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Nine in town have AIDS; health chief predicts high toll

By John F. Kirch
Herald Reporter

Nine people in Manchester have been diagnosed with AIDS since 1984, the town's director of health said today.

By the early 1990s, AIDS, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, could become the fourth or fifth leading cause of death, Health Director Ronald Kraatz said.

Based on town projections, which

are based on national and state figures, 150 to 375 Manchester residents will come down with the deadly disease by 1995, and even more may be exposed to the virus.

"So you're dealing with a fairly large number of people," Kraatz said. "It's likely that AIDS will become the number four or five leading cause of death in Manchester over the next few years."

AIDS, which destroys the body's immune system and is usually

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about AIDS fear
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transmitted through sexual contact and intravenous drug use, has been diagnosed in 460 people in Connecticut in the last three years. Nationally, the figure has risen from 261

cases in 1981 to 11,414 in 1986, according to the National Centers for Disease Control.

In Manchester, heart disease, cancer, stroke, accidents and diabetes are the five top killers, Kraatz said. However, AIDS will top diabetes as a killer, and be close to accidents on that list by the mid-1990s, he said.

To combat this, the Manchester Area Conference of Churches, along with several townwide agen-

cies, has organized AIDS Program Manchester, to prepare educational material to help townspeople become more aware of the disease.

Already, the Manchester school system has started an AIDS class for high school students, and a similar curriculum is being planned for younger students, Kraatz said.

He said the AIDS group, which consists of officials from MACC, the town Health and Human Services

departments, Manchester Memorial Hospital, Visiting Nurse and Home Care and the Manchester Board of Education, will propose to the Board of Directors an AIDS awareness week in Manchester. A national AIDS awareness week is planned in October.

In addition, the group plans to send a summary of the U.S. Surgeon General's report on AIDS to every household in town to educate people about the disease.



Herald photo by Tucker

Accident rescue

Emergency personnel take George J. Emmerling, 65, of 175 Sunny Brook Drive, from his car after a two-vehicle accident Tuesday afternoon on Hartford Road. He and the driver of a rental truck, William S. Delbrook, 22, of Glastonbury, were treated for minor injuries at Manchester Memorial Hospital and released. Police said

Emmerling was driving north on South Main Street when he turned left onto Hartford Road, and his car collided with the truck, which was southbound on Main Street. Emmerling, a retired principal of Manchester High School, was cited for making an improper turn.

Energy costs push inflation to 5.4% rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices, paced by a rebound in energy costs, rose at an annual rate of 5.4 percent for the first half of 1987, the government said today.

That gain — the steepest since the first half of 1982 — compares to the minuscule 1.1 percent inflation rate at the retail level for all of 1986 and suggested that inflation this year will likely be a full percentage point or so above the roughly 4 percent rate that prevailed from 1982 through 1985.

For June, prices rose a moderate 0.4 percent as costs for gasoline and food rose significantly.

That gain, equivalent to an annual inflation rate of 4.3 percent, followed a 0.3 percent rise in May and 0.4 percent increases in each of the preceding three months. Prices had risen 0.7 percent in January.

Gasoline prices rose 1.4 percent in June, more than triple the 0.4 percent rise in May. Electricity costs were up 2.5 percent.

For the first six months of 1987, energy costs rose at an annual rate of 16.7 percent, regaining most of the sharp 19.7 percent decline of the year before.

Food prices were up 0.7 percent in June after a 0.5 percent rise in May. Prices rose significantly last month for beef, pork, fruit and vegetables. So far this year, food prices have risen 4.4 percent.

Food and energy costs were expected to moderate in the months to come. Subtracting food and energy, consumer prices rose 0.2 percent in June.

