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30 Cents

State's use of outside consultants raises doubts

By Brent Loyman
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — State government's spending on outside consultants has soared from \$44 million three years ago to nearly \$71 million this year, budget figures show.

Critics say the 62 percent increase indicates an over-eagerness among state agencies to hire consultants for any job that falls outside their normal purview.

"It appears we have fallen into the mindset in state bureaucracy that ... when anything with a little different wrinkle comes along, we immediately start looking for an

outside expert," state Auditor Leo V. Donohue said last week.

Agencies use money set aside in their budgets for "outside professional services" to pay for everything from special prosecutors, prison chaplains and doctors to computer experts and contract negotiators.

Officials defend their use of consultants as an economical way to handle short-term projects or ones that fall outside the expertise of their staff.

"I'm really not surprised by it nor that much concerned about it," said state Comptroller J. Edward Caldwell, who attributed the increase in consulting costs at least partly to

inflation.

"It comes with the changing of times and the state's inability to attract people with the expertise we need," Caldwell said.

Donohue, however, fears that farming projects out to consultants sometimes amounts to an abdication of responsibility by state officials.

"I find it disturbing that the more complicated and probably more important things are being delegated to people who probably don't have the experience we think they have," Donohue said. "It's just a policy decision whether we want to entrust the development of major state policy to persons outside state

government."

Donohue also said it's too easy for state officials to blame the consultant when something goes awry, as they have in the case of the long-delayed University of Connecticut sports center, which has been plagued by cost miscalculations.

Donohue said he's convinced Connecticut doesn't have the kind of situation recently publicized in Massachusetts, where state agencies allegedly used consultants to avoid hiring full-time employees.

But too many agencies in Connecticut use consultants for jobs that should be done by their own professional staff members, Donohue said, citing two examples.

The state police hired a consultant four years ago to negotiate a lease contract for its cruisers. The state Office of Policy and Management contracted a consultant for \$49,000 in 1982 to help develop a new method of state budgeting.

"Hey, we're paying some of our commissioners \$80,000 a year," Donohue said. "If they can't negotiate a lease ... there's something wrong."

Of OPM's budget consultant, Donohue said, "I seriously doubt they could bring in any expert from anywhere in the country who knew more about Connecticut's budget system than employees they already had on staff."

