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Bloody confrontation

An unidentified anti-Reagan demonstrator points at pro-Reagan demonstrators after he was injured during a scuffle Sunday afternoon in front of the Federal Building

in Los Angeles. About 300 pro-Reagan demonstrators became involved in a verbal confrontation with about 100 demonstrators carrying signs with anti-Reagan slogans.

Town health director cool to AIDS plan

By The Manchester Herald and The Associated Press

Manchester Health Director Ronald Kraatz said today he sees no difficulty in keeping the names of local AIDS victims confidential if the state releases them to him.

But Kraatz said there would be no point in having those names in the town files since the Manchester Health Department provides no services to AIDS victims.

The state Department of Health Services is studying a proposal to release the names of AIDS sufferers to local health officials in the state's 169 municipalities.

Kraatz said that while health departments in some larger cities do provide clinical services to AIDS patients, Manchester's does not. The only AIDS-related services in Manchester are provided by the state, Manchester Memorial Hospital and the Visiting Nurses Association, he said.

For local health departments that provide services to AIDS victims, it makes sense for them to know the identity of sufferers, Kraatz said.

Kraatz said that as health director, he would want to be sure services are provided, but as long

as the state is supplying them, he does not see any need to have the names.

Health Services Commissioner Douglas S. Lloyd said Sunday under the proposal being drafted names will be distributed only if health officials pledge to keep them confidential.

The health officers would be barred from giving AIDS patients' names to school boards, police or anyone other than a health practitioner engaged in a public health purpose, said Beth Weinstein, director of the department's preventable disease division.

"We do not see this as a mechanism to turn this information over to other governmental agencies," Lloyd said.

Presently, the Department of Health Services prohibits the release of names of AIDS victims to municipal health officers. The department proposed the policy change in a recent mailing to health directors, and Lloyd plans to meet soon with the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health to discuss the plan, Weinstein said.

Weinstein and Dr. James Hadler, who heads the department's AIDS program, were among the state officials who met with association

members last Tuesday to discuss the proposal.

The association's president, Health Director Hudson Birden of Avon, praised the proposal. He said most municipal health directors feel that knowing who has AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, will help them educate and provide community services to the patients.

Dr. James Sabetta, an infectious disease expert at Greenwich Hospital, said he has reservations about giving the names to health officers. He said physicians already provide their AIDS patients with referrals for care and information on the risks of transmitting the disease.

"I don't know what they would do with that information — that's the main question I have," Sabetta said. "The real question comes down to patient confidentiality, and unless you're going to make laws to regulate people's sexual practices, I don't know what's going to be accomplished by local health officials."

Wanda Rickerby, a spokeswoman for Lloyd, said the department was far from adopting new regulations.

"There's so much still to be decided on," she said. "We want

to be as fair as we can, but this is a serious, serious matter."

She added: "We want to emphasize we're only talking about people with diagnosed cases of AIDS. We're not talking about people with positive antibody tests," which are not proof of the deadly disease.

Current regulations require doctors and hospitals to provide the names of all people suffering infectious diseases such as AIDS to the Health Services Department and local health directors.

However, Rickerby said, most physicians don't give names of AIDS sufferers to local officials.

Connecticut recorded 355 AIDS cases, including 12 among children, as of Dec. 31, according to Julia Miller, a state epidemiologist. Sixty-three percent of the adults and four of the children have died, she said.

In 1986, 144 cases of the disease were diagnosed in the state, 44 percent of them among people who used intravenous drugs and 42 percent among homosexual or bisexual males.

Experts say AIDS, which attacks the body's immune system, is transmitted primarily through sexual intercourse and by drug users who share intravenous needles.

Waite returns to Beirut for hostage talks

Says credibility intact despite arms scandal

By Rodolfo Kenaon The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite returned to Beirut today to resume his efforts to gain the release of foreign hostages in Lebanon.

The towering troubleshooter hugged and kissed several acquaintances who turned up to meet him at Beirut International Airport, where he arrived aboard an unscheduled Middle East Airlines flight from London.

Flight 8202 was the first from London since the airport reopened after a two-day shutdown caused by shellfire.

Waite was whisked away from the airport terminal by heavily armed militiamen of Druse warlord Walid Jumblatt. They escorted him in two cars from the airport to the Riviera Hotel on the Druse-controlled Ein Mreisseh seaside boulevard.

At the airport, Waite told reporters he did not plan to hold a news conference "at the moment." Asked whether he would focus on the release of Americans held by the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad, he said: "No. No. We are concerned about all of the hostages and all the people that are here."

Waite, 47, the special envoy of Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, had wanted to go to Lebanon before Christmas but put off his plans repeatedly because of recurring Shiite Moslem-Palestinian fighting in the area between Beirut airport and the city. "He wants to see if he can achieve anything more in relation to the hostages," Anglican spokeswoman Eve Keatley said in London.

SIXTEEN FOREIGNERS, including six Americans, are missing in Lebanon. Since Waite began his negotiations with Shiite Moslem terrorists in 1985, three American hostages have been freed, but his role in their release is not clear.

In interviews last week in Rome, Waite said that on his earlier negotiating trips he was blindfolded while guerrillas moved him around Beirut, and that he conducted discussions with a gun held at his back. He said the guerrillas debated taking him hostage as well.

At about the same time Waite began his efforts on behalf of the hostages, a program of secret U.S.

arms sales to Iran began with one of its goals the release of the hostages. Some of the Americans and other captives are held by Moslem groups believed loyal to Iran's Shiite leadership.

After news of the U.S. sales broke in November, Waite said his mission suffered a setback. He denied knowing about the arms supplies or other aspects of the secret U.S. policy.

However, Waite said in December that despite the arms scandal in Washington he still had credibility with his contacts in Lebanon. He said he wanted to try to raise the captives' morale by visiting before Christmas.

THE THREE AMERICANS released since Waite began his mission are the Rev. Benjamin Weir, a Presbyterian minister, freed Sept. 14, 1985; the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, a Roman Catholic priest, freed last July 26; and David Jacobsen, former dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut, freed last Nov. 2.

Still held are Terry A. Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press; Thomas Sutherland, acting dean of agriculture at the American University; U.S. Embassy officer William Buckley; Frank Herbert Reed, director of a Lebanese school; Joseph James Cicippio, acting comptroller at the American University; and Edward Austin Tracy, a writer.

Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War, a Shiite group that released Weir, Jenco and Jacobsen and still holds Anderson and Sutherland, said in October 1984 that it killed Buckley. No body was found, but Lebanese and Western sources believe he was killed earlier, possibly after being tortured.

In addition to the Americans, five Frenchmen, two Britons, one dual Irish-British citizen, one Italian and one South Korean are missing in Lebanon.

Waite won freedom for Britons held in Iran and Libya before trying to assist hostages held in Lebanon. He always has stressed that his efforts are humanitarian with no political bias. He also has tried to put the religious element to the fore, giving strong emphasis to tenets of the Islamic faith against taking captives.

'87 may be year of campaign reform



EDWARD KENNEDY ... growing scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers upset with the ever-increasing cost of getting elected and the expanding role of special-interest money say there is a favorable wind blowing through the new Congress for campaign finance reform.

"I think this is the year," says Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., who in 1986 failed to make any changes in the big-bucks system but still managed to get the Senate to address the issue publicly for the first time in a decade.

Boren is so optimistic he has raised the ante. Last year he was pushing only to limit contributions to Senate campaigns by political action committees. This year he is calling for partial public financing of Senate campaigns as well as restrictions on PACs.

Among his co-sponsors is Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., who became majority leader after Democrats recaptured control of the Senate from the Republicans in the

November elections. While senators are redoubling their efforts in 1987, House members are talking seriously about campaign reform for the first time in several years.

The House effort began last Wednesday with a private meeting called by Rep. Al Swift, D-Wash., who chairs the House Administration elections subcommittee.

"It's obvious that Senator Byrd and Senator Boren are very serious," Swift said. "It's clear they have given it high priority. What this means is, we may be able to do something in this Congress."

Among the 11 participants in the Swift meeting were Democratic Whip Tony Coelho, D-Calif., and his chief deputy, Rep. Beryl Anthony, D-Ark. Another was Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla., who like Boren refuses to accept PAC money. He, too, is optimistic.

"I think it's going to happen," Synar said. Swift said the participants plan to

meet later this month, not to draft specific legislation immediately but to try to reach a consensus about what is possible.

"PAC reforms alone are insufficient," he said.

Boren says that while his legislation proposes limits on PAC contributions and a public financing system that would cost the Treasury \$50 million a year, it is simply a starting point for discussion — but a higher point than before.

All of the members advocating change cite the familiar statistics: the cost of the average Senate campaign has risen from \$609,000 in 1976 to more than \$3 million last year.

PACs, legalized by Congress in post-Watergate legislation, gave \$12 million to congressional races in 1974. The figure rose to \$104 million for the 1984 elections and to at least \$122 million in the last cycle.

"The scandal over congressional

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TODAY'S HERALD

'Amateur' advice

President Reagan, relying on advice from "amateurs," kept the Iranian arms initiative alive even when such shipments did not cause the release of all the American hostages in Lebanon, a member of a Senate investigating panel says. Story on page 7.

Partly cloudy

Partly cloudy today with a chance of flurries. High temperature in the mid- to upper 30s. Partly cloudy tonight. Low temperature 20 to 25. Sunny Tuesday. High around 35. Details on page 2.

English plan opposed

Opposition is gearing up to fight a proposed state law which would make English Connecticut's official language. Six other states have similar laws, including California, where voters overwhelmingly approved a ballot proposition in November. Story on page 4.

