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Tests key to search for killer

Manchester police are awaiting the results of forensic tests to determine whether a Tolland man should be considered a suspect in the murder of 88-year-old Bernice B. Martin.

Frederick R. Merrill, 40, was charged last Thursday in connection with the sexual assault of a 58-year-old South Windsor woman last Wednesday. Manchester police questioned Merrill last week but did not obtain any information linking him to the murder of Martin, police spokesman Gary Wood said this morning.

Wood refused to say what sort of forensic tests were being conducted or what type of evidence was involved. He would not elaborate on the circumstances surrounding the two incidents, but he said they did not appear to be similar.

On March 8, Martin was pulled from her Mayfair Gardens apartment by Eighth District firefighters. A sofa bed was set on fire, apparently to cover up the murder. The state medical examiner's office ruled Martin was strangled. Police have refused to disclose whether there were other victims to Martin's body.

Police will still establish a motive for the killing, but burglary has been ruled out.

Wood said that besides Merrill there are no other suspects in the murder investigation. He said evening patrols at Mayfair Gardens have not turned up any unusual activity.

Carol Shanley, executive director of the Manchester Housing Authority, said patrols at the apartment complex will continue indefinitely. Since last week, an off-duty police officer has been making daily rounds from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Some of the additional lighting the authority planned at the complex has already been installed, Shanley said, and the rest will be installed soon.



Eighteen-month-old Enrico Oust of Hackmatack Street appears a little uncertain about things. For many parents, there is also uncertainty about where to send children for day care. State officials say, which they say, can pose more of a risk.

Options for day care dwindle as state increases regulation

Each weekday, Peggy McAdam of Manchester takes care of six young children ranging in age from 18 months to 4 years in her Cross Street home. She has been doing this legally for the past three years.

However, the previous 18 years she operated an unregistered day-care home. This meant state and local officials did not know children were being watched by her, or what type of care they were receiving. Before becoming licensed, McAdam was typical of most day-care providers. While the number in Manchester is not known, officials estimate that across the county, 50 to 75 percent of children receiving day care are doing so at illegal centers, usually in homes.

The problem with not registering, state officials contend, is that parents have less assurance that their children will be properly cared for.

"THERE'S NOTHING that can guarantee at all times, but state registration is really our God Housekeeping seal of approval," said David Dearborn, spokesman for the state Department of Human Resources.

Dearborn said the state not only inspects the building for health and safety violations, but also conducts medical and criminal background checks on the provider and her family. These checks focus on any incidents of child or sexual abuse.

Many home day care providers either are not aware they are required to register with the state or choose not to do so because of what they feel are the hassles involved, according to registered providers who at one time operated illegally.

"I just didn't like the idea that they could come into my home anytime they want," said McAdam. In addition, she said, it is rare that children would be at risk.

"I'm not going to endanger my own kids and other kids," said McAdam, who nonetheless does agree that there should be some oversight.

"You feel like they're invading your privacy," said Diane Burg, who cares for five children at her High Street home.

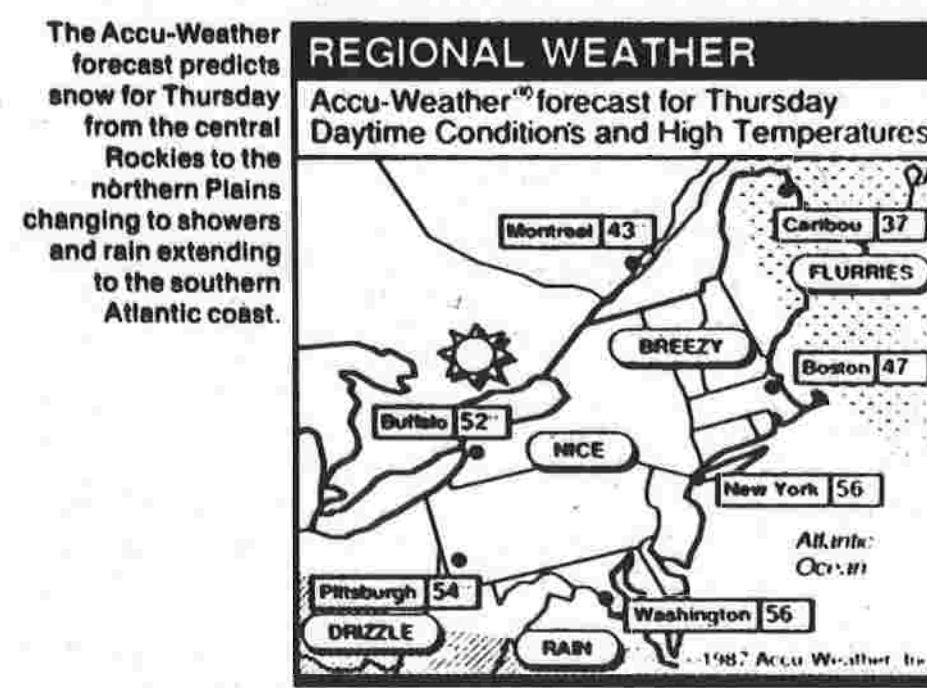
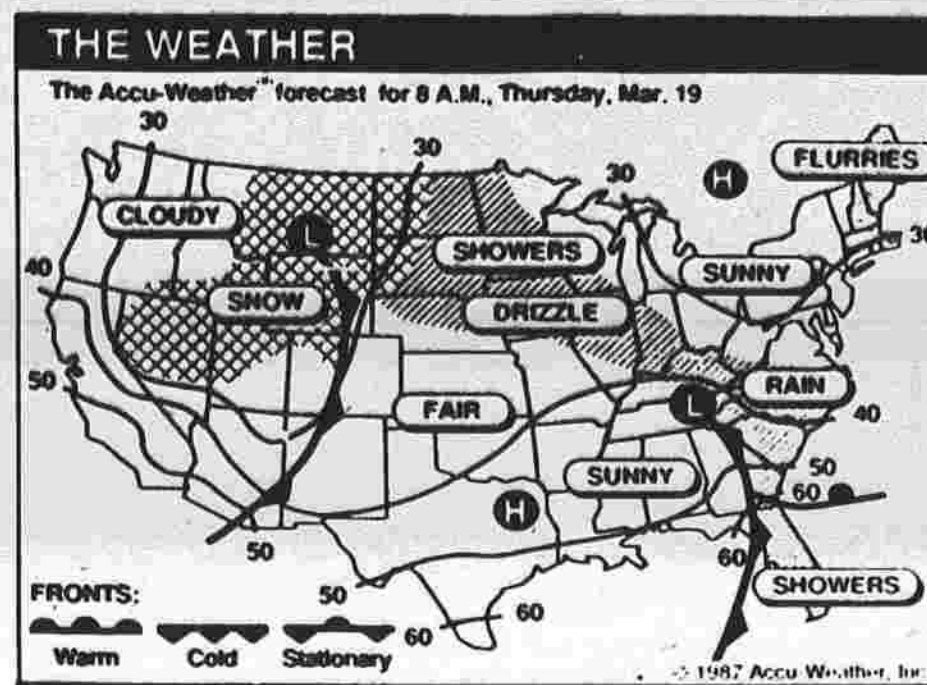
ACCORDING TO THE Department of Human Resources, at least 10 percent of all registered homes would allow the addition of 35,000 square feet.

Homart could proceed under the present permit for the 700,000-square-foot mall, which would be located between Slater and Buckland streets.

But South Windsor Mayor John Mitchell said today that his town will oppose construction of the mall in any size until "we are assured that the traffic problems of South Windsor are resolved." Mitchell said his concern is with the traffic that will be generated by the mall and proposed industrial development around it.

The Homart traffic study concludes that there will be no negative impact from the mall development. The South Windsor study concludes that roads in the southern part of the town would be able to accommodate the increased traffic from the development.

WEATHER



PEOPLE

Religious credit

Academy Award nominee Dennis Hopper is giving the religious aspects of his Alcoholic Anonymous program lots of credit for his recent good fortunes.

"You've got to have a higher power. You can't get yourself sober, and no other human being can get you sober," Hopper said in an interview published in the April issue of Vanity Fair.

He is nominated for an Oscar for his performance in "Hoochie," has been honored for his role as a psychotic in "Blue Velvet," and will soon direct "Colors" with Sean Penn and Robert Davall.

Hopper also said the "most personal tragedy" of his life was the death of James Dean in an auto accident shortly after the two finished work on "Giant."

"I was 19 years old and I had such admiration for him," Hopper said.



DENNIS HOPPER
AA program helps



LINDA HUNT
Oscar opens doors

Free on bail

Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers is free on bail pending trial on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and being an ex-felon in possession of a firearm.

Rodgers, who won college football's most prestigious award in 1972 while at the University of Nebraska, was sentenced to six and a half years in state prison and a \$1,000 fine last month. He was freed Tuesday on \$25,000 bail.

He was convicted Jan. 28 of the charge after a cable television technician that Rodgers threatened with a gun after the technician climbed a utility pole to disconnect service for non-payment. Rodgers was convicted in 1971 of a gas station robbery in Nebraska.

Two new hosts

Renee Montagne and Robert Siegel will be the new hosts of National Public Radio's evening newsmagazine, "All Things Considered," succeeding Susan Stamberg and Neah Adams.

The pair will take over later this month, said Joe Gwathmey, NPR vice president of programming, on Tuesday in Washington.

Stamberg, who was with "All Things Considered" for 14 years, left the program late last year to host NPR's new Sunday newsmagazine, "Weekend Edition."

Adams is leaving to join Minnesota Public Radio.

"All Things Considered" is broadcast by 95 percent of NPR's more than 300 member stations in 48 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Montagne was an independent reporter and producer covering news and science for NPR and the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. before joining NPR in 1965 as an editor and science reporter specializing in health policy. Siegel has spent half his 28 years as a broadcast journalist at NPR.

Opening doors

Actress Linda Hunt says winning an Oscar has opened new career doors to her.

Miss Hunt, who won an Academy Award for best supporting actress for her role as a male Eurasian photographer in "The Year of Living Dangerously," plays Alice B. Toklas, the companion of author Gertrude Stein, in the new film "Waiting for the Moon."

"In its virginal state, it [Waiting for the Moon] was one of the best screenplays I'd ever read," she said recently in Los Angeles.

Miss Hunt performed on stage long before finding work in movies such as the artsy "Bostonians," with Vanessa Redgrave, and "Silverado," in which she played a feisty saloon operator.

"I think 'Silverado' is an example of something that wouldn't have happened without the Oscar recognition," she said.

Boyle robbed

Writer-photographer Richard Boyle was robbed just after moving into a Hollywood Hills apartment building, police said.

Boyle, who co-wrote "Salvador" with Oliver Stone, lost a videocassette recorder and camera, a still camera, four lenses and two vinyl bags in last week's break-in. Detective Charles Ribben said Tuesday.

The break-in occurred only an hour after Boyle moved into the building, where there have been similar break-ins, the officer said.

Guest lecturer

Former Gov. Bob Kerrey, fresh from teaching a course to California college students about Vietnam, is starting a stint as a guest lecturer in a high school honors class.

Kerrey, who was to begin the sessions today in Omaha, Neb., will speak periodically through

Guest lecturer

out the spring at Central High School.

He recently taught a course on the Vietnam war at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

"It's quite different than giving a political speech, where quite frankly you never really have to say anything," Kerrey said.

"Here, I have to face these students repetitively."

Growing hair?

Jazz musician Pete Fountain says he might try a hair-growing drug although he's come to terms with baldness.

"What would I do with a full head of hair? I haven't had a full head of hair since I was 21 years old," Fountain said Tuesday in New Orleans.

A government advisory panel on Monday recommended that the drug minoxidil, which has been used for treatment of high blood pressure, be approved for use as a hair-restorer.

Fountain said he is curious about growing hair. "I'd like to see how it would look again or

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Headhunters' tool

Barbara Clark shows students at Bennet Junior High School a chart that a tribe of people in India used for headhunting. Clark, whose grandparents were missionaries for that tribe from 1910 to 1928, spoke to the class on the culture and history of India.

Manchester/Area Towns In Brief

St. Bridget students at spell contest

Eighty students from grades 4 to 8 at St. Bridget School participated in a Superpeller for Smoking Prevention program Friday and raised \$1,389 for the American Lung Association, a program associate at the organization said.

Each class participated in a lung health presentation designed to educate students about the respiratory system and the health risks of smoking. Following the presentation the students raised funds by taking a spelling test of 100 words and obtaining pledges for each word they spelled correctly.

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The top fund-raisers in each class received dictionaries. Other prizes included rulers, T-shirts, backpacks and fast-food coupons.

Teacher cited for Holocaust study

An East Catholic High School teacher received a certificate of commendation from the Joseph Korzenik Fellowship in Holocaust Teaching at the University of Hartford for his treatment of the Holocaust in his social studies classes, the school announced.

Robert Richard, social studies chairman at East Catholic, has been teaching at the school for 24 years. He resides in Vernon.

Elderly tenants to speak on pets

Tenants of federally subsidized housing for the elderly in Manchester will have a chance to tell the Manchester Housing Authority tonight what the rules should be for keeping pets in the housing complexes.

A hearing on the subject will be held at 7 in the community room at Westhill Gardens.

Up until now, pets have not been allowed in the project but new federal regulations require the authority to permit pets and give the authority the right to establish regulations for them.

Tenants of the 276 units in town have been given copies of a tentative set of rules, with an invitation to comment on them.

Carol Shanley, executive director of the authority, said today that about 30 written responses have been received. She said she had not yet reviewed them all. But she said most of the first comments received were from tenants who opposed allowing pets.

The rules were tentatively approved by the authority Feb. 18, but most of the commissioners of the authority felt that some of the cost figures involved were too high.

RHAM student sings in Baltimore

HEBRON — A RHAM High School Junior was one of nearly 400 singers from across the East Coast who performed in Baltimore with the Music Educators National Conference Eastern Division Honors Chorus, the school's musical director said.

John McVeigh was chosen for the chorus, which performed March 9 after 10-hour daily rehearsals, as a result of his high scores in the 1986 Connecticut Adjudication Festival.

The chorus, part of a four-day conference sponsored by MENC which also included performances by the honors jazz ensemble, orchestra and band, was conducted by Dr. Dennis Cox of the University of Maine at Orono.

District solicits insurance bids

The Eighth Utilities District Monday began soliciting bids for next fiscal year with the same set of specifications it ran into difficulty with last year.

However, district Insurance Commissioner Thomas Landers said he is optimistic the same problems will not occur this time around. He said Wallace Irish Jr., who was hired as the insurance agent last year, told him insurance providers are "a little more flexible" this year.

Last year the offers received by the utilities authority did not meet the specifications, forcing the Board of Directors to waive them and negotiate for coverage. The main sticking point was malpractice insurance for emergency medical technicians, Landers said.

The District District wanted coverage up to \$1 million, but had to settle for \$500,000 coverage. Landers said the specifications this year again call for the \$1 million level.

The bids are scheduled to be opened on May 11, he said.

Bolton appoints land committee

BOLTON — A four-member committee to negotiate the purchase of land for Community Hall expansion was appointed by the Board of Selectmen during its meeting Tuesday night.

The town is interested in acquiring about 3 acres east of the Community Hall from Gaetano Pezzitro.

Named to the committee were Richard Tutill, John Muro and Selectmen Carl A. Preuss and Michael A. Ziaka.

State GOP hopefuls pay a visit

By George Lyng
Herald Reporter

The three declared candidates for the two district seats on the Republican State Central Committee came to Manchester Tuesday evening seeking the support of town Republicans.

However, it was the person not present — incumbent Nathan G. Agostinelli of Manchester — that all agreed could play the largest role in their campaigns if he should decide to seek reelection.

