

# BUSINESS

## Avoid tax audit triggers when preparing return

If you loath an Internal Revenue Service tax audit, you can overcome the fear through a rational understanding of the tax-audit process. You need only follow the proper filing techniques in this series to protect yourself.

The Internal Revenue Service has suffered a 5 percent cutback in staff since 1977, and with the severe shortage of work force cannot hope to audit more than 1 percent to 2 percent of all returns filed annually, says Susan Z. Froyman, Matthew Bender Tax Staff editorial executive. "If taxpayers understood more about how the system works, preparing a return could become a less stressful process."

The top 10 audit triggers to be avoided under the 1984 tax laws are:

**RETURNS PREPARED BY PREPARER ON THE "PROBLEM PREPARER'S LIST":** District IRS offices have "Return Preparer's Programs" in effect, which are aimed at preparers who clearly violate the law. Be certain that the professional you use has an intact reputation.

**TAX SHELTER ACTIVITY:** Returns that reflect tax-shelter activity, particularly shelters with high write-offs.

### Many Americans can benefit

## Tax reform likely to bring boons to bondholders

By Mary Tobin  
United Press International

**NEW YORK** — The flat-tax proposals unveiled by the Treasury Department could have a dramatic impact on state and local markets, but the outcome of debate on the proposals will be especially significant for municipal bondholders.

"Out of the multi-sided debate which will ensue between the White House, Treasury, Congress, state and local governments, and an array of lobbyists and special interests, significant tax reforms seem sure to emerge," said Steven J. Hueglin, partner in Gabrielle Hueglin & Cashman a Wall Street bond house which just completed a study, "Flat Tax and the Municipal Bond Market."

"But despite the well-publicized negatives for the municipal market," Hueglin said, "the real sleepers in the proposals are positive for bondholders."

The issue is important for Americans — households held 34.1 percent of \$68 billion municipal debt outstanding at the end of 1983. For bondholders the major elements in the proposed tax reforms are:

- Reduction in top individual income tax rate to 35 percent with elimination of various deductions including that allowed for state and local taxes.
- Reduction in corporate tax rates to 33 percent with elimination of accelerated depreciation, investment tax credit benefits and bank deductions for carrying municipal bonds.
- Prohibition of some tax-free municipal bonds now being issued.
- Treatment of capital gains as ordinary income with gains adjusted for inflation.
- Hueglin said the only real negative for bondholders is the proposed reduction in the income tax maximum to 35 percent.
- Municipal yields now range from 7 percent to 11 percent depending on maturity. Hueglin said, "In the 50 percent tax bracket



### Your Money's Worth

Sylvia Porter

**EXCESSIVE TRAVEL AND ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES:** Keep a diary and supporting receipts for travel and entertainment expenses.

**BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE EXPENSES:** An especially audit-sensitive area, proper documentation must be maintained. You will be required to apportion business and personal use. Because of the Tax Reform Act of 1984, depreciation and expensing are less favorable than in the past, and investment tax credit

for business automobiles is now limited to \$1,000.

**CASUALTY AND LOSSES:** A casualty is required to be "sudden, unexpected and unusual in nature." The meaning of those terms often engenders dispute. The method of computing casualty losses has changed.

**HOME OFFICE DEDUCTIONS:** Expenses incurred in using a residence as an office are generally disallowed. You must meet stringent requirements to take advantage of this deduction. The Tax Reform Act of 1984 especially scrutinizes business expenses claimed in the home. Rules on items such as computers (used at home but claimed as business expenses) are particularly strict.

**HOBBY LOSSES:** Refers to losses from activities not practiced for profit. Deductions allowable only to extent of income derived from such activity.

**BARTER INCOME:** Covers situations where income is received in the form of goods and/or services. From swapping of services between individuals to "organized bartering," these exchanges are elements of the "underground economy." Greatly disturbing to IRS.

**TOTAL GROSS RECEIPTS OF \$100,000 OR MORE:** On Form 1040 non-business returns, Total Positive Income (TPI) includes wages, interest, dividends, Schedule C and Schedule F net profits, and certain other income and distributions.

Bender also eradicates many rumors about audits, acknowledging not only what triggers an audit, but what does not trigger an audit. Submitting a return without the pre-printed name and address label, for example, does not trigger an audit, though stories are widespread — particularly in the New York metro area — that the lack of a label will result in punishment. Poor math is another element commonly believed to be a trigger, but the IRS corrects mathematics on more than 7 million returns annually, before submitting them for computer screenings.

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# Manchester Herald

Manchester, Conn. — A City of Village Charm

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## Wholesale inflation up in November

By Denis G. Gulino  
United Press International

**WASHINGTON** — Wholesale prices rose 0.5 percent in November, the most in 10 months, as meat costs went up sharply, the Labor Department said today.

The acceleration in prices was an abrupt change from the previous seven months, of which six saw prices either falling or standing still.

But because of the modest increases earlier, the November report brought the rate of inflation at the wholesale level up only to an extremely moderate 1.9 percent for the first 11 months of 1984.

The Producer Price Index measures changes in the prices of nearly 3,400 commodities, from raw materials to products ready for sale at retail.

The general trends at wholesale usually carry through to the Consumer Price Index but this year consumer prices have risen faster than wholesale prices, climbing at a rate of 4.2 percent through October.

The cost of beef to butchers and processors shot up 7.5 percent in the single month. Pork prices rose

5.8 percent and poultry prices jumped 3.3 percent. The figures were adjusted to compensate for routine seasonal price fluctuations.

Except for some supply shortages for chicken the increases were mainly triggered by sharply increased demand, a department analyst said.

But prices went down sharply for eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables. The overall food index was up 0.7 percent, the most since July.

The Producer Price Index for November is 292.3, equivalent to a cost to business of \$2.92 for goods that cost \$1.00 in 1967.

The index dropped 0.2 percent in October and September. A revised figure showed a flat zero for August, like those in June and April, instead of previously reported decline. Until November the only increase since March was in July, at 0.3 percent.

Energy prices went up 0.6 percent in November, less than half the 1.5 percent increase in October. Prices for gasoline and home heating oil were up while natural gas prices fell for a third month.

## Survivors tell U.S. to 'fight' terrorism

By United Press International

Two Americans who were beaten and tortured and had their countrymen killed by sky-jackers are back home and one says the United States needs to "fight back" against terrorists to ensure that Americans can travel abroad safely.

The two American hijack survivors, New York businessman John Costa, 50, and Charles Kapor, an International Development, arrived in the United States Thursday and immediately headed home to their families.

"I never thought I would see this again," Kapor, one of the freed Americans, said when he arrived at his home in Arlington, Va.

Cheered, then by neighbors singing "God Bless America," a tired but happy Kapor said, "Somebody has to do something about (terrorist hijacking) and the only way to do it is, I guess, to just fight back at them."

"It's terrible when an American can't travel around the world without anyone bothering him... and that's what I experienced," said Kapor, who was battered with cigarettes and beaten during the six-day ordeal. "I'm just a simple

government employee."

In Paris, former Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr said he had evidence that two of the hijackers of the Kuwait Airways jet had participated in a similar hijacking of an Air France jet to Iran earlier this year.

Bani-Sadr, who flew to Paris in 1981, said his evidence backed U.S. charges the Iranian government encouraged the four gunmen who killed two American hostages after commandeering the jetliner to Tehran Dec. 4.

The bodies of the Americans were flown home to Andrews Air Force Base early Wednesday.

They were Charles Hegna and William Stanford, both AID employees.

The Washington Post reported today that the Kuwaiti ambassador to the United States said his pirates left Beirut last week carrying forged Lebanese passports. Prices for gasoline and home heating oil were up while natural gas prices fell for a third month.

"We tend to lean toward the fact that (the hijacking) was well-planned" with extensive intelligence and surveillance because of the Airbus A300 jet carried three U.S. AID officials, and three Kuwaiti diplomats, Ambassador Shaikh Saud Nasir Al Sabah said.

## Spirit of season requires sharing with the neediest

By Susan Vaughn  
Herold Reporter

Christmas sales are much better than last year, or about average. Winter clothing is a big seller, or is not selling because of the warm weather.

Consumers are buying earlier, or buying later. The good weather is bringing buyers out, or it's keeping people from getting into the Christmas buying spirit.

Depending on who you talk to in the Manchester retail business community, these are some of the statements you will get on this year's Christmas buying trends.

A few things businessmen agree on are that certain items are such hot sellers that they are no longer available, with 11 days left before Christmas.

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## Games people play

Talk at the Army and Navy Club Thursday afternoon centered on a battle without arms, as the Manchester Pinnocchio Senior Citizens Club played its counterpart from Rockville. At left, Hans Fredericksen of East Eldridge Street sits at a table, while John Kelly, above, plays a card. A total of 116 people played pinnocchio in the daylong event.

## Schroeder makes recovery

Doctors unsure of stroke cause

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UPI)** — Bill Schroeder showed encouraging signs of recovery today from a paralyzing stroke that may have been caused by a blood clot from his artificial heart or a dislocated artery feeding the brain.

Dr. Allan M. Lansing, chief medical spokesman of Humana Hospital Audubon, said at a news conference a small stroke on the left side of Schroeder's brain affected his speech and left his right arm partially paralyzed.

Lansing said it may take seven to 10 days to determine the cause of the stroke, which hit Schroeder last Thursday night.

"I am happy to tell you he had improved some by 10 p.m. and this morning is even better," Lansing said, adding that Schroeder "spent a very restful night" and "attempted garbled speech" during the night.

Lansing said the heart continued to work normally and he was optimistic Schroeder, 52, still might be able to leave the hospital in four weeks if his recovery from the stroke continues at the same pace. Schroeder, who received the plastic and metal heart 19 days ago, was in serious but stable condition.

"He has been improving since about 4 o'clock in the evening and we trust he will continue to do so. It is most encouraging his recovery began so quickly."

Lansing said the stroke occurred about 6 p.m. EST while Schroeder was sitting up, eating dinner, talking to his wife (and feeding himself).

"Suddenly he stopped. He was just holding the food in his right

## Doctors unsure of stroke cause

hand. She asked him if he wanted her to feed him and then she noticed that he began to talk very slowly and his eyes rolled back."

Asked to rate the stroke on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the worst, Lansing said he considered it a 10 at the beginning of the stroke but now ranks it a 6.

He said if Schroeder continued at his current rate of recovery, he could be out of bed by Sunday morning.

Lansing said tests showed no permanent damage to Schroeder's right leg but motion in his right arm was restricted, indicating possible permanent damage.

The doctor said Schroeder had been receiving regular doses of drugs in an effort to prevent clotting, always a threat after a major surgery.

"The anti-coagulation he was on should have adequately prevented this from coming from the heart valve and studies of the heart from the day before did not show any evidence of a clot restricting the motion of either the diaphragm of the heart or the valve but of course a very small one might have been missed," Lansing said.

