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## Swindler claims LBJ ordered hit

DALLAS (UPI) — Convicted swindler Billie Sol Estes reportedly testified this week before a grand jury that he was present at a meeting in which Lyndon B. Johnson ordered an Agriculture Department official killed.

Estes said the victim was Henry Harvey Marshall, 51, who was in charge of the federal cotton allotment program for an Agriculture Department regional office.

He was found shot five times in the abdomen with a bolt action .22-caliber rifle on his Robertson County ranch on June 3, 1961. The death was ruled suicide.

The Dallas Morning News and the Dallas Times Herald Friday quoted unnamed sources as saying Estes on Tuesday told a Robertson County grand jury that Johnson, then the vice president, ordered the killing for fear Marshall would link Johnson to fraudulent Estes dealings.

U.S. Marshal Clint Peoples, who investigated the case as a Texas Ranger beginning in 1962, said he felt political pressure to accept the official jury verdict of suicide.

Marshall at the time was investigating Estes, who had made millions through his business dealings and was reported to be a friend of Johnson.

Estes was convicted in 1965 and sentenced to 15 years in prison for selling \$35 million worth of non-existent fertilizer tanks. Paroled in 1971, he returned to prison in 1979 after being convicted on fraud and tax evasion charges.

Johnson was elected vice president in 1960, and assumed the presidency upon the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas in 1963.

Several sources quoted in the Times Herald said Estes told the panel Johnson ordered the killing in a meeting at his Washington home with Estes.

Also present, Estes said, were Johnson aide Clifton C. Carter, and Malcolm "Mac" Wallace, a convicted murderer and an Agriculture Department economist who Estes reportedly identified as the trigger man.

Wallace, president of the University of Texas student body in 1944 and 1945, had dated Johnson's sister Josefa, who died in 1961, according to a family friend who asked not to be named.

Wallace was convicted in 1951 of first degree murder in the shooting death of an Austin man allegedly involved with Wallace's wife. He received a suspended sentence.

Wallace was killed in a 1971 car crash. Carter, an associate of Johnson as far back as Johnson's first congressional campaign in 1837, served as a Johnson aide after 1960, and was liaison between the White House and the Democratic National Committee during the Johnson Administration.

He died in 1971 after a brief illness. The report drew sharp denials from Johnson associates, and Sybil Marshall, 65, wife of the slain official, said she did not believe Johnson was involved in her husband's killing.

Mrs. Marshall said she was angered by what she believed was an attempt to boost sales on the book by Estes' daughter, Pam.

"It has made me sick to think about it," she said. "It's just something I can't imagine happening."



Herald photo by Terquino

**Tough training for climb**  
Paula Cheatwood, who is training for a June climb of Mt. McKinley — the tallest peak in North America — does a one-handed pushup as part of a rigorous pre-climb program. Her husband Frank Pisch, with whom she

## Panel rejects lethal injection

By Mark A. Dupuis  
United Press International  
HARTFORD — The Legislature's Judiciary Committee Friday rejected a proposal to replace the electric chair with the use of lethal injections to carry out death sentences in Connecticut.

In favoring the bill, a Department of Correction official cited the argument the injections would be more humane and the cost of putting the electric chair, which hasn't been used in years, back in working order.

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Rep. Richard Tulisano, D-Rocky Hill, the committee's co-chairman, said there was no support in the committee for a switch to lethal injections, which proponents say are a more humane way of carrying out a death sentence.

The state Department of Correction had testified in favor of repealing the law requiring the use of the electric chair for executions, but Tulisano, who opposes the death penalty, opposed the concept.

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Rep. Antonina Parker, R-Glastonbury, said the bill would have negated a degree in a recent state Supreme Court ruling in a case involving the National Organization for Women and its circulation of petitions at a shopping mall.

Mrs. Parker opposed the bill. "It really is an infringement of private property rights," she said. Although the bill only would have allowed access to parking lots, Mrs. Parker said she believed it would have been "just the first step" toward efforts for full access to shopping centers and malls.

## Teen ban continues at MACC shelter

By Sarah E. Hall  
Herald Reporter

A new rule barring teenagers from Manchester's homeless shelter is holding firm, even after the teens' protests were heard by General Manager Robert B. Weiss and others at a Friday afternoon meeting that was closed to the press.

Nearly a dozen young people milled about the Municipal Building hallway as they waited for what they hoped would be a reversal of the rule. Several called the shelter "our home." Most claimed they would spend Friday night huddled outside its doors.

Two of them, in addition to their self-styled leaders — 30-year-old Michael Mayo and middle-aged Edward Paquin — were allowed into the meeting. A couple of policemen, as well as the general manager, human and social services directors, and shelter officials, also attended.

Immediately after they broke up, Nancy Carr, who as executive director of the Manchester Area Conference of Churches drew up the new rule, approached the teenagers in the hall. She repeated offers of bus fare to get them to the Hartford YMCA and to help them find more permanent housing.

Mayo predicted that few would take her up on the offer. "And in a quiet but dramatic confrontation with Mrs. Carr asked him to 'stop preventing these kids from making positive choices' and 'quit getting in our way of getting these kids off the street.'"

MAYO TOLD A REPORTER he was "not really satisfied" with the outcome of the meeting, complaining that the young people were under-represented.

Paquin agreed, saying that the teenagers and reporters should have been allowed in the meeting. "They had all their flunkies in there," he said of the other side.

However, Paquin said that because the shelter is operated by MACC, town officials had no real leverage in the matter.

Weiss said Mrs. Carr's edict "seems like a reasonable policy" that he won't challenge. The purpose of the meeting, he said, was only to "make sure there was open communication between the parties involved."

MACC officials enforced the new shelter regulation Tuesday, saying that the increasing numbers of teenagers there were disrupting others with their noise. Nearly all the young people had rejected other housing and support alternatives open to them, they said.

A news release issued by MACC Thursday said three shelter users in particular had been told they could not use the shelter for the rest of the season. Their "inappropriate behavior" brought on repeated warnings, the release said.

Mayo and Paquin said it was unfair that an entire group is being punished for the actions of a few.

UNDER THE NEW POLICY, newcomers to the shelter, even if they're teenagers, will still be admitted for one night. However, they must report to MACC offices the next day and cooperate in efforts to find them work and housing before they can use the shelter again.

Mrs. Carr said that when a client is mentally ill, exceptions will be made. One young man who could not handle the daily check-in has already been re-accepted, she said.

Earlier Friday, she suggested that the two men leading the protest had "vested interests" in doing so, though she would not specify what they were.

Paquin, however, claimed his only interest was "to help the kids." He and Mayo have taken in some of the teenagers refused admission to the shelter, though Mayo claimed his landlord has threatened violence if the visitors don't leave.

However, George Marlow, Mayo's landlord, said the only threat made was one of eviction. Marlow said he obtained an order from the Board of Health Friday that the apartment in which Mayo is living is suitable for only one tenant overnight.

AS MANY AS 10 people now stay in the two-room apartment on some nights, Marlow said. "It is not the obligation of a single landlord, it is not the obligation of a single community to provide for these people," he said.

In the municipal building Friday, young people charged that the new rule is discriminatory and blames all of them for the unruliness of a few. "If they're going to kick a bunch of people out, they might as well kick everyone out," a 17-year-old boy said.

A 25-year-old man who said he'd been kicked out of the shelter four months ago called the volunteers there "a bunch of rednecks, prejudiced as hell. They say if you don't go to church you're bad."

Almost all of the younger ones said they'd been run out of their homes by their parents. Some disputed MACC officials' contentions that they had been offered alternatives to shelter life.

Nineteen-year-old Rich Wescott said he and his buddies are going to sleep outside the shelter at night until they close it down (April 30).

