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## Phase-in unlikely to pass

Legislator says other bills would shift tax burden

By George Lovvo  
Herald Reporter

A proposal that would allow Manchester and other towns to phase in higher assessments from property tax revaluations will face its first test Wednesday when it is considered by the General Assembly's Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

The measure, introduced by state Sen. Michael P. Meotti, D-Glastonbury, at the request of Manchester town officials, would make it easier for residents to pay their revised real estate tax bills. The legislation would replace a law that expired in 1985, and it would allow a phase-in over three years.

However, state Sen. William A. DiBella, D-Hartford, co-chairman of the committee, said today it is unlikely the legislation will win approval. He said other measures are being considered that could result in the tax burden being shifted from homeowners.

Manchester began working on its revaluation of homes and buildings. In the fall of 1985, and the work is scheduled to be completed for use in levying taxes on July 1, 1988. The revaluation is expected to reveal an increase in the value of taxable property in Manchester since the last revaluation was done in 1977.

The revaluation will ultimately result in a tax decrease for most residents. However, in the first few years, rates for some taxpayers will increase because the tax burden is shifted back from motor vehicle and personal property to real estate taxes, Manchester Assessor J. Richard Vincent said.

Vincent explained that motor vehicle and personal property reassessments are done every year, but real estate revaluation is done only every 10 years, as required by state law. Over the course of 10 years, this results in real estate assessments rising less than the other two categories.

But after a revaluation for example, motor vehicle and personal property tax bills may fall by \$200 when the burden on them is lessened, Vincent said. The higher values for homes and buildings, though, could increase tax bills by \$300, he said. The overall tax-rate increase would be less than if a revaluation were not done.

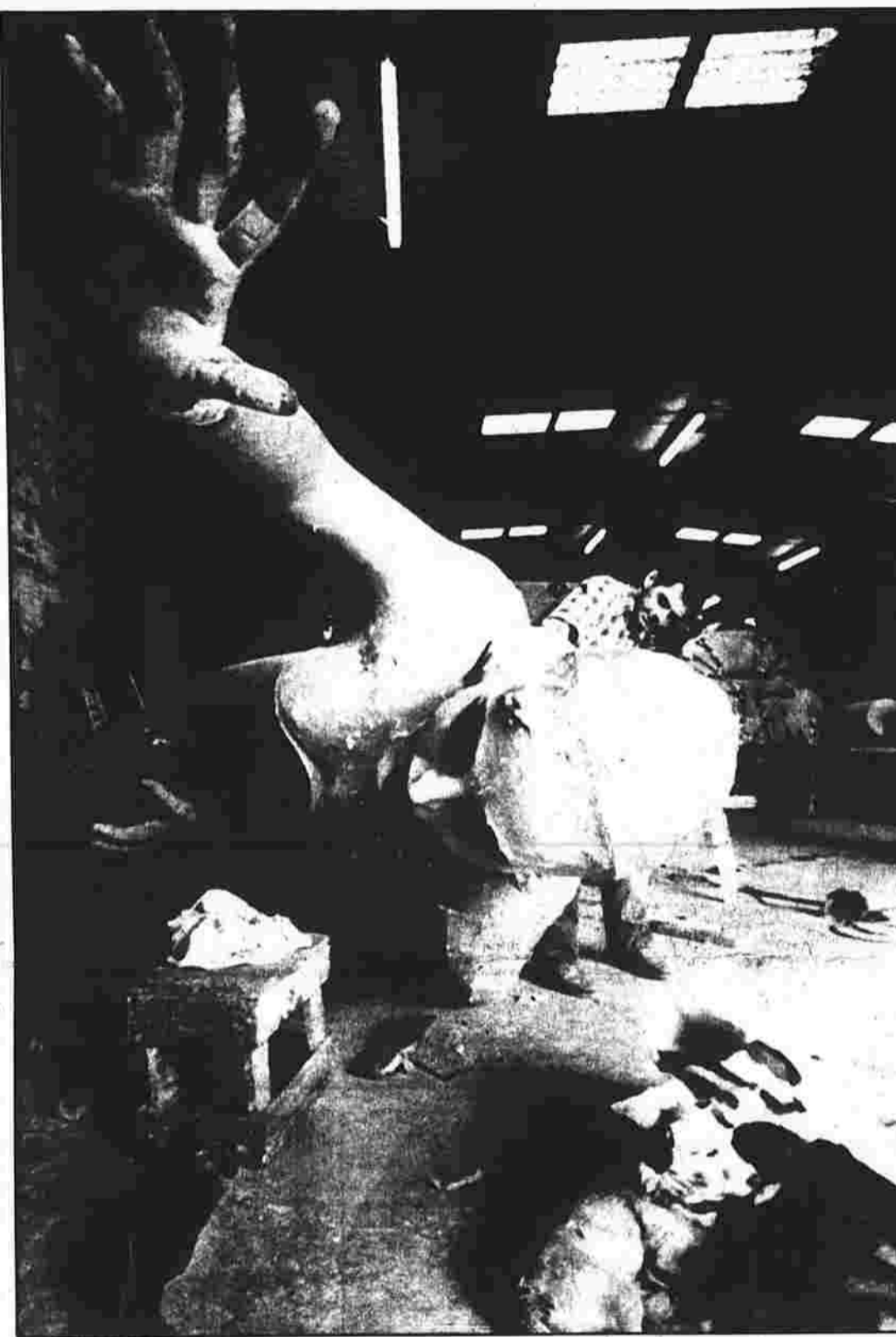
The phase-in legislation would make it easier for residents to pay the higher real estate tax rates. Following Manchester's 1977 revaluation, taxes were phased in over five years.

DiBella said that the finance committee is exploring a change that would allow revaluations to be done every few years instead of every 10. Vincent said the town could do this now with the help of computers, and it would prevent the large changes in tax burden shifts—and the need for a phase-in—every 10 years.

DiBella said that a key to the entire assessment issue is what Hartford's revaluation will reveal when it is completed next year. He said that the value of commercial property has increased dramatically because of the sales of downtown property, which could lead to higher commercial assessments.

If this occurs, it would lessen the tax burden on residential property owners, he said.

In addition, the finance committee is considering the creation of a state tax assessment board that would decide on the fairness of tax assessments, DiBella said.



AP photo

## Loves a parade

David Wagner, a prop artist for Blaine Kern Artists, works on one of the many projects for the upcoming Mardi Gras in New Orleans, La. While Wagner grins, Blue (lower right) keeps an eye out for

strangers wanting to get a preview of the floats that will parade through the streets of New Orleans during the Mardi Gras season.

## Stations say talks under way between kidnapers, Israel

By Rima Salameh  
The Associated Press

**BEIRUT, Lebanon** — The kidnapers of three Americans and an Indian are involved in secret negotiations with Israel after putting off plans to kill the four hostages at Monday midnight, Beirut radio stations said today. The Christian-run Voice of Lebanon and the Moslem Voice of the Nation reported that under the proposed deal, Israel would free 400 Arab prisoners in return for the release of the four hostages and a captured Israeli airman.

The stations said their information that a "bush-bush deal with Israel" was under way came from "reports from Washington and other capitals."

In Israel, however, Israeli officials said today they were not involved in negotiations for the release of U.S. hostages in Lebanon, but left the door open for talks with the Israeli aviator.

The radio stations said the hostages would be part of a deal to swap the airman, who was captured Oct. 16 when his fighter-bomber was shot down by Shiite Moslem Amal militiamen, for the Arab prisoners.

The group that kidnaped the three Americans and an Indian, Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, announced at midnight it was postponing "until further notice" its deadline for killing the hostages because of "certain positive points" in statements by Peres.

The group said it wanted the "fastest clarification" of these points.

Peres said Sunday Israel was willing to discuss trading Arab prisoners for the Israeli airman.

Amal militia leader Nabih Berri, whose men hold the captured airman, on Friday proposed an exchange of the Israel and four hostages for the prisoners. It was not clear if Berri was involved in the reported negotiations.

The International Committee of the Red Cross, meanwhile, denied today the radio stations' reports that it might be involved in negotiations. Spokeswoman Françoise Derron said in Geneva, "The ICRC is never a negotiator."

Israel's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Ehud Gol, refused today to comment on the kidnapers' demands for clarification. He said Israel "does not react to every word from kidnapers. Every five minutes they come up with something new."

The Voice of Lebanon said senior officers of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army, which holds 200 to 400 Shiite prisoners, have shown willingness to consider freeing them.

"We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for showing compassion toward our beloved husbands," said Fiyal Polhill, the Lebanese wife of hostage Robert Polhill of New York City.

The mainly Christian militia holds the prisoners near the village of Khiam.

## Soviets free 140 dissidents from prison

By Carol J. Williams  
The Associated Press

**MOSCOW** — The Soviet Union announced today that 140 dissidents have been freed from prison or labor camp and said other appeals for clemency were being considered.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said the prisoners were freed by decree of the Supreme Soviet, the nominal parliament, on Feb. 2 and on Monday.

"As you probably know, the Soviet Union has been re-examining a number of cases, especially cases related to those sentenced on (Article 70) of the Soviet criminal code, concerning anti-Soviet propaganda," Gerasimov said.

During the weekend, dissident sources in Moscow reported the early release from prison or camps of more than 40 dissidents.

The releases were hailed by Soviet dissidents and the West, who nevertheless cited estimates that about 1,500 Soviets remained jailed for their views. Natan Sharansky, who changed his name from Anatoly B. Shcharansky after being released a year ago, said in an interview published Sunday in The New York Times that he believed the total was 5,000-10,000.

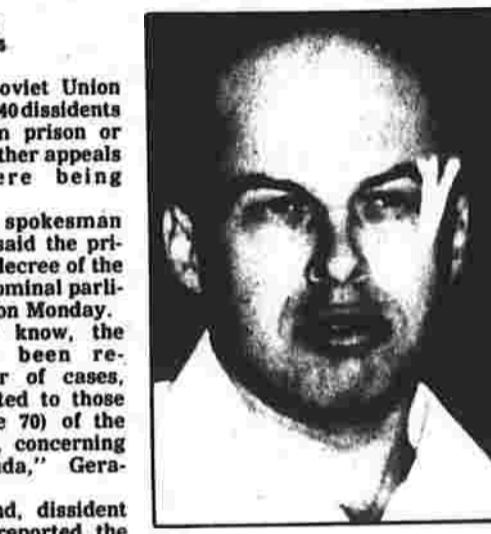
The mass release fits a pattern of gestures by Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev that appears designed to quiet Western criticism and demonstrate that some previously forbidden subjects such as religion and emigration now can be discussed.

Those whose releases were reported during the weekend by Moscow include Andrei Sakharov and his wife, Yelena Bonner, said they had not been required to sign any statements or make any promises to refrain from future dissident activity.

But Gerasimov said today the releases were initiated by each prisoner's application for pardon. Some imprisoned dissidents have declined to make the applications, he said, citing the case of imprisoned Jewish activist Josef Begun.

"When an individual draws the government's attention to his or her case and promises to stop the behavior considered anti-Soviet propaganda, then this is being considered and as a rule his or her request is being granted," Gerasimov told a news briefing at the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

Asked if there would be more prisoners released, he said "of course, as soon as more applications are considered, this figure will increase."



NATAN SHARANSKY ... thousands more in jail

He did not provide details of the criminal code," Gerasimov said. He did not provide details of the review.

Earlier today, militiamen and plainclothes security police prevented Begun's wife and son from leaving their apartments to demonstrate for his release.

Inna Begun, wife of the Hebrew teacher imprisoned on charges of anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda, told The Associated Press by telephone that six policemen were barring her entrance door and others were near the door to the building.

## State faces billions in road work

**HARTFORD (AP)** — The state might have to spend \$2.5 billion to widen Interstate 85 and the Merritt and Wilbur Cross parkways unless steps are taken to ease traffic congestion in southwest Connecticut by 2010, according to a state Department of Transportation report.

The department also outlined a series of less expensive alternatives in the report released Monday, including improved rail service and construction of special commuter lanes to encourage riding in the southwest corridor from New Haven to the New York border.

Without such measures, I-85 will have to be widened from six lanes to 12, the parkways widened from four lanes to eight and 30 train cars and 2,700 parking spaces added to the

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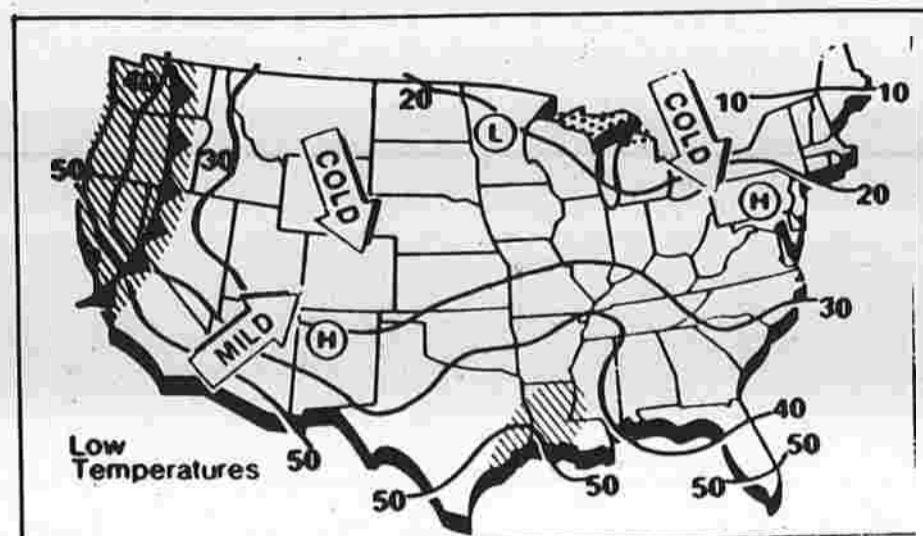
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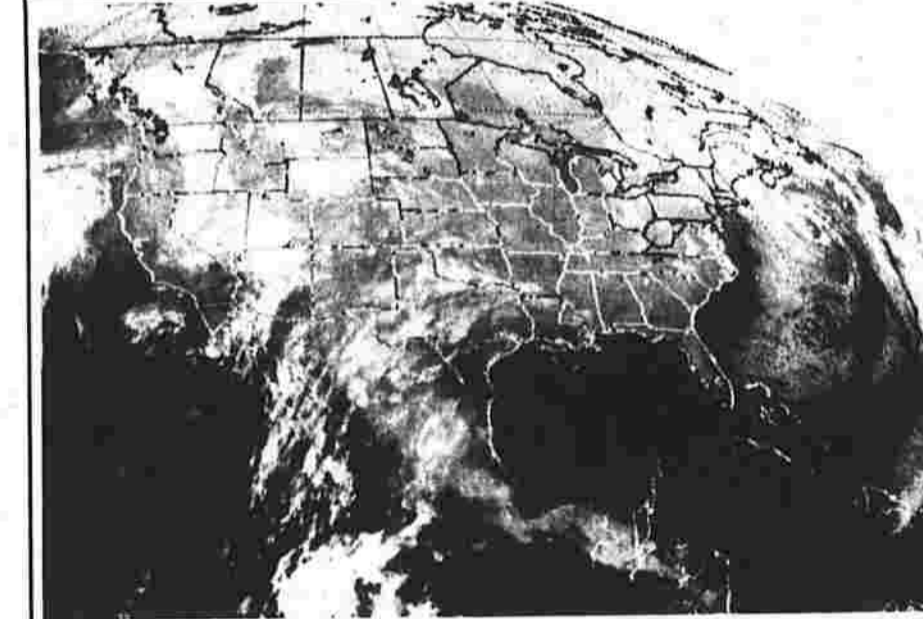
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Mostly clear and cold through Wednesday.

