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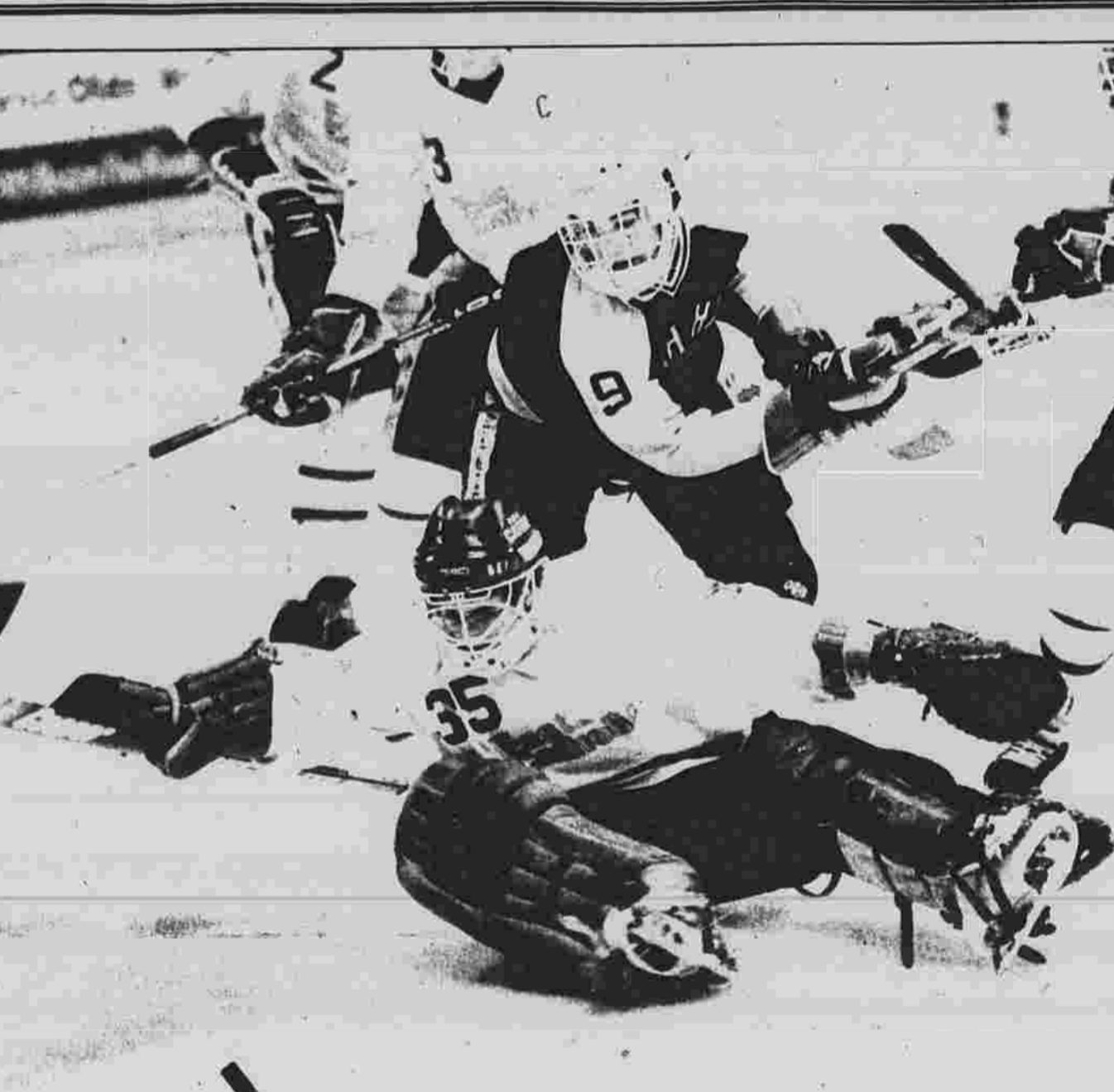
By Jack Redden United Press International LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Leaders of Lebanon's rival factions held preparatory meetings at a heavily fortified lakeside hotel today, working out their positions for the second round of national reconciliation talks aimed at ending nearly a decade of civil war.

Weiss cuts \$154,062 in school plan

A cut of \$154,062 in the Board of Education's budget request for next year has been recommended by General Manager Robert B. Weiss, leaving the budget at \$22,943,325.

Execution of Autry will not be televised

By Olive Talley United Press International HUNTSVILLE, Texas — The Texas Board of Corrections today unanimously rejected a death row inmate's request to televise his execution Wednesday.



State championship Backup goalie Chris Poshpeck of East Catholic High School sits on the ice and reaches for the puck in third period action of Saturday's state Division II championship game at the New Haven Coliseum.

Mannix used all of his bench in 9-2 victory over North Haven. North Haven's Art Bergeron (9) looks at the puck while East's Dan Raffin (2), Don Maxim (3) and Rob Tedoldi (11) are in on play as well.

GM defect trial to begin Tuesday

By Frank T. Conroy United Press International WASHINGTON — A federal judge has postponed until Tuesday a trial at which General Motors Corp. says it will fight for its reputation against charges it knowingly manufactured 1.1 million X-cars with defective brakes.

Atlanta debate features Mondale blast

By Clay F. Richards United Press International ATLANTA — Sen. Gary Hart and his candidacy of "new ideas" came under heavy bombardment from Walter Mondale in a debate that may be the most crucial of the 1984 campaign for the Democratic nomination.

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### Three of seven Megabucks winners missing

BRAINTREE, Mass. (UPI) — Four lottery players puzzled over options for their millions as Megabucks officials wondered what happened to three more winners of the richest lottery pool in North American history.

"We have no idea who the others are," said Megabucks spokesman David Ellis Sunday after sharing the jubilation of the new millionaires after each presented a ticket bearing the winning six-number combination against 2-million-to-1 odds.

"I'm a millionaire!" said David Tremblay, a 21-year-old carpenter. "I can't believe it. But I'm sure I'll get used to it."

Tremblay, of North Easton, Evelyn Buma, 75, of Worcester; John Ferguson, 46, of Candia, N.H.; and Mr. and Mrs. David Greene, of Coventry, R.I., rushed into Megabucks headquarters, with each ticket holder entitled to one-seventh of the \$16,218,500 prize — or \$2,602,654.

White Tremblay and Greene said they based their selections on birthdays. Mrs. Buma acted on premonition.

"I bought two tickets for the first time in my life," said the retired clothing buyer. "I just felt this is it. I had to enter, and I picked those numbers."

Lottery officials said even if they don't hear soon from the three remaining winners, those whose tickets have been verified would receive the first annual installment this afternoon of \$150,132 for the next 29 years.

Technically, a winner does not have to submit his ticket for a year.

The computer found that two of the winning tickets were purchased at a variety store in Woburn, prompting speculation one person may be doubly rewarded.

Greene, 44, sharing a furniture finishing business with his wife, Karen,

43, drove their 6-year-old daughter to the headquarters in a 1977 pickup truck and said he is thinking of purchasing a Mercedes.

"We're trying to think what we should do first," he said. "We've worked very hard and would like to make things not quite so difficult for ourselves."

Six rubber balls with the winning combination of 5-11-12-23-28-31 tumbled out of a clear plastic drum Saturday night after more than 14 million \$1 tickets sold last week with the jackpot swelling for an unprecedented four weeks.

Ferguson, general manager of a furniture manufacturing company in Bedford, N.H., turned up with his friend, Geoffrey Gengras, a 39-year-old data processor, also of Candia. The two explained they shared the expense of six \$1 tickets and are splitting the proceeds.

"I didn't sleep much after learning

we'd won," Ferguson said.

Mrs. Buma, noting she is "very happy with life just as it is," said she planned to share her wealth with her son, daughter, grandchildren and church.

Contending she learned of her new wealth at a country club function when the numbers were announced, Mrs. Buma said, "People came from out of the corners. Everyone was so excited. I've never got so much attention in my life."

Tremblay said he would continue with his carpentry "to keep from becoming bored. Living with his parents and four siblings, Tremblay said, "I was watching the drawing on television. I saw I made \$400 (with four numbers), then it was \$400 (with five). All of a sudden I knew I won Megabucks."

"I couldn't believe it," he said. "I started calling everyone I knew."



DAVID TREMBLAY IS A WINNER... gets one-seventh of prize

## Peopletalk

### Peter has his problems

Peter Ueberroth, baseball's new high commissioner, admits he has some sticky problems facing him after he takes office on Oct. 1.

"In older days, baseball people were much closer and got along," Ueberroth said recently. "I read a lot about bitterness these days.

In the long ago, baseball players were not being arrested for possessing drugs as they are today and Ueberroth believes that if some of the bitterness can be eased between players and management, strong moves can be made against drug users and drug abusers.

"Baseball's integrity is higher than other sports but it has to improve," Ueberroth said. "I want to lead a fight against drugs in baseball, not baseball players who take drugs."

### There's no time for perks

The late Joseph E. Muckley was something of a maverick among top American business executives.

Muckley, chief financial officer of Martin-Marietta Corp., and a board member of several big corporations, complained in an article in the March-April issue of Harvard Business Review that some executives are getting too much money. In his article, Muckley demanded, among other things, the elimination of directors' pensions and corporate perquisites.

"Those persons fortunate enough to achieve high status in our corporate society should think more of their responsibilities and less of their perquisites," Muckley singled out for criticism his own corporation, Martin-Marietta, and United Technologies, ITT, Allis-Chalmers, and American Can.

### HBO funds unique museum

Home Box Office Inc. has donated \$30,000 to an \$11 million museum scheduled to open officially in 1986. The Astoria Motion Picture and Television Foundation's American Museum of the Moving Image is the only one in the United States that is devoted to the art and history, as well as technology, of motion pictures and television.

Astoria, a community in New York City's borough of Queens, was the site of one of the first motion picture studios. "We believe that the museum will serve to acknowledge the milestones of the past while helping to inspire further creative advancements," Frank Biondi, president and chief executive officer of HBO, said.

