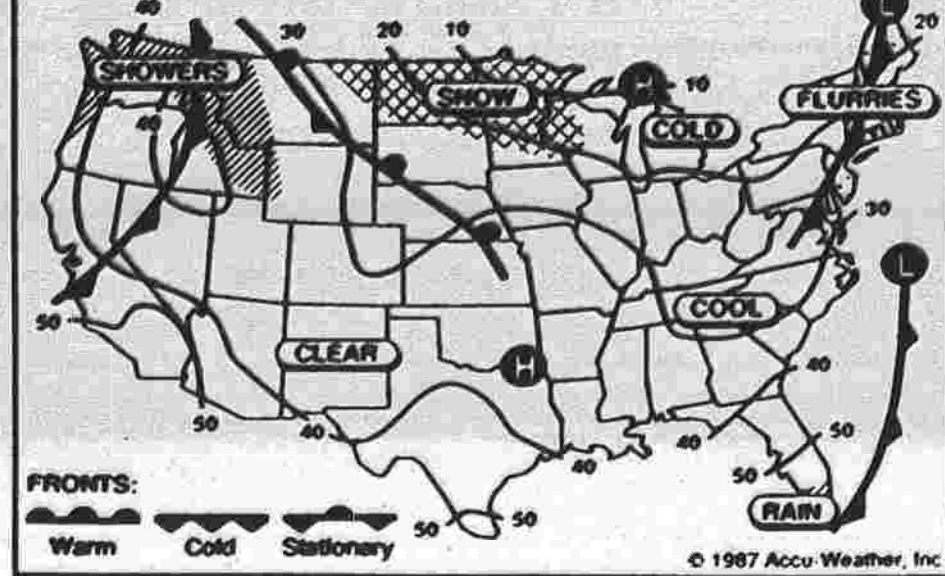


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The Accu-Weather® forecast for 8 A.M. Friday, Mar. 13

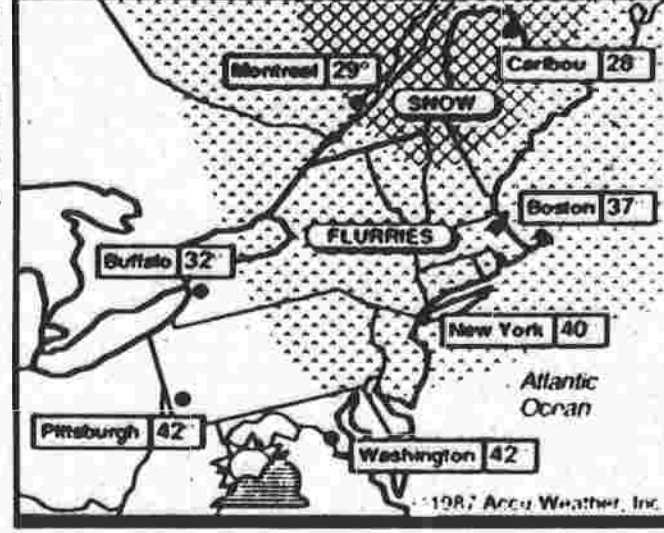


The Accu-Weather forecast for Friday predicts generally sunny skies for most of the nation. Showers are forecast for the Northeast, snow for the northern Plains and snow flurries for the Northeast.

REGIONAL WEATHER

Accu-Weather® forecast for Friday

Daytime Conditions and High Temperatures



Connecticut forecast

Central, Eastern Interior, Southwest Interior: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 30 to 35. Friday, partly sunny. High around 40.

West Coast, East Coast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 25 to 30. Friday, partly sunny. High around 40.

Northern Hills: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low around 20. Friday, partly sunny. High near 40.

Across the nation

Rain, sleet and snow fell in the Southeast today, triggering warnings for hazardous driving conditions, while light snow frosted the northern Plains and showers dampened northern California and western Oregon.

Light snow fell across eastern Tennessee, where up to 2 inches was expected in higher elevations, and in northern Georgia. Rain, sleet and snow fell in central Georgia and mountainous sections of western North Carolina, western Virginia and southern West Virginia. Travelers' advisories were issued for sections of Virginia.

Rain showers fell over southern Georgia, northern and central Florida, Alabama and South Carolina.

Cloudy skies prevailed from the eastern Gulf Coast to the north Atlantic Coast states, the upper Mississippi Valley and the northern and central Plains and the Northwest. Skies were generally clear from Texas and the lower Mississippi Valley to Illinois and Indiana. Dense fog, however, developed in some parts of southern Texas.

Today's forecast called for rain likely along the northern and central Pacific Coast; rain showers in western Nevada and western Montana, with snow in the highest elevations of the northern Rockies; scattered showers along the central and southern Atlantic Coast, with light snow and sleet lingering over parts of the Carolinas and Georgia.

Much of the nation was expected to have high temperatures in the 50s or 60s; the 50s from North Dakota and northern Minnesota to upper Great Lakes; the 30s and 40s from the rest of the northern Plains across southern Minnesota, much of Iowa, the middle Mississippi and Ohio valleys, the northern and central Appalachians and the northern half of the Atlantic Coast; the 70s in south Florida and from south Texas to southern New Mexico and Southern California; and the 80s in much of the desert Southwest.

Temperatures around the nation at 2 a.m. EST ranged from 6 degrees at Grand Forks, N.D., to 68 degrees at Homestead, Fla., and Key West, Fla.

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Exploding Star

Astronomers recently discovered a relatively "close" supernova about 163,000 light years away. Debris from this explosion is reported to be traveling outward at more than 9,000 miles per second! In 1054, the Chinese recorded one of the brightest supernovas ever seen. His remains are known today as the Crab Nebula, shown here. It originally gave off enough light to be visible during the day. At night, it even cast a shadow! The Crab Nebula is about 5,000 light years away.

DO YOU KNOW - About how fast does light travel in one second?

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER - Joan Benoit-Samuels won last year's Sullivan Award.

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Almanac

Today is Thursday, March 12, the 71st day of 1987. There are 294 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: Seventy-five years ago, on March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded an organization in Savannah, Ga., called the Girl Scouts, which later became the Girl Scouts.

On this date: In 1664, New Jersey became a British colony as King Charles II granted land in the New World to his brother James, the Duke of York.

In 1925, Chinese revolutionary leader Sun Yat-sen died.

In 1950, Mohandas K. Gandhi began a 200-mile march to protest a British tax on salt.

In 1952, the so-called "Swedish Match" King Ivar Kreuger, committed suicide in Paris, leaving behind a financial empire that turned out to be worthless.

In 1952, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave the first of his "fireside chats," telling Americans in a radio broadcast what was being done to deal with the nation's financial crisis.

In 1958, Germany invaded Austria.

In 1959, Pope Pius XII was crowned in ceremonies at the Vatican.

In 1940, Finland surrendered to the Soviet Union during World War II.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman established what became known as the Truman Doctrine to help Greece and Turkey resist communism.

In 1959, the House joined the Senate in approving statehood for Hawaii.

In 1959, Beatle Paul McCartney married Linda Eastman in London.

In 1960, a Chicago jury found John Wayne Gacy guilty of the murders of 33 men and boys.



ELSIE "BIZ" SWENSON still undecided

Cheney Hall fund-raiser

Manchester to have local postcards

By Alex Girelli
Associate Editor

Future visitors to Manchester may be able to buy postcards with pictures of Cheney Hall and other notable Manchester landmarks if a plan by the Cheney Hall Foundation works out.

The foundation's directors voted Wednesday to authorize Tibor Zoeller, a professional photographer, to take pictures of Manchester buildings and other sites. Zoeller, a member of the Little Theatre of Manchester, has offered to do the work without charge if the foundation agrees to pay for the materials.

Although no arrangements have been made for printing the cards, foundation members wanted to give Zoeller the go-ahead so that the photographs could be taken in the spring, when trees are in leaf but when foliage is not so dense that it would obscure the structures.

Meanwhile, the foundation will explore the cost of having the cards printed.

Mary Blah of LTM, who outlined the proposal to foundation members Wednesday, said her

preliminary investigation indicated that the foundation would probably make about \$750 on a first printing and more than that on subsequent printings for which the production costs would be lower.

Blah was asked to get specific cost figures from several printers before a decision is made.

Blah has applied for a \$500 matching grant from the East of the River Tourism and Convention District. The grants are intended to promote tourism in the area.

Blah said the idea for the postcard project stemmed from

complaints that there are no postcards of Manchester and surrounding areas on the market.

Herbert Stevenson, chairman of the foundation and a dealer in out-of-print publications, said collecting postcards is the third largest hobby in the world.

Suggestions for postcard sites, beside Cheney Hall, were the Cheney Homestead, the Municipal Building, and several old houses in Manchester.

Alan Lamson, a foundation member, said Zoeller should be encouraged to photograph as many

MCC continuing-ed program growing

By John Mitchell
Herold Reporter

From fixing up the home to repairing the automobile engine, exploring Connecticut's past to traveling Europe's countryside, the continuing education program at Manchester Community College is offering more courses this spring than in the past. And more courses are planned.

"We're confirming a lot more programs," said Erika B. Neumann, MCC's new coordinator of non-credit education. "More people are coming."

John V. Gannon Jr., associate dean of community services, said the program began in the early 1970s, offering credit-extension courses to students who couldn't

enroll in already-filled classes.

After a steady decline in credit-course needs, Gannon said the department began to beef up the non-credit side. The first big push was started last year, when the department jumped from 27 non-credit classes to 60, he said.

The cost of the classes ranges from \$5 for smaller offerings to \$150 for computer training.

"People are really interested in the program," Gannon said. "We were pleasantly surprised."

The reason for the success, Gannon said, was a more organized marketing approach combined with a need at the present. "People have a little more leisure time now," he said. "They have money to spend."

Neumann, a former program

PEOPLE

Fighting for release

Musicians led by folk singer Joan Baez have appealed for the release of the leaders of a Czechoslovakian jazz organization convicted of engaging in illegal economic activities.

"Five leaders of the Jazz Section were convicted Wednesday, for receiving prison terms, even though they welcomed the group's goals had been humanitarian and cultural."

Ms. Baez's Humanitas International human rights group sent a telegram to Czechoslovakian President Gustav Husak after the verdict and planned to send a letter as well.

Martha Henderson, associate director of Humanitas International, said the letter bears the names of Ms. Baez; her sister, Mimi Farina; British rocker Peter Gabriel; Canadian musician Bruce Cockburn; the folk singing group Peter, Paul and Mary; Jim Kerr of the group Simple Minds; and singers Graham Nash, Arlo Guthrie, Bonnie Raitt and Pete Seeger.



JOAN BAEZ helping jazz singer



JEREMY IRONS smokes near Diana

Turner nominated

Kathleen Turner says her nomination for best actress Oscar in "Peggy Sue" is "Married" means, among other things, she won't have to handle consultations this year.

"It meant that I wouldn't have to spend two weeks telling friends, 'I'm right, really, I'm OK.' Everybody feels so bad for you when they think you should get it and you don't," she said in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Turner had been considered nomination material for her earlier performances in "Body Heat," "Romancing the Stone" and "Prizzi's Honor," but she came up empty each time.

She said she often has been complimented for the roles she has chosen to play. "I was just trying to get jobs, that's all. I was just reading scripts and doing the ones that I liked that were offered to me."

LA visit possible

His schedule permitting, Britain's Prince Andrew will visit Los Angeles next year with his wife, the former Sarah Ferguson, during a festival linking the arts of the city and the United Kingdom, the British Embassy has announced.

The festival runs from February through April 1988.

Lottery

Connecticut daily Wednesday: 567
Play Four: 5606

Car robber caught?

Police think they have caught the man responsible for staging dozens of "bump-and-rob" thefts of expensive cars, including one belonging to actress Morgan Fairchild.

Michael Lee Burton, 28, was booked for investigation of robbery after his arrest Tuesday night in Los Angeles, said Lt. Ron Lewis.

In the "bump-and-rob" cases, the thief typically crashed his car into the rear of another auto, usually a Mercedes-Benz with a woman driving alone, then stole the woman's car when she got out to investigate.

Miss Fairchild's Jaguar was stolen earlier this winter after being hit by a stolen Cadillac, police said. It in turn was used in another robbery.

'Cheers' secrets

What will become of the romance between brainy barmaid Diane Chambers and the ex-jock Sam Malone now that actress Shelley Long has left the NBC show "Cheers"?

