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Economy is up sharply

By Donald H. Moy
United Press International

WASHINGTON — The economy grew at an extremely strong 8.3 percent pace during the first three months of this year, the Commerce Department said today, a more rapid pace than most analysts had expected.

It was the largest rise in the seasonally adjusted gross national product since a 9.7 percent surge in the second quarter of 1983 and followed a modest 5 percent rise in the final three months of last year.

Sтивен Wood, an economist with Chase Econometrics, an economic forecasting firm, said that while the quarter as a whole was "extremely strong," most of the growth came at the beginning, with most indicators slowing in March.

"What we're beginning to notice now is the economy slowing down to a much more sustainable rate of growth," Wood said.

Wood said the growth rate should lead to continued improvement in unemployment "without generating large amounts of inflationary pressure."

However, Wood said the still relatively strong economic growth is generating fairly strong demands for borrowing, and indicates there is not likely to be any significant easing of interest rates.

Prices, as measured by a fixed-weighted GNP index, rose 4.7 percent in the first quarter, compared with 4.2 percent in the fourth quarter of last year. By another measure, known as the GNP deflator, prices rose 4.1 percent, compared with 3.9 percent in the fourth quarter.

Today's figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

The Commerce Department said the quickening of the economic pace was chiefly due to large increases in personal consumption and business inventories over the quarter.

Personal consumption increased \$14.6 billion for the quarter as a whole. Durable goods, a category that includes big items such as cars and appliances, increased \$6.7 billion in the quarter and non-durable goods \$5.5 billion. However, both durable and non-durable goods purchases declined in March.

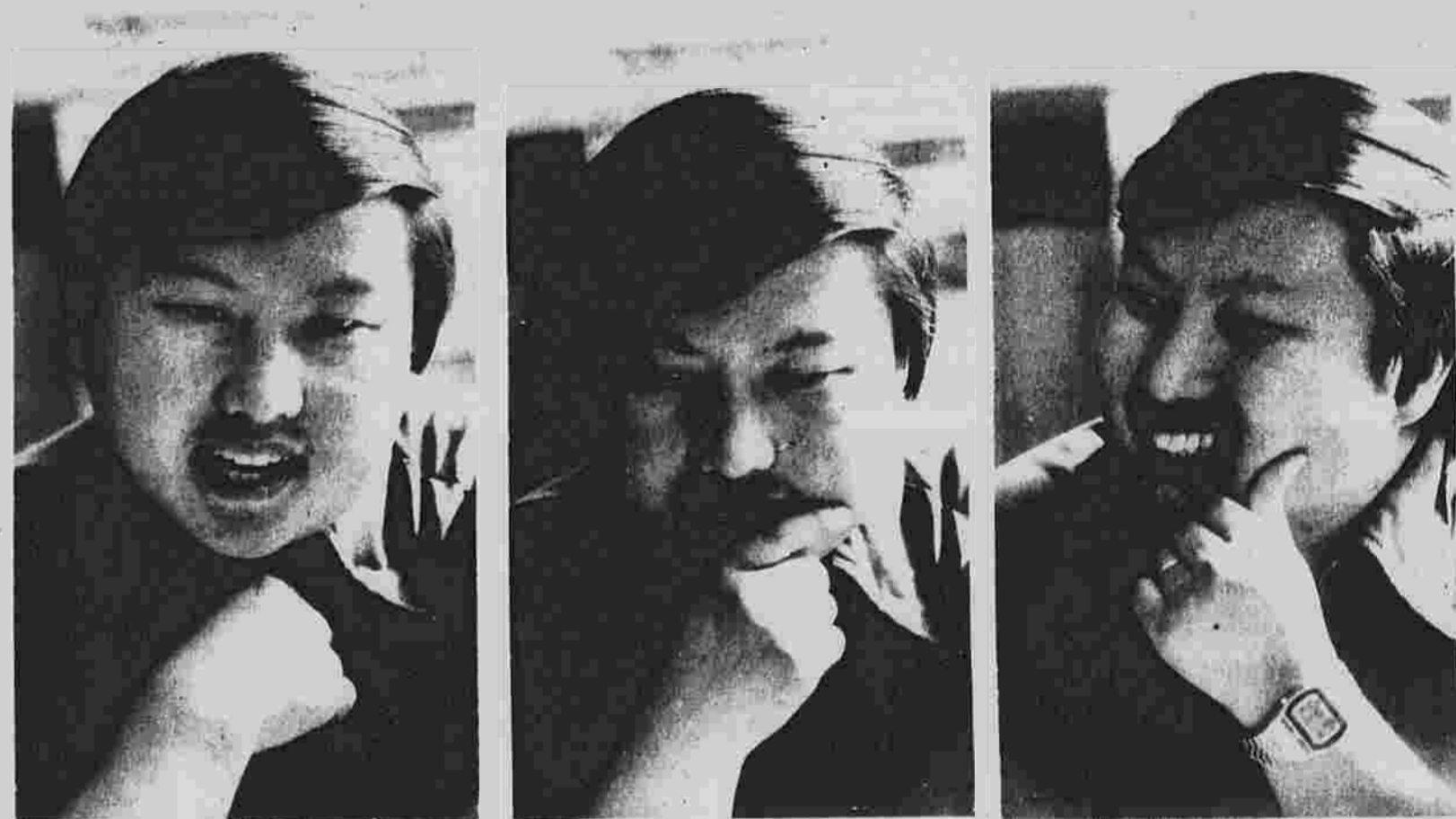
In a recent "flash" estimate, based on partial figures, the department had put first quarter economic growth at 7.2 percent annual rate.

The administration projects 5 percent growth for the year as a whole, measured fourth quarter to fourth quarter.

The most recent evidence the pace is slowing came Wednesday in a Commerce Department report showing that personal income of Americans rose a modest 0.5 percent in March and spending declined in key areas.

Personal consumption expenditures — goods that Americans buy — rose \$9.7 billion in March after a \$2.7 billion decline in February. But most of the increase went for higher utility bills due to cold weather.

Purchases of durable goods, a category that includes major items such as cars and refrigerators, declined \$3.9 billion, largely due to a decline in auto sales.



Laotian refugee Loma Lorber, who was acquitted last week of murdering another refugee in Manchester two years ago, talks about the trial Wednesday in the dining room of his Ridge Street home. Lorber said that though the Laotian and American judicial systems differ, he thinks both seek to find "where is the truth."

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'I feel sorry. But I can say he killed himself'

Lorber looks to the future after acquittal

By Sarah Posselt
Herald Reporter

The mood is brighter in the Loma Lorber household than it has been in almost two years.

Lorber, sleeves rolled up and a smile on his face, was out with his family Wednesday in the driveway of his older brother's Ridge Street duplex, where Lorber, his wife Aly and three children share an apartment. Young relatives played in the yard. His younger son, Lucky, 7, is learning to ride a bicycle.

The family's burden was lifted Friday when a Hartford Superior Court jury acquitted Lorber of murdering Linh Phommahaxay, a fellow Laotian refugee who Lorber claims attacked him on Walnut Street in July 1982.

Lorber beat Phommahaxay to death with a baseball bat, which he had grabbed from the back of his van. The beating took place after Phommahaxay chased the van down the street and told Lorber he was going to kill him, according to testimony during the trial.

Lorber said his two younger children are happy again, since he told them last week that "Daddy was not going to jail." But the Lorbers are worried about their oldest son, who became depressed after the killing and has had a hard time in school.

Lorber said he always expected to be acquitted and credits his two defense attorneys, Joseph A. Moniz and David J. Elliott of the Hartford firm Day Berry & Howard, for finding "where is the truth."

"I feel sorry," Lorber said of Phommahaxay's death. "But I can say he killed himself. If he never chased me and never got out of the car and lunged at me, we'd never have this case."

LOBER IS H'mong, an ethnic minority from Laos. Phommahaxay was Lao. During the trial Lorber's attorneys relied heavily on testimony that there is a long history of Lao belligerence toward H'mong, to convince the jury that Phommahaxay to

kill Lorber. Lorber said he still doesn't know for sure why Phommahaxay was mad at him and threatened several times in 1982 to kill him. He had heard from others that Phommahaxay "didn't like me much." Lorber testified that Phommahaxay had attacked him once before a few months earlier.

Neither the prosecutor, police nor Phommahaxay's family believe, as Lorber has claimed, that Lorber's intentions were peaceful when he got out of his van with a baseball bat to face Phommahaxay, but ready to protect himself from a repeat attack.

During the trial, an expert on Southeast Asian minority groups testified that the H'mong never leave a personal dispute unresolved. And Lorber insisted Wednesday that the expert's claim is true.

"The enemy (in war) is one thing," Lorber said. "But H'mong never leave

a conflict in the village." But when Phommahaxay tried to get out of his car, Lorber batted the car door closed, inadvertently smashing the window, he testified.

Phommahaxay opened the door

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Report on impeachment lists no recommendation

By Susan E. Kinsman
United Press International

HARTFORD — A legal counsel submitted articles of impeachment to a special legislative committee weighing impeachment of Hartford Probate Judge James H. Kinsella, but did not recommend any course of action.

In the 160-page report, Bridgeport lawyer Jacob Zeldes summarized testimony and outlined the legal issues the committee should consider in making its decision, expected by the end of the month.

The report included proposed articles of impeachment the committee could submit to the house if it decided to recommend Kinsella's impeachment and possible removal from office.

Zeldes said Wednesday he included the articles "for the committee's discussion, review and consideration" toward its goal of advising the House whether Kinsella's conduct justified an impeachment trial before the Senate.

The proposed articles of impeachment said Kinsella undermined the integrity of his office and trust by his "course of conduct" in handling the \$25 million estate of Ethel A. Donaghue of West Hartford, and testimony under oath on the matter.

The second count said Kinsella failed to "adequately supervise and control his employees and appointees" and failed to divulge official investigations.

Kinsella's lawyer, James A. Wade, will have a week to review the report and submit comments. Rep. Robert Jackle, R-Stratford, committee chairman, said it would make its decision by April 30, giving the House time to consider the charges before it adjourns May 9.

The Senate would try Kinsella on any impeachment charges.

In the conclusion of his report, Zeldes told the committee "impeachment lies not for punishment of the office holder, but to repair harm to the state for misuse of a position of trust."

"Conduct prejudicial to the impartial and effective administration of justice, which brings the judicial office in disrepute, cannot continue unabated," Zeldes said.

He urged the committee to weigh Kinsella's "course of conduct, not a single act... and measure the impact of that conduct on its fitness to continue in office."

Wade tried unsuccessfully to block the committee's investigation, arguing before the Connecticut Supreme Court the impeachment clause of the state constitution was unconstitutionally vague.

Holiday closings

Friday, April 20, is Good Friday. Sunday, April 22, is Easter.

Municipal offices: All town offices in Manchester, Andover, Bolton and Coventry will be closed Friday.

State and federal offices: Most state offices will be closed Friday. The Motor Vehicle Department will be closed Friday, Saturday and Monday. Auto emissions stations will be closed Friday but will be open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Federal offices will be open Friday.

Mail: Post offices will have regular window hours and mail delivery on Friday and Saturday.

Schools: All public and parochial schools in Manchester, Andover, Bolton and Coventry are closed from April 18 to 20 for spring recess.

Libraries: The Mary Cheney and Whiton Memorial libraries will be closed Friday but will be open regular hours on Saturday. Andover Public Library will be closed Friday but will be open Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Banks: All banks will be closed Friday. Most banks will be open regular hours on Saturday.

Retailers: Most stores will be open on Friday but closed Sunday.

Liquor: Package stores will be open on Friday. Most bars will be open Friday and Sunday.

GOP committee backs new grant referendum

By Alex Girelli
Herald Reporter

The Republican Town Committee voted Wednesday to support holding a town-wide referendum before Manchester makes any irrevocable commitment to rejoin the federal Community Development Block Grant program.

The town withdrew from the program several years ago and has lost a substantial amount of federal funding because of the withdrawal.

The motion supporting a referendum was made by town Director Donna Mercier and passed without opposition.

Republican Town Chairman Curtis M. Smith said at the committee's meeting that he believed the Democratic majority on the Board of Directors had been prepared to re-enter the controversial grant program without a vote by the citizens until Mrs. Mercier came out publicly for a referendum.

