

### Bank interest rates declined in January

HARTFORD (UPI) — Interest rates offered by Connecticut banks and thrift institutions declined by up to 5 percent during January and February. State Banking Commissioner Brian J. Woolf said Wednesday interest rates for mortgages and other consumer loans now average between 1 and 1.5 percent lower than a year ago. Woolf's assessment was based on a March 7 survey by the state banking department. The findings were released Wednesday. Woolf said the average rate on a fixed-rate mortgage with a 25 percent downpayment was 13.78 percent in March, down .19 of a percentage point since January. On average, banks charged an additional two points on mortgages. Among the banks and lending institutions responding to the survey, 62 percent said they offered fixed-rate mortgages, up slightly from 59 percent in January.

## BUSINESS

### Ex-owner wants license for new station Radio stations fight over frequency

BRIDGEPORT (UPI) — More than three years after he sold WNAB-AM, the president of two Waterbury radio stations is competing with the struggling Bridgeport station for the same federal license. B. Preston Gilmore of Easton, president of Waterbury-based WATRAM and WWVZ-FM, has filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission for a new radio station in Bridgeport that would use the same frequency as WNAB. Gilmore also proposed to purchase WNAB's equipment, but would build a new headquarters for the station, now based on Washington Avenue in Bridgeport. In essence, Gilmore is competing with the current operator of WNAB, Lawson Broadcasting, for the FCC license. The agency was expected to decide by April 1 whether to renew Lawson's license. "We're expecting the license to be renewed as always," Thomas Whelan, WNAB operations manager said Tuesday. Kevin L. Burns, Lawson's attorney, also appeared surprised at Gilmore's application. "Mr. Gilmore has not seen fit to make his interest in the station known to us," he said. Gilmore had been associated with WNAB since 1958 and was president of the station when it was sold to Lawson in November 1980. Both WNAB and Lawson Broadcasting filed for protection from creditors in May 1983 under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy code. At that time, Lawson had total debts of \$1.06 million and assets of \$150,510, while WNAB Inc. had debts of \$1.18 million and assets of \$1 million. The station owes Gilmore \$200,000 and his wife, Florence, \$300,000 in money loaned to Lawson to complete the sale. The Gilmores also own a transmitter and tower in Bridgeport and lease them to WNAB.

### Regulation of appliances draws criticism in Maine

AUGUSTA, Maine (UPI) — Consumers in Maine could save more than \$200 million over the next two decades if the state mandates new standards for energy efficiency in major appliances, officials estimate. Opponents called the idea a "Little Brother" plan to tell the public what it must buy. The bill would ban the sale of refrigerators, freezers, water heaters and clothes dryers that waste energy. "If we do not act, we risk becoming a dumping ground for inefficient appliances from Massachusetts and New Hampshire," Rep. John A. Cashman, D-Old Town, told the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. He said 26 other states, including Massachusetts and New Hampshire, have enacted laws establishing energy efficiency standards. If Maine doesn't follow suit, the state will likely be targeted by dealers looking to dump inefficient merchandise they can't sell in other states, Cashman said. The proposal was criticized by several lawmakers and businessmen who said the government shouldn't get involved in regulating product efficiency. "This is entirely unnecessary," said Robie Liscomb, executive director of the Maine Merchants Association. "We think Maine consumers with a little bit of education and good judgment can solve this problem on their own." State Rep. Laurence L. Kiesman, R-Fryeburg, agreed. "What you're saying is that Big Brother is mandating — telling you what to buy," Kiesman said. State Public Advocate Paul Fritzsche urged passage of the measure, saying consumers are often confused about which models are the best, and said regulating the efficiency of appliances would lower utility bills. "We're not asking Sears and G.E. to retool. This is just an effort to get the general public in Maine to move to more efficient appliances," Fritzsche said. The Office of Energy Resources estimated that electricity savings from the bill would hit \$6 million in the first five years, \$30 million in the first 10 years, and \$200 million after 20 years.

### Canadians blast U.S. on 'protectionism' issue

BURLINGTON, Vt. (UPI) — Canadian business leaders believe the United States is isolating itself from its northern neighbor and putting a strain on the two countries' economic ties, says a spokesman. Roy Coker of the Business Fund for Canadian Studies charged Wednesday the U.S. is trying to shut out competition from the north. It is poor customer relations to ignore or stomp on your best customer," he said. Speaking at a conference at the University of Vermont, he joined Allan Lieb, Canadian ambassador to the United States, in criticizing "American protectionism." Coker said it also bothers him that many people think Japan is the United States' largest trading partner — when, in fact, Canada buys 20 percent of all goods the United States exports. Meanwhile, Gotlieb Tuesday accused the Reagan administration of dragging its feet in ordering a reduction in sulfur dioxide emissions, and claimed Canada's fight against acid rain far surpassed that of the United States.

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# Early spring storm was one of New England's worst

By United Press International

New Englanders are used to just about any kind of weather, but Thursday's maelstrom of snow, sleet, wind, rain, and hail that drove the precipitation parallel to the ground left many hanging onto poles looking for spring. The following is a roundup of the storm's effects on three states in the region.

## Connecticut

The storm lashed the Connecticut shoreline communities with flood tides, forcing hundreds to leave their homes in boats or dump trucks, including a dozen men from a group home for the retarded who were rescued by a Connecticut National Guard unit. No injuries were reported in the flooding, but thousands in Fairfield and New Haven counties lost

power in a storm that packed wind gusts up to 50 knots. In Norwalk late Thursday morning, firefighters called on the Connecticut National Guard to reach 12 retarded young men and a supervisor cut off in the state-run Martin House group home when water crashed over a sea wall. The 14 people were moved unharmed to higher ground in 2½-ton trucks on the campus-like Lower Fairfield County Center in South Norwalk, said Superintendent Stanley Goodman.

"The sound was pretty rough," said Maj. Digory Robertson of the Guard's 2nd Battalion, 102nd Field Artillery in Norwalk. "They were orderly and I wouldn't say they were overly frightened. They cooperated." In Milford, about 500 people were evacuated from the Point Beach section, some in boats and dump trucks, and surging tides shattered

glass doors and windows and caused heavy water damage in houses on Hillside Avenue. The Red Cross in Milford set up an emergency center where at least 12 adults and three children had sought food and shelter. "We're taking care of them as they come. Most people won't leave their homes until they have to, but we expect more," said George Mark, chairman of the Red Cross Disaster Unit in Milford.

## Massachusetts

In Massachusetts, many commuters clogged hours through snow and slush to get home from work Thursday only to find their homes without electricity. The Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency said nearly 1 million people were left without electricity in the largest power outage the state has seen since the Great

Northeast Blackout of 1965. Utility crews worked at full capacity trying to keep up with damage from the storm. Boston Edison officials reported 10,000 customers without power as crews tried to cope with the worst damage to the system since 1969. Utility officials said restoration of power in some areas could take three days.

"We're in a state of emergency. Our crews are all out there," said Boston Edison spokesman Ann Carter. The National Guard was put on duty to cover armories opened across the state to shelter stranded motorists and victims of power outages. Logan International Airport closed indefinitely at 1:30 p.m. because "wind gusts and snow prevented snow plows from clearing the runways, a Massachusetts Port Authority spokesman said.

Within a half after the airport closed, the Calumet Hotel in Boston had sold 55 rooms — one to a woman flying from Maine to Orlando, Fla., to visit relatives. A hotel spokeswoman said the woman checked in with six live lobsters, which were put to bed in a hotel refrigerator. Wind gusts of hurricane force were reported. In Westbury a gust was clocked at 45 miles per hour and in Newport a 74 mile per hour blast was logged.

In West Greenwich, in the western part of the state, 5 inches of snow, 1-inch hail and a thunderstorm were reported, he said. "You name it, we got it," said Frank Ramella, chief meteorologist for the National Weather Service. In Westbury, winds ripped down signs on the Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurant on Route 1 and Burdick's Sporting Goods Store downtown.

## Rhode Island

"Everything that could happen has happened," a forecaster for the National Weather Service said Thursday in describing the intense storm that struck Rhode Island. Wind gusts of hurricane force were reported. In Westbury a gust was clocked at 45 miles per hour and in Newport a 74 mile per hour blast was logged.

In West Greenwich, in the western part of the state, 5 inches of snow, 1-inch hail and a thunderstorm were reported, he said. "You name it, we got it," said Frank Ramella, chief meteorologist for the National Weather Service. In Westbury, winds ripped down signs on the Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurant on Route 1 and Burdick's Sporting Goods Store downtown.

# Board to hear HUD changes in CD program

Representatives of the federal Housing and Urban Development Department will meet with members of the Manchester Board of Directors April 10 to describe the current requirements for entering the federal Community Development Block Grant program.

The town dropped out of the program as the result of decisions by the voters in two referendums. Recently, Director Stephen T. Casano recommended that the town reconsider its position on the question of accepting Community Development Block Grants.

He said the requirements may have changed to the extent that townspeople will find them acceptable. Opponents of the program argued that the federal government attached too many strings to the award of the grants, particularly the requirement that the town have a housing development plan with provision for low- and moderate-cost housing. When the federal Department of Justice tried to force Manchester to remain in the program, the town fought the case in court and won.

Casano has argued that, in the past few years, the town has sacrificed grant money that would have financed a number of projects. He has said that a survey of Manchester might show that it now has more than its share of moderate-cost housing. One example cited is the privately developed Oakland Heights project, which was built after the town withdrew from the program.

Casano, a Democrat, is not the first director to suggest publicly that the town consider rejoining the program. The subject was broached once by former director Joan Lingard, then a Republican. When she brought it up, however, she was quickly discouraged by fellow directors who said the proposal would meet with strong resistance by the citizens.

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# Manchester in Brief

## School stalwarts retire

Three "stalwarts in the school system" are retiring at the close of this school year. Assistant Superintendent Wilson E. Deakin announced this week. Anne L. Beecher, a guidance counselor at Manchester High School since 1952 and guidance department head since 1968, is one. The others are Esther C. Labbe, a sixth-grade teacher at Buckley School since 1959, and Margaret B. McCarrick, a fourth-grade teacher at Bowers School since 1962.

The Manchester school system is the loser for their having retired," said Superintendent James P. Kennedy. Also, fourth-grade teacher Virginia Regala of Washington School and art teacher Deirdre C. Briggs ofILING Junior High School will be taking long-term maternity leaves in the next school year. Mrs. Briggs' leave will begin April 22. Deakin, saying his phone "rings off the hook" with job-seekers every time the Manchester Herald prints resignation notices, pointed out that these departures create any vacancies (except in the case of Miss Beecher). "We already have elementary people on layoff," he exclaimed.

## Bennet work delayed

Conversion of the former main building of Bennet Junior High School to apartments for the elderly is in the finishing stages on several floors, but the first few units probably will not be ready until mid-April, the rental agent said.

John Hamill, of Greater Hartford Realty Management Co. of East Hartford, said two units of the first floor have been occupied since December, mainly to discourage break-ins and vandalism. Only one of the two occupants will become active tenants, he said. Mrs. Lingard, who did not run for a second term, has since switched to the Democratic Party, saying she was doing so on philosophical grounds.

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## Directors consider field improvements

A recommendation for improved lighting and more fencing for Pagan Field will be considered by the Board of Directors Tuesday. The directors are being asked to apply for a grant that will pay 75 percent of the \$34,750 cost. The town's share would be \$8,687. The project is one of eight recreation projects that General Manager Robert Weiss has proposed to be done under a federal Land and Water Conservation grant. The others are listed as capital improvements in Weiss's budget recommendation for 1984-85.

The work on Pagan Field is being proposed now so that it will be ready for the 1984 softball season. The rest of the projects would have a total cost of \$102,424, with the town's share at \$25,606. A public hearing will be held on matter.

The directors also will be asked to approve a request from the Little League to construct a concession stand at Verplanck School. It would be used at Little League events. Materials for it would be contributed and the work would be done by volunteers. The building proposed would be a 15 feet by 12 feet with block walls and a concrete slab.

