional workers.

The company said space freed up at its home office buildings in Hartford by the expansion would be used to consolidate other operations now housed in leased facilities in Greater Hartford.

"Hartford will continue as the national corporate headquarters for The Travelers," said company Chairman Edward H. Budd, who said the new facility would offer many workers a choice of urban or suburban working places.

"This expansion reflects our continuing commitment to the economic vitality of the state as well as our dedication to develop facilities and staff to match our anticipated growth in the decades ahead," he said.

The company's plans to build in Wallingford drew criticism from Hartford Mayor Thirman L. Milner, who compared the company's announcement to a major plant closing.

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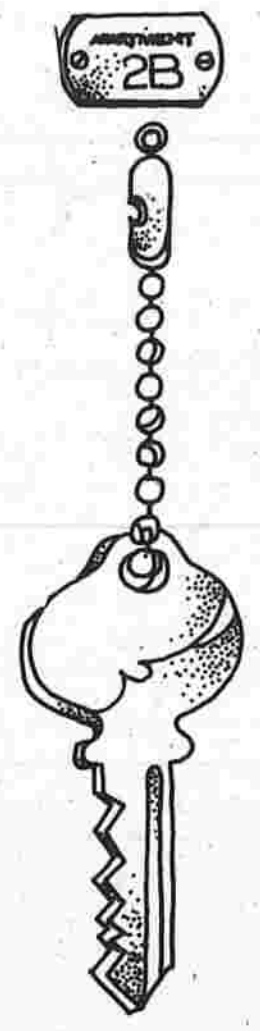
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**President's message**

# Home ownership as investment certainly faces a bright future

Editor's note: This article was written by Gerald P. Rothman, president of the Manchester Board of Realtors Inc.

By Gerald P. Rothman

The fight for your savings dollar is on. Stock brokers, savings and loan associations, and insurance companies all have investment plans, but at least 55 million people already are reaping the tax advantages and appreciation from another wise investment—home ownership.

Home ownership will continue to be an attractive investment, not only because of these financial considerations, but because it is the only investment that provides a necessity—a place to live, besides an appealing lifestyle and tax advantages.

Home equity accounts for about 40 percent of all recorded personal wealth, the largest single asset for millions of Americans. The case for investing in a home is sound: over the long term, price appreciation has outpaced nearly all other traditional investments. Statistics from the National Association of Realtors show many properties have doubled in market value over the last 10 years or less.

The law of supply and demand seems certain to enhance the investment value of homes for years to come. About 2 million new households will be forming each year throughout the 1980s. Also, the number of people in the prime home buying age group of 25 to 44 years will increase to 31 percent of the population. Because of the three-year-long housing recession, pent-up demand among potential buyers also is mounting. Although the family that needs more room, or needs to relocate, may postpone a home purchase, eventually that purchase will be made.

Experts are now predicting that because housing construction has been severely curtailed, a critical housing shortage is developing. In some parts of the country, rental vacancies are at historic lows of less than 5 percent. Rentals are getting hard to find at affordable rates. Until home construction increases, prices will continue to rise.

According to a forecast by the National Association of Realtors, home prices will increase by 8.7 percent in 1982 and homes are expected to keep ahead of the inflation rate in 1983. During the 1970s, new home prices increased at an average annual

rate of 9.6 percent. Even during the 1960s, when inflation wasn't rampant, homes increased an average 4 percent each year.

Besides the appreciation factor of home ownership, equity accumulation can be tapped by refinancing without selling the asset. By refinancing, homeowners can get a windfall without paying income taxes on the profit and refinancing keeps the home marketable for a future sale through assumption.

Also, unlike other investments, a home can be purchased with a relatively small down payment, but the increase in the total value of the property is returned to the owner. The home will continue to appreciate whether it is owned mortgage-free or it is mortgaged.

Due to this low down payment leverage, the increasing demand and unmet supply, the historical appreciation, equity accumulation, and the dispersed decision-making, which truly signifies a democratic society, owning a home will continue to be a sound investment.

Whatever your reasons, it's that time in your life to turn to a professional. It's time to turn to a Realtor, the specialist in real estate transactions.



