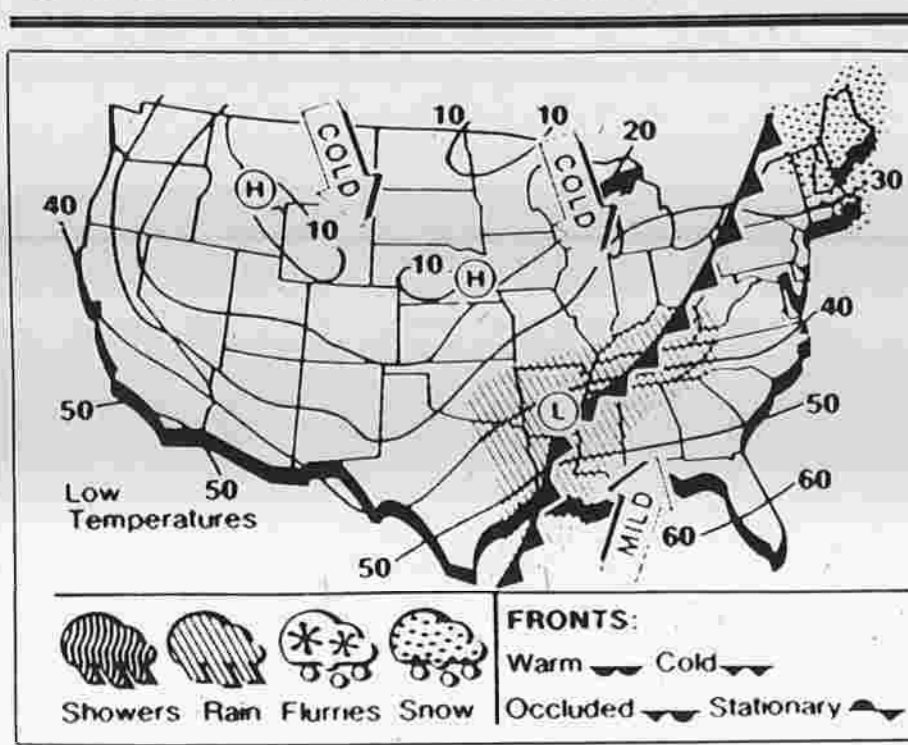
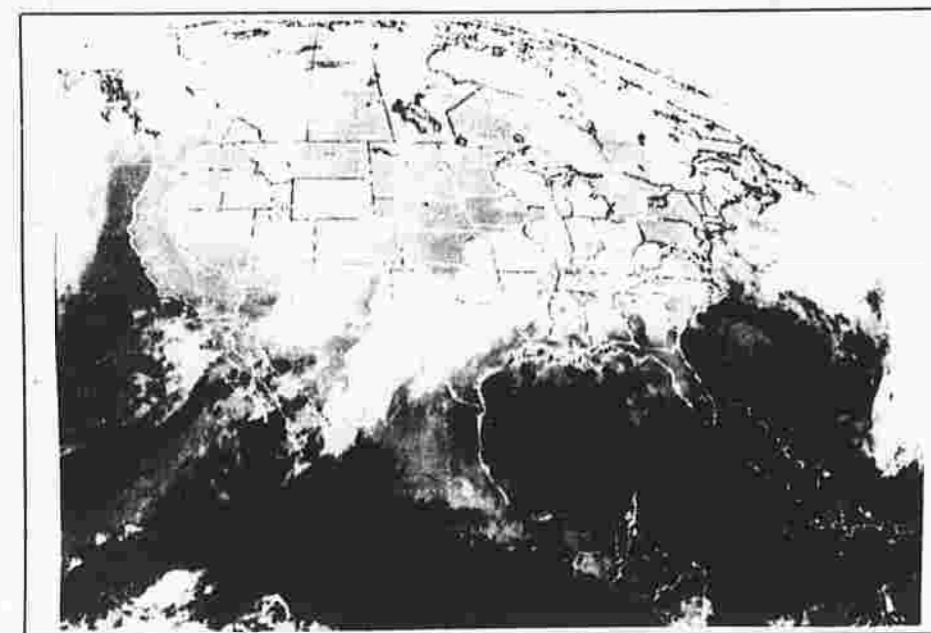


WEATHER



NATIONAL FORECAST — Rain is forecast Thursday from the western Gulf and southeast Plains to the Ohio Valley. Snow is expected in New England. Cold weather is forecast from the northern Rockies to the Midwest.



MORNING CLOUDS — Weather satellite photo taken at 2:30 a.m. shows widespread cloudiness encompassing an area from the Southwest to the Southeast, and northward to the Great Lakes. Clear skies are over the northern Plains, Rockies and Pacific states.

Connecticut forecast

Central, Eastern Interior and Southwestern Interior: Cloudy with wet snow likely after midnight tonight. Lows around 30. Snow or rain Thursday morning, then a cold rain during the afternoon. Highs around 40.

West Coastal and East Coastal: Cloudy tonight with wet snow or a cold rain likely after midnight. Lows in the middle 30s. Rain Thursday with highs around 40.

Northwest Hills: Cloudy tonight with snow likely after midnight. Lows in the upper 20s. Snow and rain Thursday with highs 35 to 40. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

Coastal forecast

Long Island Sound to Watch Hill, R.I., and Montauk Point: Wind variable 5 to 10 knots today. Southeast 10 to 15 knots tonight. South 15 to 20 knots Thursday, shifting to the northwest 15 to 20 knots Thursday evening.

Seas below a foot today, increasing to 1 foot tonight and building further on Thursday. Visibility lowering to below 3 miles in fog late tonight and in rain and fog Thursday with rain likely Thursday possibly beginning mixed with sleet early Thursday morning.

Across the nation

Temperatures were unseasonably high in the East today, although a cold air pocket made northern Maine an exception, and early-morning fog blanketed vast areas of the nation. Light snow was scattered across New England and eastern New York while snow mixed with rain or freezing drizzle in western Pennsylvania.

Light rain was scattered from the southern Plains across the lower Mississippi Valley while rain showers spread across southeast Arizona.

Fog was widespread across the Great Lakes region, northern sections of the Ohio and Mississippi valleys, the lower Missouri Valley, central Gulf Coast, southern Plains and valleys of the Northwest.

Temperatures dipped into the single digits to teens in the northern Rockies and northern sections of the Great Basin, but unseasonably high temperatures prevailed across the eastern two-thirds of the nation, where early-morning temperatures ranged from the 20s to 30s in the north to the 50s and 60s in the Gulf Coast states.

However, a pocket of cold air extended across northern Maine, where early-morning temperatures dipped below zero.

Today's forecast called for rain from the southern Rockies across the southern Plains; showers scattered across the lower Mississippi Valley, southern Appalachians and the Ohio Valley; and rain in Arizona turning to snow in the mountains.

Highs will be in the 20s in sections of the northern Rockies, across North Dakota and northern Minnesota and in northern Maine.

FOCUS

Beached Whales
Scientists recently tried to save this whale and some others that had beached themselves on Cape Cod. In many strandings, whales return to the shore after being pushed back into the ocean by human rescuers. Whale strandings have been recorded since the time of Aristotle. These highly intelligent animals usually come ashore together in social groups called pods. The strandings may be akin to mass suicides. The phenomenon remains one of the ocean's great mysteries.

DO YOU KNOW — A dolphin starred in what television series?

TUESDAY'S ANSWER — U.P.S. is short for United Parcel Service.

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The Quiz

Worldscope (10 points for each question answered correctly)



1 United States helicopters recently helped their other Honduran troops mobilize to protect their nation's border. (CHOOSE ONE: Contra, Sandinista) from Nicaragua have often taken their fight against rebels into the territory of nearby Honduras.

2 Violent protests by French students left more than 60 people injured and one student dead. Students were protesting new policies affecting that nation's CHOICE ONE: university system, nuclear power industry.

3 Secretary of State George Shultz recently said he was "shocked" to learn that the White House had not informed him of its secret communications with the U.S. Ambassador in (CHOOSE ONE: Iran, Lebanon).

4 Violence by militant Sikhs in India recently resulted in the deaths of 24 Hindus. The Sikhs are (CHOOSE ONE: an ethnic, a religious) minority in India.

5 House Democrats recently selected their leader. As expected, representative Jim Wright succeeds (CHOOSE ONE: Robert Byrd, Thomas O'Neill) as Speaker of the House.

Matchwords
(2 points for each correct match)

1-disclose a-choose
2-dispute b-admit
3-acknowledge c-follow
4-select d-reveal
5-pursue e-argue

Peoplewatch/Sportlight
(5 points for each correct answer)

1 Lucille Ball was recently awarded the Kennedy Center Honors for outstanding entertainment. The comedienne is best known for her role as a housewife in the 1950s series...
2 Recently, former Chicago mayor... announced she would run again for her old job.
3 Vinny Testaverde was recently awarded the Helman Trophy. The award is given each year to the best college player in the sport of...
4 Police gave Dallas Cowboys Head Coach... a bullet-proof vest to wear during a game at which the coach had received an anonymous death threat.
5 Ray Knight, named the Most Valuable Player in the (CHOOSE ONE: National League, 1986 World Series) was recently released by the New York Mets.

Newsname
(15 points if you can identify this person in the news)

He has often been called President Reagan's "point man". Recently I announced that I would leave my job. Who am I and what was my job at the White House?

YOUR SCORE: 91 to 100 points — TOP SCORE: 81 to 90 points — Excellent, 71 to 80 points — Good, 61 to 70 points — Fair.

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

WORLDSCOPE: 1-Sandinista; 2-university system; 3-Lebanon; 4-a religious; 5-Thomas O'Neill
NEWSNAME: Larry Speakes, Deputy Press Secretary
MATCHWORDS: 1-d; 2-a; 3-b; 4-c; 5-e
PEOPLEWATCH/SPORTLIGHT: 1-"I" love Lucy"; 2-Jane Byrne; 3-football; 4-Tom Landry; 5-1986 World Series

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GTB increase welcomed

By Alex Girelli
Associate Editor

Manchester can expect a rise of about \$1.36 million in the state's Guaranteed Tax Base grant for education next year, but the gain will partly be offset by losses in other kinds of state funding.

Town Budget Officer Robert Huestis today called the GTB increase "one piece of good news" in Manchester's overall budget equation and warned that the town won't do so well in other income areas.

The town will not get any federal revenue sharing grant, for instance.

That grant is being phased out and Manchester is getting its last \$30,000 this year, Huestis said. A one-time state surplus grant of about \$280,000 that helped the situation this year will not be repeated, and Huestis said lower interest rates generally mean the town will earn less on the money it invests.

Both Huestis and Superintendent of Schools James P. Kennedy characterized the GTB increase, which was expected, as the up side

of the grant process. The gain will tend to make up for the grant's decline of about \$750,000 this year from 1984-85.

Kennedy said the increase is especially welcome because it foresees a steep budget hike for the school year. "This looks good because we have some substantial commitments ahead," he said.

Tentative figures from the state Department of Education indicate that Manchester will get \$6,554,228 in GTB funds for the 1987-88 budget year, an increase of \$1,359,465 over the grant for the current year.

The amount of funding each year is based on three-year-old data measuring the town's expenditures for education and the growth in value of its real estate.

Huestis equated the \$1.36 million GTB grant increase to 1.4 mills in the current tax rate.

This year's school budget is just under \$28 million.

Kennedy said he expects much of the increase next year will be due to increases in teacher salaries.

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fees at the town landfill, which will amount to about \$18,000, Kennedy said.

But Kennedy said income from sources other than the GTB will increase as well.

He cited the \$549,000 the town will get next year for general education purposes from the state's Education Enhancement Act as an example. The town will be entitled to that money if the Board of Education and the Board of Directors approve a revised contract with the Manchester Education Association that provides for higher minimum pay and distribution to teachers of money earmarked by the Legislature for salary increases.

Both boards are expected to approve that proposal, which was passed by the MEA last week.

GTB increases are also slated for Bolton, Andover and Coventry.

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Planner takes private job

Elisa Silverstein, the town's principal planner since June, has resigned to take a job in the private sector.

Her resignation, which takes effect Dec. 24, was announced by Planning Director Mark Pellegrini Monday. "Elisa has been a tremendous asset to the department," said Pellegrini. Silverstein's immediate supervisor.

Silverstein, 25, was responsible for researching zoning matters and helped draft a new rear-lot subdivision regulation. She also led a monitoring report which maps out all development in Manchester since 1982.

The report is helping planning officials see development trends in town and will help them plan for the future, Silverstein said this morning.

"I got offered a really good job opportunity," Silverstein said. "It has nothing to do with this job. I love it here."

Silverstein will work for the Health Initiative Corp. of Providence, R.I., a private company that deals with planning in the health field. Her responsibilities will include working with medical institutions on major projects such as constructing additions or buying new equipment, she said.

Silverstein has a bachelor's degree in English from Tulane University in New Orleans and a master's in community planning from the University of Rhode Island. She worked as an intern planner in Warwick, R.I., before coming to Manchester.

She said planning is a flexible field that enables her to combine her many interests.

Town officials have already started advertising to fill the position, which pays about \$23,000 a year.

New Seasons denies union's harassment charges

By John F. Kirch
Herald Reporter

A management representative at New Seasons Inc. of Manchester denied this morning that the company has harassed employees seeking to unionize.

Betty Rainey, director of administration for New Seasons, which operates two group homes and a day-treatment facility for mentally retarded people, said company officials would meet with the New England Health Care Employees Union, District 1199, and the State Board of Labor Relations Jan. 12 to discuss procedures for unionization.

She said if the proper procedures were followed, management would work with the union, which is trying to organize about 28 employees.

When asked if the company's Board of Directors would recognize the union, Rainey said she could not speak for the board.

"I personally don't have any problems with the workers unionizing," Rainey said. "We haven't delayed anything. They are not going through the proper procedures."

Rainey said District 1199 officials and workers asked management for recognition Dec. 5. She said that was the first day New Seasons had heard about the union effort and that it could not respond "then and there."

During a news conference Tuesday at the New Seasons day-treatment facility and workshop on Garden Grove Road, union officials and employees criticized management for harassing workers involved in the organizing effort and said employees were not treated with respect and dignity.

Jonathan Rosenblum, a District 1199 organizer, said management refuses to recognize the union. He said the State Board of Labor Relations, which would schedule a union vote, was ready to meet with District 1199 and management this week, but management declined.

"We're calling on her to speed up the process," Rosenblum said, referring to Belle Fine, the president of New Seasons' Board of Directors.

Fine could not be reached for comment.

"More than three-quarters of the people want a union," Rosenblum said. "She should respect the rights of the majority."

New Seasons, a private non-profit group that is funded totally through the state, is in its first year of business. Starting salaries are near \$6 an hour, Rainey said, about \$2.50 lower than state employees.

New Seasons has nine beds at its two live-in group homes, one on Scott Street and the other on Middlefield Street.

He said he hopes to introduce measures to help the elderly, including some that would help develop alternatives to nursing home care.

He said he also wants to make sure underground water supplies are protected. In particular, he noted that three wells in Manchester are under land zoned for industry — a situation that makes it difficult to prevent pollution.

"That's a tough issue — it can be very expensive," Thompson said.

Last month, Democrat James McCavanaugh of Manchester, who represents the 18th Assembly District, was named vice chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He will also serve on the Public Safety Committee.

King decision draws criticism

By John F. Kirch
Herald Reporter

Manchester's Martin Luther King Day Committee will send a letter to the town administration expressing its disappointment with the decision to keep municipal offices open on the Jan. 19 national holiday, members decided Tuesday.

The letter is to be signed by committee Chairman Frank Smith and Stephen Cassano and says that the group "had hoped" Manchester would follow other Connecticut communities and close town offices on Martin Luther King Day.

Town officials said last week that they recognized the holiday, but that municipal offices would remain open. Closing town buildings would constitute a paid holiday for employees, something that must be negotiated between town and union officials, they said. The two sides will meet at the bargaining table in mid-January.

Cassano, who is also a Democratic member of the Manchester Board of Directors, said after the meeting that although it appears too late to close town offices this year, the committee's letter will ask the town to recognize the holiday by agreeing with the union to shut down next year.

