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51 INVITATION TO BID
Notice is hereby given that the Eight Utilities District will receive sealed bids in the office of the Eight Utilities District, 2 Main Street, Manchester, Connecticut until 7:00 P.M. on May 12, 1986, for Package Insurance Coverage for 1986-87 of which time bids will be publicly opened, read and recorded.
Specifications and bid forms may be secured at the District offices, Five Department, 2 Main Street, Manchester, Connecticut. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.
THOMAS E. LANDERS, JR., INSURANCE COMMISSIONER EIGHT UTILITIES DISTRICT 017-02

52 INVITATION TO BID
Sealed bids will be received in the General Services' office, 41 Center St., Manchester, CT until 11:00 a.m. on the date shown below for the following:
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59 TAG SALES
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102 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
REMA A. DUNN, late of Manchester, deceased. The Hon. Donald F. Auchter, Acting Judge, of the Court of Probate, District of Manchester, at 11:30 A.M. on the 13th day of March, 1986, at 11:30 A.M. in the Court of Probate, District of Manchester, at 11:30 A.M. Mary Lou Taylor, Clerk

103 Sew-Simple Set
A lovely crocheted sweater for dress-up time with ruffles at neckline and sleeves.
No. 5104 has crochet directions for Sizes Small, Medium and Large (6-16) inclusive.
To order, send \$2.50, for each pattern, plus 50¢ for postage and handling.
SPECIAL: Over 200 accessories and a FREE Pattern Selection in the ALBUM. Just \$3.00.

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105 LEGAL NOTICE
PET BURIAL SERVICE, INC. MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT
NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION ON APPLICATION FOR A POINT SOURCE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATING PERMIT
The Air Compliance Unit, of the Department of Environmental Protection hereby gives notice of the final decision on the application by S&S Engineering & Co., Inc. of Broad Brook for a permit to construct and operate an incinerator of Pet Burial Services, Inc. 640 North Main Street in Manchester. The Department has decided to grant the permit. The decision may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Director, Enforcement Section, State Office Building, 185 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106. 026-03

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Oil, food prices decline sharply

By Tom Roun The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Collapsing world oil prices helped push down wholesale prices in February by 1.6 percent, the largest monthly decline since the government began keeping track of the figures in 1947, the Labor Department reported today.

The drop in the Producer Price Index followed a 0.7 percent decline in January, after it had climbed sharply in the last three months of 1985.

The decline was largely due to plummeting prices for gasoline and other petroleum products. However, food prices also showed sharp declines.

Gasoline prices fell 11.1 percent, after a 5.7 percent decline in January. Home heating oil dropped 26.2 percent, after falling 10.8 percent in January. These declines were also the largest recorded in the department's 39-year history of keeping track of producer prices.

February's decline, if continued for 12 straight months, would be equal to an annual compounded decrease of 17.1 percent, department analysts said.

Wholesale prices over the past 12 months have declined by 0.1 percent, the department said.

During January, food prices after seasonal adjustments declined 1.6 percent after moving down 0.4 percent in January. One of the biggest drops came in vegetable prices, which dropped 23.2 percent after a 9.7 percent drop in January.

Coffee prices continued to rise because of a drought in Brazil, but by 6.3 percent, a lesser increase than January's 17.4 percent surge.

Prices for beef and veal, pork and eggs fell in January while prices for soft drinks climbed by 1.2 percent.

Meanwhile, automobile prices, down at the beginning of the year because of cut-rate financing deals, began to edge up again, by 0.4 percent in February, meaning that goods that cost \$10 in 1987 cost \$29.30 last month.

The February declines in energy prices led wholesale prices for petroleum products at the levels that prevailed in 1979 and 1980, department analysts said.

Sharp decreases already have shown up at the gasoline pumps in many parts of the country and industry analysts are predicting sharper decreases in the coming weeks.

Crude oil prices fell by a record 20.3 percent in February, equaling the total decline of the preceding four years.

However, not all energy categories showed large price declines. Natural gas prices edged up 0.1 percent in February after a 0.5 percent increase in January.

The Labor Department offered these other specifics on February wholesale price activity:

- Finished consumer goods other than foods and energy showed no change in the preceding two months.
- Finished consumer goods other than foods and energy showed no change in February from January's figures, with advances in tobacco products, women's clothing, books and newspapers offset by declines in prices for trucks, household table utensils and sporting goods.
- Last month's consumer price index — an indicator that lags behind the wholesale report — showed a modest 0.3 percent increase.



Creative career
Flora Maher, a student at Creative School of Hairdressing in Manchester, applies makeup to Diane Ashton, a Bennet Junior High School student, as a demonstration on a career in cosmetology. The career exploration program was one on several topics for all ninth-grade students at Bennet this week. Maher assisted Geraldine Prentiss, dean of the hairdressing school, for the program.

Lotteries leave some with houses

By Alex Girelli Associate Editor

Natives and long-term residents of Manchester won most of the rights to buy town-sponsored "starter" houses on Love Lane in lotteries Thursday night.

More than 100 people crowded into the hearing room of Lincoln Center and spilled out into the hallway for the lotteries, which accounted for seven of the 14 houses in a seven-acre subdivision. The lotteries were conducted by Visions Unlimited of Tolland, which is building the houses under a contract with the town.

The winners were James and Christine Gabriel of Rachel Road, Laurie Dunlop of Union Street, Barry and Rita Hayes of Bidwell Street, Edward and Deborah Smith of Rachel Road, Mark and Doreen Anderson of Hyde Street, Carl Ogren of Strant Street, and Wayne and Eugenie Coulombe of Hazel Street.

The Gabriels have lived in Manchester for nine years and have four children.

Dunlop said he grew up in Manchester, moved away and recently moved back to town.

The Hayeses are lifelong Manchester residents.

The Smiths are both Manchester natives, while Eugenie Coulombe said she and her husband have lived in town seven years.

Ogren and the Andersons were not present at the drawing Thursday night and could not be contacted this morning.

The Manchester Board of Directors promoted the housing project as a means of providing affordable housing for first-time Manchester house buyers who fit certain income limits. The town will hold a sleeping second mortgage on the land upon which the houses stand, lowering the initial cost to buyers.

Queens political boss kills himself

By Mariene Alg The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Manes, who survived a suicide attempt then resigned as Queens borough president when he was linked to the city's largest corruption scandal in 15 years, ended his life with a knife wound to the heart.

Manes, 52, died Thursday night, little more than an hour after an ambulance was called to his home, where he was found lying on the kitchen floor with a stab wound to the chest, said Police Commissioner Benjamin Ward.

He had been the highest elected official of the borough of Queens, whose population of nearly 2 million is larger than all but three U.S. cities.

Manes had returned with his wife from his sister's home and had just called his psychiatrist when his daughter saw him reach into a kitchen drawer. Ward said. He stabbed himself with a 12-inch knife.

McGillon, the knife was pulled out by Manes' wife, Mariene, Ward said.

Lou Cafiero, spokesman for the Emergency Medical Service, said Manes "had one stab wound to the chest, which entered his heart. He was in traumatic arrest — he had no vital signs."

He was pronounced dead at Booth Memorial Hospital at 11 p.m., Miss McGillon said.

Mayor Edward I. Koch, a close friend and political ally of Manes who later called the borough president a crook, said in a statement Thursday night, "This is an enormous tragedy and under these circumstances, and after death, we should also remember the good things Donald Manes did."

The New York City native was first elected to the City Council in 1965 at age 31. He became the youngest borough president in Queens history in 1971, and consolidated his power in 1974 by becoming Queens Democratic Party chairman.

Known as "The King of Queens," Manes seemingly was at the height of his power when, on Jan. 10, police stopped his car, which was weaving on a highway in Queens, and found him bleeding profusely from wounds in his wrist and ankle.

At first Manes told police he had been kidnapped and attacked. On Jan. 21 he admitted that his wounds had been self-inflicted.

Shortly after Manes' first suicide attempt, longtime friend Geoffrey C. Lindauer, deputy director of the city's Parking Violations Bureau, was charged with taking a \$5,000 bribe from the president of a company hired by the bureau to collect overdue parking fines.

Within a week, the head of another collection company doing business with the bureau, Michael Dowd, told authorities he paid bribes to Mr. Lindauer on instructions from Manes.

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Rain and more rain
It'll be rainy and foggy tonight, with possible thunderstorms Saturday morning will bring more rain, but the precipitation should end by the afternoon. Details on page 2.

O'Neill hasn't decided on GOP primary stay

HARTFORD (AP) — The O'Neill administration put off a decision today on whether to seek a delay in the effective date of a court ruling allowing the Connecticut Republican Party to open its primaries to unaffiliated voters.

"We're going to have a decision sometime next week," said Attorney General Joseph J. Lieberman after a half-hour meeting this morning with Gov. William O'Neill.

At issue is a suit pending U.S. before the U.S. Supreme Court, originally filed by Connecticut Republicans seeking to hold open primaries. The high court refused this month to grant an early hearing of the case and that refusal could pave the way for open GOP primaries this year, since the case now can't be heard at least until October, a month after the primaries.

The right of the Republican Party to open its primaries has been upheld by two federal courts.

The O'Neill administration is now considering seeking a stay in the circuit court's ruling, which, if granted, would prevent open primaries until the Supreme Court decides the case.

Manchester gets ready for St. Patrick's victory

"Fifty-five degrees and smiling" was the forecast offered this morning by the leader of the Manchester group that will march in Saturday's Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade.

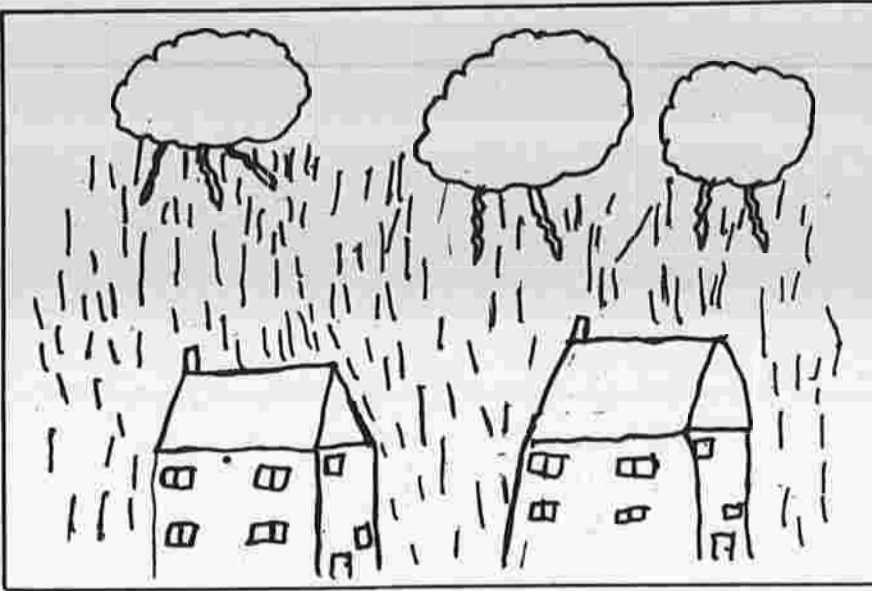
Chairman Sean Byrne said he is looking forward to seeing Manchester capture the prize for the best participation by a large town, as it has several times in the past 14 years.

Manchester's group of local bands, color guards, fire departments and town and state officials will step off at 11 a.m. from the state Capitol. The town marchers will be fourth in the parade, which includes 11 other area towns.

The Iona College Pipe Band from New Rochelle, N.Y., will live up to the Manchester contingent, Byrne said. The band will follow the marchers from the Manchester Police Department.

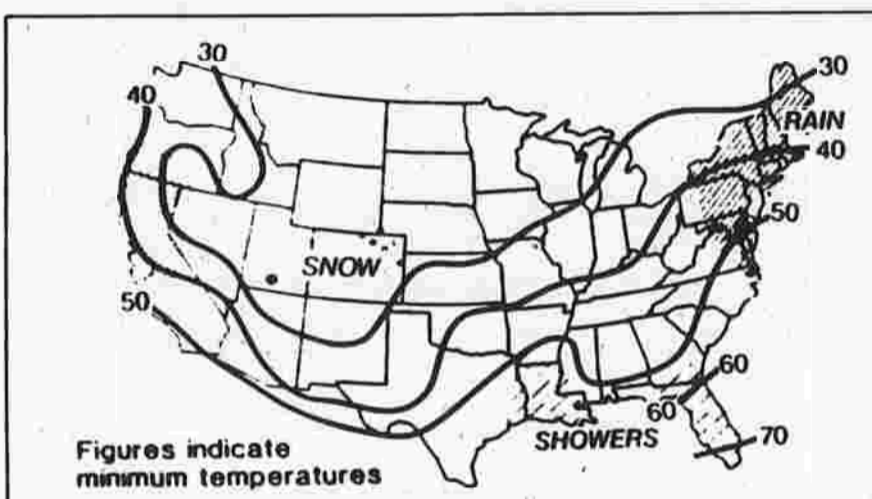
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WEATHER



Drizzle and downpour

Today: Cloudy with drizzle and occasional rain; high 40 to 45 and northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Tonight: Rainy and foggy with a chance of a thunderstorm or two with locally heavy downpours; low 40 to 45 and light east wind. Saturday: Rain ending during the morning, then partly to mostly cloudy during the afternoon; high near 50. Today's weather picture was drawn by Guy Coleman, 10, of Glastonbury, a fourth-grader at Manchester's St. James School.



National forecast

During early Saturday morning, rain is forecast for parts of the Mid to North Atlantic Coast states and most of the Pacific Coast with showers and thunderstorms forecast for the Western Gulf Coast and the South Atlantic Coast. Snow is forecast for parts of the Central Plains. Snow is possible in the Central Intermountain Region and the Northern Plains states. Scattered showers are possible in parts of the Southern Plains. Elsewhere, the weather will be fair.

PEOPLE

A royal insult

The queen of the cruel put-down has been put down. American comedian Joan Rivers' first regular British series was launched by the British Broadcasting Corp. But some of the critics declared, as the royal saying goes, that they were "not amused." In the opening installment of her new "Can We Talk?" show, Rivers was radiant. But for many fans she was just too nice to her guests who included Twiggy, Barry Manilow and Kermit the Frog. Giving his stamp of disapproval, The Star newspaper's Stafford Hildred lamented, "I always thought Joan Rivers was supposed to be America's biggest bitch. The woman with the ever-ready insults who reduced the rich and famous to quivering wrecks." Complained The Mail's TV critic, "What we got was a fast, fizzy, facile, glitzy, U.S.-style orgy of self-congratulation with everybody kissing everybody else in a mass dance of feigned affection."

Snooze of Kilimanjaro

"He could taste death in the wind," Mark Silber wrote to win the Ninth International Imitation Hemingway Competition at Los Angeles' famed Harry's Bar & American Grill. "He could hear it tiptoe around the

campsite. He could see it climbing a tree, hiding in a garbage can, tripping over a root. Clumsy death." The spare, clever and thoroughly awful ragging of Ernest Hemingway's "Snows of Kilimanjaro" was chosen by a panel of seven judges, including science fiction author Ray Bradbury, over 26 other finalists drawn from nearly 20,000 entries. Silber, a Harvard graduate, replied "Fabulous" when Harry's owner Larry Mindel called in New York to tell him the news that he was getting an all-expenses-paid round trip to Florence, Italy.

A Newday berth

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Sydney Schanberg, best known for his book that was the basis for "The Killing Fields," will join Newday as a columnist and associate editor, the newspaper says. Schanberg's twice-weekly column on New York City affairs will appear in the New York and Long Island editions of the paper starting in April, it announced Thursday. Schanberg, who won a Pulitzer in 1976 for international reporting for his coverage of Cambodia for The New York Times, wrote a column in the Times, "New York" for four years. The Times discontinued it at the end of July. His experience in Cambodia formed the



WILD GOOSE CHASE — Ernest Alexander, chief officer of the New Orleans SPCA, attempts to net a goose in the Algiers section of the city. Earlier this week, the society received numerous complaints about the honker attacking children and chasing joggers. The goose, which was finally subdued, will be released in the wild.

Today's forecast

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Cloudy today with drizzle and occasional rain. Scattered thunderstorms along the south coast. High in the 40s. Tonight rainy and foggy with scattered thunderstorms and local downpours. Low in the 40s. Saturday rain ending during the morning then partly to mostly cloudy during the afternoon. High near 50.

