

# BUSINESS

## Business In Brief

### Life Water joins chamber

Life Water Systems of Connecticut, a division of ABC Appliances and Repair of Manchester, has joined the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, the chamber has announced. Life Water Systems sells and services water treatment equipment for homes and businesses. The division was created this year by Michael Mathew and Cathryn Mathew, who own ABC Appliances.

Among other services, Life Water offers in-home water tests. ABC Appliances is located at 301 E. Center St.

### Dynamic elects officers

Dynamic Metal Products Co. Inc. of Manchester has elected a new president and chairman of the board, the company announced.

Hans Weiss, a native of Czechoslovakia and former president of the company, has become the chairman of the board. Weiss founded the company in 1963 in East Hartford.

The company's new president is Joseph Kuronya, who has worked for Dynamic Metal for 21 years.

Dynamic Metal is located in a 70,000-square-foot building at 967 Parker St. and employs about 150 people. Dynamic Metal fabricates sheet metal and assembling assemblies for the aerospace and other precision industries.

### Michaels retires

Irving Michaels, who served as chairman of the board of Michaels Jewelers, and Richard W. Michaels, president of Michaels Enterprises of New Haven, have both retired after 40 years of the company.

Both Michaels were former members of the National Directors of the American Gem Society, a national alliance of jewelers dedicated to education and consumer protection within the jewelry industry.

Michaels Jewelers operates stores in Manchester, Bristol, Hartford, Meriden, Farmington, Milford, New Haven, Torrington, Waterbury, Trumbull, and Southbury.

### Stocks show early decline

NEW YORK — The stock market turned downward today, showing little carryover from last Friday's rally.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 6.08 to 1,442.12 in the first hour of trading. Declines outnumbered advances by about 6 to 5 in the early rally of New York Stock Exchange-listed issues.

Many Wall Streeters had been hoping for a pickup in activity with the market back on a normal schedule after two weeks broken up by the Christmas and New Year's holidays. But today's session got off to a sluggish start.

Analysts said there was little in the news to stimulate buying at prices hovering just below the record highs reached in mid-December. A monthly survey of corporate purchasing executives found that economic growth slowed a bit in December.

### Dollar advances in Europe

LONDON — The dollar firmed on world money markets today and gold prices also moved higher.

In Frankfurt the dollar opened at 2,470 marks, against 2,461 at Friday's close, and started the day on 2,082 francs in Zurich compared with 2,070.

In London, the pound bought \$1.4325, against \$1.4387.

The dollar opened in Paris at 7,586 francs.

## House profit exclusion 'unfair'

**QUESTION:** The once-in-a-lifetime exclusion, allowing people 55 or older to escape paying tax on the profit from the sale of their homes isn't sufficient. It's limited to \$125,000, far below the profit many people make when they sell houses they have lived in for their married lives.

**ANSWER:** "Some 'profit'." We added a porch, a garage-barn, a swimming pool, deck, fences and lots of incidentals while we owned the house. I'm sure the total cost of those things exceeded \$75,000.

**QUESTION:** This tax isn't fair. Is there any hope those dunderheads in Congress will complete the new federal tax law and correct this situation before we have to file our 1985 income tax return?

**ANSWER:** It isn't often this column comes to the defense of our lawmakers. But Congress has already solved your problem in previously enacted tax laws. The cost of all those things you added to your home totaled \$75,000 or more, you owe no tax on the sale.

Your total profit was the difference between proceeds from the sale and your "basis." Your basis was the price you paid, plus the cost of all additions and improvements. Each of the things you mention amounts to a deduction from your basis.

Let's hope you kept track of all those costs. If not, you'll have to dig through your files and reconstruct the record of your basis as best you can.

Then, after taking the \$125,000 exclusion by filing Form 2119 with your federal income tax return, say a few prayers the Internal Revenue Service doesn't question the basis you listed for the house. Under this nation's tax system, the burden of proof is on the taxpayer.

One last point. Don't include the cost of house maintenance and repairs in your calculation. Only additions and improvements increase a home's basis.

**QUESTION:** How can a family possibly keep a record of every addition and improvement it makes to its home over a lifetime?

**ANSWER:** Carefully. If the family hopes to avoid any hassle with the IRS after the house is sold. Here's how we do it at our house. In the "tax drawer" of my rolloff desk there's an envelope into which we place records and receipts of every addition and improvement to our home. And I do mean "every" such item — large and small. You might be

surprised how the small items add up. At the end of each year, we total the envelope's contents, add that number to our home's basis and tuck that envelope away with our other papers. Then, we start again for the new year.

**QUESTION:** We bought a house in April 1982 and lived in it until Aug. 1, 1985, when we sold at a considerable profit. My wife and I are both 65 and would like to take the once-in-a-lifetime exclusion on the profit.

**ANSWER:** The second one. The rule is that anyone 55 or older who sells his or her principal residence after living in it for three of the five years before the sale is eligible to exclude \$125,000 of the profit from capital gains tax on his or her federal income tax return.

One accountant says we can't take the exclusion, because we not only had to live in the house for three years but we had to own it for five years. We asked a second accountant and he says we can take the exclusion. Which accountant is correct?

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Doyle welcomes written questions but he can provide answers only through the column.



**Investors' Guide**  
William A. Doyle

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## News analysis

### Economy still off balance

By John Cuniff  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In spite of a consensus forecast for continued expansion in 1986, the U.S. economy has some serious health problems, some of which could turn into crippling ailments.

There is widespread agreement on this thesis in the business community with the major variations being those of perspective.

Engineers, for example, are as aware of farmer-banker problems as Midwesterners are, and tend to regard stable food prices as healthy while net farm income continues to fall and bankruptcies become commonplace.

And, while many folks cheer declines in oil prices, people in Texas worry that local producers can't afford any more cuts without coming perilously close to going the same way as farmers, maybe taking their lenders with them.

A good many Americans who take satisfaction in reports of continued growth tend to overlook the imbalances that have occurred, with services booming and manufacturing, once the country's strength, trailing.

Perhaps a like number seem to accept the idea that Congress has disposed of the budget-deficit problem by passing the Gramm-Rudman Act, which calls for an end to excess spending by 1991, five years from now.

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When references are made to the health of the economy there is a mindset that envisions the country as a vast homogenous entity rather than a mass of aches and ailments averaged out against feelings ranging upward to euphoria.

It tends to forget that problems exist in the farmbelt, in manufacturing, in exporting, in the consumer sector and, of course, in Washington.

### Lack of demand likely to keep crop prices low

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Department economists say downward pressure will continue on crop prices through 1986 because of large supplies and stagnant foreign demand.

Total cash receipts of farmers from the sale of crops and livestock are expected to decline by as much as 4 percent from last year, with crops accounting for all of the loss, according to a report by the department's Economic Research Service.

Livestock receipts may rise slightly, reflecting small gains for poultry and dairy because of larger marketings. Hog receipts are expected to increase as a result of higher prices, but cattle receipts may hold about steady with last year as lower production is offset by higher prices.

"The decline in 1986 crop receipts will likely come during the second half of the year," the report said. "Continued low prices are expected to combine with a smaller output from the 1986 harvest to leave cash receipts below 1985."

However, the report noted that there is still uncertainty about how provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985 — the farm bill signed by President Reagan just before Christmas — will be designed and carried out.

In reviewing what happened last year, the report said that prices received by farmers for all commodities dropped about 10 percent. That was the sharpest annual decline since 1983.

"Prices received for crops fell 13 percent, as near-record output and lackluster foreign and domestic demand combined to create huge carryover stocks," the report said.

Barring immediate fundamental changes in farm programs or sudden developments in the export market, the large supplies "will also put downward pressure on prices" through the first half of 1986.

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## Zoners' mall activities draw another lawsuit

By John F. Kirch  
Herald Reporter

A fifth lawsuit has been brought against the Planning and Zoning Commission in connection with the proposed 750,000-square-foot Buckland Hills Mall.

Rival developers Bronson and Hutensky of Bloomfield, who have planned an 800,000-square-foot mall just west of the Buckland Hills site, charge in the suit that the PZC acted illegally when it denied them a zone change for a 1.7-acre parcel at 324 and 326 Buckland St.

The zone change would have allowed them to use the land for a driveway into the proposed Winchester Mall, which would be located mainly in South Windsor. Buckland Hills would be located wholly in Manchester.

The suit was filed Monday in Hartford Superior Court by Manchester attorney Dominic J. Squatrito, who represents the Winchester developers.

After holding a public hearing on the proposed zone change Nov. 18, the PZC voted Dec. 16 to deny it. Commission members argued that the northern area of town was experiencing too much develop-

ment and that an additional zone change could cause even more traffic in the area.

The lawsuit contends that the commission did not consider the application on its own merit, but instead tied it into the development of the Winchester Mall.

"The commission did not limit its consideration to the application," the suit charges. "An application for the approval of (the) Winchester Mall was not being the Planning and Zoning Commission."

The suit also charges that the PZC did not have "relevant information regarding traffic" on which to base its decision.

At the November public hearing, the PZC saw a traffic study done by Fuss and O'Neill Consulting Engineers of Manchester on behalf of the New York-based Rapid American Corp., which owns land on which part of Buckland Hills would be built. The study said that a zone change would probably increase traffic in the area.

The lawsuit also charges that the commission had no "rational basis to deny" the zone change and added that the PZC was "biased against" the developers of the Winchester Mall.

Town and business leaders have openly supported the Buckland Hills mall because it would generate more tax revenue for Manchester. The Winchester Mall would be built on the Manchester-South Windsor town line, with most of its retail space located in South Windsor.

Buckland Hills — which would be developed by Homart Development Co. of Chicago and another group headed by New York developer John Figuerra — is planned just north of Interstate 84 between Buckland and Slater streets. Mel-

vin Simon & Co. of Indianapolis is Bronson & Hutensky's partner in the Winchester project.

In the suit filed Monday, the Winchester developers also charged that the commission considered the possibility that a fast food restaurant would go onto the site when in fact no such restaurant is planned.

"We followed the procedures and the commission made a decision on good grounds," Planning Director Mark Pellegrini said when asked about the suit. "A lot of

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## Reagan drops military option against Libya

Combined Wire Services

WASHINGTON — President Reagan is presently ruling out military action against Libya in retaliation for airport terrorist attacks and will unveil plans to tighten the economic squeeze on that country at a news conference tonight.

Administration officials, who asked not to be identified, said that Reagan would announce a military strike against Libya after an critical meeting Monday with top national security advisers who differed sharply on what his response should be.

Officials said Reagan will make a statement on anti-Libyan measures at the opening of his 8 p.m. EST news conference in the East Room. Major television networks and some radio stations plan to carry it live.

In Tripoli, an aide to Khadafi said Monday that Libyan officials expect "to be attacked this week" with a strike "most likely" coming from Israel and supported logistically by the United States.

Libya, which has denied involvement in the airport attacks, has put its armed forces on full alert and sent its 6,500-man navy to sea to ward off any retaliation.

The government-run media claimed today that Saudi Arabia's generally pro-Western King Fahd promised to use all of the "material and financial resources" of his oil-rich country to help Libya repel feared U.S. and Israeli attacks.

The administration remains undecided on whether the president will display photographs of Libyan-based international terrorist training camps. The New York Times said the White House has information that there are as many as 15 such camps.

Deputy press secretary Larry Speakes told reporters that photographs may not be shown on grounds that they would jeopardize methods of intelligence gathering.

Speakes told reporters Monday that the United States has "very firm" evidence that the camps exist. Libya's President Moammar Khadafi denied there are training camps in his North African country.

One official said Reagan and his key advisers discussed a range of military, political, and economic measures against Libya, but military action was ruled out because innocent people would be killed in an attack and the terrorists could not be pinpointed.

Speakes said the United States is urging its allies to join in the economic sanctions, but some European nations, dependent on Libyan oil, have been reluctant to do so. (Story on page 9).

## Lawsuit protection is sought

HARTFORD (AP) — A group representing Connecticut municipalities wants legislation protecting cities and towns from many types of lawsuits in an effort to cut the skyrocketing cost of liability insurance.

Sovereign immunity would protect municipalities from suits considered frivolous, time-consuming and costly such as litigation over potholes and zoning decisions.

Most towns have experienced a 200 percent increase in premiums for liability insurance in the past year because residents have become increasingly aware of litigation and are convinced local governments can pay huge settlements, says John Salisbury, vice president of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

In 1980, about \$1.2 million was paid in 276 claims against state and local governments. (Story on page 10)

## Lawrence entices Emerson away from its Boston home

By Catherine Shanahan  
United Press International

BOSTON — Emerson College is leaving the city of its birth — a decision that has the trustees smiling, the students fuming and Boston officials shrugging in resignation.

The four-year college will be relocating to a site along the Merrimack River on the Lawrence-Andover border, following a recommendation by Emerson President Allen E. Koenig.

"Basically, our trustees met first with the finance and investment committee," Koenig said. "Then the full board met and voted unanimously to go along with my suggestion... We went up to Lawrence and had one big celebration."

Koenig said construction on the 77-acre site could begin as early as October, with the school moving in between September 1988 and June 1989.

The college intends to leave Boston so it can expand with an eye toward attaining full university status, Koenig said.

He said city officials were more concerned about money than the school, and did not do enough to make relocation in the Boston area possible.

CITY OFFICIALS said they did all they could, but Koenig was too impatient.

Mayor Flynn was salivating at the fact that \$100 million will be back on the tax rolls, Koenig said. "We met with members of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, and there was always negative reasons for why we should not do this or that. They only real interest was to plead with us to work out an orderly process when we were dispensing of our facilities."

"We're sorry (Koenig) feels that way," mayor spokesman Frank Costello said. "The fact of the matter is the city cooperated as much as it possibly could have while also meeting its obligations to Boston's neighborhoods."

Costello said if Emerson College had stayed in Boston neighborhood, the community would have been greatly affected by the relocation, and the city would have needed the full cooperation of all the neighborhood's residents.

"So, if President Koenig thought he should have gotten instant results, the reality of it was that it wasn't possible given the need for a significant amount of neighborhood input," Costello said.

"We also have an obligation to protect the interest of communities, and to make sure that they're heard in any move that would affect their quality of life," he said.

MANY EMERSON STUDENTS believe the relocation will have a negative impact on their quality of life.

"Generally, students are against the move, but they can't do much to change it," said Mary Finn, a graduate student and disc jockey for WERS, the Emerson radio station.

"I think it was kind of a hasty move on Koenig's part. I think he wants to be seen as a great innovator," Finn said.

She said although most of Emerson's 1,923 full-time students probably would not withdraw from the school because of the relocation, students applying to Emerson from outside would be "different" from the current student body.