Smith had difficulty Wednesday night confining the discussion to the question of whether the committee should favor the referendum as a means of determining whether Manchester voters want to re-enter the grant program.

He said the merits of being in the grant program should be discussed later, when more facts have been made available.

Nevertheless, some committee members wanted to know what changes had been made in the program

that would justify a new vote. The townspeople voted in 1979 and again in 1980 to withdraw. The 1980 vote favored the pullout by a 3-to-1 margin.

Most of the committee members said the conditions set by the federal Housing and Urban Development Administration for accepting block grants would cost the town money. They also argued that Manchester would be forced to construct low cost housing if it accepted the funds.

At the GOP meeting, committee member Edward Wilson pointed out that Robert Faucher, a Democrat and originally a leading advocate of staying in the grant program, has said the town should not rejoin it without a referendum.

Mary Willhide, another member, said "If we said no twice, why do we have to do it again."

The prime advocate of accepting the grants is Stephen Cassano, a Democratic town director. Cassano has proposed that the town take some preliminary steps to rejoin the program.

The board's Republican minority leader, Peter DiRosa, has said the town should seek the grants because they will become virtually the only way the federal government will share funds with municipalities.

Mrs. Mercier said problems are arising with the town's infrastructure and the money is not there to correct them. "We need to discuss it with the people," she said.

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Johnson tells GOP women of concerns, changes in laws

The nation's laws were not designed to hurt women, but they were written at a time when women did not have to depend so much on their own resources, U.S. Rep. Nancy Johnson told members of the Manchester Women's Republican Club at a luncheon Wednesday.

Mrs. Johnson said laws are currently being rewritten with greater sensitivity toward the increased role of women in society. She cited as an example a law which will require the signatures of both spouses when an employee chooses not to have his pension reduced in order to provide benefits for his spouse in the event he dies before his retirement. Now, only the employee has to sign the waiver of that option.

Mrs. Johnson, a Republican who represents Connecticut's Sixth Congressional District, discussed the nation's issues and her work in the district during her talk to about 60 guests at the annual luncheon of the Republican Women at the Manchester Country Club.

what she called "representative" public policy and political philosophy. As an example of district work, she cited the problem of deciding whether a piece of equipment is to be defined as a farm or a motor for customs purposes.

The question is important for Torrington, she said, where unem- ployment is very high. A Japanese American firm hopes to make in Torrington some products now made in Japan, she said. If the device in question is called a motor, as customs officials feel it should be, the duty on it will be \$125. If it is called a fan, the duty will be 60 cents.

As another example she cited a restaurant in Enfield. There, she said, two buildings cannot be used because they are only 21 feet apart. They cannot be torn down because they are structurally sound, and sound buildings cannot be destroyed when they are on a site listed on the National Register.

"It was important for me to tramp that site," she said.



U.S. Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Sixth District, left, chats with Manchester Republican Women's Club President Annabelle Dodge, center, and Ellen Zinsser, wife of State Sen. Carl A. Zinsser, during the luncheon on Wednesday.

Manchester In Brief

Christensen will attend

Eighth District Fire Chief John Christensen said Monday he will attend future meetings of the Emergency Medical Services Council in order to avoid a problem created by the fact that Walter Joyner cannot replace him as a council member.

Joyner, a district director, was named to replace Christensen. But Joyner told the fellow directors he cannot serve on the council for Christensen because the ordinance setting up the council specifies that the fire chief of the district be a member. Joyner said the district could petition the town's Board of Directors to change the ordinance.

Christensen said he would solve the problem by attending the meetings himself, although he described them as an exercise in futility because the emergency service that the council was appointed to set up is in operation.

GOP talk of MHS smoking ends in impasse

A hot debate on the smoking policy at Manchester High School erupted at a meeting of the Republican Town Committee Wednesday night, but it ended in an impasse when the committee voted to postpone taking a stand until Dr. John Malone can be present.

Edward Wilson, a committee member, had pressed for a vote of support for a survey conducted by Malone, a Republican member of the Board of Education, which showed that the vast majority of parents favor a policy that will prohibit smoking at the high school.

The Board of Education, chiefly at the urging of Jacob Ludes, MHS principal, rejected a smoking ban last fall. Smoking is permitted in one outdoor area.

Wilson said the committee should take a stand in support of Malone's survey.

But David Dampier, a member of the Board of Education, argued against it. Dampier argued that if the board has supported the ban, it would have created enforcement problems. It would also have caused students to rebel and caused a discipline problem.

"They'll do what they want to do about smoking," he said.

He said he has heard from others that a smoking ban creates problems with parents when students are suspended from school for smoking.

Wilson insisted that the enforcement problem was a separate issue. He said he was asking only that the committee support the survey done by one of its members.

Dampier said the survey was a selective one done by one member of the Board of Education.

When the motion to table the matter

was made, Martin Shea said committee members knew the debate was to be held, thus Malone and other Republican members of the Board of Education could have been present. Shea opposed the ban.

Donna Mercier said that when she attended East Catholic High School, where smoking is banned, the toilet rooms reeked of smoke and if a man walked into a girl's toilet room, butts were flushed down toilets or stuffed dangerously into trash cans.

"Why not a place for sex or for drinking?" Winthrop Porter asked angrily.

Naab explains hiring efforts

Geoffrey Naab, a member of the Human Relations Commission, told fellow members of the Republican Town Committee Wednesday night that the town makes a big effort toward hiring minorities, but that it has not made much numerical progress toward its goals.

Naab spoke when John Tucci, another GOP committee member, asked for a report on the work of Human Relations Commission.

At a meeting of the HRC Tuesday, Naab called for more realistic affirmative action goals.

Ten permits were issued last month for dwellings, down slightly from the 12 issued in March 1983.

Building permits down

The number of building permits issued during March declined substantially from the number issued during the same period last year, according to figures released by Acting Chief Building Inspector James Fitzpatrick.

Last month 170 building permits were issued, compared with 286 permits in March 1983. However, the fees collected for the permits last month totaled \$12,561, up from the \$9,721 collected in March 1983. The estimated cost of the work for which permits were issued last month was \$2.4 million, compared with \$1.4 million in March 1983.

Man wins industrial award

Vernon Street resident David M. Mordavsky, industrial arts consultant for the state Department of Education, has been chosen as the 1984 Outstanding Industrial Arts State Supervisor by the American Council of Industrial Arts Supervisors.

The award was presented March 28 at the 13th International Conference of the American Industrial Arts Association held at the Ohio Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Mordavsky, a volunteer firefighter for the Eighth Utilities District, has been state industrial arts consultant for the past six years. For 18 years before that, he taught industrial arts and served as department head at RHAM High School in Hebron.

Water mains to be flushed

The town Water Department will be flushing water mains next week, between 7:15 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the following areas:

From Cooper Hill and Cooper streets east of Highland and Gardner streets, southwest along Gardner to Fern Street. Mains will also be flushed south along Keene Street to the town line, including the Leland, Lamplighter, and Briarwood areas.

The flushing process may cause water to discolor. Homeowners should try to avoid using it until it clears. If sediment gets into a hot water tank, it should be flushed. If a load of laundry is done with discolored water, it should be done again with clear water to which four ounces of cream of tartar has been added.

If water remains discolored for an extended time, homeowners should phone the Water Department at 647-3115.

Klein looks for support in race against Kennelly

Herschel Klein, who ran unsuccessfully against Rep. Barbara Kennelly two years ago, made a low-key appeal for support to the Manchester Republican Town Committee Wednesday night, saying his chances of defeating Mrs. Kennelly in the coming election are much better.

Klein, of Windsor, is trying to determine how much support he has in his quest for the election as U.S. representative from the First Congressional District.

The Manchester committee gave no indication Wednesday night of its reaction to Klein's candidacy.

The district has not elected a Republican to the position in 28 years.

He said that two years ago, the nation was in the low point of the recession and Reaganomics was being blamed. Kennelly had no record.

Now, he said, he has the advantage of President Ronald Reagan's ousting. He said he also has the advantage of Walter Mondale. Gary Hart and Jesse Jackson making "empty promises" on television.

He said the nation's allies are likely to become extinct under the policy advocated by most Democrats. He said the nation tells its allies that unless they meet certain standards, the United States will abandon them.

He said Mondale advocates a partnership between government and industry that amounts to a corporate state, the kind of system used in 95 percent of the underdeveloped nations in the world. In planned economies, he said, all an industry really needs to ensure survival is good lobbyists.

Kennelly defeated Klein by a plurality of 68,725 votes in the 1982 election.

He is an engineer with Combuson Engineering.

Christian school to add 9th grade

This fall, Cornerstone Christian School will offer a ninth grade in its Church of the Nazarene building on Main Street, Principal Marcia Kirby announced Wednesday.

The project will be co-sponsored by the King's Christian High School Committee, whose plans for a four-year high school have met thus far with three-pronged defeat. The Virginia man hired as headmaster has resigned, fund-raising has

fallen below projection, and a site has not been secured despite repeated attempts.

But committee members are still shopping for a September opening, and setting up the freshman class at Cornerstone is seen as an interim measure.

"We are going to offer Bible, English, algebra I, physical science, French, health, physical education and a rotating practical arts course with a new topic every nine weeks," Ms. Kirby said.

The seventh, eighth and ninth grades will become a departmentalized junior high school program.

She said a new teacher will have to be hired, and estimated that the ninth grade class will bring enrollment to 135 or 140 students. The nine eighth graders now at Cornerstone will probably continue on next school year, she said.

The ninth grade will

GOP bypasses Peck in recruiting efforts

The Republican Town Committee, at odds with its registrar of voters, apparently plans to work around him in the effort to attract more party members and to recruit election workers.

Mary Willhite, head of a new voter registration committee, outlined committee goals at a meeting of the town committee Wednesday night.

The committee and Frederick Peck, Republican registrar of voters, have been warring over what the committee says is Peck's failure to do his job.

Peck has formally announced that he intends to seek reelection in November.

Republican Town Chairman Curtis Smith has predicted that Peck will not win endorsement by the town committee, and that could mean a primary election.

Mrs. Willhite said Republicans are sadly outnumbered in town. The committee will try to "turn the tables around" with the help of the rest of the town committee.

She said the committee will establish a list of regular assistant registrars of voters to assist at sessions when new voters are enrolled.

It will also keep updated the list of persons trained to be moderators at elections. In the past, Smith said, it has been necessary to switch people from party work on election day to work at the polls because the pool of Republican moderators is not big enough. The moderators have to be trained by the office of the secretary of the state.

Peopletalk

Here's his success formula

Actor and film producer Michael Douglas gives his recipe for being on target with such hits as "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "The China Syndrome." He told the UPI Radio Network how he had managed to pick so many winners.

"I guess the answer is that I make pictures for myself really, and I hope my tastes are wide enough that people like them. Douglas, currently starring in "Romancing the Stone," said "I really have to be in love with a project. I mean in love, like I'd be in love with a woman. Because it takes too darn long to get a movie done, and—as opposed to a marriage—you can't get divorced two or three years into a film project."



Dean: I'm still looking

Warhol changes wardrobe

The Italian-born fashion designer Jacques Belin believes he finally has gotten Pop artist Andy Warhol into attire a more elegant than Warhol's traditionally worn-out jeans. Belin said the artist dropped into his New York shop the other day and ordered a posh wardrobe, including a tuxedo. Belin's clothes adorn an international set that includes Mikhail Baryshnikov, Cher, Dustin Hoffman, Lena Horne and Eartha Kitt.

Sore throat stops show

New York's popular Studio 54 is quite upset with rock 'n' roll star Jerry Lee Lewis. The club said Lewis, due to open Tuesday night, cancelled his appearance only three hours before showtime. Ron Crawley, agent for Lewis, called to say the singer was in Toronto and could not appear because of a sore throat.

Studio 54 is threatening to sue Lewis for an unspecified sum, although some early reports put the amount at \$1 million. Legal heavyweights Roy Cohn is representing the club Manhattan nightspot.

Liberace a crowd-pleaser

Liberace is breaking all records with his glittery engagement at New York's Radio City Music Hall, topping superstar crowd pleasers Bette Midler and the bubble gum rock group Menudo.

"It's really a great show—even though the hall is so massive, the performance is intimate," said Neil Friedman, publicity manager for Radio City Music Hall.