"I certainly think if Nate runs, it reduces the chances of the other three of us dramatically," said Walter L. Erley of Glastonbury, Erley, a longtime party member from Glastonbury, appeared to the Manchester GOP Town Committee for support at a meeting in Lincoln Center.

Also speaking was Joseph Broder of Glastonbury, a former state central committee member for two years when he used to live in Colchester. The third candidate is Bolton Town Chairman Mark Johnson, who did not speak but attended to hear what Broder and Erley had to say.

Agostinelli has not decided if he will seek reelection. Manchester Town Chairman Donald K. Kuehl said there is no deadline before the May 12 convention by which a candidate must declare.

At Tuesday's meeting, Manchester's state of 13 delegates was selected. The other towns involved are Glastonbury with eight delegates, Bolton, Haverhill and Columbia, all with two votes.

Johnson said after the meeting he was confident he would win. "I can't see two people getting elected from Glastonbury," he said.

Johnson, who recently had been a

candidate for the state party chairman, admitted that one reason he ran for the state party top spot was to boost his name recognition among area Republicans to help him in his state central committee campaign.

However, he also said he ran to raise issues he felt other candidates were not raising.

Broder and Erley both said communication with local party organizations should be improved. Erley stressed using computers, while Broder said he would regularly attend town committee meetings.

Broder, an attorney who also

served as a state representative from 1980-82, said that during his tenure with the state central committee, he spent a lot of time meeting local party officials and helping them organize their campaigns.

He said Erley's computer skills are not what's needed on the party's state governing body. Instead, a central committee member should forward the ideas and concerns of local Republicans and raise money for elections.

However, Erley said that GOP State Minority Leader Reginald Smith has said greater use of computers is essential. Erley said

he has developed a program that towns can use to send literature to certain demographic groups in hopes of boosting Republican vote totals.

Erley serves on the Glastonbury Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Manchester delegates chosen to the convention are: Registrar of Voters Patricia Cottle, directors Thomas H. Ferguson and Geoffrey Nash, Kuehl, Ronald Oella, Louis Kocis, Harry Reinhorn, Marion Taggart, Mary Fletcher, John Foss, Barbara King, Lois Philomena and Joyce L. Porter.

Try harder, says a visitor

Manchester Republicans — long the minority party in a town controlled by Democrats — were advised Tuesday to speak harder at building name recognition and an effective campaign organization if they want to win in November.

The advice came from Peter Dibble of Stoughton, who won election to a Board of Selectmen in Colchester in 1982 and in 1985 replaced a Democrat who had served as first selectman for 24 years.

"I was faced with the same situation — Democrats who keep winning all the time," said Dibble. "I'm not here to give you any magic formula. There isn't one."

However, he did give a few pointers on how he rejuvenated his town party. Dibble said the ingredients to his success included daily door-to-door campaigning, adver-

ting letters, phone calls, and, perhaps most important, fundraising.

Dibble was asked to speak before Manchester Republicans by Manchester Town Chairman Donald K. Kuehl. He said it was the first time he has been asked to tell his success story away from Stoughton, which is located in southeastern Connecticut.

Dibble said when he first decided to run for the first selectman's post, he found his town committee unorganized and records incomplete. Only about 25 percent of the committee members would show up at monthly meetings.

In Manchester, a similar problem exists. On Tuesday, 35 of the 71 members of the Republican Town Committee attended, though past meetings have seen smaller crowds.

In December, those who regularly attend criticized others who have not and wondered if they could expect no-show members. A by-law revision committee is exploring what can be done.

Dibble won election as a selectman in 1981, and won re-election in 1983. In 1985, though, he decided to gather his own campaign staff to lead up of people who wanted to work hard.

Key to that was the selection of Elaine Lee as his campaign manager. Dibble helped him raise \$10,000. In the previous two elections, he only raised \$1,000. The money allowed him to run advertisements in local newspapers, and all letters to Stoughton's 10,000 registered voters.

Lee, who spoke with Dibble, said raising money depends in large part on personal contacts. "If you need some big money, you have to go after the people who have money," she said.

Students want machine

Vincent butts out of cigarette issue

By John Mitchell
Herald Reporter

Despite a school policy forbidding cigarette machines from being placed on campus, members of the Manchester Community College Student Senate said they will continue to push for them.

The MCC Student Senate in February narrowly recommended putting a machine on campus for the convenience of students.

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Century Corp. fights Silk Mill ruling

A Superior Court ruling that Silk Mill Associates, and not Kibbe Gerstein, owns the former Cheney Bros. weaving mill in the Cheney Historic District has been appealed to the state Appellate Court by Century Development Corp. of Hartford, the firm that had planned to buy the mill from Gerstein.

The appeal asks the Appellate Court to determine if the Superior Court was wrong when it ruled that two quitclaim deeds were null and void. The deeds, executed Jan. 30, 1985, were intended to transfer the mill from Silk Mill Associates back to Gerstein, its original owner.

The appeal also asks the Appellate Court to determine if Judge Robert Satter erred in his Superior Court decision when he held that a closing on Jan. 30, 1985, was a transfer of title and not merely the granting of an option.

Century Development Corp. argued in Superior Court that the transaction was an option because Silk Mill Associates paid nothing at the time; because Gerstein retained possession of the mill and paid taxes, utility bills and insurance on it; and because Silk Mill signed a promissory note so that if it defaulted, it would have a liability beyond the property itself. Century also argued that if Silk Mill defaulted, which it subsequently did, the quitclaim deeds were a device for Gerstein to reclaim the property.

But Satter ruled that for the court to characterize the transaction as only an option, it would have to ignore a warranty deed to Silk Mill Associates that had been recorded in the deed books. Century argued that Century Development operated in the

people who use this facility," he said. "That's their strength."

The big weakness, he added, is their turnover rate. Students leave after four years while the educators and administrators remain.

MCC Student Senate members said students have responded to the proposal.

"There's a large percentage of students that seem to be upset," said senate member Rory Bruce. "It's not a matter of whether or not the college should ban smoking," he said. "The issue is a matter of convenience."

Senate member Michelle Maffucci, like Bruce, expected the recommendation would have trou-

ble, adding that she wasn't aware of the three-year-old law from the committee, which has since disbanded.

"We did it because we want people to know there are people that are concerned," she said. "We're questioning rules."

Both members said the matter wasn't over, and will be addressed again after Vincent, who announced his resignation effective July 1, leaves office.

A survey used by the Student Activities Committee on the issue hasn't been fully tabulated but indicated that most of the students wouldn't prefer a cigarette machine on campus, Bruce said.

rights and plans, to Brophy Aherm, a West Haven developer that plans to convert the mill to 249 apartments as Silk Mill originally planned to do.

Last week, a \$2,425,000 sale agreement was filed in the Manchester town clerk's office between Silk Mill and Brophy Aherm. The sale is dependent, though, on resolving the court case, the closing is set for 60 days after a

court settlement in favor of Silk Mill Associates.

The sale price would be reduced by \$200,000 if the engineering and architectural plans were not included, and if town and state permits were not transferable, according to the agreement.

Brophy Aherm has also agreed to pay up to \$30,000 of Silk Mill Associates' legal costs and has paid \$10,000 so far, the papers said.

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DMV appointees will keep jobs, DePonte says

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About 125 people turned out Tuesday night to protest the exclusion of women by the Knights of St. Patrick at their annual dinner in New Haven. Gov. William A. O'Neill attended the event.

Marchers protest men-only dinner

NEW HAVEN — Some demonstrators who objected to Gov. William A. O'Neill attending the Knights of St. Patrick's men-only dinner said he was ignoring the spirit of a directive he issued about discrimination.

O'Neill sat at the head table Tuesday night at the annual St. Patrick's Day banquet. Outside the Park Plaza Hotel, about 100 women's rights activists scolded black-tie dignitaries as they arrived, yelling "Shame on you!"

Several other prominent figures who had previously attended the St. Patrick's Day dinner, including U.S. Sen Christopher Dodd and U.S. Rep. Bruce Morrison, did not attend this year. Yale's new President, Benno C. Schmidt Jr., also stayed away, although Yale's former president, A. Bartlett Giamatti, now president of baseball's National League, was a regular at the dinners.

Connecticut in Brief

Ball denied in Wells Fargo case
HARTFORD — U.S. District Judge T. Emmet Clarie has turned down a request that two key defendants in the \$7 million Wells Fargo robbery case be released on bond or be given an immediate separate trial.

In his ruling Tuesday, Clarie said he stands by earlier rulings denying bail for Filiberto Ojeda-Rios and Juan E. Segarra-Palmer.

In their motion filed March 4, lawyers for Ojeda and Segarra had argued that their clients had been held without bond since their arrests Aug. 30, 1985 and that it was unlikely that a trial would start for several months.

In his ruling Clarie said that he no longer had jurisdiction over the bail issue because the two men and filed appeals with the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York City.

Ojeda and Segarra were among sixteen people arrested in connection with the robbery at the West Hartford Wells Fargo depot in 1983. Victor Gerena of Hartford, the Wells Fargo guard who allegedly carried out the robbery, remains a fugitive, and authorities believe he is Cuba.

Clarie has released 14 other defendants on bond ranging as high as \$1 million.

Man pleads innocent to forgery
HARTFORD — The former finance officer of the Rocky Hill state Veterans Home and Hospital has pleaded innocent to 79 counts of forgery and one count of larceny.

Raymond M. Bilos, 44, of Plymouth, entered his plea Tuesday in Superior Court to charges involving the alleged theft of about \$10,000 from veterans' savings accounts.

Bilos is accused of forging signatures of another official of the home to obtain cash from veterans' accounts.

Bilos, who was suspended from his job in May after a previous arrest involving larceny and forgery charges, remains free on \$25,000 cash bond.

A pretrial hearing has been scheduled for April 22 on the most recent charges stemming from his arrest last month.

Arsen suspected in school fire
MERIDEN — A fire that destroyed the kitchen of an elementary school early Tuesday morning was deliberately set, fire officials said.

Fire Marshall William Kroll said investigators found signs of forced entry at the Benjamin Franklin elementary school. Burn marks on kitchen floor indicated that someone had poured a flammable liquid on it, Kroll said. He said the fire, which started at 2:30 a.m., caused smoke and heat damage to other parts of the school.

Kroll said the school will be closed on a day-to-day basis while officials investigate the fire.

Woodcock won't get reimbursed
HARTFORD — Legislative leaders say Rep. John J. Woodcock III shouldn't expect reimbursement from the General Assembly for expenses he incurred in helping the state attorney general fight a court challenge of Connecticut's "Lemon Law."

Woodcock, a Democrat from South Windsor, asked the legislature's Legislative Management Committee on Monday for more than \$2,100 to cover printing expenses for a brief he submitted to the state Supreme Court in the case.

"Most of us were sympathetic," House Minority Leader Robert G. Jaekle, R-Stratford, said Tuesday.

"But the committee didn't feel we should reimburse him for expenses he incurred without our permission or knowledge," Jaekle said.

Committee members took the position that Woodcock entered the case on his own and not at the request of the General Assembly or the state attorney general's office.

Bill protects municipal employees
HARTFORD — Gov. William A. O'Neill has signed into law a bill providing municipal employees from punishing employees for reporting wrongdoers by the employer.

The prohibition does not apply if the employee knows the report is false, under the bill signed Monday by the governor.

If the employer violates the prohibition, the employee may file a lawsuit to recover damages.

The new law is effective Oct. 1.

O'Neill has now signed 17 bills from the 1977 legislative session and vetoed none.

DOT worker found crushed in landfill

WALLINGFORD (AP) — Police are investigating the death of a Department of Transportation worker whose crushed body was found partially buried at the town landfill.

The body of Ernest H. Linsley, 62, of North Branford, was found Tuesday in a small dirt mound at the Town of Wallingford Landfill shortly after 11 a.m. Police department spokesman Thomas J. Curran said. Police believe Linsley had been hit by a truck.

There were three vehicles at the site when Linsley died, including a 16-ton trash compactor, but it was unknown which vehicle hit Linsley, Curran said.

"It appears to have been an accident, but we can't conclusively state that at this time," Curran said.

Henry McCully, a landfill supervisor, said Linsley's body was found by an employee operating the trash compactor vehicle. He identified the compactor operator as William Carver of Meriden.

The trash compactor weighs about 16 tons and is rolled over the fresh fill to pack it down, McCully said.

Linsley had gone to the landfill in a state DOT garbage truck driven by Marco Minocci, of Hamden, police said.

Both Linsley and Minocci were out of the truck when the accident occurred, Curran said.

"The only information we have from the driver is that he looked around and his helper was gone," said Durrant's knowledge by the U.S. Customs Service, Doyle told Durrant that he couldn't ship the parts until an export license was obtained.

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Pakistani national lied to get missile parts

DANBURY (AP) — Arif A. Durrant, a Pakistani national, was arrested Tuesday for illegally exporting Hawk missile parts, told the Danbury firm where he purchased the parts that they were bound for Jordan.

The businessman, Edmund Doyle, executive vice president of Radio Research Inc., testified Tuesday that Durrant claimed to be buying the parts for surface-to-air missile guidance systems for shipment to Jordan's government. He said he delivered parts to Durrant in mid-August and on Oct. 3.

Durrant, 37, is charged with exporting \$22,000 worth of missile parts to Iran. He has been jailed since Oct. 3, 1986, when he was arrested in Danbury on two counts of exporting weapons without a license and one count of exporting without a registration.

In a videotape played in Federal Court Tuesday, which was made with Doyle's cooperation and without Durrant's knowledge by the U.S. Customs Service, Doyle told Durrant that he couldn't ship the parts until an export license was obtained.

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Spy bill brings clash

HARTFORD (AP) — A state police official and former Chief State's Attorney Austin J. McGuigan have clashed on the need for a law that would allow authorities to use electronic eavesdropping equipment to listen to the conversations of suspected criminals.

U.S. police Stateside Organized Crime Investigative Task Force, told the legislature's Public Safety Committee Tuesday that criminals in Connecticut "don't discuss business over the telephone" and instead meet in public places.

Current state law allows authorities to tap telephone calls of suspected criminals but bars the use of electronic devices that can be planted in a room to pick up conversations.

Haines said organized crime figures often come to Connecticut to discuss business because other states allow the use of such devices and criminals know they won't be overheard in Connecticut.

McGuigan, now in private practice and speaking for the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, warned during a public hearing Tuesday that electronic eavesdropping could violate the privacy of people not under investigation.

"It's fine to say you're going to minimize intrusions in the abstract," McGuigan said. "But in the real world, under the pressure of an investigation, it's not so easy."

The proposed law, which appears to have little support on the committee, would bar authorities from planting the devices in private homes. A three-judge panel would have to authorize use of the device, as is the case now with court-ordered wiretaps on telephones.

Grenades found
WATERBURY (AP) — A city woman who was turning over a compost pile in her yard dug up two hand grenades, one of them live, police said.

Roslyn Kaplan said she was working in back yard Tuesday when she saw two green things sticking out of the ground.

"They looked like a couple of poppers," Waterbury police Detective Peter L. Keegan said Tuesday.

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Firefighters in Morganton, N.C., battle flames at Salem Junior High School on Tuesday night following an explosion. Area firefighters fought the blaze for more than three hours before it was considered under control.

Blast guts school while game played

MORGANTON, N.C. — Firefighters hosed down the smoking ruins of a school today to allow investigators to enter in a search for the cause of a fiery explosion that ripped through the building as a basketball game went on next door.

No injuries were reported Tuesday in the blast at the Salem Junior High School that rocked houses for several blocks, threw the school's locked doors 80 to 70 feet and blew out windows and doors in a nearby elementary school.

Flames could be seen 10 miles away, witnesses said.