The network isn't telling, and the final episode of the season, to be shown May 7, was filmed under tight security Tuesday in Los Angeles.

An invitations-only audience that included actresses Diane Keaton and Carol Kane and NBC entertainment executive Brandon Tartikoff watched filming of Long's final "Cheers" episode. A wrap party followed.

"The 'Cheers' years for me were great," said Long, who spent five years on the series. "Not always easy, but great. I look back and think how lucky I am."

Long is leaving to pursue a movie career. She stars in the current hit "Outrageous Fortune."

Lighting up

Actor Jeremy Irons says he lit up while sitting at a luncheon next to Princess Diana, in Newcastle, England, even though it was National No Smoking Day and she's an anti-smoking campaigner.

"I asked her whether she minded if I smoked and she said she didn't," Irons said after the charity lunch Wednesday. But, he added, "She was heavily encouraging me to give up."

An announcement had been made after the meal that those who wished were free to smoke.

Diana cast a mock threatening gaze around to see who would respond, and laughter rippled around the hall as Irons, sitting on her right, promptly began puffing on a cigarette.

"I believe in Britain being a nation of individuals who do what we want when we want," said the actor, who smokes 30 to 40 cigarettes a day.

Today's quotes

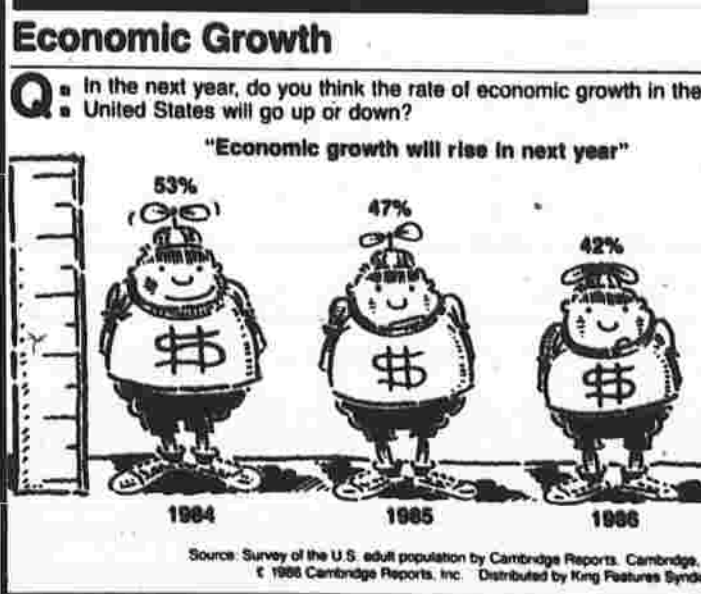
"We cast this wreath on behalf of all of us here in Belgium and those who after this service will begin their sorrowful journey home. Our love and prayers go with them." - Roger Peck who whose brother is believed among the dead, at a memorial service during a festival linking the arts of the city and the United Kingdom, the British Embassy has announced.

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Manchester/Area Towns In Brief

Town delays sewer bids

The town will delay the opening of bids to upgrade the town's sewer plant from March 31 to April 16. Public Works Director George A. Kandira said today.

Kandira said the delay is needed because in order to determine their bids, contractors need cost figures from utility companies. These figures are not yet available, he said.

He said six or seven general contractors have purchased copies of the plans, indicating their interest in bidding. In all, more than 50 copies of the plans have been distributed, most of them to subcontractors.

The town is under federal and state orders to upgrade the plant by Dec. 31, 1988. Most work involves increasing the holding capacity of the plant so that sewage can be treated longer and more thoroughly.

The aim is to make the effluent discharged into the Hockanum River of a quality that will permit fishing and swimming in the river.

Fire truck repairs approved

The town Board of Directors has approved a plan to spend \$120,000 to repair a Town Fire Department aerial ladder truck. The repairs are expected to extend the life of the vehicle 15 to 20 years, Town Manager Robert B. Weiss said.

The town solicited bids for the work in January, but only one was received from American LaFrance Service of Danvers, Pa. The company submitted a proposal to do the work for \$153,019 to \$219,350.

Last month, the directors approved a bid waiver so the town could scale down the amount of work to be done. The aerial ladder, running boards, wheels, cab, power steering, hydraulic system and other items are slated to be repaired or refurbished.

S. Windsor man files damage claim

A South Windsor man has asked the town of Manchester to reimburse him \$1,200 needed to repair damage to his sport car, which he claims occurred when he ran over pieces of asphalt curbing in the middle of the road in February when driving in his 1984 Porsche 944, said the notice filed by his attorney, Mitchell E. Kallet of Vernon. Among the items damaged were the radiator, front stabilizing bar, exhaust pipe and gasket.

Town urges trade-in approval

The Manchester Board of Directors has decided to send a resolution to the Connecticut General Assembly asking that legislators approve a \$125 million state bonding issue so that federal funds can be used in Manchester to reconstruct downtown Main Street and Tolland Turnpike, and replace the Union Street Bridge.

The additional money is needed to proceed with 82 projects scheduled to be funded in the Hartford area through the Interstate Trade-in Program. The costs of the projects have grown since first planned, officials have said.

If the additional money is not approved, projects not having a high priority may not be funded. The state has given the Main Street and Tolland Turnpike work and the Union Street Bridge work a lower priority than fixing the Charter Oak Bridge, which connects Hartford and East Hartford.

The resolution approved by the directors points out that Manchester's projects were planned long before the Charter Oak Bridge, and should be funded.

Citizens' group elects officers

The Eastern Connecticut Citizen Action Group recently elected new officers.

Michael Fernalds of Preston was elected ECCAG chairman, replacing Robert MacDonald. Sharon Gabiga of Lisbon has been elected treasurer, taking over for Marion McLaughlin, who has become a co-chairman of the Connecticut Citizen Action Group. ECCAG also announced the election of John Freedman of Preston to a new post, co-chairman of the CCAG solid-waste committee. The state organization is seeking another co-chairman.

Fernalds, Freedman and Gabiga all have offered proposals to build a regional incinerator in the Norwich area.

Bolton Center project is subject

BOLTON - A project of students at Bolton Center School entitled "Wouldn't You Like a Tourist Brochure of Your Town," will be the subject a panel discussion Saturday at the annual Spring Conference of the Connecticut Council of Teachers of English.

William Farr and Christine Smith, teachers at the school, will conduct the discussion.

In the seventh-grade project, students annually prepare a brochure for use in the libraries in connection with Bolton Day observation. The project is designed to teach the students to organize and vary information and to have their work reviewed by people other than their teachers.

The conference, at Yale University, is expected to attract 400 educators.

Frustrated judge gives guard-killer life sentence

WATERBURY (AP) — A judge expressed frustration that he could not impose the death penalty on a defendant in the \$1.8 million Parolator robbery-murder and sentenced the man to 75 years to life in prison.

"This court doesn't have the authority (to impose the death sentence) so it will do the next best thing," Gaffney said. He ordered the maximum sentence of 25 years to life on each of three counts of felony murder to run consecutively.

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Threatened 'lighthouse'

Hermit Bill Britt clings to his "lighthouse" tree Wednesday on land near the Chestnut Hill Reservoir area of Boston where he lives in a teepee. Britt, who has been ordered off the land by the courts, says construction crews have already

started working on the land. He is partially blind and worries that the tree, which gives him proper direction to get around the grounds, may be torn down before he has to leave.

Pilot suspected of killing wife acted oddly, nanny testifies

By Linda Stowell
The Associated Press

DANBURY — The probable cause hearing on an airline pilot accused of murdering his wife and putting her body through a wood chipper entered its third day with only a handful of the witnesses having testified. The hearing in the case of Richard Crafts, who is accused of killing his wife, Helie, was to resume at noon today.

But, Thomas said she wasn't cold when she was awakened at 6 a.m., as she would be if the electricity was out. MRS. CRAFTS, 38, was last seen Nov. 18 when she was dropped off at a friend's house. Mrs. Crafts was an airline stewardess for Pan American World Airways. "We went to his (Crafts') sister's house (on Nov. 19), and his sister said she thought it was funny that he would call her at 4 a.m. and tell her he was cold," Thomas said.

Thomas said Richard and Helie Crafts had argued for about three hours around mid-November. Mrs. Crafts was upset later and said the couple was seeking a divorce, said Thomas, who came to Connecticut from Idaho to be the nanny for the Crafts' children in June. She said she left that job before Christmas, although she had originally agreed to stay on for one year. "She told me about the divorce and the guns and everything,"

Thomas said. "I could tell she was upset about the divorce." During Tuesday's testimony, a witness testified that Mrs. Crafts was afraid of loaded guns that her husband kept in the house. Under cross-examination from defense attorney J. Daniel Sagarin, Thomas said Crafts tried to make up with his wife after the fight by being "lovely-dovey" to Mrs. Crafts. Mrs. Crafts ignored his attempts, Thomas said.

Also under cross-examination, Thomas described Crafts as "cool and calm," and said he didn't show his feelings. She said when he was angry, he would just leave. Thomas also testified that following Mrs. Crafts' disappearance, she noticed a large black spot, the size of a basketball, on the carpet of the Crafts' bedroom a few days before Thanksgiving. She said Crafts told

her the spot was kerosene. Thomas said there was a kerosene heater in the house, but she said it was not used. Then, on Nov. 21, Thomas said she came home and saw the carpet was almost totally ripped up and the black spot was gone. Judge Howard J. Moraghan presided over the hearing. State's Attorney Walter Flanagan has confirmed that human remains believed to be Mrs. Crafts' were found in the wood chips, including strands of hair, a tip of a finger, a fingernail and a tooth and dental cap. The lengthy arrest warrant and affidavit have been sealed by the court, a little has been known about what led investigators to charge Crafts until the probable cause hearing.

Connecticut In Brief

Bridgeport students caught with gun
BRIDGEPORT — Two students arrested in their high school for carrying a semi-automatic handgun and several rounds of ammunition will be suspended for ten days and brought before the Board of Education for a hearing. Elias Romero, 16, and a 14-year-old boy whose name was withheld because of his age, were stopped in the hallways of Warren Harding High School Tuesday after a student told a security guard that one of the two youths was carrying a gun. The guard took the two boys to the school office, where he found a semi-automatic, .22 caliber handgun in the younger boy's possession and a clip with seven rounds of ammunition in the Romero, a police report said. Police were called to the school shortly before 2 p.m.

Day-care group will expand efforts
HARTFORD — A group of Hartford-area companies formed five years ago to help employees find day care for their children has announced it was expanding to include companies throughout the state. The Connecticut Consortium for Child Care, with the help of the United Way and the Capital Region Education Council, compiled a computerized listing of the 4,900 licensed day care facilities in the state. "Safe, dependable and high quality day care for their children is something that today's workers demand and need..." Alden Penland of The Travelers Cos., chairman of the consortium, said Wednesday. "They want and need options that allow both career and family..." Employees of the 13 member companies use the computer listing to find day care for their children and receive counseling about what to look for in choosing day care. The consortium also recruits and trains day care providers. Day care has emerged as one of the major issues of the 1987 General Assembly. The legislature is considering a package of bills aimed at making day care more affordable and available.

Police adviser charged in attack
DANBURY — A psychotherapist who was a paid adviser to the Danbury police department has been arrested and charged with sexually assaulting a female motorist while impersonating a police officer. John H. Gagnon, 46, of Danbury, was arrested Wednesday at his home by Brookfield police and charged with criminal impersonation and third-degree sexual assault, Brookfield police said. Police searching his home also found half-dozens handguns and two automatic machine guns, along with police badges, patches and uniforms, according to a police statement. Police allege that Gagnon, dressed in a uniform and flashing a badge, used a flashing red light on the back of his car to stop a female motorist on Federal Road in Brookfield on March 2. The fake policeman reportedly asked for sex and grabbed the woman.

Panel calls for frank talk on AIDS

HARTFORD (AP) — A state task force, saying that educating teenagers about AIDS is the best way to prevent an epidemic of the fatal disease, has proposed curriculum guidelines calling for frank discussion of the disease. The guidelines, proposed Wednesday, include explicit descriptions of sexual activities through which the disease is transmitted. They need the approval of state education officials, are meant for high school students, and their use would not be mandatory.

