

Stronger growth likely in economy

By Denis G. Guilino
United Press International

WASHINGTON — The government's leading economic indicators rose 0.7 percent in February, a sign that the current economic slowdown may give way to stronger growth in the next few months, the Commerce Department said Friday.

February's growth was less than January's 1.5 percent increase, but way ahead of the average for the last three months of 1984 — a 0.2 percent decline. An accompanying index of coincident indicators, which measures the current economy instead of looking ahead, dropped by 0.3 percent.

The report suggested, even though employment, production, income and sales weakened, the economy is still sending signals that better times might be on the way.

"With the coming of spring, the indicators signal renewed optimism," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said. "Although some current economic statistics in February indicate a moderation of business activity, the leading indicators show a path of continuing growth in the months ahead."

A separate report Friday showed sales of new houses rebounded in February, growing 6.2 percent after January's 0.5 percent decline. The average price, however, also rebounded, reaching \$101,300, slightly below November's record.

Five of the 10 leading indicators available for measurement went up, led by new orders for factory equipment. Also positive were a monthly average of 500 common stock prices, an expansion of the money supply, a greater number of new businesses and the pace of deliveries.

The five indicators that were negative were a shrinkage in the length of the average work week, a decline in new orders for consumer goods, an increase in new claims for unemployment benefits, declines in raw materials prices — perhaps a sign of less demand — and a falloff in building permits.

The composite index of leading indicators for February was pegged at 167.3, compared to an average of 160 in 1987.

Although an increase of 0.7 percent is neither terribly weak nor unusually strong, many analysts and the White House seemed more eager than usual to interpret it as a positive sign, since other recent reports have been unexpectedly negative.

Ernest Gagnon of Manchester, senior project engineer for United Technologies Research Center, has been cited for extraordinary contributions during 1984.

Gagnon was among 14 Research Center scientists, engineers and support personnel who received cash awards and certificates of recognition from Wayne G. Burwell, director of research at United Technologies.

Business In Brief

Gagnon cited for research



Ernest Gagnon

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Building permits increase

NEW YORK — The value of building permits issued in the nation's 200 largest cities increased by 8.1 percent to \$12.9 billion in the third quarter of 1984, according to the Dun & Bradstreet Corp.

The 8.1 percent increase in building permits to nearly \$13 billion indicates that construction activity should remain relatively strong throughout 1985, since building permit levels forecast construction activity in the next six to eight quarters, the company said.

Investment report

Investment prices, courtesy of Advest Inc. are as of 3 p.m. Friday.

Price	Week's Change
Advest Inc.	9.9 dn 3/4
Acmal	7.9 up 1/4
Actra	40.9 up 3/4
CBT Corp.	39.9 up 1/4
Colomat Bancorp	28 nc
First	15.9 nc
First Conn. Bancorp	30.4 nc
Gagnon Corp.	28 dn 1/2
Hartford National	76.0 dn 1/4
Hartford Steam Boiler	45.5 up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	47.0 dn 3/8
J.C. Penney	13.9 up 1/8
Sage Allen	10.2 nc
SNET	40.9 up 1/4
Travelers	41.9 dn 3/8
Tyco Laboratories	35.5 up 1/4
United Technologies	40.9 up 1/4
New York gold	\$329.25 up \$13.75

Pfleiffer named officer

Goffrey E. Pfeiffer, formerly of Manchester, has been appointed an officer at National Life of Vermont, according to an announcement by the home office in Montpelier, Vt.

Pfeiffer joined National Life in 1983 as an advanced marketing consultant in the marketing department. Formerly, he served with Accata Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Washington, D.C., as a sales support manager. He also served as a senior underwriting consultant and an agent with Hartford Life Insurance Co.

He is a chartered life underwriter, a chartered financial consultant and a fellow of the Life Management Institute.

Workshops continue

The second part of a three-part series for the small business owner will deal with marketing, promotions and pricing, beginning April 9 at Manchester Community College.

The first course on April 9 will be on sales and marketing. The second course on April 16 will deal with promotions and advertising and the third on April 23 will be on the subjects of pricing and distribution.

The program is co-sponsored by the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, the Rockville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Manchester Community College and the Small Business Administration. All workshops will be from 7 to 10 p.m. in room P-6 at MUC. For more information call the Connecticut Small Business Development Center at 241-4986.

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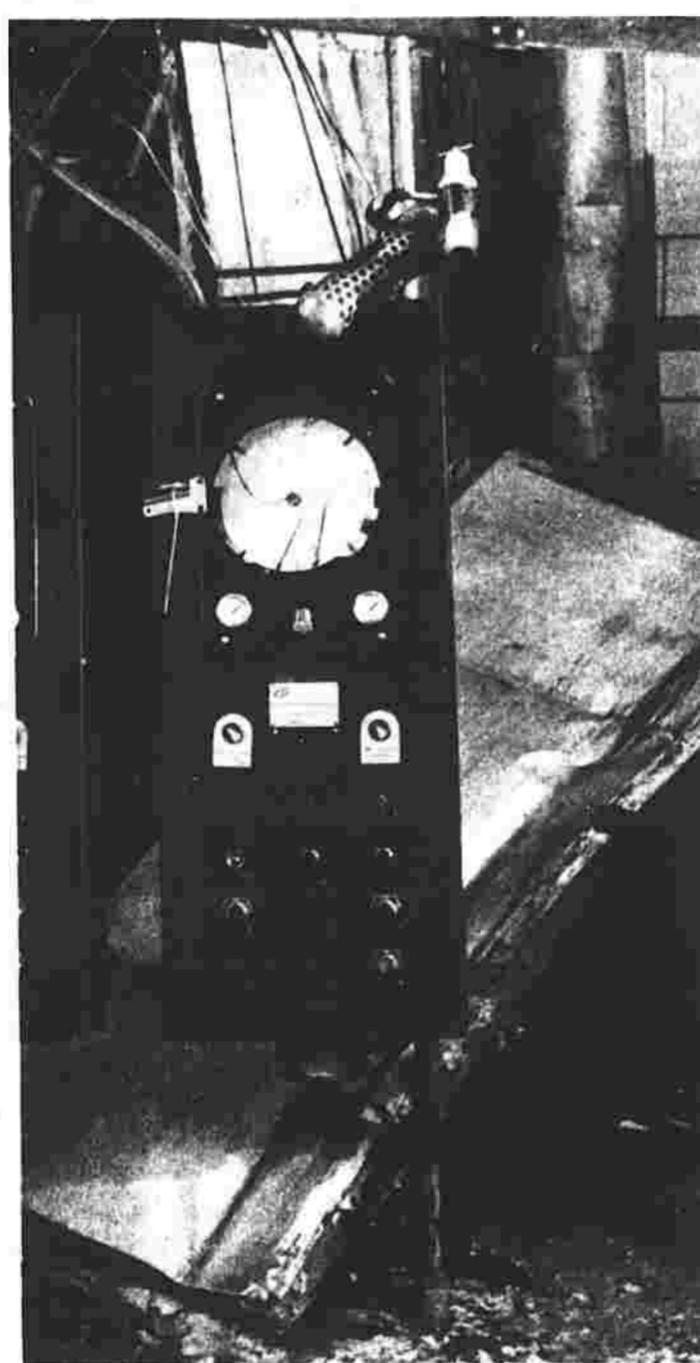
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Oven blast injures meat plant worker

By Sarah Possell
Herald Reporter



A worker at a Wetherell Street meat packing plant suffered head injuries this morning when the sausage-smoking oven he was checking exploded, throwing him head first into a ceramic-tiled wall about 15 feet away, police and town fire officials said this morning.

There was a pool of blood at the base of the wall where the victim, Richard Romano, landed. Romano is lead man in the sausage kitchen at Manchester Packing Co. at 349 Wetherell St., according to William Bogner, who owns the company with his brother Don.

A spokeswoman at Manchester Memorial Hospital was unable late this morning to provide a condition report on Romano, who was still being evaluated by hospital staff.

The force of the explosion, which town fire department records show occurred about 7:30 a.m., blew off a steel door around a corner and blasted 15 feet away from the oven. It blew off another steel door about 15 feet away and several windows in the room where the oven is located.

Police and fire officials had not determined this morning what caused the blast. Police said they will notify the federal Occupational Health and Safety Administration of the accident, the first of its kind in Manchester Packing's history, owner William Bogner said.

Police said that Romano was checking the gauges on the oven at the instant it blew up.

Deputy Fire Chief James McKay, who was in charge at the scene, said company officials told him that there were fewer people in the area of the oven than usual when the oven exploded this morning. Otherwise, McKay said, more people would certainly have been hit and could have been killed by the flying steel doors.

Two service officials from Connecticut Natural Gas were on the scene about an hour after the accident to check the oven, which runs on gas.

The 43-year-old packing company was founded by the Bogner's father, who started with a slaughter house on Birch Mountain.

William Bogner said. The company moved to Hartford and then East Hartford before locating on Wetherell Street in 1985, Bogner said.

The company packages and distributes Bogner brand meats to supermarkets, restaurants and institutions in Connecticut and as far south as the Virgin Islands, Bogner said.

The door of an oven lies on the floor at the Manchester Meat Packing Co. on Wetherell Street after being torn off when the oven exploded this morning. In front are gauges that were being checked by a worker when the oven exploded. Worker Richard Romano was thrown head-first into a tiled wall about 15 feet away. Officials at Manchester Memorial Hospital were evaluating his condition at press time.

Herald photo by Pinto

Reaction is mixed

Parents view health course material

By Kathy Gormus
Herald Reporter

Members of the Board of Education and about 50 parents were taken on an audio-visual tour through puberty and adolescence Saturday during a workshop held to review materials presented in a controversial eighth-grade health course.

While several parents and school board members praised the course at the conclusion of the three-hour workshop, a number of them maintained the course should be made an elective.

One woman, comparing the course's mandatory aspect to parents' decision-making about an elective, said "What about the kids who feel queasy, uneasy and mandated into a course they don't feel ready for?"

"Isn't this sexual abuse?" asked Lorraine Theriault.

Although the course is required

of all eighth-grade students at Bennett and Iling junior high schools, parents can remove their children from parts of the course they find objectionable.

But several parents at the workshop said they were reluctant to remove their children from the course for fear their children would be ridiculed by other students.

"The peer pressure that is put on these kids at this time makes it almost impossible for parents to have a say," said Karin Musto.

Saturday's workshop at Robinson School was the first of two scheduled to review the "Life Cycles" unit of the health course, known as "Focus on Wellness." The second will be held April 13.

At its March 25 meeting, the school board voted to establish a citizens' advisory committee to study health and family life education in the schools. The board is scheduled to select a committee April 29.

The "Life Cycles" unit, which deals with growth and development, human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases, has prompted a number of complaints from parents. School officials have said they plan to review units, parents and school board members were shown handouts, vocabulary sheets, three filmstrips and a film that are part of the first eight lessons in the "Life Cycles" unit. Most of the material dealt with the physical changes that accompany puberty and adolescence.



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Beirut terror spurs threat

London paper says U.S. warned Iran

By Mark A. Dupuis
United Press International

LONDON (UPI) — The United States is preparing to respond with military force against Iran if any Americans held hostage by pro-Iranian factions in Lebanon are executed or put on trial, the Sunday Times newspaper said.

The newspaper quoted Western intelligence sources as saying the Iranian government of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was warned of the possible action in a message sent via the Swiss diplomatic mission in Tehran early last month.

The newspaper said the type of retaliation was not specified, but the sources said the USS Texas, a guided missile cruiser operating in the Persian Gulf, was the most likely platform for a missile attack.

Iran's giant Kharg Island oil terminal and its commercial ports of Bushehr and Bandar Khomeini were named as likely targets.

Five U.S. citizens are still

missing after being kidnapped in Beirut. All of the abductions have been claimed by Islamic Jihad, or Holy War, which is believed to be an extremist Shiite Moslem organization with ties to Iran.

In Washington, the State Department neither confirmed nor denied that an American warning was passed on to Iran by Swiss diplomats, but national security adviser Robert MacFarlane publicly advocated military action against Iran at a recent defense forum in the U.S. capital.

The United States has enough evidence "to hold Iran responsible for some attacks on American citizens, property and interests," MacFarlane said, adding that Washington "should be prepared to direct an appropriate military response."

