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PUBLIC NOTICE
A public sale of the contents of storage spaces listed below will take place at...
[61] MUSICAL ITEMS
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[70] SATURDAY August 15, 10-4 P.M.
[71] MARIARTY BROTHERS
[72] SCRANTON CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH

TOWN OF MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK
ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE
In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3, Sections 1 and 2 of the Town Charter, notice is hereby given the adoption of Ordinance No. 1987-010 by the Board of Directors of the Town of Manchester, Connecticut on August 4, 1987.

INVITATION TO BID
Sealed bids will be received in the General Services Office, 200 East Main Street, Manchester, Connecticut 06108, for the following:
(1) PURCHASE OF TWO (2) USED STORAGE CONTAINERS...
(2) INSULATION PIPING & BOILER AT YWCA...
(3) REPAIRS TO MANCHESTER CITY WATER MAINS...

21 HOMES FOR SALE
Brand new listing! 6 room Cape Cod, 3 bedrooms, fireplace, central air conditioning, sliding door, new furnace, 1 car garage, Bowers School District, Great neighborhood off Green Rd. \$137,500.
21 HOMES FOR SALE
We Buy Real Estate! Need a quick sale and closing for relocation, divorce settlement, debt payments or an alternative investment? We have the answer to your problem! Call Bob at ALBERTO REALTY, INC. 202 East Center Street Manchester, CT 649-0917

27 MORTGAGES
NO PAYMENTS! up to 20 years with no financial difficulties. Avoid foreclosure. Catch up on late payments such as first or second mortgage or even outstanding credit card bills. Keep your home free and clear without liens. Bad credit or late payment history? Call: The Swiss Conservative Group 1-454-4404 or 1-454-1336
Rentals
31 ROOMS FOR RENT
ROOMS, Male or Female. Centrally located, Kitchen, living room, dining room, available. Apply at 39 Cottage Street, between 2 and 3.
32 APARTMENTS FOR RENT
3 ROOMS, 1 1/2 Bath, 118 Main Street, 1st floor, fully furnished, central air conditioning, heat and hot water. Includes parking. \$480. Call: 646-2426, 9-5 weekdays.

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Manchester Herald
Manchester - A City of Village Charm

Reagan breaks little ground in taking blame

By Merrill Hartson
The Associated Press
WASHINGTON - President Reagan, having told the nation he regrets the "lies, leaks, divisions and mistakes" of the Iran-contra affair, left today on a 25-day vacation with a promise to return to an energetic agenda in the autumn of his presidency.

Reagan is still saying that he let his heart rule his head
Democrats don't like the explanation, but they'll accept the olive branch
He's moving on, but leaving key questions unanswered

He did corroborate Poindexter's congressional testimony that Poindexter - not Reagan - made the decision to use a portion of Iranian arms sales proceeds to benefit the Nicaraguan rebels known as contras.
Reagan declined to say whether he would have approved the diversion if given a say, but he castigated Poindexter's behavior.



Sunset paddlers
Bolton Lake canoe race class in the event, sponsored by the Connecticut Canoe Racing Association. More pictures on page 10.

LaBelle wrestles with question of questions

Attorney John D. LaBelle, Jr., legal counsel for the Eight Utilities District, said Monday whether to frame one question or two to be considered for presentation to district voters Nov. 3.
On Monday, directors of the district authorized LaBelle to draft the questions for their review by Aug. 17 if possible.

LaBelle said that with a split of opinion within the district on the merits of the proposed agreement, there is always the possibility of a legal appeal. He said he wants to be sure the question is worded fairly.
LaBelle said that Sept. 4 is the legal deadline for getting the question to the town clerk for placement on the Nov. 3 ballot. The town Board of Directors would have to instruct Town Clerk Edward Tomkiet to put the question on the ballot, and the town directors would have to take that action at a meeting that had been publicly advertised five days in advance.

Some people gave Reagan more credit than he seems to have gotten from the American public since the scandal broke nine months ago.
Kenneth Smith of Bolton said Reagan did what he had to do. "He had to come out and admit that he had a bunch of people under his wing trying to sidetrack him. He's doing the best he can under the circumstances," Smith said.

New age predicted with 'harmonic convergence'

NEW YORK - A writer's interpretation of the ancient Mayan calendar leads him to conclude that Sunday and Monday will bring a "harmonic convergence" cleansing the planet and ushering in a new age leading to eventual contact with alien life forms.
The theory draws from Mayan lore, Buddhism and 1960s-style radicalism.
Adherents said Wednesday they are hoping hundreds of thousands of people will hold hands, chant and meditate in places of scenic beauty at dawn Sunday to mark the event.

"The massive, grass-roots groundswell really says something," said Jose Arguelles, the originator of harmonic convergence. "It's way beyond anything I could have dreamed of," he said in a telephone interview from his home in Boulder, Colo.
In his book "The Mayan Factor: Path Beyond Technology," Arguelles, a character in Garry Trudeau's comic strip warned that convergence is the start of a new phase in the Earth's evolution.

Clear tonight
Clear tonight with low 55 to 60. Sunny and warm Friday with high in the upper 80s. Details on page 2.
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Connecticut In Brief

Rhody man heads union at EB

GROTON — A 45-year-old Rhode Island man has been elected to head the 11,000-member Metal Trades Council at Electric Boat.

Joseph Messier was elected president Wednesday after the only other candidate for the position chose not to run. Messier, 45, of Warwick, R.I., succeeds Thomas D. Kiddy, who served for eight years as president of the umbrella council that represents 10 trade unions at the shipyard. Kiddy resigned in July to accept a management position with General Dynamics in Washington.

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UConn improves minority hiring

STORRS — The University of Connecticut now meets the state's affirmative action guidelines after making progress in hiring minorities and women, the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities said.

The commission had branded the school's affirmative action efforts as sub-par in February, but voted Wednesday to approve a new university plan for hiring 663 more women and non-whites in the next five years.

Since February, the university has made good-faith efforts to achieve the goals, the commission staff said in a report. It noted the hiring of a black woman as head of the school of allied health professions as well as posting job openings in publications targeted at women and minorities.

The 1,200-page report, citing Dec. 31, 1986 figures, indicates that UConn's work force, like its student body, is overwhelmingly white. Of 4,615 employees, 46.2 percent were over 40, 42.2 percent were white women and 11.3 percent were black, Hispanic, Asian or American Indian.

Beaches reopen after shark scare

Beaches in three shoreline towns forced to close because of a shark scare have been reopened, police said.

Stratford, Milford, and West Haven police said they closed public beaches Tuesday after a swimmer reported seeing at least one shark off Walnut Beach in Milford.

But a police boat search of the area failed to confirm the sighting and the beaches were opened Wednesday, Milford police said.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Jim W. Rockefeller says the Coast Guard joined Milford police in clearing the waters of swimmers and boaters on Tuesday, but is not actively searching the area for sharks.

Bradley growth outpaces nation

WINDSOR LOCKS — The number of passengers at Bradley International Airport continues to grow at a rate above the national average and a record number is expected to use the facility this year, a transportation official said.

State Transportation Commissioner J. William Burns said Wednesday that nearly 2.5 million passengers traveled through Bradley for the first six months of this year, nearly as many passengers using the airport in a single year five years ago.

"At the current rate of growth, we should easily handle over 4.5 million passengers in a single year for the first time in the history of Bradley," Burns said in a statement.

"That is quite an achievement and is testimony to the sound judgment that went into the administration's decision to go ahead with the \$100 million modernization program at the airport," he said.

Bridgeport fire leaves 26 homeless

BRIDGEPORT — An early morning fire that gutted two apartment buildings left 26 people homeless, but caused no injuries, authorities said.

The fire Wednesday started in a three-story, wood-frame structure at Calhoun Street and Lexington Avenue and jumped to an adjacent three-story building at Lexington. A third building was saved by firefighters, but sustained smoke damage.

Residents of the buildings said they were asleep or just getting up when the fire broke out. They were alerted by neighbors and friends who ran from apartment to apartment pounding on doors and shouting an alarm.

The city arson squad interviewed residents of the buildings and neighbors at the scene. Fire officials said the rapid progress of the fire prior to the first reports made them suspect arson.

Couple held in soup kitchen heist

HARTFORD — A couple who allegedly used their two young children as lookouts were arrested in the weekend burglary of a Hartford soup kitchen, police said.

Luis Gomez, 36, and Luz Repalzet, 25, were charged Wednesday with third-degree burglary and impairing the morals of a child, according to Lt. Frank W. Fallon.

Fallon said the couple, with two children aged 9 and 11, lived together a few doors from the House of Bread, which was forced to shut down hot meal operations following the break-in.

Fallon said the burglary charge was for the break-in while the other charge stemmed from the use of the two children as lookouts for police during the burglary.

Police had said about \$2,000 worth of goods, including a microwave oven, two coffeepots, canned goods and frozen foods, was stolen.

City plans L'Amblance monument

BRIDGEPORT — City officials have decided to construct a monument at Wheeler Park dedicated to the 28 men who died April 23 when the partially completed L'Amblance Plaza collapsed.

The Board of Park Commissioners Tuesday unanimously approved putting the monument at the park, which is located adjacent to City Hall, a few hundred yards from where the disaster occurred.

Elizabeth Petrocelli, a mayoral aide, said the monument will point toward the road in the direction of L'Amblance Plaza.

The granite-and-bronze monument is to depict a workman looking down upon empty hardhats that symbolize the construction workers who were killed.

The names of the 28 victims will be inscribed in a bronze plate on the monument with the words: "In memory of the construction workers who died at L'Amblance Plaza April 23, 1987, and in recognition of the rescue effort from the people of the Bridgeport area."

State gardens cultivate new image

HAMDEN — Three new ornamental gardens planted by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station are cultivating an innovative image for state nurserymen.

The gardens, in the station's Lockwood Farm in Hamden and its Laboratories in New Haven and Windsor, are showcasing the more than 50 new varieties of plants introduced by Connecticut growers to nurseries and homeowners.

The Lockwood Farm garden made its public debut on Wednesday during the experiment station's annual Plant Science Day. Station scientists also displayed experimental globe artichokes, tomatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, and talked about research projects on agriculture, public health and consumer issues.

