

No big toy hits in sight as Christmas approaches

By Joyce M. Rosenberg
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — You can be certain of two things at this time of the year: Christmas is coming, and the children of America will find scads of gift-wrapped toys under ornament-laden trees.

But no one — not toy makers, storeowners or Wall Street analysts — is sure just what those toys will be. Unlike past Christmases, there are no "megahits" in sight, such as last year's Lazer Tag, or Teddy Ruxpin in 1985.

Many toys for which manufacturers had high hopes early in the year have either flopped or never made it to market because of production problems.

And many stars of the past — such as Lazer Tag and Pound Puppies — have lost their shine and retailers are marking them down to clear the way for new merchandise.

With these problems, 1987 has been a disappointment for much of the toy industry. Sales and earnings have fallen off sharply, and some toy makers — most notably Worlds of Wonder Inc., which says it may merge with another company — have been hurt badly.

With sales down, many retailers have bought cautiously for this Christmas, and that could mean many popular toys are in short supply, said Paul Valentine, a toy industry analyst with Standard & Poor's Corp.

"This is going to be the toughest year to find the toys you want since 1983," when there were not enough of the hottest toys to go around, Valentine said.

But there is a possible silver lining to that cloud. If demand remains high, the toy industry could see a stronger 1988. "Shortages are a stimulant for the toy industry," said Valentine. "It tends to increase the attractiveness of specific toys to consumers' minds."

pointment this year. But analyst Valentine predicts several will have a successful Christmas, including the talking version of Coleco Industries Inc.'s Cabbage Patch Kids, which he says have "met with a successful initial response."

Two other talking dolls that have sold well are Worlds of Wonder Inc.'s Julie, a doll which can read special books and tell the difference between hot and cold, and Mattel Inc.'s Heather, a doll whose vocabulary matures like that of a child, analysts said.

Talking characters such as Mickey Mouse and Mother Goose by Worlds of Wonder have sold well, said Angela Bourdon, a spokeswoman for Toys R Us, the nationwide toy store chain.

Board games such as Scrabble and Trivial Pursuit, by Coleco's Selchow & Righter division, are expected to sell well.

Pictionary, the most popular board game this year, also is expected to be big at Christmas, said Rick Angulla, editor of Toy & Hobby World, a trade publication.

The brainchild of a new company, Games Gang Ltd., Pictionary is played like charades, but on paper. F.A.O. Schwarz reports kaleidoscopic are big movers, and Toys R Us says scooters are on their list of top sellers.

Staples like Mattel's Barbie and Hasbro Inc.'s G.I. Joe — which have been on best-seller lists all year — are also expected to be under a lot of Christmas trees.

So are some toys ostensibly designed for children, but which may be a bigger hit with adults. Valentine points out two: GoGo by L.J.N. Toys Ltd. and Coleco's Couch Potato.

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The company's Fun With Food, a set of plastic fake food toys, has been a hot item and likely will be in short supply this season, Angulla said.

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Digging stops as police ponder next move

Manchester police have stopped digging in a shed at 24 Pine Hill St. for a body, possibly that of a child reportedly killed and buried over 35 years ago, and they aren't sure if they will extend the search to another site in the yard.

The digging began Tuesday when police executed a Hartford Superior Court search warrant based on information reportedly provided by a woman who claimed she saw someone carrying a body 35 or 40 years ago.

Police dug 4 feet down under the shed and found about 60 pieces of material, including bone fragments and buttons, according to Brooks.

Brooks said that some of the bones examined by the state medical examiner and an archaeologist from the University of Connecticut, Dr. Douglas Jordan, are chicken and beef bones, presumably from when a slaughterhouse was located on the site.

Brooks said that police did not realize the site had been a slaughterhouse when they began digging, but found out from neighbors. He said the slaughterhouse was on the site until the early 1920s.

The optimism of the detectives and officers working at the site is diminishing somewhat, said Brooks.

"We have a responsibility and a job to do, but in terms of finding what we set out to find, optimism is starting to slip some," he said.

Brooks said that once the digging phase of the investigation is completed, police will determine the next stage of the investigation.

"There is a possibility it will continue, and a possibility it won't," he said.

Brooks said the Manchester Police Department will request advice from the office of the state's attorney in Hartford in making the determination on whether to continue the investigation.

Police received the tip on the reported murder May 28. In a statement made at the site Wednesday.

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Hostage release possible

Cuban inmates negotiated a possible release today of 14 hostages being held in a detention center in Louisiana, but talks to free 94 hostages in the Atlanta federal penitentiary broke off, officials said.

One Louisiana hostage was stabbed today by an inmate and hospitalized in fair condition.

The mayor of Miami and Cuban-American exile leaders flew to Atlanta to offer themselves as hostages in exchange for those held there, but they acknowledged it was basically a symbolic gesture.

Most of the action occurred away from public view, inside the fire-ravaged Okaloosa, La., detention center and Atlanta prison.

However, a Cuban inmate and a federal official refused to hand over a television camera Thursday night and spoke of signing a hostage-release agreement today.