The board will consider a resolution that gives formal status to an Independence Day Celebration Committee. It will also consider advancing \$7,000 to that committee for fireworks and other expenses in connection with Independence Day observances if it has been planning as an ad hoc committee.

The board will consider transferring \$9,224 to the election account to pay for the recent Democratic presidential primary. The state will reimburse \$7,123 of the cost, according to Democratic Registrar of Voters Herbert Stevenson. The state pays the election workers at the same rate as in 1978, but the town has increased the rates.

## Condo developer to connect drain

First Hartford Realty Corp. has agreed to install a storm drain connector in Forest Ridge Condominiums. The town has agreed to pay for an easement for it, and if the installation solves the problems there. The town wants an easement, a right-of-way across the property, for a sanitary sewer line to be built. But the Forest Ridge Condominium Association, which owns the land, does not want to give the easement unless the town solves a storm drain problem in the area.

The sanitary sewer is needed because a town septic tank is full. The association says its land is being damaged by storm water that flows from Overlook Drive downhill to Cliffside Drive, the condominium road. The town says the drain problem was caused, or at least aggravated, by construction of the condominiums.

The town has also claimed that First Hartford Corp. failed, when it built the condominiums, to do some drain work it was supposed to do. In a letter to General Manager Robert Weiss, Leonard Sander, vice president of First Hartford, while not admitting any responsibility, agreed to install a sewer connector as designed by Town Engineer Walter Senkow.

Senkow said today his understanding was that First Hartford would install about 130 feet of drain line and an end wall. That line would be connected to the drain lines in the condominium complex, and the town would presumably find a way to direct the water to it. The question will come before the Board of Directors again Tuesday. The board is being asked to approve condemnation of an easement on Forest Ridge land for \$760.

The same easement would be used for the sanitary sewer and the storm drain.

## Cottle named to committee

Stanley E. Cottle, of 17 Grandview St., a retired Marine captain, has been named to the Permanent Memorial Day Committee by General Manager Robert B. Weiss. Cottle replaces Theodore Fairbanks, who retired from his post on the committee. Cottle is employed by Connecticut National Bank as manager of check processing and transportation services.

As a Marine, he served in Korea and Vietnam. He spent several years as a recruiting sergeant in Manchester and lived in town between 1958 and 1961. He became a permanent resident in 1970. He has been in town on several occasions in Memorial Day observances.

Manuscript deadline: 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 7 p.m. on Saturdays. Delivery should be made by 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

# Peopletalk

## Barbara's bodyguards

Police charged two French bodyguards working for Barbara Streisand with assaulting a Rome newspaper photographer, Rino Barillari of Il Tempo, as he snapped pictures of the actress earlier this week.

Bystanders said the bodyguards kicked the photographer in the stomach repeatedly, then smashed his camera against a wall. The incident happened outside the Rome store of designer Gianni Versace, where Miss Streisand had been shopping. After the assault, Miss Streisand reportedly climbed into a Mercedes sedan with the bodyguards and attended a party at the home of Italian movie director Franco Zeffirelli.



## Cosmopolitan whirl

Tommylyn Richardson has been seeing stars since she was named the winner of the Cosmo Cover Girl Contest. Selected from 16,000 entrants by Cosmopolitan Magazine, the 29-year-old beauty met Wednesday with Dina DiLaurentis, who has asked her to screen test for his new film, "Red Sonja."

"The part he has in mind for the Boston University sophomore? None other than the role of a "good goddess." Filming starts September in Italy and Tunisia.

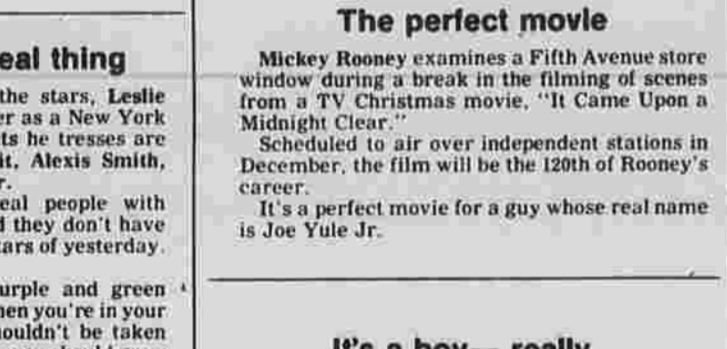


## Nothing like the real thing

After 25 years of coiffing the stars, Leslie Blanchard reflects on his career as a New York City hair stylist. Famous clients he treasures are Barbara Walters, Loretta Swit, Alexis Smith, Ellen Burstyn and Anne Baxter.

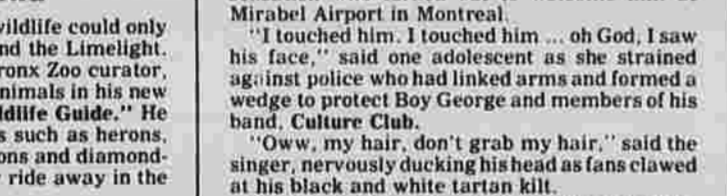
"Modern hairstyles are real people with normal hair," he says. "I find they don't have attitudes or hang-ups like the stars of yesterday. They want hair that's real."

Except for punkers with purple and green spiked dos, he said: "It's fun when you're in your trendy teens, but certainly shouldn't be taken seriously. Once you hit your 20s, you should grow up, unless you want to be a caricature your whole life like Mae West was."



## Call of the wild

And you thought New York wildlife could only be spotted at clubs like Area and the Limestone. Edward R. Rieuti, former Bronx Zoo curator, tells where to find real urban animals in his new book, "The New York City Wildlife Guide." He swears that 117 animal species such as herons, fence lizards, American woodrats and diamond-backed terrapins are a subway ride away in the five boroughs of the city.



## On a silver streak

Roy Silver, former personal manager of Bill Cosby, Joan Rivers, Richard Pryor and Bob Dylan, sidesteps show business to enter the cosmetic game. He is premiering a line of make-up face care products called "Roy," formulated by his wife, Linda.

Why the switch from the center stage to dressing rooms? "Jars don't talk back," is Silver's reply.



## Now you know

Although giraffes are the animals with the longest legs, they can run only 37 mph at their fastest.



## Almanac

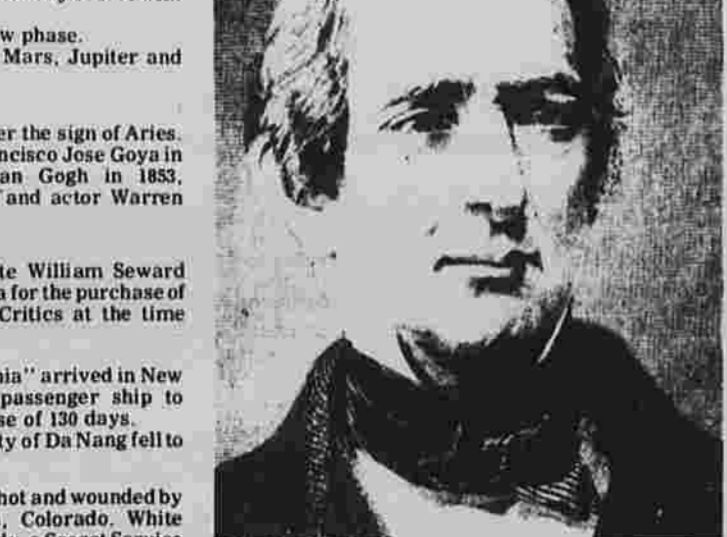
Today is Friday, March 30, the 90th day of 1984 with 276 to follow. The moon is approaching its new phase. The morning stars are Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening star is Mercury.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Aries. They include Spanish painter Francisco Jose Goya in 1767, Dutch painter Vincent Van Gogh in 1853, dramatist Sean O'Casey in 1880, and actor Warren Beatty in 1938.

On this date in history: In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William Seward reached an agreement with Russia for the purchase of Alaska for \$700,000,000 in gold. Critics at the time called it "Seward's Folly."

In 1923, the Cunard liner "Laconia" arrived in New York City, becoming the first passenger ship to circumnavigate the world in a cruise of 130 days. In 1975, the South Vietnamese city of Da Nang fell to North Vietnamese forces. In 1981, President Reagan was shot and wounded by John Hinckley Jr. of Evergreen, Colorado. White House News Secretary James Brady, a Secret Service agent and a Washington policeman also were wounded in the incident outside a Washington hotel. Hinckley was later acquitted on an insanity plea.

A thought for the day: Eleanor Roosevelt said, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."



**Today in history**  
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# Weather

## Today's forecasts

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Windy with snow flurries today and tonight. Conditions still seem steady snow east portion this morning. Considerable blowing and drifting of snow. Highs in the 30s, lows tonight 20 to 30. Saturday clearing early. Slowly diminishing winds. Highs 40 to 50. Maine: Minor flooding and considerable beach erosion over coastal sections south of Casco Bay today. Windy today and tonight. Intermittent light snow with little further accumulation except an inch or two downtown. Highs 35 to 40. Flurries tonight. Lows 25 to 30. Cloudy to partly cloudy with a chance of flurries Saturday. Highs in the 40s.

New Hampshire: Minor flooding and considerable beach erosion coastal sections today and tonight. Occasional light snow or flurries today. Highs 35 to 40. Flurries likely tonight. Lows 25 to 30. Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of flurries Saturday. Highs in the 40s.

Travelers advisory this morning. Windy and chilly today with occasional light snow. Little additional accumulation. Highs in the 30s. Gradual clearing and cold tonight. Lows in the 20s. Partly sunny, breezy and a little milder Saturday. Highs 40 to 45.

Air quality  
The state Department of Environmental Protection reported good air quality conditions across Connecticut Thursday and forecast similar conditions statewide for today.

Extended outlook  
Extended outlook for New England Sunday through Tuesday: Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Fair through the period. Highs in the mid 30s to mid 40s. Lows in the 20s and low 30s.

Vermont: Cool and dry through the period. Highs in the 40s and lows in the 20s. Maine: Fair through the period. Lows in the upper teens to mid 20s. Highs in the upper 30s to mid 40s.

New Hampshire: Fair through the period. Lows in the upper teens to mid 20s. Highs in the upper 30s to mid 40s.

Across the nation  
Snow will be scattered over the lower Great Lakes and from Texas/Vermont through the northern Atlantic states. Gusty winds will continue along the middle and northern Atlantic coast. Showers over the Great Basin will become rain mixed with snow over the central Rockies. Rain will extend over the southern Rockies with thundershowers from New Mexico into West Texas. Rain will reach from western Washington to northern California.

High and low  
The highest temperature reported Thursday by the National Weather Service, excluding Alaska and Hawaii, was 90 degrees at Imperial, Calif. Today's low was 19 degrees at International Falls, Minn.

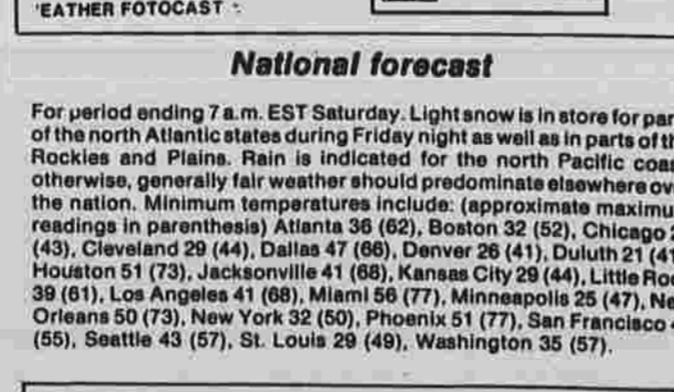
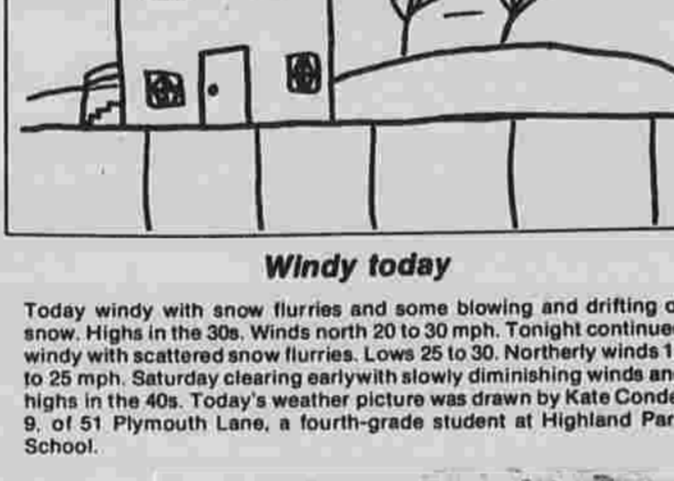
Weather radio  
The National Weather Service broadcasts continuous, 24-hour weather information on 162.475 mHz in Hartford, 162.55 mHz in New London and 162.40 mHz in Meriden.