### Quote of the day

Singer and solo opera star Rick Springfield, who will make his movie debut as a rock star in "Hard to Hold," said in the April issue of Glamour magazine: "Because of my upbringing, I think one of the ultimate goals in life is settling down and having kids. You can't let a career stop that. If you do, you've made a mistake."

### Glimpses

Anthony Hopkins recalls that a London drama critic gave him unkind reviews when he appeared in 1970 in "Coriolanus" with Laurence Olivier's National Theatre and he reacted in an ungentlemanly way. "Don't ever attack me personally," Hopkins said he told the reviewer. "Next time, I'll smash your face in. I really will." In the years that followed Hopkins mellowed, his acting improved and he began getting rave reviews.

Pamela Fiori, editor-in-chief of Travel & Leisure magazine, suggests that vacationers whose passports have expired should get them renewed now, before the better weather begins. The fee is now \$35, but Ms. Fiori says, "the good news is that your new passport is good 10 years."

### Now you know

Franklin D. Roosevelt, the first president to use radio in "fireside" chats, was first broadcast on this date in 1933.

### Beat it, Jackson lookalikes

Pop music star Michael Jackson might thrill teenagers around the nation but officials at one high school are not about to let students dress like him.

The Bound Brook school board in Somerset County, N.J., has forbidden students to show up for classes in Jackson's famous attire: a single sequined white glove, studded belt and untied shoes.

School officials said white gloves are "disruptive" and studded belts and untied shoes are safety hazards.

Students who defy the ruling face disciplinary action.

At least 283 of Bound Brook High School's 625 students have signed a petition protesting the recent ruling. They planned to present their petition at a school board meeting tonight.

Officials said only three or four students had insisted on dressing like Jackson.

### Reach out, cheat someone

Margaret Martinez fetched what she thought was a book from her mailbox in Redlands, Calif. Instead, the 24-page document inside was her January telephone bill for \$35,236.

"I don't know how this happened," Mrs. Martinez told the Redlands Daily Facts. "It wouldn't be very funny if I had to pay for it."

The first inkling of trouble came in late January when General Telephone Co. told Mrs. Martinez her son's telephone calling card had been canceled because it had been "subject to misuse."

The son, Michael Ortiz, is in the Navy and had been using the card to bill long-distance calls to his mother's account.

"Someone overheard the number or watched as he punched it in," she said. "They must have told it to everyone on base."

Mrs. Martinez' Feb. 4 phone bill was a \$35,236 monster. The billing for certain days took up pages and pages.

## Almanac

Today is Monday, March 12, the 72nd day of 1984 with 294 to follow. The moon is moving toward its full phase.

The morning stars are Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening star is Mercury.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Pisces. They include New York Times publisher Adolph Ochs in 1856, Russian ballet master Vaslav Nijinsky in 1890, American novelist Jack Kerouac in 1922, actress Barbara Feldon in 1941 and entertainer Liza Minnelli in 1946.

On this date in history:

In 1915, the first Girl Scouts of America troop was organized in Savannah, Georgia, by Mrs. Juliette Gordon Low.

In 1930, Mahatma Gandhi began a campaign of civil disobedience against British rule in India.

In 1947, in a speech to Congress, President Harry S. Truman outlined what became known as the Truman Doctrine, calling for U.S. aid to countries threatened by communist revolution.

In 1963, the House of Representatives voted to grant former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill honorary U.S. citizenship.

A thought for the day: Sir Winston Churchill said, "Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty—never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense."



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## Weather

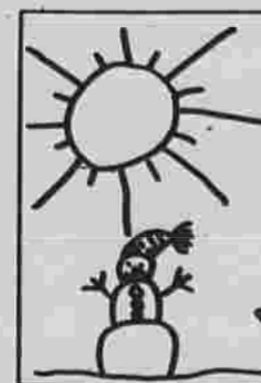
### Today's forecasts

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Sunny and very cold today. Highs 20 to 25. Tonight becoming cloudy with a chance of light snow developing over western sections late at night. Lows from the mid teens to the lower 20s. Tuesday snow possibly mixing with rain along the south coast during the afternoon. Highs 25 to 35.

Maine, New Hampshire: Mostly sunny and windy today except flurries in the north. Highs in the single numbers north with teens and some low 20s south. Increasing cloudiness tonight with a chance of snow by morning in southern sections. Lows zero to 5 below north with low teens south. Tuesday occasional snow likely. Highs from the teens north to 20s and low 30s south.

Vermont: Sunny but cold today. Highs mainly in the teens. Clouding up tonight. A chance of snow by morning. Lows zero to 15 above. Periods of snow Tuesday. Highs in the 20s.

Labrador Sound: Winds northwest 10 to 15 knots this afternoon. Winds east to southeast 10 to 15 knots tonight increasing to 15 to 25 knots Tuesday. Visibility 5 miles lowering to 1 mile or less in precipitation late tonight and Tuesday. Average wave heights 1 to 2 miles this afternoon and tonight.



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### Extended outlook

Extended outlook for New England Wednesday through Friday: Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Chance of rain Wednesday. Fair Thursday. Chance of rain or snow showers Friday. Overnight lows from the mid 20s to the mid 30s. Daytime highs in the 40s.

Vermont: Chance of a few flurries Wednesday. Highs 25 to 35. Lows 10 to 25. Chance of rain or snow Thursday and Friday. Highs 35 to 45. Lows in the teens and 20s.

Maine: Chance of snow north and chance of snow or rain south Wednesday and Thursday. Clearing Friday. Highs in the teens north to near 30 at the coast. Wednesday rising to near 20 north to near 40 south Friday. Lows in the single numbers north to teens south. Wednesday warming to near 10 north to near 20 south Friday.

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### Satellite view

Commerce Department satellite photo taken at 3 a.m. EST shows bands of thundershowers in Texas which are producing heavy rains. An area of clouds just north of these bands are thick and producing light to moderate rains and northward from this into the Dakotas and western Minnesota some rain and snow is falling. Bands of clouds in the central and northern Rockies are producing rain with snow in the higher elevations. The band of clouds entering California and Oregon is not producing precipitation at this time. Mostly fair skies over the East.



National forecast

### High and low

The highest temperature reported Sunday by the National Weather Service, excluding Alaska and Hawaii, was 89 degrees at Gila Bend, Ariz. The low today was 24 degrees below zero at Watertown, N.Y.

### Weather radio

The National Weather Service broadcasts continuous, 24-hour weather information on 162.475 mhz in Hartford, 162.55 mhz in New London and 162.40 mhz in Meriden.

Golden eagles dive on their prey with such speed and force that the sound of the wind whistling through the wing feathers can be heard at a distance.

## Lottery

Connecticut daily Saturday: 118 Play Four: 1108

Other numbers drawn Saturday in New England:

Vermont daily: 845.

Maine daily: 115.

Rhode Island daily: 2992.

New Hampshire daily: 4783.

Massachusetts daily: 678.

Massachusetts Megabucks: 5-11-22-25-31.

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A records check showed that the license number on the car's cardboard registration plate did not match the motor vehicle's department's description of the car, police said.

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### Income tax assistance

A late-night light outside Davila's restaurant in the Manchester Parkade on Broad Street resulted in the destruction Saturday of a Davila employee's eyeglasses and the arrest of a 29-year-old East Hartford man, police said today.

Billy J. Young was charged with third-degree assault, third-degree criminal mischief, interfering with police and breach of peace shortly before 3:30 a.m. Saturday. A patrol officer reported that the employee was hit twice and kicked in the incident outside the bar, police said.

The employee, Jon C. Kondratovic, 22, told police Young became belligerent after being escorted to the bar when it closed, police said. Young also struggled when the officer tried to handcuff him, police said. A second officer had to sit with Young in the police cruiser to restrain him as he was transported to police headquarters, police said.

Young was later released on a \$250 cash bond pending a court appearance today.

### Scouts breakfast together

More than 350 Girl Scouts gathered at Manchester High School's cafeteria Sunday to observe Girl Scout Sunday. Sharing a moment together are (from left) Susan Dominico of 99 Green Manor Road, Marianne Lavatori of 225 Knollwood Road and Karen Holmes of 57 Phelps Road. Susan and Marianne belong to Brownie Troop 645 and Marianne belongs to Junior Troop 686. After doughnuts and juice, girls watched a performance by the Sacred Dance Group of North United Methodist Church.

### Driver held in fatality

A Manchester man has been charged in connection with a two-car crash late Sunday in Newport, R.I., in which his teenage passenger was killed, police said.

Police said the dead youth, Steven McCormick, 17, of Middletown, R.I., was a passenger in a car driven by Robert Grover, 18, of Manchester.

The crash occurred on Memorial Drive at Rhode Island Avenue shortly after 10 p.m. Sunday when Grover's auto was hit broadside by a car driven by Edward Hughes, 39, of Newport. Police said Grover was on Rhode Island Avenue and Hughes was on Memorial Drive.

McCormick was pronounced dead at Newport Hospital and Grover was taken to Newport Hospital but later transferred to the Naval Hospital, police said.

Grover was charged with driving to endanger, death resulting, police said.

### Fire Calls

Manchester

Friday, 2 p.m. — dumpster fire, 134 Rachel Road (Eighth District).

Friday, 3:32 p.m. — medical call, 152 Bissell St. (Town).

Friday, 3:47 p.m. — service call, 39 Hilltop Drive (Town).

Friday, 4:06 p.m. — medical call, 265B Homestead St. (Eighth District, Paramedics).

Friday, 4:26 p.m. — investigation, 889 Main St. (Town).

Friday, 4:45 p.m. — medical call, Crestwood and Linamore drives (Paramedics).

Friday, 5:12 p.m. — sofa fire, 92 W. Center St. (Town).

Friday, 8:03 p.m. — motor vehicle accident, 81 Broad St. (Eighth District, Paramedics).

Saturday, 1:56 a.m. — motor vehicle accident, Interstate 86 eastbound (Town).

