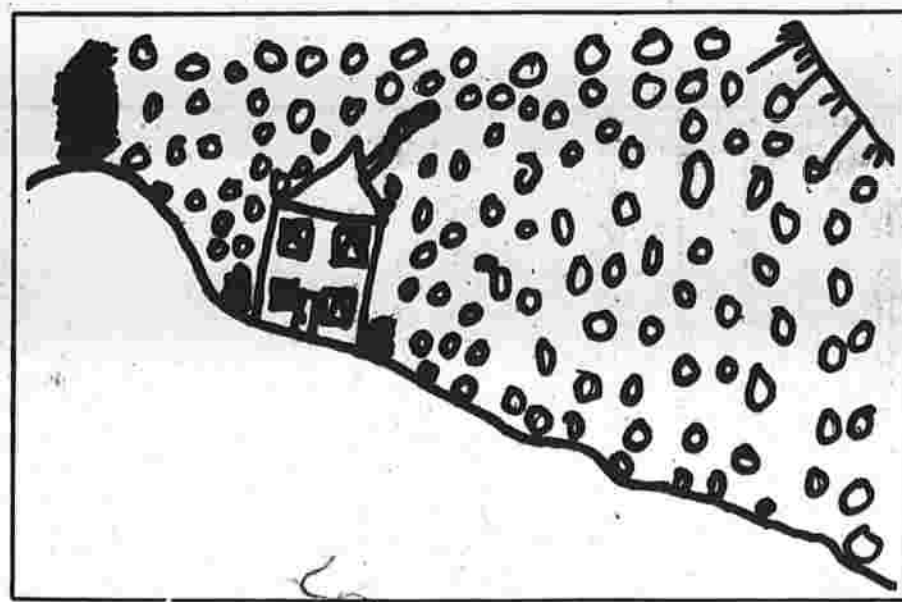






# WEATHER



## Today's forecast

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Today: partly sunny. Highs in the 30s. Tonight: cloudy with a chance of light snow after midnight. Lows ranging from the teens along the coast to the 20s in the Berkshires. A chance of light snow early Wednesday morning followed by partial clearing. Colder with highs in the 20s.

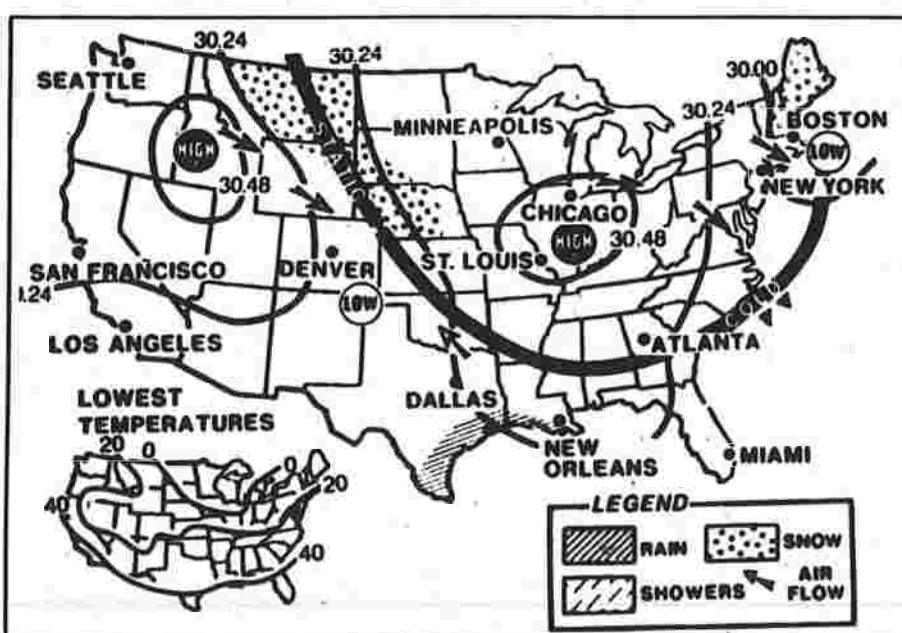
Maine: Becoming partly sunny today. Highs from the mid teens to mid 20s north and mid 20s to mid 30s south. Light snow likely tonight. Lows zero to 10 above north and upper single numbers to mid teens south. Scattered flurries north and becoming mostly sunny south Wednesday. Windy and colder with highs 5 to 15 north and 15 to 25 south.

New Hampshire: Clearing today. Highs in the 20s north to lower and mid 30s south. Light snow likely tonight. Lows zero to 10 above north and 5 to 15 south. Becoming mostly sunny windy and colder with a chance of flurries north Wednesday. Highs 8 to 15 north and upper teens to mid 20s south.

Vermont: Partly cloudy today with a chance of flurries. Highs in the 20s. Occasional snow tonight. Lows in the teens. Wednesday brisk winds and cold with flurries. Highs in the teens.

## Winter plans another flurry

Today: light snow, then partly sunny. High around 30. West wind 10 to 15 mph. Tonight: cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light snow after midnight. Low 10 to 15. West wind around 10 mph. Wednesday: a 30 percent chance of light snow in the morning, followed by partial clearing. Colder with high around 20. Drawing by Tanya Coy, 9, of 69 Essex St., a fourth-grader at Waddell School.



## National forecast

During early Wednesday, snow is forecast for parts of the North Atlantic Coast, the Northern Intermountain Region and the Northern Plains States. Snow is also possible for other parts along the Atlantic seaboard. Rain is likely in the Western Gulf Coast.

# PEOPLE

## USS Trouble

While David Crosby sits in a West Palm Beach, Fla., jail awaiting extradition to Texas, his 60-foot schooner, the *Mayan*, and its crew sit offshore.

"When David is ready to come back, the ship will be here," said Capt. Robby Smith. "That way he will have a place to come to. We really want to spend some time cleaning her up. She's slid down — just like David."

Crosby, 44, must go to Texas to answer to gun and drug charges. Friends have long feared Crosby's drug abuse will kill him. "But David's not going to stay down," Smith said. "He's not going to die like you've been reading. He's got a real bad problem and he'll straighten it out. This [ship] was the only solid thing in his life that he has left besides drugs."

## Woody on love

Woody Allen shared some of his unpublished fiction at the PEN Celebration gathering Sunday night in New York. Dressed in a typical plaid shirt and corduroy pants, Allen donned his familiar horn-rimmed glasses and said, "I'm getting to the



Woody Allen, right, and John Updike chat with Norman Mailer, left, in New York Sunday. Allen and Updike were the final speakers in the PEN Celebration, a series of eight evenings at the Royale Theater to raise money for an international writers congress scheduled to open next month.

age where I have to put these glasses on when I make love."

One story was about a "hustling monster" which escapes from a man's body, demolishes a fast-food restaurant and carries a woman to the top of the Chrysler Building. King Kong-style. Another unpublished piece was about a lawyer who learns the woman of his dreams is only 17 and proves that "the heart is not just a lonely hunter, it's a deranged pursuer."

John Updike also appeared at the lecture, stepping out of character by reading two stories about city life.

## Sandra Day O'Connor?

If you think television is bad, you should hear about the series proposals that get rejected.

In a report titled "Hollywood's Most Outrageous Stories," TV Guide tells of the producer whose brainchild was a show about a man who was raised by wealthy farm animals. Another well-known writer tried to pitch a series called "Bionic Drapes" starring extraterrestrial curtains. "This was a man who'd often spoken out on what was wrong with television," said Mike Sullivan,

now executive producer of "Growing Pains."

And then there was the teenage actress who kept blowing her lines, which ended with a mention of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. "She goes, 'Sandra Day O'Connor. Why can't we just change the name,'" said an unnamed TV writer. "The other actress ... says, 'Change the name? You don't know who Sandra Day O'Connor is?'" Teenage actress No. 1 then proclaimed that Sandra Day O'Connor was the first woman astronaut.

## Joan's stylish tresses

The Guild of Professional Hairstylists says Joan Rivers's trademark blonde bob makes her one of the best-dressed women in the country. Also on the list are actresses Susan Lucci, Valerie Bertinelli, Lisa Hartman, Della Mills, Jamie Lee Curtis, Cybill Shepherd and Shari Belafonte-Harper and rock singers Pat Benatar and Sheena Easton. Jason Dyl of Las Vegas has Joan Rivers's hair for the past eight years, using mousse, a curling iron and plenty of light hair spray. "Though Joan is in the business of making people laugh, she is an elegant woman and loves to change her look," Dyl said. "I am constantly challenged to keep her looking current but unique. But we truly admire each other and enjoy what we're doing. And that makes it all worthwhile."

## Glimpses

"The Color Purple" was named the best film of 1985 by the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures and one of its stars, Whoopi Goldberg was chosen best actress. William Hurt and Raul Julia shared best actor award for their roles in "Kiss of the Spider Woman" and the best supporting actors were Klaus Maria Brandauer of "Out of Africa" and Anjelica Huston of "Patriot Games."

Ex-Blondie singer Debbie Harry is about to release her first album since 1982. She and boyfriend Chris Stein have kept a low profile while he recovered from pemphigus vulgaris, a rare skin disease. "It's really a rock disease," Stein says in Spin magazine, "because your skin all falls off and turns to rocks. At times I looked like the surface of Mars. I just started turning into a leper."

## Quote of the day

Rep. Lynn Martin, R-Ill., during debate on a spending legislation that kept the House in session late last night: "It's never wise to keep the House in after 11 (p.m.). It's like managing a nursery school without a nap."



## Today in history

In 1981, Brig. Gen. James Dozier was kidnapped in Rome by Italy's Red Brigades. The American officer was freed 42 days later in a raid by Italian anti-terrorist forces. Dozier is shown in a 1984 file photo at Morgantown, W.Va., signing commissions for ROTC graduates during ceremonies prior to West Virginia University's 115th commencement.

## Almanac

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 17, the 351st day of 1985 with 14 to follow. The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The morning stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars and Saturn. The evening star is Jupiter. Those born on this date are under the sign of Sagittarius. They include American Revolutionary War soldier Deborah Sampson, who disguised her sex during three years of service, in 1780; poet John Greenleaf Whittier in 1807; novelist Erskine Caldwell in 1903, and singer-actor Tommy Steele in 1936 (age 48).

On this date in history: In 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright made history's first successful airplane flight, soaring over the sand dunes near Kitty Hawk, N.C.

In 1925, Army Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell, outspoken advocate of a separate U.S. Air Force, was found guilty of conduct prejudicial to the good of the armed services. Twenty years later, he was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In 1939, the Nazi warship Graf Spee was scuttled off the coast of Uruguay as British vessels pursued it.

A thought for the day: John Greenleaf Whittier wrote, "For of all said words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: 'It might have been.'"

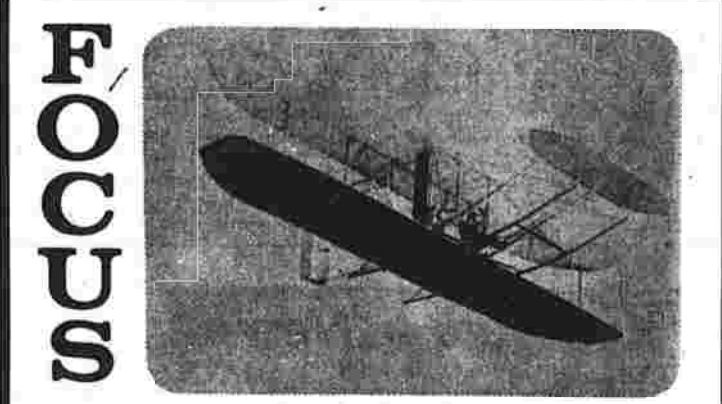


## Days 'til Christmas

## Lottery

Connecticut daily Monday: 593  
Play Four: 6175

Other numbers drawn Monday in New England:  
Tri-state daily: 798, 5892  
Rhode Island daily: 7984  
Massachusetts daily: 3295



It was 82 years ago today that Wilbur and Orville Wright successfully tested their airplane. According to one scholar, the British government was so interested in the Wright brothers' experiments, it sent spies to report on the inventors' activities. The British feared that airplanes would compromise the security of their island. In 1907, just four years after the first successful flight, the Wright brothers built an airplane for the United States army.