Woman among candidates for bishop

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — The first woman ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is among those being considered for election as suffragan bishop in the Connecticut diocese. The Rev. Helen Havens would be the first female to hold the status of bishop in the Anglican church worldwide, if elected at a church convention in May, the Bridgeport Post reported Wednesday. Havens, also the Texas diocese's first female rector, has confirmed that her name was submitted by Bishop Richard W. Bradburn of the Diocese of the Rio Grande, N.M., to a nominating committee elected by the Connecticut diocesan executive council.

Senate backs additional restoration funds

HARTFORD (AP) — The state Senate has approved what should be the final \$10 million for the \$38 million Capitol restoration project — a project originally expected to cost \$15 million. The cost of the restoration, begun in 1977, has ballooned because the 188-year-old Capitol was in far worse shape than originally expected. Before the unanimous vote Wednesday approving the additional \$10 million, the Democratic-controlled Senate rejected Republican efforts aimed at embarrassing Democratic House Speaker Irving J. Stobberg, who the GOP claims unilaterally ordered the repainting of part of the House because he didn't like the color. "The work was done the appropriate way, and then it was undone," said Sen. Kenneth T. Hampton,

Cops seize crack, heroin and grandmother

WATERBURY (AP) — A 56-year-old grandmother was arrested Wednesday after police seized large amounts of the powerful drug crack and heroin from her apartment, police said. Elizabeth J. Fleming, 56, was arrested Tuesday at about 9 p.m. during a police raid on her apartment. She was charged with possession of narcotic with intention to sell and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was being held on a \$50,000 bond, a police spokesman said. Also arrested was Jack Galloway, 38, who was charged with possession of the search. He was being held on \$500 bond, police said. Both Fleming and Galloway were arraigned Wednesday, police said. Albert Woodbury, 38, was also

of the virus can be prevented by using condoms and spermicidal jelly. "They (high school students) are at the age where they are beginning to engage in behaviors known to cause AIDS—sexual activity and drug use," said Dr. Richard Melchreit, AIDS program coordinator for the state Department of Health Services. Last year, the state education and health services departments were inundated with calls from teachers looking for information about AIDS. The two departments set up a task force composed of health and education officials, teachers and parents to consider what information high school students need about transmission and prevention.

The committee's goal is to distribute copies of the final guidelines to schools in April, Melchreit said. The nominating committee was elected by the diocesan executive council to develop and publicize a job description for the vacant position. After calling for candidates' names, the panel reviews them and comes up with a list to be presented to the executive council and the bishop, Coleridge explained. The candidates meet in an open forum with convention delegates before the convention. Ordained in 1977, Havens has been rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Houston for five years. She studied at the Seminary in Houston and Episcopal Divinity School in Massachusetts.

R-Haddam. "When you're doing a restoration, you take it back to the original. Personal taste should not come into play." Stobberg said the decision to repaint was the result of consultation with other House leaders, including Republicans, who didn't like the muted green that matched the paint on the House walls when it opened in 1879. Senate Democrats argued that the change had been properly approved in December. The repainting destroyed the architectural quality of 32 panels that had been installed around the Hampton proposed that \$21,192—the cost of repainting and then having to replace the panels—be deducted from the \$15 million that complete the restoration. His proposal was rejected on a voice vote.

the Waterbury Vice Intelligence and Patrol Divisions, uncovered 101 small vials of crack, found in a handbag underneath a bed in Fleming's apartment, as well as 80 plastic bags of heroin found on the furniture during the search. He was being held on \$500 bond, police said. Police also found 100 assorted pills in the drawer of Fleming's bedside table.

U.S./World In Brief

FAA mishandled 1981 firings
WASHINGTON — The Federal Aviation Administration mishandled the firing of Chicago air traffic controllers in 1981, shoring up employee records in an attempt to justify the action, members of a congressional subcommittee say. The 468 fired controllers were the victims of arbitrary and excessive government behavior, subcommittee members said Wednesday at the end of two days of hearings before the House Public Works and transportation subcommittee on oversight. Chicago FAA officials admitted to the committee that "mistakes were made" in the dismissals. Although members took no formal vote and planned no action that would affect the firings 9 1/2 years ago, they voiced agreement with the conclusions of subcommittee member Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn. "It's a shocking case of an agency that just took law and procedure into its own hands and manipulated it to fit their view," Oberstar said.

New federal agency may be formed

WASHINGTON — A new agency to investigate accidents and lawbreaking in the nation's coal mines may result from a year-long Senate probe into alleged safety among Mine Safety and Health Administration officials and the industry they regulate. Nine current and former inspectors and investigators for the agency told the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee on Wednesday that citations they wrote against coal companies for safety violations were overturned repeatedly by supervisors. The agency's acting administrator for the past two months — Assistant Labor Secretary Allen C. McMillin — was scheduled to testify today before the committee. Also scheduled to testify were United Mine Workers President Richard Trumka and John Knebel, president of the industry's American Mining Congress.

Postage may increase soon

NEW YORK — The cost of sending a letter first class will increase by 1 to 4 cents if the U.S. Postal Service has its way. Deputy Postmaster General Michael S. Coughlin said Wednesday that the rate increase was necessary because of \$2 billion in costs resulting from inaction of a federal employee retirement plan. "We truly can't absorb that much additional cost," he was quoted as saying in today's edition of The New York Times. Coughlin said the price for first-class stamps should go up from 22 cents to as much as 28 cents. He said the Postal Service, in consultation with the Postal Board of Governors, would formally propose the increase in the next few months. Once a request is filed, 12 to 16 months usually pass before a postal rate increase can take effect. Last July, postal officials said a postage increase was unlikely until 1989. The agency finished with a surplus of \$66 million in fiscal year 1986, a substantial gain over the \$241 million loss the agency suffered in 1985, when first-class postage went from 20 cents to 22 cents.

Ferry victims mourned with wreaths

ZEBRUGGE, Belgium — Mourners tossed red roses, memorial wreaths and dozens of bouquets into the murky North Sea near the wreck of the Herald of Free Enterprise in tribute to the 134 people killed when the British ferry capsized. Shortly after Wednesday's ceremony, divers found the body of a crew member near the ferry's bridge, raising to 54 the number of confirmed dead. The bodies of 80 people are believed still trapped in the submerged hull. There were 400 known survivors. Twenty-six relatives, including four people who survived the disaster, tossed flowers into the waves during the 30-minute memorial service aboard the harbor tug Fighter. "I feel fulfilled and calm," Roger Panch, whose brother Thomas is believed among those whose bodies remain trapped aboard the vessel, said afterward. "I feel a lot better this day. I feel much happier, but it's never going to go away."

Group threatens to kill hostage

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A Moslem underground group today threatened to kill a Frenchman it is holding within 48 hours if France does not clarify its policy on French hostages in Lebanon and military aid to Iraq. The Revolutionary Justice Organization, believed made up of pro-Iranian Shiite extremists, made the threat in a three-page Arabic statement delivered to the office of a Western news agency in west Beirut. The statement was accompanied by a photograph of a hostage, Jean-Louis Normandin, 35, a lighting engineer for the French television station Antenne-2. It was the first statement by a group holding hostages in Lebanon since 7,500 Syrian troops entered west Beirut Feb. 22 to disarm warring militias and restore order.

Contras have attacked each other

MIAMI — Nicaraguan contras recently shot and seriously wounded one of their own commanders, the second such incident of violence among the rebels in three months, the head of U.S.-financed human rights group said in a report published Thursday. Maria Patricia Baltodano, executive director of the Nicaraguan Association for Human Rights, which monitors the insurgent movement, told the Miami Herald that a rebel military tribunal is investigating the shooting of Cmdr. Freddy Montenegro Gades. Montenegro was shot earlier this month after he drank several beers and quarreled with a contra transport officer over the late arrival of trucks to move his troops, Ms. Baltodano said.

House vote won't stop contra aid

WASHINGTON — President Reagan is in a good position to secure release of \$60 million in military aid to Nicaraguan contra forces after weeks of a straight-forward effort to kill the aid money's activity. The House voted 238-186 to block release of the aid until the administration accounts for payments diverted from secret arms sales to Iran, official U.S. aid, and other funds said to have flowed secretly to the Nicaraguan insurgents. The resolution was supported by 313 Democrats and 17 Republicans and opposed by 188 Republicans and 40 Democrats. But the only bill for short of the two-thirds majority necessary to pass a new U.S. Central American policy that puts emphasis on diplomacy, not military action. "This measure is a sign of hope that a negotiated solution can be found to Central America's troubles," House Democrats had hoped for a strong vote for the aid freeze to "send a signal" that the \$60 million Reagan requested for the contra for the next fiscal year is in serious jeopardy and that the House would vote for a new U.S. Central American policy that puts emphasis on diplomacy, not military action. "This measure is a sign of hope that a negotiated solution can be found to Central America's troubles," House Democrats had hoped for a strong vote for the aid freeze to "send a signal" that the \$60 million Reagan requested for the contra for the next fiscal year is in serious jeopardy and that the House would vote for a new U.S. Central American policy that puts emphasis on diplomacy, not military action. "This measure is a sign of hope that a negotiated solution can be found to Central America's troubles," House Democrats had hoped for a strong vote for the aid freeze to "send a signal" that the \$60 million Reagan requested for the contra for the next fiscal year is in serious jeopardy and that the House would vote for a new U.S. Central American policy that puts emphasis on diplomacy, not military action.

made to Congress last week, release of the previously approved \$60 million is automatic March 20 if the president prevails. One House Republican, Rep. Mickey Edwards, R-Ohio, asserted the GOP would have no objection and the vote lies on a straight-forward effort to kill the aid money's activity. White House spokesman Ronald Pofstall told reporters, "There's still the Senate vote and there's still the option of the veto. We're confident that we'll get the \$60 million as the process plays itself out." House Democrats had hoped for a strong vote for the aid freeze to "send a signal" that the \$60 million Reagan requested for the contra for the next fiscal year is in serious jeopardy and that the House would vote for a new U.S. Central American policy that puts emphasis on diplomacy, not military action. "This measure is a sign of hope that a negotiated solution can be found to Central America's troubles," House Democrats had hoped for a strong vote for the aid freeze to "send a signal" that the \$60 million Reagan requested for the contra for the next fiscal year is in serious jeopardy and that the House would vote for a new U.S. Central American policy that puts emphasis on diplomacy, not military action.



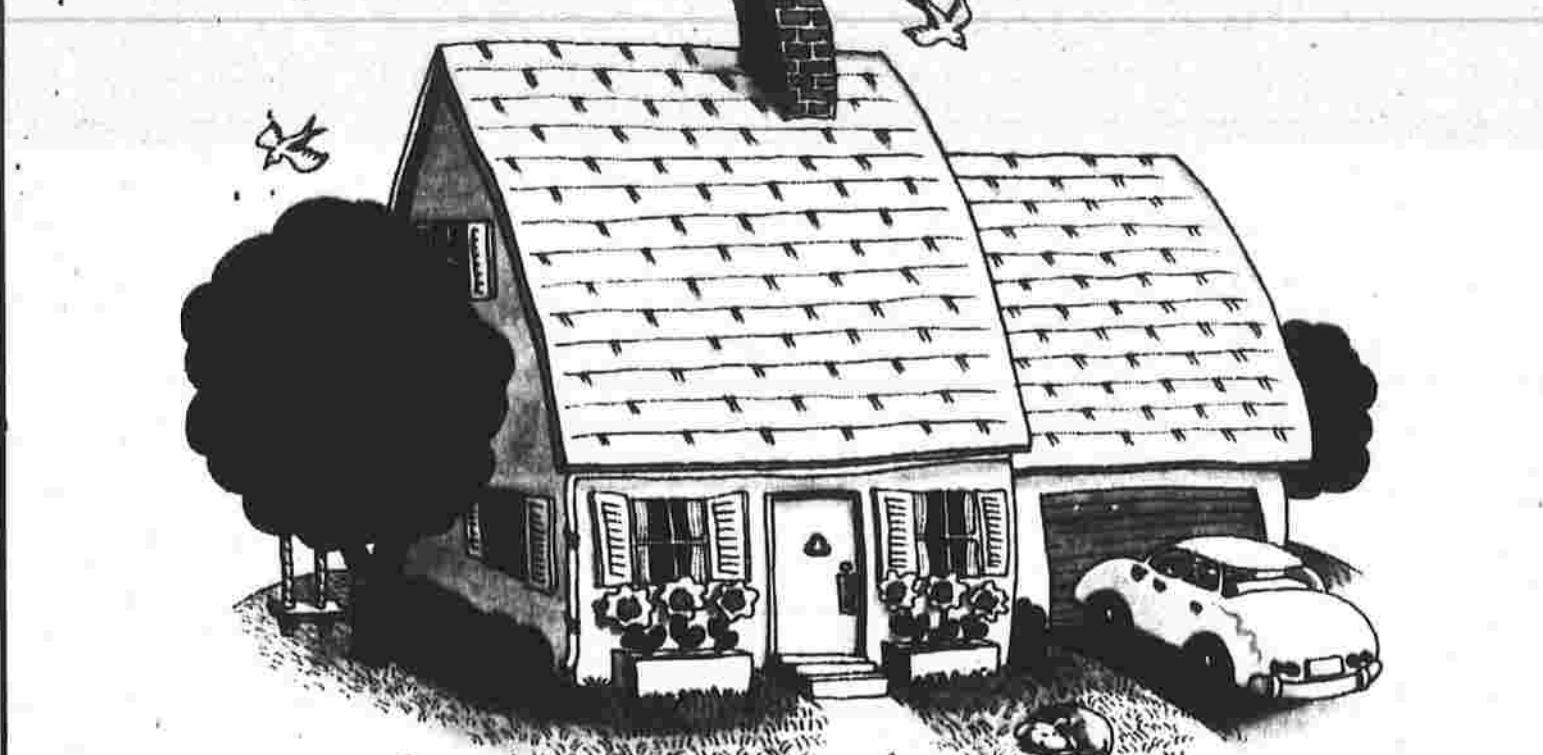
ARTURO CRUZ "writing on the wall"