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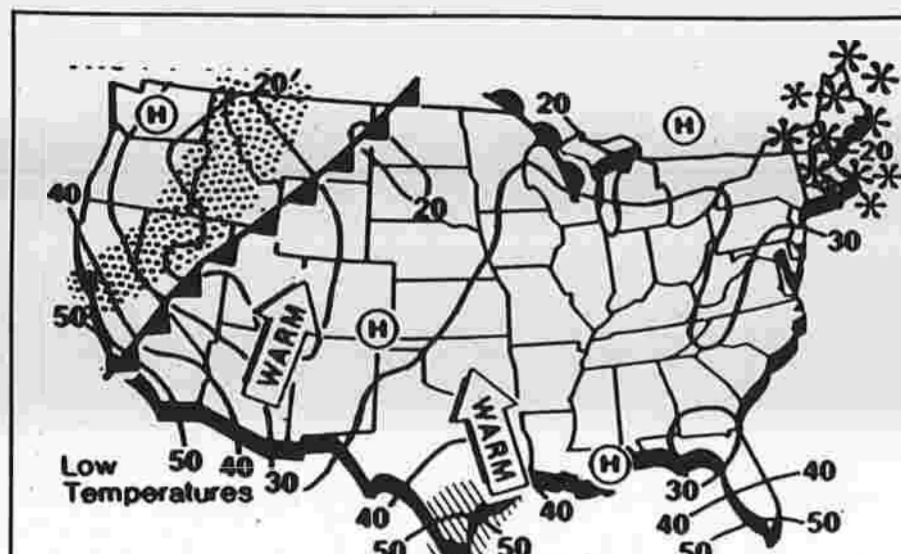
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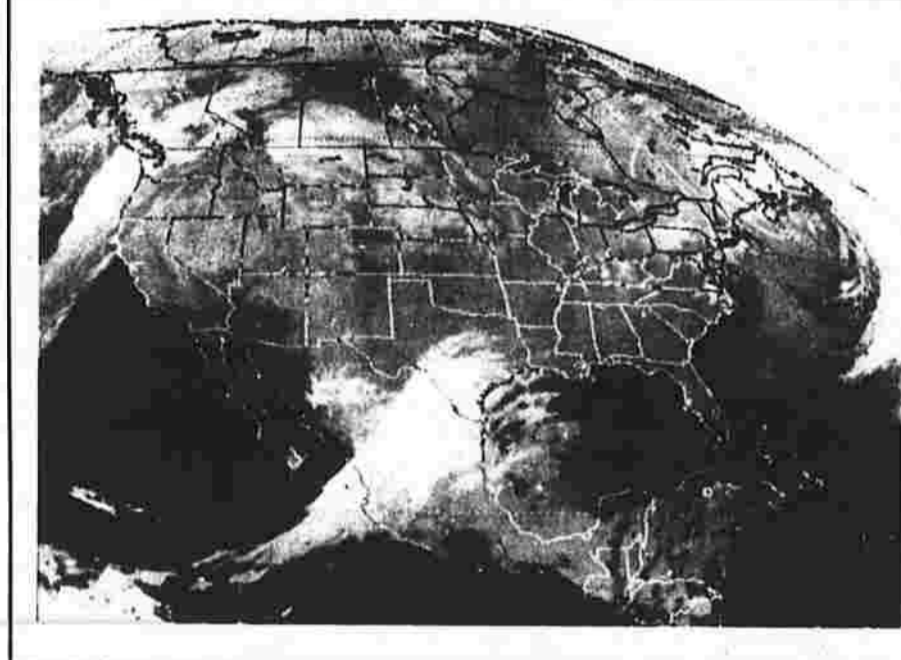
WEATHER



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SHOWERS RAIN FLURRIES SNOW

NATIONAL FORECAST — The National Weather Service forecasts snow for Tuesday from northern California to the northern Rockies. Snow flurries are forecast for New England. Rain is expected for southern Texas. Unseasonably warm weather is forecast for the Plains.



MORNING CLOUDS — Today's weather satellite picture, recorded at 2:30 a.m., shows a band of thick rain-producing clouds accompanying a frontal system along the northwest coast. High clouds spill over into the northern Plains. High clouds over parts of Texas are associated with a subtropical jet stream. Layered clouds cover much of the Northeast on the west side of a low-pressure system.

Connecticut forecast

Central, Eastern Interior, Southwest Interior: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low temperature 20 to 25. Tuesday, sunny. High around 35.
West Coastal, East Coastal: Tonight, mostly clear. Low temperature in the middle 20s. Tuesday, sunny. High in the upper 30s.
Northwest Hills: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low temperature around 20. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High 30 to 35.

Coastal forecast

Long Island Sound to Watch Hill, R.I. and Montauk Point:
Small craft advisory in effect.
Wind west to northwest 20 to 30 knots with higher gusts today through Tuesday.
Seas 3 to 5 feet and rough through tonight.
Windy through Tuesday with variable cloudiness today and tonight and mostly sunny Tuesday.

Across the nation

A departing storm dumped more snow on Maine today and sections of the Midwest had snow, while much of the West was dry, fair and unusually warm.
Light snow combined with gusty winds that caused snow to drift prompted travelers' advisories from extreme northeastern New York into southwest Maine. Gale warnings were issued along the New England coast and gusty winds were common across New England.
The snowstorm pushed from California to New England during the past week and was sending snow across sections of Maine as it moved toward Nova Scotia.
Snow also was scattered across the lower Great Lakes region.

A strong high pressure dominated weather in the West, causing mainly dry conditions, although rain was moving inland across the Pacific Northwest.
A winter storm warning was in effect for northern and eastern Maine. Snow had piled up 19 inches at Bangor and a foot or more at numerous other locations in Maine.
Gusty winds also were common around the lower Great Lakes and a gale warning was issued along the northern Pacific Coast.
Temperatures were in the 20s to 30s across much of the eastern half of the nation early this morning, although southern and central Florida were in the 40s.
Early-morning temperatures in the West ranged from the single digits and teens in the Great Basin and northern two-thirds of the Rockies to the 50s in sections of California and Arizona.
High-temperature records were set Sunday in sections of the Dakotas, Nebraska and Washington state, and temperatures in the High Plains were expected to be on the mild side today.

Today's forecast called for snow over northern Maine and flurries over the rest of New England, near the lower Great Lakes and across the upper Ohio Valley; rain widespread along the northern Pacific Coast; and mountain snow and valley freezing rain from eastern Montana into northwest Washington.
Highs will be in the 20s across much of the northern Rockies and northern New England; 30s across the central Rocky Mountain; and Great Lakes across southern New England.



FOCUS

Secret Surgery
The President's recent surgery was widely and accurately reported. But the health of some past U.S. Presidents has been all but top secret. Grover Cleveland's surgery for cancer of the mouth is a case in point. His operation was performed on a yacht cruising New York's East River. Even the Vice President was kept in the dark. Cleveland's speedy recovery made it easy to keep the secret. Only after Cleveland's death, years later, was the operation reported.

DO YOU KNOW — In 1985, President Reagan underwent surgery for what type of cancer?
FRIDAY'S ANSWER — The Sequoia National Forest is located in California.

Almanac

Today is Monday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 1987. There are 353 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 12, 1948, during World War II, German forces in Belgium retreated in the Battle of the Bulge.
On this date:
In 1773, the first public museum in America was established in Charleston, S.C.
In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected a proposal to give women the right to vote.
In 1932, Mrs. Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.
In 1941, the U.S. Navy destroyed about 40 Japanese ships off Indochina.
In 1944, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle began a two-day wartime conference in Marrakech, Morocco.
In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the United States should stay in South Vietnam until Communist aggression there ended.
In 1971, the innovative situation comedy "All in the Family" premiered on CBS-TV.
Ten years ago: President Gerald R. Ford delivered his third and final State of the Union Message, in which he wished his successor, President-elect Jimmy Carter, "the very best and all that is good for our country."
Five years ago: Polish authorities said they would like to end martial law by Feb. 1, but said there was no timetable, and that any decision would depend "on the situation."
One year ago: After seven delays, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off with a crew of seven, including the first member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Florida Democrat Bill Nelson, and the first Hispanic-American, Dr. Franklin R. Chang-Diaz, to fly in space.
Today's Birthdays: Journalist Martin Agronsky is 72. Singer Ray Price is 61. The "Amazing Kreekin" is 52.
Thought for Today: "I am a believer in punctuality, though it makes me very lonely." — E.V. Lucas, English writer and publisher (1868-1938).

On the Light Side

'Levy' would be OK
TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — David H. Levy, an astronomer who claimed the discovery of the first new comet of 1987 that has technically been christened 1987A, says he wouldn't mind a comet named after his heavenly body... such as Comet Levy.
Levy, 38, who works on the International Halley Watch project at the University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, said he searches the skies for comets every night.
"I think a lot of people are dying for a program like this," said Judy Kelly, a health teacher at East Catholic. Kelly admitted that his presentations on drugs and alcohol could only scratch the surface. They didn't mean much to the students because many had heard the same lectures before.
Enter Botticello. The father of an East Catholic student and coach for the freshman football team, he heard Kelly and approached school officials to recommend the pilot program through MCC. Though it wasn't fully ready, Reep said he was the go-head with the advice to "tap-dance along." Botticello said. After mentioning it to Woods, 30, who had expressed an interest in helping adolescents, she got involved as part of the internship, Reep said.
What first began as a seven-session plan stretched out, and Kelly said he had no reservations about letting the MCC students come into his classroom regularly. "I just didn't know how long we'd be able to do it," he said.
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The main idea of the program, which evolved as instruction progressed, was to get the sophomores functioning as a group, Reep said. Students and instructors met in the school's auditorium every four weeks. Botticello and Woods would talk with them, show movies, and distribute information. By creating a counseling atmosphere, and constantly letting the students ask what they wanted to know, the two sides became more relaxed with each other, Woods said.
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"All schools should have this," said student Mark Longchamps. He said the class "turned around 180 degrees" after Botticello's breakthrough. "It really started meaning something," Longchamps said, adding that they were learning "what we wanted to know, not what (they) wanted us to know."
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Rick Botticello and Cheryl Woods, students in the Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Counselor program at Manchester Community College, have presented the subject to East Catholic High School sophomores for the last couple of months as part of a pilot outreach plan that could eventually allow graduates to work as peer counselors in the school system for the first time.