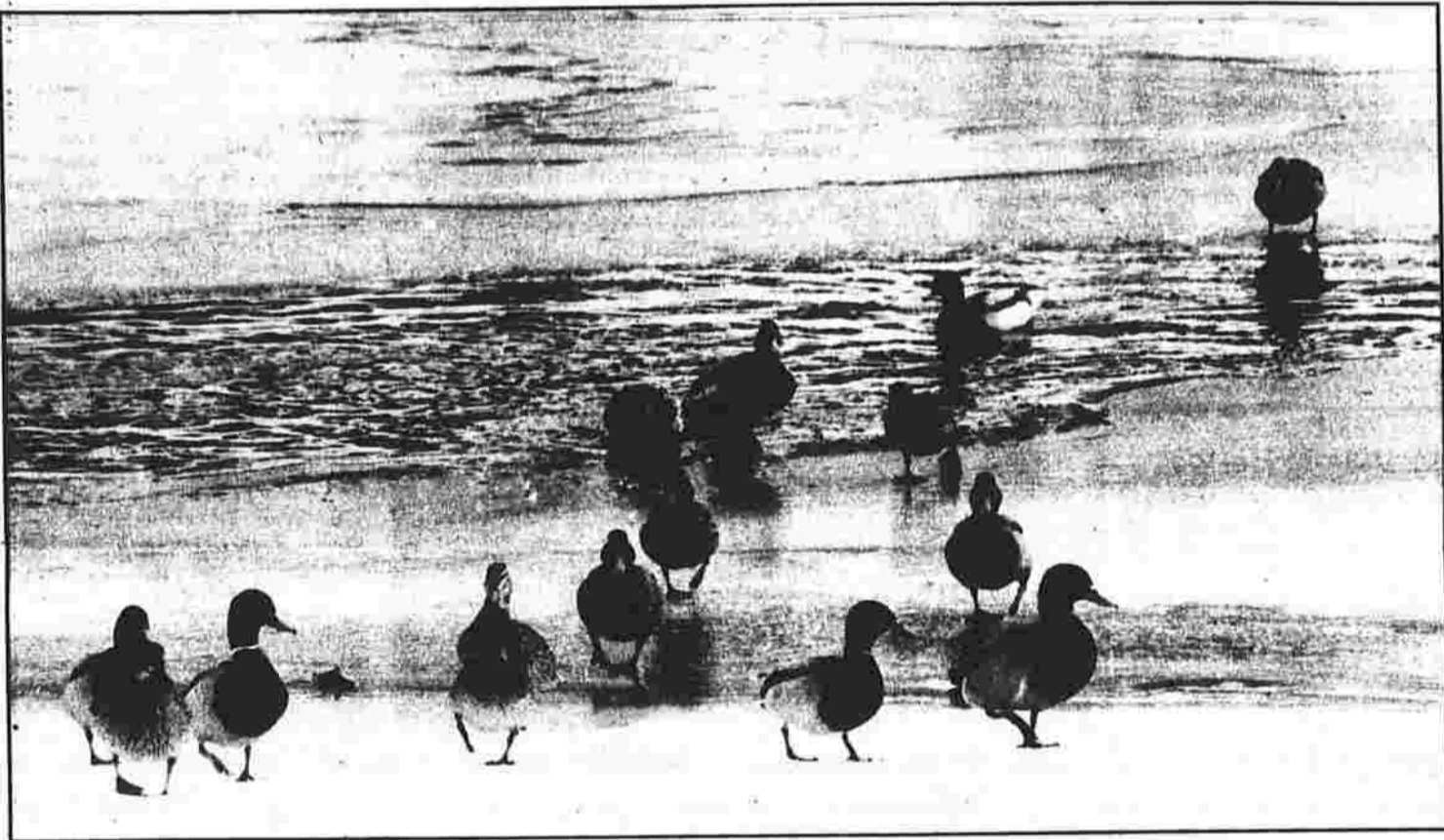
Agencies use their accounts for outside professional services for a wide range of purposes.

The state welfare department will spend about \$20 million on consultants this year for several massive computer projects to automate and expand its operation, said department spokeswoman Claudette Beaulieu.

The \$60,000 in the consultants' budget of the attorney general went mostly for expert witnesses in utility rate cases before the state Department of Public Utility Control.

The \$7,000 in the state Elections

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Maybe the lake was chilly

Visitors to Middle Bolton Lake in Vernon have taken over a section of lakefront near Hatch Hill Road. When Herald photographer Reginald Pinto ap-

proached them, they charged at him as if to protect their territorial rights.

It's cold, but it's not a record

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Herald Reporter

Bitterly cold temperatures over the weekend and today were an inconvenience to many Connecticut residents unable to start their cars, but officials said the cold spell set no records and was not unusual for this time of year.

Temperatures are expected to rise gradually during the week, reaching the 30s Tuesday, with continued sunshine and clear skies, a spokesman at the National Weather Service at Bradley International Airport said today. Saturday temperatures reached a high of 21 degrees and a low of minus 1, while Sunday the low was to minus 4 and the high was 14.

Anderson Bros. service station in

Manchester was kept busy helping out motorists with stalled cars this morning. Bob Acellin, garage manager, said his crew of three men was behind about two hours answering no-starts.

Saturday, the garage had three wrecker's on the road, helping the American Automobile Association garage in East Hartford when it fell behind. Two wrecker's worked the roads on Sunday.

Mike Klein, a spokesman at AAA-Hartford, said about 2,000 calls in eastern Connecticut were answered Saturday and Sunday, the usual number for this kind of weather, he said. Early this morning, the auto club received 250 calls. About 90 percent of them were no-starts, Klein said.