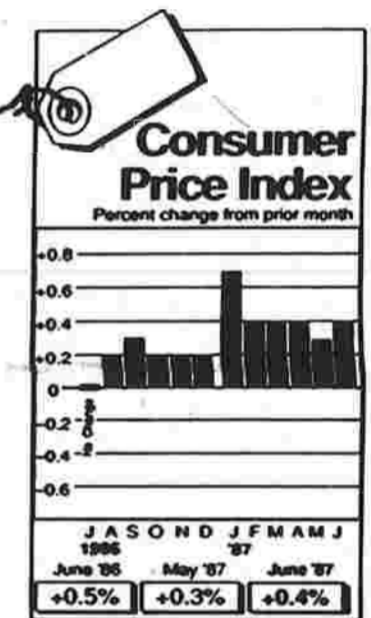
Most economists now say that a major resurgence of prices, thought possible just a few months ago, seems doubtful for the rest of 1987.

One reason for economists' new optimism about inflation is the recent firming of the U.S. dollar against other major key currencies, recovering from a nosedive that had threatened to erode sharply Americans' purchasing powers.

A weaker dollar can help ease this nation's trade deficit, a record \$166.3 billion last year, by making foreign goods more expensive at home and U.S. goods more competitive abroad. But too fast a fall in the currency can trigger an inflationary spiral.

The Labor Department offered these other specifics on June price activity:

- Grocery store prices were up 0.8 percent; restaurant meal prices gained 0.5 percent.
- Beef prices rose 2.1 percent; pork prices jumped 2.3 percent; fruit and vegetable prices advanced 3.9 percent. Poultry prices dropped 1.0 percent.
- Natural gas prices rose 0.4



AP graphic

percent. Fuel oil prices fell 0.3 percent on the heels of a 1.3 percent drop in May.

• New car prices rose 0.4 percent. Used car prices jumped 1.1 percent.

• Clothing prices overall dipped 0.8 percent.

• Medical care costs rose 0.7 percent.

• Housing expenses were up 0.3 percent.

The index for all products listed in the Consumer Price Index stood at 340.1 for June, compared to 327.9 for June 1986 and 100 for the base period of 1967. Thus, a market basket of goods that cost \$10 in 1967 cost \$32.79 last June and \$34.01 last month.

Unlike other figures in the report, the index itself is not adjusted to remove predictable recurring seasonal factors.

Save water, town urges

A curb on outdoor water use in the eastern section of town has been imposed by the town's Water Department, Robert Young, department superintendent, said this morning.

Young said the curb has been imposed because pumps in that area cannot keep water storage tanks full enough to provide water to fight fires.

Under the restriction, people who live in houses with even-number addresses will be able to use water on even-number dates and those with odd-number addresses will be able to water on odd-number dates.

No one in that section will be permitted to use water outdoors from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m., the hours when the pumping capacity is needed to refill the tanks to the levels adequate for fire-fighting.

Young said use of water is far above normal all over town, but the fire-protection crisis is restricted to the high-elevation areas roughly east of Autumn Street, Parker Street, Vernon Street and Kennedy Road.

This morning, a fire pump truck was put into service to augment pumping capacity for the area.

Stray swan surprising, but coyotes?

By Andrew J. Davis
Herald Reporter

When a stray swan wandered onto Interstate 84 and was returned to its home at Wickham Park Tuesday, park officials were surprised. They had thought that the swan was lost forever. In fact, officials feared that the animal had been eaten by coyotes, which have been seen in the park recently.

While pleasantly surprised to see the swan again, officials were equally amazed at the two coyote sightings within the past four weeks.

"I spotted one off of Tolland Street," said Bruce Giggie, a maintenance repair mechanic at Wickham Park. "The only thing we can figure is that it's the only acreage left (in the county)."

He said the coyotes may have come from areas that have been disturbed by construction.

Giggie, who has previously worked as a veterinary assistant, said he was sure that the animals spotted were coyotes and not wild dogs. He said another park worker had also reported spotting a coyote a month ago.

Such reports are uncommon, said Richard Rand, Manchester's dog warden. He said last summer there were a few sporadic reports of coyotes in the area, but they were the first he had heard in his eight years on the job.

"There have been reports that someone had seen them," he said. "But it's impossible to catch them (to confirm the reports). I've also had some reports of some cats missing."

Paul Rego, a wildlife biologist at the state Department of Environmental Protection, said coyotes are becoming more prevalent in Connecticut. Coyotes are more common in the northeast and northwest parts of the state, but will wander into metropolitan areas on occasion.