"Emerson's never going to be an academic powerhouse, but you get the practical experience (in Boston). I certainly don't think moving to Andover-Lawrence will improve that," Finn said.

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## Phone snag keeps Manchester on hold

By George Lovoy  
Herald Reporter

Reaching out to touch someone Monday afternoon in parts of Manchester was difficult — and in some cases impossible.

Some 29,000 Southern New England Telephone customers had difficulty making calls because of a technical problem in the East Center Street office that began at 3:05 p.m., company spokeswoman Lucille Christie said.

The break-down, which delayed incoming and outgoing calls for residents and businesses and completely shut down telephones at town offices, was corrected at 6:55 p.m., she said.

Christie said the phone department's phone service was not

affected, but the town fire department's business lines could not be used to make calls out of the stations. The emergency 911 number was in operation, as were radio communications, and a special line was set up between the police and fire departments to handle emergency calls, she said.

Residents could use their phones during the problem, Christie said, but dial tones were delayed.

"The machine worked, it just got slow," she said. "People are used to expecting dial tone immediately, and they didn't get it."

Christie said the company warned customers through radio and television announcements to use their telephones only for emergencies. However, she said a

large number of people ignored the warning and called the company to complain. The emergency 911 number was in operation, as were radio communications, and a special line was set up between the police and fire departments to handle emergency calls, she said.

"People were expecting a dial tone," she said. "When it didn't happen, we received a great number of calls to the repair center."

Christie said that telephone numbers beginning with 643, 646, 647 and 649 — which are all handled at the Center Street office — were affected by the problem.

The company at first had difficulty locating the problem, and called for help from its technical assistance center in Hamden and from Bellcore in Chicago, she said.

The problem involved a break-down that some hardware in the Manchester branch's central office, which Christie said is "like a computer." After the problem was discovered, it was observed for a while before it was corrected to make sure it was the cause of the failure, she said.

"We found the problem," Christie said. "But we wanted to watch it for a while. We would hate to have been prepared to say it was fixed when it wasn't."

Christie said diagnostic tests were being run this morning to make sure the repaired equipment was functioning correctly.

She said this was the first time such a problem occurred, although "over a period of years, yes, you do have problems."

Christie said an estimate of the repair costs was not yet available.

## A moment for Millard Fillmore, please

By Mary Gabriel  
United Press International

BALTIMORE — Queen Victoria thought Millard Fillmore was the most handsome man she'd ever seen, which is more than what most Americans think of the nation's 13th president.

Most don't think of him at all. But Fillmore fanatics have asked the nation to take a Millard Moment of Meditation today in honor of the "Rodney Dangerfield of presidents" on the 168th anniversary of his birth.

Fillmore is credited with installing the first bathtub in the White House and collecting \$250 to start the nation's first library. He also lowered the postal rate

from 5 cents to 3 cents, but otherwise served a ho-hum two years, 223 days, as the White House. Mencken later admitted he made the story up.

"We take that on faith, that Millard was the first bathtub. You gotta believe," Amdur said.

"He is responsible for creating trade relations with Japan, delaying the start of the Civil War and he brought California into the union," Amdur said.

Rae Rosen, another admirer of Fillmore, who became president in 1850 after Zachary Taylor died of typhoid, said her husband, Harry, a Buffalo, N.Y., native, bears a striking resemblance to the tall, gray-haired, "limo-figured man" Fillmore related to Buffalo and died at age 72.

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## TODAY'S HERALD

### Steady growth

Connecticut will continue to be one of the most economically healthy states in the nation this year with steady but unexciting growth in employment and housing construction, analysts said Monday in Fairfield. In fact, the state will mirror this past year. Story on page 20.

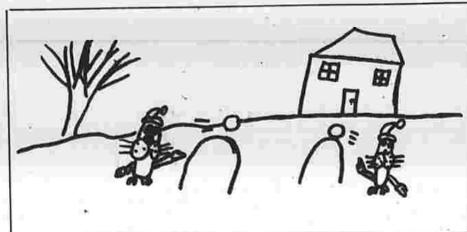
### Cloudy and cold

Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Lows from 5 below zero to 10 above. Sunny and cold Wednesday. Highs in the 20s. Details on page 2.

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# WEATHER



## Today's forecast

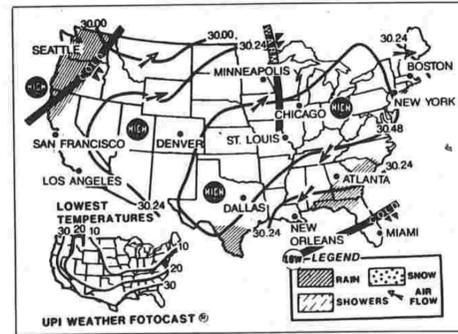
Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Sunny breezy and cold today. Highs in the teens well inland the 20s elsewhere. Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Lows from 5 below zero to 10 above inland to the teens along the coast. Sunny and cold Wednesday. Highs in the 20s.

Maine, New Hampshire: Windy today variable clouds with flurries north and mountains and mostly sunny elsewhere. High 7 to 13 north to 20 south. Fair tonight and Wednesday. Low 0 to 10 below north and 0 to 10 above south. High 7 to 13 north to 20 south.

Vermont: Windy and quite cold today with sunny intervals and scattered flurries. High 10 to 15. Occasional snow and quite cold tonight. Accumulations of 2 to 5 inches in high peak areas. Lows zero to 10 below. Wednesday partly sunny and continued cold. High 10 to 20.

## The big chill continues

Today: sunny, breezy and cold. High 20 to 25. Wind northwest 10 to 20 mph. Tonight: partly cloudy and cold. Low zero to 10. Wind northwest 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday: sunny and cold. High in the middle 20s. Drawing by Carissa Benevides, 9, of 150 Hilliard St., a fourth-grader at Waddell School.



## National forecast

During early Wednesday, rain is forecast for the Mid to Northern Pacific Coast, the Western Gulf Coast and parts of the South Atlantic Coast States. Elsewhere the weather will be fair.

# PEOPLE

## Bad investment

Producer Joseph Papp has a plan to help save Broadway — a multi-ethnic Shakespearean company. The 17-member ensemble has only two white actors with the rest either black, Hispanic or Asian-American and the idea is to get minorities more interested in the theater. "We're investing in our future," said Papp, who runs the New York Shakespeare Festival. "It's kind of a pilot project. It has to be successful and it has to be meaningful." The company has a \$2.2 million budget and Papp wants the city to kick in \$1 million of it. When not at home in Broadway's Belasco Theater, which was opened to Papp free by the Shubert Organization, the troupe will play city parks with Estelle Parsons directing. "This is an important project socially, politically, artistically," Parsons said. "When I've directed Shakespeare, I've always been interested in having what's on the stage not be all white, having it reflect what's on the streets."

## Top performance

Former Metropolitan Opera soprano Beverly Sills presided over "topping out" ceremonies in Florida as the final steel support beam of the \$52 million Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center was hoisted into place.

The steel beam, signed by school children as "dignitaries of the future," was placed atop the 2,400-seat Festival Hall at the nine-acre site downtown overlooking the Hillsborough River. It is scheduled to open in early 1987. Sills is now director of the New York City Opera.

## Wallace's grandson

Best-selling author David Wallacechinsky and his wife, Flora, have created the second item on a new list — their second son.

Aaron Wallacechinsky was born Sunday at West Park Hospital in Canoga Park, Calif., 25 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles, and weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, publicist Gene Shefrin said Monday.

Shefrin, in a statement, quoted Wallacechinsky's father, best-selling author Irving Wallace, as saying mother and baby are doing "just fine."

Wallacechinsky co-wrote "What Really Happened to the Class of '65," the basis for a television series. He also co-wrote "The People's Almanac," "The Book of Lists" and "Significa" with his father, mother and sister. Flora Wallacechinsky has been researcher for most of her husband's works.

## Jerry withdraws

Rock 'n' roll legend Jerry Lee Lewis, whose private life is often as torrid as his piano playing, has withdrawn a divorce petition in Memphis, Tenn., claiming his sixth wife wants to change his personality.

The 50-year-old singer's wife, Kerrie, said she and her husband began talking about a reconciliation at a New Year's Eve party marking her 23rd birthday. "He didn't want nobody else kissing me at midnight," she said. She married Lewis in April 1984, less than a year after the singer's 25-year-old fifth wife died of a drug overdose.



## Crosby's choice

David Crosby may choose a Texas prison over the Dallas County Jail because he can play his guitar in the prison. Crosby, facing drug and weapon charges, was dressed in jail coveralls and handcuffs for his appearance Monday before a Dallas judge, who had bad news. Texas District Judge Pat McDowell denied Crosby's request to enroll in another drug rehabilitation center and said he could either return to the Dallas County Jail, where he has been for the past two years, or go to a state prison for violating terms of his bond. After the hearing, defense attorney Jay Ethington said he expects Crosby to discover the prison because he can play his guitar there, unlike the county jail, where musical instruments are banned. Earlier Crosby said a Texas prison was the last place he wanted to be because of their reputation for violence. As for the county jail, Crosby said, "They've been treating me well."

## Dynasty in the mud

Mud wrestling is coming to "Dynasty." Linda Evans' Kryia and Joan Collins' Alexis will engage in a muddy battle royale that will end their infamous fight in the lily pond.

A statewide parents' group is urging state legislators to pass a law requiring that all new school buses sold in the state be equipped with seat belts. Last week, Democratic gubernatorial challenger Toby Moffett called for legislation requiring seat belts in school buses.

A legislative subcommittee has held public hearings on the issue and is expected to make recommendations to the Legislature when it begins its regular session in February. In the past, legislative efforts to require seat belts on buses have failed.

Although the use of some kind of safety restraints on school buses appears inevitable, many problems will have to be solved before the restraints become a reality, according to Mason Thrall, general manager of Manchester Bus Service, which provides transportation to the town's public schools.

"There is too much pressure" from parents and others proponents of seat belts, he said. Complete safety restraints would require a new bus design, Thrall said.

"It's a matter of time before they come up with a new design for school buses," he said.

He said it would be worse to legislate seat belts on buses before all the facts on safety are known.

Studies on the use of seat or lap belts in school buses as they are now designed show they would probably create serious injuries, Thrall said. A test done last year by Transport Canada indicated that students wearing seat belts in a bus involved in a head-on collision would suffer severe neck and head injuries, he said.

The compartmentalized seats in school buses required by the federal government since 1976 are safer than seat belts, Thrall argued, because a child's whole body slides against the seat in front, rather than causing injury to specific areas. The seat backs are padded to help absorb crash forces.

Manchester school officials are also not convinced that seat belts are needed in buses, despite the push from some parents.

Raymond Demers, the public school official who is in charge of transportation, said Monday that seat belts have caused a lot of problems in school districts where they have been mandated. One Connecticut school that mandated the use of belts last year has numerous problems with vandalism and nonuse of the belts.

Demers said that he believes the Manchester Board of Education would go along with seat belts if "someone could say they are a good thing to have."

"We're frustrated because no one is giving us any clear guidance," he said.

"THE COST OF installing the seat belts and the need for monitors on the buses to make sure they are used would be a major factor in determining their use in Manchester," said Francis Maffie, chairman of the school board's transportation committee.

"I would possibly recommend it if it was not too expensive and if monitors were used on the buses," he said.

A visit by school officials and Thrall last year to towns in New York that were using seat belts on buses showed that one of the key factors in their success was the use of monitors, Maffie said.

The Village of PTA Council President Greg Kane said that the seat belts are effective. The council is preparing a questionnaire that asks parents, among other things, whether they favor use of seat belts on buses in Manchester.

Kane said that young children are used to using their seat belts and that the problem of enforcing their should lessen in the next few years.

Jo Ann Moriarty, a school board member-elect, and the mother of five, agreed with Kane.

"My kids automatically buckle up when they get in a car," she said.

## Whirlwind auction

"Shogun" author James Clavell's new novel, which was scheduled to be bid on by publishers today, will be auctioned next week instead, the writer's daughter said.

Michaela Clavell, who heads Foreign Rights Inc., the company through which the 2,000-page "Whirlwind" is being sold, on Monday denied published reports that a minimum bid of \$3 million had been set for the North American rights.

Clavell, whose other works include "Tai-Pan," "King Rat" and "Noble House," was reported last week by The New York Times and syndicated columnist Liz Smith to have set the minimum bid for North American hard-cover and paperback rights in the new book, set in and around Iran in 1979.

## Olympic sorrow

Olympic gold medalist Scott Hamilton was skating on thin ice when he left his 1985 Porsche in a downtown parking garage while performing at the Providence, R.I., Civic Center.

Police say Hamilton's was one of at least 10 cars vandalized Sunday night during the closing performance of the Ice Capades, in which he is a main attraction.

"Thieves stole the radio-cassette player from his car after smashing the driver's window, police said.



## Today in history

On Jan. 7, 1789, the first nationwide presidential election was held. The electors chosen by the voters unanimously picked George Washington as president and John Adams as vice president. In this copy of a painting, Washington takes the oath of office three months later on Wall Street in New York.

## Almanac

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 1986, with 358 to follow.

The moon is moving toward its new phase.

The morning stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars and Saturn.

The evening star is Jupiter.

Those born on this date are under the sign of Capricorn. They include Millard Fillmore, 13th president of the United States, in 1800; cartoonist Charles Addams in 1912 (age 74); Rolling Stone magazine publisher Jan Wenner in 1946 (age 40), and singer Kenny Loggins in 1948 (age 38).

A thought for the day: Astronomer Galileo said, "Facts that at first seem improbable will, even on scant explanation, drop the cloak that has hidden them and stand forth in naked and simple beauty."

## Lottery

Connecticut daily Monday: 903  
Play Four: 6788

Other numbers drawn Monday in New England:  
Tri-state daily: 686, 739  
Rhode Island daily: 6861  
Massachusetts daily: 6892



Fillmore or Less

One of our nation's less distinguished Presidents, Millard Fillmore, was born on this day in 1800. Many historians say that his performance as President was rather mediocre. During Fillmore's administration, Commodore Perry opened up Japan and Congress did adopt cheap postal rates. Fillmore, however, could not take major credit for either of these accomplishments. Some people say Mrs. Fillmore had a more lasting effect. She installed the first White House bathtub.

DO YOU KNOW — Vice-President Fillmore became chief executive after the death of what President?

MONDAY'S ANSWER — The Stanley Cup is given to the champion professional hockey team.

