

BUSINESS

New business owner needs careful tax planning

If you're starting a new business during these first months of 1985, its value never again will be as low as it is now. Assuming your future isn't bankruptcy, this, therefore, is the time to think about giving pieces of your business to members of your family. For instance, you might:

- Have children who will in the future need a lot of tuition dollars you must prepare for.
- Wish to provide support for your aging parents.
- Want to set aside a reserve fund for any unexpected family illnesses, particularly any that could require lengthy nursing home care.
- If you do not take advantage of some tried and valid devices as early as possible in this year, your career, you'll run the risk of being forced to meet future obligations with after-tax dollars.

At this point — where your balance sheet shows a net negative worth — it's difficult to concentrate on sophisticated techniques, says Nicholas U. Sommerfeld of the law firm of Gaston Snow & Ely Bartlett. But if you can give away (and you can) \$10,000 tax free per year per person, you obviously can pass along a lot more shares of stock worth a penny than of shares worth \$1 or \$10 or \$100. If the recipient holds the shares



Your Money's Worth
Sylvia Porter

and they never grow in value, you've lost nothing by having made the gift. But if a market for the shares develops and they do become valuable, the tuition will be all paid for, your elderly parents' support assured, and your contingency fund secure.

Tax rules are stricter than ever this year — and tend to use dollar limits in defining what's taxable and what isn't. Thus, it really pays to take advantage of these limits while your assets have a low value, instead of waiting until right before your enterprise starts selling its shares publicly.

Gifts to young children probably will require a trust, so you'll need legal help for non-tax reasons, too. The same is true for gifts that support your parents (which may involve a Clifford trust). Whichever way you turn, the need for sound legal counsel becomes apparent. Say you're struck down by sudden illness or an accident. As sophisticated as you may have become in terms of your investment, health care, guarding against fraud and other areas, very few of you consider — or take the time — to make full arrangements in case of emergency. This would include: caring for your family, keeping your business running, dissolving your company in a way that benefits your survivors. In most cases, your family is not equipped — emotionally or otherwise — to make sensible major decisions regarding your business.

For instance, who should take your place if you died? Would you want an executor to run your company, sell it, liquidate it? Who would be best qualified? Your spouse? Your parents? Your brother? Your daughter? Lawyer? Accountant? Bank?

If you are married and have children, and if an

accident took both you and your spouse, with whom would you entrust the care of your children? You must make the choices — now, when you are well, thinking clearly, unemotional about it.

A will — or more accurately, an estate plan — also can pay off in tax postponement or tax savings, assuming that your enterprise is flourishing. If you wait until your success is turning into a fortune for you, this may interfere with your freedom to structure your affairs to the best advantage of your family, your favorite university or church, or whomever else you want to benefit at the expense of the Internal Revenue Service.

What's more, if you have life insurance for your family's protection, some estate planning is a must, no matter how robust your company.

This is merely a sampling of topics you should discuss with a professional adviser from the start. If your adviser concentrates on business matters, ask for a reference to an estate planning specialist nearby. The assistance you're seeking is essential.

It will be worth his cost (mostly deductible) both in business results and your own peace of mind as 1985 gets off on a roll.

Coleco, expecting loss, dumps Adam

WEST HARTFORD (UPI) — Coleco Industries Inc. has sold off its inventory of the troubled Adam home computer to a retail chain and expects a "substantial" loss for the fourth quarter and full year of 1984.

Analysts said Wednesday the toy maker had failed to capitalize on a good idea by not providing a reliable machine and failing to make improvements along the way. Competition from the big-name computer companies like IBM and Apple also hurt sales of the Adam computer, which one analyst called an "Adam-bomb."

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Coleco did not say how large a loss it expected to report, but attributed the shortfall to the inventory sale and losses by its electronics segment. The company said it anticipated a profit in the first quarter of 1985.

The size of the inventory and price of the sale also were not disclosed. The sale involves monthly payments this year with final settlement in early 1985, Coleco said.

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Coleco had skyrocketed to success the previous year with its ColecoVision products that played arcade-type games on the home television, and was expected still to bring big gains from Adam.

But a company found itself trying to bail out of what became the Adam disaster with another line introduced at the same time, the incredibly successful Cabbage Patch dolls.

Coleco had met consistent skepticism over the announced size and schedule of its production operations from the start. At one point, Arnold Greenberg found confidence so low among industry analysts he took them on a tour of facilities in Amsterdam, N.Y., where parts bought from vendors were assembled into finished products.

Adam heralded an innovative approach to a growing market, had problems even before it went on shelves, as the doubters expected. Coleco fell behind its production schedule and many units were defective once they hit the market.

"It was a flop," said analyst Raymond Warner of the Yankee Group, a market research firm in Boston. "They blew it in a number of ways."

Commodore and Atari are actually going to adopt an Adam-type approach to marketing their low-end line of computers, hopefully without creating an Adam bomb," Warner said. "The approach is valid."

Warner said the poor execution of a good idea and changed consumer patterns killed Adam. Besides creating its own problems, Coleco had to compete against computer names like IBM and Apple that were creeping into the lower end of the market with solid products.

Adam was introduced at \$600 to \$700, but the price had dropped to \$499 last year as Coleco tried to unload the inventory.

By comparison, customers can now buy an IBM PCjr for \$499, a bundled computer product that includes software and a monitor. Some Apple models can be bought for \$600 to \$1,200, though they don't include a monitor.

"Because they (Coleco) have this toy mentality to the market, they couldn't keep pace with IBM and Apple," Warner said.

But he said Coleco's concept in developing Adam was solid, the company just knocked itself out of the market by not providing a reliable machine at first and failing to make improvements along the way.

Under an administration proposal, the lot, which contains about 90 spaces, would be purchased with reserve funds of the Special Taxing District, a section of downtown which contributes to the fund for parking lots. The Special Taxing District Reserve Fund has \$175,379, according to Ted Yamparis, assistant controller.

Parking Authority Chairman Joseph Garman said today that the owners of the property were willing to negotiate the sale rather than go through a long eminent domain process in the courts.

Garman described the parking lot as a "vital piece of property" for the Parking Authority. "We want to try and maintain control of what we can. The Parking Authority should own rather than lease lots, but we don't have the money."

The Authority owns a few other lots downtown, including a small area at the Oak Street entrance to the Purnell lot and a new lot at Oak and Cottage streets, Garman said.

The Purnell Corp., represented by George Marlow, a Main Street businessman, owns sections of the Purnell lot which surround the Glenney portion. Garman said he sees no problems working with Marlow regarding access.

Marlow said recently the town would have the first option to purchase his portion of the lot.

Warren Howland, owner of Watkins Centre Condominium, an office building which abuts the Purnell lot, said that he has made an agreement with the Parking Authority to lease several parking spaces for use by patients in the doctor's office of his condominium.

Last spring CBT had offered to lease the Glenney section of the parking lot to Howland for the Watkins Centre, which prompted the proposal by the Parking Authority to acquire the property by eminent domain. The Parking Authority had previously leased the lot.

"I think it's a fair price," Town General Manager Robert Weiss said this morning of the transaction.

The hearing on the ordinance will be one of several conducted during the Board of Directors' meeting, which begins at 8 p.m. in the Lincoln Center hearing room.

NEW DELHI, India (UPI) — The gas leak at Bhopal that killed 2,500 people began when just over a pint of water leaked into a tank of methyl isocyanate, triggering a chemical reaction so powerful the tank cracked its concrete shield, a scientist said today.

Dr. S. Varadarajan's account at a science congress in the north central Indian city of Lucknow provided the first official scientific account of the tragedy, the Press Trust of India said.

One third of the 45 tons of the deadly substance was polymerized — turned into a kind of plastic — Varadarajan said. The rest of the methyl isocyanate was converted into gas that escaped after the chemical reaction had caused a crack in the tank's concrete shield.

The gas from the U.S.-owned Union Carbide pesticide plant spread through Bhopal, 300 miles south of New Delhi, on the night of Dec. 2-3, killing 2,500 people and injuring more than 100,000 others in the worst industrial accident in history.

Varadarajan, chief of the Indian Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, said just half a kilogram of water — 17.5 ounces — was all that was necessary to set off the disastrous reaction.

While American job applicants are often well-schooled, they are seldom well-trained, Sheline said.

In Europe, hotel jobs are often viewed as permanent careers, and lower-level jobs are filled by apprentices prepared to work their way up the ladder.

"Nobody in America wants to be a waiter, but in Europe that's considered a very respectable position."

INTERCONTINENTAL was FOUNDED in 1946, when Franklin Roosevelt suggested to Pan American Airlines chief Juan Trippé that it would be a good idea to build hotels in Latin America to help encourage tourism.

Under Sheline, the company has more than doubled its properties, and now has 96 hotels in 45 countries in six continents. They include more than 40 luxury properties that bear the trademark Inter-Continental name and 4 moderate-priced hotels under the Forum name.

Intercontinental prefers not to own the hotels it manages, Sheline said.

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Soviets pin accord on space weapons

By Anne Christensen United Press International

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Western diplomats described the Tass announcement as "highly unusual" and said it was designed to show the world Gromyko had the unanimous approval of his colleagues despite behind-the-scenes discord.

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The newspaper also expressed alarm at the superpower rivalry would spread to space saying, "He who controls space controls the Earth."

A Tass news analysis said not only was the meeting necessary to curb the arms race, but also to establish an international zone where "free from nuclear threat, suspicion, hatred, fear and enmity."

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Lots of info

Upon removal of disk-holder from chamber, production operator Stephen Grabb checks vacuum-deposited thin metallic coating on four optical data disks being manufactured at SM's facilities here. The multi-layered coatings provide the necessary properties to record and read with a laser. The laser records the digital data as a series of microscopic pits that measure as small as a micron, or a millionth of an inch. Company says each 5.25-inch optical disk stores as much data as 2,000 standard floppy disks.

Dollar surges to record strength

NEW YORK — International currency markets started the New Year by pushing the U.S. dollar to a record strength against the British pound, Swedish kronor and Italian lire, delighting American preparers of foreign currencies and giving U.S. manufacturers headaches at home.

On the first day of trading of 1985 the pound equaled \$1.14, compared to \$1.10 on the last day of trade in 1984. The dollar also hit record levels in Stockholm, where it was

above 9 Swedish kronor for the first time, fixing at 9.05 kronor in Milan, Italy, the dollar hit a record 1,949.50 lire, up from 1,935.75.

The powerful dollar was good news for American tourists who will be able to buy more for their money in foreign countries. That same strength, however, is enabling foreign manufacturers to sell their goods at cheaper prices on American markets — thus undercutting the price of the same U.S.-produced commodity.

Dealers said the dollar looks strong for 1985. "Everything suggests a strong

dollar — the recovering U.S. economy and the expectation that interest rates will rise," James McGroarty, vice president at Dillon, Read & Co. said.

"But everybody worries when we're at record and near record levels.

"Many are remembering that 1984 began the same way before the dollar plunged roughly 9 percent against the German mark."

When the plunge came, the dollar collapsed from 2.80 marks to 2.55 in a matter of weeks. The dollar was above 3.18 marks in trading Wednesday.

"Everybody keeps saying it can't keep going up but we keep a 111 g records," McGroarty said.

"Although we don't necessarily agree, some are now calling for 3.50 marks and a \$1 British pound."