DO YOU KNOW — Where did the Wright brothers fly their first airplane?

MONDAY'S ANSWER — "Checkers" was the famous cocker spaniel Richard Nixon owned in the 1950s.

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# Zoning commission rejects Winchester entry proposal

By John F. Kirch  
Herald Reporter

The Planning and Zoning Commission Monday rejected a zone change that would have allowed construction of a driveway leading into the Winchester Mall, which would lie principally in South Windsor.

The study and Zoning Commission members said the potential for congestion was evident in a traffic study presented during a public hearing Nov. 18.

The study — conducted for the New York-based Rapid American Corp. — said the zone change would bring excess traffic to the area. Rapid American owns land east of the Winchester site on which rival developers have proposed to build the Buckland Hills mall.

"If we approve too many things at once we might find ourselves in trouble," said commission member Theodore Brindamour, alluding to the traffic impact. Commission Chairman Alfred W. Siefert Sr. and Vice Chairman Ronald Gage agreed.

The Winchester developers, Branson and Hutelany of Bloomfield and the Melvin Simon Co. of Indianapolis, needed a 4-1 vote to gain the zone change because of a petition filed by Rapid American.

The company owns more than 29

percent of the land within 500 feet of the site and had the legal right to request at least a four-fifths majority for approval.

ATTOENEY DOMINIC SQUATRITO, who represents the Winchester developers, said he would have to talk with his clients before deciding whether to appeal the rejection.

"Well, we'll have to digest what happened and see where we go from here," Squatrilo said Monday after the decision was announced at the PZC meeting in Lincoln Center.

Squatrilo said the commission's decision would affect all development in the area. Developers will be required to show traffic studies at public hearings if they propose any major development in the Buckland area, he predicted.

Squatrilo cited Buckland Hills, for which no traffic report was filed before final site plans were approved last month.

There are four lawsuits pending against Buckland Hills, which would lie completely in Manchester and would be constructed by the Rapid American-owned Co. of Chicago and Manchester I-84 Associates. One lawsuit seeks to block construction of Winchester.

Squatrilo has filed three of the suits against Buckland Hills on behalf of the Hartman Tobacco Co., which owns 80 acres of the land on which the 800,000-square-foot Winchester Mall would be constructed.

The project from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The PZC endorsed the plan at a meeting Monday.

The Board of Directors will meet Thursday to vote on the bonding plan. If the board votes in favor of the bonds, the Redevelopment Agency will meet with the developers to approve the interest rates and structure of the bonds, Burns said.

Burns said the bonds will probably carry a 9 percent interest rate.

Silk Mill and Munro, Jennings & Doig have proposed to convert the former weaving mill at 91 Elm St. into apartments as part of the historic district rehabilitation. Several other mills are being redeveloped.

The bonds are to be backed by the proceeds from the apartment complex and not the town. They would be marketed by the developers.



## Crash injures minor

In spite of the damage, authorities said the two occupants of the vehicle received only minor injuries when it rolled over Monday in the eastbound lanes on Interstate 84 just past exit 60. The accident, which occurred at 4 p.m.,

tied up rush hour traffic for about a half hour before the wreckage was cleared. The two were treated and released from Manchester Memorial Hospital. Their names and the details of the crash were not available this morning.

# Student in serious condition

Manchester High School senior Daren Flanagan was in serious condition in the Special Care Unit of Manchester Memorial Hospital today following abdominal surgery performed after he was stabbed Friday night, hospital officials said.

Flanagan, 17, of 95B Sycamore Lane, underwent surgery following an incident at Connecticut Golf Land on Route 83 in Vernon.

Glen R. Blouin, 19, of South Windsor, was arrested at the scene and charged with first-degree assault in connection with the incident, Vernon police said today.

Police said that the stabbing occurred at about 10 p.m. outside the game room at Golf Land and that the knife used in the stabbing was recovered at the scene. Blouin was held in custody over the weekend in lieu of a \$10,000 bond and was presented in Tolland County Superior Court Monday, according to police.

The court disposition was not available this morning.

Flanagan was a prospective starter on the MHS wrestling team, which is scheduled to start its season Saturday, according to coach Barry Bernstein.

MHS Principal Jacob Ludes said today that Flanagan is a "popular kid" with a lot of friends who have been visiting him at the hospital. The crowd of visitors prompted Flanagan's parents to call the school Monday and ask that students limit their visits to allow Flanagan to rest, Ludes said.

# North Main development approved

The Planning and Zoning Commission Monday unanimously approved a final site plan that will allow developer Barney T. Peterman to build 32 apartments and one single-family house on 6.85 acres at 670 N. Main St.

The land is zoned Residence M, which means a developer must build multi-family and single-family units at the same time.

The PZC tabled a request by Peterman to defer putting in sidewalks and curbs at the site.

In other action Monday during its meeting in the Lincoln Center hearing room, the PZC unanimously approved modifications to a general site plan for 3.5 acres on New State Road that will allow developer Frank Strano to construct two buildings containing 17

townhouse units.

One of the buildings would house six of the units and sit on the state's flood encroachment line about 35 feet from the Hockanum River.

Also Monday, the PZC approved by a 3-2 vote a deferment request by The Associates. The developer asked the PZC to waive the requirement for curbs and sidewalks at 95 Clinton St.

# Police to begin new hiring round

The Manchester Police Department will seek to fill five patrol positions when a new round of hiring begins in January, Assistant Town Manager Steven Werbner said Monday.

Werbner said the openings include two that were not filled during the last hiring process, two resulting from retirements and

one created when an officer-in-training resigned while attending the police academy.

Between now and January, Werbner's office, which coordinates police hiring, will be examining the procedure used to select officers. The method has been criticized by the Manchester Interracial Council and others because

there are no minority officers in the department.

Werbner said Monday that the town will be working with the council and the Human Relations Commission in its review of the hiring procedures. Earlier reviews prompted by citizen concerns have resulted in changes.

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# Bolton finance board recommends 8 percent budget hike

By George Lovyn  
Herald Reporter

**BOLTON** — The Board of Finance decided Monday to recommend an 8 percent increase in the town budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The guideline, requested by the Board of Selectmen, will assist municipal departments in drafting their budget proposals for fiscal 1986-87. Officials said it should help avoid conflict when the town's spending plan is finalized next year.

The board's decision was based on a report prepared by finance board secretary Elina Dimock that outlined Bolton's expenditures in the past seven fiscal years. The report, presented during Monday's

board meeting at Community Hall, showed the Board of Education's average annual spending increase to be 8.6 percent, while the average rise in other departments was 10.8 percent.

Finance board member William Fehling argued that the figures provide an inaccurate picture of town spending because they include funding for capital improvements.

"When you look at the numbers, they're misleading," Fehling said. "It's not fair to say the budget increased 'X' amount when the capital-improvement costs are included. I would like to look at truly, the comparable base."

Fehling, who abstained when the board voted on the guideline, proposed recommending 4 percent

as a guide. He said his suggestion was based on the rise in inflation as measured by the federal Consumer Price Index.

Other board members criticized Fehling's position before voting to recommend the 8 percent increase. All six members except Fehling voted in favor of the proposal.

"IT'S UNREALISTIC," board Chairman Raymond Urin said of Fehling's suggestion. "When inflation was skyrocketing, we didn't go up eight, ten, 12 percent. The best we can do is between seven-and-a-half and nine-and-a-half percent. This would be an objective, reasonable increase for this year."

"The CPI has no real relationship

to the budget of Bolton," said board member Robert Campbell. Campbell said the index measures consumer goods and does not apply to many town purchases.

Board member Charles Holland said the 8 percent figure is only a guideline and can be changed once departmental budget proposals are presented. "It's not chiseled in cement," he said.

The figure is to include the cost of capital expenditures, finance board members said. Urin said said further expenses for capital projects might be covered by the increase in the Grand List.

However, Urin agreed with Fehling that the town's capital expenditures should be separated from regular spending figures in order to give officials a better

picture of the increase in the operating budget. Dimock agreed to go over her report again and separate capital projects costing over \$10,000.

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## Elm settlement on hold pending OK from court

By George Lovyn  
Herald Reporter

**COVENTRY** — The administrator of the estate that owns the Elm Water Co. has delayed agreeing to a settlement that would allow the town to collect some of the more than \$50,000 the water company owes in back taxes.

The administrator will not sign the settlement until it is approved by a Probate Court judge. Town Attorney Abbot Schwebel said Monday.

Schwebel said that under a timetable he worked out with attorney David Hadden, who is in charge of the George Koppelman estate, papers stipulating the agreement were to have been filed Monday in Tolland County Superior Court. The papers were to have proposed a judgment against the estate that would have allowed Coventry to reduce the amount it is owed in back taxes by the utility.

However, Schwebel said Hadden delayed signing the agreement until approval is given by the West Hartford Probate Court, which is handling the estate. The court is scheduled to decide on the matter in January, he said.

"I didn't anticipate it," Schwebel said Monday of the delay. He said the delay may hold up the resolution of the matter and sale of the company to its receiver, John Wittenzeller of Stafford, unless the probate court agrees to a two-tiered settlement next month.

Wittenzeller was appointed receiver of the Elm Water Co. — which serves 187 customers in the Coventry Hills and Pilgrim Hills areas — in January 1983, after Koppelman could no longer run it. Koppelman owed the town \$22,000 in unpaid taxes before he died in April 1983.

The town has tried unsuccessfully to claim part of the amount without foreclosing and taking possession of the company. But under state law, a municipality cannot reduce a lien against a utility if the company is solvent and in operation.

A judgment would allow the town to reduce the amount of money it is owed by the company. Under a plan worked out by Schwebel, Wittenzeller, who owns the Aqua Pump Co. of Stafford, would agree to pay 10 percent of the unpaid taxes. The Town Council would then agree to collect only \$5,200 in taxes.

This would clear the way for Wittenzeller to purchase the company from the estate, according to Schwebel. The agreement would have to be approved by probate court and the state Department of Public Utilities Control.

Schwebel said he has suggested to Hadden that he file for authority to sell the water company to Wittenzeller at the same time he applies to the Probate Court for approval of the tax judgment.

"It would kill two birds with one stone," said Schwebel. But he said the judge may not agree to the dual application.

Under the previous timetable, the town would have filed for judgment in January and a purchase agreement would have been worked out in February.

"It delays it on one end, but speeds it up on the other," Schwebel said of Hadden's decision. If the judge approves the dual proposal, the settlement will be finalized in January.

## Manchester/Area Towns In Brief

### Safe Rides open on holiday

The Manchester Safe Rides program will be in operation on New Year's Eve. It announced this week.

The service provides free and confidential rides to people under 21 years old whose driving ability is impaired by alcohol or who do not want to ride with a driver under the influence.

The service will be available between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. on New Year's Eve. Those needing rides should call 646-2180.

### MACC to hand out cheese

The Manchester Area Conference of Churches will distribute cheese and dry milk to eligible area residents between 3 and 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Center Congregational Church.

The free food will be distributed only to residents who have applied in advance and been approved. Applications are available at Center Congregational Church between 3 and 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

Applicants must bring proof of residency and income.