National forecast  
For period ending 7 a.m. EST Saturday. Light snow is in store for parts of the north Atlantic states during Friday night as well as in parts of the Rockies and Plains. Rain is indicated for the north Pacific coast, otherwise, generally fair weather should predominate elsewhere over the nation. Minimum temperatures include: (approximate maximum readings in parentheses) Atlanta 36 (62), Boston 32 (52), Chicago 25 (43), Cleveland 29 (44), Dallas 47 (68), Denver 26 (41), Duluth 21 (41), Houston 51 (73), Jacksonville 41 (68), Kansas City 29 (44), Little Rock 38 (61), Los Angeles 41 (68), Miami 56 (77), Minneapolis 25 (47), New Orleans 50 (73), New York 32 (50), Phoenix 51 (77), San Francisco 46 (55), Seattle 43 (57), St. Louis 29 (46), Washington 35 (57).

# Weather

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# Police records contradict testimony in murder trial

By Sarah Possell Herald Reporter

HARTFORD — The credibility of a prosecution witness in the murder trial of a 28-year-old Laotian refugee was damaged Thursday when police records introduced by the defense failed to bear out her earlier testimony. Lorna Lorber is on trial in Hartford Superior Court for the July 1982 beating death in Manchester of another refugee, Linh Phommahaxay, then 39. Lorber's attorneys have not denied that Lorber assaulted Phommahaxay with a baseball bat at the intersection of Cedar and Walnut streets.

Charron called Lorber "a mild person, to the point where if I got into a confrontation with him, he would cry." He testified that several Lao refugees complained about being served by Lorber, a Muong, Phommahaxay, a Lao, was one of the 1,700 refugees Lorber helped to resettle in the area.

He said that those who complained about Lorber told him that in Laos they would not even speak to a Muong. He said the

defense has also subpoenaed copies of a letter to Manchester police from Paul M. Taylor, an anthropologist from the Smithsonian Institution, about the significance of the oriental tattoos that covered many parts of Phommahaxay's body.

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Lorber's attorneys have indicated they will make an issue of the difference in stature between Lorber, who is about 5 feet tall and stocky, and Phommahaxay, whom the medical examiner measured at the time of his death eight days after the assault at 5 feet 7 inches tall and 185 pounds.

Searching for information about Phommahaxay's character to bolster Lorber's case, the defense introduced the Catholic Services file kept on Phommahaxay when he first arrived in the area. The file shows that Lorber's case, the defense introduced the Catholic Services file kept on Phommahaxay when he first arrived in the area. The file shows that Lorber's case, the defense introduced the Catholic Services file kept on Phommahaxay when he first arrived in the area.

He called Lorber "a very devoted family man, devoted husband and father — a very honest man." He said Lorber is extremely people-oriented and "doesn't worry about the amount of time he has to spend assisting people."

Eugene Brewer, minister of the Manchester Church of Christ, where Lorber and his family were parishioners, testified that there was "an obvious deep concern in Mr. Lorber's heart for people in need."

Lorber's church, including the pastor, testified that Lorber is a good man. Brewer and church elder Donald L. Nelson testified that Lorber headed several church drives to provide furnishings for Southeast Asian refugees. Nelson said Phommahaxay was a good man. Brewer and church elder Donald L. Nelson testified that Lorber headed several church drives to provide furnishings for Southeast Asian refugees. Nelson said Phommahaxay was a good man.

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### U.S./World In Brief

**Two boats hit rebel mines**

Two fishing boats hit mines planted by U.S.-financed guerrillas at a major Nicaraguan port and the rebels said they would continue to sabotage the nation's ports as long as the leftist government remained in power.

In New York, the U.S. Security Council today was to consider Nicaragua's charges that it faced an "escalation of acts of aggression."

The fishing boats were heavily damaged by the mid-morning blasts Thursday at the Pacific port of Corinto, 53 miles northwest of the capital, Managua, but no one was reported injured in the the ninth and 10th such incidents.

Anti-Sandinista guerrillas of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force or FDN, and the Costa Rica-based Democratic Revolutionary Alliance, known as ARDE, have claimed responsibility for mining Nicaragua's major ports.

The mining is part of an economic sabotage campaign against the Managua regime, aimed at cutting off access to critical imports, especially oil.

**Strike threatens coal shipments**

LONDON — The British government today faced its strongest challenge in the 18-day-old national miners strike with six powerful unions threatening to paralyze coal shipments to industrial and energy plants.

The coal blockade could cripple the steel industry, leaving giant British Steel with only a 10-day supply of coking coal and power plants with a nine-to-10-week stock, said Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Miners.

Thousands of steelworkers face layoffs if the vital supplies run out.

The decision to cripple coal shipments, made late Thursday by leaders of the six major unions, was the most serious setback for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her tough stand against the miners strike, now in its third week.

Most of Britain's coal miners went on strike in protest of the plan. Only a quarter of Britain's coal mines were operating normally Thursday.

### Senate trims Salvador aid

WASHINGTON — The Senate made a tentative decision to trim President Reagan's request for emergency military aid to El Salvador from \$93 million to \$82 million, but opponents are prepared to try for even deeper cuts.

Under an agreement worked out late Thursday night, the issue was put off until next week when Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., plans to offer an amendment trimming the aid package to \$21 million.

Kennedy wants to provide just enough aid to last until the end of May, by which time it will be known who won the presidential election in El Salvador — rightist Roberto d'Aubuisson or moderate Jose Napoleon Duarte.

The compromise plan to reduce the aid amount to \$82 million was approved on a voice vote at the end of a long day of debate in which Kennedy lost in two attempts to prohibit a combat role for Americans in Central America without congressional approval.

### Data sought on eruption

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Heavy steam escaping from Mount St. Helens is hampering scientists' efforts to observe the dome inside the crater to determine whether an ash plume eruption signaled the start of a lava flow.

Ash from the plume, which soared to an altitude of 15,000 feet Thursday, drifted to the southwest in the pre-dawn hours and a fine layer of the dust on communities up to 45 miles away.

A drifting cloud of ash was spotted later by a pilot at 21,000 to 23,000 feet, the National Weather Service said.

Steve Brantley, a U.S. Geological Survey spokesman, said seismic activity remained very high at the mountain during the day and rockfalls continued to be recorded on the lava dome several times each hour.

### Weinberger heads for Greece

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger left the Netherlands today for Athens, Greece, saying that Western security depended on the United States maintaining its military bases in Greece.

Weinberger spent 24 hours in the Netherlands to stress the importance to NATO of stationing U.S.-made missiles on its soil. The Hague has not yet agreed to do so.

The U.S. defense secretary is to meet with Greek Premier Andreas Papandreu, who is also defense minister, for talks focusing mainly on Pentagon plans to upgrade facilities at U.S. military installations in the NATO nation.

"It is extremely important to have those bases (in Greece) and whatever is important usually can be done, even though there may be some differences that attend it," Weinberger told a news conference before departing for the Mediterranean country.

## D'Aubuisson blasts death squad threats

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI) — Rightist presidential candidate Roberto d'Aubuisson, himself accused of leading death squads, criticized right-wing threats to "punish" election officials and conceded he finished second in Sunday's voting.

D'Aubuisson, of the National Republican Alliance, known as ARENA Party, gave his first news conference Thursday since the election. He said Christian Democrat Jose Napoleon Duarte would finish first with just over 44 percent of the vote.

He estimated ARENA would place second with 31 percent of the vote with the six other parties trailing far behind.

The last official returns from Sunday's election were released Wednesday and showed Duarte leading with 47 percent, second and Francisco Jose Guerrero of the conservative National Conciliation Party third.

Failure by any one candidate to capture more than 50 percent of the votes will force a runoff election between the first two finishers, probably in May.

D'Aubuisson said he expected to pick up support from other conservative parties for the runoff.

D'Aubuisson, who campaigned against Duarte calling the moderate Christian Democrat a communist and a traitor, Thursday congratulated Duarte and the Christian Democrat

Party (PDC) "for their great work" in winning public support.

But d'Aubuisson, who has been accused of leading death squad activities including the 1980 murder of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, condemned a statement issued Wednesday by the Secret Anti-Communist Army, or ESA.

The ESA threatened to "punish" election officials for bungling the election with a complicated voting system that impeded many Salvadorans from casting ballots.

"Really, this seems to me evil and those gentlemen do not know the damage they are causing us internationally," said d'Aubuisson. "This type of activity in no way favors the Salvadoran people."

D'Aubuisson also criticized American congressmen — mostly liberal Democrats — who cite accusations he is involved in death squads as a reason to cut off financial support to El Salvador if he becomes president.

He said such efforts were part of a "disinformation campaign that has come from all over the world."

D'Aubuisson said meetings have been arranged with PDC officials to draft legislation abolishing the electoral registry used in Sunday's voting because many names were missing from the list.



UPI photo

### Trouble for French Socialists

After hearing from the government Thursday that between 20,000 and 25,000 jobs would be cut in the steel and iron industries before the end of 1986, angry workers attacked the offices of the majority Socialist party. The workers burned the furniture from the office in the streets of Longwy after throwing it from a second-story window.

## Jackson hits opponents on military policy

By Laurence McQuillon  
United Press International

The Democrats' war of words is erupting into a three-way battle, with Jesse Jackson attacking the defense policies of both Walter Mondale and Gary Hart and the two front-runners stepping up their attacks on each other.

The trio of presidential aspirants all stamp New York today, rounding up as many voters as possible heading into Tuesday's crucial showdown to determine 252 delegates to July's Democratic national convention in San Francisco.

A new ABC-Washington Post poll showed Mondale had lost ground in the New York contest, making it a toss-up. Heading into the final weekend, Mondale had a lead of 40 percent to 35 percent for Hart. Jackson trailed with 16 percent, and 9 percent said they were undecided. There was a 6 percent margin of error.

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Hart, in a wide-ranging, 30-minute television broadcast late Thursday, criticized Reagan's policies as an "economic Vietnam."

The federal deficit, which is \$180 billion in Reagan's fiscal 1985 budget, "literally strike at the heart of the American ideal, which says America is a place where each generation passes on a better legacy for the next, not a place where one generation steals the future for the next," Hart said.

"The politics of yesterday are giving this country an economic Vietnam for the rest of this decade," he said.

Mondale told the Hunter College forum that Hart "has not only shown little or no interest in... the question of housing, he has got a bad record."

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rivals to task for quibbling over non-issues.

Jackson favors a "peace budget" that would cut military spending by at least 20 percent. He complained that Mondale and Hart talk about scrapping certain weapons systems, but "they always add a new one."

Hart, speaking to reporters at a manufacturing firm in the economically depressed South Bronx, accused Mondale of using a "back-door" route to break a pledge he would not accept money from political action committees.

PAC money is being used to promote Mondale delegate slates.

"We cannot reform the campaign finance laws as present if we have ourselves gotten into office with

special interest financing." Hart said.

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The federal deficit, which is \$180 billion in Reagan's fiscal 1985 budget, "literally strike at the heart of the American ideal, which says America is a place where each generation passes on a better legacy for the next, not a place where one generation steals the future for the next," Hart said.

"The politics of yesterday are giving this country an economic Vietnam for the rest of this decade," he said.

Mondale told the Hunter College forum that Hart "has not only shown little or no interest in... the question of housing, he has got a bad record."