In London, the pound sank to \$1.14 in spot trading before recovering to close at a record low \$1.1465 from Monday's \$1.1587. In New York it fell to \$1.1461 from \$1.1590.

Other European closing rates with the New York price and comparable Monday rates (all markets were closed Tuesday) in parentheses:

First black Cabinet member still fighting for civil rights

By David E. Anderson
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Robert Weaver, the nation's first black Cabinet official, has been fighting racial discrimination for 50 years and doesn't think much of the current conventional wisdom — right or left — on the state of civil rights today.

"The neo-conservatives say we've practically solved the problem of civil rights and others say we haven't made any significant progress," Weaver said.

"I think they're both wrong."

But in an interview, the 76-year-old Weaver, president of the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing, indicated who he thought was more wrong: the neo-conservatives and their supporters in the Reagan

administration.

WEAVER, WHO BECAME the first black Cabinet member in 1966 when Lyndon Johnson named him to lead the newly created Department of Housing and Urban Development, also said he thinks the Reagan administration has been a disaster for civil rights initiatives and enforcement.

Neo-conservatives are a loose band of former liberal intellectuals who have grown disenchanted with liberal policies and programs and have provided much of the intellectual ammunition for Reagan's approach to civil rights and poverty programs. The group includes a small band of black intellectuals and policy-makers, including Reagan appointees at the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Equal Employment

Opportunity Commission.

"The neo-conservatives have taken great pleasure in saying the civil rights struggle has been won," said Weaver.

"But," Weaver added, "they have greatly exaggerated the upward mobility of black Americans and they have repeatedly alleged that public programs to deal with social concerns have failed. This has become accepted as conventional wisdom."

Weaver said the charge that the social program of the 1960s failed is "a virtual cop-out and a dangerous one in a democracy."

IN A RECENT SPEECH, the first secretary of Housing and Urban Development, expanded on his argument, saying such a notion "has great appeal in a society where the more advantaged are

exhorted to ask if they have become better off."

"It is fiscally attractive and assuages the consciences of those who otherwise might be troubled by depression amid widespread well-being," he said.

"There are new statutes, new opportunities which were not even thought of in my childhood, and this is progress," Weaver said.

"But it is not complete integration nor equity by any stretch of the imagination," he quickly added.

Weaver is no stranger to the ups and downs of the civil rights movement and the struggle over programs for the poor.

A native of Washington D.C. and its famous Dunbar High School, who he thought was more wrong: the neo-conservatives and their supporters in the Reagan

the fledgling New Deal government of Franklin Roosevelt in 1933 and was appointed housing adviser to the secretary of the Interior in 1934.

THAT HISTORY HAS MADE HIM even more convinced of the positive role government plays in bringing blacks into the economic mainstream and fuels his contempt for the small but increasingly vocal group of black conservatives such as Thomas Sowell and Walter Williams who oppose affirmative action programs as demeaning to blacks.

"In 1934 I was instrumental in bringing blacks into jobs in the government they couldn't get in private enterprise," he recalls. These included jobs for architects and lawyers.

"Unless government gave the first foothold up the ladder, they were never on the ladder," he said. To argue, as both black conservatives and white neo-conservatives do that black success is "unrelated to government leading the way is an obvious and deliberate effort at misinformation."

"To see the private market as the instrumentality of overcoming discrimination," he said, "is a distortion. It was the private market that conditioned it and for years was dedicated to its continuance."

Weaver, a specialist in housing throughout his government and private sector career, sees housing and housing discrimination as "one of the most difficult" economic and civil rights areas to deal with.

Enforcement of regulation would cut 16 school coaches

By Sarah E. Hall
Herald Reporter

If the Manchester public school system was forced to fire all coaches who do not hold teaching certificates, as is required by a state regulation, some athletic programs would have to be cut, Assistant Superintendent Wilton E. Deakin said today.

Deakin said that 16 coaches in the town's three secondary schools are not certified teachers, but are needed in some junior varsity and girls' sports as well as in the state-wide coaching shortage is low pay; many coaches' salaries amount to less than minimum wage for the hours spent working, he said.

Deakin said school officials are especially concerned about what would happen to junior varsity and girls' sports if only certified teachers could be hired to coach them.

Those positions are the most difficult to fill in Newton, where a high school wrestler sued the school system after he was paroled from an accident involving a non-certified coach. He won \$2.4 million in an out-of-court settlement in 1982.

In light of that incident, the Newton Board of Education voted to hire only certified teachers as coaches. Some school officials have said a change in the state rule could reduce towns' liability in case of an accident.

come certified coaches. Under the proposal, the minimum qualifications for the job would have been the completion of first aid training and nine semester-hours of college courses.

The state Department of Education backed the proposed change, but the Regulations Review Committee of the General Assembly rejected it last month. Ludes said he heard that some committee members thought the alternative rule too stringent, though it would have replaced one that was even more so.

"My understanding is that there will be a proposal from some members of the Legislature which says that all you have to have is first aid training," Ludes said.

In the meantime, "schools are ignoring the regulation requiring coaches to be certified teachers — and they're doing so at the risk of liability," Ludes said.

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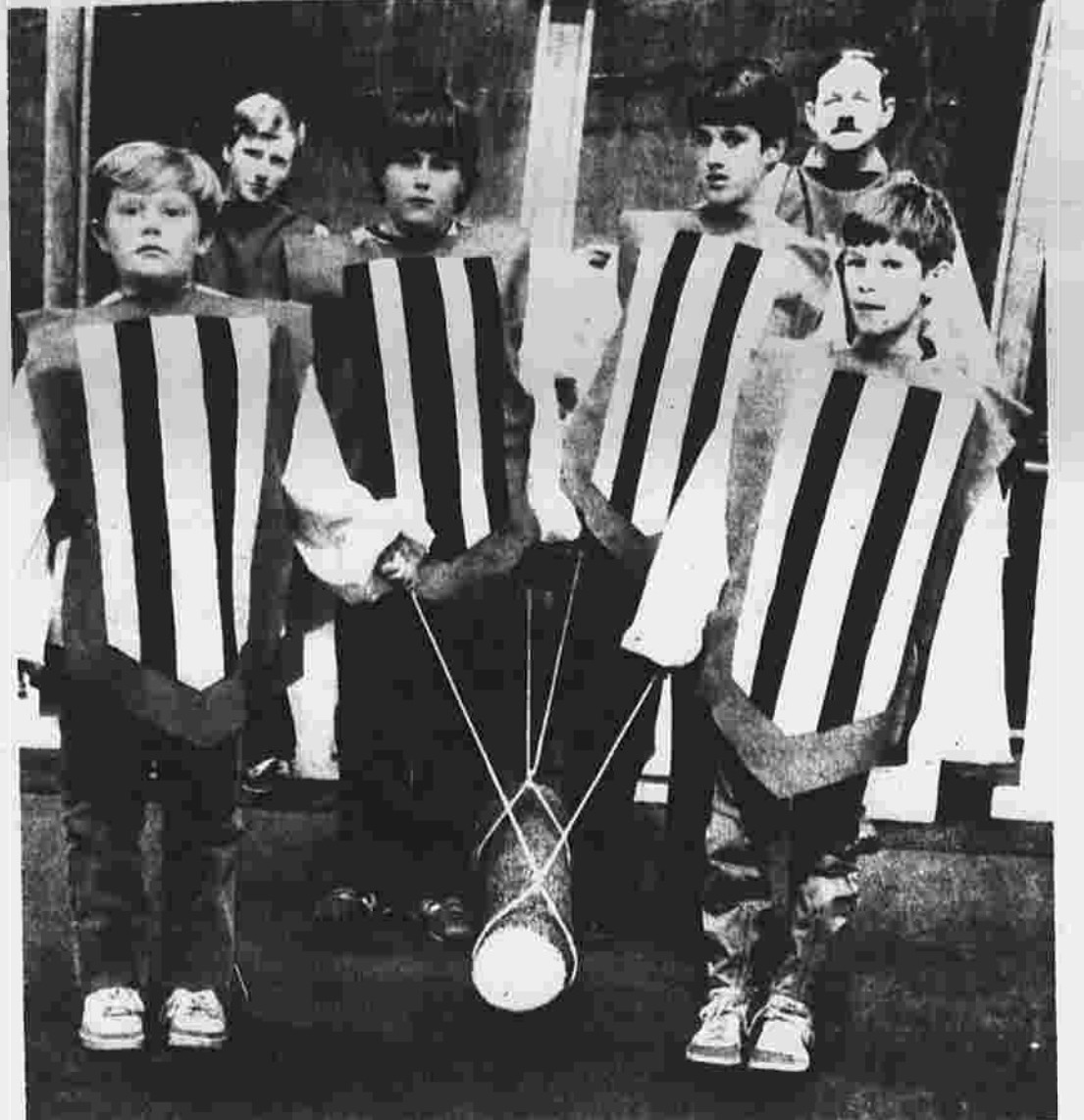
While school officials say the regulation has been largely ignored by state authorities, Deakin said he fears that may change.

"I'm afraid," he said, "another worry is that the town may be held liable if an accident occurs in a sport which a non-certified coach is supervising."

Manchester High School Principal Jacob Ludes, who led a coalition of school coaches and administrators that pressed for a change in the rule, said today he doesn't know of a single case where it has been enforced.

"If it was enforced, it would shut down interscholastic athletics in the state of Connecticut," Ludes said.

Two years ago, Ludes helped draft an alternate rule that would have allowed non-teachers to be



Herald photo by Pinto

Rekindling the Yule log

Bearers rehearse Thursday for a procession that will be part of the Boar's Head Festival that will close the Christmas season at North United Methodist Church on Sunday at 8:30 p.m. Holding the Yule log in front, from left to right, are Audy Gaboury, Eric Fetting, Todd Erickson and Scott King. Holding a model of a boar's head in back are Jeff Gaboury, left, and Will

Clevenger. The festival, an English custom, represents the preparation of the feast of Epiphany, the day the Three Kings found the Christ child in a manger. The boar's head symbolizes Christ's victory over Satan and the log is rekindled with last year's coals to symbolize renewal. The event is open to the public.

East Catholic getting shrine Club gift portrays freedom

By Sarah E. Hall
Herald Reporter

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Peopletalk

Tennessee revisited

The Beverly Hills Playhouse will honor Tennessee Williams with the opening of "Confessions of a Nightingale," a one-man remembrance of the late playwright with Ray Stricklyn starring.

Stricklyn, who won three local awards for his recent work in Williams' "Vieux Carre," created the show by gleaming material from interviews Williams gave on "sex, fame and death — the big three," he said.

"Tennessee dealt with themes that touch all our lives," said Stricklyn, who once worked for Williams as a typist during rewrites of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." "Granted, his are on the darker side. They're the ones we'd rather run away from."

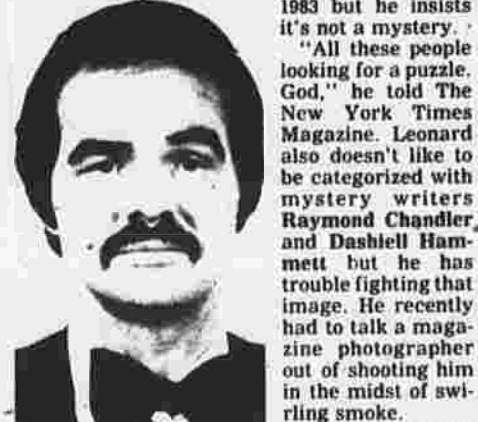
A bust of Williams, who choked to death in a New York hotel room in 1983, also will be unveiled Friday night when Stricklyn's show begins its four-performance run.