Gerald P. Rothman

## Many aware of housing problems

WASHINGTON—Nearly half of all Americans are aware that high interest rates have caused their homes to lose as much as 25 percent of their value, according to a survey conducted by the National Association of Realtors.

The survey, a random sample of 1,500 adults across the nation, asked about attitudes toward the real estate industry, economic conditions and public policy.

Of the 49 percent who said they recognized that the value of their homes was lower, 79 percent indicated they would like to see a reduction in the federal deficit and a

modest increase in the growth of credit to prevent

any further decline. Fifty-eight percent of those surveyed indicated their support for such actions.

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## Women's Council of Realtors

# Group offers education, training

Editor's note: This article was prepared by Dorothy Johnson, president of the Eastern Connecticut Bicentennial Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors.

By Dorothy L. Johnson, GRI

Two questions most frequently asked by new Realtors and Realtors-associates are, "Why should I join Women's Council?" and "What are the personal benefits which I will receive?"



Dorothy L. Johnson

The Women's Council of Realtors promotes a strong spirit of fellowship among its members. Friends are made and sustained through the implementation of mutual goals. Although this is an important factor, it is not enough to justify the existence of the organization in today's changing real estate market.

The average buyer is better informed, more knowledgeable and infinitely more sophisticated than his counterpart of ten years ago. We, as real estate professionals, must prepare ourselves to meet the needs of this new buyer. Education and training are, of course, the keys which members of Women's Council of Realtors make an effort to provide.

Today's buyers want and should expect professional counseling at its best. We, at the Women's Council of Realtors, are cognizant of the changing climate in real estate, and endeavor to provide programs which will help members become more familiar with and develop an awareness of the community which they serve. Even more importantly, we attempt to give members the incentive to seek advanced training which will benefit them, and make them truly professional. In recent years we have seen an increase in the number of the Women's Council members who have earned their GRI (Graduate Realtor Institute) designation. Several more members are currently enrolled in this series of courses.

The monthly programs of the Women's Council reflect both the need to understand the problems of our local community, and also to determine the importance of continuing education. A representative of "Operation Crimefight" has provided information concerning the reduction of crime both in the home and in the community. A CPR instructor has discussed pertinent medical procedures and has notified us of future training sessions. The director of education from Connecticut Association of Realtors has informed our membership about the availability of advanced courses.

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A regional education and leadership conference has been scheduled to take place in May. On a more informal note, a reception for prospective members has also been scheduled for May.

The Women's Council of Realtors subscribes to be the theory that in order to meet the real estate needs of a community, an individual must have an intimate knowledge of the functions and services of that community.

We at the Eastern Connecticut Bicentennial Chapter are proud of our many members who, in addition to their professional real estate careers, devote themselves unstintingly to local activities: political, religious, educational and social service.

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## 'People-to-people' financing is key to home ownership opportunities

Home ownership opportunities abound today despite rising home prices and conventional mortgage interest rates. The key, according to the National Association of Realtors, is "people-to-people" financing, which is involved in about 70 percent of all existing home sales today.

"People-to-people" financing allows buyers, who could never qualify for mortgages in the 17 percent range, the opportunity of purchasing a home.

The various methods of "people-to-people" financing presently in use are detailed below. This information will help people achieve their ownership dreams. However, attorneys should be consulted whenever unconventional methods are used.

**• ASSUMPTIONS:** Mortgage assumptions allow a buyer to take over the seller's existing mortgage at the old interest rate or a "blended rate" which in most cases, is significantly lower than prevailing interest rates. Most government-backed (VA and FIA) mortgages may be assumed. Most mortgages written in the past few years now contain a "due-on-sale" clause which allows the lender to demand full payment of the mortgage balance when the property is sold. In some states en-

forcement of this clause is prohibited by law. Be sure to check with the lender and become familiar with the status of the clause in your state before attempting to assume mortgage.

**• OWNERS HOLDING FIRST MORTGAGE:** If the property is free and clear, or if there is a very low mortgage that could be paid off, the seller may consider holding a first mortgage. In this situation, a seller who does not need cash from the sale, may earn more investment income by holding a mortgage than he can on such alternative investments as savings accounts or certificates of deposit. The most frequent objection to this proposal is the term of the mortgage. In order to keep the payments reasonable, a relatively long term of amortization is usually necessary. This problem may be solved by amortizing the mortgage over the longer period, but having the balance due in a shorter period of time (five years or even as little as two). The buyer must be sure he can refinance the mortgage by more conventional means before the balance comes due, however.