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## Merchants' estimates vary on success

Yule picks range from bears to VCRs

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## ITC sees advantage by Canada

**AUGUSTA, Maine (UPI)** — For years, New England fishermen complained that their Canadian counterparts enjoyed unfairly competitive advantages — largely due to an extensive network of government subsidies.

This view was supported by the conclusions of a fact-finding report released Wednesday by the International Trade Commission.

The report fully supports U.S. claims that Canadian fish imports are injuring the New England fishing industry. Sens. William S. Cohen, R-Maine, and George J. Mitchell, D-Maine said in a joint statement.

The report concluded that Canada was the principle supplier of Northeastern U.S. imports of groundfish and scallops between 1979 and 1982, verified a wide range of government subsidies favored foreign producers, and confirmed that a World Court decision on the Georges Bank will harm American fishermen, the senators said.

The ITC report ended a year-long initial investigation and did not contain any recommendations for relief from unfair trade advantages enjoyed by foreign fishermen. The study was requested by Cohen last year.

The North Atlantic Fisheries Task Force, composed of fishing groups from across New England, has hired a Washington-based law firm to examine the report and recommend further action that may be requested of the government.

The report ... should be useful for providing grounds for the domestic fishing industry to pursue its case for import protection," said Rep. John R. McKernan, R-Maine.

Specifically, the report revealed Canada provided 99 percent of the imports of fresh whole groundfish and 85 percent of groundfish fillets between 1979 and 1982, the senators said.

The report verifies the claims of U.S. fishermen who believe that Canada's federal and provincial governments have unfairly subsidized Canadian fishermen, Cohen and Mitchell said.

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# NRC fines Northeast Utilities over inadequate safety

**HADDAM NECK (UPI)**—The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has fined Northeast Utilities \$80,000 for charging inadequate safety procedures led to a potentially serious accident at the Connecticut Yankee nuclear power plant.

The NRC said in a critical letter to the plant's operators a refueling cavity water seal was inferior and not properly evaluated before Aug. 21 when it leaked 200,000 gallons of water onto the containment floor of the reactor.

The failure posed no threat to the health and safety of the public because the plant was already down for refueling "but consequences could have been severe had refueling operations already begun," said

## Maine and Vermont mull Seabrook pullout

James M. Taylor, NRC deputy director of inspection and enforcement.

The NRC also cited Connecticut Yankee for other safety failures mandated as a result of the Three Mile Island nuclear accident in Pennsylvania on March 28, 1979 and ordered an independent review of all changes made since then.

Northeast Utilities, which operates the 16-year-old plant, issued a statement which said, "We are disappointed that our procedures for the review of

design changes did not detect the design of the refueling pool seal was inadequate."

William G. Council, Northeast senior vice president of nuclear engineering and operations, said the company "immediately initiated an extensive review of the plant's design change procedures."

Taylor said, "The licensee replaced the original all-metal seal with a seal which consisted in part of flexible rubber boots of inadequate design, without adequate safety evaluation of the replacement seal."

"The safety evaluation was not thorough in that it did not consider the consequences of a seal change and whether a new failure mechanism could be introduced."

Taylor said the plant's review committees did not recognize "these multiple inadequacies."

Taylor said the violations "represent a continuing problem of equipment being rendered inoperable because of inadequate control and implementation of design changes."

The NRC said in October 1983, it found a post-accident sampling system was inoperable because a valve had been improperly installed and in May 1984, high-range containment radia-tion monitors had been installed without proper insulation of certain electrical connections, and one monitor subsequently failed.

Karl Abraham, an NRC spokesman, said the sampling and monitor systems were ordered

as a result of the Pennsylvania accident and their failure to function "is a serious situation."

Abraham said the water in the refueling cavity acts as a shield to protect workers on floors above and to keep radioactive fuel rods cool.

"It's fortunate the plant was down for refueling or else a potentially more serious problem could have occurred."

During refueling, the cap over a large, water-filled space over the reactor is removed to allow a crane to be lowered to pull out fuel rods. The rods are raised to a transfer tunnel which enters into a large spent fuel pool filled with water.

A severe loss of water could expose the recently removed

rods and give off high level radioactivity, Abraham said.

Taylor ordered the company to submit a plan for review of all design modifications approved by the company since 1979, to determine whether they were adequate and whether or not they introduced any previously unanalyzed failure mode or mechanism.

The order gives Connecticut Yankee six months after NRC acceptance of the plan to have the independent review and appraisal completed.

Council said Northeast will decide within an allowed 30 days whether to pay or appeal the fine. But he said Connecticut Yankee would pay the fine, not NU ratepayers.

## Manchester In Brief

**Corey joins commission**

Kathleen A. Corey, a substitute teacher in the Manchester schools, has been appointed to the town Conservation Commission, town General Manager Robert B. Weiss announced Thursday.

Corey's term will expire in November 1986.

A native of Manchester, Corey said she recently returned from Canada after spending seven years there attending school. She has a master's degree in public administration.

The commission has had trouble finding people to fill several vacancies, and was recently reduced by the Board of Directors from 11 members to nine. Chairman Arthur Glaser said.

**Town seeks engineer**

The town has begun advertising for a civil engineer to augment its engineering staff as part of a plan to do more design work for public improvements in-house.

The position requires a bachelor's degree in civil or sanitary engineering and certification by the state as an engineer in training. The salary range is \$22,500 to \$27,516 a year.

The deadline for filing applications is Jan. 14.

The Board of Directors last week approved a plan to add three engineering positions and a surveyor to the town Engineering Department.

The added staff would help design projects such as the \$3 million reconstruction of Tolland Turnpike, \$1.2 million in improvements to seven intersections and \$4.8 million worth of improvements authorized by voters in a Nov. 6 referendum. Director of Public Works George A. Kandra said last week.

**MACC to give out toys**

The Manchester Area Conference of Churches is holding a toy giveaway Saturday in Woodruff Hall at Central Congregational Church for any parents who cannot afford to buy gifts for their children this year.

The "Toys for Joy" disbursement will begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon. Parents attending must be residents of Manchester or Bolton, and will be allowed to select one new or good-as-new used toy plus stocking stuffers.

The selection of presents is open only to parents or guardians of children, and not to children.

**Gym rule could affect staff**

A change in the way high school graduation requirements for physical education are counted could have an impact on staff of Superintendent of Schools James P. Kennedy told the Board of Education this week.

One credit of gym is currently required in grades nine through twelve. Before the school board voted to change the rule in June, mandatory physical education classes taken in the ninth grade could not be counted toward the one credit.

At least one teacher is afraid the potential reduction in time students will spend taking physical education classes will lead to lay-offs, school board member Bernice Cobb said when the board met Monday.

But Kennedy said the change in the rule does not necessarily mean staff will be cut, because new elective gym classes may be added. "The P.E. staff is supposed to be putting their heads together to come up with some exciting electives," Director of Instruction Allan B. Chesterton told the board.

Kennedy recommended waiting until the state Board of Education rules on related curriculum issues before acting on the matter.

## Coltman urges active government role

# Community council mulls its future

**By Sarah E. Hall**  
**Herald Reporter**

A town social worker told the Manchester Community Services Council Thursday that Manchester's good reputation for providing human services has led to a "massive increase" in the number of poor and mentally ill people settling here.

But the influx has outpaced available housing and created a greater need than existing services can fill, social worker Steve Carter told the group. He said more shelters and group homes will be needed if the trend continues.

"I think a lot of planning has to be done," Carter said. "It will be cheaper, in the long run, to plan than to just let it happen."

Coltman urged the group to recruit more representatives from businesses and churches.

"If you do your homework and prepare, you can do a lot in terms of putting out information," he said.

Susag argued that informing the community can be a form of subtle persuasion. "Let them who have eyes and ears read and hear," and draw their own conclusions, he said.

Ann Bonney, a child life specialist at Manchester Memorial Hospital, said "I feel that some of the really important things the council has done have been to provide an impetus for solutions."

But council members might be put in an awkward position if the council's stance on an issue conflicts with the position of their respective agencies, Bonney said.

ONE SOLUTION MIGHT BE to form task forces, which address specific issues and come up with proposals independent of the entire council, she said.

Susag repeated that the broader ideas of social concern deserve greater emphasis, even though most of the council's current members are from "previously directed agencies."

It is a shame when money or volunteer services are wasted as efforts are duplicated, he said. Earlier, he urged the council to make good use of a recent \$500 grant from South United Methodist Church.

Carr asked members to remember that the council is the only form of its kind in the community and said that any change in direction should be considered in depth before being adopted. "To define members too lightly changes the nature of that forum," he said.

Coltman warned that if the council becomes more vocal in town government, "You'll frequently be taking stands that are not particularly popular in the community." Members should consider whether that could harm the council's reputation.

In particular, the day treatment program set up to serve mentally ill outpatients at Manchester Memorial Hospital has drawn many to town, Carter said. He said the percentage of emotionally disturbed people on town welfare rolls has doubled in the past 12 months.

The questions Carter raised were among many addressed by the community services council at its luncheon meeting, which was attended by nearly 20 members. Philip Susag, a former school board member who is the new president of the group, started discussion by asking that role of the council should take in town government.

## Fire Calls

**Manchester**

Thursday, 10:09 a.m. — furnace fire, 11 Spruce St. (Town)

Thursday, 10:52 a.m. — woods fire, Manchester High School (Town)

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— Social worker Steve Carter

## Peopletalk

### In honor of

The Britman medical center in Culver City, Calif., renamed its burn yard in honor of its former patient, singer Michael Jackson, during a press conference Thursday. At left is Pepsi-Cola President Roger A. Enrico. The hospital administrator said the center will also include a Michael Jackson fund with money the superstar has donated to the hospital, the Michael Jackson Burn Center plaque is at right.



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### The great No. 8

Film executive Dennis Stein, who will have the supporting role in Elizabeth Taylor's eighth wedding, has been around the block a few times but he had some class company when he was doing it.

Stein claims to have dated three Miss Americas, two Miss Israels, one Miss New York State and 10 Miss Rheingolds. Stein, 52, gave Taylor a 28-carat oval sapphire ring to start their engagement and also bought her a \$6,700 watch covered with diamonds, mother of pearl and platinum.

Taylor and Stein first met when she was in "Private Lives" on Broadway in 1983 but the relationship didn't get out of the gate until they bumped into each other at the Breeders Cup horse races in California last month — about the time Stein went to the Fricklin Longevity Center in Santa Monica to lose weight.

**Cinema stata**

Federico Fellini's movies are hardly for general consumption but he must have made an appeal in Italy, where the magazine *Il Mondo* reports he is busy finishing up his second television commercial — a spot for the Italian pasta maker Barilla.

Fellini, whose films like "8½" and "La Dolce Vita" won him Oscars and awards at Cannes, made his TV commercial debut with an arty ad for Campari, the Italian aperitif. Fellini denied he is juggling pasta.

"No not a word of it is true. I am putting everything into films and have no time to think about anything else," he told *Il Mondo*, which said his comment was reminiscent of the secrecy before the Campari commercial.