Maine: Occasional snow north, snow or freezing rain changing to occasional rain mountain sections and occasional rain or drizzle likely elsewhere today. High in the 30s north to 40s south. Occasional snow mixing with sleet or freezing rain north, rain elsewhere changing to sleet and freezing rain mountains tonight. Lows from the upper 20s north and mountains to near 40 south. Chance of rain or snow north and mountains and rain likely elsewhere Saturday. High in the upper 30s to upper 40s.

New Hampshire: Occasional freezing rain or drizzle likely today. High in the 40s. Rain tonight. Lows in the mid 30s to lower 40s. Rain likely Saturday. High in the 40s.

Vermont: A few areas of freezing rain in the northern mountains this morning, otherwise cloudy and foggy with occasional light rain. High in the upper 30s to mid 40s. Rain tonight heavy at times south. Low in the mid 30s to around 40. Saturday rain tapering off to scattered showers south but continuing most of the day north. High in the 40s.

Extended outlook

Extended outlook for New England Sunday through Tuesday:

Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island: Fair weather. High in the 40s. Low in the middle 30s to middle 40s.

Vermont: Dry through the period. Highs mainly in the 40s. Lows in the 20s.

Maine: Fair south and clearing north Sunday. Fair Monday and Tuesday. Lows 20 to 30 Sunday morning dropping into the teens and 20s Monday and Tuesday mornings. Highs in the mid 40s. New Hampshire: Fair south and clearing north Sunday. Fair Monday and Tuesday. Lows 20 to 30 Sunday morning dropping into the teens and 20s Monday and Tuesday mornings. Highs in the 30s to mid 40s.

Across the nation

Showers and thunderstorms will extend from Alabama and Georgia through the upper Ohio Valley and the mid-Atlantic coast states. Showers and thunderstorms also will be scattered over the lower Mississippi Valley and Florida. Rain will fall over much of New York state and New England, with a mixture of freezing rain, sleet and snow over northern Maine. Snow also will be scattered over the upper Mississippi Valley and upper Michigan. Rain will prevail over the northern half of the Pacific coast showers extending across the plateau region and the Rockies. High temperatures will be in the 30s and 40s from the northern half of the Plains through the upper Great Lakes and across northern New England.



Today in history

In this 1964 picture, Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby listens as a judge reads the verdict of the jury that convicted him of murder in the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald. Ruby was sentenced to death but the conviction was overturned and he died of cancer while awaiting a new trial.

Almanac

Today is Friday, March 14, the 73rd day of 1986 with 292 to follow. The moon is moving toward its first quarter. The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The evening stars are Mercury and Venus. Those born on this date are under the sign of Pisces. They include railroad engineer Casey Jones in 1864; physicist Albert Einstein in 1879; cartoonist Hank Ketchum ("Dennis the Menace") in 1920 (age 66); astronaut Frank Borman, chairman of Eastern Airlines, in 1928 (age 58); actor Michael Caine and composer Quincy Jones in 1933 (both age 53); comedian Billy Crystal in 1947 (age 39); and Prince Albert, heir to the throne of Monaco, in 1958 (age 28). A thought for the day: Albert Einstein said, "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science."

Lottery

Connecticut daily Thursday: 521 Play Four: 5861 Other numbers drawn Thursday in New England: Rhode Island daily: 3184. Rhode Island Lot-O-Bucks: 3-6-18-28-31. The jackpot was \$1,233,127. Tri-state daily: 437, 7554. Massachusetts daily: 3432.



Reluctant Genius The physicist Albert Einstein was born on this day in 1879. For all his genius, Einstein refused to make a profit from his gift, saying "my laurel is not for sale." He once declared that had he known the Germans would fail to develop an atomic bomb, he wouldn't have helped the U.S. with plans to build one. Frustrated with bureaucratic interference, Einstein once said that if he plumber or a peddler.

All in the family Millions of fathers have played catch with their sons, but the Kansas City Royals' Hal McRae has become the first to play in a major league game with his.

A statue of humor The colorful and always outspoken Chrysler chairman Lee Iacocca recently added a jestful reference to his recent Statue of Liberty fund-raising controversy during a Dallas speech. "I've been in the business for 40 long years now, and I know better than to whistle on your way to the bank because you usually get mugged if you do that," Iacocca said. "In fact, I got mugged last week when I had just announced happily in the morning that we had cracked our goal of raising \$33 million for the Statue of Liberty and in the afternoon a guy (Donald Regan) across town canned me."

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Tank ordinance would protect town water, Glaeser says

By George Lovyn Herald Reporter

A proposal to protect Manchester's underground water supplies from buried storage tanks that leak has been completed and sent to Town Manager Robert Weas, Conservation Commission Chairman Arthur Glaeser said Thursday. The proposed ordinance, drafted by the Aquifer Protection Committee, which was established in March 1985 at the urging of the Conservation Commission, would cover residential and commercial properties. It proposes that new storage tanks be required to receive state and local approvals before being buried, and that all older containers be inspected for leaks, Glaeser said. Town officials have said there are thousands of underground tanks in Manchester, many of which are old and may be leaking. Although there has been no known incident of contamination, the tanks are viewed as one of the major threats to the town's drinking water supplies. Glaeser, who serves on the Aquifer Protection Committee, told commission members during a meeting at the Lincoln Center that the legislation would provide "very good protection for the town" if adopted by the Board of Directors.

GLEASER SAID VERY few towns around the state have similar ordinances and that the state Department of Environmental Protection has not completed work on a model for use by municipalities that want to draft their own regulations. He said the Aquifer Protection Committee was told by the DEP to stop work on Manchester's ordinance, but that members decided the matter was too important to be delayed. The committee sent the DEP a copy of the proposed regulations and is awaiting the state agency's comments, Glaeser said. He added that Weas, who received the ordinance on March 7, may delay sending it to the Board of Directors until the state releases its model. Manchester's fire marshals and building inspector are currently in the process of examining some storage tanks around town. But many go uninspected because they were buried 10 or 20 years ago and have since been forgotten, town officials have said. The ordinance would require that unknown tanks be located through checks of state and local records. If a tank needed to be repaired or replaced, the cost would be paid by the owner, Glaeser said. There have been a number of minor incidents in Manchester the past few years involving leaking fuel tanks and contaminated water supplies.

between the town and the state Department of Transportation over who has responsibility for the problem. At Thursday's meeting, the Conservation Commission decided to send a second letter to the DOT asking that the tanks be removed. The commission, which has not yet received a response to a letter it sent in January, is seeking an answer from the DOT by April. Glaeser said the Aquifer Protection Committee will continue to meet to draft other sections of the tank ordinance. The tanks will cover disposal of waste oil, land use and disposal of household hazardous wastes, he said.

IN ORDER FOR WATER from two of the town's wells on New State Road to be used, it has to be diluted with the water from another because of contaminants. The source of the pollution is unknown, and officials say the water is safe to drink after it is blended. Leaking oil tanks were also discovered last summer at the site of a former gas station at the corner of Tolland Turnpike and Parker Street. The tanks have not been repaired and the oil-saturated soil has not been removed because of a dispute



Town Director Kenneth Tedford, left, talks with Christine and Gabriel, the first winners in a lottery held Thursday to determine who has the right to buy seven of 14 houses being built on Love Lane under a contract with the town. The project is intended to provide affordable housing for first-time house buyers from Manchester. The Gabriels have four children.

Longtime residents win big in lottery

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The guidelines originally called for potential house buyers to have lived in Manchester since Jan. 1, 1983. But after a protest was lodged by a man who missed the cutoff point by one month, Town Attorney Kevin M. O'Brien ruled that the town could not impose a length on the residency requirement. A spokesman for Visions Unlimited said this morning it has received deposit checks from four of the winners and expects to receive a fifth this morning. The winners must sign sales agreements by 4 p.m. today. If for any reason a winner does not qualify to make the purchase, the right to buy the house will be raffled off again later. Before the drawing was held Thursday night, seven plastic buckets were lined up on the table in the room, a plastic wrap cover stretched tightly across the top of each. The winning numbers from the buckets were drawn in turn by officials of Visions and by Democratic town Director Kenneth Tedford, who inherited the Love Lane proposal through the Manchester Board of Directors. The housing project, located in the western part of town, was supported by the board's Democratic majority and opposed by Republicans. Those who drew the tickets pushed their hands through the plastic with a resounding pop. As they read off the winning numbers, cries sounded from places in the audience as incredulous contestants learned they had won. One of the winners, Rita Hayes, said she has passed the house she won the right to buy almost every day, wondering about her chances of winning. There were 71 people seeking to win the right to buy houses, many of them with tickets in more than

one bucket. Anyone who won the right to buy a house was automatically barred from winning the right to buy another. Among the seven houses are three colonial, two raised ranches and one Cape Cod. The prizes range from \$61,900 to \$87,000. Not included in the cost of the lot at \$11,000. The town will hold a mortgage for that sum which will have to be paid in a lump sum in 20 years. The lottery for the last seven houses will be held April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Lincoln Center hearing room. Other Manchester groups marching Saturday are the East Catholic High School drill team and majorettes, the Hiling Junior High School Band, the 8th District Fire Department, and color guards from the American Legion post, the VFW and the Knights of Columbus. Manchester's parade marshal is Francis Donovan, Mayor Barbara Weinberg, honorary chairman

Tucci hits GOP candidate selection process

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The way the Republican Party in Manchester selects candidates for office came under fire this week from John Tucci, a member of the Republican Town Committee. At a meeting of the town committee Wednesday night, Tucci leveled criticism at the party's Candidate Recruitment and Selection Committee, saying it picks people the committee members don't know. Many of them are elected and "then vote with the Democrats," he charged. Tucci said he thinks the selection process should be made by the town committee itself and that candidates should be willing to stand up before the committee and face questions. Donald Kuehl, who took over Wednesday night as Republican town chairman, told Tucci that to have the candidate selections made by the town committee would require a change in the bylaws. But he said there is nothing in the current rules that prevents nominations from the floor for candidates.

"Appie pie and motherhood and I love Manchester is not going to win elections," Tucci said. After the meeting, David Frost, who has headed the selection committee, said he agreed that candidates could be introduced to the town committee earlier in the nomination process. But Frost said he got the impression from Tucci's remarks that Tucci felt the town committee could control how the candidates vote after they have been elected.

July 4 committee seeks members
The public has been invited to a meeting March 27 of the committee planning a townwide Independence Day celebration to make suggestions and help carry out the annual celebration on the campus of Manchester Community College. The committee organized the first Independence Day celebration two years ago. At a meeting last month, the committee decided new people should be recruited to keep enthusiasm alive and to provide fresh ideas for the celebration. One change already planned is the substitution of family-oriented events for children's activities at the town's Independence Day Activities on the campus of Manchester Community College this year. The committee will meet at Lincoln Center.

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Panel puts plans for pickup aside

Plans to hold a second townwide collection of household hazardous wastes in May have been cancelled by the Conservation Commission because the state Department of Environmental Protection will not help fund the project. Glaeser said Thursday he was told by the DEP that state money would not be available from a special \$250,000 fund because Manchester has already had a collection once this fiscal year. Glaeser said the agency wants to encourage towns that have not sponsored a pickup to participate in the program. In October, the commission sponsored Manchester's first household hazardous waste collection, which resulted in the disposal

of 22 barrels of oils, chemicals and cleaning products. The commission wanted to have another pickup this May because it felt at least 100 barrels of waste could have been taken away if all residents participated. In a related matter, the commission voted to urge Manchester's state legislators to support a bill pending before the Legislature that would provide for a full-time administrator for the program and a study of household waste collection.

Local 376 head says anti-union trend over

By George Lovyn Herald Reporter

The president of the union representing striking workers at Manchester's Pillowtex Corp. and Hartford's Colt Firearms Division said he believes a decline in union power and public support for organized labor is ending. "There's no doubt that's turning around," Philip A. Wheeler, president of United Auto Workers Local 376, said in an interview this morning. He cited the public support generated for striking Colt workers as an example. Wheeler said community and church groups and other employee unions in the area have all taken positions — many for the first time — in favor of the union. Wheeler called it such a backing "unprecedented." Some 1,100 Local 376 members have been on strike at Colt since Jan. 24, while about 60 employees of Pillowtex Corp., a pillow and comforter manufacturer on Regan Street, have been walking picket lines since August. Wheeler said the decade-long trend of declining union membership was not due to the public's attitude toward labor organizations, but rather stemmed from a declining number of jobs. He said that since President Reagan has been in office, there has also been a management-oriented bias. Wheeler said that, too, is changing. "They need unions now more than ever," he said of workers. Wheeler was arrested earlier this week in connection with picket line violence at Colt. The incident has not prompted him to rethink his attitude toward the company or the union's goals, he said. "They can arrest me 100 times and it's not going to change my position," Wheeler said. Wheeler has been with Local 376 since 1964, and has been president since 1969. He said there have been several strikes at Colt during that time — a 5-week walkout in 1967, a 2-week wildcat strike in 1969 and a 10-week dispute in 1973. In each case, Wheeler said the union was able to work with management, calling relations "cordial." Negotiations between the union and management at Pillowtex have occurred sporadically since the employees walked off their jobs Aug. 1. The workers there are negotiating what would be their first union contract.

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Connecticut In Brief

Kelly would restrict Lieberman

HARTFORD — Chief State's Attorney John J. Kelly has submitted a bill to the Legislature's Judiciary Committee that would strip the jurisdiction of the attorney general's office to prosecute certain regulatory crimes, such as charities fraud and home improvement rip-offs.

It was the latest sign of a growing rift between Kelly and Attorney General Joseph Lieberman, the state's top legal officer. It first surfaced nearly six months ago when Kelly accused Lieberman of improperly publicizing a charity fraud case.

Legislation giving Lieberman limited criminal jurisdiction was passed in 1984 as part of a major change in the criminal justice system. It also moved the authority for appointing prosecutors from the judicial branch to the executive branch.

Prison guards cleared in death

SOMERS — A preliminary internal investigation has cleared correctional officers at Somers State Prison of any wrongdoing in last week's stabbing death of a newly arrived inmate. Department spokeswoman Connie Wilks said Wednesday that guards had little chance to stop David J. Holloway, the inmate accused of stabbing 30-year-old Kelvin Jones outside a prison dining hall on Saturday.

"It was just a very quick situation," said Wilks, who added that correction officials are working on a system to computerize information that would help identify existing animosities between inmates.

Southbury seeks hospital funds

SOUTHBURY — Southbury Training School will ask the state for about \$300,000 to renovate its hospital rather than moving ahead with plans to convert a classroom building into a health center, officials say.

School Director Robert Griffith said Wednesday that his decision to request the money was sparked by last week's order from Gov. William A. O'Neill to close the hospital's second floor due to hazardous fire conditions.

"Basically we've come full cycle," Griffith said. "We looked for space as an alternative to the hospital and we determined it will take less time, and mean less inconvenience for clients if we renovate the hospital instead."

Schmid would ban spray paint

HARTFORD — A Newtown Republican lawmaker wants to curb the spread of graffiti by banning the sale of canned spray paint in Connecticut.

The bill is sponsored by Rep. Mae S. Schmid, who sought unsuccessfully last year to outlaw the tossing of rice at weddings because she said it's harmful to birds who eat it.

Schmid, co-chairwoman of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, plans to hold a public hearing on the spray paint bill on March 21.

Hartford girl stabbed to death

HARTFORD — A 15-year-old girl is dead after she was stabbed to death while sleeping soundly. Hartford police report.

Dorothy Smith, who lived in the Bellevue Square complex in the South Arsenal neighborhood, was rushed by ambulance to St. Francis Hospital after the stabbing, which occurred about 4:30 a.m. Thursday, police said.

She was pronounced dead shortly after she arrived, hospital officials said. She was the third homicide victim in Hartford so far this year.

Police said that a window to her family's first-floor apartment showed signs of entry. Her mother and three brothers and sisters were also sleeping in the house when the attack happened, police said.

Jury complete in ex-mayor's trial

WATERBURY — Jury selection is complete for the trial of former Naugatuck Mayor William Rado, who faces charges of bribe-receiving and larceny.

Final members of the six-member jury were selected on Thursday, court officials said.