'Confession' a breakthrough for drug program at ECHS

Counseling program grows
The Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Counselor degree program, which has been offered for about 14 years through Manchester Community College, has seen a change for the better in the past few years as the idea of substance abuse counseling has become more legitimized, the program's director said.
"One-half of the people pursuing the degree are people who are changing careers," said John Reed, director of the program, which is located at MCC but operates in cooperation with the other 11 community colleges across the state. Although originally designed so that graduates could work with patients in treatment centers, which Reed said many continue to do, the program has tried a model outreach plan at East Catholic High School for the past couple of months that officials hope to bring into other schools in the state. Reed said that some schools have already expressed interest in the plan.
There are about 65 MCC students enrolled in the program. Graduates of the program, which leads to an associate in science degree, are in a position to work in settings as diverse as residential treatment centers, out-patient counseling programs, mental health organizations and youth services agencies, Reed said.

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Andover caucuses coming Gasper may not run again

By George Lovins Herald Reporter
ANDOVER — Republican First Selectman Jean S. Gasper said this morning she is seriously considering not running for reelection in May.
Gasper, who has held the town's top administrative post the last six years, said she has not made a definite decision. A final decision will be made next week, she said.
She said her reasons are personal and not related to any difficulties she has had as first selectwoman.
"The job has been a real good part of my life," she said.
Republican Town Chairman Vito Anson said the party has a number of other people interested in running for the first selectman's post, although Gasper may not run, although she declined to name them. A GOP caucus is scheduled Jan. 21 to nominate candidates for that position and 24 others.
A total of 37 positions will be filled in the May 4 election. The Republican and Democratic parties are guaranteed a certain number of positions on all boards. For these positions, the other party does not have to run. "I think I can get enough support," she said.
Bolsevert, a former town clerk, was defeated by Gasper for the post in 1985. Because she was the top vote getter among Democratic selectmen candidates, though, she won the Democratic seat on the board. Paul Jurawaty, the other Democratic candidate that year, said this morning he will probably run again for one of the two other selectman posts.
Democrats are scheduled to caucus on Jan. 20.
Republican Selectman Peter J. Manegga, who has been on the board 14 years, said today he also will seek another two-year term.

Shortage of blood reduced

By John Mitchell Herald Reporter
Connecticut's critical blood shortage is still at an emergency level, but donations in the past week have improved the situation.
"The supply is a lot better," said Jane Latus Jones, a spokeswoman for the Community Regional Blood Services in Farmington, which supplies all blood to Connecticut's 40 hospitals. "Collections went up tremendously."
Jones said the Farmington office now has about 700 pints of blood, about half a day's worth. "We'd like to be at two days," she said, calling that amount a "comfortable margin."
Shortages usually occur around the end of the holiday season, officials have said, because of the higher number of accidents and winter weather.
As a result of the emergency, Jones said there were 11 blood drives across the state on Friday, and nearly twice as much blood as usual was given. "We like to collect 600, 700 pints a day," she said. The office received 1,200 pints Friday and 443 more pints Saturday.
According to Jean McGrath, blood services coordinator for the Connecticut Valley East Chapter of the American Red Cross, which serves six towns including Manchester, a blood drive Friday at Manchester Memorial Hospital saw a 100 percent increase in donations at this time last year.
Andrew Beck, spokesman for the hospital, said that of the 113 people who showed up to give blood, 101 pints were donated. The hospital collected 76 pints in a January drive held last year when a similar shortage occurred in the area.
Eighteen people donated for the first time, McGrath said.
She said that despite the success, "I'm sure that it's still short."
Officials said two blood drives are scheduled today, one at Concordia Lutheran Church on Plinkin Street and the other at Wapping Community Church in South Windsor.
"We should have close to 100 pints donated," she said.
Last year at Concordia, she said the Red Cross had about 90 pints donated, while at Wapping, 60 pints were received.

Assessors move to southwest area

Field workers from the office of Manchester's assessor will be working this week on streets in the southwestern section of town. Normally, the assessment aides do not go into the houses to do the field work in connection with the town's tax property revaluation.
Streets to be covered this week are Lampshire Drive, Woodside Road, Hills Street, Hillside Road, Norwood Street, Plano Place, Rogers Place, Prospect Street, Keeney Street, Stillfield Road and Barnwood Road.
New tax rates based on the property revaluation will go into effect beginning in July 1988.
MACC distributes surplus food
The Manchester Area Conference of Churches will distribute government surplus rice and butter Thursday at Center Congregational Church between 3 and 5:30 p.m. to anyone registered in the surplus food program.
Anyone who wants information about the program or the registration should call Jane at the MACC Department of Human Needs, 646-4114.
Birthing center gets new leader
A Manchester woman has been named as the new head nurse for the Family Birthing Center at Manchester Memorial Hospital, a spokesman said.
Elsie Aninger, R.N., has served as staff nurse in maternity at the hospital for almost 24 years. She was also one of the first instructors of the prepared childbirth classes at the hospital.
Aninger, who is married and has a daughter, is a graduate of the Ona M. Wilcox School of Nursing at Middlesex Memorial Hospital.

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The Sheraton Grand Hotel on Paradise Island	4 days, 3 nights from \$439
Paradise Island Resort & Casino—Paradise Towers and Britannia Towers	4 days, 3 nights from \$459

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PEOPLE

Why's she there?
Syndicated talk show host Oprah Winfrey gave a speech at a bridal fair in Little Rock, Ark., but said she didn't know why she had been invited.
"I have been told to talk about marriage, but I'm thinking about how to get married myself. I may ask these women for some pointers," she said.
She said she accepted the invitation Saturday to thank the city for making her show a hit. "Some people visit the cities where their shows aren't doing well," she said. "That's negative. I visit where you're doing well to thank those cities."
"The Oprah Winfrey Show" has grown to rival Phil Donahue's talk show in less than a year. "I know people would like it because it's what I would watch if I were out there watching TV," she said.
Winfrey, who was nominated for an Oscar for her first film role in "The Color Purple," recently completed filming "Native Son," based on the novel about a young black man who is coerced into killing a white woman.



OPRAH WINFREY ... Donahue's rival



EARL WILSON ... suffered stroke

Women of the year
Canadian writer Margaret Atwood, one of Ms. Magazine's Women of the Year, was selected to read from her works in the magazine's program for the three women honored.
The magazine's 1986 Women of the Year are Atwood; Sarah Beth Eason, an 11-year-old who was expelled from a Roman Catholic School in Ohio because she publicly supported the right to abortion; and Vicki Frankovich, organizer of the Independent Federation of Flight Attendants.
The magazine's founder and editor, Gloria Steinem, was to help conduct the program today which included the reading by Atwood, who wrote "The Handmaid's Tale."
Today's quotes
"Had we known that Mrs. Aquino would organize a revolutionary government, maybe I would have stayed at home and not participated in the February revolution." — Juan Ponce Enrile, former defense minister of the Philippines, criticizing President Corason Aquino.
Touring Australia
Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa is on a 12-day visit to Australia as guest of the United Church National Council of Youth.
The Nobel Peace Prize winner on Sunday told 1,500 people at St. Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne that anti-apartheid activists had a moral cause, saying, "To demand justice is not a political demand, but a religious demand."
Tutu called for an end to the state of emergency in South Africa, the release of political prisoners and for all parties to be able to go to the negotiating table.

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Judiciary chairmen call for end to death penalty

Proposal comes as nationwide poll shows wide support for capital punishment

HARTFORD (AP) — The chairmen of the legislature's Judiciary Committee have proposed replacing the death penalty with a life prison term that would leave no opportunity for parole.

"We make mistakes; we're not God-like," said Rep. Richard D. Tulliano, D-Rocky Hill, the committee's House chairman. "Taking a life is God's decision. If we execute someone, we cannot come back from that mistake. This is cleaner, clearer, safer and it protects society."

House Speaker Irving J. Stoberg of New Haven said through a spokesman that he wholeheartedly supports the measure proposed by Tulliano and Sen. Anthony V. Avallone, D-New Haven and will seek to co-sponsor it.

Gov. William A. O'Neill has long supported the death penalty, believing it is a deterrent to murder. But Friday, his press secretary, Jon L. Sandberg, said O'Neill would not rule out the Tulliano-Avallone proposal.

If the General Assembly abolishes the death penalty, it would be the first legislature to do so since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1972 that the death penalty is unconstitutional. Schwarzschild, Director of the Capital Punishment Project of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Under current Connecticut law, the death penalty can be imposed for seven categories of murder, including multiple murder, murder for hire, murder of a law enforcement official and murder during a rape or kidnapping.

The last person to be executed in Connecticut was Joseph "Mad Dog" Taborsky, on May 17, 1960. The proposal to abolish the death penalty could face opposition from the public, which indicated its support for the death penalty in a recent nationwide poll.

Eighty-six percent of Americans support the death penalty for murder, and nearly half think executions are appropriate for other crimes as well, according to a Media General-AP poll.

Forty-seven percent think the

death penalty should be used for crimes other than murder. Slightly more than half of them said it should be imposed in rape cases, about one-third cited child molestation or abuse, 30 percent said treason, and 19 percent said drug dealing.

Support for the death penalty reached a low ebb in 1984, when the Gallup Organization said only 45 percent of Americans supported it. The Gallup Poll conducted last January said 70 percent supported the death penalty for murder, 22 percent opposed it and 8 percent had no opinion.

The Gallup Poll gives respondents two choices: do you favor or oppose the death penalty for murder? The Media General-AP poll asked, "In general, do you favor or oppose the death penalty for murder?"

For a poll based on about 1,200 interviews, the results are subject to an error margin of 3 percentage points either way because of chance variation in the sample.

The Media General-AP poll also

Telephone customers urged to delay long-distance picks

HARTFORD (AP) — The state's consumer counsel is urging telephone customers to delay their choice of a long-distance telephone company to see if rates offered by various carriers go down.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. has asked for a \$1.8 billion reduction in revenues and expenditures ordered by the Federal Communications Commission. Its competitors for long-distance business say they will reduce their rates in reaction to the move, some of them within a few days.

"The price quote they give you today will not be good 30 days down the road," state Consumer Counsel James F. Meehan said last week. "If those prices are not reflective of where rates are going to be in the future, customers should wait."

Southern New England Telephone is urging customers to act quickly, even though federal regulations say customers have until 20 days before the conversion occurs to select a carrier.

Between April and December, about 70 percent of the state's 1.5 million telephone lines will be converted to so-called equal-access. Customers on these lines will be able to choose a long-distance company or will have one selected for them by SNET.