Saturday, 4:40 a.m. — medical call, 40 Clyde Road (Eighth District, Paramedics).

Saturday, 9:24 a.m. — medical call, 8C Ambassador Drive (Eighth District, Paramedics).

Saturday, 11:01 a.m. — alarm, Washington School (Town).

Saturday, 1:46 p.m. — motor vehicle accident, Green Road and Summit Street (Eighth District, Paramedics).

Saturday, 4:37 p.m. — motor vehicle accident, Interstate 84 eastbound (Town).

Saturday, 5:40 p.m. — medical call, Manchester Police Department, 230 E. Middle Turnpike (Paramedics).

Saturday, 6:09 p.m. — sofa fire, 92 W. Center St. (Town).

Saturday, 9:29 p.m. — medical call, 213 Center St. (Paramedics).

Saturday, 10:15 p.m. — medical call, 63 Faulkner Drive (Paramedics).

Saturday, 11:22 p.m. — medical call, Main and Center streets (Paramedics).

Sunday, 3:24 a.m. — medical call, 24 Starkweather St. (Eighth District, Paramedics).

Sunday, 3:40 a.m. — medical call, East Center and Spruce streets (Paramedics).

Sunday, 10:03 a.m. — water flow alarm, 615 Parker St. (Town).

Sunday, 12:05 p.m. — medical call, 190 Grissom Road (Paramedics).

Sunday, 3:29 p.m. — medical call, 629 E. Middle Turnpike (Paramedics).

Sunday, 9:58 p.m. — car fire, 12 Bank St. (Town).

Sunday, 11:54 p.m. — alarm, Manchester Police Department, 239 E. Middle Turnpike (Town).

Monday, 1:41 a.m. —

### Police roundup

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### Building permits issued

The town of Manchester issued 122 building permits in February, 10 more than were issued in the same period last year, the town's chief building inspector reported.

The total estimated cost of the projects for which permits were issued is \$1,600,463, which brought \$12,285 in fees to the town. In February 1983 the value of construction was only \$712,880 and brought \$3,025 in fees.

Projects approved last month include a medical office building at 375 E. Center St., three condominiums at 102 Wetherell St., a 120-by-200-foot addition at 291 Adams St., a waste water treatment addition at 50 Harrison St., and office space at 94 Jefferson St.

### Only Weinberg seeks to go

As of this morning, Mayor Barbara Weinberg, a supporter of Walter Mondale's candidacy for president, was the only Manchester Democrat seeking election April 12 as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco.

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### Water violation recorded

A violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act was recorded at the Howard Station during February. Public Works Director George A. Kandra reported.

The turbidity or cloudiness of the water was slightly in excess of the standards set by the water act, Kandra said. Under the act, the standard for the monthly average is 1 turbidity unit. The Howard Station posted a monthly average of 1.05 units in February.

Robert J. Young, water and sewer treatment manager, said the violation posed no health hazard. He said the higher turbidity lowers the disinfectant properties of chlorine that is added to the water.

### Recruits get school aid

Army recruits from Manchester and the surrounding area who enlisted last year will collect a total of about \$272,000 toward a college education, according to Sgt. 1st Class Phillips of the Manchester Recruiting Office.

The money comes from the Army College Fund and is above and beyond the college money that every member of the Armed Forces is eligible for.

Of the soldiers from this area who enlisted, 24 of them were eligible for the "Army College Fund," which adds up to \$12,000 in college money for service in certain Army jobs. They will collect the money when they attend school.

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### U.S./World In Brief

#### New terrorism tack feared

WASHINGTON — Americans may be fearful of terrorism that will use atomic weapons, but two foreign affairs specialists say the most dangerous threat to the United States is from chemical or biological warfare.

The concern about terrorism through chemical weapons was raised in a study by Neil Livingston and Joseph Douglas Jr., called, "CBW: The Poor Man's Atomic Bomb."

Douglas told United Press International the study was reviewed "by a government agency" and found to be substantially correct.

The authors, who live in the Washington area, say, "The danger of a terrorist group manufacturing or stealing lethal chemical or biological weapons poses a far greater threat to American national security than does the widely feared prospect of terrorists acquiring an atomic bomb."

Powerful and persistent biological agents such as anthrax, which are known to be manufactured in the Soviet Union, can be made in laboratories with no more elaborate than those found in high schools. The basic "starter" can be purchased from medical supply houses for as little as \$35, according to the book, published by the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis in association with Tufts University.

#### Dollar boosted by reports

LONDON — The dollar opened higher in Europe today, boosted by reports from the United States about cuts in federal spending deficits.

Gold fell below \$400. It opened \$4 lower in Britain and Switzerland, compared with Friday night's closing prices. The opening rate in Zurich was \$397.50, in London \$397.50.

The dollar opened higher everywhere, strengthened by comments by American economist Martin Feldstein that U.S. spending deficits could be cut substantially over the next three years.

In London, the pound opened at \$1.457 against \$1.4665 at close of trading Friday.

In Frankfurt, the dollar opened at 2.4065 marks, up from 2.3790. In Zurich it was at 2.1455 Swiss francs up from 2.1275.

In Paris, the dollar crossed the 8 francs level for the first time since March 1983, when it was 7.9475. The opening rate in Brussels was \$4.75 Belgian francs, up from \$4.20. In Milan, one dollar bought 1,618.75 lira, up from 1,602 Friday night.

In the Far East, the dollar closed higher in Tokyo at 224.85 yen up from 223.75.

#### Mitterand suffers setback

PARIS — France's Socialist government suffered losses in five of the six weekend provincial elections, official results showed today.

The setbacks for President Francois Mitterand's government came as the Socialist leader sank to the lowest popularity rating of any French president since Charles de Gaulle founded the Fifth Republic in 1958.

In a public opinion poll by the firm IFOP, published Sunday in the Paris newspaper *Journaux*, Mitterand, less than a third of those polled said they were satisfied with Mitterand's performance.

Thirty-two percent of the French polled gave Mitterand a positive rating, down from 35 percent in February.

In weekend voting in six elections in cantons, or divisions, and in municipalities, only one Socialist candidate emerged victorious over right-wing candidates.

Left-wing candidates have been rebuffed in local elections since March 1983, with right-wing candidates making considerable progress in local balloting last autumn.

#### Blackbird invasion begins

FAIRFIELD, Ill. — The second annual invasion of blackbirds has begun, although no one is sure why.

"There are literally millions of them," one resident said Sunday. "The sky gets just black when they're up and flying."

The invasion started last year when millions of cowbirds — a species of blackbird — settled in a field, about 200 miles west of Chicago, on their way north from Mexico.

They took over a stand of pine trees west of town, and it took residents armed with noisemakers, fake distress birdcalls, gas-powered cannons and shotguns a week to shoo them away.

But the birds apparently enjoyed the ruckus, because they're back in force.

The birds' shrill, grating whistles annoy townspeople, and their droppings — inches deep on the ground near their roosts — create a health hazard. Officials also are concerned by the birds' habit of searching for food in livestock farms, which could spread animal disease from farm to farm.

To combat the problem, the city has set up two hotline numbers to give residents advice on getting rid of the pesky birds.

But officials say their best hope would be a warm spell, to send the birds winging their way further north.

#### Almost a winner

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Maurice Hays would be a man with a skinny wallet and no job if not for his horoscope.

Hays, 62, thought he won \$100,000 in the Western Express Lottery last Thursday — only to learn that his "winning" number was a printing mistake in the morning edition of the *Winnipeg Free Press*.

Good thing he scanned his horoscope that morning. It told him not to act rashly about quitting his job at the provincial government.

"I don't usually read my horoscope but I just happened to this day morning," he said. "It was a funny coincidence."

It was that afternoon when he got the bad news from lottery officials — he was not a winner.

But he was still employed, and still had the money he said he would have spent Thursday night if he had won.

"I thought, 'I'll have to go over to the lottery office Friday afternoon and pick up my money,' but then I decided to go Thursday afternoon. It's a good thing I changed my mind because I probably would have gone out and spent a few bucks Thursday night."

"I had my moment of joy, but we live for tomorrow," he said with a shrug.

The *Free Press* printed eight of 11 winning numbers incorrectly, but lottery officials did not know if anyone threw away a winning ticket as a result of the errors.

### Rebels warn U.S. on troop deployment

## Aid request said to include helicopters

By United Press International

A U.S. military officer in El Salvador said President Reagan's request for \$200 million in emergency military aid to the country includes 10 new Huey helicopters to beef up the Salvadoran air force.

In Washington, Reagan reportedly vetoed a plan to have the CIA patrol Salvadoran airspace in unmarked AC-130 Spectre gunships, using a rapid-firing cannon to disperse guerrilla concentrations.

In its latest issue, *Newsweek* magazine quoted senior administration officials as saying U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick led an attack on the proposal by Gen. Paul Gorman, head of the U.S. Southern Command in Panama, and CIA officials in Central America.

They suggested that unmarked AC-130 Spectre gunships flown by the CIA should patrol the skies over El Salvador, using rapid-firing cannon to break up rebel troop concentrations, *Newsweek* said.

Asked about the report, a White House spokesman said the administration would not comment on "anything having to do with military options for the president."

A Salvadoran rebel leader, meanwhile, warned any U.S. troops deployed inside Honduras near the Salvadoran border to distract guerrillas during March 25 elections will be shot as "invaders" if they enter El Salvador.

The Pentagon has confirmed it will move U.S. troops to the Honduran border for "emergency readiness exercises" about the same time Salvadoran elections take place.

"There is no doubt about this, they are going to be considered as invaders in our country," said Ruben Zamora, a leader of the leftist rebel Democratic Revolutionary Front, at a news conference in Managua, Nicaragua, Saturday.

An American officer in El Salvador who asked not to be identified for security reasons said 10 new Huey helicopters and two AC-47 cargo planes are included in an aid request presented by Reagan for congressional approval.

U.S. advisers in the country have complained for the past year that the country's 19 UH-1H Huey helicopters are insufficient to cover mobility needs of the armed forces, locked in a 4-year-old civil war against leftist rebels.