Rado, 68, was arrested in April 1985 and again in December 1985 as a one-man grand jury investigated allegations of corruption in Naugatuck. That investigation is continuing.

Four women and two men were selected for the jury. Waterbury Superior Court Judge William Lavery said the trial is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

FBI searches for travel agent

WATERBURY — The FBI has joined the search for the owner of a Waterbury travel agency who apparently slipped out of town, leaving behind debts of about \$500,000.

David Largay owes "about \$500,000" to Connecticut National Bank, which has had liens on his Follow The Sun travel agency since July 1984, said Joel Sobiech, an attorney with the bank.

"It's all so mind-boggling," Sobiech said. "If there are accounts receivable, we will try to collect them."

Alonso Lacy, the agent who heads the FBI in Connecticut, said on Thursday his agency was searching for Largay. A warrant for Largay's arrest was issued Thursday afternoon by U.S. Magistrate Joan Margolis.

Schaffer named to FOI panel

HARTFORD — Former Secretary of the State Gloria Schaffer of Woodbridge has been appointed to the Freedom of Information Commission by Gov. William A. O'Neill.

She was named to the panel, which is charged with enforcing state open-government laws, on Thursday. She replaces FOI Commissioner Judith A. Lahey of Lebanon, who recently resigned.

Mrs. Schaffer was secretary of the state from 1970 to 1978. She lost a bid for the U.S. Senate in 1976 and later served on the federal Civil Aeronautics Board during the Carter administration.

Jury reviews murder testimony

NORWICH — A jury considering the death sentence for convicted double murderer Jerry D. Daniels was scheduled to review testimony on forensic evidence today.

The seven men and five women on the panel have deliberated a little over an hour since Wednesday, when lawyers presented their final arguments on whether Daniels should face the electric chair or life in prison.

For much of Thursday, the jury listened to a court reporter read testimony presented last month by Dr. Miska Shah, the assistant state medical examiner who performed autopsies on Daniels' victims, Christine Whipple, 20, and her 3-year-old daughter, Amy Russell.

Suicide fatal to husband, too

MADISON — A 68-year-old Madison woman who committed suicide accidentally killed her husband when carbon monoxide fumes crept into the bedroom where he slept, police say.

Norma Perrie left a suicide note at the couple's home and then started a car in the garage under the house's south side. Detective George H. Roche said Wednesday.

Fumes from the car's engine also traveled to a second-floor bedroom in the house's northeast corner where Malcolm Perrie, 72, slept.

The couple's son, Alan Perrie, 39, of Unionville, found both bodies Tuesday and notified police, Roche said.

Drug subsidy program gets go-ahead

By Mark A. Dupuis
United Press International

HARTFORD — A legislative committee has cleared the way for a new state program to begin next month to help the elderly people pay for prescription drugs.

The Regulations Review Committee put to rest Thursday doubts that the program would get going by the scheduled April 1 starting date by approving regulations needed to implement the assistance plan.

With regulations in place, the state can now begin taking applications for the program, which will pay 50 percent of the cost of prescription drugs bought by elderly people who meet income guidelines.

Sales tax revenue up in January

HARTFORD (UPI) — Sales tax revenues surged upward in January but the state's chief revenue forecaster warns it is too early to tell if the strong showing is the start of a trend.

The state collected more than \$107.8 million in taxes on January sales, an increase of more than \$10 million over the same month a year ago, a report from the Department of Revenue Services showed.

The January collections represent a 12.4 percent increase over the previous year when adjusted to reflect economic growth, said Edward Balda, chief of revenue and economic forecasting in the Office of Policy and Management.

Balda said the 12.4 percent increase is the largest since budget officials who had been predicting a 5 percent adjusted tax revenue increase for January 1985 sales tax revenues.

"The month of January looks good, but we always say one month does not make a trend," he said Thursday, warning that the unexpected growth could be a "blip" and not the start of any trend.

"If you look at the month of January you can say it improved, but the whole calendar year of 1985 has shown a consistent downward trend even though you have had upward blips," he said.

Balda said budget officials will have to look at sales tax returns for the next few months before they can determine if the strong showing in January was the start of a trend.

The 7.5 percent sales tax is the state's single largest source of revenue and surges in revenues from the tax were prime reasons for the state's post-recess budget surpluses in the last two fiscal years.

Balda said officials also are watching revenues from the motor fuels tax and real estate conveyance taxes amid indications that they will be strong in the coming months. Mortgage rates will boost revenues from those levies.

He also said revenues from the state's 2 percent tax on the gross premiums collected by insurance companies are strong, an apparent reflection of higher premiums being charged by the troubled insurance industry.

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The program is expected to cost \$12 million a year and will provide subsidies to single people 65 and older with annual income of less than \$9,000 and married couples with income of less than \$12,000 a year.

There had been doubts the program would get going on time because of efforts by this year's Legislature to make changes to the program as it was enacted last year.

The Regulations Review Committee had delayed action on the regulations for the program to give lawmakers time to make changes in the program. A bill to make the changes, however, has been delayed in another committee.

With the starting date fast approaching, the Regulations Review Committee decided Thursday to go ahead and approve regulations to get the program going on schedule.

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OPINION

Seniors need bus service

The Bolton Board of Selectmen did the right thing earlier this month when it reinstated a weekly bus run for senior citizens.

Since 1981, the trips had given the seniors a weekly opportunity to go shopping. The service stopped in February because funding for the fiscal year, which doesn't end until June 30, was used up. It was resumed only after several elderly townspeople complained that its demise was depriving them of their independence.

But because the reinstatement is only temporary and there is no funding to pay for the trips in the proposed 1986-87 budget, more must be done.

Surely, Bolton can find a way to come up with a measly \$56 each week to provide such a service. Even better, it can seriously examine the possibility of buying a smaller van with outside assistance. In addition to being available for other purposes, a van might allow the town to increase the number of weekly trips and perhaps even make the service, which has operated only when school is open, year-round.

In this age of monstrous government deficits, there is no question that belts must be tightened. And the initial reasoning behind the decision to kill the bus service seemed convincing enough: An average of only eight seniors availed themselves of the trips each week, making them appear costly on a per-head basis.

But the fiscal outlook tells vital human needs go begging if it isn't tempered with sensitivity.

On the issue of bus service, Paul Brown, chairman of the Bolton Senior Citizens' Committee, summed it up perfectly when he told the selectmen: "The community at large has a duty to handle the problem."

That will be as true after June 30 as it is now.

Kuehl an anchor for Republicans

Donald Kuehl's ascension to the leadership of the Manchester Republican Town Committee may well prove to be a good thing for town politics.

Wednesday night, Kuehl was named to the chairmanship with no apparent opposition and went on to put his own slate of officers in place. He quickly made it clear that he wanted town committee members to work a bit harder than they had in the past.

If current indications hold, the new leadership will mean renewed vigor for the town GOP, which has floundered adrift in recent months after barely holding its head above water in the last election. That would be good for Manchester, since government in recent years has taken on a decidedly one-party appearance, something that has denied the voters effective alternatives.

Kuehl certainly has his work cut out for him. But if he succeeds in inspiring the Republicans to push harder and think more in order to counter the Democratic majority, the town will be the richer as a result.

Sandinista 'plot' a White House fantasy

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration is increasingly anxious to have Congress approve \$100 million in aid to Nicaragua's Contras — and so far, its quest isn't going well.

In its efforts to win congressional support, the administration disclosed that it had unearthed a sophisticated Sandinista plot to block aid to the Contras seeking to unseat the Sandinista government. But, some sources say, this "plot" is, in fact, little more than a rudimentary lobbying campaign.

At stake in all this is \$106 million — \$70 million in secret military aid — which would be disbursed over the next 18 months. Last year Congress approved \$27 million in non-lethal aid to the Contras, and there's a lot of opposition to more aid — especially weapons or funds to buy weapons.

So the White House was pleased to announce recently that the CIA had uncovered a sophisticated Sandinista "disinformation plot" to block congressional approval of Contra aid. Senior administration officials called in congressional leaders, especially those who supported the aid package, to brief them and show them excerpts from the document.

ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE who attended a White House briefing, the administration hinted that the Soviets were involved with the plan. White House deputy press secretary Larry Speakes dealt with the subject at length over two days. Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams gave reporters a background briefing on the plot, saying that Americans who volunteer to help the Sandinistas do so out of "outright, sheer hatred of the president." Abrams promised that a sanitized version of the document would be released, deleting the names of the plot's targets. If those named knew about it, he said, they "would be shocked."

But now even the sanitized version of the



Open Forum

The hidden fact about Buckland

To the Editor:

Behind the lofty and statesman-like arguments of Town Democrats regarding the call for a Charter Revision Commission to look at the issue of consolidation is an undercurrent of animosity for the annihilation of the 8th District. It is a smoldering fire which the press has virtually ignored. I'm convinced this smoldering fire has motivated successive attempts to bury the blunder known as Buckland Firehouse 5 by amputating the 8th. Town Democrats said one reason they built Firehouse 5 was that Ted Lingard, chief of the Manchester Fire Department, Eighth Utilities District, had urged them to do it. But even if he had, and even if the Board of Directors of the 8th concurred (they didn't), any such consent would have been beyond their scope of power or authority. That power or authority, namely to allow the town to provide fire protection to Buckland, belonged exclusively to the legislative body of the 8th. That's what Special Act No. 200, Section 3, says. (It's the Law.)

Sec. 3. The Eighth Utilities District may furnish sanitary sewer facilities and services and fire protection south of Middle Turnpike West and south of Middle Turnpike East, and the town of Manchester may furnish sewer facilities and services and fire protection within or without the district boundaries north of Middle Turnpike West and north of Middle Turnpike East, with the approval of the respective

legislative bodies of the town of Manchester and the Eighth Utilities District.

The legislative body of the 8th is not the fire chief or the Board of Directors. The 8th legislators in a town meeting form of government. Its legislative body is the electors at the duly called meeting. In 1973, while the town was building Firehouse 5, an application for admission by owners of real property in Buckland was certified for a vote by the 8th. Had the 8th rejected Buckland's application, Section 3 of Special Act 200 would still be the applicable law. It would have required the town to ask the 8th's electors for permission to serve Buckland from Firehouse 5. What the 8th electors would have done is anyone's guess. But, the smoldering fact is that the Town NEVER legally asked.

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4th panel needs community help

To the Editor:

The Independence Day Celebration Committee recently held its first meeting of this year and started preparing for the Town of Manchester's third annual July 4th celebration. This Committee was initially formed to bring back to Manchester the celebration of the birthday of our country in the traditional manner — a tradition that was started in 1776 by our founding fathers. Our goal was to bring

and the many lawmakers who might vote either way and so were seen as the key to blocking the package.

One of the report's major recommendations was that Nicaragua's U.S. ambassador, Carlos Bernheim, and its U.S. ambassador, Nora Astorga, be more available to the press in coming months. They should, the report said, meet with newspaper editorial boards and appear on television talk shows, particularly in major cities, such as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington. The report suggested 17 specific themes, including "Why the Contras Can't Win" and "U.S. Policy in Nicaragua Ignores Reality."

THE REPORT RECOMMENDED that the congressional districts of undecided lawmakers be targeted for particular attention. This would include trying to place op-ed pieces in newspapers and seeking help from pro-Sandinista, anti-Contra religious groups. One thing the religious groups could do, said the report, was send flowers to Contra supporters in Congress.

The plan also suggested that prior restraint of Nicaragua's media be lifted, since it's giving the country a bad image in the U.S. press; and that U.S. reporters be invited to tour Nicaragua and meet with high Sandinista officials.

One Capitol Hill source who has seen the entire document says it's "a basic lobbying plan which, in this day and age of political computer data-bases, is remarkably unsophisticated, if anything." Senate Intelligence Committee chairman David Durenberger, R-Minn., who opposes any Contra aid package that includes weapons, fears that the White House is trying to "portray every senator and congressman who votes against lethal aid as a stooge of communism."

The Contras also employ a U.S. lobbying firm, although theirs is based in Washington.



Plastic pistols a real threat to air security

WASHINGTON — We stirred up a tempest of alarm, denial and malicious innuendo when we reported recently that Libyan dictator Moammar Khadafi, the terrorist's friend, was dicker to buy a quantity of Austrian-made, semi-plastic pistols that are difficult or impossible for airport security measures to detect.

The pistol is the Glock 17, invented by an Austrian, Gaston Glock, and manufactured at a plant outside Vienna. Our intelligence sources told us Khadafi was trying to buy 100 to 300 of the handguns.

We also reported that a Pentagon security expert had succeeded twice in carrying a dismantled Glock 17 through the human and mechanical weapons detectors at Washington's National Airport.

After our January report, Glock and the Austrian government began issuing refutations in press releases and telegrams to major publications. Their concern was presumably heightened by the fact that Glock is attempting to market the pistol in the United States.

One Pentagon spokesman had the nerve to tell a journalist that he doubted the existence of the "Pentagon security expert" we said had tested the Glock 17 against airport security. For the record: The man who conducted the unofficial test is the Pentagon's top expert on counter-terrorism, Noel Koch, the principal deputy assistant defense secretary.

GLOCK TOLD ANYONE who would listen that tests under the supervision of unnamed "official security specialists" showed clearly that "both scanners and detectors can identify the Glock 17, which has a mass that is 83 percent steel and only 17 percent plastic.

The point, of course, is that the metal parts, which are detectable, don't look like gun parts, while the plastic parts, which do look like a gun, escape detection. Koch proved this twice with a dismantled Glock 17.

In fact, Rep. Mario Biaggi, D-N.Y., settled the matter beyond any nipping. One of his aides hand-carried the most recognizable part of a Glock 17 — its plastic, pistol-shaped frame — through a Capitol Hill metal detector without having it spotted. The rest of the pistol's parts, mostly metal, were in his briefcase and went through the scanner without being identified.

Meanwhile, both the Federal Aviation Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms suddenly decided the problem of plastic handguns deserved attention. The aviation agency has since learned of a U.S.-made, all-plastic pistol, which is not yet on the market but which would be undetectable by a metal-scanning device.

BIAGGI HAS INTRODUCED a bill, H.R. 4223, that would require federal security testing of all non-metal firearms, whether imported or made in the United States. If a weapon failed to be detected by standard scanning equipment, it would be outlawed, with a few minor exceptions.

How serious is the problem of a gun that can beat the airport security machines? Some FAA figures should make clear that it's deadly serious. Since mandatory screening procedures went into effect at U.S. airports in 1973, more than 33,000 firearms have been detected and almost 14,000 related arrests have been made. Officials estimate that at least 113 hijackings have been prevented.

Footnote: Glock told us he has never sold his pistols to Libya, and has no ongoing negotiations to do so. But other sources told us that, without Glock's knowledge, Khadafi was trying to buy the pistols through intermediaries in Austria. It would be interesting to know if the salesman he told Khadafi about Glock's claim that the pistol is easily detectable by airport security scanners.

Under the dome... Rep. Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., has been in the news more than most members of Congress lately because of his investigation into the Marcos millions. With un-Brooklyn-esque modesty, he has said he expects to sink back into obscurity — but we can't help wondering. The Democrats badly need someone to run against Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., in the fall. Beyond that, Solarz may have bigger things on his mind. Among the books he recently checked out of the Library of Congress were collections of speeches by Franklin D. Roosevelt and Adlai Stevenson — and several volumes by and about Winston Churchill.

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World In Brief

Aquino welcomes poor to palace

MANILA, Philippines — President Corason Aquino today welcomed hundreds of Manila slum-dwellers to the presidential palace, telling them that a look at the opulence inside would help them understand the revolt that sent Ferdinand E. Marcos into exile.

The poor of the Philippine capital fought for a chance to go through the palace on the second day after Mrs. Aquino fulfilled a campaign promise and opened it to the public.

Aquino opened Malacanang palace to the public on Thursday, and today welcomed a group of about 400 visitors who were among the 20 busloads brought in.

Ecuador faces an emergency

QUITO, Ecuador — The president imposed a nationwide state of emergency early today after the fired air force chief called on Ecuadorians to rally around an air base he has seized and threatened a mass march on the government palace.

Air force Gen. Frank Vargas, dismissed for insubordination by President Leon Febres Cordero, took over the Mariscal Sucre air base in Quito on Thursday, claiming the government had broken an agreement that had led to his surrender at the Mania air base on Tuesday.