**FRONTS:**  
Warm — Cold  
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**SHOWERS** Rain Flurries Snow

**NATIONAL FORECAST** — The National Weather Service forecasts cold weather for Wednesday for the northern half of the country. Rain is expected for most of the Pacific coast states and for the eastern Gulf.



**MORNING WEATHER** — Today's weather satellite picture recorded at 4 a.m. shows an upper air feature producing broken clouds over the Pacific Southwest and the Northern Rockies. High clouds spread across Texas. Dense multilayered clouds producing heavy snow blanket Maine and Newfoundland.

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## Across the nation

A storm that sent snow across much of the East and was blamed for at least three deaths moved into the Atlantic, leaving the Northeast with wind-chills as low as minus 30 today.

Snow fell in eastern New England and was scattered from northeastern Pennsylvania across northwest New York while gale-force winds lashed sections of the New England coastline early today. The storm whipped blizzard snows and 60 mph winds on Monday as it moved into the Northeast after pounding the Great Lakes region. It dumped a foot of snow in the vicinity of Chatham, Mass., and left 2-foot drifts.

Temperatures today dipped below zero in west-central New England and northeastern New York. Strong winds combined with the low temperatures to push wind-chills to 30 below zero in much of New England and eastern New York.

Elsewhere across the nation, temperatures were seasonally normal and there was no widespread precipitation, although rain fell along the Pacific Coast.

Today's forecast called for rain scattered across the northern Pacific Coast and eastern Utah; and strong and gusty winds along the eastern slopes of the northern Rockies.

Highs should be in the teens to 20s in northern New England; 30s to 40s from southern New England and the mid-Atlantic states across the Ohio Valley, Great Lakes region, upper Mississippi Valley and North Dakota; 70s in southern Texas and Arizona; and 50s to 60s across most of the rest of the nation.

Temperatures around the nation at 2 a.m. EST ranged from minus 11 degrees at Glens Falls, N.Y., to 68 at Phoenix, Ariz.

## Weather radio

The National Weather Service broadcasts continuous, 24-hour weather information on 162.475 mhz in Hartford, 162.35 mhz in New London and 162.40 mhz in Meriden.



**FOCUS**  
**Crime And Punishment**  
Many of America's prisons are plagued by overcrowding. A few hundred years ago, prisons were uncommon. Instead of incarceration, criminals were fined, maimed or killed. Convicts lacking money to pay fines might have their hands or feet chopped off. In the Middle Ages, this mutilation was considered a humane alternative to execution. In ancient China, a petty thief might have his nose cut off, and murderers could be strangled to death for their crimes.  
**DO YOU KNOW** — What amendment forbids cruel and unusual punishments?  
**MONDAY'S ANSWER** — The Surgeon General's Office issues health warnings on cigarette packages.

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## Almanac

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 1987. There are 324 days left in the year.  
Today's highlight in history: Twenty-five years ago, on Feb. 10, 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for a Soviet spy held by the United States.  
In 1783, France ceded Canada to England in the Treaty of Paris, which ended the French and Indian War.  
In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.  
In 1846, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Mormons, began an exodus to the west from Illinois.  
In 1863, showman P.T. Barnum staged the wedding of Gen. Tom Thumb and Mercy Lavinia Warren, both midgets, in New York.  
In 1933, the first singing tele-

## Lottery

**Connecticut daily Monday: 076 Play Four: 4520**

# School board sends budget to Weiss

## One educator complains spending plan 'missed the boat'

By John Mitchell  
Herald Reporter

The \$31,865,538 budget recommended by School Superintendent James P. Kennedy, which includes an extra \$500 subsidy for the Manchester High School hockey team, was approved unanimously Monday by the Manchester Board of Education.

Francis Maffe Jr., the only school board member to comment on the spending plan Monday night, voted for the budget although he complained that it "missed the boat."

The proposed budget for the 1987-88 fiscal year that begins July 1 calls for an overall 15.5 percent increase over the current year's \$27.7 million appropriation.

More than three-quarters of the proposed increase will go toward staff salaries as a result of the Education Enhancement Act, approved in the General Assembly last year to help raise teachers' pay to a \$20,000 minimum. The town Board of Directors approved a new teachers' contract last week which entitles the town to state money totaling \$432,498 this year and \$687,128 next year to upgrade an extra \$500 subsidy for the Manchester High School hockey team, which was approved unanimously Monday by the Manchester Board of Education.

"We now have an official agreement and can begin to put those monies in the Board of Education budget," said Kennedy.

The \$500 addition raised the hockey allocation to \$7,000, about half the cost of the program. Kennedy had originally planned to spend \$4,500 on the program, a \$4,000 increase over the 1986-87 allocation.

Although he did vote for the entire recommendation, board member Francis Maffe Jr. said Monday, "I'm not going to vote for it happily."

Maffe explained that any good budget takes into consideration students, teachers, buildings and equipment. "I think we missed the boat," Maffe said.

He noted that Kennedy's budget includes only a 1.62 percent increase for maintenance and a 1.07 percent increase for textbooks.



**Heart hostages**  
State Rep. James R. McCavanagh, left, puts the cuffs on Joyce Epstein of Sheen Real Estate Services while Marty Sheen of the W.J. Irish Insurance Agency watches at the Manchester police station. The two "hostages" will be among a number held Wednesday by the American Heart Association until enough donors contribute to the charity's fund-raising drive.

# Revised job specs for engineer couldn't have kept Currin in job

Assistant Town Manager Steven R. Werber said today that plans to revamp the job of Manchester town engineer will not address the problems that apparently caused Thomas R. Currin to resign from the post last week after only three days on the job.

The Wednesday resignation took town officials by surprise. The position had been vacant for eight months before Currin started work Feb. 2.

Currin explained his decision by saying that he wanted to return to his job with Kasper Associates, a firm of consulting engineers in Wethersfield.

Werber said after Currin left that the town would consider rewriting the job description to make the post more attractive to applicants.

Today, Werber said there are some intrinsic differences between working for a private employer and a government, no matter what the specific job is, and those differences could not be addressed in the job specifications.

One engineer who has worked both in municipal service and in private consulting work speculated that Currin could have been discouraged by the necessity to deal with a bureaucracy. He said that in private consulting work the engineer can take more initiative. In municipal service the engineer has to sell his work at several levels.

He said that while the engineering itself is the same, the municipal engineer has to work with a wider variety of people with different backgrounds.

George A. Kandra, public works director, said today he is eager to have a decision made on the job description so that he can get the vacancy advertised. "I do want to get moving on it," Kandra said.

Meanwhile, the town Engineering Division will continue to bear the heavy workload, he said.

The town engineer post has been vacant since May, when former town engineer Walter Senkow left after town officials said he had sexually harassed a female coworker.

Currin was hired at a salary of \$41,846. The first attempt to fill the vacant post failed when the town was unable to find a qualified applicant at a salary range which then had a maximum of \$40,250.

# Homicide could be a suicide

Manchester police are still treating last year's death of Michael S. Linders as a homicide, but a recently completed medical report says that injuries on the teenager's wrists and neck point to the possibility of suicide, police spokesman Gary Wood said this morning.

Linders, 17, of Ellington, was found dead Nov. 14 behind an apartment building at 125 Spruce St. The state medical examiner's office ruled then that the death, apparently caused by a fractured skull, was a homicide. The office attributed the injury to a blow from a blunt object.

Wood said today that the forensic report from the state police lab in Meriden says that cut marks on the wrists and slash on the neck may have been the cause of death, but because of the injury to the skull, "which cannot be explained, the death is still being treated as a homicide."

Wood said that a razor blade was found in the vicinity of Linders' body, but police have been unable to link it to Linders' wrist and neck wounds.

Meanwhile, the murder of 26-year-old Lauren G. Anderson remains unsolved. Anderson was found shot to death Jan. 27 in her apartment at 82 Congress St.

Last week police located a car in two Hispanic males, fled from the murder scene. The car was found out of state, but police are not saying where.

# PEOPLE

## Lansbury was shy

Across Angela Lansbury as "Murder She Wrote" says she's confident of her acting but that she has trouble playing the Hollywood scene.

"If you write it for me, I can play it. But as Angela, I can't," Ms. Lansbury said in an interview in the March issue of Good Housekeeping magazine.

"The only thing I've ever had confidence in is my ability to perform," said the star of the hit CBS television series, who came to the United States during World War II.

"It was very, very trepidation of moving into the stream of Hollywood social life. I really don't know how to play that scene," she said.

## Jordan to get medal

Former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan, who is a professor at the University of Texas, has been selected to receive the Charles Evans Hughes gold medal of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The honor, given for "courageous leadership in governmental, civic and humanitarian affairs," was announced Monday by the university.

Ms. Jordan, who teaches at the university's school of public affairs, will receive the award March 5 in Austin.

Recipients have included Henry Kissinger, Nelson Rockefeller and presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Ford and Reagan.



ANGELA LANSBURY ... confident actress



ITZHAK PERLMAN ... not extremists



DIANE KEATON ... changed feelings

Jessica Lange and had a brief part singing in Allen's latest film, "Radio Days."

## Bo does benefit

Rhythm-and-blues guitarist Bo Diddley will stage a pair of benefit concerts next week to bolster Red Cliff, Colo.'s slumping revenues.

## Event on ice

New Hampshire has plenty of snow, but organizers of an international ice sailing event say that doesn't do them any good.

Mayor Michael Salazar said he hopes the concerts raise enough to balance the budget and help pay for paving its dirt streets. Last year, the town fell \$15,000 short in meeting its \$80,000 budget.

The problem can't be overcome and organizers have canceled the event, she said Monday.

"We have anywhere from 3-10 inches of ice and on top of that, however, is 6-8 inches of slush and on top of that is 1-2 inches of snow," she said. "What that gives us is really unsuitable conditions to hold the world class event that we had planned."

Athletes from around the world

winds that are needed to push their sailing rigs across ice.

This year's problem is inconsistent ice depths at the primary race sites on Wolfeboro Bay and at alternate sites, said Kimberly Beals, publicist for the event.

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had signed up for the event, scheduled to begin Friday, she said.

## Lotto winners

The holders of the two winning tickets in Friday's \$3.5 million Lotto game, each worth \$89,880 a year for 20 years, picked up their first annual checks in Newton Monday, state lottery officials said.

The winnings were split by Donna Michaud, 27, of South Windsor, and Victor and Pauline Sanchez, both 46, of Agawam, Mass.

Michaud said she would give one-third of her winnings to her mother, Jeanette Michaud, 60, and another third to her sister Mary Martocci, 28. Her cousin, Leonard Michaud of New Milford, won \$4 million in a Lotto drawing last March.

## Today's quotes

"I am completely recovered. In fact, my doctors told me this morning my blood pressure is down so low that I can start reading the newspapers and watching the TV news."

President Reagan, saying he was doing fine following prostate surgery and will soon adopt a more active schedule.

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# Manchester/Area Towns In Brief

## Waterhouse elected by officers

Manchester police Sgt. Gary A. Waterhouse was elected second vice president of the Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association of Connecticut at the group's recent annual meeting. At the same meeting, association members elected Hamden police Detective Gary Komoronski as first vice president and re-elected Bethel police Capt. James P. O'Hara to a third term as president.

## Andover sets hearings on budget

ANDOVER — Public hearings on the 1987-88 town budget have been scheduled for next month to give townspeople the opportunity to offer suggestions and comments on how tax money should be spent, the Board of Finance has announced.

On March 9, the hearing will focus on the Board of Finance, the Board of Selectmen, treasurer, tax collector, assessor, senior citizens' services, town attorney, dog warden, insurance commission and health officer.

On March 12, the public can comment on budgets for both the town and regional boards of education. On March 16, the school board will meet with the Board of Directors to go over the budget and the Board's recommendation. The directors have until May 6 to make their decision on the entire town budget.

## Seminar Wednesday on IRAs

A free seminar on Individual Retirement Accounts will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Manchester Community College Learning Program Center.

The seminar, sponsored by the Savings Bank of Manchester, will feature two speakers who will talk about IRAs and how they can still be used for tax-deferred reasons.

The speakers are Joseph B. Toce Jr., a tax partner in the Hartford office of Arthur Anderson & Co., and Anne L. Beecher, the community representative of SBM's INVEST office. Reservations can be made at SBM.

## Motorist was saved by the belt

Marc Robert Ledoux of Manchester was driving home from his sister's house in Windsor recently when a tractor-trailer lost control on wet, dark Interstate 84 and slid into Ledoux's lane.

The car driven by Ledoux, a 24-year-old electrician, swerved off the road and hit a guard rail before smashing into a bridge. He suffered a sore neck and several bruises. But he lived.

Ledoux has since joined the Saved By the Belt Club, a group of accident victims, and believes that he escaped death or serious injury because he was wearing his seat belt.

"I started wearing my safety belt because of the new law," he said recently. "Now I wear one because I know from experience they save lives."

The Saved By the Belt Club is sponsored by the Connecticut Safety Belt Coalition, a non-profit organization that encourages the use of seat belts.

## Builder plans Bobby Lane houses

A Portland developer is seeking approval to build seven single-family houses off Bobby Lane in southeast Manchester.