"I thought someone had hit the house with a car," said W.G. Biggerstaff, who lives about a quarter-mile away.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was called in to investigate by state and local officials because of the magnitude of the explosion, said Ray Robinson of Burke County Emergency Management Services.

"This explosion is not consistent with anything that should have happened in that building," said EMS Director Nick Waters.

The 7:30 p.m. blast occurred while a game between teachers and Little League coaches was under way in an adjacent gymnasium.

The school's walls were left standing, but the interior was destroyed. About 70 firefighters brought the blaze under control about three hours after the explosion.

Summit could follow weapons agreement

MOSCOW — A top U.S. State Department official said today the superpowers have the will to reach agreement on medium-range missiles, and that such a deal could lead to a summit meeting in Washington.

Michael Armacost, undersecretary of state for political affairs, told reporters at Moscow's Shevchenko airport that the United States sees recent progress in many areas of U.S.-Soviet relations.

Armacost said Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev's decision to seek a separate agreement to eliminate medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe was "a very important potential breakthrough."

Problems remain to be solved, including the issue of verification, but "I sense the spirit on both sides to work out those details," he said.

"I would hope that if that can be completed, that would open the door to a summit in the United States," he said.

Gorbachev and President Reagan have met twice, in Geneva in 1985 and Reykjavik, Iceland in 1986. Armacost spent two days in Moscow discussing U.S.-Soviet differences on regional issues and setting the stage for the visit of Secretary of State George P. Shultz on April 13-16.

Armacost met Monday with First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Voronov and Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Rogachev. He met Tuesday with Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said before the meeting between Armacost and Shevardnadze that the

Waste discharged by nuke plants

WASHINGTON — Several of the Energy Department's nuclear facilities have discharged radioactive and other hazardous waste in violation of federal laws, and some sites may be permanently contaminated, the General Accounting Office said.

Keith O. Fultz, a GAO associate director, told a Senate Committee on Tuesday that after two years of investigation "we still don't know the extent" of the pollution generated by the government-owned plants for producing nuclear weapons and fuel.

"Some of DOE's sites may be irreversibly contaminated," he said.

Fultz said the cost to institute proper waste management and bring the Energy Department into compliance with environmental laws "will clearly be in the billions of dollars."

In testimony to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, Fultz said that the DOE operations "have contaminated groundwater and soil with high levels of both radioactive and hazardous substances," sidestepping the same laws to which private nuclear plants and other industries are held accountable.

Assistant Energy Secretary Mary L. Walker told the committee that the department recognizes that "there are many problems still to be corrected," at several sites, including Savannah River, the Mound and Fernald facilities in Ohio, at Hanford in Washington state, the Y-12 plant in Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Rocky Flats in Colorado.

"However, we believe that we are turning the corner and are now on a course which will lead to DOE becoming a model good neighbor," she said. "This course is not an easy, quick, or inexpensive one. On the contrary, it will be difficult, it will take years — maybe a full decade, and it will be expensive."

Fultz said the department "may never be able to rectify" the damage already done to the groundwater and soil at Savannah River. "Because of the extensive contamination, institutional controls and oversight at the facility may be needed for hundreds of years," he said.

Committee Chairman John Glenn, D-Ohio, noted that the panel had heard a separate GAO report

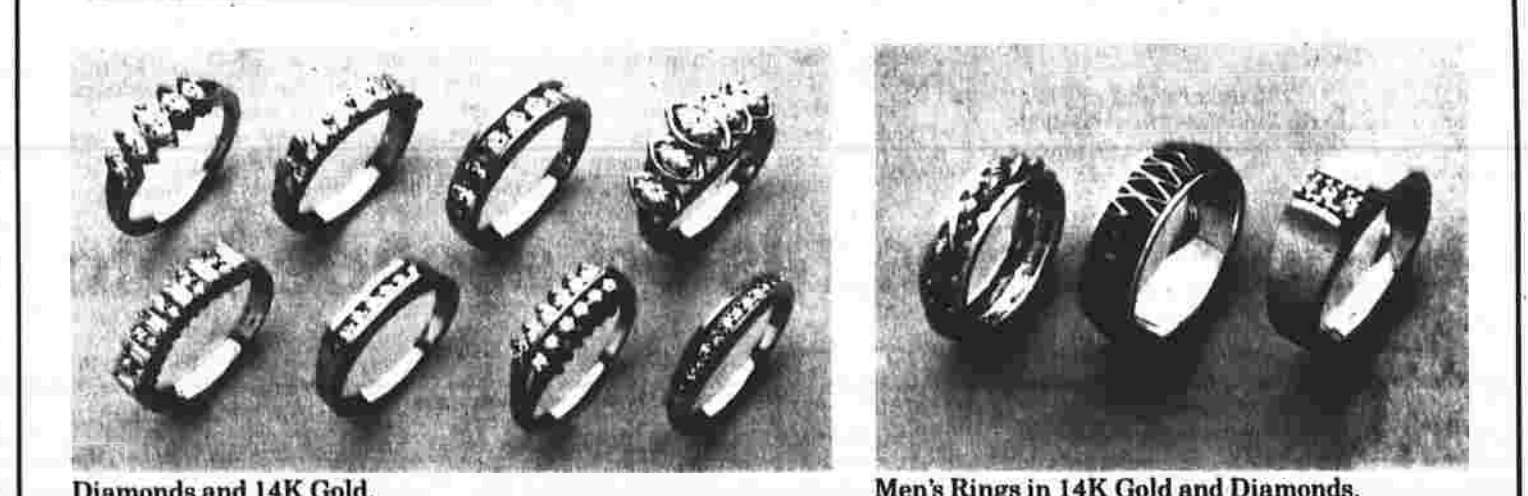
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OPINION

'Suddenly,' a push for arms control

For the first time since Ronald Reagan took office, the United States and Soviet Union are on the verge of a major arms-control agreement.

Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev recently proposed the elimination of all U.S. and Soviet medium-range nuclear weapons from Europe over the next five years. His proposal echoed one made by the United States a few years ago.

The initiative brought positive reaction from U.S. negotiators in Geneva, who submitted a counterproposal to the Soviets for review last week.

It is refreshing to see progress after six years of international bickering and name-calling. But it's important to realize that things in Geneva aren't exactly what they appear to be.

What is worrisome about the recent arms-control effort is the reason why Reagan and Gorbachev are striving for an agreement. It's not that the superpowers have suddenly seen the value of detente, but rather that both are facing political pressures at home that are forcing their hands abroad.

For example, it was not until Reagan was saddled with the Iran-contra arms scandal that Washington began to seriously consider Soviet proposals.

Over the past few years, American military analysts have done little but accuse the Russians of cheating on previous arms pacts and point to reasons why an agreement could not be reached.

Now, there has been an attitude change in the White House, as Reagan looks for a major foreign-policy achievement to help him put the Iran-contra scandal behind him.

On the other side, Gorbachev, too, is facing internal pressures that demand an agreement. Since taking office, the Soviet leader has said publicly that he wants to revamp a failing Soviet economy.

It has been evident for some time that the U.S.S.R. cannot afford to build more weapons. Many services are lacking and manufacturing is falling behind. An arms race would only compound those problems.

Another reason is found in the Soviet military, which doesn't trust the United States. When the Soviet leader imposed a unilateral moratorium on nuclear weapons testing in 1985, the military looked at Gorbachev suspiciously and thought the general secretary's move would weaken the Soviet Union militarily.

Had the United States joined the ban, it might have appeased the military somewhat, and Gorbachev would have won a major internal political victory. But the U.S. ignored it and continued testing until the Soviets ended the moratorium with little to boast about.

To be successful, Gorbachev, whose political standing rides on the feelings of others in the government, must show he can slow the arms race and turn his attention to the Soviet economy.

If an arms agreement results from all of this, both leaders will have made a move toward a broader peace through more arms accords.

But it is important to understand why the superpowers are making the effort. Once the reasons are made clear, the effort no longer appears gallant.

Supporting Bush is an escape hatch

The state's three Republicans in the U.S. House have gone beyond leaning toward a presidential candidate for 1988. They've tipped right over toward Vice President George Bush, at least for now.

All three — Reps. Stewart McKinney of Westport, Nancy Johnson of New Britain and John Rowland of Waterbury — are hooking on with Bush as a favorite son from Connecticut, even though he lit out for Texas more than 20 years ago after growing up in Greenwich and graduating from Yale.

The arrangement, still in its formative stages, has an escape hatch. Any or all have the option of changing direction if Bush falters or releases them. The three GOP legislators worked this out among themselves and are talking with Bush's people.

The move gives them a convenient place to hang their hats early in the season. It also gives them shelter from pressure by other presidential hopefuls who are already fishing in Connecticut waters.

MOST AGGRESSIVE among the latter is Rep. Jack Kemp of New York. A month ago, his Washington campaign office released a list of Connecticut names on a national steering committee for Kemp, including those of such sports VIPs as Nick Buoniconti of Greenwich, Pete Gogolak of Darien and Andy Robustelli of Stamford.

State Sen. Tom Scott of Milford, a Kemp fan whose name was left off the list by mistake, says his man "is the only one who can assemble the old Reagan coalition" for the 1988 campaign.

As evidence of that in Connecticut, the list shows such leaders in past Reagan campaigns as George



Open Forum

Thanks to all in Andover vote

To the Editor:

To Andover Democrats: A sincere "thank you" for your support in the March 9 primary. Victory could not have been achieved without the help of my many friends. As we move forward to the election, I pledge to all that I will run a vigorous campaign.

With your help we will bring the Democratic Party to victory in Andover on May 4.

Thanks to all.

Nellie Boisvert
127 Lakeside Drive
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About retirement and Florida life

To the Editor:

My daughter sent me the following article from Florida. I thought it may give others a laugh as it did me.

"A Child's View of Retirement in a Mobile Home Park:

"After a Christmas break, the teacher asked her small pupils how they spent their holidays. One small boy's reply went like this:

"We always spend Christmas with Grandpa and Grandma. They used to live up here in a big red brick house, but Grandpa got retired and they moved to Florida.

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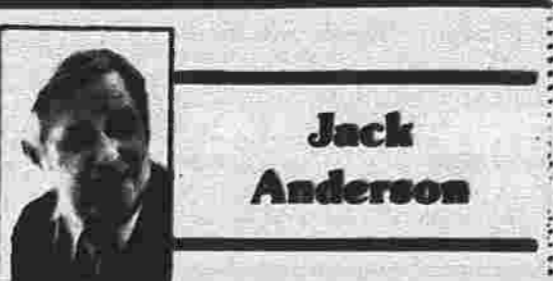
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Jordan's king at peace with U.S. 'export'

WASHINGTON — American diplomacy clearly failed to bring peace to the Middle East through the judicious supply of arms to friendly governments. But one American "export" has at least brought inner peace to an important Arab ruler. King Hussein of Jordan.

Queen Noor, the former Lisa Halaby, is the American-born fourth wife of the 51-year-old Jordanian monarch. A smile lighting his face, Hussein gave this succinct view of his 9-year-old marriage during a recent interview with Dale Van Atta in Amman: "I am happy. In harmony."

Hussein's marital contentment was a long time coming. When he was 19, he was married briefly to a distant cousin, Egyptian Sherifa Dina Abdel Hamid, seven years his senior. After their divorce, she married a Palestinian commander and follower of Yasser Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization leader and frequent enemy of Hussein.

Hussein's second wife was a British officer's daughter, Poni Gardner, whom he renamed Muna al Hussein (Hussein's Desire). They also divorced, but have remained friends.

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U.S./World In Brief

Australian nuke plant burns
SYDNEY, Australia — A fire broke out today at a nuclear research complex in south of Sydney, releasing radiation into the atmosphere and contaminating two workers, authorities said. They described the radiation release as minimal.

Armed Putschism of the New South Wales Health Department said after visiting the site 20 miles south of Sydney that the shift foreman and an operator were exposed to low levels of radiation. After cleaning themselves and undergoing checks, they returned to work, he said.

The Australian Atomic Energy Commission reported the fire broke out in a "hot cell" used to process medical isotopes. Radioactive isotopes are used medically as "tracers" to check the functioning of organs or follow processes through bodily systems.

"We are very confident on the basis of our measurements to date that the release was well below the limits approved by the state authorities," said Lucas Heights acting director Robert Smith.

Panels to vote on immunity plan
WASHINGTON — Congressional investigators probing the Iran-Contra affair tentatively agreed to grant limited immunity to former National Security Adviser John M. Poindexter but are delaying his public testimony until June, sources say.

An agreement between the congressional panels and the government's special prosecutor, which also would lead to limited immunity for former White House deputy Oliver L. North, will be voted on today at closed-door meetings of the two congressional panels, the sources said.

Hearings would open May 5.
The congressional sources, who spoke Tuesday only on condition of anonymity, also said the two investigating committees planned to vote on limited immunity to compel testimony from at least five people involved in a resupply network for Nicaragua's Contra rebels.

Permanent GI bill goes to Senate
WASHINGTON — A House-passed measure that would make the GI Bill a permanent law for enlistments in the all-volunteer armed forces is awaiting action in the Senate.

On a 40-2 roll call vote Tuesday, the House voted to remove indefinitely the current enlistment deadline of June 30, 1988, that veterans must have met to become eligible for educational benefits under the latest version of the GI Bill, approved in 1985.

Reagan administration allies in the Senate were expected to try to amend the bill to offer progressively higher benefits for longer periods of military service.

The measure also would give the program a new name, the "Montgomery GI Bill," in honor of Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, D-Miss., chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Since it was enacted in 1944, the GI Bill has helped finance college educations for more than 18 million veterans, including members of Congress, who have served in the armed forces since World War II.

Suicide fear grips Jersey town
A suicide attempt by two young people in the same New Jersey garage where four teenagers killed themselves last week left the community fearful, while authorities outside Chicago withheld details of a second suicide in four days.

"We are real, real worried that if we put out more information, it will spark another suicide," said police Sgt. Doug Larson in Rolling Meadows, Ill., on Tuesday.

A rookie police officer in Bergenfield, N.J., pulled a 20-year-old woman and her 17-year-old boyfriend, groggy from auto exhaust fumes, from a Chevrolet Camaro early Tuesday in a garage at an apartment complex.

The car, the same model used by the teen-agers to kill themselves by carbon monoxide poisoning last Wednesday, was not running, but the engine was warm, police said.

The woman, Lisa L. Blum, had attempted suicide three times in recent year and had known one of last week's victims, but there were no specific references to those deaths in the rambling suicide notes found in the car, authorities said.

Israeli panel begins Pollard probe
TEL AVIV, Israel — A government commission opened its closed-door investigation today of Jonathan Jay Pollard spy case, and officials said the key Israeli operative in the espionage ring would be the first to testify.

Israel radio said the two-member commission began its first session in the prime minister's office in the Defense Ministry compound in Tel Aviv.

Israeli officials said former high-ranking Mossad agent Rafi Eitan headed the list of those to be questioned by the panel, which was appointed by the Israeli government last week under pressure from the United States.

The commission, one of two groups probing the affair, will report to the Israeli government, but the proceedings are not expected to be made public and the panel's findings are not binding on the government.

However, the Cabinet said in a statement Tuesday that it would respect the findings of the commission.

Pollard, 32, an American Jew and former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, was sentenced to 30 years in prison for selling U.S. military secrets to Israel. His wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard, 36, was sentenced to five years in prison for possessing classified documents.

Two attacks on military kill 23
MANILA, Philippines — A bomb blast today killed four people at the nation's military academy hours after communist rebels ambushed a military patrol, killing 19 soldiers, the armed forces said.

Defense Department spokesman Ed Panglilan said the explosion occurred in a grandstand at the Philippines Military Academy during rehearsals for Sunday's graduation ceremonies at which President Corason Aquino is to speak.