British officials were not told of the warning and probably would know any such action, the Sunday Times said. Two Britons kid-

napped in Beirut last month were released last week, one Wednesday and one Saturday.

Callers claiming to represent Islamic Jihad have taken responsibility for several terrorist acts in Lebanon, including the truck bombings of U.S. Embassy buildings in Beirut and the U.S. Marine barracks at Beirut International Airport. More than 300 people died in the attacks.

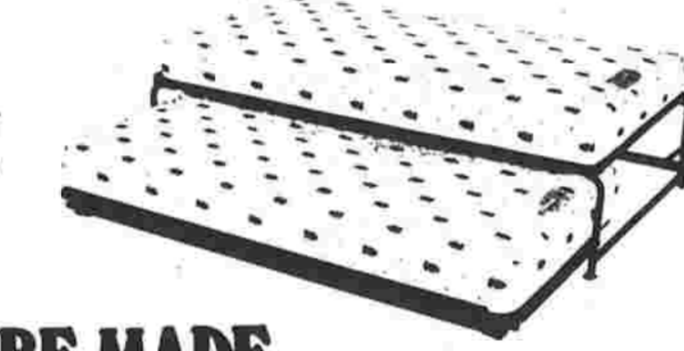
The only known demand of the kidnappers is the release of 18 Moslem extremists who are serving prison terms or awaiting execution in Kuwait. They were convicted last year of staging a series of bomb attacks, including one on the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait on Dec. 12, 1983.

Ten Westerners are known to be missing in Lebanon — the five Americans, three Frenchmen, a Briton, and a Dutch priest.

However, the Democratic administration learned last week that there was a \$43 million "hole" in O'Neill's proposed 1985-86 budget because of underestimated costs for pensions.

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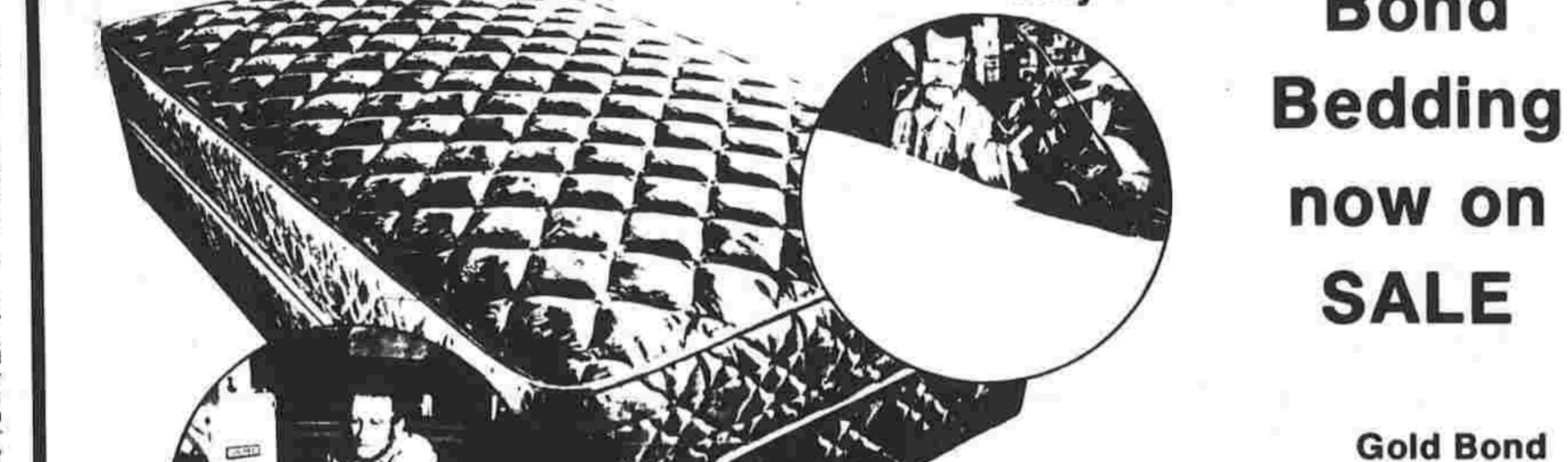
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Company looking for old blenders

NEW HARTFORD (UPI) — The company that helped bring milkshakes and crushed ice into the average American home is now on the lookout for vintage models of its equipment.

Waring Products Division is collecting information on early Waring Blenders Units for its 50th anniversary celebration. The company is encouraging owners of classic models to send in a photograph and note with the serial number, as well as recipes for possible use in a book to be published in conjunction with the anniversary.

There's no cash prize to be had from this venture, but owners of the 50 oldest machines, determined by the serial numbers, will get a new one from the company.

Letters and photographs should be addressed to Waring Products Division, Dynamics Corporation of America, Box 80, Plain Meadows, Conn., 06061. The deadline is June 30.

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JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE... win exceeds his expectations

Salvadorans elect mayors

Projections forecast win for Duarte

By Dianne Klein United Press International

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Early projections today on the result of El Salvador's legislative elections showed a "spectacular victory" for President Jose Napoleon Duarte's moderate party that should boost his U.S.-backed reform program.

showed Duarte's Christian Democratic Party (PDC) won at least 32 seats in the assembly against no more than 22 seats for a rightist coalition.

Leaders had predicted before the election they would manage only to retain their 24 seats in the current assembly.

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Police chief proposes broad study of department

By Alex Girelli Herald Reporter

Members of the Board of Directors were taken by surprise Saturday when Police Chief Robert Lannan suggested a broad study to determine the course of the police department for the next five years or so.

Weiss said it was not. He said the desire for a broader study grew out of a meeting Wednesday with Thomas Crockett, a representative of Police International, after Weiss had already submitted his budget recommendation for fiscal 1985-86.

He also did not recommend three additional police officers. Instead, he recommended the \$10,000 study to determine the best organizational structure for the department.

LANNAN SAID HE HOPED a study would confirm his belief that a deputy chief should be named. Another topic broached by the police department was also greeted with reservation by Cassano.

not show the increase in the level of expectation for police service. He said owners of condominium units, male prisoners because courts have been holding that "security takes precedence over privacy."

favor of having television surveillance of cells housing female prisoners as well as those housing male prisoners because courts have been holding that "security takes precedence over privacy."

Peopletalk

Vasectomy on auction block

A suburban Dallas PTA is offering a lifetime gift in a Saturday charity auction — a \$300 vasectomy donated by a urologist.

Some body talk

Dance is Martha Graham's medium but she says comedy is the greatest challenge.

Uptown wife Brinkley

Billy Joel says he and his new bride, model Christie Brinkley, are just a couple of working stiffs.

Christie Brinkley



Governor for a day

Karen Garcia of Lincoln, N.H., acts as Governor during the Youth in Government program sponsored by the New Hampshire YMCA.

Visions of Hollywood

The grocery clerks from Rockford, Ill., and the waitresses from Birmingham, Ala., still head to Hollywood hoping to be discovered.

Extended outlook

Extended outlook for New England Wednesday through Friday.

Now you know

Columbia University in New York City was founded in 1754 as King's College by a grant from King George II.

Almanac

Today is Monday, April 1, the 91st day of 1985 with 274 to follow. This is April Fool's Day.

Weather

Today's forecast

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Today, rain diminishing with variable cloudiness and a chance of showers in the afternoon.

Maine: Winter storm warning in effect for north and western mountains. Snows beginning in the north this morning with wet snow elsewhere but mixed or changing to rain and sleet.

New Hampshire: Winter storm warning in effect for northern sections. Snow mixed with sleet in the north today with around 6 inches accumulation.

Vermont: Snow ending with considerable cloudiness breezy and colder with flurries at times this afternoon through Tuesday.

Across the nation

Snow will fall today over the Great Lakes and northern Maine. Rain will fall across much of New England with scattered rain showers from West Virginia across eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and southeast New York state.

Lottery

Connecticut daily Saturday: 854 Play Four: 1948 Other numbers drawn Saturday in New England: Maine daily: 239 New Hampshire daily: 2396



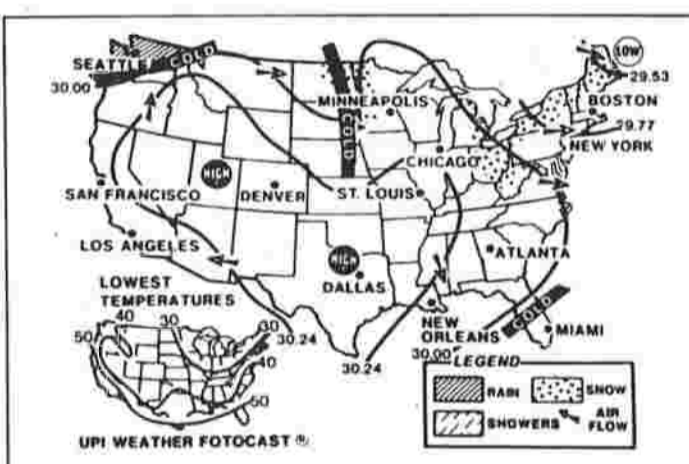
Don't let drizzle fizzle day

Today, rain changing to variable cloudiness with a 30 percent chance of showers. Windy with high 45 to 50. Wind north to 20 mph shifting to west 15 to 25 mph.



Satellite view

Commerce Department satellite photo taken at 3:30 a.m. EST shows layered clouds rotating through New England and the Great Lakes.



National forecast

For the period ending 7 a.m. EST Tuesday, during early Tuesday morning rain is forecast for parts of the Pacific Northwest with snow in parts of the Northern Plains, the Great Lakes, the Ohio Valley and parts of the North Atlantic states.

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Crafts draw crowd

Michelle Dobieski of Tolland fixes her display of Christmas items Saturday during a craft fair at Manchester High School.

Directors mull improvements

By Alex Girelli Herald Reporter

The Board of Directors wants more information about a proposed automatic fuel-dispensing system for the highway garage on Olett Street before it approves the project in the budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

CHAPMAN ALSO ADVOCATED the replacement of a number of town vehicles, citing figures on how much it costs to operate them in comparison to newer vehicles.

time for breakdowns was excessive in his opinion. While the total cost of leaf collection in 1984 was almost the same as in 1983 — about \$13,000 — the overtime cost was higher. It was \$29,000, compared with \$12,233.81.



Figures show rate of increase

The Manchester budget has brought an increase in the taxes on most Manchester houses almost every year since 1978, figures supplied to the Board of Directors indicate.

WEST HARTFORD is the highest among the nine towns at \$1,328 in per-capita expenditures, an equalized per-capita Grand List of \$44,556, and per-capita income of \$14,470.

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OPINION

Closing the Pentagon's revolving door

By Robert Rothman
Congressional Quarterly

WASHINGTON — Fed up with continuing Pentagon procurement scandals, congressional critics want to slam the "revolving door" that has propelled thousands of Defense Department employees from the federal payroll to jobs with government contractors.

Some members of Congress say that federal workers who hope to land high-paying jobs with contractors they oversee may be lax about quality control or contract auditing. Excessively cozy relationships between contractors and federal agencies drive up costs, they say.

"One can hardly fail to see a connection between outrageous overpricing of Pentagon weapons and spare parts — most recently the \$600 toilet seat cover — and the revolving door," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

Harking and David Pryor, D-Ark., in the Senate, and Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., in the House, have introduced bills to prohibit high-level federal employees who have worked in procurement from taking jobs with government contractors for five years. Other members have sponsored less-stringent proposals that would require a shorter waiting period and grant greater latitude in the types of jobs federal employees could take.

THE BILLS WOULD APPLY government-wide, but are aimed primarily at the Defense Department, which makes about 80 percent of the government's purchases.

Defense Department officials and government contractors generally oppose the proposals, arguing that existing laws deal adequately with conflicts of interest.

But, officials and contractors concede, the appearance of impropriety could jeopardize public confidence in the procurement process.

At a hearing March 19 before a Senate Armed Services subcommittee, Defense Under Secretary William H. Taft IV said he could understand why the public might be skeptical when several Air Force employees in charge of overseeing quality control at the Hughes Aircraft plant in Tucson left to join Hughes.

But, he said, "I am not sure that practice is widespread."

To deal with those isolated cases, Taft said he could support a narrow limitation on future employment to deal with the appearance of conflicts.