Noting that the shelter is church-run, he asked, "Would the lord kick you out of your house to sleep?"

Wescott CHALLENGED MACC and town officials to sleep out on cold concrete for a night. A few admitted that the teenagers were noisy, but said that was no reason to refuse them admittance.

"What do they expect out of young people, you know?" asked Sandy Kramer, 19.

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### Big Dan verdict causes continued controversy

## Portuguese protest convictions; NOW welcomes them

By Linda Cornan  
United Press International

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Two immigrants acquitted in the gang rape of a woman on a bathroom pool table led thousands of Portuguese-Americans through downtown streets Friday to peacefully protest "great injustice" in the convictions of four others.

Crowds swarmed around Virgilio Medeiros, 24, and Jose Medeiros, 23 — no relation — and cheered as they began the march from City Hall and through downtown streets.

The two men were acquitted Thursday on charges stemming from the March 6, 1983, gang rape at Big Dan's Tavern in nearby New Bedford. They spoke only to thank

the demonstrators — in Portuguese — for their support.

"Obrigado tu, (Thank you)" said the two Medeiros, as the crowd roared approval.

Alda Melo, a leader of the Committee for Justice, told the estimated 10,000 marchers that ethnic bias had influenced the guilty verdicts against four other defendants.

"We're here to protest the great injustice done in this case," she said. "We cannot let immigrants be scapegoats."

A beated-up security force was on guard outside the 86-year-old Fall River Superior Court house before the march began. Police declined to say how many officers were on duty.

All six defendants are Portuguese. So are the victim, the Bristol County district attorney who prosecuted the cases and several members of the two juries that heard their cases in parallel trials before the same judge.

Some of those who have protested handling of the trial have blamed bias against new immigrants for the verdicts.

The victim's family has been in the United States for more than one generation and speaks English fluently, but several of the defendants came to New Bedford in the last few years and needed an interpreter to translate court proceedings from English into Portuguese.

One of Friday's marchers, Diane DeSouza, 15, of New Bedford, said she was marching because "this is

a united event. The decision was unjust. I'm not saying they were not guilty. I'm just saying it was unjust."

Lacy Estrella, 29, of Fall River, said the defendants "didn't get a fair trial or verdict. The commonwealth didn't have enough evidence. I do believe they should be punished, but with a lesser charge."

But Cliff King, 22, of Fall River, said, "I just came out to see what this is all about. I don't feel all these people should be behind four convicted rapists. I just don't think it's fair."

The Rev. Edward Holleran, chaplain for the Bristol County House of Correction, gave the benediction at Friday's rally.

"Help us to find the truth," he prayed. "No one of us has a monopoly on the truth."

Raymond Castro, editor of the Portuguese weekly O Journal, urged the crowd to "be peaceful and law-abiding and be an example to those who have not been arrested on disorderly conduct charges during the scuffle."

Supporters staged a peaceful protest march Thursday night in New Bedford.

Earlier Friday, representatives of a women's rights group praised the guilty verdicts as an indication of a "watered" in the legal system's handling of rape.

"Fifteen years ago, if the convictions would not have happened because women were systematically excluded from juries," said Priscilla Leith of the National Organization for Women.

## Weather

### Today's forecasts

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Sunny and breezy Saturday. Highs in the 40s. Clear Saturday night. Lows in the 20s and low 30s. Sunday sunny then clearing up late in the day. Highs 45 to 50.

Vermont: Partly sunny Saturday, high around 40. Fair Saturday night and Sunday. Lows in the 20s. Highs Sunday near 40 again.

Maine, New Hampshire: Partly sunny Saturday preceded by some furies north and mountains. Windy with high 30 to 40. Clear Saturday night and Sunday. Lows in the 20s to mid 30s. Partly sunny Sunday. Highs 30 to 40.

### Extended outlook

Extended outlook for New England Monday through Wednesday: Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Monday a mix of sun and clouds. Tuesday and Wednesday sunny. High in the low to mid 40s. Overnight low in the low to mid 20s Monday morning and mid 20s to low 30s Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

Maine, New Hampshire: Scattered furies north and chance of a few showers or furies south Monday and Tuesday. Fair Wednesday. Highs in the 30s north to 40s south. Lows mostly in the 20s. Partly fair and seasonably cold. Highs 25 to 45, lows in the 20s.

### Air quality

The state Department of Environmental Protection reported good air quality across Connecticut for Friday, and forecast similar conditions statewide for the weekend.

### Winds hit Texas

Another in a string of slow-moving spring storms Friday picked up steam in Texas, sending 60 mph winds screaming through small towns near Waco and triggering a rush-hour downpour blamed for a 40-car pileup near Dallas.

Three inches of rain in six hours soaked Fort Myers, Fla., and 1 1/2 inches doused West Palm Beach. Utility crews in the Kansas City, Mo., area worked overtime to restore power to 14,000 people still in the dark since an ice storm interrupted service to as many as 160,000 customers last Sunday.

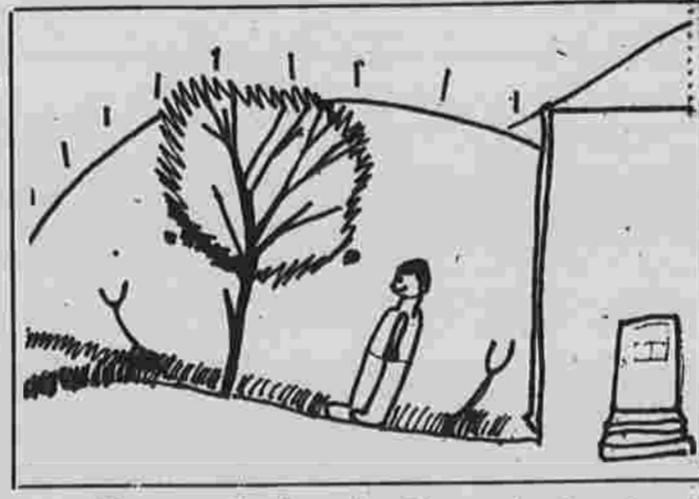
The storm system gained strength from Texas to Colorado. Ahead of it, sunshine bathed Chicago for the first time in 11 days and the mercury climbed toward 40.

The storm dumped 14 inches of snow at Rye, in the Colorado foothills, then edged out of the Rockies onto the Plains, scattering snow from Wyoming to the Texas panhandle before turning into rain further east.

Heavy rains from the new storm system swamped Texas, with 2 inches in six hours in at Stephenville. Hail as large as golfballs pelted Dublin and Hico.

The deluge was blamed for a 40-car rush hour pileup on Interstate 30 about 30 miles east of Dallas. Four or five serious injuries were reported.

"We got all our troopers out here," said Highway Patrol dispatcher Tony Michaluk. "They're so tied up they're not even talking to us on the radio."



Sunny today in Connecticut

Saturday partly sunny with a few clouds. High in the mid 40s. West wind 10 to 15 mph. Saturday night clear. Low 25 to 30. Sunday sunny, then clouding up toward evening. High around 50. Today's weather picture was drawn by Danny Maloney, 10, of 62 Pitkin St., a fourth-grade student at Highland Park School.



Satellite view

Commerce Department satellite photo taken at 1:30 p.m. EST shows clouds with active thunderstorms and rain showers covering much of Florida and eastern Texas. Rain and/or snow is falling from clouds extending from northeastern New Mexico and Oklahoma to southern Nebraska as well as over the northeastern portion of the country. Snow cover is observed from Michigan to Minnesota.