Liberace, known for his spangled white tuxedo, crystal candelabra and toothy smile, began a two-week engagement Sunday night and will continue through April 29. Based on advance ticket sales, Liberace is expected to gross \$1.7 million for the engagement, breaking Miss Midler's record for a weeklong stint of \$1.4 million, Friedman said.

Dean: I'm still looking

Back from a venture into sausage producing, Jimmy Dean, appearing April 17 on ABC's "Good Morning America," says "I've been looking 55 years for something I can do and I'm going to keep looking until I find it." Dean also noted, "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can set my sails in the direction I'm going."

Nancy vs. drugs again

Nancy Reagan is taking to the air again to speak out on drug abuse among children. The first lady will co-host with Gary Collins a week-long series entitled "Our Children and Drugs—What Parents Can Do."

Hour Magazine quoted Mrs. Reagan saying her own teenagers made her aware of the dangers of drugs. "We were in Sacramento at the time and my husband was getting more and more calls from friends who were having serious problems with their children and the ages were getting younger and younger."

The series, televised by Westinghouse Broadcasting and Cable, begins May 14 in major cities.

Manhattan just right

When Richard Meier received the \$100,000 Pritzker Architecture prize in ceremonies at New York's Guggenheim Museum, a reporter asked if he felt mid-Manhattan was being overbuilt with "a terrible density of skyscrapers." "Not at all," said the architect, 49. "I don't think it's overcrowded at all. I like (Manhattan) just the way it is." Meier's latest design is the High Museum of Art in Atlanta.

Weather

Today's forecasts

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Raw and damp along the east coast with occasional rain drizzle and fog today, cloudy with a few showers remainder of the area. Highs in the 50s, mid 40s immediate eastern shore points. Cloudy with a chance of drizzle or showers tonight especially along the eastern shore areas. Lows in the upper 30s to low 40s. Cloudy Friday except becoming partly cloudy over the central and western areas in the afternoon, chance showers all areas mainly during the afternoon. Highs in the 50s, a little cooler at the immediate east coast.

Maine: Cloudy north, a chance of showers mountains and eastern interior and occasional rain or drizzle ending elsewhere today. Highs 45 to 55. Mostly cloudy tonight. Lows in the 30s. Variable cloudiness Friday. Highs 45 to 55.

New Hampshire: Occasional rain or drizzle ending, southeast and cloudy with a chance of showers elsewhere today. Highs 45 to 55. Mostly cloudy tonight. Lows in the 30s. Variable cloudiness Friday. Highs 45 to 55.

Vermont: Cloudy with a chance of a shower today, possibly a thunderstorm south. Highs 50 to 65. Cloudy and cool tonight with lows 35 to 40. Sunny intervals Friday with a chance of a shower south. Highs near 55.

Long Island Sound: Winds south to southwest at 10 to 15 knots this afternoon and west about 10 knots tonight. West to northwest at 10 to 15 knots Friday. Visibility 5 miles or better through tonight, otherwise lower in an occasional shower or thunderstorm. Visibility locally between 3 and 5 mi in haze Friday morning but improving by mid-morning. A few scattered showers and possibly a thunderstorm today and tonight, otherwise mostly cloudy. Partly cloudy Friday. Average wave heights 1 to 3 feet through tonight.

Extended outlook

Extended outlook for New England Saturday through Monday: Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Fair and mild Saturday. Fair weather and cooler Sunday. Cloudy and cool Monday. Daytime highs in upper 50s to mid 60s Saturday, in the 50s Sunday and in the low 40s to low 50s Monday. Overnight lows in the 40s Saturday, mid 30s to mid 40s Sunday and mid 30s to mid 40s Monday.

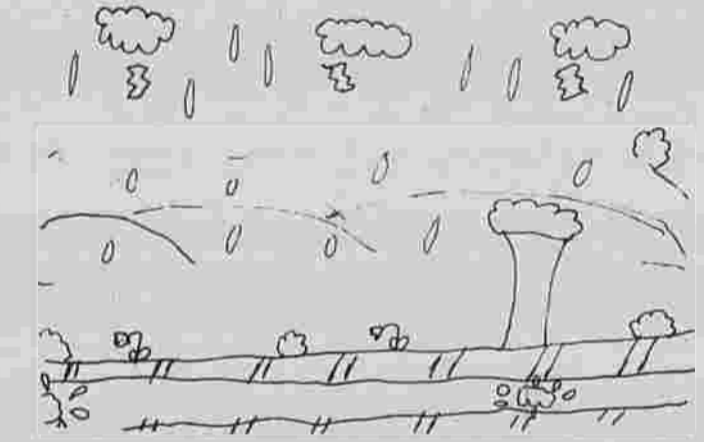
Vermont: Generally dry through the period. Daily highs in the 50s and low 60s and overnight lows 35 to 45.

Maine and New Hampshire: Fair and cooler. Lows in the 30s Saturday morning dropping into the 20s Sunday and Monday.

Lottery

Connecticut daily Wednesday: 386
Play Four: 8566

Other numbers drawn Wednesday in New England:
Rhode daily: 828.
Maine daily: 7760.
Rhode Island daily: 8121.
Vermont daily: 157.
Massachusetts daily: 7761.



Cloudy with a few showers

Today: Cloudy with a few showers. High 50 to 55. Light variable winds. Tonight: Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers or drizzle. Lows in the upper 30s. Light variable winds. Friday: Cloudy in the morning with some patchy fog then partly cloudy in the afternoon with a 50 percent chance of showers. High in the mid 50s. Today's weather picture was drawn by Angelique Kollie, 9, of 564 Wetherell St., a fourth-grade student at St. James School.



Satellite view

Commerce Department satellite photo taken at 4 a.m. EST shows low and middle level clouds from New England to the upper Midwest. Some scattered light showers fell from these clouds. Showers extend from the southern Plains to the western Gulf of Mexico, and heavy thunderstorms are seen in southern Arkansas. Clear skies are seen over the Southeast and in the north central states, and broken cloud cover producing scattered showers extends from the Rockies westward.



UPI WEATHER FORECAST

National forecast

For period ending 7 a.m. EST Friday. Tonight will find rain and showers across the Rockies as well as in parts of the east Gulf Coast and South Atlantic states. Some rain may also be noted in sections of the mid-Atlantic states, otherwise, generally fair weather is forecast elsewhere. Minimum temperatures include: (approximate maximum readings in parentheses) Atlanta 40(71), Boston 42(56), Chicago 36(54), Cleveland 53(55), Dallas 58(78), Denver 35(44), Duluth 31(56), 36(54), Cleveland 53(55), Dallas 58(78), Kansas City 42(58), Little Rock 52(68), Los Angeles 52(65), Miami 72(84), Minneapolis 39(53), New Orleans 68(82), New York 45(57), Phoenix 57(77), San Francisco 46(64), Seattle 43(59), St. Louis 38(50), Washington 45(63).

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Fire Calls

Manchester
Wednesday, 2:53 p.m. — medical call, 176 E. Middle Turnpike (Pawtucket) (Pawtucket).

Wednesday, 6:05 p.m. — reported car fire, 35 Bretton Road (Eighth District).

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Tells businessmen of 'major progress'

Reagan, bound for China, speaks in Washington State

By Helen Thomas United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Reagan flew to Washington state today where he planned to watch logs being loaded on ships bound for Seattle...

There will be representative samplings of liner board, pulp and lumber," said Tom Ambrose, director of corporate information for Weyerhaeuser.

In remarks prepared for delivery to Seattle area business leaders involved in export trade, Reagan said his administration is working to overcome "growing pains" in economic relations with China.

Occasionally the interests of diplomacy and the interests of American industry sometimes seem to collide," he said. "I see it as our job to reconcile the two, and to make it easier for American businessmen to open up new markets on a fair footing."

Reagan claimed "major progress" in eliminating impediments to trade with Japan, the biggest overseas market for U.S. goods, and predicted further progress soon.

"I want you to understand that this administration is on your side and sensitive to your concerns," Reagan said, adding that the leading factor in fostering greater foreign trade has been "economic revival here in the states."

From Tacoma, Reagan will travel to Santa Barbara, Calif., for a sojourn in his mountain-top ranch until Easter Sunday, when he flies to Honolulu, spending a couple of days in Hawaii.

Pacing himself to avoid heavy jet lag during his journey, the president will fly to Guam for an overnight stay Tuesday before traveling on to China, arriving Thursday, April 26, after crossing the international dateline.

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By Susan E. Kinsman United Press International

HARTFORD — Although Republicans warned of spiraling spending trends, Connecticut Majority Democrats muscled a \$3.66 billion General Fund budget through the House on a virtually party-line vote.

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Rep. Janet Polinsky, D-Waterford, co-chairman of the Appropriations Committee which approved the budget earlier, disagreed.

"We're doing an awful lot of things that are costing us money. But we can't turn our backs on it," Mrs. Polinsky said.

As approved, it increases benefits 3.2 percent in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program and adds \$1.5 million to the Guaranteed Tax Base program.

While the House rejected four amendments offered by Republicans mostly along party lines, the assembly accepted three amendments offered by Democrats on voice votes, one of which

made changes in the budget. One added \$75,000 for a possible impeachment trial of Hartford Probate Judge James H. Kinsella, with the stipulation the money could not be used for any other purpose.

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Meese investigator asked to check transition team records

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Administration officials who have refused to disclose details of a \$1 million 1980 presidential transition fund could face an inquiry from the special prosecutor investigating Attorney General nominee Edwin Meese.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., has asked independent counsel Jacob Stein to study the Presidential Transition Foundation Inc., headed by Meese and two other trustees, to see if it complied with

federal tax laws, it was disclosed Wednesday. In a letter to Stein, who was appointed to investigate Meese's financial dealings, Kennedy also questioned the Internal Revenue Service's failure for four years to rule on whether the foundation should be granted tax-exempt status.

Such status would allow private donors to the fund, whose names have been kept secret by Meese and his trustees, to list their contributions as charitable

deductions on their income tax returns. Questions about the use and handling of the fund, which supplemented \$2 million federal money for Ronald Reagan's transition to the White House, have arisen during the controversy over Meese's nomination.

In his letter to Stein, Kennedy filed 1980 and 1981 IRS returns as a tax-exempt organization, although in 1974 the IRS denied such status to a transition

organization formed by a state governor under "circumstances essentially identical." "Why has the IRS — now managed by a commissioner appointed by President Reagan — failed for nearly four years to apply the law which it established in 1974?" asked Kennedy, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee considering Meese's stalled nomination.

Bay State law upheld

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court, ruling in a Massachusetts case, said federal courts cannot step in and free criminal defendants in the middle of the state's two-part trial system.

The state had argued that federal court involvement in the state's two-trial system would create a criminal justice logjam. Massachusetts gives criminal defendants the option of having two trials.

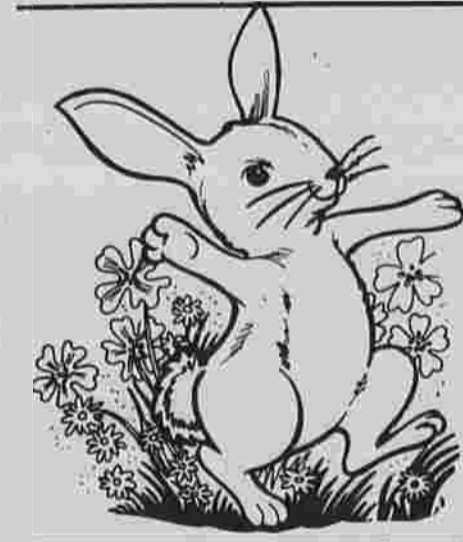
Under the system, defendants who choose a bench trial — a trial in which a judge decides the case — can, if convicted, have a second trial by a jury or a judge.

The Supreme Court ruling handed Wednesday said that a defendant who chooses that option and is convicted in his initial bench trial cannot be freed by federal courts before the second trial is held.

The decision came in the case of a Michael Lydon, who was found guilty by a Boston judge of possessing burglary tools with the intent of breaking into a car.