But Taft and defense contractors warned against unduly restricting future employment of federal workers, arguing that their expertise is valuable and that they could serve the country well in the employ of a contractor.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNIONS, some of whose members are affected, support revolving-door prohibitions, as long as they are limited to employees who have control over contracts. "We certainly don't want to shut off opportunities to work in the private sector," said Red Evans of the Federal Managers Association. "But we have to build in some sort of controls."

According to the Defense Department, about 2,200 former high-ranking Pentagon employees were working for government contractors in 1983. In some cases, workers left the government on a Friday and started with the private company on a Monday. In other months elapsed.

Many of those employees had negotiated contracts with the contractor they joined, and

several observers wonder if the job was in some way repayment for favorable treatment. "It looks bad, it smells bad, and it is bad," said Pryor.

But all of these job shifts were legal according to existing law. Federal ethics laws, strengthened by the 1978 post-Watergate Ethics in Government Act, restrict the kinds of work former federal employees can perform once leaving for private employment.

A federal worker may not, for example, negotiate a contract with a private firm, then leave the government, join the firm and negotiate with the government.

DURING DEBATE on the 1978 act, the House rejected an attempt to relax some post-federal employment restrictions. But Congress did limit restrictions to high officials who had supervisory or significant decision-making authority.

Defense Department officials say that prohibition is sufficient. "The law has been tailored carefully to make a living against the right of the public to be assured that official relationships will not be improperly exploited," Taft told the Armed Services subcommittee.

Critics say that existing laws leave open wide loopholes — including the possibility of special treatment for a contractor by a federal official looking to switch jobs.

"We are tolerating a situation which encourages people to negotiate with future employers while they are with the government," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich.

"It is an incestuous relationship," said Pryor. "It strengthens the bond of the military-industrial complex."



Jack Anderson

LBJ asked FBI to quell furor over JFK death

WASHINGTON — One of history's strangest attempts at literary collaboration is described in an internal FBI memo that tells how President Lyndon Johnson tried to get FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to write a book on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The time was October 1966, three years after the assassination in Dallas. Every conspiracy theorist in the country seemed to have a scenario contradicting the Warren Commission's conclusion that the accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, had acted alone.

Johnson was dismayed at the public's fascination with the Kennedy assassination and the persisting conspiracy theories. He had tried to close the door on the conspiracy idea by appointing a bipartisan commission of prominent, credible public figures to investigate the assassination.

Yet I later learned from sources close to Johnson that he had his own suspicions about a conspiracy.

FROM HIS EARLIEST intelligence briefings on the assassination, he privately suspected that Cuban agents were involved. I don't know whether he ordered it. He feared that if the American people learned of this, they would demand military reprisals against Cuba, and this could lead to a dangerous confrontation with the Soviet Union.

To prevent this, Johnson appointed the Warren Commission. I don't know whether he tried to influence its deliberations, but he was clearly distressed that the commission's verdict was still under attack three years later.

Johnson wanted to do something to re-establish the commission's credibility and lay to rest the conspiracy talk. He decided that Hoover, then still a formidable figure, had the credibility to persuade the American people, once and for all, that Oswald was the lone assassin.

So LBJ, using his best behind-the-scenes technique, got his close friend, Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas, to approach Hoover. Fortas was skeptical but made the overture through Hoover's trusted assistant, Cartha D. DeLoach.

DeLoach conferred with Hoover, who rejected the book idea as Fortas had expected. According to an internal memo that DeLoach wrote on Oct. 10, 1966, he broke the news to Fortas and explained "the many reasons why the director could not accede to the president's and Justice Fortas' request."

Fortas then confided, states the memo, that "he had argued with the president that it was not logical for the director to prepare this book inasmuch as the director in doing so would necessarily have to substantiate the investigative efforts of many other agencies."

BUT JOHNSON HAD a fallback position, which Fortas then presented. He asked that Hoover at least issue a statement on one point: the critics had raised the discrepancies between FBI reports and the Warren Commission concerning the Kennedy autopsy.

DeLoach told Fortas he "felt certain" Hoover would agree to this modest proposal and immediately set to work drafting such a statement. The files contain a handwritten note from Hoover about the statement, saying simply: "Let me see it."

DeLoach, now retired, told my associate Les Whitten that the matter was resolved by issuing the Hoover-approved statement in response to an inquiry from The Washington Star. As DeLoach remembered it, the statement reiterated the FBI's view that Oswald acted alone.

Diplomatic digest
• Czechoslovakia's communist government is struggling with a problem that supposedly afflicts only decadent capitalist countries: drug addiction. A report on a hush-hush conference in Prague estimates the number of Czech addicts — mostly teenagers — at some tens of thousands in a population of about 15 million.

Heroin and cocaine are hard to get, so the junkies get their kicks by mixing various over-the-counter painkillers and sedatives.

• Sudanese President Gaafar Nimeiri's stubborn insistence on imposing strict Islamic law on the largely Christian southern part of his country may have cost him more than he realizes. My intelligence sources say that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has secretly decided that he will no longer protect Nimeiri from an internal coup, only from external threats by Libya or others. Nimeiri, incidentally, may be suffering from Bright's disease, or nephritis, an ailment of the kidneys.

• Tired of buses passing by without stopping for you? Here's a suggestion that might work — if you happen to live near a zoo. The villagers of Shimoga, India, got fed up with bus drivers who refused to stop, so they got help from Hannibal. They parked an elephant in the middle of the road. This created such a traffic jam that the bus drivers promised they'd stop at Shimoga in the future.

• A British researcher has figured out how to waltz fly with deadly accuracy. To overcome the peck critic's all-around vision and super-fast reaction, simply take a rolled-up newspaper in each hand and waltz fore and aft. Bingo!

GOP looks for efficiency but Democrats see blunders

By Mark A. Dupuis
United Press International

HARTFORD — House Speaker R.E. Van Norstrand, R-Darien, says it's not a crucial goal, but he would still like to see the General Assembly end its regular session early this year.

"I think it would look like good management," says Van Norstrand, who became presiding officer of the House in January when Republicans took control of the Legislature for the first time in a decade.



R.E. VAN NORSTRAND
runs smooth House

Van Norstrand notes that the last time the Legislature adjourned before its constitutional deadline was back in 1974, which also happens to be the last time Republicans controlled the House and Senate.

Van Norstrand says it's difficult to say if lawmakers will finish up their business ahead of the June 9 adjournment deadline, but says GOP leaders are headed in that direction.

He says Republicans "are doing all right" this year when compared to the same-length legislative session two years ago when the House and Senate were under Democratic control.

Needless to say, leaders of the current Democratic minority disagree about the performance of the Legislature under Republican control and see anything but good management in many cases.

Senate Minority Leader Cornelius O'Leary, D-Windor, locks, says the Democratic minority dis- agree about the performance of the Legislature under Republican control and see anything but good management in many cases.

Senate Majority Leader Irving G. Stoberg, D-New Haven, re-

cently unveiled a sign at the Capitol listing examples of Republican "mismanagement, blunders and abuses."

The sign included an envelope containing forms for the violation of legislative rules and procedures in the running of committee meetings and hearings.

The Democratic leaders listed 29 incidents, including an increase in the total number of bills filed this year despite Republican criticism that Democrats were considering too many bills in past years.

The list also cited incidents

where the minority leaders said committees had violated legislative rules and conducted hearings and meetings in a shoddy or otherwise questionable manner.

"We feel that the honeymoon period for the Republican novices is over," said O'Leary, who said some committees with new GOP chairmen have major backlogs of bills and the General Assembly as a whole is running behind schedule.

Two years ago, with Democrats in control, O'Leary said the Senate at this point had acted on more than 200 more bills than it has this year, which has him worried there will be a last-minute rush to pass bills.

"We don't want logjams, we don't want 11th hour passage of bills hastily put together," said O'Leary.

Van Norstrand counters that some committees completed their work ahead of the deadlines set in legislative rules and says that where there have been problems the GOP leaders have resolved them.

He also said the fact fewer bills have been passed so far this year doesn't bother him since the Republicans may not want to pass as many bills as the Democrats did two years ago.

The Republicans also like to point out that two years ago the Legislature remained for a special session after Democrats failed in the regular session to adopt a state budget.

House Majority Leader Robert

G. Jaekle, R-Stratford, says the Democrats haven't accepted the fact they are in the minority now and are being treated no differently than they were treated by the Republican minority in past sessions.

"I think it looks different to the Democrats now that they're in the minority," said Jaekle, who stood by as the Democratic leaders unveiled their "blunders" sign at a news conference last week.

"I think it's much to do about nothing," Jaekle said. He con- ceded the GOP has made some mistakes, but said it is only normal with new chairmen and none of the problems has been significant.

Jaekle said the Democratic news conference to unveil the "blunder board" seemed overly partisan, but added that should be expected with a gubernatorial and legisla- tive elections coming next year.

"I think that the atmosphere in the General Assembly is a little more politically charged" going into the election year, Jaekle said. O'Leary said he too is thinking about next year. He said he is concerned that shoddy operation of the Legislature by Republicans will reflect poorly on Democratic Gov. William A. O'Neill, who has nothing to do with it but will be up for re-election.

Potpourri Silly Soviets

Russia's leaders are noted for their grime, but average Soviets welcome the sardonic humor found in such places as Krokodil (Crocodile), a magazine of satire reaching more than 5 million homes.

Krokodil "uses laughter to kill shortcomings which are hard to eliminate otherwise," explains Soviet Life magazine.

A lot of Russian humor is too biting for such authorized publications as Krokodil, however, including the following jokes — brought out of the U.S.S.R. by emigres and compiled at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem:

Question: What would happen if communism were established in the Sahara Desert?
Answer: Nothing would happen for the first 10 years. After that, there would be a shortage of sand.

A hundred years from now, when socialism has been succeeded by communism, a child will ask his grandmother, "What is a line?"
Grandmother: "We had lines during socialism. People would stand one behind another, waiting to buy butter or sausage."
Child: "What are butter and sausage?"

An Armenian was repatriated from Italy back to the Soviet Union. He made an agreement with his brother, who lived in Rome, that if life in Russia were better than in the West, he'd write his first letter in black ink. But if life were worse, he'd write it in green ink.

The first letter the brother in Italy received was written in black ink. "Everything is excellent," it said. "I got an apartment, a job, there's plenty of everything. If there are any shortages, it's only of the small things. For instance, for the life of me, I could not get hold of any green ink."

A group of foreign tourists visiting the Soviet zoo was standing next to a cage where a wolf and a lamb were peacefully sleeping side by side.

"See," said the tour guide, "under communism, peaceful co-existence is possible even in conditions like this. All you have to do is not spare any effort."

"I don't spare any efforts," muttered an old zoo employee. "I bring in a new lamb every morning!"

Thanks, Al

President Reagan went all-out to win support for the MX missile, personally phoning many members of Congress before key votes in the Senate and House.

He reached New York's fiery Sen. Alfonse D'Amato over a weekend while D'Amato was dining back home with friends at an Italian restaurant. Earlier in the evening, the senator had been in a telephone argument with Rep. Guy Molinari.

When the second call came in, interrupting his dinner, D'Amato grabbed the phone and yelled into it: "Molinari, you creep. Cut out this crap!"

There was a pause at the other end of the line, then a familiar voice: "I don't know... is this Sen. D'Amato? This is the president. I'm calling to ask support on the MX missile."

A shaken D'Amato apologized profusely, then explained that certainly he'd vote for the MX. "Thank you, Al," replied Reagan. "I knew I could count on you."



Washington Window

The White House 'natural'

By Arnold Sawistak

WASHINGTON — When promising young baseball players make it to the major leagues, there always is some skepticism that they will be able to handle the tougher competition of "the bigs."

"Can he hit the curve?" or "Can he throw anything except smoke?" are the kind of questions asked about young "phenoms" who have been hitting .460 at Buffalo or striking out 15 batters a game for Tidewater.

Washington insiders ask similar questions about new presidents. Can he keep up his popularity? Can he get Congress to pass his programs?

There were doubts about Ronald Reagan in 1980 because he had been an actor of modest success in Hollywood and a governor of moderate accomplishment in California before coming to Washington. But by 1984, it was clear that Reagan indeed could hold his own in big league politics.

Now, however, there is a sneaking suspicion that Reagan may be some kind of political phenom, a "natural" blessed with a combination of luck and talent that allows him to gain from his successes and escape the consequences of his mistakes.