Vargas had been in military custody at the Quito base, but was freed by other officers.

Colombia police kill rebel chief

BOGOTA, Colombia — Police said they killed the head of a pro-Cuban guerrilla faction in a Bogota shootout, and army units were reported to be mopping up resistance today after bloody clashes with the same guerrilla group near Cali.

The National Police chief, Gen. Guillermo Gonzalez, said Alvaro Fayad Delgado, leader of the April 19 Movement, commonly known as M-19, was killed Thursday night after police surrounded a Bogota apartment building to capture him.

Fayad resisted arrest and died in the ensuing shootout with police, Gonzalez said in an interview with the Todelar radio network. He said a woman, whom he did not identify, also was killed in the fight.

Castro home after 17-day trip

MEXICO CITY — Cuban President Fidel Castro has returned to his island nation after a 17-day trip that took him to the Soviet Union and North Korea, the government news agency reported.

Prensa Latina, in a dispatch from Havana monitored in Mexico City, said Thursday that the trip confirmed the close ties Cuba has with the two nations.

It was Castro's 11th trip to Moscow.

Free press comes to life in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Harassed almost into submission by ousted President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier, Haiti's radio stations and newspapers are now spluttering to life.

Radio Metropole, which abandoned local news in November 1980 the day two of its top editors were exiled and another prominent station was shut down completely, resumed coverage the morning Duvalier fled the country on Feb. 7.

Le Matin, a daily newspaper that not long ago was unabashedly pro-Duvalier, now is publishing stories about the large sums of money he is spending in exile in France. Coverage of current events in Port-au-Prince has been expanded, and no longer is Duvalier's name printed in capital letters, as was its previous practice.

Giotto a smashing success at Halley

By Edward Roby
United Press International

DARMSTADT, West Germany — Europe's Giotto spacecraft flashed back the first detailed pictures of the nucleus of Halley's comet today before a "wall of dust" knocked out its camera and interrupted communications with Earth.

The half-ton European Space Agency probe raced within an estimated 325 miles of the peanut-shaped frozen core of the famous comet, 89 million miles from Earth, in a smashing success for European space technology.

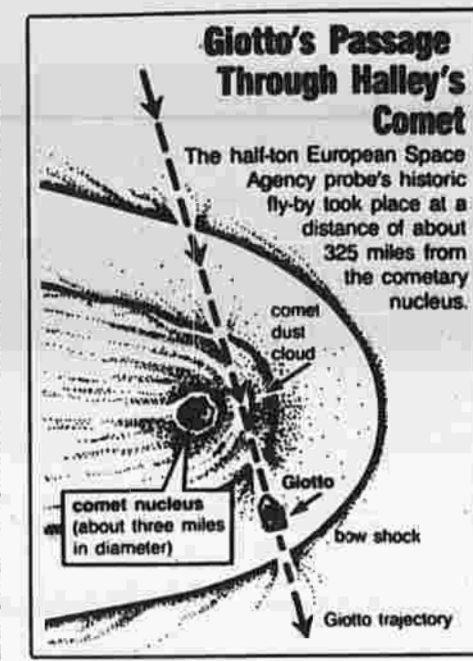
The Soviet Union's Vega 2 spacecraft came within about 5,000 miles of the comet Sunday, and pictures from it and the Vega 3 three days earlier helped ESA controllers to navigate so close to the cosmic wanderer.

The high-velocity dust barrage apparently disturbed the probe's antenna alignment, and communications between Giotto and the control center were out for about 25 minutes. When the stream of data was restored, some of the 10 instruments aboard Giotto were still operating as the craft sped away.

Giotto's approach pictures were described as "marvelous" and "incredible" by scientists at the control center near Frankfurt. Other experiments measured the comet's chemical makeup, the composition of the dust cloud around the nucleus and the comet's effects on the interplanetary magnetic field.

It's, of course, very spectacular there but we really don't understand it at all at the moment," said one elated project scientist.

It's been a most fantastic occasion. We're delighted that the spacecraft has survived and that we picked it up again because we're now continuing making measurements on the way out from the comet and that could be, as far as we're concerned, just as interesting as on the way in."



"I can declare success here," said solar expert Peter Wenzel. "It was an exciting night for all of us. All experiments on board got good results. There was no failure or disappointment."

Horst Uwe Keller, the mission scientist in charge of the probe's camera, said photographs of the comet were taken at distances as close as 600 miles before the camera stopped working.

apparently because it was smashed by a high-speed dust particle. He said the last picture was made 14 seconds before the impact.

"It has a peanut shape," Keller said of the nucleus, estimating it is about 7 miles long and 3 miles wide. "You can see some dark areas behind the nucleus."

Giotto's West German color camera was capable of detecting objects as small as a few hundred feet wide from several hundred miles away.

Scientists said the probe's sensors started recording dust strikes about an hour before Giotto made its closest approach to the comet, at 1:03 a.m. (7:03 p.m. EST Thursday), traveling at a speed relative to the comet of 154,000 mph.

"What happened is in the last few seconds we hit a wall of dust," said a specialist monitoring the craft's dust impact detector system. "There were no big particles until the last few seconds at closest approach, and then in those seconds we hit about 150 particles a second."

Giotto passed a major milestone when it crossed Halley's "bow shock" about five hours before the close encounter. The shock wave, resembling like the bow waves of a ship, occurs when the gases boiling off from the comet's nucleus collide with a fast-moving stream of electrically charged gases from the sun.

Giotto, named after an Italian artist who painted Halley's comet in 1365, rocketed away from the edge of the Amazon forest in French Guiana July 2 to start the 634 million-mile voyage. It was by far the most ambitious space mission undertaken by ESA.

Scientists were eager for a close look at Halley's comet, brightest of about 1,000 similar celestial bodies that approach the Earth, because it could provide clues to the origin of the solar system 4.5 billion years ago.

One hostage believed dead in Beirut

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — A mediator indicated that two days of secret talks in Beirut led to the release of a Frenchman held captive there, and a British television network said today it received film of three other hostages.

Witnesses, the British television network, said that a statement accompanying the black-and-white video tape of the three hostages warned France that time was running out to accept the captors' demands.

Razah Raad, a Lebanese-born French heart specialist, arrived in Damascus on Thursday after negotiating for the release of the Frenchmen in secret meetings with their Shiite Muslim abductors.

Raad, 42, said he will leave for France today to brief the government on the outcome of his mission.

In an interview published today

in Beirut's independent al-Nahar newspaper Raad was quoted as saying he would return to Beirut after France's National Assembly elections Sunday in which he is a candidate.

A deal on releasing Marcel Carton, Marcel Fontaine and Jean-Paul Kauffmann will be wrapped up after the French elections, I shall return to Beirut after Sunday, March 16, to resume my mission."

Raad was quoted as saying, "I am optimistic. We have made long strides on the course of freeing the hostages."

Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War, a Shiite group believed to have ties to Iran, said last week that it killed hostage 37-year-old French researcher Michel Seurat, and on Monday it released photographs that it said proved its claim.

London-based Viasnews Ltd. said its Beirut bureau had received a

tape purportedly showing the other three hostages — diplomats Fontaine and Carton, and journalist Kauffmann.

The hostages spoke in French, sending messages to their families and appealing to the French government to secure their release, said Viasnews. It said it was distributing the film and an accompanying statement to its subscribers.

Islamic Jihad says it is not holding a four-man French television crew that disappeared in a Shiite section of Beirut last Saturday.

Raad, the only man with whom the pro-Iranian kidnappers say they will negotiate, began his latest independent mission Sunday. He has been to Lebanon several times before, trying to win the release of the four.

Islamic Jihad claims to have kidnapped six Americans missing in Lebanon. They are diplomat

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Charter conflict claimed

By George Lovvo
Herald Reporter

The secretary of the town firefighters' union has asked the Manchester Ethics Commission to investigate Wallace Irish Jr.'s membership on the Charter Revision Commission for a possible conflict of interest.

In a March 7 letter to the Ethics Commission, union secretary David M. Mayer said Irish "could possibly be in conflict of interest" because he is also a member of the Eighth Utilities District group STEAL, which opposes the attempt to change the Town Charter in order to facilitate consolidation between the town and the district.

However, Irish said this morning there was no conflict of interest. "I don't know where it is," he said. "I'm serving the town of Manchester."

Irish also said that it is not him, but his agency, the W.J. Irish Insurance Agency, that acts as insurance agent for the independent utilities district, which provides fire protection and sewer service to most of northern Manchester.

The Ethics Commission serves as an advisory body to the town Board of Directors, commission member Sol Cohen said this morning. He said he was not aware of Mayer's complaint and did not know when the commission would meet to consider the request.

Cohen said the group only gathers when there is a complaint and has not met in two years. The commission recommends to the Board of Directors a course of action and the board "usually adopts" that recommendation, he said.

Charter Revision Commission Chairman John Yavis could not be reached for comment this morning.

Commission member Jay Rubinow said this morning he was not aware of the complaint and stressed that it is a matter for the Ethics Commission to handle.

Manchester In Brief

Teachers approve contract

A three-year contract has been approved by the unionized lay teachers in the Hartford Archdiocese's five high schools, including East Catholic High in Manchester.

The contract was approved Thursday by 80 percent of the 167-member Greater Hartford Catholic Association at a meeting in Vernon, according to David P. McCreesh, president.

The new package, endorsed 134-12, will succeed the agreement that expires June 30. It includes a salary settlement that gives teachers raises ranging from 18 to 30 percent over the next two years.

The beginning salary for teachers with bachelor's degrees will increase from \$13,300 to \$14,400 this fall and to \$15,552 next year, McCreesh said.

The top salary for teachers with a six-year degree will increase from \$23,580 to \$29,652 in the fall.

Chese schedules change

Residents who have been getting cheese through the federal government's surplus food distribution will have a change of diet this month to rice and honey.

Joanne Cokendall of the Human Needs division of the Manchester Area Conference of Churches, which distributes the food locally, said today that the change in commodities will allow the food distribution to continue uninterrupted.

The next distribution will be Thursday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at Center Congregational Church at Main and Center streets.

The government's office announced Thursday a change in some top schedules and commodities in the food distribution in order to cope with cutbacks in the food available from the federal government. The changes will allow the state to continue the program without following federal recommendations that would have reduced the number of people getting food and made the distributions less frequent, a statement from Gov. William O'Neill said.

Cokendall said that new registered for the food program are still eligible and that new registration will be taken.

Group home to be finished

A Wetherell Street group home for retarded people should finally be ready for occupancy May 30 — nearly two years after the scheduled completion date.

The Firemen's Fund Insurance Co. of Philadelphia has signed a contract with the state agreeing to complete construction on the Manchester project and three others in the state, according to Larry Van Ben Thuyssen, information services officer for the state Department of Administrative Services.

The Firemen's Fund held the bond on the original \$1.7 million contract with Leslie & Elliot of Dayville, which the state canceled last summer after numerous delays.

The work will be completed for the original price of about \$225,000 per home, Van Ben Thuyssen said.

Residents of the Mansfield Training School who live at the home on Wetherell Street.

Dennison seeks subdivision OK

Manchester developer Robert C. Dennison has applied to subdivide 18 acres off Birch Mountain Road into three lots, planning officials said this week.

The land, which is zoned Rural Residence, is located just south of Interstate 394 near Case Pond. Dennison filed an erosion control plan with his application.

Site plans show lot one being 3.36 acres, lot two at 3.77 acres and the remaining portion 10.89 acres.

Dennison could not be reached for comment on his plans for the land.

Fund helps fire victims

A fund has been established by the Christian Outreach Commission of the South United Methodist Church to help Steve and Linda Botti of Bush Hill Road rebuild their fruit farm, which was struck by a fire in January.

The blaze destroyed a barn containing most of their equipment and supplies, dashing the Bottis' hopes to work their apple orchard full time. The barn was a central feature on a farm first started by Botti's grandfather.

"Virtually their livelihood went up in flames," according to a news release on the fund.

Donations may be made to any office of the Savings Bank of Manchester or to the South United Methodist Church. Checks should be made payable to the Botti Barn Rebuilding Fund.

Obituaries

Helen D'Auteuil

Helen (Wachowski) D'Auteuil, wife of Joseph D'Auteuil, died Wednesday at an area convalescent home. She was the widow of Leo J. Wynn.

She is survived by a son, William Wynn of Ontario, Ill.; a daughter, June LaMaglio of Bolton with whom she lived; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral mass will be Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church in Willimantic. Calling hours are Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Bacon Funeral Home, 71 Prospect St., Willimantic.

Frederick L. Batignani

Frederick L. Batignani, 71, of Pompano Beach, Fla., died March 7. He had lived in Manchester and Hartford.

He is survived by two sons, Frederick Batignani of Boyton Beach, Fla., and Robert Batignani of Royal Palm, Fla.; two daughters, Elizabeth Mullin of Davis, Fla., and Barbara Grass of Palm City, Fla.; a sister, Elizabeth Fiano Chieffo in Bolton; and one brother, Serafino Batignani of East Hartford.

The funeral mass will be at 9 a.m. Monday at St. Maurice Church, Bolton.

A Florida funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Discovery of blade forces rice recall

MEDFORD, Mass. (UPI) — Stop and Shop stores in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island pulled boxes of their own brand of rice from store shelves Monday after a sharp blade was found in one box.

Joseph and Carol Candora of Hartford returned a box of Stop and Shop brand instant rice to the chain's Wellington Circle store after discovering the blade Thursday. Stop and Shop spokeswoman Aileen Gorman said.

"It appears that part of a case cutter blade that would be in the factory might have broken off and lodged in the bottom of that particular box," Gorman said. "It looks like this was an isolated incident."

Nevertheless, Gorman said all 114 New England stores had removed the rice from their shelves. Elizabeth Loomis of the B.C. Bailey Funeral Home, 273 S. Elm St., Wallingford, has charge of arrangements.

Navy might install ship satellite dishes

NEW YORK (AP) — There may be a market for satellite dishes on the U.S. Navy.

The U.S. Navy is considering installation of satellite dishes on ships to bring television programming to crew members, according to Multichannel News.

The cable television journal says the Navy already has experimented with a dish on the San Diego-based USS Roger, and a second satellite dish experiment is scheduled on the USS Saipan, based in Norfolk, Va.

A satellite dish aboard not only would enable Navy crews to obtain direct access to timely news and information but would expand recreational options at sea.

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Doris Wynn

Doris Wynn, 86, of Bolton, formerly of Holyoke, Mass., died Wednesday at an area convalescent home. She was the widow of Leo J. Wynn.

She is survived by a son, William Wynn of Ontario, Ill.; a daughter, June LaMaglio of Bolton with whom she lived; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Monday at a time to be set at the Ryder Funeral Home, 33 Lamb St., South Hadley, Mass. Calling hours are 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Laura Giuliani

Laura Giuliani, 88, of 71 E. Middle Turnpike, died Thursday in Manchester. She was the widow of Angelo Giuliani.

She was born in Torre, Di Palmie, Italy, and had been a resident of Manchester for the past 24 years. She was a member of St. James Church.

She is survived by her niece, Yolanda J. Roy, with whom she lived; and several other nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Monday with a mass of Christian burial at 9 a.m. in St. James Church, 71 E. Middle Turnpike, Manchester. Calling hours are Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday from 8 to 8:45 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St.

Pearl Aspinwall

Pearl (Schreier) Aspinwall, 71, of Glastonbury, died Thursday night at Hartford Hospital. She was the widow of Jesse L. Aspinwall.

She was born in Cromwell Feb. 28, 1890, and had been a Glastonbury resident for 40 years. Before she retired, she worked as an inspector for the former Russell Co. She was a member of the Buckingham Congregational Church, the American Association of Retired Persons, Glastonbury town council, and had done volunteer work for a Glastonbury convalescent home for many years.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Luella Huntley of Cromwell; two brothers, Thomas W. Schreier of Westfield and Arthur D. Schreier of Cromwell; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Monday at a time to be announced at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Burial will be made in the Glastonbury Senior Citizen Center, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Eva Aronson, who passed away March 14th, 1985.

Your husband, Allan Aronson, along with our family and friends think of you every day.