National forecast

For period ending 7 p.m. EST Saturday. Generally fair weather will cover the major part of the nation, with skies ranging from sunny to partly cloudy. Some rain, however, will be noted along the north Pacific coast as well as in the lower Plains and Gulf Coastal region. Maximum temperatures include: Atlanta 64, Boston 47, Chicago 62, Cleveland 53, Dallas 56, Denver 53, Duluth 40, Houston 65, Jacksonville 76, Kansas City 53, Little Rock 60, Los Angeles 70, Miami 64, Minneapolis 51, New Orleans 74, New York 48, Phoenix 62, San Francisco 64, Seattle 55, St. Louis 58, Washington 48.

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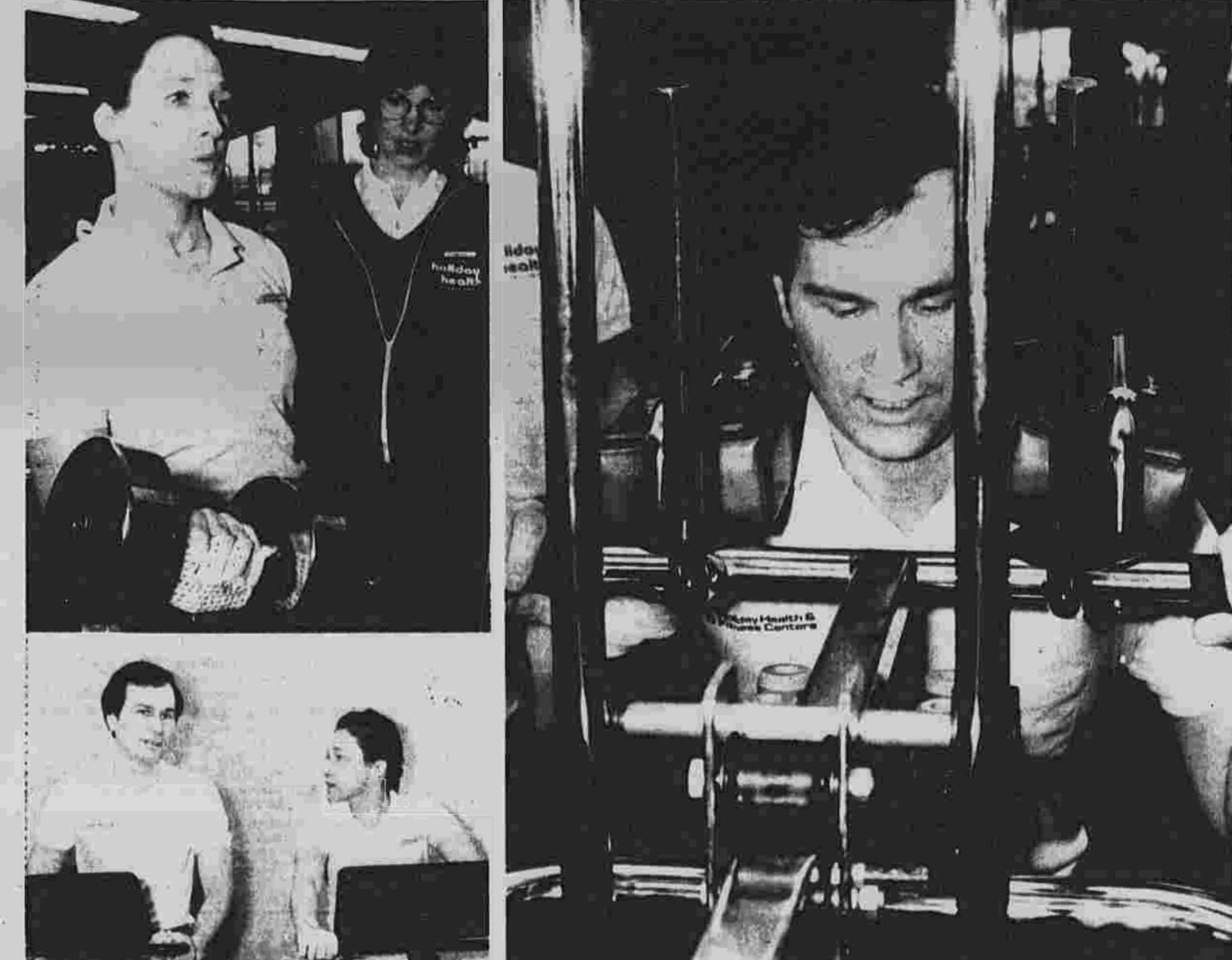
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Training for climb

Training for their June climb of Mt. McKinley — the tallest peak in North America — are Paula Cheswood and her husband Frank Pisch, co-directors of the Adventure Challenge program in Manchester. The couple hopes to lead a 12-member expedition and film crew up the 23,320-foot slope, creating the first videotape in the United States ever made at that altitude. Above and left, they are shown lifting, pedaling, and pushing their way to the level of fitness the climb will require. Holiday Health in Wethersfield has donated the use of their facilities.

Carl Zinsser, of Manchester, is expected to be renominated.

Johnston, Campbell and Converse will go to the 8th House District Convention. Republican J. Peter Fuscas, of Marlborough, currently holds that seat in the state legislature.

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## Area Towns In Brief

### GOP endorses Koontz

COVENTRY — Roberta Koontz got her first endorsement Tuesday in her bid for the Second Congressional District nomination. To no one's surprise, it came from the Coventry Republican Town Committee, which she chairs.

In the same meeting, the committee elected Mrs. Koontz, Donald Raymer and Robert Olmstead delegates to the July 7 state GOP convention. Delegates to the July 14 congressional convention are Margaret Jacobson, Sandra Ashley and Lynn Raymer.

Robert Faiana, Michael Cleary and Joyce Carilli Bellard were elected delegates to the July 17 senatorial convention, and Gregg Batterson, Clara Hladky and James Ladd were elected to the July 19 assembly district convention.

### Democrats elect delegates

COVENTRY — The Democratic Town Committee met Wednesday to elect delegates for this year's conventions.

Ruth Benoit, Dorothy Grady, Howard Reiter and Robert Walsh were elected delegates to the July 27 state convention. Brian Heath, Barbara Johnson, Joan Lewis and Jack Myles were elected delegates to the July 23 congressional convention.

Delegates to the 35th state senatorial convention on July 24 are Richard Cromie Frank Dunn, Avrah Philips and Deborah Walsh, and delegates to the 8th state assembly district convention on July 25 are Thomas Bohrer, David Cayer, James Clark and Sandra Stave.

### Kindergarten sign up set

BOLTON — Kindergarten registration for the Bolton public schools will be held during the next two weeks.

Parents who wish to enroll their children for the 1984-85 school year may sign their children up any weekday during these weeks between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Bolton Elementary School office. Children must be five years old by January 1, 1985, and parents must bring their children's birth certificates to register.

Following registration, a preschool screening of children is scheduled for May 9, 10 and 11. Anyone with questions may call the school at 643-2411.

### Region's Senteio gets post

HEBRON — John Senteio, who has been acting superintendent of the Andover, Hebron and Marlborough public schools, has been named permanent superintendent. He said he has been offered a three-year contract, which remains to be signed by the State and the Central Office Committee, which oversees the joint administration of the three towns' schools.

"There are a lot of challenges here, and I think I can bring it off," said Senteio following his appointment.

### Officials seek roof funds

BOLTON — The Board of Education will ask the town to use about \$30,000 in refunded insurance premiums to pay for a new roof on the Bolton Center School.

The refund was returned to Bolton from Connecticut Cross-Blue shield after an analysis of Bolton employees' health claims showed the town was paying too much for insurance. The insurance organization returned 60 percent of the overpayment and kept the other 40 percent for future premiums.

Town Attorney Samuel H. Teller recommended the refund be put into the general fund. The school board has already asked the Board of Finance to consider allocating the money to the roof project.