Ex-wife says jail term not enough

'There's a day that he'll be out and it will start all over again'

LITCHFIELD (AP) — A woman who became a national symbol of the battered woman syndrome says she thinks her former husband chose not to run.

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OPINION

A reprieve at Red Rock

Red Rock Golf Course and the people who enjoy golfing there have been granted a kind of stay of execution of the death sentence imposed upon them by progress.

It must be with mixed feelings that the Red Rock golfers play each round now, wondering if it will be the last.

The extra rounds are an unexpected bonus, the accidental result of a court decision that delays construction of commercial development in the area.

But somehow each extra day of golfing must make the inevitable loss seem greater. And for non-golfers, most of whom had given little thought to the sacrifices the community is making in the interest of economic progress, the plight of the Red Rock enthusiasts causes a tinge of guilt.

The Cheney Historic District Commission will have to keep its guard up, or we may end up with plastic in the district.

The commission fought hard and successfully recently to prevent Dairy Mart from using a plastic sign at a store it plans to establish at Hartford Road and Prospect Street in the Cheney Historic District.

But the members of the commission were all of a mind on the question, and Dairy Mart was not really uncooperative.

In Annapolis, Md., the Historic District Commission tried to keep a homeowner in the colonial district from using a plastic trellis to support roses.

But the homeowner was adamant and the matter went through a couple of courts.

The homeowner ultimately appealed to the Maryland Court of Appeals and the that court agreed to hear the case.

Then the ranks of the commission broke and the commissioners voted 2 to 1 to let the plastic trellis stand.

The Cheney Historic District is not particularly restrictive so it's unlikely there will ever be a dispute over the material of a trellis at a private home. But the commission will have to keep watch over the commercial signs that will be going up in the future.

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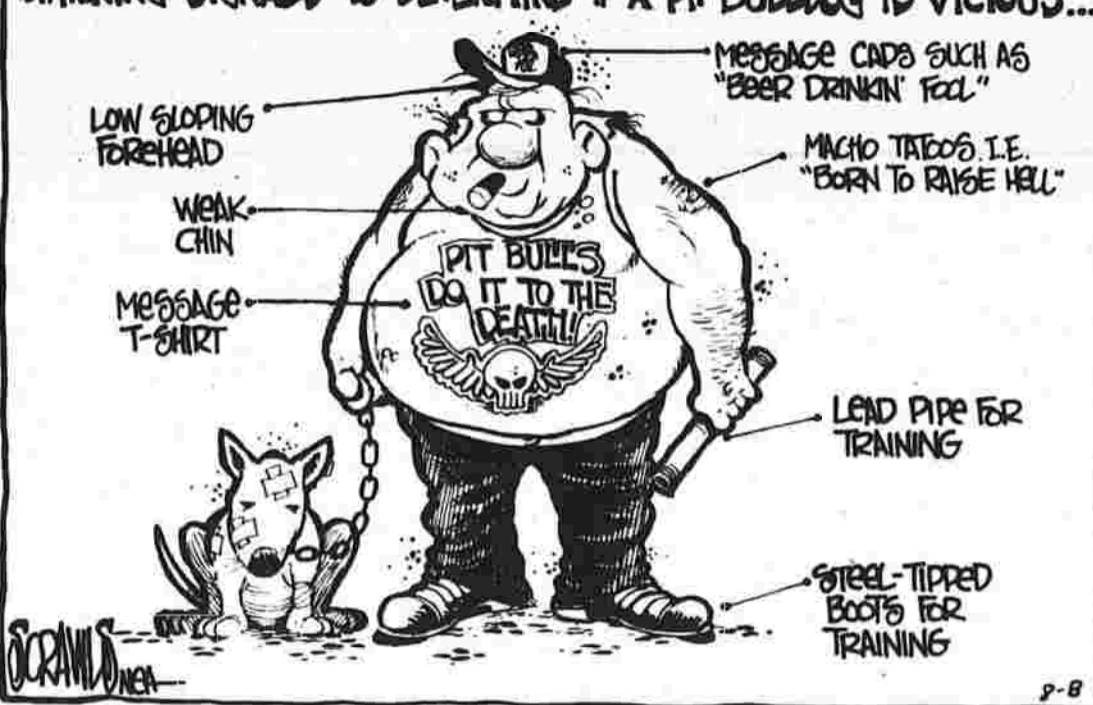
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Cartoon by [unclear]

Open Forum

This poem tells why honesty pays

To the Editor:

Dale Winbrow served in the Army during WWI and received permanent wounds from a gas attack on the Meuse-Argonne front. After Mr. Winbrow married Dorothy Livezey they moved to Florida because of his poor health. He started a newspaper in Sebastian and over the years became a legend, for in addition to his love for his nation, he was a devout Christian.

One day a 10-year-old boy asked Dale Winbrow whether it paid to be honest.

In response to that question Mr. Winbrow wrote the following poem which has been widely used by leading publications, churches and Alcoholics Anonymous. His daughter, Sallydale, has mailed out over 10,000 copies at her own expense from her home in Sebastian.

"The Guy in the Glass" When you get what you want in your struggle for self, And the world makes you king for a day, Then go to the mirror and look at yourself, And see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your father, or mother, or wife, Whose judgment upon you must pass.

The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life Is the guy staring back from the glass.

He's the feller to please, never mind all the rest, For he's with you clear up to the end, And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test

— Dale Winbrow (1934)

Henry E. Agostinelli 72 West St. Manchester

A ray of hope if you despair

To the Editor:

Did you know that: Last Saturday, a prize-worthy dream began to don the cloak of reality. Paul Newman came to his "Hole in the Wall" camp in Connecticut to greet the children and their parents. Wholesome, healthy recreation will be available to the children who attend.

The Whalers and their wives have contributed money to the fifth floor of the University of Connecticut hospital in Farmington, where these children receive medical treatment.

This spring, the Greater Hartford car dealers (including those in Manchester) raised more than \$17,000 to give for the children's help on this hospital floor?

Sarah Parkins 37 Campfield Road Manchester

Many craft ideas for the retarded

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, the 11th of August, between 10:30 and 11 in the morning, there was a teacher of severely retarded people in the Manchester Parkade's Jo-Ann Fabrics. She wanted to find an inexpensive craft project for her students to do.

I, too, work with severely retarded individuals and this teacher left the store before I could talk with her. I have several ideas for her, both craft and moneywise, but I do not know how to reach her. If she is interested she could get in touch with me.

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Reagan is the talk of the town in Nebraska

By Vicki Miller The Associated Press

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. — The Iran-contra affair may have given President Reagan's popularity a battering even in this conservative city on the Plains, but today's presidential visit has most folks excited.

Civic and business leaders were eager to give the president a full dose of rural hospitality during his 2 1/2-hour midday stop. It's good for business and morale, some said.

"It puts North Platte on the map to some extent with national coverage and that's good for us," said Keith Blackledge, editor of the North Platte Telegraph.

"I think it kind of pep's people up. August is often a dull month and there's quite a bit of excitement around this town right now."

Al Silverstein, executive director of the North Platte Chamber of Commerce, said he expected up to 12,000 people would be in the Wild West Arena to hear the president speak.

The visit gives Reagan a chance to hear first-hand about the concerns of rural Nebraska, Silverstein said.

"Republican or Democrat, let's be honest, how many people from this part of the country would get to see a president in their lifetime?" wondered Lee Wilke-Smith, who heads the volunteers preparing for the visit.

Reagan, en route to California for summer vacation, made fresh pitches for his domestic and foreign policy goals in the prepared text of his speech. He demanded that the Iran-contra affair be a "black mark" on the nomination to the Supreme Court and again predicted an arms control agreement with the Soviet Union.

To the farmers of Nebraska, Reagan said, "The picture is beginning to brighten for agriculture in America's heartland."

"Land values have stabilized, crop prices are firming and export markets are strong," he added.

"Now, that doesn't mean the road ahead will be easy, but it does mean that we are on the right road, traveling in the right direction."

Republican Mayor James Kirkman said he doesn't agree with all of Reagan's policies but likes his philosophy of conservative government.

Mostly, the mayor said, he's eager to show off his community and predicted an enthusiastic welcome for the president.

"There are people who disagree with his point of view, but nobody questions his communications and public relations — they're tremendous," Kirkman said.

After watching Reagan's televised speech Wednesday night, Kirkman said it is time to put aside the Iran-contra affair. "I think he was very forthright in saying he'd correct those problems," Kirkman said.

Several questions remain

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Reagan's televised address to the nation Wednesday night was his third major speech aimed at dialoging his administration from the Iran-contra mire.

His look to the future and acceptance of ultimate accountability was delivered without mention of his own past conflicting statements or the potential illegality of his aides' acts. It provided no new answers.

Reagan, for instance, didn't address what may be the biggest questions remaining for him: How can a president propelled into office by frustration over hostages in Iran seven years ago fall to remember approving the sale of weapons to that country?

And if he did forget, what else has he forgotten? What else was kept from him?

Reagan has maintained he cannot recall signing the December 1985 document authorizing the sale of U.S. arms to Iran — a document that files in the face of his long-standing insistence that there was no swap for hostages.

Both former national security adviser John Poindexter and fired aide Oliver North testified that Reagan did sign it, and Poindexter said he destroyed the paper to save Reagan from political embarrassment.

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Polls consistently show most Americans don't believe Reagan on the Iran-contra affair. Although he has rebounded a bit in the latest surveys, the affair has left his credibility tattered, brought a near-complete overhaul of his staff and left the administration distracted.

Reagan said he had become preoccupied with the American representation of children in portraits of violence exist in the cartoons and visuals in three sexually explicit magazines, and to identify trends in the portrayal of children, crime and violence — were not accomplished."

The American University referred us to a press release it issued last November, stating that the university "takes no position on the findings of individual faculty members because of its strong adherence to the policy of academic freedom."

Reagan said he wanted it put "in capital letters" that he didn't know of the diversion of Iranian arms-sale profits to the Nicaraguan contra rebels.

Yet he stopped short of saying what he would have done if he had known.

Poindexter, testifying before Congress, said he didn't tell Reagan of the diversion so the president could deny it later. But he also insisted that Reagan would have approved of the diversion, had he known.

In his address, Reagan suggested that he'd been shielded by aides from what was happening within his own presidency. As a defense, it's hardly one that answers critics who say he's been confused or detached.