Florence (Haumann) Spaulding

Florence (Haumann) Spaulding died Wednesday night at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maiden name was incorrectly spelled in an obituary in Thursday's Manchester Herald. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Monday at a time to be set at the Ryder Funeral Home, 33 Lamb St., South Hadley, Mass. Calling hours are 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Josephine Albrecht

Josephine (Rogers) Albrecht, 85, of 174 Maple St., formerly of Hartford and the widow of Louis Albrecht, died Wednesday at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Rocky Hill, and lived in Hartford for many years before moving to Manchester six years ago.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, Hartford.

She is survived by a son, Louis J. Albrecht of Westfield; two daughters, Kathleen A. Long and Maureen Robyehmyer, both of Westfield; a sister, Frances Cole in New York; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial will be in Zion Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Calling hours are tonight from 7 to 9.

Memorial donations may be made to the University of Connecticut Children's Center, care of the University of Connecticut Health Center, John Dempsey Hospital, Farmington, 06032.

John A. Loomis

John A. Loomis, husband of the late Ruth (Feith) Loomis, formerly of Hartford, died Wednesday at the Masonic Home and Hospital, Wallingford. He was the brother of Dorothy Silson of Manchester.

He also is survived by two sons, John Loomis of East Haddam and Paul Loomis of Old Saybrook; a daughter, Elizabeth Loomis of East Haddam; a brother, George Loomis of Westfield; and five grandchildren.

The funeral will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Masonic Home Chapel, Wallingford. Burial will be in Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

The B.C. Bailey Funeral Home, 273 S. Elm St., Wallingford, has charge of arrangements.

SPORTS

Whalers suffer a damaging setback

Bossy's goal wins for Islanders



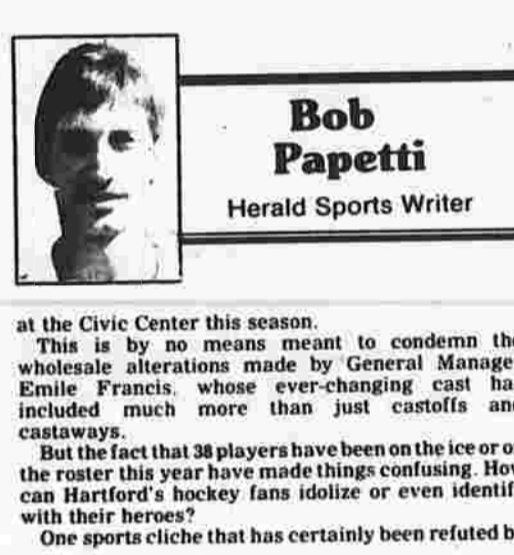
Islander center Roger Kortko (11) overstates the puck and reaches back for it before Hartford's Scott Kleinendorst (18) and Paul Lawless can close it. The Whalers saw their playoff hopes damaged in a 3-2 loss to the Islanders.

Combined Wire Services
HARTFORD — Center Ray Ferraro worried the Hartford Whalers' lack of veterans will hurt their playoff run.

Mike Bossy scored his 52nd goal with 27 seconds to play Thursday night to give the New York Islanders a 3-2 victory over Hartford. The Whalers, 32-32, is six points behind fourth place Buffalo and seven back of third place Boston in the battle for the final Adams Division playoff spot with 11 games remaining.

You can't tell the Whalers without a scorecard

HARTFORD — Mordcaid the midjet struck a match and held it up to the stranger's Tigarillo. "What'd you say your name was?" asked Mordcaid. "I didn't," snarled the High Plains Drifter.



Bob Papetti Herald Sports Writer

Lut had little time to react. Lut played well for the Whalers, making 20 saves including stopping Tom Jonsson and Brent Suter on breakaways during the game.

Francis' catalytic converting is "you can't fire the players, only the coach." It has been well noted that since The Cat has taken over in 1983, only one player remains with the parent club, and his name is Francis, too.

NCAA Tournament roundup

Top clubs keep on playing — and winning

By Barry Wilner
The Associated Press
Patrick Ewing, Ed Pinckney and Keith Lee no longer are collegians. Neither are Billy Martin, Dwayne McClain and Gary McLean. Still, the arena basketball game kept winning in the NCAA basketball tournament.

With those stars from the 1985 Final Four — won by Villanova with Patrick Ewing, McClain and Gary McLean over Georgetown with Ewing and Martin — gone, the Wildcats, Hoyas and Memphis State Tigers qualified for the postseason carnival. On Thursday, all three advanced to the second round.

Georgetown had the roughest test, outlasting Texas Tech 70-64 in a Midwest Regional game at Dayton, Ohio. Villanova had a surprisingly easy time with Virginia Tech, 71-62 in the Southeast at Baton Rouge, La., and Memphis State had no trouble with Ball State, romping 95-63 in the same regional.

The other member of the '85 Final Four, St. John's, is the top seed in the West and plays tonight at Long Beach, Calif., against Montana State.

Georgetown struggled to down Texas Tech. The Hoyas needed Michael Jackson's jump shot and two free throws in the final minute after rallying from a 31-44 deficit with 12:02 remaining. In the first half, Georgetown held an 11-point lead.

Reggie Williams led the Hoyas with 22 points. Substitute guard Wendell Owens, who came into the game averaging 4.9 points, led Texas Tech with 22.

Next for Duke is Old Dominion, 23-7. Kenny Gattison's 27 points paced the Monarchs over West Virginia, which led most of the way.

Defending national champion Villanova, 23-13, got 20 points from Harold Jensen and repelled a late surge by Virginia Tech, 22-9, for its victory. The Wildcats never have lost a first-round NCAA game with Rolfe Massimino as coach.

Committee rejects sewer funding bill

By Alex Girelli
Associate Editor

A proposal by state Sen. Carl Zinsner, R-Manchester, that would provide Manchester with a 50 percent grant and a 50 percent loan for improvements to its sewage treatment plant has apparently been rejected by the Legislature's Environment Committee.

A spokesman for the staff of the committee told the Herald today that Zinsner's proposal has been incorporated into a statewide plan approved by the Environment Committee and forwarded to the Finance Committee.

Zinsner could not be reached for comment today.

He had proposed a grant of \$13 million and a loan of \$13 million at low interest rates for Manchester, which has prepared plans to improve its treatment plant on Olcott Street but has been unable to get federal and state grants for the work.

The Environment Committee bill would give most towns with sewer plant improvement needs including Manchester, a grant of 20 percent and a loan of 80 percent for 21 years at a 2 percent interest rate.

Huestis said he cannot determine the exact cash flow effect of the Environmental Committee's proposal until he knows just when the town would get what money under its terms, providing it is passed by the General Assembly.

But Huestis said that a 20 percent loan probably would not satisfy the terms of a bond authorization by the voters in November, which involved a limit on local expenditures of \$14.3 million.

The town is under federal and state orders to improve the plant to the point that the effluent discharged from it into the Hackanum River will flow the river to be in a fishable and swimmable condition.

Town officials put the bond question before the voters in November in hopes that the town would get a federal grant. But the town of Winsted, which had prior claim on the grant, has taken the steps it needed to qualify for the money.

The Environment Committee bill would provide 50 percent grants and 50 percent loans for towns which have combined sanitary sewer and storm drains. The systems are separate in Manchester.

William O'Neill would give the town no grant and a loan for 100 percent of the cost of improvements at a 2 percent interest rate.

Huestis, town budget analyst, said today he has not calculated the exact effect the Environment Committee's proposal would have on Manchester. But he said a grant of any amount coupled with a loan at 2 percent is better than no grant and a 2 percent loan.

Kennelly wants answers on Pratt contract losses

By Chris Rose
Scraps League Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Rep. Barbara Kennelly, D-Conn., Thursday asked the Air Force to provide a written report outlining its recent losses on Pratt & Whitney's contractual agreement by 2 percent.

In her first meeting with newly appointed Air Force Secretary Russell Rourke, Kennelly said the competition between F-15 fighter plane engine contractors has forced them "to work hard at bringing the costs down."

Kennelly said she would like to see a 50-50 split between contractors rather than the current 44-56 ratio which favors General Electric, a Pratt & Whitney competitor.

Optimistic that the written report will point out areas where competition can be further heightened, Kennelly said she told the secretary, "we are very interested in building the C-17."

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Villanova's Harold Jensen finds himself in a lot of trouble as Virginia Tech defenders Bobby Beecher and Johnny Fort (24) apply some defense in NCAA Tournament action Thursday afternoon in Baton Rouge, La. Jensen fired home 20 points to lead the defending NCAA champion Wildcats past the Hokies, 71-62.

The first round schedule today featured action at four sites. In the East, at Syracuse, N.Y., it was St. Joseph's (Pa.) against Richmond, No. 16 Indiana against Cleveland State, No. 17 Navy against Tulsa and No. 3 Syracuse against Brown.

At Long Beach, Calif., in the West, it was Northwestern Louisiana against Xavier of Ohio, Western Kentucky vs. Nebraska and No. 3 Kentucky against Davidson.

Spring training roundup

Reds' Conception in a battle to save his job

By The Associated Press

Will the Dave Concepcion-Kurt Stillwell battle turn out to be another case of Wally Pipp and Lou Gehrig?

It was more than 60 years ago that Pipp, the New York Yankees' first baseman, missed a game with a headache. Gehrig took over and didn't sit down until he had played an astonishing 2,130 consecutive games.

Concepcion, Cincinnati's 37-year-old shortstop, missed Thursday's exhibition game with stomach problems and the 20-year-old Stillwell, who may win the job, made the most of his last-minute opportunity. He had four hits, made some dazzling fielding plays and scored the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning as the Reds nipped the Houston Astros 9-4.

"I get sick and he gets four hits," said Concepcion, a 16-year veteran who has been suffering from a rib cage injury. "He needs that. He needs the work."

Concepcion doesn't. "I played 155 games last year and my average is .148," he said. "Some day I have to go, but not this year."

It's not his time.

Stillwell scored the winning run on Max Venables' single after Stillwell pitched to open the inning and Ron Oester doubled.

Royals 7, Phillies 5

Kansas City designated hitter Hal McRae played his first game with his son, Brian, in the lineup. The Royals got a grand slam homer from Steve Ballou and won on Joe Citari's two-out, two-run single in the seventh inning.

Brian McRae, an 18-year-old second baseman, who was the Royals' top draft pick last June, had a hit in three at-bats, stole a base and scored a run. Hal McRae, batting third behind his son, went hitless but walked twice.

Dennis Leonard made his first start for the Royals since May 28, 1983, when he tore tendons in his left knee. Leonard gave up one run on two hits in three innings.

White Sox 3, Mets 2

Harold Baines doubled home a first-inning run against Dwight Gooden as Chicago ended the Mets' three-game winning streak. The run was enough to pin the setback on Gooden, who was 4-0 last spring and 24-4 during the regular season when he won the National League's Cy Young Award.

Yankees 14, Expos 3

Gary Roenicke drove in three runs, two with the Yankees' first spring homer, and rookie Derwin McNeely had two hits in a seven-run eighth inning. Roenicke, acquired from Baltimore in an off-season trade, drove in a run with a first-inning grounder and later scored on Henry Cota's two-run triple. He homered in the third off loser Dan Schatzeder.

The game was also marked by Yankee Don Mattingly's spring debut as a defensive replacement at first base. Mattingly is still hampered by a swollen left thumb and was pinch hit for by rookie Bob Gerin in the eighth.

Mattingly is expected to resume batting practice on Saturday and he is hopeful of starting his first spring game sometime next week.

Cardinals 17, Twins 9

Vic Rodriguez, a non-roster player, drove in five runs for St. Louis with two homers and a single. Rodriguez, a second baseman, hit a solo homer in the second inning and a three-run shot in the seventh. Among the Cardinals' 23 hits were home runs by Brian Harper, Tom Lawless and Jerry White.



Houston catcher Alan Ashby tags out Cincinnati's Buddy Bell at home plate during exhibition game Thursday at Tampa, Fla. The Reds went on to beat the Astros, 9-8.

Brewers 9, Padres 2

Ernest Riles drove in three runs and Jim Adcox hit a solo homer run to lead Milwaukee. After the Padres scored two runs off Ted Figueroa in the third inning, the Brewers took the lead with five runs in the bottom of the third.

Braves 6, Orioles 4

Paul Zavello, Billy Sample and pitcher Rick Mahler drove in runs in a three-run second inning while Mahler and four relievers limited Baltimore to six hits. Zavello's single, Mahler's squeeze bunt and Sample's double accounted for the

Dodgers 10, Rangers 9

Steve Sax hit a two-run single and Mariano Duncan added an RBI triple in a six-run sixth inning. Sax had two hits and three RBIs and Dave Anderson added three

hits, including a two-run inside-the-park homer. Don Slaught paced Texas with two triples and a double.

Blue Jays 3, Pirates 1

Jesse Barfield homered and doubled for Toronto and Dave Stieb, making his second appearance of the spring, pitched four scoreless innings. He allowed four hits, walked one and struck out two.

Tigers 9, Red Sox 8

Larry Herndon's bases-loaded single in the 10th inning drove in the winning run. Kirk Gibson and Nelson Simmons homered for the Tigers, who tied the game with three runs in the eighth inning. Tom Benninger homered for Boston.

Mariners 4, Indians 3

Former Milwaukee reliever Pete Ladd, trying to land a spot in the Seattle bullpen, retired Cleveland in order in the ninth inning to preserve the Mariners' victory. Ladd, a non-roster pitcher invited to training camp, hurled his second straight scoreless inning.

Angels 10, A's 1

Bobby Grich hit a grand slam homer, tripled and singled to highlight a 16-hit attack. Winning pitcher Mike Witt held the A's to four hits in four innings and Ken Forsch, who missed most of 1984 and all of last season with injuries, yielded Oakland's run.

Giants 16, Cubs 8

Rookie Will Clark celebrated his 22nd birthday with three hits, including a two-run homer, as San Francisco remained the only undefeated team in spring training. The 7-9 Giants rocked Chicago pitchers for 19 hits.

Short game good to leader Bob Tway

By Bob Keim United Press International

ORLANDO, Fla. — A good short game was the key in the first round of the \$500,000 Hertz Bay Hill Classic at the windswept Bay Hill Club.

Leader Bob Tway, whose 5-under-par 66 gave him a 2-shot lead over four players going into Tuesday's second round, had his short

game working. Tway posted five birdies and no bogeys Thursday, and used his chipping and bunker play to save par three times on the back nine.

Tom Kite, Dan Pohl, Dan Forsman and Raymond Floyd were all at 68. Ben Crenshaw, Roger Maltbie, Scott Simpson and Corey Pavin shot 69s.

Tway is trying for his second victory this year after winning at San Diego in the Andy Williams Open. He has won \$11,029, good for eighth place on the money list. He likely will exceed the \$164,023 he won in 1985, his first year on the PGA Tour.

"If we had had lightning-fast greens, it would have been unmerciful out there," said Kite, who was one of many players to characterize the greens of the Arnold Palmer-designed course as very slow. "Over par might have been leading."

"I think you'd have to call the greens slow. They're not at lightning speed, which is one reason why we've been able to get some decent scores."

Kite had five birdie putts, including a 30-footer on the 367-yard, par-five hole.

"All in all, it was a pretty solid round," Kite said. "A real solid round on the green. I needed that. At Dorral (last week), I was in a position to win a golf tournament and my putter went on vacation to the Bahamas."

"I really needed a round like today," added Kite, who finished third at Dorral after missing a makeable putt on the 72nd hole that would have put him in a playoff with Andy Bean and Hubert Green.

Tway's putt and putt on the ball extremely well today and anyone who gets a good score will say the same thing," said Maltbie, who cut out part of his left shoe to ease the pain from an injured toe.

"The greens are slower, no doubt about it. They're a little slow for my tastes, but on a day like this, they're not a disadvantage to that."

"I was bartending at a party at Payne Stewart's house and I dropped a bowl of ice on my foot," Maltbie said, explaining Tuesday's injury.

Beman warns O'Grady of fines, suspension

ORLANDO, Fla. (UPI) — The battle between PGA Commissioner Deane Beman and maverick golfer Mac O'Grady was turned up a notch Thursday when Beman said O'Grady faces stiff penalties for badmouthing the Tour.

O'Grady, who has called Beman a communist, nazi and "a thief with a capital T," now faces three different disciplinary actions from the PGA. Two are "intermediate" actions, stemming from specific remarks, and Beman notified him Thursday he faces a "major" action, the sum of his transgressions.