EQUAL ACCESS allows a tele-

phone customer to select a regular long-distance company to which the customer gains access by dialing "1" and the telephone number. In most parts of Connecticut, AT&T is the only long-distance company that can be used by dialing "1." Access to other services such as MCI and US Sprint is achieved by dialing as many as 11 numbers in addition to the telephone number.

A customer selects a long-distance carrier without incurring a charge. But once the conversion takes place, it will cost \$2.75 to change to another long-distance carrier.

SNET already has begun sending company selection ballots to telephone customers in East Hartford, Bloomfield and West Hartford. Customers in five other towns — Wethersfield, Windsor, Branford, Orange and West Haven — will receive ballots starting next week.

SNET's telling customers in East Hartford, Bloomfield and West Hartford to return their ballots by Feb. 8.

But under the federal regulations, customers in East Hartford and Bloomfield, whose service will be converted April 4, have until March 14 to return their ballots. Lines in West Hartford will be converted April 11, giving those



Frigid search
Rescue divers conclude their search of the Charles River in Boston Sunday night following an accident that injured a father and son when their car skidded 75 feet off a highway and into the river. The divers were checking for additional victims, but found none.

Connecticut In Brief

Coast Guard calls off search
MADISON — The Coast Guard has called off its search for a man and his teen-age son who reported bailing out of their boat off Hammonasset Point after a search yielded no sign of a distressed vessel or lifeboat, an official said.

"It looks like there was never anybody there," Petty Officer Bruce Schneider of the Coast Guard's search and rescue office in New Haven said Sunday.

He said the Coast Guard received a call at 9:20 p.m. Saturday from a man identifying himself as Jim Tonner, who said he and his 17-year-old son, Chris, were in a 28-foot boat that had struck a rock and was taking on water.

Hearing set on bill to scrap funds
HARTFORD — Bills to scrap an \$18 million "professional development" program for teachers and to expand the state's low-cost prescription drug program are scheduled for hearings in the first full week of the General Assembly's 1987 session.

The Education Committee will hold a public hearing Tuesday on a bill that would require changes in the so-called education enhancement act passed last year. That act created incentives for towns, in the form of higher state grants, to improve teacher salaries and reduce the teacher-student ratio in schools.

This year's bill would, among other things, scrap an \$18 million program aimed at giving every Connecticut teacher a \$500 grant for "professional development."

UConn program gets good response
STORRS — The University of Connecticut has received 300 inquiries so far and hopes to admit a class of 40 in September for its new doctoral program in business administration, the program coordinator says.

Levis Mandell, professor of finance and coordinator of the Ph.D. program, said UConn has received most of its inquiries from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York. In all, the inquiries have come from 25 states and nine foreign countries.

"The vast bulk of the people want to teach," Mandell said. "There is a huge demand for business Ph.D.s. There is a 16 percent vacancy rate among all tenure-track slots in business schools."

Fewer than 90 universities in the country offer a doctorate in business. It is currently the most popular major among undergraduates on American campuses.

Landfill owner withdraws offer
BLOOMFIELD — In the wake of a controversy involving questions of impropriety, a key owner of a Bloomfield landfill has withdrawn his offer to sell the site to the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority for use as a bulky waste landfill.

"It isn't worth it to me," Milton Levine, a partner of the 24.6-acre landfill said Sunday. "I thought I was doing something good. It didn't come out that way."

Levine, former authority vice chairman, informed the authority in a letter Friday of his decision to cancel negotiations.

His decision came two weeks after disclosures that he had failed to reveal that he owned an interest in the dump when he was director of the authority, a possible violation of the state ethics code.

Language proposal faces stiff battle

HARTFORD (AP) — Opposition is gearing up to fight a proposed state law which would make English Connecticut's official language.

Six other states have similar laws, including California, where voters overwhelmingly approved a ballot proposition in November.

Sen. Thomas Scott, R-Middletown, is working for a state law which would prohibit state and local governments from printing documents, election ballots and signs in any other language but English. The proposed measure would also negate a state regulation

requiring communities with Hispanic populations of 1 percent or more to provide interpreters for voter canvassing and registration.

"The language of everyday America is English. The language of the American government is English. The language of American business is English," Scott said.

Clearly English in America is, and always has been, the language of opportunity and the common bond of our freedom."

Scott said an English-only law would not necessarily eliminate bilingual education because the U.S. Supreme Court upholds the

Payment system fails trauma victims

NEW HAVEN — State nursing homes are penalized by more out-of-state patients with traumatic brain injuries than local victims because Connecticut does not pay competitive Medicaid rates, a published report said.

Only 10 percent of the patients in nursing homes with traumatic brain injury are Connecticut residents, according to a report in Sunday editions of the New Haven Register.

Sam Hamilton, an administrator for the New Mexico nursing home chain said "There would probably be more Connecticut residents (in nursing homes) if reimbursement by DIM (state Department of Income Maintenance) was more favorable."

Although legislation passed in 1984 allows the DIM to pay nursing

homes a higher Medicaid rate for taking care of Connecticut victims of traumatic brain injury, the rate has not yet been implemented.

Iona Durkin, program coordinator for the Connecticut Traumatic Brain Injury Association said it costs more than \$300 a day to provide services for brain-injured patients, but Connecticut pays nursing homes an average Medicaid rate of \$83 a day.

New York Medicaid pays the Connecticut homes more than \$200 a day for patients with traumatic brain injury and, as a result, "we have people from New York filing beds here, and our people being sent out of state," Durkin said.

Louis Halpern, executive vice president of the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities, said most Connecticut patients with

State workers undercharged for housing

HARTFORD (AP) — A quarter of the 700 state employees living in state-owned housing may be paying too little rent, a preliminary report of the state's housing policy found.

Some of the 175 employees are apparently being undercharged as much as \$2,000 a year, according to the review released Friday. State officials say the problem could be costing taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars a year.

The state Department of Administrative Services conducted the review as part of a long-term study of housing policies being done by a separate state task force. The task force was appointed last

summer after state auditors found a number of discrepancies between rents charged by the state and rates dictated by state policy.

The auditor also found that some employees living in low-rent, state-owned housing do not qualify to be there under the state's guidelines. Discrepancies in housing policies first appeared in May, when state auditors found that top officials of the state Department of Correction were violating state policy by living in state housing at Chebire State Prison.

In a further analysis, auditors said efforts by the administrative services department to implement

State company banks on arthritis drug

By Linda Stowell
The Associated Press

GREENWICH — Greenwich Pharmaceuticals Inc. hasn't sold a product or earned a penny in 18 years. But Chairman H. Lee Browne thinks the company can help millions of people who suffer from rheumatoid arthritis and make big bucks at the same time.

The future depends on the company's product, a new drug called Therafectin.

"This is a developmental drug that could help millions that have arthritis — it may not attract people like AIDS does, but ... the disease has had no breakthrough and it's debilitating with no cure," Browne said. "We're focusing on it because of that."

At least 5 million people with rheumatoid arthritis are not seeking prescription therapy but are searching for a new drug that will help ease their pain, according to Browne.

"That tells us that it's an unsatisfied marketplace," he said. The company, which has focused its research on Therafectin since 1975, last year completed its first round of clinical testing and will spend this year investigating Therafectin's usefulness in treating the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis.

So far, 500 patients have been studied. In recent studies, re-

searchers reported the drug reduced the symptoms of pain and swelling and no significant side effects were observed.

The company intends to submit its formal application for a new drug to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in September 1988. Subject to a safety and efficacy review, Therafectin could be marketed as a prescription drug for rheumatoid arthritis within two years, an FDA spokesman said.

The present market worldwide for anti-arthritis drugs is about \$2.5 billion, and Greenwich Pharmaceuticals hopes to see U.S. sales for the first year of about \$300 million, Browne said.

"I don't know if we would become a household word, but (those sales) would put us in the top 40 to 50 pharmaceutical companies in the world," Browne said.

Dr. Frederic McDuffie, senior vice president of medical affairs at the Arthritis Foundation in Atlanta, Ga., said the drug looks "promising." He said since there are 100 different types of arthritis, exactly how many people are afflicted with the disease is unclear. The foundation estimates somewhere between 10 and 40 million people have a form of arthritis, he said.

"One reason it (arthritis) hasn't gotten a lot of attention is because ... but now we have hard evidence that the drug does work," McCam-



H. Lee Browne, chairman of Greenwich Pharmaceuticals Inc., thinks the company can help millions of people who suffer from rheumatoid arthritis and turn a handsome profit at the same time with a new drug called Therafectin.

Teamsters challengers seek revitalization of rank and file

HARTFORD (AP) — Charges of racketeering and embezzlement have been lodged against some Teamsters officials in Connecticut, challengers to the union's state leadership are talking about revitalization of the rank and file and worker solidarity in their campaign.

For the first time in the 25-year history of the Teamsters Joint Council 64, a slate of candidates has

been nominated to challenge incumbent officers and their selection by state leadership organization.

"It has always been a single-ticket thing," said Thomas Robidoux of East Hartford, who wants to unseat Anthony G. Rossetti of Bridgeport as council president.

Robidoux said the challenge isn't a reaction to a federal indictment charging eight Teamsters officials,

including Rossetti and two other joint council leaders, and seven others with draining \$100,000 from union health and insurance funds.

All of the defendants have pleaded innocent and are awaiting a trial scheduled to start March 2.

"I would certainly not make that (the criminal case) a campaign issue," Robidoux said Sunday. "I don't think those are the issues that face our membership ... I think the

Plan aims to expedite civil cases

HARTFORD (AP) — State judicial officials hope to cut in half the time it takes to dispose of civil court cases by expanding statewide a pilot program that dramatically changed how such lawsuits are handled.

Instead of continuing the tradition of treating all civil lawsuits alike, Chief Court Administrator Aaron Ment wants to place suits into four categories or "tracks" — ranging from the simple contract dispute to the complex malpractice suit — and to set strict time standards for each kind of case. The proposals involve setting time limits on the number and type of motions that can be filed, depending on the complexity of the case.

The plan, tried successfully in Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford, would not cost the courts any more money, Ment said.