Along with that, committee members agreed at their meeting Tuesday in Lincoln Center to include a statement asking the town to adopt "an aggressive affirmative action plan" and try to hire more women and minority group members.

Committee member Joan O'Loughlin said a strong hiring plan is needed to show that the town's commitment to Martin Luther King Jr.'s principals is deeper than just providing a day off from work.

"The man lived more than just one night," she said.

A proposed affirmative action plan is currently pending before the Board of Directors. O'Loughlin was one of many who worked with the Advisory Human Relations Commission.

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For the Record

Stockholders of the Heritage Savings and Loan Association of Manchester will meet Dec. 29 to vote on a proposal to merge with ComFed Savings Bank of Massachusetts. The Manchester Herald printed the wrong date in Tuesday's newspaper.



Joe Martinez, 14, left, and Ken Howe, 15, both of Manchester, test the ice Tuesday at Charter Oak Park. For some, like Martinez, it looks like it will take awhile to get used to the slippery surface.

Lawmakers get role in spending

Two legislators representing parts of Manchester have gained parts on the Appropriations Committee, a key panel in the General Assembly.

Democrat John Thompson, who defeated incumbent Republican Elsie "Biz" Swenson Nov. 4 in the town's 18th Assembly District, said he was officially notified Tuesday of his selection. Democrat Donald Bates at East Hartford, whose 9th Assembly District includes a corner of Manchester, said he learned of his appointment last week.

Thompson said he was surprised he got the post because it is rare for a freshman representative to be named to the committee, which must pass all spending measures. The announcement itself was expected, however, because Thompson said he was assured in November by Democratic House Speaker-elect Irving Storing that he would be given an Appropriations seat.

Thompson and Bates both said their positions will benefit the town because they will have more influence in legislative matters.

"I think it's where the action is," Bates, who noted that most bills passed by the General Assembly must come before the Appropriations Committee. One of the major tasks of the panel is to approve the state budget.

Bates will also serve on the Transportation and Public Safety Committees, both of which he belonged to in the last legislative session. Bates said he has not yet developed any specific proposals for the coming term.

Thompson will also join the Human Services and Environment committees.

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PEOPLE

Long rejects offer

Shelley Long is leaving the NBC comedy "Cheers," saying she turned down a contract extension to devote more time to her family and other interests.

There was no word on how producers would end Long's five-year stint on the show, where she won an Emmy for best actress in a comedy series in 1983 for her portrayal of highbrow waitress Diane Chambers.

The role also garnered Long a pair of Golden Globe awards.

The "Cheers" producers offered her an extension to my five-year contract that expires at the end of this season," Long said Tuesday in a statement. "It was a very difficult choice to make. We've done some really terrific work at 'Cheers' but I've decided to give priority to my family and to my newly established film production company in connection with Disney Productions."



SHELLEY LONG... "difficult choice"
MARIETTE HARTLEY... will co-host show

What a pain

Legislative wrangling gave Illinois Gov. James R. Thompson a pain in the back, a spokesman says.

The governor, who has had a disc problem for years, canceled his activities Tuesday and spent the day in bed, said spokesman David Fields. "He hasn't had the problem for about 18 months, but stress and tension can aggravate it."

"It flared up again during the legislative session," Fields said.

Thompson's back problems became apparent Dec. 5, the last day of the General Assembly's

Attention, please

Mariette Hartley, a co-host of "The Morning Program" premiering Jan. 12 on CBS, is touting the show as an early-morning attention-grabber.

"My image of the show is that if you've got a cup of coffee in your hand and you've brought it to your mouth, that you spit it out at least once a morning," Hartley said Tuesday.

CBS described the format as a

television news anchor in New York. Saget is a stand-up comic, and McEwen comes from radio.

"The Morning Program" will be broadcast live before a studio audience in the 7:30 a.m. timeslot, replacing the "CBS Morning News," which will move to the 6:30 a.m. period. "CBS Morning News" was a long-time third in ratings behind "Today" and "Good Morning America" on ABC.

Today's quotes

"He told an unbelievable story in a very believable manner." — Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., after White House Chief of Staff Donald T. Regan testified before the Senate Intelligence Committee about the Iran-Contra connection.

"Playing games about granting immunity — you do this, you do that — the back and forth between the president and the Congress — isn't going to accomplish anything." — Sen. David Durenberger, R-Minn., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, on President Reagan's appeal for limited immunity for two former White House aides.

"I'm more interested in the country than I am in prosecuting people." — Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, on President Reagan's appeal for limited immunity for two former White House aides.

Almanac

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 17, the 351st day of 1986. There are 14 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Dec. 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers, Orville and Wilbur, had the first successful powered-airplane flights near Kitty Hawk, N.C.

On this date: In 1777, France recognized American independence. In 1830, South American patriot Simon Bolivar died in Colombia. In 1933, in the first world

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Connecticut daily: Tuesday: 322
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Lotto: 2-6-8-17-20-21

championship football game, the Chicago Bears defeated the New York Giants, 23-21.

In 1944, the U.S. Army announced it would end its policy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast.

In 1969, the U.S. Air Force closed its Project Blue Book by concluding there was no evidence of extra-terrestrial space ships behind thousands of UFO sightings.

In 1974, Lynette Fromme was sentenced in federal court in Sacramento, Calif., to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Gerald R. Ford on Sept. 5, 1975.

In 1981, members of the Red Brigades kidnapped Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, the highest-ranking U.S. Army official in southern Europe, from his home in Verona, Italy. He was rescued 42 days later.

Today's birthdays: Newspaper columnist William Safire is 57. Penthouse publisher Robert Guccione is 56. Singer-actor Tommy Steele is 50.

Connecticut In Brief

State to investigate garbage flight

HARTFORD — The attorney general's office says it will study Waterbury's request to prevent the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority from opening a dump in the city for bulk waste from 12 Fairfield County communities.

"We are beginning to look into the matter because there is interest in it," said John Kennedy, spokesman for Attorney General Joseph L. Lieberman. "It's a complicated issue. We're not immediately close to a response."

Waterbury Mayor Joseph Santopietro, expressing "moral outrage that waste from our state's wealthiest cities... will be brought to our fair city," last week asked Waterbury's legal department to investigate the CRA purchase of 18.8 acres in Waterbury.

City officials said they were angry because they were given no advance notice of the negotiations to buy the site, which includes 6 acres already licensed by the state Department of Environmental Protection as a landfill for bulky waste — demolition material, concrete chunks, tree trunks and the like.

Carbide says India to blame

Union Carbide Corp. says the Indian government should bear most liability in the world's worst industrial disaster because it ignored the growth of illegal shanties around the Bhopal plant.

The high death toll in December, 1984, gas leak from a Carbide pesticide plant was due to the large number of unauthorized dwellings in an exclusively industrial area, the U.S. multinational said in a statement filed in a Bhopal court Tuesday.

The statement, signed by Carbide Secretary O. Jules Romary, urged the court in the central Indian city to "order the government of India and the Madhya Pradesh state government to bear the burden of their responsibilities and liabilities arising out of the Bhopal incident."

The 169-page statement was in response to the Indian government's suit filed in Bhopal last September seeking more than \$3 billion in compensation for the victims.

The disaster killed 2,000 people and injured 40,000. India earlier rejected Carbide's offer of a \$59 million out-of-court settlement.

New Haven passes 'boom box' law

NEW HAVEN — The city's Board of Aldermen has passed an ordinance aimed at turning down the volume on "boom boxes," or large, portable radio and cassette tape players, but the law still has to be played for civil liberties advocates.

John Watson, co-chairman of the New Haven chapter of the Civil Liberties Union, said he planned to raise the issue at a meeting of his group tonight.

Although he had not seen the final draft of the ordinance, Watson said he had reservations about earlier drafts. One concern was that it might be selectively enforced against young blacks and Hispanics, he said.

The ordinance might also be too vague, Watson said.

Hearing set for reluctant victim

DANBURY — A court hearing is scheduled for Friday on a motion by the lawyer for a 15-year-old girl who refused to testify against her 28-year-old boyfriend in a sexual assault case to overturn her sentence for contempt of court.

The Danbury girl, whose identity was ordered sealed by Superior Court Judge Francis M. McDonald, refused to testify against Gregory McGee of Patterson, N.Y., after he was charged with second-degree sexual assault based on a complaint by her father.

McGee was acquitted earlier this month. He had admitted to 20 sexual encounters with the girl starting when she was 14 and while he was her school bus driver.

McDonald sentenced the girl on Dec. 3 to a suspended six-month jail term and two years of probation, and ordered her not to see McGee during the probation.

Victims' rights groups have picketed the court house in protest of the sentence.

Tirozzi interviews at Quinnipiac

HAMDEN — State Education Commissioner Gerald N. Tirozzi has been interviewed for the presidency of Quinnipiac College in Hamden, but he says he's not likely to accept the position.

Tirozzi, 49, said Tuesday "I'm not expecting to move in that direction," but refused to say he would refuse the position. Tirozzi has been commissioner since 1983.

Quinnipiac officials declined to comment on their search.

City vice cop is arrested

WATERBURY (AP) — A third Waterbury police officer has been arrested in a widening grand jury probe of alleged corruption in the city's Police Department.

Lt. Thomas R. Brown, 52, the head of the department's vice squad, was accused Tuesday of fabricating evidence and lying to the grand jury.

He was charged with three counts of perjury and one count of fabricating physical evidence, each a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine, state police said.

The grand jury was convened in October 1985 to look into allegations that the department had failed to thoroughly investigate a shoplifting incident involving a Waterbury officer.

Brown surrendered at the state police barracks in Bethany and was released on a promise to appear in court. A court date has not been set.

Brown could not be reached for comment Tuesday night. A telephone at his home went unanswered.

Chief State's Attorney John J. Kelly declined to elaborate on the charges against Brown, who joined the department in 1958 and became head of the vice and intelligence division in 1982.

The Hartford Courant reported in March that Brown was under investigation for allegedly lying on an affidavit used to obtain a court-ordered wiretap on the telephones of Thomas W. Speers of Wolcott, who freely acknowledges that he is a professional gambler.

The wiretap resulted in Speers' arrest on gambling charges last year. The charges are pending, Waterbury State's Attorney John A. Connelly said.

The Courant reported that state police had been told by an informant of rumors in Waterbury that Brown had a personal grudge against Speers because of a \$10,000 loan.

Plea puts end to murder case

HARTFORD (AP) — A 34-year-old man has pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of manslaughter in connection with the stabbing death of an engineer five weeks after she arrived in Connecticut to start a summer job.

Steven Shields agreed to a 20-year term as part of a plea bargain, which was entered Tuesday as jury selection was about to begin in his murder trial in Superior Court in Hartford.

The body of Theresa Ann Yeager, 24, was found inside her locked car in a downtown Hartford parking lot on July 25, 1985. Autopsy reports said Yeager died of a single stab wound in the heart.

Yeager, who had a master's degree in metallurgical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, had a summer job with Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford at the time of her death.

It took police almost two years to solve the slaying. A break in the case came when a fellow inmate of Shields' in a Northampton, Mass., jail told police in 1984 that Shields had confessed to the slaying, providing details that only the killer could know. Shields was arrested in January 1985.



Fortune hunt

Tom Moylan of Sandwich, Mass., searches through the Sandwich landfill for a bag containing a Megabucks ticket that Moylan believes is worth \$2.9 million. Moylan bought the ticket last Wednesday, stored it in a kitchen cabinet, and promptly forgot about it. Moylan's wife accidentally threw out the ticket when she was cleaning. Moylan spent all day Monday and Tuesday searching for the ticket at the landfill.

One month before the slaying, Shields had been paroled from the Somers state prison, where he was serving a sentence for the robbery of the Society for Savings bank in downtown Hartford and the shooting of a teller there.

The 20-year term for Yeager's death, the maximum penalty for manslaughter, means Shields faces a total of about 70 years in prison for a string of violent crimes, including kidnapping and rape, committed since 1978. Judge M. Morgan Kline set a Jan. 16 sentencing date.

Shields pleaded guilty under the Alford doctrine, which allows a defendant to maintain his innocence but acknowledge the state has enough evidence to convict him if the case goes to trial.

The victim's brothers, David and Michael Yeager, earlier this year placed newspaper advertisements urging political candidates to take a firm stand on the death penalty. They said they were motivated by frustration with the criminal justice system.

Even if he had been tried for murder in the Yeager stabbing, Shields didn't face the death penalty.

State treasury troubled, report says

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — The state auditors, in a report released today, say the treasurer's office continues to suffer from serious weaknesses in its internal controls, but is making progress toward rectifying problems the auditors have been citing for years.

"The problem we've had is that the treasury, in its investment and borrowing practices, really has seen itself as a part of the banking and investment community and has

found it difficult to recognize its position as a state agency," Auditor Leo V. Donohue said Tuesday.

Donohue and Auditor Henry J. Becker Jr. cited one case in which duplicate payment of \$2.4 million was not detected by the treasurer's office. Only when it was discovered by the auditors did the treasurer's office move to get reimbursed.

In other cases, three duplicate checks were issued for three separate claims, said the auditors, who also found what they called "numerous inaccuracies and incon-

sistencies" in other areas.

Ten of the auditors' 14 recommendations are repeated from last year's audit.

"We've had troubles there for the last 15 to 20 years," Donohue said. "A lot still remains to be done. You can't turn that operation around overnight."

The auditors said in their report: "We cannot stress too strongly the overall, detrimental effect which can result from the lack of implementation of certain recommendations. Some of them indicate serious weaknesses in internal controls."

During the period covered by the audit, Henry E. Parker was treasurer. He resigned in February of this year to take a job with a New York money management firm. O'Neill then appointed Kemler to the position with the understanding that he would not run for the office in November.

The seat was won by Democrat Francisco L. Borges, who takes office in January.

Agency rebuts gripe

HARTFORD (AP) — A Jewish woman who says she was duped into believing the American Red Cross was non-sectarian claims she was fired from the agency after complaining to the national president about statements linking the symbol of a red cross to Christianity.

She said Snell called her in the morning after she returned from a three-day absence because of the fire. She said she was being fired because of a "personality conflict."

But the woman's supervisor testified during a state Human Rights and Opportunities Commission hearing Tuesday that she was fired for being late for work, leaving early, calling in sick the same day she was seen at another job, and using office telephones for personal calls.

Laura Kneel of Avon, who was the Greater Hartford chapter's assistant director of services to military veterans, filed a complaint with the commission seeking damages from the Red Cross, including back pay and benefits.

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Coventry council to hold special meeting on disposal plan

By Jacqueline Bennett
Herald Correspondent

COVENTRY — Members of the Town Council Monday postponed voting on a plan for solid waste disposal until next week, saying information was lacking.

"I don't want to make a decision in a vacuum," said Town Council Chairwoman Joan Lewis.

The state Department of Environmental Protection has set Jan. 1 as the deadline for cities and towns to submit 20-year plans for solid waste disposal if they want a say in where their refuse will go. Otherwise the state will decide, something that could mean long and costly transportation of solid waste, according to Lewis.

Coventry, which currently buries its garbage at a landfill on Route 31, generates about 6,321 tons of waste

per year. In 1980 the 55-acre landfill was granted a 30-foot vertical expansion, which should extend its lifespan by 10 years.

The operating budget for the facility in fiscal 1986-87 was \$43,600.

When the submission of the town's plan to the state was discussed earlier this month, Town Planner Pat Gatakciewicz proposed to the council that Coventry join the nearby Windham Energy Relief

Facility. She advised that step because of the facility's convenient location and the environmental advantages of converting waste to energy.

Gatakciewicz said using the landfill only for bulk-waste disposal could extend its life for 30 years or longer if construction waste from clearing house lots were buried on site.

But council members were dis-

satisfied with that proposal, saying it is unlikely WERF will have enough space and that the facility has encountered problems that might force towns to absorb additional costs for its expansion.

Members of the Conservation Commission who attended Monday's meeting in the Town Office Building voiced similar reservations about WERF. They also asked that recycling and

curbside pickup be included in the plan, though they admitted such steps could be costly.

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OPINION

Amtrak line worth keeping

If the Reagan administration has the audacity to seek the sale of Amtrak's Northeast Corridor rail line next year, Congress should waste no time in responding with resounding disapproval.