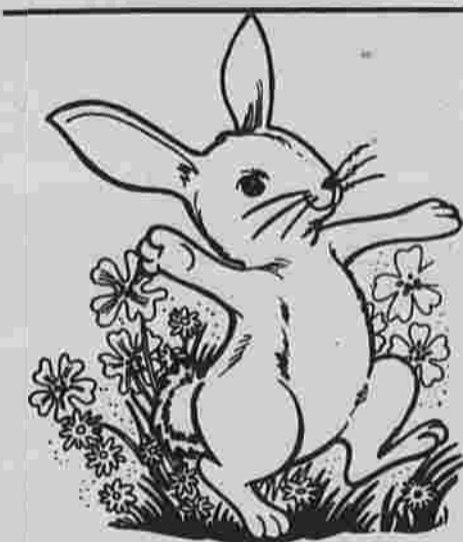
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Westown Pharmacy advertisement featuring Easter Basket Stuffer Table with various items and a registration form to win a giant bunny.

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NO MONEY DOWN! DRIVE WITH APPROVED CREDIT advertisement for a 1984 Mercury Lynx with various features and financing options.

Advertisement for used cars for sale, featuring a 1984 Pontiac 1000 for \$5399 and a 1984 Mazda pickup truck for \$5721.

EAST HARTFORD NURSERY advertisement listing various plants and flowers for sale, including lilies, tulips, and daffodils.

REGAL'S advertisement for a free giant Easter bunny contest, featuring a cartoon bunny and details on how to win.

SHOP ALL OF THESE STORES FOR GREAT EASTER VALUES advertisement featuring a cartoon bunny and a list of participating stores.

Trim Fashions advertisement for designer suits, featuring a woman in a suit and details on special purchases and sizes.

Connecticut In Brief

State sues over lead paint

HARTFORD — The state filed suit in Superior Court today to prohibit three stores from selling lead-based paint and require refunds to consumers who purchased the paint.

The suit seeks an order to require the companies to pay to remove paint already applied and civil penalties for violations of state consumer protection laws. It also seeks destruction of all mislabeled and banned hazardous substances.

Attorney General Joseph I. Lieberman and Mary M. Heslin, state consumer protection commissioner, identified the companies as Evan Products of Portland, Ore., doing business as Inside Outlet stores; Warehouse Trading and Chemical Co., a New York wholesaler, and Railroad Salvage of Connecticut, with a warehouse in Meriden and several retail stores in the state.

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Joyner to seek 8th presidency

Walter Joyner announced today that he will seek the presidency of the Eighth Utilities District...

Thomas Landers is also a candidate for the position. Landers and Joyner are both district directors now.

As his qualifications, Joyner cites his record of working with municipal and state government and his experience as a patient advocate.

He says that he will be available to handle the day-to-day operations of the district.

At meeting of district directors Monday, Joyner and Landers were on opposite sides of a vote. Joyner voted against appropriating \$40,000 for a chassis for a fire truck.



Preparing for Easter

Employees at the Manchester office of Southern New England Telephone Co. show off their homemade Easter bunnets after an Easter parade Thursday at the SNET building on East Center.

Street winners of the competition, in foreground from left, were Norma Baraldi, funniest hat; Dolores McGinnis, most original; and Jeanine Blish, prettiest.

Man complains; police probe incident

Police have launched an internal investigation of the handling of an incident two weeks ago when a police officer drew his gun on an 18-year-old black man who was stopped for suspicious activity.

The investigation began Wednesday when police received a letter of complaint from the man, Paul Henry Blanchard, of 265 Channing Drive.

"It concerns me that Officer (Joseph) Amato found it necessary to detain me with his weapon drawn," Blanchard says in the letter.

The first step in the investigation, headed by Lt. Samuel Kotsch,

will be to interview Blanchard, according to police spokesman Gary Wood.

The incident occurred April 6, when employees from Howells Technical School called police to complain that a black male was in the school office asking questions and apparently holding a stick or club under his jacket, police said.

Amato spotted a man, later identified as Blanchard, fitting the employees' description on Love Lane, police said.

Amato got out of his cruiser, stood with the car door between

him and Blanchard and asked Blanchard twice to put his hands on the hood of the car, police said.

Blanchard did not put his hands on the hood, but instead asked "why," police said.

Amato pulled his service revolver and repeated his order, police said.

At a later meeting with Blanchard, police and about 25 representatives of the black community, Blanchard was given a copy of the report that Amato filed on the incident.

"I became more concerned when I discovered that Officer Amato's description of the events as they occurred was not without error," Blanchard's letter says.

"This causes me to continue to reflect unfavorably on the treatment I received from our police department, particularly when I did not commit any crime, nor did I present myself to anyone to be of criminal intent."

Blanchard told police he went to the school to get information about enrolling there and had taken his

Obituaries

George Porterfield

George Porterfield, 82, of 57 Wellington Road and 68 Spruce St., died Wednesday at a local convalescent home.

He was born in Manchester on Aug. 15, 1901. He had been a lifelong resident of town. Before retiring, he owned and operated, with his late brother, Clarence Porterfield, the Porterfield Pet Supply of South Windsor, for 23 years.

He leaves several nieces and nephews, including Sherwood R. Porterfield of Manchester, and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

The funeral will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Watkins Funeral Home, 142 E. Center St. Burial will be in East Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

The funeral will be Friday at 11 a.m. from the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Burial will be in East Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 10 a.m. to the time of the service. Memorial donations may be made to the Memorial Fund of Zion Lutheran Church, corner High and Cooper streets.

To pay respects

Volunteers of Hose Co. 3, Eighth District Fire Department, will meet Friday at 7:15 p.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., to pay their respects to the Joseph Colletti family.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our parents, George Somerville, who passed away April 19, 1955 and Catherine Somerville, who passed away May 7, 1969.

The hearts that care remember as we your family do And we keep in cherished memory our loving thoughts of you.

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In loving memory of Ernest DeCiccio Sr. who passed away April 19th, 1982. It doesn't take a special day To bring you to our minds, The days we do not think of you Are very hard to find.

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In 1985, the National Football League's Super Bowl game and the presidential inauguration are scheduled for the same day, Jan. 20.

SPORTS

NHL roundup

Isles take series, await next victim

By Mike Tully UPI Sports Writer

Whoever wins the Battle of Quebec may have to be satisfied with that accomplishment. While the Montreal Canadiens and Quebec Nordiques settle their war, the New York Islanders will be sitting home getting ready for the next round.

"I'm taking tomorrow off and the team is taking tomorrow off and then we'll go back to work," Islanders coach Al Arbour said Wednesday night after New York downed Washington 5-3 to advance to the Stanley Cup semifinals.

Presently, they look awesome. Their five-game triumph in the Patrick Division finals was their 18th straight series victory despite missing captain Denis Potvin, who was attending last Wednesday's funeral in Hartford, a Manchester Superior Court spokeswoman said.

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MHS rips Fermi, 12-2

ENFIELD — The final score made it seem like a laughter, but don't say that to the Manchester High baseball team.

The Indians Peter Frankovitch struck out 11 Fermi batters and yielded only four hits, but nine walks kept the base paths looking like freeways. Fortunately, Frankovitch's teammates ripped out 11 hits and took advantage of their scoring opportunities to register a 12-2 Central Connecticut Interscholastic League win Wednesday.

Indians' coach Don Race said Fermi was getting two or three batters on in the later innings, but Frankovitch's streakout pitch got him out of trouble. In only the second inning did he get them in order.

However, Manchester raced to a 5-0 third inning lead and never looked back.

Chris Peterson slammed two doubles and two singles and Brendan McCarthy chipped in

three singles to pace the Manchester attack.

Fermi played stonch in the second inning as the Indians scored their first two runs. Dave Duggan walked and Jim Fogarty attempted to sacrifice him.

Fermi's pitcher fielded the ball, but overthrew first base in an attempt to nail the runner. Duggan scored and Fogarty wound up on third. When Fermi tried to pick Fogarty off, another overthrow let him scamper home.

Peterson doubled home Rob Roy, who had doubled earlier, in the third inning and scored himself on two wild pitches.

The combined talents in the sixth when Roy walked, stole second and scored on Peterson's single.

McCarthy, the junior catcher, got his RBI in the sixth as well when he singled home Mark Walling, who had walked and stolen second.

Darwin solves problem, sends Sox to another loss

By Frederick Waterman UPI Sports Writer

BOSTON — Danny Darwin solved a problem with his slider just in time.

The Texas right-hander beat Boston 4-3 Wednesday night, but the Red Sox had an early chance to knock Darwin out of the game when they got three runs in the second inning.

"It was cold and my fingertips were cold, so the ball was just spinning," Darwin said of the game at Fenway Park where temperatures dipped to the low 40s. "Their hits were off three sliders that backed up or hung, so I

gripped the slider harder after that and it started to move."

Darwin, with a 6-2 career mark against Boston, surrendered no walks and said that was the key.

"The reason they only got three runs was because I didn't walk anyone."

Darwin, 1-0, scattered nine hits and struck out seven. Dave Tobik worked the ninth inning for his first save.

Ned Yost hit a two-run single to key the Rangers' three-run fourth inning that sent the Red Sox to their sixth consecutive defeat.

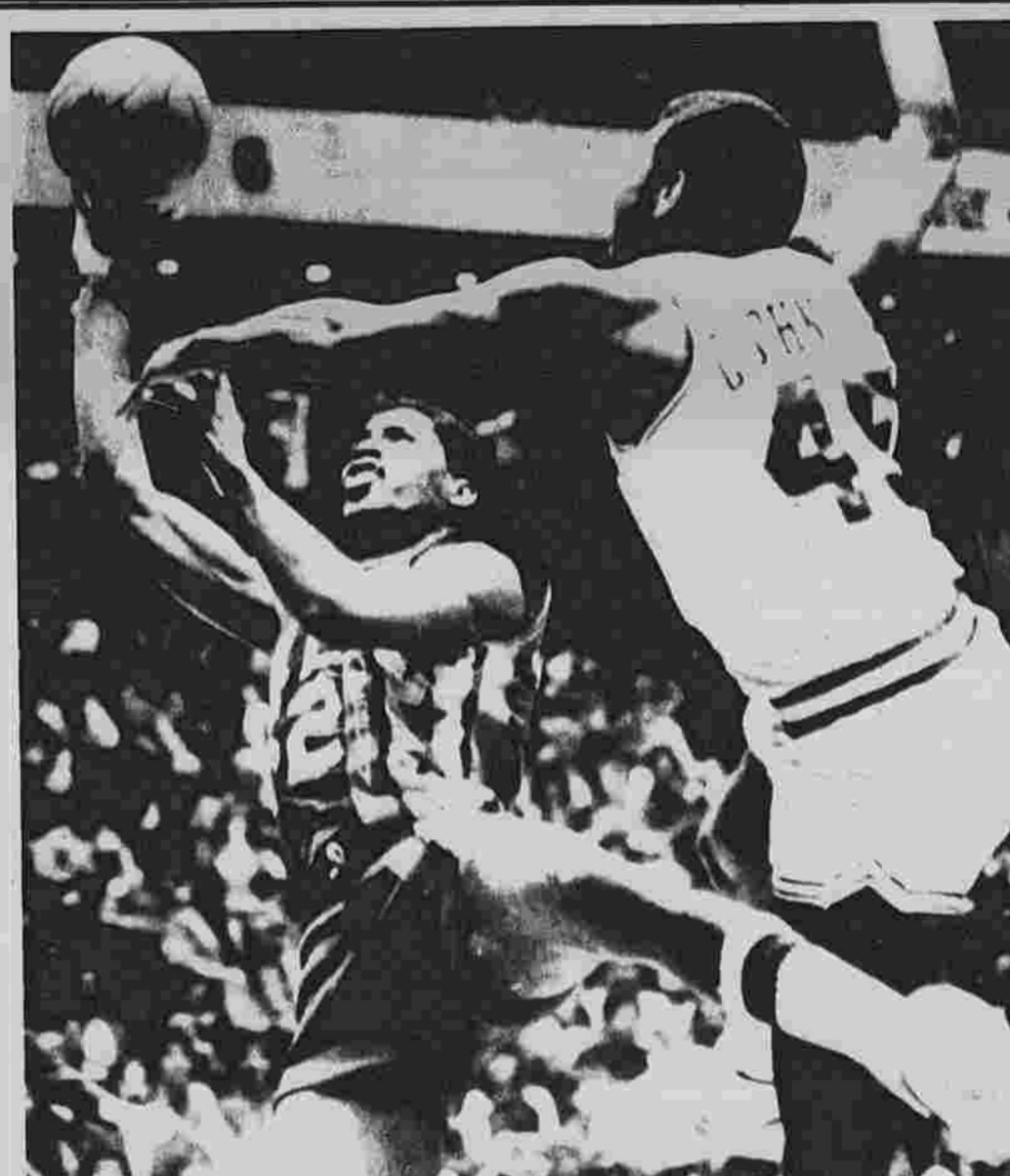
The Rangers chased Bob Ojeda, 6-2, with three runs in the fourth.