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Reagan didn't deal with the conflicting statements he has made over the past nine months.

When the story about the Iran arms deal first emerged, Reagan dismissed it as having "no foundation." As evidence accumulated, he was forced to acknowledge it was true.

Foes don't like explanation, but they'll take olive branch

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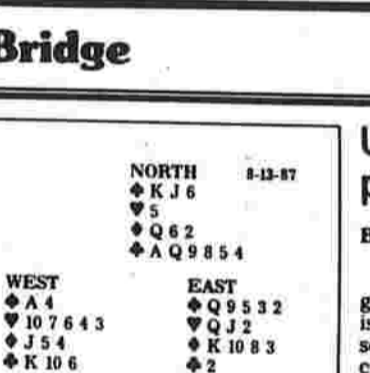
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Bridge

Unsafety play
By James Jacoby
Even in a tournament (a form of the game that may bore some readers), it is difficult to conceive of anyone being so greedy as to set in today's game contract. Let's look at how the play developed and what declarer should have done.

Bridge
NORTH 1-13-87
K J 6
A 4
Q 8 5 4
WEST 10 7 6 4 3
J 5 4
K 10 6
EAST Q 9 5 3 2
Q 10 8 3
K 10
SOUTH A 10 7
A K 9 8
A 9 7
K 7 3
Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North
West North East South
1 4 Pass 1 W
2 4 Pass 3 NT
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: ♠

Unsafety play
Declarer was guilty of highly obnoxious greed. He was in a contract that was surely going to make. All he had to do after winning the club queen was simply play a low club from dummy. West gets his club king, but he cannot prevent declarer from taking the remaining club tricks and making his contract.

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FDIC says it can manage boom in bank failures

WASHINGTON - More banks are failing this year than at any time since the Great Depression, but the agency that insures their deposits says it can manage the burden.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which guarantees deposits up to \$100,000 in most of the nation's 14,000 banks, announced Wednesday that it posted a modest gain of \$184 million in the first six months of this year, bringing its reserves to \$18.4 billion.

The increase came even though 98 banks failed during the period, compared with 66 during the first half of 1986.

FDIC Chairman L. William Seidman said that even though bank failures are up nearly 50 percent, the fund's condition shows that "we can handle this kind of difficulty."

As of last Friday, 109 banks had failed during 1987 and the agency had assisted 16 others. Nearly half of the 109 failures are in Texas and Oklahoma, states beset by falling oil and farm economies. Seidman is predicting about 200 failures by year end.

The number so far this year represents the worst failure rate since the board began keeping track. About 4,000 banks failed at the peak of the Depression in 1933, the year before the insurance fund began operating.

Last year, a record 138 FDIC-insured banks failed, compared with 120 in 1985, 79 in 1984, 48 in 1983, 42 in 1982 and 10 in 1981.

Most of the failures this year have been among smaller banks, in the \$30 million to \$40 million asset range.

However, a problem has developed with a much larger bank, the \$12.5 billion First City Bancorp of Texas. A government official who spoke on condition of

anonymity confirmed a report in The Wall Street Journal this week that the FDIC is negotiating a buyout of the bank. Hit by losses from real estate and oil, the bank lost \$563 million in 1986 and the first half of this year.

Among the options being considered by the FDIC is an assistance package of \$1 billion to the bank's new owners, the official said.

Even so, Stanley J. Poling, the FDIC's accounting chief, predicts that the agency will finish 1987 by breaking even or posting a modest gain.

"I would not be surprised if our results mirror those of last year," he said. The fund had a net income of \$206 million in 1986.

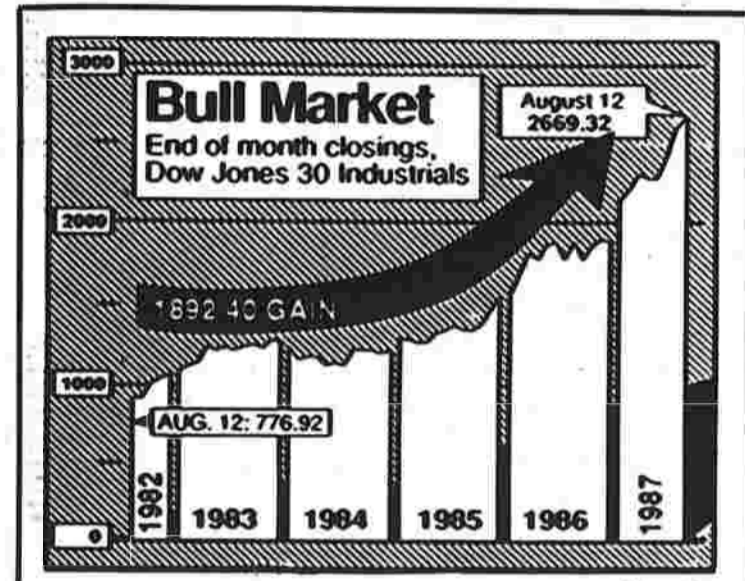
Poling attributed the fund's first-half performance to aggressive collection efforts on bad loans and a greater use of "whole bank" transactions, in which the FDIC subsidizes the sale of failing banks. A more traditional approach had been for the FDIC to sell off a failed bank's performing loans and saddle itself with the bad loans.

The FDIC's assurance about the condition of its fund follows the recapitalization of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp., which insures 3,500 savings and loan institutions.

President Reagan signed legislation Monday that allows the FSILC to raise \$10.8 billion over three years. Prior to the infusion, the FSILC had a deficit of \$6 billion and regulators were forced to keep failing S&Ls open because they lacked the money to pay off depositors.

Here is the state-by-state breakdown of the 109 FDIC-insured banks that have failed so far this year:

Alabama, 2; California, 5; Colorado, 3; Florida, 2; Illinois, 2; Indiana, 3; Iowa, 2; Louisiana, 6; Massachusetts, 1; Minnesota, 6; Mississippi, 1; Missouri, 4; Montana, 3; North Dakota, 1; Ohio, 1; Oklahoma, 19; South Dakota, 1; Texas, 34; and Utah, 2.



Wall St. bull market begins its sixth year

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street's bull market is 5 years old today and the bear's birthday comes during a week that has seen two dizzying advances followed by a pause by investors to cash in gains.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, up a total of 88.48 points the first two days of the week to a record high, dropped 11.16 points Wednesday to close at 2,659.32.

Most broader market measures also were lower in trading that saw 235.75 million shares change hands in the 10th business day ever for the New York Stock Exchange. On Tuesday, more than 278 million shares were traded in the exchange's second-busiest day.

Stock prices fell largely because of a wave of selling by investors anxious to profit from gains they made when prices jumped on Monday and Tuesday. But the price declines were modest because of continued strong demand for stocks among foreign and domestic investors, analysts said.

Further erratic trading was expected before Wall Street makes its next major move in the bull market that began Aug. 13, 1982. The day before the long surge began, the Dow stood at 178.92, making the five-year gain 1,822.40 points as of Wednesday. The Dow average has risen more than 784 points this year alone.

Pratt delivers 25,000th jet engine

MIDDLETOWN (AP) - Pratt & Whitney marked an aviation milestone as its assembly plant in Middletown with the delivery of its 25,000th commercial jet engine.

"Delivery of 25,000 engines doesn't happen without a lot of repeat business," Selwyn D. Berson, executive vice president of Pratt & Whitney, said to 250 employees gathered in the assembly plant Wednesday. "Other words, a lot of happy customers."

The engine, a Pratt & Whitney JT4D-219 turbofan, was delivered to American Airlines to power its McDonnell Douglas MD-80 aircraft, the company said.

"Twenty-five thousand engines - that's what the folks on Wall Street call a serious number," said Robert Baker, senior vice president of American Airlines.

Wednesday's event was a reminder of the historic dominance of East Hartford-based Pratt & Whitney, a division of United Technologies Corp.

The delivery represents two-thirds of all jet engines delivered by engine manufacturers since the advent of commercial jet aviation 30 years ago, the company said.

By contrast, Pratt & Whitney's two rival jet-engine manufacturers lag far behind in delivering commercial engines. As of June 30, the Fairchild-based General Electric Co. had delivered 7,650 commercial aircraft engines, while Rolls Royce Ltd., the British conglomerate, had delivered 5,500.

However, over the past 15 years, GE has mounted a serious challenge to Pratt & Whitney in the commercial market. Some industry analysts have projected GE will be the No. 1 commercial jet-engine builder during the coming decade, with No. 2 Pratt & Whitney having to settle for a smaller share of a larger market.

Following last month's \$2 billion order of GE commercial engines by Airbus Industrie, the European aircraft manufacturing consortium, "the fundamentals are in favor of GE," said Mark A. Bobbi, aerospace and defense analyst for Forecast Associates Inc. in Newtown.

Selwyn D. Berson, executive vice president of Pratt & Whitney, alluded to the more competitive environment in his remarks to employees gathered for Wednesday's ceremony.

"We must meet our competitors head to head in the marketplace every day," Berson said. "To win, and indeed survive, we must dedicate ourselves to satisfying our customers by providing them with a high-quality and reliable product."

Pratt & Whitney's workhorse JT4D engine, developed in 1960, is the most widely used commercial jet engine in aviation history.

"It's estimated that somewhere in the world, a JT4D-powered aircraft takes off every five seconds - that's 17,000 takeoffs every day," said Judy Mascaro, a welder in the Middletown plant, who was chosen by Pratt & Whitney's management to speak at the ceremony.

The JT4D powers the Boeing 727 and 737 and the McDonnell Douglas DC-9. The more powerful JT4D-500 series power the MD-80s.

The 25,000 Pratt & Whitney engines - the JT4D, JT4D-200, JT4D, PW2037 and PW4000 - log more than 3 million flight hours each month at 250 U.S. and international airlines, the company said.



All stopped

Set up insurance to cut estate size

QUESTION: I am told I can reduce the size of the taxable estate I will leave when I die by putting a large amount of money into single-premium life insurance. Is this true?

ANSWER: Yes, assuming the insurance policy is set up properly. The proceeds from insurance policies on your life - single premium - or any other type - are not included in your estate for federal estate tax purposes, providing you have no ownership of the policy.