The Academy Superintendent Brig. Gen. Rodolfo Blason said a woman civilian, two enlisted men and a colonel were killed in the blast. He said 38 people were injured, including 21 soldiers and 17 civilians.

Many of the injured were seriously hurt, said his aide, Lt. Gregorio Catapan.

Government television said the explosive device was the equivalent of 100 sticks of dynamite.

Soviet freighter's crew files home
WASHINGTON — After shopping for American goods, smoking American cigarettes, eating American hamburgers and visiting the American president, 37 Soviets rescued by the Coast Guard from a sinking Soviet freighter flew home to Moscow.

Senators expect close vote on aid

WASHINGTON — A narrowly divided Senate neared a vote today on legislation to stop \$60 million in aid for the Contras, with the principal sponsor of a cutoff resolution saying he didn't think there were enough votes to win.

But another top opponent said today he thought the Senate would vote, barely, to stop the aid installment.

Both sides agreed the vote would be very close, and that President Reagan probably could get the \$60 million to the Contras by vetoing the legislation disapproving it.

However, it goes, today's vote could set the stage for a total aid cutoff for the next fiscal year.

Sen. Lowell F. Weicker, R-Conn., said Tuesday he could count only 49 senators ready to vote in favor of a resolution, which he is principal sponsor, disapproving it. However, the final portion of \$100 million in military support authorized by Congress for this fiscal year.

But Sen. Joseph Biden Jr., D-Del., a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said today this morning he believed the Senate would approve the resolution.

"I think it'll be a very close vote to the Senate," Biden said. "I'm on ABC-TV's 'Good Morning America' show. 'I think we'll win.'"

Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and an opponent of Contra aid, told his colleagues: "After all, it is aid and



President Reagan is greeted by the Alexandria Pipe & Drum Corps Tuesday as he returns to the White House after a visit to Capitol Hill in observance of St. Patrick's Day.

Church leaders meet on pope's agenda

VATICAN CITY (AP) — U.S. Roman Catholic Church leaders and top Vatican officials began talks today that will set the tone and agenda for Pope John Paul II's 15-day visit to the United States in September.

All four active U.S. cardinals and 14 archbishops and bishops, eight of them representing dioceses the pope will visit on his 18-day tour, attended the meeting in the Vatican's Apostolic Palace yesterday.

The first of five closed-door sessions planned this week.

They are here to explain sensitive, controversial issues to the pope and the United States is facing today, so he (the pope) will have good working understanding when he is handed in a sensitive manner."

But he said it could be counterproductive if John Paul chooses to discuss the Holy See and U.S. bishops on the make-up of the U.S. delegation and the scope of their deliberation.

The U.S. bishops proposed a delegation of prelates from the major cities on the pope's tour and officials of the U.S. bishops conference, Shaw said. The four cardinals were added at the Vatican's request, he said.

Three cardinals — John Krol of Philadelphia, Bernard Law of Boston and John O'Connor of New York — are considered conservatives. The fourth cardinal is Joseph Bernardini of Chicago.

Shaw said individual members of the U.S. delegation will present short papers on different subjects to begin the discussion.

In addition to theological, doctrinal discipline and sexual morality, the papers also deal with the declining number of U.S. clergy, especially the shortage of Hispanic and black priests and bishops, Shaw said.

"A more productive way is to encourage and commend them for their fidelity to the church," Shaw said in an interview.

Many of the United States' \$2 million followers disagree with the Vatican's doctrine on sexual and family issues and its disciplinary actions against dissenters. Surveys have shown the church's ban on divorce and what it deems artificial birth control are widely ignored by U.S. Catholics.

The U.S. bishops conference decided in Washington last November to ask for face-to-face talks with the pope. Bishop James Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, made the proposal and warned of "dangerous disaffection" between the Vatican and parts of the U.S. church.

Shaw said the pope has an "enormous potential for good if it is handled in a sensitive manner."

The Vatican talks follow months of negotiations between the Holy See and U.S. bishops on the make-up of the U.S. delegation and the scope

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hour," Barri said. Kenan continued to insist that the Saudi diplomat was the first foreigner to be released since the Syrian intervention in west Beirut four weeks ago. The group had claimed responsibility for his abduction.

The most recent previous release of a foreigner in Lebanon was last Dec. 24, when Arif Coraan, a 54-year-old Frenchman, was freed after being held since March 6, 1985. Lebanon-born Saudi businessman Rafik Hariri, Saudi Arabian King Fahd's adviser on Lebanon, said, "We all express gratitude to (Syrian) President Hafez Assad for exerting pressure to free Damour-hour. We also thank Amal for obtaining his release after the 65-day ordeal."

Damhour, an employee at the Saudi Embassy's cultural section, was kidnapped in west Beirut on Jan. 12.

Syria, meanwhile, was reported to have prevented pro-Israeli Moslem kidnappers from killing another hostage, Frenchman Jean-Louis Normandin.

The independently daily An Nahar quoted an unidentified political source as saying Syria pressure prevented the Revolutionary Justice Organization from executing Normandin, and said this "could reflect positively" on Syria's plan to restore law and order in Moslem west Beirut.



Balanced education

Allison Irion, a student at Brenau Academy in Gainesville, Ga., combines dance with the study of history as she gets set for a week in class. Her art's long hours of discipline are reflected in her expression.

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Court stalled on Ellis case

A state Supreme Court opinion on grand juries has apparently not clarified what standard should be used in determining whether to make public the information from a grand jury investigation into allegations of municipal corruption in Exeter.

"We're left with the question still hanging," said Manchester attorney Malcolm Barlow, who represents the Manchester Herald. The Herald and The Hartford Courant have joined the Journal Inquirer in asking that the information be released.

Attorneys representing those arrested as a result of the Exeter investigation — including two prominent Manchester developers — have asked that the information be made available to them but not to the public.

Neil Ellis, president of First Hartford Realty Corp., and Leonard Barlow, First Hartford's vice president, both of Manchester, have been charged with first-degree bribery and conspiracy to commit bribery. Four other persons have also been charged.

The Supreme Court opinion, released Monday to explain a Jan. 27 decision, said that grand juries began before Oct. 1, 1985, are legal and can continue. A lower-court judge had ruled that a 1985 law that established new grand jury procedures invalidated existing investigations.

At issue in the Exeter case, being heard in Hartford Superior Court, is whether the new rules apply only to the grand jury completes its work. The three newspapers argued last week that they do apply. The opinion did not address the issue.

The new standard allows grand jury information to be released if it is deemed in the public interest. The old standard, more difficult to meet, required proof of a particular need before the information could be disclosed.

If Hartford Superior Court Judge John Byrne applies the old standard, the newspapers' case probably would be dismissed because it would be unlikely a particular need could be proved, Barlow said. That criteria is easier to meet if a person needs grand jury information to help in his defense against charges stemming from an investigation, Barlow said.

Judge Byrne said last week that he would probably use the old standard unless the high court said otherwise. However, attorneys on both sides were asked to submit briefs to argue the matter before proceedings resume in three weeks.

Driver's condition serious

An East Hartford man whose car crashed into a tractor-trailer Tuesday was listed in serious condition this morning at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

The man, Jacques R. Dolon, 21, was traveling west on Tolland Turnpike at about 8:30 a.m. when his car veered out of its lane and into the path of the oncoming truck, operated by John P. Okonk, 37, of Tolland, police said. Dolon told police he had fallen asleep just before the accident occurred, according to a police report.

Dolon was charged with failure to drive properly. Okonk was treated for bruises and sprains at Windham Community Memorial Hospital and released.

A 22-year-old Manchester man who drove his motorcycle into a van Sunday was listed in serious condition at Manchester Memorial Hospital this morning, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The man, Edward R. DeVoe Jr., 22, of 27 1/2 Oakland St., was traveling in the wrong lane on Birch Mountain Road at about 4 p.m. when his motorcycle struck a van operated by John Dewart Jr., 32, of 87 Volp Road, Bolton, police said. Dewart tried to move out of the path of the motorcycle but was unsuccessful, according to an accident report.

Morse was released on a \$1,000 bond and faces a court appearance on April 7, police said.

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A Coventry man was arrested Friday on a warrant charging him with sexual assault. Coventry police said this morning.

Bertholomew Morse, 29, of Twin Hills Drive, was charged with fourth-degree sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor on a warrant from Tolland County Superior Court. Police couldn't provide details about the case.

After meeting the Celtics tonight the Bucks play at Atlanta on Friday and then return home Saturday to play the Philadelphia 76ers.

It was an awful big game if we're going to win our division," Bucks Coach Don Nelson said of Tuesday's victory. "We'll look back on this game. I would imagine, and say, 'That was the start of it.'"

Said Lucas, who had two key baskets in the fourth quarter. "This is a big week for us."

"I know it (the schedule) sounds bad, but we're playing pretty good basketball. It just so happens that the other two teams in our division are playing pretty good basketball too."

Sikma has been playing real well," said Lucas, who is 9 of 12 from the field and hit both of his three-point attempts in the third quarter. "We have a lot of confidence in him. Jack's contribution doesn't always show up in the statistics."

Celtics' Coach K. C. Jones said the addition of Lucas, who joined the Celtics in January, gives the team a new dimension. Tuesday night was the first time the Celtics had faced the Bucks with Lucas.

He gives them a Magic (Johnston), an Inish (Thomas), a Maurice (Cheeks), Jones said.

Ricky Pierce and Terry Cummings added 19 points. Paul Presley had 18 and Sikma 14 for the Bucks, who used an 8-2 run in the fourth quarter to take an eight-point lead. Kevin McHale led the Celtics with 31 points. Robert Parrish added 21 and Danny Ainge 11.

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A state study has found that the number of Connecticut households in which both parents work has risen from 29 percent in 1979 to 55 percent in 1986.

ONE REGISTRATION requirement, though, makes it difficult for providers to help the growing number of children that need care, some home day-care operators said. Currently, no more than six children can be watched throughout a given day.

This prompts many home operators to fill their quotas with more profitable "full-time" children than those needing care for only a few hours. The losers are school-aged children that have to come home to an empty house because there is no where else to go.

"Nobody wants these kids because ... they take up a full-time slot," said Jonn Spers, who runs a registered home on Ridge Street in Manchester. "I think it's a shame."

Spers suggested that state restrictions be changed to allow homes to take on a couple of part-timers. Dearnorn said DHR has proposed a bill now before the General

Assembly that would allow homes to care for nine children. The three additional children would be limited to before and after school.

One young mother speaks out

The decision on which day-care option to choose is not always "cut and dried," said one parent, Cindy Oust of Beckmactack Street in Manchester.

"I want the best possible care for my child, whether licensed or unlicensed," she said. Officials say that most children in day-care homes are being cared for in an unregistered operation.

"Just because it's state certified doesn't mean it's good," she said, adding that some homes are more concerned with making money than

protecting the environment, Donohue said. He added that it is timely, with so many residents worried about increased building and impending development likely to result from the completion of the Route 6 expressway and a high-tech development. It would be especially convenient to nearby Robertson School, he noted.

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Council OKs project

By Jacqueline Bennett Herald Correspondent

COVENTRY — The Town Council this week approved spending \$800 to develop a multiple resource management plan for Patriot's Park.

"This is a great way to tie in Patriot's Park with Robertson School and a whole slew of recreational and educational uses," said council member Rose Fowler during the Monday night meeting at the Town Office Building.

Donohue, Donohue, the natural resource consultant for the town, said his Willington firm will put the plan together within the next two months. It will include proposed hiking trail maps highlighting the

Plan highlights environment

natural features of the site, a 55-acre parcel on High Street.

As well as hiking, Donohue would like to see the trails used for elementary school field trips to raise youngsters' awareness about the ecology, such as endangered plant species. It would be especially convenient to nearby Robertson School, he noted.

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Obituaries

Lawrence E. Jennings Sr.
Lawrence E. Jennings Sr., 78, of Rocky Hill, died Monday at Hartford Hospital. He was the father of Gordon W. Jennings and father-in-law of Diana (Colucci) Jennings of Manchester.

Besides his son and daughter-in-law, he is survived by another son and daughter-in-law, Lawrence E. Jennings Jr. and Nancy (MacDonough) Jennings of Jackson, Mich., 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm St., Rocky Hill. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Rocky Hill Fire Department, c/o Mrs. Rose Hill, 1000 N. Main Street, Rocky Hill 06067.

Mildred C. Giordano
Mildred C. (Luongo) Giordano of Niantic and Hollywood, Fla., died Sunday at Hartford Hospital. She was the wife of Carl M. Giordano and the sister of Lawrence Luongo of Manchester.

Besides her husband and brother, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Dolores and Mrs. Rita.

Wetherfield and Mrs. Alfred (Marilyn) Nemanich of West Hartford; a son, Carl V. Giordano of Wetherfield; and 11 grandchildren.

The funeral will be Thursday at 9:15 a.m. at the D'Esopo Wetherfield Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Road, Wetherfield. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Surgical Research & Education Fund, Hartford Hospital Medical Center, Daytona Beach, Fla. He was the husband of Elizabeth (Schaeffer) Erickson.

He lived in South Windsor most of his life before moving to Florida a year ago. He was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Manchester. Before he retired, he was a foreman at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford.

Besides his wife he is survived by a son, Kenneth W. Erickson, of

West Concord, Mass.; two daughters, Patricia Dahl of Plano, Texas, and Sue-Ellen Bartlett of Portsmouth, N.H.; a sister, Mrs. Robert Neeley of Delmar, N.Y.; two brothers, Paul B. Erickson of South Windsor and Kenneth E. Erickson of Westford, Mass.; and two grandchildren.

The Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., is in charge of arrangements, which are incomplete.

THANKSGIVING NOVENA TO ST. JUDE
On Holy St. Jude, Abovite and martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, we pray for the souls of those who have died in the month of November. Help me to be a true follower of Christ. Amen. This novena has never been known to fail. I have had my request granted.

B.A.M.

SPORTS

Celtics ose fourth straight road game

By The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The Boston Celtics have lost their last four road games, but Larry Bird says it's way too early for the defending NBA champions to be concerned, even with the playoffs approaching.

"We feel when the playoffs start, we can beat anybody," Bird said after the Milwaukee Bucks' 122-115 defeat Tuesday.

The victory was the Bucks' third against the Celtics in five meetings this season, but Milwaukee had little time to savor it since the teams meet again tonight in Boston Garden.

"It was a regular-season game," said Bird, who had 24 points and 12 rebounds. "Once the playoffs start, we'll have the homecourt advantage (in the Eastern Conference) and we'll play at a different level."

The Bucks have won 11 of their last 14 games and still hope to catch two of the NBA's hottest teams, the Detroit Pistons and Atlanta Hawks, in the Central Division.

On Tuesday night the Bucks got eight points and five rebounds in the fourth quarter from center Jack Sikma and 26 points from John Lucas in beating the Celtics in the first game of a rough week.

Atlanta wrapped up its game with Washington early, scoring 17 points in the fourth quarter to take a 17-1 lead. Dominique Wilkins, who scored 18 of his 43 points in the opening period, had nine in the Hawks' quick start and Kevin Willis added six. He finished with 19.

The Hawks led 63-46 at the half and stretched the margin to 24 points in the third quarter. They are one victory short of tying the franchise's longest winning string from Dec. 8, 1986-Jan. 3, 1989.

"Tonight we just played hard," Washington Coach Kevin Loughery said. "We did not play well at either end of the floor. Atlanta had the balance of good defense and good offense."

John Williams led Washington with 17 points. The Bullets played without Moses Malone, Frank Johnson and Dan Roundfield, who were out of action.

Mavericks 114, Bulls 96
Mark Aguirre scored 31 points and Sam Perkins added 27 while the Bulls, who suffered their sixth consecutive loss, were led by Charles Oakley with 22.

Twenty turnovers, 10 by Oakley, hurt the visiting Bulls. It was the fourth turnover by one player against the Mavericks in their history.