### GOP seeks new members

**COVENTRY** — The Republican Town Committee is "urgently" in need of new members, spokeswoman Margaret Johnson said this week.

Candidates must have been party members for the past year, Johnson said. Applications must be submitted by Jan. 3 and members will be chosen at the GOP caucus on Jan. 14.

Applicants should call Johnson at 228-9381.

### Garbage schedule changed

**BOLTON** — Garbage pickup days during the holiday week have been changed.

Garbage scheduled to be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 25, and Wednesday, Jan. 1, will be collected on Thursday, Dec. 26, and Thursday, Jan. 2. The Thursday pickups have been moved to Friday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Jan. 3.

### Santa Claus visits Andover

**ANDOVER** — You might think the Saint Nick would be too busy to talk to at this time of year, but it isn't so.

The annual Visit with Santa will be held at the Post Farm on Dec. 20, 21, and 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Children can have their picture taken with Santa, although residents must bring their own camera. Coffee and hot chocolate will be served. Donations to Andover, Hebron, Marlborough Youth Services Inc., which is sponsoring the affair, will be accepted, as will toys for needy children.

Post Farm is located on Route 6.

### Tax payments due Jan. 1

The second installment of taxes due on the town's Grand List of Oct. 1, 1984, is payable Jan. 1, 1986, according to Joan M. Troy, Manchester collector of revenue.

Failure to make payment renders the tax delinquent on Feb. 4, Troy said. Interest will be charged at the rate of 1 1/2 percent per month from Jan. 1, with a minimum interest charge of \$2, she said.

State motor vehicle taxes on the Oct. 1, 1984, Supplemental Grand List are also due in full on Jan. 1 with the same delinquent date and interest charges.

The taxes are payable at the Collector of Revenue's Office in the Municipal Building at 41 Center St., Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or payment may be made by mail.

### No senior meal Thursday

The senior meal program at Manchester Memorial Hospital will not be held Thursday night because of the annual employee party in the cafeteria.

Thursday night's cancellation will be the only night during the year that the meals to seniors at special rates will not be offered, said Andrew Beck, public relations director of the hospital. The meals will be available on Christmas Day, he said.

## State yanks OK on band charity

The Connecticut Big Band Society, which has conducted benefit concerts for Manchester students, has been denied registration with the state to raise funds for charity, according to a spokesman for the state attorney general's office.

David Ormstedt, head of the public charities unit of the attorney general's office, said today that the society would not be allowed to raise any money for charity as the result of a joint investigation of the society and its affiliated organizations conducted recently by his unit and the Department of Consumer Protection.

The investigation began after the society filed papers Nov. 5 to register as a charitable organization, but a financial report required as part of the registration determined that the society provided false or misleading information in a "couple of respects," Ormstedt said. The most significant finding, he said, was that the society reported that it had received \$7,400 in contributions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, but an audit conducted by his department showed actual revenues of \$106,000.

## Gambling suspects deny charges

A Spruce Street man, his daughter and the owner of a Forest Street upholstery company all pleaded not guilty Monday to charges filed against them after a raid last week that police said disrupted one of the biggest gambling operations in state history.

John "The Greek" Dadiskas, 58, of 25 Spruce St., pleaded not guilty in Manchester Superior Court to 288 counts related to illegal gambling. His daughter, Diane Dadiskas, 27, of Hebron, pleaded not guilty to twelve counts. John B. Holmes, 33, the owner of Art Upholstering Company at 199 Forest St., told the judge he was not guilty of the one count filed

against him.

The three are each free on \$5,000 bond and are scheduled to appear in court again on Jan. 23 for pre-trial proceedings.

On Dec. 9, Manchester police raided the Art Upholstering Co. and a building on Birch Street. Simultaneous raids were conducted at locations in three other towns. Police said the raids, which turned up gambling records, betting slips and other items, disrupted a gambling operation that brought in at least \$40 million a year.

Police said John Dadiskas headed the organization and that it

## Work prompts complaints

### Roof project almost finished

By George Lovyn  
Herald Reporter

**BOLTON** — Most of the work on the new roof at Bolton Center School is finished and the contractors should be off school grounds in two or three days, Principal Anne Rash said Monday.

"It was an adventure, but it is working days to complete. But the project has been delayed by bad weather and construction problems."

Wednesday night and Thursday morning, hundreds of gallons of water flooded four classrooms that had been covered by a tarp. The leak caused extensive damage to the classroom floors, which were covered with two to three inches of standing water. School Superintendent Richard E. Packman told the Board of Education Thursday night.

Rash said Monday that the four classrooms, located in the seventh- and eighth-grade wings of the school, are being kept empty until the floors dry. She said the school would probably use a "stopgap" replacement, pending an estimate on the cost of new floor covering.

Also damaged was a copying machine. Rash said a repairman

examined the machine Monday and predicted that an estimate on the cost of replacing parts would be available later this week.

"We were lucky we didn't lose a lot of materials," she said.

Rash said the bill for all the damages would be paid by Premier. She said the cost would probably be deducted from the money paid to the company for the work.

The flooding was the most recent problem that has delayed the project.

In late November, some students became sick from strong fumes caused by the work. The construction also disrupted classes and forced pupils to be moved to different rooms within the school, prompting complaints from teachers and parents.

At Thursday's school board meeting, a Center School teacher delivered a letter that criticized

the way the town has handled the roofing project.

"Exit doors have been blocked. The playground area has become a storage area for construction materials, and potentially lethal equipment has been left on the grounds making outside supervision a liability nightmare," teacher J. Frederick Audette wrote in a letter also signed by eight other teachers and a library aide. "There is no way that anyone could possibly say that this construction is in the students' best educational interests."

The letter complained that the teaching environment had become "intolerable."

School Board Chairman James Marshall took responsibility for the disruptions, saying he had not realized before the work started that there would be so many problems. "I was naive," he told Audette at the meeting.

## Fire Calls

**Tolland County**

Wednesday, 1:06 p.m. — fire alarm, Coventry High School (North Coventry, South Coventry).

Friday, 1:17 a.m. — motor vehicle accident, Routes 8 and 87, Andover (Andover Fire, Columbia Ambulance).

Saturday, 9:31 p.m. — campfire, Lakeside Drive, Andover (Andover Fire).

Sunday, 10:55 a.m. — medical call, 42 Orchard Hill Estates, Coventry (South Coventry).

Sunday, 4:06 p.m. — chimney fire, 1140 Main St., Coventry (South Coventry).

Sunday, 6:34 p.m. — motor vehicle accident, Route 44, Coventry (North Coventry, South Coventry).

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# OPINION

## Zoners' talk is not likely to be enough

It's nice to see that members of the Planning and Zoning Commission are interested in setting up "communications guidelines" with the Zoning Board of Appeals, but it doesn't seem likely that mere talk will be enough to bring the appeals board into line.

The PZC's chairman said last week he wants to send a clear message to the ZBA that zoning variances such as one granted an industrial developer last month have conflicted with the intent of the PZC. The message would have been clearer if PZC members had followed through with their first idea: to challenge the ZBA action in court. Of course, a legal appeal would have appeared to be ridiculous — one town agency suing another — but it certainly would have made the point.

The point must be made, and perhaps it has been made by the publicity over last month's variance. The ZBA must not continue to break the law by granting zoning variances for reasons other than unusual hardship. While the PZC begins "communicating" with the ZBA, zoning officials should also begin consulting with other town boards for expertise on some land-use matters.

Like the PZC members' gripes about the ZBA, members of the Conservation Commission have a valid complaint about the PZC. The conservationists were ignored when the PZC approved plans for a cemetery expansion near town-owned Union Pond.

Though the Conservation Commission is only an advisory body, it should have been consulted about any project which could affect town lands or waters. Perhaps a mandatory-referral system is warranted, though it might be difficult to implement because charter changes could be necessary. It is clear that something must be done. If a new Comprehensive Plan of Development is to help end the random pattern of development in Manchester, the isolated and inappropriate zoning decisions must stop.

Dear Santa,  
I would like an end to the arms race and a VCR



## Our airports need a little foreign flavor

NEW YORK — I recently came through Kennedy Airport after a three week trip to Italy. By comparison with the hospitality shown to me in Rome, Florence and Venice, my reception in New York was decidedly grim.

In fact, very few American cities make a stranger feel welcome.

To set the stage, let me tell you what it was like to arrive in an Italian city, totally uninitiated to speak the language and ignorant about how to find my way about.

After a long flight, which pulled into Rome at 10 a.m. local time, I was bleary-eyed, because my body thought it was 4 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time). However, at the arrival gate was a very welcome sight — free luggage carts on which I immediately placed my briefcase and portable computer.

The Leonardo da Vinci Airport was a joy to walk through. First, the walk was not long. Second, the walkway was next to a window where one could watch the arriving and departing planes, rather than a corridor with arrival and departure gates on both sides.

And the floor covering was a ribbed rubber mat that was comfortable to walk on — and far safer for running than tile, (sometimes necessary) than the terrazo floor of most U.S. airports. In less travelled areas, near shops, the floor and walls were of stunning colors of marble.

Every person in the airport seemed to speak English and gave courteous directions.

A FEW DAYS LATER, I escaped from the conference I was covering, and took a train to Florence and later to Venice. Not only is there a large information booth in every station on how to get about the city — but they had advice on where to stay at a moderate cost (pensions within walking distance that charged \$12 for bed and breakfast).

Contrast that with the average train station or



## Open Forum

### School roof job hinders learning

To the Editor:

As far back as December 1980 a need had been established and an estimate received for repair of the Bolton Center School roof. In 1982, during the summer months, the center portion of the school's roof was repaired while work to the north and south wings was postponed.

In 1983 the Board of Education began the process to complete the repairs to the Center School roof as problems of leaks continued and stopgap repairs were now becoming costly. The process involved the Board of Selectmen, the Public Building Commission and the Board of Finance, as the project involved monies in excess of \$10,000 and was outside the sole parameters of the Board of Education.

Now, in December 1985, the work is being completed. The delay and timing of this project, and the chaos resulting from it, is the subject of this letter.

Education is going on, but it is doubtful that every child is learning. There are, however, other serious considerations that should be voiced, such as:

- 1) the danger of men and materials overhead causing material to fall into classrooms;
- 2) the pounding of hammers and pry bars making teaching impossible;
- 3) the flying sparks of disc cutters creating potentially dangerous situations;
- 4) the dust in hallways as drain pipes are unclogged; and
- 5) above all, the fumes causing illness among students and faculty.

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Bolton

Editor's Note: This letter was also signed by library aide Frances Rumm and teachers Noreen Holsington, Patricia Lewis, Michael Armstrong, William Farr, Ann Farr, Patricia Linko, John Biella and Donna Freeman.



## Money buys too much in U.S. politics

WASHINGTON — Favors are part of a politician's stock in trade. He's expected to produce government contracts, public-works projects and jobs for the people he represents. They, in turn, may contribute to his election campaign.

This is a clumsy, capricious system, highly vulnerable to abuse. Politicians begin trading favors for contributions. Given the high cost of campaigns, it's difficult for a politician to get elected without selling his soul to special interests.

Then, when the campaign contributors come around to collect on their "investment," it winds up costing the taxpayers billions of dollars in special-interest benefits.

Congress, with its usual timidity where campaign financing is concerned, is making almost about an hour of detour by curbing the runaway spending of political action committees, known as PACs.

If our legislators need awakening, inspiration or encouragement in this venture, a forthcoming report by the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics should be stimulating. We've obtained a draft of this exhaustive report, which is to be released later this month. Here are some of the mournful numbers that make clear the urgency of the situation.