Reports this week from Washington indicate that such a proposal may indeed be in the offing, and past precedent would seem to support them. In each of the last few years, narrow-minded administration officials have sought to cut funding for the line, which loses money as it carries passengers in Connecticut and seven other states.

But things at Amtrak are turning around, and any proposal to sell it or cut funding will be even more of a loser than the previous attacks.

As the situation is summarized by Rep. Nancy L. Johnson, a Republican member of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee, "We've got federal subsidy costs decreasing, use increasing and quality of service improving." Her view is supported by statistics and by many who have taken trains to and from central Connecticut towns and cities in recent months.

Undeniably, Amtrak has its troubles. In the last fiscal year it required a subsidy of \$591 million; the trains don't go everywhere, and they don't always run on time.

But those flaws are not sufficient reason to get rid of the line, or to cut its subsidy. Amtrak transports about 10.5 million passengers a year and is an asset well worth retaining.

Rather than trying to rid the United States of mass-transit systems, the administration should be looking for ways to support them. The current approach will leave the nation ill prepared for the future.

Insurance details

In most respects, Manchester's self-insurance program appears to be working well.

Rather than buying many forms of coverage from private carriers, the town puts aside a certain amount of money each year to cover claims. That has insulated it somewhat from the violent shifts of the insurance crisis plaguing the nation.

At the same time, some aspects of the system need greater attention than they're getting, the most obvious of which is record keeping.

The town gets monthly reports from a consulting firm on how much claims are costing, a system that should guarantee that data is kept current. Updating seems to have fallen by the wayside, however, denying analysts information that could mean savings when municipal funds are allocated.

When a reporter tried to find out the status of spending for claims last week, the consultant's monthly reports were found piled in boxes outside an office in the Municipal Building. The town's assistant finance director, who is preparing an assessment of the system, said the end of his task is several months away and described the information he has to work with as "very jumbled and complex."

That's probably not his fault. Rather, it seems to indicate an oversight where administration has shown innovation and prudence in developing its self-insurance system. But if more hours need to be put into the analytical side, the town should devote the effort.

The way things are now, some benefits the system could produce are probably being missed because of laxity where follow-up is concerned.



Tax-and-spend Democrats aren't in control any more

By Donald M. Rothberg

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — The Democrats who met here to chart a path for their party's future made it clear that they think it must include a break with the past and the "old days of tax and spend."

They talked about defense and trade and budget deficits, about education and welfare reform. They had tough words for President Reagan.

But the strongest message at the two-day meeting of the Democratic Leadership Council was directed at their fellow Democrats who would try to use the gains of the 1986 elections to move the party back to policies of the 1960s and 1970s.

As it was people usually described as liberals who took the lead.

"It would be disastrous for this party if we go back to the old days of tax and spend," said Rep. Barbara Kennelly of Connecticut, echoing the phrase President Reagan has used often to attack the Democrats.

The message delivered by Kennelly and others won't be universally accepted within the party. But the meeting of the Democratic Leadership Council left the impression the group is destined to be a strong influence on the Democrats.

BARBARA JORDAN, the former black congresswoman from Texas, talked about "choice and duty" and said poor people who receive public assistance also have an obligation to help themselves.

Another voice from the black community, Michael Lomax of Atlanta, chairman of the Fulton County board of commissioners, also talked about the need for the poor to "strive towards self-reliance and economic empowerment."

He said, "There will be no return to some pre-Reagan past of entitlements and big spending."

Jordan, who became a national figure during the House Judiciary Committee's hearings on the impeachment of Richard M. Nixon, now teaches at the University of Texas.

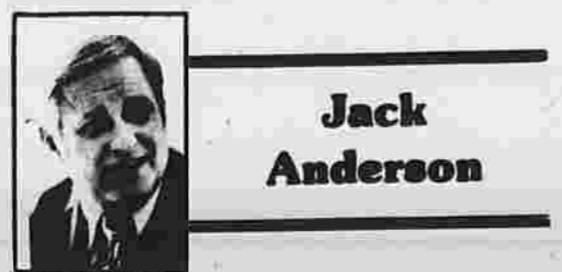
Confined to a wheelchair, the former congresswoman remains an impressive speaker and, in measured tones, sent a message to the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

"Don't frighten everybody off," she said. "Don't be so volatile that people become afraid to be associated with us."

She referred to "the Jesse Jackson factor" and said it could be used "to blunt Democratic initiatives."

Jackson has been at odds with the DLC, describing the group as an effort to gain favor with white voters at the expense of blacks.

THE DLC WAS FORMED in 1985 by elected officials reacting to the Reagan landslide of 1984. Its organizers were primarily South-



Pro and con about Iran: You decide

WASHINGTON — How do the American people judge President Reagan? Was he right or wrong in using arms as bait to win favor with Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran?

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As a guide, here's a summary of the opposing arguments.

THE CASE FOR REAGAN:

The Persian Gulf, in a sense, is our jugular vein; half of the Western world's oil flows through this strategic waterway. Indeed, the United States has declared that it will take military action, if necessary, to protect this vital flow.

As the dominant power on the Persian Gulf, Iran holds the key to its stability and security. Ex-President Jimmy Carter let Iran fall into hostile hands. President Reagan's covert approach was merely an attempt to neutralize Iran and safeguard the Persian Gulf.

The president is also concerned that, without an American presence in Tehran, the Soviets may be tempted to move into Iran during a post-Khomeini period of confusion and chaos. This would give the Soviets control of the Persian Gulf with the ability to shut off the Western world's lifeblood.

Finally, the president hopes to free American hostages and reduce the terrorist threat by improving relations with the regime that controls the Shiite terrorists.

THE CASE AGAINST REAGAN:

The president has been dealing with "moderates" in Ayatollah Khomeini's hierarchy. In reality, they are bloodthirsty, unrepentant fanatics who have been demonstrably and rabidly anti-American in the past. They may be pragmatists, but they certainly aren't moderates.

U.S. officials have been dealing behind the scenes with Iran's speaker of the parliament, Hashemi Rafsanjani, and a notorious killer-Judge Sadeq Khalkali, who used to be partners in a battery-service garage in Tehran. This was an underground center for Khomeini's revolutionaries, who murdered at least two Americans and hid their bodies in the garage.

Both Rafsanjani and Khalkali not only have been flagrant anti-Americans, but Khalkali desecrated the charred remains of Americans killed during the aborted hostage rescue mission in 1980. He staged his grisly performance before photographers. Even in Iran, he's known as "Judge Blood" for ordering the blood drained from prisoners he condemns.

As for Khomeini, he likes to call America the "Great Satan," but he can behold the real Satan simply by looking into a mirror. For he is the personification of evil. He preaches the gospel of hate, abuses his own people, savagely tortures dissidents and sends children to the battlefield to clear the way for combat troops.

Americans must feel uncomfortable doing business with the likes of Khomeini.

Footnote: In future columns, we will summarize other aspects of the Iranian affair and invite your judgment. We will publish the results, of course, after all the polling has been completed.

Mini-editorial

Partisan sniping is accepted behavior in this town, but could it at least be faintly believable? We refer to the alleged first-family spat in which President Reagan supposedly snapped at his wife: "Get off my blanket-blanket!" Here are a few questions that some responsible editor should have asked before this tripe was printed: Where did the spat occur? At a state banquet? If so, why didn't anyone else report it? In the Reagans' bedroom? If so, how could it possibly have been overheard? Is the room bugged? Or are you suggesting one of the Reagans leaked the story?

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But Republicans have won a big one in the highest court of the land. It has been great for their morale and given them a public relations coup too. Now the real work lies ahead. Decision or no decision, there's no free lunch.

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Primary ruling doesn't mean GOP state

In their excitement over winning the U.S. Supreme Court case which opens primary elections to unaffiliated voters, state Republicans should not confuse it with free lunch.

Some Republicans have been acting as though the high court put them automatically on the glory road to election success with this decision. It was necessary to listen closely to U.S. Sen. Lowell Weicker, the big daddy of the idea, when he told the GOP policy committee that the party "has 500,000 more voters now."

Hold on a minute. Weicker went on to say — "who are going to have the chance to participate..." and that is central to the meaning of last week's very important decision.

All that the court did was to agree with the legal argument that Connecticut Republicans stressed as the centerpiece of their appeal — that political parties should be free to associate with whomever they wish.

IT WILL BE A FOOLHARDY ASSUMPTION by Republicans if they think this will deliver the party from the third-class political citizenship where it has wallowed for so long. They can improve their lot — after Nov. 4 there isn't anywhere to go but up — only if they work at it.

The flocking of independent voters to Republican primaries and then sticking with candidates they nominate isn't a given.

For one thing, Republicans haven't been especially terrific at delivering their own strength when it has counted most. Now, they have the added challenge of luring independent voters to their parties that are only part of the nomination process. If their experiments last May with "Super Tuesday" primaries, open to independents, is a

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Bob Conrad

clue, they have problems ahead. Independents mostly ignored "Super Tuesday."

The GOP gamble is that independents who turn out for primaries will get enough of the fever to stick around for general elections and maybe join the GOP. Again, Weicker put his finger on the key to that political crapsheet. Recruiting independents, he said, will depend "on what we stand for when these people participate" in open primaries. The court has opened one door, that's all.

REPUBLICANS HAVE A VICTORY in the field of ideas with this court decision. Democrats, disgraced as the state, fought the GOP proposal and lost. The real arena remains the polling place, and Democrats still excel there.

Can Republicans ever score? Recent elections show they do when they have the most appealing candidates. U.S. Rep. John Rowland of Waterbury won re-election despite Democratic voter dominance in the Fifth Congressional District. Also in Waterbury (and Naugatuck) State Sen. Tim Upson won re-election against similar Democratic lead in registration. In both cases, unaffiliated

voters were a factor as well.

In state legislative races, newcomers Andy Norton of Colchester and Ann Dandrow of Southington pulled upsets where Democrats led in enrollment. Reps. Craig Taylor and Ed Krawiecki won in heavily Democratic Bristol on intense campaigning that beat the odds.

Rep. Bob Farr of West Hartford battled to a six-vote victory in his district. Democrats picked up a Senate seat and one in the House in his town, once a Republican stronghold.

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Firefighter thinks fast, saves life

"There's no punching the clock on saving a life," firefighter Tom Arufini said today of his efforts Tuesday night to save the life of a fellow bowler at Holiday Lane.



TOM ARUFINI bowling and CPR

Arufini, 39, an 11-year veteran of the Town Fire Department, was headed toward the lounge after finishing a game when someone asked him whether he knew CPR. Moments later, he was kneeling on the ground, performing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on a man in full cardiac arrest while two other good Samaritans did chest compressions.

Thanks to their efforts, the heart-attack victim, Earl Carey, 66, of South Windsor, was revived. This morning Carey was reported in serious condition in the coronary care unit of Manchester Memorial Hospital.

Although paramedics arrived at the bowling alley about two minutes after receiving the call at about 9:30 p.m., four minutes had probably passed between then and the time of Carey's attack. Capt. Jack Hughes said he added that Arufini's quick action probably saved Carey's life, since severe brain damage or death is the likely result if cardiac arrest goes untreated for more than four minutes.

After calling MMH's emergency room and learning that Carey was doing well, "I felt exuberant, you know I really felt pumped up," Arufini said. People in the bowling alley shook his hand and one woman kissed him on the cheek.

Arufini said Carey had no vital signs when he began resuscitation efforts. He continued to perform mouth-to-mouth after paramedics arrived and got Carey's heart beating with an electrical shock.

It's not the first time Arufini has given CPR to a heart attack victim at the bowling alley. About two years ago, he said, he revived another victim there. He estimates he has performed CPR off-duty five or six times.

— ANDREW YURKOVSKY

Lawrence, Mankey get school contracts

Two Manchester architectural firms — The Lawrence Associates and Mankey Associates — have been selected to design improvements to four town elementary schools and Manchester High School, town Building Committee Chairman Paul Phillips said today.

The firms were chosen unanimously from among five finalists and were interviewed Tuesday by the town's Architectural Selection Committee, of which Phillips was a member. There had originally been six finalists, but Phillips said one firm dropped out.

Town auditor recommends minor changes

Four changes in management procedures are recommended in the audit of town financial operations filed this morning with the town clerk.

The audit, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1986, was done by the Manchester firm of Okrant and Okrant.

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Bolton spends for road equipment repairs

By Andrew Yurkovsky Herald Reporter

BOLTON — The need for repairs to town road equipment convinced the Board of Selectmen to unanimously approve the allocation of an additional \$7,000 to the town's road equipment maintenance fund Tuesday night.

Included in that figure is a \$900 emergency allocation already spent to repair the broken brake shoe on a town truck. First Selectman Douglas Cheney said, Donato Rattazzi, the road crew supervisor, told the selectmen during their meeting in the Community Hall that about \$6,500, including the \$900, would probably be needed for repairs and maintenance in the near future.

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House committee named

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too complicated and unwieldy. Although there will be two committees, it is likely the House panel will be overshadowed by its Senate counterpart. The Senate committee is smaller, will be able to move more quickly and has more recognizable members.

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Sen. Warren Rudman, a former state attorney general in New Hampshire, was chosen as the Senate committee's top Republican.

Teen charged in break-in

Police today arrested a sixth person Tuesday in connection with the Dec. 5 burglary at Highland Park School.

Thomas Henry Shea, 18, of Ellington, was charged with first-degree larceny and third-degree burglary in connection with the break-in, in which intruders attempted to steal a computer, a copying machine, typewriters and other office equipment, police said.

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SPORTS

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NEW YORK (AP) — When Larry Bird won last year's three-point shooting contest, he did it by

flinging up his shots quickly — some without looking. "It's a matter of getting into a

rythmn," Bird said. "Once I get warmed up and get a little room, I can hit those."

Swishing three three-pointers, timed perfectly to demoralize the opposition, Bird scored 29 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and added nine assists Tuesday night to lead the Boston Celtics to a 107-96 NBA victory over the New York Knicks.

"He dominates when he has to," Knicks Coach Bob Hill said. "He plays the game at an even keel until his team really needs him. Then he step up another level and takes over. He's so capable of taking the

breath out of you." Bird, who bunched all his points in the first three quarters, hit two of his three-point shots and converted a three-point play in the last 6:07 of the third quarter.

After Celtics allowed the Knicks to whittle a 15-point second-quarter deficit to three in the first 45 minutes of the second half, Bird scored six points on consecutive plays against Boston ahead 74-63 with 5:27 left in the period.

"The defense was scrambling around all over the court and double teaming," said Bird, who hit 11-for-18 from the field and tied Kevin McHale for the game-high in points. "I just stayed out there and

needed was a little breathing room. "I'd hate to live on those shots. But sometimes they're the most effective weapons you've got." The Celtics, handing the Knicks

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They led 58-47 at the half, but the Knicks bottled back with 10 straight points in the opening minutes of the third quarter and pulled to within 64-61.

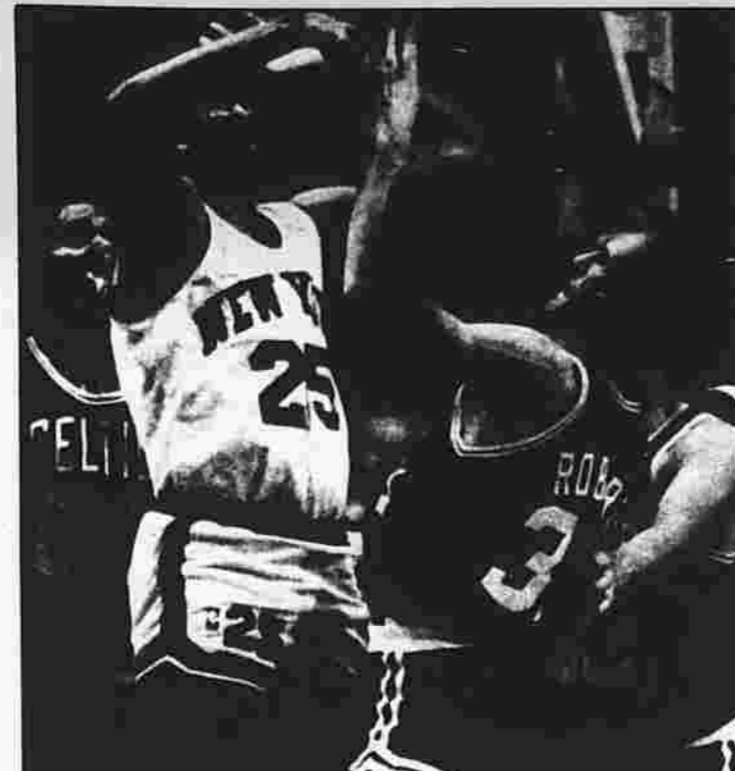
"That's when Bird went into his act. First, a three-point shot from the left of the key. A left baseline running jumper 41 seconds later.