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# Developer gets OK for townhouse units

By John F. Kirch  
Herald Reporter

The Planning and Zoning Commission Monday night approved a zone change, a general plan of development and a modification to a second plan of development that will allow a Tolland developer to build 12 townhouse and condominium units between Summit and Main streets.

The approvals came after a public hearing in the Lincoln Center hearing room and will allow Visions Unlimited Inc. of Tolland to construct a 6,000-square-foot building on about one-third of an acre at 84 Summit St. The developer needed the zone change from Residence B to Planned Residence Development to construct the building.

The general plan of development that was approved for the site showed six two-bedroom townhouses with garages.

The building is to extend across the Summit Street lot onto a one-acre site zoned PRD at 305

## PZC may take away some of ZBA's power

The Planning and Zoning Commission may take away some of the responsibilities the Zoning Board of Appeals has in granting special permits, a commission member said today.

Ronald Gates, vice chairman of the PZC, said this morning that the commission will look into ways it can rewrite the zoning regulations to take some jurisdiction away from the ZBA. He said that the commission could be switched over to the PZC.

"We (the PZC) have the power to write the zoning regulations and change certain things," Gates said. "On special permits we can write it so they (the ZBA) have some responsibilities or we can take them away."

Gates said he wasn't sure just what would be changed or whether a public hearing would be needed.

"I don't think you'll see some action on it soon," he said.

The move comes after the ZBA granted a variance to Robert W. Weinberg, owner of Economy Electric Supply Inc., that would allow him to place 200 parking spaces around a proposed 90,000-square-foot warehouse on Tolland Turnpike.

The PZC had earlier approved the site plans for the building with 300 parking spaces and some members were upset by the ZBA's action. The commission considered legal remedies to change the ZBA's decision, but then let the matter drop.

## Zoners to discuss plan

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a workshop Monday to begin reviewing the town's proposed new Comprehensive Plan of Development.

The proposed plan, which would be used to guide the town in land use decisions over the next 10 years, has received a heated reception from townspeople who oppose the high-density housing proposals made for certain areas of town.

Nearly 400 people attended two public hearings the PZC held in October and November and those who spoke voiced opposition to the plan.

The proposed plan maps out how land should be used in certain areas of town. It has proposed medium- to high-density housing for the southwest section of town, which is currently zoned mostly Rural Residence. It has designated Main Street and the Manchester Parkade as commercial districts, with industrial zones placed in the north near Interstate 84.

The plan also calls for a special mixed-use district I-84 that would include high-density residential, commercial and industrial development.

Townspeople public can attend Monday's workshop, but cannot participate, commission members have said. The time and place of the workshop will be set later this week.

## Debate resumes on requiring seat belts in school buses

By Susan Vaughn  
Herald Reporter

With the use of seat belts in private motor vehicles now mandatory in Connecticut, pressure is on again to require seat belts in school buses.

A statewide parents' group is urging state legislators to pass a law requiring that all new school buses sold in the state be equipped with seat belts. Last week, Democratic gubernatorial challenger Toby Moffett called for legislation requiring seat belts in school buses.

A legislative subcommittee has held public hearings on the issue and is expected to make recommendations to the Legislature when it begins its regular session in February. In the past, legislative efforts to require seat belts on buses have failed.

Although the use of some kind of safety restraints on school buses appears inevitable, many problems will have to be solved before the restraints become a reality, according to Mason Thrall, general manager of Manchester Bus Service, which provides transportation to the town's public schools.

"There is too much pressure" from parents and others proponents of seat belts, he said. Complete safety restraints would require a new bus design, Thrall said.



A bicyclist takes to his feet on Main Street early Monday afternoon during a brief snowfall. The flurry, which

## Manchester In Brief

### Unemployment claims up

The number of unemployment claims filed in Manchester increased 15 percent during the last two weeks of December, the state Labor Department has reported.

Claims filed in the Manchester Labor Department office increased from a weekly average of 622 during the first two weeks of December to 811 at the end of the month.

Statewide, the number of claims filed during the period increased 10 percent as a result of temporary seasonal closings, said Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro said in a news release.

The rate of insured unemployment remained at 1.3 percent.

### Viewing parties set

For those who want to take advantage of one of the best periods for viewing Halley's Comet, two "viewing parties" have been scheduled in the area this week.

The first will be today at 5:30 p.m., when giant binoculars and a telescope will be set up at the Whittier Memorial Library auditorium on North Main Street. James Yankee, director of the Enrico Fermi Planetarium in Enfield, will conduct the program.

Admission is free, but registration is necessary because seating is limited. To register, call 643-6892. Participants may bring binoculars and telescopes.

On Friday, a guided comet-watching party, originally scheduled for last Friday, will be held at 7 p.m. at Stratton Brook State Park on Route 305 in Simsbury. For more information, call 247-9988 or 827-7419.

### Letter carriers fail

Injuries suffered by three letter carriers from slips on icy sidewalks Friday and Monday has prompted the post office to remind residents to clear the path to their mailboxes.

Manchester station Manager Frank Beaudry said Monday two letter carriers were slightly injured from falls on Monday and another severely injured her leg on Friday because of icy steps and sidewalks. Beaudry said it is the responsibility of residents to make sure their walks and steps are clear.

"It can be a costly thing to the post office and the private party," he said.

### Cross seeks volunteers

The Connecticut Valley East Branch of the American Red Cross needs volunteers for its disaster and volunteer services committees and other services.

Volunteers of all ages, from high school students through senior citizens, are needed, branch office director Elaine Sweet said.

An orientation to the Red Cross disaster program will be held Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Manchester branch office, 20 Hartford Road.

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# OPINION

## The challenge of a new year

First, the good news: Connecticut will continue to be one of the most economically healthy states in the nation this year, according to analysts who spoke at a Monday symposium at Fairfield University.

Unemployment is expected to remain about 2 percentage points below the national level; per capita income should rise about 2 percent, even after inflation; and a continued housing boom could add as many as 25,000 units in the state.

"Connecticut today is prosperous, healthy and growing," said Gov. William O'Neill, adding, naturally, that state government can take the credit for the good news.

Now, the economic symposium's bad news: Gramm-Rudman.

Although O'Neill sees it as "a threat, a challenge and an opportunity," there doesn't appear to be much opportunity.

The governor said Connecticut will lose \$11.5 million in federal aid in the current fiscal year. Next year's loss could be as much as \$80 million as the balanced budget amendment goes into effect.

O'Neill said state support for priority programs will be increased to fill the gap, and he'll offer strategies to do that when he presents his budget address next month.

But filling the gap left by Gramm-Rudman will be no small challenge, considering that Connecticut's cities and towns have already been faced with making up for reductions in revenue sharing and community development grants. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities has warned that wholesale elimination of federal aid to cities and towns is a likely outcome of the 1986-87 federal budget.

The decreased federal assistance comes as Connecticut begins the long-overdue effort to improve the quality of public education by increasing teachers' salaries and continues the ambitious program to rebuild the state's infrastructure — two extremely expensive undertakings that cannot be postponed. And add a few other priorities: housing, human services, economic development and job training.

Connecticut still has a budget surplus to work with, and tapping that surplus may be the way to offset the first round of federal cuts. But the surplus won't last forever, and the state must preserve part of it as a rainy-day fund.

Clearly, long-range strategies must be developed — and soon.

The biggest challenge in meeting the threat posed by Gramm-Rudman is likely to be the timing. The hard decisions must be made in an state election year. It's not the best time to consider an overhaul of the Connecticut tax system, though that will eventually become necessary. Legislators will have enough trouble resisting the politically popular desire to reduce state taxes at a time when, as on the national level, they probably should be raised.

One Manchester legislator, presiding the General Assembly session that will begin Feb. 5, summed up the dilemma before its extent was known. "Every special interest and politician will be trying to buy votes," said Republican Peter Puccas. "The trick is, can you give everybody everything and still avoid a tax increase?"

Probably not.



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## Few choices on terrorism

By Tim Ahern

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"IN SOME WAYS, the Achilles Lauro thing has made it even tougher because expectations have been raised," he said. It was a reference to October's U.S. action, when the chartered airliner carrying the hijackers of a cruise ship was forced by U.S. Navy jets to land at a NATO base and the hijackers were arrested.

That action was widely praised and led to Reagan's warning to terrorists that "you can run, but you can't hide."

Pentagon officials keep pointing out the dangers of military retaliation, perils exemplified by the December 1983 air strike by Navy jets on Syrian positions that had been firing at U.S. peacekeeping forces in Lebanon.

Two of the 28 planes were shot down, one American airman was killed and another was taken prisoner.

And American retaliation also raises the possibility that terrorists might begin attacking targets in the United States, rather than hitting Americans who happen to be overseas.

"We're spending a lot more time trying to figure out what to do about terrorists, but nobody has yet come up with an answer that satisfies enough people," said one Pentagon official, who would speak only on condition of anonymity.

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## Gandhi has Dharma vision of global peace

WASHINGTON — India's Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, a charismatic young leader in the John F. Kennedy mold, believes peace not only is possible between the superpowers but is desired by both sides.

He has developed a warm relationship with both President Ronald Reagan of the United States and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. "I found in both leaders," Gandhi told us, "a genuine want for peace. But because of the various constraints, they were not able to do as much as they wanted to."

If a third party could help break this closed circle of futility, Gandhi is willing to accept the "very difficult role" and "do whatever I can."

We visited Gandhi in his modest home in New Delhi during the filming of a television documentary on "Rajiv's India." Some of his comments will be aired tonight on the public television network.

Speaking of the two superpowers, he said: "I don't think that either country wants to write off the other country. But it is very difficult to sell this idea to either of them. There is a deep mistrust."

THE BEST APPROACH, he suggested, would be to focus on the roots, "not just the manifestations," of the mistrust. In Gandhi's opinion, the agitations over the arms race and "star wars" are merely the manifestations. It would be better, he said, to go straight to the causes of Soviet-American discord.

He would begin with the human element: "How the leaders relate on a personal basis with each other." He would like to create "an atmosphere in the world where weapons would not be required." But he is not an impractical dreamer. "We do live in a real world, and we can't pretend that things don't happen," he said.

There is a subdued, philosophical roll to Gandhi's conversation that is impressive in a young man. The world, he said quietly, should not be divided into blocs. "Any alignments, if the West has a bloc or the East has a bloc, is undemocratic because, by definition, it means that we are going to say what you say, not what we think."

Rajiv Gandhi is a commanding figure, tall, athletic, handsome, with a caring face and a contagious smile. His unique leadership capacities have gripped the Indian imagination. The temper of the times is such that if India can be united and revitalized, he is the man to do it, and this is the time it can be done.

"Our way of thinking has to change," he said. "We are not dynamic enough. We don't take enough initiative." He attributed this to India's "colonial legacy."

"WE HAVE LIVED for hundreds of years under tremendous subservience," he said. "A servile atmosphere makes it difficult for people to just come out and develop their personalities."

But Gandhi has created a momentum of hope, of schools opening, of factories being built, of a middle class emerging, of the stirrings of opportunity. He hopes to regenerate his country, to energize Indians out of their age-old ways without corrupting them.

All centuries of India's history coexist together, he explained. "What we are trying to do," he said, "is to keep the best in our heritage, in our traditions, while modernizing. We feel that if we modernize and we lose this inner strength that India has we would have lost out."

In a real sense, Gandhi has become an embodiment of the general will. He is aware of his human weaknesses, of his youth and inexperience. But he draws quiet comfort from a Hindu philosophy called Dharma. This is how he described it to us:

"It means that you do what you think, what you feel is correct without worrying too much of the consequences. It means standing up for certain beliefs and doing basically what you think is right... at your best level. And, well, there is very little more that you can do than that."

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## Just studying porn won't help U.S.

Nothing I wrote in 1985 prompted so much response — positive and negative — as four recent columns on pornography.

Even Hugh Hefner, founder of "Playboy," decided to answer one column printed in the Chicago Sun-Times.

I noted in that column that 7,000 stores, such as the Kroger and Eckerd chains, had stopped selling all porn magazines — and that this was hurting "Playboy" and "Penthouse," whose combined circulation has dropped from 11.9 million a month to 7.4 million. As evidence, I quoted "Ad Age" magazine, which said "Executives from both magazines say these circulation drops are in large part a result of boycotts by groups such as the National Federation of Decency."

Curiously, however, the article Hefner wrote in the Sun-Times "in response" did not refute my charge at all.

Instead it attacked The Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, and alleged that "Pornography is not a danger — neither to persons, nor to society, neither to children, nor to adults. It does not lead to sex offenses; it does not lead to sexual deviation."

Unlike Mr. Hefner's evasion of my point, I'd like to criticize his argument directly.

ABOUT THE COMMISSION, Hefner says "You'd think the investigators would be interested in all sides... but it seems you'd be wrong."

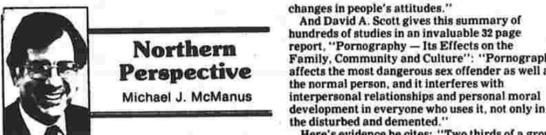
As evidence, he alleges that the Commission only "wanted witnesses to support a cause-and-effect relationship between porn use and antisocial behavior," such as Brenda MacKillop, a former Playboy Bunny.

She said she "lived the 'Playboy philosophy'" which "gave me no warning as to the emotional, physical and spiritual devastation that accompanied supposed sexual liberation. In reality, it was an addiction to sexual perversion. I was extremely suicidal and sought psychiatric help for the eight years I lived in a sexually promiscuous fashion. There was no help for me until I changed my lifestyle to be a follower of Jesus Christ."

After conversion, she remained chaste for three years before her marriage, where she has found "beauty, joy fulfillment and peace of sex" and is no longer suicidal.

"I ask you to judge which philosophy gives freedom," she asked.

Instead of answering that question, Hefner dismissed her as a "born-again basket case" who



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"almost speaks in tongues."

If she were the only kind of witness the Commission were calling, Hefner would have valid grounds for complaint. But what Hefner doesn't say is that "Playboy" was invited to testify — and did have a lawyer to do so. (Was Hefner afraid to appear himself?)

FURTHER, MANY OTHER PEOPLE in the porn industry were invited to testify, but "the majority have refused," said Alan Sears, executive director of the commission.

"We received acceptances from Candida Royalle, a producer of Femme Productions, and Gloria Leonard, editor of "High Society" magazine, which owns "Dial-a-Porn." Both failed to appear. We had extended an invitation to the president of the Adult Film Producers Association. He accepted and failed to appear. We invited an actress — anyone that the Adult Film Association wanted to designate. She failed to appear.

But the association did send an attorney who was given the opportunity for a two-hour statement!