### Sinatra as Sinatra

Frank Sinatra, who turned 60 years old Wednesday, has long resisted people who wanted to write his biography but has given in to a woman member of the audience — Bruce Springsteen.

Sinatra has given his approval and Tina, the singer's oldest daughter, will be in charge of the Warner Bros. television project, which will be broadcast on CBS during the 1986-87 television season. A CBS spokesman said Sinatra may even play himself in the series. A news conference to announce details of the project was scheduled for Thursday at Chasen's, one of Sinatra's favorite restaurants in Hollywood.

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Over the years, the unrepaid loan became a joke between the two with Young always asking how big the calf was getting and Nelson replying that it was pushing 30,000 pounds. Recently Nelson repaid Young by presenting him a 3,000-pound registered purebred bull, named Campan Charles and worth about \$50,000. The bull will graze and breed at a farm owned by country music singer Jimmy C. Newman near Nashville.

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# Bailey gains access to tickets at court

By Sarah Possell  
Herald Reporter

Hartford State's Attorney John Bailey said Thursday that he has been granted permission to review tickets for motor vehicle infractions from Manchester Superior Court that date back to 1983 and were supposed to have been destroyed.

## Court checks for weapons

A temporary weapons screening system was installed last week at Manchester Superior Court, prompted by a threat made against one of the prosecutors, court officials said this week.

Assistant State's Attorney Hossia Creamer was threatened earlier this month, officials said. No one in the Manchester state attorney's office would comment on the incident.

One court official said it is not the first time a Manchester prosecutor has been threatened. But it is the first time security measures have been taken as a result of a threat.

Hartford State's Attorney John Bailey, who is in charge of the Manchester state attorney's office, would only say Thursday that "I know the whole situation," and that the security measures are temporary.

Those entering the courthouse at 410 Center St. now must submit to screening by hand-held metal detectors wielded by Hartford County sheriffs, who have been asked to patrol the lobby one or two at a time.

# District begins using new alarm box system

By Alex Grelli  
Herald Reporter

Anyone who turns in a fire alarm from a new box at Tolland Turnpike and Chapel Road will be getting to the Eighth District Fire Department dispatcher by radio signal instead of telephone lines.

And whoever sends the alarm will be able to push one button for a medical call and another for fire — or both buttons if circumstances call for it.

The alarm box is the first radio-activated alarm box to be installed by the district fire department. A second will be installed at Croft Drive and Drexel Road.

Thomas O'Marra, director of public information for the district fire department, said today that a master alarm has also been installed inside Whittier Memorial Library. The master alarm, activated by sensing devices throughout the building, can be set off by smoke, heat, or water flow.

The system, supplied by Signal Communications Inc. at a cost of \$40,000 includes the three boxes and two receivers in the district firehouse at Hilliard and Main streets. One receiver will serve if another fails.

O'Marra said the street boxes generate their own power when anyone operates the handle on the alarm box. There are no batteries. When the person sending the alarm hears a chirp, he knows the alarm has been sent to the console in the fire dispatch office.

Voters of the Eighth District authorized the expenditure for the alarm system in May of 1983.

O'Marra said it will be used in the future in all areas of the district where for conventional phone line alarm boxes it would be necessary to string long lines.

Many of those places are in the northwest section of the district's Buckland area. A court decision has held that the district, not the town, has the right to provide fire protection in Buckland.

to the court in 1983 and 1984. Bailey and State Auditor Henry J. Becker Jr. said earlier this month that some money paid to the court last year was found never to have been deposited in state accounts. The state Judicial Department's auditors began an investigation late last year.

The investigation stretched into 1984 when Judge Richard Noren this fall reported finding his signature forged on an infraction ticket. The ticket showed the charge had been dropped. Bailey said. But a check of other records showed the person who received the ticket had actually pleaded guilty and paid the fine.

Auditor Becker said his office was not notified of either the 1983 accounting discrepancies or the suspected forgery until this fall. Bailey said last week that he would need special permission from Hartford Superior Court to look at infractions records for charges marked "dismissed," which are ordered destroyed. He said then that as far as he knew a request to look at records of dismissed criminal cases had never before been submitted to the Connecticut Superior Court.

"We have worked out the problem," Bailey said Thursday, adding that he had not found it necessary to file a formal motion. He refused to explain who granted his office permission to look at the records.

Bailey said inspectors from his office are currently reviewing old tickets and have not yet determined if those marked as never prosecuted were destroyed, as they were supposed to be under the law.

Auditors from Becker's office are reviewing the court's financial records.



Wise men visit North End

Tennis players and joggers have been replaced by wise men, angels and shepherds at Robertson Park in Manchester's North End. The manger scene above is one of several that have cropped up around town as a sign of the Christmas season.

# Tech teachers nix pact by overwhelming vote

By Kathy Gormus  
Herald Reporter

Teachers from Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical School joined other state vocational teachers Thursday in overwhelmingly rejecting a proposed settlement with the state.

The contract, which called for salary raises of 1 percent over two years, was rejected by the State Vocational Federation of Teachers by a vote of 366 to 126.

Federation President Pasquale Ella said today that the main reason for the rejection was the "frustration and treatment the state has shown our negotiating team."

Ella said earlier this week that morale is low among teachers because of the delays in reaching a settlement with the state Board of Education. The nearly 1,000 state vocational teachers have been working without a contract since September.

"The people are very frustrated," Ella said.

Many union members were also dissatisfied with the salary increases and "backpacks" called for in the proposed contract, he said.

Excluding the normal pay raises given teachers as they move up a step from year to year, the contract would have given the teachers a 3 percent pay increase the first year and a 3 percent increase the second year.

Ella called the proposed increases "a slap in the face." Other teachers in the state are receiving salary increases of around 7 percent a year, he said.

"There were just inequities," Ella said.

Vocational teachers' salaries now average \$21,135 a year.

Paul Soucy, one of the union representatives from Cheney Tech, agreed that the inclusion of

# Service sharing talks to start after new year

By Susan Vaughn  
Herald Reporter

The home care association that initiated a proposal to combine services with Manchester's River East Home Care is preparing for preliminary discussions about sharing services with River East and any other area agencies that may be interested after the new year, its director said this week.

Karen Stone, executive director of the Visiting Nurse and Home Care Association of East Hartford, said Thursday that she talked with River East Director Bob Geoghegan Wednesday about forming subcommittees to begin the discussions on combining some services.

Stone said she has appointed someone to chair an ad hoc subcommittee from the agency's board of directors which will deal with the issue.

The impetus for the proposal, Stone said, is the regulatory environment, which makes it difficult to maintain small agencies. Administrative functions which deal with requirements

for state licensing and personnel are one of the main areas which would benefit most by combining services, Stone said.

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# OPINION

## It's hard to find a silver lining in Bhopal

The Union Carbide poison gas tragedy in India raises anew the question of how people can protect themselves from their own inventions.

The persons responsible for safety do best to themselves when the process goes awry and we lose two or three thousand people at a pop. Unless the pop goes off in the course of a war, in which case the deaths of so many and the blinding of perhaps 20,000 more is looked on as a sad but unavoidable act of human nature.

As hopeful sons and daughters of a culture that believes that human destiny is progress, we are taught to look for the bright side of all occurrences. Wherever there is a minus the moral algebra of American optimism instructs us to look for a plus. The plus side of Bhopal is hard to come up with.



Nicholas Von Hoffman

that only kills fish and trees, so if the Smokey Mountains and the Blue Ridge go bald no lives will have been lost.

WE BELIEVE TECHNOLOGY WILL SAVE US from technology. A recent report from a Department of Energy commission has thrown some doubt on that idea, however.

The Human Interference "Task Force" was charged by the Department with the job of devising a plan to keep people out of nuclear waste dump sites. The catch is that these places are dangerous for the next 10,000 years so simply putting up a "STAY OUT" sign will not do. Even 1,000 years from now people may not be able to read English, a lot of kids can't read English now.

The task force report looked into many approaches. Giving the dump site a "repulsively malodorous" stink was investigated, but unless they find a cure for the common cold some time in the next 10 millennia, that idea has some built-in drawbacks.

Turning the site into a "modera Stonehenge," a

frightening, forbidding place surrounded by intimidating, megalithic dolmens, is a possibility. In case that doesn't chase people away, it was suggested that we might create an "atomic priesthood" that will spin and spread admulatory "ritual-and-legends" calculated to keep the unwary away from the radioactive menhirs of doom.

THE PRIESTS WOULD POPULARIZE a new version of the Pandora's Box story as a warning not to be digging near the new Stonehenge.

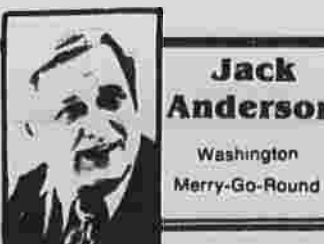
The Task Force report noted that the old Pandora's story has been around for a couple of thousand years so the yarn has staying power. On the other hand, regardless of the version of the myth, Pandora always opens her box. Which is how come we haven't yet gotten hip to the fact that the old Stonehenge is radioactive.

Getting a legend started can be as difficult in its way as preventing a chemical plant from hating on nearby civilians. You never know when or how a myth will get itself started.

The Proctor & Gamble soap people can tell you about myths. Nobody can say how it got started but years ago people got bitten by the story that the man in the moon trade mark on Ivory soap is a sign of the devil. Only last month the company caught a sweet old nun in Clymer, Pa., sending out leaflets to the parents of the children in her parochial school asking them not to further Satan and to join in a boycott of Crest toothpaste.

When the valves fail and the Geiger counters click off the had end of the scale there is protection to be had in old soap wrappers and certain druidic incantations.

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Jack Anderson  
Washington Merry-Go-Round

## The truth about Ethiopia

WASHINGTON — If you can stand to study the heart-rending photos of starving Ethiopians, you will notice a striking phenomenon: If any of the horribly emaciated refugees in the relief camps are teenage boys.

The reason is simple: Young males who are carrying a gun have been conscripted either by the government army or by the opposing guerrillas. The latter have been fighting the Marxist regime for years in the northern areas most devastated by famine.

A lucky few, whose parents were foresighted enough and had a little money, have been able to escape the military press gangs and cross the border into Sudan. From there, they can get refugee passports that allow them into Italy, West Germany or the United States.

Daniel Keleta and Leleal Negga were two of the lucky ones who were able to come to the United States. My associate Vicki Warren interviewed them in Boston, where they have been helped by a church program directed by Ethiopian-born Mekonnen Meshesha.

DANIEL KELETA IS NOW 16. He lives with his sister in Boston and attends high school. But two years ago, he spent two weeks walking 300 miles from his home in the famine area to safety across the Sudanese border.

Daniel said he never would have made it if his parents hadn't given him all the money they had. Though he tried to hide from government and guerrilla recruiters, he couldn't elude them all the time. So the money was used for bribes that allowed him to continue his flight. Daniel said many young boys ran out of bribe money and were conscripted by one side or the other in the civil war.