And finally, with 2:06 left in the third quarter, a three-point from the right wing.

By the 9:00 mark of the fourth quarter, the Celtics were up by 19. Gerald Wilkins topped the Knicks with 23 points and Bill Cartwright added 22.

After said the Celtics are still adjusting to their injury-riddled bench. Back-up center Bill Walton has a sore right ankle and Scott Wedman is out with a sore left knee. "We're not winning games at the end," Bird said. "We're not executing because we're tired. Everybody will have to go a little longer now and get a little better. We have to pick up for another. It's a challenge that'll bring us closer as a team."

A skirmish between Knicks center Patrick Ewing and Celtics reserve center Greg Kite broke out with 2:24 remaining in the first half and lasted less than a minute. An elbow and a punch was thrown by Ewing while Kite raised his arms in defense. Ewing, who eventually fouled out with 10 seconds left in the game, was ejected as a personal foul and a technical foul.



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Kiki Vandeweghe with 23 points for Portland, and Terry Porter added 20.

It was the Blazers' ninth straight victory at home and their eighth in nine games overall.

Dale Ellis had 34 points for Seattle.

Nuggets 120, Kings 119
An 18-foot jumper by Lafayette Lever with 33 seconds left enabled Denver, which got a season-high 45 points from Alex English, to hand Sacramento its sixth straight home-court loss.

Lever had 17 points, 14 assists and 11 rebounds. Sacramento's Derrick Smith had a season-high 31 points.

The loss eclipsed the franchise record of five straight losses at home, set in 1978, when the Kings were based in Kansas City.

Suns 106, Rockets 102
Walter Davis scored nine of his 24 points in the final 2:41 to lead Phoenix. With his team trailing 98-94, Davis hit two field goals and connected on five of six free throws

to secure the victory. Akeem Olatunji led Houston with 24 points and 20 rebounds, while Ralph Sampson, had 22 points and 13 rebounds.

The Suns, who also got 20 points from Alvan Adams, scored 10 straight points early in the fourth quarter to cut Houston's lead to 87-81, then went on a 10-1 run to take control.

Warriors 119, Clippers 117
Joe Barry Carroll scored 13 of his

33 points in the fourth quarter as Golden State handed Los Angeles its 15th loss in the last 16 games.

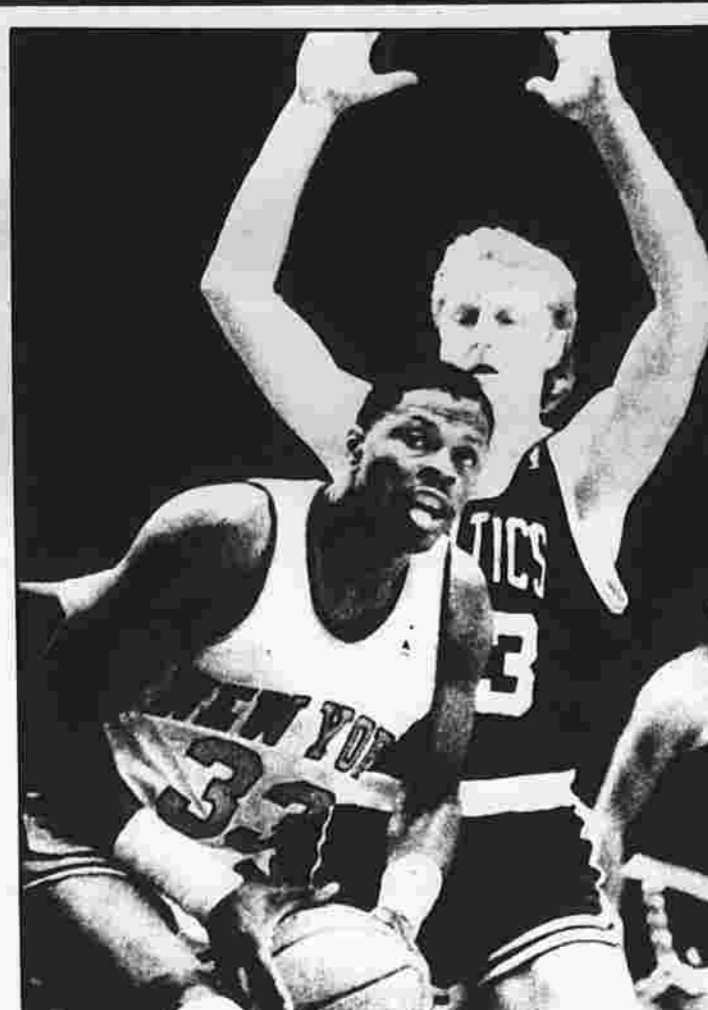
Eric Floyd added 22 points for the Warriors, who have won nine of 12. Cedric Maxwell got 25 points, Darnell Valentine 24 and Michael Cage 20 for the Clippers.

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Bears playing soap opera called 'Who's the QB?'

By James Litke
The Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Jim just got out of the hospital. Mike's leg is healing after being bitten by lions. Doug got the job in Dallas, but Steve and Mike still could take it away. Just another routine week on "All My Quarterbacks."

And that's why Chicago Bears Coach Mike Ditka doesn't write his heroes when he's reminded that this is the only National Football Conference team going into the playoffs without an established quarterback.

"That's just the way it is," Ditka said Tuesday, one day after his nationally televised tirade ignited a 15-point, fourth-quarter rally that carried the Bears to a 16-13 victory over the Detroit Lions.

"I mean, I've got to play with the hands we were dealt. I didn't expect it to come down this way," Ditka said, "but it did."

Indeed, fate has dealt Ditka a curious hand that, as Allice noted during her trip through Windsor, gets currier and currier.

Jim McMahon, who guided the club to its first Super Bowl championship in more than two decades last season, missed most of this season's contest and is now recovering from arthroscopic surgery having just left a California hospital on Tuesday.

Steve Fuller, who had been the No. 2 quarterback last season, was demoted to No. 3 earlier this season after a particularly inept outing against Los Angeles when former No. 3 quarterback Mike Tomczak moved up to No. 2.

"I can't do anything but get myself in trouble by talking about that (the quarterback situation)," said Fuller. "No comment."

Tomczak, who started Monday night's contest, went down under a pile of Detroit rushers during a first series and limped off with a leg bruise severe enough to leave him very questionable for Sunday's regular-season finale against Dallas.

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But on a hunch, Ditka insisted on casting him in, and Flutie, starting in the No. 4 position, has moved up to top billing.

He rapidly made No. 3, as McMahon's shoulder grew from a bruise severe enough to leave him very questionable for Sunday's regular-season finale against Dallas.

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But unlike the soap operas, there was no happy ending, or even a clear-cut one after the Lions game.

Flutie completed 13 of 24 passes for 137 yards and engineered the fourth-quarter drives that set up the win. But he also showed he couldn't run many of the plays in Chicago's offensive arsenal without confusion, then made matters worse by contracting fumbles, and tossing in an interception for good measure.

Stay tuned.

Cheney is confident

The prospects for a good season look favorable for the Cheney Tech boys' basketball team which opens its 1986-87 campaign Friday night at home against Charter Oak Conference rival East Hampton High.

Cheney, which wound up 6-14 last season and finished seventh in the 10-team conference, returns four key performers from last year's team. Fifth-year coach Aaron Phillips commented, "As do his players concerning a winning season at Cheney which would be the school's first since it went 12-9 during the 1974-75 season."

"If we come together," Silvia explained, "we'll contend."

The top returnees for the Beavers are three starters (Bill Letourneau, Norm Norman, who averaged 10.8 points a game last year. At the other forward will be 6-3 junior Willie Ortiz, who averaged 8.2 points a game. At the shooting guard slot will be 6-4 senior Mack Hawkins, who averaged 5.5 points a game.

The key to the Beavers' success this season could lie in the play of its 6-5 sophomore center Terrance Phillip, who saw limited time on the varsity squad a year ago. Silvia is very high on the youngster.

"He (Phillip) is going to be a good ballplayer," Silvia commented. "He can handle the ball. He is well-coordinated can block shots and can score inside and outside. He could be an all-league player. They (Phillip and Ortiz) complement each other."

In terms of depth, the Beavers are not strong in numbers (only three players off the bench) but Silvia remains confident in his reserves. "Our bench should give us some quality time," he said. "I reserve off the Beavers bench will be 6-0 senior forward Bill Shea, 6-0 junior guard Ron Starnett, and 6-1 senior forward Bill Letourneau."

Silvia sees the COC as a strong conference, but he sees his team in the unlimited, or heavyweight class. He, too, was having a fine season a year ago until being injured in the regular season finale against St. Bernard. That limited him, and the Beavers, for that Charter Oak Conference Tournament which the Beavers placed third.

Cheney had won the COC championship the year before. In the 192-pound division, Cheney was in line for a productive season as junior Jim Clason in the 152-pound division. He's been wrestling freestyle for a year and went to wrestling-mat Iowa for the summer to hone his skills.

Skinner hopes a pair of returnees, Ron Pirtle (130) and senior Ed Balon (145) can hold down those slots. They're currently fighting a slight weight problem. Skinner feels both will be able to win those bouts.

Junior Larry Ash, who was 18-3 a year ago, is in a battle with freshman Steve Classon for the slot at 98 pounds. Freshman Dan Parisi will open at 91 pounds with another freshman, Jim McPhee and Jamie Acosta, are in line for the job at 112. "I think he would have eaten up the kid the last but he got hurt in the semifinals," Skinner recalls. Junior Don Neff fills the bill.

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Wales Conference				
Philadelphia	22	7	2	46
N.Y. Islanders	23	6	3	49
Pittsburgh	15	11	4	34
Montreal	13	12	3	29
N.Y. Rangers	10	14	6	26
Washington	10	14	6	26
Edmonton	10	14	6	26
Los Angeles	10	14	6	26
San Jose	10	14	6	26
Calgary	10	14	6	26
Chicago	10	14	6	26

Transactions

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
 Acquired Rene Lacroix, infielder, from the Detroit Red Sox to complete an earlier trade.
NL
 RANGERS—Released Ricky Wright, pitcher.
 ASTROS—Traded Rusty Kuntz and Dave Laroche minor-league to the Los Angeles Dodgers.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Named Rickey Henderson general manager and operations and administration.
ST. LOUIS BRUINS—Signed Tom Jordan, defenseman, from the Los Angeles Kings.
SALINAS SPURS—Announced that Golden State Investment Counselors Inc. has purchased the franchise from Herb Rosen for \$200,000.

Basketball

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NHL standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Wales Conference				
Philadelphia	22	7	2	46
N.Y. Islanders	23	6	3	49
Pittsburgh	15	11	4	34
Montreal	13	12	3	29
N.Y. Rangers	10	14	6	26
Washington	10	14	6	26
Edmonton	10	14	6	26
Los Angeles	10	14	6	26
San Jose	10	14	6	26
Calgary	10	14	6	26
Chicago	10	14	6	26

Transactions

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
 Acquired Rene Lacroix, infielder, from the Detroit Red Sox to complete an earlier trade.
NL
 RANGERS—Released Ricky Wright, pitcher.
 ASTROS—Traded Rusty Kuntz and Dave Laroche minor-league to the Los Angeles Dodgers.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Named Rickey Henderson general manager and operations and administration.
ST. LOUIS BRUINS—Signed Tom Jordan, defenseman, from the Los Angeles Kings.
SALINAS SPURS—Announced that Golden State Investment Counselors Inc. has purchased the franchise from Herb Rosen for \$200,000.

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Cheney is confident

By Jim Tierney
Herald Sports Writer

The prospects for a good season look favorable for the Cheney Tech boys' basketball team which opens its 1986-87 campaign Friday night at home against Charter Oak Conference rival East Hampton High.

Cheney, which wound up 6-14 last season and finished seventh in the 10-team conference, returns four key performers from last year's team. Fifth-year coach Aaron Phillips commented, "As do his players concerning a winning season at Cheney which would be the school's first since it went 12-9 during the 1974-75 season."

"If we come together," Silvia explained, "we'll contend."

The top returnees for the Beavers are three starters (Bill Letourneau, Norm Norman, who averaged 10.8 points a game last year. At the other forward will be 6-3 junior Willie Ortiz, who averaged 8.2 points a game. At the shooting guard slot will be 6-4 senior Mack Hawkins, who averaged 5.5 points a game.

The key to the Beavers' success this season could lie in the play of its 6-5 sophomore center Terrance Phillip, who saw limited time on the varsity squad a year ago. Silvia is very high on the youngster.

"He (Phillip) is going to be a good ballplayer," Silvia commented. "He can handle the ball. He is well-coordinated can block shots and can score inside and outside. He could be an all-league player. They (Phillip and Ortiz) complement each other."

In terms of depth, the Beavers are not strong in numbers (only three players off the bench) but Silvia remains confident in his reserves. "Our bench should give us some quality time," he said. "I reserve off the Beavers bench will be 6-0 senior forward Bill Shea, 6-0 junior guard Ron Starnett, and 6-1 senior forward Bill Letourneau."

Silvia sees the COC as a strong conference, but he sees his team in the unlimited, or heavyweight class. He, too, was having a fine season a year ago until being injured in the regular season finale against St. Bernard. That limited him, and the Beavers, for that Charter Oak Conference Tournament which the Beavers placed third.

Cheney had won the COC championship the year before. In the 192-pound division, Cheney was in line for a productive season as junior Jim Clason in the 152-pound division. He's been wrestling freestyle for a year and went to wrestling-mat Iowa for the summer to hone his skills.

Skinner hopes a pair of returnees, Ron Pirtle (130) and senior Ed Balon (145) can hold down those slots. They're currently fighting a slight weight problem. Skinner feels both will be able to win those bouts.

Junior Larry Ash, who was 18-3 a year ago, is in a battle with freshman Steve Classon for the slot at 98 pounds. Freshman Dan Parisi will open at 91 pounds with another freshman, Jim McPhee and Jamie Acosta, are in line for the job at 112. "I think he would have eaten up the kid the last but he got hurt in the semifinals," Skinner recalls. Junior Don Neff fills the bill.

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Tech matmen 'plugging away'

By Len Auster Sports Editor

There are a lot of obstacles that veteran wrestling coach Alan Skinner of Cheney Tech must face each and every year. For one, there's no weight room for his team members to utilize. And those attending Cheney Tech are from communities near and far. If there is a good wrestler in the school's midsts, and the young man doesn't have means of getting to and from practice — as well as the matches — then that wrestler is lost.

That's what Skinner, beginning his 10th year with the program he founded, faces each and every year. "I'm not sure we'll ever have a great team," he says, "but we'll keep plugging away."

The Techmen grapples posted a respectable 11-14 mark a year ago. They take to the mat for the first time in 1986-87 on Thursday at Terryville high at 6 p.m. with a veteran mix of newcomers and veterans.

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Paterno Sl's Sportsman of the Year

By Hal Bock
The Associated Press

Linebacker Jack Ham, Penn State '70, Pittsburgh Steelers '82, was visiting his old campus last summer when he happened upon the football team's new weight room. He was suitably impressed.



AP photo

Penn State's Joe Paterno looks at a photo of himself on the cover of Sports Illustrated after being named the magazine's Sportsman of the Year Tuesday in New York.

The 1982 choice, and UCLA basketball Coach John Wooden shared the 1972 award with tennis player Billie Jean King.

Paterno is the Don Quixote of his profession, railing at the windmills of college sports.

"The game itself is better than ever, with better athletes, and better coaching," he said. "You can't outcoach anybody anymore. But the things going on around it disturb me. We've

paid a terrible price to have it."