"We need to have ... all four (Cuban negotiators) to sign," the unidentified official said. "The WBRZ-TV videotape released to news organizations, 'That's when the other 27 will be released.'"

One of the hostages taken when the 950 Cubans seized the compound in a riot Saturday was released Thursday night.

At a news briefing early today, U.S. Justice Department spokesman Mark Sheehan refused to confirm an agreement had been reached.

"I will not confirm or deny that the negotiators' comments are valid," Sheehan said. "I don't know with certainty what will happen tomorrow."

As to how to interpret the videotape, he said, "The handshake was an indication of the end of the negotiations."

Negotiators planned to meet again this afternoon.

One of the hostages, a mental health counselor, was stabbed today by a Cuban from the mental health unit in what officials said was an unprovoked attack. He was carried to the facility's front gate by other Cubans and was taken to the hospital with a deep cut to his head and left shoulder. The inmate was turned over to authorities by other Cubans, federal officials said.

The Cuban inmates in Georgia and Louisiana rioted after a U.S.-Cuban agreement was announced Friday that could result in their being returned to the homeland they fled in 1960.

Authorities have said that while a desire to remain in the United States was the central demand, the Cubans have disagreed among themselves over whether to also hold out for freedom and clemency.

In Atlanta, Justice Department

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TODAY

Clouds on the way

Clear tonight with some clouds toward morning. Cloudy Saturday with a 30 percent chance of rain in the afternoon. Details on page 2.

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Thousands of runners fill Main Street Thursday for the 51st running of the Manchester Road Race. John Doherty successfully defended his championship with the second best time in race history, 21:31.



Donna and Bruce Forde of Manchester hold a homemade sign, cheering on their daughter, Mindy, during the 51st running of the Manchester Road Race.

Rain couldn't dampen the spirit of spectators

The threat of rain may have scared a few people away, but thousands still lined the streets of Manchester Thursday for the 51st Thanksgiving Day Road Race.

Umbrellas and raincoats were the weather gear for the day as people braced for the rain. But 10:20 a.m., the cloudy skies never released their thunder to full capacity during the race.

As usual, people packed the sidewalks of Main Street as they watched friends, relatives and neighbors run the race.

While Meucci read and others ran, vendors were out in full force along Main Street. Road race

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Building official says department desperate for help

By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

If town officials do not correct problems in the building department soon, the result could be substandard buildings and lawsuits against the town, according to Acting Building Official Frank Purvis.

"The problem is lack of staff," Purvis said Tuesday. "When I came here 6 to 8 weeks ago, there was a pile of 70 files of building applications that needed attention. That's pretty well cleared up but the problem is ongoing. I have 12 inspections today and I expect an influx of applications in the spring."

At a special meeting held at the Town Office Building Monday night, Purvis told the Town Council that according to state code building applications had to be processed in a timely manner.

"It's a wonder you haven't been hit with a lawsuit," Purvis said, referring to the backlog in the office. He added that if an applicant does not receive a written disapproval from the town, he can build whatever he wants. The result,

Purvis said, could be substandard buildings.

Office clerk Joyce Bellard said 25 new homes were built in October and 150 permits were issued.

"There's a lot of work coming in," said Purvis.

"It's not uncommon to walk up the stairs and be greeted by a line," said Ripley Hill resident Nick Donatelli, also at the meeting. "I see the stress in the worker's faces. They really are understaffed."

Similar complaints were lodged to a previous council meeting by official John Willnauer over a year ago. He said an inadequate staff unable to handle a building boom in town had created a backlog of work.

As a result, Willnauer said, the quality of inspections were being compromised. He said that if the town council had been the building official for 15 years.

Three current council members, Democrat chairwoman Joan Lewis, Elizabeth Paterson and Rose Fowler were on that council.

Willnauer has been off the job periodically since last spring due to an injury. Subsequently, former Assistant Building Official Alwyn Broderick, 77, resigned on the heels of an ultimatum he gave the previous council to increase staffing or he would leave.

Since May, former Manchester Building Inspector Frank Conti has been handling the department. Currently, he and Purvis man the department part time. There is also a full-time clerk and a part-time clerical. The town has been unable to fill the assistant building official position.

Purvis advised the council to raise the assistant building official's salary from \$25,000 to \$28,500 in order to attract applicants. He also said two full-time clerks are needed.

The council authorized Acting Town Manager Frank Trzaskos to increase the part-time clerks' hours. They plan to investigate Purvis' other recommendations.

Purvis also warned the council of an impending problem. He said he will be taking time off soon and on Dec. 11, Conti will be leaving for a long vacation.

Trzaskos said Willnauer will likely be back within three weeks. "But that's the same old thing. How long will he stay and how much can he do?" said Paterson.

"So we're going to be in a hole mess as of Dec. 11," stated councilman Alvan Phillips.

Human services talk scheduled

Dr. Jean J. Schenau, executive director of the Community Council of the Capitol Region and a member of the Hispanic Health Council, will speak at a meeting of the Manchester Community Services Council on Thursday. The meeting will be held at South Methodist Church at noon. Reservations for the meeting and lunch can be made by calling 641-3061 by Monday. Cost of the program is \$4.