Chicago's Michael Jordan was held to 21 points, well below his league-leading average of 36.9, and only the third time this season he wasn't the Bulls' high scorer.

Rolando Blackman, who guarded Jordan, added 15 points for the Mavericks and Derek Harper had 17. Perkins did most of his damage in the fourth quarter, scoring 10 points.

Bird, who had 10 of 22 from the field and had 12 rebounds, said

Knight and Indiana feel confident against Duke

By The Associated Press

Indiana Coach Bobby Knight figures he can't lose in Friday's NCAA Midwest Regional semifinal against Duke.

"That's because the Blue Devils, runners-up in last year's tournament to Louisville, are coaching one of Knight's closest friends in college basketball, Mike Krzyzewski.

"I have a lot of mixed emotions in playing against him," Knight said. "Last year, in the NCAA tournament, nobody in America was rooting harder for Duke than I was. Mike has been extremely close to me as a player and as a coach."

"Coach Knight and I are about as close friends and you can get," said Krzyzewski, who played for Knight at Army and later served as an assistant coach under him at Indiana. "I probably have the most

pretty definite Quenneville will play tonight.

The Whalers go into New York with a 4-1 record in their last four, including Sunday's 4-1 loss to the Oilers in Edmonton. Hartford will skate without captain Ron Francis, out with a shoulder injury, and Scot Kleinendorst, who missed Sunday's game with back spasms.

Following tonight's game, six of the Whalers' final eight games will be at the Hartford Civic Center.

Quenneville back in Whale lineup

NEW YORK — There will be an unfamiliar face in the Hartford Whaler lineup tonight as defenseman Joel Quenneville, who suffered a separated shoulder on Dec. 18 against Boston, will be back in action against the New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden.

Quenneville, after undergoing surgery and rehabilitation, will be back in the lineup for the last nine games of the regular season. Whaler coach Jack Evans said Tuesday that it's

quartermen is an accomplishment for the eight-team CCC East.

West Haven advanced to Saturday's finals by defeating Wilbur Cross, 20-72, and will meet defending champion Hillhouse University's Kaiser Hall at noon.

Manchester started the season off wrong, losing the Indiana wad early in West Haven, 15-53. It has no business black Friday for all Central Connecticut Conference East Division schools as East Hartford High and Hartford Public joined Manchester on the sidelines.

Still, Pauling three teams in the Class LL



Milwaukee's Terry Cummings (right) sails toward the basket and gets off a shot as Boston's Larry Bird tries to defend in their NBA game Tuesday night in Milwaukee. The Bucks beat the Celtics, 123-115.

Williams had 20 points for New Jersey, which played without center Mike Gminski.

Spurs 108, Kings 106
Reserve guard Johnny Moore made two free throws with 20 seconds left as San Antonio rallied

from a 16-point deficit in the final 9 1/2 minutes. Alvin Robertson scored 30 points and Walter Berry 23 as the Spurs snuffed a seven-game road losing streak.

The Kings led 94-78 with 9:21 remaining. But Berry scored 12 points in the next nine minutes,

including an eight-foot jumper with 45 seconds left that put San Antonio ahead 108-104.

Sacramento forward Otis Thorpe tied the score with 26 seconds remaining. Moore was then fouled by Reggie Theus to set up the winning free throws.

NCAA Tournney

Regional semifinal pairing at Louisville matches Providence, 23-8, against Alabama, 28-4, and Georgetown, 28-4, against Kansas, 25-10.

Midwest
Like Duke, LSU is seeking a return trip to the Final Four. A year ago, the longest Tigers were seeded No. 11 and came out of the pack to become the lowest-rated team ever to reach the Final Four.

This year, LSU was seeded No. 10 and is still in business after eliminating Georgia Tech and Temple.

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Stan Jefferson getting his shot with the Padres

By Dennis Georgatos
The Associated Press

YUMA, Ariz. — A trade has transformed rookie Stanley Jefferson from a probable minor leaguer with the New York Mets to an everyday center fielder in San Diego.

And now that the Padres have broken off negotiations with free-agent outfielder Tim Lincecum, San Diego is counting on Jefferson as main tie base-running threat and leadoff hitter.

Jefferson, 25, played nearly four years in the minor leagues before

seeing the big leagues last year, appearing in 14 games with the world champion Mets.

The Mets' first-round selection in the 1965 June free-agent draft was Stan Jefferson, a 20-year-old center fielder from San Diego.

Jefferson, a native of the Bronx, N.Y., hasn't had much of an opportunity to showcase his skills through the first three weeks of spring training because of minor injuries. He missed one exhibition game with a slight concussion after getting hit in the head with a baseball in a pickoff attempt and

"Unless somebody got hurt and opened the door, that's the only way I could see of getting in the lineup," Jefferson said. "Lenny's an excellent base runner. I think I would probably have had to wait a while. My dream was to play major league baseball. It didn't matter where."

A switch-hitter, Jefferson hit .300 last season in 95 games for the Mets' Class A.A. Tidewater affiliate with 25 stolen bases. He played center field exclusively, making only two errors all season and had a streak of 7 error-free games.

"Certainly, he has all the physical tools. He can run, play good defense and he's a switch-hitter. He's coming into the same situation as Dylaster was," says San Diego manager Larry Brown. "He looks like he knows what he's doing."

Jefferson is particularly anxious to see if Jefferson can provide the Padres with the base-stealing threat the team has lacked since Alan Wiggins was traded to Baltimore in 1965.

"We're going to let him go," Brown said of Jefferson. "I know he can run. He can flat out fly. Can he

steal bases? I don't know. There are some guys that can run that can't steal bases."

Becoming an accomplished base stealer in the big leagues, Jefferson said, is probably his biggest challenge.

"This year most definitely will be a learning experience," he said. "It will take a while. They (the Mets) didn't really give me the opportunity to learn because of minor injuries. But there's always more to learn because you're not facing the same pitching. You'll have to learn the new guys on the hill."

SCOREBOARD

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WALDES CONFERENCE	
Team	Pts
Philadelphia	42
NY Rangers	31
Washington	20
Los Angeles	19
New Jersey	17

CAMPBELL DIVISION	
Team	Pts
St. Louis	27
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Chicago	22
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Red Wings 3, Bruins 1

DETROIT (UPI)—The Detroit Red Wings defeated the Boston Bruins 3-1 in a National Hockey League game Tuesday night.

Red Wings' goalie Bill Ranford made 21 saves, including a crucial stop in the final minute of the contest.

Other players to score were Mike Bossy, Wayne Gretzky and Bobby Orr.

The Bruins, led by goalie Ken Dryden, scored once in the second period.

The game was held at the Olympia Stadium in Detroit.

Attendance for the game was 15,000.

The Red Wings are currently in first place in the NHL.

The Bruins are currently in second place in the NHL.

The game was broadcast on television.

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SPORTSCARD



Adrian Dantley

This high-scoring NBA Rookie of the Year in 1977 became the comeback player of the year in 1984.

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Kerr flies high as Philly beats the Rangers

By Ken Rappoport
The Associated Press

For Tim Kerr, it was just another night at the office, or in his case, the slot, where he usually sets up shop.

"Nobody's going to stop Timmy when he's in the slot," said New York Rangers Coach Phil Esposito after watching the big Philadelphia forward score two goals against his

team Tuesday night in a 4-1 Flyers victory.

"He plays that position like I used to. When he's there, no one can move him out. Sooner or later, because of his positioning, he's going to score. He reminds me of myself playing the slot."

The performance gave Kerr his 50th and 51st goals of the NHL season, marking the fourth straight year that he's hit the 50-goal level.

Jari Kurri of Edmonton also scored two goals, his 49th and 50th of the season, in Edmonton's 7-4 victory over New Jersey, also marking the fourth season in a row that he has scored 50 or more goals.

In other NHL games, it was Los Angeles 5, Washington 4; Detroit 3, Boston 1; Minnesota 3, Chicago 3; Calgary 4, Buffalo 2; and Vancouver 4, Quebec 2.

Kerr scored both his goals in the first period to give the Flyers a 2-0 lead and they never trailed against the Rangers.

The Flyers, who clinched the Patrick Division championship for the third year in a row Monday night when the second-place New York Islanders were defeated by the Montreal Canadiens, finished the season with a 3-4 record against the Rangers.

Gooden receives his second 'F' of the spring

By The Associated Press

It was only a 'B' squad exhibition game, but New York Mets ace Dwight Gooden received his second 'F' of the spring.

Gooden pitched four innings as the Mets' reserves lost to the St. Louis Cardinals 4-0. And although only one of the three runs he allowed was earned, he surrendered six hits and walked two while striking out the same number.

"It's no big deal," said Gooden, who was tagged for nine runs by the Cardinals in his first spring outing and then hurled three scoreless innings against Los Angeles. "Sometimes it's like that in the spring."

Gooden said that Manager Davey Johnson "thought I was cupping the ball in my hand and squeezing it too much. They tell me I'm not sitting, rocking back before I pitch. In '85, I was really sitting. Last year, I was throwing good but my front leg and my arm was catching up."

Johnson said he thought Gooden "was in no. He didn't have good rhythm, no fastball at all. He's not using enough of the plate. He's maybe 80 percent of his regular velocity."

Neither the pitcher nor his manager was overly concerned. "Power pitching takes time to build up," Johnson said. "Last year, he didn't have the real explosive quality. Sometimes he gets into uncomfortable positions out there."

"But he was all right. It's a 'B' game, spring training. The first year he was making the ball club he was very impressive in spring training. The second year he was impressive. Last year he was just all right. This year, I think he's throwing good but needs work."

Mets shortstop Rafael Santana sustained a bruised right thumb when he was hit by a pitch in the 'B' game by St. Louis rookie Scott Arnold after Cardinals ace John Tudor pitched five scoreless innings.

Rick Aguilera, another of the Mets' starters, was more impressive, allowing one run in five innings as the varsity beat the Chicago White Sox 6-3 with Mookie Wilson rapping two triples and Darryl Strawberry hitting a two-run homer, all off Richard Dotson.

The Cardinals' main team was routed by Houston 10-9 as nonroster first baseman Glenn Carpenter went 4-for-5 while Bob Knepper and three relievers held St. Louis to three hits.

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Cincinnati's Dave Parker (right) and Boston catcher Marc Sullivan look skyward for Parker's foul pop up during their exhibition game Tuesday in Tampa. The Reds won, 4-3.

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The Ultimate Chocolate

Divinely Rich Homemade Desserts

Chocolate... truly the "Food of the Gods!" Its heavenly richness lifts your tastebuds to a place where only angels dare to tread.

The best chocolate treats are made at home, baked from scratch. In fact, the luxurious chocolatey flavor of homemade desserts makes baking a very special culinary adventure.

These four luscious desserts are easy to prepare and prove you don't have to spend an eternity in the kitchen to create pure ecstasy in chocolate. Each recipe features the winning combination of cocoa and butter blend.

Cocoa is all-natural, easy to measure and requires no messy pre-melting. It gives desserts that deep, rich taste true chocolate-lovers demand. Butter blend, made from fresh Grade AA butter, blends easily with other ingredients to give baked goods a rich buttery flavor.

Brownie Squares, A La Mode look spectacular and taste sensational. They're more than a brownie... and almost like a double chocolate sundae. Topped with ice cream and Hot Fudge Sauce, these brownies will quickly disappear!

Chocolate Fudge Cake elevates scratch baking to an art. Chockful of chocolate, this cake is easy to make and the taste is fantastic and extravagant.

Mocha Cheesecake Delights are strictly for no-nonsense chocolate-lovers. They feature two tantalizing tiers of pure bliss: a dense brownie base topped with a generous layer of coffee-cheesecake.

And you'll lose control after that first slice of melt-in-your-mouth Fudgy Pecan Pie. Crowned with crunchy pecans, its moist goodness is a grand finale to any meal.

After indulging in these ultimate chocolate desserts, we're sure you'll agree there never was a flavor so completely designed to give pure pleasure as chocolate.

Enjoy!

Chocolate Fudge Cake

1 teaspoon Cocoa, divided
3/4 cup Butter Blend
1-2/3 cups sugar
3 eggs
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla
2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
2/3 cup Cocoa
1-1/4 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon salt
1-1/3 cups milk
Creamy Chocolate Frosting (recipe follows)

Grease two 9-inch layer pans; dust each pan with 1/2 teaspoon cocoa. Set pans aside. In large mixer bowl, cream Butter Blend and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Blend in vanilla. Beat at medium speed for 5 minutes, scraping sides of bowl occasionally. Combine flour, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beating just enough to blend. Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake at 350° for 35 to 40 minutes or until tester inserted comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pans. Cool; frost with Creamy Chocolate Frosting. Garnish as desired. 8 to 10 servings.

Brownie Squares A La Mode

3 eggs
2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup Butter Blend, melted
1-1/4 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
3/4 cup Cocoa
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped nuts (optional)
Ice Cream (recipe follows)

In large mixer bowl, beat eggs thoroughly; gradually add sugar and vanilla, beating on high speed until thick and light in color. Stir in Butter Blend. Combine flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt; add to egg mixture, blending thoroughly. Stir in nuts, if desired. Spread batter into greased 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes or until brownies begin to pull away from edges of pan. Cool; cut into 3-inch squares. Serve each square topped with a scoop of ice cream and Hot Fudge Sauce. Garnish with maraschino cherries, if desired. 12 servings.

Creamy Chocolate Frosting

1/2 cup Butter Blend, softened
1/2 cup Cocoa
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4 cups confectioners' sugar
6 to 7 tablespoons milk
2 teaspoons vanilla

In large mixer bowl, cream Butter Blend and cocoa until creamy. Add confectioners' sugar alternately with milk and vanilla, beating to spreading consistency. About 3 cups frosting.

Hot Fudge Sauce

3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup Cocoa
1 can (5 ounces) evaporated milk
1/3 cup light corn syrup
1/3 cup Butter Blend
1 teaspoon vanilla

In small saucepan, combine sugar and cocoa; blend in evaporated milk and corn syrup. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils; boil and stir 1 minute. Remove from heat; stir in Butter Blend and vanilla. Serve warm. About 2 cups sauce.

Mocha Cheesecake Delights

1/2 cup Butter Blend
1/2 cup Cocoa
6 tablespoons
1 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
1/3 cup unsifted all-purpose flour
1 cup broken pecan pieces
Coffee Cheesecake Layer (recipe follows)
1/4 teaspoon Cocoa (optional)

In medium saucepan over low heat, melt Butter Blend; add cocoa and stir until mixture is smooth. Remove from heat. Stir in sugar and vanilla. Add eggs, one at a time, blending well after each addition. Add flour and stir well to mix. Stir in pecans. Pour mixture into greased 9-inch square pan; smooth top. Set aside. Prepare Coffee Cheesecake Layer; evenly pour mixture over top of brownie layer. Bake at 350° for 35 to 40 minutes or until tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan at room temperature. Chill. Sprinkle top with cocoa, if desired. Cut into 3 inch squares; cut each square diagonally to form a triangle. Refrigerate leftovers. 18 triangles.

Fudgy Pecan Pie

9-inch unbaked pastry shell (recipe follows)
1/3 cup Butter Blend
1/3 cup Cocoa
2/3 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 eggs, lightly beaten
3/4 cup light corn syrup
1 cup broken pecans
Sweetened whipped cream (recipe follows)
Pecan halves (optional)

Prepare pastry shell; set aside. In medium saucepan over low heat, melt Butter Blend; add cocoa and stir until mixture is smooth. Remove from heat; cool slightly. Stir in sugar, salt, eggs and corn syrup; blend thoroughly. Stir in pecans. Pour into unbaked pastry shell. Bake at 375° for 40 minutes. Cool. Cover and let stand at room temperature for about 8 hours before serving. Garnish with whipped cream and pecan halves, if desired. 8 servings.