On Tuesday, a House subcommittee will consider Reagan's request for \$83 million in emergency aid to the Salvadoran army, although Democrats worried about growing U.S. involvement in El Salvador are expected to oppose the petition.

The U.S. military officer said additional funds are needed for ammunition, medical supplies, spare parts and training programs, including pilots for the new Hueys.



Supporters of the Christian Democratic party hold a rally over the weekend in the city of Santiago De Maria, El Salvador, 37 miles east of San Salvador.

Leftist guerrillas who attacked the city Friday were said to have been repelled by Salvadoran army troops.

There are shortages in the near future that are going to hurt us really badly if we don't get some help," the officer said.

## Assad places brother in line for succession

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — A Soviet Politburo member praised Syria's position against "American imperialism" and President Hafez Assad placed his powerful brother high in line to succeed him as Syrian president.

Politburo member Gennadiy Aliev's visit to Syria coincided with the announcement Sunday of a new Cabinet and the appointment of three Syrian vice-presidents.

Assad's brother Rifaat Assad was given one of the new top government offices in a shakeup that placed him high in line to take over as president.

Aliev and Assad met Sunday and planned a meeting Monday.

"The U.S.S.R. appreciates highly Syria's position in the face of American imperialism, and Syria will always receive material and moral help from the U.S.S.R. in its struggle," Aliev told state Syrian radio.

"American plots in this part of the world will be crushed by the Syrian rock supported by the Soviet Union," Aliev said.

Aliev spoke after meeting with Syrian Prime Minister Abdel Raouf Kasm, who lauded the "ever-increasing cooperation between the two countries."

The Soviet official also met with Assad and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam.

Assad appointed Khaddam, his brother Rifaat and a regional under-secretary of Syria's ruling Baath Party, Zuhair Masharqa, to new vice-presidential posts.

No details of their duties were given. Assad said while recovering from a severe heart attack Nov. 13 he would take steps to lighten his workload.

The president's failing health reportedly has led to a power struggle

between Rifaat and the army. Observers noted the absence in the new government line-up of any of Rifaat Assad's rival regular army chiefs.

Rifaat Assad commands his own personal 25,000-strong army called the "defense companies."

There were no surprises in Kasm's new 35-member Cabinet. The senior posts remained in the same hands as they had since Kasm's first government in Feb. 1980, although 19 new men were brought in at lower positions.

It was not clear if the changes were a routine shakeup, linked to Assad's health or to face the new role Syria has to play in the region now that it has succeeded in becoming the arbiter in Lebanon by backing the victors in the latest round of the 8-year-long civil war.

Aliev hailed as a "major success" last month's Syrian-backed Moslem

offensive that drove the Lebanese army from west Beirut and forced President Gemayel to acknowledge Syria, rather than Israel, as the key power in Lebanon.

The rebel victory in west Beirut forced the withdrawal of U.S. Marines and reduced American support for the Gemayel government.

His visit to Damascus was the first by a high-ranking Soviet official since Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko visited in 1980, when the two countries signed a friendship and cooperation agreement.

Syria has said the mutual defense pact in the agreement means direct Soviet military intervention in the event it is attacked.

The Soviet news agency Tass said Aliev was on a short working trip to the request of Syria.

## Father fights to free son from Vietnamese

By Robert A. Morrin

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Frederick Graham Sr. says diplomacy, persuasion and prayer have failed to win his son's release from a Vietnamese prison, and apparently the only way to free the teenager will be to pay a \$10,000 fine — a figure far beyond Graham's means.

"We've tried everything — international diplomacy, religious missions to Vietnam and appeals to their humanity. Nothing has worked. They want the \$10,000. Only I don't have it," said Graham, a Silicon Valley engineer.

Graham, an engineer, spoke in an interview in his office at Gould Inc.

At home he doesn't discuss the plight of his 19-year-old son, Frederick Jr.

"My wife goes into a crying jag when he's mentioned. My younger son, Frankie, just withdraws," said Graham.

Fred Jr., an aspiring photojournalist, left home in April 1983, headed for Bangkok and adventure. Along the way, he met Richard Knight, 47, a British adventurer who claimed to have a 300-year-old treasure map that could be traced back to pirate Capt. William Kidd.

The two joined forces to hunt for the booty, supposedly buried on a South China Sea island off the Cambodia-Vietnam coast.

But in June they were captured, found guilty by a Vietnamese provincial court of illegally entering the country and locked up in Kien Giang prison.

"Since then all contact with his son has been through intermediaries such as State Department officials and international religious organizations, which he won't identify. They've asked not to be identified," Graham said. "There are five of them that have been involved and are continuing to be involved."

A member of one of those groups, he said, visited his son in his prison cell. "He reported back that Fred was doing well. His morale was in pretty good shape and the indications were that he was getting a good, balanced diet, fish and vegetables, and any medical attention he needed."

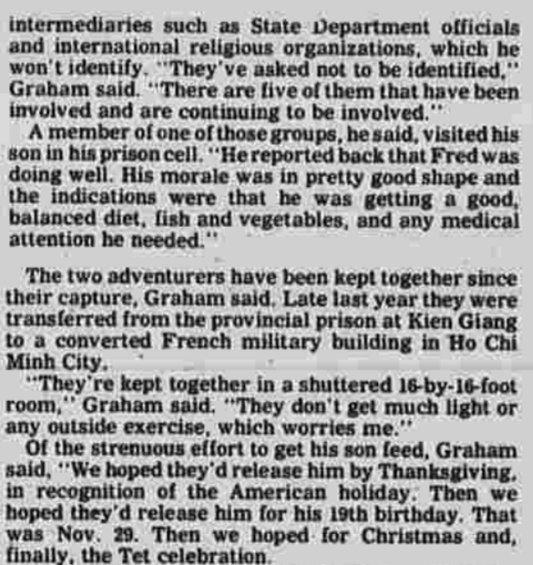
The two adventurers have been kept together since their capture, Graham said. Late last year they were transferred from the provincial prison at Kien Giang to a converted French military building in Ho Chi Minh City.

"They're kept together in a shuttered 16-by-16-foot room," Graham said. "They don't get much light or any outside exercise, which worries me."

Of the strenuous effort to get his son free, Graham said, "We hoped they'd release him by Thanksgiving, in recognition of the American holiday. Then we hoped they'd release him for his 19th birthday. That was Nov. 29. Then we hoped for Christmas and, finally, the Tet celebration.

"All that came and went," Graham said. "The Vietnamese are taking a pretty hard line in this particular case. They've implied that they intend to hold him until the fine is paid."

"Now we're just going to have to pay the fine, which has been the hangup all along. But I just don't have those kinds of funds myself. The most I could scrape together was \$2,500."



Frederick Graham, 54, holds a snapshot of his adventurer-son, Frederick Jr., who has been a prisoner in Vietnam since he and a fellow adventurer were captured off the Vietnamese coast while searching for treasure.

## Commerce sees higher business investment

By Dennis G. Gulino

WASHINGTON — American business plans to increase its 1984 investment in new factories and equipment by 12 percent adjusted for inflation, a far more optimistic forecast than just a few months ago, the Commerce Department said today.

The pace of planned investment in new plant and equipment would be the strongest since 1968 when it climbed 13.4 percent.

Spending, figured in the same terms, declined 3 percent in 1983 because of the economic recovery. It was down 5.5 percent in 1982 and was off slightly in 1981, creating an unprecedented three-year period of deterioration for industrial modernization.

The latest Commerce Department survey revealed more ambitious plans than the previous survey conducted in late November and December. It had

forecast 1984 would see an only 9.9 percent improvement after the same adjustment for inflation.

The projected level for 1984 capital investment, the means by which industry restores its competitive edge and creates new jobs, would be an all-time high of \$343.6 billion in current dollars.

That figure, not adjusted for inflation, would be 13.6 percent higher than 1983.

Manufacturing industries alone forecast a 15.7 percent jump in capital spending in 1972 dollars.

In non-manufacturing industries the largest increase would be for mining, with a 23.9 percent surge in capital spending, adjusted for inflation.

Trade and service industries projected an 11.6 percent improvement, transportation industries a 6.6 percent gain and public utilities, 5.9 percent, the department said.

Business planners tended to be more optimistic in their forecasts than in their actions through the recession and the first year of economic recovery.

But many analysts say the trend has now shifted and they expect businesses to keep revising their forecasts as well as their actual spending upward as the economic expansion continues.

All figures were seasonally adjusted.

## Vatican sends new rosary

BOSTON (UPI) — A 94-year-old woman who lost her cherished rosary beads received "a miracle" in the mail — a new strand blessed by Pope John Paul II.

"I never would have believed it, no sir," said Elaine Quinn after the package from the Vatican arrived Saturday.

Mrs. Quinn was devastated when she lost a set of rosary beads last January that had been blessed by a previous pope and had been in her family for generations.

Edward Davidson, a retired social worker from Randolph, Mass., thought he would try to cheer her up by sending for another set — blessed by the pope.

He wrote to the Vatican and waited weeks for a response. Mrs. Quinn doubted the pope would respond.

"I was going to make a white line — send her other beads that had not been blessed," Davidson said.

"This is a happy ending."

Mrs. Quinn, a widow and former domestic worker, said she'll never lose her new pearl and silver rosary beads. "Even when I go to bed, they will go with me."

## Jackson, seeking key Southern support, calls Hart a 'fad'

MACON, Ga. (UPI) — Jesse Jackson, who will find out on "Super Tuesday" if blacks turn out in the numbers necessary to give him clout at the Democratic convention and beyond, is already banking on that support.

"You don't need the Democratic Party, it needs you," the civil rights leader told 300 Macon parishioners Saturday at the Steward Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. "If we've got along without them all this time, we can get along a little longer. They must respect us."

While sharply attacking Walter Mondale as a "relic of the past" and Gary Hart as a "fad of the future," Jackson has begun to set a price for his support.