## Hawaiians told to prepare for evacuation

By Ron Todd  
United Press International

HILO, Hawaii — People living in the path of a massive lava flow oozing about a half mile a day from the erupting Mauna Loa volcano were told to "begin preparing mentally to evacuate."

A state of emergency was declared for parts of the island to ready workers and equipment.

Officials said it might be several days before the nearest homes on the outskirts of the city are threatened by the approaching tide of lava, which measured 1,000 feet across at its lead point, more than one-half mile further back and up to 20 feet high.

Residents would be given more than a day's notice to evacuate, officials stressed.

But Civil Defense Director Harry Kim said

Thursday, "I realize the tension that is building, and I would advise everybody to begin that mental process of beginning to prepare for an evacuation."

Robert Decker, chief scientist at the U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, said data gathered today would be crucial to determine which areas might be threatened if the molten rock continues advancing. Since the eruption started Sunday on the 13,680-foot mountain, the lava has been moving through a forest of small trees and in some places over previous flows.

Mayor Herbert Matayoshi also took the first mobilization step and declared a state of emergency for the east and southeast sections of the island. He said it was "not a panic situation," but the declaration was necessary to allow the use of public equipment and personnel to deal with any related emergency.

The 15-mile-long flow closed to within 4 miles of the nearest homes and 12 miles of Hilo, which has a population of 35,200.

The flow, moving 200 feet per hour, was in an area where it was impossible to project accurately what homes might be affected or when, Kim said. But Civil Defense officials said they could give residents 36 hours notice should an evacuation become necessary.

Decker said if the flow followed the pattern of previous flows in the area its progress would slow by half each day and it would never reach Hilo.

Five fountains of molten rock at the 9,000-foot level of Mauna Loa were feeding four major flows down the volcano slopes. Three of the flows posed no threat but most of the lava was being fed to the flow approaching Hilo.

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## Fighting renews as French leave Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — The last French peace-keepers in Beirut relinquished their positions without incident today in the no-man's land separating Lebanon's enemy militias but renewed fighting east of the capital threatened the latest cease-fire.

At least six artillery and mortar shells also crashed into Christian east Beirut neighborhoods close to the city's port, where the withdrawing French peace-keeping forces gathered for the journey home Saturday, police and witnesses reported.

There were no immediate reports of casualties, despite the shelling and renewed combat in the mountains between Lebanese army troops and Moslem Druze militiamen, police said.

The mountain fighting threatened an accord

between Moslem and Christian factions Thursday to stop shelling residential neighborhoods, after artillery duels the day before killed 26 people and wounded 126.

The barrages Wednesday in Moslem and Christian neighborhoods caused the worst bloodshed since the breakdown of peace talks between factional leaders and President Amin Gemayel in Lausanne, Switzerland, last week.

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# OPINION

## Reagan's distance tactic works wonders

WASHINGTON — If anything goes wrong, it's not President Reagan's fault — at least according to the White House and the Reagan-Bush campaign organization. In fact, the GOP has dozens of people and an almost unlimited budget assigned to one task: diverting blame from Reagan's door.

Take, for instance, the announcement that the Marines were being withdrawn from Lebanon after what looked like a total failure of U.S. policy. More than almost any previous administration, the Reagan administration has decreed leaks: severely, the FBI has been called in to launch a major probe after an administration secret has shown up in print. Federal employees have been required to sign oaths stating that they would not leak information and have been subjected to widespread lie-detector tests as part of an effort to stop leaks.

Yet the morning before the withdrawal announcement, the White House switchboard was jammed: Virtually every higher-up with any media contact was working the phone — and leaking like crazy.

**THEIR MESSAGES WERE ALL THE SAME:** Reagan policy hadn't failed in Lebanon — it was the policy of Secretary of State George Shultz that was now in disarray. As the leakers told it, U.S. policy in Lebanon — especially the treaty between Israel and the Gemayel government — was almost entirely the brainchild of Shultz, who stuck with that policy until the bitter end.

Then there's the matter of the deficit. Both Reagan and White House spokesmen talk about the deficit as if it were happening to some other administration. White House briefings constantly repeat that the deficit isn't Reagan's fault, but has been caused "by the recession." Others say it's cyclical, or the fault of the spendthrift Democratic House, which won't make all



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Robert Wagman

the administration-backed cuts in domestic programs. But above all, we're told, the deficit has nothing to do with the record tax cuts or defense budgets that form the backbone of Reagan's policies.

Then there's the issue of the record defense budget this administration is backing. White House spokesmen say this isn't Reagan's fault. The blame, they say, should go to the Soviets, who keep increasing their military at breakneck speed, and to Jimmy Carter, who slashed military spending.

**CIA EXPERTS, HOWEVER,** say that since 1978, the Soviet military has grown much more slowly than it did in the 1960s and early 1970s. In fact, they say, our military is now growing significantly faster than that of the Soviets. In addition, the Pentagon itself says that during the Carter administration, the military budget grew by 65 percent in actual dollars or 11 percent in real dollars, which take inflation into consideration.

The newest sign of the "blame it on anyone else" campaign is the public feud between Reagan's closest advisers and Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker. White House higher-ups are quietly leaking the fact that they're "very concerned" about Volcker's too-tight rein on the money supply. This is seen as an effort to set Volcker up if the recovery slows down or peters out by Election Day, or if interest rates and inflation creep up

again, as many economists expect. Reagan is taking the lead in scapegoating that surrounds the deficit, budget-cutting and military spending. However, with regard to Lebanon and the Volcker dispute, he's staying above the fray and leaving the scapegoating to others — or to leaks.

**THERE'S ALREADY EVIDENCE** that the scapegoat strategy is working: A poll of Illinois voters, conducted shortly before the March 20 primary, produced some startling results.

The statewide poll of Republicans, independents and Democrats asked respondents' opinions of specific Reagan programs — and the results were highly negative. More than 90 percent responded that the administration's economic program favors the rich; more than three-quarters said that deficits are a major danger to the country; three-quarters said that the defense budget must be cut; two-thirds thought the United States should have stayed out of Lebanon; and a clear majority disagreed with current policy on Central America.

Yet more than half of the respondents, while clearly rejecting the central policies of the Reagan administration, said that Reagan was doing an "excellent" or "pretty good job." Fewer than 20 percent — mostly all Democrats — gave him a "poor" job rating.

And so the president seems to be succeeding in separating himself from his policies — at least in Illinois.

In running for re-election, almost every administration, whether Democratic or Republican, has tried to shift blame away from itself. However, the Reagan administration seems ready to use this strategy to a degree that hasn't been seen for quite a few elections.

Richard M. Diamond, Publisher



Jack Anderson

Washington Merry-Go-Round

## Weapons coverups continue

WASHINGTON — My past reports on the theft of property from military bases have spurred Pentagon officials into action. They are searching relentlessly not for the thieves but for my informants.

An estimated \$10 million in precious metals alone disappeared each year from military arsenals. Other valuables — everything from armaments to electronic supplies — are stolen by the crate. Yet officials seem more concerned about covering up the scandal than halting the depletions.

For example, 175 M16 automatic rifles have disappeared from Fort Belvoir, Va., outside Washington. This would be a valuable haul for any terrorist group.

At first, officials claimed the missing weapons were less sophisticated, Vietnam-era M16s. Then they suggested that the "supposed" loss was due merely to the transportation of several serial numbers. A spokesman said the Defense Logistics Agency was satisfied that all the rifles had been accounted for.

After this assurance, the officials then proceeded to chastise Belvoir property office administrators — not for mishandling the weapons but for leaking information about the loss. All outgoing telephone calls from the office were monitored in an attempt to unmask my sources.

**THE OFFICIAL LINE** now is that there are "no shortages." But informants inside and outside Fort Belvoir told my reporter William Bartman that investigators for the Defense Logistics Agency have been working overtime trying in vain to figure out what happened to the 175 missing rifles.

Here are some other thefts that have been reported to me by conscientious citizens:

- At Fort Belvoir — a veritable thieves' market for military hardware — my sources estimate that from \$40,000 to \$40,000 worth of property disappear each month. The losses are quietly covered up by the Defense Logistics Agency.

- At the Naval Air Station, several million dollars worth of aviation fuel, a precious metal alloy used in fighter plane brake shoes, disappeared during a three-month period last year.

- Some of the valuable stuff (it sells for about \$120 a pound) reportedly vanished from aircraft carriers.

- The Navy confirmed that a "Salvadorian" suspected theft of beryllium "is under way."

- After denying my earlier report on the disappearance of \$750,000 worth of precious metals from the Colts Neck, N.J., recycling center, the Defense Logistics Agency installed television monitors at key locations to watch for thefts — that it has insisted weren't occurring.

- Administrators of the precious metals recovery program, meanwhile, have withheld from Congress documents that would show how huge the losses are. One document reveals that participating agencies turn in an average of only about 17 percent of the precious metals expected of them — an indication of either widespread theft or incredible waste.

- Footnote: Two Army investigators recently turned up at the Philadelphia Navy Yard to investigate wholesale thefts that officials denied were occurring. They left their unmarked van unattended. It was promptly stolen.

- HALL OF HEROES:** When Thomas Taylor, a Washington, D.C., fireman, burst into a burning home earlier this year, he didn't know what to expect. What he found was three children — ages 3, 5 and 7 — who had been overcome by smoke.

- There was no time to wait for the rescue squad. So Taylor and a couple of his partners began administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation as they carried the children out of the blazing home. The three children survived, thanks to the fireman's quick thinking.

- Taylor, a veteran firefighter, considered his act all in the day's work.

William A. Rusher is publisher of the National Review.

## Connecticut In Brief

### Yale strike delayed again

NEW HAVEN — Yale's clerical workers union has postponed a strike until 5 a.m. next Wednesday, the third day in as many days in efforts to keep volatile negotiations alive.

But the union representing the 2,000 mostly female librarians, secretaries and technical workers promised Thursday to walk out if a settlement is not reached or the university does not submit to binding arbitration by the new deadline.

Yale's president A. Bartlett Giamatti called the extension "most welcome," and said: "The university will be doing every effort to reach a settlement with Local 34."

At issue is a first contract for 2,000 clerical and technical employees. The workers — most of them women — voted last May to have the Federation of University employees represent them. Since then both sides have been unable to reach agreement on a contract.

### Long odds on new game

NEWINGTON — The new instant game Connecticut State Lottery starts next Tuesday will offer a shot at a \$1 million drawing.

However, the odds of winning the top prize make the old weekly Lotto game look easy. Lottery officials say the chances of winning the \$1 million grand prize in the new Extra Million drawing are 1 in 25 million, compared with 1 in 13 million chances of winning the first prize in the weekly Lotto game.

In the new game, players rub six squares on their tickets to determine what they have won.

### Man held in fatal shooting

NEW LONDON — A New London man has been charged for fatally shooting a woman he lived with, apparently because he believed she was seeing another man.

James Green, 31, was charged Thursday with murder in the death of Rovena Ann Nelson, 27, also known as Margaret, who was shot once in the head and once in the chest about 8:20 p.m. Wednesday, said police.

Police said they have not determined a motive but said that the couple had argued in the past and that Green was apparently angry because he believed Ms. Nelson was seeing another man.

### Seabrook ball-out reported

NEWINGTON — Sixty-four New England utilities have agreed to bail out the chief owner of New Hampshire's Seabrook nuclear power plants if it cancels the project's second reactor.

The power plant's executive committee has agreed to a plan to bail out Public Service Co. of New Hampshire with savings generated by use of low-cost hydroelectric power from Quebec, William B. Ellis, chairman of the power pool and Northeast Utilities, said Thursday.

Ellis said the payments would be made in installments and amount to a "small" fraction of the \$100 million a year of savings that use of the hydroelectric is expected to generate. Public service would be required to match the payments.

### Ex-official sues Bridgeport

BRIDGEPORT — A former city official says more than \$24,000 in worker's compensation benefits owed him were delayed because he reported an alleged illegal donation to the mayor's 1981 election campaign.

Former Bridgeport Housing Code Enforcement Officer Robert C. Woehle charged in a suit filed in Superior Court Thursday that his benefits were delayed as punishment for reporting the alleged violation of law to the arrest of an aide to Mayor Leonard S. Paolotta.