So for Hefner to claim the commission only wanted anti-porn witnesses is wrong. Hefner and the other pornographers are simply useless. We have the audacity to label the commission's approach "sexual McCarthyism."

Now, what of his charge that pornography is "a danger?"

He quotes only one study by one professor to back up his case. Even the tobacco industry can find more professors than that who will allege there is no proof that smoking causes cancer.

BARRY LYNN, an ACLU lawyer who opposes any restrictions on porn, told me "Heavy viewing of pornography in laboratory settings does lead to

changes in people's attitudes."

And David A. Scott gives this summary of hundreds of studies in an invaluable 32 page report, "Pornography — Its Effects on the Family, Community and Culture": "Pornography affects the most dangerous sex offender as well as the normal person, and it interferes with interpersonal relationships and personal moral development in everyone who uses it, not only in the disturbed and demented."

Here's evidence he cites: "Two thirds of a group of normal college students studied by (Neil) Malamuth (of UCLA) reported an increased willingness to say that they would force a woman into sex acts if they were assured they would not get caught or punished. One third reported an increased willingness to commit rape" after viewing even R-rated films of rapes.

Dr. Dolf Zillmann of Indiana University says "Massive exposure to nonviolent, noncoercive standard-fare pornography created an appetite for sexual context — such as depictions of sadomasochism and rape."

Zillmann adds that married couples who only watch nonviolent, consensual sex between heterosexuals develop sexual dissatisfaction. This is particularly true of men whose wives rarely look as good as those in the films, and who are often unwilling to do the sex that is often seen.

IN FACT, I received a letter from a woman in Ohio whose husband's addiction to porn "has caused a definite rift in our 37 year marriage. First was cheating then condemning me for not going along with 'swinging.' Now he has the Playboy channel and I'm cold because I don't get turned on by that trash."

More serious is the impact of porn on crime. Is it merely a coincidence that sales of the eight most widely circulated porn magazines are five times higher per capita in Alaska than North Dakota — and that rapes are also six times higher in Alaska than North Dakota? Some researchers say so, but Detroit Police Chief Herbert Case would doubt it.

"There has not been a sex murder in the history of our department in which the killer was not an avid reader of lewd magazines," he says.

The FBI interviewed 36 murderers who confessed to multiple killings and found that 29 used pornography in their serial-rape-murders. My complaint with the attorney general is not with his porn commission, but with the fact that only seven of his 95 U.S. attorneys are prosecuting porn cases while the studies go on.

**Physician heals self**

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which enforces federal laws forbidding job discrimination, has begun quietly paying cash settlements to scores of white males whom it discriminated against during a nine-year period in the 1970s. The cash settlements are the result of a class-action suit in 1982, when a federal judge ruled that EEOC's affirmative action program unfairly denied promotions and choice assignments to certain white male employees. So far, 146 of the 202 winning claimants have accepted cash settlements of \$1,500 to \$13,500 apiece.

**African axis**

South Africa and Somalia have arranged a modest military deal. South Africa is providing money, training and some weapons, and is helping the Somalians tune up and maintain fighter planes obtained from the United Arab Emirates. In return, the Somalians have given South Africa eight grounded MIG-21 jet fighters left over from Mogadishu's busted alliance with Moscow, and have offered South Africa access to the Soviet-built port of Berbera on the Gulf of Aden, as well as to a Somali airfield.

**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE** by Dik Brown



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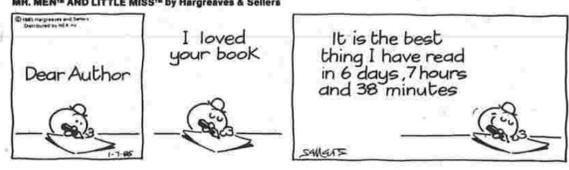
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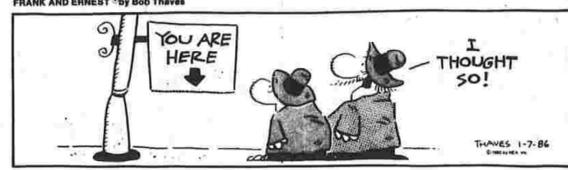
**ALLEY OOP** by Dave Graue



**THE BORN LOSER** by Art Sarnson



**FRANK AND ERNEST** by Bob Thaves



**WINTHROP** by Dick Cavalli



**BUGS BUNNY** by Warner Bros.



**Bridge**

Bridge section containing a hand diagram with cards (North, South, East, West) and a text article titled 'A little gravy on top of game' by James Jacoby.

**U.S./World In Brief**

**Syria fires at Israeli planes**

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A radio station reported that Syria fired anti-aircraft missiles today at Israeli warplanes flying over eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, but missed them. One missile exploded harmlessly over the Christian village of Dair el-Qalaa near the mountain resort town of Beit Meri, six miles northeast of Beirut, the Christian-controlled Voice of Lebanon radio said. It said at least two Soviet-supplied SAM-6 missiles were fired but did not say where the second missile exploded. Sources at the Lebanese military command said they could not immediately confirm the radio report. However, at least two Israeli warplanes passed over Beirut, jolting the city with sonic booms. Military sources reported similar Israeli passes over the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley and southern Lebanon.

**IRS vows efficient season**

WASHINGTON — Top Internal Revenue Service officials say a few changes are in store for taxpayers this year to help keep the process honest. At a briefing Monday to announce alterations in the 1986 income tax returns, IRS officials also predicted that processing of the forms would go much smoother than last year. The most noticeable changes on the 1986 tax forms are in the exemption areas involving child dependents and alimony payments, said Art Altman, assistant IRS director of tax forms. The IRS said more people will be processing forms this year and helping taxpayers.

**Rhody may alter constitution**

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The chairman of the state's seventh Constitutional Convention in 144 years is Ken McKenna, a Providence probate judge who was elected Monday night by 100 Rhode Islanders that had gathered at the Statehouse for the first session of the Constitutional Convention. McKenna had campaigned for the position against a half-dozen entrants, but by Monday night the field had narrowed to only two others: Lila Sapinsley, a former Republican Senate leader and former chairperson of the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corp., and Dr. Melvin Gelch, a neurosurgeon who led the commission that wrote Providence's home rule charter. McKenna's first task will be to appoint a nine-member rules committee which will decide the convention rules and procedures. The committee is scheduled to hold its first meeting Jan. 8.

**Contras have benefactor**

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — A "rich American lady" admirer has given U.S. backed Contras \$1 million to buy surface-to-air missiles for their war against Nicaragua's leftist government, a rebel leader announced. "We have overcome a series of needs we were suffering in terms of equipment and now our combatants have the means necessary to carry on our fight, thanks to that purchase," said Art de la Cruz, leader of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force, said Monday. "A rich American lady made a donation of \$1 million to the Nicaraguan Democratic Force for the acquisition of surface-to-air missiles," he said. "I want to say that the purchase of these rockets is advancing and they will be in our hands in the first days of January." Castro did not specify the type of missile but the Contras have been known to use heat-tracking SAM-7 missiles. They shot down a Nicaraguan military helicopter last month using Sam-7 missiles. The \$27 million in U.S. government aid earmarked for the Contras is limited to "humanitarian aid." Congress has banned U.S. military aid to the Contras, but conservative Americans have provided them with money for weapons.

**Bingham jury selection starts**

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — An activist lawyer accused of two murders in a bloody 1971 outbreak at San Quentin Prison for allegedly smuggling a gun to an inmate says he went into hiding for 13 years because he feared for his life. "I'm happy this moment has arrived," attorney Stephen Bingham said Monday outside the Marin County Superior Court where jury selection began for what is expected to be a six-month trial. "It was difficult to have the burden of those charges and now I'm finally going to be able to answer them." The court has summoned 1,200 people for possible jury duty. The first 100 appeared Monday and each was given a 12-page questionnaire prepared by prosecutors and defense attorneys for the initial screening. Direct questioning of those who are not eliminated will begin Jan. 27. Bingham, 43, a member of a prominent Connecticut family and a lawyer for minority causes before he went into hiding, is charged with two counts of murder and one of conspiracy in the Aug. 21, 1971, violence. Three guards and three inmates died in what prison authorities described as an escape attempt.

**Girl lives with friend's heart**

SAN FRANCISCO — Fourteen-year-old Donna Ashlock sat in a hospital bed eating ice cream, unaware that her boyfriend had died, unaware that his heart was beating in her chest. Felipe Garcia, 15, had said he would die so Donna could live. Donna, on the verge of death from degeneration of the heart, received the boy's heart Sunday in a five-hour operation at Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center. Felipe died Saturday of a brain hemorrhage that has left doctors mystified. He and Donna lived in the farming community of Patterson, attended high school together and had been dating for about two months, their families said Monday. John Sanchez, Felipe's half-brother, said when Felipe learned several weeks ago that doctors had discovered the girl's mortal condition, he kept saying, "I'm going to die so I can give my heart to Donna."

**U.S., allies disagree over Libyan sanctions**

By R. Gregory Nokes  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Although it won't be allowed to blow up into a trans-Atlantic crisis, there is sharp disagreement between the United States and its allies over what to do to about Libya's support for international terrorism. Indeed, some of the allies, notably Britain, aren't convinced that Libyan leader Muammar Khadaffi is as deeply involved with terrorists as the United States and Israel claim he is. And some of the allies who have extensive experience of their own in combating terrorism are telling the Reagan administration they won't go along with the major economic sanctions it wants in the wake of last month's airport massacres in Vienna and Rome. The rebuff has caused the administration to focus on other measures that

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can be taken against Khadaffi, none of which will be as pleasing to Washington. They include increased airport security and curbs on travel by Libyans and potential terrorists. Some new U.S. economic sanctions were expected to be announced as early as tonight, when President Reagan holds a nationally broadcast news conference at 8 p.m. EST. Interviews with U.S. officials and allied diplomats here show the allied reluctance to impose sanctions involves economic self-interest, mistrust of U.S. policies in the Middle East and a feeling that sanctions don't work anyway. Both the West German and British governments have issued statements opposing them as unworkable. And a British diplomat here said Monday that "evidence of Libyan complicity in those atrocities has not been wholly spelled out. It's unclear." But White House spokesman Larry Speakes insisted Monday that international pressure is needed to curb Libyan terrorist activities. He said he hoped the allies would agree on joint measures. "We would hope that the steps that we take and the steps that the allies should take would come to bear on the Libyans and bring international pressure on them to stop exporting terrorism and training terrorism," Speakes said. A State Department terrorism expert said the administration is trying to persuade the allies through diplomatic channels that they are being short-sighted in resisting sanctions. "Terrorism is costing them millions, if not billions, in increased security costs; it's costing them in tourism, in a

**Postal Service gives the ax to Paul Carlin**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Postal Service Board of Governors, in an unprecedented move, fired Postmaster General Paul Carlin and has announced he will be replaced by Albert Casey, former board chairman of American Airlines.



Paul Carlin

The board said Casey, 65, a professional businessman widely credited with turning the ailing postal organization in the 1970s, will be named to the \$44,200-a-year job today. Carlin, 54, the first postmaster since the postal reorganization in 1973, will remain as an adviser to the Postal Service, which is required quickly to inspect Columbia's main engines for insulation damage after they have been exposed to supercool propellants two days in a row. The crew, including congressional observer Rep. Bill Nelson, Fla., had been scheduled to take off on a five-day mission at 7:05 a.m. EST to launch a \$50 million RCA Saturn television satellite and carry out a series of experiments. Nelson's crewmates for the first of the shuttle missions planned in 1986 are commander Robert "Holton" Gibson, co-pilot Charles Bolden, George Nelson, Steven Hawley, RCA engineer Robert Coker and Franklin Chang-Diaz, the first American-Hispanic NASA astronaut. They were strapped in the shuttle's cockpit more than four hours while they waited for a break in the weather. Launch could not be rescheduled for Wednesday because engineers were project officials interrupted the procedure because clouds obscured the nearby emergency landing strip, and emergency fields in Spain and Senegal on the west coast of Africa. NASA extended the time available to launch the spacecraft and still meet the orbital requirements of the on-board satellite to 9:33 a.m. hoping for a break in the weather.



They marched out, but were forced back to their quarters. The launch of the shuttle Columbia was postponed a record fourth time today because of clouds obscuring the emergency landing strips. Here, the astronauts leave their quarters today with high hopes that were later dashed.

**Bad weather forces delay in Columbia's fourth attempt**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — The launch of the hard-luck shuttle Columbia and its crew of seven was postponed a record fourth time today for at least two days because of clouds obscuring emergency landing strips. It was a frustrating disappointment to Columbia's crew members, who have been on an emotional roller coaster with repeated last-minute delays. A fifth launch try was tentatively scheduled for Thursday. The House committee that oversees the Postal Service reacted quickly to the announcement, promising an investigation into the firing. Sources close to the board said Monday that Carlin, who took over Jan. 1, 1985, as the nation's longest-serving postmaster, was told last fall that his job was in jeopardy. The board was apparently displeased with Carlin's efforts to reorganize regional and district offices, sources said. Carlin, a 16-year veteran of the Postal Service, was said to have trouble making major decisions, such as purchasing new equipment for the expanded ZIP code program, and moved too slowly on getting rid of ECOM, the electronic mail service. At a board meeting last month, Carlin announced a Postal Service deficit of \$251.48 million in the fiscal year ending September 1985, but the loss was much less than expected. Earlier last year, officials had expected losses between \$500 million and \$750 million. Postal employees expressed surprise at the firing, particularly since Carlin, who previously headed the Postal Service's Chicago region, was widely regarded as a top performer. General William Bolger, the panel spent a year searching for Bolger's successor. Carlin, who gained prominence in his Chicago job by boosting productivity, was well known for delegating responsibilities to his assistants and a fan of cost management guidebooks as the "Pursuit of Excellence." A spokesman for Rep. William Ford, D-Mich., chairman of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, said Monday that he would call Ford earlier Monday to notify Ford of the personnel change.