All told, O'Grady faces possible fines of \$12,000 and suspensions of 12 weeks. Beman told him in a letter Thursday he had reached a "preliminary decision" to levy a fine between \$5,000 and \$10,000, along with a suspension of up to six weeks.

O'Grady was informed of Beman's decision in a letter handed to him before he played Thursday in the first round of the Hertz Bay Hill Classic. O'Grady shot a 2-over par 73.

O'Grady's dispute with Beman began in 1984 when Beman fined him \$500 for remarks allegedly made to a courtesy driver at a New Orleans tournament. O'Grady refused to pay the fine, but Beman drew the money out of O'Grady's Merrill Lynch account.

Penalties imposed on players are usually a private matter, but because O'Grady made public a notice he received last week of impending disciplinary action, Beman thought he should make his side public.

"The integrity of the PGA Tour and the game of golf itself has been attacked," Beman said. "I cannot allow one individual to continue such destructive statements without taking appropriate action."

O'Grady has 30 days from Thursday to respond to Beman's notice. O'Grady also received notices of the intermediate disciplinary action last week and Wednesday, to which he also has 30 days to respond.

O'Grady said he would respond to each charge through his lawyer, but would not discuss the situation.

"I would love to say something, but it is getting to the point now where I don't want to discuss the situation," O'Grady, who has complained his right to free speech is being violated and has threatened to sue Beman and the PGA.

"If I see him (Beman), it will be in the courtroom," O'Grady said. "That's the only place."

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Sports In Brief

Hall wins PAA pro archer's title

Eric Hall of Columbia won the Professional Archers' Association National championship in Tucson, Ariz., on March 8-9-10.

Hall, a graduate of East Catholic High School where he played basketball before becoming totally involved in the family sport, shot 53 out of 60 arrows into 1 1/2-inch bullseye from 20 yards. His score of 583, out of a possible 600, set a professional record for the round.

This was the third straight win for Hall this year. He won the Illinois pro-am in January and then the Tropicans Indoor in Las Vegas in February.

The next major archery tournament in which Hall will compete will be the New England Indoor Open Archery Championships at Hall's Arrow Indoor Archery Range in Manchester on Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23.

The New England event has a total purse of \$10,000.

TROUT fishing derby set for April 13

The Manchester Sportsmen's Association is sponsoring its annual Spring Trout Derby on Sunday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the club in Coventry. The event will be held rain or shine.

The pond will be stocked with 100 brookies, browns and rainbow trout. The longest trout caught will be \$100 and a there will be a \$10 prize for each tagged trout.

Door prizes and trophies will also be awarded. The admission fee is \$7 for adults and \$4 for those 10 years of age and under. A state of Connecticut fishing license is not required.

LPGA first round halted by rain

GLENDALE, Calif. — The most difficult course on the LPGA Tour got more difficult. Heavy showers Thursday made the Oakmont Country Club course — rated the toughest by LPGA players last year — unplayable and forced a suspension of the opening round of the \$250,000 Glendale Federal-GNA Classic.

Shelley Hamlin, vying for her second Tour victory, shot a 1-under-par 71 to share the lead with rookie Kristi Arrington.

Play was held up for almost two hours before officials made the announcement with half of the 144-player field having completed the first 18 holes on the par-72 course. Defending champion Jan Stephenson was at 1-under after seven holes.

Chris takes care of Bettina Bunge

DALLAS — Beating Chris Evert Lloyd makes it more difficult to beat her again. When I've lost to a player, I'm a little more fearful of her," Evert Lloyd said. "Zina (Garrison) beat me at Amelia Island (last April). She's dangerous for me."

Evert Lloyd, the second seed, moved into the quarterfinals of the \$250,000 Virginia Slims of Dallas against Garrison with a 6-1, 6-4 triumph Thursday over Bettina Bunge of Monaco.

Evert Lloyd lost her serve three times during the second set. "She breaks up my rhythm," Evert Lloyd said of Bunge. Fourth-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia advanced to the quarterfinals by defeating Susan Mascari of Boca West, Fla., 6-2, 6-1. Mandlikova, who left the tour for six weeks to nurse an injured right shoulder, said she is completely recovered.

Iowa in front at NCAA wrestling

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Oklahoma coach Stan Abel fears Iowa can wrap up its eighth straight NCAA wrestling championship today.

"If they win all eight matches (today), it's over really," Abel said. "Even if they win six, they'll be tough to beat. I'm starting to count heads to see whose fighting for the other positions."

The top-ranked Hawkeyes edged into a 2-point lead over No. 2 Oklahoma by winning all of their 17 matches Thursday in the 56th annual event.

Iowa is gunning for a ninth consecutive national title, an accomplishment matched only by Yale in golf and Southern California in track.

The Hawkeyes used their opening day success to accumulate 32.5 points before a record first-day home crowd of 19,831. The Sooners, who finished second to Iowa last year, were tied with Hawkeyes after the opening round, but dropped in to 124 and 150 pounds and advanced six wrestlers to today's quarterfinals.

Iowa State, considered a top contender coming in, dropped to third with 27 points after losing its first three matches in the second round.

FOCUS/Weekend

Bear with us Ellington couple invite you to hug their hobby

By Nancy Pappas Herald Reporter

When Margo and Bob Kudra give directions to their home in the Crystal Lake section of Ellington, they tell visitors to "bear right" and "bear left."

It's an appropriate set of instructions if you're visiting two of the area's most active collectors of teddy bears.

Relative newcomers to this hobby, the Kudras have spent the last 18 months filling their home — a rambling, beamed structure built in 1774 — with more than 250 bears, each of them different.

In the dining room sits Jethro, the Kudras' biggest bear. He's wearing sunglasses, a straw hat and a ski sweater, and he's reading a copy of a newspaper called "Bear Facts."

Across the room, on the fireplace hearth, two bears are playing a game of checkers. They're seated at a child-sized table and chairs which the Kudras bought specifically for the use of their bears.

On the couch sit a few storybook bears, like Winnie the Pooh and Paddington. Next to them is a honey-colored bear in a powder blue nun's habit, and another in elegant French-style lace and tulle.

There are bears on the end tables and on every book shelf. Behind glass doors are the tiniest of the bears — several of which are small enough to make their homes inside of a grape.

"It's un-bear-able, isn't it?" says Mrs. Kudra, with a laugh. "It's really hard to come here as a dinner guest, and not end up hugging one of our bears. Just look at this one," she said, gesturing toward a bear wearing desert boots and denim overalls. "We love sharing our love with these bears."

This weekend, the Kudras will be sharing their love of bears with hundreds of people who attend the Teddy Bear Fair they're putting on at Northeast School, on East Street in the Rockville section of Vernon.

In addition, there is a group called Good Bears of the World, which gives teddy bears to children who are about to be hospitalized. This is a cause in which both of the Kudras believe; it's going to get a cut from this weekend's show, as well.

For the past 20 years, Mrs. Kudra has taught second and third grade at Northeast School. Last year, after a number of conversations with a child whose parents were in the process of a divorce, she bought a 4-foot tall cuddly brown bear for her classroom.

"As a teacher, I had to be neutral," she couldn't say. "That's right, honey, things are awful and your parents shouldn't get a divorce," Mrs. Kudra says. "So I bought a bear and I said, 'Honey,

this bear is talking to me. She's lonely. Couldn't you take her and love her and talk to her?' Pretty soon that child was over in the back, talking to that bear."

THE FIRST BEAR was introduced to Kudra's class on a Monday. By Thursday, the teacher had bought another, this time for use with a little boy whose father is quite abusive. "Pretty soon, I needed to bring in a bear for each of the children. They couldn't see why so-and-so would get to hug a bear, and not them."

The result was that the Kudras purchased their first 28 bears. Mrs. Kudra leads them into her car on Monday morning and brings them to the school. They spend the week "visiting" the various children in the classroom, then they're brought home to Crystal Lake for the weekend.

But Mrs. Kudra didn't want to buy just any old run-of-the-mill drug store bears. Each of hers had to be a little different, even a little strange. So she led the couple to a circuit of bear shows, led them to meet bear craftsmen, and to travel close to 4,000 miles in their car, on the trail of interesting bears.

What does the "Papa Bear" of the Kudra family think of his wife's classroom of bears? A veteran of 25 years of teaching, primarily science and mathematics, in the Manchester schools, he understood his wife's concern for classroom props completely.

HE DOESN'T mind that the house is o-bear-run with the little characters. He's quick to brag about the sweaters and hats his wife has knit for the menagerie.

Still, the bear show is primarily a Margo Kudra production. She has chosen a number of charities, including the Northeast School playscape fund, the Hartford Arch restoration fund, the Save the Children program, the Statue of Liberty fund and St. Jude's Children's Hospital, which will receive the proceeds of the show.

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The bear show will be on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 33 exhibitors and craftsmen will sell "bearaphernalia" and antiques, tee shirts and handkerchiefs teddy bears. Admission is \$1.50 for adults; children under 12 are admitted for free.



Margo Kudra shows off one of her favorite bears. The bear is inside a rabbit's body. The bear's message to children: You can be who you want to be, explains Mrs. Kudra.



Margo and Bob Kudra of Ellington stand with just a few of their bears. The couple will be part of a bear show Saturday and Sunday at Northeast School in the Rockville section of Vernon.

The mayor in 'Hello Dolly' may look a little familiar

By Nancy Pappas Herald Reporter

When the Manchester Gilbert & Sullivan Players' production of "Hello, Dolly!" opens tonight, the stage at Manchester High School will be transformed into the town of Yonkers, N.Y., back in the 1890s.

An infusion of hometown flavor was deemed necessary because there are so few Manchester people still participating in the Manchester Gilbert & Sullivan Players.

In the 39 years since it was founded by members of the Epworth League at South United Methodist Church, the Players have grown both in numbers and in reputation. The group now attracts well transported back in time, as well. The Yonkers Children's Band which marches in during the third scene is actually a selected group of Bennett Junior High School band members, under the direction of Marilyn Lillibridge.

And when the mayor of Yonkers makes an appearance in the parade, it'll won't be an actress, but Manchester's own Mayor Barbara Weinberg, making her stage debut with the Gilbert & Sullivan Players.

"It's not such an exciting debut, but I'll be an actress, but Manchester's own Mayor Barbara Weinberg, making her stage debut with the Gilbert & Sullivan Players.

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chester, the costumer from East Hartford and the stage manager comes from Simsbury.

So director Donna Dube Colletta decided to focus attention back on the Manchester scene. Invitations went out to a number of groups, but only the Bennet band accepted.

"It's a tremendous time commitment. I guess I can see why others wouldn't want to do it," said Lillibridge.

The 25 13- and 14-year-old youngsters attended long rehearsals on Sunday afternoon and on Thursday night. They will participate in all five of the performances, this weekend and on Thursday night.

In contrast, Weinberg has been unable to make a longer commitment. She knows that she'll make a cameo appearance in tonight's performance, and will probably appear in some of the other performances, as well.

"But I just can't say for sure," Weinberg said. "When I've already done two jobs, it's hard to add another. I guess I'm just not the stage struck type."

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Ginny Schneider, a member of the Manchester Gilbert & Sullivan Players' Board of Directors, checks the fit on Mayor Barbara Weinberg's costume, while Vincenzo Pensavalle, a tailor, pins up the back. Weinberg will make a cameo appearance in several performances of "Hello, Dolly!"

Weekenders

The Irish fest is here

There's a two-day Irish festival in Hartford this weekend, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. This evening at 6:30, there will be a special St. Patrick's Day mass celebrated in St. Peter's Church, 169 Main St.

At the Hartford Civic Center, doors open at 6 p.m. for Irish night, featuring a band that's popular throughout the world, called the Wolfe Tones. They have played in New York's Carnegie Hall, and in London's Albert Hall. The concert starts at 8:30 p.m. and costs \$12.50 per person.

The highlight of the celebration is the annual Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade, sponsored by United Irish Societies. It begins on Saturday at the State Capitol and proceeds down Main Street to Church Street, onto High Street and then under the Memorial Arch and back to the Capitol. It will start at 11 a.m. rain, snow or shine.

Beggars can be choosers

"The Beggar's Opera," a musical burlesque, will be performed this weekend in the University Theater at Central Connecticut State University, off Stanley Street in New Britain. Performances are this evening and Saturday at 8. Admission is \$5 general, \$4 for students and senior citizens.

Buy at flea market

Bargains will be ready at St. Rose Ladies Guild annual flea market Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Rose School, corner of Church Street and Burnside Ave., East Hartford.

PBS documentary showcases 'Follies'

NEW YORK (AP) — New York's biggest musical theater event of 1985 played only two nights at Lincoln Center last September.

It was a concert version of "Follies," the Stephen Sondheim musical about a reunion of performers who appeared in those lavish, Ziegfeld-style revues that were popular in the early World War I.

Now public television, courtesy of "Great Performances," gives viewers a chance Friday to see what some of the excitement was all about. The program is "Follies in Concert," an entertaining documentary narrated by Roy Scheider about the creation of that historic evening of theater.

Cinema

HARTFORD — Cinema City — Brazil (R) Fri 7, 9-10; Sat 12-1, 4-5, 6-7, 9-10; Sun 12-1, 4-5, 6-7, 9-10. Chicago (PG) Fri 7-9, 9-10; Sat and Sun 12-1, 4-5, 6-7, 9-10. Kiss of the Spider-Queen (R) Fri 9-10; Sat and Sun 4-6, 7-9, 9-10. The Trip to Italy (PG) Fri 7-9, 9-10; Sat and Sun 12-1, 4-5, 6-7, 9-10; Sun 12-1, 4-5, 6-7, 9-10.



Watch volleyball

Cheer Rham noon students or members of Andover, Hebron, Marlborough Youth Services in a volleyball game fund-raiser Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the high school gymnasium. Admission is \$1 for students and \$2 for others. Proceeds will be used for youth service program. For more information, call the services at 228-9488.

Polish dinner is Sunday

It may be a grand weekend for the Irish, but there will be a Polish dinner at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, 25 Croton St., Hartford. The dinner, put on by the Home & School Association, will include pierogi, kielbasa, ham, golabki, kapusta, bread, coffee and an array of desserts, all for just \$4 per adult, or \$2 per child. There will be an auction, dancing, a concert put on by the school band, and free helium balloons for the kids. The event will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday in the SS. Cyril & Methodius school cafeteria. Proceeds will benefit the school.

'Pop' goes the concert

The Canadian Brass, a world-famous brass ensemble, will perform in a pops concert tonight and Saturday with the Hartford Symphony Pops Orchestra, at Bushnell Memorial Hall. Tickets for the concert are \$10 general, \$6 for students and senior citizens. For reservations, call 524-0077.

Night at the opera

TheaterWorks, a Hartford-based arts company, presents "An Evening of Opera," on Saturday evening at 8 in the Avery Theater of the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford. The event features the singer who won the Metropolitan Opera National Council audition, Hartford resident Margaret Vasquez. Tickets are \$10 general, \$6 for students and senior citizens. For reservations, call 521-2701.

Go fly a kite

The Connecticut Audubon Society wants you to get out and fly a kite. They're inviting families to a kite-making workshop from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, followed by a flying party. The fee of \$6 per person covers all materials for the kites. For more information, call 632-8402.

Green eggs and ham

No, it's not Dr. Seuss' book by that name, but the Hungerford Outdoor Education Center, 191 Farmington Ave., Kensington, is throwing a Green Eggs and Ham party. Participants will gather at 1 p.m. for a St. Patrick's day party, at which children who are at least 9 years old can make and taste all kinds of green food. Don't feed the children lunch beforehand. Admission at the museum is 50 cents for students, and the class costs \$1 per person.



Bring a teddy bear

Bring your favorite teddy bear so he can try to win a new hat at the Teddy Bear Fair Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Northeast School, East Street, Rockville. Take exit 67 from I-84, head north, follow the signs. On sale will be handcrafted teddy bears, books, bear hats and clothing, beaphernalia, jewelry, antique teddies, T-shirts and teddy bear rubber stamps.

Encore! Encore!

The Saturday morning film shows at the Wadsworth Atheneum proved so popular, the Education Department is scheduling another series. The first show is Saturday at 10 a.m., and will feature "Cockaboo," a film by contemporary artists John and Faith Hubley, and Maurice Sendak's "Pierre." Tickets are \$1 per person, at the door of the Avery Theater, 600 Main St., Hartford. A workshop on homemade animated films will follow.