"The suburbs are not an area for coyotes," he said. "They want open land. In the Hartford area, no, there are not a lot of suitable habitats."

Rego said coyotes are usually scared of humans, and will only attack on occasion. He said people who encounter coyotes should not be afraid, because the coyotes will probably retreat.

"There's nothing to worry about at all," he said. "I'd worry more about a dog. They're shy of humans, and they'll usually take off

running."

Coyote bites are medically treated just like any other animal bite, Rego said.

There have been reports from all over the state of coyote sightings, even though the animals are not native to Connecticut, said the wildlife biologist. He said they have only been seen in the state within the last 30 years, and in appreciable numbers for the past 20. Wildlife officials estimate that there more than 1,000 coyotes statewide.

However, it is rare to see coyotes in the Manchester area.

"As the amount of human development increase, the area for coyotes decreases," Rego said. "In the heavily populated areas, there have not been a lot of reports. The best place for them is still forest land."

Democrats nominate Handley for board

By George Lovyn
Herald Reporter

With no debate and little surprise, Manchester Democrats Tuesday nominated Mary Ann Handley to run for the town Board of Directors in the November general election.

Handley, 52, a professor of history at Manchester Community College, is a liberal who will be making her first run for elective office. She was one of four who competed for one vacancy on the six-member directors' slate. That vacancy was created by incumbent

Stephen T. Penny's decision not to run for a sixth term.

The other five incumbent directors, as well as three incumbents for the Board of Education, the town treasurer, four constables and two selectmen also were endorsed for another term by the town committee during a one-hour meeting at Lincoln Center.

The only other newcomer chosen was James E. Morancey, 47, who will fill the position held by incumbent Joseph V. Camposo on the school board. Morancey is an engineer at Hamilton Standard in

**Republicans expect
to name full slate
— story on page 3**

Windsor Locks.

Manchester Republicans will select their candidates at a meeting scheduled tonight by the GOP town committee.

The news of the recommendations by the Democratic town committee's nominating commit-

tee had been reported in the press the last two days, and there were no other nominations from the floor on Tuesday.

The three other director candidates — Camposo, Josh Howroyd and former director Joan Lingard, and school board candidate Thomas S. Fiorentino — all formally withdrew their names from consideration at the start of the meeting.

While the session produced no competition, party members indicated there had been some heated

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Will Feast Fest be peachy?

Will those who have dinner at Feast Fest '87 in downtown Manchester next month have enough room left for peaches?

That is the question pondered by organizers of the Feast Fest and another event, the Eighth Utilities District's annual Peach Festival. Both events will be held Aug. 28, and cover the same evening hours.

Anne Flint, president of the Greater Manchester Chamber of

Commerce, said the chamber was not aware when it planned its event that the peach festival was scheduled Aug. 28, the same day as the start of the three-day Feast Fest, a festival of local restaurants.

However, Thomas R. O'Marra, a spokesman for the Eighth District fire department, which is sponsoring the peach festival, said the affair is held at the same time every year.

"Our peach festival is always the last Friday in August," O'Marra said. "The date was in effect set 20 years ago."

Flint, though, said there should not be a conflict. "There's plenty of time to do both," she said.

Flint said she will talk to O'Marra about having each group place signs for the other's event at their respective festivals.

Gulf protection

Two Kuwaiti tankers flying the Stars and Stripes and their U.S. Navy escorts today steamed past a battery of Iranian missiles into the Persian Gulf. Story on page 8.