Richard P. Dukett, president of Connecticut Valley Builders Inc., said that if the Planning and Zoning Commission approves his proposal, he will start construction in March with anticipated completion by the end of the year.

The commission has scheduled a March 2 public hearing on the request.

According to site plans, Bobby Lane, which ends in a temporary dead end, would be extended between 300 and 350 feet to accommodate the seven lots on 5.6 acres.

The houses would have about 3,000 square feet and would cost about \$350,000, Dukett said.

In November, the developer tried unsuccessfully to change the zone of the land from Rural Residence, which allows 1.3 housing units an acre, to Residence AA, which allows two units an acre.

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# City bribes alleged in Waterbury

By Anne McGroth  
The Associated Press

**WATERBURY** — The word among top truck operators in Waterbury was that if they wanted city contracts they had to pay off Democratic Town Chairman Thomas F. Gahan, according to court papers.

Gahan, a 39-year-old New Haven County deputy sheriff, was arrested Monday and charged with six counts each of receiving bribes and corrupt election practices.

He was released on a written promise to appear in court on Feb. 23 following his arraignment in Waterbury Superior Court.

Court papers said the charges stem from Gahan's work as an aide to former Waterbury Mayor Edward D. Bergin Jr., who left office Dec. 31, 1985 after 10 years.

Gahan is accused of telling trucking operators before municipal elections in 1983 and 1985 that if they wanted to remain on the list of city contractors they would have to contribute up to \$3,000 each to the Democratic Party in Waterbury, according to an affidavit filed by state police.

"I'd like to talk about it, but on the advice of counsel I can't," Gahan said when reached by telephone Monday night. "I think I'll be cleared of all allegations."

Christopher M. Hill, whose family owns Executive Auto Towing in Waterbury, told investigators that in election year 1983 he knew it was common knowledge that in order to obtain the towing contract with the City of Waterbury, you had to contribute to Thomas Gahan," the affidavit said.

Assistant State's Attorney David Shepack declined comment when asked if Bergin was the subject of an investigation.

Bergin, who now runs a furniture-equipment company, could not be reached for comment. He was not at home or in his office.

Gahan is charged with soliciting and accepting payments to the Democratic Party ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,000 each from three different companies — Harry's Auto Body, Waterbury Auto Body Inc., and Executive Auto Towing.

Payments were sometimes through a middleman and sometimes directly to Gahan, according to the state police affidavit.

The affidavit includes information about payments to secure towing contracts as early as 1977, but the five-year statute of limitations prohibited state police from charging Gahan with crimes that occurred before 1982.

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The blaze, first reported at 1:17 a.m., swept through a three-story frame structure, according to department spokesman Mark Roche.

In addition to the four dead and one critically injured person, seven others were treated for minor injuries.

Fire officials had not determined the cause of the fire as of early today. Roche said those who died were on the second or third floor of the building.

The victims' names were not immediately released.

## Bridgeport parochial school to close

**BRIDGEPORT** — St. Peter's School will close after the current school year, becoming the fourth parochial institution to shut down in the Diocese of Bridgeport over the past year.

Diocesan officials said Monday that St. Peter's, where enrollment dropped from 235 last year to 191 this year, will stop operating in June after 36 years.

The closing of St. Peter's follows the shutdowns last June of St. Charles' School of Bridgeport and St. Maurice's School of Stamford. St. Emery's School in Fairfield also plans to close this June.

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**NEW HAVEN** — The Connecticut Supreme Court is being asked to decide whether state law allows a wrongful death lawsuit in the name of a fetus killed in a highway accident.

The request by U.S. District Judge Jose Cabranes comes in a case stemming from a March 23, 1986, Interstate 95 accident on the Gold Star Bridge in Groton. Melinda Higgins, 24, who was at least six months pregnant, and her 4-year-old daughter, Chanaka, were killed when their car was struck on Interstate 95 by a tandem-trailer truck.

Melinda Higgins' mother, Quinelle Higgins of Groton, sued the owner of the truck, Carolina Freight Carriers Corp. of Cherryville, N.C., and the truck's driver, Richard Rodgers of Carlisle, Penn., who died in November, for \$7.5 million in New Haven federal court.

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"We have had our problems, but not anything we haven't been able to deal with," she said.

Under cross-examination, Mrs. Whitehead testified she cannot remember the last time her husband, Richard Rodgers, drank. She described him as a patient and loving father who helps their 12-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter with their homework. "He never says 'go away,'" Mrs. Whitehead testified. "He always takes the time to listen, to let them talk and express their feelings."

Mrs. Whitehead, who has been allowed twice-weekly visits with the baby, said the two-hour, supervised sessions are "something I'll always cherish."

# McFarlane overdoses before panel appearance

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Robert C. McFarlane, the former presidential adviser whose mission to Tehran was at the heart of U.S. arms shipments to Iran, remains hospitalized today for what police are investigating as a suicide attempt.

McFarlane, 49, was taken to Bethesda Naval Medical Center in a Maryland suburb of Washington after he swallowed 25 to 30 Valium pills, said detective Lauren Acquaviva of the Montgomery County Police Department.

He was listed in good condition, hospital spokesman Lt. Russ Sanford said today.

The Washington Post reported in today's editions that family members found a note that appeared related to McFarlane's attempt, but they would not divulge its contents to the ambulance crew.

The newspaper quoted an unidentified Montgomery County sheriff's spokesman as saying, "Nobody outside the family has been allowed to see the note."

The New York Times, in today's editions, quoted hospital sources as saying when McFarlane and his wife, Jonda, arrived at the hospital, she had a handwritten note that she refused to show to attendants, saying it was garbled and would be of no use.

Bill Taylor, executive vice president of the Georgetown University Center of Strategic and International Studies, told The Baltimore Sun that Jonda McFarlane had difficulty waking her husband Monday morning and that, once awake, his appearance told her "something is not right."

McFarlane is employed by the private research center.

McFarlane, the former national security adviser to President Reagan, was conscious when he was taken by ambulance to the hospital Monday morning but did not say why he had taken the pills.

"He made no statement as to the reason why, although there's every indication it was an overdose," Acquaviva said. "He did not talk, outside of indicating he had taken the Valium."

Mrs. McFarlane appeared to be upset but also apparently perplexed about the situation.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said, "We don't have any information on his condition."

The detective said paramedics determined McFarlane had swallowed 25 to 30 of the tranquilizers, but did not know the strength of the tablets. The paramedics did not indicate how long the drugs had been in McFarlane's bloodstream, although "he was described as being in a physically depressed state — the chemicals were already working on his nervous system."

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McFarlane was to have appeared at 10 a.m. Monday before the Tower Commission, the presidentially appointed panel investigating the role of the National Security Council in the Iran arms affair.

The Washington Post reported in today's editions.

CBS News, quoting sources it did not name, reported Monday that hospital officials believed the overdose resulted from a suicide attempt and cited friends of McFarlane as saying he had been depressed and emotional recently.

McFarlane's lawyer, Leonard Garment, called the story "the most irresponsible and obscene piece of sourcing and reporting I've heard of in my whole professional life."

The lawyer said McFarlane, who had been suffering from lower-back pain in recent weeks, had been taking Valium under prescription. Valium, a tranquilizing drug, is frequently prescribed for stress and anxiety, and as a muscle relaxant.

Garment said he had not talked with McFarlane since Friday. But he said, experts on the drug believed it was virtually impossible to commit suicide with Valium.

Dr. Rudolf Hoehn-Saric, associate professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins Medical School, told The Post, "If you take nothing else but Valium, it hardly ever kills a person. You can take enormous amounts of Valium and all that happens is that you sleep for some time."

However, when combined with alcohol or other drugs, Hoehn-Saric said Valium could be "very dangerous," depressing the respiratory system so that the victim could stop breathing and die.

Garment praised McFarlane, citing him as the lone person to come forward and discuss the U.S. arms sales to Iran.

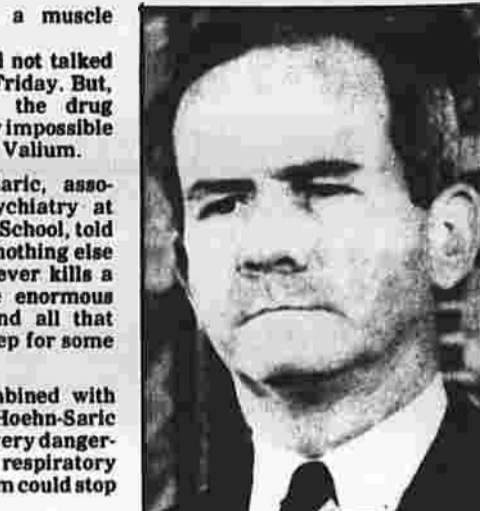
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The Associated Press

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Police sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 18 people were killed, 12 of them civilians caught in the cross fire.

The report said three civilians were wounded in the gunbattle, which erupted at dawn on the outskirts of Lupao, about 90 miles north Manila.

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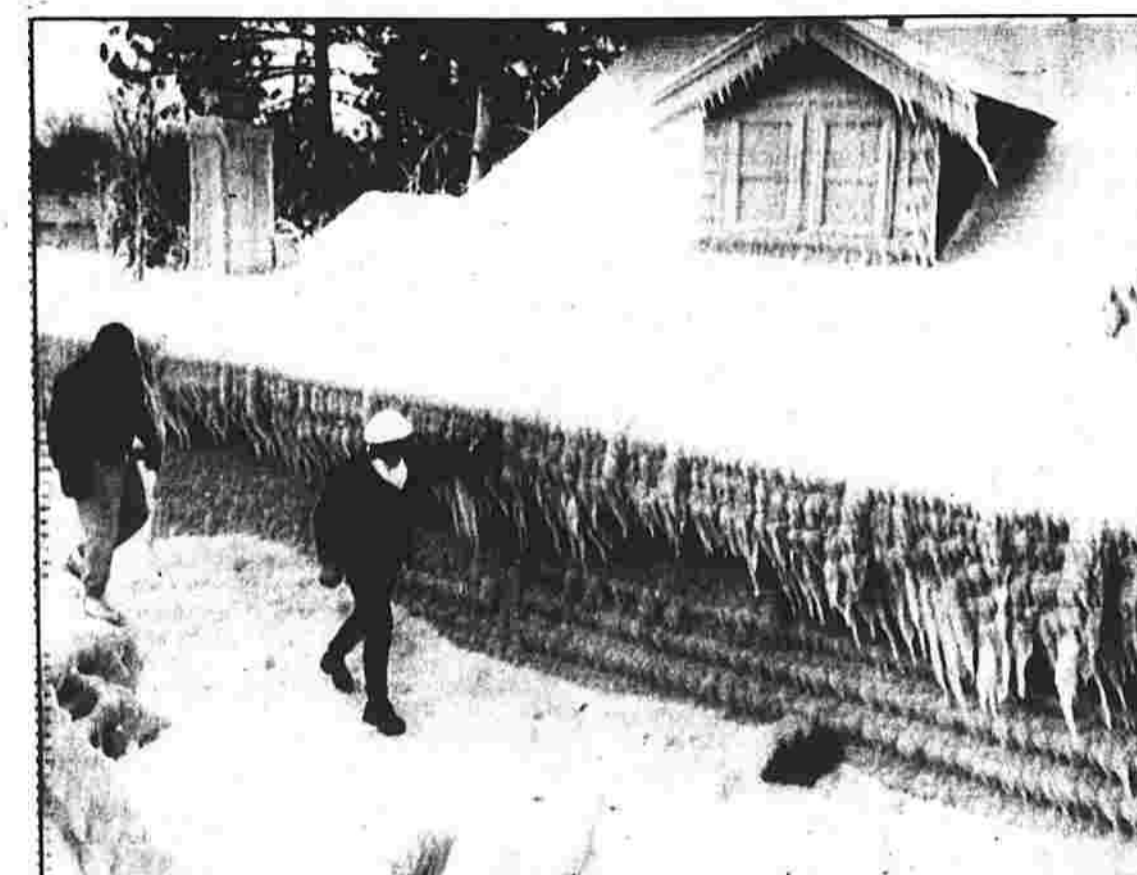
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Matt Brown (left) and Susan LaDuke inspect the outside of their home in Eastlake, Ohio, Monday morning after wind-whipped waves from Lake Erie crashed over a dike and drenched homes in the area.

# Surrogate mom says family troubles over

By Michael Fleeman  
The Associated Press

**HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP)** — A woman fighting for custody of the child she bore for a couple under a \$10,000 surrogate contract says the arrangement was a mistake and that the baby should grow up knowing her biological mother.

Mary Beth Whitehead testified Monday in the unprecedented custody dispute that her family problems should not prevent her from winning custody of her 10-month-old daughter, whom she bore after being artificially inseminated with William Stern's sperm.

She also said whoever loses should get visitation rights.

Mrs. Whitehead testified before Superior Court Judge Harvey R. Sorokow, who must decide whether the contract between Mrs. Whitehead and Stern and his wife, Elizabeth, is valid and who should be granted custody.

Dabbing her eyes with a tissue, Mrs. Whitehead said of the Sterns: "I love them both. I could put my arms around both of them and tell them we made a mistake. Let's make the best of it."

Mrs. Whitehead changed her mind about the deal after giving birth, and fled with her daughter to Florida. Authorities in July found them there and returned the infant — called Baby M in court papers, Sara by Mrs. Whitehead and Melliss by the Sterns — to the Sterns' temporary custody.

In her testimony Monday, Mrs. Whitehead acknowledged that her family has problems, including financial difficulties and her husband's fight against alcoholism.

But she also spoke of having a large, loving family that includes seven brothers and sisters and 15 nieces and nephews, and of having established a special bond with her daughter while in Florida.

She said the attachment expressed itself during the summer as an emotional threat to kill herself and the baby if forced to give the infant to the Sterns.

Mrs. Whitehead, a 29-year-old housewife, said she made the threat because she wanted Stern "to see that it was wrong, the whole thing, that it wasn't good for the baby for me to give her away."

"There's no way I'd ever hurt any of my children, and I think Bill knew that," she said.

Stern, a biochemist from Tenafly, kept his head lowered through most of Mrs. Whitehead's testimony while his 41-year-old wife, a pediatrician, watched

# EB worker claims paint damaged health

GROTON (AP) — A 25-year-old Electric Boat shipyard worker has filed what is believed to be the first product liability lawsuit in the country stemming from exposure to chemical compounds used in paints.

Nathaniel Capers, a former painter at the shipyard where submarines are built, contends that exposure to glycol ethers in solvents, finishes, paints and lacquers used at EB caused him to develop serious health problems.