**Military eyewitnesses say POW sightings suppressed**

By Neil Roland  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Several military and intelligence officers have accused the State Department, the Pentagon and the CIA of quashing reports that dozens of American prisoners of war are being held in Southeast Asia. The Defense Intelligence Agency, the U.S. embassy in Thailand and the CIA suppressed information about American POWs in Vietnam and Laos, according to six people, some who said they had spotted American POWs as recently as 1985. The reported sightings, between 1975 and last October, ranged from as few as two POWs to as many as 100, according to the affidavits filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Fayetteville, N.C. The affidavits, filed by a former CIA official, said that as recently as October, he witnessed 95 heavily guarded men in Laos "I very strongly believe to be Americans," but said officials declined immediate comment. Lt. Gen. James Williams, the DIA director, denied any coverup by his agency in congressional testimony in 1984. Williams could not be reached Monday and a Defense Department spokesman declined immediate comment. The State Department and CIA also had no immediate comment. The U.S. government's position is that it has been unable to prove that any American POWs are being held in Southeast Asia, according to a spokesman. Lt. Col. Keith Schneider said, "The government has not ruled out the possibility that POWs are being held, he said, and routinely investigates first-hand reports of sightings, most of which have come from Indo-Chinese refugees. The affidavits were filed in support of a response by two Army special forces members to U.S. government efforts to have their lawsuit dismissed. The suit, filed in September, charges senior officials of the Reagan administration and pre-

**White House: military avoids mandatory cuts**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The White House insists the military will be shielded from severe spending cuts despite the new balanced budget law that calls for mandatory reductions.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Monday that, although it is "generally assumed" there will be some cutbacks of defense money in fiscal 1986, that sum is not expected to be "a substantial amount." The Gramm-Rudman balanced budget law, passed last month in the final few days of the session of the 99th Congress, requires increasingly lower deficits until the federal red ink, now exceeding \$200 billion annually, is eliminated by fiscal 1991. This first slash comes in the first three months of this year, with an estimated \$11.7 billion cut, half from the military and half from other agencies, according to Congressional Budget Office director Rudolph Penner, who is currently putting that estimate together. If that figure holds up, about \$5.8 billion would have to come from the nearly \$300 billion military budget. House Armed Services Committee Chairman Les Aspin estimated Sunday the Gramm-Rudman balanced budget act could cause military spending cuts of as much as \$83 billion in the next two fiscal years, putting a serious crimp in President Reagan's defense buildup. But Speakes said, "The Aspin study assumes the worst-case scenario. It assumes that Congress will do nothing to reduce the deficit. For the part of the administration, we will do as the president said. We will meet the Gramm-Rudman targets in our budgets."

**Puzzles**

Puzzles section containing crossword puzzles and a 'Your Birthday' puzzle for Jan. 8, 1986.

**Astrograph**

Astrograph section containing horoscopes for various zodiac signs.

**CELEBRITY CIPHER**

Celebrity Cipher section containing cryptograms and a word search puzzle.

# Wreck called suicide attempt

Some residents of Wetherell and Bidwell Streets were without power for part of this morning after a South Windsor teenager who told police he was trying to kill himself crashed into a utility pole, police said this morning.

The 18-year-old was not injured in the 12:38 a.m. incident, although his car suffered major damage to the front end and right side, police said.

The man was traveling east on Wetherell Street when he veered to the south side of the road "intentionally aiming at the power pole," a police report said. The car collided with a highway sign, hit the utility pole, ran over a mailbox at 291 Wetherell St., and drove into a lot before coming to a halt, police said.

Police said the driver left the scene on foot and went west on Wetherell Street, where he was found by police and brought back to the scene. He told officers he hit the pole on purpose, police said.

He was taken to Manchester Memorial Hospital by paramedics, where doctors performed a mental examination and told police he was "probably suicidal." While being interviewed, the man "said he did not want to live," police said.

A hospital doctor told police the man was severely depressed and would be admitted to a psychiatric facility for further study.

Northeast spokesman Jose Chavez said this morning that 29 houses on Bidwell and Wetherell streets were left without power because of the accident. All power was restored by 8:35 a.m., he said.



Killing teacher Jim Gregerick's USS Enterprise model is on display at the Pensacola Naval Air Museum.

# Enterprise from killing teacher finds berth

Manchester science teacher Jim Gregerick's hobby of building ship models has turned into a major "enterprise."

A model Gregerick built of the USS Enterprise — World War II's most decorated aircraft carrier — is now a permanent exhibit at the Pensacola Naval Air Museum in Florida.

Gregerick, an eighth-grade science teacher at Iling Junior High School, designed and built the model — which is more than 4 feet long — out of wood, mostly using photographs, since there were no good plans. The model

is built to a 1/86 scale. Gregerick said he never expected the replica to become so noteworthy. While he was building it for his own enjoyment more than a year ago, he heard that the Enterprise Association was holding a reunion of the sailors who had served on the carrier.

He contacted the president of the association to see if a model could be used in a display here. The association's historian, Harrison Whelton of Stamford, then went to Gregerick's home in Newtonington to see the model while it

was being made. Eventually, Whelton transported the model to Pensacola for the dedication, where it is mounted on a piece of wood from the flight deck of the Enterprise. The model is valued at \$10,000.

Gregerick got to see the museum display last summer while on duty with the Naval Reserve in Pensacola. Gregerick has taught science and physical education and coached several sports at Iling for the past 16 years.

— Susan Vaughn

# Obituaries

## Fanny Abbott

Fanny "Polly" (Minner) Abbott, 82, of Santa Maria, Calif., formerly of 7 Lincoln St., Manchester, died Friday in Sacramento, Calif.

She was the widow of Lester Abbott. She was born on March 11, 1893, and had lived in Manchester most of her life. She moved to California two years ago.

She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church until she moved to California.

She is survived by one son, Ralph Abbott of Santa Maria, Calif., with whom she lived; a brother, Lewis Abbott, who lives in Hartford; five granddaughters; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 41 Park St. Burial will be in East Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Mary's Episcopal Church Book of Remembrance.

daughters, Carol S. Guyer of West Hartford and Nancy S. Muir of Newtonington; a sister, Margaret P. Keaton of West Hartford; and five granddaughters.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. at the Dillon-Baxter Funeral Home, 179 Berlin Turnpike, Wethersfield, with a mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. at St. Bridgid Church, West Hartford. Burial will be in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the University of Connecticut Health Center Foundation, Hematology and Oncology Account, Farmington, 06032.

**Carl "Bill" Sheldon**  
Carl "Bill" Sheldon, 74, of Bluefield Drive, died Saturday at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Pittsfield, Mass., and had lived in Hartford before moving to Manchester. Before his retirement, he was employed by Royal Typewriter in Hartford. He was a member of the Journeyman Society of Royal Typewriter and the American Association of Retirees.

He is survived by two sons, Ronald A. Sheldon of Winsted and Carl W. Sheldon of Bloomington; three daughters, Deborah H. Niebelsky of Orlando, Fla., and Ida-May Sheldon of Pittsfield, Mass.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was today at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St. Burial was in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Jennie Phillips**  
Jennie Phillips, 85, of 21 Clark Road, Bolton, died Monday at an area convalescent home. She was the widow of William Phillips.

She was born in Mystic Jan. 7, 1890, and had lived in Bolton for 40 years. She was a member of South United Methodist Church of Manchester.

Memorial donations may be made to South United Methodist Church, 1226 Main St.

**Edna Shoro**  
Edna (Poutre) Shoro, 75, of West Hartford and Point of Woods, Old Lyme, died unexpectedly Monday at her home. She was the widow of Clarence J. Shoro and the sister of Raymond F. Poutre of Manchester.

She also is survived by two

# Ex-Bridgeport mayor dies

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — Former Mayor John C. Mandanici died of total circulatory collapse today at St. Vincent's Medical Center where he had undergone treatment since Thursday, hospital officials said.

Mandanici died at 10:05 a.m. in the hospital's intensive care unit, hospital spokesman William Roots said.

Mandanici, who was the city's Democratic mayor from 1975-81, also suffered kidney complications and was on renal dialysis, Roots said.

# Lawsuit shield sought

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of English kings, meaning they knew best and could not be blamed for the consequences of their actions.

The state still holds that status, but towns and cities lost their protection over the years through court and legislative action. In 1963, the state Supreme Court ruled that municipalities were not sovereign and could be sued.

Some state laws give municipalities immunity on specific issues but Salisbury considers it a "hodgepodge of common law and statutory provisions."

The inference would be like "a comprehensive municipal tort liability law that brings it all together in one place," he said. "The state statute should define clearly the scope of municipal liability."

# Strikers await O'Neill

Striking employees of the Crestfield's three owners have planned to wait outside the Capitol today until Gov. William A. O'Neill meets with them, an attorney for the union that represents them said today.

"That's the plan," said Bill Meyerson, convalescent director for the New England Health Care Employees Union, District 1199.

The union planned to renew its call for the governor help bring an end to the 1½-week old strike at the Vernon Street nursing home, he said.

Today's rally comes after the home's three owners refused to negotiate with District 1199, despite an order last week from the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C., to do so.

# Sewer backup leads to damage claim

A Kennedy Road woman who discovered three inches of raw sewage in her home last month is asking the town for almost \$900 in damages, according to a complaint filed with the Town Clerk Monday.

Bonnie Coleman of 166 Kennedy

Road said that although the sewage was cleaned up after it was found Dec. 8 in her basement, a number of items were damaged, including Christmas ornaments, a Christmas tree, a sleeping bag, ski boots, rugs and lumber.

Coleman also complained that

her home "was inundated with blackbugs" because of the sewage. She said the smell "in my entire house is terrible," adding that she had to go without heat for two days because the furnace was damaged.

Coleman is asking the town to reimburse her for \$895 in property

loss, although the total may be higher.

"It was so upset that I don't remember it all," she said in her complaint.

Robert Young, superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department, said the backup was caused by a block in the main sewage line. He said the sewage backed up into the house after a lateral line leading to it also became clogged.

Young said the town is only responsible for damage caused when a main is backed up.

"This happens, it's part of the sewer business," he said. "This isn't the only time it's occurred."

Young said the town would not be responsible if a person removed the cap to the sewer line while there was a backup. However, he said this did not occur at Coleman's house.

All are pending in court.

# PZC faces another mall lawsuit

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evidence was presented and they based their decision on that."

PZC Chairman Alfred W. Siefert Sr. could not be reached for comment this morning.

But PZC Vice Chairman Ronald Gates denied that the commission was biased against the developers

and said that all the commission considered was the zone change and traffic impact.

"I think it (the traffic) should be considered," Gates said. "As a planner, you have to look at everything in the area to see the impact."

G. Fox & Co., Sage-Allen & Co. and the Steiger chain have said they will locate stores in Winchester.

Sears, which owns Homart, has announced plans for a major store at Buckland Hills.

The latest lawsuit is one of five that have been brought against the PZC over the Buckland Hills plans.

A group of South Windsor residents have brought a lawsuit against the developers of the Winchester Mall.

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# Cosby Show marks return of the family

By Joan Hanauer  
United Press International

NEW YORK (UPI) — Garth Ancier, NBC vice president for current comedy programs, would love to meet Bill Cosby's real-life kids.

"That's because he is fascinated with the way 'The Cosby Show' deals with family life and parent-child relationships. It may or may not be a coincidence that Bill Cosby has four children — the same number of kids that his character, Dr. Cliff Huxtable, has on the TV sitcom."

"The Cosby Show" not only is the most popular show on television today, it also was a major factor in catapulting NBC into first place in the network ratings race.

Ancier believes "Cosby" marks not only the comeback of situation comedy in general but the comeback of the family comedy that for a long time was overshadowed by the office sitcom.

**SITUATION COMEDY** was in its heyday in the late 1970s — in the 1978-79 television season, nine of the top 10 network shows were half-hour sitcoms, many of them office-related. Then the format went into decline.

"The last big comedy hit was 'Mork & Mindy' back in 1978," Ancier said. "That was sort of a transition show. It was about an alien coming to earth and experiencing families for the first time. It was really a reality-oriented family comedy with a warmth and (an) emotional

level."

"The Cosby Show," of course, is family-oriented, which, Ancier pointed out, is something to which everyone can relate. Not everyone works in an office, he said, but everyone knows about families.

"The Cosby Show" also breaks a lot of rules, he noted.

"It is not particularly story-oriented," he said. "There isn't necessarily a strong story line, like Dennis falls in love with a guy Cliff doesn't like. It is more a series of vignettes of family life loosely strung together."

"Since it is not a story-driven show, its pace is slower than other shows."

"And it has a very interesting style to it. It is not predictable. I read all the scripts and drafts in Los Angeles (the show is shot in New York), and when I see the rough cut, they have thrown in entire scenes I have never heard of."

**THE KEY** to the show is Cosby himself.

"He will always opt for integrity in storytelling in ways other people won't," Ancier said. "He has very strong points of view (about) other shows, and what bothers him most is when they try to titillate the audience, as opposed to telling something honest that happens every day — like sending a kid out to buy a \$7.99 record with a \$10 bill and never getting any change."

"That's his honest growing-up in a family situation."

Ancier compared that to the first episode of the new Mary Tyler Moore sitcom, "Mary," on CBS.

"Within the first few minutes," he said, "Mary Tyler Moore is mistaken for a hooker. That's not something that normally happens."

Another reason for "The



Actor Bill Cosby is the star of TV's most popular half hour, "The Cosby Show." In real life, Cosby has four children, the same number that his character, Dr. Cliff Huxtable, has on the sitcom.

Cosby Show" popularity is that the parents are strong people who are in charge of the household. The tone was set in the first Cosby show, in which the son tries to excuse his poor school achievement with an impassioned plea to his father to accept him and love him as he is. The audience, accustomed to this

kind of youthful self-indulgence, applauded with sympathy.

**COSBY AS** the father stared at his son and said, with impeccable timing, words to the effect of, "I never heard anything so

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# A few observations between the sheets



Some things about sleep:

- Going to bed early at night doesn't make it any easier getting up in the morning.
- Going to bed late doesn't necessarily mean you'll fall asleep quicker, either.
- If you've been drinking white wine or cognac, you may fall asleep quickly but you'll awaken and stay that way, wide-eyed, for hours.
- Once I used the word "prone" to mean I was lying on my back. My friend, Joe Wershiba, pointed out I meant "supine." If someone is prone, he's lying face down. You'd think most internal organs would get the best rest if you were on your back but for some strange reason, most people can't sleep on their backs. Not many people sleep

either prone or supine. They sleep best on their sides.

- Clean sheets feel colder when you first climb into bed than sheets you've slept on for several nights.
- I sleep quite far down in the bed because I like to put my arm under the pillow and extend it straight up, as though I was raising my hand in class.
- People who fall asleep quickly awaken easily.
- If the bedroom is cold all day, the mattress gets chilled all the

way through and no matter how many blankets you pile on top of yourself, you're cold until your body heat warms the mattress under you.

- I used to have to sleep on an Army cot when relatives came to our house for Christmas and slept in my bed, but during four years in the Army, I never slept on a cot.
- If the blanket is tucked tight at the end of the bed and on the sides, I feel trapped and can't sleep.
- Obviously, there's some kind of internal clock in our brains when we sleep or we wouldn't awaken so often two minutes before the alarm goes off.
- Big noises don't bother me when I'm sleeping but little ones waken me.
- Mark Twain pointed out how unusual it was that a snorer couldn't hear himself snore.
- When I was a kid, I thought of burglars creeping into our house through a window in the middle of the night when we were all asleep. I

don't think burglars operate that way much anymore. Now they go in during the day while everyone's away.