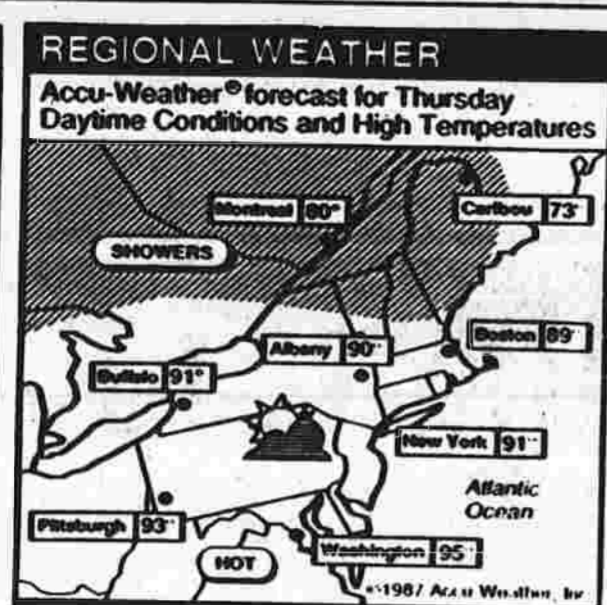
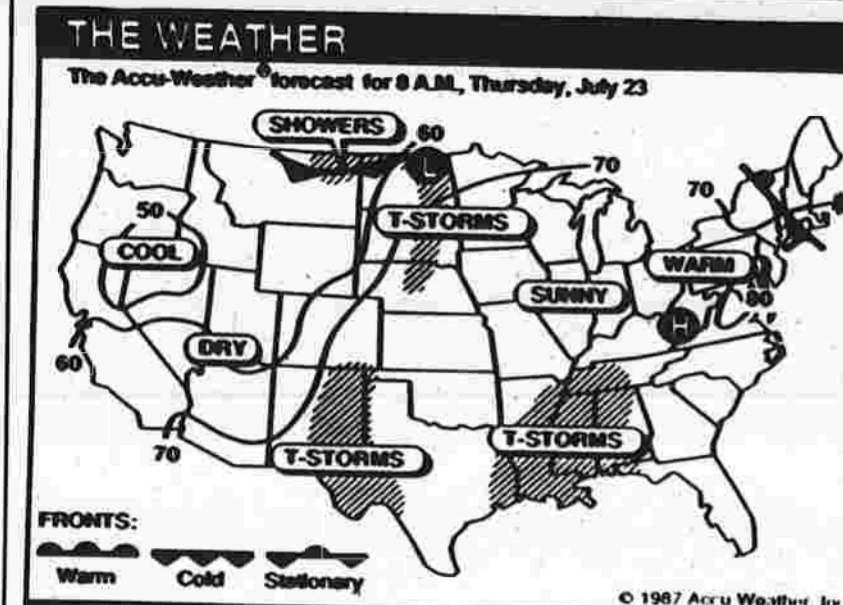
Partly sunny

Partly cloudy tonight with patchy fog. Partly sunny and warm Thursday. Details on page 2.

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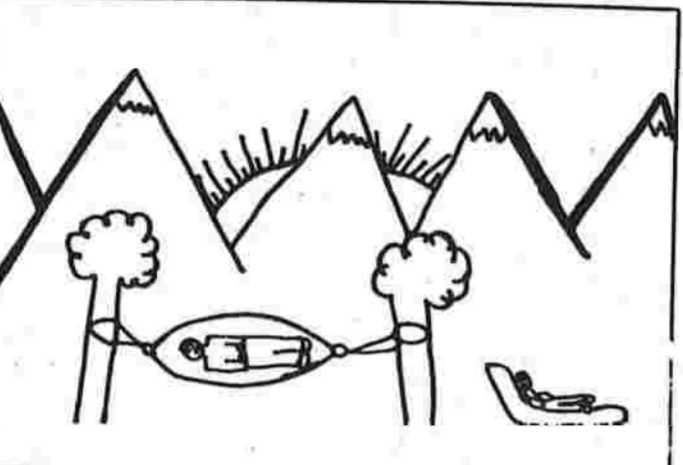
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Hail pelts N. Dakota as storm hits Midwest

Strong thunderstorms rumbled along a stationary front that extended from northeast Minnesota to Utah today and were scattered from the Midwest to the Atlantic Coast.



Today's weather picture is by Amanda Woods, 9, of Bank Street, a student at Martin School.

CONNECTICUT WEATHER

Central, Eastern Interior, Southwest Interior: Tonight, partly cloudy with patchy fog. Low 65 to 70. Thursday, partly sunny and warm with a high 85 to 90.