Immunity considered for ex-officials

WASHINGTON — Congressional investigators and the independent counsel probing the Iran-contra affair are discussing a plan for John M. Poindexter and Oliver L. North to be granted limited immunity for their testimony before Congress by the end of May. "Both committees and the independent counsel are really searching for the same thing, which is the truth," independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh said after meeting Wednesday with members of the Senate select committee probing the sale of arms to Iran and alleged diversion of funds to Nicaraguan contra rebels. Walsh wants Congress to wait at least 90 days before granting immunity to Poindexter, a Navy

rear admiral who quit as President Reagan's national security adviser, and North, a lieutenant colonel fired from the White House staff for his role in the apparent diversion of money. However, leaders of the two congressional committees probing the Iran-contra matter have argued that the public is demanding a quick airing of the facts in the case. But to accommodate Walsh's effort to build a criminal case, public hearings on the Iran-contra affair would not begin until the middle of May, three weeks later than first planned, said Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, the chairman of the Senate select committee. This would allow Walsh more time to deal with witnesses before the committee interviews them under any immunity that might be granted. There might be additional time to deal with Poindexter and North, since they would not necessarily be the last-off witnesses. "I am convinced that the House and Senate committees together with the independent counsel will come forth with an agreement that will meet the requirements and the mandate of both of us," Inouye said after the meeting with Walsh. But neither Walsh nor the senators gave details of their discussions of immunity and there was no indication any final agreement had been worked out. Walsh and counsels for the two committees plan to work into next week on the details of the deal on Poindexter and North. In other developments related to the Iran-contra matter, Contra leader Adolfo Calero testified Wednesday about rebel finances for a third time before the federal grand jury that Walsh has convened. Calero's attorney, Joseph Portocarrero, said Walsh is seeking more documents, including diaries, in addition to the rebel financial records Calero already has turned over. The House and Senate select committees on Wednesday voted separately to grant limited immunity to Albert Hakim, congressional sources said. Hakim is an Iranian-born businessman believed to have furnished about the financial transactions involved in the possible diversion of arms sales payments to the contra.

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OPINION

Environment doesn't stop at town line

When a number of municipal officials and civic-minded citizens spoke Monday in Manchester about measures to protect wetlands, and to some extent underground aquifers, their opinions varied somewhat over how strong a role the state should play in controlling use of wetlands.

In general, those who feel their local wetlands agencies are strong and effective are convinced that wetlands decisions should be made locally and that the state commissioner of environmental protection should not have authority to hear appeals from local decisions.

Others who spoke felt that because wetlands do not begin and end within town boundaries, some uniform standard of control needs to be applied on a regional basis.

The one thing everyone seemed to agree on, however, is that those who make decisions about wetlands preservation need more education on the subject.

State Rep. John Thompson of Manchester, one of the members of the General Assembly's Environment Committee, came away from the hearing convinced that training and education are a key. One of the bills aired by the committee provides for such training programs administered by the Department of Environmental Protection.

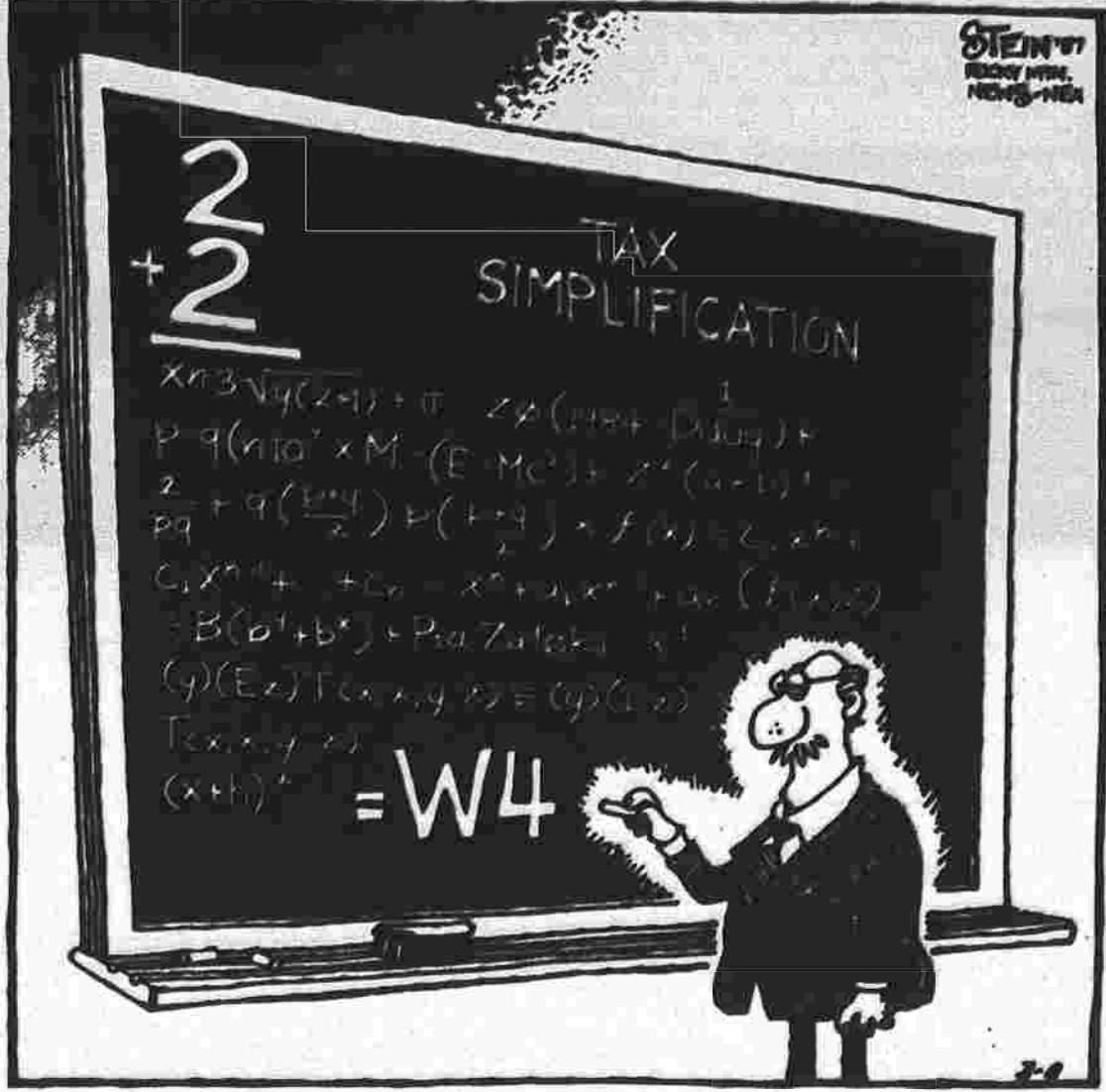
As the Environment Committee and the General Assembly consider the various proposals, legislators will have to strike some kind of balance between the desire for local, control and the need to preserve wetlands as a statewide resource. Part of that equation will be the acknowledgement that some small towns — and some not so small — have limited technical resources and need the help and support of the Department of Environmental Protection.

That balance is needed to protect wetlands against the encroachment of development. The same kind of balance will be needed later when it comes to the protection of aquifers. The aquifer problem, in fact, will be more complicated, because until recently little has been known about how to avoid destroying the vital underground water supplies.

And when you consider that much of the oldest part of Manchester is built over an aquifer, you get an idea how difficult the problem of retrospective management will be.

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Open Forum

Prison sentence much too harsh

To the Editor:

I have never met Gail Matthew, the young mother of the two children who were killed in a car crash in Manchester. I heartily agree with the Herald editorial that the sentence given her by the judge was much too harsh. It was Shakespeare who wrote the words, "The quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven..." Surely this young mother has been punished enough by the loss of her babies and she has acknowledged that she committed a very grave error. My heart goes out to her and I pray that she will somehow be spared a year in prison.

Mrs. Charles Sprague
78 Alton St.
Manchester

EMS response was fantastic

To the Editor:

Recently my mother found herself in a serious medical

emergency, and as a result I called the 911 number for assistance in Manchester. The fantastic, instant and professional response I received overwhelmed me, and I feel it is not only a duty but a privilege to give heartfelt praise and thanks to these people — our paramedics, police and firemen — for their super and most welcome assistance. I am certain that my mother is alive and better today due to these wonderful professionals. I would be remiss if I did not also give special thanks to our visiting nurse association for the follow-up care they provided. Manchester can be truly proud of this program and of the high caliber of people charged with the responsibility for carrying it out.

Sharon A. O'Connell
Dartmouth Road
Manchester

Scholarship fund was the winner

To the Editor:

On behalf of the scholarship committee of Hilling Junior High School, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Hartem Magicians, to the men and women of our faculty, and to the members of the student body who partici-



Jack Anderson

Wright action on S&L sends wrong signal

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, is trying to protect his state's sticky savings and loan institutions from what he considers harsh and arbitrary enforcement action by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. According to highly confidential bank board documents, prepared at the request of the House Banking Committee, one of those troubled thrifts is the Vernon Savings and Loan Association, owned by Donald R. Dixon, a real-estate developer. At the end of 1986, the S&L reported some \$1.35 billion in assets, but about \$1.7 billion in liabilities. According to well-informed sources in the financial community, Wright has reportedly told Treasury officials that the Vernon S&L was one of several in the Southwest that had become innocent victims of the region's oil and real-estate bust. He urged that the Vernon institution be given time to work out its problems instead of being foreclosed by the bank board.

CLOSING DOWN the Vernon S&L would be an expensive proposition for the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp., which guarantees deposits up to \$100,000 per account, and has to pay off when an S&L fails. As a rule of thumb, the FSLIC's losses are usually double the amount of a failed institution's negative net worth. In Vernon's case, this would mean about \$700 million to come out of the FSLIC reserve fund, which is currently around \$1 billion.

"Vernon's Imprudent and Risky... Lending Practices Result in Vernon's Insolvency," a section headline on the bank board report states. The lengthy document, seen by our associate Michael Bisanti, is replete with allegations of questionable management decisions and dubious business practices. Here are the most shocking: • Since Dixon acquired 99.9 percent ownership of the S&L in early 1982, its top officers have had exclusive use of "top-earning assets of Vernon, including luxury automobiles, a hunting club, a yacht, five airplanes and pilots and three beach houses."

• "The use of corporate assets by controlling persons can be illustrated by the facts surrounding Vernon's ownership of the Del Mar Beach House, located in Del Mar, Calif., which was purchased for \$2 million and maintained by Vernon for the use of Don Dixon. Vernon funded the checking accounts established to pay various expenses and furnish the house. Dixon and his wife moved into the house in June 1985... and lived there until Vernon sold the house in December 1986. There is no record that Dixon made a lease payment to Vernon, although he did pay the subsequent owner \$7,100 in monthly rental payments."