This means you can't have any of the policy's "incidents of ownership," such as powers to change the beneficiary, surrender or cancel the policy, transfer its ownership, revoke an assignment of the policy, or obtain a loan against the policy.

Summed up, in order to accomplish what you have in mind, you cannot own the policy or have any control over it. You can arrange things that way either by naming someone else as owner when you take out the policy or by irrevocably assigning the policy's ownership to someone else after the policy is issued.

If you have incidents of ownership in the policy at the time you breathe your last, the taxing authorities can claim the policy was part of your estate.

These rules apply to federal estate taxes, as well as to the inheritance and/or estate taxes of many states. Because "death tax" rules vary from state to state, it's impossible to print the regulations for all 50 states here. You would be wise to check your state's rules.

Unless you're going to leave a bundle to someone other than your spouse, you shouldn't be concerned about federal tax. A husband can leave to his wife everything he owns and a wife can leave to her husband everything she owns free from federal estate tax. Past that, you can leave up to \$100,000 to other people without any federal estate tax bite.

Also, surrendering all incidents of owners of a single-premium life insurance policy would negate the big appeal of that type of policy - your right to borrow the policy's earnings, without paying federal income tax.

QUESTION: My whole life insurance policy pays a dividend each year. I have never reported that dividend on my income tax return. One tax preparer advises me I am correct. Another tax preparer says I have to report that dividends as taxable income.

Which tax preparer should I believe?

ANSWER: The first one. That insurance dividend is not income. It represents part of your premiums being returned to you because the insurance company had good "mortality experience" - meaning fewer insured people died than the actuarial tables anticipated.

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The Commerce Department said that retail establishments sold \$127.6 billion worth of goods in July, following an even stronger 1.4 percent increase in June sales.

The June performance represented a sharp upward revision from the government's initial estimate a month ago that sales had risen only 0.4 percent in June.

The June and July increases were the strongest gains in the retail sector, when sales had jumped 4.8 percent. After that improvement, sales had remained basically flat for the next three months. Analysts said that consumers, burdened by high debt levels and income growth that was not keeping up with inflation, cut back their purchases.

The July strength was widespread.

Auto sales, which have been weak for much of the year, rose 1.9 percent following a 4.5 percent June increase.

Excluding autos, retail sales would have risen by 0.4 percent as stores selling both durable goods and non-durable goods showed gains.

Sales of durable goods, items built to last three or more years, rose 1.4 percent in July. In addition to the strength in car sales, purchases of furniture were up 0.7 percent and sales at building supply stores were up 1.2 percent.

Sales of non-durable goods were up 0.4 percent, led by a 0.5 percent rise in demand at department and other general merchandise stores.

Sales at clothing specialty stores rose 0.8 percent following a 2.7 percent gain in June.

Sales at the nation's drug stores were up 1.4 percent, although analysts said much of this increase represented higher prices rather than increased consumption.

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The Ulsan plant of Hyundai Motor Co., South Korea's largest automaker, is unmanned and idle Wednesday because of labor troubles. Company officials said the stoppage was caused not by a strike at its plant but by strikes at 20 main parts suppliers.

Investors' Guide

William A. Doyle

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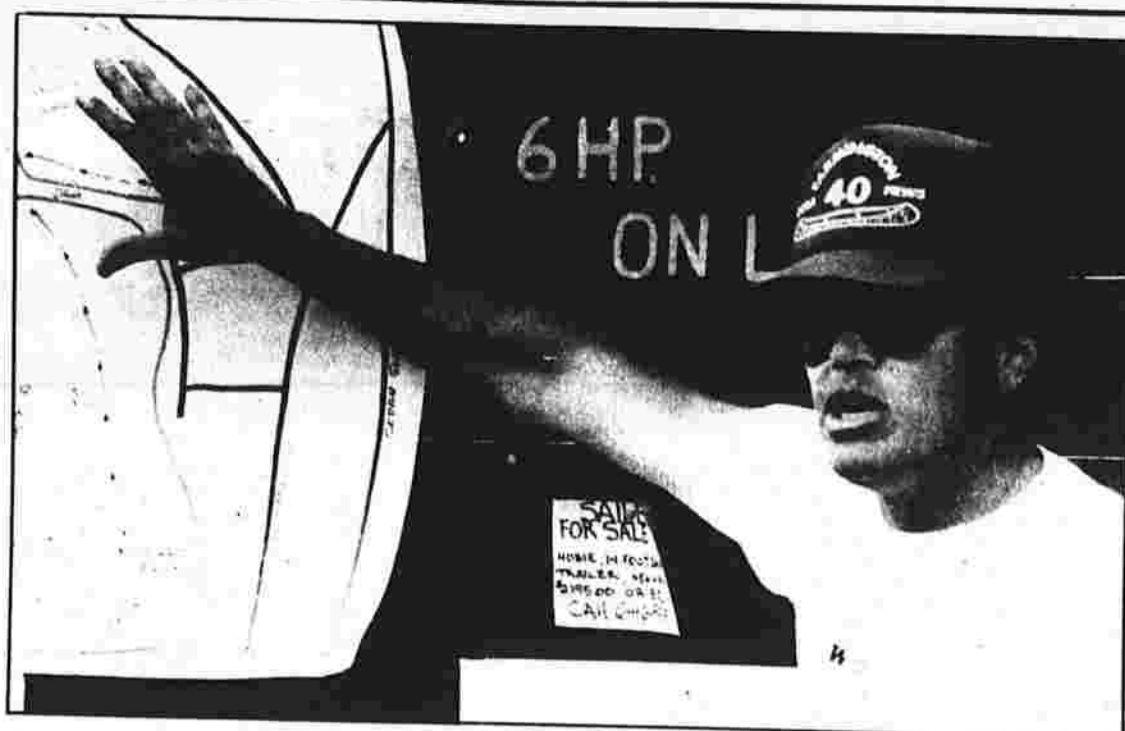
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Canoe races

Race chairman Ted Kenyon explains the Bolton Lake course at a meeting before the Sunset Canoe Race and Bar Jock Challenge Relay begins Wednesday. Canoeists gathered at the state boat-launch area off Route 44 for the annual event, which involved a portage to the Middle Bolton Lake.



John Smith, left, of Three J's-I bar jocks relay, steers the winning canoe across the finish line as teammate Chris Morianos uses his water-soaked shirt to cool off Wednesday evening. The Bolton Lake canoe races are sponsored by the Connecticut Canoe Racing Association.



Herald photos by Tucker

Swensson claims PZC action illegal

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Herald Reporter

The owner of property next to a subdivision recently approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission is challenging the PZC's decision on the grounds that a public hearing should have been held before the decision was made. In a complaint filed this week in the town clerk's office, the property owner, Elsie "Bibi" Swensson of 580 Porter St., charges that the PZC also failed to provide notice that the subdivision application would be acted on at its July 20 business meeting. Swensson is a former Republican state representative. The subdivision was approved at the July 20 meeting, after being discussed at a PZC hearing earlier that month. J. Stewart Johnston of 628 Porter St. applied in May to subdivide the 3.36-acre parcel on Porter Street into two lots. The complaint was filed in Hartford Superior Court by Swensson's attorney, David A. Golos of Manchester. It charges that the subdivision would "aggravate an existing traffic hazard" on Porter Street. In addition, the subdivision, he does not specify what relief should be. Swensson referred queries about the suit to Golos, who was not available for comment this morning. Johnston, whose telephone number is not given, could not be reached for comment.

Obituaries

Morris Petruschansky

Morris Petruschansky, 78, of Manchester, died Wednesday at a local convalescent center. He lived in Baltimore, Md., most of his life before moving to Manchester a year and a half ago. He is survived by a son, Dr. Donald Pet of Manchester; a daughter, Sylvia Pet of Ventura, Calif.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son, Paul M. Pet. The funeral is Friday at noon at Temple Sinai Cemetery, Newington. A memorial service will be observed beginning Friday afternoon at the home of Dr. Donald Pet, 93 Bette Road, Weinstein Mortuary, Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 237 E. Center St., Manchester, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Sybil Victor

Sybil (McGe) Victor, 64, of 54 Gable Road, Coventry, died Tuesday at Windham Hospital. She was the widow of Raymond T. Victor. She is survived by two sons, James Daniel Victor of Coventry and Douglas Victor of Storrs; a daughter, Jeanne Victor of Coventry; a sister, Jean Menard of Brighton, Mich.; and six grandchildren. The funeral is Friday at 9 a.m. at the Bacon Funeral Home, 71 Prospect St., Willimantic, followed by a mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Coventry. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Coventry Volunteer Fire Association Ambulance, P.O. Box 1, Coventry.

of obstructing U.N. efforts to end the 7-year-old Iran-Iraq war, and urged the U.N. Security Council to move toward an arms embargo of Iran. Iran, in return, charged that Washington was increasing tension in the gulf with its call on the Security Council. On July 20, the 15-member council unanimously passed a cease-fire measure, which Iran has said it neither accepts nor rejects. The Minneapolis Star and Tribune reported today that Italy and the Netherlands would soon send minesweepers to the Persian Gulf area. The report, which quoted unidentified administration officials in Washington, could not be immediately confirmed. France and Britain announced this week they were sending minesweepers to the gulf, but denied they were responding to a U.S. appeal for a multinational minesweeping force. Italy has also declined to join such a force. The sources said ships were being warned away from the known danger zone, an area 4 miles in diameter about 9 miles off the U.A.E. ports of Fujairah and Khor Fakkan.

Eric Eggleston, MD victim

IGNACIO, Colo. (AP) — Seventeen-year-old Eric Eggleston, who struck up a friendship with country-rock singer Charlie D.

Coventry man hurt in crash

A Coventry man was injured early Monday morning after the driver of the car he was in crashed into a parked car on Spruce Street, forcing it into a second parked car. Scott H. Goodin, 32, of 41 Paden Road, Coventry, was injured when Dorinda M. Fuchs, 28, of Vernon, drove into the parked car, police said. Fuchs was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol, reckless operation, and operating without a license. She was released on a \$250 cash bond and is scheduled to appear in Manchester Superior Court Aug. 17. Goodin was taken to Manchester Memorial Hospital, where he was treated for a fractured nose and released.

