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L'Ambiance penalties \$5.11 million

By Christopher Callahan
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A jacking system used to lift concrete floor slabs into place triggered the April collapse of a half-built Bridgeport, Conn., apartment complex that killed 28 workers, the government said today in announcing a record \$5.11 million in penalties against contractors.

John A. Pendergrass, assistant secretary of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said the six-month investigation revealed "a serious disregard for

Bridgeport officials and victims of the L'Ambiance Plaza collapse are disturbed by findings that fundamental safety practices could have prevented the tragedy.
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basic fundamental engineering practices, a factor directly related to the cause of collapse."

The National Bureau of Standards concluded that L'Ambiance Plaza collapsed as workers were lifting three concrete slabs into place on the ninth, tenth and eleventh floors of the building's west tower on April 23.

A rod connected to a hydraulic jack atop a steel column slipped out of a U-shaped opening in a steel bracket that was embedded in the ninth-floor slab and used to hoist the floor into position, according to a National Bureau of Standards report.

Federal researchers said the load placed on one of the jacks caused

the steel collar to bend. The jack rod slipped out, allowing the three slabs to fall and triggering a chain reaction that brought both wings of the 13-story structure down in a matter of seconds, they said.

"We found obvious design deficiencies in a listing system that could have been easily detected with an engineering analysis, but this was not done even after the system failed on two occasions prior to the L'Ambiance collapse," Pendergrass said.

"Furthermore, we found a pattern of sloppy construction practices throughout the project and an

overall sense of employer complacency for essential workplace safety considerations," he said.

Bridgeport Mayor Thomas Buccell said he was "terribly upset with the behavior (of the contractors) as determined by OSHA. ... An ounce of pre caution would have prevented this catastrophe."

The \$5.11 million in total fines is the highest ever proposed as the result of a single incident.

OSHA, which worked with the bureau on the investigation, cited Texstar Construction Corp. of San Antonio, Texas, with 238 instances of alleged willful violations of

federal safety standards. The company was fined a total of \$2.52 million, the second-largest ever proposed against a single company. It was the contractor that carried out the so-called lift-slab construction method.

TPMI-Macomber, the primary contractor and project manager, was cited for identical violations because it was contractually responsible for overall health and safety at the site, OSHA said. It was fined a total of \$2.48 million.

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Stock markets remain wobbly

By Peter Coy
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks seesawed violently today after falling sharply in Europe, reflecting persistent anxiety about financial markets that are still wobbly from the historic collapse earlier this week.

The key Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks careened 140 points lower in the first hour of U.S. trading as sell orders swamped buyers on the New York Stock Exchange, but then the average regained 100 points and stood at 1,980.50, down 47.25 by 11 a.m.

The wild swing in prices came three days after the stunning decline that erased 508 points from the Dow average and more than a half-trillion dollars from U.S. stocks in Wall Street's worst crisis since the Crash of 1929.

Brokers attributed part of the this morning's early decline to a wholesale migration into the bond market by panicky investors who wanted to put their money in a relatively safe place. Bond prices jumped as a result.

Some brokers saw some hope in the announcement that several major U.S. banks dropped their prime lending rate from 9.25 percent to 9 percent. Lower borrowing costs historically have been welcomed by Wall Street.

The decline in the United States followed a sharp drop in London stock prices this morning.

Stock prices in Tokyo finished today's session higher, but well off their high point of the day. Later, in London, stock prices tumbled, and the key Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index was off 153 points to 1,374.3, wiping out its record one-day gain of 142.2 points.

The money pouring into the government securities market pushed down yields sharply. The yield on the three-month Treasury bill fell to 5.1 percent by midmorning, down from 5.64 percent late Wednesday, and the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond fell to 9.1 percent from 9.45 percent.

The stock volatility indicated persistent nervousness among investors about the health of the world economy following the panic that began Monday and erased more than \$1 trillion worth of stock value in 24 hours.

The New York Stock Exchange today continued to restrict computerized program trading, which has been blamed for wild swings in prices.

The Dow Jones industrial average posted its biggest one-day point gain on Wednesday, rising to 2,027.85, but the rally failed to sustain itself as trading moved to foreign markets.

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The loss of momentum seemed to reflect continued nervousness among investors about the health of the world economy following the panic that began Monday and wiped out more than \$1 trillion worth of stocks' value in a 24-hour period.

In Tokyo, the 225-share Nikkei stock average was up nearly 730 points at midday but gave up ground to close up 457.05 points at 24,404.45. One day earlier, the average had a record single-day gain of more than 2,000 points.

Stock prices were down at midday on the London Stock Exchange after seesawing earlier in the session. The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index was down 119.4 at 1,407.9 after having risen about 16 points.

On Wednesday, the index rose a record 142.2 points.

The yield on the three-month Treasury bill fell to 5.34 percent as

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Major banks lowered their prime lending rates by a quarter percentage point today to 9 percent.

At the request of the New York Stock Exchange, a number of major Wall Street firms today halted program trading for their own accounts.

The Federal Reserve ability to create money is helping propel the stock market's rebound and giving Chairman Alan Greenspan a crucial first test.

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ERNEST BRAINARD
... resisting panic

By Brent Laymon
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Ernest T. Brainard, at 97 perhaps the nation's oldest active stockbroker, was his usual unflappable self as the switchboard at his brokerage house lit up with calls from jittery customers.

Brainard, who has seen his share of stock panics during his 67 years as a broker, insists the economy is strong and is advising his clients to resist panic and hold onto their stocks.

"It's pretty hard to tell some people — they get panicky or nervous," Brainard said Wednesday,

Ventriloquist Judy Buch of Southington performs with Charlie, a clown who can't read, Wednesday morning at Bolton Elementary School. Buch and her

Poet wins Nobel in literature

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Russian-American poet Joseph Brodsky, a former Soviet labor camp inmate who gained world renown after he was forced into exile, won the Nobel Prize in literature today.

The Swedish Academy cited Brodsky's writing for its "great breadth in time and space." It called his work "rich and intensely vital."

Brodsky, 47, is one of the youngest writers ever awarded the world's most prestigious literature prize. He writes in both Russian and English and is now a U.S. citizen living in New York.

Czeslaw Milosz, the 1980 Nobel laureate, hailed Brodsky as a major poet whose "strong presence ... has needed less than a decade to establish itself in world poetry." The Polish-born Milosz, also a naturalized U.S. citizen, was the last American to win the prize.

W.H. Auden, Brodsky's informal sponsor when the Russian arrived in the West 15 years ago, called him a "poet of the first order" and "a traditionalist ... interested in what lyric poets of all ages have been interested in ... encounters with nature ... reflections upon the human condition, death and the meaning of existence."

Never a political dissident, Brodsky was forced to leave the Soviet Union in 1972 after authorities accused him of being a social parasite. He was visiting London when the prize was announced.

The poet underwent open-heart surgery in 1979, and British friends said he was in frail health.

Brodsky is a lecturer and poet in residence at several universities. The Academy cited his 1986 work, "History of the Twentieth Century" for its "tone of rallery and parody, written with a quite amazing mastery of the English idiom."

Brodsky became a U.S. citizen in 1977.

Talking heads

puppets perform using three topics: the importance of reading, the exploration of America's ethnic heritage, and the dangers of drugs.



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Hall empty for forum on bonding

By Nancy Conzelmann
Herald Reporter

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, the Knights of Columbus Lodge at 138 Main St. was ready.

The podium and microphone were in place, and 72 chairs were set up for the 7:30 informational forum on the bonding issue for the Mall at Buckland Hills.

At 7:15, one person sat near the back of the hall.

At 7:30, Mayor Barbara B. Weinberg walked into a hall containing six people and two Knights of Columbus representatives. The site plan for the mall was unfolded, and at 8 p.m. Weinberg was ready to address 11 people. One backed the bond issue; the rest opposed it.

Edward Boland, a Knights of Columbus member, said he thought the turnout would be better. "I guess anybody who wants to know about the mall knows about it by now."

"There have been a lot of opportunities to hear about it," Weinberg said. "It's always a fine line. How do you define how much information is enough?"

So Weinberg began her explanation of the bonding, along with Ronald Osella, a Republican candidate for the Board of Directors, and Town Director Peter P. DiRosa Jr., who came in later. Director Geoffrey Naab, also scheduled to appear, was in Philadelphia, Weinberg said.

"We are a small group, so maybe we can have some give and take," Weinberg said. "Some of you may want to leave early and save your fire and questions for Tuesday." A presentation on the bonding issue to the Manchester Property Owners Association is scheduled Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Whiton Memorial Library.

The issue of higher taxes dominated the discussion. "You can give us this song and dance about the fact that we're not paying for it but we are paying for it," said Russell Smyth of 48 Strawberry Lane.

"We're going to be paying out a hell of a lot of dollars before we put one in," said George Marlow. "We as a community do not back these bonds one iota." DiRosa argued. "The best part of this discussion is that you can have your opinion and I can have mine, but we can all vote Nov. 3," he said.

The one proponent of the mall raised his voice. "I'm sick of all this up and down and over. We ought to just get the thing done, get something the town of Manchester can be proud of," the man said.

An hour later, the forum was over. Ronald West of 85 W. Vernon St., was surprised at the small turnout. "I don't understand it. I thought people would care," he said. "I guess people are just ready to vote."

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Candidate Profiles

Weinberg: Mayor is no figurehead

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Herald Reporter

Some see Manchester's mayor as a figurehead. But not Democratic town Director Barbara B. Weinberg, who was named to that post by her fellow directors after garnering the largest number of votes in the 1983 and 1985 elections.



BARBARA WEINBERG seeks fifth term

Weinberg, 51, is seeking her fifth two-year term on the Board of Directors. She said her daily contact with residents and city council members is more than just ceremonial. It has kept her in touch with the wants and needs of the town.

On a recent afternoon, Weinberg spoke to a group of blind students at the Regional Occupational Training Center, a regional school for the mentally retarded. The visit made a strong impression on one of the students. The student "thought it was significant that a mayor would come to see them," Weinberg said.

She said the fact that she took the time out from her job as a real estate agent to make such a visit says a lot about her dedication to the community.

"You wouldn't have to do it. You could be busy," she said.

Asked about her accomplishments while serving on the Board of Directors, Weinberg rattles off a number of items, including planned assessments on the apartment conversions in the Cheney Bros. mill area. She credits that program with helping to revitalize the mill district.

In the next two years Weinberg wants to keep tabs on development in the New State Road area to ensure that the aquifer is protected. She also wants to look into whether a new study of fire services in the town needs to be conducted, and whether some of the town fire equipment needs to be replaced.

Other priorities are sidewalks and roads (she believes \$50,000 to \$100,000 should be allocated yearly for repair) and maintenance of open space in town.

"We need to be aware of the 'City of Village Charm.' And, as the city grows, we need to keep greenness — both passive and active —

available to our citizens," she said. In line with her concern about open space in the town, she questioned the Democrats' commitment to the park's upkeep in light of their rejection of a proposal in this year's budget for a \$50,000 study. But Weinberg said the Democrats turned down the proposal, which was made by Town Manager Robert B. Weiss, because it was already clear what improvements had to be carried out.

Republicans have also been vocal about the fact that their alternate budget, which they say would have resulted in a savings to taxpayers of about one mill, was not given serious consideration by the Democratic majority. But Weinberg makes light of the charge, saying that it is easy for the Republicans to grandstand. She said Democrats have to be more careful about their grandstanding "because you might carry the day."

Weinberg said that though the alternate budget would have resulted in a slightly lower tax rate, it would have meant cutting \$300,000 of contingency money for waste-disposal costs in the event the town landfill is closed.

Weinberg also makes light of Republican charges that the Democrats' 16 years as the majority party have hurt Manchester. Though the Democrats have stayed in control, membership on the Democratic side has been constantly changing, she said.

Like the other Democratic candidates, Weinberg favors a "yes"

vote on each of the referendum questions. She said the proposed agreement between the town and the Eighth Utilities District, if approved by voters, will make it easier for the town to plan for future sewer expansion.

"I think it's about time that we come together as a community and put aside the hostility that has gone on too long. And I think that this will help to create this atmosphere of harmony," she said.

Weinberg said that because a shopping mall is going to be built East of the River, the mall ought to be built in Manchester so the town can reap the tax benefits. She said the directors did not originally seek voter approval for bonding for improvements around the proposed Mall at Buckland Hills because of the light of other charges.

She pointed out that the bonds will be paid off by the mall development, and that the decisions leading up to approval of the bonding arrangement were made publicly and were covered by the press.

Weinberg said she will hold off taking a position on whether the town should establish a fair-rent commission. She said she first wants to see the report prepared by a director-appointed study committee and meet with the committee members.

A past president of the Manchester Board of Realtors Inc., Weinberg is the owner of B/W Realty. She and her husband, Stanley Weinberg, live at 157 Phikis St. They have two adult children.

Connecticut In Brief
Ohio firm interested in Compounce

BRISTOL — An Ohio company that owns one of the country's top rated tourist attractions has expressed an interest in buying the Lake Compounce theme park in Bristol, officials say. Federal officials, who spoke on the condition they remain anonymous, identified the interested company as Cedar Fair Ltd. Partnerships, which runs a 365-acre park on the shores of Lake Erie that has been rated the No. 4 tourist attraction in the United States.

Cedar Fair, based in Sandusky, Ohio, also operates a turn-of-the-century theme park in Shakopee, Minn., which it took over from private owners in 1978, officials told The Hartford Courant on Wednesday.

The Pennsylvania-based Hershey Entertainment and Resort Co. announced earlier this month that it would cease operations at the Bristol park after only 1 1/2 seasons.

GM faces suit over 'lemon law'

HARTFORD — Connecticut is suing General Motors Corp. for two alleged violations of the state's "lemon law," which requires refunds or replacements to new-car buyers who find themselves stuck with chronically defective automobiles.

Attorney General Joseph I. Lieberman and Consumer Protection Commissioner Mary M. Heslin said the buyers had gone through the arbitration process, as required by law, and that GM had been ordered to either give them refunds or new cars.

So far, GM has not complied, according to Lieberman and Heslin. "Anything short of that is not enough," he said. "We hope this lawsuit sends a message to all automobile manufacturers." Lieberman said. "Our law is clear and simple. If you buy a new car and it's a lemon, you deserve to have it replaced or you should get a refund."

The suit was filed this week in Hartford Superior Court on behalf of Sandra Carney of Hebron, who bought her 1986 Chevrolet Cavalier in Bristol in August 1985, and Conrad Holmberg of Chester, Mass., who bought a new 1985 Pontiac 6000 in January 1985 in East Hampton.

Plea change ends manslaughter trial

DANBURY — The manslaughter trial of 17-year-old John Saputo has ended following the youth's change of plea to no contest in the beating death of another Newtown teenager last year.

The move in Danbury Superior Court Tuesday came as the state agreed to recommend a 10-year prison sentence, to be suspended after four years, plus five years of probation. A no-contest plea is not an admission of guilt, but results in an automatic conviction.

Saputo faced up to 20 years in prison if convicted on the first-degree manslaughter charge in the death of 17-year-old Timothy Dalton on Nov. 15, 1986.