His lawsuit was filed last week at New London Superior Court.

Capers has been diagnosed as suffering from chronic anemia, persistent pyuria and bone marrow depression. The physician who diagnosed his symptoms, Dr. Mark R. Cullen of Yale School of Medicine, has said Capers is at high risk for developing infertility and leukemia because of his diminished bone marrow function.

The lawsuit contends there was recklessness and carelessness by the paint companies, which "knew or should have known that their solvent, finishing, paint, or lacquer paint products were inherently dangerous to the health of those who were exposed to them."

"To the best of my knowledge and that of the American Trial Lawyers Association, this is the first case in the country based on exposure to glycol ether paints," said attorney Robert I. Reardon of New London, who represents Capers.

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# OPINION

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As a group, Americans have never felt particularly comfortable with the subject of human sexuality.

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The issues of premarital sex, birth control, teen-age pregnancy and sex education continue to divide many communities, religious groups and families. In many instances, the disputes have centered on the degree to which the subjects should be discussed.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that the deadly disease AIDS quickly joined the ranks of taboo topics after it was first recognized. The disease, which destroys the body's immune system, is spread primarily through sexual contact.

AIDS has already claimed 16,667 lives in the United States. The national Centers for Disease Control have estimated that it will strike 270,000 people in the U.S. by the end of 1991. It will kill 179,000.

The time has clearly come for a frank look at AIDS and ways to prevent it. But even though ignorance about the disease can be fatal, most people have shown a surprising willingness to ignore the subject.

In Connecticut, Connecticut Transit, the state-run bus company, refused to accept advertisements advocating the use of condoms, which the U.S. surgeon general has said offer the best protection against AIDS outside of abstinence.

Television station WVIT recently said it would not show ads for condoms because "it's not our place." But that same station does not hesitate to run public-service ads aimed at killers such as drunken drivers.

In New York, a minister received threats after passing out condoms to his congregation this week to highlight the need to talk about AIDS. Those who opposed the minister's action said he should be preaching abstinence.

How nice it would be if everyone could be counted on to enter a single, monogamous relationship in his or her lifetime. However, human nature is not so perfect.

Those who advocate the just say-no approach to sex are simply not being realistic. Until they and others who choose to ignore the threat posed by AIDS are able to discuss the subject rationally, the number of victims will continue to grow at an alarming pace.



"You wouldn't believe what they're advertising on television now if I TOLD YOU."

## Outcast has quite a yacht to learn

By Lewis Grizzard

It's a bit unparliamentary, but I found myself not giving a hoot who won the America's Cup, the yacht races between the United States and Australia.

It was tough feeling this way because many of my fellow citizens developed a keen interest in the event.

Just a short time ago, there were Super Bowl parties all over the country. Then, people were giving America's Cup parties and were standing around in front of television sets actually watching reruns of the races. They said things like, "What marvelous tackling," and they chanted "U.S.A. U.S.A. U.S.A." as they lifted their glasses of champagne.

Not only were the races televised, but I picked up my morning newspaper and the America's Cup was the lead story in the sports section.

I got complete coverage of a yacht race going on 8,000 miles away, but I could find not one word on the results of the wrestling matches the evening before.

Frankly, I felt like an outcast throughout the America's Cup competition. I have no idea what



Jack Anderson

## Open Forum

### Dogs frequently good neighbors

To the Editor:

We had always been able to have a dog, all of the many, many years of our married life — and prior to my marriage, one of my brothers and I would "persuade" a lonely or tired looking "stray" to accompany us two home to our brothers and our sister, to love, "romp" and show that particular dog a great deal of attention.

Moving to Manchester quite a number of years ago, we were tenants. There, dogs and cats, even children, were allowed. I didn't blame our friends, the owners and residents of the property, realizing the fear and dislike of animals, which I'm assuming was their reasoning. How I missed taking my dog for a walk, which helped me, too!

We have a variety of dogs in the section where we reside — and many cats. Now take "Zak" — he's a husky (sometimes, when he hasn't gotten into something) dog. I believe a Samoyed. And there are "Bud" and "Mick" — two sheep dogs who are a show just to watch.

I've chased "Zak" home, so he won't get hurt. I've given him cookies, which I don't do anymore, per his owner. He's quite dog-friendly, clean and inquisitive — but still a wonderful dog.

I've called the owners of a young sheepdog, who reside up the street and were frantically looking for him. I was knitting in my living room one night last year, and I heard a barking at my door. There sat this young pup. I opened the door and in she bounded. We had a great time with her. She was friendly and believed she was home. We found out through the vet tag and contacting the vet where she lived.

All this is for my neighbors. I don't condemn an animal for its owners' lack of consideration, but sometimes we are trying to sleep, especially on weekends. I'm quite aware of who you work and therefore it makes your position a "harried" beginning of your day.

Mrs. H. W. Penning  
21 Ashworth St.  
Manchester, CT 06040

### Haunted house was big success

To the Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for running an article and a photograph for the Manchester Jaycees/Bolton Volunteer Fire Department Haunted House last October. The event went well and a good time was had by all. The publicity we received through your paper was deeply appreciated by the members of both organizations.

Again, please accept our thanks for helping us to promote our Haunted House and for helping to make the show a success.

Ricky Merrill  
State Director  
Manchester Jaycees  
Lisa C. Morin  
Chairperson  
Manchester High School  
Volunteer Fire Department

### Sock n' Buskin deserves support

To the Editor:

Recently, we were searching for innovative publicity sources for the upcoming spring production of "Mame" at Manchester High School. In past years, the Manchester Herald has always been a reliable source for a publicity photo during the week of the play. This year we wanted to expand our exposure in the Herald on the afternoon of Feb. 5, our request for a review of the play was curtly denied by Adele Angle due to the fact that "The Herald" don't review high school plays.

The Manchester High School drama club, Sock n' Buskin, has always taken great pride in presenting the community with a professional performance and not a typical "high school" play. Finding this lack of support from a prime information source in Manchester has greatly dismayed and insured us, unfortunately, much of the recent publicity given to teenagers has been derogatory. It shocks us that the Herald would not take this opportunity to show positive

### Letters to the editor

Address letters to: Open Forum, Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 591, Manchester, CT 06040.

### History, Soviet-style

The Soviet's propensity to alter history to suit their ideology of the moment is well established, and probably nothing can break them of the habit. Recently, for example, the president of the Soviet Academy of Science declared in a Moscow speech that the Soviet Union in the late 1940s developed "first the atomic bomb and then, earlier than the Americans, hydrogen bombs." This is an old boast, and one that American experts don't buy. During the race for the H-bomb — in the early 1950s, actually — the Americans were first to detonate a thermonuclear device and then, some time later, a deliverable H-bomb. That's our story, and, like the Russians, we'll stick to it.

### Concerns about aggressive game

To the Editor:

I noticed the article concerning the closing of Andy's supermarket on North Main Street in Manchester. I would like to commend the concern of the owner to try and replace Andy's with another food store rather than a laser games arcade that simulates warfare.

The food store would certainly be of great service to the residents of Mayfair Gardens.

I am also concerned that the announced replacement tenant would stimulate aggressive tendencies in some of our youth. I am afraid that this may encourage and grant permission to use aggression to settle dispute, rather than learning skills of reconciliation. There is already too much of this in our community's life as well as our nation's.

I have worked with a number of people who are emotionally unstable and this will only increase that instability. All members of the community that have any way to influence such decisions should prevent this use of the facility because encouraging aggression is not in the community's best interest.

Rev. James Meek  
Community Baptist Church  
Manchester, CT

## Jack Anderson



## Ex-ambassador lavishly used fund for gifts

WASHINGTON — A government investigation of American embassy "gift funds" reveals that questionable use of the privately donated money by Ambassador Faith Ryan Whittesley in Switzerland was matched by former Ambassador Helene von Damms next door in Austria.

Both women worked in the Reagan White House before appointment to their diplomatic posts. The State Department has ended the controversial embassy funds, which were an ambassador's sometimes skimpy "representational fund" for entertainment and similar goodwill gestures. News stories last fall reported that Whittesley had dipped into her embassy fund to play hostess to some of the same American big shots who had donated to the fund.

When the stories broke, the House Foreign Operations Subcommittee, headed by Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, ordered a General Accounting Office audit of all such privately financed embassy funds. Our associate Lucretia Laguarda has seen the resulting report.

Here are some examples of the Vienna embassy's expenditures from the gift fund during the tenure of von Damms, who resigned as ambassador after marrying the owner of Vienna's famous Sacher Hotel:

In September 1985, she spent more than \$13,000 to take some 400 guests on a "friendship cruise" on the Danube River. The tab included boat rental, restaurant meals, fireworks and a photographer to record the event.

In August 1985, von Damms dipped into the embassy gift fund to buy a \$600 coat as a birthday present for Dagmar Koller, wife of Vienna's mayor. Cable traffic between the embassy and Foggy Bottom revealed an initial reluctance in Washington to approve the expenditure; it was finally OK'd after the fact.

In December 1985, von Damms played the gracious hostess to Attorney General Edwin Meese, his son and their wives, who stopped off in Vienna while on a European tour. The ambassador, who worked in the White House while Meese was presidential counselor, threw a party for the visitors. She also arranged tickets to the Vienna Opera production of "Fidelio" at a cost of \$317.28 for five tickets. The purpose of the expenditure was "to further U.S. interests," according to the embassy voucher.

Also justified by the need to promote the national interest was the purchase of 10 scallop-shaped pewter bowls from Cartier Inc. in New York at a cost of \$1,023.

Not all the embassies with gift funds spent the money on fripperies. The GAO auditors noted that the embassy in Lagos, Nigeria, which had received more than \$338,000 in donations, used the money to make badly needed improvements at a consulate, "such as retaining walls, fences and gates." In addition, the embassy donated a large chunk of the gift fund to the American International School in Lagos.

The Paris embassy also used its gift fund for such unglamorous expenses as renovating the ambassador's residence, buying a piano, reupholstering furniture, installing drapes and painting light fixtures.

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## U.S./World In Brief

### Youths indicted in racial attack

NEW YORK — Twelve young people have been indicted in connection with the racial attack in Howard Beach that led to the death of a black man, and murder is among the charges, according to news reports.

A Queens grand jury handed up the indictments Friday and their contents were sealed pending arraignment Tuesday in Queens Supreme Court, according to The New York Times and WNBC-TV.

The Times reported in its Tuesday editions that an official, who was not named, said the indictments "ran the whole gamut" of charges, including murder, but that not all 12 youths were indicted on the same charges.

WNBC-TV reported Monday night that there were three murder charges among the indictments.

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By Robert Byrd  
The Associated Press



The Rev. Hosea Williams (center) is put in a police van Monday in Cumming, Ga., after he was arrested while picketing the live broadcast of "The Oprah Winfrey Show." The talk show featured residents of the virtually all-white Forsyth County.

CUMMING, Ga. — Coretta Scott King says she's outraged by the jailing of eight civil rights activists arrested while protesting the exclusion of blacks from the audience of a nationally televised talk show.

The arrests were made Monday as the demonstrators stood along a highway near the restaurant where "The Oprah Winfrey Show" was being broadcast.

Winfrey, a black talk show hostess from Chicago, brought her program to Cumming to find out "why this community has not allowed black people to live here since 1912."

The audience was comprised of 100 residents of Forsyth County, the scene of two recent marches that protested the expulsion of blacks from the county 75 years ago.

Ordered by law officers to leave the roadside, protest leader the Rev. Hosea Williams refused, shouting, "I'm wrong, arrest me."

He and the seven others were then forcibly removed and taken to the county jail on charges of unlawful assembly.

Four were released on their recognizance, but Williams and three others said they would remain in jail to protest until the charges were dropped.

"I have committed no crime," Williams, an Atlanta City Council member, said in a statement issued by his office.

"The treatment we received from most of the arresting officers was some of the worst I have experienced in my civil rights career, especially in view of the fact we were arrested on public property while attempting to begin a totally peaceful, non-violent news conference."

In Atlanta, King said, "We, the members of the Coalition to End Fear and Intimidation in Forsyth County, have assembled to express our outrage at the unlawful arrest

of our colleague."

She said the group wants to meet with Gov. Joe Frank Harris "to seek a just resolution of the situation."

Williams helped lead a Jan. 24 civil rights demonstration that attracted about 25,000 people to Forsyth County. A week earlier, about 75 marchers were confronted by 400 Ku Klux Klan members and supporters, some of whom hurled rocks and debris.

Williams' arraignment on the misdemeanor charges is set for March 23.

"We offered him the opportunity to sign his name and leave," said Forsyth County Sheriff Wesley Walraven. "I guess he can stay here until he's arraigned and goes to court."

After the show, Winfrey said she was "very, very sorry" Williams was arrested. "I have nothing but respect for Reverend Hosea Williams," she said. "At some other time, we would like to have him on the show perhaps."

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# Coroner, alleging cover-up, says Liberace died from AIDS

INDIO, Calif. (AP) — Liberace's doctors deliberately tried to cover up the entertainer's death from AIDS by reporting that he died from heart failure, the Riverside County coroner said.

"It is my firm belief somebody along the line wanted to pull a fast one on us," Coroner Raymond Carrillo told a news conference Monday. "The original cause of death did not make sense."

Asked if he believed Liberace's doctors knew all along that the showman suffered from AIDS, Carrillo replied: "Yes, sir, I firmly believe that."

Asked if that meant doctors

covered up the cause of death, he responded: "That's a moot point. But yes, I believe that."

Dr. Ronald Daniels, a Whitier physician who signed Liberace's death certificate, had reported that the entertainer died of cardiac arrest due to heart failure brought on by acute encephalopathy, a brain inflammation.

"Encephalopathy does not cause heart disease," Carrillo said.

Daniels' failure to report the correct cause of death will be reported for possible disciplinary action to California's Board of Medical Quality Assurance, he said.

Daniels' receptionist said the doctor is declining comment.

Forest Lawn Memorial Park's similar failure to report Liberace's true cause of death also will be reported to the state board responsible for regulating mortuaries, Carrillo said. A Forest Lawn official said Monday the mortuary acted properly.

The secrecy surrounding Liberace's death contrasted with the openness of the 1985 AIDS-related death of actor Rock Hudson, whose publicist freely discussed the ailment after it was revealed in a Hollywood publication. Hudson later said he hoped the notoriety would increase public awareness of the fatal disease.