Burt can't stick to script

Author Elmore Leonard's most recent book, "LaBrava," won an Edgar Award as the best mystery novel of 1983 but he insists the book is not a mystery.

"All these people looking for a puzzle. God," he told the New York Times Magazine. Leonard also doesn't like to be categorized with mystery writers Raymond Chandler, and Dashiell Hammett, but he has trouble fighting that image. He recently had to talk a magazine photographer out of shooting him in the midst of swirling smoke.

"He still brought a trenchcoat for me to wear," Leonard said. "Luckily, it didn't have epaulettes or a belt." The writer is unhappy with Bert Reynolds' soon-to-be-released movie version of his best-seller "Slick." Leonard has a publicity poster from the movie, featuring the slogan "The only thing he couldn't do was stick to the rules," on the wall of his Birmingham, Mich., home, but he decried it by substituting the word "script" for "rules."



Burt Reynolds

Soaps come clean

Even Merideth Brown, the executive editor of Soap Opera Digest, admits some of day-time television's story lines — especially those involving ghosts, disease epidemics, cartels and Mafia chieftains invading small towns — are laughable. But she also salutes the soap operas for their handling of tough social issues like single parenthood, prescription drug addiction and problems facing Vietnam veterans.

She singles out "Dynasty" for proving it is not just a showcase for Nolan Miller's clothes and terribly sumptuous sets... by injecting an interracial storyline smack dab in the middle of things.

Brown says "Santa Barbara" had 1984's most tasteless storyline — a mother killed her daughter's pet pigeon and served it for hors d'oeuvres — and that the "Who Shot Bobby Ewing" episode of "Dallas" was the best prime-time cliffhanger.

Idolized rocker moving

Billy Idol says his fans are taking their idolatry too far. The leather-clad British rock singer is moving out of his apartment in New York's Greenwich Village because fans somehow found his address.

His apartment was besieged by a crowd that hung around constantly, hoping to meet their hero, knocking on his door and ringing the bell at all hours. One night the neighbors complained and the police reportedly sent around a mounted policeman to ride in and clear the sidewalk and steps.

Idol is moving to new quarters — a converted garage in lower Manhattan. "I love my fans," he said, "but I need my sleep."



UPI photo

Today in history

On Jan. 4, 1951, Chinese and North Korean forces captured the South Korean capital of Seoul. Here, U.N. vehicles roll southward across a temporary bridge spanning the Han River during withdrawal of forces.

Almanac

Today is Friday, January 4th, the fourth day of 1985, with 361 to follow.

The moon is moving toward its full phase.

The morning stars are Mercury and Saturn.

The evening stars are Venus, Mars and Jupiter.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Capricorn. They include Sir Isaac Newton, who "discovered" the law of gravity and formulated the laws

of motion and optics, in 1642, across Jane Wyman in 1914 and actress Dyan Cannon in 1937.

On this date in history:

In 1885, Dr. William Grant of Davenport, Iowa, performed the first appendectomy. His patient recovered.

In 1896, Utah became the 45th state of the Union.

In 1937, about 10,000 Italian troops landed in Spain to help the Nationalist forces in that country's Civil War.

In 1951, Chinese and North Korean forces captured the South Korean capital of Seoul (Soh).

In 1974, President Nixon refused to release any more of the 500 documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

A thought for the day: Sir Isaac Newton said, "To every action there is always opposed an equal reaction..."

Weather

Today's forecast

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Travelers advisory for late today and tonight. Today: cloudy with a chance of snow and sleet inland and rain and sleet along the south coast late in the day. Highs in the 30s. Tonight: snow except freezing rain along the south coast. Low in the 20s. Precipitation ending by midday Saturday. Highs around 30.

Maine and New Hampshire: Increasing cloudiness today with a chance of light snow south by evening. Highs in the 20s north and lower 30s south. Snow in the south tonight with snow likely elsewhere. Lows in the teens and 20s. Saturday snow likely north and east sections with clearing elsewhere. Becoming windy with highs in the teens and 20s.

Vermont: Increasing clouds today. Snow developing extreme south late today and overspreading all the state tonight. Highs today 25 to 30. Lows tonight 20 to 25. Saturday blustery and cold with flurries. Temperatures holding steady.

Extended outlook

Extended outlook for New England Sunday through Tuesday:

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Fair Sunday. Chance of snow Monday. Chance of flurries Tuesday. Highs in the upper 20s and 30s. Lows in the teens and 20s.

Vermont: Fair Sunday, chance of snow Monday. Flurries Tuesday. Highs 25 to 35. Lows 15 to 25.

New Hampshire and Maine: Fair and cold Sunday. Chance of snow or flurries Monday and Tuesday. Highs in the teens to low 20s north and 10 to 20s south. Lows mostly single numbers north and teens to lower 20s south.

Across the nation

Snow will extend across the Tennessee Valley through southern and eastern portions of the Ohio Valley, with snow showers in the lower Great Lakes region and northern New England. Rain will prevail from the southern Appalachians across the middle Atlantic Coast states, with rain mixed and freezing rain over southern New England.

Weather radio

The National Weather Service broadcasts continuous, 24-hour weather information on 162.5 mhz in Hartford, 162.55 mhz in New London and 162.40 mhz in Meriden.

Lottery

Connecticut daily Thursday: 253
Play Four: 0753
Rainbow Jackpot: P-Yellow-307

Other numbers drawn Thursday in New England:

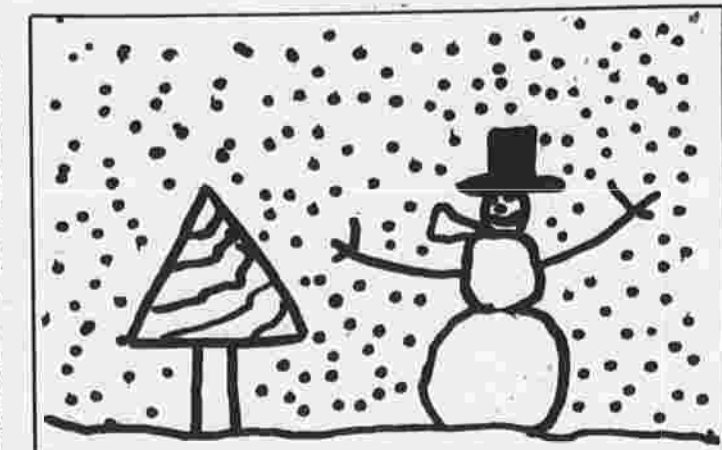
Maine daily: 365
New Hampshire daily: 8301
Rhode Island daily: 1270
"Lot-O-Bucks": 22-10-34-3-19
Vermont daily: 891
Massachusetts daily: 1071

Write us!

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

Address letters to: Open Forum, Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 591, Manchester, CT 06040.



Think snow! You'll get it

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Satellite view

Commerce Department satellite photo taken at 2:30 a.m. EST shows an upper air circulation south of the Great Lakes. Precipitation associated with this low stretches from Arkansas to western Pennsylvania. Another area of precipitation and cloudiness extend from South Carolina through Florida to the Gulf. Elsewhere, clear skies prevail west of the Mississippi.



National forecast

For the period ending 7 a.m. EST Saturday. During early Saturday morning snow is forecast for parts of the Ohio Valley, lower Great Lakes and the North Atlantic coast. Elsewhere, the weather will be fair. Minimum temperatures will include (maximum temperatures in parentheses): Atlanta 23(44), Boston 18(38), Chicago 24(37), Cleveland 25(34), Dallas 29(52), Denver 16(61), Duluth 18(32), Houston 26(50), Jacksonville 26(49), Kansas City 19(42), Little Rock 22(45), Los Angeles 35(71), Miami 25(67), Minneapolis 19(37), New Orleans 32(41), New York 27(37), Phoenix 43(71), San Francisco 44(58), Seattle 39(52), St. Louis 26(41), Washington 30(40).

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Manchester/ Area Towns In Brief

Pact faces another vote

Members of the union that represents school cafeteria workers will soon have a second chance to approve or reject a second proposed contract.

About a month ago, they vetoed the first contract proposed by school officials.

Assistant School Superintendent Wilson E. Deakin said negotiators for both the Board of Education and the union made "sizeable verbal moves" at their last meeting, and have agreed to "go back and test the waters" before finalizing the agreement.

"I think we have a wrap on it," Deakin said. "But I have my antennas quivering because they (the union members) voted it down the last time."

The union will meet to ratify the proposed contract next week, Deakin said. He said he plans to ask the school board for approval when it meets on Jan. 14.

Eighth District taxes due

Eighth Utilities District motor vehicle supplemental taxes, which are due this month, can be paid at the district tax office at 32 Main St. Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. district tax collector Carol M. Lenihan said this week.

If a tax is due, the owner of the vehicle is responsible for paying it regardless of whether a bill is received, Lenihan said.

Phantom Diner visits MCC

The Phantom Diner has hit Manchester Community College. The Phantom, who has a regular restaurant review segment on Channel 3's "PM Magazine," dined at a gourmet dinner Dec. 6. The segment is expected to air on "PM" on Jan. 15.

The menu the night the Phantom dined was classical French. Judy Geles, the Phantom will take viewers on a tour of the college's culinary arts program during the segment.

His segment won't be a restaurant review, so no one will know just how many Phantom gold forks the MCC program deserves.

O'Neill taps Bolton resident

Gov. William A. O'Neill has appointed Jose R. Ramirez of Bolton as deputy commissioner of the state Department of Human Resources. The appointment took effect today.

Ramirez, 43, has been a deputy legal counsel in the governor's office since April 1983. He will succeed Hector A. Rivera of Meriden.

Prior to joining the governor's staff, Ramirez worked for 7 1/2 years as an attorney-adviser in the Hartford office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He also worked for the state Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and as director of Bridgeport's Office of Contract Compliance.

Ramirez is a native of Puerto Rico and has been lived in Connecticut since 1968. He holds a law degree from the University of Connecticut.

Man wants drainage solved

A Bremen Road resident has asked the town to use part of the money approved by voters in a \$4.5 million bond issue referendum in November to correct drainage problems that affect his property.

Town General Manager Robert B. Weiss said today that drainage improvements to the property of Edward D. Werner could cost as much as \$300,000.

The Board of Directors will be asked Tuesday to consider including the drainage improvements in the bond issue financing, for which a number of public improvement projects were targeted.

Weiss said Werner's drainage problems began after a nearby business extended its parking lot, causing water to flow onto his property.

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Owners not told of oil spill

By Susan Vaughn
Herald Reporter

No one notified the owners of Salter's Pond about the hundreds of gallons of oil that spilled into the pond earlier this week, or about the cleanup operations that followed, the president of the Manchester Land Conservation Trust said Thursday.

The trust, a non-profit conservation group, owns the pond and several acres of land around it.

"Do they normally go on private property without notifying the owners?" the President Theresa Parla asked. She said she first learned of the situation by reading about it in the Herald.

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When contacted Thursday, ECHS Principal William Charbonneau said he was both pleased and surprised to learn that the Exchange Club is about to present the gift. He said he had presumed the project had fizzled out, since he had not heard from club officials for about a year.