## Peopletalk

### Birthdays almanac

March 23 — Elton John (1947), the British singer and composer whose hit recordings include "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road," "Rocket Man," "Don't Go Breaking My Heart" and "Your Song."

March 26 — Diana Ross (1944), the actress and singer who first achieved fame as the lead singer of The Supremes, a leading 1960s singing group. Her films include "Lady Sings the Blues" and "The Wiz."

March 27 — Gloria Swanson (1899-1983), the actress who made her first film in 1915 and went on to become one of the leading stars of the silent screen. In a brief comeback, she received critical acclaim for her performance in the 1950 film, "Sunset Boulevard."

March 28 — Nelson Algren (1899-1981), the author whose realistic novels were often set on Chicago's West Side. They include "The Man with the Golden Arm" and "A Walk on the Wild Side."

March 29 — Earl Campbell (1951), the running back for the Houston Oilers who was the National Football League's most valuable player for three consecutive years. He was the 1977 winner of the Heisman Trophy while playing for the University of Texas.

March 30 — Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890), the artist who is considered the greatest Dutch painter after Rembrandt. He powerfully influenced modern art.

March 31 — Shirley Jones (1924), the actress and singer who starred in "The Partridge Family" television series in the early 1970s. In films, she starred in the musicals "Oklahoma," "Carousel" and "The Music Man."

### What people are saying

"You don't have to check with 15 different people before a move. This is an organization that is much faster on its feet."

— Judy Woodruff, comparing her role as chief political reporter for PBS's "MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour" with her former TV job as an NBC correspondent.

"I don't talk about my love life because it involves someone else."

— Tom Selleck, a Hollywood heart-throb who is known for maintaining his privacy.

"I've been up against this all my life. It's nothing new. If I have a right to do something, nobody's going to stop me."

— Lena Ferguson, D.C., secretary who claims she was denied membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution because she is black. The DAR's U.S. membership of 212,000 includes only five blacks.

"I was thrown out a lot in high school. When people come up to me and say, 'I know you. I went to high school with you.' I say, 'Which one? I went to five.'"

— Cyndi Lauper, singer, whose current hit is "Girls Just Want to Have Fun."

"Since 'Slap Shot' my language is right out of the locker room. And ever since I played Rocky Graziano, I spit on the street."

— Paul Newman, actor.

Children can do a lot of things that adults do."

— Meredith Medley, a sixth grader from Fort Arkansas, Texas, who wrote to NASA asking to become the first child in space. The 11-year-old said her 90-pound body wouldn't take up much room in the space shuttle.

"The ethics are to tell the truth. But I think you've got to allow your reporters to be a bit ruthless getting the facts."

— Rupert Murdoch, owner of a \$1.4 billion media corporation that has more than 30 publications worldwide. (Newsweek)

"The terrible, awful Democratic Party is currently the only arena in which you can organize for serious social change."

— Michael Harrington, co-chairman of Democratic Socialists of America, saying the Democratic Party is the only choice for U.S. leftists — even if they considered it no better than the Republican Party. (Mother Jones)

### Winning all that jazz

Jazz vocalist Ella Fitzgerald became the first woman to receive the Los Angeles Urban League's annual Whitney M. Young Jr. Award. It recognizes her contributions toward improving racial equality.

League President John Mack had this praise for the star: "Miss Fitzgerald has removed numerous barriers through her great musical talent and her low-key respect for justice."

"Getting awards from my peers inspires me, makes me work harder. If I can make someone happy, I'll just keep on singing," beamed Miss Fitzgerald, who has 150 albums have sold more than 40 million copies.

### Greasing the way

Producer Alan Carr follows in his flashy footsteps April 3 when he throws the first beach ball of the season. He's filling Studio 54 with tons of sand, bikini-clad models, tanning machines and a slick guest roster to tout his new film "Where the Boys Are" to be released by Tri Star April 6.

Calling the movie a remake sends a shudder through Carr. "An '80s version of a '50s classic," is more like it, he says. Don't expect port Connie Francis in this rendition. Modern beach bunnies Lorna Luft, Lisa Hartman, Wendy Schaal and Alana Stewart frolic in the surf.

### Now you know

Although Chicago is reputed to be the "Windy City" with average wind speeds of 10.3 mph, it actually falls twelfth behind such cities as Boston (12.5 mph), and Honolulu (11.8 mph).

## Almanac

Today is Saturday, March 24, the 84rd day of 1984 with 282 to follow.

The moon is in its last quarter.

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

The evening star is Mercury.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Aries. They include financier Andrew Mellon in 1855, pioneer film animator Ub Iwerks, whose artistry permitted Walt Disney to realize his vision, in 1901, Republican politician Thomas Dewey in 1902, and actor Norman Fell in 1925.

On this date in history:

In 1934, the United States granted the Philippine Islands independence, effective July 4th, 1946.

In 1965, white civil rights worker Viola Liuzzo of Detroit was shot and killed on a road near Selma, Alabama.

In 1976, Argentine president Isabel Peron, widow of former strongman ruler Juan Peron, was removed from power and arrested in a military coup.

In 1981, the White House announced that Vice President George Bush was in charge of the administration's "crisis management" team.



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### Today in history

On March 24, 1965, civil rights worker Viola Liuzzo of Detroit was shot and killed on a road near Selma, Ala. She had taken part in a protest march demanding equal voting rights for blacks.

Hall, 7 p.m.

Conservatory Commission, Herrick Memorial Park, 7:30 p.m.

Town Meeting on revenue sharing, Community Hall, 8 p.m.

### Coventry

Monday: Federal surplus cheese distribution, Town Office Building board room, 2 to 3 p.m.

Steering Liaison Committee, Town Office Building nurse's office, 7 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission, Town Office Building planning office, 7:30 p.m.

Town Council, Town Office Building board room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Democratic presidential primary, Town Office Building board room, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday: Board of Education, Coventry High School teachers' room, 7:30 p.m.

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# Salvador rebels down plane, vow to block roads



A Salvadoran national policeman treats a minor leg wound received by a member of the crew of a government plane downed by leftist rebels near El Orajuelo on Friday. The C-123 cargo plane was ferrying ballot boxes to the province for the national elections, which are slated for Sunday.

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI) — Leftist guerrillas said Friday they blew up a government plane carrying ballot boxes and threatened to mine highways and use a U.S.-backed presidential election.

"Our units are acting on the highways, which will be mined to prevent the passage of troops of the dictatorship," the rebels' Radio Venceremos said, referring to the C-123 plane that hit three guerrilla-planted mines Thursday in the Orajuelo air field, 54 miles east of San Salvador.

The Diario de Hoy newspaper reported that the military had downed six bombs Thursday near Hopango Military Airport, which is also used by civilian craft.

As part of the military's efforts to protect the elections, Lt. Col. Domingo Monterrosa, top military official in battle-torn eastern El Salvador, made a rapid tour of the area before the elections to plan defenses in some towns, search and destroy operations in others.

"The guerrillas want to do something surprising," said Monterrosa, as he traveled in a U.S.-made helicopter, searching the rugged mountains for rebels. He believes he will launch a surprise attack against the elections.

"We have to give them more problems than they give us," said Monterrosa, a small, dark man with Indian features, who is considered by U.S. advisers to be the most aggressive Salvadoran combat leader.

Monterrosa made a surprise visit to Chapeltique, a farming town of some 10,000 people, 60 miles east of San Salvador, where the troops ran a group of guerrillas out of town earlier.

People in the shaded central plaza said the guerrillas came to the town often to ask for money to commandeer vehicles or to recruit. They said none of the eight presidential candidates had bothered to visit.