- Campaign spending for the 1984 federal, state and local elections was \$1.8 billion, compared with the \$425 million spent in 1972. Ellen Miller, the center's director, told our associate Les Whitten, "In the next presidential election year, 1988, it will almost certainly be well over \$2 billion."
- Congressional campaign spending alone totaled \$77 million in 1974 and \$374 million last year.
- The disease is spreading. Some candidates for the legislature spent more than \$1 million in 1984; a few years ago, that sum would have financed a respectable run for the U.S. Senate in a major state.
- PACs gave almost \$113 million to federal candidates last year, almost 10 times the 1974 total.
- These increases result from "less (reliance) on traditional political tools, the grass-roots networks, canvassing or rallies," the study discovered, "in favor of more expensive, sophisticated techniques (like) polling services, computers, direct mail and 'high tech' advertising."

• Another cause of the huge increase in campaign spending is the length of the campaigns themselves. Even before a freshman member of Congress has settled into his Washington office, he's already collecting money for the next election (and so are his opponents).

- The average cost of a winning Senate race soared from \$598,000 in 1976 to almost \$3 million last year. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., spent \$16.5 million to squeeze by his Democratic challenger, Jim Hunt, who spent \$9.4 million.
- Winning a close House election in 1974 cost, on average, \$90,000; last year the price tag was \$450,000, and in 1986 it will probably top \$600,000.
- PACs are edging small contributors out of the picture. In 1974, 46 percent of House campaign contributions and 58 percent in Senate races came from donors of \$100 or less. Last year small donations made up only 19 percent of House candidates' funding and 23 percent in Senate races.
- Corporate PACs have grown 1,700 percent last year; in the Senate races, which made up one-third of the total in 1974, constituted only one-tenth last year.
- In House races, PAC money rose from an average of \$10,000 per candidate in 1974 to \$89,000 last year; in the Senate races, the average went from \$47,000 to \$405,000.
- The center found a disturbing connection between the issues before Congress and the PACs' contributions to members. For example, while defense spending was growing in the early 1980s, the 20 largest defense contractors' PACs increased their contributions by 225 percent, to a total of \$3.8 million last year. And \$440,000 went to members of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

**Forests bugged**  
Pine beetles are devastating thousands of acres of federal and private woodland in the South. According to the National Forest Service, in the past year they have destroyed an estimated 450,000 trees on 185,000 acres in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and they're spreading to other states. The Forest Service plans to replant 35,000 of the 55,000 acres of federal land that have been infested. It will cost about \$300 an acre for reforestation — or roughly \$10 million.

**Watch on the Pentagon**  
The Army's computer problems continue apace. Former soldiers owe the Army more than \$65 million paid to them by mistake after they left the service. The problem is an information gap in the main finance computer. Letters are routinely sent out asking for repayment, but with little success. To an old soldier, when the eagle screams on payday, that's it.

## Connecticut In Brief

### Moffett raps O'Neill on toxic waste

HARTFORD — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Toby Moffett has sharply criticized Gov. William A. O'Neill, claiming O'Neill failed to push for a tough law requiring companies to report to the public on their use of toxic materials. Moffett said Monday that other governors lobbied hard for the measure, but not O'Neill.

"The citizens of Connecticut have a right to know if they are being exposed to chemicals that could potentially kill them," said Moffett, who is challenging O'Neill for the 1988 Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

"On the most important environmental bill this year, Connecticut played no positive role," the former congressman said. "We need leadership that is willing and capable of protecting our health."

Moffett declined to criticize Connecticut's congressmen for not taking a more active role, saying they weren't pushed by O'Neill. The bill passed by one vote, he said, "with no thanks to Governor O'Neill."

O'Neill spokesman Larry deBeer said there would be no comment from the governor on Moffett's remarks.

### Report: no safety violations at firm

SIMSBUURY — No federal safety standards were violated by Ensign-Bickford Industries Inc. according to a federal agency investigation of an explosion on Oct. 22.

The report, prepared by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, concluded no violations were found in a list that partially destroyed one building. But the report outlined a number of steps that could be taken to minimize chances of another explosion.

No one was injured in the blast which occurred 14 months after an August 1984 explosion that killed three employees and led to an \$1,800 fine against the company imposed by OSHA.

The report on the October explosion was obtained by The Hartford Courant through a Freedom of Information request.

### Senate to debate Buckley nomination

WASHINGTON — Former Sen. James Buckley has reached his final hurdle in a bid to become a federal appeals court judge. The Senate was scheduled to vote on the Buckley nomination today after about an hour of debate, said Paul Allen, a spokesman for Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn.

Buckley, 62, represented New York in the Senate for one term and was defeated by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan in 1976. He made an unsuccessful run against Dodd in Connecticut in 1980.

New York's two senators, Moynihan and Republican Alfonse D'Amato, have supported Buckley for the judgeship on the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

But Dodd and Sen. Lowell P. Weicker Jr., R-Conn., have questioned the nomination because of Buckley's lack of experience as a practicing lawyer and his strongly held conservative views.

### Forst suspends police union head

HARTFORD — State Police Commander Lester J. Forst has suspended Connecticut State Police Union President Jerry Herkowitz for 60 days because he wore his uniform during a protest rally at the Capitol in May.

The decision was made on Dec. 11 but made public Monday when Herkowitz said he would request a state hearing to fight the suspension.

## State plans another teachers' test

Starting July 1, students wanting to enter a teacher preparation program will be required to pass the test or get the SAT waiver. As of May 1, 1987, those wanting to be certified to teach will have to pass the test or get the waiver. The test may be taken over and over until a student passes.

The first test was given in October and another is planned for March. After that, Tirozi said, the state should have a "more representative picture" of prospective teachers.

Higher Education Commissioner Norma Foreman Glasgow said she was "seriously concerned" about the overall results, but said that "we should be heartened that when the scores of each of the three tests are examined individually, nearly 85 percent passed reading." Glasgow said the state should be "seriously concerned" about the overall results, but said that "we should be heartened that when the scores of each of the three tests are examined individually, nearly 85 percent passed reading."

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The state's highest court ruled unanimously the pleas entered by Israel Madera could not be accepted because they were made in exchange to allow Madera's attorneys to appeal Glass's dismissal of two motions.

Madera, a former mental patient, pleaded no contest to 14 counts of arson murder in connection with the fire that occurred during the Fourth of July holiday weekend in 1979.

Waterbury Superior Court Judge Robert D. Glass accepted the pleas and found Madera guilty. The judge subsequently sentenced the defendant to an effective term of 120 years in prison with no possibility of parole.

Madera, who was 27 at the time of the fire, entered the no contest pleas under a plea bargain with state prosecutors, who agreed in exchange to allow Madera's attorneys to appeal Glass's dismissal of two motions.

The motions denied by Glass sought to exclude as evidence a confession Madera allegedly gave to police and sought dismissal of the case back to the Waterbury court for further proceedings.

The Supreme Court, in an opinion written by Associate Justice David M. Shea, said it could not review the appeals of the denied motions and thus the plea bargain could not be fulfilled.

The defendant expressly bargained for appellate review of both rulings of the trial court "on the merits," Shea wrote. "Our inability to comply with this agreement constitutes a failure of consideration in the plea bargaining process."

A plea induced by a court-approved promise that could not be fulfilled cannot be viewed as voluntary," Shea wrote in the opinion, sending the case back to the Waterbury court for further proceedings.

It is expected that Madera will now have several options, including a new round of no contest pleas with different conditions, pleading guilty or pleading innocent and standing trial.

Seventeen people, including seven children, died in the July 5, 1979, fire, which occurred over the long Fourth of July holiday weekend. The fire has been called a worst in Waterbury history.

A 1984 earthquake in Alaska killed 178 persons and caused \$50 million in damage.

## Waterbury case overturned

### Pleas thrown out in 14 fire deaths

By Mark A. Dupuis  
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## Wall Street awaits reaction from GAF

DANBURY (AP) — GAF Corp. moved its hostile attempt to acquire Union Carbide Corp. into federal court by filing a lawsuit aimed at overturning the chemical company's defense of GAF's \$4.3 billion bid.

GAF said Monday that it had filed suit in U.S. District Court in New York against Union Carbide and its directors charging that the company's two-tiered defense was intended to entrench current management, frustrate GAF's bid, confuse shareholders and illegally failed to treat all stockowners equally.

The lawsuit also seeks to overturn five-month-old conditions of Carbide's employee pension fund that would prevent an unfriendly buyer from using \$500 million in surplus funds to help finance a takeover.

The legal strategy was one of several aimed end envisioned in GAF's fight for control of Union Carbide; each, in the analysts' eyes, would make GAF and its chairman, Samuel J. Heyman, a winner in what they predicted would be a dogged battle.

On Monday, Carbide began implementing its defense, which consists of three lawsuits and a two-step "poison pill" designed to thwart GAF's bid or, if unsuccessful at that, to make a takeover expensive.

Carbide filed a lawsuit in Federal Court in Bridgeport seeking to block GAF's attempted takeover. The suit alleges that GAF and Heyman violated the Sherman Antitrust Law, the Clayton Act and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

Carbide charged that the takeover is conditioned on GAF's obtaining nearly \$4 billion in financing of which only \$150 million has been committed, which the company claimed constitutes a "fraudulent, deceptive and manipulative solicitation" in violation of securities laws.

Carbide said GAF's plans to finance the takeover with mostly high-risk, high-yield bonds commonly referred to as "junk bonds" violated Securities and Exchange Commission requirements forbidding the use of loans to buystock in amounts that exceed 50 percent of the stock's market value.

Additionally, Carbide alleged that a takeover might violate federal antitrust laws because GAF competes with and holds a dominant position over Union Carbide in several chemical markets. Carbide asked that a hearing be conducted on the lawsuit before January 8, the date that GAF's tender offer expires.

Analysts said GAF had three likely options: raise its all-cash, \$4.3-billion bid, take advantage of Carbide's first-phase offer to swap 35 percent of its stock for cash and securities valued at \$85 per share, or take Union Carbide to court over the poison pill.

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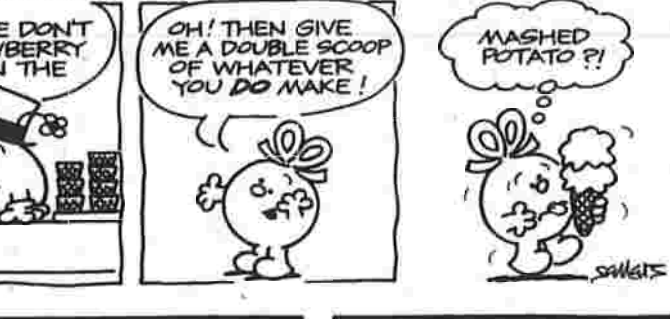
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Astrograph

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Unique benefits could come your way in the year ahead through timely matters, relatives or in-laws. Keep on the best of terms with everyone in your clan.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you are more tolerant of casual acquaintances today than you are of your family, you'll be courting a flare-up on the home front. Be equally considerate to all. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o Newsweek, Box 1846, Cincinnati, OH 45201. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Negative thoughts must not be permitted to gain the upper hand today. Self-doubts could cause you to lose in the towel before you even try.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) It's to your advantage to manage matters as prudently as possible today. Before writing a check, ask yourself if it is really essential.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't take on unproductive career challenges today just to prove a point. Nothing will be gained if you win, but you could look bad if you fall flat.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) If a specific matter is disturbing you today, bring it out into the open, rather than stewing in silence. Keeping mum could make it worse.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's best today not to become overly involved in the complications of a close friend. He or she might use your concern as an excuse to dump the situation on you.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't let your ego overwhelm you today to the point where you take full credit for something you played only a small part in bringing about.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Rejection, or perhaps even hard feelings, will result today if you impose on others. Don't ask them to do things for you that you are capable of handling yourself.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Move cautiously today in situations that require an investment on your part. Don't be afraid to back out if the deal doesn't look as good as you first thought.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Consult your mate before making any major domestic decisions today. Your judgment might not be up to par and you'll need his or her help.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The only way you can inspire perfection in others today is to set the ideal example. Don't expect them to be something you can't be yourself.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) You may be a shade too loose with your resources today. You'll regret it later if you spend without getting value received.