Leleal Negga is 15 and has been in this country for only a few months. He lived through some of the worst of the famine, and there's no doubt in his mind who's to blame for the situation that could spell death for hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of his countrymen. He holds the Ethiopian government responsible.

Leleal said it's not true that there were no vehicles to transport food to the needy. He said Sweden sent trucks to handle the relief supplies, but that the communist government expropriated the trucks for military use.

HE ALSO SAID that there would have been plenty of water to prevent the drought that caused the famine — but that the government failed to build dams and irrigation ditches. The Marxist rulers have been too busy trying to stamp out the guerrillas in the northern provinces.

All of the young people are fighting, and have been for 10 years," Leleal explained. "There is no one left to do the building." Other refugees agreed that lack of manpower and government planning were responsible for the drought, and thus the famine.

Both boys want to go back home some day, but not until there's a different government in Addis Ababa. If he went back sooner, Dunle explained, "they would only use what I have learned to hurt my people even more."

Since Congress opened the door to Ethiopian refugees in 1980, the number who have fled to the United States has hardly been overwhelming. From 809 the first year, the number arriving this year has totaled 2,538.

The number of Ethiopian immigrants — those who have relatives in this country or who have work skills — went from 1,749 in 1981 to 2,875 in 1983.

LAST MONTH I REPORTED that the Soviets had been flexing their anti-Semitic muscle and making life miserable for teachers of Hebrew. One such instructor, Yuli Edelstein, was not only in jail for his activities but was being subjected to abnormally harsh treatment. Since then, according to reliable sources in the Soviet Union, Edelstein's jailers have eased up on him. And his trial has been postponed.

THE ONLY POSITIVE THING to be said is that it happened in Bhopal and not in Virginia, where the same company has a nearby identical plant manufacturing the same kind of good stuff. That has raised the question of whether we are more careful about how we handle good stuff at home than we are abroad.

Some people say it doesn't matter, since life is not precious in the East as it is in the West. That may be an ethnocentric cannot get it as unbecomingly that we do go to great lengths in America to safeguard human life. For instance, sometimes we make drunk drivers undergo mental health therapy and the other day the American Medical Association was alarmed by the slaughter in the nation's indoor athletic arenas, passed a resolution urging that boxing be outlawed.

The AMA has yet to pass a resolution on acid rain, but

### An editorial

## Seat belt law is a good idea

For 20 years, most Americans have had at their disposal a device that statistics — and common sense — show will greatly reduce their chance of injury if they are in an automobile accident.

Yet, for 20 years, most Americans have refused to fasten their seat belts when they are in a car.

It is estimated that only about 10 percent of motorists wear their seat belts. The excuses given by the other 90 percent range from laziness to fear of being trapped in their cars.

Except for that rare, freak accident, most fears cited by non-users have proven unfounded. But judging from the number of seat belt wearers, efforts to educate people on the benefits of using them appear to have failed.

It is time for Connecticut to follow the lead of New York and New Jersey and pass a law requiring motorists to wear seat belts.

A coalition made up of law enforcement, medical, insurance, business and government professionals in the state was recently formed to push for such a law. We support the Safety Belt Coalition's efforts to get more motorists to wear their seat belts.

Like the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit, a law making seat belt use mandatory would likely be ignored by some people. But many would obey it, so passing such a law would save some lives.

Opponents who argue that a

seat belt law would be an invasion of privacy ignore the many existing laws that seemingly intrude on our lives for the sake of safety.

The issue of seat belt use is not purely a personal matter. When a driver chooses not to wear a seat belt, he or she puts others in danger as well. It is far easier for a driver involved in a collision to remain behind the steering wheel — and in control — if he or she is wearing a seat belt.

And anyone who has been in an accident knows that it does not take much of an impact to turn a human body into a projectile — often with deadly results.

Possible problems with enforcement of a seat belt law should not be used as a reason to abandon the idea.

Connecticut for several years has had a law requiring that small children who are passengers in cars be kept in infant car seats. That law was passed with little protest.

But though people seem to have recognized the value of such restraints for children, it seems they have not yet recognized the value of such restraints for adults.

We hope that the Safety Belt Coalition is successful in its effort to get more motorists to buckle up, even if it takes a law to accomplish that goal.



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### Making a case for party levers

To the Editor: The following is a rebuttal to the opinion column, "It's Hard to Make a Case for Party Levers," written by Herald City Editor James P. Sacks.

It's easy to make a case for the party lever. Democracy will of the people. A recent study reports that more than 90 percent of Connecticut voters' choice to use the party lever in the post 1980 and 1984 elections.

Our state Constitution is for and belongs to the people. It is not the property of the Democratic or Republican politicians as many would mislead one to believe. Our Constitution gives the people the right to use a party lever. Using the lever is optional. It is an exercise in the free right of free people to use or not.

The city editor sought and reported the views of 15 politicians to justify his assault on the party lever. Not sought were the views of the voting public. In the past, the editor sided with those who strive to impose the HUD funds, a state income tax on the unwilling backs of the public.

In protecting the constitutional rights of the free press, Supreme Court Justice Black wrote, newspapers should be "commended for serving the purpose that the Founding Fathers saw so clearly." The Press was to serve the governed, not the governors.

Evidently, our editor differs with Justice Black. He sees himself and the press as a governor. His role is to educate the wayward voters to submit to the wisdom of his politicians.

The coming year will bring a strong effort by politicians and their followers to bar the public right to use the party lever.

This effort can come on a party-line vote. It seems that the most important decisions affecting our citizens are decided by a party-line vote, by legislators who are now decrying the use of the party lever by voters. This becomes hypocrisy. Is there any difference between a voter who pulls the party lever and the legislator who votes the party line at Capitol Hill?

One lever-removal advocate, state Sen. Carl Zinsser, has said, "Having a party lever is saying the average voter don't know enough to make up his own mind." Is that an admission that he and other don't know enough to make up their minds when they voted the party line in the legislature?

If anything, the voting public has displayed more responsibility, more intelligence, more will to judge an issue on its merits than the Legislature. Fortunately, the final lever decision must be placed as a question on the voting machine for the judgment by the people.

In essence, the issue is, those who have trust in the Connecticut voter and those who do not. Those legislators who do not, may well join the losers in the next election.

Walter Treschuk  
29 Carter St.  
Bolton

### Help reflects giving spirit

To the Editor: Plaintiffs to Manchester Memorial Hospital and the many individuals who are trying to help the young lady who was the subject of your front page article Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1984.

This is what the Christmas season is all about — helping

others less fortunate than ourselves.

William H. Porter  
11 Carol Dr.

Editor's note: A story about the hospital admitting a woman to its mental health unit for treatment appeared on Dec. 3.

### Leaf pickup a bit late

To the Editor: After the snow had already fallen, the Town of Manchester decided to pick up leaves on Saturday, Dec. 8, on Forest Street.

What does the name Forest Street signify in Manchester? It is an area overgrown with woods and trees. Possibly, it is the greatest wooded section in town.

Also, it is part of the Cheney National Historic District. Therefore, I believe town officials should give some consideration to picking up leaves on Forest Street, certainly before the snow falls in December.

It is very dangerous to see children walking in busy Forest Street to Benet Junior High School when the sidewalks are covered with leaves in huge piles.

Today the vacuum leaf truck arrived and managed to pick up snow and leaves. How many piles of leaves may be left is not the fault of the driver and lone workman. This is the second or third time this late pickup has occurred in the past few years.

William J. Desmond  
115 Forest Street  
Manchester

## U.S./World In Brief

### Gunman slays Lebanese officer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A masked gunman assassinated a Lebanese army officer in a hail of gunfire through heavy traffic with two accomplices in a hall of gunfire through heavy traffic. Lebanese police identified the victim as Lt. Col. Adel Abu Radda, a Druze Moslem who was deputy commander of a Moslem 6th Brigade command serving along the Beirut Green Line.

### Vaccine shortage spurs concern

ATLANTA — Federal health officials say a severe vaccine shortage will require an immediate postponement of some vaccinations against three childhood diseases — diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus.

### Shultz sets talk guidelines

BRUSSELS, Belgium (UPI) — Secretary of State George Shultz said today he is not prepared to consider a delay in tests of U.S. anti-satellite weapons to help ensure the success of new nuclear arms talks with the Soviet Union.

### Girl, 7, helps famine victims

PORTLAND, Ore. — A 7-year-old girl dying of brain cancer was so touched by news photos of starving children in Ethiopia that she sold hand-made Christmas ornaments door-to-door to help them.

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## Reagan leans towards defense chief

By Helen Thomas  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Reagan has not indicated "which way he will jump" in terms of making a final decision on the Pentagon budget, but aides said today they believe he is inclined to side with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

One official described Weinberger's proposed reductions as "pitifully small." The official said under the "Stockman plan" proposed by budget director David Stock-

man, the defense appropriations would be slashed by \$11 billion over the next three years. Weinberger has proposed only a \$19 billion cut out of the \$111 trillion sought for the military.

Reagan is searching for ways to reduce the continuing federal deficit projected to be \$200 billion plus during the current fiscal year. He already has approved \$34 billion in domestic program reductions for next year and has generally gone along with Stockman's proposed \$8 billion cut in the military budget for fiscal 1986.

After several meetings, Weinberger proposed a one-year, \$6 billion reduction, dealing mostly with a military and civilian pay freeze.

"Presidents are inclined to think first about the button they've got to push," the official said. "I can understand that line of thinking when he is concerned about national security and negotiating with the Russians, then a \$200 billion deficit seems paltry."

"We don't know which way he is going to jump but we all feel that the drastic plan to reduce

domestic spending stands no chance (in Congress) if the defense budget is not cut more," the official said.

The official said that Weinberger's pay freeze plan "is kind of phony and he has offered no significant at all reduction in military programs."

In terms of the deficit, it is pitifully small, the official said. Meantime, Stockman is plunging ahead, dealing with department after department and the agencies on the "nuts and bolts" of the proposed domestic spending cuts.

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# Sutcliffe stays with the Cubs

By Randy Minkoff  
United Press International

CHICAGO—A sense of loyalty, a lucrative contract and a chance to complete some "unfinished" business have combined to keep Rick Sutcliffe in Chicago club pinstripes for another five years.

Sutcliffe, the 1984 National League Cy Young Award winner, came to terms Thursday with the club he led to its first flag of any kind in 39 years.

The bearded right-hander today will sign a five-year contract estimated to bring him \$9.5 million, making him one of the highest paid athletes ever.

The contract also gives him the chance to erase the memory of his fifth game loss to the Padres in the National League championship series—a loss that ended the Cubs' hopes of a World Series berth.

"I think I owed the city of Chicago something for that," Sutcliffe said.

Cubs General Manager Dallas Green confirmed the agreement through a spokesman late Thursday but he said he won't be completely satisfied until Sutcliffe actually signs the contract.

"We're getting closer by the

minute," Green told a local television station. "There still is a chance that everything could fall through. I think Rick signs that piece of paper. I'm not totally happy."