If the plan goes into effect as planned in October, Connecticut would be the first state in the country to use such a system for solving legal disputes.

Another foe of the proposal is Rep. Joseph C. Lugo, D-Bridgeport, the state's only Hispanic legislator.

"On behalf of the 275,000 Hispanics in the state, I have no choice but to oppose this from the bottom of my heart," Lugo said.

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OPINION

Appropriate decisions on yule displays

Manchester citizens deserve congratulations for donating the funds needed to buy two new nativity scenes to replace those destroyed in a fire. The response was typical of the way Manchester people get behind a good cause.

And the Manchester Nativity Scene Committee merits the community's gratitude for having devoted the long hours and the work needed to make the fund drive successful.

More than that, the committee members deserve credit for having had the wisdom and sensitivity to take over some of the responsibilities for the nativity scenes — responsibilities which were formerly exercised inappropriately by the town government.

The committee was quickly assembled to collect the money needed, purchase two new tableaux and arrange for their display. It did all that, and was able to meet a tight deadline, largely because of two generous loans that made it possible to buy the scenes before the donations to pay for them were made.

But the committee did more. It decided that it would be more appropriate that the scenes be owned and maintained by a private group instead of the town, which had previously held ownership of them. And the committee decided that taxpayers should be reimbursed for expenses they incur because town employees erect the scenes and dismantle them each year.

Those two steps constitute a recognition in a pluralistic culture of the need to keep government from appearing to support any single religion.

Instead of disbanding in the midst of self-congratulation, the committee perpetuated itself by becoming a non-profit corporation, and it has taken on the continuing responsibility of holding a modest annual fund drive to pay for erecting and disassembling the scenes and for refurbishing them when necessary.

During the fund drive a good deal of attention was directed to the question of whether the scenes should be displayed in public parks. This past Christmas, one was in a park and the other on a church lawn. Most of the Nativity Scene Committee members want the scene bought for the center of town to be in Center Park instead of on the lawn of Center Congregational Church.

In light of the decisions it has made about owning and maintaining the scenes, the committee would be more consistent if it took the opposite view.

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He's been in jail more than 50 years

MOUNDVILLE, W. Va. — Every winter at this time Freeman Collins has something of a melancholic and altogether singular post-holiday lull. He has not received the only Christmas present he really wants, and he furthermore knows that he is not likely to get it in the gathering new year.

That present is liberty. Collins is serving a life sentence in prison. And the thing is, he is actually serving it. He was convicted of murder in the first degree in 1936, he was convicted again of a similar crime in 1976, and he has now spent more than half a century, or more than half his existence, in confinement.

That means he has been behind bars longer than anyone else in West Virginia history. And he may in addition be the oldest person in an American jail today. Prison authorities believe he is almost 80, according to the records. But Collins claims he was born way in the last century and is over 100.

In either case he is an ancient fellow. And everyone agrees that most of his time has been spent in difficulty. He came to the West Virginia State Penitentiary when it was still under construction, when Herbert Hoover was president, and he's lived here (with one exception) for 52 years.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, Collins thinks it's been a bum rap. He says he's always been an innocent man. That first murder, for example, was in reality a killing in self-defense. "I was born in the hills," he notes, "the law wasn't too good, and if you want, I'll tell you the real truth. The man who was supposed to be the murderer was slain in a family feud. He started when he everybody that he was going to get even, and he eventually became a target in the feud. He says he was confronted one day by a member of the other family, and "I just got him before he got me."



Jack Anderson

You decide if the press has been fair

WASHINGTON — President Reagan appears to have weathered the Iran storm, so far, without losing the trust and confidence of the majority of informed Americans. This is the verdict of the Peoples Poll, which was conducted under the supervision of the respected Washington pollster, Dr. Vincent J. Breglio of Research/Strategy/Management Inc. Next question: Has the media been fair to President Reagan? We'll explain later in this report how you can participate.

We established the Peoples Poll to give Americans the opportunity to register their opinions on national issues. Other polls constantly tell us what we think and how we feel, based on the tiniest of samplings. Our purpose is to give people a chance to participate directly in establishing public opinion.

We invite readers to tell us whether they thought President Reagan's secret dealings with Iran were justified. The results heavily favored the president, with 25,264 agreeing and 15,811 disagreeing. Similar findings have been reported by the president's private pollster, Richard Wirthlin, who watched Reagan's approval rating fall after the Iran revelations, then rebound above 50 percent.

Breglio directed the Peoples Poll and analyzed the results — which, he said, do not necessarily present a microcosm of how all Americans feel. But the poll accurately reflects the views of reading, thinking, participating Americans — the people most likely to join in the public dialogue and participate in the democratic process, Breglio explained.

If you want to take part, the Peoples Poll will next consider whether the media has been fair to President Reagan. For six years, the president has floated placidly above the squalls that reporters stirred up, secure in the esteem of a large majority of Americans.

Reporters swooped down on the usual scandals and tried to keep them reverberating until they became stuck in the public mind. But Reagan projected a sincere, engaging, relaxed, father-figure image that made him relatively immune from the press scourging that had illuminated the misdeeds of his predecessors.

Now the Iran scandal has cracked the shell of immunity that has surrounded Reagan, causing a seeping erosion that is diminishing his standing. But there are two edges to the sword wielded by the media:

(1) The media contends that government will not reform itself, that wrongdoing must be exposed until the public furor forces politicians to clean house. (2) The White House claims that the Iran carnage not only is hurting the president but the nation. The White House also believes that the press coverage has been unfair.

What do you think? In a democracy, your opinion is important and will help shape national attitudes. If you believe the press generally has been fair and responsible, simply dial 1-900-210-3280. If you think the press has been unfair and irresponsible, dial 1-900-210-3234.

The telephone company will bill you 50 cents for the call. Or just write the telephone number of your choice on a postal card and mail it to Peoples Poll, P.O. Box 2300, Washington, D.C. 20013. If you wish to elaborate, we will welcome a letter explaining your views.

Coverup on Casey?

Did CIA Director William Casey's chief aides not notice that their boss was ailing in the days before he suffered a seizure and was operated on for a malignant brain tumor — or did they just pretend not to notice? On Dec. 11, Casey attended a memorial service in Philadelphia for a former colleague who died in the Beirut embassy bombing in 1983. Some who were there said Casey looked really dreadful and, while never a polished public speaker, he seemed incoherent in his prepared remarks. Yet when questioned about the director's appearance, Casey's aides said he was still as sharp as ever. He collapsed days later.

Jobless in academe

The romance has gone out of Romance languages and the classics, and a growing number of Latin, Greek, French and Italian professors are out of work as changing economic and political times bring a demand for teachers of Japanese, Chinese and Russian instead. One survival strategy is to turn linguistic talents to catch the prevailing wind. One Ph.D. who lost her job teaching French first switched to Spanish, and when the demand leveled off began car courses to learn and teach Japanese. After working at it for attending five different schools in a decade, she commented ruefully: "God help me if they get an economic boom in Tibet."

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U.S./World In Brief

Weinberger defends budget request

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, arguing for President Reagan's proposed 7.7 percent increase in defense spending, told Congress today that the money is needed to meet a continuing Soviet military buildup. "I see no prudent way to scale back American interests around the world," Weinberger told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

It was his first appearance on Capitol Hill in support of President Reagan's request for a \$312 billion arms budget for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1. Weinberger, repeating familiar themes, argued that the Soviets are relentlessly expanding their military capability and said American and Western defenses must be improved to keep pace.

"Our strategy is to deter aggression against the U.S. so we'll never have to fight anywhere," Weinberger told the panel.

Israel jets strike guerrilla bases

SIDON, Lebanon — Israeli fighter-bombers blasted Palestinian guerrilla positions in this overcast port city today, and police said three guerrillas were killed and 11 wounded. It was Israel's second air strike in Lebanon in four days.

The Israeli military command in Tel Aviv confirmed today's raid and said all planes returned safely. It said pilots reported hits on their targets, described as headquarters and weapons stores for the guerrillas.

Positions belonging to the pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim fundamentalist Hezbollah, or Party of God, also were hit in the attack, police reported.

Six warplanes bombed and rocketed guerrilla positions around a towering statue of the Virgin Mary on the western flank of the embelied Christian town of Maghrouh, police said.

The jets drew anti-aircraft fire from guerrillas in Sidon's refugee camps of Ein el-Hilweh and Mich Mieh.

Billionaire sought probe of Armitage

WASHINGTON — A spokesman for Vice President George Bush says billionaire H. Ross Perot last fall raised "evidence of wrongdoing" by Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Armitage that included charges of drug and weapons trafficking. Perot on Sunday denied ever alleging Armitage was involved with drugs or weapons, but declined comment on whether he might have told Bush about any concerns he had regarding Armitage.

"Mr. Perot did bring to the vice president what he considered evidence of wrongdoing by Mr. Armitage," Bush's assistant press secretary, Stephen Hart, said in a telephone interview Sunday.

Hart said he understood the allegations included drug trafficking and arms trading.

"The vice president told Mr. Perot that if he felt he had a case of wrongdoing he should take it to the appropriate authorities," he said.

Bowen says cuts won't hurt care

WASHINGTON — Limiting how much the government will pay for medical treatment for Medicare recipients will not lower the quality of care because physicians will not allow that to happen, the government's health chief said today. Health and Human Services Secretary Otis R. Bowen told leaders of private health maintenance organizations that a major administration initiative this year will be to get the best care for the lowest cost through expansion of what he called the private health plan option.

"Quite simply, it is a plan to offer people and providers a choice between traditional Medicare, as we all know it, and Medicare delivered through a private health plan," Bowen said in remarks prepared for delivery to the 10th annual HMO Conference of the Group Health Association of America.

More than 800,000 of Medicare's 30 million beneficiaries already participate in so-called managed care programs, mostly through traditional health maintenance organizations.

Four fire victims still unidentified

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The bodies of four women remained unidentified Sunday from the 96 people who died in the New Year's Eve fire at the Dupont Plaza Hotel. An investigation by federal and local authorities ruled the fire was the result of arson. No one has been arrested and investigators have refused to say who they suspect.