FOCUS

Fears of AIDS haunt paramedics

Rubber gloves and masks are now required gear for firefighters

By John F. Kirch
Herald Reporter

Kenneth H. Cusson tested negative for AIDS a few months ago. But the Manchester resident is still scared to death he'll catch the fatal disease. Cusson, like other town paramedics, is in one of the highest-risk groups for AIDS in the emergency medical profession. Day after day, he handles patients in emergency situations that don't give him the time to check whether the person he is working on has the deadly AIDS virus or not. "It's a tough issue and it's going to be a tough issue for a long time," said Cusson, an emergency medical technician for 15 years and a town paramedic since 1983. "Patient care is still the most important part of our job. But we're finding out that what people told us two years ago (about AIDS) doesn't hold up today."

AIDS FEARS like Cusson's run deep among town paramedics, though no cases have been diagnosed so far. A few paramedics have been tested for AIDS, and still others say they're going to be tested. "There's a huge scare of AIDS with all people that deal with emergency medical service," said Robert O. Marra, the president of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 1579, which represents paramedics and firefighters. "The information we're getting on AIDS is changing so fast we're not sure if we're being told the truth. The second thing is the guys are being real cautious. If you get AIDS — nobody is getting better."

Because of the concern over AIDS, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, and concern over hepatitis B, paramedics have taken several steps when answering their 3,000 emergency calls each year. PARAMEDICS AND other town employees no longer use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to help patients who have stopped breathing. Instead, disposable bag-valve bags, which are used to pump oxygen into a patient's lungs, are used and then thrown away. In addition, since June, paramedics — in fact, all town firefighters — wear gloves on most calls. They sometimes wear surgical masks and goggles, too. In June, the firefighters' union set up an education program. The program featured a videotape on how to avoid

communicable diseases and a question-and-answer period with a nurse from Manchester Memorial Hospital. With the cooperation of the town fire department, the program was set up by the union's safety committee, which is chaired by firefighter John Biebach. "It's a preventive measure this department is taking more than any department in the state," Biebach said. VOLUNTEER firefighters and the emergency medical team of the Eighth Utilities District are taking similar measures, said district spokesman Thomas R. O'Marra. "The town's fire department, union officials say they want to draft a plan under which paramedics and firefighters would be covered under workers' compensation and town insurance. According to Assistant Town Manager Stephen R. Werbner, the administration has no formal policy for AIDS victims and it is uncertain whether AIDS is covered under the town's insurance policy.

"If AIDS is connected with the course of employment it would conceivably come under workers' comp," Werbner said. However, he added, "For the town to pay any liability, there would have to be proof (that the disease was caught on the job)." The burden of proof falls on the individual, officials have said. This is a major concern among paramedics like Cusson and Bob Turner. Both expressed fear over what would happen to their families should either of them ever contract the disease while on the job. Union officials said families must be protected. "That concern went through my mind," Cusson said. "I'm sitting in the doctor's office and I know everything is fine. But I thought, let's say that one of those needles that stuck me two months ago (was infected). I thought, gee, what if it's positive? What would you do?"

For the short run, the department has issued special forms for paramedics and firefighters to use whenever they have been exposed to a patient's bodily fluids. ACCORDING TO BIEBACH, when a paramedic or firefighter comes in contact with a patient's blood, he writes the time, date



Paramedic Kenneth H. Cusson checks an intravenous solution as he prepares his medical box for the next call. Cusson, like other paramedics, fears getting the AIDS virus through his work.

and details of the situation. The form is then placed on file with the department. "Whether anyone down the line will accept this document (for a workers' compensation case) is hard to say," Biebach said. "But at least now we have it in writing."

Local 1579 is also advocating annual mandatory AIDS tests for everyone in the department, Martin said. The union also wants AIDS to be considered a job-related injury so that paramedics and firefighters are covered under workers' compensation. A formal proposal has not been made to the town yet. But if it were accepted, union officials hope it would make it easier for workers to prove they contracted AIDS on the job. "If you test negative on July 1, for example," Martin said, "and then on Dec. 15, you come down with AIDS, hopefully we can check back and see if you worked on a patient with AIDS."

ONE COMPLICATION is that state law prohibits the names of AIDS patients from being released to anyone other than a carrier's doctor. Still, Martin said, the department would not be interested in who the patient is, just whether an AIDS patient was worked on by a paramedic. Another question is what AIDS would mean for the paramedic himself. Martin said AIDS carriers would not be permitted to be paramedics any more and would probably be assigned an office job to limit contact with the public. However, he admitted that the work environment would be strained by anyone who contracted the disease. "With the intimate environment we have here, it would make it difficult for him (an AIDS patient)," Martin said. "Everyone would be afraid of him. No one would want to have any contact with him. It's a normal reaction for people. It's a pretty heavy question for these guys."

PRIVATE AMBULANCE companies consider the AIDS question, too. The Manchester Ambulance Service, which serves Manchester and other area towns, will add eight paramedics to its staff in the next few months, company owner Roger W. Talbot said. Talbot said his paramedics will take the same precautions as the town's paramedics, including wearing rubber gloves and using valve bags. However, he was unsure what would happen if someone on his staff contracted the disease. "I would want to do the right thing, but I'm not sure what the right thing is," he said. "I would have to turn to a doctor. I hope I never have to find out."

Reagan speech breaks little ground

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Reaction from Capitol Hill was mixed. Sen. George Mitchell of Maine, a member of the joint congressional Iran-contra investigative committee and a former federal judge, said in the Democratic Party response that Reagan was right to acknowledge "that the buck stops with him."

But Mitchell said that cannot erase the consequences of Reagan approved weapons sales to Iran, which have left American servicemen in the Persian Gulf facing "the terrible possibility of attack by a nation we've helped to arm." Looking ahead, Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., said, "Congress welcomes the president's offer of cooperation" during the remainder of his term. But Reagan was criticized by conservatives including Rep. Jack Kemp of New York, a Republican presidential hopeful, who said he was "gravely disappointed" that the president did not express stronger support for the contra.

In the speech, Reagan said he winces at suggestions that he coolly accepted being ill-informed and at times misled by his top aides, saying, "At times, I've been misled as a hornet." The president ticked off a number of changes he has made to avoid any repetitions of the Iran-contra episode, and he pleaded with the American public — and with Congress — to let him finish his term in an atmosphere conducive to accomplishment. "I have a year and a half before I have to clean out this desk," Reagan said. "I'm not about to let the dust and cobwebs settle on the furniture in this office, or on me."

been established, but Iran is widely believed to be responsible. Shipping sources speculate the mines were secretly laid in an attempt to disrupt the U.S. escort convoys, which are organized and depart from the area. Iran has accused the United States of sowing the mines and offered its own navy to help clear them. A shipping source close to Kuwait today expressed skepticism of reports that the United States had chartered a special, sonar-equipped ship to detect mines in front of the latest convoy of U.S.-flagged Kuwaiti tankers. "Why should we do that? The Americans had helicopters," said the source, insisting on anonymity. British television correspondent Brent Sadler, who observed part of the convoy's journey from a chartered vessel, said in a telephone interview, "I did not see any such ship."

Sixth mine closes part of anchorage

MANAMA, Bahrain — Officials today closed part of an offshore tanker anchorage in the Gulf of Oman following the discovery of a sixth mine in the area, shipping sources said. The five mines found earlier off the United Arab Emirates port of Fujairah were destroyed or defused in a search operation begun after an American-operated super-tanker hit a mine Monday and was damaged. A source said Fujairah officials decided to bar ships from an area extending up to 35 square miles offshore. The port itself remained open, said shipping sources who spoke on condition of anonymity. Ships presumably could still enter port by going around the danger zone. The restricted area includes a danger zone about four miles in diameter where sources earlier reported that clusters of floating mines were discovered. The dangerous anchorage is in the Gulf of Oman just south of the Persian Gulf. The two bodies of water are connected by the Strait of Hormuz.

So far, the United States has flagged five Kuwaiti vessels and escorted them in two convoys up the gulf. The three vessels escorted in the second convoy remain in Kuwait to take on cargo. Altogether, 11 vessels are to be refueled. Sources said teams from the United Arab Emirates, the Sultanate of Oman and the U.S. Navy were deploying boats and helicopters to scan the Gulf of Oman. The sources, asking not to be named, said the search teams were working in different areas. Diplomats said this week that Washington agreed to a request from Oman to help with minesweeping. The source of the mines has not

day of obstructing U.N. efforts to end the 7-year-old Iran-Iraq war, and urged the U.N. Security Council to move toward an arms embargo of Iran. Iran, in return, charged that Washington was increasing tension in the gulf with its call on the Security Council. On July 20, the 15-member council unanimously passed a cease-fire measure, which Iran has said it neither accepts nor rejects. The Minneapolis Star and Tribune reported today that Italy and the Netherlands would soon send minesweepers to the Persian Gulf area. The report, which quoted unidentified administration officials in Washington, could not be immediately confirmed. France and Britain announced this week they were sending minesweepers to the gulf, but denied they were responding to a U.S. appeal for a multinational minesweeping force. Italy has also declined to join such a force. The sources said ships were being warned away from the known danger zone, an area 4 miles in diameter about 9 miles off the U.A.E. ports of Fujairah and Khor Fakkan.

Scientists link colorectal cancer to breakdown in genetic protection

NEW YORK (AP) — The loss of a gene that suppresses cell growth may play a key role in up to 40 percent of cases of colon and rectum cancer, the nation's second leading malignant disease, scientists reported today. Once the gene is isolated and analyzed, scientists may be able to develop better treatments for the cancer and an inherited predisposition toward it, one of the researchers said. Colorectal cancer is the nation's second most common serious cancer, with an estimated 145,000 cases and 60,000 deaths this year. The research found evidence for loss of the gene in about a quarter of colorectal tumors examined. But for technical reasons, the true figure may be 40 percent, said Walter Bodmer, director of research at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in London. Bodmer co-wrote two papers on the gene with colleagues in England and Israel in *Science's* issue of the British Medical Nature.