Fire Calls

Manchester
Wednesday, 10:58 a.m. — medical call, 123 Deepwood Drive (Town, Paramedics)

Wednesday, 11:07 a.m. — electrical problem, 656 W. Middle Turnpike (Town)

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Principle William Charbonneau

"I think it's important for kids to see some kind of visual display that makes history come alive for them," Charbonneau said. He said the memorial will be set up permanently at the school.

Quehl said the freedom shrine cost the club about \$500, and is currently being assembled by members. There was some delay as special parts were needed, he said.

Manchester High School Principal Jacob Ludes said Thursday that parts of the shrine there are worn and need replacement. Quehl said the MMI memorial is also missing some documents, which the club would like to replace.

"We hope to eventually put up more of these around town," Quehl said. "Some clubs have dozens of them."

On Jan. 26, the Exchange will hold a benefit to raise money for the freedom shrine and other club programs to prevent child abuse, curb crime and award scholarships. "Cabaret Night" will last from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and will feature a floor show and dancing at Fiano's Restaurant in Bolton.

Tickets cost \$12 per couple, and are available by sending a check or money order to the Manchester Exchange, 84 Market Square, Newtonville, 06111. Call 241-9953 for more information. Dinner reservations may be made by calling 643-2342.

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OPINION

Department of Defense expands secrecy

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department has devised a plan to deal with disclosures that it habitually purchases defective weapons at inflated costs.

But the Pentagon isn't necessarily going to improve its procurement policies and practices to ensure that any future weapons it buys are reliable and reasonably priced.

Instead, it is attempting to solve the problem by severely restricting public access to previously unclassified information about its chronic incompetence.

All sensitive information under the department's control already is protected by official security classifications such as "confidential," "secret" and "top secret." In addition, "for official use only" and other extralegal categories enjoy wide popularity within the Pentagon.

BUT EVEN THOSE classifications don't provide sufficient protection for a department whose penchant for buying inept, overpriced weapons has become a national scandal.

In an attempt to avoid future embarrassment, the department has established a new security classification system, not sanctioned by any law.



Robert Walters
Syndicated Columnist

It is for use "when there is a need to restrict dissemination beyond the limits provided by application of security clearance and 'need-to-know' controls."

A recently issued departmental directive says: "All unclassified DoD technical documents shall be assigned distribution statements A, B, C, D, E, F or X. Only data in the 'A' category is eligible for public release. Material in all other categories shall be disseminated only within the department, to other federal agencies or to military contractors.

COVERED BY the new directive is virtually every form of activity within the Defense Department.

Technical information that can be used or adopted for use to design, engineer, produce, manufacture, operate, repair, overhaul or reproduce any military or space equipment technology.

Engineering drawings, standards, specifications, technical manuals, blueprints, drawings, plans, instructions, computer software and documentation.

All technical documents... in preliminary or working draft form... including such informal documents as working papers, memoranda and preliminary reports.

Production, engineering and logistics information... generated by all DoD-funded research, development, test and evaluation programs.

THE LAST CATEGORY is especially troublesome because it includes the "results of test and evaluation of commercial products or military hardware when such disclosure may cause unfair advantage or disadvantage to the manufacturer of the product."

program is designed "to protect information in management reviews, records of contract performance evaluation or other advisory documents evaluating program of contractors."

Because the Pentagon has linked the new security measures to the provisions of a federal law restricting the export of critical materials, violations of the directive "may constitute" a violation punishable by prison terms of up to 10 years and fines of as much as \$250,000.

THUS, THE NEW POLICY almost certainly will have a chilling effect on Pentagon whistleblowers who have disclosed evidence of faulty design, shoddy workmanship and inadequate field testing of many major weapons systems.

At the same time, many academic analysts, private watchdog organizations, journalists and even members of Congress could be denied access to data needed to assess the department's performance in properly equipping its troops.

The new directive is described merely as an effort to "update policies and procedures for making technical documents" but it obviously goes much further by suppressing information that ought to be made public.

Washington Merry-Go-Round
Jack Anderson

Electric bills back apartheid

WASHINGTON — Millions of Americans unwittingly support the white supremacist government of South Africa every time they pay their electric bills.

Eighteen U.S. utility companies run their nuclear generators with uranium bought from South Africa.

In a report soon to be released, the Nuclear Control Institute, a Washington-based public-interest group opposed to nuclear proliferation, points out that almost half the imported uranium used by U.S. utilities comes from South Africa and Namibia, which is controlled by the Pretoria government.

The United States has increased its purchases of South African uranium significantly during the Reagan administration. The Energy Department's use of South African uranium for enrichment jumped 350 percent between 1981 and 1983.

The money Pretoria gets for its uranium is particularly important now, when the world price of South Africa's principal export — gold — is so depressed.

Much of the uranium South Africa sells is actually mined at Rossing, in Namibia, which is one reason the South Africans have continued to occupy Namibia years after the United Nations declared the occupation illegal.

"FOR SOUTH AFRICA, Rossing is a bonanza," the institute report observes. "By occupying Namibia, South Africa increases by half the foreign exchange it earns from uranium exports." The South Africans have been mining uranium in Namibia since 1976.

The Reagan administration is helping South Africa strengthen its white-minority rule not only by buying, but by selling as well. According to internal congressional documents seen by my associate Vicki Warren, this even extends to nuclear-weapons technology. One computer sold to South Africa — after being embargoed by the Carter administration — "can be used to model nuclear explosions," one document reports.

In fact, the number of licenses granted for exports to South Africa by the State Department's Office of Munitions Control jumped to \$88 million worth of goods in the first quarter of 1984. The value of licenses granted previously amounted to only a fraction of that figure for an entire year.

Though the licenses are good for two years and do not mean the items were actually sold, the sharp increase in licenses indicates at the very least a trend toward potential expansion of military sales to South Africa.

UNTIL CONGRESS put a stop to it with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act in 1978, the United States enriched South African uranium and sent it back to Pretoria. When the law cut off that trade, a large amount of South African uranium was awaiting shipment in an Energy Department warehouse.

Five U.S. utilities eventually took the enriched uranium off the South Africans' hands — and sold it to the Energy Department's warehouse — by buying it at a bargain price. The cost of enriching uranium had gone up by several million dollars while the stuff was sitting in the warehouse.

According to the Nuclear Control Institute report, the DOE refused to release the names of the companies that bought the enriched uranium, because it is likely that some or all of the utilities would be faced with protests from consumer groups, public-interest organizations and various other groups.

Through its own investigation, the institute learned the identity of two of the companies: Maine Yankee Power Co. and Northern States Power Co. of Minnesota. Maine Yankee declined to comment. A Northern States spokesman said the company had a contract with DOE for enriched uranium, and that it was possible some South African uranium was "commingled" with the material it bought. The spokesman added that Northern States has a contract with Exxon for some imported uranium, but didn't know if South Africa was the source.



Open Forum

Weiss's carrots pretty expensive

To the Editor: It was fun. I laughed out loud at the description of my letters (Dec. 29). I never claimed to be a typewriter, a computer, or type-setter, or any other kind of machine. I've always told people they could write on the back of an old envelope if they have something to say and it will be printed.

My granddaughters, here from Ohio for Christmas, thought it was great getting me ready for the picture. They worked on my hair for half an hour, although I flatly refused to let them use water or spray. That silk hostess gown was not going to be spotted, even for the Herald.

The "no books and curtains" referred to 36 years ago, but things have changed a lot since. I didn't want anybody out there worrying about me. I have a good life; I count my blessings.

As for the fire department, I certainly have no quarrel with the town department. It was Ted Cummings who started all the consolidation baloney that left him with egg on his face. In 1988, when my eighth District celebrates its 100th anniversary, I will be honorary chief and review the parade. We will have our new fire station by then, if I have to go in a wheelchair, dragging my oxygen behind me and start laying the bricks myself.

If Mr. Weiss has any lingering doubts about whether this town is going to have an Eighth District firehouse, he can start packing now, and save us the trouble of a referendum to change our form of government from town manager to mayor.

Mr. Weiss recently stated he was considering abandoning his "carrot patch" — he states that the small amount of industrial land left may not need big carrots, or even small ones. These carrots were taxpayers' dollars that should have been being used to fix roads and sidewalks, instead of being used for a few special people.

Pretty expensive carrots, Russ Smith could tell us what they cost and I wish he would. I've got a nice bunch of carrots in the refrigerator and would like to know the price before I send them to Mr. Weiss for a refund. I personally think it's about time Peter Rabbit and his carrots moved on.

Elinor A. Patten
33 Mather St.
Manchester

Some good news is heartwarming

To the Editor: Len Auster's article on "Rogers excels on off field" in the Dec. 28 Herald was absolutely wonderful to read. It is very heartwarming to see our young people recognized. Keep up the "good news!"

Mrs. Lanle Turner
88 Carpenter Road
Manchester

"The good news is: Now you can take time to smell the roses. The bad news is: You're tired!"

It's dangerous without sidewalk

To the Editor: In response to a letter pertaining to snow removal on sidewalks in Wednesday's Herald, I am a resident of Parker Street between Middle Turnpike and East Center Street. There is not only a heavy volume of traffic on this street (most of which has no sidewalk), but a lot of it is speeding traffic.

In the five years I've lived here, I've seen and called for help for no more accidents. I rarely take my children for walks — it's very difficult to walk in the street with a 3-year-old and a 6-year-old.

When my son started kindergarten and I had to walk him (along with my 3-year-old) to the bus stop during morning rush hour and crossing Middle Turnpike, I began to realize just how dangerous it was without having sidewalks to walk on. I began a futile and fatal campaign for sidewalks to be installed. I know many of the residents on this street supported me, but I guess "you can't fight city hall."

I guess my point is this — I would gladly shovel my sidewalk in a blizzard without any complaints or prodding, if I could just get one!

Lisa Collier
211 Parker St.
Manchester

Connecticut In Brief

Labor leader still critical
BRIDGEPORT — Labor leader John J. Driscoll remains in critical condition in the intensive care unit at St. Vincent's Medical Center where he is being treated for multiple injuries after being hit by a car.

Driscoll, 73, the state AFL-CIO president, was struck shortly before 5:30 p.m. Wednesday as he crossed the intersection of Main and Vincelle streets.

No summons was issued to the driver, Dr. D. William Pasquariello, 75, of Bridgeport, who had slowed to 5 mph to turn into Vincelle Street, police said.

Driscoll "appeared out of nowhere," Pasquariello said. "The next thing I knew he appeared on my hood and slid off onto his right side. If I grabbed him, he wouldn't have gotten hurt. I've been driving for 46 years and nothing like this has ever happened to me."

Hospital officials said the doctor Driscoll suffered a broken right leg, a broken bone in his right arm and a lump on his head. John Driscoll said his father was in pain but he was very talkative and lucid after the accident, but did not know how it happened.

Driscoll had parked several blocks from the intersection and walked to a grocery store, his son said.

Band has emotional appeal
EAST LYME — When the East Lyme High School drill team marches down Pennsylvania Avenue in the president's inaugural parade later this month they will be thinking of their mentor, killed in a holiday traffic accident.

Edwin A. Damon, 27, whose pep talks and choreography guided the flag corps for several years, died in a head-on collision New Year's Day while driving in the wrong lane.

The show will go on, said Sarah Turano, a junior and one of three co-captains coordinating routines for the performance at the Jan. 21 inaugural parade. The students will "do it for him," she said.