IT IS TOO SOON to make a final judgment about Reagan's second term, but he certainly has started it with a bang. By getting a reluctant Republican-led Senate and a hostile Democratic-controlled House to authorize construction of another 21 MX missiles, this lame duck president already has made some history.

By way of perspective, it should be noted that the president who set the standard by which his 20th century successors are measured, Franklin D. Roosevelt, took one of his worst defeats in the first year of his second term — the ill-fated attempt to pack the Supreme Court.

The MX system was supposed to eliminate that danger, but all of the ideas that were offered to hide it from the Russians were dismissed as impractical. As a last resort, it was decided to put the MX into the same Minuteman silos that were supposed to be so vulnerable and try to protect the new missile with some additional cement. At a time when the federal deficit was running in the range of \$200 billion, this scheme was conservatively priced at only \$40 billion.

The whole deal sounded fishy to a lot of members of Congress and many of them said so. But in the end they went along with it, giving Reagan the first major victory of his lame duck term. The jury may still be out on the rest of his second four years, but the record so far is at least semi-phenomenal.

Arnold Sawistak is a senior editor for United Press International.

Connecticut In Brief

Rain soaks brush fires

Rains doused Connecticut bringing welcome relief to parched land and weary firefighters who fought brush fires that seared an estimated 400 acres in the central and western parts of state.

This year, the state had only 22.2 inches of snow, 15 inches below normal. And until the Sunday rains came, the state had not had a soaking rain since March 12.

The dry winter set the stage for a week of brush fires which forced Gov. William A. O'Neill to call out the National Guard helicopters Friday. Fire officials said many of the more than 100 fires reported since February were deliberately set.

Officials await lotto winner

HARTFORD — Lottery officials said there was one winning ticket worth \$5.7 million in Friday night's Lotto contest.

The ticket with the winning number 9-11-14-16-17-24 was sold in Hadram. There were 367 second-prize tickets each worth \$1,024 and 1,389 third-prize tickets each worth \$42.

Next week's Lotto contest, worth approximately \$1 million, will be Saturday night and Friday, which is Good Friday, a state holiday.

Marissa back in hospital

NEW HAVEN — Marissa Emple, the nation's youngest liver transplant recipient, was back in Yale-New Haven Hospital today after developing trouble breathing less than 24 hours after she was brought home.

The 5-month-old Brookfield child, in fair condition, was returned to the hospital Friday by her parents, Gerald and Jane Emple.

When the baby was released Thursday, her condition was described as "good but guarded."

She received the liver Feb. 9, which had been donated by the parents of a Maine child whose baby died of sudden infant death syndrome.

Lady faces murder charge

STAMFORD — Police have charged a Stamford woman with attempted murder after she was accused of trying to give her terminally ill husband a drug overdose.

Police said Sunday they arrested Eda Rosenberg, 52, Friday night after a private nurse alerted them of the alleged attempt on the life of Miles Rosenberg, 64, who is suffering from cancer of the colon.

She was released on \$25,000 bond for a hearing April 9 in Stamford Superior Court.

Park Service Inks agreement

KENT (UPI) — The National Park Service signed an agreement with New Britain-based Stanley Works for the 1.276 acres of land in the Housatonic Valley.

The federal government agreed Friday to pay \$3.1 million to buy the land and protect sections of the Appalachian Trail in northwestern Connecticut.

Stanley Works Chairman Donald W. Davis said the deal assures the protection of five miles of the Appalachian Trail "for generations to come."

The agreement was the product of nearly six months of negotiations between Stanley, the Park Service, and the Housatonic Valley Association, a Kent-based conservation group.

The trail winds along a ridge on the west side of the river and federal officials had approached Stanley as early as 1979 to buy a protective corridor along the trail.

Stanley responded it would sell the whole tract or nothing at all.

That proposal aroused the ire of local officials and residents who did not want the tract taken off the local tax rolls and out of local jurisdiction.

In Connecticut, the park service owns 61 tracts along the trail with a total of 3,271 acres.

Professor says Hispanics face diabetes risks

HARTFORD (UPI) — Diabetes may be complicated by the stress of poverty and urban living, an assistant professor of nursing at the University of Hartford said.

The cause may be genetic, but poor diet, illiteracy, obesity and lack of exercise play a role in the disease.

Henrietta Bernal found in her doctoral thesis that 75 percent of the daily shots a nurse must also follow a strict sugar-free diet, avoid stress, visit her doctor regularly and have twice-monthly visits from a nurse.

Bernal, who is a native of Spain, first noticed the prevalence of the disease after she founded the Hispanic service unit of the Visiting Nurse and Home Care Inc. in 1977. The symptoms include increased thirst, hunger, drowsiness and blurred vision.

The national diabetes rate is 2.6 percent, according to the U.S. National Health Interview Survey of 1976. Rates for Hispanic-Americans aged 65 to 74 is 13.4 percent, compared with a national rate of 4.3 percent for the same age group.

Bernal and other researchers believe a combination of heredity and lifestyle contribute to developing diabetes.

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Summer camp guide out

NEW YORK (UPI) — The American Camping Association has released the 1985 version of "Parents' Guide to Accredited Camps," a source book for day and sleep-away camps in the United States.

To order a copy of the book, send \$8.95 to Parents' Guide, American Camping Association, 100 Bradford Woods, Martinsville, Ind., 46151. Or call toll-free 1-800-428-CAMP.

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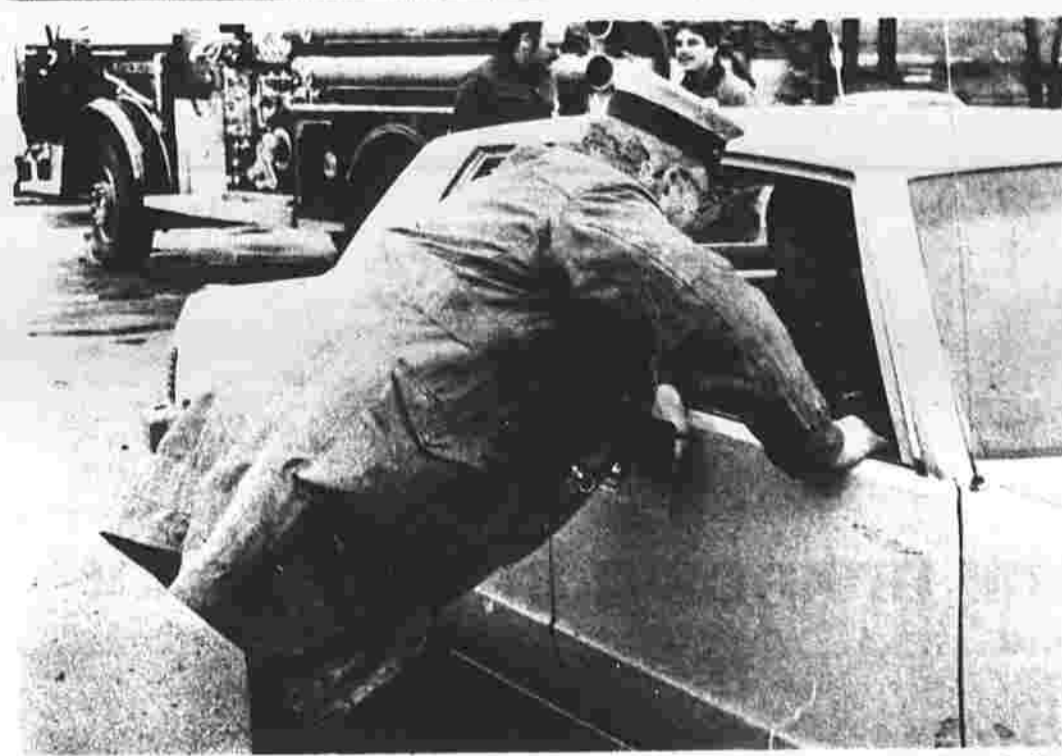
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At the scene
Deputy Town Fire Chief James McKay consults this morning with Manchester police officer Gary Wood about the explosion at the Manchester Packing Co. plant on Wetherell Street, the scene of a

Love Lane plans face hearings

The town planning staff has recommended that the Planning and Zoning Commission approve one zone change on Love Lane and deny another.

Planning Director Mark Pellegrini recommended a memo that the PZC approve a request by the town for a zone change from Residence A to Residence B for 7.5 acres of town-owned land on Love Lane. The town wants to build single-family "starter" houses on the land.

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Neighbors seek restrictions at Multi-Circuits Inc. plant

Several neighbors and property owners near the Multi-Circuits Inc. manufacturing plant are proposing that the town block Harrison Street from Pearl Street to Center Street because of traffic and parking problems, a Pearl Street resident said today.

Pearl Street resident Kathy Roy said a petition is being circulated proposing that a wrought iron fence be installed on the Harrison Street border of the town cemetery which is directly across from the Multi-Circuits plant. The company manufactures printed circuit boards.

Roy said the proposal is the result of a meeting some of the property owners had two weeks ago with General Manager William J. Cassano and two representatives of Multi-Circuits. The fence would run the length of the property line with a wrought iron fence in the cemetery at the corner of Harrison and Center streets, Roy said.

Man charged in sex assault

A 44-year-old Manchester man was scheduled to be presented in Manchester Superior Court today on charges that he sexually assaulted a woman he met in a bar Saturday, police said today.

Police said the woman, 31, was held at the police lockup over the weekend on a \$3,000 bond. She was charged with first-degree sexual assault, unlawful restraint and failure to submit to fingering.

Fyer was arrested early Saturday morning after the victim provided police with a description of the assailant and the house in which the alleged assault took place, police said. The woman told police she had recently moved to Manchester and decided to go to a local bar, where she met Fyer and a couple, police said.

Lee and Mullin couldn't escape

Lee and Mullin couldn't escape their fate in the final game of the first half and picked up his next two fouls in the opening five minutes of the second half. He left the game with his Tigers on top 31-30 and returned 2.1 minutes later with Villanova leading 37-31.

Lee then fouled out on a fluke play. He took a pass on the low right post and was in the process of squaring himself with the basket when he fouled out. He fouled out on the ball flew out of his hands high into the air. While trying to catch it, he fouled out. He fouled out on the forward Dwayne McClain and was whistled for a loose ball foul.

Apology not sought, Rivosca says

Town Fire Chief John Rivosca said today that he has not received a request from Eighth District Fire Chief Harold Topfiff for an apology to two district firefighters in connection with an altercation Tuesday morning at an Adams Street house fire.

Topfiff said Friday that he is seeking an apology from Deputy Chief William Griffin of the town fire department to Assistant Chief Paul Gowork of the district department and district firefighter Raymond P. Fredericksen.

Obituaries

- Floyd J. Russell**
Floyd J. Russell, 80, of 8-E Ambassador Drive, died Saturday at his home. He was the husband of Mrs. Barbara Russell.
- Charles Tischer**
Charles Tischer, 91, of 414 West Florida, died Friday in Florida. He was the father of Edward Educator, and the husband of Marion (Dunham) Tischer.
- William Johnston**
William Johnston, 97, of the Meadows Convalescent Center, died Friday at Manchester Memorial Hospital.
- Frances N. Pelletier**
Frances (Nagl) Pelletier, 69, of Vernon, died Friday at a convalescent home. She was the mother of Paul Pelletier and Richard Pelletier, both of Coventry.

Ed Pinckney looks forward to challenging Ewing

LEXINGTON, Ky. (UPI) — Patrick Ewing, the Indianapolis extraordinary, and Ed Pinckney, the man who befuddles the intimidators, meet again Monday for the 10th and final time in their collegiate careers, with more at stake than in any other clash — an NCAA basketball crown.

Ewing, with his fearsome scowl and defensive presence under the basket, has discouraged many opposing centers but Villanova's Pinckney is looking forward to another opportunity to face the 7-foot Georgetown center. "It's a challenge," said Pinckney, a sly 6-9 center who draws fouls with his non-traditional moves around the

Lee and Mullin couldn't escape



Villanova's head coach is lovable Rollie Massimino and his three seniors say they would like dearly to win the NCAA title for him.