**• SECOND MORTGAGE:** This can be set up in many different ways. In the simplest situation, the buyer may pay several thousand dollars short on cash to assume the seller's mortgage. In this

case, the seller may take back a purchase money second mortgage amortized over a sufficient period to allow reasonable payments. As with the first mortgage, the payments may be amortized over a longer period, with the balance due at some earlier date.

**• WRAP-AROUND MORTGAGES:** This is another type of second mortgage. The seller may hold a second mortgage for an amount greater than his first mortgage. He then collects the payments on the second mortgage from the buyer and continues making the payments on his first mortgage. In effect, the larger second mortgage is "wrapped around" and includes the amount of the smaller first mortgage.

**• CONTRACT FOR DEED:** Also known as an agreement for deed or a land contract, this type of financing may be used when the downpayment is small and/or the credit standing of the buyer is questionable. Basically a contract for deed states that the deed will be delivered at some future date, after a certain number of payments have been made or other conditions met.

Although a tight money market and soaring interest rates can be frustrating to the home buyer, the purchase of real estate continues to be one of the best investments a person can make.

It should be noted, however, that varying state and local laws may make the application of the above methods different for each area, or even affect whether or not certain methods may be used. Prospective home buyers can get advice on the available of alternate sources of financing in their community by consulting a member of the Manchester Board of Realtors.

### Private Property Rights Yours to Protect



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## Private Property Week observes citizens' right to own property

Private Property Week is an annual nationwide observance of Americans' right to own property. Celebrated April 18 to 24, 1982, this year's theme is "Private Property Rights ... Yours to Protect." Almost 700,000 Realtors across the country are inviting their fellow citizens to join them in activities to celebrate and preserve those rights. Following are some facts regarding private property rights:

**What is meant by private property rights?**

Private property rights can be defined as an aggregate of rights guaranteed and protected by government which generally include the rights to dispose or property in every legal way, to possess it, to use it and to exclude everyone else from interfering with it.

A person's rights cannot be exercised if they unreasonably interfere with another's rights.

Private property rights are limited by four government powers: taxation, eminent domain (the government's right to pay just compensation and condemn property for the public's benefit), police power, and escheat, which is the government's acquisition of property when an owner dies without will or heirs.

What does the erosion of private property rights refer to?

Over the years, government has imposed some unreasonable limitations on private property rights that have little to do with public good and are actually prohibitive and confiscatory in nature.

**What are some examples of unreasonable regulations?**

- Zoning devices such as minimum lot size requirements which boost home prices and bar certain economic classes from buying in a neighborhood.

- Overly restrictive and unnecessary building codes such as those that require the installation of burglar alarms or dictate the height of bedroom window sills.

- Rent controls which hasten the deterioration of housing stock and eventually cause a disproportionate shift of the tax burden to single family homeowners.

- Unrealistic environmental laws which do not recognize the pressing need for adequate affordable housing.

- Historic preservation laws that declare any property historic, thus preventing the owner from altering the property without special permission from local government.

**Is there a conflict between human rights and property rights?**

On the contrary, fundamental human rights are freedom and the pursuit of

happiness. If the ability to own property is restricted or depleted, the "pursuit of happiness" is likewise affected.

In addition, many zoning practices are essentially discriminatory in nature. Exclusionary zoning is a good example. The preservation of property rights is fundamental to the enjoyment of human rights.

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**What is the purpose of Private Property Week?**

Its purpose is to focus on the meaning of private property rights and heighten public awareness to the dangers of losing them.

What is the National Association of

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The association, the nation's largest trade association, has nearly 70,000 members engaged in all phases of the real estate industry.

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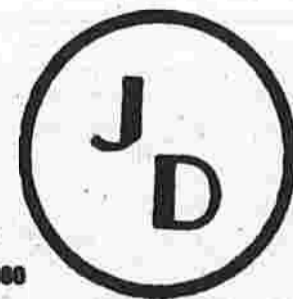
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Not every real estate broker is a Realtor. And not every Realtor is a real estate broker.