"Army troops come in the morning and the others (rebels) are here in the afternoon," said Tomas Zumaga, 76, a lottery ticket seller.

In another development, two bombs exploded in civilian homes on the outskirts of the city of Berlin, 60 miles east of San Salvador, killing two girls, 6 and 11 years old, authorities said.

# Nicaragua reports 120 rebels killed

Government forces reported Friday that they killed 120 anti-communist rebels in Nicaragua's northern mountains, while anti-government Indian commandos claimed they blew up a bridge in an eastern province.

Sandinista Commander Manuel Sainza backed Nicaragua troops this week, and 77 U.S.-backed guerrillas during scattered battles in northern Jinotega province.

Another 43 were killed since Monday in battles in San Rafael del Norte, Salvierra said. He said 16 government militiamen also died there, some 130 miles north of Managua.

The rebels, openly financed by the United States, operate from bases in Honduras in the battle against the Marxist-led government in Nicaragua.

Indian opponents of the Sandinistas said they killed five troops and wrecked a bridge they were guarding in the vast province of Zelaya. The bridge connected Puerto Cabezas and La Tronquera, 185 miles northeast of Managua.

In Honduras, where hundreds of electrical workers were detained this week, a labor organization broke the normal calm by calling for a massive protest march.

Police from the "Cobra" riot squad stormed power company offices Thursday, seizing 500 workers and employees who had staged a five-hour strike to demand an explanation for the disappearance of their union leader, Rolando Vindel.

# Sex ring may have involved 100 children

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The elderly owner of a suburban preschool, her daughter and two grandchildren and three women teachers were jailed Friday on bail up to \$1 million for 115 counts of child molestation committed over the last decade.

Prosecutors said the defendants — who allegedly kept their young victims silent by mutilating small animals and threatening to do the same to their parents if they talked — may have molested dozens of children as young as 2 years old.

Up to 100 children will be questioned in the case and additional indictments are expected, prosecutors said. Some evidence was obtained by a child therapist who interviewed the children, using puppets to elicit descriptions of what happened.

The seven defendants were indicted Thursday on charges they molested 18 youngsters placed in their care at McMartin Preschool in suburban Manhattan Beach, an affluent community about 25 miles from downtown Los Angeles. Arraignment was postponed until April 6 and the suspects were held on bail ranging from \$50,000 to \$1 million.

The county grand jury handed down the indictment Thursday, and Deputy District Attorney Jean Matusinka said the panel was still investigating the case and she expected more charges to be handed down. She said 54 children might have been victimized.

Superior Court Judge Ronald George set bail at \$1 million for Raymond Buckey, 25, the grandson of Virginia McMartin, the owner of the McMartin Preschool. Mrs. McMartin, 76, who appeared in court in a wheelchair, was held on \$50,000 bail for one count of child molestation.

Buckey is charged with 75 counts of

molestation. Each count carries an eight-year prison term.

Others indicted on the same charge were Buckey's mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, 57; his sister, Peggy Ann, 28; and three former McMartin teachers, Babette Spiller, 36; Betty Ralston, 57; and Maryann Jackson, 56. They remained in custody bail ranging from \$50,000 to \$350,000.

In announcing the indictment, District Attorney Robert Philibosian said the teachers "told the children that their parents would be harmed. Small animals were actually slaughtered in the children's presence in order to frighten them ... so much that they wouldn't say anything."

Philibosian said he will ask that the children who will be called in witnesses be allowed to testify at the trial on closed circuit television to avoid being in the courtroom with the defendants, a first in California.

The district attorney also said he will ask the court to forbid the suspects from using the profits and property from the school to post their bail, a law frequently invoked in drug trials.

In asking for the high bail for Buckey, Miss Matusinka said the young man continued to molest children. He learned he was under investigation. He was arrested Sept. 7 but was released because of lack of evidence.

The school's license was suspended in February.

Daniel Davis, an attorney for Virginia McMartin, argued the older woman should be released on her own recognizance because "for 76 years she has been an exemplary citizen in Manhattan Beach."

In setting the bail, George cited the great number of charges and the vulnerability of the victims.

# United States In Brief

**Search on for missing child**  
HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Sheriff's deputies went from school to school and scoured desolate rock piles from helicopters Friday in search of an 18-month-old boy missing since a thief sped away with the car in which he was sleeping.

But the 1979 Corvette in which little Jonathan Buckey was sleeping was found empty early Friday and the man who allegedly stole it denied any knowledge of the child.

"We're hoping for the best and expecting the worst," said Broward County spokesman George Cronin.

Michael Marks, 25, father of the child, said he had parked the car in front of an auto repair shop, left the keys in the ignition and walked a few feet away Thursday. He said he had been gone "a matter of 40 seconds" when a husky black man leaped into the car and drove away.

Jonathan, drowsy from medicine he had been given, was asleep in the back seat, Marks said.

**Scavenging ban is opposed**  
ST. LOUIS — Aldermen considering a bill to ban scavenging in garbage cans Friday heard the city's poor complain the measure would deprive them of a source of food and income.

"If you don't let us go through trash what are we going to do for an honest living?" said Richard Swanigan.

Swanigan, 43, was one of six people brought to the meeting at City Hall by the Rev. Larry Rice, head of the New Life Evangelistic Center, that ministers to the city's needy and homeless.

Rice said he would "fill the gallery with poor people" for next week's first hearing on the bill, which makes it illegal to examine or remove trash in residential dumpsters.

**Dodd threatens filibuster**  
HARTFORD — Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., Friday threatened to filibuster a military aid bill to El Salvador. Dodd told a Capitol news conference that the government of El Salvador has not brought to justice those responsible for the murders of the four American women, including Jean Donovan of Connecticut.

Until that happens, he said, not one additional penny should be sent in military aid to El Salvador.

Dodd said the Reagan administration had proposed a \$93 million aid package to the Central American country.

**Dairyland regs change**  
MADISON, Wis. — Law enforcement officers now can write traffic tickets on Sunday in America's Dairyland.

Gov. Anthony Earl made it legal Thursday with a stroke of the pen, signing a bill repealing a state statute that made Sunday traffic and ordinance violation ticket-writing questionable, if not illegal.

The state Justice Department recognized the problem earlier this year and was quietly trying to rectify it because there was concern a Sunday traffic ticket might be thrown out of court.

**Protesters let Stafford know**  
WINOOSKI, Vt. — Several dozen demonstrators took over the office of Sen. Robert Stafford, R-Vt., Friday, pressing their demand for an end to U.S. military intervention in Central America and a public meeting with Stafford to discuss his backing of Reagan administration policies.

The protesters vowed to continue their sit-in until their demands were met; officials said they were welcome to stay as long as they liked.

By late Friday, Stafford's staff prepared to leave for the weekend and the activists had settled in for a long siege. Stafford was in Washington and missed the demonstration.

"I hope they'll be happy and comfortable," said Raymond Fear, the owner of the shopping mall that houses Stafford's office.

# Bubonic plague cases reported in Texas

ARLINGTON, Texas (UPI) — Bubonic plague, carried by fleas in wild animals, appears to be spreading across several western states and has infected a record number of humans in the United States, a veterinarian reported Friday.

"Last year was the worst year on record," said William Rosser, state veterinarian for the West Texas region, in a report to delegates at the annual "Diseases in Nature" conference.

"We hope that this year will be an improvement, but there's just no telling."

Rosser said the disease — which killed a third of the population of Medieval Europe — has spread steadily eastward from its origin in California 80 years ago, and now exists in at least 14 western states including New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Texas.

"Texas is at the extreme eastern edge," he said. "It's been pretty much confined to the west so far," he said.

"But many people feel the epidemic is steadily drifting eastward."