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Weekenders

See, buy art tonight

The Gala Art Exhibit and Auction tonight will show European and American Art and give out catalogs, lithographs, wine and cheese at Manchester Country Club, 385 S. Main St. The preview will open at 7 and the auction will start at 8. Among the many artists whose works will be featured are: Calder, Chagall, Picasso, Dali, Norman Rockwell, Matisse and many more. Proceeds will benefit the Manchester Lions Club. Admission is \$3.

Say hello to Dolly

Enjoy the lively musical, "Hello, Dolly!" tonight, Saturday, March 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at Bailey Auditorium, Manchester High School. Tickets at the door will be \$8 for general admission and \$4 for children 12 and under and senior citizens. The show will be sponsored by the Manchester Gilbert & Sullivan Players.

Walk, ski by river

Put on your walking shoes for a hike along the Hockanum starting at 1 p.m. Sunday. The hike starts at Economy Electric on Oakland Street. If there is snow, you may wear snowshoes and cross country skis. The group, sponsored by the Hockanum River Linear Park Commission, will proceed to the Steak Club in the Talcottville section of Vernon and return. March 22 is the rain date. For more information, call Arthur Joyce, 648-1649.

Eat corned beef

Second Congregational Church will serve a corned beef and cabbage dinner Saturday from 8 to 7 p.m. at the church at 385 N. Main St. Reservations may be made by calling Gerrie Hayes at 648-3501. Walk-ins will be welcome until all the tickets are sold. The charge will be \$6 general admission, \$5 for senior citizens and \$3 for children 12 and under.

Learn about Alaska

In warm comfort, see the film, "An Alaskan Autumn," narrated by naturalist Tom Sterling, tonight at 8 at East Catholic High School. The show will cost \$3 for adult members, \$1.50 for children members, \$5 for adults non-members and \$2.50 for children non-members. It is the last of a series sponsored by Manchester Land Conservation Trust.

Pass pierogi, please

Polish pierogi, bread and crafts will be featured at the annual Easter food and craft fair Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Polish National Catholic Church, 23 Golway St.

Enjoy 'Cinderella'

Up for a little fantasy, "Cinderella" will be presented at 2:30 p.m. Saturday by the Connecticut Concert Ballet at the East Hartford High School, 879 Forbes St. Admission is \$2. Call 528-0266. The Connecticut Concert Ballet is based in Manchester.

Harlem jazz featured

The Harlem Jazz & Blues is the featured band at the Connecticut Traditional Jazz Club's concert on Saturday evening. The band is a group of outstanding musicians from the 1930s, veterans of the Count Basie and Pat Waller bands, people who have played with Fletcher Henderson, Louis Armstrong and others. The concert is at 8:30 p.m. at the Yale Inn, 900 East Main St., Meriden. Tickets are \$10 general; \$7 for members; half price for students.

Trio sings Sunday

Tres Voces, a trio of male singers, will present a concert Sunday at Immanuel Congregational Church on Farmington Avenue in Hartford. The concert, which will be performed at Jorgensen Auditorium, University of Connecticut at Storrs. Performances are at 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is between \$2 and \$3.50. For more information, call 486-4226.

Pocket of rhymes

Romp into the world of Jack and Jill, Humpty Dumpty and other famous Mother Goose characters, with the Prince Street Players, a division of the Detroit Youth Theater. A bouncy musical revue for children will be performed at Jorgensen Auditorium, University of Connecticut at Storrs. Performances are at 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is between \$2 and \$3.50. For more information, call 486-4226.

Head for the chorale

The Manchester Symphony Chorale will present a concert under the baton of David Cyle Morse this weekend. Mozart's "Coronation Mass" and selections from Haydn's oratorio, "The Creation," will be on the program, along with other works. The concert will be at 8 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 41 Park St. Admission is \$5.50 general, \$3.50 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call 648-2268.

Country baskets on sale

Carol S. Lasnier of Hebron will demonstrate the art of making Nantucket Lightship baskets at Country Craft Show Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hebron Elementary School

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French actor seeking fame in Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Viva la France! Except in Hollywood. Maybe 50 million Frenchmen can't be wrong, but they can't do much right in becoming international movie stars via Hollywood films.

Historically, few Frenchmen have attained stardom in Hollywood. Whether this state of affairs is due to the language barrier, cultural blocks or indifference to Gallic charm has never been thoroughly established.

Probably the most successful Frenchman in American cinema was Charles Boyer and not far behind him Maurice Chevalier. Louis Jourdan has enjoyed a long career without attaining superstardom.

Yves Montand fell short, as have such current French hotshots as Alain Delon and Jean-Paul Belmondo. Jean-Pierre Aumont and Jean Gabin were at best second leads.

French actresses have hardly fared better. Leslie Caron was probably the only one who became a full-fledged movie star. Genevieve came close. Jeanne Moreau didn't cut it. A few made a quick splash and fell back, among them Simone Signoret. Simone Signoret was a kitchy novelty in the 1950s.

Now a handsome young Parisian sex symbol, Christopher Lambert, whose Gallic accent can be cut with a hot knife, has a shot. He played the title role in "Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan" and now co-stars with Sean Connery in "Highlander."

Although he was born in New York City, Lambert's European parents took him to France when he was 2, and he is as French as the Eiffel Tower. Still in his mid-20s, Lambert has starred in three French movies, "Paroles Et Musique," "Subway" and "Love You," of which American moviegoers are almost totally unaware.

Lambert shrugged with French indifference the other day and said, "You cannot expect to become known in the United States by working in French cinema. Two of our biggest stars, Belmondo and Delon, are strangers to this country."

Asked why his countrymen have not succeeded in Hollywood, Lambert said, "The language barrier, of course, is the main problem. But English is France's second language. We all have to study it in school. As you can notice, I speak not so good English as I would like. But there is no reason French actors can't learn the specific lines for a motion picture role. It's a matter of practice, repetition and hard work. I have done it for 'Highlander,' even speaking with a Scottish accent."

"It took me three months to learn to speak my lines in 'Highlander' before the movie started. I continued to work on it for five months during the production. There is another reason why French actors and actresses are not a success in Hollywood. When a French actor or actress is in a picture, they don't want to move to Hollywood and be less successful."

"The trouble with French cinema is the limited audience. Usually pictures are seen in only three or four French-speaking countries. There are, of course, exceptions. 'La Cage Aux Poulx' was an international hit, even with subtitles. French movies and accents dubbed voices in English. He added that Americans resent dubbing and lose interest in French pictures that utilize subtitles.

"Subtitles are distracting in all cinema," he said. "How can you concentrate on the action when your eyes are drawn to the printed words at the bottom of the screen? It is no good."

DINING GUIDE featuring... Birch Mt. Inn, NIKKI'S, LA STRADA Restaurant, MASSARO'S, DAVIS FAMILY RESTAURANT, The Woodbridge Restaurant, Birch Mt. Inn. Includes menus, prices, and contact information for various dining establishments.

MAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Dick Brown



THE PHANTOM by Lee Falk & Sy Barry



BLONDIE by Dean Young & Stan Drake



ON THE BACKTRACK by Bill Holbrook



MR. MEN AND LITTLE MISS by Hargreaves & Sells



PEANUTS by Charles M. Schulz



U.S. ACRES by Jim Davis



CAPTAIN EASY by Crooks & Casale



ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson



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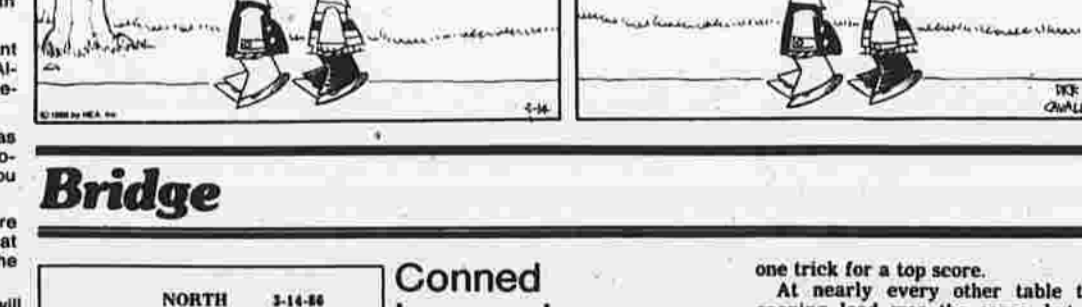
THE BORN LOSER by Art Sanson



FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves



WINTHROP by Dick Cavalli



Puzzles

ACROSS, DOWN, and Answer to Previous Puzzle sections with crossword grids.

Astrograph

Astrograph section featuring horoscopes for various zodiac signs and a 'Your Birthday' section.

Bridge

Bridge section containing a hand diagram and a 'Conned by cunning' article by James Jacoby.

CELEBRITY CIPHER section with a grid and instructions for solving it.

Friday TV

Friday TV listings for 5:00PM, 5:35PM, 6:00PM, 8:00PM, 9:00PM, 11:30PM, and 12:00AM, including movie and news programs.

Nikki's Full Bar Homestyle Pies advertisement with menu items and contact information.



Baubles for ball - Leslie Belcher, left, and Donna Stratman, at Leaf, Stem and Root, put the finishing touches on arrangements for Baubles, Bangles and Beads...

About Town

Author signs book on Earhart - Shirley Dobson-Gilroy will autograph copies of her book, 'Amelia - Pilot in Pearls...' from March 27 to April 24...

MANCHESTER GILBERT & SULLIVAN PLAYERS

HELLO DOLLY! advertisement for the musical, including showtimes and ticket information.

Large vertical text '14 MAR 14' on the right edge of the page.



Herald photos by Basha

Science stars

First-place winners of the Buckley School science fair stand proudly beside their exhibits Tuesday morning. Above are Alexa DeLoannis, fourth grade; Petra Sauer, fifth grade; and Daniel Heine and Daniel Warren, a team of sixth-graders whose exhibit took a blue ribbon. Right, the younger winners: Jay Bose, first grade; Ethan Kloehn, third grade; and Brent Marler, second grade.



Herald photos by Basha

Lower prices at gas pumps shouldn't deter conservation

Do you recall the energy "shortages" of 1974-75 and 1979-80 when so many mobile lines near gas stations circled around blocks, gas costs soared and "double-digit inflation" entered our everyday language?



Sylvia Porter

Today all prices are close to what they were just a couple of years ago. Interest rates are way down, too; the world is floating in a sea of "black gold." Inflation is about one-quarter of its peak and many Americans can hardly remember the "Middle East oil crisis."

Births

Hickey, Taryn Elizabeth, daughter of Elizabeth (Deane) and John E. Hickey Jr., of 135 Love Lane, was born Feb. 11 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Deane of Hudson, N.Y. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Hickey of Voorheesville, N.Y. The baby has a sister, Kathleen, 18 months.

Advice

Family gets to keep jewels when daughters get custody

DEAR ABBY: This is a distressed, whose son and daughter-in-law, after a three-year marriage, are working out a "friendly divorce."



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Please settle a family dispute. Our daughter, a professional woman of 30, shares our house. It works out well, as she helps my wife around the house some, but mainly we each have our own quarters.

Latent syphilis poses risks

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have had treatment, to make sure I am not still with me. I am 78, and a year ago found out I had syphilis in the latent stage.



Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 65, and for more than a year I have had uncontrollable vaginal itching. I've been to two doctors, and both just sort of grinned and said, "Just your nerves" and "There are no lesions, so there can't be anything wrong."

Fake I.D.'s no help in pinch

DEAR POLLY: I've had copies made of all the various I.D.'s I carry in my car case, such as my driver's license, Social Security card and Medicare card. I keep the originals at home and carry the copies.



Pointers
Polly Fisher

DEAR POLLY: To keep my sons from squabbling over who got the biggest piece of pie or cake, one would cut it while the other had first choice. You can be sure the pieces were almost perfectly even every time.

Thoughts

Each day you face life with your particular personality traits. These traits are for the most part the habits you developed through the years, to achieve your self-satisfaction, and to ally those stresses of anxiety which disturbed your sense of well-being.



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Students enjoy sights and sounds

Emily Richards, 6, of Tinker Pond Road in Bolton, above left, knows the Easter bunny is on its way as she points to some Easter goodies she wants from a display at the Bolton schools' "Sight and Sound Festival" this week.

Area Towns In Brief

NU selects school for demo
BOLTON - The all-electric Bolton Elementary School is one of 10 institutions in the state that was selected by Northeast Utilities to participate in an energy conservation demonstration project.

Principals plan pilot team

BOLTON - The high school and elementary school principals are proposing to run a pilot 7th- and 8th-grade boys' baseball team that would work with the high school varsity coach.

Board appoints Buckman

BOLTON - The Board of Education Thursday night appointed Dr. Ronald Buckman of Bolton to complete this year's term as school physician.

Cheese distribution planned

The Windham Area Community Action Program will be distributing surplus cheese to qualified people in Andover, Bolton and Coventry on Tuesday.

Andover meets Monday

ANDOVER - A special town meeting will be held Monday to consider the purchase of a new ambulance, two new school buses, a van and a car.

BHS needs new tank, officials say

BOLTON - The head of school maintenance and two consultants told the Board of Education Thursday night that the heating oil tank at the high school should be replaced because it may be leaking.

Bolton board approves school budget

BOLTON - The Board of Education Thursday night put its stamp of approval on a proposed \$2.9 million school budget for the next fiscal year.

Stick with the facts, not the fads.

For human sexuality information, the unmistakable source is The Kinsey Report by Dr. June M. Reinisch.

Advertisement for Anne's Place Unisex Hair & Tanning Salon, featuring haircuts, perms, and tanning services.

Advertisement for Manchester Herald, featuring a portrait of a woman and the text 'Your Voice in Manchester'.

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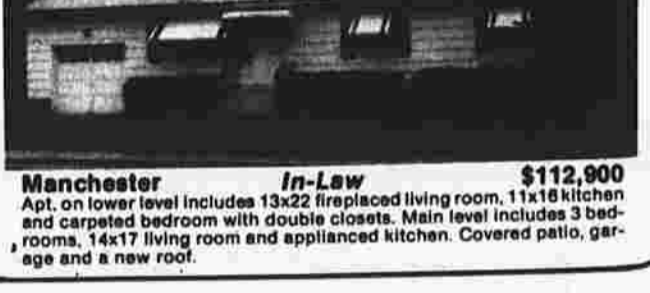
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BUSINESS

Business In Brief

Market continues its rise
NEW YORK — The stock market swept ahead today, extending its runaway rise with a boost from some dramatic news on producer prices.
The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks jumped 11.74 to 1,785.45 in the first hour of trading.
Gainers opened up a 2-1 lead over losers in the early rally of New York Stock Exchange-listed issues.
The government reported this morning that the producer price index of finished goods fell 1.6 percent in February, taking its largest drop since the Labor Department began reporting the index in 1947.
Other government figures, reinforced evidence of a sluggish economy, which would presumably allow room for further declines in interest rates. The Federal Reserve reported a drop of 0.6 percent in industrial production last month.
Interest rates were slightly lower in early credit-market activity today.
Among actively traded blue chips, International Business Machines gained 1/4 to 151 1/2; Eastman Kodak 1/8 to 87 1/2; and American Telephone & Telegraph 1/8 to 29 1/2.

NYSE's composite index
The NYSE's composite index of all its listed common stocks rose 48 to 348.86. At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index was up .35 at 267.48.
On Thursday the Dow Jones industrial average climbed 8.26 to 1,783.71, topping the record close of 1,746.05 it reached two days earlier.
Advancing issues slightly outnumbered declines on the New York Stock Exchange. Big Board volume totaled 171.48 million shares, against 210.25 million in the previous session.