Local heating-oil dealers re-

ported business as brisk as the weather.

Lynn Vedovato, a clerk at Imperial Plumbing and Oil Co. in South Windsor, said the phone was ringing off the hook this morning. When temperatures drop, customers become concerned about running low on oil, she said.

Ed Havens, Imperial's owner, said the company would have 10 to 12 employees performing service work today. Normally the service crew, which handles plumbing and furnace repair, numbers four or five, he said.

Ed Boland of Boland Bros. Inc. said this morning that five workers were busy Sunday delivering oil, servicing furnaces and repairing frozen pipes. He expects today to be just as busy.

"Sunday was supposed to be a day off — and we had six people working," he said.

But Bob Regius, owner of Manchester Oil Heat Inc., said the cold had not affected business at all. "This is not bad," he said.

Though an inconvenience for most, cold weather is a serious problem for the homeless. Manchester's Samaritan Shelter served 29 people Sunday night and about the same number Friday and Saturday, director Connie Grant-Scott said. She described traffic at the shelter as heavy, but said the shelter has had busier days this year.

Because of the cold, the shelter stayed open until about 9:30 this morning and probably would open early in the afternoon, she said.

Soviets claim new policy on human rights

By John-Thor Dahlburg
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev told an international peace forum today that the Kremlin has adopted a new approach to human rights, but he said it was not doing so to please the West.

In a wide-ranging speech in the Grand Kremlin Palace, Gorbachev repeated his government's opposition to the U.S. "Star Wars" space defense program and charged the White House was trampling the agreement he and President Reagan reached at their 1985 summit in Geneva to spur arms control talks.

There had been speculation Gorbachev might use the occasion to make new arms control proposals. But the speech contained no new plans, stressing instead proposals Gorbachev made at November's summit in Reykjavik and in a January 1985 speech outlining a blueprint for disarmament by the year 2000.



MIKHAIL GORBACHEV ... pressure didn't help

Gorbachev spoke to about 1,000 people from 80 countries who took part in a weekend forum of scientists, cultural figures, religious leaders and businessmen.

Andrei Sakharov, the nation's most famous dissident, was in the audience. In an address Sunday to a group of scientists at the forum, he suggested the Kremlin consider negotiating Star Wars, formally called the Strategic Defense Initiative, separately from other arms control issues.

Sakharov also said "an open and democratic" Soviet Union would be an important step toward international trust and disarmament.

Gorbachev did not discuss human rights in detail, but said, "Our humanitarian problems ... is there for all to see. And I must disappoint those who think that this has been the result of pressure on us from the West, that we want to gain somebody's fancy in pursuit of some ulterior motives. No, we do not."

Sakharov, listening to Gorbachev's remarks on human rights, leaned forward and applauded.

Last week, the Soviet Union announced the release of 140 imprisoned dissidents and a government spokesman said another 140 cases were being reviewed. But Soviet security agents last week used force to break up a series of demonstrations on behalf of a jailed Jewish activist, Josef Begun.

A high Soviet official said Sunday that Begun had been released, but authorities told his family today that he still was in prison.

Turning to arms control, Gorbachev said, "One strategic submarine today carries a destructive punch equivalent to several Second World Wars. ... The imagination is powerless to envision the hell, the negation of the idea of man if any part, however small, of the present nuclear arsenal is used."

Gorbachev said Soviet arms control proposals "mirrored the U.S.S.R.'s wish and preparedness to give up its status of a nuclear power."

Automobile deals are sizzling though the weather is frigid

By John F. Kirch
Herald Reporter

The temperature may be 10 degrees below zero, but today is one of the hottest days of the year for car sales.

Today is the last day of the presidents' day weekend, a holiday period that, among other things, brings buying sprees by customers and increased sales for auto dealers.