Ojeda walked Buddy Bell, Larry Parrish singled and Dave Hostetler walked to load the bases.

Yost then punched a single into short left field, scoring Bell and Parrish to tie it 3-3. Bob Stanley replaced Ojeda and yielded an RBI single to Curtis Wilkerson.

Boston catcher Rich Gedman said Ojeda "got in a situation where he wasn't throwing the fastball for strikes. He didn't have his rhythm."

Boston grabbed a 3-0 advantage in the second. Mike Enslin, who earlier in the day signed an extension of his contract, led off with a single and raced to third on Tony Armas' single.



Sixers' Cleamon Johnson attempts to stop New Jersey Net Buck Williams in the first quarter Wednesday night in Philadelphia. The Nets surprised the Sixers by winning the first game of the best-of-five series.

NBA roundup

Nets stun Sixers with easy victory

By Iro Kaufman UPI Sports Writer

The members of the 1968-69 Boston Celtics rested a little easier Wednesday night.

No NBA team since that Bill Russell-led Celtics' squad has put together consecutive titles and the Philadelphia 76ers, this year's defending champs, certainly didn't look like a threat to repeat in their playoff opener.

"Am I surprised? Yes, I guess I am," said New Jersey forward Buck Williams after the Nets won a playoff game for the first time in their NBA history, an easy 116-101 triumph in the Spectrum. "But I believe what happened tonight, was the Philadelphia 76ers, this year's defending champs, certainly didn't look like a threat to repeat in their playoff opener."

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Hearing set on sewer, water rates

Acting in response to remarks made by Eighth District attorney John D. LaBelle that a public hearing is required on proposed sewer rates increases, the town has scheduled a hearing before the April 30 meeting at which the Board of Directors is scheduled to approve the town budget for 1984-85.

A hearing also will be held then on proposed water rate hikes.

Town Attorney Keith O'Brien said today the sewer hearing is normally held at the end of May, but because the question was raised, Mayor Barbara Weisberg wanted it held in conjunction with budget approval.

LaBelle's remarks were brought to the attention of town officials by a Herald

reporter.

The sewer rate hearing is being held by the Board of Directors in its capacity as the town's water pollution control authority. It apparently satisfied the requirements of Section 7-255 of the state's General Statutes, the law cited by LaBelle.

LaBelle made his observation, about the need for a hearing, at Monday's Eighth District meeting. District Director Walter Joyner had said the amount the district will have to pay town will go up by \$101,200 if the 35 percent rate hike proposed by General Manager Robert Weiss is approved by the town directors.

The manager's budget proposal shows an increase in the charge to the district from

\$182,800 to \$284,000.

Weiss proposes a 65 percent increase in water rates.

The district collects sewage in its lines and dumps it into a main line that brings it to the town sewage plant for treatment. The charge to the district has been a subject of controversy between town and district in the past.

Under the state law involved, the town has to file the new rates with the town clerk and property owners then have 21 days to appeal to state Superior Court.

Jules Verne's Phileas Fogg's trip in "Around the World in 80 Days" assertedly occurred from Oct. 2 to Dec. 29, 1872.

Lorber looks to the future

Continued from page 1

again and got out, as Lorber backed off, swinging the bat to keep Phommahaxay at bay, he testified. But Phommahaxay lunged at Lorber, saying, "You die," Lorber testified.

Lorber testified that he was Phommahaxay who attacked him that day, grabbing him by the necktie and dragging and kicking him around the floor. His shoes had come off in the scuffle, he said Wednesday.

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"I want to help my people in this country," Lorber said. "It's not much value if I try to help my own people and I'm not an American citizen."

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Advertisement for Michaels jewelry store, featuring wedding rings and jewelry.

Advertisement for LTD Brougham cars, featuring a '84 Ford LTD Brougham.

Advertisement for Brown's Flowers, Inc. featuring Easter specials and florist services.

Advertisement for Botany 500 AD of Wednesday April 18, featuring Hagggar pants.



Advice

Reporter must rewrite future plans

DEAR ABBY: I am a bright, pretty, college-educated newspaper reporter in love with an older professional man. He's married and his wife is expecting next month. She conceived after I began seeing her husband, which made me doubt his love for me. He promised me that he would leave her and file for divorce as soon as the baby is born, but so far he hasn't even told his wife about me.

He is wonderful to me. He's loving, caring, generous, gentle, understanding and sincere. Am I as stupid as I think I am? Am I ignoring the obvious? Should I wait until after the baby is born, or get out now?

DEAR BAFFLED: Yes, you are as stupid as



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

you think you are, if you think this man is sincere. Are you ignoring the obvious? Not any more; I think you are catching on. Don't wait until the baby is born. Get out now.

DEAR ABBY: A reader named Barbara who married a man named Gene McGraw asks, "Just who is Mrs. Gene McGraw?"

Whatever she decides, the one thing she isn't is Mrs. Barbara McGraw — unless she's planning a divorce. Archaic, maybe, but still true.

JANET TAYLOR (NO TITLE AT ALL)

DEAR ABBY: You're the only person I know who may be able to come up with the correct letters for this bit of nonsense that was popular many years ago: A B C D goldfish? L M N O goldfish? Abby, what comes next?

DEAR DRAWING: The entire "bit of nonsense" is as follows: A B C D goldfish? L M N O goldfish? O S A R.

Why not take drug more often?

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Your Health

Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

and the development of gouty arthritis.

People generally think of gout as causing a red, hot, swollen joint that is attacked by the steady deposit of uric acid salts (urate) that causes joint deformity and arthritis.

This complication of gout can usually be prevented with proper control. Indocin and Colchicine are often used to relieve acute gout pain. Indocin is an anti-inflammatory medicine and is indeed

used to relieve painful arthritis. It has a number of other applications to control pain from inflammatory conditions.

I'm sending you the Health Letter 16-10, Gout, the Uric Acid Disease. After reading it, you'll understand why you need to control your gout and what can be done. Others who send this issue can

Four months ago he had another lung collapse. Now he insists that if he had never carried that 50

pounds of feed his medical condition would never have occurred.

What do you think?

DEAR READER: Regardless of the precipitating cause, the basic problem is from an anatomical defect in the lungs. The usual cause is a blister-like bubble on the surface of the lung. When the blister bursts, the air escapes through the hole in the lung and it collapses like a flat tire.

Those blister-like weak spots are something people are born with. The 50 pounds of feed did not cause the blister, especially since the collapse occurred when he was quiet, watching TV.

If he has persistent episodes he may need to have an area in his lungs removed or the lung surgically plastered to the walls of his chest.

Anyhow, this turkey was everything I have described in the foregoing paragraph, and more. Every time Hal or I hooked a fish, his spinning lure would sail across the river and cross our lines. My fourth request for him to "please watch it" was met with an obscene gesture.

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James Brown

No nostalgia from Godfather of Soul

By Susan Ruel United Press International

SAN FRANCISCO — A television video with Michael Jackson is just one of the signs that James Brown, soul brother emeritus, is on his way back up.

In places such as Kuwait, Hong Kong and London, the Godfather of Soul has reigned for three decades. His manager, Frank McCrea, said he drew a crowd of more than a million in Paris last year.

"I wasn't my idea to have two water towers, one black and one white," he said. "I never seen black water. People don't say Ralph Nader-white, Santa Claus-white. Any time you isolate people, it's a sin against humanity."

He made black a positive — I took a negative and made it a positive," he added.

Brown's MTV video with Michael Jackson and B.B. King is a modified version of the show he has taken on the road for three decades. He still shouts out the names of cities like a conductor in the old hit "Night Train." He still whoops, hollers, and moans songs like "Too Funky in Here" and "Superbad."

Danny Ray, the emcee who has been with Brown for a quarter century, still drops his with red satin during his ritual collapse in the middle of every show.

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Thoughts

"Jesus has God raised up, whereof we are all witnesses." (Acts 2:22). That's what the sent one of Christ said, Peter, by name. The Christian faith is not based on some innate feeling; it is based on witnesses that gave account of what they had seen and set to the "written." How does another, John by name, put it? "These are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God; and that believing you might have life through his name." (John 20:31). The "written" is for us to read, mark and inwardly digest. As this occurs, the gift of faith comes so that each becomes "living letters" as still another wrote, Paul by name. What a beautiful gift the "written" to them that are transformed to be witnesses, "little books" opened for God and neighbor.

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Listening in on 911

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"There are times you question yourself," says Larson. "Did I do the right thing? Did I forget something? Could I have done something different?"

"It's instant decisions," adds McCann. "A call comes in and conversation halts. It's a fire in a dryer in a north end laundramat. The fire department and cruiser are dispatched as another call buzzes."

A man on Center Street is harassing people. "That was an intoxicated man - most likely he'll be trouble so we'll send two cars," says Larson.

"When they need to get help they call here. We're the focal point. We get the good guys going," he says with a smile.

McCann admitted that the job has its share of stress. "Your life could depend on us," he says.

Returned by divine inspiration

NAPOLEON, Ohio (UP) - The anonymous thief of Marius Conroy's diamond-studded watch has returned her watch after 12 years.

Mrs. Conroy said Tuesday a letter arrived at her home earlier this month. Inside was the watch, which she purchased for \$350 in 1969 and wore constantly until it was stolen in 1971.

The envelope also contained a note that read, "Many years ago, I took this watch one night your daughter had a party. Please forgive me. I have committed my life to Jesus and want to make it right with you and him. Yours in Christ."

"I feel like someone who has won a \$3 million lottery," Mrs. Conroy said. "It was such a surprise."



Winners in the annual Lions Club fishing derby are, from left, Seth Kershaw, Chad Luman, Thomas John Panciera, and Shamus Kershaw. Not pictured are David Dymont and Mark Ference.

Six win prizes at derby

The Manchester Lions Club annual fishing derby was Saturday at Sautter's Pond. Because of the poor weather conditions, the derby finished at 10 a.m. instead of at noon.

Prizes included tackle boxes, lures, flies, fishing line, badges and books donated by tackle manufacturers.

The winners were David Dymont, 6, of 57 Tudor Lane, 8.5-ounce trout; Seth Kershaw, 13, 38 N. Elm St., 2-pound pickerel; Shamus Kershaw, 14, 38 N. Elm St., tagged trout.

Mike Ference, 24 Dearborn Drive, 1-pound 2-ounce pickerel; Thomas John Panciera, 7, 61 Laurel St., 7-ounce trout; Chad Luman, 13, 129 Rachel Road, 1-pound pickerel.



They're music makers

Music is fun when you share it with your friends during a "Fun With Music" class at Lutz Children's Museum. Thomas Hogan, seated, plays a tune on the xylophone while his classmates, from left, Mary Agnes Doyle, Stephanie

Saranno, Amy Schiera, Erin Heath and Kara Ring, make music on the bells. A new class starts May 4 at 10:30 a.m. For information contact the instructor, Barbara Wing, at 569-4284. Summer classes are also available.

About Town

Methodist Choir on TV

The chancel choir of South United Methodist Church will sponsor its first television "Pass It On" program on channel 13, Easter Sunday at 8 p.m.; Monday at 4 p.m.; and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. David Morse is choir director.

PTO sponsors sports night

COVENTRY - Coventry Grammar School PTO will sponsor its first sports night, April 30 at 7 p.m. in the school library. Parents of all school-aged children are invited to attend.

Commissioners from baseball, girls' softball, soccer, basketball and the summer swimming program will be on hand to explain their sports season, registration, safety and other facts of sports.

C-Day set in Manchester

Tuesday will be C-Day in Manchester. American Cancer Society volunteers will ring the doorbells of friends and neighbors as part of a month-long educational and fund-raising cancer crusade that began April 1.