His suit seeks total damages in excess of \$15,000 plus interest on his claim his benefits were delayed. The suit claims he suffered cardiac problems after he was harassed by a dog in May 1981 while performing his inspection duties.

### EB progress uncertain

HARTFORD — Two members of Connecticut's congressional delegation said they were cautiously optimistic about progress toward resolving the nine-month-old strike at Grorton's Electric Boat shipyard.

The comments by Rep. Sam Gejdenson and Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, both Democrats, followed a closed-door meeting in Washington Wednesday between members of the Connecticut and Rhode Island congressional delegations and David Lewis, chairman of Electric Boat's parent, General Dynamics.

General Dynamics is willing to try to resolve the deadlocked strike, said Dodd in a statement released in Washington.

### Moslem violence predicted

NEW HAVEN — The president of the American-Arab Relations Committee predicted "storms of violence" in the Moslem world if any attempt is made to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Dr. M.T. Mehdi said Thursday "thousands of Americans would be killed" in the Moslem world if presidential candidates Gary Hart or Walter Mondale make good on campaign promises to move the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

## O'Neill hints of veto on keeping pike tolls

By Mark A. Dupuis  
United Press International

HARTFORD — Gov. William O'Neill has all but vowed to respond with a veto if the Legislature votes to continue some highway tolls to help finance his \$5.5-billion transportation program.

O'Neill said Thursday he stands committed to a law passed last year mandating a phase-out of tolls from the Connecticut Turnpike and three Hartford-area bridges next year.

And while he wouldn't say for certain he would veto changes to that law, he said he had made his position clear to leaders of the Legislature's Democratic majority.

"I think it's pretty clear we don't want a toll bill," he said at a news conference, hours after a legislative committee approved a bill to retain the bridge tolls and some turnpike tolls and increase them from 35 to 50 cents.

The higher tolls also would be in effect on the Merritt and Wilbur Cross parkways, which were not covered by the toll removal law passed last year.

The bill approved by the committee is an alternative to another bill sought by O'Neill, which would finance the \$5.5-billion, 10-year road, bridge, railroad and bus program through higher gasoline taxes and motor vehicle fees.

The alternative bill would hike the tolls and continue five of the eight on the turnpike beyond next year's scheduled phase-out, reducing the gas tax hike from the 3 cents sought by O'Neill this year to 2 cents or a penny a gallon.

The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee also approved the governor's bill and sent both measures to the Senate, where Democratic leaders will now try to get the votes to pass one of the bills or a compromise version.

O'Neill challenged Republican legislators who oppose tolls but have hinted opposition to higher gas taxes to vote

for his plan. "I want to see their votes on my proposal," he said.

The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee voted 15-9 to approve the bill to retain some of the toll plazas. O'Neill's bill cleared the committee on a 13-9 vote.

At least eight committee members from districts with or near toll plazas were not present when the committee took the vote, which came in the midst of an spring snow storm.

Senate Majority Leader Richard Schaefer, D-Exeter, said the Senate could vote on a transportation financing bill as early as next week. He said he would prefer O'Neill's plan, but a compromise might be needed.

"We really haven't tested the (Senate Democratic) caucus on the issue," Schaefer said. "We'll try the governor's bill first. If we have the votes for it, we'll go with it."

House Speaker Irving Stolberg, D-New Haven, also opposed keeping the tolls, but said some changes may be needed to get enough House Democrats behind a financing plan.

Stolberg said he thought it was unfortunate that debate on the financing plan appeared to be breaking down along geographic lines. He said lawmakers should consider the state as a whole and not in regions.

The tolls are concentrated in the southwestern part of the state and efforts to retain them are being pushed primarily by lawmakers from other parts of the state.

However, Sen. William DiBella, D-Hartford, said tolls should be considered a user-fee pay for "improvements" such as the Metro-North rail line to New York, that serves southwestern Connecticut.

"I don't think it's regionalism," said DiBella, the Senate chairman of the Transportation Committee and an author of the bill that would retain and increase some tolls.



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While the Hartford area got the worst of a snowstorm, Thursday's inclement weather was busy flooding the southern part of Connecticut. Above, Milford residents John Johnson and John Wells of make their way through flooded Milford Point Road. Flooding along the Long Island Sound forced the evacuation of many residents in the Laurel Beach area of Milford.

## O'Neill backs tax bill

HARTFORD (UPI) — Gov. William O'Neill has indicated his support for a bill allowing the commissioner of revenue services to waive interest on sales and use tax owed on appliances purchased out of state for use in Connecticut.

The interest exemption, passed by the House Thursday and Wednesday by the Senate, would give some relief to more than 5,000 residents billed by the state for sales tax on television sets and appliances purchased at a Massachusetts store.

"I think it should be forgiven if they didn't knowingly break the law," O'Neill said of the amnesty provision. He is expected to sign it.

An audit of the store's records showed Connecticut residents had purchased big-ticket items without paying tax. State law requires sales and use taxes on items costing \$25 or more and purchased out of state for use in Connecticut.

The bill allows the commissioner to waive interest when less than \$100 in taxes is owed. It is not expected to have any impact on the state's revenue structure this year.

Also approved by the House Thursday was a bill requiring hospitals to control charges and expenses to be exempted from detailed budget reviews by the state Commission on Hospitals and Health Care.

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## Compromise achieved on hospital plan

HARTFORD (UPI) — Compromise legislation on a payment system to help pay for hospital care has been reached between state officials, hospitals and insurers.

"This landmark legislation will continue to reduce the cost of care throughout Connecticut," Gov. William O'Neill said Thursday at a news conference to announce the agreement.

The compromise would create a prospective payment system, setting in advance the amount an insurer would pay a hospital for a certain amount of procedure, rather than reimbursing the facility for actual costs.

Hospitals would be forced to absorb any costs beyond the pre-set reimbursement and could pocket the difference if the actual costs were lower.

Proponents said the system will help eliminate unnecessary tests and patient stays in the hospital.

The revised "all-payers" bill was worked out in negotiations between the governor's office, other state officials, hospitals and health care industry lobbying hard on the bill.

Gardner Wright Jr., chairman of the state's hospital cost commission, said hospital costs would continue to rise because of inflation and other factors, but the increase should be slower with prospective payment system.

O'Neill said the various interests had agreed not to press for amendments to the legislation, which should mean approval by the House and Senate.

"I think it was a great piece of engineering to bring the parties together," he said, denying pressure had been put on the groups by his office.

"I don't think any pressure was brought but I think an understanding was brought about a bill was going to pass this year," he said.

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## Guest editorial

### Fight needed vs. Nicaragua policy

It is time to end the U.S. Senate's two-year evasion of responsibility for the Reagan administration's aggression against the Managua regime in Nicaragua — a war against the Managua regime is militarily and morally unjustified, it violates every major principle of public international law, and democrats should force Republicans to defend it in open debate this week.

Reagan is seeking Senate approval of a \$21 million appropriation to continue the war. If the past is a prologue, the Senate will duck debate, contrive an evasive "compromise," and sign off with a simple voice vote.

Most Republican senators can be expected to go along with their president, but many Democrats, too, have been slow to speak out. Any measure that emerges from the Senate Intelligence Committee seems to have clear sailing.

"Moderates" fall in line and others who know better follow suit.

The House has shown more courage. It has debated Nicaragua policy repeatedly, and Rep. Edward Boland, D-Mass., — a long-time supporter of CIA intelligence gathering — has spearheaded the effort to confine Reagan's paramilitary adventures to legitimate, above-board policing of Central American borders.

The Senate Democrats' silence has been in part a damage-limitation strategy. Fearing first being outvoted — and then, for their roles, being accused of sympathizing with Marxists — Democrats have taken refuge in compromise.

Their consensual approach is dangerous. It stifles debate and obscures responsibility. It has no place in a matter so antithetical to America's meaning as waging an illegal war.

Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas, a man of courage and integrity, is to our sorrow in his final term. A former Peace Corps volunteer, he understands the problems of the Third World. A

respected member of the Foreign Relations Committee, he could lead the battle against Reagan's Nicaragua aggression.

Tsongas could handle the demagogues of the right. He could awaken his colleagues to the cost of not finding their voices until a misguided policy has been pursued to the point of disaster and Americans are coming home in boxes.

The Nicaragua aggression that began two years ago as simple terrorism, much of it directed at nonmilitary representatives of the Managua government, has turned recently into a serious war of attrition with strikes at the economic infrastructure of Nicaragua: oil terminals and transportation links. Recently, a Soviet tanker, arriving with a load of oil, was slightly damaged. Cutting the sugar import quota and bringing pressure to deny international credit, Reagan aims to bring Nicaragua — an already experiencing great economic difficulties — to the point of collapse.

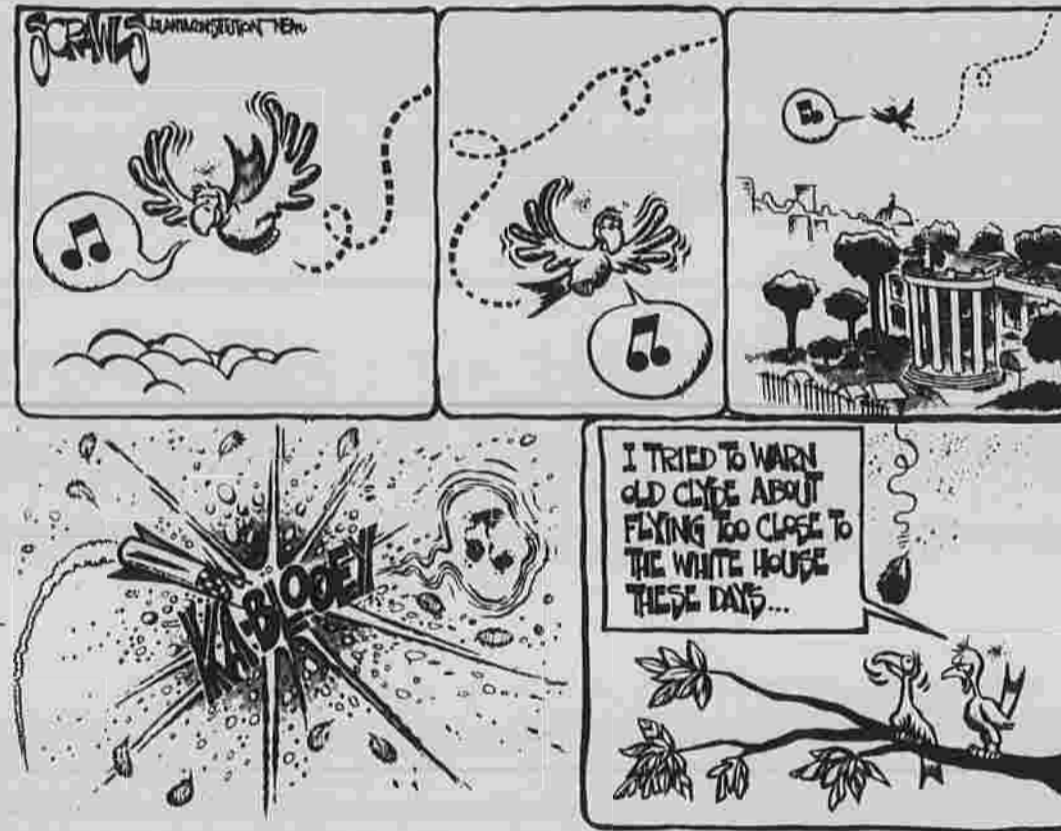
Nicaragua has done little to deserve this, other than to have served as a heady example for others who challenge the Central American status quo. It is Managua's misfortune to be located next to the tottering regime that President Reagan props up in El Salvador.

Nicaragua offers of detente that would adequately safeguard U.S. and Salvadoran interests are being ignored.

The United States has made mistakes before but has not often pursued a shameful aggression over a period of years while the Senate looks away in a conspiracy of silence.

Senate Democrats can run from devastating, but from history's judgment they will find it hard to hide.

The Manchester Herald occasionally reprints editorials from other newspapers in New England. This one is from the Boston Globe.