Dollar drops in Europe
LONDON — The U.S. dollar dropped today at the opening of European foreign exchanges following a big dollar fall in Japan. The price of gold in Europe opened lower.
Dealers in London said the U.S. unit was weak because falling oil prices heightened fears about U.S. banks' exposure to South American debtor countries.
The greenback closed in Tokyo at 177.70 yen, its lowest there in more than 7 1/2 years.
The dollar then opened lower on all the major European foreign exchanges.
It began trading in Frankfurt at 2.26 marks against 2.2815, in Zurich at 1.9018 Swiss francs against 1.9317 and in London at \$1.4650 to the pound against 1.4610.
The U.S. unit opened in Paris at 6.954 francs against 7.0625, in Brussels at 46.95 Belgian francs against 47.72 and in Milan at 1.540 lire against 1.531.75.
The dollar close in Tokyo of 177.70 yen was the lowest since Oct. 31, 1974 when the U.S. unit finished at 178.05. The Tokyo close on Thursday was 180.30 yen.
"Terry calls the shots anyway," said Seth Mandel, an analyst with the Maxam Group. "He built the company, he picked the people who run it, he's the chairman and he owns the most stock."
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The stock was trading at the time of the bid \$30.

T-bill yields at 8-year low
WASHINGTON — Yields on 52-week Treasury bills fell to 6.61 percent in Thursday's auction, the lowest level in eight years.
The Treasury Department sold \$9 billion in bills with the average discount rate down from 7.19 percent at the last auction on Feb. 13. The rate was the lowest since 6.55 percent on Jan. 4, 1978.
The sale attracted bids totaling \$22.5 billion. The investment rate, which is higher than the discount rate, averaged 7.06 percent with a \$10,000 bill selling for \$9,331.70.

Imports, environmental troubles shake up glove industry
By Mary Beth Sheridan
The Associated Press
GLOVERVILLE, N.Y. — Two hundred years after Indians tanned deer skin in these Adirondack foothills, one of America's few surviving frontier industries is facing extinction.
Glovermaking and tanning once boomed in the upstate New York cities of Gloverville and Johnson. For more than 15 decades, the neighboring cities have been key producers of gloves for American soldiers, farmers and churchgoers.
New York is still the nation's leading tanning and glove-making state — and more than two-thirds of the industry's workforce is in Fulton County, according to the state Labor Department.
But for the "Glove Cities" and other leather centers around the country, the traditional livelihood is threatened by cheap imports and environmental problems.
"There are literally thousands of people here who are desperate," says Bill Towne, a local union leader, gesturing at "For Sale" signs hung on shops on Gloverville's Main Street. "Unless there's some federal trade protection, the industry is doomed."
The air around the wood-and-brick tanneries is heavy with the smell of manure and ammonia. In the pre-dawn twilight, hundreds of the cities' 27,000 residents are already at work, treating, cutting and coloring animal skins.
"These people love leather," says tanner Frank Perrella, watching men in long aprons sling rubbery white sheepskins over wooden stands.
Perrella, whose firm produces the baby-soft leather for Anne Klein Aris' Isotoner gloves, says tanners are struggling to compete with overseas companies using cheap labor or getting government subsidies.
He is not alone. Foreign competition is hurting the country's domestic leather-producing centers in Wisconsin, Maine, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, according to the U.S. Labor Department's Industrial Outlook '86. Leather industry employment nationwide dropped nearly 10 percent between 1984 and 1985, to 15,800 workers, the Labor Department says.
Labor costs aren't the only advantage foreign firms have. They frequently pay less for skins, either because governments restrict the export of raw leather or subsidize its purchase, the Labor Department says.
"THE LEATHER INDUSTRY is in financial straits," says Dave Simek, president of the Fulton County Tanners Association, speaking over the clanking of machinery at his tannery. "There have been no profits for the past five or six years."
Simek says many foreign firms get off scot-free when it comes to environmental costs. "You have plants in Argentina and Brazil that are dumping effluent out into the backyards," he says.
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Home sale questions can be tricky



Investors' Guide
William A. Doyle

QUESTION: We own a four-apartment building and live in one of the units. We are both retired, I being 66, my wife 58. We have bought a retirement home in another state.
If we sell the four-apartment building, can we use the once-in-a-lifetime deal to exclude tax on \$125,000 of the profit from the sale?
ANSWER: Unless that's a very, very, very, very little apartment building, it's most unlikely you'll be able to duck that much tax. Because you're past 55 and assuming you have owned the building and lived in your apartment for three of the five years before the sale, you can use the once-in-a-lifetime exclusion. However, you can exclude and not pay federal income tax only on up to \$125,000 of the profit from the sale of your "principal residence" — the apartment unit in which you lived.
Let's say you have a \$200,000 profit on the sale of that building. You have to apportion that profit among your apartment unit and the rest of the building. In this example, if the profit apportioned to your apartment unit works out at \$50,000, you can exclude that. But you'll be required to report the other \$150,000 profit as a capital gain on your income tax return.
Apportioning the profit is not as simple a thing as dividing the total profit by four, as in this example. It's complicated by how much of the building is "common space" used by all residents. I urge you to turn that clause over to a good accountant whose fee could be more than offset by tax savings.

QUESTION: The profit on the sale of a person's home is the difference between the net proceeds from the sale and the principal residence's "basis," minus "flaring up" expenses for work done within 90 days before the contract for sale is signed and paid for within 30 days after the sale.
You have explained that the costs of all additions and improvements — but not repairs and maintenance — increase the home's basis. Can the price of tools, such as an electric bench saw for carpentry, and a reasonable price for do-it-yourself labor be included in the home's basis?
ANSWER: If the bench saw is left at the house, a case can be made that it was an addition to the basis. But you can't tack on any price for your own labor. The basis for additions and improvements increases only by money paid. The IRS gives you allowance for "sweat equity."
Doyle welcomes written questions, but he can provide answers only through the column.

QUESTION: We plan to sell our home this year and buy another home. We expect to realize a profit of approximately \$30,000 on the sale of our present home. Is there any way we can shelter that profit from tax?
ANSWER: Sure. When you buy a principal residence within two years before or after the sale of your former principal residence, you postpone tax on all or part of the sale's profit.
If the purchase price of your new home is more than the sale price of your present home, you defer tax on the profit from that sale and reduce the "basis" of your new home by the amount of the deferred profit. Here's a quick example. If you sell your present home for \$100,000 and buy a new home for \$150,000, you won't pay tax on your \$50,000 profit. The basis of your new home will be \$120,000 — the \$150,000 purchase price, minus the \$30,000 on which you postpone tax.
Things get even more complex when you buy a new home at a lower price than the selling price of your old home. In that case, you pay capital gain tax on the lesser of the profit from the sale of the old home or the amount by which the adjusted sale price exceeds the purchase price of the new home. If it's the latter, you postpone tax on the rest of the profit and reduce the basis of your new home by that amount.
You are required to postpone tax every time you sell your old home and buy a new one within the two years before or after the sale. You do it by filing Form 2119 with your federal income tax return.

Iroquois chief tightens grip

GREENWICH (AP) — Terence J. Fox appears to have strengthened his control of Iroquois Brands Ltd.'s board of directors with the election of two close associates, one of them his brother, to vacancies on the board, analysts say.
Fox, the Iroquois chairman who was arrested on drug charges in November, rejected a move in December by the company's board to buy him out of the company for \$11.4 million.
Besides his positions as chairman and chief executive officer, Fox is also the company's largest shareholder.
The Greenwich-based marketer of vitamins, beverages and specialty foods said in a statement Thursday that Kyle Alexander and Michael K. Fox had been elected to the board during a meeting late Wednesday.
Michael K. Fox, 40, is Fox's younger brother and works as an assistant vice president with XTRA Corp., a transportation and leasing company based in Wilmington, Del.
Alexander, 48, is Iroquois Brands' vice president, secretary and executive assistant to Fox. He has been with the company since 1976, the statement said.
Analysts said the move appeared to strengthen Fox's control of Iroquois' nine-member board, but one analyst questioned whether that really mattered.
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Were the options exercised, Fox and his family would own about a 29 percent stake in Iroquois Brands, which Fox built from a struggling Rochester, N.Y., brewery.
Mandel said the elections announced Thursday indicate that Iroquois' board still wants Fox out of the company "if it doesn't have the leverage. It possibly signals that Terry Fox intends to remain in control."
Iroquois Brands, whose products include Champagne, caviar, caviar, cooking sauces and chutney, reported a \$19,000 profit in 1985 on revenues of \$125 million, the year before, the company earned \$6.4 million on \$143.9 million in revenues.



Heading the bank

President Reagan has selected Barber Conable, shown in this 1984 picture, to be the new head of the World Bank, administration officials said Thursday.
Conable was a Republican congressman from New York for 20 years before retiring in 1984.

Feds carry farm burden

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government payments to farmers are rising sharply this year, while proceeds from cash marketings of crops and livestock are dropping to a seven-year low, according to Agriculture Department economists.
Overall cash receipts from the sale of commodities may be from \$130 billion to \$134 billion in calendar 1986, down from an estimated \$140 billion to \$142 billion last year.
According to USDA records, that would be the lowest cash receipts for American farmers since sales totaled \$131.1 billion in 1978. Nearly all of this year's decline will be due to lower crop receipts.
"The figures were included in a new outlook report circulated this week by the department's Economic Research Service. A summary of the report, showing 1986 farm income projections, was released last month.
Crop marketings are expected to total \$9 billion to \$63 billion to \$72 billion from \$70 billion to \$72 billion estimated in 1985.
—Declines of a fifth or more are likely to occur in cash receipts for food grains, feed grain and hay, and cotton," the report said.
"Wheat, corn and sorghum receipts will probably show the sharpest drops."
For livestock, total 1986 receipts may be in the range of \$48 billion to \$72 billion, down slightly from last year. A slight improvement in prices is expected to almost offset a reduction in marketings.

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Home building in Japan

U.S. tries new export campaign

By Marie Okabe United Press International TOKYO — The latest American drive to sell U.S. products to Japan features six carpenters from Tacoma, Washington, working feverishly to build a giant, three-story wooden house in a Tokyo suburb.

Although traditional Japanese dwellings used wood and paper, concrete and steel have taken precedence in housing construction because of fears that flimsy wooden structures were vulnerable to earthquakes and fires.

stimulate demand for wooden dwellings by people in Japan, where less than half of all homes are made of wood.

Although traditional Japanese dwellings used wood and paper, concrete and steel have taken precedence in housing construction because of fears that flimsy wooden structures were vulnerable to earthquakes and fires.

Organizers hope President Reagan himself will attend the opening ceremony of the 5,000 square-foot building, made mostly of plywood and other new wood products imported from northwestern states like Oregon, Montana and Washington.

THEIR BIGGEST TASK is to

displaying the latest in American building technology from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day since they arrived in early February.

The house, built on land leased by a Japanese development company, uses many new materials still prohibited for use in Japan. The building also violates a ban on any wooden structure over two stories high.

But the Japanese Construction Ministry still gave the green light on the prototype, whose idea was first raised last year as trade negotiations deadlocked over American wood product imports to Japan.

TOKYO AND WASHINGTON remained apart on the issue of tariffs on American imports, particularly plywood, during the recently ended Market Opening Sector Selective (MOSS) talks in four key trade areas.

In the forest product segment of the talks, Japan agreed to lower its tariffs on plywood imports from the United States beginning in 1987, but the U.S. side demanded the move come sooner.

WHO'S JOBLESS NOW?



(Source: U.S. Labor Dept.) NEA graphic

The civilian unemployment rate was 6.7 percent in January before it jumped to 7.3 percent last month. However, that rate pales next to the joblessness that affects minorities and teenagers. A solution remains elusive, which has been a sore spot for many administrations.

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Irish show their colors

HARTFORD (UPI) - Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day, or so the saying goes, but census officials report the familiar adage is not all that far from the truth in Connecticut. Thousands of state residents trace at least part of their ancestry back to the Emerald Isle, making the "wearer of the green" a point of pride among Connecticut's largest ethnic group.

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, falls on Monday this year, but plenty of parades, parties, bar promotions and other celebrations are on tap this weekend.

Gov. William A. O'Neill, whose mother hailed from Ireland, will take part in St. Patrick's Day parades today in Hartford and Sunday in New Haven.

The Connecticut Census Data Center helped set the mood Friday by reporting that in 1980 nearly 614,000 residents, about 20 percent of the total state population, identified themselves as at least part Irish.

In fact, the division of the state Office of Policy and Management said there are about 126 people of Irish ancestry living within each square mile of Connecticut. The figure compares with 127 people per square mile in Ireland.

Connecticut's total population of more than 3.1 million people is slightly less than Ireland's population of some 3.4 million people. Fairfield County leads the way in Connecticut, with about 180,740 residents of Irish descent. New Haven County (about 181,720) and Hartford County (more than 131,239) rank next in terms of Irish ancestry.

President answers Soviets

By Michael Putzel
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Reagan on Friday announced he had sent Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev a "new, very specific and far-reaching proposal" on nuclear testing that could open the way to U.S. ratification of two long-dormant test ban treaties.

The proposal, however, makes clear the United States still intends to detonate a nuclear device underground every year.

The Soviets have put international pressure on the Reagan administration to refrain from testing by announcing their own moratorium, which Gorbachev said Thursday would remain in effect until the United States explodes another nuclear device.

In a written statement issued by the White House, Reagan said he gave Gorbachev a technical description of a new method of detecting and measuring underground nuclear tests.

Reagan said the method, which he called CORTEX, would enable both superpowers to improve verification and ensure compliance with the never-ratified 1974 Threshold Test Ban Treaty and the Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty that was signed two years later.

The two pacts - which both sides have said they would observe, but which both have suggested the other violated - limit underground nuclear tests to 150 kilotons. Nuclear explosions in the atmosphere were banned by a 1963 test ban pact.

"I provided to Mr. Gorbachev a technical description of CORTEX designed to detect how this method will enhance verification procedures," Reagan said.

The president added that he invited the Soviet leader to send his own experts to the United States' nuclear test site in Nevada the third week in April to observe an American test and watch the new detection system in operation.

"I would hope this would provide an opportunity for our experts to discuss verification methods and thus pave the way for resolving the serious concerns which have arisen in this area," Reagan said.

But Reagan has contended the United States needs to continue testing to catch up with Soviet weapons technology. Reagan previously had invited



Seeking grass roots support for his program of aid for the Nicaraguan Contras, President Reagan greets former United Nations ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick Friday in Washington. Looking on is Alan Gerson, a deputy assistant attorney general. Speaking to a group of handpicked supporters, the president declared himself a contra and compared his appeal for aid to the American lend-lease program helping Britain at the start of World War II.

Documents reveal a nuclear mystery

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RICHLAND, Wash. - Hundreds of thousands of curies of radioactive iodine were routinely released into the environment from the Hanford nuclear reservation in the early 1940s, newly released documents show, and researchers try to determine whether the health of residents was affected.

An estimated 340,000 curies of radioactive iodine were released from smokestacks in 1945 at chemical plants where irradiated fuel rods were melted in acid to extract plutonium for nuclear weapons, the documents show. A curie is a measurement of radioactivity.

"By comparison, about 14 curies were released over 45 days in the accident at one of the Three Mile Island reactors in Pennsylvania in 1979, according to GPU Nuclear Corp., the site operator."

In 1984, about one-half a curie of radioactive iodine-131 was released at Hanford, said Bob Mooney, a state health physicist with the Department of Social and Health Services.

No public health warnings were given in the 1940s, and no follow-up health studies were conducted, according to the declassified reports.

Some 19,000 pages of records on Hanford's environmental effects from the time it was established 1943 to 1985 were declassified last month in response to requests and lawsuits from environmentalists and others.

The Hanford nuclear reservation, part of the original Manhattan project that created the atom bomb during World War II, is located along the Columbia River in south-central Washington.

Energy Department spokesman Mike Talbot on Friday stressed that the releases occurred during the height of wartime nuclear materials production.

"It should be noted that the estimated amount of iodine-131 released to 76,000 curies in 1945. In 1947, the level dropped to 2,000 curies, and in 1948, the estimated iodine release dropped to only 1,200," he said.

Iodine, which takes 8 1/2 days to lose its radioactivity, can cause thyroid cancer. Iodine that falls to the ground is consumed by grazing animals and enters the human body through such products as milk.

State officials have a panel of epidemiologists from the Centers for Disease Control can determine whether Hanford had any health effects on people living nearby, said Terry Strang, director of the state health department's radiological control section.

The CDC is expected to begin looking at health records to try to see if Hanford operations caused any problems, he said.

Studies by the state have been unable to detect cancer rates for people living near Hanford higher than those living elsewhere in the state, he said, but officials hope the CDC can do more extensive studies.

For years, farmers living across the Columbia River from Hanford have complained that releases from the nuclear facility have caused deaths and birth defects in sheep and other