PEOPLE

Teaming up
Country singer Johnny Paycheck and the evangelist who introduced Jim Bakker to Jessica Hahn are teaming up for a gospel music album titled "The Outlaw and the Preacher."



JOHNNY PAYCHECK
... making gospel music



GLORIA STEINEM
... men are hogs

Ferrall is mom
Nan Davis Ferrall, the first paralyzed person to walk using a computerized electrical muscle stimulation system, has become a mother.

No charges
No charges will be filed against computer whiz Steve Wozniak over an alleged scuffle with his wife, police said.

Kennedy's birthday
Rose Kennedy, whose life as matriarch of America's most famous family has been marked by triumph and tragedy alike, is 97 today, and family members say she continues to hold the clan together.

Welcome to hog
Men are welcome to hog the spotlight during the Iran-contra hearings, says feminist Gloria Steinem.

Comics Sampler



In this space, samples of new comics will be printed from time to time. Our aim is to get reader reaction to new comics, or to old comics that we are thinking about dropping. Send your comments to: Features Editor, Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 591, Manchester, 06040.

FOCUS

Living Longer
This is Bill Weinacht, 70, making a long jump of 13 feet, 2 inches. He and more than 3,000 other athletes recently took part in the first U.S. National Senior Olympics.

Almanac

July 22, 1987
Today is the 203rd day of 1987 and the 32nd day of summer.

ASTROGRAPH

Your Birthday
Thursday, July 23, 1987
Things will be perking up for you in your chosen field of endeavor in the year ahead.

Current Quotations

"The Senate trade bill, similar to the House version, contains numerous provisions that are unacceptable."

Lottery

Connecticut daily Tuesday: 721
Play Four: 3047
Lotto: 9-14-17-24-33-35

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Robert Faucher tells AIDS fear

Town panel hears from member who had test after transfusion

Robert Faucher, chairman of the town's Human Relations Commission, recently asked two local attorneys what kind of laws exist to protect AIDS victims from discrimination.

GOP taps slate tonight

Despite the fact that there are only five announced contenders for the six top spots on the Republican ticket in the town's November election, Donald Kuehl, Republican town chairman, said this morning he expects a full slate will be nominated at a meeting of the Republican Town Committee tonight at 7 in Lincoln Center.