"That's all we can do," Carrillo said his office will report the autopsy results to the health department, but doesn't plan to notify any of Liberace's actual contacts of the autopsy results.

"I don't know if he had relations with anybody or not," he said, adding that he couldn't tell how long Liberace had suffered from AIDS. Sexual contact is one way of transmitting AIDS.

Liberace's New York publicist, Denise Collier, and longtime manager Seymour Heller repeatedly had denied Liberace suffered AIDS.

"We're not doctors, we're not medical examiners," Fisher said.

## Obituaries

**Howard G. Ballard**  
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He was born in Shelburne Falls, Mass., April 25, 1918, and had been a Manchester resident for 27 years; previously living in Philadelphia. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, stationed in Panama. Before he retired in 1985, he was a mechanic for the Manchester Police Department, where he worked for seven years.

He was a member of the Manchester Police Union, and the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Brian H. Ballard of Boston and Bruce D. Ballard of Philadelphia; one brother, Donald E. Ballard of Shelburne Falls, Mass.; and six nephews and eight nieces.

The funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., with burial at a later date in Northwood Cemetery, North Philadelphia. Calling hours

are Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Zion Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 112 Cooper St.

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He is survived by two daughters, Margaret J. Erickson of Manchester and Tyra E. Verdone of Glastonbury; two sons, John R. Erickson of Manchester and Mark H.P. Erickson of Enfield; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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**Paul F. Peoples Sr.**  
Paul F. Peoples Sr., 77, of 14 Thomas Drive, died Monday at Manchester Memorial Hospital after he was stricken at home. He was the husband of Dorothy (Lamkins) Peoples. The couple had been married 64 years.

He was born in Hartford and had lived in Manchester for 34 years. He was a retired salesman, having worked for Newton-Robertson Bakery of Hartford and the Gustave Fischer Co. of Hartford. He was a retired member of Teamsters Local 539. After retirement, he worked for Dial-A-Ride in Hartford.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, Paul F. Peoples Jr. of Manchester, Richard D. Peoples of East Hampton and William J. Peoples of Cheshire; three daughters, Susan Matney of Steamboat Springs, Colo., Barbara Coulou of Waterbury and Lois Daly of Windsor; a sister, Eleanor Blais of Lebanon, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two cousins.

The funeral will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 218 W. Center St. Burial will be in East Cemetery. Calling hours are Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 310 Collins St., Hartford.

**In Memoriam**  
Daniel Karlin  
February 8, 1983  
A wonderful man, missed and loved.  
Rest in peace,  
Family and Friends

# Education improvements slow, says state-by-state report card

WASHINGTON (AP) — Education Secretary William J. Bennett, releasing his annual state-by-state report card, said today that the pace of school improvement essentially held steady in 1986-87 after several years of progress.

"We have to do better. Our children deserve better," Bennett said. "We must redouble our efforts if we are to attain our goals."

It was the fourth year straight that the Education Department has produced a wall chart ranking states by college entrance test scores, graduation rates, teacher salaries, class size and other measures.

"This year, after four years of improvement, we have basically held steady," Bennett said. "In 39 of the 50 states (college entrance) test scores improved over the previous year. But the graduation rate has declined slightly. In short, some gain, a little slip."

The wall chart also ranked states on their minority and handicapped enrollments, youngsters living in poverty and other characteristics. Local states have enacted such reforms as merit pay, minimum competency tests and mechanisms to take over "academically bankrupt" schools.

Since its inception in 1984 under Bennett's predecessor, T.H. Bell, the wall chart has evoked howls of outrage over what some educators have charged was a simplistic and misleading approach to feeding the public appetite for school rankings.

FairTest, a Cambridge, Mass., advocacy group often critical of standardized tests, said Bennett's new wall chart should bear the legend: "Warning: Gross misuse of test scores dangerous to the nation's educational health."

But the wall chart also has forced state superintendents and others to search for ways to give parents, politicians, school personnel and other citizens more feedback on how schools are performing.

Several states have installed their own reporting systems, and the Council of Chief State School Officers is trying to devise a better set of statistics.

A recent report by the Center for Policy Research in Education — a joint undertaking of Rutgers University, the Rand Corp. and the University of Wisconsin-Madison — percent of the cost of the media center once it receives a schedule to correct code violations in the existing high school building.

Last April, townspeople approved spending up to \$493,000 for the media center, but the graduation approval is needed to issue bonds for the project. Townspeople will be asked to approve the bond issue in a meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m. at the Community Hall.

The state Department of Education will reimburse the town 60

## Bolton school plan goes to state

BOLTON — Plans for the Bolton High School media center will now go to the state Department of Education for approval after getting an OK Monday from the Public Building Commission.

The plans call for an addition to the south side of the high school, measuring 62 by 68 feet. The addition would accommodate the present library collection, as well as carrels for study and computer use.

The old library, which by state standards is too small, will be divided to form two classrooms.

Bolton architect Alan Wiedie, who drew up the plans, said that review by the Department of Education could take up to six weeks, although he hopes to put the project out to bid by March. The

## DEP says new Rt. 6 would improve the air

The proposed Route 6 expressway would improve air quality if it were built between Bolton, North and Windham, a state Department of Environmental Protection official said this morning.

Dr. Ragendra Jain, who oversees the issuance of air-quality permits for highway projects, said today that he will probably issue a temporary permit for the controversial expressway next week. The permit would allow the public to offer comments, and it could lead to a public hearing before a decision is made on a final permit.

Jain said that on the present two-lane Route 6, air-pollution levels are higher than they would be on the planned four-lane highway. He explained that there is more congestion and more stopping and starting on the two-lane road, and that increases the amount of air pollutants.

The proposed highway would eliminate congestion because of the additional lanes, Jain said. Overall, the air quality in the 11.8-mile corridor is good compared to other roads, such as Interstates 84 and 91, Jain said.

After the temporary permit is issued, the DEP will seek public comments. A decision on a final

## Road work could cost billions, report says

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New Haven line of the Metro-North Commuter Railroad, the report said.

The alternatives would cost about \$1.5 billion and are feasible only if more people can be enticed into driving to work together or commuting by train, the report said.

"These are not recommendations," state Transportation Commissioner J. William Burns said. "These are various ways in which the traffic problems can be dealt with."

"Obviously widening the turnpike by three lanes in each direction is not realistic, practical or probable," Burns said. "But that identifies the magnitude of the traffic problem we are facing."

For the alternatives to work, the occupancy rate for cars on the turnpike needs to be increased from 1.2 to 1.5 per vehicle, the report said.

The number of people commuting by train also needs to be more than doubled, the report said. Currently, only six percent of those who could

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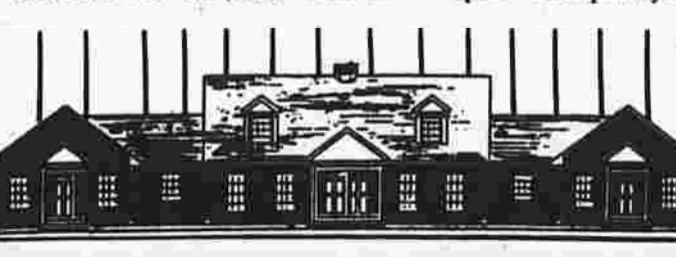


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# FOCUS



University of Connecticut Chamber Singers sing to the audience during the Renaissance Feste of Saint Valentine.

## Feast on the Renaissance UConn evening helps you forget the 20th century

By Nancy Pappas  
Herald Reporter

STORRS — At 8:20 p.m., you're standing firmly in the 20th century, buying a carafe of red wine in a faculty lounge. But in the next 10 minutes, you will travel back in time 400 years to England's Elizabethan era.

You will be ushered into a banquet hall where you will dine on a joint of beef, hear Elizabeth herself, along with her beloved, if somewhat bumbling, King Jeffrey.

What? Queen Elizabeth was secretly wed? Perhaps not in the days of yore. But in the 17th annual Renaissance Feste at the University of Connecticut's Faculty Alumni Center, Queen Elizabeth Bain, a 21-year-old student from Andover, is married to King Jeffrey Cruiger of Wiltou.



Elizabeth Bain of Andover, who plays the queen of the Royal University of Storrs, begins to eat her festival supper.

THEY ARE TWO of more than 80 students who are pooling their talents to put on this year's Renaissance feast and Elizabethan dinner. Singers, jugglers, a puppeteer and a magician who has been conjuring since the age of 9 all collaborate with the culinary staff of the Faculty Alumni Center to create a memorable evening.

The production is primarily a vehicle to showcase the talents of the university's Chamber Singers, 16 vocalists chosen from among the 56 members of the University Concert Choir. As conceived some 18 years ago by Dr. John Foellein, then director of vocal music at UConn, the evening includes humor (some of it rather bawdy), hearty food, gorgeous costumes and a great deal of music.

During the evening, the Chamber Singers present about 25 elaborately harmonized numbers from the 16th century, most of them done without accompaniment. When the singers rest, there are two instrumental groups — a brass quintet and the Storrs Collegium Musicum — which provide music of the period.

Catherine Birch bemoans the sad fate of her lover, John Drury, in a comic scene from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."



Alex Ortiz, a court jester, entertains the king and queen with a bit of juggling. He concentrated on acrobatic tricks while his partner, Patrick Dowling, made most of the outrageous comments.

WHEN DR. PETER BAGLEY took over as the university's choral music director three years ago, he changed both the time and the place of the event. He moved the festival from the weeks preceding Christmas to those just before Valentine's Day, to ease students' exam-time workload. And he shifted the event from the school's Student Union to the Faculty Alumni Center to provide a warmer atmosphere, and better, hotter food.

The dinners had formerly been catered, and the food was trucked in, said Megan Friar, a graduate student who was this year's producer. Now the Faculty Alumni Center staff can pull the roast beef and Yorkshire pudding from the oven just a few minutes before it's served.

While the food is served by "wenches and pages" — all members of the Concert Choir — magician Michael Moran makes the rounds among the tables, performing tricks with invisible decks of cards and scarves which change color. As the plates from the main course are cleared, the "nobles" come down from their raised dining table and sing table-side serenades to the guests.

IN KEEPING with the Valentine theme, many tunes are love songs. However, a few numbers have absolutely nothing to do with the season. One of these is "The Banquet Fugue," a recent piece done in a Renaissance style by John Rutter. The singers somehow kept straight faces, as they enunciated words like, "Guzzle, guzzle, gobble, gobble, pass the salt, pass the salt..." Some singers used considerable talent as mimes to illustrate the indignity they were claiming to be feeling. It's not easy to chuckle and eat roast beef at the same time, the audience discovered.

The Renaissance Feste of Saint Valentine continues in the Faculty Alumni Center, Thursday through Saturday. Cocktail hour begins at 5 p.m., the performance and dinner start at 6:30. Telephone reservations accepted. 486-2284.

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Advice
Girl serious about love still plays behind parents' backs

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 years old and have been having a serious love relationship with a 21-year-old guy who is in the military. We met four months ago and see each other four times a week. I feel very guilty because the time we spend together is kept from my parents. I have to make up for when I'm going out with him. All my friends know about him and have helped us to sneak around.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR MRS.: If a group of your parents, if he's as wonderful as you say he is, he will quit sneaking around and look them in the eye. If he's not, maybe he's not as wonderful as you think he is. I think about it.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been told I have cervical ribs. What does this mean?
DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 21 and used to have severe acne. I treated myself with a high dose of vitamin A (100,000 units daily) and cleared it up. I'm now down to 6,000 units a day, but am a bit concerned about the stories I hear of kidney and liver damage caused by vitamin A overdose. I've had kidney infections for years. Is this amount harmful to me and if I discontinue it, will the acne reappear?

DEAR DR. GOTT: A few years ago I had an artificial knee put in. A slight accident two years ago required corrective surgery to the knee, during which I developed a severe staph infection. I ended up having to have the knee removed and a bone fusion with a 1/2-inch rod inserted from my hip to my ankle. My doctor claims that eventually I can get the knee back and have the rod removed. Is he just saying this to cheer me up? I still have the staph infection.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Artificial joints can be a focus of infection that is difficult to clear up. The synthetic material of the new joint is hard to sterilize after it has been implanted; it may act as a foreign body, much as a splinter does. Your doctor is correct in saying that you will improve - but only if the infection can be eradicated, and the supporting rod can be removed.

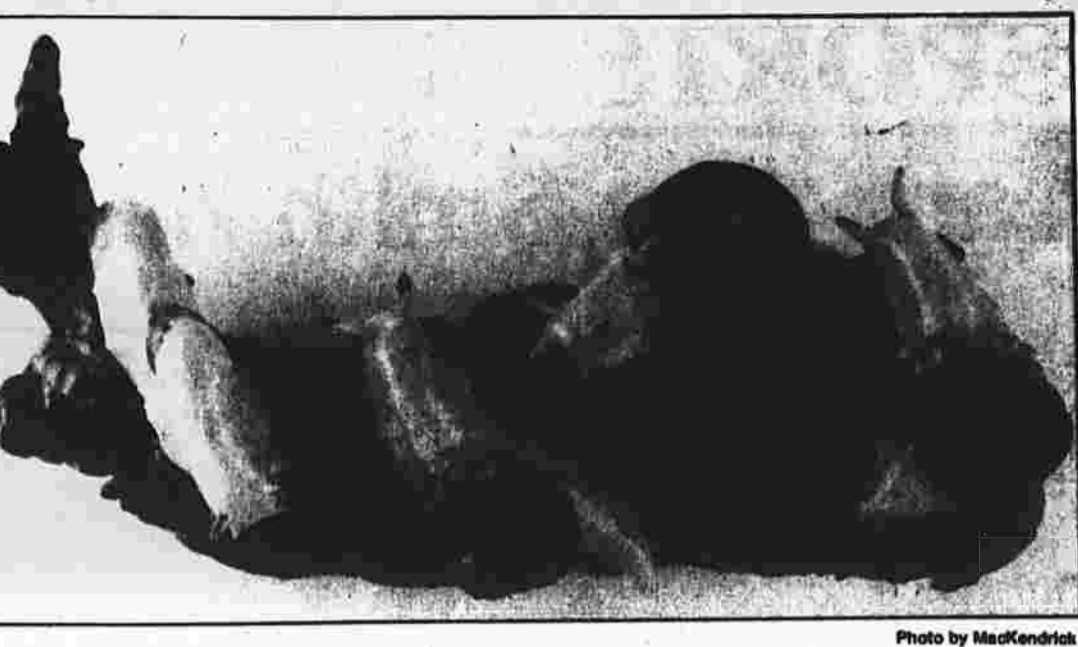
DEAR POLLY: Honey fits in a salt-free diet. Honey has approximately 1 milligram of sodium. This is a very insignificant amount and should be safe for anyone on a controlled sodium diet. Sugar and molasses are also insignificant sweeteners or sodium, as are artificial sweeteners. Of course, honey and sugar products have their own dietary pitfalls, but that is the answer to a different question!