The plea bargain reached by Saputo's lawyer, Howard Owens and Assistant State's Attorney John Whelan, came on the third day of Saputo's manslaughter trial.

Man struck and killed by train

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — An unidentified man was struck and killed Wednesday by a north-bound Metro-North commuter train just outside the Mamaroneck station.

The man was hit at about 8:10 p.m. on the tracks about a half mile east of the Mamaroneck Station, according to Susan Gilbert, spokeswoman for the railroad. She said the victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

The man was hit by the 5:32 p.m. train out of Grand Central Station that was due in South Norwalk, Conn. at 6:57 p.m.

Pequots remember massacre of 1637

LEDYARD (AP) — Descendants of the few Pequot Indians who survived a 1637 massacre and were not sold into slavery will pause this weekend to remember a time when their ancestors ruled the region.

Beginning today, scholars, historians, archaeologists and anthropologists from across the United States will gather for a three-day conference sponsored by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Council.

"We view history as a tool to learn for the future. We want to help teach so that ... we don't make the same mistakes," Tribal Council Chairman Richard A. Hayward said Wednesday.

The Pequots were the foremost of dozens of Indian tribes that traded furs along the Connecticut River basin with the Dutch and English colonists in the years before the massacre. Their territory stretched from Hiantic Bay to Westport, R.I.

Antagonism developed over "some bad fur deals," Hayward said. "Not all of the trades went bad, but there were a couple of instances where there were murders and it escalated to the point of war."

With increasing hostilities taking place with the early colonists, the Pequots had built fortifications along the river, and poles with pointed tops, to protect their villages. Hayward said.

In the pre-dawn hours of June 5, 1637, a small English army along with several hundred Mohican and Narragansett Indian allies attacked the Pequots' stockade in what is now the Mystic section of Groton.

About 700 men, women and children were supposedly killed that morning. Most of the remaining Pequots fled or were chased from the area ... there was a bounty on Pequot scalps for quite some time afterward," Hayward said.

Later that month, Sassacus, the chief of the Pequot, and his warriors were captured. Many of the remaining Pequots were sold into slavery in Bermuda during the war.

Thirty years later, the Mashantucket Pequot reservation was established in Ledyard where it remains today. Hayward said it was among the earliest reservations and helped form a colony policy of dealing with Indians that rapidly spread across the country.

"A lot of things have happened since this reservation was established in 1667. We'd like to bring people up to date with what the Pequots have been doing in the last 300 years," said Hayward, one of the conference's main speakers.

The conference will commence with a walking tour of the Mashantucket Pequot reservation and continue Friday and Saturday at the tribe's high-stakes bingo hall and at the Norwich Sheraton Hotel, where scholars and historians will make presentations.

Meachum wants to add health staff
Correction chief's request follows death of inmate in cell

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Less than a week after an inmate was found dead of pneumonia in his cell, Correction Commissioner Larry R. Meachum says he is asking for more than 130 health-care staffers in his next budget.

Meachum also told reporters on Wednesday that he expects to ask the National Institute of Corrections to examine the system's health-care services and make recommendations for improvement.

The commissioner, on the job for just three weeks, acknowledged that the Morgan Street jail in Hartford, where the inmate died, was "not desirable," but he ruled out closing it because he has no place to send its inmates.

Some \$300 million has been set aside for new facilities that will provide 2,000 more beds in the system over the next five years. Right now, he said "we've got a stick-your-finger-in-the-dike mentality. We cannot build fast enough."

The strongest option, he said, is sending more inmates back into society through community-based training and rehabilitation programs. He said his 1988-89 budget includes a request for \$34,000 — a 50 percent increase over this year — for community-based programs.

He said the Morgan Street facility has "serious sanitation problems and serious crowding problems," adding that it is "not a place that would be easy to work in" and "not a place where I would want my child incarcerated."

He said some inmates sleep on the floor there — and in other facilities — and other floors are covered with papers to absorb water from leaking pipes.

Meachum said 13,000 offenders pass through the facility each year, some for only a day or two, others for a month or more.

He said the death of Nathaniel Grisetette, 30, had helped focus attention on the problem of health-care services in jails and prisons. An autopsy showed that Grisetette probably had pneumonia when he was examined by a jail doctor five days before he was found dead.

Meachum said Grisetette remained the subject of an internal investigation being conducted by his agency and the state police and an inquiry by the Connecticut Professional Review Organization.

"That agency is also being asked for advice on improving health care in the correction system. Another inmate in the custody of Morgan Street officials, Robert Jones, 49, died in May of pneumonia and pulmonary emphysema, a chronic lung disease, in Hartford Hospital."

"A man is not supposed to die of pneumonia in 1987 — especially in a state prison system," said John Brittain, a professor of law at the University of Connecticut. "It raises the broader civil rights question."

Brittain, who serves on the board of the American Civil Liberties Union's National Prison Project, said the Morgan Street jail operated by the state "borders on an unfit institution."

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DellaFera known for speaking out

By Andrew J. Davis
Herald Reporter

Gloria D. DellaFera likes to speak her mind. An executive administrative secretary for the Travelers Insurance Co. of Hartford, DellaFera, a Republican, has made her opinions known on previous stints with the town Board of Directors and Board of Education.

She now wants a second chance to secure a position with the school board. She was a school board member from 1983 to 1986.

"I was a board member, but I gave it up," she said. "I was very foolish. I listened to people who told me to run for the Board of Directors." She was a member of the Board of Directors from 1979 to 1981, and lost during her second bid for the directors in 1985.

DellaFera, 65, was born and raised in Manchester. She is now treasurer of the Cheney Hall Foundation.

During her term on the school board, DellaFera made her opinions known. She spoke up against the closing of Highland Park School and against allowing Manchester developer Paul P. Flano to do grading work on Manchester High School property. Flano asked the board for permission to do the work to alleviate drainage problems at his subdivision off Summit Street.

Recently, the board's long-range planning committee has discussed re-opening Highland Park School. The school board also has discussed suing Flano for not properly restoring a fence behind the school after completing the grading work.

But being able to say "I told you so" is not the reason why DellaFera wants to return to the board. She says she wants to influence the lives of Manchester children.

She said she would like to see more discipline in the classrooms. She also wants to see students have more of a sense of responsibility and do less swearing.

"It's a matter of self-respect. What frightens me is that it (abusive language) is so accepted," she said.

She said one of the most important things a school system can do is to encourage children to try their hardest. Only when someone has tried their best has that person given the most they can, she said.

"If you can make somebody believe that you believe in them, you can work miracles," she said. "It might sound old-fashioned, but I believe in encouraging kids all the time. I believe some of the kids



GLORIA DELLAFERA speaks out

don't get encouragement at home. Kids need supervision and discipline. That sense of commitment was passed on to her, she said, from her mother, Anna. Anna DellaFera raised her daughter and the rest of her family after her husband, Felix, died. DellaFera said her mother was the biggest influence in her life.

"That influence has helped DellaFera throughout her life. Her mother was the one who told her daughter never to stop trying.

DellaFera has never stopped thinking of new ways to improve education. One concrete idea she would like to explore is going to a year-round school system. Though she has not worked out any specifics, she said the plan could save the district money in the long run because it costs less to keep the schools open throughout the year. Such a system is in the works now in Los Angeles and exists in Denver, Houston and San Diego, among others.

"At the risk of being hung in Central Park ... if it's proven to be somewhere else, you have to give it a try," she said. "It's an idea."

Such ideas are why DellaFera should sit once again on the school board, said Donald K. Kuehl, Republican town chairman.

"She has experience in government," he said. "She knows how the town is run."

Experiences notwithstanding, the single most important reason voters should pull the lever for DellaFera, she said, is her commitment to speaking her mind. She said that she will vote for what she believes in, no matter what the odds are.

"I've never been afraid to go against the tide," she said. "With all due respect to my Democratic friends, they tend to (not) do that."

I'm inclined to agree that they agree too readily with the administration. I see that nobody is taking anyone to task on that board. I've always resented that."

DellaFera has a reputation for speaking out. "I have a reputation for that. That's what I'm famous for. I'm only me," she said. "I'm not a lawyer and I don't have a husband in business in Manchester. I say what I think. You know how hard it is to stand alone. ... I only tell the truth."

DellaFera is single with no children. She lives at 60 Oak St.

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Appeal due in suit over malpractice

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A judge's decision that a relative cannot bring a malpractice suit for emotional damages in the death of a loved one will be appealed, a lawyer says.

"The question is whether Connecticut is going to allow this kind of recovery. It's something that should be decided by the Connecticut Supreme Court," Bridgeport attorney Richard Fuchs said Wednesday.

New Haven Superior Court Judge John C. Flanagan ruled on Oct. 5 that Connecticut law does not allow damages for the emotional distress of a relative who watches a family member sicken and die when malpractice is an issue.

"While the temptation is always present to provide a remedy to one who has suffered it is well established that the law cannot provide a remedy for every injury incurred," Flanagan wrote.

In the case of malpractice it is foreseeable that members of the patient's family, relatives or friends may experience emotional distress.

The ruling came in the case of Susan Maloney of Meriden, who sued two physicians and the Meriden-Wallingford Hospital over the 1980 death of her mother, Anita Maloney of Meriden. The estate of Anita Maloney also sued.

The estate's suit against one of the physicians was withdrawn. Flanagan said Wednesday that the estate has settled with Meriden-Wallingford Hospital and Dr. Michael Conroy for \$300,000.

Anita Maloney died at the age of 59 shortly after she had bowel surgery, according to court papers. The lawsuit claims Anita Maloney was not prepared properly for surgery and was not monitored properly after her operation.

Susan Maloney lived with her mother until Anita Maloney died, court papers said. The daughter claimed she should be awarded damages for her "great emotional and physical distress," which led to depression and to loss of sleep, appetite and weight, court documents said.

The daughter was 33 years old and self-employed at the time of her mother's death.

Flanagan also said that the physician and the hospital did not have a duty toward Susan Maloney in the treatment of her mother.

"Where there is no duty, there can be no actionable negligence," he wrote.

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White House reporters defend shouting questions at president

MERIDEN (AP) — The White House doesn't mind when reporters shout questions at President Reagan because it makes the media "look like jerks," two White House correspondents told Connecticut newspaper executives.

Shouting at the president "is what we've been forced to do because of the president's inaccessibility. Associated Press White House Correspondent Terrence Hunt said Wednesday.

Reagan has had just two news conferences this year — a third is planned Thursday — so reporters must question him when they can, during picture-taking ceremonies in the Oval Office and the Rose Garden, and as he heads to the helicopter for a weekend at Camp David, Hunt and United Press International White House Correspondent Norm Sandier said at Wednesday's autumn meeting of the Connecticut Daily Newspapers Association.

Because of the shouted questions and answers, the White House often finds itself issuing clarifications of Reagan's remarks soon afterward, Hunt said.

This week, for example, Reagan tried to reassure the public on the stock market crash and indicated he would include congressional

Democrats in a summit on the budget deficit and then indicated he might consider reversing his long-standing opposition to a tax increase.

White House spokesman Marvin Fitzwater said shortly afterward that "that was not the kind of summit he was talking about" and that there was no change in his stance on taxes.

Sandier said he frequently finds himself asking administration officials what Reagan meant and "whether he meant what he appeared to say."

He said the administration has "perfected the art of spin control — making sure that a story has the spin they want on it."

Hunt said that when pandemonium breaks out among reporters, such as happened during a recent briefing by Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz, "the White House is not at all that upset with scenes like that."

"It makes us look like jerks beating up on this genial president," Hunt said.

News conferences, said Sandier, "favor a president whose experience comes from Hollywood."

Sandier told the newspaper officials that covering the White House "is like being trapped in the locker room during a football game where you can hear the roar of the crowd, but you can't see what's going on."

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OPINION

Bolton has to accept new role

The unpleasant public argument in Bolton over whether a pay raise for the town's library director was really a pay raise at all, or in fact a cut in her hourly rate, is another symptom of the town's growing pains.

It brings to mind again the circumstances under which a conscientious Bolton building inspector found he could no longer function and took a position in Manchester.

The crux of the dispute over the pay of Joy Favretti, the town librarian, is not so much the annual dollar figure that represents her compensation, but the fictional work week that is attached to that salary.

The work week had been set, apparently for the formal record only, at 30 hours. Linked to it was a salary of \$19,033 annually. The salary was raised to \$22,138 a year and the fictional work week was increased to 35 hours, which comes out to 4 cents an hour less.

The truth appears to be that the librarian has worked much more than 30 or even 35 hours a week, and that Bolton's leaders as well as citizens of the community took the added service for granted.

At a meeting Tuesday, the Bolton selectmen declined to increase the salary, instead rescinding the 35-hour fiction and restoring the 30-hour fiction.

Selectman Lawrence Converse called it a matter of semantics, arguing that when the work week was 30 hours, Favretti gladly worked as much as 35 hours and would do so again if the clock were turned back.

But Favretti said, "I dislike having my gift of time taken for granted."

It appears Favretti and the Library Board, which supports Favretti's position, had a good deal of trouble getting a satisfactory response to their concerns until they forced an open discussion.

The informality and the easy assumption of citizen dedication that characterize small-town government can easily become abuses of conscientious employees when their tasks grow more complicated with population growth.

Bolton is beyond the point where it can assume that all the services its citizens want can be met out of the sheer good will of a smattering of community-minded people.



About that expanding hole in the ozone

Good news for sun bathers and other diurnal animals who crave the full force of solar power: The latest news from Antarctica is that the hole in the ozone layer in the sky covering that snowy place is bigger than ever before measured.

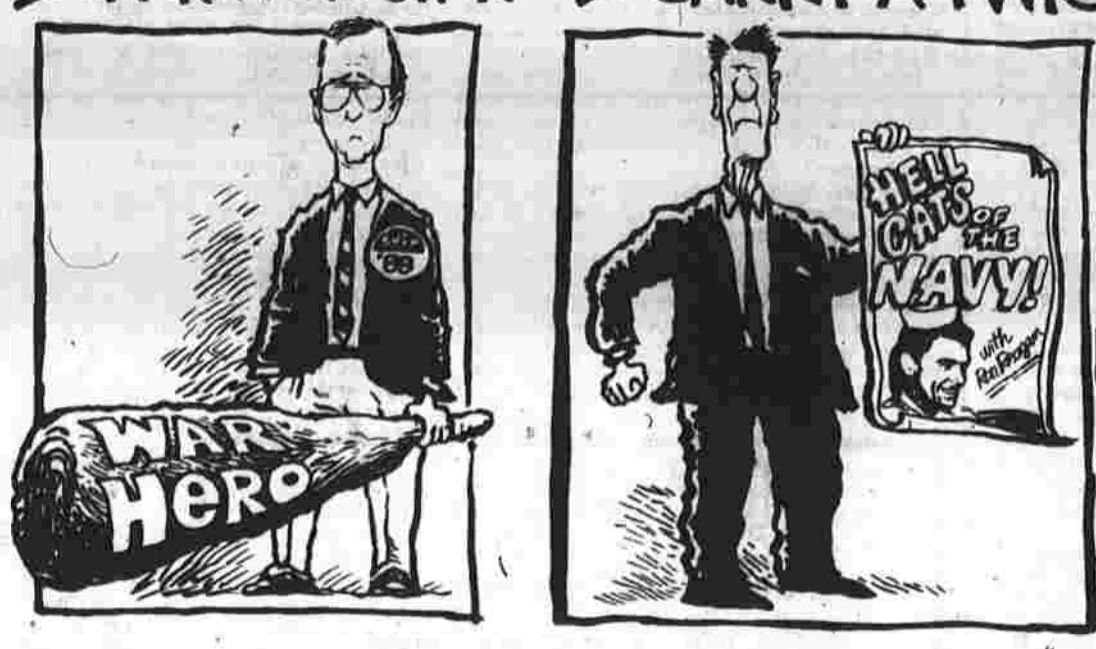
This finding by a team of American scientists suggests that the layer is being depleted elsewhere in the earth's atmosphere at accelerating rates. As the ozone layer disappears, getting a tan becomes progressively easier, the same for getting cancer as nature's protection against ultraviolet radiation is weakened.