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# Red Sox and Rice exchange angry words

BOSTON (UPI)—The long-simmering contract dispute involving Red Sox left-fielder Jim Rice was erupted into a war of words, with co-owner Haywood Sullivan saying he won't "beg" the slugger to sign a new contract.

The bitter exchange took place as the two men chatted informally before the showing of the Red Sox highlight film Thursday.

As Rice talked with reporters, Sullivan joined the conversation

and asked the left-fielder why he did not attend a bargaining session suggested by Sullivan's assistant, who said he was "not" "begging" Rice to sign a new contract.

"Of course I know what you're offering," Rice retorted. "And it hasn't changed, either. You know what I come in here? You know what it's going to take to sign? When you get there, I'll come in, and I'll sign. But he's the negotiator. If you want me to come in, stop talking and put the money on the table."

Sullivan would not say what the Red Sox have offered Rice, but Rice has said it came down to \$1.1 million a year for five years with no signing bonus. Rice is reportedly seeking \$12 million, with \$5 million over the same period.

"I'm not begging," Sullivan said.

"I'm not begging either," Rice answered.

Sullivan complained that "everything in this game boils down to money," and "no one talks about winning anymore"—a remark that clearly angered Rice.

"Are you saying I don't play hard?" he asked. "I come to the ballpark every day ready to play. Every day I play as hard as I can with only one thing in mind—winning."

Rice said he was seeking what the top players are getting. "If I'm getting \$12 million, I think I should get that," he said.

"You look at these guys. They're getting \$12 million. You're getting \$1.1 million. You're making \$2 million. We'll give you the same amount. They sign their good players without these hassles. Peculiar, isn't it?"

# Scholastic roundup

## East girls fall to 0-4

The East Catholic girls basketball team still hasn't won a game in its young season. But they're getting closer.

A determined second half rally helped the team to a 45-36 mark against the host Hawks on Thursday night in Hartford. Connecticut.

The Eagles, now 0-4 and 2-2 in HCC play, hope to get on the winning track Monday at East Woodstock in a game with unbeaten St. Paul, 44-36 Thursday night in Hartford. Connecticut.

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## Boys Basketball

**Bolton whipped**

WOODSTOCK — It was an inauspicious beginning for the Bolton High basketball team Thursday night.

The Bulldogs were outscored 22-9 in the final 6 minutes.

Woodstock led at halftime by identical numbers, 22-9.

Though the Bulldogs could manage just eight baskets from the floor, LaRoche led the way with 10 points.

"We played a really solid, aggressive man-to-man defense," noted LaRoche. "We forced the Bulldogs to shoot from the outside, and held them to 40 percent shooting. Yet we lost the rebounding battle."

Woodstock held a 33-20 advantage on the boards.

Don Haliburton was top scorer for Bolton with 9 points, while Todd Tobias contributed 7 points.

"We really didn't run the offense as confidently and smoothly as we will in a few weeks," added LaRoche. "We just all have to be patient and keep building. It's my job now to work out some of the offensive problems."

# Scoreboard

## Hockey

**NHL standings**

| Team         | W  | L | T | Pts | GP |
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| Philadelphia | 12 | 4 | 2 | 26  | 18 |
| NY Islanders | 12 | 4 | 2 | 26  | 18 |
| Montreal     | 11 | 5 | 2 | 24  | 18 |
| Pittsburgh   | 10 | 4 | 4 | 24  | 18 |
| New Jersey   | 10 | 5 | 3 | 23  | 18 |
| Quebec       | 10 | 5 | 3 | 23  | 18 |
| Buffalo      | 10 | 5 | 3 | 23  | 18 |
| Washington   | 9  | 6 | 3 | 21  | 18 |
| Hartford     | 8  | 7 | 3 | 19  | 18 |

## Basketball

**NBA standings**

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# Boxing promoter King indicted on tax evasion

By Dove Roffo  
United Press International

NEW YORK — Don King, boxing's most flamboyant and controversial promoter, faces up to 46 years in prison after being indicted Thursday on 23 counts of income tax evasion, filing fraudulent tax returns and conspiracy.

King and Constance Harper were charged with avoiding payment of taxes on \$1 million they allegedly skimmed from Don King Productions. Harper is vice president of Don King Productions.

King, 53, also faces fines up to \$65,000 if convicted. King served four years from 1967-71 in the Marion Correctional Institute in Ohio for second-degree murder.

Harper, 51, who supervised day-to-day operations of Don King Productions, faces 62 years in prison and fines up to \$15,000 if convicted.

They are scheduled to be arraigned Dec. 21.

In a statement released by King's office, the boxing promoter and Harper said they are innocent of all charges. The statement said Don King Productions will continue to conduct business as usual and will promote all events under contract.

U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani said the indictment resulted from an investigation by his office in

conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service.

Ruane Mann, the assistant U.S. attorney in charge of prosecution, said one source of unreported income was Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nev., where King began promoting boxing in 1977.

Giuliani said there are no charges of wrongdoing against the casino.

"Insofar as we know, they were keeping the records they were supposed to keep," Giuliani said. "It would be unfair to draw any inferences."

The indictment charges that King and Harper participated in a scheme to skim profits from Don King Productions. The money would not be reported on the corporation's tax returns or the men's individual returns.

King and Harper are charged with having filed false returns from 1978 through 1980. King allegedly failed to report \$217,000 of income in 1978, \$135,000 in 1979 and \$55,000 in 1980.

Harper allegedly failed to report a total of \$195,000 in income during the three years.

The indictment also charges the fiscal 1978 return for Don King Productions omitted more than \$200,000 in gross receipts and the fiscal year 1979 omitted more than \$17,000.

The fiscal year 1980 allegedly concealed the diversion of "substantial sums."

# Deal of Dale Berra to Yanks appears set

NEW YORK (UPI) — You know what his father, Yogi, says — it's never over until it's over.

Or putting it another way, the Yankees and Pirates finally found a way to complete a multi-player deal that will have Dale Berra playing third base in New York for his managing father next season, and Steve Kemp moving to Pittsburgh to beep up the Pirates' outfield.

Along with Kemp, the Pirates will get infielder Tim Lincecum, who was with them once before, in exchange for Berra and 19-year-old rookie outfielder Jay Buhner, considered one of the brightest prospects in the Pittsburgh organization.

The deal will be officially announced as soon as it has been approved by Peter Ueberroth, the new commissioner, who turned it down once before only because the money that would have been involved exceeded the \$400,000 limit for all such transactions.

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# Byars back of the year

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) — Ohio State tailback Keith Byars, second to Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie in most post-season football honors, has been voted the United Press International Back-of-the-Year.

Byars, the nation's leading rusher, scorer and all-purpose runner, was the choice of sportswriters and sportscenterers from around the country as the nation's outstanding back.

He received 42 of the 78 votes cast for Back-of-the-Year, to 21 for Flutie, who the same voters earlier selected Player-of-the-Year by an even more overwhelming margin.

Washington's State's Rueben Mayes with five votes, was the only other player with more than two. Byars, a 6-2, 222-pounder with exceptional speed and power, led the Buckeyes to the Big Ten championship and a berth in the Jan. 1 Rose Bowl Game against

# Hagler-Hearns bout has plenty at stake

NEW YORK (UPI) — When Marvellous Marvin Hagler defends his undisputed world middleweight title against Thomas "Hitman" Hearns in Las Vegas next April 15, there will be more at stake than just a boxing crown.

Aside from the individual titles this "dream match" will offer, they also may be fighting for the sport itself.

One week ago, the American Medical Association, meeting in Hawaii, called for a ban on all boxing — amateur as well as professional — a major concern for those gathered Thursday at a midtown hotel to announce the championship bout.

Exuberant promoters claim they are bringing together the two best fighters in the game, and that the fight will significantly enhance the image of boxing.

Bob Arum, whose Top Rank Inc. is promoting the fight in association with Caesar's Palace, where the bout will be staged outdoors, said, "The Indians are attacking, and it's time for the settlers to draw their wagons in a circle and fight back."

More dramatically, Hagler alluded to his youth in a ghetto area of Newark, N.J., saying, "Boxing has educated me and took me a long way. Without boxing I wouldn't be here, and if you had boxing now you'll be taking food out of people's mouths."

Both fighters exuded high confidence, and when Hagler was asked why he would win, he responded in a soft but certain voice: "It's me. It's my nature. I'm a winner. You're looking at a winner."

Hearns' only defeat came Sept. 16, 1981, to Sugar Ray Leonard. Hearns was absent on points when he was stopped by Leonard in the 14th round.

"I can't take anything away from Marvin. I think he's a great champion," Hearns said. "But the job must be done, and I'm the man who can do the job."

Alluding to his second round knockout of Roberto Duran last June, Hearns said, "If you thought you saw a surprise in the Duran fight, I have a bigger surprise for Marvin."

Hagler countered, "The only surprise he has for me is when he shows up. He's dreaming. I told him that. If he wakes up before the World Boxing Council, he'll realize he's in with a very tough customer."

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In the Neiman Marcus store in Beverly Hills, you can buy a replica of the "Airwolf" helicopter and have it gift-wrapped and delivered for \$2 million (plus tax). Or, if you prefer, hop over to another Beverly Hills department store, Robinson's, and get your loved one the chance to be executive producer of a movie. Pegasus Group II pictures will let your giftee produce "Flint" based on a novel by Louis L'Amour. The price is \$6 million.

"Subject to prior sale," says the catalog, so you'd better hurry.

# FOCUS / Weekend

## Hollywood's Christmas is a big day off

By Michael Kleiner  
News Enterprise Association

Hollywood is a town bounded on the east by television, on the north by movies, on the west by film and on the south by cameras, so even Christmas is all wrapped up in the entertainment business.

The big thing about Christmas in Hollywood is that it means some time off. The CBS show "Dollars," for example, will shut down on Dec. 13 and won't resume shooting until Jan. 4. This gives the cast and crew a chance to celebrate, and everybody celebrates differently.

As an example, consider a couple of the stars of NBC's "Hill Street Blues." Betty Thomas will spend most of her Christmas holiday, she says, flying a helicopter. She got her helicopter pilot's license within the past month, and so, naturally, she is still intrigued. She says she plans to take her family on a series of short flights.

Then there's Barbara Bosson, who is married to the show's executive producer, Steven Bochco. The Bochcos will have an ordinary Christmas, at home with their family, then leave for the Utah, day after work City, Utah, and a week of skiing.

Hollywood is a party town, so there are many parties during the holiday season — before Christmas and during the Christmas-New Year week.

Tony O'Meara is one of Hollywood's busiest and best caterers, and he's booked solid for the Christmas season. He says Hollywood parties are "more contemporary, more casual, more outdoorsy" than parties in other sections of the country. And frequently the Hollywood parties have a Mexican flavor, because of Los Angeles' solid Mexican history.

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# It's OK to stay home Sing-along to become sign-along

By Nancy Pappas  
Herold Reporter

For just a few minutes during tonight's WFSB Carol Sing in Constitution Plaza, the event will change from a sing-along to a sign-along. That's because members of the award-winning National Theater of the Deaf have been invited to participate in a bilingual presentation of the carol "Silent Night."