DEAR POLLY: Have a dirty thought that's too large for you washer? Take it to the do-it-yourself car wash and use that magic wand on it. But be prepared: take a container to carry it home in, as you will need to dry it by spreading it out over boxes or a basket to leave it until it won't fade or in the shade (if it will).

DEAR POLLY: When my son was small, I was always saying, "Zip up your pants!" I got the same answer every time: "Mommy, I can't!" I discovered that if I ran a pencil up and down the zipper tracks the zipper worked more easily and he was able to zip his pants perfectly. No more unzipped pants!

Manchester Yesterdays
Ah, those great winters

By Douglas A. Johnson Sr.
My grandkids were down here alding on their new-fangled snow tubes recently. They made me nostalgic for Manchester of the 1850s.
Don't let the oldtimers kid you. The winter of '86 and '87 is just as terrific as ours were years ago. My grandmother, Emma Gull, described the Blizzard of 1888 in detail to me many times. She worked at Cheney Mills during the '80s big one.



These snails resting on a piece of bark are made from stoneware clay by Sharon Turner of 48 Lockwood St. She made them in a high-school pottery class. Other works by Turner have been sold. She prefers to keep this one as a remembrance of high school.



MR. AND MRS. CLEMENT FANTOM married 50 years

Fantoms note anniversary
Clement Fantom and Dolores (Vaillant) Fantom of 58 Birch St. recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.
The Fantoms are longtime members of St. James Church. A mass was said in their honor on Friday.
In addition, a surprise gathering of friends and relatives took place Saturday at the Knights of Columbus Lodge in East Hartford. The Fantoms were presented with a gift certificate for a "honeymoon" of their choice by their children.
The couple was married Feb. 6, 1937, at St. Bridget Church. The bride was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. and Mrs. Stanley P. Peterski of Sebring, Fla. He is a 1968 graduate of Windsor High School.

Service Notes

- Raised to master sergeant
Phillip S. Peterski, husband of the former Mary Philbrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Philbrick of Standish Road, Coventry, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of master sergeant.
Peterski is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley P. Peterski of Sebring, Fla. He is a 1968 graduate of Windsor High School.
Arrives for duty in Germany
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About Town

- Ski trips planned
The Manchester Recreation Department is sponsoring ski trips to Ski Sunday on Feb. 16, 19, 27 and March 11, for the cost, and registration information, call 647-3889.
WATES to meet
Manchester WATES will meet tonight in Orange Hall for a brief business meeting and a Valentine exchange. A training session for lay persons who wish to act as registrars, runners, escorts, observers or refreshment area workers will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 24.
A course for those with a medical background will be offered at the same time. Nurses, doctors, dentists, medical and nursing students, medical technologists and optometrists are encouraged to attend. Both of these courses will be held at the Greater Hartford Red Cross Chapter, 209 Farmington Ave., Farmington. Those interested in any of the volunteer training classes may call 648-5111 for information.
Smokers' classes today
Manchester Memorial Hospital is having two introductory stop-smoking classes today, at 4:30 p.m. in conference rooms B and C, and at 7:30 p.m. in the H. Louise Ruddell Auditorium. These are free classes, given in cooperation with the Stop Smoking Clinic's program and philosophy. The clinic is a non-profit community service. Participants meet twice weekly for one month with trained former smokers.
Blood pressure checked
There will be a blood pressure clinic on Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Senior Citizens' Center, 549 E. Middle Turnpike, for those whose last names begin with the letters L through Z. A similar clinic will be held in the community room of Spencer Village, Pascal Lane, on Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m.
Exercise classes will be conducted at the senior center on Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. There will be no class on Monday, because of the Washington's Birthday holiday.
Art workshop planned
The Manchester Art Association will have a members-only workshop on Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at First Federal Savings and Loan Association, West Middle Turnpike.
Tom Marvin will instruct members on how to stencil and pierce a scalloped lampshade.

Cervical rib can be too big

Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.
acoustic injury. People with tinnitus should have a thorough examination by an ear, nose and throat specialist to make sure that a more serious and correctable cause is not present.



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DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 21 and used to have severe acne. I treated myself with a high dose of vitamin A (100,000 units daily) and cleared it up. I'm now down to 6,000 units a day, but am a bit concerned about the stories I hear of kidney and liver damage caused by vitamin A overdose. I've had kidney infections for years. Is this amount harmful to me and if I discontinue it, will the acne reappear?

DEAR POLLY: Honey fits in a salt-free diet. Honey has approximately 1 milligram of sodium. This is a very insignificant amount and should be safe for anyone on a controlled sodium diet. Sugar and molasses are also insignificant sweeteners or sodium, as are artificial sweeteners. Of course, honey and sugar products have their own dietary pitfalls, but that is the answer to a different question!

DEAR POLLY: Have a dirty thought that's too large for you washer? Take it to the do-it-yourself car wash and use that magic wand on it. But be prepared: take a container to carry it home in, as you will need to dry it by spreading it out over boxes or a basket to leave it until it won't fade or in the shade (if it will).

DEAR POLLY: When my son was small, I was always saying, "Zip up your pants!" I got the same answer every time: "Mommy, I can't!" I discovered that if I ran a pencil up and down the zipper tracks the zipper worked more easily and he was able to zip his pants perfectly. No more unzipped pants!

Snail ceramic creation has a remarkable lifelike quality

Wildlife and a breath of spring. These are not the garden slugs that zero in on your best tomatoes every year. A second glance will reveal that they are perfectly respectable snails reposing on a piece of bark as they contemplate their day of balancing nature.
A quick word to the squeamish: They are not real and yucky but instead are a ceramic creation made in a high-school pottery class by Sharon Turner of 48 Lockwood St.
The whole thing, even the seemingly translucent beetle-bodies, was made from stoneware clay (as opposed to natural clay, china, blue ball, fireclay or bentonite). It was shaped, tooled, then fired at 2,600 degrees for six or seven hours. Later it was treated with different colored glazes and again fired. It is remarkably lifelike. One observer said the creatures seem to move if you keep looking, but it is not Sharon's favorite work. There are three that come ahead of it: a serpent climbing a tree, another serpent coiled to strike, and a resting horse.
Sharon has sold sculptures in the past. One was a harbor seal done to order, but she wouldn't part with any of these because they are school-day souvenirs.
Local arts and crafts should be taken seriously by collectors. This is the gist of an article in the Antiques Trader magazine by Elise Somner, author of "How to Make Money in the Antiques and Collectibles Business." The Trader story is entitled "Contemporary Crafts. ...

Collectors' Corner

Should You Buy Tomorrow's Antiques Today? Ms. Somner feels that we may be in a golden era of ground-floor collecting, and refers to the chortling of lucky persons the knows who bought stuff in 1970 from the then-unknown artists.
At antiquarian book fairs, it is traditional that most sales are made to other dealers. It is much the same at a craft show. Artists are the buyers most likely to appreciate a newcomer's production.
Sharon Turner does not have access to a ceramics studio at the moment, but she plans to set up a pottery class in the near future.
Tonight, Manchester Philatelic Society will meet at the Center Congregational Church, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Visiting who-well-known collectors.
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Rasa MacKendrick is a Manchester resident who is an authority on collectibles.

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A \$100,000 check representing the initial contribution of seed money for the creation of the Greater Hartford Automobile Dealers Association Foundation is presented by GHADA Treasurer Mark Mitchell to association President Todd W. Hoffman. With them are Diane Lipman, foundation committee member, and C. Bowie Thomas, GHADA vice president.

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### GHADA starts foundation

The Greater Hartford Automobile Dealers Association (GHADA) has approved the establishment of a GHADA Foundation to provide special funding for arts and cultural programs and for the needy and homeless in the Greater Hartford area, as recently announced by its President, Todd W. Hoffman. "In this age of less federal funding for the arts and needy, it's more important to support these causes and help close the gap. We are raising the challenge to other business and professional associations to join in and support these very important ideas," said Todd W. Hoffman, president.

These are only a few samples of the kinds of projects which the Greater Hartford Automobile Dealers Association Foundation might fund. GHADA President, Todd W. Hoffman, stressed "This is an extremely exciting program. We're working hard to raise funds for these community service programs. Our dealers are substantial supporters of civic and charitable activities in their own communities and will continue their individual support. In addition, as one Foundation voice, we will have a greater impact and pride of it. On the local association scene, we think we're one of the first kinds on the block to put together a charitable Foundation of this type and hope other local associations will follow."

"We want the public to know that, as a group of automobile dealers, we are committed to enhancing the quality of life in Greater Hartford," continued Hoffman. As women continue to play a larger role in purchasing and maintenance decision-making, many automotive product companies are adjusting their male-oriented marketing strategies to make room for the growing number of female consumers. This also includes the do-it-yourself market, where women are becoming more responsible for the maintenance and repair of their automobiles.

### Turbos hit 60 in 4.2 seconds

In a growing "performance" segment of the automobile market, muscular new cars are running up impressive scores with the help of high-tech components and advanced automotive products like heat-resistant synthetic engine oil. A twin-turbocharger addition to a 1987 production model Corvete enables it to zoom from zero to 60 miles per hour in 4.2 seconds, go a quarter mile in 13.2 seconds and hit top speeds of 177.98 mph. You can buy this fastest U.S. production car from selected Chevrolet dealers at prices starting around \$31,000, including \$19,995 for the package of twin turbos and other performance goodies from Callaway Engineering, a nine-year-old high-tech firm at Old Lyme, Conn.

At Whittier, Calif., Shelby Automobiles, Inc., has on line its third performance modification of Dodge models, the Shelby Lancer, designed to out-perform European sedans selling for twice as much. These Callaway and Shelby cars all use performance-enhancing synthetic Mobil 1 engine oil as initial factory fill and recommend it for the life of the car. The Callaway-modified Corvete is listed as model RPO (for "regular production option") B2K in the 1987 Chevrolet catalog of General Motors, which retained Callaway to install its performance package. Of course, you can't legally drive 178 mph to your suburban shopping mall; but "this is a car for motorists who want the fastest, best-handling, best-braking car they can buy," says Reeves Callaway, 38, president, born at Bryn Mawr, Pa., B. A. Amherst college and retired race driver (when he was 26).

In addition to twin turbos, one for each bank of the V8 engine, Callaway components include an intercooling system to increase density of the pressurized air charge to the engine (the turbos can hike manifold pressure to 52 inches of mercury from the atmospheric 30). Callaway's computerized auxiliary Microfueler 11 fuel-injection system steps up fuel feed in keeping with turbo output. Callaway says Mobil synthetic lubricants are recommended in the car-

### Auto market targets females

Women, representing two of every five drivers on the road, are fast becoming a significant force in the automotive market. Not only do women make 30 percent of all domestic new car purchases, but they also are taking on more responsibility for the maintenance and repair of their automobiles.

According to the Newspaper Advertising Bureau (NAB), 39 percent of all maintenance or repair decisions are made by women. Interestingly, women also are more likely to service their cars more regularly than men. Fifty-nine percent of women responsible for car maintenance have their cars checked at regular intervals, as opposed to 41 percent of the men.

switch brands of oil based on the cleaner packaging design," says Philip Petraglia, manager of the company's marketing services. In addition to more attractive packaging design, Quaker State, along with many of the automakers, now targets both males and females in the development of its advertising. But while the number of female drivers is growing, not surprisingly women still are less likely to do maintenance tasks themselves than men, instead preferring to rely on others to perform the service. "According to our research, there's a good number of women, as well as a growing number of men, who prefer to have others perform their routine service needs," says Petraglia.

### Show has autos and autographs

By Jackie Cooley  
GHADA Staff

If you want to see all the latest in automotive design, technology and products, where do you go? To the Connecticut International Auto Show! Every November, the Connecticut International Auto Show rolls into the Civic Center. Sponsored by the Greater Hartford Automobile Dealers Association, it allows the public to view all new car models in one location, highlighting the latest, most up-to-date models. Many a show-goer is not only impressed by the new cars, but also by the strong line-up of stars that visit the show throughout the weekend. Here's a recap of what happened at 1987 show and hints of things to come for the 1988 show this November.

The Charity Night Party/Auto Show Preview (Nov. 20) was damped by a bad ice storm, but the weather didn't prevent GHADA dealers from contributing a total of \$7,000 to the Greater Connecticut Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Jim Rice, Boston Red Sox left fielder, arrived Friday night (Nov. 21). First item on the agenda — a live interview with WFSB sports anchor, Bill Patrick. Next, a live interview with Arnold Dean of WTIC-AM, and then back to the show to sign autographs. Many a Whaler fan stopped by before the game to get an autograph from Jim Rice (by the way, the Whalers won that game against St. Louis).

Saturday (Nov. 22) was a busy day with Jim Rice signing more autographs until 5:00 and at 7:00 we welcomed Yankees, Mike Pagliarulo and Dan Pasqua. If we use the length of the autograph line as a measure of popularity, then there are definitely more Yankee fans in Hartford than there are Red Sox fans... and... Many faithful Whalers fans showed up to greet Ron Francis, Mike Liut and Dave Tippett on Sunday. Also on Sunday, Lisa Brown and Frank Rynowson ("Viva Snyder" and "Steve Anderson") from "As the World Turns" signed autographs and acted out soap opera skits with WTIC-FM's Gary Craig. On both Saturday and Sunday, Big D-103 FM (WDRS) broadcast live from the show and KISS personalities like Kathy Fox, Curt Monday and Scott McKay helped strap down dog show-goers into "The Convincer," a machine that simulates a traffic accident and how safety belts help protect against injury.

A total of 50,000 people attending the show over a three day period. All in all, a very good show, indeed! Things to come at the 1988 show this November... well, count on seeing some familiar Whalers' faces... baseball fans will not be disappointed... and neither will viewers of prime-time TV, and, of course, we will see the latest in automotive design, technology and products for 1988.



Plans for the next Connecticut International Auto Show, scheduled Nov. 20 to 22, are already under way, and planners are aiming to beat last year's attendance of 50,000. Show officials are, from left, Bradley Hoffman, auto show chairman;

Rachel Grody; Mark Mitchell, GHADA secretary-treasurer; and C. Bowie Thomas, association vice president. Not shown are Jim Sinclair, show vice chairman, and Diane Lipman, charity preview night chairwoman.