Canvassers push rent panel

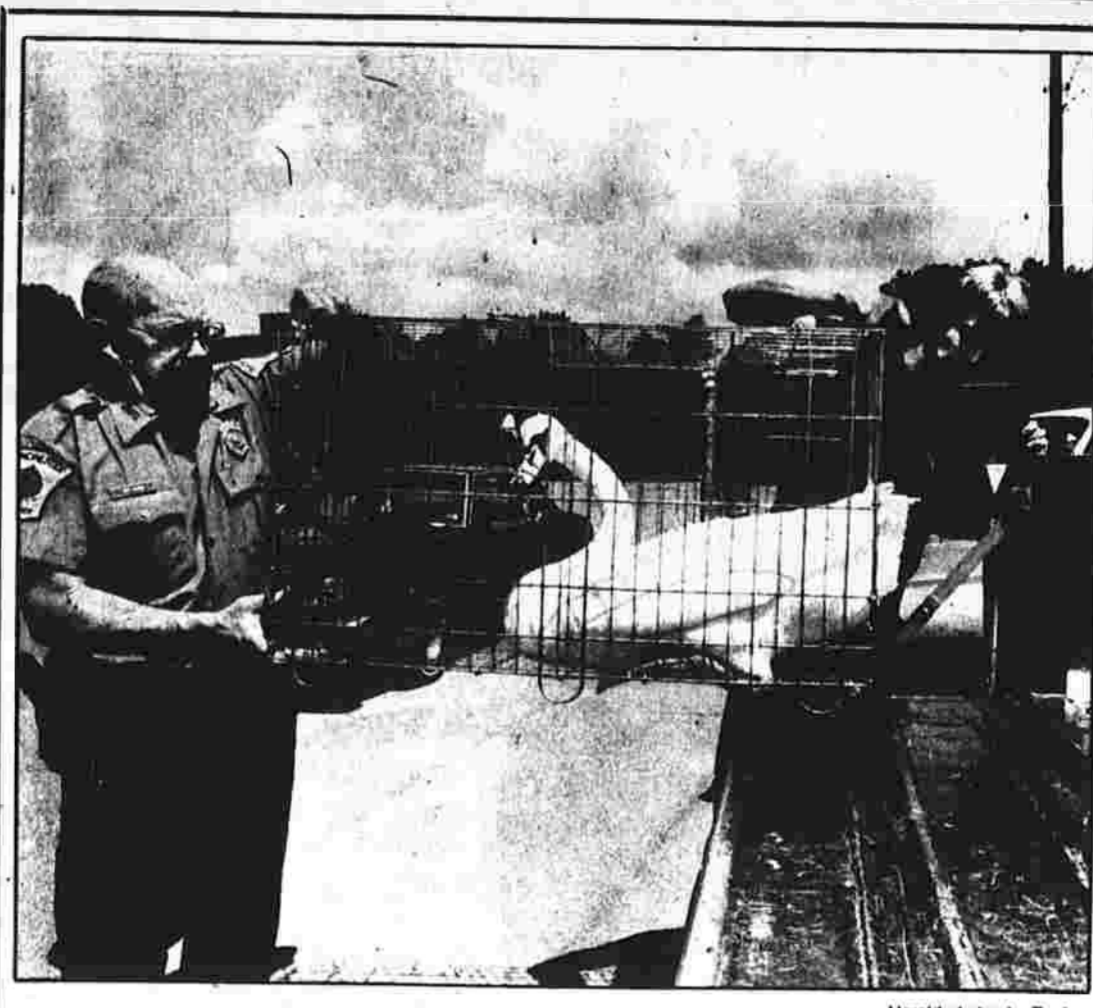
Proponents of a fair rent commission for Manchester will get some help from the Connecticut Citizen Action Group, which plans to begin a door-to-door canvass in town today.

Women's shelter opens

Four clients are scheduled to move into the new Shelter for Women in a former Cheney mansion on Hartford Road today, the first day of operations for the group home that has been planned for six years.

For the Record

Dr. William B. Spector of Griswold Road said that locating six mentally retarded residents in a group home on Griswold Road would change the character of the neighborhood, not property values.



Herald photos by Tucker

Going home

Dog Warden Richard Rand loads a swan, which was found on Interstate 84 Monday night, onto a pickup for the swan's return to Wickham Park. Bruce Giggie, a Wickham Park maintenance repair mechanic, helps Rand.