According to Laine Dyer, a Manchester native and the theater's community relations director, the best vantage point for viewing the work of theater members will probably be at home, in your living room.

The entire event will be televised live over Channel 3. "The signing, even though it's on a pretty broad scale, won't be visible to many of the people on the plaza, I'm afraid," Dyer said.

Dyer, a 1972 graduate of East Catholic High School, went from college into social work, which in turn led her to an interest in sign language and the deaf. She has been working with National Theater of the Deaf since 1978, and says that she is still fascinated with the artistry of the people involved.

"We have 10 hearing actors and three who are deaf," she said. "But the correct work, playing roles in several 'languages' at once, so that all of it is accessible both to hearing and hearing-impaired people."

The actors work out every presentation with sign-masters, who understand how to make signs traditional enough for deaf persons to understand, yet grant enough for the rest of the audience to enjoy.

"We tend to exaggerate signs, to make them more like a combination of mime and a more lyrical, moving form of theater," said Dyer. "And there's nothing simple about our translations."

The group uses a large house, outlined in the air, to mean home, for example. "Yet when we play in Japan, we must remember to outline their homes, not ours, when we sketch in the air," Dyer said.

The Christmas plays for the Tony Award-winning are quite ambitious. A new and very funny version of "A Christmas Carol" opens Christmas Day at the Chester Meeting House, and plays 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. daily through Jan. 1, with a matinee only on Dec. 31. Tickets are \$5 and \$7.50.

At the same time, other members of the cast will perform "Myra's Thomas," "A Child's Christmas in Wales," at Long Wharf Theater in New Haven on Dec. 26 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 27 through Jan. 1 at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and \$10.

For information about other upcoming performances (including those at the end of January at the Wadsworth Athenaeum) call 526-4971.

"We have a large number of Manchester people on our mailing list already," Dyer said. "I've been thrilled with how much support we're getting from my home town."



National Theater of the Deaf members will be at the WFSB Channel 3 Carol Sing in Hartford. The event will be televised live tonight from 8 to 9. The actors will sign Christmas carols to vocal accompaniment.

# 'Cotton Club'

The cornet player was just too good a coach

By Ken Fronckling  
United Press International

Cornet player Warren Vache may go down in film annals as the first musician who coached an actor so well that it cost him a job.

In June 1963, music editor Norm Holland asked Vache to teach actor Richard Gere to play cornet for his part in the Francis Ford Coppola film, "The Cotton Club," which opens today at area theaters.

The \$47 million production — also starring Gregory Hines, Diane Lane and Lonette McKee — centers around the legendary and notorious Harlem nightclub in the 1920s and '30s that was run by white gangsters and headed by "The Glory of Christmas," the Christmas pageant at the Crystal Cathedral, the huge all-glass church founded by Dr. Robert Schuller in Garden Grove, not far from Disneyland.

The pageant is so big that there are real camels and real sheep and when the star is spotted, it's a great big klieg light in the sky. The angels actually fly, and there is a cast of 400. Gregory Peck is the narrator, and this year Cary Grant will be involved. Carol Lawrence plays Mary, and Russell Arma, who was part of "Your Hit Parade" years ago, is a leading singer.

The stars are connected with many of the area's Christmas activities. That began, Hollywood historians say, when Bing Crosby started singing every year for hospitalized children.

Now there are dozens of Christmas parades and the big ones have the big stars and the smaller ones have the smaller stars. It goes from Peck and Grant down to the Christmas Parade for the city of Covina. The grand marshal of that one is Patricia McPherson, one of the secondary characters on the "Knight Rider" show.

This year Michael Landon was the grand marshal of the Christmas parade in Hollywood. There is a special parade through the streets of east Los Angeles, where most of the area's huge Mexican-American population lives, and a Hispanic star is always picked to be grand marshal. This year, it was actress Carmen Zapata.

The "Knight Rider" star, David Hasselhoff, together with some others, including Mr. T, Jan-Michael Vincent and Ricky Schroder, will spend much of their holidays working with Make-A-Wish, a group which tries to make the wishes of dying children come true.

By and large, Hollywood's Christmas is like Dubuque's or Milwaukee's, only bigger. Even the gifts are bigger.

In the Neiman Marcus store in Beverly Hills, you can buy a replica of the "Airwolf" helicopter and have it gift-wrapped and delivered for \$2 million (plus tax). Or, if you prefer, hop over to another Beverly Hills department store, Robinson's, and get your loved one the chance to be executive producer of a movie. Pegasus Group II pictures will let your giftee produce "Flint" based on a novel by Louis L'Amour. The price is \$6 million.

"Subject to prior sale," says the catalog, so you'd better hurry.

As it turned out, I taught Richard too well. He did me out of a job. He actually did the sound track," Vache said.

When it came time for taping by Bob Wilber's 15-piece band, Gere did the cornet work, playing solos that Vache wrote for him.

They included four of the 50 songs the legendary and notorious Harlem nightclub in the 1920s and '30s that was run by white gangsters and headed by "The Glory of Christmas," the Christmas pageant at the Crystal Cathedral, the huge all-glass church founded by Dr. Robert Schuller in Garden Grove, not far from Disneyland.

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Richard Gere is Dixie Dwyer and Diane Lane is Vera Cicero in "The Cotton Club," the \$47 million movie that is being released today for the holiday season.

# Homosexuals are now acceptable on TV

By Vernon Scott  
United Press International

HOLLYWOOD — Until the past decade homosexuals were almost always portrayed in films and TV as pathetic drag queens, played by straight actors getting laughs with miming, lisp-ing, limp-wrist performances.

Historically, homosexuals were seen in the arts as interior or fashion designers, dressed unlandishly, often wielding long cigarette holders.

Lesbians were treated more seriously in such films as "The Children's Hour" and "The Fox," although female homosexuals in leather jackets and leotards were often played for laughs.

In recent years, the growing number of homosexuals emerging from closets to form social and political pressure groups has effectively lobbied against

gay caricatures on the screen. A landmark film was "La Cage Aux Folles." It was a comedy, to be sure, but the haunting social tragedy beneath the laughs awakened in straight audiences the burdens of gay life.

A major breakthrough in TV was the 1972 drama "That Certain Summer," starring Hal Holbrook and Martin Sheen as a gay couple caught up in a domestic crisis.

Increasingly now, homosexuals are being portrayed in dramatic roles without scorn or caricature.

The newest TV homosexual is a character named Luke Fuller, added to the prime time soap, "Dynasty." He has been brought in to lure bisexual character Steve Carrington (played by Jack Coleman) into a homosexual affair. Homosexual viewers were outraged in the past when Steve, who has been

would associate the role with the actor. If they do make that assumption, they aren't friends of mine. It's their problem. Not mine.

"So far I haven't had too many people take notice of the fact that I'm playing a homosexual. Gays don't approach me any more than they did in the past. Some of my old friends have called to kid me about playing a gay — the old macho syndrome at work."

"I can't afford to turn down parts because I don't agree with the type of character. I'm asked to play. I can't afford to turn down the money. I haven't gone out of my way to assume any gay mannerisms for Luke. My voice naturally goes high sometimes. I touch a lot and use hand gestures when I talk. All those things may be considered as effeminate by some people, but that doesn't bother me now and it never has."

"I'm playing Luke pretty straight," said Campbell, a serious-minded, articulate young man. "And I didn't have any second thoughts about playing a gay as far as my career goes. It wouldn't occur to me that anyone

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# Advice

## Patriots, young and old, have opinions on anthem

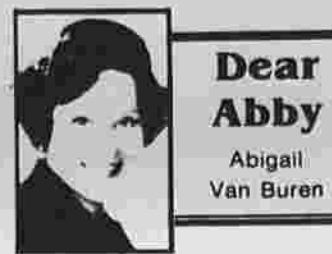
**DEAR ABBY:** This is prompted by "Patriot's" letter urging you to use your influence in retiring "The Star-Spangled Banner" as our national anthem in favor of a song that is easier to sing.

Few people know that we had a national anthem before 1916. When I went to elementary school in Detroit, our singing teacher taught us the national anthem — "My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty." That was our national anthem until I graduated from the University of Michigan in 1913. The following year, President Wilson proclaimed "The Star-Spangled Banner" our national anthem, and Congress confirmed it in 1931 when Herbert Hoover was president.

I don't know if "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was ever officially proclaimed our national anthem, or if, like Topsy, it just grew. For me it's part of my heritage. "The Star-Spangled Banner" has always seemed a poor substitute. By the way, I am 91 years old.

**HELEN BEUTLER, COLDWATER, MICH.**  
**DEAR HELEN BEUTLER:** Read on for an opposing view.

**DEAR ABBY:** Tell the person who wants to get rid of "The Star-Spangled Banner" to jump in a lake. We are second-graders and we know all three verses by heart.



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Abigail Van Buren

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**DEAR ABBY:** Other than plastic surgery, what can you recommend for breast enlargement? I have always been flat-chested and would feel so much better about myself if I could add a couple more inches to my chest measurement.

**HELEN BEUTLER, COLDWATER, MICH.**

I've tried creams and exercises, but they don't work, and I can't afford all these gadgets I see advertised. Besides, I heard they don't work anyway. If I had \$2,000 to spare, I'd get the surgery, but that's out of the question. Please help me.

**FLAT-CHESTED IN MOLINE, ILL.**

**DEAR FLAT:** I know of no "gadgets" that will add inches to your measurements. Get a padded bra — it will solve your problem in nothing flat!

**DEAR ABBY:** I've had it with some of the forms I've had to fill out when applying for a job or establishing credit. (Most doctors and dentists use these forms when a patient comes for a first visit.)

After "marital status" are the following: Single? Married? Widowed? Separated? Divorced? Abby, I am legally single, and it's nobody's business if I am widowed, separated or divorced. I have indicated that I am single on all the forms I've filled out since my divorce, but those who know that I am divorced have crossed out "single" and written "divorced."

How should this be handled? **SINGLE, PERIOD!**

**DEAR SINGLE:** In filling out the form, indicate that you are single, then ignore the other categories.

Some questions that appear on forms are clearly an invasion of one's privacy, so should you even answer a question that you feel uncomfortable answering, either ignore it, or write "not applicable." You will be astonished how infrequently your refusal to answer will be questioned.

# Electrolysis is alternative to surgery to remove hair

**DEAR DR. LAMB:** Your column has included letters from people who are desperate because of underarm perspiration. I have found an alternative to surgery and using aluminum chloride under the arms.

A few years ago, I had electrolysis to permanently remove the hair under my arms. Although it was done for convenience and cosmetic purposes, it had a second medicinal effect. During the process, not only the hair follicles, but also the sweat glands were cauterized. The hair follicles were destroyed and the sweat glands sealed off.

Other than the usual temporary redness and swelling caused by the electrolysis, no adverse effect resulted. I rarely experience much underarm perspiration, even in the hottest weather.

**DEAR READER:** Thank you for sharing your experience. It may be a useful suggestion for some. It is certainly true that many people have almost uncontrollable underarm and hand perspiration.