Donald L. MacTavish, the school's music director, said, "This was to be one of our finer moments, and it's not going to be easy now, going without one of our instructors. Ty Cobb called 'the damon, the manager of a fast-food restaurant, had worked out the corps' routine for one number, but not for a second or for the salute the members must make as they march past Reagan. He was the only instructor for the group. Police said Damon died at Lawrence and Memorial Hospitals after the collision with a vehicle being driven by Benjamin Nelson, 35, of Preston.

Abortion clinic threatened
WEST HARTFORD — Federal agents and town police were investigating at least two telephone threats made this week against the Summit Women's Center-West, a state-licensed abortion clinic.

Richard Weronik, acting resident agent, confirmed Thursday the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was investigating the threats with West Hartford police.

Weronik said in office considers the threats part of a series of actions against abortion nationwide. A bomb threat is illegal under federal laws and carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and \$5,000 fine.

The bureau reported 30 abortion clinic bombings across the country since 1982, including 25 since Jan. 1, 1984.

"We will remain open. We will not be frightened by this," said Laura Minor, administrator of the Summit clinic. "I can't imagine what kind of kook would do something like this."

Minor said she was angry about the threats, including one Wednesday that forced evacuation of the clinic and a three-story office building in the Bishop's Corner shopping center.

The clinic followed its normal schedule Thursday and had no cancellations. Minor said the clinic would install a telephone tap and record suspicious phone calls, block access to the patient's waiting area and screen any unusual parcels or packages.

Men told to show writing
NEW HAVEN — Two East Haven politicians were ordered Thursday to provide samples of their handwriting for prosecution on charges of converting campaign contributions to their personal use.

Anthony Proto, 63, a Democrat, and five-term mayor, and Redette, 64, a former town chairman of the Democratic Party, face a total of 20 charges, comprising 13 felonies and seven misdemeanors.

Superior Court Judge William L. Hadden Jr. granted a prosecution request for the handwriting samples so a comparison could be made with endorsements on campaign contribution checks the two are suspected of converting.

Redette's lawyer, W. Paul Flynn, argued the order for the handwriting samples was a violation of his client's constitutional right against self-incrimination. A similar plea was advanced by David Rosen, counsel for Proto.

Suspect in stabbing fails to meet bond

DANBURY (UPI) — The family of a Danbury High School student accused of murder was unable to raise enough money to post a reduced bond, and the 17-year-old girl was taken to Niantic Correctional Institution to await trial.

Bail was reduced to \$50,000 Thursday for a Roslyn Ruth Hawkins charged with murder for stabbing a classmate in a school stairwell.

Superior Court Judge J.P. Ryan reduced bond from \$125,000 bond for the girl, accused of stabbing a classmate in a school stairwell, and the case was continued to Feb. 6.

In arguing for lower-bail, lawyer Vincent R. Scorzafava of Danbury said Hawkins was a victim who acted in self-defense. He said she reached for the 8-inch kitchen knife in desperation after being chased, choked and nearly losing consciousness.

Officer's refusal spurs panel's subpoena

By Mark A. Dupuis
United Press International

HARTFORD — The Legislature's Judiciary Committee will issue a subpoena to get testimony from a top state police investigator who refused to testify at the committee's probe of police investigative tactics.

Sgt. Douglas Hanahan, acting on the advice of an attorney, declined Thursday to answer committee questions that were expected to center on statements Hanahan reportedly made about the committee's outgoing co-chairman.

Owens threatened to sue Hanahan for defamation of character two hours before the hearing and the officer was served with legal papers while waiting to testify.

"I don't want to discuss it," Owens said of the legal action. There was no mention of suit during the hearing.

Richard D. Tulisano, D-Rocky Hill, the committee's other outgoing co-chairman, said a subpoena will be issued to Attorney James Smith said he advised Hanahan, commander of the Statewide Organized Crime Investigative Task Force, not to testify Thursday because of allegations and statements about Hanahan by committee members.

Smith said he wanted a clearer "framework" of the questions the committee wants to ask Hanahan and said he would be willing to discuss terms under which Hanahan would testify.

The Judiciary Committee had planned to complete hearings into state police investigative and surveillance techniques Thursday so the chairman could have recommendations ready for the new chairman who take over next week.

The committee investigation has been called off on allegations by a one-man grand jury that some state troopers spread rumors linking former Chief Justice John A. Spziale to alleged illegal gambling in Torrington.

The grand jury, Superior Court Judge John D. Brennan, said the troopers' conduct raised "grave concerns" about the ability of state police to investigate sensitive matters.

Spziale, who stepped down from the Supreme Court in November to join a private law firm, has demanded disciplinary action against the troopers cited in Brennan's report, and that the reports on him in the SOCTF files be purged.

Brennan served as a one-man grand jury to investigate allegations of illegal gambling in Torrington and corruption in the city's police department. Superior Court Judge Anthony V. DeMayo is continuing the same investigation.

The grand jury report sparked a feud between state police and Chief State's Attorney Austin J. McGuigan, who said he investigated the allegations about Spziale and found no evidence whatsoever to support them.

At a hearing last week, a former SOCTF commander, Capt. John Bar-delli, testified that he had asked for a full investigation of the rumors about Spziale five years ago but a superior never acted on the request.

The superior, Lt. Col. James R. Rice, told the committee Thursday that he did not order a full investigation into the allegations because they involved only "idle speculation" and didn't justify investigations.

Rice, who at the time was state police executive officer, said he met with then Public Safety Commissioner Col. Donald J. Long and Long also agreed an investigation was not warranted.

The allegations about Spziale were contained in SOCTF reports labeled by state police as "raw intelligence."

Since no investigation was ordered, Rice said the information should have been purged from state police files but he didn't know if it should have been destroyed by now.

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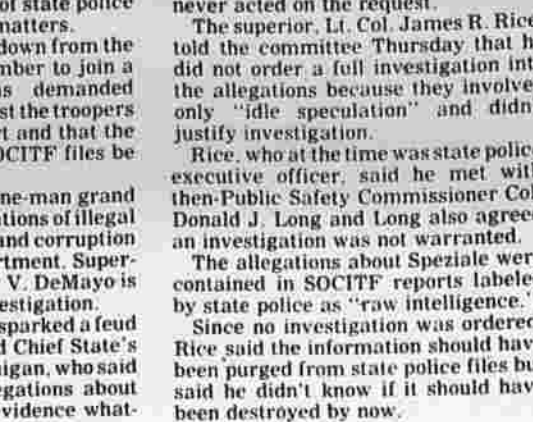
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- (22) Little House on the Prairie
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- (IMAX) MOVIE: "Walt Across Texas" A Texas citizen and a female geologist disagree about where to place an oil rig. Arne Archer, Terry Juddrow, Richard Farnsworth. 1982. Rated PG.
- (TMC) MOVIE: "Nate & Hayes" A con-federate and a woman team up to rob a one-time friend and now sworn enemy Tommy Lee Jones. Max Peres, Michael G. Haggerty. 1983. Rated PG.
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(IMAX) MOVIE: "Heat and Dust" A young Englishwoman in India retraces the emotional career of a great aunt. Julie Christie, Greta Scacchi, Shashi Kapoor. 1983. Rated R.

(TMC) MOVIE: "On, God! Book II" The Visitor from above charms a spunky schoolboy into spreading his message. George Burns, Suzanne Pleshette, David Beron. 1980. Rated PG.

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(41) "Charly" Program musical presentation to be a book. Charly.

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(HBO) MOVIE: "Amityville: The Demon" (C) A skeptical journalist seeks the infamous house of horror as an ideal spot for writing a book. Tony Roberts, Tess Harper, Candy Clark. 1983. Rated PG.

(IMAX) MOVIE: "Heat and Dust" A young Englishwoman in India retraces the emotional career of a great aunt. Julie Christie, Greta Scacchi, Shashi Kapoor. 1983. Rated R.

(TMC) MOVIE: "On, God! Book II" The Visitor from above charms a spunky schoolboy into spreading his message. George Burns, Suzanne Pleshette, David Beron. 1980. Rated PG.

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Obituaries

Lorna E. Eddy

Lorna E. Eddy, 72, died Wednesday at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, Vt. She was the mother of Neil E. Eddy of Manchester.

She was born Oct. 12, 1912, in Center Brunswick, N.Y. She was the wife of the late Everett C. Eddy. She had lived in Troy, N.Y.; Simsbury, West Townshend and Wardsboro, Vt.

She is also survived by another son, Leonard Eddy of Fort Washington, Md.; a daughter, Janet Bills of Wardsboro, Vt.; a sister, Alice Mae Calhoun of Waterford, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

There will be a memorial service Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Wardsboro (Vt.) Methodist Church. Burial will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at West View Cemetery, Avon, Conn. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the White Funeral Home, Townshend, Vt.

Memorial donations may be made to Grace Cottage Hospital, Townshend, Vt., in care of Dr. Timothy Shafer.

Emory Rivers

Emory (Baker) Rivers, 79, widow of Frank Rivers, of Vernon, died Tuesday at a Manchester convalescent home. She was the mother of Carl Rivers and Frank Rivers, both of Manchester.

She is also survived by two stepsons, Ernest Rivers in Michigan and Raymond Rivers of Ellington; eight daughters, Mary MacAuley of Grantville, Vt., Harriet Harding of North Truro, Mass., Tena Weston in Kentucky, Elizabeth Myott in Michigan, Mary Louise Rivers of Point Pleasant, N.J., Violet Hunt of Southbury, Vt., Ruth Belanger of East Montpelier, Vt., and Pauline Lattulippe of Vernon; three stepdaughters, Dorothy Fredonali in Wisconsin, Helen Nicholas in Indiana, and Hazeline Cory in New Hampshire; 46 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, Donald Rivers.

The funeral will be Saturday at 9 a.m. from Burke-Fortin Funeral Home, 76 Prospect St., Rockville, with a mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Vernon. Burial will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 310 Collins St., Hartford.

Von Bulow awaits decision on retrial

NEWPORT, R.I. (UPI) — Based on information presented by a New York lawyer in court today, Attorney General Arlene Violet will decide by Saturday whether to re-try Claus von Bulow on charges he tried to kill his heiress wife with insulin.

Von Bulow, 58, tentatively is scheduled for retrial beginning March 5 in Newport County Superior Court. His two 1982 attempted-murder convictions were overturned by the state Supreme Court last April on technical grounds.

Sada Prohaska, a spokeswoman for the new attorney general, said Thursday Violet will announce her decision at 11 a.m. Saturday, after evaluating the results of today's hearing in Newport.

New York lawyer Richard Kuh, a former Manhattan district attorney, was due in Newport County Superior Court at 9 a.m. today to answer defense and prosecution questions about his private investigation that led to von Bulow's attempted-murder indictment.

Kuh was hired by Martha "Sunny" von Bulow's family to investigate the circumstances that led to her irreversible coma in 1980. Mrs. von Bulow, 53, heiress to

a Pittsburgh utilities fortune, remains comatose in Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York.

Last month, Kuh was ordered to provide defense and prosecution lawyers with records of his private investigation, in anticipation of von Bulow's possible retrial.

After 22 documents were surrendered, Superior Court Judge Albert R. DeRobbio asked Kuh to be in court today to answer questions about his investigation.

Von Bulow's defense team was hoping Kuh's documents would produce new evidence showing the Danish-born financier did not try to kill his wife over the 1979 and 1980 Christmas holidays at their Newport mansion, as the state alleged.