IN ADDITION, the S&L paid out \$781,539 in maintenance and entertainment expenses for the beach house. Investigators could find no board minutes showing approval of this arrangement. • The S&L's "aviation department" at one time included five airplanes and six pilots, and an additional plane was to be bought in 1986 for \$13.5 million. From 1984 through 1986, the aviation department posted losses totaling \$7.7 million. • hefty bonuses based on "inflated profits" were a feature of the S&L's operation, and since June 1982, the report states, the thrift has paid \$2.1 million in dividends to its parent holding company (and thus directly to Dixon).

"In addition to the dividends, Dixon also received excessive bonuses based on profits," the report states. These included \$644,637 from one bonus program and an additional \$1.1 million under another.

Don't get mad

As part of its get-tough policy with Soviet-bloc governments that make life tough for our embassy people, the State Department's Office of Foreign Missions recently played hardball with the Polish communist regime. Americans in Warsaw were having difficulty getting telephones installed, and appeals to the bureaucracy were in vain. So Foggy Bottom enlisted the help of Ma Bell to do the same thing to Polish embassy personnel here. Phones were soon forthcoming in Warsaw.

Mini-editorial

We'd like to give special recognition to 57 respondents among the thousands who answered our recent poll on how to reduce the federal deficit: A tax increase is the best spending. They are accurate — 11, 12 and 13 years old — at the Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary School in Pulaaki, Wis., a town of 18,000. When their instructor, David Meade, pointed out our "Peoples Poll" in the Green Bay News-Chronicle, the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders filled out postcard ballots. Results: 36 to 1 in favor of spending cuts.

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Soviets test nuclear weapon; second blast since February

By John-Thor Dahlburg
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union today staged its second nuclear test since abandoning a unilateral test freeze two weeks ago, exploding a device at an underground test range in Kazakhstan on the steppes of central Asia. The official Tass news agency said the device's yield was "up to 20 kilotons," the force of the U.S. atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, on Aug. 6, 1945, in the final days of World War II. Tass said the test at the Semipalatinsk range, 1,700 miles southeast of Moscow near the Chinese border

was conducted "with a view to upgrading military technology." It gave no further details in its two-paragraph dispatch. The nuclear explosion, which Tass said took place at 5 a.m. (9 p.m. EST Wednesday), followed a Feb. 26 blast at the range that ended a 19-month halt in Soviet weapons testing.

Radio Moscow's international service reported the latest test in its morning news broadcast, and said, "The Soviet Union is ready at any time to resume the moratorium if the United States agrees to join it. The Soviet Union is known as a supporter of ending all nuclear tests."

Arms talks continue

By Susanne M. Schorer
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States wants to isolate in a small area the 100 warheads allowed under a proposed U.S.-Soviet pact on medium-range missiles in Europe, administration officials say. The exact placement of the warheads is one of the many subjects still to be resolved in the negotiations taking place in Geneva. A senior administration official, who spoke Wednesday only on condition he not be identified, said he expected that a verification plan for the agreement could be wrapped up and presented to the Soviets next week. U.S. and allied officials have been discussing the verification plan in recent days. The administration official said the allies have not

raised any serious objections to the plan, which is based on reciprocal on-site inspection at both missile and production plants. The proposed agreement to rid Europe of the intermediate-range and short-range missiles would allow both sides to retain 100 warheads. In Europe, administration officials say. The exact placement of the warheads is one of the many subjects still to be resolved in the negotiations taking place in Geneva. A senior administration official, who spoke Wednesday only on condition he not be identified, said he expected that a verification plan for the agreement could be wrapped up and presented to the Soviets next week. U.S. and allied officials have been discussing the verification plan in recent days. The administration official said the allies have not

The last Soviet test before the freeze was on July 25, 1986. On Aug. 6 of that year, the 40th anniversary of the Hiroshima dispatch, the Kremlin announced its moratorium on weapons testing. Soviet officials blamed the U.S. administration's refusal to stop its test program for forcing them to resume testing. They had said they would stage no tests until after the first U.S. test blast of 1987.

Since Jan. 1, the United States has exploded two nuclear devices at its underground test range in the Nevada desert. In Washington, a U.S. State Department spokeswoman, Laura Jole, said the latest Soviet test had been expected. "There's nothing new going on," she said. "We just don't have any reaction to it."

A group of private American scientists was told Monday to shut off its monitoring devices near Semipalatinsk, sparking speculation that a Soviet test was imminent.

The group, the Natural Resources Defense Council, also was instructed to turn off its seismic equipment before the Feb. 26 explosion. The private U.S. environmental group reached an agreement last year with the Soviet Academy of Sciences to set up monitoring stations in Kazakhstan and in Nevada to prove that compliance with a test ban could be verified.

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Barbara Finamore, Moscow coordinator for the U.S. group, said the council will apparently be allowed to go ahead Friday with the installation of new, more advanced monitoring equipment at Karasu, about 230 miles southeast of Semipalatinsk.

Pilot known drug trafficker

By Freddy Cuevas
The Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — The military said four people died when it shot down a U.S.-registered DC-3 believed to have been on a drug flight, and alleged that the plane's American pilot was a known narcotics trafficker.

But Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega said Wednesday in Managua that the plane matched the description of one hit by Sandinista ground fire while dropping supplies to contra rebels. He said Sandinista soldiers in the northern town of Wilwil, 15 miles from the Honduran border, fired at an aircraft at about 10 p.m. Monday, about 1 1/2 hours before Honduras reported downing the

DC-3. Honduran military authorities in Tegucigalpa said it was Wednesday night that the plane appeared to have been on a drug flight from Colombia to the United States. The communication identified the American pilot as Joseph Bernard Mason, but did not give any hometown. It said the three other crew members were from Guatemala but did not give their names. All four were killed, it said.

In Guatemala City, a civil aviation official said the co-pilot was "Galizazzo, also an American." On Tuesday, the Honduran military said three people died in the crash. The Honduran airplane and the pilot refused to identify himself.

"Our investigation has established that Joseph Bernard Mason, the North American pilot, possessed ample prior felonies in the United States for his participation in international drug trafficking activities," the communication said without giving specifics.

A U.S. Embassy official in Tegucigalpa confirmed Wednesday that the pilot was tentatively identified as Mason. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity for protocol reasons, gave no further details. Honduran military officials said Tuesday that combat jets downed the plane Monday night after it crashed. The Honduran airplane and the pilot refused to identify himself.



Bergen County officers stand next to a car in Bergenfield, N.J., Wednesday where four teen-agers apparently committed suicide together.

Four commit suicide together

By Julia Dolan
The Associated Press

BERGENFIELD, N.J. — Four teens who agreed to kill themselves together had a pact going on here in Bergenfield and they are dying one after another, a friend said.

McClure described the four previous deaths of Bergenfield residents as "incidents that may have been suicides and... were related to drug and/or alcohol consumption." Rizzo's mother, who refused to give her first name, said one of the deaths involved her son's best friend, Joe Major, 18, who in September fell from a 200-foot-high cliff overlooking the Hudson River. Her son saw Major fall and she said it was a suicide, although it was officially classified an accident.

"They have a pact going on here in Bergenfield and they are dying one after another," she said of teen-agers in the community of 25,000 residents. Rizzo had been devastated by Major's death, said Dawn Murphy, a friend of the Burgess sisters. A friend of the youths, Linda Figueroa, said the four appeared to be preoccupied with suicide. "They would talk about it, but I didn't think they would do it," she said.

common wake and burial. The note did not explain the teens' motives, McClure said. Liza Burgess, 17, her 18-year-old sister Cheryl, and Thomas Rizzo and Thomas Oltan, died apparently of carbon monoxide poisoning, he said. McClure described the four previous deaths of Bergenfield residents as "incidents that may have been suicides and... were related to drug and/or alcohol consumption." Rizzo's mother, who refused to give her first name, said one of the deaths involved her son's best friend, Joe Major, 18, who in September fell from a 200-foot-high cliff overlooking the Hudson River. Her son saw Major fall and she said it was a suicide, although it was officially classified an accident.

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Tax hikes necessary to stop deficit spiral

There's a new sign of hope in Congress — a decision by House Speaker Jim Wright "to fight for a tax increase" to cut America's budget deficit. "If the President is serious about cooperating with the Congress, the budget is a good place to start," Wright told Howard Baker, Reagan's new chief of staff and a very respected former majority leader of the Senate.

One of Reagan's early alleged goals was to cut the budget deficit. But during his presidency federal debt soared from \$94 billion to \$2.1 trillion. You, I, our children and grandchildren will pay interest on that forever.

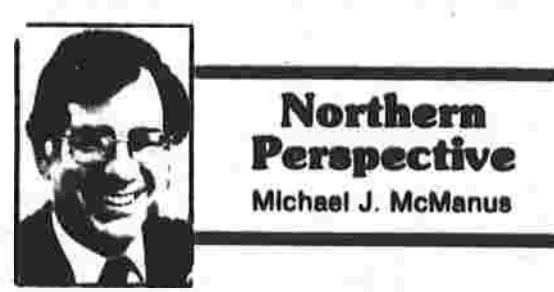
But the situation is more ominous than even these grim numbers suggest. "The National Journal," an in-depth Washington magazine, published a frightening article on Feb. 14 which provides evidence that growing Social Security reserves are being quietly tapped for current spending.

YOU HAVE HEARD the president and respectable politicians of both parties say that "the deficit is on a downward path."

The real deficit in fiscal 1987 is \$193 billion. It rises to \$200 billion by '88, and then drifts slightly down to \$176 billion by 1991. However, the President says that if his program is accepted the deficit will be \$21 billion in 1991. This is a total fiction — it is that the Congressional Budget Office corrects only slightly. It says the Reagan program, if enacted, would lead to a deficit of \$35 billion in '91.

In either case, however, the figure is about \$190 billion below the projected deficit. How can that be? Part is due to cuts in spending Reagan would like, but which won't happen — in higher education, Medicare, etc.

More important, "The National Journal" sees "false security" in both the Administration and Congress' use of the Social Security's big and growing annual surplus, which gives "a false sense of fiscal accomplishment."



Northern Perspective
Michael J. McManus

SOCIAL SECURITY taxes were hiked substantially in 1983 to make the huge baby boom generation, now of working age, pay for their retirement by accumulating huge reserves. In 1987, for example, the Social Security surplus is \$19 billion. By 1991, it will be \$67 billion. And if these reserves are untouched, the magazine estimates it would be \$1.3 trillion by the year 2000 and a whopping \$11.7 trillion by 2025.

But all of that would then be paid out by 2005 to "baby boom" retirees. The alternative is to saddle the next generation, who are fewer in number, with massive taxes for their parents.

However, government's other hand is borrowing that surplus for deficit reduction. Clearly, the money can't be used twice. It could be banked for tomorrow's bills, but is being used for today's profligate spending. This is a potentially explosive issue. Millions of Americans now pay more for Social Security than for income taxes. And the 11.4 percent tax, shared equally by employer and employee, rises to 12.4 percent by 1990.

WITH THAT DARK light on the deficit, consider what Jim Wright is proposing — a \$40 trillion deficit reduction plan that would cut spending about \$20 billion and increase taxes by \$20 billion. Wright's courage is admirable. Since Reagan's election, Democrats have waited for Reagan to go

first in proposing taxes. Why? Democrats felt vulnerable to Republican charges they are too eager to raise taxes. Reagan likes to describe Democrats as "Tax, tax, tax. Spend, spend, spend."

So both Reagan and Congress have followed the policy: Borrow, borrow big, borrow bigger. Spend, spend, spend.

The most clever element of Wright's proposal was his suggestion for how to raise taxes. He proposed a 1 percent tax on the value of sales of stocks. Since \$17 trillion worth of securities changed hands last year, his proposed tax, half of which would be paid by the seller, and half by the buyer — would yield a handsome \$17 billion.

IT EVEN SEEMS painless. The seller of \$1,000 in stock would pay \$5. But if real deficit figures are used, \$17 billion is only a downpayment. It is almost a peanut for a ponderous pachyderm.