Most doctors prefer to start with conservative treatment involving



**Your Health**  
Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

underarm preparations that usually contain aluminum chloride, or even medicines. However, if all else fails, the electrocauterization of the nerves that supply the sweat glands can be cut.

Another alternative is to destroy the sweat glands. One procedure is to identify the most active sweat glands and cut them out. This usually involves removing an elliptical area of skin from under the arms. Other doctors have reported that freezing the surface with a nitrous oxide cryoprobe is effective. The point is that destroying the sweat glands, by whatever means, is feasible and will stop the sweating.

**DEAR DR. LAMB:** I am the mother of two small children and I'm concerned about the possibility, however remote, of my children contracting AIDS through family members

who have recently had transfusions during surgery.

I was told by the Health Department that AIDS can be spread via any body fluid, including saliva, and therefore one can catch AIDS by kissing an infected person. Is this true? This conflicts with what I have heard that it can only be transmitted by sexual activity.

**DEAR READER:** Remote is the right word. There is not a proven case on record of anyone getting AIDS from a kiss. What I have heard is to learn about AIDS, at this point it seems that it is caused by a virus. The virus apparently what I have heard that it can only be transmitted by sexual activity.

Gay men are the main victims of AIDS in the United States; it is believed that this is because the virus is able to enter the very vascular (vessel-containing) areas of the rectum. If AIDS were just a sexually transmitted disease, or were transmitted by kissing, heterosexual individuals would have it as often as gay men. Not that it strikes male gays, not female gays, and ask yourself why. So I think you are being very unrealistic and have nothing to worry about.

# Thoughts

Seeing is believing. We say this a lot in our culture. People asked Jesus to do a miracle with the same position. "Show us, we want to see for ourselves." And Jesus refused. The church holds in trust just the opposite notion: We believe, in order to see.

The parables of Jesus were told to help us see that there is more to life than what meets the eye. But we must believe first, and have this kind of expectation, before we will see.

The stories of Jesus tell us in simple ways how God is revealed in commonplace experiences of daily life, if only we believe first. He talked about sowing seeds, finding lost coins and sheep. Those stories could not possibly convert the unbeliever. But then, they weren't told for the unbeliever. They were told to the believer in the crowd.

Seeing is believing, versus believing in order to really see. We human beings have a natural resistance to believing that there is more to life than what meets the eye. Life for some people is more than it seems to be, only when we are buying a used car. "Let me get this straight. It's a 1963 Ford and it's loaded and it's only \$3,000?"

We humans tend to be very shortsighted. We pretend that life is only what we observe it to be, only what we have known from our limited history, and life must be only what we define it to be.

This accounts for a lot of frustration and depression. One person has written that the spiritual disciplines of east and west are designed to help the novice put aside this "ordinaryness of perception," so they can perceive what is extraordinary in life.

All spiritual paths are adventures into the quality of life that is more than it seems. The spiritual journey is not designed for us to change the world to suit us, but for us to be transformed into someone far greater and deeper and richer than we are today.

**Rev. John Holliger, St. George's Episcopal Church Bolton**

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# Greens brighten hospital

Manchester Memorial Hospital Auxiliary members, from left, Beverly Fuss, Ann Kuiper and Marilyn Peracchio, place decorative greens in the hospital for a holiday atmosphere.

# Scott makes a great Scrooge

By Joan Hanauer, United Press International

**NEW YORK** — Charles Dickens did not write "A Christmas Carol" with George C. Scott in mind, but that's hard to remember after seeing Scott in the role of Ebenezer Scrooge.

Scott brings new life to the old Christmas favorite, to air on CBS Dec. 17, 8-10 p.m. Eastern time. He is fun to watch, full of vitality, which is lucky since he is in almost every scene. His Scrooge is a robust fellow who owes more to John D. Rockefeller than to Urah-Heep. He may sneer, but he never sneivels.

One reason for discarding the hand wringing, money-grubbing image of Scrooge was the vision of Clive Donner, who directed the show. "I hadn't read the book for a very long time," Donner said in an interview, "and I realized there were an enormous number of

perceived ideas about Scrooge, about the Cratchits, about Tiny Tim, about the ghosts, about Marley.

"All those perceived notions were laid on by the generations since the mid-Victorians. What was written in 1843 and published in 1844 was very different, but it became covered by these very sugary layers of sentimentality."

"Not once does Dickens ever refer to him as a miser," Donner said. "He is a hard-nosed, nonphilanthropic, tough businessman. What he cares about is the deal. He's not a spindly old miser going hie-bee-hee over a box of gold. He's not interested in money. What he is interested in is business."

"And I don't think we have to look very far to find people just like that in this world today," Donner said. "I realized there were an enormous number of

his day called the richest man in the world.

"His whole life was business — he didn't even know how much money he had," Donner said. "Because Donner tried to strip away the sentimentality from 'A Christmas Carol,' the result is a show with a riveting central character and some lovely spooky effects."

The Ghost of Christmas Past is a woman, a new twist. Christmas Present at one point draws back his robe to reveal two starving children, want and ignorance — and Donner said he had a hard time finding two kids skinny enough for the role. The ghost of Christmas Yet To Come is a wrath with bony hand and pointing fingers.

In the long run, though, the success of the new "A Christmas Carol" lies with George C. Scott — and he does the Dickens of a job as Scrooge.



UPI photo

This view, looking down Fifth Avenue at 57th Street, shows a three-dimensional snowflake that is two and a half stories high, costs \$60,000, and has 3,000 bulbs in its body. Paid for by the

Crown Building, it is the creation of lighting designer Douglas Leigh. When New York celebrates Christmas, it does so in a big way.

# Only summer tops Big Apple Christmas

By Frederick M. Winship, United Press International

**NEW YORK (UPI)** — You can spice a visit to the Big Apple with fun, spectacle and culture during the holiday season, which runs second to summer as New York's busiest tourist period.

Radio City Music Hall's traditional "Magnificent Christmas Spectacular" is still the top holiday attraction with the New York City Ballet's "Nutcracker" running a close second. The Radio City show, which runs through Jan. 10 at Rockefeller Center, features the 36 Rockettes performing their precision "Parade of the Wooden

Soldiers" and new kick routine, "Deck the Halls." The 90-minute show climaxes with the "Living Nativity" with a cast of 70 including live sheep, goats, camels and horses.

The Big Apple circus has pitched its heated tent in Lincoln Center's Damrosch Park through Jan. 1 putting on a one-ring show twice daily in the European big top tradition. One of its new features is the Rosinback Riders, acrobats on horseback in a demonstration of skill not seen here since the turn of the century.

The circus also stars Dolly Jacobs, acrobat daughter of Kingling Broadway Lou Jacobs, performing on the Roman rings. Roger Gasser, with his trained sea lions from Switzerland, the Flying Gannons on the trapeze, and the

Carillo Brothers on the high wire, plus elephants and crowds.

The 1984-85 Broadway season has gotten off to a slow start but there are three new shows hanging in there that look like hits. For those who like both blues music and fine acting by a mostly black cast, there is "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" starring Theresa Merritt, at the Cort Theater.

WEST COAST comedienne Whoopi Goldberg is whooping it up at the Lyceum in offbeat rap talk monologue which shows off her ability to impersonate a half-dozen wacky characters you may never want to meet in real life.

# Public Records

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Morton F. Eddy to Country Club Estates, 608 S. Main St., \$122,000. Robert J. Terry Jr. to David J. Monro and Linda M. Monro, 96 Overlook Drive, \$77,501 (based on conveyance tax). Lydell Woods Corp. to Philip A. Carlson, Unit 20, Lydell Woods Colonial Village, \$84,982. Oak Forest Realty Inc. to Mary Ellen Hood, Unit 72, Oak Forest Condominium, \$65,000. MIP 20 Corp. to Vandow Associates, property on Colonial Road, \$439,000 (based on conveyance tax).

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Roger A. Labrie and Susan B. Labrie to Bruce E. Cauty and Robyn M. Cauty, 13 Courtland St., \$78,000. Aracelia M. Crawford to David T. Adams and Martha P. Adams, 20 Goodwin St., \$60,000. Executor's deeds: Paul J. Bron, executor of the will of Helen Richmond, to the County Club Estates, 608 S. Main St., \$125,000. Administrator's deeds: Leo W. Richloff Jr. for the estate of Leo W. Richloff Sr. to Herman M. Frechette, Annette J. Frechette and Thomas J. Benoit, 17 Eldridge St., \$24,501 (based on conveyance tax).

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## McDonald's at bloodmobile

VERNON — The American Red Cross will hold a bloodmobile Monday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Tolland County Agricultural Center, 24 Hyde Ave. McDonald's of Rockville, Vernon and Manchester will provide Danish pastries and orange juice to donors. For information or an appointment call the Red Cross at 875-3377.

## MMH class on pregnancy

Manchester Memorial Hospital will offer a free class for women in the second to the fifth month of pregnancy on Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the conference room. No registration is necessary. The class will begin with a film, "Have a Healthy Baby," followed by a discussion on nutrition, exercise, changes during pregnancy and other concerns. Registered nurses conduct early pregnancy classes on the third Monday of each month.

## Free food for registrants

Manchester Area Conference of Churches will distribute free cheese, butter, dry milk and honey Thursday at Center Congregational Church from 3 to 5 p.m. to persons registered in the Title II program. No new registrations can be accepted, according to the Community Renewal Team.

## Players cast 'Pirates'

Manchester Gilbert & Sullivan Players have chosen performers for its spring production, "Pirates of Penzance," to be presented on April 12, 13, 19 and 20 at Bailey Auditorium, Manchester High School. The lead parts and performers are: Frederic, Kevin Robey; Mabel, Lori Lamone; Pirate King, Marco Barboza; Ruth, Gail Weed; Major-General Stanley, Robert Plunkett; Edith, Nancy Perrett, sergeant of police, Gregory Haroian; Kate, Evelyn Thibout; Samuel, Christopher Stone; and Isabel, Norma Leszynski. Anyone interested in working on a production, which will start rehearsing in January, may call 647-9308 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Hope for alcoholics

Alcoholics Anonymous, a Christian organization to help alcoholics stay sober, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, 585 E. Center St. for prayer, discussion, scripture readings and fellowship. Meetings are open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Those attending should use the rear entrance at the back parking lot.

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# American tourists in Bhopal latest to sue Union Carbide

By Sue Kinsman United Press International

BRIDGEPORT — Attorneys have filed a \$15 billion suit in federal court against Union Carbide Corp., bringing to \$80 billion the amount attorneys are seeking so far for victims of history's worst industrial disaster.

The latest suit was brought in U.S. District Court on behalf of an American family injured in a poison gas leak last year in Bhopal, India that killed more than 2,250 people and injured more than 100,000.

Plaintiffs in the suit are Oliver Wilson, his wife Benita, their 19-month-old son, Kanwar, and 4-year-old daughter, Sidartha, who live in Alexandria, Va.