The state Supreme Court reversed von Bulow's March 1982 convictions last April on technicalities. They included state police failure to obtain a search warrant before ordering tests on privately-seized evidence. The court also said von Bulow's lawyers were improperly denied access to the fruits of Kuh's investigation.

DeRobbio has tentatively scheduled a new trial to begin March 5, with jury selection to start Feb. 18.

Suspect still not charged

Gregory Knighton, who has been identified by federal authorities as a suspect in the recent holdups of banks in Vernon and Manchester, has still not been charged with either robbery.

Federal prosecutor Donna Fatsi said Thursday that federal authorities have dropped bank robbery charges against Knighton in connection with a Nov. 27 hold-up of the Connecticut Bank & Trust branch office on Main Street in Rockville. Fatsi said the federal charges were dropped last in favor of state prosecution.

But court records indicate that neither the Vernon police nor state prosecutors have yet charged Knighton with the Nov. 27 hold-up.

He already has been arraigned on robbery and larceny charges in connection with three other armed robberies of Vernon stores over the last six weeks, court records show.

An FBI spokesman said last week that Knighton was to be indicted in federal court for the Dec. 28 hold-up of a CBT branch on North Main Street in Manchester. Fatsi said Thursday that Knighton has not been charged with that robbery, either in state or federal court, but refused to say whether an indictment is forthcoming.

Manchester police said Thursday that they are awaiting word from the FBI on whether to charge Knighton charged under state statutes. Police have said they have enough evidence to get a warrant for his arrest.

Vernon police have charged Knighton with three counts of first-degree robbery and one count each of second, fifth and sixth degree larceny in connection with the Vernon hold-ups.

Manchester Superior court records show that Knighton, 24, has been convicted on larceny charges twice in the last two years. Knighton is a Hartford resident.

Fingerprints

The FBI's Identification Division houses the world's largest fingerprint repository, with 175 million fingerprint cards on file. They are used by law enforcement and other government authorities to identify persons with arrest records. The files are also used for humanitarian purposes, such as identifying amnesia sufferers and victims of major disasters.

Some mentally ill released too soon

By Elizabeth Pennisi
United Press International

NEW YORK — A surprisingly large number of psychiatric patients, especially young women, die within two years of release from the hospital, a report in the Journal of the American Medical Association said today.

"A very striking finding in our study was that the greatest mortality is very early, usually within two years of discharge," Black said. About half of the excess deaths in women occur within the first six months.

According to Black and Win-

okur, all psychiatric patients between 1973 and 1982 and found that 331 died during that time. Only 200 would have died according to normal death rates.

Doctors tend to trivialize the importance of psychiatric illness," said Dr. Donald W. Black, the report author and a resident in psychiatry at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa.

Doctors and families are not always aware that psychiatric patients are at risk for early death and require close attention, he said in a telephone interview.

Black, Dr. George Winokur and researcher Giles Warrack followed more than 5,000 patients released from the University

Weather stalls search for plane

LA PAZ, Bolivia (UPI) — A search team today spent a third day waiting for weather to clear in the Bolivian Andes so it could climb to where an Eastern Airlines plane crashed with 29 people aboard.

Eight Americans — including Marianne Davis, the wife of the U.S. ambassador to Paraguay, Arthur Davis Jr. — were among the 29 on the Tuesday night flight.

U.S. Embassy Charges d'Affaires William Walker said officials remained hopeful there were survivors but that the possibility

diminished each day snow and rain delayed the search.

Bolivian Air Force pilots who have flown over the crash site — a snow-covered slope on Bolivia's Illimani Mountain about 50 miles southeast of La Paz — said they saw no signs of life. Walker said two heavy snowfalls have covered most of the wreckage.

Gen. Guillermo Escobar, commander of the rescue operation, said it will be "very difficult" to reach the wreckage — at the 19,600-foot level of Illimani.

"This operation is not one of skill, just pure luck," he said. "Our mountains here take with them many people. One error and you pay with your life."

The only progress in efforts to reach the crash site were made Thursday when a small group of Red Cross workers and mountain climbers set up camp at the Anzania mine, about 10,000 feet below the crash.

But the climbing expedition that will actually try to scale Illimani to the wreckage could not reach the campsite Thursday because of bad weather.

FOCUS / Weekend



Cast members rehearse a scene from "Sugar," a musical based on the screenplay "Some Like It Hot," now playing at the Coachlight Dinner Theatre in East Windsor through Feb. 10. The show is based on the book by Peter Stone.

Oh, how sweet it is — at least sometimes

Although it's basically a sweet little show, the production of "Sugar" that's playing now at the Coachlight Dinner Theatre in East Windsor is a remarkably good one.

The plot is familiar, as this is a musical adaptation of "Some Like It Hot." Two professional musicians (Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon, in the film) accidentally witness a gangland slaying in a Chicago parking garage. To avoid being "wiped out" by those same hoodlums, they disguise themselves as women and hide in Sweet Sue's Society Syncopators, an all-girl orchestra.

Of course, there are complications. One gorgeous member of the group, a character named Sugar Kane created originally by Marilyn Monroe, tries to seduce the "girl-guys" and make them her confidants. They, in turn, fall madly in love with her, but must repress their He-Man urges. Freud would have loved it.

The tensions between the two male friends, each of whom would like to claim Sugar as his own, are very real and very funny. Plaudits go to Buddy Powell, who plays the wifey friend. He has had ample opportunity to develop the subtleties in this character, having played the same role opposite Joe Namath in Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

There is one particularly funny scene in which



Center Stage

By Nancy Pappas

Powell's female alter ego, Daphne, is being wooed by an elderly millionaire named Osgood Fielding. Every campy, love-dovey Hollywood convention of the 1940s is used here, including a flower-bedecked swing which descends from the ceiling to support Powell as he swings out over the audience.

That swing, and the rest of the pieces done by scene designer Jim Robinson, are quite intriguing. The set is a series of versatile cubes and diamonds which combine in any number of ways to form a most attractive plumb, beige and silver Art Deco structure.

Pullman beds for the train scene roll out of pieces which had formed musicians' stages moments before. Unfortunately, the pieces occasionally unhook from

one another and roll dangerously beneath the dancing feet of a talented cast that deserves better.

Those dancers do an astonishing job on a relatively small stage. There is an adequate group of females — all of whom are also "members" of the Syncopators orchestra — but the five male dancers are truly outstanding. They are onstage almost constantly, as tap dancers in hot hats and spats, as "dirty old men" in white wigs and golling knickers, as gangsters, Hawaiian-garbed vacationers and waiters.

The featured male dancer is Denny Shearer, who plays Spats, a gangster with a nervous twitch in his hip shoes. Whenever he's upset (for example, at the thought that two musicians who witnessed his carefully-planned massacre are still on the loose) he twitches himself into a superb tap dance.

The intimacy of this dinner theater allows everyone to get a good, close look at the footwork Shearer executes, and the fact that his face almost never changes expression. With Connie Shafer's excellent choreography, it's possible to believe that this dancing truly is a nervous habit that the gangster cannot control.

If the group sang as well as it danced, all would be well. But the voice of John Hamill, playing the handsome male musician who eventually wins Sugar's heart, is weak. His loveless solo, "It's Always

"Magic Nights," is performed by Powell.

More important to the success of the show is the diction of the overall choral number, which is so poor, it's difficult to determine whether Bob Merrill's lyrics are clever (they generally are) or just foolish.

Suzanne Dawson, performing in the role of Sweet Sue, the band leader, is an actress to watch. She has been featured at Stage West in "Dames at Sea," and one hopes to see more of her.

And beautiful Maggie Gorill, cast here as Sugar, will undoubtedly improve as her career lengthens. She did a fairly credible job with the standard I'm-tired-of-being-beautiful part, lending it just the right winning note. "Why can't they love me for my mind?"

An evening spent with "Sugar" is, on the whole, an enjoyable one. The production is not quite as strong as some mounted at the Coachlight, but there was a full house the night we were there and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves immensely.

"Sugar" will play at the Coachlight Dinner Theatre in East Windsor through Feb. 10. For ticket information, call 522-1266 or 623-8227.

Nancy Pappas is a reporter with the Manchester Herald.

Help, Charlie Brown, Snoopy's gonna marry a poodle

By Vernon Scott
United Press International

HOLLYWOOD — Help, Charlie Brown, Snoopy is going to marry a poodle.

The wonderfully wacky, ubiquitous beagle of the "Peanuts" comic strip and TV specials is scheduled to take a bride in a half-hour CBS presentation titled, "Snoopy's Getting Married, Charlie Brown."

A WFSB Channel 3 spokesman said the program is expected to air in mid-January.

The flendish turn of events was the brainstem of one Bill Melendez, the Machiavellian producer of the animated "Peanuts" specials.

Melendez, a mustachioed Mexican-American who would make the perfect horse opera hand, approached cartoonist Charles Schulz for Snoopy's nuptials and the deal was set.

Hardcore Snoopy fans will be delighted to know the bachelor beagle will remain blissfully single in the daily and Sunday comic strip, at least for the time being.

"I don't know if Snoopy will get married in the strip in the future," Melendez said. "Sparky (Schulz's nickname) never has incorporated into the strip any of the ideas we've used on TV. In his mind they are two separate things."

"After 26 years of working together, he gives us a lot of latitude. He knows I'd never do anything to destroy the philosophy of the strip. If I do go a little bit far ahead, I don't go very far."

"This is our 30th 'Peanuts' animated film. Each one is rerun twice — the Christmas and Halloween shows run every year — and the ratings have been holding up very well."

MORE THAN LIKELY, the TV shows appeal more to children while the delightful newspaper cartoons are the province of adults.

"Actually I think Sparky only pretends we don't influence him. He okayes the scripts and then gives us a free hand. He thought it would be cute if Snoopy fell in love with Genevieve, the attractive little French poodle."

Genevieve cropped up briefly in another of our

TV specials. I have to admit she's a very attractive little thing."

All well and good, but how dare Melendez saddle Snoopy with a bride and in the future a passed-up pup? Won't that create an imbalance in the "Peanuts" world?

"Well, Snoopy has really taken over from the kids in our specials," Melendez said, a slow grin revealing an even set of bright white teeth. "The shows really present the Snoopy persona."

"Snoopy is the star. He's the most versatile and he's in complete control. He's the only one of the Peanuts gang who can have a real tantrum. Even in the merchandising, Snoopy is the most popular of the characters."

"He's the only really animatable one in the strip. The others are flatly designed and stylized. But Snoopy is three-dimensional. He's easy to animate and the most plastic. He turns around, stretches, walks upright and we treat him like an old fashioned cartoon."

"One of the reasons he's the best thing in our shows is that he's silent, so he uses a lot of body

language — including his ears — and facial expressions."

Also appearing with greater frequency is the wacky little yellow bird, Woodstock. Between them, Snoopy and Woodstock have developed an almost Laurel and Hardy relationship.



Musician takes his audiences back into America's past

By Ken Franckino
United Press International

In his global travels in the late 1940s and 1950s, Dizzy Gillespie was always bringing home new ideas — and sometimes musicians, like Cuban drummer Chano Pozo — to intertwine jazz with the sounds and rhythms of other cultures.

In the 60s and 70s, jazz became more and more a universal art form, as foreign-born musicians, including Japan's Toshiko Akiyoshi, began blending their own heritage into jazz compositions.

Pianist-composer Jill McManus has taken this sort of musical anthropology in a new direction — back into America's native past.