The price, Paterno said, is cheating. Not the type performed by a booster slipping \$20 to some poor kid so he can pick up the pizza check. That's minor league. The cheating that disturbs Paterno is the kind that deprives the student-athlete of his most important benefit — a total education.

The demands of college football can be draining for the

players. Often there is no time to taste the rest of college life. That explains why Paterno would like to see the freshmen eligible rule revoked. "To give them a year to grow up, academically and socially."

Instead, the blue-chip recruit is thrust into varsity games with no concern for the transition from high school to college. Often he plays a game for his school before he attends a class. It is a system that Paterno does not endorse. "I struggle with it," he said. "I try to push them back into the mainstream of college life."

That means membership in the chemistry club, if the nose guard feels so inclined. It also means Paterno once opposed to the NCAA's redshirt plan that permits a fifth year of eligibility, now is a staunch supporter of that system.

That is why 15 of the Penn State players who will go against Miami for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2 are students who could have graduated last spring. And it is why that group was excused from spring practice, an innovation that borders on coaching heresy.

Why, Paterno was asked, would he excuse 15 players from spring practice? "Because," he said, "I wanted to give them a chance to look at girls and play tennis and enjoy themselves."

"I try to keep the priorities straight. You've got to get an education. That's number one. Number two is a chance to be the best football team they can be and they want to be."

So, take spring practice off. But if you care to do a little weightlifting, here they are. Go to it.

Flyers chop down Buckeyes' streak

By The Associated Press

Dayton Coach Don Donoher was not sure which would end sooner — the game or his team's lead. As it turned out, the Flyers ended the longest winning streak in major-league basketball.

"That's the longest five or six minutes of any game I can remember. They were all over us and we were sort of fighting for our lives," Donoher said after Dayton held off Ohio State 89-86 Tuesday night.

The Buckeyes entered Dayton Arena with an 11-game winning streak, including six victories this season, and got 41 points from Dennis Hopson. But that was not enough to overcome Dayton's 10-for-10 foul shooting in the final 74 seconds.

"We were up by 15, but then (Ohio State's Jerry) Francis hit a free throw to cut it to 14," Donoher said. "All of a sudden, they get a steal and Hopson scores and he downs it. Then you're looking at a full six minutes left."

"We had the lead and were reluctant to put it up late in the game. They were going to score points. We had to outscore them. Thank goodness they had to foul at the end."

The intrastate rivalry highlighted a night in which no teams ranked in the Top 20 played. Dayton led 49-42 at halftime and expanded its lead to 73-58 with 6:14 remaining before Ohio State rallied. Curtis Wilson's three-point shot with 22 seconds left pulled the Buckeyes within 85-83.

Bill Croty and Steve Smith then each made two free throws to keep Dayton ahead. Dan Christie sank four foul shots in final 38 seconds for the Flyers.

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Noland Robinson 12 and Smith 11 for Dayton, now 3-3. Wilson finished with 23 for Ohio State.

"This is a tough game to lose, but Dayton just took it to us. I thought we came back well, but when we did, Dayton hit their free throws." Ohio State Coach Gary Williams said. "We forgot what got us to 6-0 and it gave Dayton a lot of easy shots."

In other action, undefeated Clemson won its sixth straight game by routing Prairie View A&M 103-45. Anthony Jenkins and Michael Tait hit three-point goals on Clemson's first two shots and the Tigers went on to lead 19-0 and 38-3. Horace Grant topped Clemson with 15 points.

Randy Allen and Jerome Fitchett scored 21 points each to lead Florida State past Western Carolina 101-76. The victory was the Seminoles' first on the road in 22 games since Dec. 29, 1984, against Furman. Florida State is 4-1 and Western Carolina is 0-4.

Andrew Moten scored 32 points as Florida beat Louisiana State 96-75 in the Southeastern Conference. Moten scored 13 of the Gators' first 17 points in the second half as they stretched their lead from eight to 22 points. LSU center Jose Varas scored 33 points and grabbed 18 rebounds.

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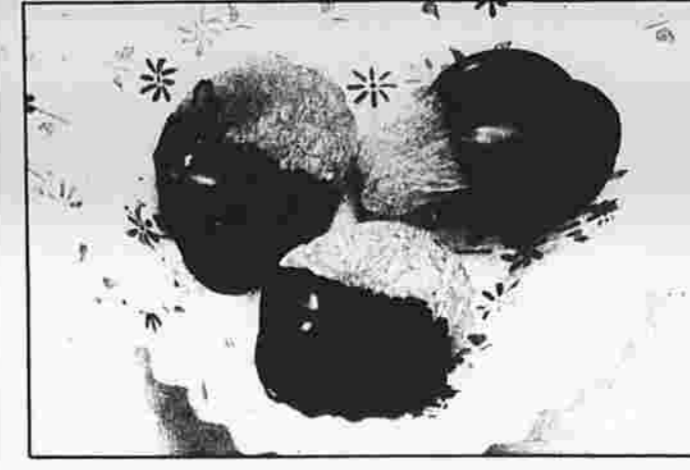
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Sweet shop

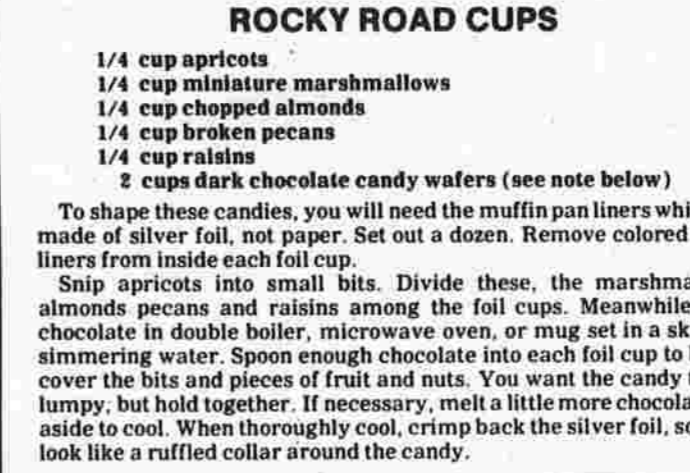
By Nancy Pappas
Herald Reporter

This year, why not let those visions of sugarplums which dance in their heads be fresh and homemade? It may sound terrifying, but it's not difficult to prepare candies that are both simple and delicious. Here are seven goodies which require no special molds or other equipment. And there's only one — the pralines — for which you'll even use a candy thermometer!



CHOCOLATE APRICOTS

1 cup dark chocolate candy wafers (see note)
25 to 30 dried apricots
Melt the chocolate in a double boiler, in a glass cup placed in a microwave oven, or in a coffee mug set in a skillet of simmering water. Watch to see that you do not overcook the chocolate, which takes only a few minutes to melt.
Remove chocolate from heat and quickly dip half of each of the apricots into the chocolate. Let some of the chocolate drip off the apricot, back into the cup. Then transfer to a platter which you have sprayed heavily with nonstick vegetable oil spray. Let cool completely, then transfer to candy boxes.
Variations: This same procedure may be used for all candied or dried fruits.
Note: Candy wafers, or candy melts, are chocolates to which extra vegetable fat has been added so they will melt more smoothly and easily. They are sold in cake decorating shops and some seasonal papergoods stores. Usually they may be found in dark, milk and white chocolates.



ROCKY ROAD CUPS

1/4 cup apricots
1/4 cup miniature marshmallows
1/4 cup chopped almonds
1/4 cup broken pecans
1/4 cup raisins
2 cups dark chocolate candy wafers (see note below)
To shape these candies, you will need the muffin pan liners which are made of silver foil, not paper. Set out a dozen. Remove colored paper liners from inside each foil cup.
Snip apricots into small bits. Divide these, the marshmallows, almonds, pecans and raisins among the foil cups. Meanwhile, melt chocolate in double boiler, microwave oven, or mug set in a skillet of simmering water. Spoon enough chocolate into each foil cup to barely cover the bits and pieces of fruit and nuts. You want the candy to look lumpy, but hold together. If necessary, melt a little more chocolate. Set aside to cool. When thoroughly cool, crimp back the silver foil, so it will look like a ruffled collar around the candy.



STUFFED DATES

1 12-ounce box pitted dates
3/4 cup whole almonds
3/4 cup almond paste
Use a small knife to cut open each date, lengthwise. Insert an almond into each one. Pinch off bits of almond paste and push in over the whole almonds. Leave on a platter, uncovered for about a day, to dry thoroughly. Then they may be treated as any candy. Yield: About 30 stuffed dates.



COCONUT WREATHS

2 cups milk chocolate candy wafers
1 cup shredded coconut, or more
Powdered sugar as needed
3 or 4 apricots or candied cherries
Melt chocolate in double boiler, microwave oven or mug set in a skillet of simmering water. When it is thoroughly melted, add shredded coconut. Stir to coat all coconut. Add more coconut, if needed, to make a thick and very lumpy consistency. Cool slightly.
Spray a cookie sheet with nonstick vegetable oil spray. Coat fingers in powdered sugar. Take out a heaping tablespoonful of chocolate mixture and shape quickly to look like a wreath. Set on the greased cookie sheet. Continue until all chocolate mixture is used.
Snip bits of apricot or candied cherries to look like the bow, or other decorations, you might find on a wreath. Press gently into the surface of the wreath while the chocolate is still moist. Set aside to cool thoroughly before transferring to candy boxes.



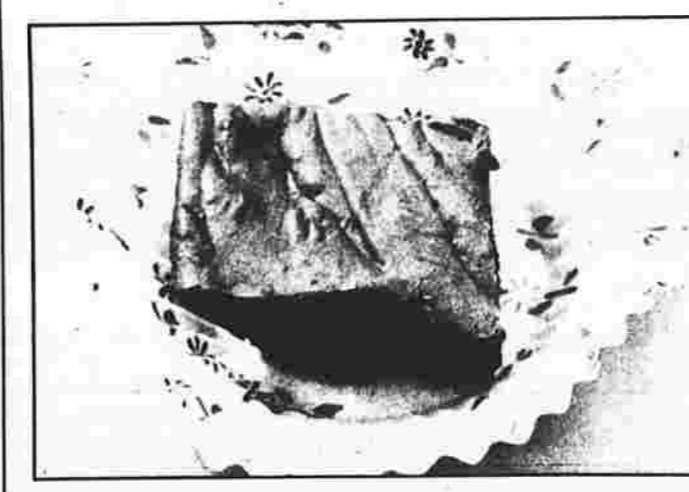
FUDGE A L'ORANGE

1-1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) margarine
1 7-ounce jar marshmallow fluff
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
1 12-ounce package semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped nuts
2 teaspoons orange juice concentrate, undiluted
Combine sugar, sour cream and margarine in a heavy 3-quart saucepan. Bring to a full rolling boil, stirring constantly. Continue boiling about 6 minutes over medium heat, stirring constantly to prevent scorching. Turn down heat and add marshmallow creme and peel, stirring until well blended.
Remove from heat and stir in chocolate pieces. Stir until chocolate is melted and evenly distributed. Stir in nuts and extract. Pour into a greased 9-inch square pan. Cool to room temperature and cut into squares. Yield: 2 pounds.



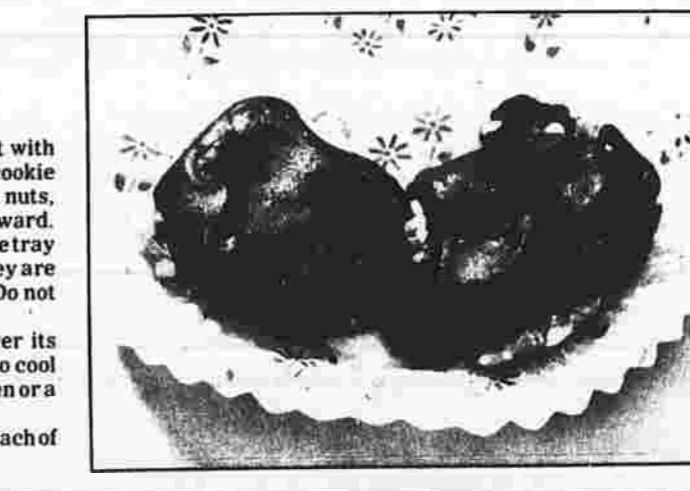
SOUTHERN PRALINES

2 cups sugar
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup light cream
1 tablespoon butter
2 cups pecans
1 teaspoon vanilla extract or bourbon
Combine sugar, baking soda and cream in a heavy 3-quart saucepan. Stir with a wooden spoon until sugar has started to dissolve, then put it onto the stove over medium heat. Bring to a boil slowly and cook, stirring frequently, until a candy thermometer reads 238 degrees. Remove from heat and stir in butter, pecans and extract or bourbon.
Beat with a wooden spoon as candy cools in pot. When it is cool and thick enough to hold its shape somewhat, drop by spoonfuls onto greased pieces of waxed paper. Leave to cool completely, then lift gently with a spatula. Yield: About 2 pounds pralines.



TURTLES

25 caramel candies
1-1/2 cups pecans (broken ones are fine)
2 cups milk chocolate candy wafers
Unwrap caramel candies and set aside. Spray a large cookie sheet with nonstick vegetable oil spray. Arrange pecans in clusters of four on the cookie sheet. These are going to be the turtles' "feet." In the case of broken nuts, turn the broken sides to the center and face the unbroken sides outward.
Gently balance a caramel on top of each cluster of four nuts. Set entire tray of nuts and caramels into a 300-degree oven for about five minutes. They are "done" when the caramel is soft enough to yield to gentle pressure. Do not wait until caramel is melted and runny.
Remove pan from oven and gently press each caramel down over its cluster of four nuts. You have now made the turtle's back. Set aside to cool while you melt the chocolate wafers in a double boiler, microwave oven or a mug set in a skillet of simmering water.
Spoon chocolate over the top of the caramel, taking care that a little each of each "foot" still pokes out. Set aside to cool.



Bark candy

1 pound candy-maker chocolate
1 of any of the following ingredients, or a combination: 1 cup almonds, or 1 cup crushed peppermint candies, or 1 cup of crisp rice cereal, or 1 cup raisins
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Sunshine divinity

2 cups sugar
1/4 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup water
2 egg whites
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 cup finely chopped candied cherries
Combine sugar, corn syrup and water in a 3-quart bowl or casserole. Stir until sugar dissolves. Microwave 5 minutes on high or until mixture is clear.
Stir thoroughly. Microwave 8

Giants and Browns are projected as opponents in the Super Bowl

By Dove Goldberg
The Associated Press

And so, with one weekend left in the 1986 NFL regular season, we come down to the projected Super Bowl matchup of the moment: The New York Giants and Cleveland Browns, rekindling visions of Sam Huff shadowing Jim Brown and Pat Summerall kicking field goals through the snow as the two battled yearly for the title in what was then the NFL's Eastern Conference.

Premature? Of course. But what's to keep fans of these two title-starved teams from dreaming.

If the Giants beat Green Bay on Saturday, they will clinch the home-field advantage for the entire playoffs. The last five NFC teams to have earned that honor went all the way to the big one and four of them won it.

Cleveland will also be at home throughout the playoffs if it beats San Diego on Sunday. With the

AFC's speed horses — the New York Jets, New England Patriots and (to some extent) the Denver Broncos — gasping for breath at the finish line, the Browns are coming up fast on the outside.

Allowing that two AFC playoff spots have yet to be finalized, here's what the road to Pasadena looks like entering the final week of the regular season:

NFC
"They sure look like a Super Bowl team to me." Cardinals Coach

Gene Stallings said after the Giants toyed with his team 27-7 last week. Other football people think the same. "A very, very good team," says Jack Faulkner, director of football operations for the Los Angeles Rams.

But they're not sure thing in a conference where all five playoff teams are legitimate Super Bowl contenders. The Giants have played close to the edge all year and they know it. "A couple of plays one way and we could be 16-0, a few plays the other and we could be 8-

or 9-7," says guard Billy Ard. They've also done it against one of the NFL's toughest schedules and did what seemed impossible beforehand — beat San Francisco on the West Coast on a Monday night, then handled Washington relatively easily at RFK Stadium six days later.

In fact, San Francisco and Washington may be New York's biggest obstacles, particularly the Redskins — beating them twice in one season is tough; beating them three times even tougher.