Scientists should be able to isolate the gene within a few years, Bodmer said in a telephone interview. Bert Vogelstein, associate oncology professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, called the work important. "Genes that suppress tumorigenesis (tumor development) and are lost during the development of cancer are probably important in a wide variety of human cancers," said Vogelstein. "This is a first step in identification of a gene which may be important in colon cancer." Evidence of similar genes has been found in a form of lung cancer, the nation's most common serious cancer, and in several rare cancers, said Robert Weinberg of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Genes lie along threadlike molecules called chromosomes. Chromosomes come in pairs, one inherited from each parent, so each person generally gets two copies of each gene. The research says copies of the gene linked to colorectal cancer are on the pair of chromosomes designated number 5. It also suggests that colorectal cancer may arise after both gene copies are lost or damaged. The role of the gene is not known. But each copy in a cell appears to order production of some substance that keeps the cell's growth in check, Bodmer said. So if one copy is lost or damaged, production of the substance declines, and the cell may grow into a polyp. That may be the case in familial adenomatous polyposis, an inherited condition that produces hundreds of intestinal polyps and predisposes a person to colorectal cancer, Bodmer said. The person inherits the faulty copy of the gene. A polyp can progress toward cancer if the other gene copy then disappears, he said. The same process may promote spontaneous cancers if one normal copy, and then the second, is lost or damaged, he said.

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Your neighbors' views: What are you going to do with the rest of the summer?



Lenore Halloran: "A wedding! One of our daughters." Sandy Gileco: "Camping and swimming." Roderick Bishop: "Vacation up the coast of Maine." Heather Gonzalez: "Going to Portugal." Hubertus Remper: "Visiting New England" before returning to Germany. Mike Hosen: "I have no idea. I don't know where to start to tell you."

City girl can't understand pigs, but help is on the way

DEAR MR. ROSS: I'm a farmer's wife who truly loves her husband. I can assure you the farming hardships you hear about are real. We are proud people and have managed to get by but it's getting harder each year. After putting two older children through school — we still have four young ones at home. My husband is in dairy and grain farming, but has scraped together enough to buy three bred gilts (pregnant female pigs) and material to fix up an old outbuilding for them. He is desperately trying to boost our needed income. However, there is no extra money to buy the farrowing crates. Without them there is sure to be a loss, as the sows often crush their young without the protective crates. If you could help, I promise to repay you with the sale of our pigs.



Thanks A Million

Percy Ross

accept his check for protective crates for your pig raising venture.

DEAR MR. ROSS: Having seen your profile in Gallery magazine, I'm seeking your donation to aid me in becoming the self-actualized person I was destined to be. I've been called to sail the ocean wide, in quest of the only remaining dodo bird. Somewhere out there my fine feathered friend is waiting for me. I don't think a quarter-million is asking too much for obtaining a one-of-a-kind bird. I remain, awaiting your careful consideration and favorable reply.

DEAR MR. K.: I hate to let the wind out of your sails but who'd be the real dodo if I granted your request?

DEAR MR. ROSS: I'm not a happy camper to say the least. I'm a single parent trying to raise two kids without any child support. With a lot of hard work and tough luck I finally managed three months ago to make a down payment on an '83 Chevy Chevette. It was a dream come true after depending on public housing for shelter.

Now the damn thing is sitting outside my apartment building and refuses to start. Among other things, the starter has gone out. I can barely afford the monthly payments, insurance and gas, let alone a repair bill. Would you be kind enough to send me \$250 so I can get it fixed and get back on track?

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want to give \$10 a week to my church and frankly I can't afford it anymore.

Do you realize how expensive imported coffee or rice or Kiwi fruit is? I hate to cut out these simple pleasures, but I'd feel too guilty every Sunday sitting in church if I didn't contribute. Will you help me out?

DEAR MS. K.: Isn't it funny how big \$10 can look when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the store? Sorry, but you'll have to wrestle with your conscience.

During his colorful career, philanthropist Percy Ross has developed many interesting ideas about people and wealth. The Minneapolis millionaire enjoys sharing both his philosophy — and his money — with readers of this column and inspiring them to help others. Ross says: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

Write to Percy Ross in care of the Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 33000, Minneapolis, Minn. 55433. Include a telephone number if you wish. All letters included. Only a few are answered in this column, although others may be acknowledged privately.

DEAR MRS. M.: Mr. Ross is out of town. In his absence he has asked that I, his entrusted secretary, respond to your request. Only problem is my knowledge of "bred gilts" and "farrowing crates" is doddly squat. So after conferring with him by phone he said, "Miss Webber, you'll always be a city girl." In behalf of my kind-hearted employer, please

MRS. J.M. FORT WAYNE, IND.

MS. P.G. FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

MS. G.: There's nothing worse about a car than when the engine won't start and the payment's don't stop. Let's hope it's not a matter of throwing good money after bad... my \$250 should help.

MR. ROSS: Would you please send me \$207?

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Dog Warden Richard Rand tries to offer Chip a biscuit but the dog is more interested in what's going on outside. Chip is at the pound waiting for his owner or someone to adopt him.



Bonnie, waiting for adoption at a veterinary hospital in East Hartford, is being sponsored by Aid to Helpless Animals Inc.

Americans again are drinking less



Sylvia Porter

In 1987, for the seventh straight year, Americans are cutting down on their consumption of high-proof alcoholic beverages — not exactly turning us into a nation of teetotalers but definitely reflecting a downturn in drinking.

1. A national crackdown on drunken driving is under way, with all segments of our society participating. 2. A higher federal excise tax on distilled spirits has undoubtedly contributed to the trend. This tax went into effect in October 1986. 3. Overall, you and I have become increasingly aware of health and fitness issues and this, too, has been translated into a desire for lower-proof alcoholic beverages.

Consumption of gin, scotch, vodka, bourbon and other distilled spirits is on the decline, according to the 1987 edition of Jobson's Liquor Handbook (the industry bible), while sales of lower-proof beverages are increasing. Reflecting the change in S. tastes are higher sales of such beverages as prepared cocktails that are primarily consumed in the home, and of brands, especially cognac.

The handbook reports consumption of distilled spirits declined 4.2 percent last year, the largest decline since 1982. Total distilled spirits consumption was 147.4 million cases in 1986, a drop of 1.5 million. The projection by the trade publication is that consumption of distilled spirits will drop another 2 percent in 1987.

Despite the gloom that pervades the distilled spirits industry, cognac sales tripled in the last five years, and projections indicate by the end of the decade, sales will reach 1.3 billion — four times what cognac sales were in 1980. Why have cognac's fortunes run counter to the slumping distilled spirits market? Jean-Marie Beaulieu of the Bureau of National Inter-professional du Cognac explains: "There is a growing preference for lighter grape-based beverages as opposed to more traditional spirits, largely due to heavy anti-alcohol campaigns in the U.S. Furthermore, cognac, which is lacking from grapes, has benefited greatly from Americans' growing sophistication about wine. Having cognac after a meal is the logical next step to drinking wine with a meal."

Lower-proof beverages also are popular because Americans "appreciate the quality of low-proof beverages and regard them as status symbols," Beaulieu says. A recent study by Margaret

Labradors take over the dog pound

By Barbara Richmond Special to the Herald

Ebony, last week's featured pet, is still waiting to be adopted, but Chang, featured two weeks ago, has found a home in South Windsor. Ebony is a black Labrador retriever. He's about 2 years old and was found July 20 on Farm Drive.

This week's featured pet is a cute young Labrador retriever, a neutered male. He's been named Chip. He's mostly black with a white chest and white paws. When found roaming on Center Street on Aug. 8

Adopt a Pet

several weeks will have to be euthanized soon.

The dog pound is located near the town's refuse area off Olcott Street. Rand is at the pound weekdays from noon to 1 p.m. The number at the pound is 643-6642. If there is no answer, call the police department, 645-5555. There is also someone on duty at the pound Monday through Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.

This is a \$5 fee to adopt a dog and the new owner must have the dog licensed. Before being licensed a dog must have its rabies shot.

Aid to Helpless Animals Inc. is urgently in need of homes for cats

and kittens. Many have been abandoned or are lost and all need permanent homes.

This week's featured cat is a beautiful spayed female tiger who is living at an animal hospital in East Hartford. Her name is Bonnie. She's mostly orange with a few black stripes and has a pretty face.

Bonnie is affectionate, too. To adopt her or any other cat or kitten, call any of the following numbers: 666-5551, 232-8317 or 623-0489. The cats put up for adoption are given their shots and are neutered if they are old enough before they leave.

Sick foxes give some danger signals

Recently there has been a rash of dead or ill foxes seen beside the road or in fields. The roadkill deaths may have been struck by cars, but a fox is rarely so careless as to allow this to happen.

Others have been observed during the day aberrantly — that is, they have been out during the day when they normally hunt early in the morning or in the evening. Foxes have been noted lying in fields during midday, and acting unafraid of humans, allowing them to approach.

All these are danger signs. It is not the nature of the beast to be about at these times, when the hunting is ample, and it is certainly not customary to tolerate the closeness of people. One apparently

Pet Forum

Allan Leventhal, D.V.M.

the proper authorities that can safely capture these wild animals. The Humane Society of Connecticut will also come to the rescue. All the professionals have the equipment and know-how to capture a fox safely — both for the animal and themselves — and they know what to do afterward.

A cornered fox will bite — especially a deranged one that exhibits the previously mentioned behavior. If you are concerned, notify the above authorities, but don't try to catch an injured or ill fox yourself.

QUESTION: My older cat has been losing fat, especially along the abdomen. She is not scratching. I took her to the vet and he prescribed hormone pills that seem to be helping. Her fat is gradually coming back. What is this condition? My vet said it was fairly common in older cats. How long should I continue the pills? I'm giving them once a week now. Are

feels somewhat deflated. "I'm really kind of let down," Helbig said. "I wonder if I'm always going to be labeled for life as the coaster guy." ... You wonder if you're ever going to be recognized for anything other than that.

Helbig, who says he rode the coaster an average of 15.5 times per day, five days a week for the last seven summers, said his enthusiasm has waned somewhat since he began riding the Racer.

"The fun part about 7,000 was getting to it," said Helbig. "I have a really good relationship with the crew (operating the ride). They really take me in like one of their own. That's about 50 percent of it."

Despite his achievement, Helbig, a sporting goods salesman in the Cincinnati area, said he

Coaster king sets sights on new heights

By Geoffrey Bernard The Associated Press

KINGS MILLS, Ohio — After 7,000 rides on a roller coaster during the past seven years, Don Helbig hopes to reach new heights in amusement park lore.