With great care and respect for centuries-old traditions, McManus has linked jazz with the oldest American music — that of the Hopi Indians of the American Southwest.

It is a complex music of ceremonial chants, using drums, rattles and voices for traditional dance rituals expressing what McManus calls a universal prayer for the survival of all living things.

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McManus was first exposed to the Hopis in 1971 when she visited New Mexico and Arizona after rafting the Colorado River. She found the ritual ceremonies fascinating. She went back to the Hopi in 1980 to meet two tribal composers — they call themselves song-poets — and has returned every year since then.

McManus said she decided to try combining the two American musics because she began hearing both of them in her head.

"The Hopi music has an aesthetic of its own. There is thought and development behind it," she said. "These songs are crafted with repeated rhythms and ideas so there is a cohesion. Idiomatic phrases are used again and again

to echo older songs still passed down in the oral tradition."

McManus, based in New York, has been playing jazz piano professionally since the early 1970s. She studied with John McBehan and Roland Hanna and considers Billy Evans and Wynton Kelly to be her prime keyboard influences. She plays clubs mostly, but has performed her Hopi-inspired compositions only a few times outside her recent "Symbols of Hopi" album from Concord Jazz.

"There is a feeling about these songs that does not transport me and casually into a jazz club. They can be done in concerts. People have been fascinated and gotten into the rhythms of them. It is a very basic

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Weekenders

No snow? Use soap

The Children's Museum of Hartford was planning a Snow Sculpture session for Saturday afternoon. But fear not! If there's no snow, the leaders will arrange for the creation of snowflake sculptures, for children to make indoors and enjoy in the bathtub.

The sculpture session leads off a four-part series on crystals. Snow and ice crystals, mineral crystals, crystal gardens and even crystalline foods will be discussed.

Classes will begin at 2:30 p.m., and "tuition" is included in the entrance fee — \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. No reservations will be taken over the telephone; those who wish to participate should sign up at the museum before 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 236-2961.

Passion Play opens

Peter Nichols' provocative comedy, "Passion Play," opens this weekend at the Hartford Stage Company, 50 Church St., Hartford. This contemporary play set in England explores the themes of love and fidelity by looking at a husband, a wife and a young mistress. Previous hits by this author included "A Day in the Death of Joe Egg" and "The National Health."

Tonight and Saturday nights the curtain goes up at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday there are performances at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are between \$10 and \$20. The play will run through Feb. 3.

Carmen Lundy to sing

Jazz singer Carmen Lundy and her trio, said to perform in the style of Sarah Vaughan and Betty Carter, will be presented Sunday at 7 p.m., as part of the Hartford Jazz Society concert. These are offered at the Holiday Inn, 50 Morgan St., in Hartford. To reserve tickets, call 242-6668.

Reba McEntire storms Nashville

By Mark Schwed
United Press International

MIAMI — Each time she steps up to the stage under bright lights, singer Reba McEntire demonstrates with understated eloquence that a country girl can survive in the music business.

After seven years, the 29-year-old big-time barrel racer from Stringtown, Okla., has had enough of trying to be somebody else. No more eggs Benedict. Just peanut butter and syrup sandwiches from now on.

"I can't go on anymore doing what I like, being someone I don't like," McEntire said. "It was either go for it all or go back to a 10 a.m. and open a Laundromat."

Thank goodness the Laundromat business was not lucrative in Stringtown (pop. 500) or we might have lost her for good.

McEntire is pure prairie pretty, with curly red hair, freckles, an honest smile and a touch of tomboy spunk. Her eyes are wide with innocence but her gaze is strong and sure. You get the impression she could sweet talk you out of anything, or "whoo" you if all else failed.

Her grandfather was a national steer roping champion in 1934 and her father won the same title three more times. She met her husband, world champion bulldogger Charles Battles, at the rodeo. It was a marriage made on the range.

The first thing the record company did when it got hold of McEntire was transferring her from spunky cowgirl to neo-wimp Cozmo girl. The executives dressed her in glitter and swapped her boots for new spiked heels, put strings in her recordings and sent her out in the music world to make her way.

Even with all the crossover clutter, the real Reba managed to shine through. It seemed everybody in Nashville except her record company knew that McEntire was an uncult gem.

Record companies like to make

money and the fastest way to do that is land a crossover hit — one that does well on country, pop and middle of the road record charts.

In the last decade, the crossover attitude served to homogenize the Nashville sound, stifle its rural roots and snuff out nuances that separated Texas from Tennessee from Oklahoma country.

Record companies kept pushing their artists to go crossover despite the success of singers like Ricky Skaggs, George Strait and John Anderson, who fought to keep their music as country as the hills. That meant fiddles, not strings, and back-home vocals, not glossy solos from country clones who look, sing and talk alike.

If Strait and Anderson are to be credited for reviving the popularity of traditional country music, then McEntire must get the nod for opening it up for women.

The official acknowledgement came last October when she was named Country Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year.

As Nashville was honoring McEntire, she was getting ready to drop the glitter and get down to the grit. She changed her record company, her producer and her look. The changeover is apparent with just one glance at the cover of her new album, "My Kind of Country."

She is standing at the base of the Colorado Rockies, a flag in the background and belt buckle in the foreground.

Finishing songs to fit her new album was not easy. Songwriters were so busy catering to the crossover whims of record companies that few were writing the earthy-traditional songs that made up most of America's music.

"Where's the waltzes, the old shuffles, where's the swing songs?" McEntire remembers thinking. "They never came around. I'd ask the writers why they don't write country. They'd say the producers, managers, and other artists are not wanting country. They want crossover."

Puppets at Family Day

A children's puppet show will highlight the first family activity day being held at Manchester High School as part of the Outreach Department of the Greater Hartford Jewish Community Center and Federation East. The program will be held Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m.

In addition to the puppet show, presented by Betty Murray of West Haven Community House, there will be singing, Israeli dancing; basketball for teens and adults, an exercise class, and swimming.

Tickets are \$4 per family or \$3 per individual. This is the first in a series of four family afternoons, which will include more singing and dancing on Jan. 26; the Walt Disney film, "Jungle Book," on Feb. 3; and a feature to be announced on Feb. 17.

To register in advance, or for more information, call Sally Abbey at the Greater Hartford Jewish Community Center, 234-4571.

Be a bookworm

Kids who are at least 8 years old can design and bind their own books this weekend at the New Britain Youth Museum, 30 High St., New Britain. The program will be offered on Saturday at 1 p.m., and materials will cost 25 cents. Admission to the museum is free.

For the acoustic sound

This week, the Wintoury Folk Fellowship will feature vocalist Sylvia Aldrich of Windsor, and the Open Door, a contemporary music quartet.

The quartet includes Pete Holden of the Rockville section of Vernon, along with Glen Schwartz of Rocky Hill, and Robert and Darlene Fullerton of West Hartford. Most of the material this group performs is original.

The fellowship holds a coffeehouse on the first Saturday of every month at the Wintoury Baptist Church, 54 Maple Ave., Bloomfield. There is no charge for either admission or refreshments. An offering is taken to help meet expenses.

Get your hands on this

Ever clap your hands into an echo tube? Played a chord on a grand organ? Tested your own acoustic acuity?

These activities will be offered Saturday at the Museum of Art, Science and Industry, 4450 Park Ave., in Bridgeport, at the lecture-demonstration in the sound exhibit.

The program is included in the museum's admission, which is \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children, senior citizens and students; and \$10 maximum for family groups. The museum will open at noon on Saturday, and the program is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. Call 372-3321 for more information.

The tropics in January

In tropically warm and humid greenhouses, orchids can be grown even in January. That is why the Connecticut Audubon Society's Holland Nature Center in Glastonbury is able to offer an orchid field trip on Saturday.

A group will visit the greenhouses at the University of Connecticut, leaving the Holland Brook Center around 1 p.m. Participants will see about 1,000 different species, and about 2,000 other tropical plants.

The trip will be \$3.50 for Audubon members and \$4.50 for non-members. Car pooling will be arranged with registrants. Call 633-8402 to indicate interest, and to arrange for car pools.

A medieval festival

North United Methodist Church, at 600 Parker St., is offering its first Boar's Head Festival on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. The professional ceremony will combine the idea of the Epiphany, which is the arrival of the Three Kings to see the Christ child, with the medieval idea of a Boar's Head Feast.

A reception, with sweet treats and beverages, will follow the ceremony. Carol Clavenger is this year's director.

Show tackles suicide

NEW YORK (UPI) — There's an old joke about a man who loses his job, gets a speeding ticket on the way home, only to find his wife has run off with his best friend after leaving out their joint bank account.

In an effort to share some money he grows strawberries. One day the front doorbell rings and a voluptuous woman is standing there who wants to trade her favors for a box of strawberries.

He goes through a litany of his woes and winds up saying, "And now you want to do me out of my strawberries."

That's the kind of time Peter Fonda has in "A Reason to Live," a comedy airing on NBC Jan. 7, 9-11 p.m., Eastern time.

Fonda's character, who had tried committing suicide, works hard to find another, suspects his realtor wife, Deirdre Hall, of having an affair with a coworker and finally learns she wants to leave him.

He contemplates suicide, and his old army gun and studying his wife. This arouses the suspicions of his 14-year-old son, Ricky Schroder. The wicked wife is



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Fiduciary deeds

Clinton G. Bragg Sr., executor of the estate of Anna Simons, to Charles Formica, 272-274 Oak St., \$80,000.

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Service Notes

Bolduc completes training

Navy Seaman Apprentice Michael J. Bolduc, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Bolduc of 428 Hilltop Road, has completed recruit training at Navy Recruit Training Command, Navy Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. The 1984 Manchester High School graduate joined the Navy in May 1984.

Mullen at Keesler

Airman Daniel S. Mullen, grandson of Hamilton D. Mullen of 341 Oakland St., and son of Theresa A. Hoar of Willington, has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., after completing Air Force basic training. He is receiving instruction in the communications-electronics systems field.

McCarthy enlists

Thomas W. McCarthy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCarthy of Broad Street, entered the Air Force delayed enlistment program. The 1984 Manchester High School graduate is scheduled to leave for basic training at Lackland Air Force Base on March 6. He will receive technical training in the mechanical career field.

Public Records

Warranty deeds

Robert W. Hinters and Kathryn J. Winters to Henry J. Steulet Jr. and Sheryl L. Steulet, 474 Tolland Turnpike, 463.00.

Oak Forest Realty Inc. to Lynda G. Crombie, 1/2 Oak Forest Condominium, 470.00.

Emma C. Carroll to Anthony C. Strauss and Janet A. Strauss, 123 Hillside St., 497.00.

Joanne E. Tremano to Michael Levesque, 128 Bz Park Chestnut Condominium, Park Street, 497.00.

Sedmar, N.V. to Jean Yves Couture and Céline Couture, Unit A-8, Woodland Manor Condominium, 550,501-551,000 (based on conveyance tax).

Louis Bridge, administratrix of the estate of Marie E. Gervais, to Ronald Carone and Sharon D. Carone, 47 Seaman Circle, 861,000.

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Lever re-enlists

Master Sgt. Kenneth H. Lever has re-enlisted in the Air Force at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., after 16 years in military service. He is an aircraft armament section supervisor with the 43rd Fighter Weapons Squadron. His wife, Beth, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Rousseau of 56 Woodstock Drive.