NBA roundup

- Depleted Celtics still give Pistons a battle**
The Detroit Pistons learned a valuable lesson Sunday: With or without Larry Bird the Boston Celtics are a tough team to beat.
- Lakers 123, Suns 98**
At Inglewood, Calif., Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Byron Scott scored 20 points apiece to help the Lakers capture the best month in their history with a victory over Phoenix.
- Spurs 126, Clippers 115**
At Los Angeles, Mike Mitchell scored 24 of his 32 points in the first half and Alvin Robertson added 21, sparking the Spurs to a playoff-clinching victory over the Clippers.

What Pinckney does normally is draw fouls. In averaging 16 points per game on the season, he went to the foul line more than any other player in the Big East. He also helped foul out Keith Lee and Baskerville Holmes of Memphis State to put Villanova into the title game.

"Eddie is what I call an honest player," said Georgetown Coach John Thompson. "Some players become more form than substance. Eddie Pinckney is more substance than form."

Snag develops over sewer maps

A snag — or perhaps a misunderstanding — has developed in a cooperative venture between the town and the Eighth Utilities District to update maps showing the location of utilities.

At a budget workshop conducted Saturday by the Board of Directors, George Kandra, town director of public works, said that the district seems no longer interested in supplying the town with maps showing the location of sanitary sewers in the district.

MHS band wins prize

Manchester High School's jazz band Saturday captured the second prize in a statewide jazz band competition.

Under the direction of Kurt Eckhart, the band took second place among nine other Connecticut high school jazz bands in the Music Educators National Conference Jazz Festival at the University of Hartford's Hart School of Music.

THANK YOU!
I would like to thank the Police Department and the Fire Department for their fast, efficient and courteous emergency service rendered to me last Monday morning. Also, to Manchester Memorial Hospital for their readiness and care in my surgery. Thanks to all those involved. It was super!

Robert Kittle and Wife

Man organizes protest vs. stores

A Manchester real estate salesman is planning to organize a demonstration April 27 against local convenience stores which sell sexually explicit literature.

The local protest will be part of a nationwide protest against the 7-11 convenience store chain, said John Dumas, who lives on East Middle Turnpike.

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Typical Adams Division alley scarp to Sabres

The Sabres, winless against the Whalers at 0-4-3, get one more chance Tuesday night at Buffalo. Hartford's final two home games feature the Washington Capitals and the Buffalo Sabres.

As is typical of Adams Division games, the final score in the defensive battle was 2-1.

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ODU cops women's title

By Mike Rabun United Press International

AUSTIN, Texas — Tracy Claxton is known to her friends and teammates around the Old Dominion campus as the 'Chairman of the Boards'.

She lived up to her title Sunday and even took on a limited partner in Medina Dixon.

Her overwhelming domination of the backboards, clearly more than any other factor, brought the Lady Monarchs a 70-65 victory over Georgia and their third national championship in seven years.

Given Old Dominion's rebounding advantage, the only surprise was that Georgia stayed as close as it did.

Not only were the Lady Bulldogs demolished on the backboards, they lost two of their stars to fouls when the game was still in doubt.

The bottom line in this game, said Georgia coach Andy Landers, was rebounding. Old Dominion did and we didn't.

Old Dominion outrebounded Georgia 52-20. Claxton made 3 senior out of New Haven, Conn. claimed 20 — 12 on the offensive end. Dixon, a 6-3 senior, had 15 rebounds, including 7 off the defensive glass.

At one point midway through the second half, Old Dominion made 3 straight baskets of offensive rebounds. Georgia managed to stay close, however, thanks to some long range shooting by Lisa O Connor and Tracy Walters, and the game was tied 59 with 4:22 left.

But the Lady Bulldogs could not score for the next 2:22 while Old Dominion ran off 8 straight points to take command.

Claxton, who transferred to Old Dominion from Kansas three years ago, finished her collegiate career with 1,999 points. She scored 17 Sunday when Dixon had 18 and Marie Christian 11. Georgia was led by Walters with 19.

Teresa Edwards fouled out with 11 points and 16 to play, and Catrina McClain had just 8 points before fouling out with 5:34 remaining. They teamed for 54 points.

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Georgia's Tracy Wailes (left) tries to steal ball away from ODU's Medina Dixon (right) during NCAA women's basketball championship game Sunday. ODU won, 70-65.

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Sports In Brief

Fly Fishermen hold program April 10

EAST HARTFORD — The Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association will hold a special program on Wednesday, April 10, at the Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse on Sunset Ridge Drive in East Hartford.

The program is open to the public.

RPI wins NCAA hockey championship

DETROIT (UPI) — The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute team made no bones about it — aerobics was its secret.

Captain Mike Sadeppour said that's how the Engineers spurred to a three-overtime victory against No. 2 Minnesota-Duluth and, less than 24 hours later, grabbed a 2-1 triumph over Providence College in Saturday's championship game of the NCAA Division I hockey tournament.

Neil Herberich and George Servinis got the crucial goals Saturday night.

The victory marked the first time since 1954 that the Engineers, 35-2-1, captured the NCAA title. It also stretched RPI's unbeaten streak to 35 games.

Knicks' King to undergo surgery

NEW YORK — New York Knicks All-Star forward Bernard King, the NBA's lowest scorer, will undergo reconstructive surgery on his right knee Monday morning.

King suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament and torn cartilage in the knee last Saturday night in a game at Kansas City, Mo. Knicks team doctor Norman Scott, who will perform the surgery at Lenox Hill Hospital, expects King to make a full recovery.

Mantle to throw out first pitch

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The New York Yankees announced Sunday that Hall of Fame center fielder Mickey Mantle will throw out the ceremonial first pitch at their home opener April 16 against the Chicago White Sox.

Orioles' Lacy out eight weeks

MIAMI — Orioles right fielder Lee Lacy, who injured his right thumb diving for a ball, will undergo surgery Wednesday to repair ruptured ligaments, the team said Sunday.

Lacy will be out of action for a minimum of eight weeks and will return to active duty in mid-May.

Was wrong horse taken down?

HIALEAH, Fla. — Woody Stephens sympathized with Roger Laurin Sunday the day after the trainer of Chief's Crown had his horse disqualified in Hialeah Park's Flamingo Stakes.

Laurin's Chief's Crown won the race by a length Saturday, but was disqualified and placed second for running over into Proud Truth's path. Stephens says Chief's Crown is without blame, but Proud Truth should have been penalized for interfering with his colt, Stephan's Odyssey.

"Proud Truth should have been taken down. He was bumping our colt all over the place," Stephens said. "If I were Roger Laurin, this would be a bitter pill to swallow. His horse didn't do nothing."

The stewards disagreed.

"The No. 5 horse (Chief's Crown) was disqualified for not maintaining a straight course and impeding the No. 7 horse (Proud Truth) and the No. 4 horse (Stephan's Odyssey)," steward Joe Anderson announced.

McEnroe captures Italian Open

MILAN, Italy — Bjorn Borg, who six years ago was the final obstacle between John McEnroe and his first Wimbledon title, watched from the sidelines Sunday as the world's No. 1 tennis player swept to his fourth 1985 tournament victory.

Borg, now retired and working for the sportswear company which sponsored the event, presented McEnroe with the winner's trophy and the first prize check after the match.

McEnroe defeated an error-prone Anders Jarryd of Sweden 6-4, 6-1 in the \$380,000 Italian International Indoor Tennis Championships.

Gamblers good host to Stars

By United Press International

The Houston Gamblers took being a good host a little too far Sunday.

Houston gave the ball back five times and the Baltimore Stars converted three of the turnovers for scores to snap the Gamblers' 12-game home winning streak with a 27-4 victory.

"You just can't get away with giving a good team that many opportunities," said Houston coach Jack Pardee. "We moved the ball well, but the turnovers in close just killed us."

Mike Lush forced a fumble and returned an interception 56 yards for a touchdown and Chuck Fusina added a 36-yard scoring strike to Willie Collier for Baltimore.

"This victory was a must," Lush said. "We had to win to get the season."

Baltimore, the 1984 USFL champion, raised its record to 2-3 and handed the Gamblers their first loss of the season after five victories.

"Give them credit. They're a great football team. That's why they're the defending champions," Houston quarterback Jim Kelly said. "But I don't feel they beat us today. We beat ourselves. I'd like another shot at them, and I think we'll get it."

With Houston lead 7-3 and driving, Lush jarred the ball loose from Gerald McNeil at the 3-yard line and Garvia Lane caught it in the air, returning it to the 19.

Baltimore then went on a 90-yard scoring drive capped by Allen Harvin's 33-yard run around the left side to make it 10-7.

Trailing 14-10, the Stars took the lead for good with a 47 left in the third period when Lush stepped in front of a pass intended for Mark Barousse, and returned it 56 yards for the score.

Houston then drove to the Stars' 10 before another turnover stopped the drive and led to Baltimore's final touchdown. Kelly was sacked on 2nd-and-goal at the 10 by William Fuller, who recovered Kelly's fumble at the 21.

Seven plays later, Fusina tossed a 26-yard touchdown pass to Collier, giving Baltimore a 24-14 lead with 10:35 left. David Trout added his second field, a 38-yarder with 2:26 left, to increase the lead to 27-4.

Fusina, who completed 18-of-31 passes for 310 yards and had one interception, said he was not concerned with Kelly.

"This was not a duel between Kelly and me," Fusina said. "I have to worry about my team and my abilities, and Kelly has to worry about his."

"This was a big life. We had to play a great game. We do not have a fast offense, but a ball-control offense. We take what the defense gives us, which is our winning recipe."

Denver 21, Orlando 17

At Denver, Vince Evans threw three touchdowns and three passes and ran for a third to rally the Gold over the wireless Renegades.

Evans passed 11 yards to Vincent White and 6 yards to Bill Johnson and also scored from a yard out.

Oakland 30, Los Angeles 6

At Los Angeles, Anthony Carter scored a team record three touchdowns to lift the Invaders.

The Invaders, 4-1-1, were the first team in 37 games to hold Los Angeles, 1-5, without a touchdown.



Wrestling champion Hulk Hogan (right) shows his enthusiasm as his partner in a tag team wrestling match, television's Mr. T. gets Rowdy Roddy Piper up on his shoulders and gets set for slam. Hogan and Mr. T triumphed.

Good triumphs over evil

At Wrestlemania

NEW YORK (UPI) — In the wrestling world's continuing struggle between good and evil, good scored a convincing set play — Hogan benefited from Mr. T's trademark streetighting style, finally sending Orndorf to the canvas and the fans home smiling.

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Lendl overpowering in beating Connors

SANIBEL HARBOR RESORT, Fla. (UPI) — Ivan Lendl's overpowering serve took the Paine-Webber championship from Jimmy Connors on his own court Sunday with a 6-2, 6-2 victory in the tournament final.

Lendl's \$50,000 upset — his first against Connors in a tournament final — came on a new court at Sanibel Harbour named after his opponent, who was defending his 1984 Paine-Webber Classic victory.

Connors, who is promoting the resort, said his business with tennis all week but said his dual commitment had no effect in the final.

Even so, the world's No. 2 ranked player contributed to his own defeat with numerous unforced errors and was never really in the match.

For Lendl, it was a third consecutive victory over Connors, who sits one notch higher than the Czechoslovakian in the rankings.

Lendl waded through a strong tournament field without losing a set.

He said Connors appeared to tire toward the end of the 88-minute match, which was played under a blazing sun.

Leading 3-2 in the first set Sunday, Lendl broke Connors' serve for a critical advantage.

Joe B. Hall coaches final game

LEXINGTON, Ky. (UPI) — Detlef Schrempf of Washington scored 16 points Sunday to lead the West to a 97-90 victory over the East in the National Association of Basketball Coaches all-star game.

The game marked the farewell of Joe Hall of Kentucky, who coached the East squad in the game at Memorial Coliseum — site of Hall's first game when he came to Kentucky 13 years ago.

"It's been my life so long," Hall said. "I'm going to miss basketball and its associations — the players and the fans and the academic environment."

Lorenzo Charles of North Carolina State paced the East with 19 points (9-9 shooting) and 7 rebounds and was named the outstanding player.

Rookies may make an impact on pennant races

By Fred McMane United Press International

TAMPA, Fla. — One has the quick hands of a pickpocket and another makes his living by stealing.

"There's one with the same name as a famous football player and another who is a tall, left-handed hitter with the same first name as a tall, left-handed hitting millionaire of the New York Mets."