A special feature of C-Day will be the distribution of a new folder offering a "Quick Test on Cancer Risks for Lung, Colon and Rectum." The test helps people find out how lifestyle, medical history and health habits may affect their risk of getting these forms of cancer.

C-Day will also provide an opportunity for people to

contribute toward the support of the society's overall cancer control program, which includes research, public and professional education, and patient services and rehabilitation.

The Manchester unit is located at 237 E. Center St. April 25.

Auxiliary plans mystery

The Army and Navy Club Auxiliary will have its annual mystery ride May 2. Members and guests should meet at the club house on Main Street at 6 p.m. Reservations should be made by calling Jean Mathiason, 649-0907 or Arlene Robinson, 649-1423, by April 25.

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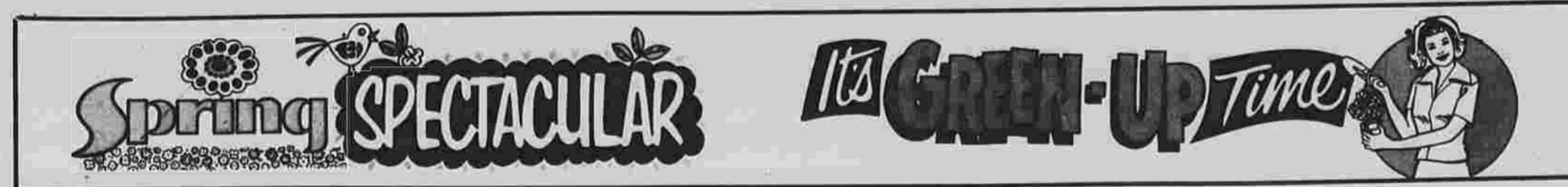
Players to perform

Manchester Gilbert and Sullivan Players will perform "The Gondoliers" April 27 and 28 and May 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. in the Manchester High School auditorium.

Donna Colletta is director and Sheila Fucci is choreographer. David Vaughn will be music director and Stevie Darstan and Myrna Hagenow will design the set and costumes.

Jennifer Joy will play the role of Casilda. Robert Chapman will play Don.

Tickets for the show are \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children under 12. They will also be available at the door on the nights of the performances. For more information call 647-9308, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or 644-1354.



New gardening books

Some affordable paperbacks are most practical

By Jeanne Lesem United Press International

NEW YORK - Some of the most practical home gardening books published in recent months are affordable paperbacks.

The \$4.95 "The Seed Finder," (Ten Speed Press) evaluates seed catalogs, especially those of smaller companies specializing in unusual and sometimes hard-to-find seeds. It also recommends specific seed varieties.

"Cash Crops for the Thrifty Gardener," by Geri Harrington (Perigee, \$7.95) is for home gardeners who want to sell their excess harvest.

"Backyard Homestead Mini-Farm & Garden Book," by John Jeavons, J. Mogaor Griffin and Robin Leier (Ten Speed Press, \$8.95) is designed for people seeking self-sufficiency, but much of the how-to information would be useful to those who garden for pleasure or the taste of fresh-picked produce.

Among subjects covered are French intensive gardening for people with limited garden space; crop-testing, water-monitoring, alternative crops for non-temperate climates and an herbal lawn, a self-fertilizing alternative to grass - to say nothing of freedom from mowing.

Jeavons and Leier also wrote "The Seed Finder."

"THIRTY GARDENER Harrington suggests following your own preferences in selecting fruits and vegetables but trying to select those that are expensive to buy, less so when homegrown - shallots, say, instead of onions. She also suggests surveying local markets to see what is most in demand and advises on pricing, packaging and selling to maximize profits.

"Peter Loewer's Month-by-Month Garden Almanac for Indoor & Outdoor Gardening" (G.D. Perigee, \$7.95) is mainly about ornamentals, although Loewer does tell how to start strawberries indoors from seed and grow tree tomatoes and herbs. Charmingly illustrated with drawings, the book also contains lists of periodicals, other books, seed sources and suggested reading.

"Annuals, How to Select, Grow and Enjoy," by syndicated gardening columnist Derek Foll (HP Books, \$7.95) is another for flower lovers, with dozens of glorious color illustrations and sound advice on choosing and growing more than 100 different flowering annuals.

FOR COOKS who garden, the revised edition of Jacqueline Herriot's "Grow It, Cook It" (G.D. Perigee) is a bargain at \$8.95. Originally published as "The How to Grow and Cook It Book of Vegetables, Herbs, Fruits and Nuts," this 226-page book contains cultural information for more than 100 vegetables.

fruits and herbs and more than 300 recipes for using them. Ms. Herriot, daughter of a French chef, also provides sound advice on harvesting and preserving garden produce.

"The Community Garden Book," by Jerry Sommers (Gardens for All, Burlington, Vt. 6540), \$8.95) is a handbook for people who want to establish a community garden or need advice about operating one. The author, with 10 years of experience in the field, is national community garden director for GFA, a national membership association for food gardening.

Revised editions of two \$5.95 Ortho paperbacks are worth checking out: "All About Roses" and "Gardening in Containers" were published in 1983, and the first with the endorsement of the American Rose Society. The rose book has a special section on miniature varieties. The container book lists the best ornamental and edible plant varieties for

portable gardening, tells how to make containers and suitable potting mixes and easy ways to feed and water container plants.

A RING-BOUND NOTEBOOK and calendar and three recent hardcover books are also worth investigating.

"Gardening Notes & Calendar," an exclusive in Burpee's 1984 seed catalog, is a loose-leaf, 3-ring vinyl notebook complete with illustrated leaflets from the seed company on growing food crops and ornamentals, plus tips on home gardening and a 12-month calendar for gardeners' own notes. (\$6.95, No. 9731-1 in the catalog.)

"Guerrilla Gardening," by John F. Adams (Coward-McCann, \$14.95) describes the grass roots movement to save "heirloom" plants that are increasingly being replaced in major seed catalogs by hybrids with greater resistance to disease and pests but - the seed savers say - less flavor and poorer quality. Adams also provides an extensive source list for "heirloom" seeds and seedlings and related books.

"The Complete Handbook of Garden Plants," by Michael Wright (Facts on File, \$18.95) is an encyclopedia dictionary, compact in size, that describes more than 9,000 species and varieties of

garden plants, almost entirely ornamentals. Details on growing them are sketchy for all but experienced gardeners. Illustrations are exquisite.

"GARDENING For Maximum Nutrition," by Jerry Minnich, who gardens in Madison, Wis., (Rodale Press, \$15.95) is a detailed guide to plants and varieties that provide the greatest nutritional value. Minnich also includes tips on retaining nutrients during harvest and storage.

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Harden off tomato, lettuce plants before planting outdoors

Editor's note: Questions and answers are based on mail received by Dick Raymond, gardening consultant, author and a star of the nationally syndicated television gardening show, "Joy of Gardening."

By Dick Raymond Written for UPJ

QUESTION: Last spring I raised some beautiful tomato plants, but many of them died after I set them out into the garden. What did I do wrong?

L.S. Monroe, Calif.

ANSWER: First, all transplants need to become accustomed to living outdoors. Moving from greenhouse to garden can really shock plants and sometimes kill them. Hardening off toughens them against sunburn, windburn and cold air. To harden off plants, cut down watering about 12 days before you plan to set them out. On a relatively mild day, preferably overcast and windless, set the plants outdoors in partial shade for three or four hours. Increase the time you leave them out a couple of hours each day after that.

After four or five days you can leave the plants out all night if there are no frost warnings.

Water them only every four or five days. Transplant them into the garden on an overcast day and fertilize lightly. Be sure to cover the fertilizer in the hole or trench with a couple of inches of soil. Wrap the plant with a 3-inch-wide piece of newspaper to prevent cutworms from chewing it off at soil level. Firm the soil well and water for the next several days. Be sure to cover the plants if cold weather threatens.

QUESTION: I've tried several times to grow head lettuce but it always seems to bolt and go to seed. I never get any good, crisp heads. What am I doing wrong?

Mrs. G.C. - Glen Mills, Pa.

ANSWER: It's fun and easy to raise your own lettuce. You can start the plants from seed indoors or buy plants at a garden center. They should be planted early because they like cool, moist soil. Make sure you harden them off before you set them out. Then, on a cloudy day or late in the afternoon, prepare a good, loose seed bed. If you use a wide row, three-two planting, you can get 13 heads in just 3 feet of row. With a rake mark of a row 20 inches by 3 feet. Dig three holes across the row, good and deep. Move 8 inches down the row and dig two more. Then move another 8 inches and dig three across. Continue down

the row in this 3-2-3 pattern.

It's important to fertilize with either a teaspoon of commercial fertilizer or a big handful of organic fertilizer. Put the fertilizer in the hole and cover it with at least 2 inches of soil - you don't want the roots of the lettuce to touch the fertilizer.

Remove the plants from their container and pull off all except the two center leaves. This is important - lettuce plants have few roots. When they are transplanted and a lot of roots die, they just can't support all that foliage. Set the plants in the hole slightly deeper than they were in the container. You can wrap a cutworm collar around them if you like - a 2-inch square newspaper around the plant where it comes out of the ground. Leave a little paper under and a little on top. Firm the soil. Water at once and continue to water them for a couple of days. In a few days the leaves will touch, shading the ground and forming a living mulch that keeps the ground moist, weed free and cool.

Start picking when the heads are about the size of a softball. Removing each head lets the others grow larger.

QUESTION: Last year most of my onion sets that I planted grew up double instead of having just one big bulb. What did I do wrong?

J.L. - Schenectady, N.Y.

ANSWER: A double one is called a split. You did not do anything wrong. It was the onion set. A good onion set should be no larger than 3/4 inch in diameter. When you purchase your onion sets, use small ones and they'll still make nice large onions.

QUESTION: I've never had good luck with eggplant so I stopped growing it. Are there any special techniques for eggplant?

B.B. - Monks, Va.

ANSWER: Eggplants thrive on heat, sun and well-drained soil. They are tropical plants and should be put where they can take full advantage of the sun all day long. Wait to set them out after the last frost date is well past and the ground has warmed up considerably. Fairly warm nights are especially important. If a cold snap threatens, cover the plants with hot caps. An elevated or raised bed is a great help. It is drier and warmer than planting on the level.

Try an earlier variety than you have been using. Dusky, for one, produces a good-sized fruit and is ready for harvest as early as 60 days after you set it. Fertilize lightly.

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Use caution with lead-contaminated soil

Inner-city gardeners who work the soil of rubble-strewn lots or plots next to busy roadways should take extra precautions in selecting vegetables to avoid lead contamination, says an associate professor of horticultural physiology.

Nina Basuk, director of the Urban Horticulture Institute at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., says the leaves and roots of vegetable plants absorb much more lead from contaminated soil and automobile exhaust than do the fruiting parts.

It is also important to neutralize highly acidic soil in city gardens to slow the absorption of lead particles into plants. Ms. Basuk said in a telephone interview. This is especially true in lots where a building has been torn down and lead-based paint may have entered the soil.

Careful washing of the vegetables with water and vinegar is also recommended.

Ms. Basuk's comments are based on Cornell research and other urban horticulture studies in major American cities, including Baltimore, Boston and New York.

She said home gardeners have reason to be concerned about the risk of lead poisoning since it is known to cause anemia, colic, paralysis, muscular cramps or, in the case of children, even brain damage.

Depending on the amount of space a gardener has, she said, safer fruiting plants include tomatoes, corn, peas, beans, squash, peppers, cucumbers, eggplant and pumpkins.

"Those (fruit) parts of the plant seem to exclude lead, while other parts eat it up," she said. "So it would be perfectly fine to eat those in an area that is heavily contaminated with lead."

Ms. Basuk cautioned that washing the fruit is vital to rid it of external lead particles from automobile exhaust.

"Put a little vinegar in the water to acidify it lightly and loosen the particles," she said.

She said most lead in root vegetables - potatoes, carrots and onions, for example - is concentrated in the peel, so peeling them is very important.

Leafy vegetables, such as lettuce, grown in a lead-contaminated environment should not be eaten unless proper measures are taken to minimize lead levels.

She said urban gardeners can determine the lead content of their soil by having it checked by their County Cooperative Extension service, for a small charge.