AFC

If Notre Dame declines bowl bids, why not the Jets, who are in the playoffs despite four straight losses with a chance of a fifth Sunday in Cincinnati. The same goes for the banged-up Patriots with one difference — if they lose to Miami Monday night, they are likely to miss the playoffs.

The two leading contenders appear to be the two teams (along with the Jets) who have clinched spots — Denver and Cleveland.

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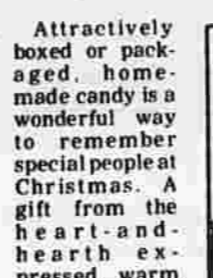
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Microwave Kitchen

Marge Churchill

Attractively boxed or packaged, homemade candy is a wonderful way to remember special people at Christmas. A gift from the heart and heart expressed warm wishes for the season.

Your microwave can make candy making a breeze. Try some of these suggestions, and you're sure to have excellent results — in just minutes!

Fantastic fudge

1 cups sugar
1/4 cup butter
1 can (5.3 ounces) evaporated

milk
1 package (12 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate bits
1 jar (7 1/2 ounces) marshmallow cream
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
In a large glass mixing bowl, combine sugar, butter and evaporated milk. Cook on high for 9 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally until

sugar is dissolved.
Stir in chocolate bits, marshmallow cream and chopped nuts. When chocolate is melted, add vanilla. Blend in completely and turn into a well-buttered 9-by-15-inch baking dish. Chill until firm. Cut into squares. Makes about 3 pounds of candy.

Bark candy

1 pound candy-maker chocolate
1 of any of the following ingredients, or a combination: 1 cup almonds, or 1 cup crushed peppermint candies, or 1 cup of crisp rice cereal, or 1 cup raisins
Place candy-maker chocolate in a 1-quart casserole or measuring cup. Microwave at 50% (medium low) for 3 to 5 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds after first 2 minutes, or until thoroughly melted. Add any of the ingredients

listed to the chocolate and stir. Pour into a foil-lined baking sheet and spread to 1/4-inch thick. Cool until firm. Break into pieces and store in an airtight wax paper-lined container. Note: Candy maker chocolate or chocolate melts are available in several area specialty shops.

minutes on high, or until a small amount dropped in very cold water forms a hard ball (238 degrees). While syrup is cooking, beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. When syrup is ready, beat egg whites with electric mixer while slowly pouring a thin stream of hot syrup. Add vanilla. Beat until candy loses its gloss. (About 6 to 8 minutes.) Fold in fruit and nuts.
Drop from buttered teaspoon onto waxed paper or spread in a buttered (10-by-15-inch) pan. Cut into squares when cooled.
Note: Do not attempt to make divinity when the humidity is high, as it will not set. Do not use a candy thermometer in the microwave oven.

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2 1/2 cups firmly packed brown sugar

1/2 cup milk
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon light corn syrup
Pinch of salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Blend together sugar, milk, butter, corn syrup and salt in a 3-quart casserole. Microwave 5 minutes on high or until sugar dissolves. Stir well. Microwave 6 minutes on high, or until a small amount dropped in very cold water forms a soft ball (240 degrees).
Cool to lukewarm. Using a wooden spoon, beat vigorously until mixture begins to thicken. Stir in vanilla and chopped nuts. Continue beating until candy is thick and difficult to work. Spread evenly in buttered 8-by-8-inch pan. Cool until firm. Cut into squares. Note: Do not use a candy thermometer in the microwave oven.

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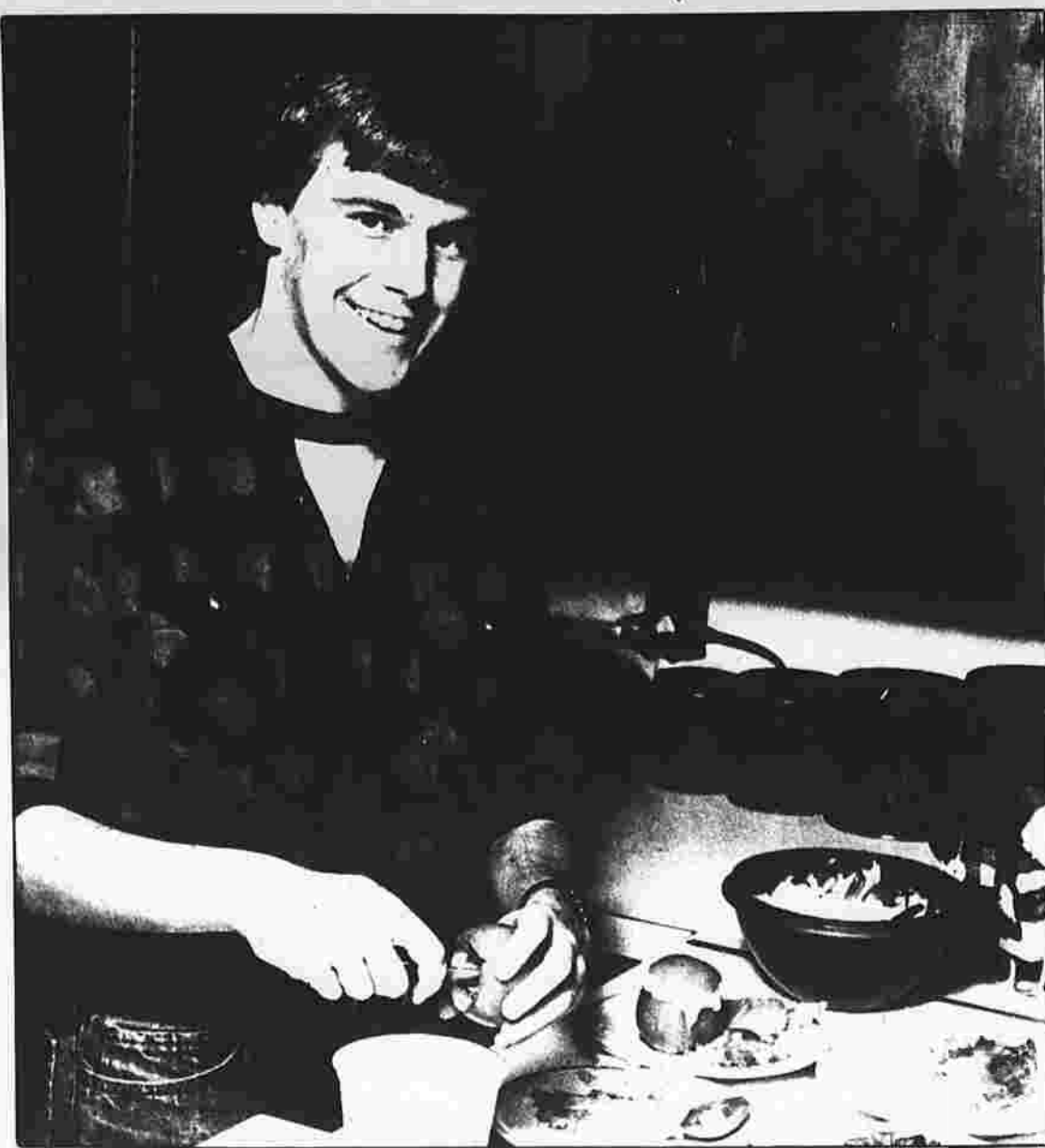
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Sigi Claes, a foreign exchange student at Manchester High School, assembles shrimp stuffed tomatoes, a party dish that his mother often makes in Belgium. He lives with Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Prignano of Bush Hill Road.

Your Neighbor's Kitchen

Belgian exchange student brings recipes from home

By Susan Vaughn
Herald Reporter

When he was young, Sigi Claes wanted to be a chef when he grew up. Now, at the ripe age of 18, Claes has given up that aspiration, and now he plans to become a doctor. But he still enjoys cooking. Claes is an American Field Service exchange student from Belgium attending Manchester High School this year. He has tried out some of his favorite recipes on his Manchester host family: Dr. Joseph Prignano, his wife, Didi, and their 15-year-old son, Matthew. He uses an APS cookbook of Belgian recipes that is printed in English, with a metric conversion chart in the back, and a Flemish-language cookbook, both of which he brought with him when he came to the U.S. in August. Claes, an only child, said he has been cooking since he was about 8 for his mother, Ria DeBucker, and himself. He prepared meals after school when his mother had to work late, he said. "One of my best qualities is tasting. That's what I love about cooking," Claes said with a mischievous gleam as he sampled the shrimp stuffing for tomatoes he made for the Manchester Herald at the Prignanos' home on Bush Hill Road.

Besides cooking, Claes enjoys sports. He plays on Manchester High School's junior varsity soccer team this year, and at his high school in Lier, Belgium, he played basketball. He also likes photography and traveling. He has visited such faraway places as Egypt, India and Israel. Experiencing other cultures has helped his

prejudices disappear, he said. Claes said he enjoys attending Manchester High School because it is larger than his 400-student high school in Belgium, where he graduated last year. He plans to attend the University of Antwerp next year. Claes shared some recipes he and his mother have served at parties or on Christmas. A traditional Christmas entree is pheasant or rabbit, he said. The Belgian people also have a special Christmas pie, translated "Christmas root," which is actually a cake with different fillings topped with frosting and Christmas cutouts, Claes said. But he did not provide the dessert recipe because he said, "We always buy it."

2 tablespoons butter or mayonnaise
8 cups water
8 cups beef stock
2 bouillon cubes
Salt, pepper, oregano
26 ounces fresh tomatoes
2 cups milk
1 cup flour
1 small can tomato paste
Cut celery, carrot and celery root. Chop onions. Sauté all the vegetables in butter for 10 minutes. Add water, bouillon cube and stock. Simmer until vegetables are tender (about half an hour). Mix well. Add pepper, salt and oregano. Peel and seed the tomatoes; put in blender with the milk, flour and tomato paste mix and pour into the soup. Mix lightly and bring to a fast boil. Serve hot. Serves 8.

Pheasant as in Brabant

1 pheasant
13-ounce container spiced cream cheese
1 clove garlic
Pepper, salt and nutmeg to taste
2 or 3 slices bacon
2 ounces butter
2 1/4 pounds endive

Clean the bird and stuff with the cheese. Fasten with skewer or toothpicks. Rub with spices and wrap in bacon. Melt butter in a heavy pan or Dutch oven. Brown the pheasant and bake 1 hour at medium heat. Remove pheasant and thicken the sauce. Braise endive in butter, salt, pepper and a little water until soft. When the pheasant is done, arrange on platter and garnish with the endive. Serve with boiled or mashed potatoes. Serves 4.

Tomato cream soup

2 stalks celery
1 carrot
1 thick slice celery root
2 onions

Supermarket Shopper

Taking complaint directly to manufacturer gets results

By Martin Sloane
United Features Syndicate

What would you do if the boilable pouch of Shrimp Bombay sprang a leak while you were boiling it? How angry would you get if most of the contents spilled into the cooking water and made the whole thing somewhat less than edible? Would you take the wet bag, soggy shrimp and all back to the supermarket and ask for a refund? Or would you go the less messy route and write to the manufacturer? That's exactly what Mrs. Leslie Kamens of Whittier, Calif., did. She wrote to the Singleton Seafood Company and told them that she had received a pouch that left something to be desired — durability. Two weeks later, Mrs. Kamens received a note from Don Toladay, Singleton's executive vice president for Technical Support & Product Development. "Your complaint has been followed up through the entire chain of command in order to assure that no further problems such as you experienced will happen to another customer."

Mrs. Kamens was impressed. She was also pleased with the enclosed money order in the amount of \$3.39 to reimburse her for the Bombay Shrimp. "I've learned to contact the manufacturer on these rare occasions when I have had a problem with a product," she says. When Mrs. John Pazel of Youngstown, Ohio, had a bread crumb problem, she also found the manufacturer to be responsive. "I recently purchased a leading brand of bread crumbs to make meat loaf. But the bread crumbs made the loaf taste so bad that we had to throw the entire meal out. The more I thought about it, the angrier I became. So I decided to write to that company. In my letter, I included the dating code from the bottom of the container. "Within days, I received a letter from a vice president of the company. He said that he had immediately launched an inquiry with the production manager, the bread superintendent and the director of quality control. They discovered from the dating code that the bread crumbs were very old and should not further be on the supermarket shelf. Enclosed with the letter were coupons for two free loaves of bread, as well

as \$1.25 to pay for the bread crumbs. But that wasn't all. Two days later, one of their representatives called and said he had something for me. He showed up at my home with apologies, a \$5 check for my lost hamburger meat and four packages of their frozen rolls. "Who would remain angry after this display of interest? One last thing: A few weeks later, I received a copy of one of the company's publications, 'The

Manager's Bulletin.' The front-page story told delivery drivers to double-check the dating codes on packages. And the article went on to tell the story of a lady who used spoiled and outdated bread crumbs to make a meat loaf. I know that lady just had to be me!" If you doubt that consumers like yourself are receiving responses like this from concerned manufacturers, write and find out for yourself the next time you have a problem. And be sure to let me know the results.

Clip 'n' file refunds

Baked goods, desserts (File No. 7)
Clip out this file and keep it with similar cash-off coupons — beverage refund offers with beverage coupons, for example. Start collecting the needed proofs of purchase while looking for the required forms at the supermarket, in newspapers and magazines, and when trading with friends. Offers may not be available in all the areas of the country. Allow 10 weeks to receive each refund.

These offers require refund forms:
PROGRESSO Cookbook Offer. Receive a Progresso Cookbook with over 130 recipes. Send the required refund form and one Universal Product Code from any Progresso Bread Crumbs, along with a check or money order for \$3.95 for each cookbook ordered. Expires Dec. 31, 1986.
MRS. SMITH'S Pie in the Sky. Receive \$1 worth of coupons good toward any size crusts. Send the required refund form and the Universal Product Code symbols from three packages (any size) of Mrs. Smith's Pie Crusts. Expires Dec. 31.

Service Notes

Airman studies law

Airman Rebecca S. Lunt, daughter of Howard J. and Ann R. Lunt of London Road, Hebron, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force law enforcement specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. She is a 1986 graduate of East Catholic High School.

Gamache in the Guard

Army National Guard Pvt. Thomas M. Gamache has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. He is the son of Donna S. Gamache of 222 Boston Turnpike, Coventry, and Charles T. Gamache of 208 School St.

Simmons earns medal

Capt. R. Steven Simmons, son of Robert B. and Mary E. Simmons of Twin Hills Drive, Coventry, has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation medal at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. Simmons is a pilot.

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Making a family happy

Pamela Jordan, left, and Brianna Damko load a box with Christmas gifts at the Child Development Center at Manchester Community College. The box is one of seven that will be sent to a needy family in Mississippi whom the children and their families have adopted in the Box Project. Children helped collect and wrap gifts for the family and the Parents Club paid the postage for mailing the boxes of new and used clothing and other items.

About Town

Choir has concert

The Bennet Junior High School Seventh Grade Choir will hold its winter concert Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The choir will sing many Christmas favorites, including "Winter Wonderland," "The Christmas Song" and "White Christmas." Walter Gray will conduct. Student conductors will be Ailing Moore and Amanda Newman. Christopher Davey, also a student, will be piano accompanist. Other students will sing solos and provide special sound accompaniment.

Bolton sings carols

BOLTON — A Christmas carol sing will be held for Bolton residents and friends Friday at 6:30 p.m. on the town green. The program will include a brass ensemble led by Tim Ketterer and a

student chorus led by Susan Van Sickle. Song books will be provided. Each person should bring a flashlight.

Hot chocolate will be provided by the Bolton Women's Club and served by the Cadette Girl Scouts. Master of ceremonies will be Mike Ziska. The carol sing was arranged by the Bolton Ecumenical Council.

Health hours canceled

COVENTRY — Community Health Care Services Inc. will not hold office hours Dec. 24 at the Coventry Town Hall because of the Christmas holiday. Residents may receive services during office hours Tuesday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Columbia office on Route 6. At that session, residents may receive blood pressure checks, tuberculosis tests, throat cultures and health guidance.