They are all among a group of talented rookies who may have an impact on the pennant races in the two major leagues this season.

Scidmore does a team, especially one that considers itself a contender, pencil in two rookies to be starters, but the Chicago White Sox may do exactly that this year.

Ozzie Guillen, a 21-year-old shortstop with lightning quick hands, and Daryll Boston, a lanky 22-year-old left-handed hitting center fielder, may be in the starting lineup for the White Sox when they open the season against the Milwaukee Brewers.

"Right now I can't say either one has the club made, but they both have great ability," says White Sox manager Tony La Russa. "We don't want to push them. I've seen

Valenzuela unruffled by loss

By United Press International

Bernardo Valenzuela, who lost his fifth game of the spring Sunday, was unruffled even after losing by an inside-the-park grand slam.

Ken Oberkfell's bases-loaded smash, which landed between Los Angeles outfielders Ken Caminiti, Fred McGriff and Mike Marshall, led the Atlanta Braves to a 5-3 exhibition victory over the Dodgers at Vero Beach, Fla.

He (Oberkfell) hit the ball at just the right spot. There was just enough time that could have been done. I said Valenzuela, who dropped to 1-3 in Grapefruit League games. The Braves held a 1-9 lead entering the third when they loaded the bases on two walks and a single. Valenzuela struck out Terry Harper and Gene Roof grounded into a force play at the plate.

Oberkfell's long fly ball to right-center field between Lanier and Marshall, settled up on an embankment surrounding Holman Stadium. By the time Marshall retrieved the ball, Oberkfell had hit two home runs.

"I can't remember anything like that happening to me before," said Valenzuela. "I'll be glad to let it come at just the right time for us."

Valenzuela gave up six hits in seven innings while striking out six.

"I felt strong today," he said. "I thought I threw the ball well."

Spring training roundup

Craig McMurtry, 1-3, went six innings, yielding one run and six hits, to earn the victory. Pedro Guerrero looked to be a contender for a two-run homer in the eighth to narrow the margin to 9-8.

Rookie Marty Clay pitched out of a ninth-inning jam for his first big inning.

Elsewhere, the New York Yankees defeated Boston 8-4, a Chicago White Sox split squad edged Kansas City 6-5, Philadelphia topped Pittsburgh 4-3, Detroit downed Minnesota 7-5, St. Louis defeated Montreal 5-3, Toronto and the White Sox other squad settled for a 2-2 tie after 12 innings.

California dumped the Chicago Cubs 2-1, San Diego beat Milwaukee 4-0. Texas drubbed Houston 11-8, Seattle topped Cleveland 9-4, San Francisco downed Oakland 6-4, the New York Mets bombed Cincinnati 15-2 and the Atlanta "A" squad beat Baltimore 4-2.

At Clearwater, Fla., Butch Wynegar capped a six-run fifth inning with a grand slam, lifting the Yankees to their fourth straight victory.

At Fort Myers, Fla., Mark Ryk and Tom Moritz homered in the last two innings to lift the White Sox over the Royals. Steve Furey pitched out of the victory.

At Clearwater, Fla., John Russett and winning pitcher Kevin Gross hit home runs and the Philadelphia bullpen retired 12 consecutive batters to lead the Phillies.

At Orlando, Fla., the Tigers

Banner Bob wins Jim Beam Stakes

FLORENCE, Ky. — In riding Banner Bob to victory in Sunday's \$350,000 Jim Beam Stakes, jockey Keith Allen says he may have learned what is needed to make the dark bay colt a Kentucky Derby winner.

Despite a muddy Latonia Race Course track and strong, gusty winds, Banner Bob pulled from 2 1/2 lengths back and strong, gusty winds, Banner Bob pulled from 2 1/2 lengths back for the May 4 run for the Roses by 2 1/2 lengths over Favorite Image of Greatness, a son of Secretariat from the stable of New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, and third place Roo Art.

The dark bay colt trained by J. J. Sarner Jr. won the 1 1/8-mile race in 1:42, setting a record for the 4-year-old Grade III stakes and tying the course record for that distance set by Mr. Coincidence on Dec. 7, 1968.

"Up the stretch, it was just all out," Allen said. "There just wasn't no stopping him."

The victory put Banner Bob, owned by Sharon and W. J. Walsh, back in the Kentucky Derby picture he dropped out of when he finished a disappointing fourth in Proud Truth in the Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park March 2.

Oson doesn't want UK job

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona basketball coach Lute Olson Sunday officially withdrew his name from consideration for the head coaching job at the University of Kentucky.

"I feel honored to have been given an opportunity to visit with the University of Kentucky officials regarding their vacancy," Olson said in a statement, "but have decided to withdraw my name from the list of those being considered."

"Contrary to some published reports, I was never more than one of several people under consideration and the position was never offered to me. I look forward to continuing my rewarding relationship with our team, the University of Arizona, the people of Tucson and the state of Arizona."

Among those reportedly still under consideration for the position vacated by Joe B. Hall at the end of this season are Alabama-Birmingham coach Gene Bartow, South Florida's Lee Rose and former Kentucky assistant Dick Parsons.

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FOCUS

Don't play hero! Let the fire department handle blaze

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of seven articles on fire safety.



**PREVENTION
PROTECTION
ESCAPE**

If a fire should break out in your home, there's one good rule of thumb to apply: If you have the slightest doubt about your ability to extinguish the fire easily, evacuate the premises immediately. Let professionals handle the situation. Simply put: If in doubt, get out.

Keeping this in mind, here are some things to consider if you do decide whether or not to fight a fire yourself.

Did the fire start in your presence? Is it confined to its point of origin? Or has it already spread to other combustibles in the room? You may find it possible to extinguish a confined blaze — a wastebasket fire, for instance. If you make that choice, always keep your back to an exit. Don't get trapped. Make sure your escape route is open.

If the fire started in another location in the apartment, house or workplace, don't go looking for it.

There are too many dangerous unknowns and unpredictable factors. Leave the premises and call the fire department.

Smoke detectors can increase your chances for a successful escape. The nation's home-fire fatality rate has dropped significantly since smoke detectors appeared on the market. The findings of a study of home fires by the Federal Emergency Management Agency indicate the following:

• The chances of dying in a fire are reduced by up to 50 percent if smoke detectors are properly installed and maintained in your home.

• In about 40 percent of all home fires studied, smoke detectors provided the first warning of a fire. But smoke detectors cannot protect your home if they do not work.

Every home should have at least two detectors. Purchase one that works on the ionization principle and one that uses a photoelectric cell. Two smoke detectors are far less likely, statistically, to be "on the blink" at the same time.

Smoke detectors should never be positioned less than 12 inches from where the ceiling and wall meet, or in any corner of the room that is a dead air space with poor circulation. Also, the detector should not be placed in front of a wall or ceiling air duct where relatively clean air may be "washing" the detector while most of the air in the house contains smoke.

Avoid placing detectors on a ceiling that is substantially warmer or cooler than the rest of the room.

Remember to test detectors monthly by holding a burning



Extinguisher determines the type of fire against which it can be used. Extinguishers are labeled A, B, C and D according to the type of fire they are designed to put out. The first three are the most common.

A-type extinguishers contain chemicals for fires of paper, cloth, wood, rubber and many types of plastics.

The B-type contains chemicals that will take care of fires of oil, gasoline, paints, lacquers, cooking grease, solvents and other volatile liquids.

C-type extinguishers are for electrical fires in wiring, fuse-boxes and other electrical units.

The D-type is designed to put out fires caused by combustible metals such as magnesium and sodium.

Some fire extinguishers contain combinations of chemicals. These can be used against various types of fires. For example, a home-extinguisher can be labeled ABC or ABC-D. The following fire extinguishers are recommended for the home:

• The ABC multipurpose, dry-chemical extinguisher puts out most home fires.

• The BC extinguisher puts out kitchen fires.

• The ABC extinguisher is for the garage or basement.

Supermarket Shopper

1984 brought cheer to coupon clippers

By Martin Sloane

When the first coupon was distributed in 1893 to save our great-grandmothers 1 cent on Grape Nuts, the C.W. Post Co. never thought that someday coupons would save consumers billions of dollars.

The figures are in for 1984 and they show another record year for coupons and coupon clippers. Manufacturers distributed 163 billion coupons — up from 142 billion coupons in 1983 — reports the Nielsen Clearing House in Clinton, Iowa, the largest creator and processor of coupons.

Coupon clippers like you and I clipped and filed away tens of billions of coupons, and we wound up handing cashiers \$3 billion of them.

How much did smart shoppers save? Coupon clippers saved \$2 billion dollars in 1984, up from \$1.7 billion in 1983. And the value of coupons has been getting higher. In 1982, only 16 percent of the coupons had a value of 30 cents or more. By the end of 1984, these high-value coupons had increased to more than 25 percent of the total.

How long will this phenomenon last? Don't worry. There's no end in sight, and you can expect to see a lot more coupons. Coupons are now being dispensed in supermarkets by computer terminals in New York and Chicago. It is only a question of time and money before we see one in every food store.

Coupon distribution companies are also looking for other ways to provide consumers with coupons while they shop. Two companies — Actmedia in New York and Coupon Medium Inc. of Farmington Hills, Mich. — are distributing coupon booklets in supermarkets.

Actmedia's booklet is called "ACTNOW," and shoppers are handed the booklet when they arrive at the supermarket. The idea is to offer consumers coupons when and where they are most likely to use them. More than 10 million were handed out in 26 cities in February, and the booklets will be distributed three more times this year.

Coupon Medium's booklet is called "Mad Money."

Summer debuts early for stately Newport

NEWPORT, R.I. (UPI) — Summer is still a few months off, but the Newport Preservation Society has brought the season a step closer today.

The society began its 40th anniversary year by reopening some of its magnificent properties, namely the elegant Newport mansions that line Bellevue Avenue.

The mansions, Rhode Island's largest tourist attraction, are mostly former private summer homes that have been acquired by the Preservation Society and opened to the public.

In addition to being museums, some have also been used as movie sets. Roseliff, for example, one of the more restrained of the mansions, was used as the setting for *The Great Gatsby* in 1974.

"Last year, we had a total of 786,556 visitors and we hope to top that this year," said Preservation Society spokeswoman Monique Panaggio. "We are always optimistic that we will have a good year."

The 72-room Breakers, Newport's most opulent summer residence, was built for Cornelius Vanderbilt in 1895. It first opened to the public in 1948 and has since become the most popular mansion owned by the Preservation Society, Panaggio said.

Besides the Breakers, the other houses opening Monday include the Marble House, Chateau-sur-Mer, the Elms, Roseliff, Kingscote and Hunter House.

To help celebrate its 40th anniversary, the Preservation Society will stage a series of special events this year, including:

• Opening of an exhibition titled "40 Years: A Look Back" at the Elms on April 28.

• A "Candlelight Tour" at Hunter House on May 24.

• Concert and refreshments as part of a "Good Old Summertime" festival at Kingscote on July 28.

"We are also hoping a lot of people become members of the society this year," Panaggio said. "In the long run, it is a lot cheaper to visit the mansions as a member."

70 donate at bloodmobile

The community bloodmobile was held at Concordia Lutheran Church on March 18, with 70 people donating blood. Two donors, Joseph Tully and Robert Otten, reached their 12-gallon mark.

Charles Hirth reached 9 gallons; Helga Beckett and Peter Grosse, 5 gallons; Joseph Neasey, 2 gallons; and Patricia Adams, Kathleen Faria, Barbara Gold, Susan Messier and Vicki Parsons, one gallon.

Clip 'n' file refunds Cereals, Breakfast and Baby Products

By Martin Sloane

Send the required refund form and 12 proof-of-purchase points from any size Kleenex Huggies disposable-diaper packages. Expires April 30, 1985.

International PLAYTEX Inc. \$2 Refund Offer: Send the required refund form and the words "Baby Nurtser Kit" from the kit package, plus the cash-register tape. Expires June 30, 1985.

McGUFFY'S Team Child Safety Kit: Send the required refund form and four different Universal Product Code symbols from the following Big G cereals: Trix, Lucky Charms, Cocoa Puffs, Post-Tens, Franken Berry, Corn Chocula and Boo-Berry. Expires April 30, 1985.