### Just what is GHADA?

The Greater Hartford Automobile Dealers Association (GHADA) is a group of 78 dealer members and 48 associate members who are committed to serving the needs of their respective communities. Drawing its members from Hartford metro/central Connecticut area, GHADA is the country's oldest local dealer's association.

Dealers work together on projects like the Annual Hartford Two-Mile Race (proceeds for 1986 benefitted the Hartford Symphony Orchestra) and the "Charity Night Party/Auto Show Preview" which raises thousands of dollars for a local charity (proceeds for 1986 benefitted the Greater Conn. Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society).

As a group, these dealers meet monthly to examine the constantly changing needs of the consumer and the automobile industry. They discuss the latest in automotive design, technology, products and services and apply this knowledge to their individual business practices. They learn what's new, what current consumer demands are and are able to project their needs for the future.

Why buy a car from a GHADA dealer? Because these dealers are pledged to a code of business ethics for honesty and integrity in service and merchandise offered. The GHADA Code of Ethics commits dealers to desirable standards in advertising and business transactions. They support the efforts of the State Department of Consumer Protection to enforce acceptable standards for the advertising and sale of motor vehicles.

Membership in GHADA indicates the dealer's readiness to measure up to their responsibilities to the community and the consumer. Its membership deal is a symbol that more and more consumers are looking for when shopping for a new or used car. It is a symbol that represents 78 years of community service.



GHADA scholarship winner Susan Austin, a student at New England College, is congratulated by Raymond A. Jansen of The Hartford Courant. At left is Sam Chorchos, GHADA scholarship awards chairman. Jansen and Chorchos, along with Perry Ury of WTIC radio, determined the winners of the seven \$750 GHADA scholarships.

### Auto dealers award 2 more scholarships

The Greater Hartford Automobile Dealers Association awarded two additional scholarships this year to children of dealership employees, increasing the number of scholarship recipients to seven, according to GHADA Scholarship Chairman, Sam Chorchos.

Each student has been awarded a \$750 scholarship to be used toward tuition, fees, the purchase of books, equipment or other school supplies at any college, technical or specialized post-secondary school.

Raymond A. Jansen Jr., senior vice president and general manager, The Hartford Courant, Perry Ury, president of WTIC Radio and Sam Chorchos, GHADA Scholarship chairman, judged the applicants according to academic achievements and an extra curricular activity. Only children of employees of member dealerships of the GHADA are eligible to apply.

The GHADA also sponsors a \$1,000 Annual Scholarship to the University of Hartford. This year the scholarship award winner was Owen Le who is a senior accounting major. Any student attending the University of Hartford is eligible.

Todd Hoffman, GHADA president, noted that GHADA's sponsorship of these scholarship programs is a vital part of its community service activity. Over a period of 11 years, GHADA has awarded over \$50,000 in scholarship money to students at various colleges and institutions of higher learning.

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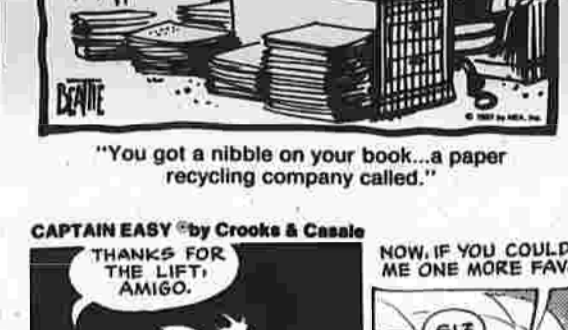
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EMPLOYERS BEGIN TO RECOGNIZE CHILD CARE CAN KEEP WORKERS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Families that have struggled to arrange child care while both parents work may find things easier in the future, as employers begin to recognize the need for benefit programs to keep skilled employees on the job.

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Jerry Hayes of Axlon demonstrates Tech Force, part of a new generation of electronic toys designed to be used by children as they watch specific cartoon shows on television.

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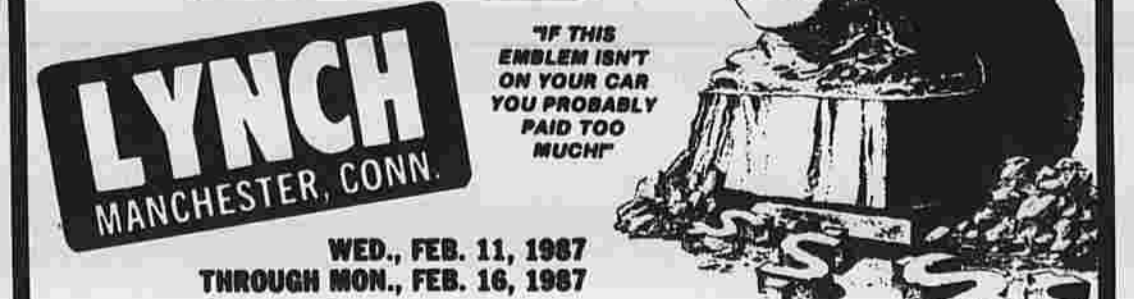
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## BUSINESS

### New W-4 form causes anxiety

**QUESTION:** My employer has passed out the new and more complicated W-4 forms for income tax withholding. Besides my salary, I have about \$12,000 in dividend and interest income annually. I would like to have additional tax withheld from my paychecks, to cover the tax on dividends and interest.

**ANSWER:** It's relatively easy to learn your 1986 federal income tax bracket. Fill out your 1986 return, at least as far as the "Taxable income" line. That's line 37 on Form 1040, line 19 on short Form 1040A and line seven on supershort Form 1040A.

**QUESTION:** I keep reading and hearing about federal income tax "brackets" and that the number of brackets will be reduced as a result of the new tax law. I have absolutely no idea what bracket I was in for 1986 or will be in this year. How can I find out?

**ANSWER:** You can accomplish what you have in mind. By doing so, you won't have to send the Internal Revenue Service estimated quarterly payments.

**QUESTION:** I have to say, however, you would be foolish to do so.

**ANSWER:** Stop fretting. Rounding off to whole numbers is not only permissible, but is encouraged by the IRS.

**QUESTION:** A retired friend prepared our tax returns. He does not use fractions. Instead, he uses full numbers. For example, on a stock sale, he lists 23% as 24 and 41% as 41. Is this permitted? It has some of us "gray beards" worried.

**ANSWER:** The 1940 instruction booklet explains: "You may round off cents to the nearest whole dollar on your return and schedules. But, if you do round off, do so for all amounts. You can drop amounts under 50 cents. Increased amounts from 50 to 99 cents to the next dollar. For example, \$1.39 becomes \$1 and \$2.50 becomes \$3."



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William A. Doyle

meet your total tax liability — on salary and other income.

I would be far wiser to pay in quarterly installments the tax due on dividends, interest and other income from which there is no withholding. That way, you would have the use of the money longer, rather than having some of it sent to Uncle Sam each week. Anyone who will owe the IRS \$500 or more, after withholding, is required to make quarterly estimated payments.

Then, turn to the tax rate schedules in the Form 1040 instruction booklet. Depending on your filing status, match your taxable income with one of the 15 tax brackets — ranging from 11 to 50 percent — listed there.

For 1987, get a copy of Form 1040-ES from any IRS office and fill out the worksheet it contains, at least as far as line five. That will tell

With that information in hand, you can fill out your W-4. On that form's line 5, "Additional amount, if any, you want deducted from each pay," put down a dollar amount sufficient to cover the income tax on your dividends and interest. Step 4 on Page 2 of the W-4 instructions might or might not help you make your calculation.

You're so right about the new W-4 being "much more complicated."

That form is sending sensible people up the wall and into the arms of professional tax-preparers. The complexity of the new W-4 has created such an uproar that Treasury Secretary James Baker has asked the IRS to revise and simplify that form.

The major thrust of the new W-4 is to have the tax withheld from each employed person's paycheck match the tax liability on his or her salary. By arranging to have a larger amount withheld, you can

### GTE earns \$268 million in quarter

**STAMFORD (AP) — GTE Corp., despite continued losses from its long-distance telephone venture, earned \$268 million, or 79 cents a share, during the 1986 fourth quarter.**

The earnings per share reported Monday reflected a three-for-two split payable to shareholders of record on Jan. 14.

The fourth-quarter net income compared to a \$1 billion loss, of \$3.27 a share, reported during the same period in 1985. The 1985 loss resulted from a non-recurring after-tax business repositioning charge of \$1.3 billion. Those charges relate to the formation of the US Sprint joint venture with United Telecommunications Inc. and the repositioning of the communications system following a joint venture with Siemens AG.

Sprint is GTE's long-distance telephone service operation.

The 1986 Tax Reform Act reduced the Stamford-based corporation's earnings by \$14 million, or 4 cents a share, the company reported. The loss primarily resulted from the retroactive repeal of investment tax credits.

For the full year, GTE earned \$1.2 billion, or \$3.58 a share, compared to a \$181 million loss, or 63 cents a share, in 1985.

"Overall, GTE's results for the year were positive, even in a sluggish economy."

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### Government workers get bigger pay hikes

**WASHINGTON (AP) — Employees of state and local governments covered by union contracts negotiated last year received nearly double the pay increases of workers in private industry, government figures show.**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said in data released Monday that the average annual pay increase in 1986 contracts negotiated by unions representing state, county and city workers was 5.7 percent.

That compares with an average wage increase of 3.5 percent under contracts negotiated last year.

Most federal workers, including those in the military, received a 3 percent pay increase

Jan. 1 after wages were frozen for white-collar federal employees in 1986. Postal workers got a union-negotiated 3.5 percent increase last year.

State and local government employees had received first-year pay boosts averaging 4.6 percent under contracts negotiated in 1985, contrasted with a 4.4 percent average wage increase that year for all American workers.

About 4.5 million of the 14 million employees of state and local governments nationwide are represented by unions. Of the 4.5 million, only 39 percent were involved in contracts negotiated last year.

Contracts expire in 1987 for about 36 percent of the unrepresented state and local government workers covered under the major agreements.

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Members of the yearbook class gather for their HSW picture prior to another day's work on deadlines for the coming publication.

## Video gives college test tips

Standardized tests. Do you feel butterflies in your stomach just thinking about them? Most of us do whether we admit it or not. Tests are something we all have to face at one time or another, whether they are achievement tests for placement or aptitude tests for evaluation.

There are many myths about what such tests measure. Some feel that they only show your capabilities, while others feel you only have to catch on to the "tricks" of the system in order to score well. In reality, the ETS (Educational Testing Service) admissions tests are a reflection of the mathematical and verbal skills and abilities developed by an individual over a period of years through learning experiences both in and out of school.

Therefore, you cannot "cram" before taking the test and expect to measurably improve your score, but you can prepare in advance to be sure that you get your best results.

ETS, the people who have developed many of these tests for students and adults, want to ensure that you do as well as you possibly can when facing any standardized test. That is why they have joined with COLLEGE U.S.A. to produce "ON YOUR OWN," a videotape which will assist you to this end.

The production is 26 minutes long, but because of the videotape technology, you can choose only those areas where you think you need help. The video has chapters with each one answering questions like, "Should I guess?" "How can I improve my verbal and math skills?" and "How can I prepare for the test?"

The disc even has typical questions you can review. You don't need to buy a book; you don't have to pick your way through boring paragraphs; you don't have to write anything down. It's a video! Just press the button, watch and listen. It's easy!

You can use the disc by yourself — no instructor is necessary — so you can review at your own pace, any time you want and on only the topics you want to cover.

Just watching the video will make you more familiar with the format of the test. When you are familiar with something, you are bound to be more comfortable. So when you sit down at a desk with a blank computerized answer sheet staring you in the face and your amber two pencil in hand, you can relax, knowing you are prepared, and that confidence alone will help you do the best you possibly can on the test.

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## School yearbook involves classwork

SOMANHS, the MHS yearbook, dates back to the time when the high school was located in south Manchester. Many students don't realize that the organization is more than a club. It is now a class that meets every day during the first semester.

Members tend to get involved with all school activities. Photographers and writers work to record history in the making.

This year's staff has shown a remarkable amount of school spirit. For example, the 1987 picture of students in the quadrangle featured earlier in High School World was organized by the yearbook staff. Yearbook sales have set a new MHS record and a limited number will be available for a final sale in March.

Marilyn DellaRocca, editor of the senior section, said of her experience this year, "I'm really proud to be part of this group. We have a very good staff with a lot of enthusiasm and energy."

## Process begins

Manchester High School will be evaluated by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in 1988. During this semester the start-up activities for the evaluation process will begin.

The following people have been appointed to the Steering Committee that will oversee the entire evaluation process: Lee Hay, chairman; Joel Chaisson, assistant chairman; Paul DesRosiers; Lorena Duttelle; Helen Jette; Barbara Quinby; and Wilda Wynn.

The Steering Committee will be charged with the appointment of all other committees. It will review committee reports and determine whether or not those reports should be brought to the faculty at large for its approval.

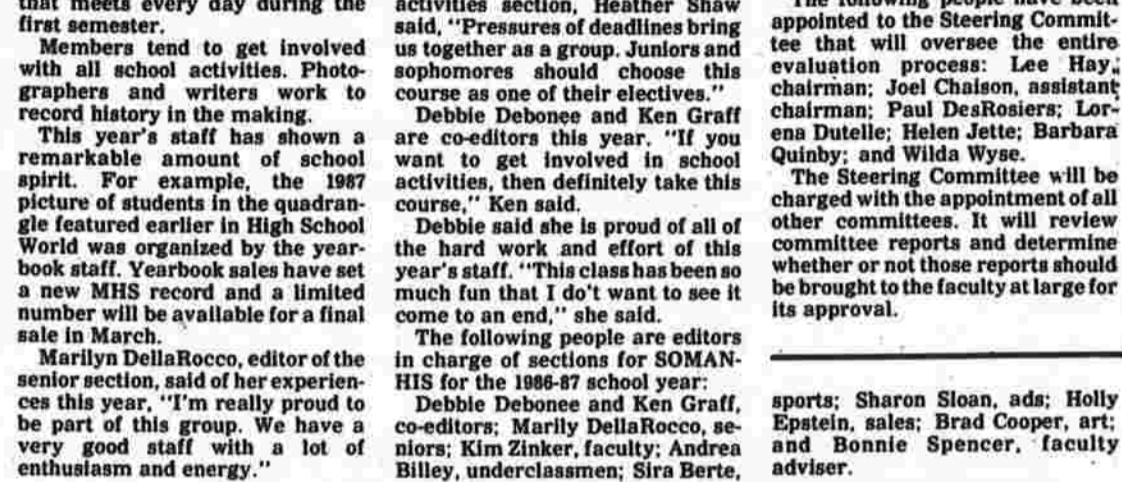


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Two MHS teachers and one MHS student have been selected to attend the highly selective Connecticut Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at Wesleyan University on March 9 and 10. The participants are Mrs. Judy Libby, science teacher; Mr. Bill Howie, English teacher; and Chae Yi, an MHS senior.