This year's sales figures are lower than usual, said some dealers, who attributed the decline to end-of-the-year promotions in December. But when compared to a

normal weekend, dealers said, Saturday sales were up and today is promising more of the same.

"It's just a traditional starting point for the spring selling season," said Stephen Carter, vice president of Carter Chevrolet on Main Street.

Carter said his company sold 14 cars Saturday, about four above the average for that day, and expects to sell about the same today. Only four cars usually leave the lot on Mondays, he said.

"This is really the biggest sales event," Carter said.

The event started more than a decade ago, when automobile companies began to see a buying trend in the middle of February. That's

because most people are fully recovered from the Christmas shopping rush and feel comfortable with buying a car, dealers said.

However, as the years have past, the sale has gone from a one-day promotion to a three-day weekend blitz. Television programs and newspapers across the area are packed with advertising for car sales, dealers said.

Harry Groszpitch, the owner of Cardinal Buick on Adams Street, said he believes that customer buying habits prompted car dealers to offer various incentives on presidents' day weekend.

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'Zippy' and 'Jumble' debut

"Zippy the Pinhead," a comic strip with a point, and the daily "Jumble," the popular word puzzle, make their debut in the Manchester Herald today.

Who is Zippy? Comedian Robin Williams calls him "a word processor with dyslexia."

Zippy lives in his own world, the world of artist Bill Griffith of San Francisco. He is the creator of several successful underground comics.

Zippy begins today in the Herald's Comics Sampler, a page 2 feature designed to get reader reaction to new comics.

"The Grizwells" by Bill Schorr, which had been featured in Comics Sampler, now joins the regular lineup on the comics page, which is page 6 today.

Readers of the Herald should be familiar with the "Jumble" — It has been a regular Saturday feature for nearly a year. Beginning today, "Jumble" will appear



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every day on the Herald's classified advertising pages.

The perpetrators of the sometimes maddening and always challenging word game are Henri Arnold and Bob Lee, who have been matching wits with "Jumble" readers for more than 20 years.

Addition of the two new features has resulted in other changes in today's Herald. The crossword puzzle and "Celebrity Cipher," which used to appear on the comics page, move to the classified pages. "Polly's Pointers," the column about household tips, moves from the advice page to the comics page.

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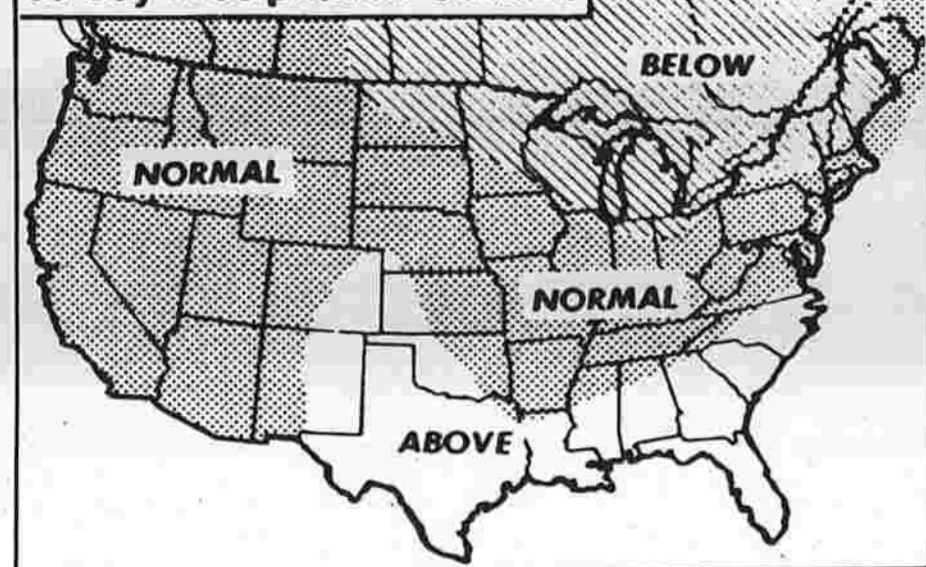
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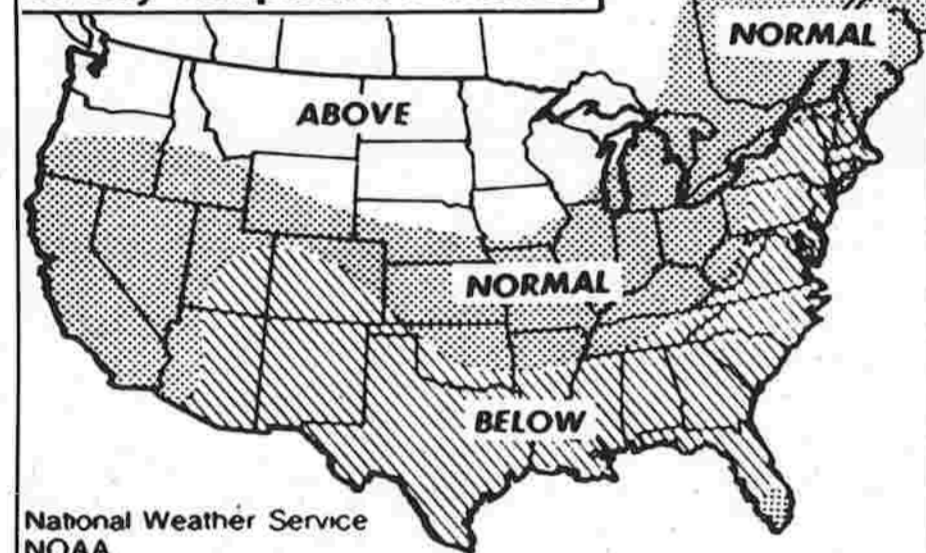
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WEATHER