Bridge

A romp through a mine field
By James Jacoby
With careful play, declarer can make his slam. Careful play entails more than counting winners and losers. It's akin to going through a mine field, sensing where danger lies and being ready to take evasive action.
Declarer sees two potential losers - a trump and a diamond. The apparent winners are four spades, three diamonds, two clubs and two club ruffs - 11 tricks. To make 12, he will have to pick up the missing trump queen or avoid a diamond loser. At trick one, declarer plays dummy's diamond ace and then leads a diamond, tempting East to ruff. Should East ruff in, South can play his low diamond (loser on loser) and later pick up trumps without a hitch. What if East declines? Declarer should then win the diamond ruff, ruff a club in dummy and lead another small diamond, again offering the bait.
Should East still refuse to ruff, plan B goes into effect: Win the diamond queen, ruff another losing club and lead the spade jack. If East covers, win in hand, pull trump and cash the club king for 12 tricks. If East ducks, the spade jack will win. Ruff a heart back to hand, pull trump and proceed as before.
After ruffing the second little club, why wouldn't South return to his hand and ruff his diamond loser with dummy's last trump? Because at that point East would overtake with the trump queen and play a club for West to ruff. That is careful play.
Fairly safe for growups: Once upon a time the suggested list price in a department catalog was the true cost of the item discarded.
It's a staunch marriage, indeed, if the partners can survive reading one of those books on how to get along with each other.

U.S./World In Brief

NASA chief pleads innocent
LOS ANGELES - The head of the nation's space program and three former colleagues at General Dynamics say they are innocent of charges they defrauded the government out of \$2.3 billion in the aborted Sgt. York anti-aircraft gun contract.
NASA Administrator James Beggs and three General Dynamics Corp. executives pleaded innocent Monday to charges they conspired to overcharge the Defense Department for the Sgt. York, which has since been cancelled because it did not work.
Beggs, 59, who had been a top executive at the giant defense contractor, told U.S. District Judge Ferdinand Fernandez, "I plead not guilty to each count." Also pleading innocent were General Dynamics executives James Hansen Jr., Ralph Hawes and David McPherson.
Lawyers for General Dynamics, dogged during the past year by several other investigations into its billing practices, asked for a trial as soon as possible.

Government directs 'orderly shutdown'

WASHINGTON - Congress, facing the prospect of workers being sent home, today rushed to pass a stopgap money bill to temporarily finance most government operations while legislators tried to revive an omnibus, \$70 billion spending measure.
Much of the federal government opened for business penniless today and Congress' plans to adjourn for the year were in shambles after the House late Monday rejected the omnibus bill, which would have restored the flow of money.
White House budget director James Miller III said employees were reporting to work as usual today but were being ordered to engage in "an orderly shutdown" of affected agencies.
Miller said non-essential employees would be sent home at 1 p.m. EST if Congress was not well on the way to passing an acceptable measure. He said he believed a short-term measure would be acceptable to the president.
House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. declined to say today the money crunch would be temporarily cured with a short-term continuing resolution until the agencies' spending authority until midnight Thursday.
And Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., was even more optimistic. He said the appropriate appropriations muddle could be worked out this week.
"Let's not get into a short-term measure," he said. "We have enough work to carry us until (next) Monday or Tuesday."

After the meeting, however, most House Republicans, including members of the GOP leadership, said they still opposed the committee's nearly 1,000-page tax measure because it could prompt an economic disaster.
"From my point of view, unaltered and unmodified, I cannot vote for" the committee bill, said House Minority Leader Robert Michel of Illinois.
As part of the deal that produced the GOP votes, Republicans won an opportunity to make some floor adjustments to their own tax revision bill - a sweeping alternative given virtually no chance of passage in the Democratic-dominated House.
White House spokesman Larry Speakes today said, "We're hopeful. We delivered the 50 votes." Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., head of the Ways and Means Committee, also said he expected debate on the bill would be concluded today.
Appearing on the NBC "Today" show, however, he added, "I'm nervous naturally."



REP. ROBERT MICHEL won't support measure

Pretoria warns Zimbabwe

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - South African troops might launch raids into Zimbabwe to attack bases of black nationalists blamed for the deadliest assault on whites since May 1983, Defense Minister Gen. Magnus Malan warned.
Malan flew Monday to site near the Zimbabwe border where six people, two white women and four children - were killed by a land mine. Three adults and two children - a 6-year-old and a 1-year-old - were injured in the explosion, which occurred Sunday about 20 miles west of Messina.
Malan, who was briefed on the attack Monday, said the explosion - the seventh in the northern border area since Nov. 25 - was the work of the outlawed African National Congress. He said ANC guerrillas apparently infiltrated from neighboring Zimbabwe.
News reports in Johannesburg said an ANC spokesman in Lusaka acknowledged the guerrilla group, which opposes white rule in South Africa, was responsible for the attack, the worst since May 1983, when a car-bomb explosion in Pretoria killed 19 people.

Reagan leans toward veto

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Tearful Reagans console victims' families

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (UPI) - "I want my daddy!" The child's plaintive cry carried across the cavernous hangar where President and Mrs. Reagan tearfully consoled the families of 248 soldiers who died in a plane crash in the Sinners area last Thursday.
The Reagans encountered such sorrow at every turn Monday in a memorial service for the victims at the home of the 101st Airborne Division, whose units were involved in the crash.
"I'm sorry, I'm sorry," Reagan whispered over and over to sobbing wives and mothers.
"Isn't cry, don't cry," the president told one sobbing child.
The Reagans' meeting with 278 family members of the soldiers, who were killed while returning from peace-keeping duty in the Sinners area, was supposed to last 20 minutes but stretched to 35 minutes.
Most of the mourners cried or sat with bowed heads as the president and his wife slowly made their way across the hangar floor past several family members snapped photographs of the Reagans.
Some family members, many of whom wore black armbands, asked Reagan to sign their programs.
Others clutched the president's hands or threw their arms around his neck. Reagan tried to whisper some word of consolation to each.
One young woman showed the president a picture of a soldier who died in the crash. She begged him to keep it. Reagan put the small snapshot in the coat pocket of his black suit.
"I'm so proud of what you're doing," Reagan told a soldier dressed in a desert camouflage uniform worn by the Army in the Sinai.
"I feel for you," a teary-eyed Nancy Reagan, dressed almost entirely in black, said as she embraced almost every grieving relative.
Several hours after the ceremony, the first bodies after the Newfoundland crash were flown to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware for identification. Honor guards from the 101st accompanied the caskets from the planes to the mortuary.
Around 900 people jammed the building for the ceremony.
Fort Campbell has scheduled at least two more memorial ceremonies this week; one when the remaining 234 members of the peace-keeping unit return to Fort Campbell Wednesday, and the other another mass ceremony Friday to be attended by 17,000 soldiers from the fort.
"All of us in the Army are deeply saddened that the families of our heroes are beginning to feel the great anticipation of a holiday reunion with friends and loved ones ended in tragedy," said Army Chief of Staff General John Wickham Jr.

Marcos denounces Aquino

LAOAG, Philippines - President Ferdinand Marcos, campaigning in his northern homeland, today denounced Corason Aquino for threatening to put him on trial if she is elected president in February's early election.
In Manila, the Supreme Court today heard two hours of arguments on whether the Feb. 7 presidential election is constitutional but suspended hearings until Wednesday without reaching a decision. Three justices on the tribunal not to stop the voting despite doubts about the election law.
Aquino and running mate Salvador Laurel drove to the northern province of Tarlac, 70 miles north of Manila, where they campaigned in five towns, including Concepcion, the town where her husband, slain opposition leader Benigno Aquino, was born.
More than 25,000 supporters, chanting "Cory, Cory, Cory-Do," packed a plaza in front of the cathedral in the provincial capital of Tarlac for a seven-day nationwide campaign swing that will take them to at least 15 cities and towns.

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NASA, behind schedule, delays Columbia launch

By William Horwood
United Press International
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - The refurbished shuttle Columbia, launching Wednesday with Rep. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., aboard was delayed today until Thursday because of trouble finishing work in the ship's cramped engine compartment.
The delay sets the stage for a landing at the Kennedy Space Center Christmas Eve morning, something NASA had wanted to avoid to give hard-pressed shuttle workers a few days off for the holidays.
Columbia, which had been scheduled to take off Wednesday 7 a.m. on a five-day mission with a crew of seven, was rescheduled for launch Thursday at the same time. It will be the space shuttle's first flight in two years.
"They're disappointed," NASA spokesman James Ball said of the shuttle launch workers. "But otherwise it has been two years since we've flown this bird and we're going to enjoy everything it ships before we start the shuttle program - doubling NASA's previous one-year record. Next year, 14 flights are planned. It will be Columbia's first flight since December 1983 when it was sent back to the factory for an extensive series of modifications and improvements to upgrade the space shuttle's capabilities.
Commander Robert "Hoot" Gibson, co-pilot Charles Bolden and astronaut George Nelson and Steven Hawley had planned practice time today in T-38 jet trainers but the flights were canceled because of cloudy and rainy weather.
The other shuttle fliers are Franklin Chang-Diaz, a physician-astronaut born in Costa Rica, RCA satellite engineer Robert Cenker and Nelson, whose district includes the Kennedy Space Center where Columbia is scheduled to land. Touchdown is now set for Dec. 24.
Air Force weather officers said today the outlook for Thursday is generally favorable for blastoff, but light rain could be in the area.
Columbia's countdown began early Monday and by late in the day, workers had completed seven behind schedule completing work in the veteran shuttle's engine compartment.
NASA mission managers held a midnight meeting and decided to forge ahead, but when they met again about 5 a.m. not enough progress had been made and the launch was delayed to give engineers enough time to safely wrap up their work.
Columbia's flight marks the 10th mission this year. It is the shuttle program - doubling NASA's previous one-year record. Next year, 14 flights are planned. It will be Columbia's first flight since December 1983 when it was sent back to the factory for an extensive series of modifications and improvements to upgrade the space shuttle's capabilities.
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About 100 members of the New England Health Care Employees Union, District 1199, gathered outside the governor's mansion in Hartford this morning to protest state funding to the Crestfield-Fenwood nursing home in Manchester, where 60 employees have been on strike since Oct. 21.