For sun freaks like Ronald Reagan, this is welcome news. How it will be greeted by trees and plants and vegetation that we depend upon for our air and our food remains to be seen. With any luck at all, people over 45 won't have to worry because you won't live long enough to see the planet turned into a sun-bn salon. For younger folks, stay inside and listen to your Madonna records, while the scientists try to come up with something to keep you from looking like crisp bacon.

The destruction of the ozone layer is laid to the emission of the chlorofluorocarbon gases used in the industrially advanced nations for a variety of purposes ranging from refrigerators to underarm deodorants. An unratified agreement exists among 12 leading countries not to increase the use of these gases and perhaps, someday, leave them alone.

Any sense of urgency is missing from these negotiations, perhaps because the American government, at least, takes the position the cost-effective thing to do is wait until it is proven that the destruction of the ozone layer will harm our children not to use asbestos in the schools until we found out it will kill the kids when they hit

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Open Forum

Wonderful shows at the band shell

To the Editor:

A belated thank-you to Ralph Maccarone and his committee for all the wonderful performances given to us free of charge this summer at the Manchester Big Band Shell. My favorite was the Coast Guard Band.

I hope everyone shows their appreciation by attending the special benefit concert at Manchester High School this Friday, Oct. 23, with Peter Harvey as guest.

Beverly B. Burton
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Express thoughts on vets' hospital

To the Editor:

Approximately two years ago, Connecticut's general public started being informed of various conditions and discrepancies at the Rocky Hill Veterans Home and Hospital which were detrimental to the medical care and financial maintenance of veterans. The allegations included mismanagement and misappropriations of personal monies, chronic alcoholism among a majority of the residents, inappropriate care and the lack of facilities and programs.

The governor appointed three separate task forces to investigate these charges. The individual findings of these task forces supported these incriminations and suggested that changes were necessary for the good and welfare of these veterans. Subsequently, the governor appointed the Commission to Study the VHH, which in turn sought recommendations for the management and governing structure of Rocky Hill.

In public hearings, the results are recommendations of this

Deadline on campaign letters

Letters about candidates and issues in the Nov. 3 election will not be accepted after noon on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Letters should be brief and to the point. They should be typed or neatly handwritten, and, for ease in editing, should be double-spaced. Letters must be signed with name, address and daytime telephone number (for verification). The Herald reserves the right to edit letters in the interests of brevity, clarity and taste.

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study were presented to a bipartisan committee of the Connecticut Legislature. In essence, they advised placement of the Rocky Hill VHH within the governing authority of the commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs. In turn, two separate boards of trustees would be respectively responsible for health care and management.

Finally, an administrator of VHH accountable for the day-to-day administration of Rocky Hill. This proposal presents a clear line of authority and responsibility and accountability.

These hearings turned into a show of strength and shouting matches, both publicly and privately. The mission of the committee became lost in the arguments. The majority report came forth and just this past week, the minority report. At this point, the governor is studying all recommendations under advisement.

I do not pretend to argue with every separate and distinct line-item recommendation presented. I do, however, agree with the concept of placing VHH under jurisdiction of the Department of Veterans Affairs and associated delineation.

I am asking each veteran for two things: First, think about the situation as it exists today and what those conditions could be. With some foresight, the Rocky Hill VHH could become a true rehabilitation facility rather than a place to go and die. Reflect on your buddy, brother, comrade in

middle age?

Cost effectiveness must also be determined in terms of foreign competition. If we confine ourselves to using safe materials and manufacturing processes, and the Japanese stick to dangerous but cheaper methods, we're going to be beaten out again. You can't charge a nickel more for a product made by a process which doesn't injure or sicken the people who made it. Consumers won't pay for worker safety. And, bear in mind that the Orientals, according to hoary American folk belief, have a longer, healthier life span for human life than we pray-in-the-school Christian Americans do. If they're not going to protect their workers, we certainly can't afford to protect ours.

When they told us about the joys of free trade, this was an aspect not much touched on. Americans are getting used to being told that they can't have a raise because their counterparts in Osaka and Hong Kong aren't getting one; but here is another message — don't expect to live a healthy life, if the people overseas don't complain about the poisons, the toxic wastes, the acid rain storms, and the sickly life of people who aren't afraid to compete. The line between competition between nations and their economies and playing off nations and peoples against each other is a thin one.

The free trade bonus that goes along with a declining standard of living is that we lose the ability to protect our health. The joy of the expanding hole in the ozone, however, is that it affects free traders and protectionists alike. Let's hope our sun blockers are made in the USA.

Pump the food supply full of poisonous antibiotics, insecticides, herbicides and steroids, and investigate the hell out of people who complain. It's not cost effective to find out what's safe before you use it. For example, would it have been fair to our children not to use asbestos in the schools until we found out it will kill the kids when they hit

Jack Anderson

NRC keeping tight leash on investigators

WASHINGTON — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is supposed to keep a tight leash on the nuclear power industry to prevent safety lapses and corner-cutting that could lead to a Chernobyl-style disaster. Instead, the agency's industry-friendly commissioners have been keeping a tight leash on their own investigative bloodhounds.

In the process, the five commissioners have said one thing in public and another thing in private. They promised Sen. John Breaux, D-La., and Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., at a recent hearing that they would never, never do anything to block or interfere with the work of the NRC's Office of Investigations. The office and its 34 investigators are independent, they assured the senators.

Behind the closed doors, however, it was a different story. Our associate Stewart Harris obtained a transcript of the commissioners' private meeting last July 29. There, they suggested that the agency investigators should be "team players," not independent diggers who might make trouble for the NRC and the industry.

Ben Hayes, head of the Office of Investigations, had requested the executive session in hopes of clarifying the situation, in which his investigators feel they are being hampered by the commissioners and the NRC administrative staff. Hayes told the commissioners that his power to initiate investigations was meaningless as long as the commissioners retain the power to cut off the investigations at any time.

And that is precisely the power the commissioners intend to hold onto, as Commissioner Aldo Zech made perfectly clear. "Certainly, you have something to do with helping us determine whether we should proceed," he told Hayes, "but to say that you (have) the primary standing, really, I don't think is quite correct."

Victor Stello, the NRC staff director, chimed in with an assertion that the commissioners are the final arbiters when the agency staff opposes a probe by the Office of Investigations. "If ever there is a contest, really, I don't think it ought to be very often at all — have a short paper come up to the commission and you decide it," he said to his bosses.

"That sounds fine to me," said Zech. "I don't see anything wrong with that." Hayes and his deputy director, Roger Fortuna, saw plenty wrong with it. Hayes explained that without the power to continue an investigation, he lives in constant danger of having the rug pulled out from under him by the commission.

"That has a hell of a chilling effect," Fortuna told the commissioners. Commissioner Kenneth Carr, a firm opponent of an independent investigative office, was plainly offended by Hayes' request that he be allowed to operate without interference from the front office.

"It boils down to if Ben wants to be a team player, we'd like to know where you play on the team," Carr said. "Are you going to be an individual, or are you going to be the coach?"

The struggle over investigative independence has been going on for several years. During that time, the commissioners tried to put their own questions in approved and the mail is built. Manchester could be called a "City of Shopping Centers" instead of a "City of Village Charm."

The Office of Investigations would win its long-sought independence under one provision of legislation proposed by Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, setting up an inspector general for the NRC. But Breaux and Simpson claim Glenn is invading their legislative turf, and he may have to leave the Office of Investigations under the control of the commission to get his bill through. That means the NRC commissioners would still be able to damp down any incendiary tendencies of the agency's investigators.

Mini-editorial
Is Columbia University trying to destroy the very foundations of our society? Bad enough that its football team has set a new record for consecutive losses. Now the dean has forbidden a part-time business school professor (and full-time corporate raider) to give \$100,000 to any student who'll find a company for him to take over. Hall Columbia! Offending the nation's locks and the greed generation to boot. Ah, well, Columbia's Ivy League rivals can probably be counted on to maintain modern morality by striving for victory on the gridiron. In the executive suites — and in the criminal courts.

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New York stocks seesaw after sharp losses in Europe

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of 9 a.m., down from 5.64 percent late Wednesday, and the yield on the 90-day Treasury bill fell to 9.30 percent from 9.45 percent.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended Wednesday more than halfway back from Monday's historic 508-point collapse. The value of all U.S. stocks during Tuesday and Wednesday regained nearly half of Monday's \$55 billion paper

decline than during the Crash of 1929. "What happened in the market was a classic case of a financial panic," said Shaquiq Islam, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

Advancing issues outnumbered declining ones by a nearly 6-to-1 margin Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange in very heavy trading. On Tuesday, the Dow industrials gained but losers outnumbered gainers 5-to-2.

Stocks also gained on the American Stock Exchange and in the over-the-counter market, reversing sharp losses Monday and Tuesday.

"Today (Wednesday) it's a much broader rally. You're getting buying from all of the country and the world," said Peter DuPazo, head of stock trading for Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc.

Some of the money flowing into stocks had probably been in limbo after having been yanked out of the

stock market in the preceding days. DuPazo said. It takes five days to settle a transaction, he said.

Trading volume was 446.35 million shares, higher than any day except Monday and Tuesday, when daily volume surpassed 600 million shares.

On the London Stock Exchange, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index rose a record 142.2 to 1,943.8, regaining slightly more than half of its record loss of the previous session.

The value of all U.S. stocks, which fell \$50 billion on Monday, gained \$60 billion on Tuesday and \$18 billion Wednesday, according to the Wilshire Associates, 5,000 Equity Index of stocks traded on the New York and American exchanges and over the counter.

The New York Stock Exchange also continued to restrict computerized program trading, which has been blamed for wild swings in price.

Big banks cut prime rate two weeks after increases

NEW YORK (AP) — Major banks lowered their prime lending rates by a quarter percentage point today to 9 percent as consumers were about to see some direct benefits from falling rates in the government securities market.

Citibank, the nation's largest bank, said it was lowering its prime lending rate to 9 percent from 9.25 percent, effective immediately.

Several other major banks, including First Chicago Corp., Bankers Trust Co. and Continental Illinois National Bank, quickly matched the reduction.

The cuts came about two weeks after major U.S. banks raised their prime rates by half a percentage point to 9.25 percent, and are the first industry-wide reductions since August 1986.

Banks use the prime rate as a benchmark against which they compute charges on a variety of consumer and business loans.

Some analysts had said on Wednesday that they expected it would be some time before consumers would see benefits of the decline in government rates.

But others said the declines in yields in the government market moved the way for a prime rate cut by reducing the costs banks incur in obtaining funds.

Yields on both short- and long-term Treasury securities have plunged since stock prices collapsed on Monday. The decline in

yields has continued, although at a slower pace, even as some stock prices rebounded on Tuesday and Wednesday.

In the early going today, yields on the Treasury's 30-year bond fell to about 9.12 percent from 9.45 percent late Wednesday.

The decline has been attributed to strong demand for Treasury issues by investors frightened by Monday's \$50 billion stock sell-off and subsequent volatility in stock prices. They view Treasury bills, notes and bonds as relatively safe havens.

The Federal Reserve Board's affirmation on Tuesday that it stood ready to help the financial community overcome liquidity problems also contributed to lowering rates, as did speculation that the stock sell-off could signal an imminent economic slowdown and lower inflation.

Hope that the Reagan administration and Congress can progress toward reducing the size of the federal deficit contributed to Treasury's decline in yields, analysts said.

By late afternoon, yields on three-month Treasury bills had moved to 5.64 percent compared with 5.80 percent late Tuesday afternoon and nearly 7.5 percent last week.

In the long-term market, yields on 30-year Treasury bonds fell to 9.45 percent from 9.50 percent late Tuesday.

Major firms halt program trading

NEW YORK (AP) — At the request of the New York Stock Exchange, a number of major Wall Street firms today halted program trading for their own accounts until further notice, an exchange spokesman said.

The request is in effect until further notice. The request was made to head off potential problems stemming from the activity generated by the massive program trade, said Richard Torrence, an exchange spokesman.

Earlier this week the exchange had asked major program traders not to use the NYSE's main computer delivery system for program trading after the opening bell, and that had sharply reduced program trading.

However, "We feel additional steps are necessary," in order to maintain an orderly market, Torrence said.

Eight to 12 major firms were affected by the request and he believed all of them had complied, he said.

The market "is functioning well" but the exchange decided to act cautiously in light of the activity of this week, he said.

"There is no plan at this time to close early" on Friday, the settlement date for many trades, he said.

Securities brokers and lawmakers are scrutinizing computer-assisted stock trading as a suspected culprit in Monday's collapse of stock prices, a sign that the market may be regulated or banned permanently.

But some proponents of the so-called "program trading" fear it may become a scapegoat. "Every disaster has to have a villain. What I'm afraid of is that it's going to be politically expedient to wrap it up as a program trading problem," said Robert Gordon, president of Twenty-First Securities Corp., a New York firm that uses technical analysis.

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"No one can say program trading hasn't been a component of what is going on," he said Wednesday.

"But anyone who says program trading is at all the root of all this is at best simplistic and at worst just wrong."

Critics of the computer-driven programs, which can buy or sell huge amounts of stocks instantaneously, say they inject wild and unwarranted volatility in the market, regardless of the economic fundamentals underlying stock prices.

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Trading was slower than in the previous two sessions, said W. Thomas Small Jr., managing director of the government securities department at Bankers Trust Co.

"It's much slower, much less tense," he said. "People have done what they needed to do and are reluctant to push the market much further."

But economists were divided over whether the decline to date is sufficient to trigger declines in consumer lending rates, such as mortgages.

Arnold Moskowitz, senior vice president and economist at the investment firm Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., said the decline in government rates won't lead to lower consumer rates until consumer spending slows for a period of months.

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U.S./World In Brief

First lady returns to White House

WASHINGTON — A smiling Nancy Reagan, escorted by her husband, kicked up her heels today during a jazzy, balloon-filled return to the White House five days after breast cancer surgery.

"I'm touched... I'm very, very happy to be home — very," Mrs. Reagan said in a waveling voice as a grinning president stood by her side.

"I'll say, 'Welcome home,'" Reagan said, adding, "I'm going to get her upstairs now."