Menus

Senior citizens

The following meals will be served at Mayfair Gardens and Westhill Gardens the week of Dec. 22 through 26 to Manchester residents who are 60 or older:
Monday: Apple juice, chicken breast stuffed with broccoli and cheese, twice-baked potatoes, asparagus spears, dinner roll, ice box cake.
Tuesday: Cranapple juice, cheesy chicken, lemon-glazed sweet potatoes, Oriental vegetables, rye bread, pebble pudding.
Wednesday: Cheese soup, shepherd's pie, parsnip carrots, white bread, plum cherry compote.
Thursday: Christmas, no meal.
Friday: Cranberry juice, roast turkey with gravy, apple raisin stuffing, broccoli with cheese sauce, dinner roll, cranberry sauce, fresh fruit.

Meals on Wheels

The following meals are to be served to Meals on Wheels clients the week of Dec. 22 through 26. The hot noon meal is listed first and the cool evening meal second.
Monday: Chopped sirloin with gravy, Spanish rice, carrots, salad, brownies, Ham sandwich, sliced pineapple, milk.
Tuesday: Veal patty Parmesan, whipped potatoes, wax beans, salad, pudding, Tuna salad sandwich, fresh fruit, milk.
Wednesday: Boneless pork loin with gravy, whipped potatoes, zucchini, salad, cake, Roast beef sandwich, peaches, applesauce, milk.
Thursday: Christmas.
Friday: Baked whole fish with newburg sauce, boiled potatoes, spinach, cottage cheese, cookies, Egg salad sandwich, fruit and gelatin, milk.

Manchester schools

The following lunches will be served in the Manchester schools Dec. 22 and 23. Schools are closed

for vacation the rest of the week.
Monday: Hot dog or chili dog on a roll, potato chips, cabbage-pineapple slaw, chilled fruit cup.
Tuesday: Sliced turkey with gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, bread and butter, Christmas poke cake.

Bolton schools

There will be no lunches served at Bolton Elementary and Center schools the week of Dec. 22 through 26. Monday and Tuesday are half days, and Wednesday through Friday the schools are closed for vacation.

Coventry elementaries

The following lunches will be served in the Coventry elementary schools Dec. 22 and 23.
Monday: Chilled fruit juice, cheeseburger, french fries, pudding with topping.
Tuesday: Tomato juice, grilled cheese sandwich, chips, fruit cup.

Coventry High School

Lunch will be served at Coventry High School only on Monday next week.
Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickles, hot vegetable, fruit.

RHAM high schools

The following lunches will be served at RHAM junior and senior high schools Dec. 22 and 23.
Monday: Hot dog on a roll, baked beans, carrots, pineapple slices.
Tuesday: Fruit juice, grilled cheese sandwich, minestrone soup, ice cream.

Andover Elementary

The following lunches will be served at Andover Elementary School on Dec. 22 and 23.
Monday: Doughboys, fries, vegetable, pears.
Tuesday: Cheese pizza, green beans, juice, Christmas ice cream.

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Peanut brittle

2 cups sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1 cup water
2 cups shelled raw peanuts
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon butter
1 teaspoon soda
Combine sugar, corn syrup and water in a 2-quart batter bowl. Microwave at high for 5 to 6 minutes. Add peanuts and stir to combine. Microwave 5 to 6 minutes on high. Add butter and microwave for 1 minute. Add soda and spread immediately on a greased cookie sheet. Cool and break into pieces. Yields 1 pound.

Caramel nut rolls

1/2 pound caramels (about 28)
1/4 cup butter
2 tablespoons half and half
1 1/2 cups confectioner's sugar
1 cup salted peanuts
2 cups miniature marshmallows
1 cup flaked coconut

In a 2-quart casserole or mixing bowl, place caramels, butter and half and half. Microwave at 50% (medium) for 3 to 5 minutes, or until melted and smooth, stirring after every 2 minutes.

Gumball machines started self-service

NEW YORK (AP) — Millions of self-service sales transactions are now being made electronically in America's retail stores and this form of robot retailing could transform the way shopping has been done for nearly a century. But it was the penny gumball machine — installed on stations of the New York elevated transit system — that gave self-service its start in 1888, according to the Howard Mariboro Group, a marketing communications firm. When gum-chewers inserted a penny and pulled a lever, they got a colored gumball. The system is much more sophisticated now.

Stir in sugar until smooth, then peanuts. Stir in marshmallows, using as few strokes as possible. Sprinkle 2 large sheets of wax paper with coconut. Spoon half the caramel mixture in strip on each sheet. Shape into 10-inch rolls, using wax paper to help shape, coat well with coconut. Wrap and refrigerate. To serve, cut into 1/2-inch slices. Makes about 2 pounds of candy (48 pieces).

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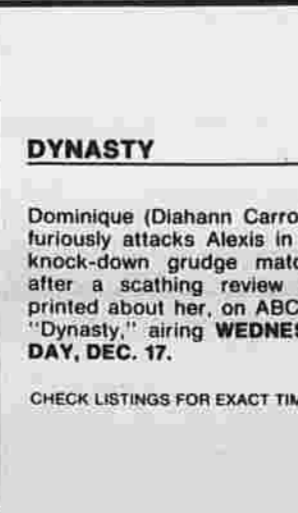
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Bridge

Bridge
A chance to cut the cord
By James Jacoby
If you are not sure about the best way to defend a bridge hand, try breaking up the communication between declarer's hand and the dummy.

Wednesday TV

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DYNASTY

Dominique (Diahann Carroll) furiously attacks Alexis in a knock-down grudge match after a scathing review is printed about her on ABC's 'Dynasty,' airing WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17.

Advice

Holiday party won't suffer from absence of one guest

DEAR ABBY: I have one of those awkward "don't want to hurt anyone's feelings" situations, and I don't know quite how to handle it.

I have a very good friend (I'll call her Mary) who tends to get depressed over the holidays because her family is scattered across the country, and she's alone.

DEAR ABBY: It seems that the more things change, the more they stay the same. As I was driving to work last week, I heard a young pregnant girl (on the radio) talking about how her teenage boyfriend talked her into it.

DEAR ABBY: My nephew and I have this bet on, and we need you to help us settle it. If a gentleman invites a lady to go to the dog track with him, isn't it only proper that the lady's betting costs? I say it is.

DEAR DR. GOTT: People in my town don't believe that there is such a thing as agoraphobia. Please explain it to me.

DEAR READER: Serotonin, a chemical occurring naturally in brain and intestinal tissue, causes constriction of blood vessels and acts as a neurotransmitter (chemical messenger).

DEAR DR. GOTT: My sister died last year and we suspect that myofibrosis may have contributed to her heart attack.

DEAR POLLY: To cook beans, you don't produce so much alkaline gas, add a pinch of baking soda to the cooking water. It makes the beans softer.

DEAR BEAN LOVERS: So many people have sent this Pointer, that I feel I must respond to it. You should not add baking soda to beans. It destroys the B vitamins in the beans (particularly thiamine).

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U.S./World In Brief

Iraq refuses to cut oil production

GENEVA — Iran's official news agency reported today the Tehran government was calling on OPEC to suspend Iraq's membership for refusing to cut its oil production.

The report cast new doubt on OPEC's ability to reach a final agreement on production cuts designed to boost oil prices by about \$4 a barrel. Saudi Arabia has announced it is ready to cut production as part of an OPEC plan to drive up prices.

The Islamic Republic News Agency said a high-ranking Iranian official had told it that Iran was urging the other OPEC members to suspend Iraq, with which Iran has been at war for six years.

Sources in the Iranian delegation to the OPEC meeting here said they could not confirm or deny the report.

Job Corps youths face AIDS tests

WASHINGTON — Job Corps youths will be tested for AIDS as part of their pre-entrance physicals beginning next year, a Labor Department spokesman said Tuesday.

The tests will begin on or about Feb. 1, said the official, who requested anonymity.

The New York Times, in its Wednesday edition, said Labor Department officials were concerned that the Job Corps centers might become breeding grounds for AIDS because many students had been intravenous drug users and some had had homosexual contacts.

The Job Corps trains unemployed youths in residential camps. AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is an affliction in which the body's immune system becomes unable to resist disease. There is no known cure.

White House proposes pay change

WASHINGTON — The White House plans to propose in its fiscal 1988 budget that pay increases based on seniority for 1.2 million white-collar government workers be replaced with a system based on performance, a spokesman for the Office of Management and Budget said Monday night.

Ed Dale, OMB spokesman, said the present plan of automatic pay raises would be replaced by a system based "a little bit more on performance." However, Dale said the change would not result in a budget savings and will not affect the total federal pay.

"It's not a deficit-reducing item," he said.

Under the present plan, most of the civilian federal workers are paid according to a General Schedule, which sets salary levels for 18 grades of workers. Workers advance in the system almost automatically, in 10 steps over 18 years.

Each time employees move up a step, they receive roughly a 3 percent increase.

Under the OMB plan, increases would be "a little less automatic," Dale said.

Death toll in Pakistan riots hits 152

KARACHI, Pakistan — Pakistani Pathans battled immigrant groups for the fourth day today, and two more victims of the violence raised the death toll to 152. Bulldozers flattened areas where some of the worst rioting occurred and soldiers enforced a curfew.

The rioting, the worst since independence in 1947, began Sunday when Pathans went on a rampage against immigrant Mohajirs and Biharis after police conducted drug and weapons raids in Pathan areas.

Ambulance workers said two men were stabbed to death today in the Landhi neighborhood of Karachi, a city of 7 million. Hospital officials said crews also recovered the bodies of two people killed Tuesday. At least 649 people have been wounded since Sunday.

Reagan to undergo prostate surgery

WASHINGTON — President Reagan will undergo prostate surgery in January to relieve what a spokesman called "mild, recurring discomfort" caused by an enlarged prostate, the White House announced today.

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Reagan underwent a similar procedure 20 years ago and was told he probably would have to have it done again at some time, Spokes said.

The prostate is a sex gland surrounding the urethra at the base of the bladder. It often becomes enlarged in men as they grow older and sometimes can be cancerous.

Spokes said there is no evidence Reagan has cancer of the prostate, although examination of tissue removed during the procedure is normal in such cases to determine whether any malignancy is present.

Weinberger aide picked for post

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's new national security adviser, Frank Carlucci, is tapping as his deputy a three-star Army general who played a bit role in the burgeoning Iran arms controversy.

The officer, Lt. Gen. Colin L. Powell, is considered a bright, politically savvy career man who spent three years serving as the top military aide to Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger.

In that role, Powell, acting on Weinberger's directions, arranged the transfer to the Central Intelligence Agency of Army missiles that were later sold to Iran.

Weinberger has said that neither he nor Powell played any role in actually selling the arms to Iran and had no idea that profits from the sale were diverted to the U.S.-backed Contra guerrillas.

The selection of Carlucci and Carlucci's decision to bring Powell to the National Security Council are viewed within the Reagan administration as strengthening Weinberger's already strong advisory role to the president.

Voyager co-pilot takes controls

LOS ANGELES — Voyager's fatigued pilot handed control over to his co-pilot today after guiding the aircraft around a typhoon for 12 hours in their unprecedented quest to circle the globe nonstop on one tank of fuel.

The experimental craft was over the South China Sea heading toward Thailand and Malaysia early today after winging its way through the spiraling arms of Typhoon Marge around the Philippines on Tuesday.

Ground personnel advised pilot Dick Rutan to get rest, and turn over control to Jeana Yeager, as their epic flight entered its fourth day.

Shultz hits communication process

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George P. Shultz is set to condemn the process of private "back channel" communications between the White House and U.S. envoys abroad, it was learned today.

However, he will allow John H. Kelly, the U.S. ambassador to Lebanon, to stay on the job despite his involvement in such communications, it was also learned.

Kelly's secret contacts with the National Security Council about covert American arms shipments to Iran and American hostages in Lebanon infuriated Shultz, who has testified before Congress that he had limited knowledge about the purchases.

Shultz summoned the 47-year-old ambassador home to explain why Kelly had not informed the State Department about his dealings with Vice Adm. John M. Poindexter, who was later ousted as the president's national security adviser, and Lt. Col. Oliver North, a Poindexter deputy who also was forced to resign last month when the secret arms deals were disclosed.

Legislator says North acted alone

By Lawrence L. Knutson
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate Intelligence Committee chairman says he is convinced after 12 days of testimony that Oliver North on his own pulled off the "scam" of diverting Iran arms sales profits to Nicaraguan rebels.

The chairman, Sen. David Durenberger, R-Minn., listened Tuesday to closed-door testimony by White House Chief of Staff Donald T. Regan, then told reporters he was convinced that the president "had nothing to do with" the diversion of funds.

"On every lever in this operation was Ollie North's hand," Durenberger said.

The panel prepared to question Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger today about the secret transfer of U.S. weapons to Iran and the extent of CIA involvement in those transfers.

Durenberger said Regan has made it clear to him "that whoever pulled it off, did it without proper, appropriate or other authority."

"And that person is Ollie North," Durenberger said.



White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan points to members of the media as he is escorted from the Senate Intelligence Committee after testifying Tuesday. Regan said no one was ever authorized to divert funds from the sale of arms to Iran to the Nicaraguan contras.

Asked about the nature of Poindexter's role, Durenberger said: "Poindexter didn't pull off the scam. That's Ollie North's work."

"It is clear to me that (North) acted totally without proper authority in this matter and it's up to him to come forward now and produce the rest of the piece of the puzzle, and we'll have it done," Durenberger said.

Regan is urging the Senate panel to grant North and Poindexter limited immunity from prosecution so they can testify fully, a proposal that was rebuffed by committee leaders.

Some senators said they found

essential elements of the chief of staff's story difficult to accept at face value.

"He told an unbelievable story in a very believable manner," said Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz. "It's the story you've read about. He says he knew nothing about it (the alleged diversion). I find that unbelievable."

In other developments:

- The owner of Southern Air Transport, the cargo airline linked to arms deliveries to Iran and the Contras, said in an interview in today's Miami Herald that he has been subpoenaed by the Senate and House intelligence panels and by a federal grand jury in Miami.
- The White House announced the resignations of two more National Security Council staff members as part of a shake-up by Reagan's newly named national security adviser, Frank Carlucci, who will be Poindexter's successor next year.
- CIA Director William J. Casey was described as alert and in stable condition at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington after suffering a minor brain seizure Monday.
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Immunity proposal gets cool reception

By Terence Hunt
The Associated Press

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"I think immunity should be something of a last resort," Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said today. "Reagan's request for limited immunity from prosecution for two former aides whose knowledge of the Iran-Contra affair is considered crucial."

Byrd's view was held by a majority of the Senate.

"My view is they don't need immunity. They ought to come up there and tell what they know," Dole said. "I think they owe it to their president and they owe it to their country."

Reagan, who has refused to question the aides himself about their role in the affair, said Tuesday a grant of limited immunity was the best way to produce "a full disclosure of all the facts surrounding the Iranian controversy."

Even before Reagan's request was delivered to Capitol Hill, the leaders of the Senate Intelligence Committee said they opposed giving a legal shield to the officials, Vice Adm. John M. Poindexter and Marine Lt. Col. Oliver L. North, to

Vietnam leaders resign amid criticism

By Peter Eng
The Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — The country's top three officials, who had guided the communists through more than half a century of war and revolution, stepped down today after months of self-criticism over failings in leadership.

Party Secretary-General Truong Chinh, Prime Minister Pham Van Dong and key Politburo member Le Duc Tho will not seek re-election to the party Central Committee, Vice Premier Pham Hung told the Sixth Party Congress in announcing their resignations.

Chinh, 79, Dong, 80, and Tho, 75, were the last of a core of revolutionaries who helped Ho Chi Minh found the party in 1930, drive out the Japanese, French and then Americans and reunify Vietnam under the communist banner in April 1975.

The three, along with Chinh's predecessor, the late Le Duan, had emerged as a collective leadership

after Ho died in 1969. They were part of one of the most stable autocracies in communist history.

Their replacements are expected to be announced Thursday along with the new Central Committee and ruling Politburo.

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AIDS vaccine tests surprise scientists

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists

before they will be able to evaluate their results, the newspaper said.

The scientists working in Zaire have carried out the experiments on a small number of people, the Times reported. Animal experiments are believed to have preceded the Zairian-French work. Details of the experiments were not known.

Zairian officials have been reluctant to release any statistics on the disease, but the U.S. Centers for Disease Control has estimated that AIDS strikes 17 to 40 of every 100,000 Zairians each year — or 5,000 to 10,000 people per year.