The gas causes eye irritation and attacks the respiratory system by buildup of fluid in the lungs, causing the victim to "literally drown in his own body fluids," the suit said.

There's "no question about it," Philip Allen, a consultant with the Cincinnati law firm working with San Francisco lawyer Melvin M. Belli, said Thursday. "Union Carbide was at fault."

Allen, who also filed a \$15 billion suit in Institute, W. Va. earlier against Union Carbide, was accompanied by attorney Alan Vogel, representing the law firm on the local level and J. Michael Cantore, Jr., of Stamford.

Allen said he hopes the suit becomes a class action suit and experts, others to be filed in Bridgeport because "Union Carbide is an American corporation and should not be afraid to stand up in court."

He added he was filing the suit in Bridgeport because "Union Carbide is an American corporation and should not be afraid to stand up in court."

"This court is the most convenient because of the national and international significance of the manufacture, storage and use of highly toxic chemicals which are designed and marketed worldwide by United States corporations," the complaint said.

A \$50 billion damage suit was filed Wednesday in federal court in Chicago on behalf of five other adults and a child.

The Bridgeport suit, which seeks \$5 billion in compensatory damages and \$10 billion in punitive damages, claims the Danbury, Conn. based company "defectively designed the storage facility" and "defectively designed the gas scrubber system in that it was inadequate to neutralize the sudden release" of the gas.

The poisonous gas methyl isocyanate, used in the production of pesticides, rushed out of an over-vented storage tank.

The suit accused the company of failing to control the highly volatile nature of the stored gas, failing to warn on behalf of five other adults and a child.

"They negligently constructed the plant in a populous area," the suit charged.

These "acts were done knowingly, willfully or wantonly or with utter and reckless disregard" of the safety of the residents," the suit contends.

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# Change shows what Congress took away

If you had income that increased substantially in 1984 over previous years, you can deduct up to 10 percent of your 1984 income in excess of 120 percent of the average taxable income for the previous four years as though spread over five years.

But for 1984, the computation is made by figuring the current income in excess of 140 percent of the average taxable income of the previous three years as though spread over four years. You lose.

You could elect in 1983 to deduct each year a total of up to \$5,000 of personal property such as a car, machine, etc., bought for use in a trade or business, instead of claiming an investment credit. This total was slated to increase to \$7,500 for 1984. Instead, the law was changed to freeze the \$5,000 annual amount through 1987. You're "frozen" at \$5,000.

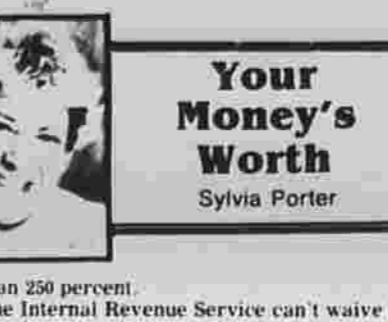
In 1984, for charitable-contribution deductions based on contributing property that is overvalued, the penalty is a flat 30 percent of the underpaid tax if the contributed property is valued at 150 percent or more of its current value.

Previously the penalty for overstating the basis or value of property on an income-tax return was 10 percent of the underpayment or the tax that resulted from the overstated value if the overstatement was between 150 percent and 200 percent; 20 percent if between 200 percent and 250 percent; and 30 percent if more than 250 percent.

And the Internal Revenue Service can't waive this penalty unless in addition to other waiver requirements, the claimed value was based on a qualified appraisal by a qualified appraiser and the donor made a good-faith investigation of value.

The penalty is not imposed if your underpayment of tax because of overvaluations is less than \$1,000. You're penalized for being "too generous" to yourself. Proceed with caution.

Real estate you acquired before March 16, 1984, can be depreciated on an accelerated basis over a 15-year period. However, generally, for real estate you placed in service after March 15, 1984, new or used real property (other than low-income housing) can be depreciated over less than 15 years.



Your Money's Worth Sylvia Porter

The IRS has issued tables showing how this is to be done. You're hit here, too.

For 1983, you, an individual under 65 who retired on disability and were permanently and totally disabled when retired, could exclude up to \$100 per week of the disability payments received. But the excluded amount was cut by the amount that your adjusted gross income exceeded \$15,000. For 1984, there is no disability exclusion allowed. But the old credit for the elderly has been liberalized and extended to apply to disability income received by those under 65 who retired with permanent and total disability. You've lost an important exclusion.

The total exemption from income taxes for Social Security benefits ended for many of you in 1984. You must include in your '84 gross income an amount of your Social Security (or Tier 1 Railroad Retirement) benefits equal to the lesser of:

1. Half of the Social Security monthly benefit you receive in 1984, or

2. Half of the amount by which your 1984 adjusted gross income, plus any 1984 interest you receive on your tax-exempt bonds and notes, plus half of your 1984 Social Security benefits, exceeds \$32,000 if you are married (filing jointly) or \$25,000 on an individual return, or zero for married persons filing separately.

The solid front of Social Security has been pierced. Look out.

The PUC order noted that Maine utilities could combine conservation and power purchases from cogenerators and other small producers to end their dependence on oil-fired power.

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# Educators balk at Selective Service requests

HARTFORD (UPI) — Many educators say the nation's first statewide effort to identify draft-age men by consulting high school records is an invasion of privacy and have refused to turn over the information.

Officials with the Selective Service System in Washington D.C. said Connecticut's effort apparently is the first time agency officials have tried to use high school records on a statewide basis. Some officials have previously requested the information from a few high schools.

Fourteen of 24 schools responding to the request by the state's Selective Service office have refused to turn over the information.

"We view this as an invasion of privacy," said Rocky Hill Superintendent of Schools William Goldstein. "We refuse to do it."

In denying the request, the district was compelled to release the information because it sometimes furnishes lists to colleges.

Under the state's year-old equal access law, schools are required to give the same access to military recruiters as they do other organizations such as colleges.

Most of the schools refusing to comply do not give lists to colleges or other organizations.

"We have never published a list of our graduating seniors and their addresses," said Lebanon School Superintendent Dean Toepfer. "As soon as I open the door to the first I have to provide access to everyone. Seniors can really get bugged."

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# Maine utilities ordered out of Seabrook

By Jeffrey J. Simek United Press International

AUGUSTA, Maine — The Public Utilities Commission has ordered three Maine utility companies out of the Seabrook N.H. nuclear power plant — giving them less than one month to find a buyer for their shares in the financially troubled project.

The risks associated with further participation in Seabrook I may well outweigh the benefits for Maine consumers, and further expenditure by Maine utilities under such circumstances would be an unreasonable act," the PUC said in a 17-page order released Thursday.

The decision gives the utilities until Jan. 11, 1985 to sell their ownership in the nuclear reactor. Under the agreement, those shares would be conveyed to the new owners upon completion of the plant, expected by 1987.

If the shares are not sold, the PUC will "unilaterally require the Maine utilities to present plans for their complete disengagement from Seabrook," the commission said.

The PUC decision followed a three-month staff investigation of the Seabrook project. That report included the uncertainties and risks involved in further investing in Seabrook made the project financially unfeasible.

The three Maine utilities — Central Maine Power, Bangor Hydro-Electric and Maine Public Utility — claim about 10 percent ownership of the two-reactor project, and have invested more than \$400 million.

Each of the companies has gone on record asking the PUC for full reimbursement of any investments in the coastal New Hampshire reactor project. That issue will be thrashed out in subsequent rate cases.

# Vermont mulls similar question

MONTPELIER, Vt. (UPI) — Opponents and supporters of the Seabrook nuclear reactor power plant have wrapped up their arguments before the Public Service Board with lawyers for both sides agreeing the plant is a "marginal" investment.

The PSB called the hearings to determine if Vermont utilities should withdraw from the financially troubled project. The four days of testimony wound down Thursday as regulators ordered three utilities in that state to pull out of Seabrook.

A spokesman for the Central Vermont Public Service Board, which owns the largest percent of Seabrook power, says Vermont utility said the Maine ruling should not affect the project — as long as other buyers for the power can be found.

"It doesn't affect the economics of the plant, which we continue to believe can be completed successfully," said CVPS spokesman Thomas Hurchum.

At the hearing Thursday, the PSB was urged by a lawyer for a public advocacy group to order Vermont utilities out of the troubled project.

"Our bottom line is the project ought to be canceled, there's no need to wait," said Harvey Salgo, a lawyer for the Vermont Public Interest Research Group and the New England Coalition Against Nuclear Pollution.

Salgo said cost estimates for the project have jumped astronomically since 1982, when the price tag for both reactors was \$3.6 billion.

By February of this year, cost estimates rose to over \$10 billion before the second Seabrook unit was effectively cancelled, Salgo noted.

# Colonial might give bonus

WATERBURY — Shareholders of Colonial Bancorp Inc. could receive a special dividend of 76 cents per common share if the company is acquired by the Bank of Boston Corp. before the end of the year, the company has announced.

Although the Federal Reserve Board has issued a stay prohibiting the merger, the U.S. Supreme Court could soon take action lifting that stay.

Another CVPS official warned of the ripple effect from a possible bankruptcy of the Public Service Company of New Hampshire — Seabrook's principal owner — triggered by orders from utility commissions to cancel Seabrook investments.

Should PSNH go bankrupt, Vermont would lose the cheap power the New Hampshire utility produces from coal, said David Marshall, CVPS assistant vice president for finance.

Vermont now uses 100 megawatts from the company's Merrimack coal plant but it could end up paying twice as much for replacement power should the company go under, Marshall said.

The Vermont Electric Cooperative owns about a one-half percent share of Seabrook, and co-op lawyer William Piper said analysis shows the plant "is still economical" for the utility.

However, Piper noted, "No one is saying this plant is the deal we all thought it would be."

The Maine Public Utilities Commission gave CVPS three power companies in that state until Jan. 11, 1985 to sell their ownership in the reactor. The three utilities in Maine own about 10 percent of Seabrook, compared to about 2 percent owned by Vermont utilities.

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# Attorneys slack on support

HARTFORD (UPI) — Private divorce attorneys are not using the state's tough new child support law, and single mothers are paying for their lawyers' inaction, a four-month study by a statewide parents' group has found.

"There are a lot of family-law attorneys out there who should not be practicing family law," said Patricia Caputo, who founded Parents for Enforcement of Court-Ordered Support.

"Either they don't know the new law... or they don't plain don't care."

The study found that only 14 percent of the requests for wage attachments allowed under the law came from private attorneys with the rest from the Superior Court's Family Division.

The law, which took effect in October 1983, requires the division to garnish wages of parents whose support payments are being monitored by the court and who have fallen at least 30 days behind.

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# Hospital cost battle makes a resurgence

By Mark A. Dupuis United Press International

HARTFORD — Two of the state's most powerful lobbying groups are ready to fight over introduction of a sweeping new system designed to control hospital costs in Connecticut at a hearing today.

The Commission on Hospitals and Health Care will take testimony on the regulations, under which hospitals would receive a fee set in advance for medical procedures paid for by insurance and other third-party payers.

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