A Realtor may be an appraiser, a property manager, or a real estate counselor or be involved with some other aspect of the real estate business. The term "realtor" is not a synonym for "real estate broker."

Realtors constantly update their knowledge and skills by attending seminars and institutes in a particular area of real estate specialization. It is a life-time, post graduate course in real estate... and only the best are dedicated enough to participate.

There are nearly 700,000 Realtors and Realtor-Associates (over 10,000 in Connecticut) who belong to more than 1,800 boards in the 50 states, Washington, D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico, Canada and the Virgin Islands.

The emphasis of the Manchester Board of Realtors this year has been on education. Scholarships have been given to the Manchester and Bolton scholarship foundations and Manchester Community College in the name of Lillian G. Grant, former executive officer of the board, for a student pursuing a career in real es-

tate. Also, the board assisted with a contribution to allow the certification from the National Association of Real Estate License Law officials for the real estate courses offered at Manchester Community College.

An indoctrination course is offered to all new members of the board. The emphasis is placed on equal housing, proper ethical procedure, sales contracts and information regarding other educational courses available to members.

Other educational programs included speakers addressing "Inflation and the Future of the Mortgage Markets," "Municipal Bonding," "Real Estate as a Tax Shelter and How to be a Survivor" and "Legislative Updates."

The Realtors are encouraged to keep informed on all legislative matters, particularly those that affect the rights of real property owners.

During the celebration of Private Property Week, members of the Manchester Board of Realtors invite the public to attend a luncheon Friday, April 23, at Willie's Steak House in the Green Room. The program will be a talk and slide presentation by Judge of Probate William Fitzgerald and Carol Zebb on "The History and Effect of the Cheney Restoration on Manchester." Realtors are certain that the public will enjoy hearing about the preservation and development plan for the Cheney Brothers National Historic Landmark.

Tickets for the luncheon may be purchased at the Manchester Board of Realtors office, 186 E. Center St., for \$6.25 per person.

# Continuing education adds professionalism

Editor's note: This article was prepared by Doris C. Bourque, education chairman for the Manchester Board of Realtors Inc.

By Doris C. Bourque

In a business world of constant change, it is imperative that the competency, knowledge and skill of each individual person entering the real estate field be developed as rapidly as possible. Only the attainment of this will enhance the image of the Realtor as a true professional. This can only be achieved through education.

The GRI is probably the most widely offered course of study available to Realtors and Realtor-Associates. It is a National Association of Realtors-approved three-course program which leads to the nationally recognized "Graduate, Realtors' Institute (GRI) designation. The 90-hour program is designed to help Realtors and Realtor-Associates by providing comprehensive professional training in a broad range of subjects.

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The Realtors National Marketing Institute is a non-profit organization, one of nine affiliates of the National Association of Realtors. Founded in 1923, it took its present name in 1975 to reflect its growing responsibility in assisting real estate professionals to better market real estate, but also to enhance the professional competence of its designees and candidates. It has become the authoritative source for graduate-level education. Membership in the three councils of the Marketing Institute is granted to those accepted into the educational courses leading to their specific designations: (CCIM) A Certified Commercial-Investment Member is the mark of a professional in commercial and investment real estate. Successful completion of a series of five comprehensive courses is one of the prerequisites for the designation. (CRB) Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager, recognizes men and women who have achieved a superior level of brokerage management expertise through education and experience and demonstrate the application of management concepts into daily practice. (CRS) A Certified Residential Specialist, is a symbol of achievement in education and residential sales experience.

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## New combination of factors

# Now is the time to buy a home

CHICAGO — The best time to buy a home, the saying goes, was yesterday. But if you don't want to find yourself echoing those words soon, you'll have to hit the home-hunting path in a hurry.

"For the first time in many years, a combination of factors is making home purchases extremely attractive," says Julio S. Laguarda, president of the National Association of Realtors.

These factors are home prices, which are rising at a slower rate than inflation; mortgage interest rates through people-to-people financing that are averaging 3 to 5 percentage points below market rates; and the large inventory of homes for sale.