Reagan, who had flown by helicopter to the suburban Bethesda Naval Hospital to bring his recuperating wife home, gingerly helped her step from the aircraft and walk across the South Lawn into the Diplomatic Entrance.

The first lady, who appeared a bit pale, smiled and waved at the hundreds of White House staff members and children who had been brought to greet her return.

Senate continues debate on Bork

WASHINGTON — A Senate supporter of Supreme Court nominee Robert H. Bork said today that special interest groups have engaged in politically motivated "character assassination" in their effort to defeat Bork.

"The political propagandists apparently have won the war against Judge Bork," Sen. Steve Symms, R-Idaho, said as a second day of debate over Bork's nomination began. "Liberal propagandists have worked feverishly."

He said the anti-Bork campaign was fueled by "fear, distortion and outright lies."

Sen. Daniel Inouye, however, said he disagreed with contentions that Bork had fallen victim to unfair political attack. Weeks of Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on Bork were "fair, just, open, candid and very democratic," said Inouye, D-Hawaii.

Inouye also took issue with those who say President Reagan's judicial nominees have been unfairly treated. He said the Senate has confirmed all but six of 389 federal court nominations Reagan has made.

Iranian missile hits Kuwait terminal

KUWAIT — Iran fired a Silkworm missile into Kuwait's offshore oil loading terminal today, setting off a loud explosion and causing a blaze and injuries, the Defense Ministry said.

Shipping and diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there were about 20 people at the facility when it was hit. Three wounded people were recovered and the rest were unaccounted for, the sources said.

They described the damage as "bad."

In a statement carried by the Kuwait News Agency, an unnamed Defense Ministry spokesman described the attack as "a new Iranian aggression" and said there were "several casualties."

The missile landed nine miles east of the Al-Ahmedi terminal where Iranian Chinese-made Silkworms slammed into a U.S.-owned ship and an American-flagged tanker last Thursday and Friday.

Jihad threatens suicide attacks

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The pro-Iranian captors of American and French hostages said today that thousands of suicide bombers are preparing to attack U.S. Navy and European forces in the Persian Gulf.

The typewritten Arabic statement from Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War, was delivered to Western news agencies in Beirut. It was accompanied by black-and-white photographs of American hostage Terry Anderson and Jean Paul Kaufmann, a French captive.

The group encloses photographs as a sign of authenticity of its messages.

Anderson, wearing a T-shirt, had a bushy moustache and beard and was looking straight into the camera without his eyeglasses. The picture was different from the eight previous photographs of Anderson released by his captors.

Kaufmann, also with a bushy beard and moustache, wore a striped shirt under a dark nylon jacket.

Shultz gets OK for peace talks

JERUSALEM — Secretary of State George P. Shultz won approval from Israel's divided leaders for a new proposal to hold peace talks under a U.S.-Soviet umbrella rather than through an international conference, an Israeli source said today.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's spokesman, Avi Pazer, denied the report, calling it a "disinformation campaign conducted by the media."

The source, who is familiar with details of the current discussions, said Shultz raised the issue of the talks with King Hussein of Jordan this week in London.

Hussein rejected the proposal and stuck to his demand that an international conference be summoned by the United Nations secretary-general, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Reagan news conference is tonight

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, whose last prime time news conference was dominated by the Iran-contra affair, is likely to face questioning tonight about turmoil in the stock market and the economy.

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater announced that Reagan will meet with reporters in the East Room at 8 p.m. EDT for his first White House news conference since March 19. It will be his 41st news conference since taking office in 1981.

While in Venice, Italy, for an economic summit on June 11, the president met with reporters in the afternoon, but that meant the live broadcasts in the United States were in the morning.

L'Ambiance penalties \$5.11 million

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violations in a Nebraska plant. Officials of Textar, TPMI, Macomber, and for the joint venture all said they could not comment on the Bureau of Standards findings or the OSHA fines.

The L'Ambiance fine is the latest in a series of large OSHA penalties at a time when OSHA critics are charging that the agency is not doing its job in protecting health and safety in the nation's workplaces.

Seven of the 10 largest fines in OSHA history have come in the last six months of the Reagan administration.

The announcement of the L'Ambiance fines came one day before the government's six-month deadline to set fines in the case.

The Bridgport collapse sparked concern over the 55-year-old lift-slab method.

Following the accident, a federal judge limited the number of workers allowed inside a Massachusetts condominium project while slabs were being lifted into place, and a Boston Iron workers' union vowed to keep its members out of lift-slab projects during the lifting stages.

Officials anxiously awaited the results of the federal probe.

"People are looking toward this report as a lesson in how to prevent it from happening in the future," Rep. John Rowland, R-Conn., said.

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Report disturbs officials and victims

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port, an apprentice plumber who was injured in the collapse, said he was outraged by the findings.

"I think criminal charges should be filed against them (the builders) so these guys would not take anything for granted and pay much more attention to safety," Williams said.

"It makes me feel hurt knowing something could have been done to prevent this from happening," Williams said.

About 150 people gathered in a City Hall auditorium today to watch via a satellite hookup the news conference in Washington, where officials disclosed the results of their investigation. Lawyers union leaders, city officials and workers watched the news conference on a television monitor.

Donald Emanuel Jr., of Waterbury, whose 48-year-old father was killed in the collapse, said he was "really angry" about the findings, but it doesn't really matter much to him. "My father is gone and that's the only thing that matters to me."

"It's a terrible thing to have to live with every day. It took a lot of men from this earth, and I guess somebody has to pay. We care about the findings, but it doesn't really matter," Emanuel said in a telephone interview from his home.

The government levied a record \$5.11 million fine against contractors who were building the \$17 million project, which was to be a 16-story complex of 218 apartments.

The building was about 60 percent completed when it collapsed to the ground around 1:30 p.m. on April 23, 1987. It took rescue workers nine days to pull the 28 bodies from the rubble.

The bureau of standards, which conducted the investigation for the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said the collapse was triggered by failure of a jacking system used to lift concrete floor slabs into place.

The contractors today declined to comment on the report, saying they hadn't seen it yet.

Obituaries

Louise Jacques

Louise (St. Germain) Jacques, 70, of South Windsor, died Wednesday at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the widow of Henry J. Jacques.

She is survived by another daughter, June M. Kasinaki, of Jewett City; a brother, Edmund St. Germain, of Hartford; four other sisters, Lorraine Pauline of Hartford, Lillian Plourde of Waterbury, Maine, and Irene Pinette and Dora Martin, both of East Hartford.

The funeral is Saturday at 8 a.m. from the Callahan Funeral Home, 1602 Main St., East Hartford. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, 400 Main St., with a mass of 9 a.m.

Raymond R. Poulin

Raymond R. Poulin, 74, of Windsor, died Wednesday at his home. He was the husband of Leonie (Gagne) Poulin and brother of Antoinette Coccone of Manchester.

Besides his wife and sister, he is survived by three other sisters, Sister Ernestine Marie of Waterbury, Maine, Doris Emonds of Bristol and Mrs. Fernande Kaminski of Wolcott; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral is Friday at 8:15 a.m. from the Carmon Funeral Home, 6 Poquonock Ave., Windsor, with a mass of 9 a.m. at the St. Joseph's Church, 400 Main St., with a mass of 9 a.m.

Loretta R. Kasevich

Loretta R. Kasevich, 62, of Vernon, died Wednesday at Rockville General Hospital. She was the wife of Michael A. Kasevich Sr.

She lived in Manchester before moving to Vernon 30 years ago.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael A. and Patricia G. Kasevich of East Windsor and Stephen E. and Cathy Kasevich of Scarborough, Maine; a daughter and son-in-law, Louise and Rashid Hamid of Vernon; and six grandchildren.

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- Chairman of Diocese of Connecticut Liturgical Assistants Committee - 1983-1986

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- United States Air Force - 1964-1968
- Wiesbaden, Germany - 1965-1968

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WHALERS swing toward top with second consecutive win

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The Hartford Whalers seemed like anything but defending Adams Division champions when they began their season with five straight losses.

But things have suddenly taken a cheerful turn.

The Whalers broke their negative streak with a 4-3 overtime victory over the New Jersey Devils last weekend, and continued the upswing by rallying for a 5-3 victory Wednesday night over the Buffalo Sabres.

A string of bad events contributed to his team's dismal start, said Hartford Coach Jack Evans.

Three regulars — Scott Kleinendorst, Sylvain Turgeon and Kevin Dineen — suffered injuries during the Canada Cup series. Ulf Samuelsson went down with the flu and goaltender Mike Liut has started only two games. He returned Wednesday night after suffering back muscle spasms in the second game of the season.

"Plus throw in a lot of hot goaltending and we had a lot of problems at the start," Evans said.

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But Evans saw nothing to complain about in Wednesday night's effort. He said his club played extremely well and were on top of the puck all night.

Samuelsson, who scored the final two goals for the Whalers in the third period, said he thinks the team's slump is over.

"I thought the team played more to its capabilities than it has all season," Tippet said. "We did run into some hot goaltending but we didn't play well."

He said the team has had tough luck all season, but finally things are starting to go Hartford's way. His first goal, he said, is a prime example.

"We also played tight hockey tonight and it worked out well," he said.

Tippet is a left winger but has played center the last two games after Evans shuffled the lineup to get a winning combination.

"It doesn't matter to me," Tippet said. "I was a center all my life and I came to Hartford five years ago."

The loss for Buffalo took the joy out of the two-goal performance by Pierre Turgeon, who played the first pick in the NHL draft last June.

He opened the scoring early in the first period on a power play for his first NHL goal. Early in the third period he gave Buffalo a temporary 5-2 lead. However, the Whalers nullified his brother's three unanswered goals to claim the victory.

While Turgeon was disappointed about the setback, he admitted scoring his first NHL goal relieved a lot of pressure for him. He said it was also special scoring his first goal against his brother's team.

"I was nervous the first few games," he said. "I feel more comfortable now."

Hartford will try to continue its upswing Saturday night when it hosts the Chicago Blackhawks at the Civic Center.

SPORTS

Cardinals' explosion evens the Series

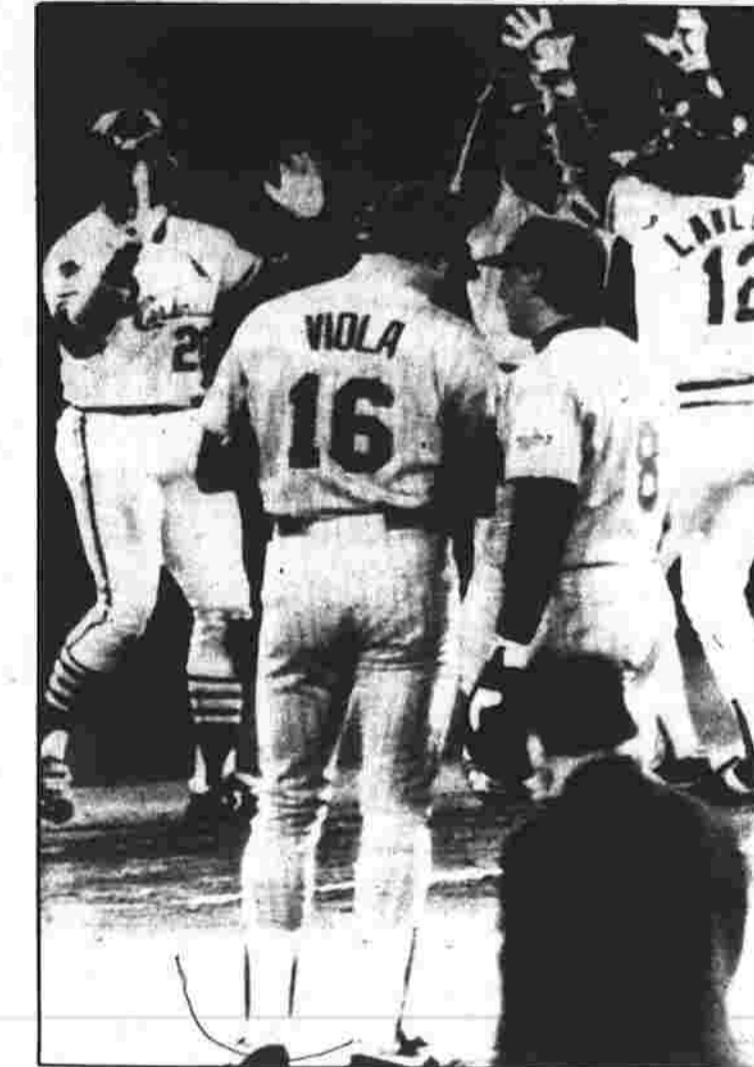
By John Nelson The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Cardinals stole Minnesota's big weapon, and the World Series stood even. It was, indeed, a Lawless act.

The Cardinals used flashy defense and speed on the bases — their trademarks — to beat the Twins 7-2 Wednesday night.

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Frank Viola (16) of the Twins is consoled on the mound by third baseman Gary Gaetti while the Cardinals' Tom Lawless (12) is greeted at home plate following his three-run homer in the fourth inning Wednesday night.

Lawless is an unlikely hero

By Jim Donohy The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — With one swing, Tom Lawless doubled his career home run total, knocked in his first runs of the season, and became a part of World Series folklore.

With the score tied 1-1 in the fourth inning, Lawless hit a three-run homer off Minnesota ace Frank Viola and St. Louis went on to a 7-2 victory Wednesday night to even the best-of-seven Series at two games apiece.

Lawless, filling in for the injured Terry Pendleton at third base, was 2-for-25 this season and didn't get his first hit until Aug. 12. His next hit didn't come until the last day of the season.

His name was omitted from the National League pennant souvenir sold outside Busch Stadium and it didn't call Tom Hillies by Sports Illustrated.

When Reggie Jackson was asked why the TV ratings were off for this Series he said it was because of a lack of "star" players.

"When I make out my lineup card, I have to put first names down to remember who the guys are. I'm still trying to find out who Tom Lawless is," Jackson said before Game 4.

On Wednesday night, Jackson found out as Lawless evened the score for the Cardinals with a homer off the left-field fence. He left the batter's box as if he had just hit his 200th career homer instead of his second.

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"There were runners on first and third at the time and I just stood there because I knew it was going to be caught. It was going to be a sacrifice fly. I then saw it go over the wall and I said to myself, 'Holy cow!'"

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St. Louis Manager Whitey Herzog, however, was watching every moment.

"When he (Lawless) hit it and stood there, I thought it was in the upper deck and it only cleared the fence by a little bit," Herzog said. "I told him later he ought to run when he hits the ball."

Herzog said that in terms of bat flips, "It's right up there with the best."

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Twins aren't about to quit

By Mike Nadel The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Even though they've blown a two-game lead, the Minnesota Twins don't believe they've blown the World Series.

The Twins sounded downright happy to be tied at two games apiece with the St. Louis Cardinals heading into Game 5 tonight.

"I think we still feel good about what's going on," said manager Tom LaSorda. "The only time I see concentration is when I take a guy for granted," he said. "If I'm not in my groove, it always seems that the No. 8 and No. 9 hitters hurt me."

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Bears' quarterback Jim McMahon gets in some practice throws Wednesday. He's hoping to play Sunday against Tampa Bay.