"I think I'll go for 10,000. At a pace of 1,000 a year, that means I'd finish in, what, 1990?" said Helbig.

amusement parks and found there is no record of anyone having approached Helbig's ride total.

A spokeswoman for the Guinness Book of World Records said the organization does not keep records for repeated roller coaster rides.

Helbig said he has tried other coasters, but they hold no allure for him. The Racer is not the tallest, fastest or longest roller coaster, but Helbig continues to be attracted to it.

"I think a lot of it has to do with it being the first one I'd ridden," Helbig said. "Plus, I like a lot of the lifts and negative-G's (gravitational force)."

Ruth Voss, the park's public relations manager, said she checked with other

About Town

VBAC meets — The August meetings of the Vaginal Birth After Cesarean Information group will be tonight at 7 on Slocum Road in Hebron and Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m. on Buff Cap Road in Tolland.

The meetings are open to the public and provide information to couples who have had or are having a cesarean birth. For more information, call Rebecca Tanner, 871-7373, or Bea Arzi, 228-0368.

Grange picnic — Manchester Grange 31 will have a picnic on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall on Olcott Street. Members are requested to bring salads for the picnic as well as their own place setting. There will be an auction table.

Free clinic set — BOLTON — A free blood pressure screening will be held Aug. 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Bolton Pharmacy, Bolton Notch. The screening is conducted by Visiting Nurse and Home Care of Manchester Inc. and is open to all Bolton residents.

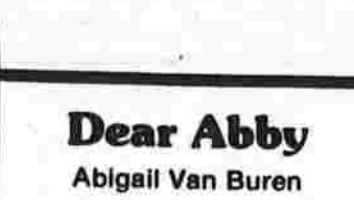
Military reunion — The 72nd Military Police Battalion of World War II is planning a reunion and former members are asked to contact Dwight H. Netley, 1237 Lincoln Way East, Massillon, Ohio 44846, or call 216-828-9744.

The 72nd was organized at Fort Jackson, S.C., in 1942 and participated in anti-submarine operations as part of the Eastern Frontier Command. Later it supplied prisoner of war escort guards in the European Theater.

Advice

Mom suspects daughter's pal writing to her from the pen

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, age 16, is corresponding with a "pen pal" who, I believe, is writing in church if I didn't contribute. Will you help me out?



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

One time my gums were killing me and I had my dentures out. I looked horrible. Another time, I had a migraine headache and was still in my nightgown at 10:30 a.m. My hair had not even been combed when my pastor made a social call.

On another occasion it didn't bother this same pastor that he interrupted my three-table bridge club. He came in, sat down and made himself right at home.

Some visits are an invasion of privacy. Thanks, Abby, for letting me blow off steam.

LITTLE G. IN GARLAND, TEXAS

DEAR LITTLE G.: The meek shall inherit a lot of drop-in company. It isn't wrong, nor is it rude, to politely tell an unexpected visitor that you're unable to invite him or her in because you're not feeling well.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding surprise visits by pastors and other people, I resent such visits.

QUESTION: I have heard references to 62, and/or "retirement age" for Social Security retirement benefits. What does Social Security consider as "retirement age" 62 or 65?

ANSWER: Mention of "retirement age" under the Social Security program refers to when you reach 62. The year in which you reach 62 is important. It is used to figure the number of credits you'll need and is the base for the formula used to figure the amount of your Social Security benefits.

QUESTION: My mother gets SSI payments. One of her neighbors helps her clean her house and occasionally runs errands for her. Does she have to report this help to Social Security?

ANSWER: No, the value of personal services, such as help with cleaning or errand running, is not considered income and does not have to be reported to Social Security.

QUESTION: My daughter tells me I should apply for SSI payments. Will I have to sell my house in order to qualify?

ANSWER: No, regardless of its value, the house where you live and the land it is on are not counted in determining whether you can get SSI payments.

QUESTION: I found an old bill for doctor's services that I had paid more than a year ago, but I forgot to

DEAR ABBY: As you no doubt are aware, few men will admit that they ever read "Dear Abby."

The day your story about the wife of 40 years who had found \$10,000 and three cars of corn locked in the trunk of her husband's car appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle, I had lunch, as usual, at a large seafood restaurant, patronized almost exclusively by men. One sees many of the same faces there — "macho" men who stop in at lunchtime for a drink or two who discuss football, women and swap a few stories.

This day I started to tell your story about the "ears of corn" when the bartender interrupted, saying, "Yes, I read that in 'Dear Abby' this morning," adding quickly, "I never read 'Dear Abby,' but the paper came out this morning, and I had more time than usual."

Then the customer to my right, a young fellow about my age (77), said he seldom read "Dear Abby," but he had also read it that morning.

The gentleman to my left, a much younger man, then volunteered that he had already repeated that story twice that morning!

Thus four men of quite varying ages, none of whom ever read "Dear Abby," just happened to read it that morning.

MAC" McCURDY, WALNUT CREEK

DEAR DR. GOTT: A couple of years ago I was diagnosed as having "bipolar affective disorder — mixed." I take 200 milligrams of Sinequan and 600 milligrams of lithium. I'm developing muscle jerks. When I have one of these spells I can't hold on to whatever is in my hands. Could my medicine be causing this?

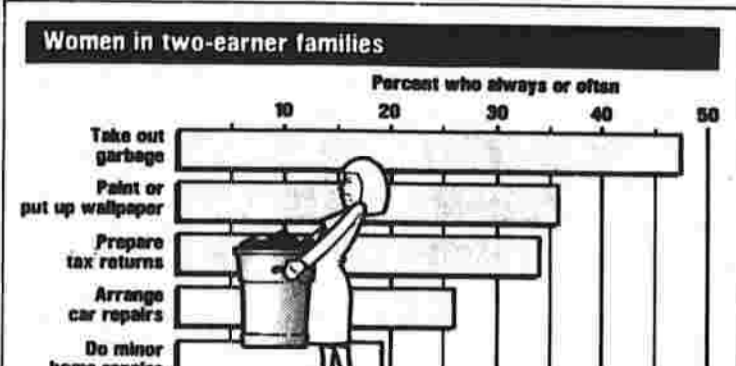
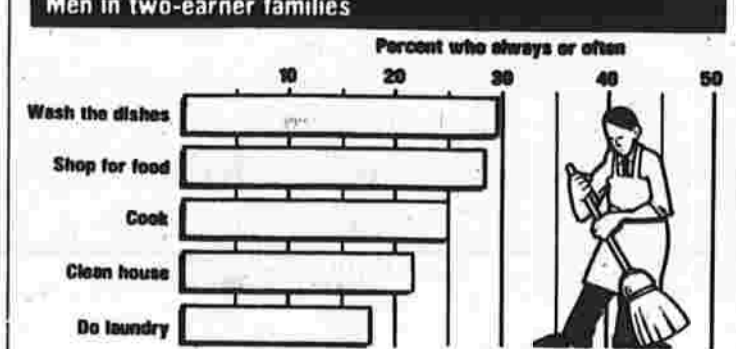
DEAR READER: Bipolar affective disorders are the same thing as manic-depressive illness, in which a patient alternates between crushing depression and euphoria. The weakness and lack of coordination is a chemical abnormality within the brain.

Lithium affects the metabolism of brain substances called catecholamines. Although its precise role in alleviating the euphoria of bipolar disorders is unknown, the drug works well and has become a mainstay of psychiatrists' treat-

ment of manic illness. Sinequan, an anti-anxiety agent and antidepressant, is extremely useful therapy for severe depression. Hence, lithium and Sinequan (doxepin) usually work well together in treating the emotional roller-coaster of bipolar disorders.

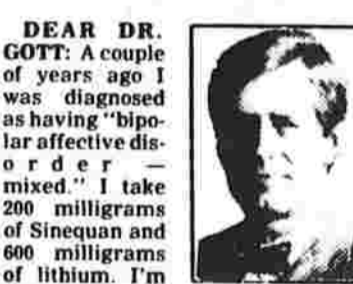
Unfortunately, one of the earliest signs of lithium toxicity is muscular weakness and lack of coordination. This may progress to giddiness and stumbling gait. Sinequan has also been reported to cause loss of coordination and difficulty walking. Therefore, in my opinion, either of your medicines could be causing your symptoms — although lithium is the most likely culprit. I doubt that your muscle jerks are

Household Chores



Even women who work full time outside the home still do almost all the household cleaning, cooking and other chores traditionally done by women, according to a survey of 5,000 households by the Conference Board.

Medicine may be the culprit



Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: The lymph node under my left armpit is much larger than the one on the right. Now one has turned dark. I'm 30; should I see a doctor?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt, swollen lymph glands can indicate chronic infection or serious diseases, such as cancer. The fact that the lump under your arm is darkening can be an ominous warning. See a doctor immediately.

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the result of your emotional illness. Explain your symptoms and concerns to your doctor. He or she will probably obtain a blood test to determine the lithium level in your body. If you have too much, the dose of medicine must be reduced. If the level is normal, the physician will surely adjust your medication schedule so that your unpleasant muscle twitches will be relieved.

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Town softball tournament play swings into action

Town slow pitch softball playoff action got under way Wednesday night with doubleheaders played at three sites. In the 'A' Division tournament over at Robertson Park, Glenn Construction bombed Gentle Touch Car Wash, 15-4, and Brand Rex did all its scoring in the first two innings for a 7-4 win over Zembrowski's All-Stars. In the 'B' Division tournament at Fitzgerald Field, Bray Jewelers downed Coach's Corner, 12-8, and Manchester Pizza outlasted Mark Company, 11-8. And in the 'C' Division play at Pagan Field, Gibson's Gym out-muscled Thrillville Package Store, 7-0, and Newville Nine erupted for six runs in the sixth inning for a 6-4 decision over Memorial Corner.