He said a record 40 human cases were reported in the U.S. last year, compared with 19 the previous year. The latest case in Texas struck a man in Kermit, just west of Odessa, who caught it from rabbits he had killed.

The 45-year-old Kermit man complained to authorities of sweats, head

throbbing and groin pain," Rosser said.

Initially misdiagnosed, Rosser said blood tests eventually revealed the plague bacteria and the man was cured with antibiotics.

"The disease is treated easily, but it must be diagnosed quickly," he said.

More than half of last year's cases — 27 of 40 — came from New Mexico and many were centered in the northern Navajo lands, he said. Three of the state's cases were fatalities.

He said an unrelated human outbreak was reported just north of Houston last year.

"But that was not part of this wild animal epidemic," he said. "That was associated with rat-carried fleas coming off foreign ships."

Introduced by a Mongol army, the plague or "Black Death" killed millions in Europe between 1346 to 1665. Improvements in health and sanitation conditions — in part due to the massive depopulation — helped contain the disease in Europe.

"But the plague did not disappear," Rosser said. "It just exists in pockets in Asia. It's one of those pockets which probably led to the problem in the U.S."

# Acidity on rise in lakes in N.H.

CONCORD, N.H. (UPI) — Pollution, possibly from acid rain, has caused a marked increase in the acidity of many New Hampshire lakes in the past few decades, with at least one pond nearing the acidity of some fruit juices, a study has found.

Alan Baker, a fresh water ecologist at the University of Durham, compared recent state data on 324 New Hampshire lakes with records dating back to 1936. He found that 157 lakes, or 48 percent, lost significant amounts of alkalinity, indicating an increase in acidity.

The highest percentage of lakes with decreased alkalinity was in southwestern New Hampshire, in the apparent path of acid rain storms.

Sullivan County had 16 lakes with decreased alkalinity, about 64 percent of those studied. None showed an increase in alkalinity. In Cheshire County, Baker found 19 lakes, or 36, had become less alkaline; three, or 8 percent, had become more alkaline.

Cheshire County also had the dubious distinction of having the most acidic lake found in the study. The acidity of Caldwell Pond now approaches that of some fruit juices, Baker said. The small body of water is located north of Keene.

Inconclusive meteorological data indicates that acid rain precipitation from the Midwest crosses Pennsylvania and sweeps into New Hampshire from the southwest.

Baker cautioned against drawing a direct link between acid rain and the acidification of New Hampshire lakes.

"This is like cigarettes and cancer," he said. "We can find lots of lakes that have become acid and they look very strongly like acid rain is the cause. But just finding correlations does not mean acid rain causes acidification."

One possible explanation other than acid rain could be the increase of forested land. Forest soils are acidic.

# Scout cookie trouble widens

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — The discovery of more needles and paper clips imbedded in Girl Scout cookies prompted official worries Friday that "copycats" might be tampering with the cookies.

So far, police said, eight boxes of cookies sold during the current season to five families have been found to contain foreign objects.

In the latest incident, police said a woman in suburban St. Ann was stuck Thursday night by a pin lodged in a Thin Mint cookie.

She took her 12 boxes of cookies to DePaul Community Medical Center, where X-rays revealed what appeared to be sewing needles and bent paper clips inside three other boxes.

"It's like Halloween," said University City Police Detective James Pieper. "It's the same as any of this food that's been tampered with. You get one instance and the whole darn breaks."

Ron Johnson, chief of the Food and Drug Administration office in St. Louis, said the incidents have been confined to the area.

"We've received no reports from other parts of the country, just the St. Louis area," said Johnson.

Most of the incidents reported in the last week have involved tampering with Thin Mints. Foreign objects also have been found in Tagalong, Medallion and Samoa cookies, police said.

Pieper said the needles, pins and paper clips apparently had been pushed into the cookies through their cardboard boxes.

"If you look carefully, you can see puncture marks in the boxes," said University City Detective Peggy Armstrong.

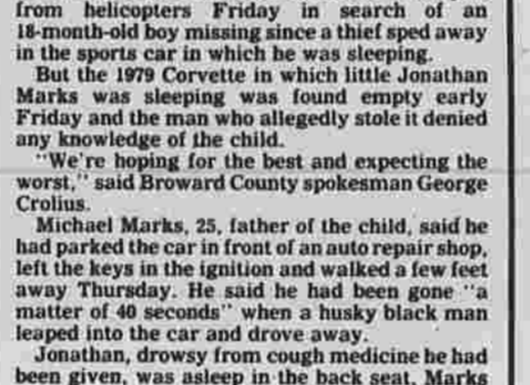
Nine hospitals in the St. Louis area have agreed to X-ray suspected cookies.

Four other people in the St. Louis area reported finding objects, including a needle and a paper clip, in their cookies. Also found were bits of plastic and glass. The total number of reports from St. Louis was sold this year in the St. Louis area. The last cookies were shipped March 16 from a St. Louis warehouse.

All the cookies were made by Little Brown Bakers of Louisville, Ky. Bakery officials were in St. Louis for meetings with Girl Scout leaders.

# Presidents together

President Reagan escorts French President Francois Mitterrand down the steps from the Truman Balcony to the South Lawn of the White House Friday. Mitterrand, who is in the United States for a series of meetings, breakfasted with the president during the morning.



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## Hart gaffes show campaign weakness

CHICAGO — In the final days before the Illinois primary, Gary Hart committed a couple of minor gaffes that illustrate the special pressures that develop in a sudden-blooming campaign — and that might serve as an early warning to Hart for the rest of the contest.

Neither mistake was intrinsically serious enough to be pivotal in Illinois or anywhere else. But they were the kind of misstep that would surely be dredged up as supporting evidence if Hart were to commit a more serious gaffe further down the road.

In one case, Hart publicly chastised his principal rival for the Democratic nomination, Walter Mondale, for preparing television ads that were personal attacks on Hart — only to be obliged to publicly apologize a couple of hours later when it developed no such commercials could be found.

In the second case, Hart disavowed a commercial linking Mondale to Alderman Edward Vrdolyak, the controversial chief of the Cook County Democratic organization, that continued to be aired two full days after Hart claimed he had ordered it withdrawn. The ad pictured both Vrdolyak and Mondale and said: "Eddie Vrdolyak has decided Walter Mondale will be your candidate for president. Gary Hart and a lot of people who think for themselves stand in the way."

In the first case, there was only a political downside for Hart. No candidate likes to have to apologize to his opponent — and when the presidency is involved, such a mistake raises obvious questions about the candidate's ability to run a campaign properly.

In the second case, there might be a valid argument that could be made on political grounds — simply that Vrdolyak is such a perfect example to reinforce Hart's basic thesis that Mondale is the candidate of the



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"bosses" and the old establishment. On the other hand, it might be considered unwise for Hart to intrude in the internal brawl among Chicago Democrats and earn needless hostility from people he could use later.

WHAT WAS MOST SIGNIFICANT in the two incidents, however, was that they seemed to support Mondale's core argument that Gary Hart is not yet ready for the presidency.

In both cases, the explanation that came from the Hart camp was that these were "failures of communication" within his campaign organization — the kind of mistakes that could be charged off to the growing pains of an operation suddenly faced with demands it was not prepared to handle.

But what Gary Hart certainly understands from his history as George McGovern's campaign manager in 1972 is that a series of small mistakes can become very important in this phase of a campaign for the presidency.

Despite Mondale's insistence that Hart's positions on issues are not clear, the campaign has now moved past the point at which the differences between the two men on issues are likely to be decisive. In fact, although

there are some sharp conflicts on a few particulars such as the Chrysler loan, Mondale and Hart are generally agreed on most litmus-test issues. What the electorate is trying to decide now is which candidate is best-equipped for the presidency.