McMahon expects to be back on the gridiron with the Bears

By Joe Moosili
The Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Opponents of the Chicago Bears should be prepared for another dimension when the team resumes this week. Jim McMahon is back.

After a layoff of nearly a year, during which he underwent serious shoulder surgery, McMahon expects to play Sunday at Tampa Bay and, if all goes well, assume his starting quarterback role shortly thereafter.

"I feel ready to play," McMahon said Wednesday. "And I will be in Tampa Bay. I'll expect to start the following week."

McMahon, who appeared in only six games last season, but has a string of 23 straight starting victories, underwent rotator cuff surgery last December. Doctors told him it would be at least a year before he could play again. But McMahon reported to the Bears' training camp at Platteville, Wis., last summer determined to start the opening game against the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants.

"That was unrealistic," said

"I'm ready to play. I don't think he (Ditka) will start me, but I hope to get in the game this week."

Jim McMahon

The rarefied McMahon said he never worried about the injury being career ending.

"Once I threw the ball, I knew I could come back," he said. "It was just a matter of conditioning."

Ditka has expressed concern about McMahon being able to take a hit on the shoulder, but the quarterback feels he has already passed that test although unwillingly.

While playing in a basketball game last week, McMahon revealed that teammate William Perry slammed into him with his 215-plus pounds.

"The Fridge hit me when my arm was extended back and that's what the doctors were worried about," McMahon said. "It hurt at the moment, but it was all right."

McMahon feels he is entitled to

start whenever he is ready in place of Mike Tomczak. Tomczak started seven games last year after McMahon was injured and went on to win two this season before the strike.

"I don't think I did anything before I got hurt to lose my starting job," McMahon said. "I feel the starting job is mine, but that's not my decision."

Tomczak has played well, but I don't feel I should be demoted. Mike is playing better and he's going to get better, but I can do things on the field that he hasn't gotten to yet."

Tomczak is not yet ready to give up the starting job. "I'm happy to see Jim come back, he has worked hard and I've been pulling for him," Tomczak said. "But the better quarterback is going to play and right now I think playing well. Jim has missed almost a complete year and I think a lot of questions have to be answered in his mind."

McMahon figures he'll answer the questions on the field. "I have seven hours left, I have no regrets. I hope Mike does well and I can come in and iron out the kinks."

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Atwell central figure of HS girls' soccer

By Herid Sports Writer
Terrie Sporn

It is appropriate that Manchester High senior Jen Atwell has governed the center midfield of the overwhelmingly successful girls' soccer team for the past three years. Atwell, a co-captain of the Indians contingent which is unbeaten and unofficially ranked second in the state, has been the "center-piece" on the Manchester girls soccer team since her sophomore season began.

After scoring two goals her sophomore year and acquiring all-league recognition, Atwell turned in a banner campaign during her junior year and led the team in scoring with 12 goals, quite an accomplishment for a midfielder. Besides her offensive exploits, Atwell has expertly dominated midfield ever since she put on an Indian uniform.

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Punchless East soccer out of tourney picture

NEW BRITAIN — "What can you do if you don't score?" asks East Catholic High boys' soccer coach Tom Malin. The answer is not much as his Eagles, blanked for the fifth time in 11 games, saw themselves officially eliminated from postseason play by St. Thomas Aquinas, 3-0, Wednesday at Willow Brook Park.

East is 2-9 for the season with five regular season games remaining. A team must be at least at the 500 level to qualify for the state tournament. This is East's first absence from state tournament play since 1978.

"It's not like the old days when you had the Cardinals' defense (and Terry) McConville and (Billy) Masses when you went in and knew you were going to get at least one goal, maybe two or three," added Malin, who saw his team outlast Aquinas, 19-11, but come away empty.

Mark Lewicki had a three-goal hat trick for the Saints, now 6-5 for the season. Lewicki tallied one goal in the game Friday and two more after the break. His second goal was a penalty kick on a questionable call in the penalty area.

"We outlast them but couldn't get the goal," added Malin. "I don't think we've been a problem all year," added Malin. East has scored 11 goals in 11 games.

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Girls' volleyball
MHS upended

HARTFORD — East Hartford Public took a four-set decision from Manchester High in CCC East girls' volleyball action Wednesday. Scores were 7-15, 15-16, 15-4 and 15-5. Manchester is now 3-4 for the season with its next match Friday at South Windsor High School.

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Vets, substitutes coexist quietly in Cowboys' camp

By Denne H. Freeman
The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — John Dutton and Randy White shook hands. "Randy knows he can have all the free beer he wants if I get my distributorship next year," Dutton said. "There was a lot of talk. But talk is cheap."

So much for the great showdown between returning strikers and picket line crossers at Valley Ranch on Wednesday.

It was business as usual as Dallas Cowboys Coach Tom Landry prepared his returning veterans for Sunday's NFL game with the Philadelphia Eagles.

There were a few veterans not happy the replacements used during the 24-day strike were still around. "They shouldn't be in my player representative Doug Goshie said. "We don't need a lot of extra people around."

However, there were no big problems on the first full day of a mix between veterans and replacements.

Outspoken linebacker Jeff Rohrer said there were a "few sparks and stares," but said the team was following Landry's advice. "Keep your personal feelings off the locker and field."

Among the replacements, only free agent wide receiver Kelvin Bryant appears to have clinched a place on the roster.

"He's the kind of young talent you want to keep around," Landry said. "He's shown a lot of ability to run away from people and catch the football."

Edwards, a fourth-round draft pick by New Orleans who was cut in training camp, wasn't taking anything for granted.

"I don't even want to think about it," he said. "The replacement players were throwing some spit on the back of the locker and field."

Defensive tackle Mike Dwyer, who has been a Cowboys fan favorite with his enthusiasm, said he thinks he played well enough to get management's attention during the next couple of weeks. "I'm hoping."

Dwyer was on the cover of the Cowboys' game program when they met Philadelphia at Texas Stadium.

"That's something I'll never forget," Dwyer said. "Quarterback Kevin Sweeney, who didn't play in Dallas' loss to the Redskins on Monday night, said he doesn't know his status although he played well in two games."

"I have no clue whether they will keep me," he said. "I just appreciate the fan support I got."

Fullback Gerald White said he will work hard until he gets the word on his status.

"I'll bustle hard and if they call me I'll go back to school," he said. "I have seven hours left. I have no regrets. We had a lot of fun together."

Atwell has played soccer ever since she was seven years old, starting with town rec soccer and Manchester Club soccer and then, while at Illing Junior High, she played on the Illing-Bennet combined team.

"I always really wanted to play," the 17-year-old Atwell said. Atwell possesses a natural ability for the game, which includes keen tactical awareness on the field, outstanding ball control, and a lethal shot.

"I like to make myself as good a player as I can," Atwell said. As of now, Manchester is 11-0 and has a solid chance at the Class I state championship. For Atwell, winning a state title rightfully obscures any individual honors.

"We just want to go to the state finals," she said. "I just think it's important to win something else isn't as important."

Since Atwell has been a member of the team, including the first year, she has been a cheerleader. "Last year, I was a cheerleader. I've been a cheerleader since I was 10 years old. I love cheering for my team."

Atwell has tallied six goals this season, but doesn't feel pressure to score. "Last year, she had to score more," Erardi explained. "I'd like to score a few more this year and book up the spring which she said was a great learning experience. She

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Sports In Brief

John Janenda goalie at Georgetown

WASHINGTON, D.C. — John Janenda, a 1984 Manchester High School graduate, is the starting goalie for Georgetown University. Janenda, in 13 games this year, has posted a 1.71 goals against average with two shutouts. Georgetown was 6-7 in those 13 games.

Second Sports & Fitness Expo set

The Manchester Road Race Committee will present for a second year a Sports and Fitness Expo on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Manchester High School in conjunction with the Manchester Road Race on Thanksgiving Day.

Holiday Lanes involved in project

Holiday Duckpin Lanes of Manchester will be one of 37 bowling centers across the state that will participate in the Cystic Fibrosis Bowl for Breath to be held Oct. 31 through Nov. 8. Over the past nine years, Bowl for Breath, the foundation's largest national fund raiser, has raised over \$20 million to support cystic fibrosis research and treatment programs.

Youth basketball registration now on

The Manchester Rec Department is now conducting youth basketball registration for boys and girls through Oct. 30 from 6-8 p.m. at the East Side Rec, Mahoney Rec Center and the Community Y.

Slots open for senior bowlers

There are a few openings for seniors at the Holiday Duckpin Lanes in Manchester on Monday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15 in the East Hartford Seniors League. There are 18 teams in a handicap league. For further information, contact the lanes and ask for Adam or check with the desk.

Celtics face 76ers in Hartford

HARTFORD — The Boston Celtics continue their preseason tonight with an exhibition game at 7 against the Philadelphia 76ers at the Hartford Civic Center. The 76ers have four players on the injured list: David Wingate, Danny Vranes, Andrew Toney and rookie Vincent Askew. The Celtics are 2-1 in preseason play.

Erving to speak at UConn program

STORRS — Former NBA star Julius Erving will chair a discussion of drugs in athletics at Jorgensen Auditorium on the University of Connecticut campus on Nov. 4. Tickets are \$3 for UConn students and 15 for others. For more information, call 486-3423 or Karen Butler or 486-3470.

UConn assured of Big East berth

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The University of Connecticut men's soccer team assured itself a berth in the Big East Tournament with a 3-1 win over Providence Wednesday. The Huskies, ranked 13th nationally, completed a three-game sweep of their Big East foes with the win over the Friars.

NFL player limit to drop to 55

NEW YORK — The player limit for NFL teams, currently at 85, will drop to 55 for games played the weekend of Nov. 1, the league announced. But the active roster will remain at 45, with 10 players carried on a reserve squad.

Kathy Jordan posts upset victory

BRIGHTON, England — Unseeded Kathy Jordan posted her biggest victory in more than a year when she upset fourth-seeded Zina Garrison 6-7, 6-2, 6-0 in an all-American first-round match in the \$200,000 Volvo Classic women's tennis tournament.

Sonics intend to match Lister offer

SEATTLE — Seattle SuperSonics President Bob Whitsett said Wednesday he intends to match the offer sheet signed by starting center Alton Lister with the Phoenix Suns.

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Canadiens walk all over Leafs

NHL Roundup

By Ken Rappoport
The Associated Press

The Montreal Canadiens, who usually win with defense, stepped out of character at Maple Leaf Gardens while walking over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

We played very, very well and they just had an off-night," Montreal Coach Jean Perron said after Wednesday night's 10-3 rout of the Maple Leafs.

In beating the Maple Leafs, the Canadiens scored seven goals in the second period and became the first team in the NHL this season to hit double figures.

"As far as we're concerned, you can file that game right down the garbage can," Toronto Coach John Brophy said. "No team is that bad and no team is that good."

"Montreal plays hard every night and they play a certain kind of game and if you're not up to it they'll kill you, like they did to us tonight. We've got to put it out of our minds and start over again."

Elsewhere, it was Calgary's, New York Rangers' 4, Chicago's 4, Detroit's 1, Hartford's 5, Buffalo's 3, New Jersey's 5, Pittsburgh's 4, Boston's 5, Vancouver's 4, and Edmonton's 4, Los Angeles 2.

Mike McPhee scored two of Montreal's seven second-period goals as the Canadiens won their third straight game. Bobby Smith also scored two goals for Montreal.

Russ Courtnall, Vincent Dumoulin and Al Infrate scored for the Maple Leafs, who trailed only 1-0 after one period but 8-1 after two.

The Canadiens went with four lines while the Maple Leafs used only three.

"We have a good rapport right now on our lines," Perron said. "The combinations are good. We've been trying those lines for a period of time and the guys seem to fit well with each other. I have four lines and I can send any one of them on the ice and they'll do the job."

Flames 5, Rangers 4

Jim Peplinski and Hakan Loob scored 27 seconds apart early in the third period to trigger Calgary over New York and hand the Rangers their third straight loss.

Peplinski's goal tied the game at 2-2 with 36 seconds gone in the final period and then Loob put the



Vancouver defenseman Doug Lidster (3) keeps an eye on Bruins' Randy Burridge in their NHL game Wednesday night in Vancouver. The Bruins won, 5-4.

Flames ahead for good at 1:03 as they stopped a three-goal break by the Bruins.

The game featured a scoreless first 30 minutes before the teams combined for nine goals in the last two periods, including two by the Rangers' Walt Poddubny.

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Bruce Driver beat Penguins goalie Frank Pietrangola with a shot from the point 48 seconds into the second period, including two by the Rangers' Walt Poddubny.

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The Canucks closed the margin to a single goal in the final period when Craig Coxie scored his first goal of the season on a power play.

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FOCUS

Deers' appetite causes trouble for foresters

By Bob Dvorchak
The Associated Press

COUDERSPORT, Pa. — White-tailed deer browse on tender saplings, gladdening hunters by fattening up on morsels of red oak, maple, ash and black cherry. But foresters say too many deer are eating too many trees.

To them, the deer are moving down the next generation of valuable hardwood forest, causing millions of dollars in damage and eating themselves out of a home.

"Agent Orange (the Vietnam War defoliant) can't hold a candle to deer," said David Marquis, a research manager with the U.S. Forest Service, who has studied deer damage for 17 years. "They're four-legged tree killers. The only long-term solution is to bring the deer herd into better balance with its habitat."

HOW MANY DEER, then, should populate Penn's woods? "There are those who want no deer and those who want one under every bush," said Ted Godshall, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, which manages the herd of 1 million deer.

Forests cover 60 percent of Pennsylvania's 28.8 million acres. The annual timber crop is valued at \$5 billion, with 85,000 people working for lumber-related industries.

The lumber industry is centered in the Allegheny Plateau, 10 million acres on Pennsylvania's northern tier. It supplies the nation with more than 75 percent of the quality black cherry logs used for furniture, according to the USDA.

White ash becomes baseball bats, hockey sticks and tool handles; maple is made into flooring, and other woods are used for gun stocks and paper.

Pennsylvania also has a million deer hunters, more than any other state. They kill 300,000 deer annually, and 100,000 more are killed by traffic, stray dogs, farmers and predators. Every year, 400,000 fawns are born, and so the herd is stabilized.

COMMON LUMBER PRACTICE is to clear-cut a section of trees. Under ideal conditions, 100,000 seedlings per acre grow back fast and straight as the next generation. About 200 of the hardiest trees make it to maturity in 40 years. The rest are victims of natural selection, disease and storms.

Then there are the appetites of deer. A 1975 USDA study said deer, which eat an average of five pounds of browse per day, could reduce by half the amount of productive forest land in Pennsylvania.

On the Allegheny Plateau, deer damage is estimated at \$15.40 per acre per year in the 80-year growth cycle of hardwoods, according to the USDA. That projects to \$10 billion in damage.

"Overbrowsing by deer is the most serious problem we face in the forest industry," said Ron Brenneman, wildlife biologist for the International Paper Co. "None of us is saying we should eliminate all the deer. There is a balance that can be struck."

TO OUTGROW the reach of a deer, a tree must be 8 feet tall, which takes about five years. Foresters are searching for ways to produce so many seedlings that deer cannot eat them all before they are out of reach.