Ninety-four bodies were recovered, most charred beyond recognition. Two people died in hospitals. Identifications of 90 of the recovered bodies were made by comparing dental charts, X-rays and other methods. Efforts to identify the bodies of four women were to continue Monday.

Meanwhile, a group calling itself the Arab Fedayeen Cells claimed responsibility in Lebanon on Sunday for the blaze.

Major storm blankets Northeast

A winter storm that delighted skiers with up to 20 inches of snow in New York and New England dumped more today on Maine, as balmy weather in the Plains threatened winter carnivals and freeze warnings went up along the Gulf Coast.

The second major snowfall in the Northeast in two weeks was blamed for at least two traffic deaths in New York, and scores of accidents and scattered power failures in upstate New York, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine.

Drifting snow and gusts to 35 mph were reported in northern and eastern Maine today, and gale warnings were raised along the northern coast.

"It's going to be slow going digging out," Pete Reynolds said early today from the National Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City, Mo.

Reagan relied on 'amateurs,' senator says

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, relying on advice from "amateurs," kept the Iranian arms initiative alive even when such blunders did not cause the release of all the American hostages in Lebanon, a member of a Senate investigating panel says.

In its investigation of the arms sales, the Senate Intelligence Committee found that Reagan kept the program going despite misgivings by senior advisers and the intelligence community, said Sen. William Cohen, ranking member of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Cohen said that in pursuing his Iran policy, Reagan "eliminated" the Congress, and the secretary of state and others, from the process and placed it in the hands of a few White House operatives.

"He cannot now, in my judgment, escape responsibility for the actions of those individuals," said Cohen, who termed them "amateurs."

Cohen praised Reagan for trying to win the release of Americans held by pro-Iranian forces in Lebanon and to find a diplomatic opening to Iran. But he criticized the president for not following "sound and seasoned" advice.

"The mistake was allowing the sales of weapons to be a part of that formula," Cohen said Sunday on the NBC-TV program, "Meet the Press."

"He, in fact, took foreign policy underground against the objections of Secretary of State George P. Shultz, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and other top aides, Cohen said.

In other developments: — NBC News, quoting from the unreleased Intelligence Committee report, said the National Security Council decided in a meeting last May to have Reagan ask someone — the name was blacked out in the report — to contribute humanitarian aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

The network also reported that two months later, former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane called Shultz to say someone — the name again was blacked out — had contributed \$31 million to the Contras' political group, the United Nicaraguan Opposition. NBC quoted a source as saying the blacked-out name was that of Saudi Arabia.

The network said the \$31 million figure was the highest amount disclosed so far as having been raised for the Contras while U.S. aid officially was cut off.

The New York Times reported in today's editions that information shared by American intelligence agencies with Iran and Iraq was in "some cases deliberately distorted or inaccurate."

Satellite photography shared with Iran was altered to make it misleading or incomplete, and assessments of a Soviet threat provided to Iran were doctored to exaggerate the size of Soviet troop concentrations, the Times said, citing sources whom it did not identify.



Southern sun
A young woman works on her tan while summer vacationers pack the beach at Mar del Plata, Argentina, on Sunday, January is the first of two months that see the country's beaches jammed with summer vacationers.

The task force dropped a controversial proposal to help finance the new program with a payroll tax of 2 cents on every dollar earned after the idea was rejected by union and several corporate representatives on the panel.

Also rejected was a proposal requiring advanced notification of plant closings, a requirement in Canada and several European countries.

Under intense lobbying from the National Association of Manufacturers and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the House in 1985 narrowly rejected legislation that would have required employers to give their workers 90-day advance notice of plant closings or mass layoffs.

"It would be deceptive if we said our recommendations were going to help everyone's problems; they are not," Lovell said. "But they will help at the margin."

Task force backs job-training program

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Labor Department task force today released the final version of a report that provided the impetus for President Reagan's proposed 1986 Act and Trade Adjustment Assistance to be consolidated into a Worker Adjustment Assistance Program.

The current programs — which together are budgeted at more than \$300 million and reach about 250,000 people a year — were labeled as ineffective by Reagan last week.

Details of the report by the 21-member task force, which was chaired by former Labor Undersecretary Malcolm Lovell, were reported in November and last week by The Associated Press.

Iran, Iraq say they killed thousands

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran claimed today its troops launched a new, three-pronged attack overnight on Iraqi troops south of the Iraqi port city of Basra, Iraq's second largest city.

Iran denied that Qom was hit again, saying Iraqi planes were driven off before they could attack. But it said residential areas were rocketed in Isfahan, damaging houses, and scores were killed or injured in Dezful during missile attacks Sunday.

Iraq said its warplanes raided the central Iranian cities of Isfahan and Qom, the home city of revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, and Dezful, a garrison town in southern Iran, for the third consecutive day.

A military spokesman in Baghdad said the attacks were in retaliation for a missile attack Sunday on the Iraqi capital and the repeated shelling of the southern port city of Basra, Iraq's second largest city.

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launched six missions against economic and military centers east of Basra and the northern town of Ranya, Iraq's second largest city.

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King routines vary widely
ATLANTA (AP) — One year after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was memorialized with a federal holiday, official state observances of the slain civil rights leader's birthday vary widely. The Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission, which oversees the federal holiday held each year on the third Monday of January, counts 29 states with a state holiday in King's honor. But only 11 give employees a paid holiday, said Joe Rubens, a coordinator for the commission in Washington. Some states let employees take the day off without pay or in exchange for a paid holiday. Other states merely encourage employees to take note of King's work during the day. The first federal observance, a paid holiday, was held last year. This year's holiday is scheduled for Jan. 19 although King actually was born Jan. 15, 1929. The Atlanta native was assassinated April 4, 1968. King's home state of Georgia gives employees the day off with pay.

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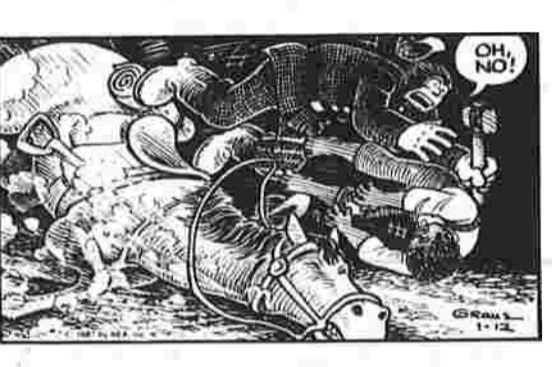
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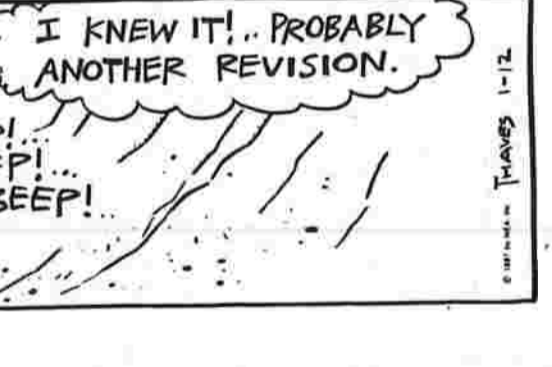
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Seeing double

By James Jacoby. Does it surprise you that North bid only two spades at his second turn? Many players use a two-level response in a new suit as a force to game unless the responder simply rebids his suit.

BUSINESS 5.6% a reasonable 'current yield'



QUESTION: I started buying a certain stock in 1968 and now have 650 shares. My total cost is \$9,912.50. Last year, I received \$1,742 in dividends. The stock now is at \$48 a share. Making my investment worth \$31,200. I thought I was getting about 17.6 percent income on my investment. But I am told that I have been figuring this incorrectly and that I am getting only about 5.6 percent. I am informed I should use the stock's current value, not my cost, to calculate my percentage of income. Is that true?

ANSWER: I suspect it came from a broker or other sales type who would get a commission on the sale of your utility stock and an even fatter commission on the purchase of bond mutual fund shares. Don't overlook the fact that the \$21,000 profit from the sale of the utility stock would be taxable. Unless you have spare cash around, you wouldn't be able to put the entire proceeds from the utility stock sale into bond funds.

QUESTION: I have been advised to sell the stock that I own. The stock now is worthless. I will have to take a loss, come tax time. How is the value of the stock determined for the loss? Is it the price I originally paid, the peak value the stock reached, or some other valuation?

ANSWER: Your loss is the price you paid for the stock. You claim it on Schedule D of your Form 1040 federal income tax return, where capital gains and capital losses are reported. In Schedule D's "Cost or other basis" column, write the price you paid for the stock; in the "Gross sales price" column write "zero."

Stock market madness may be mania

By John Cunniff The Associated Press. NEW YORK — When the Dow Jones industrial stock average cleared 2,000, you could feel the mania stirring. Mania feed on excitement and generate more, resembling a ticking time bomb or a perpetual motion machine, one of which is likely to blow up and the other certain to break down.

greater fool to whom they can sell at an even higher price. While Tale declines to brand today's market, he observes that some disconcerting evidence, especially in the fact that by many measures stock prices have greatly outdistanced corporate earnings.

European currency values receive boost

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — European finance chiefs today boosted the value of the West German mark, Dutch guilder and Belgian and Luxembourg francs against four other European currencies because of turmoil in money markets caused by a strong mark and weak French franc.

and the Belgian and Luxembourg francs by 2 percent each, effective immediately. The absolute values of the other four European Monetary System (EMS) currencies — the French franc, the Italian lira, the Danish krone and the Irish pound — were left unchanged, although the revaluation of the other currencies meant these four were in effect devalued against them.

Dollar falls after move

LONDON (AP) — The dollar fell sharply in early European trading today in the wake of the weekend realignment of currencies in the European Monetary System. The price rose more than \$5 an ounce. Dealers said the realignment was likely to push the dollar down.

should act to correct the problem. The strength of the mark was caused by the continued fall of the dollar as investors worry about the large U.S. budget and trade deficits. Investors often shift their money into marks when the dollar is falling.

Puzzles

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Astrograph

Your Birthday Jan. 13, 1987. In the year ahead, you'll become involved with a new friend who'll have an enormous influence on your life. The things you do together will produce advantages for both parties.