By comparison, the CDC estimates that AIDS strikes 99 people per million every year in the United States, or 9.9 per 100,000, but the U.S. population is seven times that of Zaire.

According to medical sources,

the experiments have been conducted with the approval of Zairian health officials under direction of team leader by two immunologists, a University of Kinshasa researcher identified by the Times only as Dr. Lurhuma and Dr. Daniel Zagury of the University of Paris.

Zagury told the Times he had no comment on his project because he was "under oath to the Zairian government" not to disclose any information about his research until the results were published in scientific journals.

"If anybody stumbles upon a way to open the door, it might be this guy because he has a good smell for what is going on," Dr. Robert Gallo, a pioneering AIDS researcher at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., told the Times about Zagury.

Dodd sees '50-50' chance Hasenfus will be released soon

By Andrew Selsky
The Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — President Daniel Ortega said Sam Hasenfus, identified as an American suspected of spying, will be tried by a revolutionary tribunal like the one that convicted U.S. mercenary Eugene Hasenfus.

Dodd, D-Conn., announced that he would be allowed to visit Hall today. He also said there was a "50-50" chance Hasenfus would be par-

doned and released in the coming days, perhaps today.

Nicaragua has ignored a request by the U.S. Embassy that an American consul visit Hall. The embassy says it cannot confirm Hall's identity until an official sees him.

Nicaraguan authorities have identified Hall as being 40 years old and from Dayton, Ohio. Reports in the United States say he is the brother of Rep. Tony P. Hall, D-Ohio.

Sam Hall was arrested Friday in

a restricted military area near the Punta Huete air base, 13 miles northeast of Managua, with maps studied in his sock.

Ortega described Hall as a "mentally unbalanced person" and claimed he brought explosives into the country to help U.S.-backed Contra rebels in their fight against Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government.

It "would be normal procedure" to turn him over to a revolutionary tribunal, Ortega told reporters Tuesday. "The tribunals are for

terrorists. He was conducting terrorist activities in this country."

The tribunals were created by the Sandinistas soon after they overthrew President Anastasio Somoza, a rightist pro-American strongman, in 1979. The tribunals tried Somoza supporters accused of human rights violations, and later the Contras.

Hall is being held at a Managua prison for political prisoners under a national emergency law, but has not been formally charged. The law, imposed four years ago by the

Sandinistas to fight the Contras, gives security agencies wide powers to search, arrest and hold people.

Dodd, who met with Ortega on Tuesday, said he and Tony Hall would be allowed to visit the prisoner. Dodd said he talked by telephone with the Ohio congressman and asked whether he had a message for the prisoner. Dodd did not elaborate.

There was no indication Tony Hall had immediate plans to travel to Nicaragua.

Dodd on Tuesday was allowed to visit Hasenfus who is serving a 30-year sentence for running weapons to the Contras. Dodd said he believed there was a "50-50" chance the Sandinistas would release Hasenfus, 45, of Marinette, Wis., and allow him to return home.

Dodd, in an interview from Managua with NBC's "Today" show, said he believes the Nicaraguans would like to see Hasenfus testify in Washington about arms supplies to the Contra rebels.

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BUSINESS

Term insurance policies not equal

QUESTION: I have been approached by an agent for a company which sells both life insurance and investments. He not only wants to sell to me. He wants me to join the company and sell to others.



Investors' Guide

William A. Doyle

The agent explains that the only type of insurance his company handles is term life, which costs less than other types of life insurance. I like the idea of "buying term and investing the difference."

However, I wouldn't want to sell anything to friends and relatives — especially young married people — if the product is not worthwhile. What "probing" questions should I put to the agent?

with a higher cost than others, for the simple reason it will pay him a higher commission.

Then, find out what kind of investments his company sells. Chances are it's mutual fund shares.

A number of sales outfits stress the sale of "low-cost" term, which turns out to be far from the lowest-cost term, and mutual fund shares with fat commission charges. Some sell mutual fund contractual plans, on which up to 50 percent of the money an investor pays in the first year goes out to pay a "front-end load."

Since your letter shows you to be conscientious and concerned about people, it's most unlikely you'll be talked into peddling such things to your friends and relatives.

Although it brings screaming mad letters from many people in

the insurance business, this column has always agreed with the "buy term and invest the difference" theory. However, even the best concept can go awry when it's loaded with heavy charges.

QUESTION: Since the birth announcement of our first child, we have been bombarded with proposals from insurance companies and agents. I'm no genius, but it is obvious that, with the limited dollars I have available, term insurance on my life will provide the most protection for my wife and son.

By just going through a half dozen of these proposals, I have learned there is a great deal of difference from one term policy to the next. Where, oh where, can I find a listing of comparative costs, etc., on term life insurance policies offered by major companies?

ANSWER: Get hold of a June 1986 issue of Consumer Reports magazine, which contains a detailed and unbiased study of term insurance, as well as a table rating 96 term policies.

You'll probably find that magazine on file in your public library. Assuming you have friendly and efficient librarians, as we do in our home town, you'll be able to obtain photocopies of that rather long

article — the first of an excellent three-part series on life insurance.

QUESTION: My son and his wife are buying term insurance and investments from a company promising returns of up to 25 percent a year. In my estimation, that is too good to be true. Are these people to be trusted?

ANSWER: Anyone who "promises" annual returns even approaching that number not only can't be trusted but shouldn't be allowed in the house.

It may be that those salespeople aren't promising how well the investments will do in the future, but are simply showing how well the investments have done in the past. That's OK.

Quite a number of investments expect "total returns" — the income plus gain in value — in the double-digit range. However, none do it year-in and year-out. Some years, the investments probably show losses. That should be spelled out in the literature the salespeople are required to present. Advise your son and daughter-in-law to receive the sales literature.

If "promises" have been made that future results will equal past performance, your boy and his wife should lock the door next time those salespeople come calling.

Business In Brief

Callaghan joins Beech Hill office

John A. Callaghan of Wethersfield has been named marketing consultant for the Connecticut office of Beech Hill Hospital, according to an announcement by John McParland, director of Beech Hill-Connecticut.

Beech Hill Hospital, based in Dublin, N.H., is a specialized facility for the treatment of alcoholism and other chemical dependencies.

Callaghan started the employee assistance program at Aetna Life and Casualty, Hartford, in 1977 and directed it until his recent retirement.

Callaghan is past president of the Connecticut chapter of the Association of Labor-Management Administrators and Consultants on Alcoholism. He is a board member and was president of the Alcoholism Detoxification Rehabilitation Center in Hartford. He is chairman of the advisory board for Clayton House, Glastonbury, a halfway house for alcoholics. He is on the board of High Watch Farm, Kent.

Callaghan will be based in newly renovated and expanded offices in the Watkins Center at 935 Main St., Manchester.

Rogers declares regular dividend

ROGERS — The board of directors of Rogers Corp. has declared a regular quarterly dividend of 3 cents per share payable Feb. 13 to shareholders of record Jan. 15.

Rogers manufactures a broad range of engineered materials and components for the electronics and other selected industrial markets.

Channel 8 names news director

NEW HAVEN — Wendie Feinberg has been appointed news director of WTNH-Channel 8, the station announced.

Feinberg, 32, was assistant news director at Channel 8 for more than three years before being promoted on Dec. 5. She worked previously as a producer in television stations in Philadelphia and Miami.

She succeeds Michael Sechrist, who resigned to become news director of WPXI-TV in Pittsburgh.

Board proposes statement changes

STAMFORD — The Financial Accounting Standards Board has issued a proposal that would require companies to consolidate in their financial statements all majority-owned subsidiaries, including those with operations different from the parent.

The proposal also would require that consolidated financial statements continue to provide either summarized information about or separate financial statements of previously unconsolidated subsidiaries.

Ohio firm considers CE tender offer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — AccuRay Corp. will consider a \$147 million tender offer by Combustion Engineering Inc. of Stamford, Conn., for the company's outstanding shares at a board of directors meeting later this month, AccuRay announced.

The president of the Columbus-based AccuRay, David L. Nelson, said in a letter to shareholders that

the company would advise them after the Dec. 30 meeting whether it recommends acceptance or rejection of the offer, or is neutral.

"The company strongly advises you to take no action in response to the tender offer until the company advises you of its position," Nelson wrote.

Combustion Engineering said in a statement that it was "encouraged" by the decision to consider the offer, announced Tuesday, and is "hopeful of negotiating a friendly

merger agreement."

Combustion Engineering announced the \$55-per-share offer Monday. Company spokesman Kevin Pilon estimated the total value of the tender offer at \$147 million.

Combustion Engineering said Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc. would act as dealer-manager for the tender offer, which is contingent upon obtaining a majority of AccuRay's fully diluted shares, AccuRay, which designs, man-

ufactures and markets measurement and control systems for the pulp and paper industry, had 1985 sales of \$19.4 million.

Combustion Engineering said it planned to leave AccuRay's headquarters in Columbus and that it expects "certain additional services and technologies will be established there after the acquisition."

Combustion Engineering provides systems, services and advanced technology to various industries as well as the public.

GM investors want answers

DETROIT (AP) — Representatives of 40 institutional investors holding General Motors Corp. stock want to ask some tough questions about the automaker's \$700 million buyout of Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot.

The Council of Institutional Investors invited GM Chairman Roger Smith and Perot to meet separately with them in Washington today to discuss the buyout.

"It would appear that H. Ross Perot was the best thing to happen to General Motors since Frigidaire," Harrison J. Goldin, New York City's comptroller and co-chairman of the council, said Tuesday.

"It is of concern to me and other shareholders that the company is seeking to drum him out, drive the wagons closer and shut off fresh ideas and the therapeutic effects of light and air."

GM's board voted Dec. 1 to buy out Perot, who has criticized GM, and three top executives of Electronic Data Systems Inc., a GM computer services subsidiary founded by Perot, for nearly \$750 million.

In exchange, Perot resigned from the GM board and as EDS chairman and agreed to submit to an arbitration panel that could fine him as much as \$7.5 million if he publicly criticizes GM.

Perot put the money into escrow. He said he has agreed to leave it there while shareholders decide whether to take any action to reverse the buyout.

The buyout amounted to giving Perot about twice the market value of his GM Class E stock, which is valued based on EDS earnings. Since the buyout, GME stock has fallen sharply.

"I want to know from Mr. Smith why the company is so anxious to get rid of a useful gadfly," Goldin said.

New York City holds more than 1 million shares of regular GM common stock, Goldin said.

Other members of the council include the pension management divisions of states including California, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Michigan, Delaware, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Kansas as well as some union and corporate pension funds.

The council has not determined how much total GM or GME stock it holds, but the amount is considerable, Goldin said.

"We certainly have more than Mr. Smith," he said.

Meanwhile, EDS chief executive officer Les Albertal and GM board member Donald Atwood, under whose control EDS has been placed, met with industry analysts Tuesday in New York to try to restore EDS' reputation.

Albertal and Atwood told analysts that about 70 percent of EDS' long-term fixed-cost contracts for GM work would be signed within six months and that 10 percent of the contracts already were in place, said Steve McClellan, chairman with Merrill Lynch in New York.

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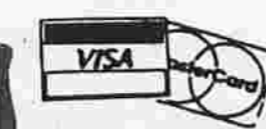
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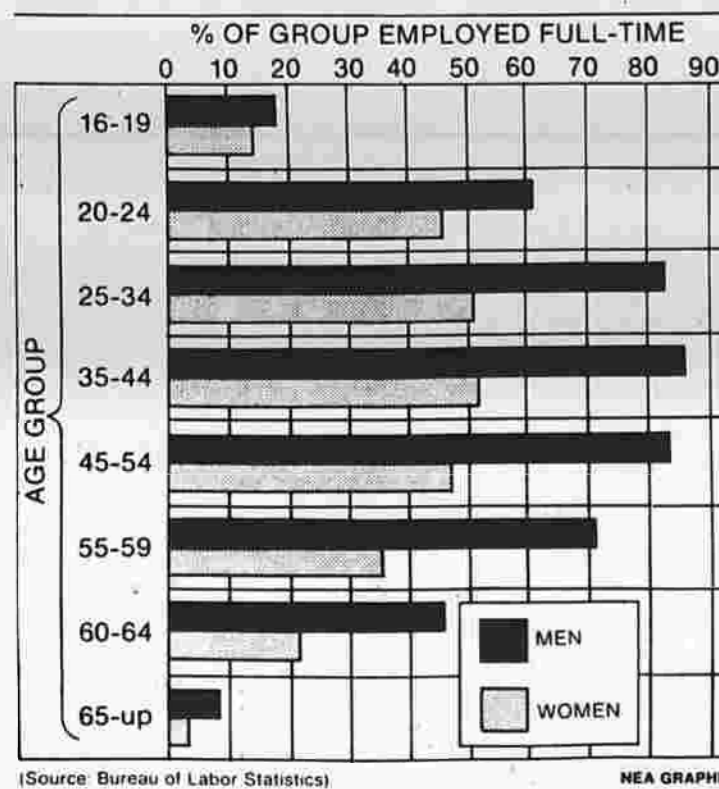


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AMERICANS ON THE JOB HOW AGE GROUPS COMPARE



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Plan threatens 'corporate democracy'

By William Kronholm The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A proposal before the Securities and Exchange Commission that would end voting rights for some stockholders reflects incompetent managers trying to protect their jobs, says Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens.

Pickens, the Amarillo financier and takeover specialist, was scheduled to testify today at an SEC hearing on a New York Stock Exchange petition to end its 80-year-old "one share, one vote" standard.

The proposed change would allow companies listed on the exchange to issue two classes of common stock - one with little or no voting authority and one with significant voting authority. In practice, the latter would be held by management and its allies, giving them unchallenged control.

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Under the proposed change "ordinary shareholders are disenfranchised and management accountability is lost forever," Pickens said. Pickens and his United Shareholders Association have urged the SEC not only to keep the rule at the NYSE, but to extend it to other exchanges as well. He argues that it is the only way shareholders, the company's legal owners, can remove incompetent managers.

NYSE Chairman John Phelan said Tuesday that the Big Board was moving to abandon the rule reluctantly, under competitive pressure. "We would encourage all shareholders to hang on to their votes," Phelan said. "But having voted on it, we are to come in and overrule them."

The chairmen also cited competition from the National Association of Securities Dealers, which does not impose any voting requirement on stocks traded in the over-the-counter market.

There are few public defenders of the rule change, however. No companies were scheduled to testify before the SEC about their need for the rule. And Phelan, the ostensible sponsor of the rule, flatly

told the SEC he did not like it.

"THE (NYSE) BOARD reiterates its support for the 'one share, one vote,'" he said Tuesday. "If the board could create the universe, they would prefer to have 'one share, one vote.'"

But the Big Board cannot maintain that position in view of the weaker rule applying at the Amex, he said. Amex-listed companies can issue two classes of common stock, provided that the more powerful carries no more than 10 times the voting strength of the weaker.

He said the board is proposing instead to allow NYSE-listed companies to limit voting rights of stockholders only under carefully drawn requirements, including one that such changes be approved by a majority of all outstanding stock, not just a majority of stockholders voting.

"We would encourage all shareholders to hang on to their votes," Phelan said. "But having voted on it, we are to come in and overrule them."

The chairmen also cited competition from the National Association of Securities Dealers, which does not impose any voting requirement on stocks traded in the over-the-counter market.

There are few public defenders of the rule change, however. No companies were scheduled to testify before the SEC about their need for the rule. And Phelan, the ostensible sponsor of the rule, flatly

Americans already beginning to feel impact of tax reform

NEW YORK (AP) - Once upon a time wise Americans studied the economic cycle and its components, mainly interest rates and inflation, to determine whether they should save and invest or borrow and spend.

In the stock market, individuals with large unrealized profits are selling shares in order to avoid next year's capital gains tax increase. Because the maximum rate rises "only" from 20 percent to 28 percent, that isn't true for lesser earners. Some who paid 14 percent in 1985 will pay 28 percent in 1987.

Consumers, though already deep in debt, have speeded up purchases of big-ticket items, including automobiles and appliances. Sales taxes incurred this year are tax-deductible. Next year they are not.

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HELP WANTED section with various job openings including customer service, office work, and street sweeper.

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