Army honors McKusick

Sgt. Robert J. McKusick, son of Elias V. McKusick of 323 Cross St., Coventry, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Campbell, Ky. The 1979 Coventry High School is a heavy equipment operator with the 101st Airborne Division.

Wiersman promoted

Scott M. Wiersman, grandson of Clifford E. Hampton of 22 Ann St., and son of Carol H. Wiersman of Vernon, has been promoted in the Air Force to senior airman. He is an aircraft electrical systems specialist at Ramstein Air Force Base, West Germany, with the 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Service Notes

Wilson, Unit A-1, Watkins Centre Condominium, \$29,000 (based on conveyance tax).

Andrew Anselto to Andrew Anselto Jr., 117-123 McKee St., 127-131 McKee St., 134, 136, 138, 140 Oak Forest Realty Inc. to Lynda G. Crombie, 1/2 Oak Forest Condominium, 470.00.

Richard J. Keeney to Eighth Utilities District, 1085 Tolland Turnpike, 485.000.

Paul S. Buchanan to Paul S. Buchanan and Patricia O. Buchanan, two parcels, 84 Devon Drive, 487.000.

Executors' deeds

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Tips for checking child's school

NEW YORK (UPI) — Taking a list to the local public school — and checking it out — is a good way to assess to quality, says Mary Hatwood Futrell, president of the National Education Association.

That is, if the school will permit you to engage in snooping. Futrell, whose organization one of two major teachers' unions, issued her list with the suggestion that people use it when visiting their schools.

The dozen check-points, she says, will help you come to some kind of opinion about the quality of education in a particular schoolhouse. Here they are:

1. CLASS SIZE. How many students in a class? Generally, you should find out if classes generally run bigger than 23 to 25 students. The NEA's idea of right size.

2. TEACHER LOAD. How many students is each teacher expected to instruct during the course of each day? Is the number small enough to permit individualized

instruction or assistance? Are teacher aides available to provide additional help?

3. TEXTBOOK AND CLASSROOM MATERIALS. Does each student have a textbook for each subject or class — or is sharing necessary? Are textbooks and other classroom materials up to date? Do the materials present male-female stereotypes, exclude minorities, or promote age discrimination (showing old folks as inept or falling humans confined to rocking chairs or nursing homes)?

4. LIBRARY. Is it open each day? Is there a librarian to assist pupils? Are there at least 20 books in the library for every student in the school? Are magazines and periodicals available?

5. SPECIAL COURSES-SPECIAL HELP. Does the school provide art, music and physical education programs staffed by trained teachers? Are there coun-

selors? Is a psychologist available?

6. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT. Are parents or parental groups such as the PTA involved in programs? Are they welcome — or are they merely tolerated?

7. PRINCIPAL. Does the principal visit classes and get acquainted with students? What is the nature of the relationships between principal, school workers, students? Does the principal initiate and encourage parental and community involvement in the school?

8. SCHOOL SPIRIT. Is there a sense of sharing, cooperating, and spirit among students and school employees?

9. ILLNESS-ACCIDENTS. Is a nurse on duty? Have emergency procedures been established and practiced? Are parents and students aware of the emergency procedures?

About Town

Rice to show slides

AARP 1275 will meet Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at South United Methodist Church, Lucy Townsend and Bill Rice of Connecticut Community Care will give a presentation on chronic mental illness and its impact on the elderly.

Society to hear organists

Manchester Organ Society will meet Saturday at 8 p.m. at Second Congregational Church. Entertainment will be provided by organ players Irving Screen of New Britain and Lloyd Erickson of Canton. Lil Ulzen will be hosted and Bill McAuley will be in charge of refreshments.

Baby-sitting course filled

Manchester Junior Women's Club's baby-sitting course for this month is filled. The group is accepting names for a series which may be held in April for boys and girls 10 to 15 years old. Laura Boutlier, a Red Cross instructor and head of the home economics department of Hilling Junior High School, and Ken Casson, an emergency medical technician at Manchester Fire Department, will teach the courses. For more information and for registration, call Pam Hudson at 289-0647, or Betty Gorman at 643-6685.

Probate judge to speak

Probate Judge William Fitzgerald will speak on "Competency vs. Incompetency: The Legal Aspects" at an Alzheimer's Support Group session 7 p.m. Wednesday at Manchester Memorial Hospital, Conference Room 1, basement level.

The group is sponsored by the Visiting Nurse and Home Care of Manchester in conjunction with the hospital.

Family support offered

A support group for families with members who suffer from chronic mental illness will meet Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Center for Mental Health at Manchester Memorial Hospital, Room 4.

Three Kings at North

The Three Kings, and their entourage, will "arrive" at North United Methodist Church on Sunday at 8:30 p.m. The procession will be conducted in the style of the Middle Ages, and both the choir and the church school will participate in the pageant. Sweets and beverages will be served after the ceremony, which commemorates the Epiphany. The church is at 300 Parker St.

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Stringtown, Okla. is justifiably proud of their native daughter Reba McEntire, who has triumphed in the country music world. She's proven a country girl can survive in the tough business.

Underground comedy circuit lures the young

By Vernon Scott
United Press International

HOLLYWOOD — There's a wide world of comedy theater far removed from the main stream of movie-TV-night club entertainment, where young comics travel a sort of underground circuit.

The band of funny men and women have rolled 'em in the aisles at 20 campuses around the country this year alone.

The comedians will never be confused with Bob Hope, David Brenner, Eddie Murphy, Joan Rivers or any other prime time stand-up stars.

Their names are anonymous to Mr. & Mrs. America: Marty Cohen, Mike Binder, Frankly Ajiye, Steve Bluestein, Bill Kirchenbauer, Richard Lewis, Steve Wright, Martha Warfield, Sean Holey and Gary Shandling.

But they are directly connected to youthful funnybones. Their average age is 28.

EMPLOYED BY THE (BUDWEISER) COMEDY SHOP TRAVELERS, this talented pool of humorists in tris, each performer providing a half-hour stand-up act individually.

Most gigs so far have been played east of the Mississippi, either on campuses or in nearby gyms, cafeterias and auditoriums to overflow houses. At the University of Florida one troupe pulled 5,000 avid fans.

The tab for students runs from free to \$7 a pop and goes for various college projects. The comedians are paid by their beer company sponsor.

Producer Joe Stegman runs the Comedy Shop Tour, named for the various small clubs several named The Comedy Shop — where the young comics break in their acts for peanuts.

According to Stegman, there are 40 or 50 such clubs around the country, and most young comedians make that tour some headlining for as much as \$2,000 a week, playing for youthful audiences, he said.

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EACH COLLEGE STOP IS A ONE-NIGHTER. Stegman said the tour has been so successful that half the colleges have asked for return engagements.

Some tris are more popular than others. The hottest group consists of Wright, Lewis and Kirchenbauer. Stegman, however, prefers to mix up the tris.

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Advice

Boss thinks wary women are nutty as a fruitcake

DEAR ABBY: You be the judge... last night about 7 p.m. I was relaxing in my tub when my doorbell rang. I wasn't expecting anybody, but I got out of the tub, wrapped a towel around me and peeked out my front window to see who it was. I saw a kid about 18 or 19 years old, holding a box. I assumed he was selling something, so I said nothing and went back to my room. I was not about to open my door to a stranger.

The next morning my boss called me in a rage. "Yesterday I asked you if you were going to be home that evening and you said yes, so how come you weren't home?" I told him I was home. Then he told me he had sent his son to my house with a fruitcake his wife had made for Christmas gift, but nobody answered the door.

I told him the truth - that I was home, my doorbell rang and I saw a kid on my porch but didn't want to open my door to a stranger. He said his son drove clear across town for nothing, then he called me a "paranoid dummy."

DEAR CAREFUL: Orchids to you for being careful, and a wilted weed to your boss for chewing you out. He should have told you that his son would be delivering a gift to you about 7 p.m. Nobody should open his or her door to a stranger.



Dear Abby Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: A further word about taking children out of school for dental appointments: You recommended against it, and I agree wholeheartedly. Teachers can't teach absent students any more than dentists can treat absent patients.

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DEAR ABBY: First one grandma says, "Marriage is the price a man pays for sex, and sex is the price a woman pays for marriage."

Then another grandma says, "Men give love in order to get sex, and women give sex in order to get love - and marriage has nothing to do with it."

DEAR GLAD: Not all heterosexuals are missing something. Nor are all homosexuals together because they love each other. All generalizations are flawed. Including this one.

Do you hate to write letters because you don't know what to say? Thank you for your letters, congratulations, how to decline and accept invitations and many other interesting letters are included in Abby's booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions."

DEAR BILL: Simple, yes.



How Daddy works

Democratic Rep. John D. McNeill of Malden, Mass. holds his 26-day-old daughter, Jennifer, as he is sworn-in along with the rest of the Massachusetts state representatives in the Statehouse Wednesday.

Mother-daughter relations shape pregnancy outlook

By Elizabeth Pennell United Press International

NEW YORK - Whether being pregnant is a joy or a burden can depend on the expectant woman's mother.

It is not advice from the mother during pregnancy, but the mother's attitude towards her daughter years before that can make the difference.

For mothers-to-be, it is doubly important to be comfortable with one's doctor and to take advantage of support offered by friends, self-help groups, or professionals, Notman said in a telephone interview.

THE THERAPISTS, WHO MEET TWICE A YEAR to compare notes about pregnant patients, also identify three discreet psychological stages of pregnancy.

For sure, indoor sports abound. Basketball, volleyball and bowling leagues are everywhere, and there are plenty of tennis, racketball and Nautilus clubs around.

But you still might have that claustrophobic urge to escape from walls or ceilings of any kind. When you get right down to it, though, there's just not too many outdoor avenues.

Enthusiasts regularly monitor the freezing progress of local ponds, lakes, puddles and swamps each week. When the winds blow and there are no ripples, and when the surface no longer reflects surrounding images - then it's time.

THE best ice is after a warm weather spell.

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SPORTS Whalers score crucial win over Red Wings

By Bob Papetti Herald Sports Writer

HARTFORD - On paper, numbers suggested an even hockey match between the Whalers and visiting Detroit Red Wings at the Civic Center Thursday night.

Point totals - Hartford with 30, Detroit with 31 - were close, and both clubs had the skids of late. Neither had won in three previous games. In head-to-head games, the adversaries had split one apiece, each winning at home.

Just another blah contest between two also-rans? Not when you look at the standings. Detroit, in third place in the dubious Norris Division, is virtually assured of a playoff berth.

Hartford responded in fashion, grabbing a 6-2 win before a crowd of 10,491.

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Chicago Saturday night, the Whalers pack their bags for three straight away games next week in Toronto, Buffalo and Minnesota.

Three third-period goals in the final five and a half minutes broke things open. Bobby Crawford gave the Whalers a 4-2 lead when he scored on the third rebound in a row at 14:33, after shots by linemates Torrie Robertson and Greg Malone.

That meant that the Whalers would have a man advantage for the rest of the game. Hartford could score as many goals as possible in the span. A rare feeling in the driver's seat for the league's weakest offensive team.

The Whalers, who outshot the Red Wings, 15-4, in the final period, wrapped it up. Kevin Dineen scored his second goal of the night after pouncing on a fumble puck that he stizzled around the top of the left boards and ricocheted to the net.

It was a short-handed goal at 13:44 of the first period by Ron Francis, who wired a wristler from the right circle past Micallef's stick. Mark Johnson set up the play on a pass from the left corner.

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