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On the Line John Bossidy

If in doubt, flowers are the way out

Merlin Olsen sells flowers on TV for FTD. Now, Merlin's a big man who spent several years in the NFL as a lineman. Seeing him selling flowers is a little incongruous.

I can't speak for the ladies, but I don't think Merlin's any sex object. So, that can't be the tie-in. He's in flowers to get the message to the guys. Actually, flowers can be a lifesaver at gift times.

For example, when you're with the same woman for 10 years, that makes 20 birthdays and Christmases. Not counting anniversaries. Most men will draw a blank after 20 decisions. Flowers can bail you out.

Unless you get really brave and want to buy your wife some clothes. It takes more than courage to get involved in this kind of operation. It takes the mentality of a kamikaze pilot.

At the last big gift-time, I decided a cameo blouse and an old-fashioned, frilly-necked white blouse would be the right present. And I felt I could handle the chore by myself.

Number Two daughter said, "Mom takes a 34 blouse." The cameo would be a piece of cake, because all I had to do was look around until I saw the one I wanted. I was going to solve the problem.

The first jewelry store had the perfect brooch, so I pointed to it, paid for it, and walked out. All in under 10 minutes. Next on the agenda was the blouse. Fun time.

Being the only man in a woman's clothing store is ego-inflating because the clerks always rush right over to you to lend a helping hand. I guess men tend to look kind of helpless.

When I spotted a display of white blouses which filled my basic requirements as to style, I nodded to the sales lady. Her first question was, "What size?" Being well-briefed, I said, "34." Her answer was: "That'll be a medium."

Panic began to creep in as she continued speaking. "If we don't have this in medium, maybe we can find it in a 12."

Foolish thoughts came to me. How in the world could a 34 be a 12, and both be a medium? I was in over my head, and I knew it.

A woman shopper walked over and offered a suggestion. "I couldn't help overhearing, but I'm a 34 and I would never get into a 12 because it would be like a sack on me. I have to take a 9 when I can't get a 34." Tears were coming to my eyes.

Quite oblivious to my presence, the two ladies started a long conversation about whether a 9 properly fits a 34 when a medium or a 12 isn't available. There were several embarrassing mentions of "It's all in the cup size, you know."

At that, the shopper threw open her overcoat, looked me full in the eyes, and asked, "Do I look like your wife?" The effort to return her gaze was enormous.

"No," I stammered, "you're about a foot taller than she is. My wife's a little heavier than . . . I mean, she's more fully . . . what I mean is, she's . . ."

I wanted to scream, "Mommy!" Both women chorused a triumphant, "Definitely a 34." After shuffling through the rack, the clerk pulled out a 34, wrapped it, took my money, and told me to have a good night. I was a shaken man.

The wildest thing about this whole episode is that I'm a 35-38 man in shirts. I can go into any store in the civilized world and get my size with just those two numbers. I don't even need to have them tattooed on my wrist. They're the same all over.

Now I see why Merlin Olsen pitches flowers. They're a lifesaver.

Change of watch
Richard Klein and his wife, Laura Klein, are at the helm of the Manchester Power Squadron. Klein was recently installed as commander, and his wife is commanderette of Ensignettes, the women's auxiliary. Other new officers of the Power Squadron are Peter Ford, executive officer; Clyde Cordtsen, education officer; Robert Bach, administrator; Edward Smith, secretary; and Ellen Ryland, treasurer.

Check gas appliances
ST. PAUL, Minn. (UPI) — The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is urging owners of liquid petroleum (LP) heating systems to have a specialist check the controls on their units to prevent potential fires or explosions.

They suggest that people using LP gas furnaces, heaters or water heaters in their homes or businesses have their LP supplier, or Honeywell Inc., check the on-off gas controls on their unit.



Shalina Lachapelle, age 3 1/2, waves to the big Easter Bunny at an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday morning in Wickham Park. Despite drizzly weather, many children went to the park to hunt for Easter candy, eggs and prizes.

Little Bunny meets Big Bunny

NEW YORK (UPI) — If you liked "Soap," you'll love the first episode of "Hail to the Chief."

The premiere confronts first woman president of the United States with a lunatic army officer who has taken over a missile launch command and threatens to bomb Moscow unless his demands are met.

The president, played by Fatty Duke, relays the demands to the premier of the Soviet Union — they include demilitarization of the U.S.S.R., freedom for Poland and Fidel Castro's head.

"Will he settle for Castro's head?" The Russian asks.

Other characters in "Hail to the Chief," to debut on ABC April 9, 9:30-10 p.m., Eastern time, include the president's philandering astronaut husband, her gay but tough secret service aide, and national security adviser Helmut Lager.

The show moves along at the machine gun pace, the jokes are snappy, satirical and often risqué, and for those who don't mind making fun of people in high places it also is very funny.

"Me & Mom," another new ABC series, poses a different sort of question. How is it that James Earl Jones, who wowed Broadway audiences in "Othello," can get meatier roles on commercials than he can in series television?

The series, to debut April 5, 10-11 p.m., Eastern time, has Jones playing second banana to Lisa Edelbacher and Holland Taylor in a show about a mother-and-daughter private eye team.

In 1954, Roger Bannister became the first man to break the four-minute mile with his 3:59.4.

About Town

Hearing program planned
VERNON — The Tolland Region Department of Mental Retardation will hold a program, "Hearing, Loss and Hearing Aids: An Overview," Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Tolland Region Office, 375 Hartford Turnpike. Sponsored by the Friends of the Region.

For more information, call Nancy Manzi, 487-1800 or 566-8472 or Nancy Bilyak, 871-6565 or 566-7113.

WATES elect Lannan
Manchester WATES will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Orange Hall, rear, 72 E. Center St. Members will be weighed between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Women 18 and older and at least 10 pounds overweight are welcome to join the group.

Officers for the season include: Roxann Lannan, president; Patricia Marianos, vice president; Nina Armstrong, treasurer; Jean Faulkner, assistant treasurer; Elaine McNally, recording secretary; and Nickey Savard, corresponding secretary.

Sunset Club has dinner
Sunset Club will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Center Congregational Church. Reservations will be made for the May dinner at Vio's Birch Mountain Inn.

'Mom and Me' class starts
Nutmeg Branch, YMCA, is registering for spring classes for parents and children at 7 N. Main St. Programs include:

• "Mom and Me" crafts, games and music with children 2 to 3, April 15, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays.

• "Mother-Infant Exercise," interaction through exercise, April 16, 6- to 8-month-old babies, Tuesdays, 1:30 to 2 p.m., and babies 9 to 14 months old, Tuesdays, 2 to 2:30 p.m.

• "Mother-Tot Exercise," with children 2½ to 4 years old, April 18, Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

• "Parent-Child Playgroup," mothers meet while babies and small children play in child-care room, April 16, Thursdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

• "Mother-Daughter Jazz Dance," children over 6, May 1, Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the YMCA at 647-1437.

Advice

Brothers told to take hike after suspension from bus

DEAR ABBY: The whole town is talking about two brothers, ages 9 and 11, who were suspended from using the school bus for five days because they created a disturbance on the bus.

The boys' parents refused to drive them — they made the boys walk 14 miles a day to reach their lesson.

Well, it got into the newspapers all over the nation, and the parents received phone calls from California, Wisconsin, Florida and Switzerland, from people calling to congratulate them. The parents said they told their sons that if the type of behavior that got them kicked off the bus in the first place occurred again, they'd be walking for 10 days instead of five. The boys' father said he followed them in his car to assure their safety.

Personally, I think making kids that age walk 14 miles a day borders on child abuse. How do you feel about it, Abby?

J. IN CONWAY, ARK.

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

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You may make a donation to the (I) travel bureau in our names. But remember, attending our wedding is all the gift we really want.

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Your Health

Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

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CLASSIFIED 643-2711

Notices

01 LOST AND FOUND
LOST - Pair gold rimmed rose gold glasses in black case. Call after 4:30, 646-2883.

02 PERSONALS
Measure that special someone of your love by telling the whole world how much you love them with the Manchester Herald. Call the classified department today and place your personal message 643-2711, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

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SEEKING MORE INFORMATION regarding hit and run accident, 7am, Thursday, 3-28-85, at intersection of Oakland and Taicowville Roads. Please call 649-8958.

Employment & Education

01 HELP WANTED
NEED EXTRA MONEY to help ends meet? Well we offer the opportunity to 9:00am and Saturday morning. Call Ms. Jones at 647-9946.

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WANTED BACKHOE & DOZER OPERATORS - Dump Truck Drivers. Must have Class II License. Blower, Tractor and Roller Operators. Experienced of 5 or more years need only apply. Benefits. Call 742-9103.

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RN, LPN, Certified Convent Home in Manchester has two positions available two weeks, 11-7am. In addition, on call time is presently available. Crestfield is a 155 bed, S.N.F.I.C.F. Facility located in a rural residential area. Please call Mrs. J. Brownstein, D.N.S., Monday thru Friday between 9 and 3pm, at 643-5151.

04 HAPPINESS IS... Having a Buckley School Teacher
The Buckley School Announcements

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GENERAL HANDY PERSON for four hours mornings, M-F. See Steve Carler, Carter Chevrolet, 1229 Main Street.

05 ASSEMBLY WORK \$600.00 per 100 guaranteed. No Sales. Details send self-addressed stamped envelope. ELAN VITAL-173, 3418 Enterprise Road, Ft. Pierce, FL 33482.

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SITTER for elderly male shut in. Days, 5 to 6 hours per week. Flexible. References. Call 643-8222.

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DRIVERS WANTED
FULL TIME - Economy car necessary for light pickup and delivery in the greater Coventry area. Call for interview, Mr. Greo at 742-0103.

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RECEPTIONIST - Dental assistant. Pleasant, modern, large staff office. 4 day week, no Saturdays. Excellent benefits. Salary negotiable. Experienced only. Call 646-4964.

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TYPISETTER - Part time days. Fast growing, could expand to full time position. Must be experienced and reliable. Apply in person to American Printers, Vernon, 871-1421.

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SALES/COUNTER CLERK - Full time position open for reliable, energetic individual willing to accept responsibility and the ability to work independently. Must be pleasant and outgoing, with a strong tolerance to work with the public. Apply in person to Carpet Printers, Vernon, 871-1421.

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WATER/WAITRESS - Days and evenings. Neat, clean appearance. Must be 20 years of age. Call George or Sharon at the Horseless Carriage, 289-2737 after 11am.

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HEAD CUSTODIAN - In Glosterbury Public Schools, 12 months, 40 hours per week. Second year position. Apply to George or Sharon at the Horseless Carriage, 289-2737 after 11am.

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P.I.P. OF MANCHESTER is looking for full or part time, energetic and computer help. Typing experience helpful. Only hard working energetic people should apply. Apply in person P.I.P., 100 Center Street, ask for Larry.

31 HOMES FOR SALE

CAPE WITH EXTRA LOT - Hurry and see this 10 acre Country Cape on 1 1/4 acres. Extra 1/2 acre building lot that can be sold now or later. 90's. Blanchard & Rossetto Realtors, 646-2482.

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BOLTON \$99,900 - A RARE FIND! This lovely two bedroom U & R Contemporary Ranch features an ornate stone floor to ceiling fireplace. It is nestled on a beautiful wooded lot on a cul-de-sac near Manchester. Call today for private tour. D.W. Fish Realty, 643-1591 or 871-1403.

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EAST HARTFORD - NEW LISTING \$61,900 - Expandable starter home, 4 1/2 rooms Colonial. Deep tree lot, enclosed porch and lots of charm! Call Bolton 21 Lindsey Real Estate, 646-4900.

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BOLTON CENTER - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bathrooms, 2 full bathrooms, 2 plus acres. Beautiful setting, ideal professional or family. \$185,000. 743-2105.

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1978 TOYOTA 1/2 TON PICKUP, 5 speed, AM-FM, CB, sports wheels, extra rims and tires. No rust. \$2,990 firm. 643-4902, or 646-7451.

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BUSINESS

Avoid pitfalls of self-employment

Many years ago, when I helped originate what was to become a fabulously successful and rewarding weekly newsletter on U.S. government securities, I wrote the entire letter on a bridge table tucked into the corner of the bedroom. All the promotion and publicity was done on a table folding into the kitchen wall; the situation took on the appearance of a business only when the letter was handed to a messenger sent late every Friday night by the printing company.