- There's nothing worse for a night's rest than to have the phone ring 10 minutes after you've fallen asleep.
- Having a child with a bad cold, chicken pox or the flu is worse for a night's sleep than being sick yourself.
- One of life's great moments is awakening from habit at your regular hour on Saturday morning and realizing you don't have to get up.
- Two people in the same bed hardly ever like the same amount of covers over them. This can be serious.
- White details are seldom made public. I notice that very rich or very important married couples often have separate bedrooms. I don't think separate bedrooms would necessarily be bad for a marriage. There'd have to be visiting hours, of course.

"YOU CAN DEAL with monumental outdoor structures, major monumental paintings," he said. "You have a much broader presentation palette."

As an inauguration, the museum is exhibiting "An American Renaissance: Painting and Sculpture Since 1940," made possible by a grant from American Express and ranging from the abstract expressionism of Jackson Pollock to the pop art of Andy Warhol.

"The exhibition attempts a coherent intellectual history of the past 50 years by linking its visual impact to chronological development of ideas," said guest curator Sam Hunter, who teaches at Princeton University.

"The show is thus an exploration of the relationship of American art to the historically specific conditions of American life, thought and artistic traditions since World War II."

Edward Larrabee Barnes, the architect responsible for the Dalja Museum of Art, designed Fort Lauderdale's new facility, which Bolge calls a distinctive piece of work that does not rob its contents of attention.

# Fans haven't changed Dirt Band celebrates 20th with concert

By Jim Lewis  
United Press International

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band is now playing to the sons and daughters of the people they entertained two decades ago.

"I would hope to double our success. What we look forward to is being a household word," jokes John McEuen, the band's banjo, fiddle, guitar and steel guitar musician.

For the record, the band plans to celebrate its 20th anniversary next May with a concert, perhaps in Denver.

"We broke up five times the first week," adds lead vocalist Jeff Hanna.

The NGDB was formed in Long

Beach, Calif., in 1966 by Hanna, then an aspiring folk singer and at the time was called the "Illigitimate Jug Band."

Besides Hanna and McEuen, the other members are Jimmie Fadden on the drums and harmonica, Bob Carpenter on the keyboards and Jerry Blavat on bass player and vocalist.

**THE GROUP'S FIRST** big hit was in 1967, "Buy Me The Rain." There have been ups and downs over the years but their star has been on the upswing for the past couple of years since going country.

"Before we would even talk about breaking up we had to talk this thing right," says McEuen. "We haven't made it. We have to take this thing further. Since radio

became so fragmented in the late '70s we had to find a home and it felt like our only home would be in the country music direction.

"Not that we changed the music to adapt. We more or less faced that direction as though I was raising my hand in class."

McEuen puts it this way: "We've changed but within our own framework. It's not exactly like a bunch of spinal tap changes."

Hanna admits there have been disagreements within the band over the years. "But we have a common love of music. Sometimes when you feel bad about what you

are doing, you go out on the stage and play and say, 'This is pretty cool.' We've had a lot of that feeling in the last several years and that has bolstered the way we feel about the band — the fact that we haven't wasted our time."

**TODAY'S CONCERTS** by the NGDB brings some humorous reactions from fans who were in the last several years.

"One came up to say, 'I was real depressed until my older brother gave me this album of you guys when I was 12 years old.' Another, 'I saw you in 1967. I don't feel like we're getting old. Fifty is just another number and I'm over 10 years away from it,'" McEuen says.

Playing to a second generation of fans is "real interesting," Hanna said.

"Because the band has been

together 20 years, people think we're older than (former Eagle) Don Henley and he's three weeks older than me," Hanna said.

"In rock 'n' roll the funny fact is that 20 years ago people lied about their age. It was like you couldn't be married or over 30. People have forgotten that. Look at Tina Turner. What's she, 45 or 46? She's playing to 13- and 14-year-old kids."

"I just don't think that age has as much to do with it as it used to. The fact that we have new fans whose parents literally grew up with our music is tremendous and incredible," Hanna said.

McEuen added, "Rock 'n' rollers are like football players. We're more like golfers. Our stroke is getting better with age."

"We may have a stroke," quips Hanna.

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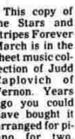
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This sheet music of the Stars and Stripes Forever March belongs to Judd Caplovich of Vernon. The famous march was composed by John Philip Sousa, who created over 100 such arrangements.

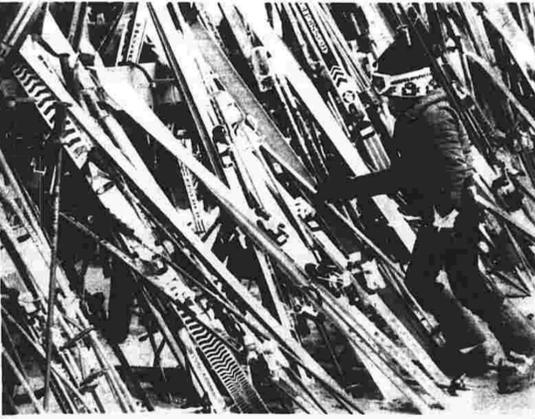
### Vernon man's sheet music is salute to the great Sousa



This copy of the Stars and Stripes Forever March is in the sheet music collection of Judd Caplovich of Vernon. Years ago you could have bought it arranged for piano for two, four or six hands, or the mandolin, guitar, banjo, and of all things, the zither. In the solo or duet. (Haven't heard a good zither number since "The Third Man Theme." Remember Orson Welles as the baddie?)



John Philip Sousa (1854-1932), was born in Washington, D.C., and began his musical education at the age of 6. He was appointed bandmaster to the U.S. Marines in 1880 and set up his own "Sousa's Band" in 1892. He was known worldwide as the "march king" - having written more than 100 such compositions. This was in addition to eight comic operas, many songs, 15 suites and several books. The "Antiquarian Bookman's Yearbook," just received, has an article: "Collecting American Sheet Music - History Brought to Life" (Paul O. Pryor). Here we read of the concept of creating a musical work prior to a specific event. The event that time was the wedding of Grover Cleveland in 1886. He had a march with his name. The "Directorate" above (in 1903?), must also have been a written order production. The yearbook author tells us that the 1880s were the blast-off time for sheet music, with the two big publishing houses of Jay Wilbur Marks and Charles K. Harris. The first million-copy seller was "After the Ball" by Harris in 1892. The success of this lighthearted song ("... many the hearts that were broken ..."), brought on "The Letter That Never Came" and "The Pardon That Came Too Late," and "The Little Rosewood Casket." And also the one where the girl freezes solid in a sleigh on the way to a dance: "... I'm growing warmer now." TONIGHT: First meeting of the New Year for members and guests of the Central Connecticut Coin Club. Place: Mott's Community Hall, 587 E. Middle Turnpike. Time: 7 to 9.



**A sea of skis**  
Nathan Tapply, 6, of Bristol, N.H., finds his equipment in this crowded ski rack as he and other ski enthusiasts flocked to Gunstock Ski Resort in Gilford, N.H., on Sunday for some fun and exercise. The weather is expected to remain cold and clear in the north country.

### Computer makers consider more compatible machines

**By Peter Coy**  
**The Associated Press**  
NEW YORK — Computer companies are planning a summit meeting this month to discuss how to clear away the technical and competitive obstacles that block easy communication between different brands of machines. Planners hope to make computers and related equipment as easy to interconnect as stereo receivers, speakers and tape decks made by different companies, said A.G.W. Biddle, president of the Computer and Communications Industry Association in Arlington, Va. Incompatibility of brands of equipment is the biggest headache of data managers because it obstructs the flow of information inside their companies, says Biddle from the shop floor to the accounting department to the front office. It also impedes owners of personal computers from exchanging information with owners of incompatible machines. Computer industry analysts estimate that meeting less than 8.5 million American households have personal computers. This initiative is a very important step in the history of this industry, Biddle said Monday. "It should free up a tremendous amount of resources for innovation." Eighteen companies that are leading the standardization drive have invited about 50 others — including industry leader International Business Machines Corp. — to attend a Jan. 23 meeting to discuss their plans. Members of the "Group of 18" hope to persuade IBM and the others to join them in a non-profit organization called the Corporation for Open Systems that will specify standards and test equipment for compliance. The organization would start with a yearly budget of \$8 million to \$10 million, Biddle said. Each founding member would put up \$125,000 in 1986 and \$200,000 each year afterward. IBM will participate in the meeting but has not decided whether to join the Corporation for Open Systems, spokesman Brian Ditzler said Monday. Biddle said IBM expects IBM to accept. The deadline to become a founding member is March 1. IBM's participation would be crucial to the organization's success, said Richard Stuckey, a partner in the technical services organization of Arthur Andersen & Co. in Chicago. "If all of the other computer makers agreed to it, even added together they still don't carry as much weight as IBM," Stuckey said. Members of the Group of 18 include such major players as American Telephone & Telegraph Co., Bell Communications Research, Digital Equipment Corp., Control Data Corp., Burroughs Corp., Honeywell Inc., Xerox Corp., NCR Corp., National Semiconductor Corp., Hewlett-Packard Co. and Harris Corp.

### About Town

**Society's council has session**  
Manchester Historical Society's Executive Council will meet tonight at 7:30 at Grant Studio, 22 Cambridge St. Subjects of reports will include: treasurer, acquisitions, brochures, publicity, Cheney Homestead, house markers, membership, program, volunteers, museum and fund-raising.  
**Handwriting talk set on Thursday**  
BOLTON — Bolton Women's Club will hear Rachel Evans speak on "Silent Communication" Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Herrick Park. Evans will give a brief history of graphology, how it can be used and how much one can learn from one letter.

**MCC's older adults meet**  
Manchester Community College Older Adults Association will meet Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Lowe Building, Mary Ann Handley, professor of history at the college, will speak on "What a Building Can Tell Us."  
**Bridge Club gives results**  
Manchester AM Bridge Club reports for Dec. 30 include:  
North-south: Sonja Gray and Jim Baker, first; Betty Martin and Marge Warner, second; Irwin Goldberg and Ellen Goldberg, third.  
East-west: Richard Guhman and Jeff Guhman, first; Don Weeks and Richard Jaworski, second; Suzanne Shorts and Mary Willhide, third.  
Jan. 2 results include:  
North-south: Irwin Goldberg and Ellen Goldberg, first; Ann McLaughlin and Mary Corkum, second; Ann DeMarin and Phyllis Pierson, third.  
East-west: Frankie Brown and Peg Dunfield, first; Terry Daigle and Marge Warner, second; Louise Miller and Grace Shea, third.

**Widows, widowers hear Allen**  
Widows and Widowers Association, Chapter 11, will meet Sunday at Luther Hall, Emanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St. Judith Allen of Bushnell, who will be assisted by Ben Cohen, Harold Brody, Alan Goldstein, David Kahn, Ronald Schank, Dr. Edward Drachman and Dr. Harold Meyer.  
**Co. 1 meets tonight**  
Hose and Ladder Co. 1 will meet tonight at 8 at the fire station at 138 McKee St. Refreshments will be served.  
**WATES celebrates 31st**  
Women's Association to Enjoy Singing will celebrate its 31st anniversary tonight at Orange Hall, 72 E. Center St. Members will get weighed between 6:30 and 7:30. Then they will have a business meeting followed by a board meeting.  
**Pinocle Club lists scores**  
Manchester Pinocle Club scores for Jan. 2 include: Rene Maire 567, Andy Noske 619, Gus Frank 607, Eleanor Moran 620, Hans Fredericksen 597, Harry Pospill 589, Mike DeSimone 589, Bud Paquin 582, Ada Rojas 567, Agnes LeDuc 564 and Adolph Veske 562.

**British Daughters hold session**  
Britannia Chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire will meet Thursday at 11 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Robert Walker, 54 Tiffany Road, East Hartford. Dues for 1986 are due.  
**Register for swim lessons**  
Manchester Recreation Department is accepting registrations this week from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the East Side Recreation Center, 22 School St., for the third series of swim lessons. Lessons will run from Jan. 13 to Feb. 15, week nights and Saturday mornings. The cost is \$4 for the 10-lesson session plus a recreation card. Children's cards cost \$3 and adult cards cost \$10. For more information, call 647-3084.

**Overeaters discuss problems**  
Overeaters Anonymous will welcome newcomers Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria-meeting room of Manchester Memorial Hospital. A speaker will start at 8 p.m. The group follows the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous to help people deal with the problems underlying compulsive eating.  
**Breakfast explores relationships**  
B'nai B'rith, Charter Oak Lodge, will feature Jack L. Spiegel in its exploration of Jewish-Christian relationships at a community breakfast Sunday at 9 a.m. at Temple Beth Shalom. The community is welcome to attend the breakfast and the lecture. The effects of the recommendations of the Council

### 'Cosby' accents family

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stupid in my life." That brought a surprised and spontaneous roar of laughter.  
"The Cosby Show" is one in which the parents are firmly in control," Ancier said. "Adults appreciate strong role models. For years kids on family comedies were precocious little brats. Yes, they were cute, but they were unmanageable."  
"We did a show last year called 'It's Your Move.' It had a very strong kid character who got away with an awful lot and parents who really didn't put a stop to it. Kids loved the series but parents despised it. They wanted to know why the parents didn't smack this kid."  
"Parents really appreciate 'The Cosby Show.'"

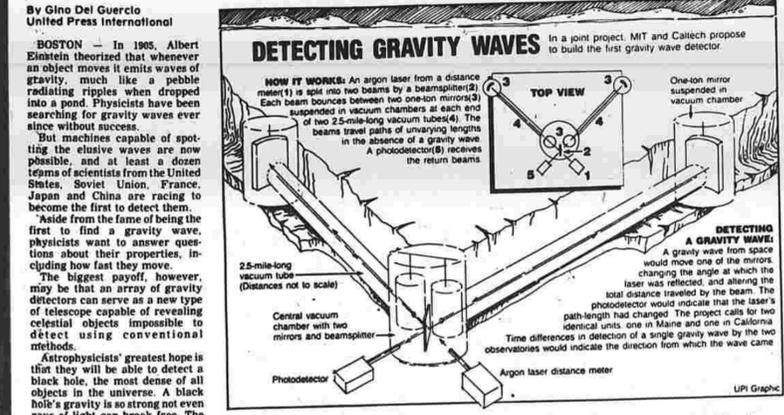
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### Scientists searching for elusive gravity waves



Ever since Albert Einstein theorized in 1905 that a moving object emits waves of gravity, scientists have been searching for these waves. The quest has led scientists at MIT and Caltech to propose the construction of a new type of gravity wave detector. The U.S. is in a race with four other countries to build the machines and find the waves.