One approach is a shelter cut, which allows shoots to take hold before an area is cleared. Another way is fertilizing, which spurs quicker growth but costs \$100 to \$140 per acre.

Some lumber companies keep deer out with fences. International Paper, the largest landowner in the state with 165,000 acres, has 4,000 acres surrounded by electric fences at a cost of \$40 per acre.



Lawrence Fawcett of Coventry holds a government-censored document on a UFO sighting. His book, "Clear Intent," is beside him.

UFOs fascinate Coventry man

It began when Lawrence Fawcett saw a football in the sky

By Anita M. Caldwell
Herald Reporter

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Documents he requested were censored. Government department officials wouldn't acknowledge his calls. Yet, the Freedom of Information Act, passed in 1966, "allows anyone to examine most of the records of agencies in the executive branch of the U.S. government," he said.

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Maguire doubts players will be ready

By The Associated Press

The real NFL teams will be back this weekend, but will they be their real selves? "Remember," says NBC's Paul Maguire, former AFL linebacker, "there's been four weeks of non-contact. They're bound to be sluggish and the timing will be off. It'll take at least another week before they're back to normal."

But I wouldn't want to be the St. Louis Cardinals playing the New York Giants after what the Giants have been through. The Giants will be trying to make up for last time.

The defending Super Bowl champions are 6-5, including their last three losses by the replacement players.

Maguire won't see that the NFL is being sprung from the studio this

Sunday for the first time during the regular season to strike in the Washington Redskins.

The good teams are still going to be good," Maguire said in assessing the 24-day strike aftermath. "The weaker teams are going to be weaker. Those rebuilding teams like Green Bay and Indianapolis are going to be affected, but the Chicago Bears and Washington Redskins will be tough."

Maguire recalls when the AFL players threatened to strike in the late 1960s when his teammate, quarterback Jack Kemp, was president of the players' association.

"We kept pressing with our demands and told the owners we were ready to strike if they didn't come through," Maguire said.

"They said they'd cancel the NFL season. In 10 minutes, it was all over — probably the fastest settlement ever."

ABC's World Series ratings, off to a poor start, continue to rise. Saturday night's Game 1 had a 19.2 Nielsen rating, the lowest ever for a series game in prime time.

Sunday's second game had a 21.8 rating and Tuesday night's third game was 24.7.

For those of you who can't wait for pro football, the Milwaukee Bucks will be in action this weekend in a robin-robin event with the Soviet national team and Tracer

Milan, the European champions from Italy. TBS handles the Friday and Saturday telecasts, with ABC doing the Sunday afternoon Bucks-Soviet finale.

Dick Vitale, Gary Bender and Cheryl Miller, the former Southern California All-American, will handle the broadcasting duties.

If a seventh game is necessary in the World Series on Sunday night, the Denver Broncos-Minnesota Vikings game in Minneapolis, will feature Fawcett and other writers who will present research and talk about their experiences with the UFOs.

CO-AUTHOR of "Clear Intent," an account of the government cover-up of UFOs, (Prentice-Hall Inc., N.J.) Fawcett vividly remembers the day he saw a UFO. It was 5 p.m. Fawcett was on his

way home, driving near Olcott Street in Manchester. He watched the object come down over the electrical sub-station on Olcott Street and saw a light jump from the station to the object which was about 250 yards away. Then, the lights in the surrounding area of town went out, he said.

He stayed and watched for about 35 minutes. The object went straight up and disappeared, he said. Fawcett said he then called Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire and reported a sighting of an unidentified flying object. Fawcett said he was told an investigator would call back, but no one did.

More than 20 years later, Fawcett is still waiting for the call. But during the past two decades, he has tapped his own investigative talents and

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TEMPORARILY DISCONNECTED by Bill Griffith

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CAN I TAP THAT FOR LATER DISPLAY? RIGHT NOW, I'M SCANNING BACK ISSUES OF THE "NATIONAL SPY" TO FIND A NEW SWEDISH HUSBAND FOR JOAN COLLINS!

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Dick Brown

MEN, A SPY HAS MANAGED TO INFILTRATE OUR RANKS!

...A VERY DUMB SPY, AS IT TURNS OUT.

THE PHANTOM by Lee Falk & Barry

YOU DIDN'T MEET THEM, THIS IS LISA AND HER HUSBAND NICK, NEWLYWEDS.

NOW IN THAT SECRET PRISON CALLED JABBA... PEOPLE DON'T LAST LONG IN THAT PLACE...

I MUST GO THERE AT ONCE!

I HATE THIS! THEY'RE IN DANGER... NOW YOU'LL BE, TOO.

BLONDIE by Dean Young & Stan Drake

WHEN JULIUS AND I WERE ENGAGED HE CALLED ME HIS LITTLE BIRD.

THAT'S REALLY SWEET, CORA.

AND TODAY HE'S MY BIG BIRD.

WHY'S THAT?

CHEAP CHEAP CHEAP

WHAT A GUY by Bill Hoest

"NO, GUY... I WOULD NOT WELCOME A CONTRACTING POINT OF VIEW!"

Bridge

The wrong priority by James Jacoby

The jump to two no-trump immediately over an opposing opening bid usually shows a two-suited hand weak in high cards. I abhor making the bid on a very bad hand since it pinpoints the distribution for the opponents, allowing them to play the spots of the cards when they buy the contract, frequently at a very high level.

In the current deal, played at the European championships in England last August, West's bold jump to two no-trump showed the minor suits. Although North was able to cue-bid four clubs with first-round control plus a strong hand for spades, East came in with five clubs. That enabled West to make what should have been the winning opening lead against the slam, but watch the play.

Declarer took the ace of clubs, played a spade to his hand and ruffed a club. He played another spade, cashed the ace of diamonds and then played a heart toward the dummy. West was a great believer in giving correct count, so he played low to show an odd number of hearts. Noting West's five of hearts, South simply played the four from dummy. East had to win the lead and had the choice of leading back into the A-Q or playing a club, which would let South through a diamond while ruffing in dummy.

It's fine to give correct count with the card you play, but it's more important to be alert to the possibility of special outlays after the baby's birth.

West was only willing to part with the heart seven when the suit was led, the slam contract would have been defeated.

A new book by James Jacoby and his father, the late Oswald Jacoby, is now available at bookstores. It is "Jacoby on Card Games," published by Pharus Books.

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 ♠ 10 9 3 2
 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ K 8 3 2
 ♣ A

EAST
 ♠ 4
 ♥ K 10 8 6
 ♦ 7
 ♣ K 4 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q 8 7 6
 ♥ 3 2
 ♦ A 1 6
 ♣ 8 7

Vulnerable: Neither
 Dealer: South

West North East South
 ♠ NT 4♦ 5♠ 1♠
 ♥ Pass 5♥ Pass 5♥
 ♦ Pass 5♦ Pass Pass
 ♣ Pass

*First-round control and a strong hand

Opening lead: ♦ 6

Polly's Pointers

Unusual gift ideas celebrate a baby by Polly Fisher

DEAR POLLY - My sister is about to have a baby, and I'm looking for ideas for a really great gift for her. She has lots of baby clothes from other relatives. Do you have any ideas for something special? - JULIE

DEAR JULIE - Here are a few ideas for gifts that most new (and not-so-new) mothers would be delighted to receive:

A month or more of diaper service. A professional house cleaning, scheduled to occur just before the baby is expected or just before Mom and baby arrive home (check with your sister to determine when she would prefer this to be done). If you can afford it, a really super gift would be regular maintenance house cleanings for the first month after the baby's birth - or, grab your cleaning tools and do it yourself, if you're so inclined.

Also, pretty, practical nursing nightgowns for Mom are always welcome. Contact your sister's local La Leche League group and present her with a copy of their manual, along with a year's membership in the league.

If your sister does not yet have a good baby carrier, this would make a much-appreciated gift. A front-chest carrier for the early months or a backpack carrier, for the baby who can sit up, gives parents to do household chores, shopping, walks and countless other activities while staying close to baby.

Prepare a couple of weeks' worth of casseroles and other meals that can be stored in the freezer to save meal-time chores after the baby is born. Or if your sister has older children, you might like them on a couple of special outings after the baby's birth. This is not so much to get them out of their mother's way as to reassure them they are special, and to give them some extra attention that Mom and Dad may not have the time and energy for just now. I hope one of these hits the bill, or gives you another super idea. - POLLY

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SNAPU by Bruce Beattie

THE BEST WAY TO WAIT FOR YOUR SUPPER IS TO PRETEND YOU DON'T REALLY CARE.

NEVER LET THEM KNOW YOU'RE ANNOYED.

DON'T LOOK AT THE BACK DOOR.

I HATE MYSELF, I ALWAYS PEEK!

Dexter's prediction of where the meteor would strike was every so slightly off.

THE GRIZZLEWS by Bill Schorr

MOTHER FURBOTOM, I FOUND YOUR PENTURES LYING AROUND.

PUT THEM SOME PLACE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND 'EM.

OOO I SHOULD HAVE MARKED AN ORPHAN.

CAPTAIN EASY by Crooks & Casale

SHE'S DEFINITELY PART OF THE SCAM.

SHE'S NOT WORRIED ABOUT YOUR HEART, THIS WHOLE ANTI-SMOKING THING WAS TO GET YOU OUT OF THE OFFICE.

SO THEN THESE TRANSACTIONS COULD BE MADE WITHOUT YOUR KNOWING.

DOES THIS MEAN I CAN SMOKE AGAIN?

ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

HELLO, SON!

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS FIGHTING ABOUT?

ALLEY OOP by Dave Graue

YEAH! THIS IS THE KINDA SPOT I WAS LOOKING FOR!

GRAB TH' BUTT, SKIPPER! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE OTHER ONE!

LET HIM HAVE IT!

THE BORN LOSER by Art Sansom

THE WAY I REMEMBER IT, BY USING BOTH OF OUR GREAT CARDS, TAKING OUT A SECOND MONEYSAKE ON THE HOUSE...

...AND ECONOMIZING ON MY LIFE INSURANCE, WE CAN BUY THE NEW CAR AND...

...THUS, BY PAYING CASH, THE DEALER WILL GIVE US A FREE WAX JOB!

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves

BY THE TIME I GOT TO THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME, I WAS THE WRONG AGE.

WINTHROP by Dick Cavalli

WELL, IT'S NICE BEING BACK IN SCHOOL AGAIN, I GUESS.

IT'S BETTER THAN BEING ON A DESERT ISLAND SURROUNDED BY SHARKS.

NOT A WHOLE LOT BETTER, BUT BETTER.

U.S. ACREB by Jim Davis

WADE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THAT TREE?

I'M AFRAID SOMETHING AWFUL MIGHT HAPPEN TO ME.

IT MUST BE TERRIBLE LIVING IN FEAR.

YOU SAID IT, BOOKER.

CRASH!

ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S WELL-FOUNDED.

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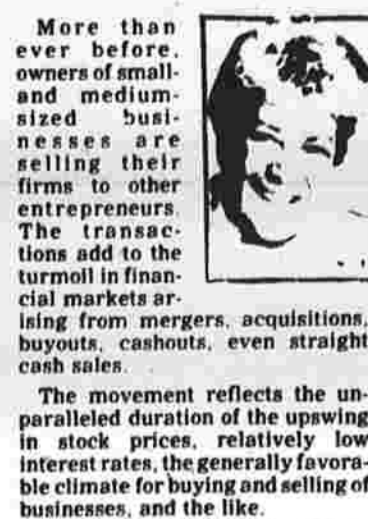
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Few business owners know how to go about selling firm



Sylvia Porter

More than ever before, owners of small- and medium-sized businesses are selling their firms to other entrepreneurs. The transactions add to the turmoil in financial markets arising from mergers, acquisitions, buyouts, cashouts, even straight cash sales.

The movement reflects the unparalleled growth of the upswing in stock prices, relatively low interest rates, the generally favorable climate for buying and selling of businesses, and the like.

How many of you involved in the crucially important decision of selling your own business know how to go about the sale? How many of you built up your own business know how to ask a potential buyer to pay what you want for the enterprise? And incidentally, what would be a satisfactory price to you?

THE ANSWERS ARE as you would guess: Very few.

Generally speaking, these companies sell to the wrong company at a lower price than they could have obtained," says Jay Cooke, president of the New York-based First New York Capital, an investment banking firm that provides services for emerging and medium-sized companies.

"The companies make mistakes that could easily be prevented," adds R. Edward McGrath, chairman of the San Francisco-based CAMA, a national affiliation of businesses in buying and selling.

The most common errors cited by McGrath include:

- 1) Choosing the right investment banker for your needs. Don't get lost in the shuffle of big firms for whom you will be a low-priority client. Make the firm work for you.
- 2) Understanding the value of your business and its potential. This is a much more difficult challenge than it appears. You must weigh the value of your enterprise in comparison with others of similar nature in your area and in areas across the nation. You must consider its potential in terms of what your business could reasonably achieve in five years, 10 years and 20 years. You must recognize that few businesses survive as long as 10 years.
- 3) Determining a potential selling price by a variety of methods. Every sale is different. And the method you choose is critically important. Do not cheat yourself by using a method that will give you a price that you know is not reasonable in the foreseeable future.
- 4) Sell at the right time.
- 5) Structure the sale to take maximum advantage of tax savings.
- 6) Sell to the right buyer.
- 7) Understand the buyer's motivations.
- 8) When seeking a buyer, don't limit your search to the first potential buyer, a competitor or your local area. Go abroad, too.
- 9) Compile proper documentation.
- 10) Prepare a proper business profile.

No matter what your present situation is, these are the basics of business building and selling that can benefit you. Study them. Use them. Save them for your future guidance. You will not lose. You can only gain.



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Fair play

Kevin Lappen, 9, Jennifer Rizy, 7, and Damian Lahoy, 9, display several items that will be featured at the Martin School children's fair on Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at the school at 140 Dartmouth Road. Pizza, ice cream and face painting will also be part of the fun.

About Town

Hadassah to honor two residents

On Oct. 28, the Connecticut Region of Hadassah, a women's Zionist organization, will sponsor its annual Hand of Healing luncheon at the Aqua Turf Country Club in Southington. Women throughout the state will be honored for their outstanding service and dedication to Hadassah and to the community.

Edith Falk Krupp and Celia Raphael Novins, both of Manchester, have been selected by their chapter to be so honored. Both Krupp and Novins have had a longstanding relationship with Hadassah.

They've served on the board of directors and on various committees. They are also life members of Hadassah. Krupp and her husband, Dr. Harry Krupp, have a daughter, Nancy, a son, Dr. Alan Krupp, daughter-in-law, Dr. Judy Krupp, and four grandchildren.

Novins and her husband, Murray Novins, have a daughter, Janet Melner, son-in-law, Dr. Burton Melner, and a son, Alan Novins.

The speaker at the Hand of Healing luncheon will be Dr. Ruth Grube, a foreign correspondent and author. For information, call Sally Goodstone, chairwoman, at 649-6526.