Viewpoint

## An argument against the freeze

By William A. Rusher  
Syndicated Columnist

NEW YORK — Today's column is addressed primarily to people who, from time to time, find themselves arguing with advocates of a nuclear freeze (or some variant of that theme).

I have good news for you: There exists, ready for immediate use, an argument on your side of the question that is 100 percent sound and absolutely devastating. I have devoted a goodly share of my life to studying the black arts of argumentation (I even wrote a book not long ago called "How To Win Arguments"), and I am prepared to testify that, in 45 years of debating public issues, I have never encountered a more decisive riposte.

The argument for a nuclear freeze (or whatever) is at bottom a criticism of the current doctrine of deterrence ("mutual assured destruction"), decorated to taste with allusions to the horrors of nuclear warfare. What if — for whatever reason: accident, misunderstanding or sheer homicidal mania — deterrence fails to deter? ABC-TV's "The Day After" offered an answer calculated to scare the daylight out of us. One alleged solution — implicitly put forward as the only conceivable solution — is to stop producing and deploying these terrible weapons right now.

But that is in fact not the only conceivable solution. It isn't even the best one, even assuming the Russians could be trusted to halt production (which couldn't be verified).

In one perspective, the history of warfare is a series of pendulum swings between the dominance of offense and the dominance of defense. Nuclear weapons swung the pendulum far over toward offense. But our ability to place sophisticated satellites in earth orbit, capable of spotting ICBMs on launch and destroying them within seconds, now swings the pendulum sharply back toward defensive dominance.

Advocates of this defensive system — and they include some of this nation's highest ranking military authorities — estimate that it could prevent 95 percent of Soviet ICBMs launched against this country from ever reaching their targets. And that in turn would render a nuclear first strike against the United States out of the question. Q.E.D.

Watching nuclear-freeze proponents grapple with this counterpositional borders on the comical.

Expecting to spend an agreeable hour or two expatiating on the horrors of nuclear warfare, they suddenly find you agreeing with them and inviting them to join in working for a future entirely free of the specter of nuclear annihilation. Worse yet (since President Reagan spoke approvingly of the defensive-satellite concept in a TV address a year ago, and called for funds to research and develop the idea), they find themselves being urged to rally behind Mr. Reagan on pain of being convicted of nostalgia for the Good Old Days of mutual assured destruction if they refuse.

The rhetoric of the defensive-satellite proposal is positively aware with virtues: The concept is strictly non-nuclear (it would knock out ICBMs with high explosives or laser beams) and purely defensive (it wouldn't kill so much as a single Russian).

Nuclear-freeze proponents, feeling their world crumbling about them, frantically improvise arguments against the proposal, but each has its answer: To construct such a defensive system would be dangerously destabilizing, since it would create a situation in which we could strike at Russia whereas they couldn't strike at us. By all means share the defensive technology with the Russians, so they can be secure, too.

The Soviet Union would merely construct "killer satellites" that would knock out defensive satellites. They might try, but if so the technological race would be conducted in earth orbit, where this country holds the high cards.

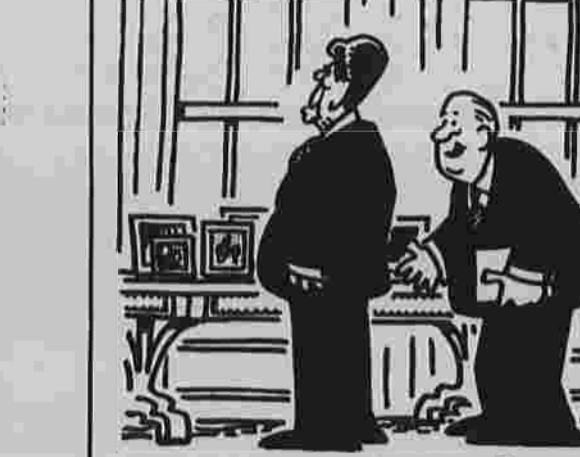
The cost would be too great. Not necessarily as great as the cost of our present system of "mutual assured destruction." But surely we would be foolish to economize on a defensive system that would render nuclear ICBMs obsolete.

It wouldn't work. — On the contrary, there is every evidence that it would; but why this bitter resistance to even trying the idea? Why did NBC's "Today" show, the very morning after Mr. Reagan's suggestion, rush a scientist from M.I.T. onto the program to fight the proposal tooth and claw? What is the matter with these anti-nuclear protesters? Do they want a nuclear-safety future or don't they? What is going on in their sick little minds?

You get the idea. Go to it!

William A. Rusher is publisher of the National Review.

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MACC extends its restrictions

Makeshift shelter trouble for landlord

By Sarah E. Hall and Kathy Gormus Herald Reporters

One week after youths staged a protest against a new rule barring them from ongoing use of Manchester's homeless shelter, four have been arrested and others have allegedly been throwing eggs and rocks at passers-by from their makeshift Main Street home.

Thursday morning, two people who landlord George Marlow says are unwelcome tenants in his 869 Main St. building were arrested for criminal trespass.

Thomas Odegaard, 26, of Manchester, and Stephanie Deagay, 17, of Plainfield, were taken into custody shortly after 10:30 a.m., police spokesman Gary Wood said.

Marlow said the two have been staying with Michael Mayo, the self-styled leader of the protest against the shelter rule.

The 10 to 12 youths staying with Mayo nightly have been forcing a door to an empty office upstairs and "making use of the room for various purposes," Marlow claimed. He said he called police after a workman found two youths while checking the room Thursday morning.

Sunday morning, Thomas P. Greene, 22, and Charles D. Holton, 24, were charged with third-degree burglary, second-degree criminal mischief and third-degree larceny in connection with two break-ins on Main Street. The two were apprehended in Mayo's apartment after a search turned up the stolen merchandise, police said.

Early this week, Marlow told the Herald that Mayo's guests have been throwing eggs and sometimes rocks at passers-by. He is currently seeking a summary process eviction order to force Mayo to leave, but said it will take three months for it to come through.

"Why is it that the town can have them evicted immediately, and I as a private landlord have to wait about three months?" he asked.

Police said they have been called to the building at least once a day for the past month because of reports of disturbances. "This is getting pretty expensive for the town, too," Marlow said.

Mayo's protest has not led the Manchester Area Conference of Churches to rescind its new rule at the shelter. To the contrary, shelter coordinators have extended it to all users, requiring them to show proof they're seeking permanent housing before being let into the shelter for a second time.

"We're trying it out this week, to see who can and who can't follow up on it," said Nancy Carr, MACC executive director, this morning.

Although she said the East Side Recreation Center site was "never meant to be anything but a temporary solution," she would not confirm rumors that town officials have decided it should not be used next year.

General Manager Robert B. Weiss said that, although there's general agreement among town officials regarding the inadequacy of the shelter site, they have not reached any conclusions nor even had any formal discussions on the matter. This concern predated any shelter problems with teenagers, he said.

The Board of Directors will have the last word on where any town-affiliated shelter will be next fall, Weiss said. The current shelter will close April 30, with the advent of warm weather.

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is continuing. If no site turns up, "then we'd like to at least keep open the option of using the East Side Rec," she said.

Another self-styled leader of the shelter protest, Edward Paquin, contacted the Herald earlier this week to complain that Marlow had raised his rent from \$300 to \$500.

The middle-aged man lives in the same Main Street building as Mayo. Paquin claimed the increase was to punish him for his protest action, but Marlow said it was because Paquin and the woman he lives with had taken in two additional tenants in their 2 1/2-room apartment, raising electric and water bills.

Marlow decided to rescind the increase later, after Paquin claimed he had no additional people living with him.

Paquin also complained to the Herald that Health Department officials have refused his repeated requests that they check his apartment for possible housing violations.

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Weekenders

Hear the merry prankster

The Manchester Symphony and Choral will present a concert Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Manchester High School auditorium.

Spring into shape

Spring has come, and Sunday will be the day to begin the official celebration. The Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom will sponsor a fashion, fitness and fun night Sunday at 7 p.m. at the temple.

Plenty for music lovers

Music lovers can take their pick of special events this weekend. On Sunday at 4 p.m. Emanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St., will be the site of a chamber concert featuring flutist Sirkka Johnson.

Escape to the Orient

Area residents will have the opportunity to escape to the Orient tonight and Saturday when the Connecticut Opera presents the beautiful opera "Madame Butterfly" at 8 p.m. at Bushnell Hall in Hartford.

Forget your diet

Forget the calorie-counter and come with an appetite for a spaghetti supper Saturday from 5 to 7 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St.

Learn about flowers

Get your gardening gloves out of wraps and come to a discussion about wildflower gardening Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Goodwin State Forest Conservation Center, off Route 6 in Hampton.

Poets haven't read together in three years

It'll be a Blue Spruce reunion

By Adele Angie Focus Editor

The poem, Joan Shapiro says, simply wouldn't come.

At 6:30 a.m. one day this week, she says, she abandoned it.

"It's a new poem — an important long poem. I was trying to force it — I was killing it," says Ms. Shapiro, a South Windsor resident.

One reason Ms. Shapiro is particularly chagrined is that she wanted to read the poem on Sunday at a reunion of the Blue Spruce Poets, a group of four women poets which she founded in 1976.

She is organizing Sunday's reading. The event is at 2 p.m. at Wood Memorial Library in South Windsor. It's free and open to the public.

The four women — Ms. Shapiro, along with Helen Lawson of Middletown, Patricia Schwartz of Boston and Norma Bragg of Middletown — haven't read together in about three years.

In the mid and late 1970s, the four gained a certain amount of local notoriety after they each published a book of their own poems, under the label Blue Spruce Press. Initially, their funding came from an Acta Life & Casualty grant.

The name Blue Spruce, by the way, was inspired by a blue spruce tree which stands right outside Ms. Shapiro's home in South Windsor.

When the Blue Spruce Poets were active, they read together in local coffee houses, schools and churches. Orders for their books came in from all over the country. None of the women gained much financially from the venture, but the Blue Spruce label solidly established the four of them as poets in this area.

"It was a special spark when we read together. We were always curious to see what new poems the others would 'trout out,'" says Mrs. Shapiro.

But there was a negative side to self-publishing. All the clerical work involved — processing orders, making sure bookstores had enough copies, mailing the books — depleted energy.

"If we'd thought like businesswomen, we probably would have hired help," says Ms. Shapiro. "Who knows? We probably should have done things differently — but we just weren't fated to."

In any case, around 1980 or so, the group stopped reading together as poets.

"There was no falling out or anything like that," says Ms. Shapiro. She says each poet's life simply took new directions.

Ms. Shapiro says she hopes to publish another book, a collection of poems and other writings, through the Blue Spruce Press. She's already thought of the title — "Neon Cactus" — but she says she's not sure where the money's going to come from.

Today she has started a school called the Creative Writing Center, offering low-cost workshops in poetry and short story writing. Ms. Schwartz is working in the Boston area as a counselor. Ms. Lawson continues to write and teach part time, and Ms. Bragg is studying part time for the ministry.

"Tonight's performance is in English. Saturday's is in Italian. Tickets range from \$38 to \$7. Tickets will be sold at the door. Adults are \$4 and children under 10 are \$3.

Romance!

Langdon Hill Syndicated Columnist

She wants romance back in the saddle

QUESTION: I'm in love with a really cute cowboy who doesn't seem to be very romantic. I'm not sure what to do to show him how much I love him or how to get him to be romantic. He's kind of shy. What can I do for him without being too forward or silly? — Sentimental Ol' Me in Arizona

WELCOME TO ROMANCE RANCH

What's a cowboy without his horse? To keep your romance in the saddle, try a horseback picnic. Here's how:

1) Arrange to meet him one weekend afternoon for a not-too-forward and not-too-silly ride in the country. If you don't own a horse, rent one (look in the Yellow Pages under "Stables"). This sure beats crying "Hi-ho, Chevette, away!"

2) Pack your saddlebags (or your official "Hoot Gibson" daypack) and giddyup. Don't forget to bring plenty of his (and your) favorite food, non-alcoholic beverages (riding your bronc into a tree is definitely not recommended), and a tape player for a little musical accompaniment.