30-Day Precipitation Outlook



30-Day Temperature Outlook



THIRTY-DAY FORECAST — This is the weather forecast for the next 30 days in terms of temperature and precipitation, according to the National Weather Service.

PEOPLE

Kellor quits

The news from Lake Wobegon will cease this spring when Garrison Kellor ends his variety show 'A Prairie Home Companion'...



GARRISON KELLOR ... last broadcast

Tsongas is happy

Paul Tsongas, who resigned from the Senate in 1984 after he was diagnosed as having cancer, says he and his family have no regrets about leaving Washington...



PLAYING LUCY AND ETHEL — Actress Jane Curtin (left) portrays Lucy Ricardo and Susan Saint James plays Ethel Mertz during taping of a scene from CBS-TV's 'Kate & Allie'.

Earthy calendar

Thirteen rural bachelors will appear in the 1988 Dakota Men calendar, which organizers hope will reap money for financially-troubled farmers.

Viewers watch

Television journalist Geraldo Rivera says viewers have a higher opinion of his work than do television critics and his colleagues.

Lee fans holding

A move to draft Chrysler Corp. Chairman Lee Iacocca as a Democratic presidential candidate in 1988 is disbanding, says one of the people involved.

Comics Sampler

In this space, samples of new comics will be printed from time to time. Our aim is to get reader reaction to new comics, or to old comics that we are thinking about dropping.