Wright, a Texas populist, suggested earlier that the drop of taxes on the highest incomes remain at the 55.5 percent of this year and not drop to 38 percent. The highest rate did drop from 70 percent in 1960. The idea got a cool reception from many who don't want to reopen the complex law. But this step could yield \$16 billion annually from individuals alone.

"Sin" taxes should also be increased. A doubling of the 16 cent tax on cigarettes would bring in \$3 billion. If wine and beer paid the same tax as liquor on alcohol content — \$4 billion more would be collected. Higher taxes on these items would also have the salutary effect of cutting usage.

With lower gasoline prices, a gasoline tax makes sense. A 12 cent tax would yield \$1 billion and would reduce rising gas consumption.

And if the mortgage deduction had the same percentage value for the affluent as the middle class (15 percent), \$46 billion more would be paid. If those \$97 billion of tax increases were matched by spending cuts, the current deficit would disappear. Why not shoot for that noble goal?

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It's a good idea to be economical with your cards, but it's also important to watch for those times when you must play with abandon...

Polly's Pointers

Making delicious pickled eggs

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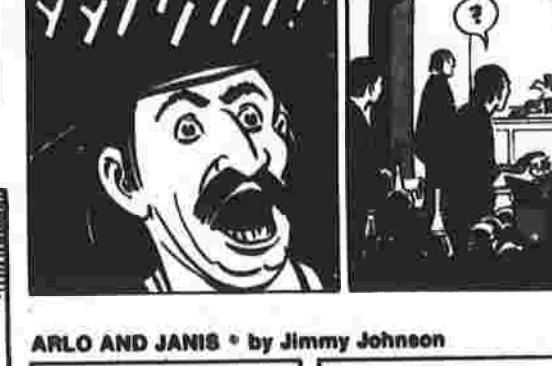
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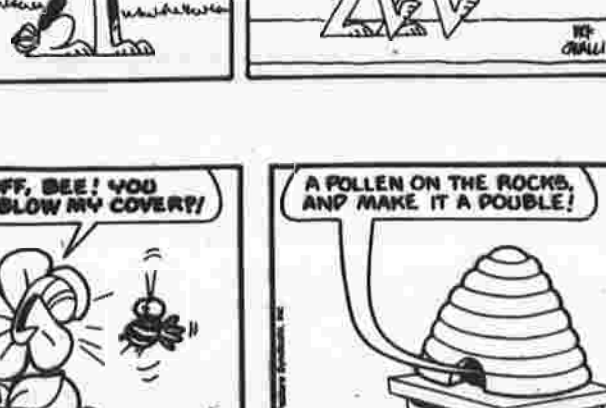
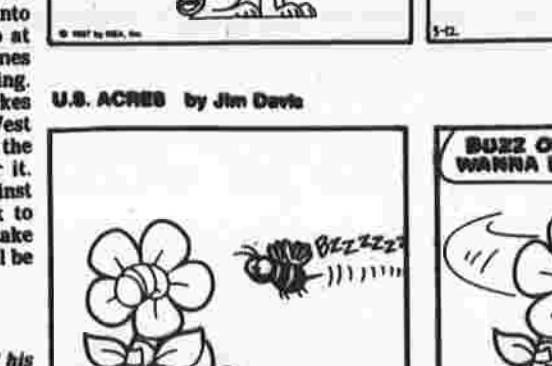
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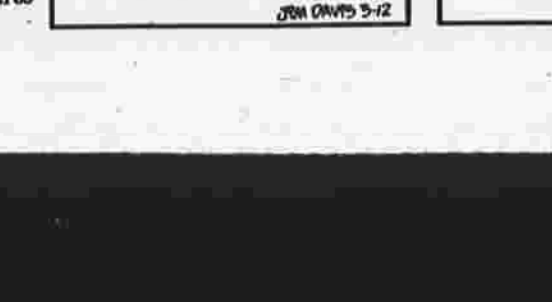
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BUSINESS

Insurance 'income' is borrowed



Investors' Guide

William A. Doyle

QUESTION: In all the years I have been investing in life insurance, I have been my experience that stockbrokers and insurance salesmen "worked different sides of the street" with one selling entirely different products from the other...

QUESTION: Do all single-premium life insurance policies have guaranteed interest rates? ANSWER: No. To begin with, there are two basic types of single-premium policies - whole-life and variable...

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Brokerage suspends high-level executive

NEW YORK - Merrill Lynch & Co. has suspended a top official at its London office accused by the Securities and Exchange Commission of participating in a \$4 million insider trading scheme...

American exports grow

WASHINGTON - Economists believe they are seeing signs that the long fall in the value of the dollar is improving the country's trade fortunes...

Obituaries

James McCooe, was policeman for 27 years

James V. McCooe, 64, of 110 Hamlin St., a retired Manchester policeman, died Wednesday night at his home after a long illness. He was the husband of Josephine (Gilligan) McCooe.

Before retiring in 1959, he was a police officer for 27 years, the last eight as community relations officer. He was born in Manchester Oct. 22, 1922, and he had been a lifelong resident.

He was educated in the Manchester schools, and graduated from Manchester high school in the class of 1941 B, serving as its reunion chairman for many years. He was a veteran of World War II, in which he served in the U.S. Air Corps in the Pacific Theater.

He was a member of St. James Church, the Disabled American Veterans and the Army and Navy Club of Manchester. He also was a member of the Holy Family Retreat League, and had been a former member of the Campbell Council, Knights of Columbus.

In an interview with the Manchester Herald shortly before his retirement, he reflected on his career and life in Manchester. He said he became a policeman in 1957 because his hours had been cut from his job at Allen Manufacturing in Hartford, where he had worked for 10 years.

He said he was paid the police work hard, but it was rewarding because a beat policeman was able to know the town and its people so well. "You could depend on people to assist you if anything went down, or if you needed some information," he recalled in the 1982 interview.

People had more respect for police officers in the early days, he said. On a hot day, they'd offer the beat cop a cold drink or a mug of coffee when the snow was flying. "We knew just a thank you would suffice. They did it because they liked you," he said.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and John Byrne of South Windsor; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Barbara McCooe of Manchester; three sisters, Mrs. Ronald (Ber, Katherine) Madama of Hartford, Nadette M. Wilkie of Manchester and Jeanette Balam of Bolton; four brothers, John F. McCooe of East Hartford, Joseph F. McCooe and Charles McCooe, both of Manchester; and C. Thomas McCooe of Bolton; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Saturday at 10:15 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., followed by a mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. in St. James Church. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery with full military honors. Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. James School Foundation or Visiting Nurse and Home Care Inc. of Manchester.

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Woody Hayes, ex-Ohio coach

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Woody Hayes, 74, former Ohio State University football coach, died early today at his home, university officials said.

Russell Spillman, vice president for student affairs, quoted OSU Athletic Director Rick Bay as saying that Hayes, who had been in ill health during recent years, died at his home about 4 a.m.

Hayes' wife, Anne, discovered her husband dead this morning, said Scott Mueller, a spokesman for the university. Hayes compiled a record of 238-72-10 in 33 seasons at Denison University (1948-49), Miami of Ohio (1949-50) and Ohio State (1951-79). Only Paul "Bear" Bryant (293), Amos Alonzo Stagg (314) and Glenn "Pop" Warner (313) won more major football championships.

Hayes coached at Ohio State for 28 years, compiling a record of 205-11-10. Two of his teams — in 1954 and 1956 — were awarded the national Press national championship trophies.

In Beaver Brook Cemetery, Clinton, there are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to the New Haven Bible Students Church, New Haven.

Arnold F. Ostrom, 53, of 875 Center St., died Wednesday at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Beverly (Timmons) Ostrom.

He was born in Norwood, Mass., March 29, 1933, and had been employed as a specialist with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, East Hartford, for 30 years.

He was a member of the Church of the Assumption and the American Association of Retired Persons. Besides his wife, he is survived by his mother-in-law, Elvina Curtis of Manchester; two brothers, Emil Ostrom and Raymond Ostrom, both of Norwood, Mass.; a sister, Doris Max of Stafford Springs; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Saturday at 10:15 a.m. at the Watkins Funeral Home, 142 E. Center St., followed by a mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Vernon. Burial will be in St. Bernard Cemetery. Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Donald H. Culver, 55, of 77 Boulder Road, died Wednesday at local convalescent home. He was the husband of Eunice (LeClerc) Culver.

Born in Chicopee Falls, Mass., on July 4, 1901, he had lived in Manchester for the past 20 years. Before retiring in 1965, he was an assistant treasurer at United Technologies in East Hartford for 25 years.

He was a 1964 graduate of Wesleyan University in Middletown, and a member of South United Methodist Church. He was a past financial secretary of the church, member of the Old Guard of West Hartford, the Manchester Country Club and Belcher Lodge in Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Donald H. Culver Jr. of Fall City, Wash.; a daughter, Dian C. Jones of Manhattan Beach, Va.; and five grandchildren.

The funeral will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Watkins Funeral Home, 142 E. Center St. Burial will be in the spring in the Norwich Bridge Cemetery, Huntington, Mass. Calling hours are Saturday from 1 p.m. until the service.

Record is lengthy

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Merrill's mother, Gladys E. Merrill, said this morning her son had been living at home for the past five weeks, but did not have a job. She said he was born in Madison, Maine, but has lived in the area for a number of years.

She declined to talk any further about him. But when asked if he has been a good son, she said, "Yes, he has. He's been very good."

According to records at Tolland County Superior Court, Merrill was arrested in November 1971 on charges of attempted escape, criminal attempt and conspiracy. The following September, he was sentenced to two-and-a-half to five years for the attempted escape charge.

The time was to be served concurrently with the prison sentence he received for an earlier crime.

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How much time was actually served was unavailable from prison officials, although on May 19, 1981, Merrill was charged with third-degree assault. On July 19, 1981, he was sentenced to the time he was then serving, according to records.

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Advice

Ready to marry, then ready to move

DEAR ABBY: Let me add a few words of advice to "Tears on My Pillow," who doesn't want to move from her home in West Virginia to California where her fiancé has a better job. Grow up!

I am a military wife, and we have moved 34 times and lived in 14 states and also foreign countries. In every new location, I've made new friends who became close as family, and I cried bitter tears every time we had to move — only to find that the people in the next place had as much to offer as the last. If not more.

Incidentally, I, too, am from West Virginia. My whole family lives there so I know how you feel, but if a wife must make a choice, her place is with her husband — not her parents.

My 64-year-old mother was in the same position as you, only mother was already married when she decided that the hills of West Virginia were more important to her than her husband, so she



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

divorced him and now she sits alone in West Virginia. Please listen to Abby. She's right to suggest that "Maybe you're not ready to marry Buddy — or anybody else."

DEAR ECHO: Many other readers echoed my advice to "Tears." Read on.

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, my daughter and her husband were visiting us, and because they had made so many moves, I asked them when they were going to "settle down."

My daughter said, "Even though we move a lot, we're settled down. We both have jobs, furniture, an apartment, cars, etc." I told them I

meant really settle down in one place. She said they might never live in one place, forever, and she wasn't sure they'd ever want to — then she looked lovingly at her husband, gave him a little pat on the knee, and said, "He's my hope." That is what I would like to tell the girl from West Virginia who's dreading her wedding day because she doesn't want to leave West Virginia. Home is where the heart is. She should wait until she meets a man she will follow anywhere.

PHOENIX MOM
DEAR ABBY: I think you were very unempathetic to imply that "Tears on My Pillow" was immature because she didn't want to leave her friends and family in West Virginia to marry Buddy and never did. I think you should have told her to dump Buddy unless he was willing to move closer to her family.

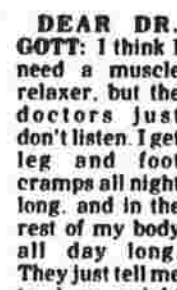
DEAR ABBY: I married a serviceman who promised me that when his tour was up, we would move back to my hometown. We never did. He paid no attention to my pleas to go home because he didn't want to go back there to live. Last year I had a white van that sits next to the window crying to go home. I'm not. I believe you told where you are planted. I'm active

in my kids' schools. I work part-time at a job I love, and have a wide and varied circle of friends. But there isn't a day that goes by that I don't wish I could move back home. I'm still homesick, and I miss my family.

TEARS IN MY HEART
DEAR ABBY: I told "Tears on My Pillow" to put her wedding on hold — that she may not be ready to marry Buddy, or anybody else. One "dump" only that which she wants no part of. I think "Tears" should play it safe. She might grow up in the meantime.