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 (3) Three's Company
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 (5) Alice
 (6) MacNeil/Lehrer News
 (7) USA Cartoon Express
 (8) Dr. Gena Scott
 (9) M*A*S*H
 (10) MOVIE: "Jesus" The Life of Christ is retold according to the Gospel of Luke. Brian Deacon. 1983. Rated PG.

- 7:30 P.M.**
 (1) PM Magazine
 (2) All in the Family
 (3) Muppet Show
 (4) Family Feud
 (5) Benny Hill Show
 (6) Independent Network News
 (7) ESPN's Speedweek
 (8) Dreyfus
 (9) Eastern Conference First Round
 (10) Cressie
 (11) M*A*S*H
 (12) Rainbow Jockey
 (13) Wheel of Fortune
 (14) Benay Miller
 (15) People's Court
 (16) Dr. Who

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 (1) CBS News
 (2) NBC News
 (3) SportsCenter
 (4) American Video Awards
 (5) NFL's Greatest Moments
 (6) Noticiero Nacional SIN
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- 10:00 P.M.**
 (1) Knots Landing
 (2) Freeman Reports
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 (4) 20/20
 (5) Independent Network News
 (6) Twilight Zone
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Standoff continues; Britain's Libya mission surrounded

LONDON (UPI) — Several hundred angry protesters demonstrated outside the British Embassy in Tripoli today, briefly trapping the ambassador and staff as Britain asked the Libyan government for permission to enter its besieged embassy in London. A British Embassy spokesman, contacted by phone in Tripoli, said the afternoon protest lasted for almost two hours.

The standoff at the Libyan Embassy in London entered its third day with diplomats under orders of Col. Moammar Khadafi to wait out the British. Police have ringed the embassy since someone inside opened fire on an anti-Khadafi rally Tuesday, killing a policeman and wounding 11 people.

The British Broadcasting Corp. said police reinforcements appeared in Tripoli's streets around the embassy and a fire engine and water cannon were parked about 100 yards away.

British officials said no violence was directed against them although Ambassador Oliver Miles was prevented from leaving for talks with the Libyan foreign ministry, the Foreign Office in London said.

The Libyan government had given assurances that the Tripoli embassy would remain open after "revolutionary students" and police penned some 25 men, women and children inside for 24 hours before allowing them to go Wednesday.

In Rome, the Libyan government stepped up its assault on Britain, accusing the government of organizing Tuesday's attack on its London office. "The shots that were fired did not come from our office. Libyan authorities are sure that the shooting was started by agents of the English police and other elements linked to them," said Ali Attia, a spokesman at Libya's mission in Rome.

As the crisis at the Libyan People's Bureau in London entered its third day, Home Secretary Leon Brittan chaired a meeting of the special Cabinet committee code-named "Cobra" to review the situation with police.

On Wednesday, London asked Khadafi through diplomatic channels to let police, accompanied by Libyan diplomats, enter the Libyan People's Bureau and search for the gunman who killed the policeman. There was no response by mid-

afternoon local time. Khadafi made hourly phone calls to the Libyan Embassy Wednesday, instructing the 20 to 30 people inside to stay put "even if it takes a year," the Times quoted Libyan sources in London as saying.

International law prevents police from entering the embassy to investigate the shooting incident without Libyan permission. Negotiations were "proceeding slowly, calmly, and patiently," a police spokesman said.

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Copter carrying U.S. Senators hit in Salvador

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (UPI) — Salvadoran guerrillas firing heavy machine guns hit a U.S. Army helicopter carrying two American senators, forcing an emergency landing in Honduras. No one was injured.

Sens. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., and Bennett Johnston, D-La., were flying to a refugee camp near the Salvadoran border Wednesday when slugs from what was described as a 50-caliber machine gun fire ripped into their UH-1H "Huey."

A second "Huey" accompanying the senators' helicopter was not hit and returned safely to Tegucigalpa. A U.S. Embassy spokesman said Diana Negro-ponte, wife of U.S. Ambassador John Negro-ponte, was accompanying the senators but it was not known which of the two helicopters was aboard.

Salvadoran rebel Radio Venceremos, monitored in San Salvador, said their "anti-aircraft units" fired on two helicopters that crossed the border into Morazan province at 4:15 p.m. EST.

"They entered Salvadoran territory and flew low over the towns of San Fernando, Torola, Jocotique and San Juan on a reconnaissance mission," Venceremos said.

The southernmost town mentioned by the radio is about 20 miles inside rebel-occupied Salvadoran territory where the Reagan administration has admitted U.S. Air Force planes are making regular reconnaissance flights.

"We think it was unquestionably guerrilla shells," Johnston said at a news conference at Toncontin airport in Tegucigalpa after they were rescued by another helicopter that responded to their radio call for help.

U.S./World In Brief

Jaycees go to high court
WASHINGTON — The U.S. Jaycees, arguing the national civic group exists solely to groom young men leaders, is fighting in the Supreme Court to keep its male-only membership policy.

Arguing before the court Wednesday, a lawyer for the Jaycees defended its exclusion of women on grounds that admitting them would inevitably change the character and policies of the 300,000-member group.

"We have a right to have an organization that just promotes the interest of young men," insisted Carl Hall Jr. of Tulsa, Okla.

The Jaycees case grew out of the 1974 effort by the national headquarters to revoke the charters of the Minneapolis and St. Paul chapters, which have admitted women as full members.

Crime rate falls sharply
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The number of serious crimes reported to police in the United States dropped 7 percent in 1983, the third consecutive decline and the biggest in 23 years, the FBI reported today.

The FBI's preliminary figures for its annual uniform crime reports showed declines in all categories of crimes counted — a drop that criminologists believe reflects the aging of the post-World War II "baby boom" generation.

It is the third year the FBI has reported a drop in the number of crimes since the all-time high was reached in 1980. In 1981, the FBI reported a statistically insignificant decline of about 5,100. In 1982, the number of crimes dropped by 3 percent.

FBI Director William Webster said using 1980 as the base year, there has been no previous two-year period with reported crime decreases.

Mondale predicts victory
Walter Mondale, rolling to a one-sided win in Missouri's Democratic presidential caucuses, is turning Gary Hart's challenge into an uphill quest — while more national convention delegates board his own steamrolling bandwagon.

"I believe I now have a chance of getting the votes I need by the time the convention convenes," Mondale said, anticipating the outcome of Wednesday night's voting at 276 caucuses.

The latest state party figures show that with 48 percent of the state delegates selected, Mondale had 45 percent. Hart had 21 percent and Jackson 10 percent. Another 33 percent were uncommitted.

BUSINESS

Business In Brief

Income up 19 percent
WATERBURY — Colonial Bancorp has reported a 19 percent increase in net income for the first quarter of 1984 and predicted continued growth for the remainder of the year.

Continental earnings high
STAMFORD — Continental Group, an international packaging, energy, forest products and insurance company, has reported a 59 percent increase in per-share earnings for the first quarter.

Gerber unit buying firm
SOUTH WINDSOR — Gerber Scientific Inc. said one of its wholly owned subsidiaries agreed in principle to acquire American Hoechst Corp.'s BOCOM Electronic Systems Division.

CNG seeks rate increase
HARTFORD — Connecticut Natural Gas has asked state regulators for an \$11 million rate increase needed to maintain its financial integrity.

Gasoline prices higher
WEST HARTFORD — Motorists traveling Connecticut highways this Easter holiday weekend will be paying more for gas than they did a year ago but should have no trouble finding fuel.

Down town plan unveiled
BRIDGEPORT — A new plan for downtown Bridgeport will include aggressive policies to help attract outside corporate offices and regional housing development, a private consultant said.

Armstrong sets records
NEW HAVEN — Armstrong Rubber Co. set new company records for earnings and sales in the six-month period ended March 31, says Chairman and Chief Executive officer James A. Walsh.

AT&T unit beefs up sales force in Connecticut
FARMINGTON (UPI) — The "new kid on the block" in sales of business telephones and communications equipment in Connecticut plans to step up its marketing efforts in the state.

Are women 'stealing' jobs from men?

With the phenomenal growth in computer uses during the past few years, it is merely reasonable to assume an explosive growth in the industry's job market. And there has been growth: from about 750,000 employed in the field when the 1980s started to a projected 2.3 million in the industry by the decade's end, an upsurge of more than a half-million individuals, says the Labor Department.



Your Money's Worth
Sylvia Porter

The greatest growth will be in the specialties of programming and computer applications, particularly in medical and industrial areas. Of 300 professionals queried in a new Dewey's Center for Career Development survey, a flat majority of 63 percent indicated that programming and software development offer the top job opportunities for the foreseeable future.

Money book now available
"Sylvia Porter's New Money Book for the 80s," 1328 pages of down-to-earth advice on personal money management, is now available through her column. She's \$9.95 plus \$1 for mailing and handling to "Sylvia Porter's New Money Book for the 80s," in care of the Manchester Herald, 4400 Johnson Drive, Fairway, Mo. 66205. Make checks payable to Universal Press-Synovate.

What about salaries?
• Paychecks are at the higher end of the income spectrum. Of the total number of respondents, 25 percent claim to earn between \$20,000 and \$40,000 a year, with 20 percent saying they make over \$50,000 a year.

Are there tips to help you if you're planning a computer career?
• 1) Get a broad education; 2) be sure you are really capable and interested; 3) get practical experience; 4) be prepared to work hard (43 percent of the sample say they put in between 41 and 50 hours during a typical work week while 22 percent are "computeraholics," working at least 50 hours a week, frequently on weekends); 5) don't specialize too soon; 6) stay current in the field.

SBM seeks OK for new branch in East Windsor

By Kathy Gormus Herald Reporter

The Savings Bank of Manchester has applied to the state Department of Banking for approval to open a branch office in East Windsor.

SBM President William R. Johnson said he expected a response from the department by July 1. He said he assumed approval would be automatic.

In reviewing branch applications, the Department of Banking looks at the bank's ability to carry the branch office through the initial period of loss, and whether the branch would serve a public need, Johnson said.

"If it's approved, we would hope to open by Sept. 1," he said.

The branch would be located in about 2,000 square feet of rented space in a mall at the corner of Routes 5 and 140, Johnson said.

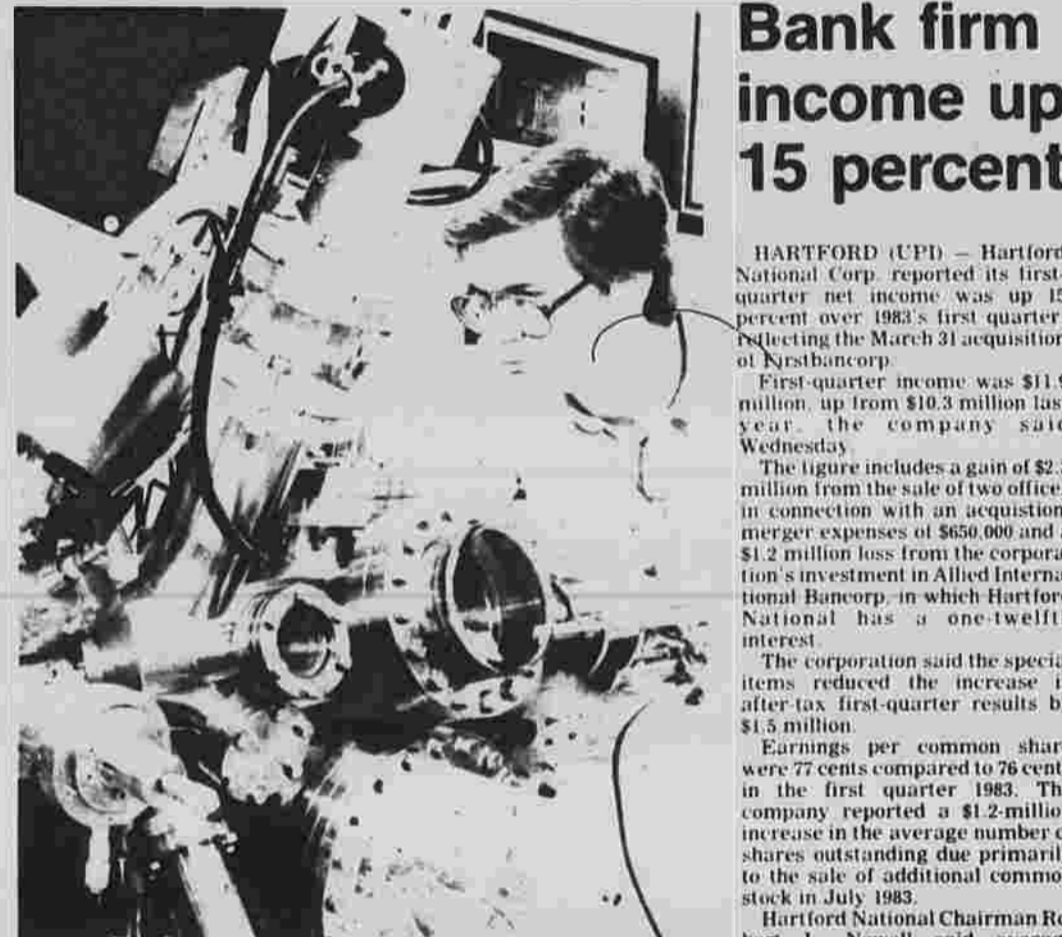
"It looks like it would be a good location," he said, noting that the routes are heavily traveled.