Sweetened Whipped Cream: Combine 1/2 cup chilled heavy or whipping cream, 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar and 1/4 teaspoon vanilla in small mixer bowl; beat until stiff.

Pastry Shell

1-1/4 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup Butter Blend
3 to 4 tablespoons cold water

In medium bowl, combine flour and salt; cut in Butter Blend until mixture forms coarse crumbs. Sprinkle in water, 1 tablespoon at a time, tossing with fork until all flour is moistened and pastry almost clears side of bowl. Gather pastry into ball; shape into flattened round on lightly floured surface. Roll pastry 2 inches larger than inverted pie plate. Fold pastry into quarters; unfold and ease into plate, pressing firmly against bottom and side. Trim overhanging edge of pastry 1 inch from rim of plate. Fold and roll of pastry under, even with plate; flute. Do not prick pastry. Fill and bake as directed. One 9-inch crust pastry shell.

Sports in Brief

Mattatuck advances in NJCAA play

HUTCHINSON, Kansas — Brent Dabbs scored 24 points to lead five Mattatuck Community College players in double figures as the Waterbury-based Chiefs defeated Western Community College of Arkansas, 83-72, Tuesday night in the first round of the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament.

The victory was the 27th (a school record) for Mattatuck against only one loss this season. Mattatuck will next play Thursday night and face the winner of Mesa (Ariz.) Community College-Bismark (N.D.) Junior College. Calvin Glenn added 16 points for the Chiefs, who won the New England junior college tournament two weeks ago to earn the trip to Kansas.

Magicians to appear at EHHS

EAST HARTFORD — The Harlem Magicians, led by Marques Hines, will oppose the East Hartford High School faculty on Friday night at 7 at East Hartford High School. Proceeds of the game go to the Bernie Dandley Memorial-Scholarship Fund.

Horowitz, Toland on UConn rosters

STORRS — Freshman Glenn Horowitz is on the University of Connecticut men's tennis roster for the spring campaign and Peter Toland, a sophomore, is on the UConn outdoor track squad. He is listed as a distance runner.

TCU's Jim Killingsworth retires

FORT WORTH, Texas — Texas Christian's Jim Killingsworth has tried — and seen — almost everything in 38 years of coaching basketball. So, now he's ready to try out retirement.

Killingsworth said, "It's tougher to get out than I thought it would be. Gosh, I might even have to get how to mow lawns now."

The Horned Frogs were eliminated from the NCAA playoffs, 58-57, by Notre Dame last week, ending their season at 24-7. It was their first NCAA Tournament bid in 18 years.

Chris gets in gear and breezes

DALLAS — Top-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd took a while to get started, but once she did, she had little trouble breezing past 17-year-old Bulgarian Katerina Maleeva in the opening round of the Virginia Slims of Dallas tournament.

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Bubka sets mark

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Sergei Bubka of Soviet Union broke his own indoor world record in the pole vault Tuesday night, clearing 19 feet, 7 inches, the ANSA news agency reported.

Bubka surpassed his previous world indoor mark of 18-6 1/2. The record was set during a track and field exhibition in the northern Italian city coinciding with the weeklong Turin sports film festival.

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"O" is for onions. Onions are available year-round and are a versatile, or as they are called, a vegetable for other dishes. The varieties differ, but can be used interchangeably. Strong-smelling onions keep longer than sweeter, mild ones. When onions are dried, they develop pungent oils that protect them during storage.

Mild Bermuda onions are flat-shaped with yellow or white skins. They have a short storage life. Red Italian onions may be mild to pungent in flavor, depending upon growing conditions. They are generally used for their color. Sweet Spanish onions are large, yellow globes with a mild flavor.

Smaller yellow or white globe onions are more pungent. Red-brown shallots grow in cloves, like garlic, but have a far milder flavor. Green onions may be of any variety that is harvested early and sold fresh.



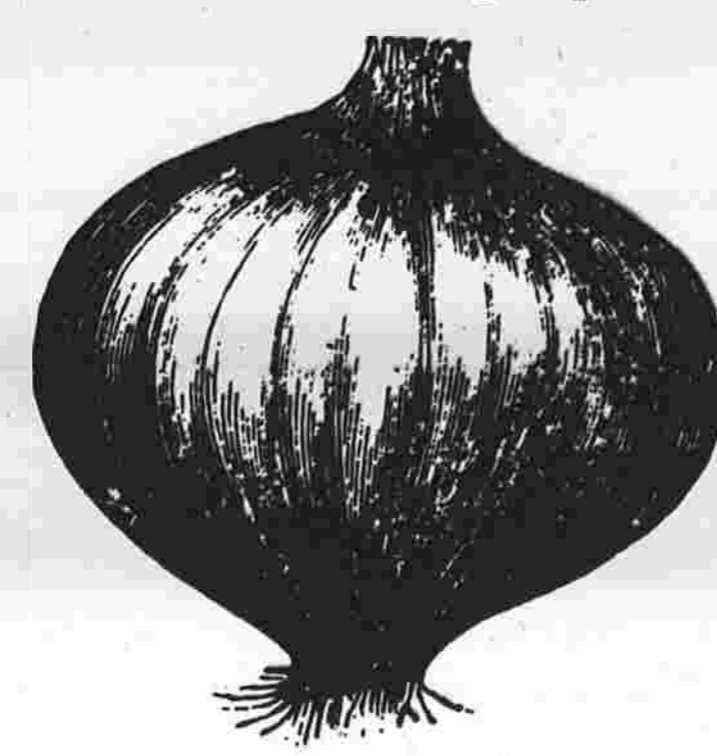
Marge Churchill

Combine water and bouillon. Pour over onions. Cover dish with plastic wrap. Microwave at high for 7 to 10 minutes, or until tender. Rotate onions once. Taste with cooking liquid. Let stand, covered, 3 minutes. Yields 4 servings.

French onion soup

2 medium onions, (1 pound)
1/4 cup butter
3 cans (10 1/2 ounces each) beef broth
2 1/2 cups cold water
1 teaspoon sugar
1 tablespoon burgundy wine
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons butter, melted
6 slices French bread
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
8 ounces shredded Gruyere or Swiss cheese

Peel onions. Cut in half lengthwise and slice. Set aside. Place butter in a 2-quart casserole. Microwave at high for 1 to 1 1/2 minutes, or until melted. Add onion slices, tossing to coat with butter. Cover. Microwave at high 4 to 10 minutes, or until onion is tender, stirring at least twice. Blend in broth, sugar, wine and pepper. Cover. Microwave at high for 8 to 10 minutes, or until heated. French bread with melted butter. Place under broiler to toast. Pour soup into 4 individual serving dishes. Top each bowl with toast and 1 ounce of shredded Gruyere or Swiss cheese.



This onion is from a turn-of-the-century seed catalog.

in a 1/2-quart casserole. Slice onion crosswise into three layers. Place bottom slice of onion on plastic wrap.

Place butter in a 4-cup glass measure. Microwave at high for 30 seconds to melt. Stir in salt, pepper, stuffing mix and beef broth. Place a little less than half of the stuffing mixture on onion slice in casserole. Add center slice of onion. Top with most of the remaining stuffing mixture, reserving 1 tablespoon. Top mixture with third onion slice. Spread remaining stuffing mixture over onion. Pull up corners of plastic wrap. Tie with a string.

Microwave at high 6 minutes. Let stand 4 to 5 minutes before serving. Yields 1 to 2 servings.

Note: Any large sweet onion may be used. Larger onions, or more onions will require longer microwave cooking time.

Creamed onions

16 whole small onions
3 tablespoons flour
3 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup milk
1 and two-thirds cups milk
1/2 cup salted peanuts, chopped and divided
1/2 cup pimiento pieces, drained
1/4 cup sliced mushrooms
1/2 cup bread crumbs
2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Peel onions and roll in flour. Place in 1-quart casserole. Stir in butter, salt and milk. Cover with plastic wrap. Microwave at high for 5 minutes.

Drain onions. Stir into white sauce. Sprinkle cheese evenly over. Reduce power to 50% (medium). Microwave 2 to 4 minutes, or until cheese is melted, rotating dish one-half turn after half of the cooking time. Yields 4 servings.

Stuffed Vidalia onion

1 large Vidalia onion
1 tablespoon butter
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup herb-seasoned stuffing mix
1/2 cup beef broth
Place a piece of plastic wrap large enough to cover stuffed onion

Stir well. Add 1/4 cup peanuts, pimientos, and mushrooms. Cover. Microwave at high for 5 to 6 minutes. Top with remaining peanuts, bread crumbs and parsley. Microwave, uncovered, at high for 4 to 5 minutes. Let stand, covered, 3 minutes before serving. Yields 6 to 8 servings.

Choose firm, dry onions with papery skins free from green spots and blemishes. Check the necks to avoid fresh sprouts or moisture. Buy green onions with 2 to 3 inches of white stem and crisp green tops. Dry onions keep well up to a month in a cool, dry place. Do not refrigerate or store with potatoes, as onions will absorb moisture and decay more quickly. After cutting, they can be refrigerated several days in a sealed container. Place green onions in plastic bags and refrigerate in the crisper up to a week or more.

How to microwave whole onions: Slice top from medium onions to a depth of 1/2 inch. Remove root ends and peel. Place onion in baking dish or custard cup; cover. Microwave at high for half the cooking time. Rotate each onion in

Stuffed onions

4 large onions (8 1/2 to 3 pounds)
1 package frozen green peas, thawed
4 ounces fresh mushrooms, coarsely chopped
1/2 teaspoon thyme leaves
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup hot water
1/2 teaspoon instant chicken bouillon granules

Hollow out the center of each onion, leaving 1/4-inch thick shell. Onion centers may be chopped and frozen for later use. Combine peas, mushrooms, thyme, and pepper. Place onion shells in 8-by-8-inch baking dish and fill with one-fourth of the pea and mushroom stuffing. Dot each onion with 1/2 teaspoon butter.

Onions with cheese

2 medium onions (1 pound), peeled, thinly sliced and separated into rings
2 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons butter

Place onions in a circular pattern. Microwave at high 4 to 8 minutes, or until cheese melts and soup is hot. Yields 6 servings.

Supermarket Shopper

Managers should be held accountable for ad mistakes

By Martin Sloane
United Feature Syndicate

DEAR MARTIN: What do you do when a supermarket advertisement misrepresents a product?

My problem started when our local store advertised a \$1 manufacturer's refund on the six-pack of Jergen's Soap. The advertisement showed the six-pack on sale for \$1, deducted the refund, then said: "After rebate—FREE."

I thought I was getting an even better deal, because I had a Jergen's 25-cent coupon. The soap would end up costing just 75 cents, and the cashier gave me the \$1 refund form. It wasn't until I got home that I noticed that the refund form required 12 Jergen's wrappings instead of six.

I called the store manager, and he admitted that he hadn't read the refund form. He explained that he assumed the advertisement was correct. He also apologized and offered to give me my money back, but that meant driving all the way back to the store, so I decided to skip it and write to you.

Clip 'n' file refunds

DEAR MARTIN: My local supermarket is refusing to let me use a cents-off coupon on a product, as well as a "buy one get one free" coupon for the free item. I am not sure if I should believe that the result would be six free bars of soap. That is exactly what you should have received, courtesy of the store.

DEAR MARTIN: In small print on every coupon, it says, "one coupon per purchase." When you turn in a coupon that says "buy one get one free," that's the one coupon on the item you're buying. As for the second item, since it's free, there is no way you can use a cents-off refund coupon against it. You can't deduct something from nothing.

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Tuesday: Tomato juice sauerbraten with gingersnap, gratin boiled new potatoes, summer squash, wheat bread fruit.

Wednesday: Minestrone soup, beef and macaroni au gratin, French cut green beans, wheat bread, California compote.

Thursday: Pineapple juice, boneless sesame chicken, Cheddar-topped potatoes, broccoli, ruffe, carrot cake.

Friday: Vegetable soup, stuffed shells with Italian sauce, mixed vegetables, Italian bread, apples and peaches.

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Wednesday: Baked chicken with gravy, green beans, Ham salad, spinach, salad, cookies, tuna salad sandwich, apple, milk.

Thursday: Baked meatloaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli, Chicken salad sandwich, applesauce, milk.

Friday: Manicotti, zucchini, beans, salad, cake, Egg salad sandwich, sliced pineapple, milk.

Manchester hospital

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Sunday: Pork chop with gravy, beef turnover with gravy, buttered fish, hot dog.

Monday: Chicken, corned beef, Swedish meatballs, corn fritter with sausage, hamburger on a bun.

Tuesday: New England boiled dinner, fried clam strips, macaroni and cheese, sloppy joe on a bun.

Wednesday: Seafood newburg, meat ravioli, bacon lettuce and tomato sandwiches, kielbasa and sauerkraut.

Thursday: Veal Parmesan, french fries, cheeseburger on a bun, stir-fried beef with vegetables.

Friday: Boneless pork loin, stuffed sole, manicotti, crabmeat salad.

Saturday: Roast beef with gravy, veal scallopini, chicken and cashews.

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Sylvia Porter

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out-of-hospital facility, with a homelike atmosphere. These centers offer a short stay (usually 24-hour) and ambulatory care and have access to in-hospital obstetrical and newborn services.

A team approach is taken in these centers: Nurse-midwives work with obstetricians, pediatricians and parent educators. They typically provide maternity care to carefully screened families expecting normal childbirth without complications.

"High-quality family centered care can be provided at lower cost than in-hospital care," reports Ruth Lubie, general director of the Maternity Center Association (MCA) in New York City. In 1975, the MCA, a non-profit health agency, established the Childbearing Center as a demonstration project in out-of-hospital maternity care. Today there are about 140 similar centers across the country.

QUESTION: What, then, is a nurse-midwife?

ANSWER: There are about 2,500 certified nurse-midwives in the United States. They are registered nurses, certified in midwifery by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) after taking an approved postgraduate course. State licensing requirements must be met and students must pass a national exam.

QUESTION: What is a birth center?

ANSWER: A birth center is an

Menus

Bolton schools

The following lunches will be served in the Bolton Elementary and Center schools the week of March 23 to 27:

Monday: Vegetable soup, tuna boat, chips, chilled peaches.

Tuesday: Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, blueberry pie.

Wednesday: Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, fresh fruit.

Thursday: Apple juice, beef and gravy over rice, peas, chocolate and vanilla pudding.

Friday: Juice, meat and cheese pizza, salad, fruited gelatin.

Coventry elementary

The following lunches will be served in the Coventry elementary schools the week of March 23 to 27:

Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable sticks, raisins, cookie.

Tuesday: Stuffed shells with sauce, green beans, garlic bread, chilled fruit.

Wednesday: Junior mac, french fries, hot vegetable, cookie.

Thursday: Cheese pizza, salad, fruit.

Coventry High School

The following lunches will be served at Coventry High School the week of March 23 to 27:

Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable, fruit.

Tuesday: English muffin pizza, vegetable, fruit.

Wednesday: Ziti, meat sauce, roll, vegetables, fruit.

Thursday: Steak-um on a roll, vegetable, fruit.

Friday: Pizza, salad, fruit.

RHAM high schools

The following lunches will be served at RHAM junior and senior high schools the week of March 23 to 27:

Monday: Beef and bacon pattie, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, roll, peanut butter.

Tuesday: Steak and cheese sandwich, lettuce and tomato, corn chips, peas.

Wednesday: Calzone, salad, fruit cup.

Thursday: Teacher in-service.

Friday: Fruit juice, toasted cheese sandwich, soup, chips, cherry dessert.

Andover Elementary

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Malnutrition hurts brain

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — "Victims of chronic malnutrition — especially young children — suffer lifelong mental and emotional difficulties even after they have supposedly 'recovered' from the most obvious physical effects," says Dr. Janina Galler in Bostonia magazine.