Celia Novins Edith Falk Krupp

Perennial Planters to meet

The Perennial Planters Garden Club will meet on Monday at 7 p.m. at the home of Elsie Huffield, 25 Stephens St. This Paternostira will speak on landscape maintenance. Flowers for the Whitten Memorial Library will be furnished by Helen Jamruga for November. Hostesses will be Fay Puleo and Gail Rosenberg.

A craft auction for club members will be held on Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Society's meeting house.

Cancer group has pumpkin run

The Manchester-North Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold its fifth annual Pumpkin Run for Honor on Nov. 1. A Halloween costume parade and contest begins at 10 a.m. and a five-mile road race is at 11 a.m. at Bennett Junior High School on Main Street. Trophies and prizes will be awarded.

Registration and pledge forms are available through the cancer society at 245 E. Center St. or by calling 643-5151. The registration fee is \$2.

The event is sponsored by Schaller Acura, the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, the Manchester Recreation Department, the Silk City Striders and the Connecticut Army National Guard.

St. Mary's plans harvest fair

St. Mary's Ladies Guild and the Girls Friendly Society Sponsors plan a harvest fair and tea on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the church grounds. Tea will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the old parish house.

To our readers

"About Town" notices are published daily, but they are prepared in advance. To allow enough time for the process, please submit your notices two weeks before the event. They should be typed or neatly handwritten and should be double-spaced. Include the date, time, place and brief description of the event. Include a telephone number at the bottom in case there are any questions. For events that have already taken place, notices will be published as close to the event as space permits. Our address: About Town, Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 591, Manchester 06040.

At my dentist's office, there are pictures on the ceilings and the walls of pleasant scenes in nature. Some are in cool colors and are calming, others are in dramatic colors and are interesting and distracting. When I visit members of my congregation at their work place, I am interested in the pictures and photographs I find there. For someone spending waking hours in a windowless space, the watercolor on the wall is a blessing upon the place, not a denial of the value of work, but a supplement to remind us why we work. Even in the windowed office there are often pictures of loved ones. We humans have ingenious ways to bring a part of ourselves wherever we work. The young and romantic might find this hard to understand. They see the pictures on the orthodontist's walls and dream of running off to the islands. I see the pictures and think of all the sand I'd have to sweep from the floor. In the second half of life, we have the sweet blessings of the practical and everyday. The task is to recognize the blessings already with us.

Rev. Diana Heath
The Unitarian Church
of Manchester



'Bermuda or Bust'

Linda Bauer, director of the Manchester High School Chamber Orchestra, conducts the orchestra during a recent rehearsal. The group is practicing for the "Bermuda or Bust" concert at Iling Junior High School cafeteria on Friday. Admission to the 6:30 p.m. show is \$3. Near right, violinist Carleen Jones practices.

Far right, bass player Charles Harper follows the beat. The chamber orchestra is trying to raise money for a concert tour of Bermuda.



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Heart drug may relieve test anxiety

NEW YORK (AP) — Students who suffer from unusually severe anxiety at the prospect of taking tests might improve scores by taking a prescription drug used to treat high blood pressure, a preliminary study suggests.

"Twenty-five students given the drug propranolol an hour before taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test improved their scores by as much as 120 points," says the author of the study, Dr. Harris Faigel, director of university health services at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.

"There is no evidence, however, that the drug, which can have dangerous side effects for some, will help students who suffer the usual pretest nervousness," Faigel said in an interview Wednesday.

The students in Faigel's study, who were supported by a grant from the American Academy of Pediatrics, were chosen because IQ tests and other academic evaluations indicated that they had not done as well as they should have on the college boards.

It was also clear that the students were under unusual stress.

"Their parents and teachers had convinced them that if they didn't do well on the SATs they'd never get into college," Faigel said.

The result was they approached the SATs with a tremendous amount of anxiety and fear.

Students who retook the exam after taking propranolol improved their verbal scores by a mean of 50 points and their mathematics scores by a mean of 70 points. Each part of the multiple choice exam is scored on a scale of 200-800.

Students who retake the test without special preparations typically increase their verbal scores by 18 points and math scores by 20 points, said Robert Cameron, director of research and development for the College Board, the New York City firm that sponsors the test.

"I was flabbergasted by the results," Faigel said.

He said the study should be interpreted cautiously, and stressed that only a small number of students were studied and they demonstrated an unusual amount of anxiety upon taking the test.

Furthermore, he said, "I am concerned about giving this to people at an impressionable age, particularly teenagers, who might become convinced that pills can solve their problems."

Cameron said that the findings "have to be taken with a great deal of caution." They should not be interpreted to mean that "suddenly someone has discovered the magic pill that will unlock the SAT for thousands of teen-agers who believe they do not do as well as they should have because they're nervous," he said.

Propranolol is one of a group of drugs called beta blockers, which are available only by prescription and are widely used to lower high blood pressure and slow heart rate. They can be harmful when given to people with asthma and with certain heart problems.

Births

Dougherty, Amanda Hannah, daughter of Brian M. and Jean Ann Dougherty of 26 Birch St., was born Oct. 7 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Gus and Jean Arendt of 89 Union St. Her paternal grandparents are Henry and Nancy Dougherty of 190 Oakland St.

Blatchley, Jessica Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Blatchley Jr. of a Hickory Drive, Coventry, was born Oct. 7 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Blatchley of 169 Valley View Road.

Coelho, Jeremy, son of Manuel and Elaine DeSalvo Coelho of 14 Lawton Road, was born Oct. 6 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Janet Zumwalt of 127 Belmont St. and Norman DeSalvo of Franklin St. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Al Coelho of Carpenter Road. He has a brother, Justin, 34 months.

Whittemore, Breanna Jeanne, daughter of Brad A. and Jan Davis Whittemore of 13 Northfield St., was born Sept. 28 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Robert and Donna Davis of Cheshire.

Toner, Megan Elizabeth, daughter of Frank A. and Sheryl Gustafson Toner of 4 Edison Road, was born Oct. 5 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Lorraine Gustafson of Manchester and Ronald Gustafson of Manchester. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Ley of Manchester.

West, Jennifer Nicole, daughter of Robert J. and Debra Clements of 30 Hemlock St., was born Oct. 2 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Doak of Windsor Locks. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. West of Springfield, Mass. She has a brother, Adam Robert, 16 months.

Not all sodium bad for blood pressure

BOSTON (AP) — A preliminary study today called into question years of doctors' advice to patients with high blood pressure that they eliminate sodium from their diets.

The study of five men with hypertension confirmed the ordinary table salt clearly aggravates high blood pressure, but it also suggested that many other forms of sodium have no effect at all.

The finding needs to be tested in larger studies, said Dr. R. Curtis Morris Jr., one of the authors of the report, but it "may change the conventional wisdom about sodium and salt."

Many doctors routinely urge patients with high blood pressure to give up all forms of sodium, not just plain salt.

Table salt is sodium chloride. Other sodium compounds include sodium bicarbonate, or baking soda; sodium ascorbate, a form of vitamin C; the flavor enhancer monosodium glutamate and such preservatives as sodium benzoate and sodium nitrite.

"For many years, the words 'sodium' and 'salt' have been used interchangeably," said Morris. "That was because people thought that the only part of salt that was important was the sodium component. We are suggesting that it's not just sodium. It's sodium and chloride."

Morris is director of the General Clinical Research Center at the University of California, San Francisco. The study was directed by Dr. Theodore W. Kellum and published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

In the study, the five men's blood pressures rose sharply after they were given salt supplements for a week.

But when they received the same amounts of sodium citrate, which lowers blood pressures, didn't change. Sodium citrate is a common additive in many foods and drinks.

Morris said he believes the same will hold true for other sodium compounds.

Graham Ward, a public health expert at Boston University School of Medicine, said the finding is important for researchers to pursue but doesn't affect doctors' advice to their patients with high blood pressure.

"In the American diet, we can't separate sodium and chloride," he said. "They come together in large quantities. When you want to get somebody down, whether it's sodium or chloride, what we are talking about is table salt."

At a meeting last May of the American Society of Hypertension, Dr. Graham MacGregor of Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School in London reported on a similar experiment with virtually identical results. Instead of using sodium citrate, he gave five people sodium phosphate for comparison.

Dr. Edward Frohlich of the Ochsner Medical Foundation in New Orleans noted that experts have long argued over sodium's role, and a few other researchers have recently implicated chloride in triggering high blood pressure.

"Insofar as this study suggests that this is a possibility, it adds more to the controversy," Frohlich said of the San Francisco report. "It's unfortunate that he has so few individuals in his study."

Just how salt aggravates high blood pressure is unclear, but the latest research suggests a possibility: The doctors found that salt increases blood volume, while sodium citrate does not.

"Perhaps the most important piece of all this is that it causes us to rethink the relationship between salt and high blood pressure and gets us off the too-narrow point of view that it's sodium alone that's causing hypertension," said Morris.

Cancer researchers use yew tree bark

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — When Dominic Daley revs up his light chainsaw each morning, he is making a life-threatening disease easier to cure.

Daley, 38, collects Pacific yew tree bark for cancer research.

"Essentially, that's why I got into this work," he said. "If I can help with cancer research, I feel it's making a small contribution."

Since early this past summer, he and a small crew have been gathering Pacific yew bark for 13 1/2 years. Selling it to a Portland contractor who sells it to the National Cancer Institute.

The yew tree, the Frost and Butte Falls regions of the Rogue River National Forest, the crew already has gathered about 4,500 pounds of the bark, Daley said.

The air-dried bark is shipped to the institute's center in Bethesda, Md.

"I explained to everyone who works for me why we are doing it," Daley said. "Everyone has a good feeling about that. And we're making expenses."

The U.S. Forest Service's Region 6 national forests of Oregon and Washington have been asked to provide 60,000 pounds of yew bark for the institute, according to Bob Lease, chief of sales preparation and evaluation in the agency's Portland office.

"Grants Pass is right in the center of the greatest concentration of the Pacific yew in the region," Lease said. "You'll find it all around in the Rogue River, Umpqua and the Siskiyou national forests."

Researchers are extracting a complex chemical compound known as taxol from the bark, according to NCI spokesman Dr. Gordon Fragg.

In the past three decades, the institute has tested more than 120,000 plants in search of chemicals that may destroy cancer cells. Taxol is one of 10 compounds that have been found to inhibit cell growth, researchers report, although they stress that further testing is required before findings are confirmed.

Taxol appears to be particularly effective against melanoma, a skin cancer that resists chemotherapy treatment, researchers note.

Advice

Future wife finds family's present reception is lacking

DEAR ABBY: I am faced with a very upsetting situation. I am 28 and my fiancé is 47 and divorced. We have been living together for five years and a half. Every one we know we are as good as married. "W" has five children. His oldest daughter is going to be married in the Mormon Temple. "W" is Catholic and cannot attend the wedding, but his "ex" is having a reception outside of the temple. There will be wedding pictures taken and a regular party for their friends and relatives. "W" does not want to take me to this reception. He says I do not belong there. We have had many arguments over this. Meanwhile, he says he loves me and hopes to marry me someday, so I can't understand his thinking. I feel, as his future wife, I belong with him at his daughter's wedding reception. Am I wrong?

UPSET IN L.A.

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am engaged to marry a man who was married and divorced. (So was I.) I am 33 and Walter (not his real name) is 40. He's a lovely guy, but he has a fault that's serious enough for me to wonder if I should go through with this marriage.

He has asked me to repeat at least 100 times every detail of my sex experiences with the only two men in my life I have ever gone to bed with. The first was a man I was engaged to marry (after we went together for five years). We broke up when he confessed that he was bisexual and his psychologist told him to choose between me and the man he had been seeing. I lost. The other man was my ex-husband. There wasn't much to tell because we were married less than a year and dated only a few months.

Aneurysm can be hereditary

DEAR DR. GOTT: My sister just died of a cerebral aneurysm at age 33. My father also died of a ruptured aneurysm in this case, the artery was in his abdomen. What causes aneurysms, and what risk do I and my children run of developing them?

Dr. Peter Gott, M.D.

appears to be as a trigger for the bloodstream; removing old and worn-out blood cells and perhaps reconditioning the blood in other ways. In addition, the spleen traps bacteria that find their way into the blood.

If your son's spleen was damaged in an accident, I am surprised that the doctors have not removed it. About the worst thing that can happen to a spleen is to be punctured; immediate surgery is then mandatory. I don't know what kind of injury would cause the spleen to stop functioning but not require removal, therefore I cannot say precisely how your son can maintain his health. In general, however, he should be given antibiotics before extensive dental work and for any infections that could spread into the bloodstream.

DEAR READER: Aneurysms are weakened portions of arteries. Like weak spots on an inner tube, these areas can — over many years — balloon out, leak blood or rupture, causing hemorrhage.

As we age, our arteries become less elastic and weak spots appear: aneurysms, particularly those involving the aorta and arteries in the brain are more common in the elderly. Unfortunately, there is currently no way to prevent this from occurring — except to control high blood pressure, a major cause of aneurysm formation.

Aneurysms are more common in some families; there may be a hereditary disposition to getting them. However, hypertension is the factor that doctors can control. Therefore, you and your children should have periodic blood pressure determinations and, if at a later time your pressure rises above normal, you should have treatment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Our son's spleen was badly damaged in a hunting accident. The doctor says it's not functioning. Is there anything he should do from now on to maintain his health? What does the spleen do?

DEAR READER: The spleen, a squishy organ the size of a lemon, lies in the upper left abdomen. Its functions are not completely understood. However, its primary role

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Round Table officers

New officers for the Manchester High School Round Table Singers are, from left, Matt Clough, secretary; Kera

Rennert, secretary; Sharon Fortuna, president; and Mary Thurston, business manager.

Yes, there's a real Transylvania, and the university is not amused

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Hallmark is selling blood-spattered Halloween T-shirts emblazoned "Transylvania University," and the real-life school of the same name says it has been treated to an "unconscionable trick."

The 207-year-old university has sent a letter asking that Hallmark pull the shirts from store shelves. Diane Wall, manager of product information at Hallmark Cards of Kansas City, Mo., said Wednesday the company had not received the letter and had no immediate response to the request, but she promised a prompt answer.



DANA DICK AND TODD CLARK ... posing in Transylvania T-shirts

"Students have grown accustomed to Transylvania jokes," said Paul Hillenmeyer, a senior from Mayville, Ky., who is president of the Student Government Association.

UFOs fascinate Coventry man

Continued from page 13 agencies in the government as well as transcripts of conversations of air force personnel.

FAWCETT PLANS to continue his research. "I feel there's a story of lifetime here," Fawcett said. "When the whole truth is told, our science will jump a quantum."

John White of Cheshire, the conference's coordinator and a researcher, backs Fawcett. White has written 13 books on paranormal studies, and lectures at colleges and community groups throughout the country.

White said the questions most often asked of him are: "What can you say about the energy source, the propulsion?" and "What do you think is the most convincing evidence of UFOs?"

White hopes the conference will address these and many other questions about UFOs. He said this is the first conference solely dedicated to the UFO experience. Speakers will focus on what the UFO is, why are they here and where do they come from.