The branch would be slightly larger than most of the bank's other 15 branches and would offer most services, Johnson said.

"Because it's further away, we would hope to have a heavier lending activity than ones closer to the main office," he said.

The branch would also have safe-deposit boxes and a drive-through window. Only two of the bank's other branches have safe-deposit boxes, Johnson said.

He said he thought the location of the branch would be a good one and that it would serve a public need. "It's just feel that the demand might be bigger out there because it is a rural area," he said.



Sensitive analysis

So sensitive it can detect the presence of salt in a fingerprint, this analytical instrument at the Signal Cos. Inc. research center in Des Plaines, Ill., is used to determine how ceramics and other materials will bond to metal. In surface studies of the materials, chemist Jeffrey Donner uses the instrument to bombard metals with electrons or X-rays.

Bank firm income up 15 percent

HARTFORD (UPI) — Hartford National Corp. reported its first-quarter net income was up 15 percent over 1983's first quarter.

First-quarter income was \$11.9 million up from \$10.3 million last year, the company said Wednesday.

The figure includes a gain of \$2.3 million from the sale of two offices in connection with an acquisition. Merger expenses of \$650,000 and a \$1.2 million loss from the corporation's investment in Allied International Bancorp, in which Hartford National has a one-twelfth interest.

Net earnings per common share were 77 cents compared to 76 cents in the first quarter 1983. The company reported a \$1.2-million increase in the average number of shares outstanding due primarily to the sale of additional common stock in July 1983.

Hartford National Chairman Robert L. Newell said average non-earning assets were \$4.4 billion in the first quarter, up 15 percent from last year.

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Mergers change the cast at housewares show

CHICAGO (UPI) — The housewares industry changes like mad to keep up with consumer demand. It also is undergoing major change through mergers.

Orders placed at the International Housewares Exposition under way in Chicago will provide some indication of how retailers are reacting to those mergers.

The housewares industry generated retail sales of nearly \$22 billion in 1983, up 12 percent from the recession year of 1982, and back to the booming annual growth rate of the late 1970s.

The biggest news in mergers was Black & Decker buying the housewares Division of General Electric in March. But it was just the latest in a series of mergers, consolidations and closings.

In the last few years, Allegheny International of Pittsburgh has bought up a variety of Sunbeam companies, plus Northern Electric, Oster, Hanson Scales, Springfield Instrument (thermometers), Vitamaster and the British-based Wilkinson Sword.

Wearay Corp., owned by William Simon, former secretary of the treasury, has purchased Wear Ever Aluminum from Alco, Proctor-Silex from SCM, and its container division from Anchor-Hocking.

Some companies are rolling stones. Allegheny International bought Sunbeam Outdoor Products Division, then sold it to Simon.

Lancaster Colony of Ohio bought Loma Housewares (plasticware), Indiana Glass, Enterprise Aluminum, Colony Glassware, Nelson McCoy Potteries of Roseville, Ohio, and Candle Lite Co., a candle maker.

American Home Products has closed its Kromex bar accessories line and has indicated it wants to sell its Ekco Housewares Co. in Illinois and its Prestige operation in England.

Why all the change?
"I think some of the larger companies that got involved expected a larger profit margin than can be generated in a highly competitive industry like ours," said Ron Fippinger, managing director of the National Housewares Manufacturers Association.

"The housewares industry requires a person at the helm who has hands-on experience operating his company. I believe some of the recent acquisitions are by people who have the entrepre-

neurial spirit and want to be involved in the competitive atmosphere that exists in housewares," he said.

He noted Simon hired Arnold Dreyfus away from the presidency of Farberware to head Wearay's new housewares companies.

Fippinger said the big questions in Black & Decker's purchase of GE Housewares are whether consumers will accept kitchen products from a company they associate with small tools, and industry buyers adapt to a new sales organization.

"So many of the buyers depended on General Electric. All they needed to do was make a telephone call and they knew the order was on the way," he said.

"We don't notice any inordinate amount of competition from Sencore. We don't treat Sencore any differently from any other competitor," said Dool. "Once and a while we are competing against one of our own former products."

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Andover pilot dies in crash

BURLINGTON (UPI) — An Andover man was killed Thursday night in the second crash of a small plane at the Johnnycake Airport in less than a week, state police said.

Police said Gary A. West, 28, was killed when his plane crashed at the end of an airport runway shortly after taking off at 8:15 p.m. Police said West, the only person on board, was headed for Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks.

Fred Pesce, co-owner of the airport, said West was thrown from the plane in the crash. Pesce said he heard the plane take off, but knew nothing of the crash until he got a call from state police.

"Visibility was down. I would say it was pretty poor weather, low-lying clouds," he said. The plane hit treetops, then slammed into a big beech tree along Johnnycake Mountain Road, Pesce said.

The wings were torn from the plane and a power line was cut when the plane fell, about a mile from the runway near the intersection of Johnnycake Mountain and Polly Dam roads, he said.

Police said West's body was found 15 feet from the plane.

Pesce said West was seasonal flyer and said the cause of the crash may have been mechanical.

Last Saturday, a student pilot was killed when his single-engine Piper Arrow plane crashed shortly after takeoff. Police said the pilot, Shlomo Hassas, 28, of Plymouth, was inexperienced. He "became overwhelmed with the situation" and was unable to get himself out of it, police said.

Les Reingold of the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington, D.C., said Thursday that NTSB officials would be arriving in Connecticut to investigate Thursday's crash. The FAA has not yet issued its findings on Saturday's crash.



Herald photo by Tarquinio

It'll be a jazzy contest

Ed Bastarache of Iling Junior High School looks as though he's enjoying himself during a practice session of the school's jazz ensemble. The group will travel to Agawam, Mass., on April 28 to

compete in a statewide competition. The event will be held at Agawam High School from 8 a.m. to noon. Spectators are welcome.

Standoff in fourth day; Libya mulls British plan to end siege

By Cathy Booth
United Press International

LONDON — Libya today considered a British proposal for ending the siege at the Libyan embassy and Prime Minister Thatcher promised to move with caution as the standoff entered its fourth day. The British Foreign Ministry said its ambassador to Tripoli, Oliver Miles, met with the Libyan foreign minister, who handed over a response to London's ideas for ending the diplomatic crisis.

"The response is now being considered," a British Foreign Ministry spokesman said, refusing to disclose how the government of Col. Moammar Khadafi answered. "The new meeting this morning in Libya took place in a constructive atmosphere and both sides reaffirmed their wish to conclude matters in a peaceful manner." A public Libyan Foreign Ministry statement earlier today said Britain's request to search the London embassy was "unacceptable."

The deadlock at the Libyan "People's Bureau" in London began Tuesday when, during an anti-Khadafi rally, a burst of machine-gun fire from inside killed a police woman and wounded 11 people. Mrs. Thatcher, resting at her residence Chequers near London after a three-day visit to Portugal, was being briefed on the siege but there were no plans for her to take direct charge of the embassy crisis.

Asked on British radio when developments could be expected toward lifting the ring of sharpshooters surrounding approximately 25 Libyans who have been holed up since the shooting, Miles said, "I would say very soon." "I expect some further movement today (Friday). I don't think it will be a day off for me," Miles said, speaking from the Libyan capital of Tripoli. Miles said that while he did not see a general threat to the British community in Libya, his men were

advising Britons "to keep their heads down a bit" as a precaution. The ambassador met with Libyan Foreign Minister Dr. Abdul-salam Traiki Thursday night to discuss ending the crisis, and the British Foreign Office said the "atmosphere was good." Late Thursday Mrs. Thatcher urged caution, calling the situation "very sensitive." "One has to take every single action as a result of measured consideration," she said. Police said negotiations were

continuing today by telephone with the people inside the embassy but said there had been no movement and none was expected until "things are sorted out on the political side." Police sent in more food, soft drinks and cigarettes to occupants of the building and for the first time, candy bars. "The reports of diplomatic progress from Tripoli were in stark contrast to strong statements Thursday from Libyan leader Col. Khadafi.

Reagan seeks to improve trade dealings with China

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (UPI) — President Reagan, a longtime ardent foe of communism, says that China has undergone an "amazing change" in its willingness to deal with private enterprise and is seeking greater American investment.

Reagan made his remarks at a roundtable discussion with export trade leaders in Tacoma, Wash., where he stopped off for a few hours before heading to his mountain ranch for a weekend stay before going to China next week.

Reagan brought up the subject of a change in China's outlook in explaining that some difficulties had been encountered in planning for next week's trip to the mainland.

"The change that has occurred there ... in their willingness for American investment, their willingness to collaborate with private enterprise, free enterprise, is an amazing change and offers not only a great hope for us, but, I think, a great hope for them and their people."

Reagan said, "None of us can measure yet what the changes are that are taking place in that great continent with virtually a fourth of the world's population."

"But he added that there appears to be a difference in what it set out to be "when it first adopted its (communist) ideology."

Reagan said he would press for stepped up trade during his six-day trip.

"I go as something of a salesman, and I'll do everything up to putting a 'buy American' sticker on my bag."

Fishermen angling in tackle shops

HARTFORD (UPI) — Hours before the fishing season opens, Connecticut trout are still swimming undisturbed but inland fishermen are frantically angling for a spot in the tackle shops to buy their rods, reels and lures.

Tackle shop owners say sales of equipment and lures indicate a record number of fishermen will be casting lines this year into state's well-stocked rivers, streams and lakes.

"This season has been much more frenetic, much more so than usual," said Bob Dimosky, owner of the Autumn and Greenleaf Tackle Shop in Simsbury. "We will be looking for a banner year."

The state fishing season officially opens this Saturday at 6 a.m., and state officials said by the end of the season more than 200,000 licensed anglers and 200,000 children under 16 who do not need licenses will cast their lines.

Saying the shops had been bustling for the last month but he expected business to explode today, Dimosky said this week he had sold 200 licenses but believed he would sell the same number today alone.

At the Hartford Club Sport Center, manager Roger Sperry said his staff was "going crazy" selling hooks, weights, lures, line rods and reels" in great numbers, as well as the 88 fishing licenses. "I am getting writer's cramp from writing licenses," said Sperry, who estimated that he had sold 300 licenses this week of the supply of 800 he had just received.

In preparation for opening day, the state's freshwaters have been stocked to the gills with half the state's stock of 700,000 brook, brown and rainbow trout, said Jim Moulton, assistant director of Inland Fisheries.

Moulton said the 9 to 15-inch stock trout were cultivated at the state's Burlington Hatchery and the Quehobay Valley Hatchery in Plainfield, and additional

stock would be introduced throughout the season.

Moulton agreed with tackle shop owners who said a rain shower Saturday might dampen the opening day's sport but heavy rains this spring had not hurt the fishing this season.

"The water is higher, the fish are in deeper pockets and fishing areas may be less accessible," said Sperry. "But that's alright because that means two weeks later when the water is lower, fishing will be all the better."

Dimosky noted that another wave of fishermen usually come forward after opening day, waiting until the first group of enthusiasts leaves before he casts his line.

"The serious angler will really begin coming out 3 or 4 days after the opening rush is over," he said. "They want to be at ease when fishing, they don't necessarily want to catch a fish."

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