Galler, director of the Center for Behavioral Development and Mental Retardation at Boston University School of Medicine, says: "The brain is severely affected by chronic malnutrition but the damage does not simply occur then, writing IQ and social relations will alter their diets have improved."

While birth centers have trouble getting facility insurance, the key factor is that nurse-midwives are now covered, says Lubie.

"Quite clearly, birth centers allow cost savings for the consumer," Dr. Leon Warshaw, executive director of the New York Business Group on Health, stresses. Many companies today are encouraging employees to take certain options for better quality of care and cost savings. Birth centers are part of this trend.

Utilizing nurse-midwives, allowing patients to have shorter stays and reducing the number of tests and procedures routinely used in the hospital are some ways these centers save money.

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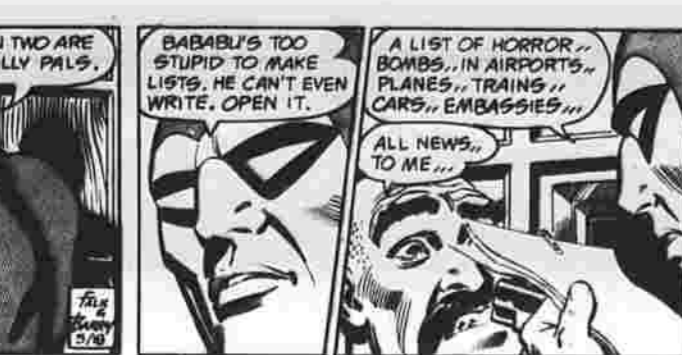
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Astrograph

Thursday, March 19, 1987
In the year ahead your enterprising qualities will be activated and enhanced, and your awareness of opportunities will be heightened. However, you must not scatter your efforts too thinly.

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Guard against a forcing defense

Maybe you call it by another name, but you surely know the forcing defense. The defender plays a suit that forces declarer to ruff. As they win tricks, they continue to play that suit, shortening declarer's trump length.

Polly's Pointers

DEAR POLLY - Is there a formula for making one's own baking powder? - G.C.
DEAR G.C. - I think we've run this item before in the column, but here it is again.

Make your own baking powder

DEAR POLLY - When the children were small and I tried to teach them how to do their shoes, we practiced on a ball of clay. It was so big and easy to use that they learned very fast.

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

EMERGENCY Fire - Police - Medical DIAL 911 In Manchester

Popcorn

Popcorn was introduced to the English colonists by Quakers during their first Thanksgiving dinner on Feb. 22, 1630.

Cinema

HARTFORD Cinema City - Angel Heart (R) 7:30, 9:30 - Rollo Dyer (PG) 7:45, 9:30 - Decline of the American Empire (R) 7:15, 9:30 - Black Widow (R) 7:35, 9:30

Wednesday TV

5:00PM (E) Wonderful World of Disney (60 min)
[ESPN] Karate: Ramp Brawler's Liberty Classic from the Fall Forum, Madison Square Garden (R)

THE EQUALIZER

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Chorale in contemplative mood for concert of church music

The Manchester Symphony Chorale will present a contemplative mood Saturday evening as it presents 'Exultate Deo,' Kristine Pickup's dramatic soprano tremolo was then added in Mozart's 'Regina Coeli,' K. 276, to also Karen Dietler, tenor John C. Beggs and bass John McClain.

Detective tries to save 'Crime Story'

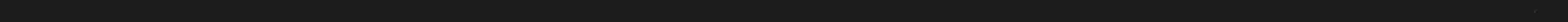
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Detective Dennis Farina has just been handed his toughest assignment: solving the Case of the Missing Ratings for NBC's 'Crime Story.'

Center Stage

M. Renee Taylor
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A whale of a kiss

William Shatner, more used to kisses from beautiful aliens in his role as Capt. Kirk of the starship Enterprise, gets a whale of a kiss from Yekka, a 10,000-pound whale at a Vallejo, Calif., wildlife park.



Advice

Stranger soothes veteran's breakdown

DEAR ABBY: These days when most people are understandably suspicious of strangers, I must relate a recent experience.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

On Friday, Feb. 6, I went to the Countryside Theater in Clearwater, Fla., to see a matinee showing of the film "Platoon." Because I am a combat veteran of Vietnam, for me that film was so realistic that I found myself searching the screen for the enemy and checking behind me only to discover a theater audience. When the movie ended I was so emotionally drained, I couldn't leave my seat. Something snapped, and I lost the control of nearly two decades and felt apart completely. I leaned my head on the seat in front of me and began to sob uncontrollably, crying for all the people who had been maimed and killed in that senseless war, crying for all the friends I had watched die.

DEAR ABBY: I have never seen my pet gripe mentioned in your column, so this may be a first: I telephoned a travel agency yesterday for some information and was put on hold. That was all right with me, but while I was on hold I was forced to listen to some lively dance music played at a high volume. Last there holding the receiver to my ear because I had nobody to dance with, but I thought this was very inappropriate to say the least.

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Don't believe myths about pregnancy

DEAR DR. GOTT: My boyfriend and I have begun to have intercourse. I've heard that if you have cramps, irregular periods and severe acne after intercourse, it means you can't get pregnant. Is this true?



Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

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Monroe outfit for sale

Marilyn Monroe look-alike Vicky Scott strikes a suitable pose in London Monday while wearing a showgirl's outfit worn by Monroe in the 1955 movie "Bus Stop." The green satin costume, with black sequins and a net tail, will be included in a sale of costumes and textiles at Sotheby's in London on May 15. The Monroe costume is expected to fetch at least \$15,000.

The Quiz
Worldscope (10 points for each question answered correctly)
1 More than one hundred people died when a Belgian ferry boat capsized on its way to Britain. Experts think the boat began to fill with water because the (CHOOSE ONE): loading doors were left open, ship struck a pier.

San Giorgio advertisement featuring pasta products like Rigatoni, Linguine, and Capellini. Includes a coupon for "Buy two, choose one free" and contact information for San Giorgio.

Weight Watchers advertisement featuring a woman in a swimsuit. Promotes "Be a size smaller by summer" and includes details about the Quick Start Plus program and registration.

The Quiz advertisement with multiple-choice questions on various topics like world events, sports, and general knowledge. Includes a matchwords section and a newsname puzzle.

REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITIES

Sentry Real Estate Services advertisement. Features the slogan "Quick. What's your house worth today?" and provides contact information for 63 East Center Street, Manchester.

Advertisement for U&R Realty Co. featuring a cartoon character and the text "AN EAGER HOME BUYER CHECKS THE REAL ESTATE PAGE IN THE MANCHESTER HERALD".

Real estate listings for Manchester, including a 7-room Colonial for \$127,900 and a 4-bedroom Colonial for \$259,900.

Real estate listings for Manchester, including a 3-bedroom Colonial for \$114,900 and a Cape for \$120,000.

Advertisement for U&R Realty Co. with contact information for Robert D. Murdock, Realtor.

Jackson & Jackson Real Estate advertisement. Features a large house listing for \$104,000 and contact information for 168 Main Street, Manchester.

Advertisement for Blanchard & Rossetto Real Estate. Features a "Blue Ribbon Entry" listing and contact information for 646-2482.

Joyce G. Epstein Real Estate advertisement. Features a listing for a 3-bedroom ranch in Forest Hills and contact information for 349 East Center St.

Strano Real Estate advertisement. Features a listing for a 3-bedroom ranch in South Windsor and contact information for 156 E. Center St.

Realty World advertisement. Features a listing for a 3-bedroom ranch in Forest Hills and contact information for (203) 646-7709.

About Town

Scholarship applications offered

Applications for the Manchester Scholarship Foundation are now available in the guidance offices of Manchester High School, East Catholic High School and Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical School, and at the financial aid office at Manchester Community College, where information on eligibility is also available.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15.

Manchester history discovered

Dr. John Sutherland, history professor at Manchester Community College, will describe the growing historical awareness of Manchester in a Monday talk.

Admission is free to Connecticut Historical Society members, \$2 for non-members. For more information, call 238-5621.

Terrorism is lecture topic

The re-enactment of a ceremony that began in ancient Egypt more than 40 centuries ago will be the highlight of a local Rosicrucian meeting Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Hospitality Masonic Lodge in Westfield.

Visiting members from surrounding cities are expected to attend.

For more information, call Rose Dewa weekdays at 633-3631, or 633-2543 evenings.

Square dance set Saturday

The Manchester Square Dance Club will hold a club-level dance Saturday from 8 to 11 p.m. at Verplanck School, 128 Olcott St.

A round-dance workshop is scheduled from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Earl Johnston will call the squares, and Joan and Armand Davis will cue the rounds. The cost is \$5 per couple. Spectators are welcome.

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Coventry woman is coordinator

COVENTRY — Harriet Dougherty of Coventry has been appointed local coordinator by the American Institute for Foreign Study Scholarship Foundation.

The non-profit organization arranges 10-month home-stay experiences for high school students from Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Interviews will begin for Coventry families who are interested in hosting a foreign study student to be arriving in August.

For more information, call Dougherty at 726-6211, or write AIFS office at 1-800-243-6987, or write AIFS Scholarship Foundation, Dept. FB-16, 100 Greenwich Ave., Greenwich, 06830.



Harriet Dougherty

Symphony sets concert at MCC

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra will perform Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Lowe Program Center at Manchester Community College.

The program will include works by Beethoven, Brahms, Hummel, Barber and de Falla.

Catherine Consiglio, violinist, and Margaret Kohl, mezzo-soprano.

Admission is \$5 general admission, and \$9 for senior citizens and students under 18.

Tickets are \$5 for members and \$9 for non-members. For more information, call Jon Noyes at 647-5400.

Women's Aglow members gather

The Women's Aglow Fellowship will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at First Federal Savings, 344 W. Middle Turnpike.

Gail Byers of the Warehouse Point chapter of Aglow will be the featured speaker.

Hart slingers perform at illing

The Hart Collegiate Slingers will present a concert and workshop April 9 at Illing Junior High School, East Middle Turnpike.

The 20-member group, directed by Pamela J. Perry, will perform a variety of music.

For more information, call Jon Noyes at 647-5400.

Day-care exchange plans event

The Manchester Day Care Family Exchange is planning a "provider night" March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the parish hall of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 41 Park St.

Admission is free. For more information, call 642-5422.

Button society meets Saturday

The Connecticut Button Society will meet Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 121 Pleasant St., Southington.

There will be a luncheon and a slide presentation following the meeting.

Dealers will be attending. Admission is free, and the public is welcome. For more information, call Roberto Miller at 566-5897.

Rec offers trip to Cape Cod

An overnight trip to Cape Cod is planned by the Manchester Recreation Department for April 3 and 4. The cost is \$75 per person, double occupancy, which includes travel, room, dinner and breakfast.

For reservation and information, call 647-3889. Space is limited.

Celloist to perform at church

Jolyn Pegis will appear in concert on March 22 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 240 Hillstown Road.

Pegis has studied in New York, Indiana, and is an artist diploma student at the Hart School of Music. He is also a member of the faculty at the Hartford Conservatory of Music and Dance.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Art auction planned in Bolton

BOLTON — There will be an art auction March 27 at St. Maurice Parish Center on Hebron Road. The preview will be at 7 p.m. and the auction begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 at the door. The event will benefit the Bolton Scholarship Fund.

Single parents host dance

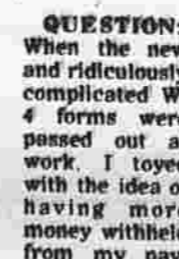
Parents Without Partners will have a dance Saturday from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at St. Bernard's Church in Rockville.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the "Middle of the Road" band.

Tickets are \$5 for members and \$9 for non-members. For more information, call 646-8643, 872-2475 or 429-2319.

BUSINESS

It's wiser to pay Uncle Sam in quarterly sums



Investors' Guide

William A. Doyle

When the new and ridiculously complicated W-4 forms were passed out at work, I toyed with the idea of having more money withheld from my paychecks than is necessary to cover the income tax on my salary.

I thought of having an additional amount withheld equal to the tax on the interest and dividends my wife and I receive from our investments.

Then I realized there are gossipy people in the payroll department. If I have extra tax withheld, my boss and a lot of other people will soon know our total taxable income.

Isn't it better to meet the tax on our non-salary income in estimated quarterly payments?

ANSWER: It most certainly is — and not just for the reason you cite.

As has been stressed in this space, it is far wiser to pay in quarterly installments the tax due on interest, dividends and so on withholding.

Business In Brief

Royal family passes the torch

Royal Ice Cream Co. Inc. has announced the appointment of James S. Orfitelli as president. He succeeds his father, Harold J. Orfitelli, who is retiring.

James Orfitelli's appointment marks the third generation in the history of the Manchester family business. Royal Ice Cream was founded in 1924 at its current location by Michael Orfitelli, James Orfitelli's grandfather.

James Orfitelli has been with the firm for more than 13 years, and has acted as de facto general manager for the past seven years. With the official succession of ownership, Royal has introduced a new corporate logo and has created a new sales department for customer service and marketing.

James Orfitelli's brother, John, is managing the new sales department, which is also joined by Murray & Sons of Pawtucket, R.I., and deserts by David Glass of Hartford, former proprietor of Arles Distributors of Providence, R.I.

Besides its line of hand-made ice-cream products, Royal now offers gourmet baked goods, cakes and pastries formerly carried by Arles, including Chef Pastry by Murray & Sons of Pawtucket, R.I., and deserts by David Glass of Hartford.

Royal primarily serves the wholesale food trade through distribution to hundreds of restaurants, caterers, and retail outlets throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

SNET declares regular dividend

NEW HAVEN — The directors of Southern New England Telecommunications Corp. have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 72 cents per share on the company's common stock. The dividend is payable April 15 to shareholders of record March 23.

Larson joins bank advisory board

WATERBURY — Carl E. Larson, president of C.E. Larson Co. of Manchester, has been appointed to Bank of Boston Connecticut's Hartford Suburban Advisory Board.

Larson's construction management and general contracting company provides services primarily in Connecticut, and is located at 150 Eaton Drive, Manchester.

He attended Eastern Connecticut State University in the field of mathematics. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children and live in Mansfield Center.

Business women to meet April 1

The annual meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Hartford will be April 1 at the Marriott hotel in Farmington. A social hour will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner.

Traditionally, the April meeting honors past presidents of the club. Ed Squeglia, a pianist, will provide music during the evening.

Bank of Boston in ATM network

WATERBURY — Bank of Boston Connecticut has joined the Plus system network of automated teller machines, enabling the bank's Command cardholders to use their cards at more than 10,000 ATMs across the United States.

The Plus system is a nationwide network of ATMs which allows the customers of participating banks to access their primary accounts through an electronic network.

Within Connecticut, Bank of Boston Connecticut operates its own network of 37 Command Center ATMs. The bank also is part of the Yankee 24 network, which allows customers to access their Bank of Boston Connecticut accounts at more than 700 ATMs throughout Connecticut. Later this year, Yankee 24 is scheduled to expand throughout New England to include more than 1,300 ATMs.

Personnel service names Henry

Co-Opportunity Personnel Services Inc., which offers permanent and temporary staffing, has appointed Verna Henry as coordinator of its Manchester office at 555 Main St.

Henry holds a master's degree in public policy from Trinity College. She lives in Stafford with her husband and three children.

Co-Opportunity Personnel Services also has offices in Hartford and Farmington.

Muro completes leaders' seminars

Robert Muro of Manchester recently completed a series of leadership seminars for his employer, Waltham Chemical Co., based in Waltham, Mass.

The seminars, conducted by four industry consultants, were attended by 28 members of Waltham Chemical's sales and management team.