Combined with the traditional home buying incentives of equity accumulation, tax benefits, and pride of ownership, these factors, which may disappear later, will contribute to the investment value of homes for years to come.

### Home prices

The median sales price of an existing home increased only 3.6 percent in 1981. According to the National Association of Realtors, the median price at the start of this year was \$66,800. Reflecting discounts from seller financing, the next selling prices are now lower than a year ago. Reduced home prices mean lower down payments.

As the economy begins to show improvement later in the year with more jobs, incomes, and a greater ability to buy homes, demand could be exceptionally strong. Until there is an increase in the construction of apartments (vacancies are at a historic low of less than 5 percent and in some areas, like Manhattan, it is under 2 percent) and other forms of new housing, there could be some upward pressure on prices.

### Home financing

Financing a home purchase today is more flexible than ever before. Contrary to popular belief, prospective home buyers don't have to pay 16 or 17 percent interest for a home mortgage. In fact, the number of new mortgages from conventional lenders is a negligible part of the mortgage market in many areas. Nationally, more than 60 percent of home financing is done through people-to-people loans averaging 12.5 percent, according to a Realtor survey. This translates into significant monthly payment savings for buyers. Smart home

buyers have been taking advantage of seller financing.

At least 1.645 million, or 70 percent, of the homes sold last year utilized the trillions of dollars available in home equities. These are negotiated transactions between private parties, so they don't involve closing points or loan origination fees. In the savings of closing costs alone, buyers are ahead by hundreds of dollars before they even make their first mortgage payment.

With lower mortgage interest rates available now through people-to-people financing, it doesn't pay for buyers to postpone their home purchase. Even if interest rates decline later in the year, buyers are getting those rates now. Also, since the housing recession is tied to the high conventional interest rates, if rates drop, many more buyers will re-enter the home buying market, driving prices up. Timing a home purchase this spring is critical to taking advantage of the people-to-people financing and lower prices available now.

### Home inventory

The best time to buy anything is when selection is at its highest. Since many families want to move during the summer, their homes are going on the market right now. Also, homes that have gone unsold during the winter, still are on the market in many areas, so the supply of homes for sale now is at its peak for the year. Buyers also are not competing against each other as intensely as they were during the peak selling year of 1978, so careful home buying decisions can be made.

While the supply of homes is high, the condition of those homes also is impressive. Sellers are fixing up as never before. The cream puffs are sweeter and the hand-dyman specials are homier. Remodeling that normally would have been considered the buyers' expenses, like new carpeting, painting, even such major construction as finishing a basement or installing a fireplace, are now becoming sellers' necessities to increase a home's appeal.

### Tax breaks

Tax deductions for home buyers and homeowners.

reduce the real cost of home ownership. While interest rates and home prices may fluctuate, the tax benefits remain relatively unchanged.

When the after-tax savings are weighed, a \$600-a-month mortgage payment really costs a buyer in the 30 percent tax bracket \$420 a month. This is because mortgage interest is a deductible expense on federal income tax returns. Real estate taxes and certain energy efficiency home improvements also help lower the tax bite for homeowners.

At sale time, fix-up costs and brokers' commissions are deductible from the price when computing capital gains taxes. Taxes may be deferred on the profit from the sale of a home when another home of equal or greater value is purchased within two years.

Homeowners, age 55 or older, also may take advantage of the once-in-a-lifetime exclusion of up to \$125,000 in home sale profit without buying another home. Other investments don't offer these attractive tax benefits. By postponing a home purchase, these tax savings will be lost.

### Lifestyle

Homes will continue to be bought for the traditional reason of providing necessary shelter and because they provide for a lifestyle of privacy, security, pride of ownership, independence, and family environment. Throughout the 1960s, the price of homes increased about 4 percent a year and people continued to buy because they looked at a home as a symbol of a sound way of life.

During the 1970s, with phenomenal inflation and home appreciation, people suddenly looked at housing as a way to get rich quick. Now, as housing price appreciation has slowed, people will continue to buy for the basic reason of sound shelter.

### Home as investment

While home prices are not expected to skyrocket each month as they did during the late 1970s, the laws of supply and demand will protect the investment value of homes.

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