**DETECTING GRAVITY WAVES**  
In a joint project, MIT and Caltech propose to build the first gravity wave detector.  
**HOW IT WORKS:** An argon laser from a distance of 25 miles is split into two beams by a beam splitter (1). Each beam bounces between two one-ton mirrors (2) suspended in vacuum chambers at each end of two 2.5-mile-long vacuum tubes (4). The beams travel paths of varying lengths in the absence of a gravity wave. A photodetector (5) receives the return beams.  
**TOP VIEW**  
A gravity wave from space would move one of the mirrors, changing the angle at which the laser is reflected and altering the total distance traveled by the beam. The photodetector would indicate the laser's path-length had changed. The project calls for two identical units, one in Maine and one in California. Time differences in detection of a single gravity wave by the two observers would indicate the direction from which the wave came.  
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LPI Graphic

### Supermarket Shopper

**1985 was good to shoppers**  
By Martin Sloane  
United Feature Syndicate  
The year 1985 has been a good one for supermarket shopping. Food prices have remained relatively stable, while the value of coupons and refund offers has increased, and the manufacturers have made more offers than ever before.  
Each year, I judge my success by the savings of my readers. Each week I receive hundreds of letters from readers recounting their money-saving experiences. Here is just a few that made end-of-the-year reading a continuing joy:  
Dear Martin — I sent in proofs of purchase and received a coupon good for \$2 off my next Band-Aid purchase. Our local store had Band-Aid on sale for \$2.14, so my cost was just 14 cents. But inside that Band-Aid box I found another mail-in offer. This time it was for a \$1 refund. All I needed to do was send in one proof of purchase. It came from the box that cost me 14 cents. Coupons and refunds have really helped make shopping a pleasure. — Norma Fisher, Selah, Wash.  
Dear Martin — Along with this letter, I am enclosing a supermarket register tape to show you my purchase of \$55.28 worth of groceries for just \$2.89. Once every three months, I take the entire family with me on a shopping spree like this. To obtain these savings, I use the free-product coupons I have received from manufacturers' refund offers. With four young children eating up a storm, I am able to send for almost as many refund offers as you can imagine! — Jo Ann Robbins, Houston.  
Dear Martin — My friend and I think of ourselves as smart shoppers, but to find out how smart we were we decided that for one month we would keep track of every penny we spent and saved on our groceries.  
At the end of the month we sat down at our kitchen table, totaled our register tapes, subtracted our coupons, double coupons and the refunds we had received from the manufacturers. I saved \$169.81, and my friend saved \$129.99.  
We were both a little surprised, but we now know just how valuable smart shopping is when it comes to stretching today's shrinking dollar. It also made us wonder how we would ever make household ends meet if it were not for the coupons, refunds and other money-saving ideas we put to work for us. — Lynette Jones and Janet Gerencer, South Bend, Ind.  
How much did you save at the supermarket this past year? In a few weeks, I will publish the 1985 savings scores of some of America's outstanding "Super-Shoppers." Watch for their stories and tips!

### Clip 'n' file refunds

Miscellaneous Food Products (File No. 3)  
Clip out this file and keep it with similar cash-off coupons — beverage refund offers with beverage coupons, for example. Start collecting the needed proofs of purchase while looking for the required forms at the supermarket, in newspapers and magazines, and when trading with friends. Offers may not be available in all areas of the country. Allow 10 weeks to receive each refund.  
The following refund offers are worth \$3.10. This week's offers have a total value of \$18.99.  
These offers require refund forms:  
BANQUET and ORE-IDA \$1.75 Savings Offer: Receive a \$1 check, plus one 25-cent Banquet Fried Chicken coupon and two 25-cent coupons for any one of the following: Banquet Fried Chicken, Banquet Ore-Ida Frozen Potatoes, Banquet Golden Fries, or Banquet Golden Fries. Expires Feb. 28, 1986.  
BLUE DIAMOND \$1.50 Refund Offer: Receive two 75-cent coupons good on your next purchase of Blue Diamond Almonds (jar or can) and Macadamia or Pistachio (jar). Write on the Universal Product Code number found on the Blue Diamond jar or can on the cash-register tape and circle the purchase price for any Blue Diamond Almond (jar or can), Macadamia or Pistachio (jar) item. Expires Jan. 31, 1986.  
CAMPBELL'S Cheez Whiz Creamettes Free Tuna Offer: Receive a coupon (maximum value \$1.20) good for one free can (up to 7.5 ounces) of your favorite tuna. Send the required refund form and the labels (front panels only) from any six cans of Campbell's Condensed Mushroom Soup, the Universal Product Code symbol from any two jars of Cheez Whiz Pasteurized Process Cheese Spread and the Universal Product Code symbols from any two packages of Creamettes Elbow Macaroni. Expires Jan. 31, 1986.  
LA CHOY \$1 Coupon Offer: Receive four 25-cent coupons. Send the required refund form and the Universal Product Code symbol on the labels of any two La Choy products, along with a cash-register receipt (a) with the purchase price (b) circled. This offer has no expiration date.  
SMUCKER'S Free Ice Cream Offer: Receive a coupon for free ice cream, maximum value \$2, and a 15-cent Smucker's Ice Cream Toppings coupon. Send the required refund form and the net-weight statement from three Smucker's Ice Cream Toppings (any size or flavor), along with the brand name from one half-gallon ice cream container. Expires Jan. 31, 1986.  
Here's a refund form to write for: A \$2 rebate. HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS DIVISION - 3M 52 Retail Tape Rebate Offer, 225-85 Center St., Paul, MN 55144-1000. This offer expires Jan. 31, 1986. While waiting for the form, save the Universal Product Codes from 20 rolls of Scotch Brand Mailing Tapes (Strapping, Packaging, Sealing or Packaging Mailing Tapes).

small," said Weiss. "But it turns out that when you put all the numbers together for what causes the noise and all the other problems that make a lot of difference."

"In fact, we now have the techniques that can measure those small changes. So if we could build a system that is (6 miles long) we could get into business right now; we have all the rest of the technology," said Weiss, who is head of the project along with Ronald P. Dreier of Caltech. Detectors could be made even more sensitive if the legs were hundreds of miles long, but the cost is too high. Ideally, physicists would like to locate their detectors in space, where a vacuum is already available, there are no vibrations and the distance between the legs are several yards long. "We expect them to use the money given them to build the prototypes and come back and tell us the results," said Richard A. Isaacson, project director for gravitational physics at the NSF. "We hope the results will be positive and to date they have easily met the technical milestones."

NSF officials have not yet decided whether to provide the entire \$60 million, but Isaacson called the results "a very strong contender." The difficulty of raising the funds has recently increased because of the national budget deficit. The NSF, as with most branches of the federal government, has had its funding reduced. Isaacson, who is based in California, said the competition for funding will become even more fierce. The MIT-Caltech team believes the projects can be complete by 1990 if funds are available.

PHYSICISTS IN Scotland, Germany and France are also thinking about building similar gravity wave detectors. Teams in Russia, Japan and China as well as four in the United States operate bar antennas. Instead of viewing these other projects as competition, Weiss said he is happy to see other efforts, because to see the detector as telescopes at least four are required to pinpoint the position of a source. If successful, these devices will not be the first to detect gravity waves. Joseph H. Taylor, a professor of radioastronomy at Princeton University, has already done that, although only indirectly.

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# BUSINESS

## Business In Brief

### Roberts chosen president

Althea Roberts, sales associate, was recently elected president of the Agents Advisory Council of Merrill Lynch Realty for 1986.

The council provides communication directly between the Sales Associates and the Corporate Staff of Merrill Lynch Realty.

### 2 named partners

Fuss & O'Neill, Inc., a Manchester civil engineering firm, have named Leonard Jahank and Jeff Heidman as new partners in the firm.

Jahank, a 16-year employee, is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and has also done graduate work there.

Heidman becomes a partner after 10 years of employment. Prior to joining Fuss & O'Neill, he was employed by the Department of Environmental Protection.

At the recent annual meeting, the Board of Directors elected the following officers of the corporation: Walter Fuss, chairman of the Board; William O'Neill, president, and Frank Sampson, Vice President and Treasurer.

### Stamford tops rich list again

HARTFORD — Connecticut's residential and business property has a tax value of \$70 billion, with Stamford having the state's top grand list of \$4.9 billion, a private expenditure group said.

Total 1984 grand lists values increased by \$5.4 billion for Connecticut's 169 municipalities, according to an analysis of 1984 grand lists and 1985-1986 tax rates prepared by the Connecticut Public Expenditure Council, Inc.

The grand lists are used to set the amount of taxes due for the 1985-1986 municipal budgets, CPEC said Monday.

Residential property values made up 60 percent of the state's total tax values, followed by business property, 31 percent. Other property, but mainly motor vehicles, made up 8 percent of the total value.

Total state tax levies were \$2.4 million, an increase of 7 percent over the 1984-1985 level. Residential property tax levies were 58 percent, while business levies were 34 percent. Other levies made up 8 percent of the total.

Stamford had the largest municipal taxable grand list in the state. Stamford's \$4.9 billion was \$1.8 billion higher than the list of second place Greenwich at \$3.2 billion. Stamford's last revaluation was in 1979.

Union logged the lowest grand list value at \$11.5 million. Union's last revaluation was also in 1979.

### Money supply on the rise

WASHINGTON — The supply of money, often seen as a key element of future inflation, rose sharply in the United States and other major industrial countries last summer, the International Monetary Fund reported.

But for the present, inflation continues the slow-down of recent years — at least in those countries, the IMF said Monday.

The money supply in 11 major industrial countries was 10 percent larger in July, August and September — the third quarter of the year — than it was in the summer of 1984. The United States also reported a 10.1 percent increase.

In the spring quarter the money supply increase in the 11 nations had been 8.7 percent; in the United States only 7.3 percent.

The total U.S. increase for the year 1985 is projected at 11.3 percent, well above the target of 4 percent to 6 percent set by the U.S. Federal Reserve System. The fund did not publish estimates for the entire year for other countries.

### Stocks stage broad rally

NEW YORK — Stock prices staged a broad advance in early trading today as the market picked up its pace in the first full trading week since the year-end holidays.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 9.06 to 1,556.65 in the first hour of trading.

On the New York Stock Exchange, early deals showed advancing issues outnumbering declines by about 5 to 1.

Charles Danielis Midland Co. led the list of the most active issues in early trading, rising 1/4 to 27 as 360,000 shares changed hands. Among actively traded blue chips, IBM was up 1/8 to 185 and American Telephone and Telegraph was up 1/8 to 25.

Trading in SCM Corp. was halted shortly after the market opened because of an imbalance in buy and sell orders. A federal appeals court on Monday blocked a group led by Merrill Lynch & Co. from using a so-called "takeup option" granted by SCM to thwart a takeover bid by Hanson Trust PLC.

Airline stocks, which were broadly lower Monday on the escalation of cut-rate fare wars, moved higher today.

## Broker's delay made couple pay

**QUESTION:** On Nov. 8, we sold two stocks through a broker and, on his recommendation, bought shares of a mutual fund. The broker collected commissions on the stock sales and the mutual fund purchase.

He confirmed the sales of the stocks by telephone at 2 P.M., eastern standard time, Nov. 8. But he says our purchase of the mutual fund shares did not take place until Nov. 19, because of a New York Stock Exchange rule that demands a week's delay.

**ANSWER:** It is not correct. Your purchase order for the mutual fund shares could have been executed Nov. 8.

The "week's delay" rule the broker cited evidently refers to the five-business-day settlement of securities transactions. With Saturday and Sunday thrown in, that works out to a full week.

When you sell stock, you can't get the money until the close of business on the settlement date a week later. If there's a holiday in between, it's eight days.

However, when a sale is executed and confirmed, the money is available in your account at the brokerage firm. From that point on, the money can be used to buy other securities for you.

Assuming the brokerage firm has a "selling group agreement" with the mutual fund in which you bought shares — as is clearly done — the broker could have telephoned or wired your purchase order to the fund.

The shares would then have been purchased at the price established the very next time the fund calculated the value of its shares. This "forward pricing" system is mandated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Every mutual fund is required to "price" its shares once a day, at the close of business on the New York Stock Exchange. Some

funds price more frequently.

Summed up, that broker should have purchased the mutual fund shares for you at the price established at 4 p.m. EST, Nov. 8.

**QUESTION:** Banks and insurance companies are subject to periodic examinations by state and/or federal officials. But I have never heard what check is made on the many billions of dollars of assets of mutual funds.

Mutual fund annual reports carry the usual CPA statement. But is there any organization, such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, that checks to see that the funds are holding all the stocks, bonds, etc. listed in the reports?

**ANSWER:** Yes, indeed! The SEC and the National Association of Securities Dealers audit each mutual fund's holdings and the fund through a thorough examination periodically. Those audit-examinations are done on a "surprise" basis, with no advance

notice, and used to take place at least once a year. Now, because the number of mutual funds keeps increasing and the SEC is short-staffed, they occur somewhat less frequently.

The "CPA statements" you mention attest that a certified public accounting firm has counted the fund's assets and examined the fund's books as independent auditor.

And there's an extra layer of protection for fund shareholders. A mutual fund does not have actual possession of the fund's assets. All those securities and cash are held by the fund's custodian bank. That's a requirement of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Since the passage of that federal legislation, there has not been even one case of misappropriation of mutual fund assets resulting in loss to fund shareholders.

Would that the banking and insurance industries could boast similar records.



## Investors' Guide

William A. Doyle

**QUESTION:** My mutual fund declares a dividend and a capital gains distribution, which I reinvest to buy more shares, once a year. Wouldn't it be wise to invest an additional sum of money just before the annual dividend and capital gains distribution are declared?

**ANSWER:** NO! Rather than wise, that would be dumb, because you would have to pay tax on the dividend and capital gains distributions you would have to wait until after those declarations. Then, your additional investment will buy more shares at a lower price. And you won't be hit with an extra tax payment.

Doyle welcomes written questions, but he can provide answers only through the column.

## Analysts see slow growth for the state

FAIRFIELD (AP) — Connecticut will continue to be one of the most economically healthy states in the nation this year with steady but unexciting growth, analysts said.

In fact, many of Connecticut's economic indicators — employment, housing construction and wages — will nearly mirror those of the past twelve months, they said.