CELEBRITY CIPHER. Celebrity cryptograms are created from questions by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: O equals V. "EYVVCFLFZT SYOFWU FU JU TCWJK JZ FSGWCKFZWEW JU RYC UVSWYZW KY NCJUI RPWUI KYVZ YZ J AJ OFZFZ ACJNFZT." — BYZIZ IKUYKZ.



Big wheel Harvey Barbee of Invacare Corp. inspects a rack of castor forks used to support the front wheels of the "Jaguar" and "Rabbit" model wheelchairs, designed specifically for children. They are made at the company's plant in Elyria, Ohio.

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Obituaries

Thomas J. O'Neill, 77, veteran town Democrat

Thomas "Tommy" J. O'Neill, 77, of 11 Bluefield Drive, longtime Manchester Democrat and veteran chairman of the 8th Voting District unit of the Democratic Town Committee, died Sunday at Manchester Memorial Hospital after being stricken while at mass at the Church of the Assumption.



THOMAS J. O'NEILL stricken at mass

O'Neill, the husband of Mary M. "Peg" (Scanlon) O'Neill, was born in County Armagh, Northern Ireland, and had lived in Manchester for more than 50 years. A lifetime engraver for Cheney Bros., he retired from Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. He was a communicant of the Church of the Assumption. He was involved in boxing for more than 50 years, and was a former Golden Gloves lightweight champion. He trained youngsters in boxing for more than 50 years at the North End Y.

Committeeman John Sullivan, a friend and political ally of O'Neill's, said today that politics was secondary in O'Neill's life to helping people and making them happy with the shows he used to put on for churches and clubs. Politics did not mean as much to O'Neill as holding a fund-raiser for victims of leukemia, Sullivan said.

I. Laird Newell, was water firm's chairman

I. Laird Newell, 85, of 111 Lakewood Circle, the former chairman of the board of the Manchester Water Co., died Friday at Hartford Hospital. He was the husband of Helen (Dunn) Newell.



I. LAIRD NEWELL dead at 85

In 1965, he was elected chairman of the board of the former Manchester Water Co. He served in that position until the company was purchased by the town of Manchester in 1976. He served as president of the New England Water Works Association in 1966 and 1967. That association gave him two Dexter Bracket awards, and its commendative award. He was also given the George Fuller Award of the American Water Works Association.

He was president and chief executive officer of the Henry Southern Electric Co. of Bloomfield. He retired from that position in 1971, although he continued with the firm as a consultant.

Joyce M. Rumberger

Joyce M. (Hostler) Rumberger, 82, of French Road, Bolton, died Saturday at home after a long illness. She was the wife of Donald C. Rumberger Sr. The couple would have celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on Friday.

Thomas A. McLaughlin

Thomas A. McLaughlin, 33, of Hartford and Niantic, died Sunday at Hartford Hospital. He was the brother of Doris K. McLaughlin of Manchester.

Marion Y. Kingsbury; Union zoning official

Marion Y. Kingsbury of Union, 66, wife of longtime Manchester Herald printer Herbert R. Kingsbury Jr., died Friday at Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, Mass. She was past matron of Temple Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Manchester.

Woman killed in I-91 crash

HARTFORD - State police are investigating an accident on Interstate 91 Sunday that resulted in the death of a Manchester woman and injury to a Wethersfield man.

Skateboarder rides into car

A Manchester teenager was injured Saturday when he rode his skateboard in front of a car on Parker Street and collided with the front end and windshield of the vehicle, police said today.

Everett F. Ericson

Everett F. Ericson, 72, of Wethersfield, died Saturday at the Hartford Hospital, Northampton, Mass. He was the father of the Rev. Charles H. Ericson of Bolton.

Phyllis B. Howeson

Phyllis B. Howeson, 78, of Manchester, died Jan. 10 at a local convalescent home after a long illness.

Harvey Baver

Harvey Baver, 34, of Spencer, Mass., formerly of Bloomfield and Manchester, died Saturday as the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Spencer, Mass. He was the husband of Lynn J. (Johnston) Baver. He was a graduate of Bloomfield High School.

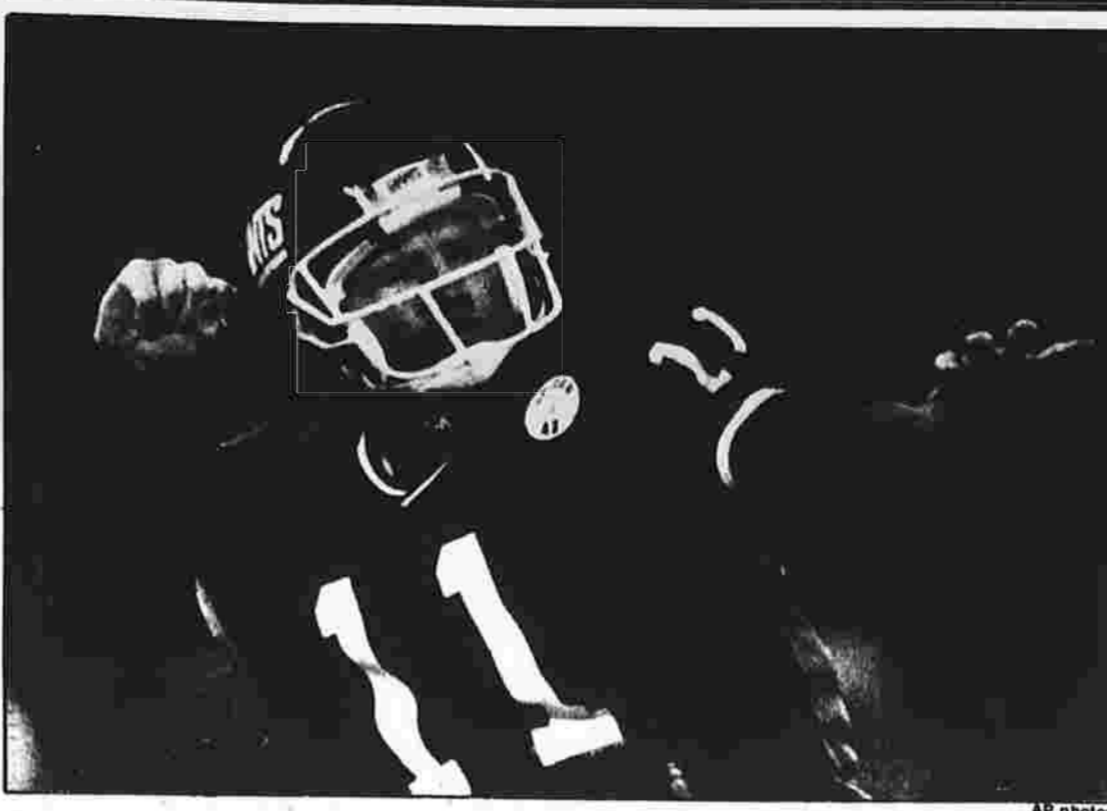
Marlin R. Graham

Marlin R. Graham, 68, of East Hartford, husband of Jean (Hodgins) Graham, died Sunday at home. He was the father of Barry M. Graham of Manchester.

Harrie C. Gill

PAWTUCKET, R.I. (AP) - Col. Harrie C. Gill, a former superintendent of Rhode Island State Police and a polygraph expert, died Thursday. Gill joined the state police in 1933 and was appointed superintendent in January 1961, holding the position until he retired in December 1962.

SPORTS



Feeling Just Super!!

Giants' quarterback Phil Simms (above) gets set to punch the air after tossing a first-quarter TD pass to Lionel Manuel against the Redskins in the NFC Championship Game at Giants' Stadium. The TD gave the Giants a 10-0 lead.



NFC champs not ready to celebrate

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Reform bid gains steam

campaign financing is even worse than the scandal over Iran," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said last week as he co-sponsored the Boren-Byrd bill.

By Ford, the spiraling cost of running for Congress has created "the congressional money chase.... The campaign never stops. Senators start hosting fund raisers years before they next will be in an election. They all too often become fund raisers first and legislators second."

Frederick D. Hooks, a retired NAPA, Calif. (AP) - Retired Cmdr. Frederick D. Hooks, who was credited with 178 combat victories over the Japanese in the Pacific Campaign in World War II and command of a night attack squadron in the Korean War.

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Broncos' comeback pits them against Giants

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Bronco kicker Rich Karlis follows through with the winning field goal that lifted Denver over the Browns, 23-20, in overtime in the AFC Championship game Sunday in Cleveland. The holder is Gary Kubiak.

It really hurts him to hear the criticism," Denver Coach Dan Reeves said. "I could see the determination in his eyes today like I've never seen before. I think he proved to a lot of people that he's come a long way."

Denver trailed 20-13 after Cleveland scored on a 48-yard pass from Bernie Kosar to Brian Brennan with 5:45 to play. The ensuing kickoff was misplayed by Ken Bell and left the Broncos at their own 2-yard line.

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contains a lot and do a lot of things a lot of other quarterbacks are not able to do.

While attending Trinity College, Newell was the college organist and choir master. He became a special member of the American Federation of Musicians at the age of 16. He was a past president of the Hartford Choral Club and was on the board of trustees of the Hartford Conservatory.

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FOCUS



Finders creepers

Jason T. Quigley is dead, but Wilbur Maxwell, as played by Cliff Wright, left, and Hercules Nelson, played by Dave Burr, have just sighted Quigley's ghost as played by Jason Hawkins. This scene from "Finders Creepers," a mystery-comedy, will be presented by Iling Junior High School students at the school Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$2.

Rate your job happiness

Billions of dollars are spent annually by businesses seeking to increase efficiency. Fiber optics, silicon chips and microprocessors are just a few of the buzz words typically used when top management begins discussing improved productivity. However, one key element is often overlooked: employee contentment and commitment. While technological development is a necessity, employee contentment, or lack of it, can do more to make or break a business than any other single factor. In fact, sensitivity to employee needs and desires can produce a work ethic in a community that will help expand business, attract new industry and hold down joblessness. Recently, the Metropolitan Economic Development Council (MEDC) in Richmond, Va., recently prepared an Employee Contentment Quiz with 11 questions that you can use to evaluate your own job situation. Experience in Richmond is an area that consistently has high employee job satisfaction and productivity.