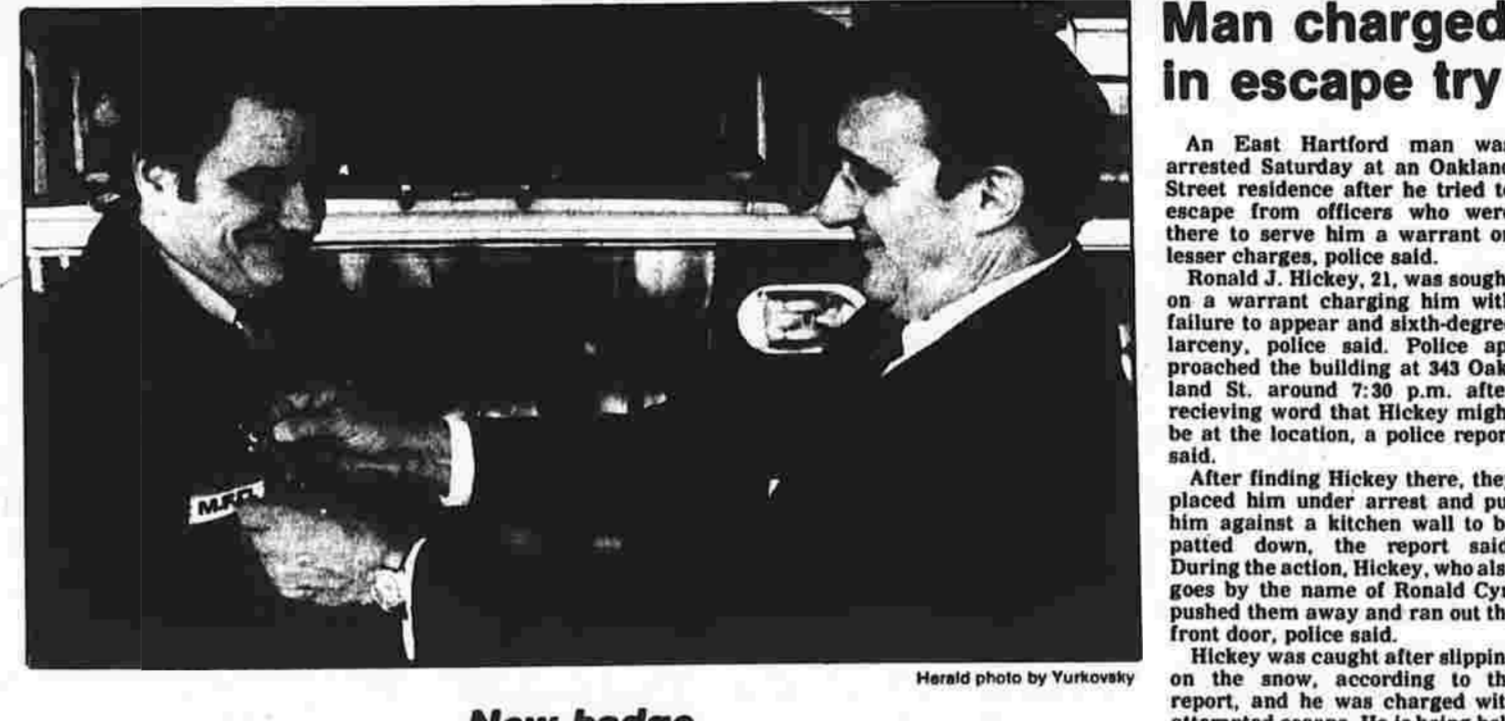
Manchester Herald advertisement including subscription rates and contact information.

FOCUS section featuring 'Tut's Mummy' and 'Across the nation' stories.

Almanac section listing dates, birthdays, and historical events.

People in Route 6 path support bill

Residents who are scheduled to lose their homes so that the proposed Route 6 highway can be built are going to the state Capitol Tuesday to support a bill allowing them to remain in their homes longer.



Town of Manchester Fire Chief John Rivos presents David Mayer the badge designating him assistant superintendent of fire alarms.

These Connecticut companies take care of household chores

By Linda Stowell The Associated Press STAMFORD — Buying a washing machine for a stranger and retrieving a lost tuxedo are all in a day's work for Laura Pelco.

Advertisement for Highland Park Market featuring various meats and cheeses with prices.

8th District to start budget work The Eighth Utilities District Board of Directors will begin its annual wrestle with a new budget when the board meets Tuesday.

Hospital names child life specialist Maureen Brown has been named the new child life specialist at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

RHAM musicians at festivals HEBRON — Fifteen students at RHAM High School were selected to participate in the Eastern Region Music Festival at the University of Connecticut.