Stop your galloping at a secluded spot and slide off your horses. Then spread your tablecloth and take your romance for a ride. It seems a little too forward, you may want to "accidentally" meet a couple of friends of yours along the trail and share your picnic with them.

And speaking of fun, where would Western romance be without a hayride? Traditionally, you take a flatbed wagon, load it with hay (what else?), hitch up a team of horses and then mosey under the star-filled sky. For those of you who don't have the above parked in your garage, you may be able to rent one.



The Blue Spruce Poets: from left: Patricia Roth Schwartz, Norma Blaken-Bragg, Joan Shapiro, and Helen Lawson. The four will appear at South Windsor's Wood Memorial Library on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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More Hints From Romantics

Share your hints with romantics from coast to coast by sending it to me, in care of the Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 591, Manchester, 06040.

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MORE HINTS FROM ROMANTICS: Iris B. of Denver sends this story of a loving "Western Re-union." "One of the sweetest things my husband did for me was our wedding day," she reveals. "I was a very nervous bride. His sister brought me a telegram in my dressing room. The envelope was addressed to MRS. B. and inside was a beautiful card with the words, 'Something tells me what we have together can only get better and better.'"

Not nervous at all about romance is Marie W. of West Palm Beach, Fla. She writes: "I'm a romantic devil with a bunch of ideas for saying, 'I love you.' Here's one: Buy brightly colored liquid soap and write, 'I love you, Sweets,' or something similar all over the bottom of the tub."



Pushing slush

Downtown merchant B.D. Pearl shovels sidewalk slush outside his Main Street appliance store Thursday afternoon, as precipitation let up briefly.

Governor of Colorado defends death remark

DENVER (UPI) — A pro-life organization wants Gov. Richard D. Lamm to resign because he said seriously ill elderly people should die. But Lamm rejects the idea, saying he was not being "brutal."

Lamm sparked the furor earlier this week when, criticizing the high costs of health care, he said terminally ill elderly citizens "have a duty to die and get out of the way."

The remark sparked criticism from some senior citizens' groups, and Thursday the American Life Lobby called on Lamm to resign.

The anti-abortion, anti-euthanasia group — based in Washington, D.C. and claiming 125,000 members — also sent a telegram to presidential candidate Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., asking him to "state your agreement or disavowal" of Lamm's "outrageous statement."

"Gov. Richard Lamm, who has endorsed your candidacy for president, has said the elderly ill have a duty to die and get out of the way," the telegram said. "We call on you to state whether this statement by one of your top supporters is one of your new ideas."

The group also sent a telegram to Lamm, saying his statement "makes you unfit for any public office." At a news conference later in the day, Lamm dismissed the call for his resignation.

Obituaries

Martin Francis Meany HARTFORD — Martin Francis Meany, 67, of 46 Allen Place, died Wednesday at his home. He was a former chaplain with the state police and Hartford Hospital, and was the brother of Thomas F. Meany of Manchester.

John Hewitt John Hewitt, 86, of 7195 E. Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla., formerly of Manchester, died Tuesday at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Lantana, Fla. He was the husband of Margaret Poots Hewitt.

He was born in Portadown, Ireland, March 8, 1898. He lived in Manchester most of his life before moving to Florida in 1960. Before retiring, he was employed as a machinist for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lantana.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, Everett M. Hewitt of Ocala, Fla., George P. Hewitt of Vernon and William D. Hewitt of Manchester, four daughters, Margaret, Edna, Gladys and Fannie, a sister, Gladys M. Hewitt of East Hartford and Joan Nelson of Boynton Beach, Fla., a sister, Fannie Kiebish of Arizona; 20 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester. Burial will be in East Cemetery. Calling hours are Sunday from 7 to 9. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 310 Collins St., Hartford, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Court of Probate for the State of New Hampshire NOTICE OF HEARING TIMOTHY PATRICK DALY St. (Eighth District) Pursuant to an order of Hon. Judge, dated March 28, 1984, hearing will be held on application for appointment of executor to sell certain real estate situated in the Town of Manchester, County of Hillsborough, at said application on file more fully appears, of the Court of Probate on April 22, 1984 at 10:00 A.M. Dianne Yoshino, Ass't. Clerk

Fire Calls

Manchester (Town). Wednesday, 9:52 a.m. — dumpster fire, 646 Center St. (Town). Wednesday, 8:05 p.m. — medical call, 900 Rachel Road (Eighth District, Paramedics). Tuesday, 4:31 p.m. — brush fire, Gardner Street (Town). Tuesday, 4:46 p.m. — medical call, 172 Spruce St. (Paramedics). Wednesday, 8:27 a.m. — motor vehicle-pedestrian accident with minor injury, Earl Street and East Middle Turnpike (Paramedics). Wednesday, 6:25 p.m. — stove fire, 239 Spruce St. (Town). Wednesday, 8:24 a.m. — medical call, 330 Adams St. (Paramedics). Thursday, 9:03 a.m. — medical call, 116 Adams St. (Eighth District, Paramedics). Wednesday, 3:25 p.m. — smoke, 405 Main St.

Thursday, 9:52 a.m. — stove fire, 99 Redwood Road (Town). Friday, 12:15 a.m. — medical call, 514 Parker St. (Eighth District, Paramedics). Thursday, 11:45 a.m. — tree and wire down, 22 Deimont St. (Eighth District, Paramedics). Thursday, 4:05 a.m. — medical call, 869 Main St. (Paramedics). Thursday, 12:26 p.m. — motor vehicle accident, Interstate 86 eastbound (Eighth District, Paramedics). Thursday, 1:32 p.m. — arcing wire, 116 Adams St. (Eighth District, Paramedics). Thursday, 2:22 p.m. — motor vehicle accident, 253 Hilliard St. (Eighth District, Paramedics). Thursday, 2:24 p.m. — smell of fuel oil, 1053 E. Middle Turnpike (Town). Thursday, 3:00 p.m. — public service call, 193 Maple St. (Town). Thursday, 4:42 p.m. — 070-03

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Et Cetera

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Americans eat out daily

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Bobby Short, epitome of class, doing show in Boston

By Amy Blumenhal United Press International BOSTON — Bobby Short. The name evokes images of sophisticated grandeur, unparalleled style, elegance and pure elegance.

SHORT is a regular at New York City's swank Cafe Carlyle, where he coos the rich and famous "beautiful people" with not only his rasping vibrato but with his gossip and glamour.

he was a bright-eyed, precocious child who liked to show off. They are qualities he still possesses — except for the poor part.

DINING OUT THIS WEEKEND?

Advertisements for dining out this weekend, including House of Chung, The Main Pub, and The Islander. House of Chung features authentic Polynesian and Cantonese specialties. The Main Pub offers a \$1.00 off \$5.00 off any large pizza. The Islander features fine Polynesian and American Chinese cuisine.

Advertisement for The Islander restaurant, featuring fine Polynesian and American Chinese cuisine. It lists specialties like Seafood, Poultry, Steak Dishes, and Luau Dinners. The ad also includes contact information and a list of hours.

Theater

Darien Dinner Theater, Darien — "Man of La Mancha" nightly except Mondays through April 28. (655-7647).

To list events

To list events in this weekly calendar of "where to go and what to do," submit them by Monday at noon to Entertainment Editor, The Manchester Herald, Herald Square, P.O. Box 591, Manchester, CT 06040.

Advertisement for Mr. Steak restaurant, featuring seafood and steak specials. It offers a dinner for two for \$9.95 and a free steak dinner on your birthday. Contact information is provided.

Advertisement for Manchester Symphony Orchestra & Choral, presenting a Spring Concert on Sunday, April 1, 1984. The concert features works by Beethoven, Strauss, and Kodaly. Tickets are available at various locations.

Advertisement for Polish Night at Manchester Knights of Columbus. It features a buffet, dancing, and a performance by Ray Henry's Orchestra on Saturday, April 7, 1984.

Advertisement for Mac's Lunch, a new open Monday through Saturday. It offers top quality cheeseburgers, chili dogs, sausage and egg on hard roll, and delicious French fries. Contact information is provided.

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Singer Billy Joel holds on to flowers handed to him by fans as he sings during a sell-out performance at the Boston Garden.

## Billy Joel shows Boston he's got the pizzazz it takes

By Amy Blumenthal  
United Press International

BOSTON — "Play us a song, you're the piano man. Play us a song tonight, cause we're all in the mood for a melody, and you've got us feeling right."

Those words — from singer Billy Joel's first hit record, "Piano Man" — were echoed by his fans when Joel took center stage at Boston Garden this week for one sold out performance.

It was a measure of Joel's current success, achieved after toil and dues-paying bitterness chronicled in the lines of those hit songs, that he needed only one performance and little attempt at publicity. Joel is a masterfully skilled performer, with all the charisma and energy that pizzazz needed to pull off a first rate concert. He jumped around, leaping on top of his piano, stood on his speakers, and tumbled into the audience.

FEW PERFORMERS have Joel's vocal and musical talent, being able to switch from a soft ballad to a hard rocker without missing a beat. He can weave the soft qualities of one with the harder tones of the other and make it seem clear.

The two-hour show included standards but only a few songs from his latest album, "Inno-

cent Man." He sang with a vengeance at times, and with tenderness in "My Life," "Ain't No Way," "I Love You Just the Way You Are," and "Tell Her About It."

Joel's show seemed designed to capture the hearts and minds of already adoring fans. He played to the whole Garden, bantered with them, and even apologized for having his back to some people in the audience.

Even with sweat pouring down his forehead, the spectacle didn't stop. Returning for two encores, he went haywire, climbing up cables, suspended from the stage like Tarzan, boxed with the audience, and threw them drum sticks.

There was an unexpected attraction that spanned almost as much attention as Joel. His girlfriend, model Christine Brinkley, was in the front row for much of the show.

When Joel broke into "Up-town Girl," the song he wrote about Brinkley, and featured in a music video starring the two of them, the audience went wild.

The highlight came when Brinkley joined Joel on stage for the final encore, a spirited rendition of the hit song, "Only The Good Die Young." He sang. She played drums.

Like Neil Diamond, Joel doesn't like interviews and shuns much attention. Joel, 34, has said "I never do the same thing twice. To keep me interested, there always has to be something new, something different."

HIS LOVE SONGS are not traditional or typical. They are sometimes filled with the same bitterness and ambivalence that makes love so thrilling and depressing simultaneously.

But Joel's music often mimics its composer: bouncy, exuberant and fun. Joel has won five Grammys and sold more than 40 million records.

The roots of his music reveal the source of his stories. Joel was born in a post World War II suburban settlement in Hicksville, Long Island, N.Y., in a working class environment.

But his father, a German-born engineer, was an accomplished pianist who met his mother while she was singing in a Gilbert and Sullivan company in college. Joel became fascinated with a Mozart piece at 4 and was enrolled with a piano teacher.

His parents divorced when he was 7 and his father moved back to Europe, leaving Joel with his mother and older sister to struggle.

## Advice

### Fussy grandma insists that the dog dress for dinner

DEAR ABBY: My Grandpa died, so Grandma came to live with us right after the first of the year. We have a bulldog named Tuffy, and Grandma isn't used to dogs. Anyway, whenever Tuffy comes around, Grandma makes a face and turns her head the other way. She spends most of her time in her room, but she always comes out to have dinner with the family.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

One day last week she gave me a pair of pants she had knitted for Tuffy, and she asked me to please put the pants on him because she thinks it's disgusting to see him run around "naked." Abby, all dogs are naked and nobody cares.

Well, I put the pants on Tuffy and he didn't like it one bit, but it made Grandma happy. Mom and Dad say it won't hurt to put the pants on Tuffy when Grandma comes out of her room for dinner.

What do you think of this weird problem?

KEVIN (AGE 10)

at your house — and it's not Tuffy. Unless you want to pick a bone with Grandma, put the pants on Tuffy when she's around.

DEAR ABBY: I just turned 18 and my boyfriend is 22. We both work. We decided to live together, but my parents do not approve of the idea.

They think if we are going to live together we should be married first.