This was indeed a home-based business, and strict control of overhead was undeniably a key factor in its immediate success. Today, the total number of home-based businesses is rising sharply — propelled by the growth of service industries, the increase in two-earner families, the availability of home computers.

With interest so great and widespread, the Small Business Administration is working out methods to count the number of businesses run from our homes. The system will be developed by June. Only then will be SBA be able to find out how many of these businesses actually exist.

Whatever kind of business you start, however, you must get it under way properly. The biggest start-up errors in any business are, in fact, failing to research the field and to devise a sound business plan from the very beginning.

For your home-based business to succeed, you must do your homework. Arlen Priest, a consultant on home-based businesses, told my research associate Ellen Hermanson. And that's just the beginning. Running a business from home invites other big



Your Money's Worth
Sylvia Porter

mistakes that can happen just because you are at home.

Among the major pitfalls to avoid:

1. Don't fail to take your business seriously. Conducting your business from home doesn't make it any less of a professional endeavor, so treat it like one. And make sure that others in your family and circle of friends take the same attitude.

2. Look for and heed professional advice. A simple trip to the library, for instance, will lead you to a wide range of sources to help you with every aspect of your business.

You will find some professional advice in the guise of other sources of help: your lawyer, accountant, insurance salesperson.

3. Don't neglect to register with the appropriate state and local authorities. You want to manage a legitimate business; start by finding out what you must do. Ignoring or making mistakes about tax and labor laws can cause you a lot of trouble. If, for example, you plan to run a catering business from

your kitchen, be sure you know what the Board of Health requires you to do. Failure to register could have dire consequences for your customers, for your business and for your reputation.

4. Similarly, don't forget to register with the state so you can get a sales tax number. As a legitimate enterprise, your business will have benefits including access to trade shows, discounts from wholesalers, and the like.

5. Don't overlook and don't reject backup help. Running a business from home and running a home are not mutually exclusive. But they are tough to pull off simultaneously. As soon as you can get the help you know you need. That means help with the children, help with cleaning your house, help with fixing meals. Or you might want to hire part-time help to maintain your mailing list, fill orders, do the books and handle other essential and time-consuming chores.

6. Take advantage of various labor- and time-consuming devices to help manage home and business. Something as simple as a telephone answering service can be a great time saver, a major emotional lift — and yet, be available at a minimal cost to you.

This is just a sampling of guides. For additional tips on what to do and how to do it, you'll find fundamental advice in "Women Working Home: The Homebased Business Guide and Directory."

If you are serious about your business at home, this sort of book is worth the \$12.95 it costs. It's not available in bookstores. Write to: WWH Press, P.O. Box 237 SF, Norwood, N.J. 07648.

In Brief

Atwood gets promotion
Robyn Atwood of Manchester has been promoted to Traffic coordinator at Selwyn and Associates, a West Hartford advertising and public relations firm. She was formerly administrative assistant at the firm.

Law Day is planned
Attorney Robin Murdock-Meggors will chair the 1985 annual Law Day observances for the Manchester Bar Association, according to attorney Samuel Teller, president of the association.

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Burns blasts McGuigan on DOT probe
HARTFORD — State Transportation Commissioner J. William Burns today sharply attacked the chief state's attorney's office for its handling of investigations into alleged irregularities in state paving contracts.

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England Woodworking Co. in the middle of the warehouse at 61 Loomis St. O'Marra said the blaze was declared under control about half an hour later, although firefighters stayed on the scene until nearly 10 p.m.

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Fire officials had not determined what started the fire this morning. But O'Marra said there is no evidence of arson.

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Both the woodworking company and Dawn Enterprises, a flooring company headquartered inside the building, will be at least temporarily displaced by the damage, warehouse owner Robert Regius said today.

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Although the other four companies with space inside the building suffered less severe damage, O'Marra said the town building department has ordered that electrical power to the building remain shut off until some of the damage is repaired.

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O'Hearn said today that the town General Manager Robert Weiss declined to comment on the matter today.

In his March 12 letter, LaBelle said that the property used to front the old Buckland Street and therefore still had the right to access onto the relocated Buckland Street, which lies about 40 feet west of the old road.

If the state sells the land to the town, LaBelle's letter continued, "the conveyance should be made subject to the Eighth District's right to cross to and from its property to the relocated Buckland Road."

"My initial reaction was, we don't agree with it," O'Hearn said of the opinion expressed in the letter this morning. But he said he will consult with Assistant Attor-

ney General Arnold Shimelman this week before sending a response.

District Director Thomas Landers contended that the town is in a position to oppose the new drive because the old Buckland Street right-of-way, which the town owns, is still technically "a street and open to traffic."

Both Landers and Joyner refused to say whether the move was endorsed by the entire district Board of Directors. But sources said that several other directors spent portions of Monday at the site watching the work. The board took no public vote on the decision. The district's actions are the

latest in its effort to establish a satellite fire station in Buckland, the rapidly developing northwest corner of town. The town has refused to sell the district the town's Buckland fire station about 500 feet east of the Keeney site and has refused to add an extra bay to the building to house a district engine.

The town built its Buckland fire house, known as Station 5, in the middle of a court battle between town and district over who would have jurisdiction for fire protection in Buckland. The district won the lawsuit. But the town has steadfastly maintained that Station 5 still serves a large part of the

north end of town that is outside the district's jurisdiction. District officials have charged privately that the town intends to buy the state-owned strip of land that lies between the Keeney property and the rebuilt Buckland Street mainly to thwart the district's efforts to turn the Keeney site into a fire station. District officials had hoped to buy the land to expand the site and provide access onto Buckland Street.

Landers said Monday that he believes the district found a way to get around these stumbling blocks.

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Prof warns residents of plant mishaps

INSTITUTE, W. Va. (UPI) — A professor from Bhopal, India, where a chemical leak from a Union Carbide plant left thousands dead, warned residents living near a similar facility that "accidents can happen anywhere."

Paul Shrivastava, who spent several weeks in Bhopal researching the Dec 3 tragedy, told residents who live near a methyl isocyanate-producing plant at Institute, W. Va., that one system

failure at a plant can trigger others. "Most of those failures cannot be reversed," said Shrivastava, a professor of business administration at New York University. "Accidents defy all happen anywhere."

Shrivastava met with about 25 residents who came to the Sunday meeting, the first of three Carbide has scheduled to discuss plans to restart the MIC unit. Plant officials hope to resume

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Report says firm's pension funds at risk

WATERBURY (UPI) — Century Brass workers' retirement benefits are in jeopardy after 33 years of contributions because company management took the fund side more than \$25 million into debt, The Hartford Courant reported.

In a copyright story, The Courant said Sunday that management officials took advantage of loopholes in federal pension laws to run up the debt, \$18.1 million of which it inherited from Scoville Inc. when the company changed hands nine years ago.

Century Brass Products Inc. went into official bankruptcy in March, Century said. Scoville officials deny they abused pension laws, but admit that neither company expects to pay that debt.

As a result, Century officials have alerted the federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. that they plan to ask it to take over the company's pension plan for blue-collar workers.

Federal officials said what happened at Century Brass Products Inc. is a classic example of abuse of the nation's pension laws.

While the Century pension plan called for workers with 30 years' service who retire in their early 60s to receive about \$4,300 a year, the federal corporation pays only about average \$2,400, The Courant said.

And that federal corporation itself is in trouble, with a deficit of close to \$300 million. Century gets permission to terminate its pension fund, that will result "probably" in the biggest pension plan corporation has ever taken "for a fund the size of

Century's. The Courant quotes a federal official as saying, "U.S. Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige is one of the three cabinet members who heads the federal pension corporation."

As chairman and chief executive officer of Scoville, Baldrige in April 1975 approved the sale of Scoville to Century, including the transfer of the pension plan debt.

Under that sale agreement, Century said Scoville \$11 million in cash and agreed to accept the \$18.1 million pension fund debt.

Coal workers stay on the job
HARTFORD (UPI) — Workers at Colt Industries Inc. rejected a contract offer and voted to stay on the job while city officials have offered over \$1 million to keep the company open.

The company's 8,000 workers in the military firearms division in Hartford's South Meadows plant agreed Friday not to strike even though the three-year contract was voted down.

State Economic Development Commissioner John J. Carson said Friday the state has offered Colt a \$1.2 million grant to help renovate the plant the company leases. And Hartford has offered the company \$640,000, according to Philip A. Wheeler, president of Colt, 376 of the United Auto Workers.

Whether said the company wants to strike so it can move the plant operation and then blame the union.

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O'Hearn said today that the town General Manager Robert Weiss declined to comment on the matter today.

In his March 12 letter, LaBelle said that the property used to front the old Buckland Street and therefore still had the right to access onto the relocated Buckland Street, which lies about 40 feet west of the old road.

If the state sells the land to the town, LaBelle's letter continued, "the conveyance should be made subject to the Eighth District's right to cross to and from its property to the relocated Buckland Road."

"My initial reaction was, we don't agree with it," O'Hearn said of the opinion expressed in the letter this morning. But he said he will consult with Assistant Attor-

ney General Arnold Shimelman this week before sending a response.

District Director Thomas Landers contended that the town is in a position to oppose the new drive because the old Buckland Street right-of-way, which the town owns, is still technically "a street and open to traffic."

Both Landers and Joyner refused to say whether the move was endorsed by the entire district Board of Directors. But sources said that several other directors spent portions of Monday at the site watching the work. The board took no public vote on the decision. The district's actions are the

latest in its effort to establish a satellite fire station in Buckland, the rapidly developing northwest corner of town. The town has refused to sell the district the town's Buckland fire station about 500 feet east of the Keeney site and has refused to add an extra bay to the building to house a district engine.

The town built its Buckland fire house, known as Station 5, in the middle of a court battle between town and district over who would have jurisdiction for fire protection in Buckland. The district won the lawsuit. But the town has steadfastly maintained that Station 5 still serves a large part of the

north end of town that is outside the district's jurisdiction. District officials have charged privately that the town intends to buy the state-owned strip of land that lies between the Keeney property and the rebuilt Buckland Street mainly to thwart the district's efforts to turn the Keeney site into a fire station. District officials had hoped to buy the land to expand the site and provide access onto Buckland Street.

Landers said Monday that he believes the district found a way to get around these stumbling blocks.

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Report says firm's pension funds at risk

WATERBURY (UPI) — Century Brass workers' retirement benefits are in jeopardy after 33 years of contributions because company management took the fund side more than \$25 million into debt, The Hartford Courant reported.

In a copyright story, The Courant said Sunday that management officials took advantage of loopholes in federal pension laws to run up the debt, \$18.1 million of which it inherited from Scoville Inc. when the company changed hands nine years ago.

Century Brass Products Inc. went into official bankruptcy in March, Century said. Scoville officials deny they abused pension laws, but admit that neither company expects to pay that debt.

As a result, Century officials have alerted the federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. that they plan to ask it to take over the company's pension plan for blue-collar workers.

Federal officials said what happened at Century Brass Products Inc. is a classic example of abuse of the nation's pension laws.

While the Century pension plan called for workers with 30 years' service who retire in their early 60s to receive about \$4,300 a year, the federal corporation pays only about average \$2,400, The Courant said.

And that federal corporation itself is in trouble, with a deficit of close to \$300 million. Century gets permission to terminate its pension fund, that will result "probably" in the biggest pension plan corporation has ever taken "for a fund the size of

Century's. The Courant quotes a federal official as saying, "U.S. Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige is one of the three cabinet members who heads the federal pension corporation."

As chairman and chief executive officer of Scoville, Baldrige in April 1975 approved the sale of Scoville to Century, including the transfer of the pension plan debt.

Under that sale agreement, Century said Scoville \$11 million in cash and agreed to accept the \$18.1 million pension fund debt.

Coal workers stay on the job
HARTFORD (UPI) — Workers at Colt Industries Inc. rejected a contract offer and voted to stay on the job while city officials have offered over \$1 million to keep the company open.

The company's 8,000 workers in the military firearms division in Hartford's South Meadows plant agreed Friday not to strike even though the three-year contract was voted down.

State Economic Development Commissioner John J. Carson said Friday the state has offered Colt a \$1.2 million grant to help renovate the plant the company leases. And Hartford has offered the company \$640,000, according to Philip A. Wheeler