DEP will stock Sauters Pond Manchester residents will be able to fish in Sauters Pond again this year because the state Department of Environmental Protection has agreed to stock the water with trout.

Advertisement for FREE LUNG-FUNCTION SCREENING at the Manchester Community College.

Large vertical numbers 1987 on the right edge of the page.

MAJOR THE HORRIBLE by Dick Browne



THE PHANTOM by Leo Falk & Barry



BLONDIE by Dean Young & Stan Drake



ON THE PASTRACK by Bill Holtbrook



Astrograph

Your material prospects will be brighter in the year ahead than they were last year...

QIEMIN (May 21-June 20) It might be easier for you to please outsiders today than it will be to please those you love...

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Some disparaging comments may be made in your presence today about an old friend...

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll take critical issues in stride today, but petty developments could have you scurrying for some aspirin...

Polly's Pointers

Fresh herbs make better vinegar

DEAR POLLY - Can herb vinegars be made with dried herbs? A.N.

DEAR A.N. - Yes, but they won't have the same fresh flavor as vinegars prepared from fresh herbs.

I'm sending you a copy of my newsletter "Grow Your Own Herb Garden," which includes recipes for making fresh-herb vinegars and other herbal preparations...

Bridge

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A trump lead backfires

Since his retirement as chairman of the board of the international pharmaceutical company Synex, George Rosenkrantz has had more time for bridge. Unselfishly, instead of just competing more often, George has written a book about trump leads...

SMAPU by Bruce Beattie



THE GRIZZLEWELLS by Bill Schorr



CAPTAIN EASY by Crooks & Castles



ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson



ALLEY OOP by Dave Graue



THE BORN LOSER by Art Sansom



FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves



WHITPROP by Dick Cavelli



U.S. ACRES by Jim Davis



U.S./World In Brief

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Retired U.S. autoworker John Demjanuk (center) is led to court in November before pleading innocent to war crimes. Demjanuk, whose trial began today, is accused of being 'Ivan the Terrible,' a sadistic Nazi guard who put 850,000 Jews to death in gas chambers during World War II.

Confusion clouds summit in Iceland

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Four months after the U.S.-Soviet summit in Iceland, there is still no firm agreement on how close the superpowers came to sweeping nuclear arms control agreements or what the pact may have contained, the House Armed Services Committee says.

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- (CNN) Prime News
(1) (HBO) MOVIE: 'The Man With One Red Shoe' (C) A violent unwittingly becomes involved in a cat-and-mouse game...



Flincky, indeed

Shady, a Persian cat owned by Jean Hamilton of Natick, Mass., appears to turn up her nose at an offer of food from her owner before the start of the ninth annual Alfreed Cat Show in Boston recently.

Advice

Attorneys who defend rights of clients are often wronged

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letters from the doctors who complain because they have thousands of dollars "in the books." ... I have written a poem to commemorate the Vietnam vet. It is copyrighted, but you have my permission to use it in your column if you think it merits publication.



Dear Abby Abigail Van Buren

Calcium loss leads to break

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 68, female and was recently hospitalized for a compression fracture of the thoracic spine. What could have caused this and how long does it take to heal?



Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.

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Advertisement for 'KIT 'N' CARLYLE' by Larry Wright. Includes a cartoon illustration of a woman and a man talking.

Advertisement for 'Puzzles'. Includes a crossword puzzle grid and a word search puzzle.

Advertisement for 'Flowers Linens'. Includes an illustration of a woman in a dress and a table setting.

Advertisement for 'JUMBLE'. Includes a grid for a word game and instructions.

Advertisement for 'BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES'. Includes text about wanted working partners and a business opportunity.

Advertisement for 'CELEBRITY CIPHER'. Includes a grid for a word game and instructions.

Advertisement for 'Manchester Herald NEWS PAPER CARRIERS NEEDED'. Includes a photo of a carrier and contact information.

Advertisement for 'CLASSIFIED ADS: the wonder worker Manchester Herald'. Includes contact information and phone number.