Sylvia Porter

IF YOU CAN answer "yes" to all questions, then you obviously are in a job where you feel part of a team and where you are growing and advancing. If you answer "no" to some questions, then this quiz will help you identify reasons why you are unhappy in your present job —

About Town

Education planning at MHS

The Manchester High School Guidance Department will present a program on planning for higher education. The program is at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school cafeteria, and is open to both parents and students. Counselors will describe materials, programs and services available to students who are planning education after graduation from high school. Counselors will also meet with the parents to answer questions.

YWCA offers fun and fitness

Registration for the winter semester of adult and children's classes is now under way at the YWCA, 78 N. Main St. Most classes begin the week of Jan. 15. Adult fitness classes in the mornings include: aerobic action, body conditioning, jazz dance, morning stretch, hatha yoga and volleyball.

Classes for children and parents together are as follows: Mother-infant exercise — ages 6 to 9 months, Mondays from 10 to 10:30 a.m.; ages 10 to 14 months, Mondays from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Tumbling toddlers — ages 15 to 18 months and mothers, Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.; ages 19 to 24 months, Tuesdays from 11:15 to noon; Junior jumpers — ages 2 to 2½ and parents, Tuesdays, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.; Mom and me — games and crafts for 2-year-olds and parents, Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Supermarket Shopper

Shoppers can't read prices on supermarket scanners

By Martin Sloane United Features Syndicate

The time has come for supermarkets to take a long, hard look at their cash registers. There are a lot of unhappy shoppers who can't read the price displays, and they are tired of hearing ridiculous answers and half-hearted promises when they complain. DEAR MARTIN: One of your columns hit right on our biggest complaint, the display of scanner prices. At most of the stores in my area, it is almost impossible to read the prices that appear on the display. It doesn't matter whether I do shopping during the day or at night. The displays can never be read. I have complained to the managers, and the answer I get is "that's just the way it is." Do they call this progress? The old cash registers were a lot better!

MRS. R. R. HEIL LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR MARTIN: After reading your column, I wrote to Stop & Shop about the scanners at their store in Milford, Conn. I complained that the figures in the price display were pale green and that the lights shining on the display made the prices almost impossible to read. A few weeks later, I got a reply from Stop & Shop saying that they could not change the color of the display. Evidently, new displays are costly. But the letter did suggest that new shades for the store's front windows would correct the problem. Since that time, nothing has happened. No shades, and no improvement in a bad situation for people like me who want to check as the groceries are being rung up and make sure that the correct prices are being charged.

KENDRICK OWENS MILFORD, CONN.

DEAR MARTIN: My eyesight was recently tested and found to be good, but I cannot read the prices on the supermarket register displays. The problem is that they are tilted toward the light from the store's front windows, which makes it almost impossible to see the prices. The display uses soft green numbers against a black background, and I think this could be a deliberate effort to discourage consumers from checking on the accuracy of the store's computer. GRACE IERARDI ORMOND BEACH, FLA.

DEAR MARTIN: There are times when the sun shines so brightly through the front windows of the supermarket that the cashier has to cup her hands around the register display in order to tell me how much I owe her. I don't really believe we are being deliberately overcharged, but when you can't see the prices that are being rung up, you do start to wonder. JEAN MCCOY YAKIMA, WASH.

Study hits math curricula

NEW YORK (AP) — A new study concludes that American pupils are among the weakest mathematics performers among industrialized nations and blames curricula which lack "challenge and focus." The report, "The Underachieving Curriculum: Assessing U.S. School Mathematics from an International Perspective," points out that the curriculum of view lacks challenge and focus. The curriculum typically keeps revisiting concepts, but the trouble is, with each revisit, we're not adding anything new," said Kenneth J. Travers, a University of Illinois mathematics education professor who was one of seven co-authors of the report.

Mom and three — 3-year-olds and parents, Tuesdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m.; Parents-child play group — supervised play for children under 2, Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Programs for families with children 18 months to 3 years are also offered on Saturdays. Pre-school programs include puppet playhouse for children 3½ to 5 and a cooking program for 3-year-olds. Call the YWCA at 647-1437 for more information or free winter program catalog.

Afternoon exercises include the afternoon workout and low-impact aerobics, a form of aerobic exercise which protects the joints.

Stewart presents program

Rhea Talley Stewart of Manchester will present a program on her book, "Fire in Afghanistan," for the Manchester chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Thursday at 4 p.m. at First Federal Savings and Loan Association, West Middle Turnpike. Members are asked to bring prospective members.

Breastfeeding skills for parents

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Advice

Patched-up veterans need compassion

DEAR ABBY: I saw the letter from "No Name" after reading the letter from "No Name," a 46-year-old divorcee, who had spent the night with a handsome 37-year-old Vietnam veteran and was turned off when she found that his body (chest and pelvic area) had been patched up with surgical-type plastic. He had explained beforehand that he had been "seriously injured" in Vietnam, so she shouldn't be shocked.



Dear Abby Abigail Van Buren

She said: "He's a perfect date — intelligent, educated and well-bred. He was on the football team in college and he also studied ballet. He loves to cook, bake, crochet, knit and do needlepoint. He's an excellent dancer, owns his own business and has plenty of money. (He's a "computer consultant," whatever that is.) After we made love (just that one time, which was just OK), I began to wonder if maybe he was a transsexual (a female who had had a sex-change operation). I don't plan to see him again because, frankly, he left me with creeps." This man needs compassion and understanding for the physical and mental torment he has suffered, not rejection from a woman who finds him "creaky," or questions his sexuality because he doesn't conform to her standards of what a "real" man should look like. Do you really think because he likes to cook, bake, etc. it makes him less masculine? Wake up — this is the 1980s! To me a carpenter and a trucker, but I'm still a woman! Either open your eyes and recognize what a fine man he is — or send his address to me. I'll take him, no questions asked. ALL WOMAN

Use special soap for staph infection

DEAR DR. GOTT: Three females in our family have had boils recently. I understand that boils are staph infections. What can we do to avoid getting them again?



Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.

Page's disease of bone is a common disease of unknown cause that affects middle-aged and elderly patients. The condition causes a spotty loss of calcium from some bones, with an abnormal calcium buildup in other bony areas. In short, high levels of bone breakdown and repair are occurring simultaneously. Most cases are mild and produce no symptoms. Bones affected by Page's disease become weaker and break more easily. Occasionally, the skull will enlarge, but this is unusual. I don't know why your doctor chose to frighten you. He seems to be adding to your worries, rather than helping you with them. I suggest that you ask for a referral to another, more sensitive doctor for a second opinion.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor told me that I had fibrosis of the skull. Then he told me it was

Polyester is not absorbent material

DEAR POLLY: How can I soften polyester fabric? It is so stiff and obviously composed of polyester and cotton to make the fabric more absorbent? I wanted to use it for towels, and right now, it just pushes moisture around.



Pointers Polly Fisher

DEAR POLLY: Unfortunately, polyester just isn't absorbent. The more polyester in a polyester-cotton blend, the less absorbent it will be. That's why polyester clothing tends to be somewhat warm and clammy to wear (moisture isn't absorbed by the fabric and stays on your skin) while cotton is generally considered to be the coolest and most comfortable. Cotton-polyester blends with higher percentages of cotton tend to be more absorbent. The only thing I can suggest is to wash the fabric in plain soap flakes with a little vinegar added to the rinse water. This will at least maximize whatever absorbent properties the fabric does have. Don't ever rinse it with fabric softener, which will decrease the absorbency of even usually thirsty cottons. I'm sorry I can't give you a magic formula to make this fabric more absorbent, but that's just the nature of the synthetic fiber. POLLY

Thoughts

The world is full of people who have too little or too much. Both are harmful and dangerous. Poverty has devastating effects on the body and the spirit. Former President Lyndon Johnson was right in saying we should declare a war against poverty. But plenty can cause problems also. It often leads to arrogance and self-righteousness. It promotes a selfishness born of "all this is mine, and I deserve it." Rich or poor, we all stand in the need of God's grace. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4.

Public Records

Manley to Andrew J. Thibodeau, Beacon Hill condominium, Conveyance tax, \$77. Edith Hanley to Thomas M. Dodd, 38-32 Foster St. Conveyance tax, \$170.50. John M. Davis to Loren J. and Randi B. Schneider, Northfield Green condominium, \$102,000. Ellen K. Conlon to Ernest J. Keck, 385 Gardner St., \$120,500. Get B. Wilder and Albert L. Manley to David H., Connie-Lynne and Constance H. Hodgkins, Beacon Hill condominium, Conveyance tax, \$78.10.



Keep on fixin' Jason Smith, 12, repairs the large snowman he made last week in his yard on Wellman Road. The weather continues to change the snowman's features.

Army punishes recruiters

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — More than 20 U.S. Army recruiters and other personnel are being reprimanded or otherwise punished for recruiting violations including concealing criminal records and forging diplomas, according to a published report. An Army investigative team accused officers and enlisted personnel in the local recruiting battalion of committing recruiting violations over the past two years, the Minneapolis Star and Tribune reported Sunday.

The head of the investigators, Maj. John Chavez of San Antonio, Texas, described the situation as a "cancerous condition" that included the full spectrum of recruiting improprieties. "I found it difficult to accept that an entire recruiting battalion totally disregarded crucial soldierly values over the last two years," Chavez said in the investigators' report.

The report, written in November after a three-week investigation, described a battalion in which recruiters were pressured to break rules if necessary to meet ambitious recruiting goals, the Star and Tribune said.

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(1) Three's Company
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(3) Gimme a Break
(4) Monk and Mindy
(5) M*A*S*H
(6) Doctor Who
(7) Charlie's Angels
(8) Quincy
(9) Reporter 41
(10) MacNeil-Lehrer NewsHour
(11) Face the Nation
(12) [DIS] MOVIE: "The Journey of Natty Fann"
(13) [MAX] Crazy About the Movies: Great Screen Romances
(14) [US] ABC News
(15) [US] ABC News Express
(16) 6:30PM (2) WKRP in Cincinnati
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Mason tries directing

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By Jerry Bucks
The Associated Press
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Geraldine Fitzgerald

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By Graham Heathcote
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