### Crestfield union marches outside governor's mansion

By John Kirch  
Herald Reporter

HARTFORD — About 100 members of the New England Health Care Employees Union, District 1199, marched outside the governor's mansion this morning to call on Gov. William A. O'Neill to get personally involved in the two-month-old strike at the Crestfield-Fenwood nursing home. Union officials have been calling on O'Neill to cut public funding to the nursing home because they say the home's three owners, Roland Castleman, Josiah Lessner, both Manchester attorneys, and Howard Dickstein of Vernon, are breaking the law by refusing to negotiate a first contract with District 1199. The owners have said that District 1199 does not represent an "uncoerced majority" of its members. About 60 of the 85 nurses' aides, kitchen helpers and other service employees represented by the union went on strike Oct. 21. Larry Fox, secretary-treasurer of District 1199, said Monday that

the governor should do more to help end the strike. O'Neill appointed Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Ferraro to investigate the dispute in November, but union officials have said there have been no results. "That's just not enough," Fox said. "The state pays the Vernon Street nursing home about \$750,000 a year, according to officials at the state Department of Income Maintenance. Claudette Beaulieu, the department's spokeswoman, has said that the state's Medicaid program supports about a third of the patients at Crestfield, which is a 95-bed facility. The separate 65-bed Fenwood nursing home has any Medicaid patients, Beaulieu has said. Both Beaulieu and Cynthia Denne, chief of licensing at the state Health Department, have said that funds are usually cut or a home's license is taken away only for health-related problems represented by the union went on strike Oct. 21. Larry Fox, secretary-treasurer of District 1199, said Monday that

### Arrest follows long chase

A Norman Street man was arrested at gunpoint in Bolton this morning by Manchester police after a high-speed chase through both towns that lasted about a half hour, police said today. Police said Gregory A. DeRoiser, 23, of 100 Norman St., was charged with evading responsibility, reckless driving and speeding in connection with the chase, which began at his home at about 6:30 a.m. DeRoiser was also charged with first-degree larceny by possession, police said, for allegedly stealing in East Hartford the 1983 Ford Tempo he drove during the incident, police said. Police spokesman Gary Wood said DeRoiser is also wanted by South Windsor police on charges involving seven burglaries. Wood said DeRoiser's car was found this morning in South Windsor "loaded with the stolen goods." DeRoiser evidently walked to East Hartford, Wood said, where the car was stolen from an A-1-Lover Road

address. Police said they received a warning from East Hartford police that DeRoiser might be headed for his Norman Street home. Upon arriving, police said they saw DeRoiser leaving his driveway, followed him onto Florence Street, and attempted to stop him near the Sportsman's Cafe on Spruce Street. However, police said DeRoiser sped up to avoid being stopped, turned eastbound onto Wells Street, then onto Ansaldi Road and Autumn Street, where he proceeded south to Highland Street. Police said DeRoiser was driving at around 55 miles per hour in these residential areas. According to police, DeRoiser then went the wrong way on the Highland Street exit ramp from Interstate 84, stopped, and backed up into traffic narrowly missing other cars on the ramp. Police said DeRoiser followed him before spinning around and proceeding east on Highland Street to

Wyllys Street and onto Interstate 384, where he accelerated to about 75 miles per hour. In Bolton, DeRoiser reportedly exited onto Route 85, and traveled south at about 70 miles per hour before driving onto Bolton Center Road, police said. DeRoiser was stopped at the intersection of Summer and Toomey roads, where police said he got out of the vehicle with his hands raised. After being arrested, police said a search of the car revealed an automatic pistol in the glove box that East Hartford police warned was left in the car before it was stolen. Police said DeRoiser apparently did not know the gun in the car. A buck knife was found in his possession, police said. Police said that throughout the chase, the roads were icy and covered with snow, making driving dangerous. DeRoiser was being held on \$10,000 bond and was to be arraigned at Manchester Superior Court today.

### Obituaries

#### Vincent C. Allen

Home, 400 Main St. Burial will be in the East Cemetery. Calling hours are Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

#### Marie W. Fuller

Marie W. (Fullerton) Fuller, 85, of Ansaldi Road, died Monday at a local convalescent home. Born in Joliet, Ill., she had lived most of her life in Uclid, Ohio. She is survived by two daughters, Bette Bittens of Phoenix, Ariz., and Marjorie Adams of Manchester; two sisters, Margaret Fullerton and Rita Fullerton, both of Lakewood, Ohio; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. The funeral will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Knollwood Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio. There are no calling hours. John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., is in charge of arrangements.

#### Gibson O. Miller

Gibson "Gib" O. Miller, 73, of 62 Duval St., died Monday at Manchester Memorial Hospital, after he was stricken at home. He was the husband of Helen (Donnelly) Miller. Born in Bridgeport, he grew up in Hartford and moved to Manchester 43 years ago. He was retired from both the Shell Oil Co. and the Kessler Construction Co. He was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons, Chapter 1275, the East Hartford Senior Citizens' Bowling League. He was a Meals on Wheels volunteer and did volunteer work for many other civic organizations. Besides his wife, he is survived by daughter, Mrs. Forest (Mary) Burton Cague; a brother, F. Burton Miller of Hartford; and two granddaughters. The funeral will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

#### Julia C. Eckert

Julia C. (Oeser) Eckert, 86, of 21 Carver Lane, died Monday night at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of the late Nicholas Eckert. Born in New York City Sept. 25, 1899, she lived in Manchester for more than 25 years. She was a member of the Manchester Senior Citizens' Center and the American Association of Retired Persons. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Catherine and Frank Ringrose of Manchester; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Holmes Funeral

#### May D. Herring

May D. Herring, 89, formerly of Cook Drive, Bolton, died Monday at a Manchester convalescent home. She was the widow of Edward C. Herring. She is survived by a brother-in-law, Harry C. Starkey of Bonton, N.J.; a nephew, Christopher Starkey in Florida; and a grand-nephew, Craig Starkey in Florida. The funeral and burial will take

#### In Memoriam

In loving memory of our mother, Mrs. Mary Arnold, who passed away December 17th, 1957. If we could have one wish come true, We wish, dear Mom, we still had you. Others have lost their mothers and we know, But you were ours, and we loved you so. Beatrice, Bob & Dot

### Eighth District delays action on sewer recommendations

By Alex Girelli  
Herald Reporter

Directors of the Eighth Utilities District Monday night tabled action on a recommendation that the district take over a proposed sewage pumping station on Buckland Street after it is built by developers of the Buckland Hills Mall. Director Joseph Tripp opposed having the district assume responsibility for the maintenance and operation of any sewage pumping stations. Ultimately, the part of the development area from which the natural flow is toward South Windsor will be severed by South Windsor, he said. "I would feel rather foolish ten or twelve years down the road owning a \$100,000 pumping station we cannot use," Tripp said. The recommendation that the district take over the pumping station came from A.R. Lombardi Associates, a Vernon firm that is designing a trunk sewer for the

district to serve the developing area east of Buckland Street and north of Tolland Turnpike. Director Thomas Landers said that Lombardi Associates feels that if the proposed Winchester Mall, on the Manchester-South Windsor line east of the Buckland Hills site, becomes a reality, South Windsor will extend sewer lines that could serve the part of the Buckland Hills site which drops toward the north. If not, the lines will not be extended. Tripp disagreed. "That area is going to be developed one way or another," he said. Developers of Winchester and Buckland Hills malls are competing and both have said that the market will support only one of the two malls. Tripp also disagreed with John D. LaBelle Jr., the district's counsel, who said that an agreement by the district and the towns of Manchester and South Windsor over sewer lines along the town border permits, but does not

mandate, exchanges of service. Tripp said his understanding is that the agreement binds the three political entities to the exchange. LaBelle told the directors they should not assume the property to be served by the pumping station would always be owned by a single owner. He said Lombardi's decision is that if ownership is divided, the pumping station should be controlled by the district. On the basis of Tripp's reservations, Landers moved that the matter be tabled so that the directors could discuss it further with Lombardi. The directors discussed but took no action on another Lombardi recommendation on the sewer system. That recommendation calls for routing a trunk sewer that will serve the mall and nearby developments through a property at 670 N. Main St. to the existing North Manchester sewer, a major line that carries sewage from the district to the town's sewage disposal plant on Olcott Street. The property is one on which Barney Peterman plans to develop 32 multi-family units and one single-family house. On Monday night the Planning and Zoning Commission granted final site plan approval to Peterman for the project. LaBelle told the directors at the district meeting that while he had not yet received a letter from Peterman's attorney, he had verbal assurance that Peterman would cooperate with the district in granting an easement across the property for the sewer. Originally, the district had expected to run the line across land owned by Georgia Pacific on North Main Street about 1,400 feet west of the Peterman site. Joyner said that in order to do that, the district would have had to arrange easements through several properties. Joyner also said that extending the line further east on North Main Street will permit the district to offer sewer service to some property owners on that stretch of the street.

### Fire Calls

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### Firehouse plans advance

A committee of Eighth Utilities District directors will meet Wednesday for a final review of plans for the district firehouse on Tolland Turnpike near Buckland Street. District President Walter Joyner said at a district directors' meeting Monday night that the directors will have a financing proposal for the firehouse ready for a hearing in January. Alan Lamson, architect for the firehouse, has estimated the construction cost at \$350,000. A district committee is studying methods of financing the expenditure. District voters will have to approve the financing method at a district meeting because an expenditure of more than \$50,000 is involved. The directors agreed Monday that they will invite construction bids in early January and open the bids about mid-February. At Wednesday's meeting the plans will be reviewed by a committee composed of Directors Thomas Landers, Joseph Tripp and Samuel Longest. The firehouse will be located two doors away from a town-owned firehouse. The district firehouse will serve

the Buckland area, annexed by the district in the late 1970s after the district won a lawsuit in the state Supreme Court giving it, and not the town, the right to provide fire protection in Buckland. In the Nov. 5 municipal election, voters of the town fire district voted to retain the firehouse the town had built in anticipation of serving Buckland. It serves parts of the northern section of town outside the Eighth District. In another matter affecting the district's volunteer fire department, the directors voted Monday night to allow Neil E. Bernsten of 831 Lydall St. to serve as a volunteer. Approval was needed because Bernsten is not resident of the district. The directors also agreed with a suggestion by Tripp that a new round of tests be given to candidates who want to become fire dispatchers in order to build up a reserve to fill future vacancies. The directors approved a suggestion by Landers that he invite bids early for district insurance coverage. Landers said that because of high premiums and the difficulty municipalities are having in getting insurance, agents

want time to find insurance companies who will provide the insurance. He said he would like to allow 120 or more days between the bids invitation and the bid opening. The directors set their January meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 21, and their February meeting for Tuesday, Feb. 18. The normal Monday meeting dates would have fallen on legal holidays, Martin Luther King Day and Washington's Birthday. **QUESTION: Can you buy Sparkling New 14KT. GOLD CHAINS from 1/10" to 1/8" per gram in downtown Manchester? iiisaa** **THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY & CONNECTICUT VALLEY COIN** 805 MAIN ST., MANCHESTER, CT. Mon.-Fri. 9-5 / Sat. 9-3 **843-8295**

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## Dressing up for the holidays

### Museums offer Christmas fantasy

By Margaret Hayden  
Herald Reporter

Christmas trees are perched atop the 100-foot masts of the ships, Charles W. Morgan and Joseph Conrad at Mystic Seaport Museum.

A Shirley Temple doll appears to play her movie songs on an organ. Warehouse Point's trolley station is decorated for a winterfest and visits from Santa.

Hartford's Butler-McCook Homestead and Hadlyme's Gilette-Castle show Victorian ornaments and toys.

All are glimpses of Christmases past, a few of many in museums across the state. They show how Christmas decorating has been changing since it became popular in the 1800s. Then, immigrants from Europe persuaded New Englanders to discontinue the Puritan prohibition against celebrating Christmas. German immigrants brought the traditions of the trees, while the Irish put candles in windows and the Dutch introduced St. Nicholas.

These traditions can be seen in downtown Manchester streets as well as in many homes, stores, churches and businesses.

Here are examples of exhibits of "dressed-up" museums and other state attractions within driving distance. Telephone numbers are listed so call ahead for more information or last-minute changes.