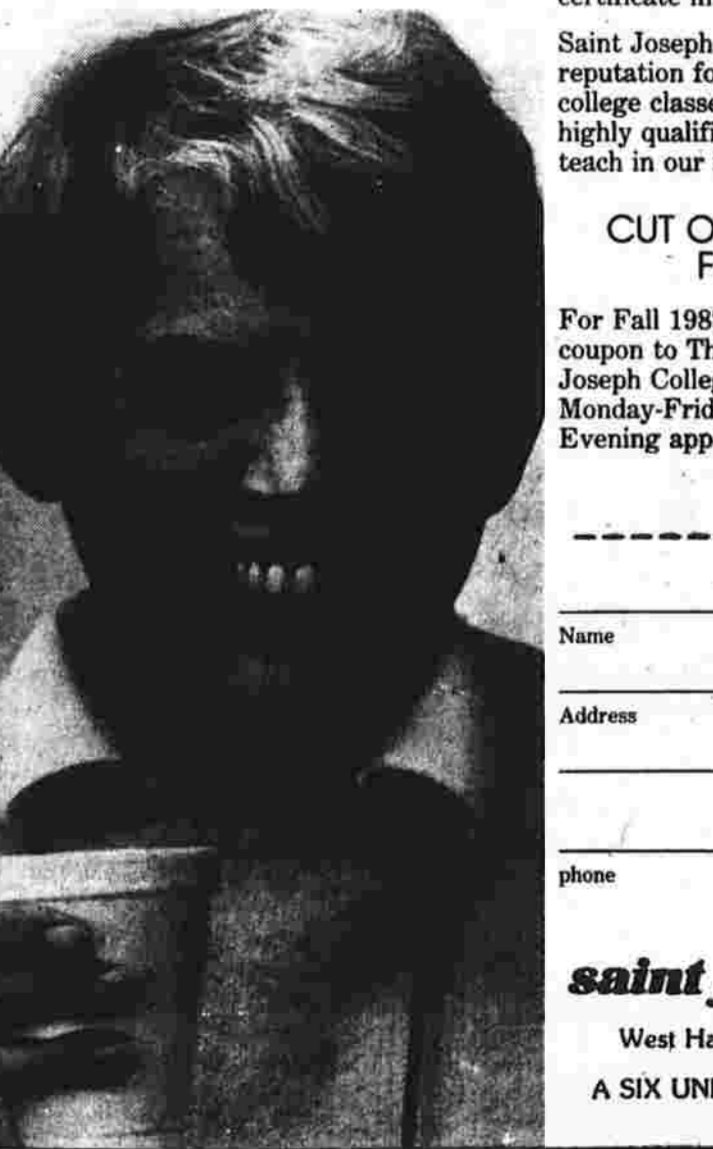
Town gets its \$ back on fete

The town of Manchester received more bang for its bucks this year from the Independence Day fireworks display.

COME TO LIFE!

COME TO COLLEGE!

Come to SAINT JOSEPH COLLEGE and find new life in the excitement of learning. Come to the WEEKEND COLLEGE where we recognize adult learners and give credit for prior learning through portfolio development.



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REAL ESTATE TODAY

By Carl A. Zinsner
Carl A. Zinsner Agency

THE "FOR SALE" SIGN

When our agents meet with clients to discuss marketing their homes, some clients resist the idea of having a "For Sale" sign placed in the front yard.



Bridge section with a table of numbers and a 'A change of plan' article by James Jacoby. The article discusses a change in the club's constitution and the election of a new president.

Cartoon 'THE BORN LOSER' by Art Scaenon. A character says 'BUT I TELL YOU, THEY MAKE WONDERFUL PETS...' and 'I'M GOING TO KEEP HIM AND CALL HIM REX!'"/>

'Polly's Pointers' section with a 'Use seltzer water in sugar-free soda' article by Polly Fisher. The article discusses the benefits of seltzer water and provides recipes for various drinks.

Cartoon 'FRANK AND ERNEST' by Bob Thaves. A character says 'DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT SOMETHING JUST HOPPED AT KITTY HAWK.'"/>

'PEOPLE WHO KNOW... classified' advertisement with the phone number 643-2711. The ad promotes classified advertising services.

Cartoon 'WINTHROP' by Dick Cavalli. A character says 'I GUESS I DO WATCH A LOT OF TELEVISION...' and 'AND MAYBE IT ISN'T GOOD FOR ME...'



Slim Coxx and his Cowboy Caravan entertain audiences with country music and comedy in the Grand Ole Opry tradition. The Coventry-based group will be at the Manchester Bicentennial

All-Star game finishes third. The article reports on the performance of the All-Star team in the National League game, noting their third-place finish and the impact of the strike.

Music awards getting restless. The article discusses the CMA Awards and the Nashville Music Hall of Fame, mentioning the band Restless Heart and other nominees.

Political opponents of reporters deserve equal time on television. The article discusses the 1984 Communications Act and the impact of the station estimated Branch on the air.

'Cinema' section listing movie showtimes for Hartford, East Hartford, and West Hartford. It includes titles like 'The Untouchables' and 'The Untouchables II'.

'Wednesday TV' section listing television programs and their times. It includes shows like 'Superman', 'The Cosby Show', and 'The Love Boat'.

'Baked Special This Week - Baked Scrod Creole' advertisement for Manchester Sea Food. The ad features a large image of a fish and lists the menu items and prices.