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Take positive approach to your health



Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I think I need a muscle relaxer, but the doctor just don't listen. I get leg and foot cramps all night long, and in the rest of my body all day long. They just tell me to lose weight (I'm 5-foot-4, female, 61 and 260 pounds). Why won't they help me?

DEAR READER: From the information in your question, I cannot identify the source of your cramps. A muscle relaxer might help you, but that decision is best left to your doctor.

However, you do raise an important issue. Clearly, you are overweight at 260 pounds. I agree with your physician that a weight-loss program is a logical next step, both for your general health and —

possibly — to relieve your cramps. A doctor can put you on a diet, but the ultimate responsibility to trim down rests with you.

Rather than feeling helpless because no doctor has come to your cramps, take a more aggressive and positive approach to your own health. I think that you will experience physical and psychological improvement by taking matters into your own hands. Instead of waiting for someone to do it for you.

Join a weight-loss support group, such as Weight Watchers. This is a

comparatively inexpensive way for you to gain more control over your weight, with the support, encouragement and supervision of people who also have weight problems. After you have reached a more ideal weight, return to your doctor. You might be surprised at his (or her) willingness to help you once you have taken the initiative to help yourself.

To help you help yourself, I'm sending a free copy of my Health Report on weight loss. It tells you how to lose weight wisely — and keep it off. Other readers who are interested in a copy should send \$1 and your name and address to P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-0048. Be sure to ask for Winning the Battle of the Bulge.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My orthopedic surgeon has so far given me two cortisone injections, four weeks apart, for pain in the lower back and legs. Friends are frightening me, saying the injections are

dangerous. However, athletes get them. I asked the doctor about the side effects, but he didn't answer.

DEAR READER: If your orthopedic surgeon won't answer you, find one who will. Cortisone injections are useful in treating many types of bone and joint pain. However, with prolonged use, the drug can weaken tissues and make matters worse. Back and leg pain may indicate a condition, such as low-back strain, that should not be treated with cortisone.

Physical therapy, with hot packs and ultrasound, may be more appropriate treatment for back pain than are cortisone shots. In addition, I have found that reputable chiropractors often can help treat back pain once disc disease has been ruled out.

Finally, alternative treatments — such as massage and Myotherapy — might be preferable to cortisone injection. Ask your (new) orthopedic surgeon for advice.



Nurseries to parades

This model cuddles her teddy bear tightly in the arms of her cozy fur, in tiny pieces of felt worked into a pattern, as part of the much-applauded Fandy collection for winter 1987-88. Designed by Karl Lagerfeld, the collection was shown Tuesday in Milan.

Births

Beecher, Hilary Jeanne, daughter of Jeffrey W. and Tracy (Kodes) Beecher of Groton, was born Feb. 21 at University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington. Her maternal grandfather is Edward Kodes of Manchester. Her paternal grandparents are Fred and Carol Beecher of Bolton.

Cohen, Britney Lynn, daughter of Max and Laureen Hooley Cohen Jr. of 27 Horton Road, was born Feb. 20 at Hartford Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hooley of Manchester. Her paternal grandmother is Dorothy Cohen of South Windsor. Her maternal great-grandmother is Bernice Hagewood of Manchester. She has a sister, Lyndsay Dyan, 2 1/2.

Rock, Amanda Sue, daughter of David L. and Charlene LaChapelle Rock of 54 Spencer St., was born Feb. 20 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Gerard E. and Frances LaChapelle of 718 N. Main St. Her paternal grandfather is James Rock of Norwich. She has a sister, Jessica A. Rock, 15 months.

McConville, Ryan Patrick, son of Dennis Patrick and Nicole Laverdiere McConville of 517 Vernon St., was born Feb. 15 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Suzanne and Jean Paul Laverdiere of South Windsor. His paternal grandmother is Rita E. McConville of 453 Summit St. He has a sister, Meghan Elizabeth, 21 months.

Jones, Nicole Danielle, daughter

of Russell and Ellen Paul Jones of 26 Clinton St., was born Feb. 15 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Antoinette Paul of 296 School St. and the late Richard Paul. Her paternal grandparents are Mrs. Dolores Pool of Houston, Texas, and LaVelle Jones of Simsbury.

Boyce, Nicholas Ian, son of Daniel Phillip and Susan Lynn Bleeker Boyce of 343 Oakland St., was born Feb. 25 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bleeker of Michigan. His paternal grandparents are Margaret Aditt of Michigan and Phillip Boyce of Colorado. He has a sister, Lesley, 2 1/2.

Motowidlik, John Paul, son of Michael J. and Susan Misner Motowidlik of 15 Overland St., was born Feb. 25 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. P. Joseph Misner of 15 Overland St. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Motowidlik of East Hartford. He has a brother Joseph M., 23 months, a half-brother, Michael A. Motowidlik, 9, and a half-sister, Lisa M. Motowidlik, 12.

Spencer, Jason Ryan, son of Donald E. and Suzanne Rawewski Spencer of Stafford Springs, was born Jan. 9 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Richard Spencer of 174 Irving St. and Virginia Spencer of 27 Byron Road. He has a sister, Stephanie, 21 months.

St. James lists honors

Second term high honors and general honors for students in grades 5 to 8 at St. James School were announced recently. Award certificates for this achievement were given to the following students:

- HIGH HONORS**
Grade 5
Christopher Russo, Lisa Cataldi, Kevin O'Keefe, Amy Stodons, Michael Zubor.
Grade 6
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Daylight-saving conserves energy

NEW YORK (AP) — The new law extending daylight-saving time by three to four weeks annually also will be a boost to the nation's energy conservation efforts and its desire for energy independence, says Energy User News. The weekly journal notes that the federal law — which moves the first

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More unpleasant tax news: T&E rules are bombshells



Sylvia Porter

The new tax law's all-new rules for travel and entertainment (T&E) deductions are bombshells — no question about that.

However — and this may come as a surprise to many professionals as well as a large number of companies, and reimbursed employees of those companies, are not immediately hit by these rules. According to tax attorney E.H. Warrack, chief consulting officer of Prentice-Hall Information Services, these companies are in for an unusually pleasant piece of tax news.

Here's why: The new law becomes effective only for tax years beginning after Dec. 31, 1986. That means, in simple terms, that a company using a fiscal year can get through part, maybe most, of 1987 without being concerned about some of the stringent new T&E rules.

Study the new law's T&E crackdowns and what you can do about them. Start with tickets.

LAST YEAR, you may recall, the New York Mets and the Boston Red Sox played in the World Series. If you had a business conversation with a customer directly before or directly after one of the games and you paid for the game tickets, the entire amount was deductible.

This year, you went to the Super Bowl. You met a customer in Los Angeles, discussed business directly before or after the game and you paid \$500 each for tickets — a total of \$1,000. Assume that you are the executive vice president of your

company, you pay entertainment expenses and deduct them as employee business expenses. This year, when you file your 1986 tax return, you generally deduct the full cost of the World Series tickets, even if you paid much more than the face value.

NEXT YEAR, when you file your 1987 tax return, you get really bothered by three new tax-law provisions: Backbreaker 1: Your first deductible amount at the outset is limited to the face value of the tickets. If the face value of the tickets was \$75 each, or a total of \$150, that's the top limit. So you lose \$850 of the \$1,000 you paid for Super Bowl tickets.

Backbreaker 2: Only 50 percent of that \$150 is deductible. There's a new 20 percent disallowance on entertainment expenses. You lose another \$30 — and your deductible amount is \$120.

Backbreaker 3: You now subject the \$120 to another test. That amount (an employee expense) is lumped in with other "miscellaneous itemized deductions" and deductible only to the extent that it exceeds 2 percent of your adjusted gross income.

IF YOU HAVE adjusted gross income of, say, \$50,000, that wipes out \$1,000 of deductions. So there's a

good chance that you wind up not being able to deduct one nickel of that \$1,000 you laid out for tickets. What can you do about it? Plenty. Arrange to have your company pay the entertainment bills or reimburse you for what you pay out on the company's behalf. After all, it's the company's bottom line that you're trying to boost.

"Hold on," someone may be saying, "that only means the company loses out on \$600 that it paid and can't deduct — the \$150 face value of the tickets with the 20 percent disallowance on top of that. So the company gets a total of only \$120 in deductions."

Maybe — and maybe not. If the company is on a fiscal-year basis (as so many of them are), it may wind up with a full \$1,000 deduction.

HERE'S WHY: The new law has a provision reading "effective for tax years beginning after 12/31/86." So a company on a fiscal year ending, say, June 30, 1987, uses the old law for T&E expenses incurred during the first six months of the year. And since the Super Bowl was in January, the company (and you) should be home free.

Does that apply only to tickets? No! Not at all. It applies to virtually all the new entertainment squeeze plays.

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SS Mailbox

Program has many benefits

Ringo wonders why he has a leash on but isn't going outside. The answer is that it was too cold on Tuesday. Assistant Dog Warden Dan Fuller tries to convince him of this.

QUESTION: I just started working and I'm concerned about the large amount of Social Security taxes that I have to pay. This seems like a lot of money to be paying for just retirement. Are there any other benefits under the Social Security program?

ANSWER: Yes, Social Security is not just a retirement program. It also provides for disability benefits for you and your family should you become disabled, plus survivors benefits should you die, providing you have worked long enough in covered employment. It also provides for medical and health insurance when you reach 65 or get disability benefits for 24 months.

QUESTION: My mother, who's 83, gets a Social Security and SSI check every month. I'm concerned about the way she has been handling her money. Can Social Security send her checks to me?

ANSWER: Sometimes a person getting Social Security or SSI checks loses the mental or physical ability to manage money. When this happens, Social Security should be notified. Arrangements can be made for a "representative payee" — usually a relative — to receive and use the benefits for that person.

QUESTION: My son and daughter-in-law live in Germany and have invited me to come stay with them for a month. If I go, will Medicare pay for any medical services I might need while I'm there?

ANSWER: No, Medicare cannot pay for hospital or medical services you receive outside the U.S. — except for care in qualified Canadian or Mexican hospitals under certain conditions.

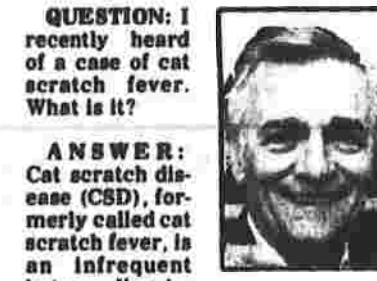
QUESTION: I worked for several different people last year and if, together, they withheld more than the maximum in Social Security taxes can I get a refund?

ANSWER: Yes, by claiming a refund for the excess amount when you file your 1986 income tax return. But, if a single employer withheld more than you owed, you should ask that employer for a refund of the excess. Incidentally, earnings in excess of the amount that counts for Social Security will not be posted to your earnings record nor can it be used in figuring a benefit rate.

This column is prepared by the Social Security Administration in East Hartford. Do you have a question you'd like to see used here? Write to Social Security, Manchester Herald, PO Box 591, Manchester, Conn. 06604.

It isn't worthless
Many Americans who regard the desert as worthless land which they may ravage and plunder with impunity are unaware that they are violating state and federal laws.

Infection from cat scratch is infrequent, still puzzling



Pet Forum
Allan Leventhal, D.V.M.

QUESTION: I recently heard of a case of cat scratch fever. What is it?

ANSWER: Cat scratch disease (CSD), formerly called cat scratch fever, is an infrequent but puzzling infection that has been recognized since 1930. It gets its name because most victims have been scratched, bitten or licked by a cat.

The symptoms can vary from a local skin rash or pustules to general symptoms of fever, fatigue, anorexia, chills and pain, and in some cases swollen regional lymph glands. In rare instances, more serious symptoms can arise.

After the scratch (65 percent of cases), bite or lick, the incubation period varies from three to 10 days or local lesions to appear. These are usually on the hands, arms or face (occasionally the eyelids). In more than half the cases this is all that happens. However, some cases progress to where the lymph nodes draining the affected area (if the hand or arm — the node in the armpit) will enlarge from one-half to three inches.

Occasionally these nodes drain or have to be drained. They may persist in being enlarged from a week or two to several months.