The double elimination play resumes tonight with three double-

headers on tap. 'A' Division: Bill Myers ripped four hits, Rich Marsh three and Jim Flaherty, Jim Grimes, Dave White and Jim Loos two apiece in Gibson's 19-hit attack. Ed White, Jon Dennis and Frank Livingston each roped three hits and Butch Kinney two apiece and John Handfield two apiece for Gentle Touch, which blasted two homers. Dan Sitek added another four-bagger and Don Sumiaski socked two hits for Brand Rex. Scott Susko and John Taylor had three and two hits, respectively, for Zembrowski's. 'B' Division: Harold Hood had three hits, Mark Anderson socked a two-run homer

and single and Wayne Bray, Chip Lorie and Bruce Bray added two hits apiece for Bray's. Mark Mistrutto, Bill Silver and Bill Finnegan had two hits apiece for Coach's. Don Greenwood had four hits, Keith Lindstrom three and Tom Rooney, Kevin Morse and Ted Clifford two apiece for Pizza. Richie Holmes drilled three hits and Mike Zotta Sr. and Paul Madore two apiece for MAK.

'C' Division: Ken Delver and Paul Hart had two hits apiece to pace Gibson's while Mark St. Jean and Al Horvath had two apiece for Thrillville's. Bill Bickford, Bob Wilson, Bob Denten and Dave Steers each had two hits for Mudville while Chuck Huntington collected two safeties for Memorial.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

American League standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	65	46	.586	0
Detroit	65	46	.586	1 1/2
New York	59	52	.529	7 1/2
Milwaukee	59	52	.529	8 1/2
Boston	51	60	.458	15 1/2
Baltimore	51	60	.458	17
Cleveland	31	80	.279	34 1/2

National League standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	65	46	.586	0
Montreal	62	51	.549	7
Chicago	57	57	.500	12 1/2
Pittsburgh	57	57	.500	13 1/2

Baseball

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	45	67	.401	0
California	38	74	.339	7 1/2
Los Angeles	37	75	.329	8 1/2
Oakland	37	75	.329	9 1/2
Seattle	36	76	.319	10 1/2
San Diego	36	76	.319	11 1/2
Chicago	25	87	.220	15 1/2

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Senior Girls' Fast Pitch champs



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Imperfect Darling of winning streak for the Mets

NL Roundup

NEW YORK — After his losing streak in early July, Ron Darling, who retired after July 10, returned to the Mets' rotation Wednesday. The calculations made him the "perfect" pitcher to start the season. "I didn't stop what I was doing. I was looking at something like 5.14," he said Wednesday after pitching the New York Mets to a 4-2 victory over the Montreal Expos.

So he stopped. He stopped trying to throw the "perfect" pitcher, stopped trying to "carry" an injury-depleted pitching staff and stopped thinking that things would never go his way.

Darling, who won his fifth straight start, is 7-1 with a 3.07 earned run average since breaking his streak. The victory raised his overall record to 7-7 and lowered his ERA to 4.33.

"I was walking out and struck out eight before being relieved by Roger McDowell, who retired after five batters he faced for his 17th save. "It's all aggressiveness," Darling said after allowing six hits in 7-3 innings. "Mechanically, I was always fine."

Mets Manager Davey Johnson says Darling's confidence has grown. "He now thinks that he's going to make good pitches, and that's what he's doing," Johnson said. "He's got good rhythm right now."

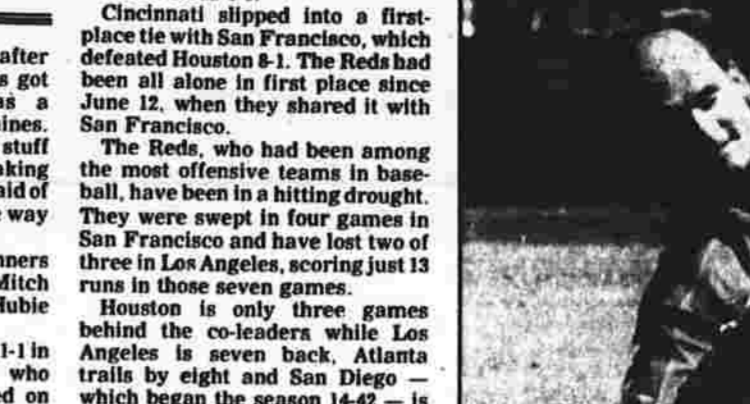
"I don't think a negative thought pops into his head. Before, he was saying to himself, 'What's going to happen to me now,' and if you remember back to back, he's not really very pretty for him. It's all state of mind."

In the first seven innings, Darling allowed only three runs — two by losing pitcher Bob Ojeda — and a run in the third on Tom Foley's run-scoring ground out. But Darling was used in this unique event. Under the format, an eagle is worth five points, a birdie two points, par zero, bogey minus-1 and double bogey minus-3.

"I haven't had many good rounds this year," Nicklaus said. "It's nice to have one. I don't know if it was my best round score-wise, but I played the way I played. I played confidently."

It was his best score-wise, too — a 5-under-par 67. He ran off five birdies on the back nine and easily made it to Friday's second round. Half of the field of 162 tied Wednesday, and the other half was scheduled to start play today. The top 39 players from both days will move on to Friday.

Montreal pitcher Bob Sebra misses the inning of their game Wednesday at Shea Stadium. The Mets won, 4-2.



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Nicklaus makes noise at International tournament

NEW YORK — Jack Nicklaus made noise at the International Golf tournament Wednesday, claiming a hole-in-one on the 162nd hole of the modified Stableford scoring system.

Nicklaus, architect of the demanding Castle Pines layout, insisted it is no advantage to play on a course he designed. "It's probably a negative," he said. "I know too much. I know where everything is. I know what's going to happen."

Chip Beck led Wednesday's players with 13 points on a medal score of 66. He won \$10,000 in "day money."

Nicklaus and Dick Mast, who tied at 12 points, earned \$2,250 apiece. Seven players were on the bubble Wednesday. They all had four cards and went into a playoff for the final spot among the 39 qualifiers.

Samuel's slam off Ed Lynch, 1-7, was his 22nd home run of the season, breaking the Phillies' record for home runs by a second baseman set by Grady Hamner in 1953.

Von Hayes hit his 18th homer for Philadelphia, which won its fourth straight game. Jeff Calhoun, 1-1, got the victory.

Smith, 12-6, struck out five and walked four in his sixth complete game.

Juan Samuel's grand slam broke a 7-7 tie in the seventh inning and won the game for the Phillies over Chicago.

Samuel, who also tripled, drove in five runs. He became the first player ever to reach double figures in doubles, triples, home runs and stolen bases in each of his first four seasons.

Sports In Brief

DeNicolò ties for ninth place

MANCHESTER — Manchester Country Club golf pro Ralph DeNicolò tied Tuesday for ninth place at the \$25,000 Michelob Golf Classic at Mill River Country Club. DeNicolò had rounds of 72-69-72 for a 213 total to take home a check for \$1,083 out of the total purse.

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HARTFORD — The broken arm suffered by Hartford Whaler left wing was caused by a two-handed slash from Philadelphia Flyer goalie Ron Hextal, Turgeon said Wednesday.

NBA talks on hold for a month

NEW YORK — Contract talks between the NBA and the players association have been on hold for nearly a month after the two sides reached a stalemate over the union's demands that free agency be expanded.

Transactions

BOSTON RED SOX — Announced that Dennis "Doc" Gooden, pitcher, will miss the season because of a torn ligament in his right elbow.

Back to return to the Rangers

NEW YORK — New York Rangers defenseman Barry Beck, who sat out last season with injuries and because of differences with Coach Ted Sator, has agreed to a new contract and will rejoin the team next month, the Rangers said Wednesday.

American sets world swim mark

BRISBANE, Australia — American Tom Jager Thursday set a world record in 50 meter freestyle at the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships today, winning the event in 22.32 seconds.

Radio, TV

TODAY — Mets of Cubs, SportsCenter, 10-11 p.m. — Golf: International Classic, 4 p.m. — Tennis: Canadian Open, 10-10:30 p.m. — Motorsports: USAF, 10-11 p.m.

Volleyball loss spools marvelous day for U.S.

Pan Am Games

INDIANAPOLIS — On the softball and baseball fields, U.S. teams romped at the Pan American Games.

On the volleyball court, it was another story Wednesday as Brazil stunned the defending U.S. Olympic and Olympic champion American squad 3-2, dealing the U.S. its first team loss of any kind at the games.

The U.S. continued to hold a big lead in medals. At the end of Wednesday's competition, Americans had won 158 medals, including 64 golds and 48 silvers. Cuba was second with 89 medals, including 45 golds and 25 silvers.

Basketball

The U.S. women, eager to get off to a good start, ripped Peru with Teresa Edwards of Georgia, Alan Scott of Mississippi, Clarissa Davis of Texas and Cynthia Cooper of Southern California scoring 14 points each.

Track and field

Brazil's Joaquim Cruz, the 1984 Olympic 800-meter champion, out-kicked Jim Spivey of the United States and won the men's 1,500-meter in 3 minutes 47.34 seconds, the fastest winning time in the Pan Am Games since 1959.

Softball

In three games, the U.S. women's team has allowed only one hit and a walk and no runs. "Every game we catch up to the men's team," catcher Suzy Brazney of Long Beach, Calif. said. "I think this is the best team ever put together. It's complete — pitching, fielding, running and hitting."

Cycling

The heavily favored U.S. men's team, which won six gold medals at the 1983 Pan Am Games, was without a first-place finish after two of seven cycling events. Canada's Ken Harrett won the men's 100-kilometer time trial, beating Gene Samuel of Trinidad and Leonard Harvey Nitz of the United States.

Wrestling

Americans Chris Catalfo, Duane Koslowitz and David Butler won gold medals in Greco-Roman wrestling, but the U.S. came away short of the five golds it had hoped to win. Cuba won seven gold medals, losing only the 165 pounds, 180-pound and super heavyweight.

Charger owner threatening to trade Dan Fouts

NFL Camps

INDIANAPOLIS — Chargers owner Tom Donahoe is threatening to trade the 15-year veteran because he would accept a \$1-million salary offer for this season.

Spanos said Wednesday that Fouts had rejected an offer that would have raised his salary by \$250,000.

"I don't want to comment on what Mr. Spanos said," Fouts told a reporter Wednesday night. "I don't want to be traded. That's why I'm here."

Fouts, 36, who has played for the Chargers his entire career, is second on the all-time NFL passing list, with 40,425 career yards. He is suffering from a lower back strain and has been forced to light throw in practice.

Signing up

Green Bay Packers quarterback Randy Wright, ending a 15-day training camp holdout, says he is behind the team's other quarterbacks.

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