On Sunday he said he will not support a nominee who does not join his fight against second primaries and dual registration in the South, election practices he says discriminate against blacks. He attacks Mondale and Hart for not agreeing to the suit so far, and notes neither has a black in his campaign's inner circle.

Jackson, 42, has registered hundreds of black voters during his frenetic campaign of 16-and 18-hour days, lurching from city to city, state to state, running hours behind schedule and canceling stops but not dampening the enthusiasm of his audiences.

Many have registered for the first time to vote for him and may or may not come to the polls in November if he is not the nominee.

Jackson calls the effort a "campaign and a crusade," reminding blacks "I paid my dues" as a lieutenant to Martin Luther King Jr. in the 1960s.

Like his appearance Sunday at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta on King's pulpit, the 6-foot-5 Baptist preacher has returned to many sites of the civil rights battles.

"I've done the marching, heard the threats, slept in the jails, provided more jobs, fed more hungry people," he told black college students in West Point, Miss., last week. "In the 1950s and early '60s when blacks were on the back of the bus, where was Mondale? Where was Hart? Glenn? I've been here when you needed me, not just when I needed you."

On the line Tuesday are primaries in Georgia, Alabama and Florida. Jackson was fourth in New Hampshire, but these will be his first test in states with large black populations. In Georgia, 21 percent of all registered voters are black; Alabama, 22 percent, and Florida, 16 percent.

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# OPINION

## Pratt decision highlights tough question

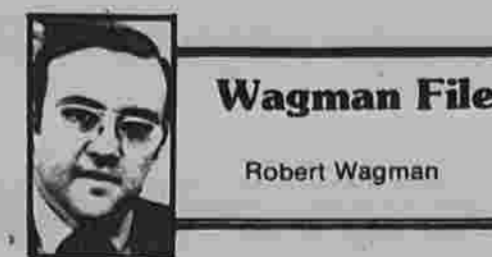
WASHINGTON — One of the standard jokes around this town for years has been that everyone in Congress is all for cutting waste from the defense budget, except when a cut is targeted for their state or congressional district. Then the senator or congressman involved will say that the cut, whatever it is, would lower the level of national security.

For almost as long, Congress has criticized the way the Pentagon makes its purchases. One aspect of Pentagon procurement policy which has been under fire for years is "sole source" buying. As the name implies, this is the practice of buying a product or a weapon system from a single supplier. Time and time again Congress has complained that this keeps the Pentagon from getting the best price or the best product. And they have called for competition among suppliers.

To its credit, the Reagan administration has agreed. It has started to move away from sole source procurement, and to open many contracts to competitive bidding. The result? Congress, or at least a part of it, is up in arms.

As we previously reported, the first major confrontation between the Pentagon and the Hill occurred over the awarding of the contract to build engines for the Army's new M-1 tank. Avco Corp.'s Lycoming Division, in Stratford, Conn., had been the only supplier of these tank engines. The Army was not altogether happy with the engines that it was getting from Avco. It was concerned about the price, around \$550,000 each, and the company's quality controls.

OVER THE NEXT four or five years the Army needs to buy a large number of these engines. So it proposed awarding a second source for about half the annual production. This meant that Avco would lose about \$400 million in orders that it was expecting. That, in turn,



Wagman File  
Robert Wagman

would mean lost jobs in Connecticut. So the state's six-member congressional delegation led a major fight against the Pentagon's plan to split the contract.

The congressmen made two arguments. One was that by having all the engines made by Avco, the Army will actually save money — about \$300 million over four years — because of effectiveness of mass production. They also said that it makes no sense to throw people out of work in Connecticut just to employ them in California or some other place.

Now another such battle is in the offing. This time the fight is over jet plane engines. Over the next few years the Air Force needs to buy a new generation of engines for its F-15s and F-16s. In all, the purchase of about 160 new engines will be worth about \$10 billion.

FOR MANY YEARS the main manufacturer of jet engines for Air Force fighter aircraft has been the Pratt & Whitney division of United Technologies Corp. For all intents and purposes it has been the sole source. This has concerned the Pentagon, which has worried that it has not been getting the best engines at the best price.

So several years ago, it gave the jet engine division of General Electric research and development money to

build a prototype to compete with Pratt & Whitney. The Pentagon then opened the new contract to competitive bidding between the two giants.

The result was a bidding war the likes of which has rarely been seen around the Pentagon. After a long evaluation of the two engines, the military decided to split the award 75-25, with GE getting a contract for about 120 of the new engines and Pratt a contract for about 40. The decision was based not so much on price but on the fact that in tests the GE engine performed slightly better. Also, GE was offering a much better warranty on its engines, something that Congress has said the Pentagon should obtain on all of its weapon purchases.

ALTHOUGH PUBLICLY all Pratt & Whitney has said is that it is "disappointed" by the decision, P&W's friends on Capitol Hill are expected to fight the decision during the upcoming debate over the new Pentagon budget. The company's friends include all the senators and representatives whose districts contain P&W plants.

The arguments will be much the same as those raised in the tank engine debate. Opponents of the Pentagon plan will claim that the Air Force is paying too much for the GE engines and that the decision will force P&W to layoff workers. To this will be added the argument that the Air Force made its decision so it could justify spending R&D money for GE to develop its engine.

Pentagon higher-ups believe that they should be congratulated for finally doing what Congress has been asking, opening up previous sole source procurements to open bidding. But instead of praise, they are taking new jabs. Under these circumstances can you really blame them for feeling that they are damned if they do, damned if they don't? But then such are the ways of Congress.

Richard M. Diamond, Publisher



Jack Anderson  
Washington Merry-Go-Round

## The truth about U.S. arms policy

WASHINGTON — President Reagan has earmarked more than \$90 billion for the Pentagon in 1985. Of that staggering sum, one-third is intended for research, development and purchase of weapons.

Yet most members of Congress have neither the time nor the expertise to make informed decisions about the strengths and weaknesses — and costs — of new weapons. This crucial function is left pretty much to the members of the House and Senate armed services committees.

My associate Donald Goldberg intercepted a briefing book prepared by the General Accounting Office for use at a closed meeting of the House committee. I believe the public should share the GAO auditors' doubts about the final costs of the big-budget weapons.

Here are highlights of the briefing book:

- The largest single expenditure is \$7.7 billion to build 34 of the 100 B-1B bombers the Air Force hopes to get eventually. The Pentagon has assured Congress the total price for the 100 planes will be \$26.5 billion, but the GAO has its doubts.

The briefing book points out that it's far too early in the game to predict the cost accurately. The result, the GAO warns, is that "major program decisions will be made before actual cost history is available." For example, testing of the B-1B won't be completed for more than two years, "several months after the major program funding decisions have been made."

Probably the most controversial expenditure in the Pentagon budget is the MX "Peacekeeper" missile. The budget request is for 40 missiles at a total cost of \$2.9 billion, plus additional research and development costs of \$1.7 billion.

The GAO pointed out a potentially serious problem: "The risk exists that the Peacekeeper missile may not meet mission requirements when deployed." The reason is that a new re-entry system, the MK 21, hasn't been tested. Even if it does work, it's a heavy that either the number of warheads on each missile will have to be reduced, or decoy devices will have to be left off. In any case, the MX could be virtually useless because, the GAO notes, "the Soviets have been increasing silo hardness."

The auditors also warned of possible problems in the "productivity" and performance of key MX components, and pointed out that unit costs are already much higher than anticipated.

The Pentagon's "space initiatives" include more than \$1.7 billion for research and development of President Reagan's "Star Wars" weapons. A substantial portion of this amount will go into the space-based laser project.

"The space laser program plan is a long-term, expensive undertaking," the GAO briefing book states. "It is off to a slow start and is behind schedule. Program management ... has proven cumbersome and has contributed to program delays."

The Pentagon has requested \$1.8 billion for two of the Trident submarine of a proposed fleet of 15, with a total program cost of \$39.9 billion. But the GAO points out that the Navy "has been unable to determine how many Trident submarines with associated missiles will be needed to support future U.S. strategic forces."

Furthermore, the subs' missile is still practically untested. During early flight tests, the Trident I missile showed serious problems with its first-stage motor. This has raised "performance uncertainty" about the Trident II missile, GAO warned, adding that "the system's performance will not be fully demonstrated when the Trident II strategic weapon system is initially deployed."

## Vessey speaks at dedication

### Launch of sub goes smoothly

NEW LONDON (UPI) — Although anti-nuclear sentiments once kept politicians away from the Navy's newest submarine, the USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul submarine has finally slipped quietly into the fleet.

Last March 19 anti-nuclear protesters kept Minneapolis Mayor Donald Fraser and St. Paul Mayor George Latimer from attending the launching, but this Saturday the mayors attended the quiet commissioning without disturbance.

Fewer than a dozen demonstrators protested outside the U.S. Naval Base as Minnesota's senior senator, David L. Durenberger, led the outdoor commissioning along the banks of the Thames River.

"Regardless of whether we served in the Navy or sensibly chose to stay ashore with the Army, the people of this country recognize that we are a maritime nation and that our best defense is a forward defense," Durenberger, R-Minn., said.

Equipped with anti-submarine torpedoes and the Harpoon guided missile, the submarine's mission is to hunt down and destroy enemy surface ships and submarines.

Durenberger praised the crew of the submarine, saying "It takes guts to go aboard a submarine when every instinct is screaming for fresh air and sunlight, evenings at home and a 9-to-5 job."

"It takes guts to stick with a mission when the danger is vast and the risk is high," he said.

Durenberger's wife Penny, sponsored the 360-foot, 6,000-ton sub named for Minneapolis and St. Paul and Army Gen. John W. Vessey Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff helped dedicate.

As well as the mayors of the twin cities, a group of Minnesota businessmen and veterans were among an estimated 800 guests who braved 20-degree temperatures during the outdoor ceremonies.

Vessey, quoting George Washington, said "We preserve the peace and defend ourselves by making it self evident that we are ready for war." He said debate on how the country should be defended reached even the base gates where a handful of protesters gathered. No arrests were made.