The causative agent has been thought to be viral or bacterial. Attempts at isolation have been unsuccessful until 1985. Dr. Michael Gerber, a pediatrician from the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, isolated a bacterium from an infected lymph node that he believes is the causative agent. There is no diagnostic test for cats, which remain healthy while being infective, but more than one person being infected by a particular cat is evidence enough.

In fact, one case in association with a certain feline is sufficient. An intra-dermal test (ID) for humans is quite accurate and very helpful in that it may prevent unnecessary surgery. When the lymph glands enlarge — and this is usually only on one side — and persist in size, a tumor may be suspected. The ID test indicating CSD will prevent a biopsy or surgical excision of the enlarged gland.

Cases of CSD are sporadic and occur more often in children or people working closely with cats. In 34 years we've only had one known case on our veterinary staff. An attack appears to confirm lifetime

immunity. Treatment in localized cases is just aspirin or Tylenol for the pain. Drainage is sometimes required for enlarged lymph glands. Antibiotics are not effective. Local lesions usually regress in a few weeks and enlarged glands in several weeks or, rarely, months.

Although this can be a scary disease, it is relatively uncommon. Prevent self-mutilation by gentle bandaging. In severe cases veterinary attention is required to save as much of the damaged tissue as possible. Prevention is an even better solution — why not bring him inside on the colder nights so he won't get frostbitten?

QUESTION: What are symptoms of frostbite? My dog stays out all winter and although he has a dog house I worry about him on these cold nights. If he gets frostbitten

how do I treat it?
ANSWER: Frostbite is the freezing of the tissues, usually on the extremities (ears, tail, limbs). Signs can vary but tissues usually redden, blanch or become scaly. In severe cases the extremity may be frozen solid.

First aid consists of warming the affected tissues and minimizing damage. Don't rub or massage the area and don't apply ice or snow. Warm the frozen area rapidly in lukewarm water or use warm moist towels, changing frequently and dry the area after it is warmed. Prevent self-mutilation by gentle bandaging.

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Nice weather boosts population of pound

By Barbara Richmond Special to the Herald

It must have been the smell of spring in the air for a few days that prompted several dogs, of various sizes and shapes, to roam and therefore to end up at the Manchester dog pound.

For several weeks the population at the pound had been very low. A visit there Tuesday found six new dogs that weren't there a week ago.

This week's featured pet is one of the new ones. He's been named Ringo. He's a husky-collie cross, is about 2 years old, and is tri-color. Ringo was picked up on March 5 on Ringo Drive.

Also picked up on March 5 was a female Husky-collie cross. She's only about 9 months old, is also tri-color, and was picked up on Oak Street.

On March 6 a brindle bull terrier was found roaming in the vicinity of Buckland Street. He's about 7 months old.

The three others were picked up on March 8. One is a tiny black Labrador retriever male. He's a real baby, only about 7 weeks old. He was found roaming alone on Hartford Road and was unable to get an answer at the pound, should call the police warden. Dan Fuller is acting dog warden.

There is a \$5 fee to adopt a dog and the new owner must have it licensed. Before being licensed, a dog must have his rabies shot.

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Fuzzy has fond memories of Bay Hill Classic

By Bob Green
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — There's a Masters green jacket in his closet and a U.S. Open trophy in his den. But it is the Bay Hill Classic he won last that stands out in Fuzzy Zoeller's memory.

"It was the most crucial tournament I've played," Zoeller said. "I never forget it. It's something I'll never forget." Zoeller said.

There's a very good reason.

It was at this tournament two years ago that the free-spirit Zoeller capped his recovery from major back surgery that had threatened his golf career.

"Until I won here, I didn't know I could come back. If I could regain the form or whatever you want to call it."

"You know, when you've been out for six months or so and they've been in there with a club, you really don't know what's going to happen, whether you can do it again or not."

"Winning here proved to me that I could play good golf again."

"I'll never forget it," Fuzzy repeated before teeing off today in the first round of the event that offers \$600,000 in total prizes and \$100,000 to the winner.

And Zoeller, winner of three titles last year, entertains a certain mild optimism about his chances.

"I'm hitting the ball good, real

good. But the ball is not quite bouncing at the hole yet. It doesn't really want to go in the hole. But it's getting better."

"And I have a good feeling about the golf course," he said of Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club layout.

"I like it. It rewards the good shots. And you really have to shoot every day to be playing well. You can go out and shoot a couple under and know you've played well," Zoeller said.

"It's a good feeling, too, when you come back to a golf course where you've done well. I've won here. And I've always played well here. I don't think I've ever had a bad tournament here."

"So that's a good feeling, too," Zoeller said.

He will test, and be tested, by an exclusive, 116-man international invitational field that is led by the legendary pro, Palmer, along with Australian Greg Norman.

SCOREBOARD

Hockey

NHL standings

WALDES CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Philadelphia	21	15	2	44
Pittsburgh	20	16	2	42
NY Rangers	19	17	2	40
Washington	18	18	2	38
Chicago	17	19	2	36
New Jersey	16	20	2	34

ADRIAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Hartford	20	16	2	42
Montreal	19	17	2	40
Buffalo	18	18	2	38
Quebec	17	19	2	36
Ottawa	16	20	2	34
St. Louis	15	21	2	32

Baseball

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NCAA Tournament pairings

First Round, March 13

Ohio State vs. Pittsburgh
UTEP-Arlene vs. Iowa State
Cora winner

Second Round, March 14

UTEP-Arlene vs. Iowa State
Cora winner

Regional Semifinals, March 15

UTEP-Arlene vs. Iowa State
Cora winner

McLain 'flew' to national title

By The Associated Press

One of Gary McLain's former teammates, Villanova, was shocked by McLain's admission that he used drugs while playing guard for the Wildcats' national championship team in 1985.

"I really didn't know he had this problem," said Phoenix Suns forward Ed Pinckney, who roomed with McLain during their freshman year at Villanova. "The things he was reading about don't sound like the person I knew."

In the March 16 edition of Sports Illustrated, McLain admits he was high on cocaine during Villanova's semifinal game against Memphis State in the 1985 tournament.

"In the locker room I was all quiet and subdued," McLain said in the first-person article that describes his drug problems and how he came to the attention of the press.

"Everybody was saying, 'You all right? You all right?' I said, 'Yeah, I'm fine.' But in the meantime, I'd gotten it in my head that if we lost it didn't matter. I just wanted the season to be over."

McLain scored nine points and had two assists as Villanova defeated Memphis State 52-45. The Wildcats then upset Georgetown 66-42 to win the national title, with McLain chipping in eight points and two assists.

In the Sports Illustrated article, McLain also says he was "wired on cocaine" when the Villanova team visited the White House after winning the championship.

IU's Knight leery of Fairfield

By The Associated Press

Bobby Knight was right last year. The Indiana coach doesn't want to be right this year.

Before last season's first round of the NCAA men's basketball tournament, Knight told anyone who would listen that Cleveland State was capable of beating his Hoosiers. They did, 63-79.

Tonight, the third-ranked and top-seeded Hoosiers, 24-4, face Fairfield, 15-15, another team that is being written off by most people — except Knight.

"I said last year that Cleveland State was capable of playing against anybody and playing well, and that Cleveland State could very easily beat us the next day," Knight said Wednesday after his team practiced at the Hoosier Dome.

"We played poorly for three and a half hours last year with Cleveland State," Indiana guard Steve Alford, a two-time All-American who is the field goal attempter, said. "We hope they're different this year, but we can't be sure. We're going to be a lot of Indiana fans."

"They won their tournament last year and came back to win it again this year," Knight said. "They haven't been very many teams in this tournament this year, of all that, that are either repeat conference winners or repeat tournament winners."

Fairfield Coach Mitch Booneguro, who was an assistant to Rollie Massimino the year Villanova won the national championship, has had other things besides basketball to do this week. He is in Columbus, Ohio, 18-12, No. 17 Duke, 22-8, vs. Oregon State, 16-10, at West Astoria, 5:30 p.m.

Celts' 20-point run devastates Phoenix

By Howard Ulman
The Associated Press

Boston's play was mediocre. Their defense was poor. But in the fourth quarter, turning a 96-80 deficit with 8:36 left into a 116-96 advantage with 2:22 left, and beat Phoenix 118-109 Wednesday night.

"They hit us like a Mack truck," said Coach Dick Van Arsdale said. "The players realized the situation we were in and they picked up the intensity," said Boston Coach K.C. Jones.

"The situation was that a last-quarter performance had left the Celtics, 46-16, in jeopardy of being beaten by a team that went into the game with a 24-37 record."

Alvan Adams and Walter Davis led the Celtics, with Adams scoring 23 and 20 points, respectively, and Davis adding 16 and 10 points. Adams also had 11 rebounds and 10 assists, while Davis had 11 rebounds and 10 assists.

Phoenix forward Ed Pinckney and guard Steve Alford were the Celtics' top scorers, with Pinckney scoring 23 and Alford scoring 20.

Wingate 'holds' his own in 76ers' win

By The Associated Press

Philadelphia rookie David Wingate made his second NBA start Wednesday night and "held" Chicago's Doug Collins solid at the point guard position for three and a half minutes.

"He's coming into his own and you can see his confidence mount," Chicago Coach Doug Collins said of Wingate, who scored 22 points of his own in the 76ers' 117-108 victory.

"He was making Michael chase him away from the court when you had the ball, which caused Michael to expend a lot of energy."

"I thought our defense was good throughout the game," Philadelphia Coach Matt Guentz said. "I know that sounds funny when you have Jordan scoring all those points, but he's one of the great all-time offensive players."

Wingate, a rookie from Georgetown, made 11 of 21 shots while trying to contain Jordan.

"You just don't want him to get his points in bunches but if he gets going it really makes it tough," said Wingate, starting for Andrew Toney, who was out with the flu.

"David Wingate is a great player," he said. "I consider myself a good defensive player, but he's really making me work."

Terry Catledge led the 76ers with 31 points. Cliff Robinson added 22 and Maurice Lucas 11. Philadelphia center Tim McCormick suffered a knee injury late in the first half.

Brophy double winner

NEW HAVEN — With Brian Brophy having two events, Manchester High took sixth place in the team standings at the CIAC State Class I Indoor Track Championships Wednesday night at Southern Connecticut State University.

"The Indians totaled 27 points with Xavier High of Middletown winning the title with 74 points."

Brophy, who is headed for George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., on a track scholarship, won the shot put with a personal best of 57-feet, 7 1/2 inches and he also won the 55-meter high hurdles in 7:59.

Dana Dietrich and Bob Dickson were fifth and sixth, respectively.

Brophy and Gallacher will participate in Sunday's Pathmark Invitational Sunday at Yale University in New Haven. Brophy will compete in the pentathlon and Gallacher in the 800.

NBA Roundup

Pistons 107, Pacers 96

Isiah Thomas scored 34 points and had six assists as Detroit took a half-game lead over Atlanta in the Central Division. Thomas scored eight points, and Vinny Johnson six in the final 6:19 of the third quarter as Detroit broke a 68-68 tie and took the lead for good at 82-77 after three periods.

Bill Laimbeer scored 22 points for Detroit, which beat Indiana for the first time in four meetings.

Bucks 115, Bulls 107

Milwaukee's Steve Moncrief, who missed 30 games with an injured knee, was in at the end of the game for only the second time since he came back in late Feb. 14 and scored 18 of his 25 points in the second half.

"We have great players, and we've won games without me in the lineup. If I'm not productive, I don't expect to be in there at the end," said Moncrief, whose three-point play with 1:47 remaining gave the visiting Bucks a 107-102 lead after the lead changed hands 11 times in the final period.

Terry Catledge led the Bulls with a career-high 32 points.

Nuggets 122, Jazz 116

Darrell Walker scored a career-high 39 points and Alex English added 34 as visiting Utah fell seven points for the Sonics.

Dallas, which made only one 3-point shot in 10 tries, tied the league record of 177 set during the 1979-80 season by the San Diego Clippers.

Warriors 121, Clippers 111

Chris Mullin, Joe Barry Carroll and Terry Teague each scored 22 points for the Warriors, who beat the visiting Warriors recorded their fourth consecutive victory and seven straight over the Clippers dating back to December 1985.

Los Angeles, 10-30 and losers of the last three games, was led by Darnell Valentine with 21 points and Benoit Benjamin with 18.

Wales in the Army

Fredde Welsh, the lightweight champion in 1914, was born in Wales but served in the American Army in World War I.

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