AND IN THE CASE of a "new face" candidacy — such as Hart's this year or that of Jimmy Carter at this same point eight years ago — there is an element of risk for the voters. They are being asked, in essence, to take a chance on a candidate about whom they don't know a great deal.

So Hart has a clean slate with many of these voters, who know only that he has suddenly emerged as the giant-killer. But the one thing he doesn't want to see written on that slate is that he and his campaign are inept. The Democrats have had enough of that quality lately.

Moreover, Fritz Mondale is particularly well positioned to take advantage of that notion if it should spread through the electorate. Mondale may be the candidate of the past and the special interests, as Hart claims, but he is also the candidate of experience whom the Democrats know is not likely to compromise his own campaign with blunders.

THE LESSON IN ALL THIS is, of course, that when the field narrows and the convention draws nearer, the scrutiny on the survivors becomes very intense. And that happens, minor mistakes become far more important as the press and the opposition both look for signs of fallibility.

At this point, the Hart gaffes are no more than a small cloud on the political horizon. And that is what they may prove to be in the end. But they are also a symptom of an organizational weakness Gary Hart cannot afford.

Richard M. Diamond, Publisher



**Jack Anderson**  
Washington Merry-Go-Round

## Questions over FTC actions

WASHINGTON — The Federal Trade Commission is supposed to protect consumers and businesses from unfair marketing practices. But the chairman, James Miller III, it's sometimes hard to tell whose side the FTC is on.

The agency's relaxed attitude toward questionable business practices is illustrated by cases involving two products: Duracell batteries and Viking sewing machines. In both cases, regional FTC staffs recommended action but were overruled — and derided — by the higher-ups in Washington.

In the Duracell case, the American manufacturer complained to the FTC's Los Angeles office that batteries produced by an independent subsidiary in Belgium were being imported into the United States. The U.S. company was understandably unhappy over their origin.

To make a case for FTC intervention in this family fight, the U.S. company said it suspected the Belgian Duracells were of inferior quality and thus would damage the American product's reputation with the public, since the name and packaging were virtually identical. The company also pointed out that the Belgian batteries were sold with inadequate guarantees and no indication of their origin.

THE FTC's Los Angeles office agreed that the Belgian Duracells were mislabeled, and urged Washington to limit importation. Carol T. Crawford, director of the bureau of consumer protection, not only refused to take any action, but took the unusual step of ridiculing the misrepresentations — the staff recommendation at a press conference.

"It was a case of four batteries in a see-through packet, and one of our regional offices wanted to pursue a deception case because the package didn't say there were four batteries," she said. "That may sound far-fetched to you, but it turns out our current regional offices which sent it."

"If anything was far-fetched, it was Ms. Crawford's interpretation of the staff recommendation, which stated: 'It is clear to all reasonable consumers what and how many are in the package even without the statement of identity and net quantity.'"

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## Saturday TV

Table listing TV programs for Saturday, March 24, 1984, from 7:30 AM to 11:30 PM. Includes programs like 'The Muppet Show', 'The Tonight Show', 'The Dick Cavett Show', etc.

## Silverman for morning 'Love'

NEW YORK (UPI) — Ex-NBC chief Fred Silverman has produced a week's worth of daytime specials for ABC that he hopes will become a regular series. "The Love Report" he calls it. "Entertainment Tonight" of love.

The specials, to be done live from Los Angeles at 8 a.m. PST, will air at 11 a.m. EST on the East Coast and delayed broadcasts will air at 10 a.m. PST on the West Coast.

Silverman, who as an independent producer has brought Americans one bomb ("Thicker of the Night") and one sitcom-ran (NBC's canceled "We Got It Made") thinks "Love Report" will attract the millions of daytime TV viewers who have put romance back in vogue.

"These will be up-to-the-minute stories about famous people in love — anything newsworthy and current," Silverman said in an interview at his office in the MGM building.

"We've seen elements of the show on other programs but no one is taking a half-hour a day to report exclusively on this theme. It's a nonfiction form of all the appeal in the daytime series," he said.

There will be an element of wish fulfillment and at the same time the program will be useful. It will be to love what "Entertainment Tonight" is to the entertainment business.

Besides live interviews with stars outside the studio, the program will present a number of "investigative" pieces.

Some of the issues that will be explored are the phenomenon of love and marrying younger men — can these relationships last? Why is romance back in style, and what's the scoop on prenuptial agreements?

Silverman said psychologists and lawyers would be among the people appearing on the show to give their opinions about love in America.

The show will also be sort of mini-documentaries about things like how to get away from it all. On the pilot week there be a story about going to a Hawaii you've never seen," Silverman said.

There will be something about who's taking whom to the Academy Awards, film clips about legendary Hollywood couples — Gable and Lombard for example — and plenty of love songs.

"We'll have lots of love songs going into and out of the commercials along with wedding pictures of famous people," Silverman said.

"This show will make news. It's not just another magazine program. I loved the idea of doing it live. I wish we could have done 'Thicke' live. It will be to love you'd think of doing an evening news show on tape and I saw no reason to tape this. I didn't want to end up with items you'd seen a week before.

The program is being produced by KABC-TV at the ABC Television Center in Hollywood, which did "Eye on Hollywood" and will be hosted by Tawny Little Schneider and Chuck Henry.

## Guest editorial

### Support at home might help teens

Harder and more dangerous and appropriate treatment of adolescent drug users may not be the best way to fight the problem, Ransy Corporation researchers say.

A more effective way might be to teach teen-agers to say no, a study by the California think tank asserts.

How widespread is drug use? A 1982 national survey showed that 29 percent of American high school seniors smoke marijuana at least once a month, 70 percent drink and 30 percent smoke cigarettes. Smaller numbers use cocaine and pep pills, the study showed.

Part of the problem, we believe, is that youngsters are imitative. It is easy enough for a parent or other authority figure to tell an adolescent, "Do as I say, not as I do." But it doesn't necessarily work that way.

Our society is drug-saturated — ranging from everyday use, to advertising, to the seeming inability of the law enforcement process to mete out any meaningful judgment against drug pushers.

Putting legal drugs like nicotine and alcohol aside for the moment, what makes children take to some of the

harder and more dangerous stuff? For that matter, why would adolescents even take to drinking excessively? Is it all because they want to imitate their elders?

We think the answer is partially yes, but not entirely. Scare tactics don't work, however, in getting youngsters to say no when pressed to engage in self-destructive action by peer group members, the Ransy study showed. What might work?

Parents themselves go through a difficult time during their children's adolescence, and it is too easy to be hypocritical. The greatest thing a parent can do at this time in a youngster's life is to build up his or her self-esteem. The most important thing a parent can do is to create a sense of self worth great enough to enable that youngster to say no when being pressured to engage in some self-destructive act.

Saying no isn't always that easy. But adult support at home will go a long way toward making it easier.

The Manchester Herald occasionally reprints editorials from other newspapers in New England. This one is from the Newport, R.I., Daily News.



RETURN OF THE JEDI

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### Editorial half true at best

To the Editor: The Manchester Herald is to be commended for taking an interest in the downtown parking situation. However, its editorial of March 22 is only half true and misleading. The Herald criticized the lack of a report on the possible loss of St. James lot in our traffic report which was submitted the end of January, 1984. The Herald missed the fact that the traffic report had been filed about 45 days before this hearing, and had to also be filed for public inspection with the Town Clerk for a required time period. The rumors that the St. James lot lease may terminate only surfaced in the last few weeks. It is still not definite. The police department's report concurs with our report, as does a study done by the town in 1980, and no evidence to the contrary was submitted to the PZC.