Abby, neither of us is ready for marriage yet. Besides, when I get married, I want it to be for keeps because my religion looks down on divorce. What do you say?

ST. LOUIS READER

DEAR KEVIN: I think I know who wears the pants

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## SPORTS



Calgary Flames' Kent Nilsson (14) gets pushed off the puck by Los Angeles Kings' Mark Hardy (right) and Bernie Nicholls during the first period Thursday in Calgary. Later, Nilsson was injured, and will be lost to the Flames for the upcoming NHL playoffs.

## NHL roundup

### Flames drop game, lose Kent Nilsson for playoffs

By Tony Favia  
UPI Sports Writer

They lost the game, but the truly bad news didn't come for the Calgary Flames until later.

After dropping a 6-3 decision to the Los Angeles Kings Thursday night, the host Flames received word that high-scoring center Kent Nilsson was lost for the playoffs with a fractured left ankle.

Calgary coach Bob Johnson said Nilsson, who missed half of the 1981-82 season with a shoulder injury, would be operated on today. The Swedish center was winding up for a shot at midice during the second period when he

was checked and knocked to the ice.

"You don't replace Nilsson," Johnson said. "You accept the fact he's gone. It's a tough fact. It hurts all around. I have to re-evaluate our personnel (today). We got a good team in the training room."

Center Marcel Dionne, who scored his 37th and 38th goals of the season to help snap a Kings losing streak, said, "We got a few breaks tonight."

"They lost a couple of key players in the second period which did not help their cause."

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## Hagler defends title tonight

By Logan Hobson  
UPI Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — World middleweight champion Marvin Hagler is ready to nail "The Hammer."

"He's gonna be hammered," vowed Hagler of challenger Juan Domingo Roldan, whose nickname is "The Hammer."

Hagler will defend his title tonight against Roldan of Argentina, the World Boxing Association's No. 1 contender, in a scheduled 15-round bout at the Riviera Hotel. The main event is scheduled to begin at 10:20 p.m. EST.

Both fighters were to weigh-in at 11 a.m., and neither was expected to have any problem making the 160-pound limit.

Hagler will be making the ninth defense of his title and the first since he scored a 15-round unanimous decision over Roberto Duran last Nov. 10. Roldan, a 6-1 teeshirt Hagler felt was "racist" at work and in "bad taste" at best.

Roldan continued to wear the shirt — depicting an unflattering caricature of Hagler being hit with a hammer and boxing glove — after the champion had voiced his feelings at a Wednesday news conference.

"He's going to pay for that in the ring, believe me," said Pat Petronelli, one of Hagler's handlers.

"I'm not going to be overconfident, but I don't see it going 15," Hagler said.

Hagler's handlers haven't done anything to soothe the champion either. In fact, trainer Goody Petronelli told Hagler before his final workout that Roldan's entourage was selling the tee-shirts.

A Roldan spokesman, however, denied the shirts were being sold and said, "They are just for members of the Roldan training camp, nobody was selling them."

"This is not a racial issue. How else are you going to depict a black man?" he got insulted, that's just too bad."

SEATTLE — A year ago it was North Carolina State, its thunder-bolt striking in Albuquerque, N.M. This time it's an Atlantic Coast Conference lodge brother — Virginia. And with Saturday's semifinal game against Houston, the Cavaliers take one more step, seeing if they can walk across the Puget Sound and into college basketball history.

The parallel is there, Virginia coach Terry Holland said Thursday. "And it does give us confidence knowing it will be done."

The Virginia-Houston game in the Kingdom precedes a bruising battle between Kentucky and Georgetown with the winners meeting for the championship Monday night. The teams practice at the arena today with the session open to the public.

Holland recalled last year's NCAA Tournament when the Cavaliers and Ralph Sampson were eliminated by N.C. State. He said at the time his team would be back next year and the audience laughed.

"Virginia is now on one wild ride — and getting few laughs. The Cavaliers went 17-11 during the regular season, tied for fifth in the ACC. They were knocked in some quarters for even having been invited to the NCAA Tournament.



### Sports in Brief

#### Legislation will be proposed

WASHINGTON — Sen. Charles Mathias, R-Md., says he will introduce legislation aimed at preventing professional team transfers like the Baltimore Colts' move to Indianapolis, which appeared all but finalized Thursday.

Mathias said he will co-sponsor the bill with Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash. The Maryland senator said the legislation would exercise the commerce powers of the Congress under the Constitution.

## Indy gets Colts

By Kent McCall  
UPI Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — A deal has been struck to move the Baltimore Colts to Indianapolis but details remain to be worked out before owner Robert Irsay's decision to transfer the franchise from its home of 31 years becomes final.

Moving vans that backed up to the Colts' training complex Wednesday night were expected to arrive in Indianapolis today to unload training equipment into an abandoned school that will be used as a temporary team headquarters.

"This is obviously very good news for Indianapolis," said Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut Thursday at a news conference. "We are going to welcome them with open arms."

The deal to move the franchise still must be approved by the Indianapolis Capital Improvement Board at its meeting Saturday and signed by the team and the city. Hudnut said he did not expect a final agreement to be reached before Monday.

"The circle is not closed," he said. "We don't have a deal yet."

Details of the proposed plan will be revealed at the board meeting Saturday. It reportedly includes a modest lease for use of the 61,000-seat Hoosier Dome and a \$15 million loan at 8 percent interest.

Maryland officials Thursday acted to stop the move.

"We don't like what they have done," said Baltimore Mayor William Schaefer. "They have taken away from us a team with the finest football tradition, a team in one of the finest football towns in the country."

"Baltimore was always a great NFL city and we're sorry to see things couldn't be worked out there," said Chicago Bears board chairman Ed McCahey.

Colts players also reacted to news of the move with sadness.



UPI photo

This is the Hoosier Dome, where the transplanted Baltimore Colts will be playing their NFL games this fall. This stadium, which is expected to be completed by mid-summer, will seat more than 60,000 for football.

#### Noah reaches quarterfinals

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Second-seeded Yannick Noah of France reached the quarterfinals of a \$265,000 Grand Prix tennis event by beating Brian Teacher of Los Angeles, 6-4, 7-5, Thursday night.

In other matches, Scott Davis of Santa Monica, Calif., eliminated Tom Gullickson of Palm Coast, Fla., 6-7, 6-4, 7-6. Tony Gimballava of Houston upset fourth-seeded Andres Gomez of Ecuador, 5-7, 7-6, 6-2, and seventh-seeded John Kriek of Naples, Fla., overcame Steve Meister of North Miami Beach, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

#### Dooley cancels trip

ATHENS, Ga. — University of Georgia football coach Vince Dooley has canceled a controversial trip to South Africa, citing concerns about team unity in the decision.

"My duty as head football coach and my responsibility to our welfare as a team must now take priority over my personal conviction to see that country and its people," Dooley wrote Thursday in a letter to his team.

#### Southern Cal defends title

LOS ANGELES — With less fanfare and interest than the men's NCAA Final Four at Seattle, the championship of women's basketball will be decided this weekend with Southern Cal defending its title at Pauley Pavilion.

The Lady Trojans, who defeated Louisiana Tech last year for the championship, will face Techsters tonight at 10 p.m. EST in the first of two NCAA Tournament semifinals. Cheyney State, the East regional champion, faces Midwest titlist Tennessee 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first game.

The title game is Sunday at 4 p.m. EST.

#### Bunge, Casale win matches

BOSTON — Bettina Bunge and Pam Casale won second-round matches Thursday, but a snowstorm forced postponement of evening play involving the remaining top two seeds in a \$150,000 women's tennis tournament.

Friday's daytime matches were also canceled by tournament officials. All matches were pushed back a day, and the finals originally scheduled for Sunday will instead be played Monday night.

#### Koreas may unite

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea proposed today that South Korea join its communist adversary and form one team with athletes from both Koreas to compete in the Summer Olympics at Los Angeles, officials said.

A spokesman for the Korean Olympic Committee (KOC) said the North Korean letter was delivered through the Truce village of Panmunjom, 45 miles north of Seoul.

#### Heath freestyle swim king

INDIANAPOLIS — Mike Heath is, for now, the undisputed king of America's middle-distance freestyle swimmers. But maybe not for long.

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UPI Sports Writer

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Reagan ending U.S. role in peace-keeping

By Helen Thomas United Press International WASHINGTON — President Reagan said Friday he is ending U.S. participation in the multinational force in Lebanon, but vowed the United States will not abandon the war-torn nation where 264 Americans were killed trying to restore peace.

abandoned their last guard posts between Beirut's warring Christian and Moslem militias and boarded ships for home with the crash of mortar fire echoing around them.

around the airport — as part of the peace-keeping effort. Beginning last summer, Marines began taking mortar and sniper fire from Druze Moslem positions outside Beirut. And on Oct. 23, a truck bomb was driven into Beirut, killing 241 U.S. servicemen.

Legislators cut little in budget

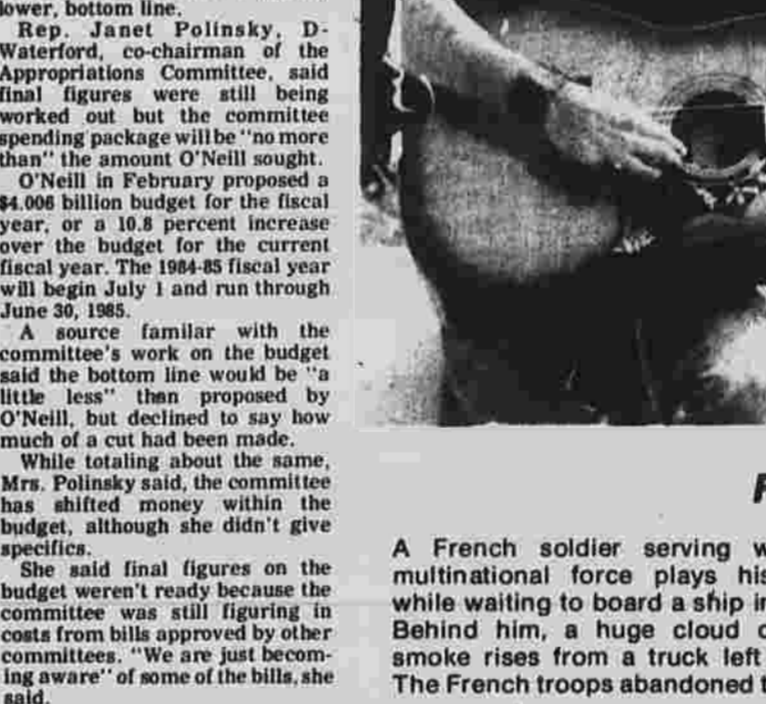
By Mark A. Duois United Press International HARTFORD — The Legislature's budget committee is expected to give approval next week to a \$4 billion state budget, an amount equal to or slightly below that proposed by Gov. William O'Neill officials said Friday.

French exodus

A French soldier serving with the multinational force plays his guitar while waiting to board a ship in Beirut. Behind him, a huge cloud of black smoke rises from a truck left behind. The French troops abandoned their last

'Second shelter' not up to code, inspectors say

By Sarah E. Hurl and Kathy Gorman Herald Reporters Town health and building department officials have discovered what they call serious housing code violations at George Marlow's 669 Main St. building — the makeshift home of perhaps a dozen youths displaced from Manchester's homeless shelter — and intend to correct them.



Seabrook II to be scrapped if hydropower eases burden

SEABROOK, N.H. (UPI) — Owners of Seabrook nuclear plant agreed Friday to cancel the plant's second reactor by Dec. 1 on the condition the builder can use savings from Canadian hydroelectric power to ease its financial burden.

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guard posts Friday and prepared to go home as renewed fighting erupted between Christian and Moslem militias. France's contingent of 1,250 soldiers is the last of the peace-keeping force in Lebanon.

Salcius said Mayo would not let him in when he went to inspect the apartment, so he took Marlow's word for its dimensions. Later, the health department issued an order stating that no more than one person could legally live there.

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percent complete. Under the growing burden of Seabrook, Public Service stock has dipped to a record low, banks are hesitant to lend the utility any more money, and the utility's bond rating has declined to a precarious level.