ON SATURDAY White will give an introduction on exploration into outer space. David Menke, Ph.D., professor of astronomy at Central Connecticut State University and director of the Copernicus Space Science Center at the college, will discuss the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

Lawrence Fawcett will discuss his book, Philip Imbrogno will speak on UFOs in New York and Connecticut from his book, "Night Seige: The Hudson Valley UFO Mystery," that he wrote with Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who opened the Center

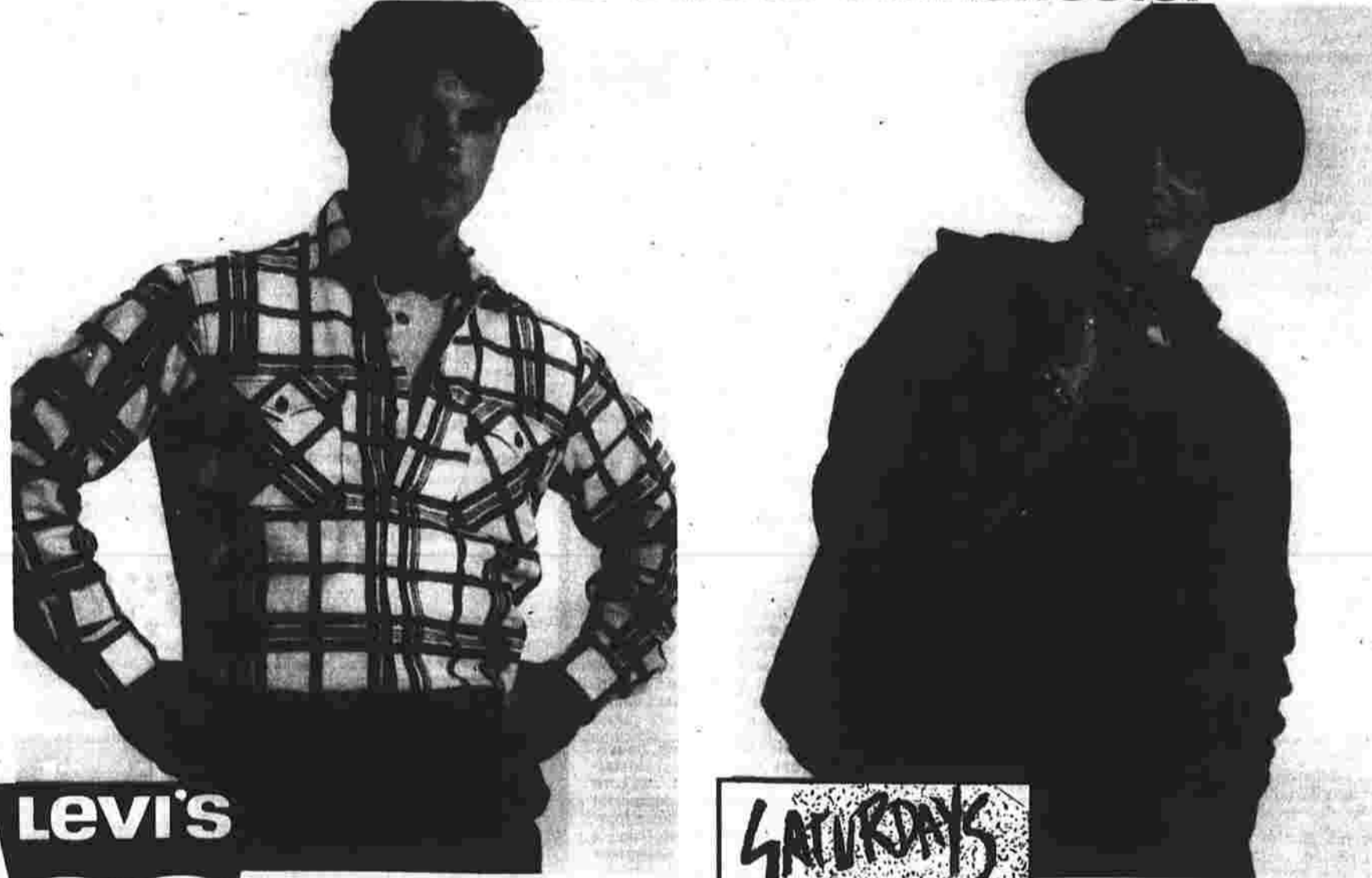
for UFO Studies in 1973 and was an adviser to the film, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

On Sunday, White will talk about "Sky Creatures, Living UFOs." Several authors who have written on their personal experiences about sightings will speak both on Saturday and Sunday. The event includes films and displays.

The UFO Experience is 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Nov. 7, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 8, at the Ramada Inn, North Haven. The \$10 registration fee may be paid in advance or at the door, but seating is limited. To register or for more information, call Omega Communications, P.O. Box 2031, Cheshire, 06410.

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Airman decorated

Capt. Michael J. Peretto, son of Joseph B. and Mary B. Peretto of 158 Maple St., has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal at Castle Air Force Base, Calif.

Peretto is an instructor pilot with the 33rd Air Refueling Squadron. His wife, Angela, is the daughter of James and Theresa Connolly of 648 Keeney St. Peretto received a master's degree in 1977 from the University of Connecticut.

Receives his badge

Pvt. 1st Class Thomas W. Hoesfelt, son of Charles T. Gomache of 32 Basket Shop Road, Hebron, and Kathy Hoesfelt of East Hampton, was recently presented the air assault badge upon graduation from the U.S. Army Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Hoesfelt is an aircraft structural repairer with the 22nd Aviation Battalion.

Trains as officer

Army Pvt. Thomas M. Gamsache, son of Charles T. Gomache of 208 School St. and Donna R. Spooner of 272 Boston Turnpike, Coventry, has completed training as an army military police specialist at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Arrives for duty

Army Pvt. Kenneth R. Parrott, son of Carolyn T. and Robert A. Parrott of 42 Gerard St., has arrived for duty with the 14th Field Artillery, West Germany.

Parrott, an artillery fire-support specialist, is a 1984 graduate of Manchester High School.

BUSINESS

Northeast Utilities to spin off natural gas unit

BERLIN (AP) — The state could have a new natural gas company, the largest in Connecticut, if a proposal by Northeast Utilities is approved by state and federal regulators.

NU announced Wednesday plans to spin off its natural gas unit to its shareholders and create an independent company with annual revenues in excess of \$200 million. NU officials said the deal might lead to short-term increased costs to gas and electric customers, but we want to be sure there is no adverse rate impact and that the quality of service remains at the current level.

The gas unit currently serves 165,000 customers in 52 communities. It had revenues of about \$203 million, or 10 percent of NU's 1986 total revenue. The company's stock rose \$2.37 to \$21.87 a share on Wednesday.

NU, based in Berlin, also operates Western Massachusetts Electric Co. and Holyoke Water Power Co. in Massachusetts.

Consumer Counsel James Meehan said his office has long advocated divestment of NU's gas business. Splitting the gas and electric businesses "removes an anti-competitive influence," Meehan said Wednesday.

NU's plan "will probably do the trick," Meehan said, adding "We haven't seen the details of the plan, but we want to be sure there is no adverse rate impact and that the quality of service remains at the current level."

The SEC has sought to make NU comply with the federal Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, which forbids multistate holding companies from serving both electric and natural gas companies.

"We've chosen this method to divest CLAP's gas business primarily because we feel it is the most expeditious and because it best reconciles the interests of electric and gas customers, employees and shareholders," said William B. Ellis, NU chairman and chief executive officer.

Shareholders' stock would be divided so that they would continue to hold stock in NU and in the new

company. If the deal is approved, Forde said a new gas company could begin operations by the end of 1988.

Forde said the deal would not affect a pending rate case before state regulators. CLAP is seeking to cut its natural gas rates for businesses by \$2 million, while boosting residential rates 2 percent — from an average \$7 a month to \$8.25 a month.

Forde said he didn't know what effect the deal would have on NU's involvement in the Iroquois Gas Transmission System, Iroquois, a consortium of companies, has proposed building a natural gas pipeline from Canada through Connecticut to Long Island Sound.

Environmentalists, as well as state and local officials, are opposed to the pipeline, which hasn't received any regulatory approvals.

Business In Brief

Stanley sales overcome losses

NEW BRITAIN — The Stanley Works has reported a gain in net earnings for the third quarter of 1987 as record sales overcame losses from discontinued operations.

Net earnings were up 0.03 percent at \$21 million for the third quarter compared with \$20.4 million in the second, despite the loss of \$6.7 million after the disposal of its Stanley Structures Inc. subsidiary, the company said Wednesday.

"We are cognizant of current worldwide concerns about financial markets and national economies. Nevertheless, we feel that Stanley will achieve record results for 1987 and we are well-positioned for strong worldwide performance in 1988," Richard H. Ayers, company president and chief executive officer, said in a prepared statement.

Net sales for the third quarter increased a record 29 percent to \$454 million from \$351 million a year ago, the company said, attributing the strong showing to a 24 percent volume gain and 5 percent favorable price and currency gains.

New employers pay less in taxes

WETHERSFIELD — New businesses in Connecticut will pay reduced unemployment insurance taxes next year, the state labor department said.

Beginning Jan. 1, new employers will pay at an unemployment insurance tax rate of 2.3 percent, the lowest rate since the Benefit Rates Taxing and Financing System of unemployment insurance was legislated in 1974, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro said Wednesday.

Earnings jump at Pitney Bowes

STAMFORD — Pitney Bowes Inc. reported Wednesday that its third quarter earnings jumped 16 percent over a year ago to a record \$46 million, or 58 cents a share, compared to \$38.9 million, or 49 cents a share.

The boost in net income came as revenues increased 11 percent over the same period last year to \$550.5 million. Net income for the first nine months was \$131.5 million, or \$1.66 a share, 15 percent more than the \$114 million, or \$1.44 a share, earned in the same 1986 period.

GE's contract major blow to Pratt

HARTFORD (AP) — Japan Air Lines, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft's biggest jet-engine customer, has placed a new order with General Electric Co. in what analysts describe as a major blow to Pratt's commercial engine business.

JAL selected GE's CF6-80C2 engine over the PW4060 to power five new four-engine Boeing 747-400s, the GE Aircraft Engine Business Group in Evendale, Ohio, said Wednesday.

JAL's order, for 20 engines and four spares, has an estimated value of \$165 million, according to Mark A. Bobbi, aerospace analyst with Forecast Associates Inc. of Newtown.

"This is a real blow to Pratt's commercial fortunes," Bobbi said Wednesday. "This is the biggest setback they've suffered in recent years."

GE spokeswoman Diana L. Wall called the order "a breakthrough" for her company.

"JAL is a highly respected airline and a traditional Pratt customer," she said.

The news was downplayed by Edward R. Cowles, a spokesman at Pratt & Whitney headquarters in East Hartford, who said the company was "obviously disappointed," but losing the JAL order should have little immediate financial impact on the United Technologies Corp. subsidiary.

"The engines would not have gone into production until next year," Cowles said. "The impact next year will depend on what other commercial and military engine orders we've received by that time."

"It's a shift from Pratt to GE, and a shift like that carries the implications that engine class will also be going to GE," said Albert E. Turner, aerospace analyst for Duff & Phelps Inc., a Chicago institutional brokerage firm.

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Big banks cutting thousands of jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — First Interstate Bancorp will lay off about 1,000 workers, sell some operations and reduce Third World lending.

"We are going to focus even more strongly on the retail customer, the middle market customer, and the large corporate customer with operations in our territory," said J.J. Finola, First Interstate's chairman and chief executive.

Wednesday's announcement came as Chase Manhattan Corp., the nation's second largest banking company, announced a further step in its eye toward getting rid of them, either through early retirements.

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Annuity isn't the best retirement plan

QUESTION: When I retire later this year I will receive about \$400,000 in a lump sum from my employer. I already have approximately \$300,000 in savings and stocks. My home is valued at more than \$200,000, is paid for.

My neighbor, who works for an insurance company, is urging me to put the \$400,000 into an annuity guaranteeing an annual income of around \$40,000.

My own inclination is to put the \$400,000 into U.S. Treasury bonds, which pay lower income than the annuity. Then when I die, my wife will continue to receive income from the bonds. When she passes on, our five sons will have something.

Investors' Guide
William A. Doyle

QUESTION: My wife and I need to increase our income. Some stock we bought years ago at \$5 a share now is selling at \$20 a share. As you can see, selling the stock would cost plenty in federal taxes. So we would rather not convert the stock to cash. Is it possible to turn the stock over to an insurance company and obtain a single-premium fixed annuity, thus delay paying tax on the profit from the stock until we start receiving monthly payments from the annuity.

ANSWER: This reply will make lots of insurance people unhappy but it can be summed up in one word: "Absolutely."

no real cause for you to go that route. If that bundle you're due to receive from your employer comes out of a qualified retirement plan, you should put it into a rollover individual retirement account. That will keep it deferred from income until you make withdrawals.

QUESTION: I'm retired on very low income and have just come to a \$120,000 inheritance. Would it be wise to put the inheritance into either a single-premium deferred annuity or municipal bonds.

ANSWER: Neither. A single-premium deferred annuity keeps money sheltered from income tax until you take it out. But you need income now. Municipal bonds pay interest that is not subject from federal income tax. But municipal bond interest is lower than interest available elsewhere. As a result, you can get more after-tax "keeping money" by putting your money into higher-interest but taxable investments.

stock, you'll have to sell the stock. The profit from the stock sale will be taxable as a capital gain. For 1987, the maximum capital gains tax is 28 percent.

ANSWER: It makes no sense for people with low income to invest for tax-deferred or tax-free income. As a general rule, if you have to be in federal income tax bracket of 28 percent or higher before it pays go into tax-deferred or tax-free investments.

CML to buy rest of GroupAmerica

HARTFORD — Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. has announced an agreement in principle to purchase from Standard Insurance Co. of Portland, Ore., its 50 percent interest in GroupAmerica Insurance Co.

GroupAmerica is a joint venture created in May 1985 between Connecticut Mutual and Standard. When the purchase is complete, GroupAmerica will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Connecticut Mutual.

GroupAmerica was formed to market group life and disability insurance products nationwide. Connecticut Mutual provided marketing resources while Standard managed administrative services.

Based in Hartford, GroupAmerica employs about 100 people and operates nine regional sales offices throughout the country. The purchase transaction is expected to be completed by year-end, the company said.

T-bill yields down in latest auction

WASHINGTON — Yields on two-year Treasury notes fell in the latest auction to the lowest level since August.

The average yield Wednesday was 7.95 percent, down from 8.57 percent at the last auction on Sept. 29.

It was the lowest rate since two-year notes averaged 7.88 percent on Aug. 26. The notes will carry a coupon interest rate of 7 7/8 percent with each \$10,000 in face value selling for \$9,986.40. A total of \$9.25 billion in notes were sold out of bids totaling \$22.9 billion.

GTE profit falls in third quarter

STAMFORD — GTE reported its profit fell 8.6 percent in the third quarter due in part to greater losses in its US Sprint long-distance phone service and lower one-time gains from the sale of assets.

The telecommunications and electrical equipment company had profit of \$297 million, or 86 cents a share, compared with \$325 million, or 96 cents, in the same period last year. Revenues totaled \$2.8 billion, 1 percent higher than last year.