"Some might view this ship with some concern," Latimer said Saturday, but he said he preferred to think "as a nation we are in one boat together."

Fraser, a World War II Navy veteran, said his citizens were "deeply grateful for service by men and women of the armed forces."



Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., gestures during a speech Saturday at a campaign fundraiser in Boston for Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo. Earlier, Dodd had endorsed Hart for the Democratic presidential nomination at a Bradley Airport press conference.

## Calling decision difficult, Dodd comes out for Hart

WINDSOR LOCKS (UPI) — Saying he cannot "remain comfortably on the sidelines" any longer, Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., has endorsed Colorado Sen. Gary Hart for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"We are both of the same generation that is needed to defeat Ronald Reagan and move America forward," said Dodd, who has stubbornly remained neutral in the presidential race until making the endorsement Saturday.

Dodd said his decision to come out for Hart now "was not an easy one. I could have waited for Super Tuesday or the next week, or until the Democratic nominee is predictable."

"But I couldn't do that. Too much is at stake here to remain comfortably on the sidelines," he said.

Dodd, who is the first Democrat in the Senate to swing to Hart's side, announced his endorsement at an appearance with Hart at Bradley International Airport.

Dodd and Hart were greeted by a cheering crowd of about 300 people at the airport, where Hart had stopped briefly before continuing to campaign in Rhode Island and Massachusetts where primaries are scheduled Tuesday.

Hart said he expected to win in Massachusetts and felt he would do better than expected in three southern states on Super Tuesday.

Dodd acknowledged that few other Connecticut Democratic leaders shared his tastes, but said he did not think he was in any trouble with the state's leaders backing former Vice President Walter Mondale for the party nomination.

"There's been no negative reaction to what I've done... in fact I hope the leaders will join with me when it becomes clear that Senator Hart will be the party's choice," Dodd said.

Both Hart, 47, and Dodd, 39, smiled and were noncommittal when asked on two occasions about a Hart-Dodd ticket in November.

"We'll just wait and see about that," said the two-term Colorado senator.

Dodd, first elected to the Senate in 1980 after three terms in the U.S. House, also said it was too early to discuss it.

But both men complimented each other as the type of public official needed to guide the United States, "I intend to rely on the Chris Dodds to carry this country through the 1980's," said Hart, who lived six years in New Haven while attending Yale law and divinity schools.

"Senator Dodd was the first member of Congress to contact me and express his desire to support me," said Hart.

"He is courageous and honest and we are of the same generation of leadership."

## In Manchester

### A new approach on the Hockanum

Talk about a classic case of "Catch 22."

A marketing class at Manchester Community College said "No thanks" to a recent request by the town's Conservation Commission to help promote the Hockanum River Linear Park.

After a presentation from commission members Douglas H. Smith and Arthur E. Glaeser about the park's problems, the class turned the request down. Their reasons were based on what they'd been told by the pair: that parts of the river are still dirty, that some trails are only partially marked, and that parts of the area are unusable in the summertime.

If these conditions didn't exist, there probably would be no need for help from a community college marketing class!

The Hockanum River Linear Park still suffers from a vague-at-best public image. Most people in town don't know about it. Those who do still think the area is mostly unwalkable.

The town needs to get behind the project — but with attitudes like that of the marketing class, there probably isn't much likelihood of that.

But the class did come up with one very important observation, however. Class members told Conservation Commission members that potential users of the park were too vaguely defined to make a marketing campaign successful.

Now, maybe the class members have a point there. Instead of trying to attract the entire community all at once — which is what Smith believes is the right approach — maybe the Hockanum people ought to start thinking about focusing their efforts a little more. Maybe some thought should be given to making the area more attractive to different groups — joggers or bicycle riders, for instance.

Glaeser has a point. He said at last week's Conservation Commission meeting that the hiking trails along the river should be marked more clearly to increase their use. Bringing in the bicycle riders and the hikers and the Hockanum has a built-in group of supporters who are more apt to jealously guard the river's future.

Surely, trying the approach wouldn't hurt.



## Open forum / Readers' views

Send letters to: The Manchester Herald, Herald Square, Manchester, CT 06040

### Celebration means working together

To the Editor:

For many years, the American Legion provided our town with an outstanding array of fireworks on the Fourth of July. I can remember many of these displays.

As a little fellow, I remember them at Memorial Field where the high school now stands. Later on, when I became a member, I remember them at Mt. Nebo field.

I worked one year at the refreshment stand along with my fellow American Legionnaires, and members of its Auxiliary. All the entrances were covered by members taking donations to help cover the cost.

The last display was in our Bicentennial year, 1976. But because of a lack of support, the high cost of living, and the world fast becoming a computer world, we had to abandon this project. A lot of work went into putting this program on each year.

I remember many times, when for some odd reason, the rain held off until everything was over.

True, in Manchester we have the annual Thanksgiving Day Race. We also have Memorial Day and its parade, unless of course it rains, which it did last year.

### Stoptlights are needed

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention that the lighting situation on Route 6 between Columbia and Bolton has deteriorated in the past several years. As a Coventry resident, I often use the South Street entrance onto Route 6 to get to Manchester and points west.

At night this can be dangerous because there is no street light at the Route 6 intersection of South Street. There once was. Why was it taken out?

At the end of Flanders River Road in Columbia, just a little bit west of Wide Motors, there was once a street light at its entrance to Route 6. Where has it gone? I demand some answers to these questions because someone is injured or killed.

Saving energy, in some instances, is wise, but not when it

interferes with human health and safety. I call on the Connecticut State Department of Transportation to make an historic commitment: to re-install those street lights at ALL intersections that need them on Route 6.

William W. Brainard  
Coventry

### Keep out undesirables

To the Editor:

How gratifying to know that people like Perry Dodson and his business neighbors had the courage to take a stand against another undesirable element, "encounter studio" going up in Manchester.

Manchester Herald, March 6, 1984.

If only, several years ago, more businessmen dared to do what Mr. Dodson just did, maybe, we wouldn't have so many of those undesirable elements that we now have in town.

Barbara Kennedy  
10 Keeney St.

### Letters policy

The Manchester Herald welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters should be brief and to the point. They should be typed or neatly hand-written, and, for ease in editing, should be double-spaced.

The Herald reserves the right to edit letters in the interests of brevity, clarity and taste.

## Connecticut In Brief

**Slurs cost Jackson support**

WEST HARTFORD — Jesse Jackson's controversial references about Jews have cost him some key support in Connecticut. The chairman of his state campaign organization, Although the Democratic presidential candidate apologized in New Hampshire for referring to Jews as "Hymies" and New York City as "Hymietown," Jerry Ann Putt of West Hartford resigned as his co-chairman in Connecticut.

"While I can forgive the man, I cannot forgive the candidate," she said Friday.

Ma. Putt was considered a crack political organizer and an important link for Jackson to the state's white, liberal community.

"I got into the campaign based on my belief in coalition politics. When a candidate makes a remark like that, clearly he's got some problems," she said.

**Company offers videomat**

ESSEX — An innovative engineering company has created a cure for the desperate movie addict who needs a quick fix fix when the videocassette shop is closed.

Introducing the Videomat, a new machine which dispenses rental videos anytime day or night to movie buffs who insert their Visa, American Express or Mastercard and select their favorite video.

"We looked into the market and saw a real need and an open market for a product like this," said Bruce Joslyn, marketing manager for Essex Engineering, a 25-company company which has invested between \$200,000 and \$500,000 in the venture.

**Gerena still eludes police**

WEST HARTFORD — Six months have passed since Victor Gerena, the prime suspect in the \$7 million Wells Fargo robbery, disappeared and police remain baffled about his whereabouts.

Police said leads in the case are so infrequent there is sometimes not enough work to keep one officer occupied full time.

## Lawyer grievance board named

NEW HAVEN (UPI) — A five-member panel will hear complaints against lawyers practicing in federal courts in Connecticut under a new grievance procedure adopted by the federal judiciary.

The panel of five lawyers, advised by another attorney, will take over the job from the U.S. Attorney's office under a system offered by the Connecticut Bar Association.

Judicial officials say they hope the new system will make lawyers more accountable to the public, since no disciplinary actions have been taken against lawyers by the U.S. Attorney's office in recent years.

The committee will investigate a complaint and make a recommendation to the judge, who will have the final say on the matter, said Bowman, who is a member of the committee.

Joining Bowman on the grievance committee are attorneys Brenda Eckert of Hartford, Thomas Laby of Meriden, Richard P. Sperandio of New Haven and Francis J. McNamee of Stamford.

U.S. Attorney Alan H. Nevins said he had received any complaints about a lawyer from a citizen or judge since he took office in 1982. Shortly after the last term, James A. Lewis, on the ballot.

Lewis, of Old Saybrook, was the party's candidate two years ago for the U.S. Senate in Connecticut.

In addition to Democrats and Republicans, the only other party eligible to nominate candidates in Connecticut is the Anderson Coalition.

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### Water cost up 65%, sewer increase 55% in Weiss budget plan

A 65 percent increase in the cost of water and 55 percent increase in sewer charges will be needed if the Board of Directors approves the budget recommendation of the General Manager Robert B. Weiss.

### Holocaust survivors start new organization

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — About 2,000 survivors of one of history's greatest horrors gathered during the weekend to found the Western States Regional Conference of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

### DEP takes wood signups

HARTFORD — The state Department of Environmental Protection is accepting applications through April 15 for permits to cut fuelwood on state property.

### Capitol Calendar

HARTFORD (UPI) — Here is a list of political events in Connecticut scheduled between Tuesday and Friday.



Barbara Gemmill of 55 Lake St. uses a dummy to learn resuscitation technique as Daniel Huppe, a paramedic with the town's Advanced Life Support system, left, instructs the class in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Matthew Cus-

### CPR instruction

March comes with sad regret. And the date and month we will never forget. For in our hearts she will always stay. Loved and remembered everyday.