Mystic Seaport Museum illustrates many ways to decorate for Christmas in a maritime village. The 17-acre museum is a recreation of Christmas past. Those with special Christmas features are marked with a sprig of holly. The Burrows House has stockings hanging for St. Nicholas to fill. There's also a tree with hand-made ornaments. The Greenman House shows how a wealthy shipbuilder and his family had factory-made toys and ornaments with traditional greens in the 1880s. Costumed guides will give "Christmas at Sea and Ashore" tours through the homes, ships and shops Thursday through Sunday. Reservations for the one-hour tour are required and can be made by calling 572-0711, ext. 318. Winter rates for the museum are \$7.50 for adults, \$3.75 for children 5 to 15 and

free for children under 5. The museum is open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except for Christmas when it is closed.

The annual free day, which usually attracts 1,500 people, will be Dec. 22. It will have an outdoor caroling at 4 p.m. in Anchor Circle, plus extra planetarium and other shows. The evening lantern tours have been sold out.

Butler-McCook Homestead, 396 Main St., Hartford. "Christmas 1878" uses information from diaries of the Rev. John James McCook. The tree in the north parlor is decorated with tiny candles, dates, cookies, cranberry garlands and wrapped gifts. A holly and fruit-ringed punch bowl will greet carolers in the south parlor. The dining room table is ready for dinner guests. The kitchen is full of holiday preparations. The museum, owned by the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society, will display Christmas ornaments, toys and family traditions of 1878. Guided tours are free to children 12 and under if they are with an adult. Others pay \$1 each. 522-1806.

Nook Farm, homes of Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe, Farmington Avenue and Forest Street, Hartford. The homes of both authors will be decorated for Victorian Christmases. Tours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays, plus evening tours Sundays in December from 5 to 7 p.m. \$3.75, Twain House; \$3, Stowe House; \$6, combination. Combination tours only are available evenings. 525-9317.

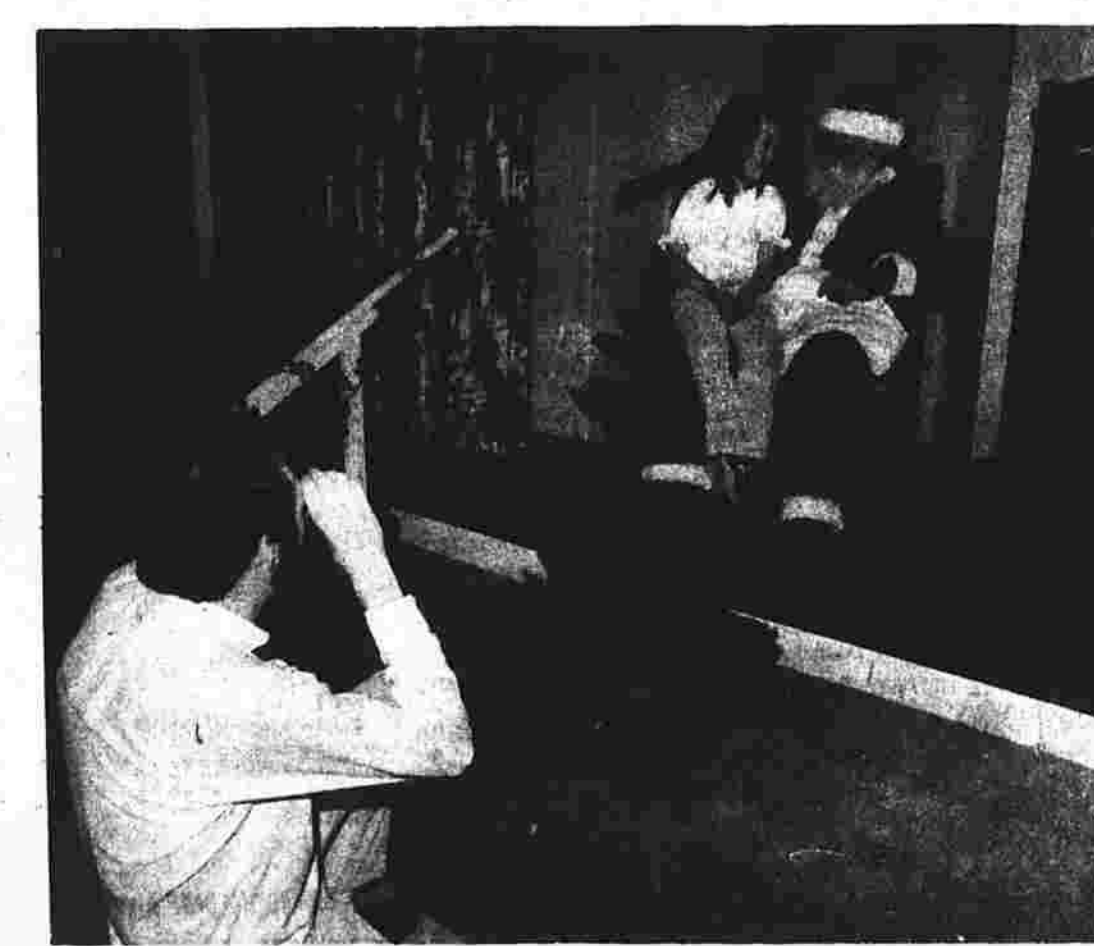
Gillette Castle, off Route 82, Hadlyme, overlooking the Connecticut River. Victorian decorations and musical entertainment. Weekends until Dec. 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$1 adults, 50 cents children 6 to 11, under 6, free. 526-2336.

Connecticut Railway Trolley Museum, Route 140, Warehouse Point. Take the children for a ride on a heated trolley through the woods. More than 6,000 lights decorated the track. Also, see the old station decorated for Christmas and the frequent visits by

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### Santa lunch has hot dogs, flash bulbs and hams



Scott Wilson photographs his daughter, Courtney, as she visits with Santa

Saturday at Second Congregational Church.

In jet-set circles many social events are staged for the sole purpose of being photographed. Many guests are present just to smile at the cameras. The party doesn't exist until the picture is snapped. That was the situation at the Second Congregational Church on Saturday. Photographers were out in force. Posters around town had said bring your camera, and dozens of parents did just that at the church's annual "Lunch with Santa." Arthur Chader was even making a videotape as Arthur Jr. and Brian climbed on Santa's lap and told what they wanted. Their father already had what he wanted; that video camera, an early Christmas gift. "This is the new toy for myself and my wife," he explained. The other cameras ranged from professional-quality models to the small camera with which Joy and Scott Wilson were photographing Casey and Courtney. Waiting like paparazzi, the parents focused on Santa the minute he entered and greeted a child with the not-unexpected,

**Socially Speaking**  
Rhea Talley Stewart

"Ho, ho, ho."

Santa spelled out Christopher Kringle when he was asked his real name. "I don't want the children to know any different," he said, adjusting his wire-rimmed spectacles. It took his wife to explain that Santa was Bob Reid. He manages an auto parts store in Vernon, is 43 and has the white beard and hair all year round. "Everything is real." Someone punched Santa's stomach. "That, too."

Fathers made an impressive showing at lunch with Santa. Ron Lettao was photographing Andy and Matthew. Bruce Anende was busy making pictures of Santa's greeting to Gregory. An aunt was on hand. Carol Heston managed the camera while her sister, Barbara Quigley, told Megan to look up. Two sisters, Lisa Risley and Margaret Davila, came with Matthew Risley and Erika Davila and their cameras.

Jonathan Harwood's conversa-

tion with Santa was the pictorial subject for his mother Janis. Karen Howe was photographing Meredith, while Sharon Romann took a close-up of Lesley and Benjamin. Pam Boudo had Daniel John in her viewfinder.

The gustatory part of the lunch was hot dogs. Just like the ones Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt served to King George and Queen Elizabeth. In all, this social affair could not have been more fashionable unless Diana and Charles had been there. A real media event.

Delectable smells of cloves and cinnamon were wafting through the Cheney Homestead on Dec. 7, when the Homestead committee held its annual Christmas open house.

Some of this good aroma came from the mullied punch being prepared for the beautiful silver punch bowl, heavily carved with silkworms and mulberry leaves. A trade association of silk manufacturers presented the punch bowl to the Cheney family in the days when Manchester was Silk City.

Horace B. Learned, a Cheney descendant who once lived in that house, made his annual contribution of an apple tree, attaching the red fruit with some evergreens to a wooden form that he designed years ago.

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# Postage currency once was in vogue

As old pro, Herman Krauski, told us in his slide show at the local coin club this month, paper pieces like these kicked around as money in the years 1862 to 1878.



## Collectors' Corner

Russ MacKendrick

Note that the bottom one with the Liberty Head is labeled "fractional currency." All three are now considered to be in that category, but in 1862, when they were first printed, the top pair with their reproductions of stamps were called "postage currency."

In the Civil War days when hard money was being hoarded, F.E. Spinner, the U.S. Treasurer, got the bright idea of sticking stamps onto Treasury paper to see if they would fly — and they did.

The next step was to get Congress to authorize the printing of postage currency, using the artwork and coloration of the current stamps. The top piece with the five-cent Jefferson was in brown, like the Scott number 78 stamp, and the one with the five Washington heads was in green.

Milton Friedberg's "Encyclopedia of United States Fractional Currency" sets the total price of this particular Jefferson item at an amazing 45 million! So many were redeemed by the government that now fewer than 6,000 are extant. The 50-cent greens are even scarcer — 17 million printed and about 2,000 left.

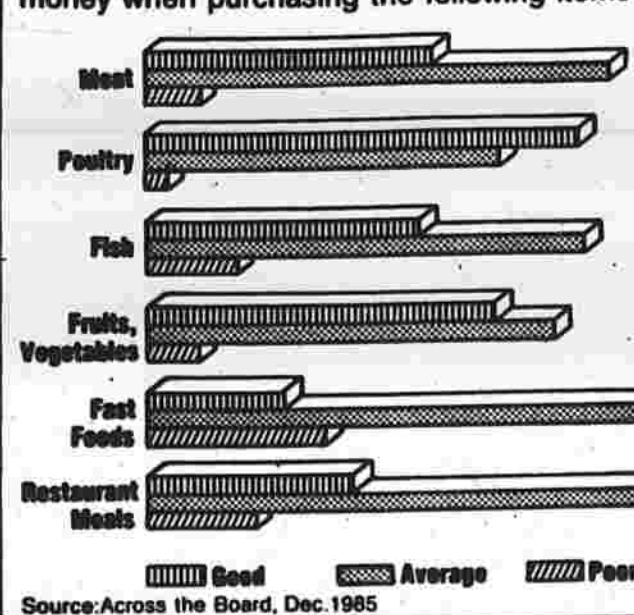
The Postage Currencies were just the first issuance of a total of five fractional avancements before coinage was again going freely from hand to hand. But as Herman K. made perfectly clear, the "postages" with their pictures of actual stamps, are the ones to look for most eagerly because they are listed in Scott's Specialized Stamp Catalogue, besides being in all the paper money books. This gives them a philatelic-numismatic double-strength collectibility.

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If you want to deepen your own relationship with synographs, called "rag-pickers" by the British, write to the Society of Paper Money Collectors, P.O. Box 4261, North Fort Myers, Fla., 33903. Mr. H.K. is one of their longtime members and would be glad to give a slide show dissertation on the topic to civic groups in the area. His address is P.O. Box 117, Rockville, 06066.

## Cross-Country Survey

Consumers rate the value they get for their money when purchasing the following items



Source: Across the Board, Dec. 1985

U.S. consumers say they are receiving "good" value for their money when they buy clothing and a wide range of food products, but express discontent with charges for hospital care, credit cards and lawyers' and doctors' services. The findings are reported in a cross-country survey of 6,000 families released recently by the Conference Board.