Furthermore, the 170 spaces that the Herald says are controlled (and rented to the town) by Mr. Marlow, and which he threatened to close off, reflects an incorrect estimate. The figure is closer to 100.

Please research your editorials more thoroughly. The staff recommendation at a press conference, which stated: "It is clear to all reasonable consumers what and how many are in the package even without the statement of identity and net quantity."

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## Berry's World



"LISTEN, KID — you'd better stop pickin' on my friend here...."

## Coverage appreciated

Tracy Geoghegan, Coventry reporter, is doing a super job for her coverage of town news, as well as special features of interest.

Special thanks to photographer Al Tarquinio, for excellent photos of the March 13 edition, especially the most unique shots of the reindeer and Santa.

Judy Jacobsen LeDoyt Coventry

## Increase undeserved

Referring to the March 13 edition of the Herald about the 65 percent increase on water rates, after daily smiling and tasting the foul and mucky water, we wonder why the taxpayers aren't up in arms about this latest excessive periodic wa-

ter rate increase. Manager Weiss and N.U. seem to think alike in their excessive periodic rate increases.

Roger H. Breton  
38 Linmore Drive

## Tax worrisome

I see by the television and the Manchester Herald that the State of Connecticut expects its residents to pay a sales tax on anything taxable bought in other states.

I have planned a trip to California for a few weeks in the near future. Should I keep an itemized list of the amount I spend in the various restaurants in order to pay this state the tax for the food eaten in California? Also, how about the tax on the gasoline I buy there, the entertainment tax and so forth? I am really a little worried about taking the trip at all.

Harry H. Cowles Sr.  
241 Charter Oak St.

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Advice

Credit-crazy wife pushes couple close to the edge

DEAR ABBY: I am on the verge of bankruptcy because my wife loves to shop. She writes checks, doesn't record them, and when the bank statements come, she hides them...



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

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Coming out for spring

Ferne Pasternak, standing, and Leslie Belcher, of the Manchester Auxiliary of Child and Family Services, model fashions that will be shown at the "Spring Fling" fashion show...

News for Senior Citizens

Variety show goes to TV

Editor's note: This column is prepared by the staff of the Manchester Senior Center. It appears in the Herald on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Monday: corned beef hash, carrots, bread and butter, dessert. Tuesday: hot dog on bun, beans, dessert, beverage.

Monday: 9:30 a.m. ceramics; 10 a.m. bingo; noon lunch; 12:30 p.m. pinocchio games; 1:30 p.m. exercise class...

Oak Street shoemaker has soul

It's still an old man's business. No new generation of shoemakers is coming up. Ten-year apprenticeships and mediocre financial prospects don't induce today's youth...

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Brushing tongue is a way to beat bad breath problem

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Your Health

Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

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Where to write

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**CELEBRITY CIPHER**

Identify celebrities by their names by famous people and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's class: Alvin Karpis.

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# Chairman reaffirms FTC policy on ad substantiation

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Federal Trade Commission Chairman James Miller Friday reaffirmed the agency's practice of requiring advertisers to have proof in hand before they can advertise. But his proposed policy statement defined for the first time instances in which the FTC in reviewing complaints against advertisers, could consider evidence developed after a contested advertising claim was made.

The FTC has considered such evidence in the past but there was no policy setting out when such material could be reviewed by commissioners.

FTC Commissioner Michael Pertschuk, who has accused Miller of inadequately enforcing consumer protection laws, called the statement an admission that

Miller's earlier reservations about the principle of prior substantiation were unfounded.

"The FTC has been running up the hill and down again," Pertschuk said in a speech. "The question now is how will the policy be applied."

Pertschuk headed the FTC under President Carter.

The FTC adopted the advertising prior substantiation rule in 1972.

The rule states that an advertiser must have a "reasonable basis for the claim" and evidence in hand for the claim at the time the advertisement is disseminated.

Miller outlined the policy statement in a speech to a group of businessmen.

Advertisers must have a reasonable basis for objective claims before they are disseminated," he said.

The advertising substantiation program of the Federal Trade Commission has been — and will continue to be — an important part of the FTC's effort to rid consumers of the marketplace of deceptive acts and practices.

But Miller proposed specific circumstances under which the FTC, in deciding a case brought against an advertiser, could consider evidence developed after a claim was advertised. They

include:

- When evaluating the truth of an advertisement.
- When deciding whether there is a public interest in proceeding against the firm.
- When determining whether an advertiser was reasonable in relying on prior substantiation he did have.

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## Business In Brief

### Rite Aid acquires ADAP

SHIREMANSTOWN, Pa. — Rite Aid Corp. announced it has acquired controlling interest in ADAP Inc., an off-price specialty retailer of replacement auto parts. The cash purchase price for the privately owned business was not disclosed.

ADAP, headquartered in Avon, Mass., has 32 stores in three states. The company recently opened a store on Spencer Street in Manchester. For the year ended Dec. 31, 1983, ADAP sales were \$34,240,000 with net earnings of \$1,345,000.

Francis LaBrecque, president and a founder of ADAP, and Donald Abrams, executive vice president, will continue in their respective positions with the acquired company.

Alex Grass, chairman of the board and president of Rite Aid, said the acquisition of ADAP, the largest discount automotive aftermarket retailer in New England, will provide the talent and experience required for rapid expansion into this highly desirable area of specialty retailing.

## RECOMMENDED BUDGET SUMMARY

1983-84	1984-85	1984-85	1984-85	
Actual	Proposed	Change	% Change	
General Fund	27,474	25,976	-1,498	-5.46%
Water Fund	1,412,541	1,419,399	6,858	0.49%
Sewer Fund	1,576,428	1,412,440	-1,639,988	-104.59%
Police District	2,183,472	2,183,472	0	0%
Fire District	7,072	104,000	96,928	1370.78%
TOTALS	44,991,188	47,711,209	2,720,021	6.04%

## GENERAL MANAGER'S BUDGET SUMMARY

1983-84	1984-85	1984-85	1984-85	
Actual	Proposed	Change	% Change	
General Fund	200,000	200,000	0	0%
Debt Retirement	175,000	175,000	0	0%
Street Lighting	250,000	250,000	0	0%
Fire District	65,000	65,000	0	0%
Police District	2,500	2,500	0	0%
TOTAL REVENUE SHARING	880,722	847,500	-33,222	-3.77%

## MANAGER'S GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

1983-84	1984-85	1984-85	1984-85	
Actual	Proposed	Change	% Change	
Gen. Government	1,278,075	1,481,234	203,159	15.91%
Public Works	3,189,426	3,445,744	256,318	8.0%
Protection	1,992,028	1,992,028	0	0%
Human Services	1,199,802	1,308,513	108,711	9.1%
Police	1,271,114	1,271,114	0	0%
Emp. Pen. Ben.	2,274,970	2,457,133	182,163	8.0%
Debt Service	1,271,114	1,271,114	0	0%
Education	21,538,738	23,331,177	1,792,439	8.3%

The recommended budget for the Town of Manchester for the fiscal year 1984-85 is \$47,711,209. This represents an increase of 6.04% over the 1983-84 budget of \$44,991,188. The increase is primarily due to an increase in the General Fund of 15.91%, an increase in the Sewer Fund of 104.59%, and an increase in the Police District of 0%. The decrease in the Fire District is due to a decrease in the Fire District's share of the Town's fire insurance costs.

## OUTSTANDING SALES AWARD

For the month of January was awarded to Katie Morrow by the Greater Hartford Board of Realtors. Katie is a former Director of the Connecticut Association of Realtors, a member of the Manchester Women's Council of Realtors, and a member of the Greater Hartford Board of Realtors. She is also a member of the Greater Hartford Board of Realtors.

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