### Bitter cold freezes the North

Sub-zero cold froze the North from Minnesota to New England today, with gusty March winds dropping the chill factor to as low as minus 40 degrees from western New York to Maine.

### Fire Calls

Howell Cheney Annual Antiques Show March 17-18, 1984. Howell Cheney Technical School West Middle Turnpike (Exit 92, 1-86), Manchester, CT

### Obituaries

Elizabeth T. Bidwell — Elizabeth (Tryon) Bidwell, 67, wife of Raymond W. Bidwell of 30 Long Hill Road, died Saturday at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

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### Employers ignore law

HARTFORD (UPI) — The state Labor Department said a new law requiring businesses to submit a list of toxic substances used in the workplace, has been largely ignored in Connecticut.

# SPORTS



East Catholic's Mike Keeler (4) and Paul Roy have kneeling North Haven defender Chris Sauter sandwiched in play Saturday at the New Haven Coliseum.

## Pundits right; East sextet champs

NEW HAVEN — The pundits were right all along; there really was no way to deny East Catholic a state hockey championship.

### Tournament notes

NEW HAVEN — For any scholastic athlete, a league championship is something to strive for.



North Haven center Tony Marsono (16) tries to clear the puck away from his goalie, Bill Sault (30) as East Catholic's Mike Keeler moves in on play in state Division II championship action.

## East's Roy completes triple

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### Dargati's jumper decides for East

BRISTOL — History almost repeated itself Saturday night at Bristol Eastern High. The circumstances were the same, but not the result.



Windham, 10-12, is a surprise quarterfinalist as is East, which improved its record to 14-10. Maloney came into the game ranked third in Class L with a record 17-3.

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### Here's how they voted

Here's how our members of Congress voted on key issues this week.















Have those cracks checked

Chimney stains are a sign of trouble

QUESTION: We recently bought a home with a woodstove... Chimney stains are a sign of trouble...

ANSWER: Dark stains on the outside of the chimney means creosote is leaking through a crack...

Several things can happen with a chimney like yours. If there are areas where you can see creosote stains...

An experienced chimney sweep or mason can usually locate any cracked flue tile...

There are two probable causes for your predicament, and one cure. First, a north-facing chimney can cool your smoke rapidly enough to make huge amounts of creosote...

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Clean Sweep Greg Allaire

Also, if you use that chimney and have a chimney fire, all the creosote that has built up in between the exterior of the flue tiles and the interior of the bricks, can be very difficult to extinguish...

QUESTION: I've been reading your column for several weeks now, and it has been a good education for someone like me who has limited experience...

ANSWER: Your problem is very common. It seems like you've been burning the stove by the book, doing everything just right, but still have tons of creosote every year...

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About Town

Health conferences set

The Manchester Geriatric Clinic will sponsor two health programs this week. A tuberculosis screening is planned Wednesday from 10 to 3 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 661 Main St. On Friday from 1 to 2 p.m. readings will be taken at a diabetes clinic scheduled Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Westhill Gardens, 24 Bluefield Drive. Call 647-3174 for an appointment.

Learn to speak up

The Manchester Jaycees will sponsor a speak-up program Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 128 Main St. The event is designed to enhance one's public speaking skills and is open to the public. Call 643-2558 or 646-8461.

OES elects officers

The Temple chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet to elect officers Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 22 E. Center St. A potluck supper is planned at 6:30 p.m.

WATES to meet

Manchester WATERS will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at 72 E. Center St. Officers will be elected. Weigh-in is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Scouts plan fair

Girl Scout Troop 2 will sponsor a spring craft fair, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Center Congregational Church. Craftsmen may rent space by contacting Elizabeth Will, 91 Lexington Drive, or Charlotte Johnson, 73 Congress St.

VBAC education offered

TOLLAND - The VBAC (Vaginal Birth After Caesarian) support group will meet Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rebecca Tanner, 693 Buff Cap Road extension. The meeting is open to the public. The group gives support to women who have had, or who are having a caesarian birth. The group also offers a list of VBAC physicians. Refreshments are provided, and children are welcome. Call 871-7373 or 228-0366.

Women likely to live longer

WASHINGTON (UPI) - By the year 2000 life expectancy for women in the United States will have risen to 82.2 years, says a life insurance newsletter. An article in The Family Economist says the average life span for men by that date is expected to be 73.3 years. The figures were provided by gerontologist Eileen Crimmins, an assistant professor at the University of Southern California.

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Help Wanted 21. SUPERINTENDENT NEEDED - For apartment complex located in Manchester. Live on the premises. Must have previous experience. Send resume to: Fountain Village, 175 A, Downey Street, Manchester, CT 06040.

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Help Wanted 21. BOOKKEEPER - Part time. Must be accurate, knowledgeable through audit. Call Joseph Filomeno, 232-4225.

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# BUSINESS

## Poor foreign-language skills hurting us

There are more teachers of English in the Soviet Union than there are students of Russian in the United States.  
About 10,000 Japanese conduct business in the United States for their firms. Most of these speak English as a matter of course. If not, it is easy to learn. In contrast, approximately 900 Americans conduct business in Japan for their firms and few speak any Japanese.  
In 1980-81, no Ph.D.s were awarded in Arabic, only one in Japanese and six in Chinese in the United States.



Your Money's Worth  
Sylvia Porter

Perhaps, right after World War II, when we thought ourselves the policeman of the world and acted with an irritating arrogance fitting the role, such incompetence in foreign language was more understandable (Let them talk English if they wish to speak) — but not now. Today, our dismal performance in foreign language is actually a dangerous problem. It makes us less competitive in international business. It hampers us in diplomacy and international relations. It threatens our national security — not to mention the fact that it makes us appear silly to the rest of the world, where people routinely speak two or three languages fluently.

This failure of our educational system to build enrollments in foreign-language courses at all levels was among the "most important casualties of a national educational laxy ushered in by the '60s," says the president of Columbia University, Michael I. Sovern. And every expert on the state of American education echoes his remarks and recommendations. Yet the federal government under President Reagan has requested no money whatsoever to fund one major program that fosters language study at the collegiate and postgraduate levels.

Studies. The House has already passed a bill sponsored by Rep. Paul Simon, D-Ill., the Foreign Language Assistance for National Security Act of 1983. Simon's bill would establish six new programs to encourage foreign-language training and improve the quality of instruction at all educational levels. Funds would be directed to model language programs in local school districts, in junior and community colleges and to colleges that enrolled a minimum percentage of students in language courses. The underlying and inspiring concept is to encourage a language requirement. The bill would establish summer programs for students and their teachers, too.

It would be no less than cruel self-deception were our administration and Congress to ignore this vital legislation. We must run fast merely to stay in our dismal way behind place in our study of other languages. We must appropriate adequate funds to make a meaningful difference in how we fare.

Congressional activity coincides with local efforts to strengthen foreign language requirements in elementary and high schools. A 1980 state-by-state survey found that only eight states required high schools to offer foreign language instruction, and no state had a language requirement for graduation. Slowly, though, this situation is changing. New York, for instance, will require language proficiency for its

Regents Diploma by 1987 and for all high school graduates by 1991.  
Only 15 percent of all high school students now study a foreign language, down from 24 percent in 1965; only 8 percent of U.S. colleges require a second language for admission, a precipitous drop from 34 percent in 1966; and only a tiny 8.4 percent of college students studied another language in 1980, against 17 percent in 1960.

Yet, weigh the links between foreign language training and jobs. About four out of five new jobs in U.S. manufacturing come from foreign trade. The number of Americans working for foreign-owned companies now tops 2.5 million. Of the \$2 trillion global export market, America accounts for only about 10 percent. We cannot ignore this! Even if Reagan's cronies communicate in sign language, the rest of the world's leaders are beyond that.

### Income tax guide available

"Sylvia Porter's 1984 Income Tax Book," her comprehensive guide to income taxes, is now available through her column. Send \$4.95 plus \$1 for mailing and handling to "Sylvia Porter's 1984 Income Tax Book," in care of the Manchester Herald, 4400 Johnson Drive, Fairway, Kan. 66205. Allow four to six weeks for delivery. Make checks payable to Universal Press Syndicate.

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## Multi-Circuits sale complete for \$13 million

By James Sacks  
Assistant News Editor

The sale of Multi-Circuits Inc., the Manchester-based printed circuit board manufacturer, to Tyco Laboratories Inc. has been completed for a fraction under \$13 million, Tyco Vice President Irving Gutin said this morning.  
Gutin said the New Hampshire-based Tyco, a public company that manufactures printed circuit boards, underwater communications equipment, fire-protection systems and commercial packaging, moved quickly to complete the purchase for cash after learning that the merger had been approved by federal regulatory authorities. Both the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department accelerated their review of the sale, he said, and had approved it as of about a week before the Friday closing. He said company officials were pleased about the accelerated review and the closing of the sale.

Gutin, speaking from Tyco's Essex headquarters, reiterated statements made when the proposed merger was announced Feb. 10. He said that, barring changes in the economy, the sale would mean no work-force reduction or im-

mediate changes for Multi-Circuits employees outside management. Gutin said the sale had already been announced to the company's approximately 700 employees in Manchester.  
Sandra Peay, a spokeswoman for the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, said the FTC cleared the sale March 1 after reviewing it for compliance with antitrust concerns and filing requirements. FTC Compliance Specialist Patrick Sharpe said the merger agreement had been filed Feb. 23. Margaret Mouson, a paralegal specialist with the Justice Department's pre-merger notification office, said the FTC's release of the information indicated that both the commission and Justice Department had independently reviewed and approved the transaction.

As of Friday, Multi-Circuits Vice President William H. Stevenson became on-site manager of Multi-Circuits' Manchester operations and President Merrill Whiston retired from day-to-day participation in the company, Gutin said. Stevenson will now report to the president of Tyco's Printed Circuit Board Division, Robert Clapprover, who is headquartered in another Tyco plant, American Printed Circuit Board, in North Carolina. Multi-Circuits is the sixth circuit board manufacturer in the division.