Overall, the analysts said Monday in addresses at an economic symposium at Fairfield University, growth in the state will be slower than it was last year yet brisk enough to keep it one of the most economically healthy in the country.

According to Edward J. Deak, an economics professor at Fairfield, Connecticut's unemployment rate should hover at around 5 percent this year, about the same as last year and still about 2 percentage points below the national average, while a continued housing boom spurred by rising personal income, executive relocations and low interest rates adds as many as 25,000 new units to the state's housing supply.

That figure, too, closely parallels Connecticut's housing growth in 1985, he said.

Also, Deak said, real per-capita income of Connecticut residents — after his projection of a 4 percent inflation rate — should rise about 2 percent, to about \$14,400 a year's end.

"We're facing steady but unimpressive growth," Deak said. But, he cautioned, "Much of what happens in Connecticut will depend on what happens on the national level."

Allen Sinai, chief economist for Shearson Lehman Brothers, said at the symposium that the national economy "is getting a little slower."

This year, he predicted, inflation will remain in the range of 3 percent to 4 percent, while interest rates — even mortgages — dip into single figures. The dollar will continue its drop, he said, narrowing an unprecedented trade deficit and "easing the pain" of an ailing U.S. industrial sector.

With housing construction remaining strong and consumer spending slowing but not collapsing, 1986 could bring a 3.3 percent increase in the gross national product, he said.

His prediction depends, however, on a continued governmental attack on the more than \$200 billion budget deficit instead of inflation, a loose monetary policy on the part of the Federal Reserve and what Sinai called the "political business cycle."

"No administration in the middle of a term can afford anything as big as an economy-wide shock," Sinai said. "It's not too early for the administration to be thinking about 1988."

Possible pitfalls in the coming year are higher inflation that would "shift the gears" of government, an out of an expansionary attitude; sharply lower consumer spending; and a straying from the budget-reduction track as outlined in the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Amendment, which calls for gradually balanced federal budget.

"The biggest risk is deficit reduction," Sinai said. "We cannot waver when the pain of the cuts becomes obvious... Otherwise, we'll be back to the soup again."

## Millstone 3 hearings start

By Judd Everhart  
The Associated Press

NEW BRITAIN — The state attorney general's and consumer counsel's offices are challenging Northeast Utilities' plan to pass all costs of the \$3.8 billion Millstone 3 nuclear power plant to NU customers.

"They want to pass on every dollar," said Consumer Counsel James F. Meehan. "We argue very strenuously that they shouldn't be allowed to do that."

He and Assistant Attorney General Will Gundling commented as the Department of Public Utility Control held hearings Monday on NU's handling of the huge project, which was originally expected to cost \$400 million.

"We feel that our management of the level of expenditures that should fairly be borne by ratepayers," Gundling said during a break in the hearing. "The DPUC is weighing the merits of a prudency audit on the Millstone project, which concluded that inefficient man-



Hundreds of students at Florida International University in Miami line up Monday at the Burger King Express, the first of the fast food chain's 20 roving restaurants to be opened around the world. Industry analysts say it'll launch a whole new chapter in fast food history.

## \$400 million UPS deal

## Pratt wins new contract

EAST HARTFORD (UPI) — United Technologies Corp.'s Pratt & Whitney will build up to 90 engines worth about \$400 million for a new line of air freighters to be used by United Parcel Service, a spokesman said Monday.

The engines will be installed or used as spares for up to 35 Boeing 757/767 twin-engine aircraft to be purchased by UPS, said Phil Giarmita, a Pratt spokesman. UPS has a firm agreement to purchase the engines in 1987, and the last will be delivered in 1993, Giarmita said.

The PW2000 is "medium thrust" commercial jet engine developed in the last 10 years, Giarmita said. The engine has just completed its first year of use, he said. Thus far, Pratt has sold 300 of the commercial engines, and the UPS deal is the second significant order for the giant jet engine manufacturer in the last few months, he said.

In November, Northwest Airlines bought 20 of the engines, and Delta Airlines has purchased more of the PW2000s than any other company. Delta purchased more than 100 of the engines in 1985. Singapore Airlines is the only other company to purchase the engine, Giarmita said.

Lawrence W. Clarkson, president of Pratt's consumer products and services division, said the deal is a significant win for Pratt & Whitney on two major counts.

"It's another important vote of confidence by a major carrier in our PW2000 engine program, and it's an initial victory in a highly specialized market," Clarkson said. "We expect that there will be additional orders among air freight carriers for this type aircraft and we will aggressively pursue that business."

UPS will begin operating May 1. Meehan said that while his office opposed allowing the company to pass on all Millstone 3 costs to ratepayers, "it's too early to determine" how much would be fair.

He said he wouldn't know until the DPUC concludes related hearings on NU's "excess generating capacity." Meehan said that when Millstone 3 begins generating electricity, it will produce as much as 50 percent more power than needed in Connecticut and that state customers should not have to pay for that excess.

GUNDLING said his office had arrived at the preliminary conclusion that "many of the decisions made by Northeast Utilities unfairly placed the burden of the cost of those decisions exclusively on ratepayers. Some of the risks of those decisions should be borne by company shareholders."

"Even if Millstone 3 begins operating in May, the question is whether the plant is needed in May, or at all in 1986, 1987 or even in 1988," he said. "Maybe the ratepayers shouldn't have to pay the full costs of that plant until it's fully paid for by ratepayers."

During Monday's testimony, Kris Nielsen, president of Nielsen-Wurster, defended the audit and said it was not meant to imply that DPUC decisions deny NU the higher rates it sought was the chief reason for Millstone 3 cost overruns.

Rather, he said that was one of a combination of reasons. He said others included the inefficient management decisions, particularly the numerous decisions to push back Millstone 3's in-service date.

Gallagher said Nielsen-Wurster had unfairly compared costs at Millstone 3 with nuclear plants that had been completed several years ago.

He said testing was continuing at the Waterford plant, getting it ready to go into service May 1. He said the nuclear fuel at Millstone would be activated by next month.

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## Allies study Reagan call for boycott

Combined Wire Services

TRIPOLI, Libya — The Libyan government today described the U.S. economic boycott of Libya as nothing more than a "face-saving device" and warned President Reagan that "if he passes a certain line, we will shoot."

In the first official Libyan reaction to the economic sanctions announced Tuesday by Reagan, a senior aide to Col. Moammar Khadafy said the 1,500 Americans working in the country "are not hostages" and indicated they are free to leave at any time.

Libya closed its airspace for an hour and 20 minutes today, asking airlines bound for Tripoli to fly to other destinations, Italian and Egyptian officials said.

It was not clear whether the move was related to the sanctions but Libyan forces are in a high state of alert against possible Israeli or U.S. retaliation for the Dec. 27 attacks on travelers that left 19 people dead at the Rome and Vienna airports.

Several U.S. allies said today they are studying President Reagan's call on the world community to join in an economic boycott of Libya in retaliation for its alleged backing of terrorist attacks on passengers at Rome and Vienna airports. (Reagan called Khadafy "flaky" at his Tuesday press conference. Story on page 19.)

Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden said in a radio interview that his country probably would join an international boycott, but stressed that the decision would be made by the cabinet, which is scheduled to meet in two weeks.

European allies, speaking before Reagan's announcement Tuesday night, indicated a lack of enthusiasm for an economic boycott.

Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone told reporters in Tokyo that the Foreign Ministry was studying the issue, and that Japan would react quickly to Reagan's call. Kyodo News Service reported. Kyodo said Nakasone did not specify what Japan might do.

In Ottawa, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said that the cabinet would take the responsibility to do what we can "to combat terrorism, but declined to say if Canada would further restrict its trade with Libya.

"Not all of us have the same means, but all of us have the same interests," he said.

Canada already bans the sale of strategic goods and materials to Libya, including computer equipment, aircraft and aircraft parts.

South Korea did not issue an official reaction to Reagan's boycott call, but private construction officials in Seoul expressed fear that the American move would affect their business with Libya.

News of the American action reached the sleeping Libyan capital before dawn today. Officials said Khadafy himself would hold a news conference later today to respond to the Reagan announcement, but no time was set.

The aide said the boycott, "if we have to, we will eat bread and onions and not miss anything."

The aide said Reagan might accuse Libya of holding the 1,500 Americans hostage. "They are not hostages," he insisted, and warned that if the American president "passes a certain line, we will shoot."

Tripoli returned to normal Tuesday after a partial blackout the previous night, but the regime strengthened its war-alerted armed forces with 40,000 reservists.

## Jobless rate dips to 6.9%

WASHINGTON (AP) — Civilian unemployment eased downward to 6.9 percent last month, the lowest rate since April 1980, the government reported today in the labor market's best showing of Ronald Reagan's presidency.

The small 0.1 percentage point improvement from November's rate resulted from the creation of 237,000 jobs, accompanied by a further reduction of 138,000 of the number of Americans officially listed as unemployed.

Total employment in December, aided by strong growth in service-related jobs such as those in retail trade, reached an all-time high of 108.2 million, the Labor Department said. At the same time, the ranks of the unemployed shrank from 8,161,000 to 8,023,000.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics did say that although two separate job surveys showed substantial job growth in 1985, the gains were less than those recorded in the prior two years, when the economy was in a more robust period of recovery from the 1981-82 recession.

The last time seasonally-adjusted civilian unemployment was below 7 percent was during the presidency of Jimmy Carter.

A separate business payroll survey, which is not used in the compilation of the unemployment rate, showed an increase of 320,000 jobs last month, to 99.1 million, with the bulk of the improvement coming in the service area.

Over the last year, according to Please turn to page 8



Gov. William A. O'Neill speaks with reporters Tuesday after a meeting with members of the union that represents strikers at the Crestfield-Fenwood nursing home in Manchester.

## Talk doesn't ease concerns in town strike

By John F. Kirch  
Herald Reporter

HARTFORD — Officials of the union that represents striking employees of the Crestfield-Fenwood nursing home said a meeting Tuesday with Gov. William A. O'Neill was a step in the right direction.

But they weren't totally satisfied with his response.

O'Neill agreed to meet with four members of the New England Health Care Employees Union, District 1198, only after union members and striking employees staged a sit-in outside his office at the Capitol Tuesday morning and vowed not to leave until the governor talked with them.

"My concern ... is the patient care," O'Neill told reporters after the meeting, which began at 4 p.m. and lasted slightly over an hour. "That's the response of the governor."

O'Neill reiterated his refusal to become personally involved in the 11 1/2-week-old strike, but said the state would take some action to try to resolve the dispute.

"It's a step in the right direction," Larry Fox, secretary-treasurer of District 1198, said Tuesday. "But if that's all he said, it's not satisfactory to me."

"I agree with Larry," said Bill Meyerson, the union's communications director.

Fox was one of four union members who met with O'Neill, Health Commissioner Douglas S. Lloyd, Income Maintenance Commissioner Stephen B. Heinzl, Labor Commissioner F. Joseph Ferraro and the governor's attorney. The other union representatives were Tracy Wilcox, a striking nurse's aide, and Kevin Doyle and Carmen Boudier, both vice presidents of District 1198.

O'Neill said the state will intensify its monitoring of the Vernon Street nursing home to ensure that health code regulations are met. The state Department of Health Services has been inspecting the 155-bed facility four times a week and has reported "no significant problems."

A spokesman for the health department said today that the state will begin visiting the Please turn to page 3

## GAF drops hostile bid for Carbide

NEW YORK (AP) — GAF Corp. today withdrew its hostile \$4.8 billion offer for the larger Union Carbide Corp., but said it was maintaining a 10 percent stake in the giant chemical company.

GAF, holding such a stake, likely would be Carbide's largest shareholder.

The withdrawal does not preclude GAF from making a later bid or launching a proxy fight.

GAF said it was withdrawing its \$7.4 share offer if Union Carbide's own, current exchange offer is completed. Carbide, as a defensive maneuver against GAF, is swapping 55 percent of its common stock for \$85 a share — \$20 in cash and \$65 in securities.

GAF said it also withdrew 1,833 million of the 6.728 million Carbide shares it had tendered to the Carbide stake was bought at an average of \$51 a share.

The company also said it would have an after-tax gain of \$81 million from its participation in Carbide's exchange offer.

In composite trading on the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, Carbide stock fell \$1.50 to \$72.25. GAF rose 62.3 cents to \$51.875.

GAF Chairman Samuel Heyman said in a statement today: "GAF initially acquired Carbide shares because they represented an attractive investment opportunity. Now that Union Carbide has announced its plan to purchase a program similar to that contemplated by GAF and the market price of Carbide stock has risen, we believe it is in the best interests of our shareholders to complete against Carbide's own exchange offer."

One of Carbide's defensive moves last week was to announce that it would sell its consumer products businesses. Carbide said it would distribute the proceeds to shareholders.

## Columbia crew ready for another liftoff try

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — Engineers raced the clock today giving the tired shuttle Columbia a much-needed tune up for a record fifth blastoff try Thursday but dismal weather threatened to ground the frustrated crew again.

But despite steady rain and gusting wind, the space agency proceeded with a practice countdown to clear the shuttle Challenger's crew, including school teacher Sharon Christa McAuliffe, for blastoff Jan. 23, a date that could slip a few days because of Columbia's woes.

McAuliffe and her six crewmates climbed aboard Challenger shortly before 9 a.m. EST for the final hours of the traditional mock countdown, scheduled to end with the computer-simulated ignition of Challenger's main engines on a second launch pad, 1 1/2 miles from Columbia.

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## Democratic upstart is now a supporter

By Alex Girelli  
Herald Reporter

A man who twice challenged the Democratic establishment in Manchester has turned into one of its more vocal supporters.

In a statement delivered to the Manchester Herald this morning, former organization critic Michael Pohl chides a group of nine challenge candidates for snubbing the Democratic Town Committee for pursuing the very course he once followed himself.

Pohl predicted the candidates — headed by Eastern Connecticut Citizen Action Group activist Mary Wellemsmeyer — will be defeated, just as he was in 1983 and again in 1984 when he refused to "wait in line" for openings.

"I didn't wait in line for an opening on the Board of Education and was soundly beaten," Pohl said in the statement. "I didn't wait in line for an opening on the Democratic Town Committee and I was soundly beaten."

Mary your slate hasn't waited in line and by all means they too will be beaten.

In 1983, Pohl came in for heavy criticism when he forced a Democratic primary election for the nomination for a seat on the Board of Education. In that primary, he was lost to Susan Perkins and Richard Dyer, the candidates endorsed by the 161-member town committee.

In January 1984, Pohl, denied endorsement for a place on the town committee representing voting District 10, again forcing Please turn to page 8

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