Follett appoints district manager

Fran Scraftford has been appointed a Connecticut district manager by Follett/United Bookstores Inc. of Chicago, Ill. She is responsible for general management and supervision of Follett/United stores at eight community colleges, including Manchester Community College.

Scraftford, a resident of Simsbury, previously served as bookstore manager at Follett/United stores in Albany and Schenectady, N.Y. Earlier, she was an elementary school teacher.

Foreign rationale prevails in market

By John Conniff
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When the stock market rises the roof beyond its supporting timbers, who are constructed primarily of earnings, a new rationale always develops to explain the impossible.

It is inevitable that this should occur, of course, since much of Wall Street's money is made by encouraging investors to put up more cash for stocks.

Now, with the Dow Jones average outperforming the traditional measurements of value — such as price-earnings ratios, the economy's growth rate, the level of interest rates — a new rationale has made the scene.

It is an import Japan and other nations. It is argued here piles of money to invest in an American economy that could grow stronger as its corporations benefit from a dollar revaluation that could spur exports.

The Japanese especially, it is argued, have a high level of savings and a desire to invest at prices that scare American investors. American securities with a price-earnings ratio over 20, the Japanese don't flinch at double that.

"The potential for additional equity investment from Japan is enormous," according to a report from Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, the securities firm.

In fact, some of that potential has been realized, since Japanese and other foreign investments in U.S. stocks rose sharply last year. And there are expectations that Nomura Securities might invest another \$8 billion or more.

The rationale appears so plausible as to generate doubts, even from some of those who continue to refer to it, including Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette.

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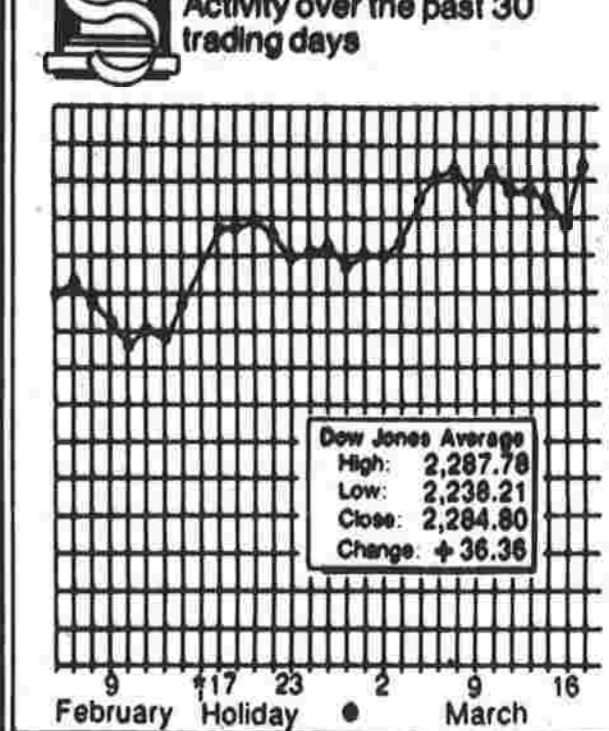
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MARKET REPORT

Activity over the past 30 trading days



Dollar trading mixed

LONDON (AP) — The British pound held steady near a four-year high against the dollar today despite a cut in British interest rates. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies in Europe.

Gold bullion edged up to around \$468.46 in Europe. Traders said early activity on foreign exchange markets focused on the British pound, which surged above the \$1.60 barrier in New York late Tuesday following the British government's budget announcement.

Analysts said the government's announcement of cuts in income taxes and public-sector borrowing helped generate enthusiasm for the British currency.

At midmorning, the Bank of England reduced its wholesale lending rates, prompting major banks to cut their base lending rates one-half of a point to 10 percent.

Despite the cut, the pound held steady at \$1.655, up from a close of \$1.595 on London on Tuesday. Today's rate was sterling's highest since May 31, 1983, when it stood at \$1.605.

Otherwise, the dollar fluctuated within a narrow range in thin trading. Selected midmorning dollar rates to Europe compared with late Tuesday: —1,846 West German marks, down from 1,830; 3346 Swiss francs, up from 1,535.

Europe's economy shows signs of slowing

By Robert Burns
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Western Europe's economic recovery, fueled last year by cheaper oil and faster consumer spending, is running out of steam.

None of the region's major economies seems in imminent danger of a recession. But signs of trouble are beginning to emerge: lower industrial growth, higher inflation, new increases in unemployment and sagging exports.

Even the surprisingly buoyant Italian and British economies are likely to be dragged down by the sluggish performances of their neighbors, says Norbert Walter, chief economist for West Germany's Kiel Institute.

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AP photo

Per Spook fashion

A model presents an ensemble from the 1987 fall-winter ready-to-wear collection by Norwegian designer Per Spook in Paris Tuesday. It is a short woolen dress with silver motives fitted at the waist by a silver belt, and worn with assorted mitten and scarf.

Thoughts

The Christ of the Cross

Human minds can never fathom Christ's agony on Calvary's tree

Nor can it fathom the depth of the great love

He had for all — Even for sinners, like you and like me!

The road to the cross was stony and rough

The very hairs of His beard were pulled out — broken nose and bones — all that happened that day — oh, the pain beyond imagination

As the wicked Roman soldiers had their way.

But He didn't draw back — slowly and painfully, step by step.

He made His way to the cross

And obeyed God's plan to the last degree —

For the world, oh, what a loss!

He said, "It is finished" and all our sins which He bore

Were forgiven and forgotten —

Who could ever dare to ask for more?

Thank You, Jesus, for the great gift you gave —

Thank You for Your unlimited love

Help us never forget to worship and praise You —

Help us to live, we'll only day by day with You in Your Heaven above!

Euse Platt
Calvary Church
South Windsor

Assumption lists honors

Assumption Junior High School has announced its honor roll for the second semester. Mother Teresa Marie, principal, announced the following honors students:

GRADE 6
"A" Honors: Bridget Bortolillo, Nancy Dolph, Katherine Horner, Michela Levesque, "B" Honors: Stacy Cole, Melissa Crisafulli, Julie Gaudin, Christine Hughes, Robin Jendrascik, Juliana LaRocca, Erin Lawrence, Mary Marta, Brett Stoeber.

GRADE 7
"A" Honors: Steven Bennett, Barbara Forschina, Jacqueline Lemontagne, John Rutzky, "B" Honors: Matthew Arnold, Jay Caronello, Jessica Hicking, Jill Lombardi, Ann Messino, Ted Pillion, Amy Schouler, Sam Sullivan.

GRADE 8
"A" Honors: Bridget Bortolillo, Nancy Byrne, Maria Curcio, Kristin Horner, Stacy Horner, Nancy Ince, "B" Honors: Allison Scapellato, Laura Chisoso, Gregory Cioffe, Kelly Corbin, Krista Giacopini, Charles Hicking, Sean Keenan, Jeffrey Larson, Shelley MacIntyre, Thomas McKown, Philo Morger, Luke Reilly, Corie Ricci, Terrance Ruckay, Michelle Bauer, Thomas Work, Santino Guochione.

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Gifted women find success in cards

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—The 48-year-old birthday guest is a totally flabbergasted. When the two tuxedoed women appear from nowhere to sing and dance a comely routine about him.

But he's flattered and honored when he gets his birthday card, which features a caricature of his portrait.

For Shelley Hussey and Linda Peterson, it's all in a day's work. It's been that way since the day the two were introduced—the day they started their own customized greeting card company.

Now, after a little more than a year of combining Hussey's personalized fun-poking verses with Peterson's caricatures, not to mention the song and dance routines that accompany delivery of the \$90 to \$100 cards, the 35-year-old Hussey reports the business is becoming successful.

Hussey and Peterson formed Gifted Greetings in October 1985 after earning money cleaning Peterson's husband's office and selling fabric catwalks at local craft fairs. It is not their average greeting card company, nor are Hussey and Peterson average homemakers.

"We have a million things in common," says Hussey.

Their birthdays are a day apart, both have type A-negative blood, both are homemakers, they have children of the same age, and their husbands' birthdays are exactly six months apart. Most important, although Hussey wrote verse and Peterson was an artist, both had had the same idea of creating personalized greeting cards.

The idea was to gather information about the person for a birthday poem and photos of the person for a drawing, and then combine the two into a card that's more than a foot wide.

"The card is so unbelievable, the fact that it's a portrait of the person—if it had legs it could stand alone—but the fact that there's a customized verse and delivery of the icing on the cake," said Hussey.

One Christmas greeting card designed for a plastic surgeon features lyrics to the tune of "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town."

"He knows if you're wrinkled, He knows if your body aches, He knows if your nose is much too big, And your eyes are filled with bags!"

"The whole business has evolved almost daily," said Hussey.

The first card they made, a drawing of a tomahawk engraved with a 40th-birthday verse, was a success, and earned them \$10.

"We were rich," Hussey says.

"We wanted a little part-time fun," said Peterson.

To add to the fun, the next card was supplemented by an off-Broadway-type routine. The two dressed in tuxedos, did a skit, sang and danced to Hussey's lyrics, which are written to well-known songs.

"Once we did it, it was a hit," said Hussey. "We thought, if we can do this one time, we can call ourselves professionals."

In fact, after doing about 50 portrait cards for events ranging from birthdays to birth announcements, from Republican rallies to employee of the year to retirement parties, "We have a little bit of a reputation," said Hussey.

This fall, Gifted Greetings did a medical brochure for Anesthesiologists of Columbia, and then started making Christmas cards for stores and businesses. As Peterson said, "If a door opens up, I'll believe it we can do it, we'll do it through it."

The two designed cards for banks and stores, making the customized cards before they had an order, showing them with no obligation to the business. They sold 70 percent of what they designed.

In mid-November, Gifted Greetings presented customized Christmas cards for the local public—a card of Columbia, another featuring University of South Carolina mascot Cocks, and a Clemson card. All in all, they sold 19,000 Christmas cards.

"We have very few qualifications to be doing this," said Hussey.

Peterson never studied art except for a class on art for the elementary school teacher. Since her marriage, Hussey's writing had been just a hobby, and she never studied business, nor worked as a bookkeeper. In fact, she readily admit to having learned a great deal from their major printer, Media Concepts, as well as from graphic artists and sales representatives they have hired.



Closings, concessions common

By The Associated Press

The meat packing and processing industry has been shaken by strikes and plant closings. Following are some major developments:

- **Geo. A. Hormel & Co.**—A 13-month strike ended last September at the company's flagship plant in Austin, Minn. The United Food & Commercial Workers International Union negotiated a settlement that increases the hourly base wage at Austin from \$10 to \$10.75 over three years. Hormel, citing too much capacity in the industry, plans to close its Ottumwa, Iowa, plant, in August, a year after halting slaughtering operations there. It closed its Fort Dodge, Iowa, plant in the early 1980s, said Charles Levitt, Hormel's senior vice president and general counsel.
- **Swift Independent Packing Co.**—A strike at the Marshalltown, Iowa, plant lasted nearly three months before ending in December. Hourly base wages were reduced from \$8.90 to \$8, said Robert Alexander, a company spokesman. Swift closed three plants in Iowa and Illinois in 1985-86 and plans to shut one in Huron, S.D., in April.
- **John Morrell & Co.**—A 15-week strike in 1985 at the Sioux Falls, S.D., plant ended with a 91-hour increase in base wages over three years, said E.T. Stendman, plant president of labor relations. The previous hourly base wage was \$7.75.
- **A 30-week strike** ended in February at the company's Arkansas City, Kan., plant. The hourly base wage was reduced from \$8.50 to \$7.20, he said. The contract will raise the rate back up to \$8.50 an hour over 3 1/2 years.
- **In a labor dispute** at the Sioux City, Iowa, plant, the local authorized a walkout this month to protest alleged unfair labor practices. The dispute stemmed from the suspension of a worker accused of sabotaging equipment.
- **Before that**, the union and company had reached an impasse over contract talks and were working under a final offer that cut base wages from \$8.75 to \$7.75, Stendman said. Negotiations are to resume Wednesday.
- **In the last several years**, Morrell has closed plants in Tennessee, Iowa, Texas, Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio and Arkansas, he added.
- **IBP Inc.**—In Dakota City, Neb., the company says it will lift a lockout on Monday. It has 2,000 workers since December when the union rejected a contract freezing wages at \$7.90 an hour for processing and \$8.20 an hour for slaughter workers.
- **The company's latest offer** was \$7.45 an hour, processing workers and \$7.60 an hour for slaughter workers.

Turmoil in packing industry leads to Midwest labor woes

By Sharon Cohen
The Associated Press

CUDAHY, Wis.—Patrick Cudahy brought meat packing to this study blue-collar town about a century ago. For decades, the town's name—his name—was a source of pride and jobs. Now it means strife.

For more than two months, workers have been on strike at the Cudahy pork plant. Outside the aging slaughterhouse, where newly hired workers wield knives under a cloud of machinery and squealing hogs, parka-bundled pickets march with placards.

"It pits brother against brother, neighbor against neighbor," said Lawrence Kelly, mayor of this Milwaukee suburb. "It's just not good for the community."

It's not good for towns all across the Midwest and Plains. In Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas and South Dakota, turmoil in meat packing and processing has closed plants, squeezed wages and on occasion brought long and sometimes violent strikes.

SO TURBULENT is this industry that the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union reports it led all others in the number of strikes, 188, from 1983 to 1986. About 40,000 workers have been affected, the union said.

Two main factors are reshaping the meat packing industry. Federal cans are eating less meat, and some hard-nosed new entrants are turning competition fierce. The work force has shrunk by almost 20 percent since 1985. The number of plants has dwindled. Big companies are gobbling up bigger chunks of the market.

"There's a quiet upheaval" in

Strikers at the Patrick Cudahy meat-packing plant get support from members of other unions as their strike continues in the Milwaukee suburb of

Cudahy, Wis. The strike is symptomatic of the problems facing the meat-packing industry in the Midwest and Plains.

Swift Independent Packing Co., and IBP Inc.

The most bitter was a 13-month strike that ended last fall at Hormel's flagship plant in Austin, Minn. Hundreds of National Guard troops were called out to quell disturbances.

A settlement was negotiated by the international union, which placed the Austin local in trusteeship and suspended its officers for refusing to end the strike. The contract increased hourly base wages at the Austin plant by 70 cents over three years.

Concessions do not save your job (or) a plant," said Lewie Anderson, international union vice president and head of the packing-division. "They only buy a limited amount of time."

Anderson cited a 1988 union survey of 25 major meat packing plants in which concessions had been made yet all had closed within two years.

Although meat packing has changed since the turn of the century when Upton Sinclair's novel "The Jungle" told a shocking tale of filth, stench and guts on the killing floors, this remains a hazardous occupation.

In 1985, it ranked first among manufacturing industries in days lost to injury and illness—84 per 100 full-time workers a year, more than seven times the average, the government said.

Most common are crippling arm and wrist injuries due to repetitive work and knife wounds to the fingers, hands, arms, legs and stomach, Anderson said.

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Contract faces vote

WATERBURY (AP)—Union workers at Bristol Babcock Inc. face another deadline in a vote on a proposed contract that could keep the company from moving its operations out of state.

Members of United Rubber Workers Local 893 were scheduled to vote this afternoon on a tentative contract settlement reached early Tuesday following long negotiations under a midnight deadline.

Babcock president, Richard Jones had threatened to relocate 280 manufacturing jobs following the rank and file rejection of a previous contract offer on Saturday.

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complex because the building was obsolete. Jones had said then 400 manufacturing and technical workers would be relocated within the Waterbury area, but the manufacturing operation might be relocated outside Connecticut.

Later, Bristol Babcock officials decided to review their decision to vote this afternoon on a tentative contract settlement reached early Tuesday following long negotiations under a midnight deadline.

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