Gutin said the transaction was concluded between Tyco and Whiston, founder and president of the privately held Multi-Circuits. Tyco's earnings for its current fiscal year are expected to be in the \$60 million range, company officials have said. The company's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Last year, its earnings were \$2.07 per share of common stock.

Multi-Circuits' sales for the 1983 calendar year were around \$40 million, Tyco officials said when the transaction was announced.

In February, the sale came as a surprise to town officials, competitors and Manchester's Main Street business community.

## Budget changes upheld

By Susan E. Kinsman  
United Press International

HARTFORD — The Connecticut Supreme Court found no error today in changes made to New Haven's municipal budget for the 1983-84 fiscal year by the city's Board of Finance.

Several city taxpayers challenged the budget and resulting tax rate as illegal, saying the changes were made after the deadline set by city charter for budget recommendations.

The justices, in a unanimous opinion written by Associate Justice David M. Shea, disagreed with the taxpayers and upheld a lower court decision.

"In our view, even if greater precision was called for, the board remained under a continuing duty to submit a balanced budget and to that end had authority to make the necessary revisions," Shea said.

The city Finance Board said it was forced to amend its \$14.5 million budget and a tax rate of 73.30 mills after its April deadline because of two unexpected expenses and an erroneous estimate of revenues from the state.

## Educators want time to study Weiss's cuts

The Board of Education will try to postpone a planned meeting with the town directors and restore the \$154,062 school budget cut which General Manager Robert E. Weiss has recommended, chairman Leonard Seader said today.

Though Seader said it's "too early to assess" what the impact of the cut would be, he said the school board would use its "best efforts to try and convince the directors not to sustain the cut."

Weiss proposed Monday that the school board's \$22.1 million budget be reduced by 8.7 percent, amounting to a total 8.1 percent increase over current spending. He scheduled a joint meeting of the Board of Education and Board of Direc-



The man behind Santa  
Junior Miles is the man responsible for putting Santa Claus and the Statue of Liberty in the center of Coventry. Here, he comforts his grandson Scott "Digger" Miles after the boy slammed his finger in the door. Miles' fondness for children is one of the reasons he buys such kooky things. Story and more pictures on page 11.

## Leaders turn to Syrians

By Jack Redden  
United Press International

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Syrian Vice President Abdel Halim Khaddam told Lebanese leaders today that national reconciliation talks could lead to peace "with the help of Syria," as heavy fighting sounded an ominous note in Beirut.

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## Bills vary widely in phone systems

By Sidney Shaw  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Most customers compare rates when choosing a long distance telephone company, but a new study today found that how the systems calculate the length of calls may have a bigger effect on bills than per-minute charges.

The service rating firm Consumers Checkbook, after making 2,000 calls through eight long distance phone companies, found substantial variations in how companies time calls for billing purposes, with the financially ailing Satellite Business Systems giving customers the best break.

Telesaver charged an average of two seconds more than the actual call length, American Telephone & Telegraph charged for 23 seconds more and Allnet tacked on an extra four seconds, Checkbook said.

The study also found Western Union's "Metrofone" system billed for 22 percent more when the line was busy, there was no answer or the call was not completed for other reasons. International Telephone & Telegraph's "Niteline" service did not charge at all for calls lasting under 30 seconds.

The group's report did not compare the companies' rates, but said, "The implications of the findings is that rate comparisons which are all that many customers rely on, are not a sufficient basis for choosing a company. One company might have better rates than a second company only to lose its cost advantage because of differences in billing practices."

SBS's "Skyline" system permitted the most free calls, but Checkbook noted that the company — which is owned by Comsat, Aetna and IBM and recently laid off 12.3 percent of its workforce in an attempt to stem massive losses — has recently changed its billing practices.

Nonetheless, SBS is still expected to be the most generous of the studied companies," Checkbook said.

Checkbook, which expects to publish its full survey in May as "The Complete Guide to Lower Phone Costs," said it released its preliminary findings due to recent customer lawsuits complaining of MCI's and Sprint's billing practices.

Checkbook made the calls from Washington, San Francisco, Chicago and Houston between September and November 1983 on the phone networks of AT&T, MCI Communications, Sprint, TTT, Western Union, Allnet, Telesaver and SBS. The calls were made to homes in the country's 12 largest cities.

The group noted that a customer's calling habits determines the significance of how a company bills for uncompleted calls. Checkbook gave as an example a telemarketing firm that makes many thousands of phone calls, completing less than half of them, spending only a minute on half its completed calls and five minutes on the rest.

Western Union's treatment of uncompleted and one-minute calls would cost such a firm 10 percent more than the firm would pay with precise billing," Checkbook said. It said MCI would save the firm 3 percent.



Super grand opening  
About 5,000 people attended the grand opening Sunday of the new Super Stop & Shop supermarket at the Manchester Parkade, according to the store manager. The store, which is open 24 hours, includes a Barnes & Noble discount book store, a florist, a natural foods shop and a deli. At left, Marie Poudrier, of 10 1/2 Church St., and Wendy Neil, of 195 West St., Bolton, select a package of Carli's Pasta, made in Manchester.

## Barter growing force in world trade

By Mary Tobin  
United Press International

NEW YORK — Barter and countertrade, the swapping of goods and services, may be coming full circle in a new way that allows participants the option of a cash settlement.

Univex, a publicly traded firm, will go on line this month with roughly 25 corporate customers who are willing to commit at least \$500,000 in goods or services to Univex's computer for barter.

U.S. companies have been doing barter and countertrade deals for years through numerous barter exchanges, some in business for a long time and some that have sprung up in the wake of the dramatic growth in barter during the last recession and the less-developed country debt crisis.

Barter, of course, has been around for centuries, the first primitive trading vehicle. Crisis says the current growing reliance on barter is a return to those primitive times from the cash and credit accounting that has enabled world trade to grow to its present proportions by increasing flexibility.

"But Univex removes the element of rigidity from barter deals," said William Spencer, who retired last year as president and chief operating officer of Citicorp and who is a principal in Univex and a member of its board of directors.

Citicorp Venture Capital is an equity partner in the firm as is Jack Parker, former vice chairman of General Electric Corp. Philip Stein, an attorney with years of experience in countertrade, is chairman of Univex.

"The whole emphasis is to provide maximum convenience in dealing but to provide the option of a cash settlement annually so you don't have to wait to find your opposite number," he said. "We are in effect a clearing house for trade."

Univex's setup also provides a financing operation for receivables, he noted.

Another feature is cost savings to purchasers, Spencer said. "The normal routine is for a manufacturer to price to the wholesaler with the purchaser buying from the wholesaler at his price. Our members are quoted the price given the wholesaler."

"The great thing in barter is that if a manufacturer overproduces a line, it can price as it wants just to get rid of excess inventory," Spencer said. "It does not disrupt normal lines of distribution."

Univex expects that most of its clients will elect to roll over any credits at year-end instead of

opting for cash settlement because of the potential for increasing sales. "Because you can pay for something you need with products you manufacture or services you sell at full markup you expand your marketplace," Spencer said.

How will clients find what is on offer? Each client will have an account manager who will have access to a daily spread of what is available. "Your account manager calls you and says we have the following and two new items you might be interested in," Spencer said. "It's a closed-end account manager relationship."

You are limited by the items available from 25 accounts, right?

"We think our concept is such that with an expanding membership we will have such a variety that we will provide the ultimate ability to simply get what you need through Univex," Spencer said.

## Mondale and Glenn fight for votes as primaries begin

By Laurence McQuillan  
United Press International

Walter Mondale and John Glenn, fighting to dampen the recent enthusiastic surge of support for Gary Hart, campaigned in Atlanta today after voting began in "Super Tuesday's" primaries and caucuses.

Mondale shook hands with voters at Atlanta's major subway station. While he was there, a young man identified as Edward Howard of Fairbanks, Alaska, pushed through the crowd toward the candidate. He was holding open an empty hamburger bun, and shouting "Where's the beef?"

To the delight of the crowd, Mondale reached for him and also began saying, "Where's the beef? Where's the beef?"

Mondale had used the line — written by an advertising firm for

a national hamburger chain — during Sunday's debate to imply that Hart's "new ideas" lacked substance.

As he left the subway stop, Mondale was asked if he had seen the latest polls showing he is getting more support in Massachusetts and Florida. He said yes but "that's not the point," a reference to his theme that voters should look at substance rather than such trendy things as momentum.

"I have made my case and now we'll see what happens," Mondale said.

Glenn campaigned at the same metro stop, appearing right before Mondale and leaving before the former vice president arrived. Most commuters shook hands with him briefly and rushed on to work but a few told Glenn he could count on their vote later in the day.

"Thank you, thank you, I appreciate it," Glenn said.

As Glenn worked the subway station, supporters of Jesse Jackson were lobbying for their candidate one floor above.

There are 511 delegates at stake in today's voting — more than 20 percent of the total needed for nomination at the Democratic National Convention in July.

The weather was dreary or worse in several of the states with primaries today. It was rainy in Georgia and snowing in Massachusetts.

Democrats were balloting in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Massachusetts and Rhode Island primaries, and turning out for caucuses in Washington state, Oklahoma, Nevada and Hawaii. American Samoa and Democrats Abroad also were balloting.

Most of the final "Super Tuesday" salvos were aimed at voters in the South. Polls showed Mondale with a strong lead in Alabama and

a narrow lead in Georgia.

But in Florida, where Mondale was once the clearcut leader, it appeared to be a deadheat with Mondale on the rise.

A Washington Post-ABC News poll conducted Monday night of 300 voters in Florida, Mondale pulled virtually even with Hart, with a margin of error of 7 percentage points. Hart had 38 percent, Mondale 37 percent, Glenn 7 percent, Jackson 8 percent. The poll showed about 8 percent were undecided.

A similar poll taken March 9-11 showed Hart leading Mondale by 48 percent to 32 percent, with a margin of error of 5.5 percentage points.

Hart and Mondale made marathon sweeps through the three states Monday — with the two rivals aggressively attacking each other.

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