## Ex-astronaut offers Halley's perspective

LOS ANGELES — Of all the people who will be talking about Halley's comet on television in the coming months, former astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. is the only one who has actually been in space.

Shepard, retired as a Navy rear admiral, was America's first man in space and was the fifth man to walk on the moon.

"This is a kind of new thing for me," said Shepard. "I haven't done anything like this in a long time. I was approached, I said no, I didn't want to do this kind of thing. Then I got interested and agreed to do a pilot."

Shepard is host of a half-hour documentary called "Halley Revisited" and a series of shorts and news features focusing on the comet's course across the sky. The comet's last pass was in 1910. It has already been spotted with the naked eye and will reach its peak of visibility on April 11.

The documentary and shorts are being syndicated by Sherry Grant Enterprises and Lee Services Group to more than 60 stations across the country.

The programs examine the legends, myths, and facts surrounding Halley's comet. Among the subjects are: What would happen if a comet hit the Earth; tips on observation; fears and superstitions; and a look at the amateur astronomers tracking the comet.

The shows were produced by KOIN-TV in Portland, Ore. Shepard traveled to nearby Mount St. Helens, Wash., site of a colossal volcanic eruption five years ago, to show what the Earth might look like if it collided with a comet.

Shepard looks at the controversial theory offered by Luis Alvarez of the University of California at Berkeley that such a collision 65 million years ago killed the dinosaurs and of a series of stories and theories that life on Earth began when the Earth passed through the tail of a comet.

The Soviet Union sent two probes to study the comet, and an alliance of European countries sent a third. The Japanese are sending two others.

## Hot dogs and flash bulbs featured at Santa's lunch

In a side parlor Marge Knight presented a flavor of past handcraft as she sat at a hoop finishing a quilt in the Schoolhouse pattern had been made by the Mulberry Basket Quilters and will be the prize in a Raffle. Upstairs her husband Robert Knight demonstrated the making of wooden primitive figures.

A strolling singer walked through the ranks of the Manchester Woman's Club leading in Christmas carols at the annual dinner last Monday at Willie's Steak House.

# SPORTS

Dolphins win on late field goal, 30-27

## Patriots suffer cruel setback in Miami

MIAMI — Of the 18 straight losses the New England Patriots have suffered in the Orange Bowl to the Miami Dolphins, none was crueller than the 30-27 defeat Monday night.

The Patriots had rallied for two touchdowns in a 11-second span midway through the fourth quarter to tie the score 27-27. After Miami went ahead on rookie Fund Revie's third field goal of the game, a 47-yarder in a steady rain with 4:27 left, the Patriots calmly drove to the Miami 34 and were in excellent shape to get at least three points and send the game into overtime. It seemed this would be the time



MIAMI'S Glenn Blackwood (47) came up with a late interception of a Tony Eason pass that helped preserve the Dolphins' 30-27 win over the New England Patriots Monday night. Win gives Miami sole possession of the lead in the AFC East.

## Look at NFL playoff picture

NEW YORK (UPI) — The NFL playoff picture: AFC East: New England (10-5) — Can win division if they beat Cincinnati Sunday and Dolphins and Jets lose. Will make the playoffs as a wild-card with a victory next week. Miami (11-4) — Will win the division if they beat Buffalo Sunday. Miami also would win division if either Patriots or Jets lose final game. Clinched at least a wild-card spot. New York Jets (10-5) — Can win division if they beat Cleveland Saturday. A victory over the Browns assures the Jets of at least a wild-card spot. AFC Central: Cleveland (8-7) — Browns can win division if they beat the Jets, or if either the New York Giants beat Pittsburgh Saturday or Cincinnati loses to New England. Cleveland cannot be a wild-card team. AFC West: Los Angeles Raiders (11-4) — Clinched division title, and will have home-field throughout the playoffs if they beat the Rams Monday night. Denver (10-5) — Broncos can earn a wild-card spot by beating Seattle Friday night, and if either the Jets or the loser of the Miami-New England game lose next weekend. NFC Central: Chicago (14-1) — Bears have clinched division and home-field throughout playoffs. NFC West: Los Angeles Rams (11-4) — Clinched division title, and will host divisional playoff game against Dallas if they beat Raiders Monday night or Cowboys lose to 49ers Sunday. San Francisco (9-6) — 49ers will be wild-card team if they beat Cowboys Sunday, or St. Louis beats Washington Saturday. NFC East: Dallas (10-5) — Cowboys clinched division title, and will host divisional playoff games against Rams if Dallas beats San Francisco Sunday and Rams lose to Raiders Monday night.

## College basketball roundup

The Tide 6-0, held a 15-point lead two minutes into the second half. The Seminoles, 4-2, came back to take a 70-69 lead on David Shafer's 15-foot jumpshot with 9:27 left.

James Nance and James Guley each scored 17 points for Lamar. In other games, Kevin Henderson scored 23 points and Richard Morton added 16 to lead Fullerton State to a 91-39 rout of Seattle. Clinched division title, and will host divisional playoff game against Dallas if they beat Raiders Monday night or Cowboys lose to 49ers Sunday.

At Beaumont, Texas, Don Redden scored a game-high 19 points, leading co-No. 11 Louisiana State to a 74-57 victory over Lamar, breaking the Cardinals' five-game winning streak. Using a full-court press, the unbeaten Tigers limited the Cardinals, 5-2, to their lowest point total of the season.

## Eagles fire Marion Campbell

PHILADELPHIA — Marion Campbell is the past, Fred Bruney is the present, and 35-year-old David Shula may be the future for the Philadelphia Eagles. The Eagles Monday fired Campbell after three seasons, named assistant coach Bruney as his interim successor and said Shula, the son of Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula, was a major candidate for the permanent coaching job.

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## Bloodmobile marks 35th anniversary

To celebrate the 35th anniversary of the first bloodmobile in Manchester, the Red Cross held both an anniversary bloodmobile and a celebration for volunteers on Oct. 26 at Center Congregational Church, site of the original bloodmobile.

The timing of the blood collection came at a time when Hurricane Gloria had canceled 12 collections, and blood supplies were especially low.

Among 94 pints collected, there were five pints from persons donating for the first time. There were also two donors who had reached the 11-gallon plateau, and 13 donors who had reached the one gallon plateau.

Unlike most bloodmobile collections, all workers at this site were veteran Red Cross volunteers, with the chairman of the day, Lorraine Leonard, having more than 40 years of Red Cross work to her credit.

The following people donated blood:

- One-gallon donor: Laurie A. Ferraro, Arthur Fattis, Marie Wilson, Susan K. Stoppelman, Michoelien Tobo.
- Two-gallon donor: Robert C. Goodson, Jacqueline Langton, Christine S. Smith.
- Four-gallon donor: Nancy L. Anderson.
- Six-gallon donor: Donald P. Custer, Robert G. Vetterlo, George Hubbard, Elven-gallon donor: Peter F. Kelly, Phillip Vasilic.
- Blood donors: David A. Androlot, Nancy L. Androlot, Helen M. Asatlian, Monica L. Atherley, Robert E. Barde, John A. Barlo, Jr., William Boyver, Robert M. Brindover, Roberto H. Bryce, Sara E. Bryce, Shirley Clemens, Horton E. Colburn, Robert F. Custer, Agnes P. D'Odde, Mary Ellen DeGush, Barbara E. DeGush, Charles Deedy, James E. Dougan, Louise B. Elmendorf, Robin E. Elmendorf, Charles Elmendorf, Howard P. Estelin, Mary E. Everitt, Sheila Folcowicki, Laurie Ferraro, Linda K. Ferraro, Arthur Fattis.
- Donno L. Ford, Andrew D. Gibson, Robert C. Goodwin, James H. Griffin, Janet R. Gross, Peter H. Gross, Rond Helli, Nancy J. Hamilton, Sylvio A. Masch, Beverly D. Harzoo, Charles E. Kirby, Warren P. Hollis, George Hubbard, Julie K. Hyde, Karen F. Jacobs, Janet A. Johnson, Marie A. Krasowski, Walter L. Krasowski, Joseph P. Kelly, Paul Kelly, Peter F. Kelly, Donald Kuehn, Jacqueline Langton, James Langton, Charles Lewis, Marcia L. Mochugo, Jean T. MacPherson.
- Kenneth Markstein, James V. McCose, Kevin H. McLean, Marcia A. Memery, Brian J. Murray, Lindo G. Quinn, Patricia Quinn-Ortiz, Susan Ritscher, Gloria Ritscher, Jeffrey Ritter, Paul P. Ryan, Jr., David A. Scheller, Maria U. Scholtz, Gith S. Senno, Robert J. Sines, Rebecca Smith, Virginia Smith, Susan W. Sook, Anne M. Spaulding, Julie A. Stohr, Craig Stevenson, Michael Tobo, Clifford S. Onge, Susan Stoppelman, Gertrude Tinkovska.
- Anthony Talerfield, Phillip Vealico, Robert Vetterlo, Debbie J. Wolnergrath, Martha Walters, Don Westberry, Frank E. Weir, Gretchen Wiede, Stephen J. Whitlow, Edward J. Wilson, Jr., Laurence C. Wilson, Irene S. Young.
- First time blood donors: Janet R. Grant, Janet A. Johnson, Kevin McLean, Joseph Reid, Joseph Senno.



Mannella and Anthony Mannella of Springhill, Fla., formerly of Manchester, celebrate their 50th anniversary with a reception given by their children, Marie Flynn, Nancy Stinson and Anthony Mannella.

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## Dressing up for the holidays

Santa. Hours are from 5:30 to 9 p.m. until Dec. 23. Adults, \$3; children, \$1.50; under 5, free. 668-7190.

Memory Lane Doll and Toy Museum, Old Mistick Village, I-95 exit 90, Christmas tree and holiday display of more than 1,500 dolls, toys and games of yesteryear. A handmade Shirley Temple doll play songs from her movies on an organ. The original records have been replaced with an 8-track tape. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday. \$36-\$400. Adults, 50 cents; children under 12, 25 cents; and under 5, free.

Lyman Allyn Museum, 625 Williams St., New London. Free. A special miniature Japanese collection shown every year

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Montreal goalie Steve Penney puts his gloved hand on the puck to stop the action during the first period as Hartford's Kevin Dineen (11) and Sylvain Turgeon (18) look for a rebound. Whalers rallied to tie the Canadiens, 4-4.

## Whalers happy with tie

With the Canadiens leading 4-1 at 9:10 of the third period, Evason scored through the Penney's legs. Babych narrowed the lead to 4-3 at 12:24 with a high over-the-shoulder drive from the blue line.

Defenceman Ulf Samuelsson scored his first goal of the season on 50-foot screen shot to give Hartford a 1-0 lead at 5:27 of the first period, but Tom Kurvers tied the score 12 seconds later with a blast from the blue line.

Rookie forward Kjell Dahlin, who broke the tie with his 17th goal of the year on a first-period power play, was disappointed. "We played a bad third period," said Dahlin, who also assisted on Bobby Smith's goal at 17:34 of the second to make it 2-1. "We laid back, and should have been on offense. We had a mental letdown in the third period and you can't do that with a team like Hartford. "I guess after we took that 4-1 lead, we started to think about Wednesday and Thursday nights."

Montreal's next two games are a home-and-home series with their provincial and Adams Division rivals, the Quebec Nordiques. Ryan Walter's power-play goal at 7:28 of the final period gave Montreal the 4-1 advantage. Hartford returns to the ice Wednesday night at home against the Calgary Flames at the Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. The Whalers have a rigorous schedule starting with Wednesday's game, playing four games in six days. The Whalers' last Boston Bruins game was Tuesday night, return home Saturday night to the New Jersey Devils and then host the New York Islanders on Monday night.











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