The symposium, sponsored by the U.S. Army Research Office in Durham, N.C., and the Academy of Applied Science, supported by United Technologies Corp. at Wesleyan University, brings high school students and teachers from all over the state of Connecticut together for two days of intensive communications.

Students and teachers will be lodged in the university as guests of J.S.H.S.

Janet Cooke will be a banquet speaker on Monday evening. The title of her address will be "A Measure of Beauty: Mathematics in Art/Art in Mathematics." She will be available after her address for informal showing of a nine-minute film, and for a discussion of the book, "Flatland," by Edwin A. Abbott.

## Tom Lyon is active in school

The senior student profile for this issue of High School World is Thomas D. Lyon. Tom attended Highland Park Elementary School and then went to Bennett Junior High School, and finally to MHS. In his three years here he has been a participating member of many school-sponsored activities.

Tom has been on both the cross country and indoor track teams, and has also run for the track and field team. He is president of the American Field Elementary branch at Manchester High, and has also participated in the activities of the Current Affairs Club.

Tom's future plans include attending an institution of higher education for four years, and touring the world as a member of a local rock band he belongs to.

Tom's band is called the "Schwas." A schwa is symbolized by an upside down and inverted small letter "e" and represents the phonetic interpretation of certain English vowel sounds. An example of the "schwa" sound is the vowel sound in the word "about" which would be phonetically represented with a schwa where the "o" is. A schwa also is a symbol used to indicate the vowel sound in a large syllable.

In any case, the band has four talented musicians who greatly enjoy playing together.

Besides Tom, who plays the drums, the other members are also Manchester High School students and are Ray Memery who plays electric guitar, Bobby Prytko who is the band's bassist, and Seth West, who does the vocals for the group. The Schwas have a unique sound, but are skillful enough to cater to anyone's particular musical tastes. They have informed the High School World office that they are available for all formal or informal social gatherings. People interested in contacting the band may do so by informing the High School World at Manchester High.

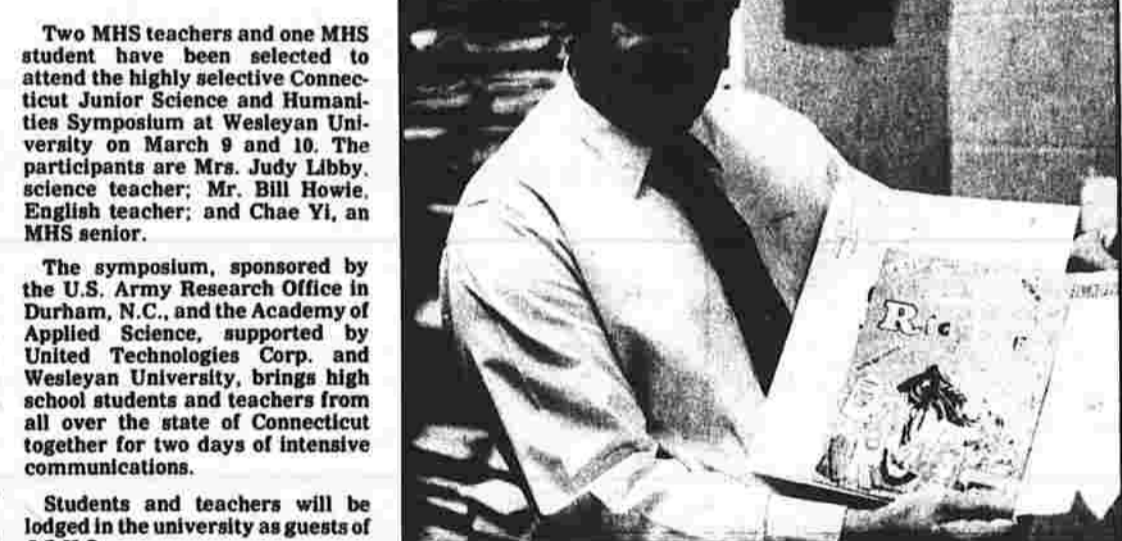
The editors of the paper would like to thank Tom Lyon for providing the information for this article, and wish him and the other members of the group continued success.



Tom Lyon changing clothes.

Picture above (left to right) are Bill Howie, Judy Libby and Chae Yi. All are participants in a symposium to be held at Wesleyan University, March 9 and 10, 1987.

## People selected



Mr. Ken Krivanec, MHS science teacher and Conservation Commission member, holds up one of many posters made by students. The project was designed to help promote interest in Manchester's waste recycling program.

## Scholarships available for several young journalists

In an effort to open educational opportunities abroad to more young Americans, OPEN DOOR Student Exchange will offer a growing variety of scholarship programs this year.

Young high school journalists and writers may apply for the OPEN DOOR "Foreign Correspondent Program," to take place in five Latin American countries during the summer of 1987. Up to 20 partial scholarship subsidies will be awarded to young journalists who will act as foreign correspondents for their local high school and community newspapers.

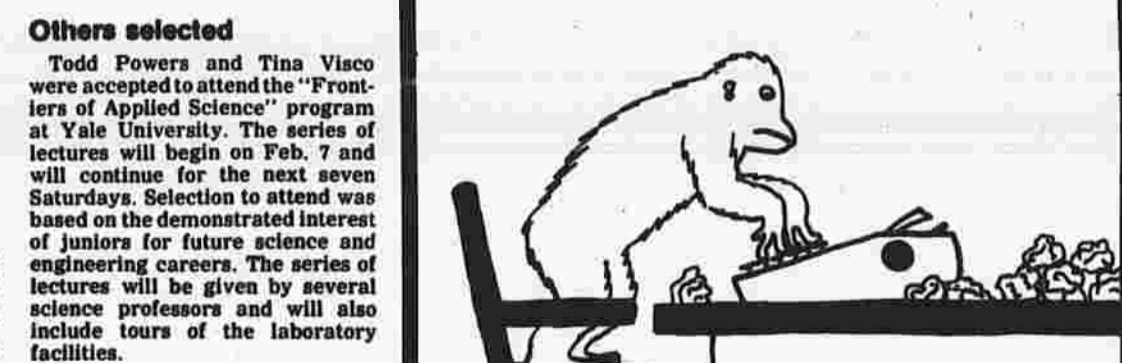
Up to 50 summer 1987 arts scholarship subsidies for programs in the visual arts, crafts and dance are also being offered by OPEN DOOR in Great Britain, Germany and Spain, thanks to a grant from the United States Information Agency. The government grant also provides partial funding for up to 20 young art teachers for a professional art seminar in Great Britain during the summer of 1987.

The traditional summer and school programs offered in more than 20 countries also provide financial assistance to those U.S. students whose families host an OPEN DOOR exchange student from abroad. Up to \$500 may be applied by an OPEN DOOR U.S. host to a wide variety of summer and school programs abroad. U.S. high schools which participate in the OPEN DOOR host program may award up to \$1,000 in scholarship assistance to a deserving U.S. student for OPEN DOOR programs abroad.

Further information and applications may be obtained by writing or calling OPEN DOOR Student Exchange at 1-800-463-2164.

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## Business In Brief

### Call addresses probate seminar

Attorney David M. Call, a partner specializing in probate, estates, trusts and taxation at the law firm of Rogin, Nassau, Caplan, Lassman and Hirtle in Hartford, spoke at a Feb. 5 seminar entitled, "Estate Planning and Probate in Connecticut," sponsored by the National Business Institute Inc. on February 5. Call lives in Manchester.

### MacPherson gets new WTIC post

HARTFORD — The Ten Eighty Corp., operator of radio station WTIC AM-FM, has announced the appointment of James A. MacPherson to the new position of director of national sales and research. MacPherson was formerly director of research and development.

As director of national sales and research, MacPherson is responsible for developing overall sales policies and techniques for national sales. He will liaise between the station and Katz, WTIC's national sales representative firm with offices throughout the U.S. In addition, MacPherson will manage all direct research efforts.

MacPherson, who has been with WTIC since 1977, was formerly director of special programs at WKSS. He lives on Hilliard Street in Manchester.

### Champagne joins savings bank

NEW LONDON — Floyd Champagne has joined New England Savings Bank as vice president and senior investment officer. Champagne will assume the responsibility of the bank's investment functions and will report to the bank's executive vice president and chief financial officer, Robin Honis.

Champagne comes to the bank from First Connecticut Bancorp, where he had been responsible for a wide range of investment functions for the past 12 years. He served in Vietnam with the U.S. Air Force from 1969 to 1970, worked for the National Cash Register Co. from 1970 to 1972, and was employed by Worcester County National Bank from 1972 until 1975.

Champagne graduated from Holy Cross in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and received his master's degree from the University of Hartford in 1981. He is a member of the Hartford Society of Financial Analysts and was an instructor at Quinnipiac College in Investment Banking.

Champagne lives with his wife and their five children in Manchester.

### Rogers reports increase in sales

ROGERS — Rogers Corp. has reported sales of \$128,777,000 for 1986, up 3 percent from 1985's \$125,299,000. Net income for the year was \$2,327,000, or 78 cents per share, up considerably from the \$772,000 or 26 cents per share earned in 1985.

Sales in the fourth quarter were \$32,861,000, up 18 percent from the \$27,850,000 in 1985's final period. Net income for the quarter was \$798,000, or 27 cents per share, compared with a net loss of \$392,000, or 15 cents per share, in the 1985 quarter.

"Although 1986 brought significant improvement in earnings over the previous year, we were disappointed that the recovery from 1985 was not greater," Rogers President Norman L. Greenman said. "Nevertheless, operating in the environment of the worst two-year electronics recession in history, profit margins increased and significant strides were made in operating effectiveness."

## Fed won't push rates down in '87

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve, which aggressively pushed interest rates lower last year to spur a sluggish economy, is not likely to repeat that performance in 1987, many economists believe.

While these analysts don't look for the Fed to tighten credit, they contend that concerns over a weaker dollar and rising inflation will keep the Fed from pushing rates down any further.

These forecasts came as Fed policy-makers gathered today for their first strategy session of the new year, a key meeting at which they will establish policy targets for 1987.

The results of the closed-door discussions will not be revealed until Fed Chairman Paul Volcker testifies before the Senate Banking Committee on Feb. 19.

Fed economists predicted the central bank will decide to make no changes in its current credit policies. Until recently there had been wide speculation the Fed soon would cut its discount bank lending rate to provide yet another spur to a weak economy.

But recent economic indicators are providing signs that economic growth may be on the verge of strengthening.

Added to these signs of renewed economic vigor are problems with the dollar, which has weakened substantially since December, prompting fears of higher inflation and possible foreign reluctance to invest the money needed to finance huge U.S. budget deficits.

"Even if the Fed wanted to ease right now, it couldn't because it is hamstrung by the dollar problem," said Allen Sims, chief economist at Shearson Lehman Brothers of New York.

Sims and other economists said the Fed fears any efforts by the central bank to lower interest rates in this country would drive away foreign investors and push the dollar down even faster.

Although both sides dispute any differences, the Reagan administration and Volcker have appeared to be at odds over the appropriate policy for the dollar. The administration has been content to let market forces push the dollar lower as an effort to solve the country's huge trade deficit, which last year hit a record \$170 billion.

The belief is that a lower-priced dollar makes imports more expensive while boosting the competitiveness of American products on overseas markets.

Volcker, in recent appearances, has been emphasizing the dangers of pushing the dollar too low, too fast, contending that it runs the risk of driving up inflation rates and driving away the foreign investment America needs.



New V.W.

The 1987 Volkswagen Fox, the newest of the German manufacturer's auto line, will be shown to the public for the first time at the Chicago Auto Show, which opens Saturday. The Fox, starting at \$5,600, will be available initially as two-door notchback sedans. A three-door wagon is scheduled to follow in the spring.

## Stock market activity defies statistical picture of economy

By John Cunniff  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Do investors know something that is hidden from the rest of the public? It would seem so because the bull, so to speak, has outperformed the bear that jumped over the moon. After one of the great leaps in market history, stock prices are, relative to a couple of years ago, in outer space.

Meanwhile, the rest of the country is concerned with a range of problems that, when viewed together, seem capable of causing despair in even the most optimistic souls.

In a report called "Making America Work Again," the National Commission on Jobs and Small Business this week detailed some of the deep economic concerns that contrast vividly with the rising market.

In 1985, it begins, the United States became a debtor nation to the rest of the world for the first time in 75 years. The following year it became the largest debtor nation in history.

The U.S. percentage of world exports, measured in constant dollars, shrank by nearly one-third between 1980 and 1984. Market share declined even in such high-tech industries as aircraft, computers, engines and turbines.

And, while we have been creating jobs, we haven't been doing so swiftly enough. It is difficult to ignore the numbers. Unemployment averaged 4.8 percent in the 1980s, 6.2 in the 1970s, and 1.1 percent between 1980 and 1985.

While critics can contest the significance of these numbers, many people listed as jobless are said to be shifting from one job to another over a matter of a few weeks — they still are concerned about the pattern of employment.

That pattern is shifting. The nation is losing jobs paying \$25,000

or more in both large and small manufacturing firms, and replacing them with jobs in services and retailing paying less than one-half that amount.

Since 1980, the report states, the country has lost more than one million production jobs in manufacturing that paid an average of \$18 an hour, while creating 5.8 million jobs in services and retail trade at \$5 to \$7 an hour.

The commission has its own response to this deterioration: spur the small-business community into creating more enterprises that will offer more jobs and more opportunities for Americans to resolve the problems mentioned.

It reminds us that the technique is nothing more than the way America grew in the past, and that the technique is hard to improve upon. Small businesses are the job creators. They spur inventiveness and competition. They grow.

And the stock market? It looks ahead; prices are based on expectations of future success rather than on past failures.

Anything sensible at all it might be that investors sense we are about to stop talking about problems and get to work on solutions.

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