For the Record

A caption accompanying a photo in Monday's Herald of area high school students unloading canned food collected for the needy on Thanksgiving omitted the name of Amy Shumaker, Bennett Junior High School's student council president. Bennett contributed 2,000 cans to the drive.



115 enjoy dinner at St. James

By Nancy Connelman
Manchester Herald

Yesterday afternoon, 115 people left the St. James School cafeteria with full bellies, doggie bags and smiles.

The caterer was the site of the Thanksgiving dinner, which started at noon yesterday and was sponsored by the Manchester Area Conference of Churches and St. James Church. The dinner was a success, said Arthur Kisman, who organized the dinner with Dorothy Britland. "Everybody had a great time. We fed them well," Kisman said.

The turkey was the biggest hit, he said. Guests went through all eight of the 20-pound turkeys, and, after dinner, another turkey, a scrapp of meat was left. A 20-pound ham, soup, vegetables and homemade breads were also served. For 30 to 40 cakes and pies baked by volunteers.

The dinner, a tradition in Manchester since 1981, is for people who would normally spend Thanksgiving alone. No matter what their ages or incomes, Kisman said about half the guests this year were senior citizens, but a lot of children also attended. "It was really a family get-together."

Kisman said the entertainment also went over big. Two pianists, a violinist, a flutist and a clarinetist from New Orleans kept spirits high. A Scottish dancer and Irish jig dancer were at the dinner, and a bagpipe player marched through the cafeteria.

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Mary Wertenbach, a member of the St. James parish, serves Manchester residents Corinne S. Gibson and Clara S. Hemingway at yesterday's Thanksgiving dinner in the St. James School cafeteria. The dinner, sponsored by the Manchester Area Conference of Churches and St. James Church, drew 115 guests and about 200 volunteers.

Tree lighting tonight at 6:30

The annual tree-lighting ceremony to begin the Christmas season in Manchester will be held at 6:30 tonight in front of St. James Church on Main Street.

The event actually begins at 6 p.m. when three Manchester children and one Coventry child will meet in front of the Manchester Fire Department station at 75 Center St., climb into a fire truck with Santa Claus and ride down Main Street to the tree in front of St. James.

All four children, Robert Moore, 11, Katie Ruggiero, 5, and Mathieu Vallier, 7, of Manchester and Tammy Olivera, 10, of Coventry, will switch on the lights. The youngsters won the honor when their names were drawn from entries sent to the Herald, which is sponsoring the event along with the

Downtown Merchants Association and the Manchester Fire Department.

Spectators will sing Christmas carols and Mayor Peter P. DiRoia will be on hand for the ceremony.

The event also kicks off the Christmas shopping season, and 27 Main Street stores will stay open tonight until 8 p.m. Many of these stores will open courtesy booths and serve coffee and cookies.

Manchester In Brief

Yarn mill requires traffic signal

Results of a traffic study for the proposed development of the Yarn Mill at 210 Pine St. indicate that roadway improvements aren't needed but a traffic signal on Pine Street is.

The traffic study report, issued by the town Planning Department Nov. 23, states that the proposed 10 residential units and 20,000 square feet of retail space proposed for the mill would generate about 517 more vehicles per hour in the area of Hartford Road, Pine and Prospect streets during peak hours. A traffic signal on Pine Street is needed to control existing traffic and for future volume, according to the study.

The intersection of Hartford Road and Pine Street is the best location for the traffic signal because the development could use an entrance and exit onto Pine Street. Brophy Ahern proposes an entrance and exit onto Hartford Road and an entrance only from Pine Street.

Condos pose no traffic problems

A 16-condominium complex proposed for 49 Woodland St. wouldn't cause traffic congestion or hazards, according to a traffic study conducted by F.A. Heaketh & Associates Inc. of Bloomfield and issued by the town Planning Department.

The complex, to be called Woodland Condominiums, would generate an "extremely low" traffic volume on Woodland Street of 90 vehicles per day, 10 to 14 vehicles at peak hours, according to the study.

Doctors can get data quicker

Manchester Memorial Hospital doctors now can evaluate information on patients with heart disease quicker.

A new echocardiographic system was purchased by the hospital this summer, said Amy Avery, assistant director of public relations. Manchester and Hartford Hospital are the only two hospitals in the area with the system, she said.

"This is an advanced echocardiographic system to evaluate heart disease," Dr. Joseph Hanna said. "It's much faster to retrieve information from the system. It will also help us compare the current study with previous studies of the same patient."

It takes 15 to 20 seconds to retrieve information instead of seven minutes with the current echocardiographic system, he said.

The system was purchased with a \$50,000 donation by the H. Louise Ruddell Charitable Trust of Manchester.

Student playwright competition

Connecticut high school students are invited to submit one-act plays to the Connecticut Student Playwrights Competition.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Jan. 4. The competition is open to state high schoolers in both private and public schools.

The winners will receive the Connecticut Student Playwrights 1988 Award. Winning plays will be performed in May at the '92 Theater at Wesleyan University.

In a special category, plays exploring the effects of handicaps on peoples' lives will be eligible for the Henry Ford Young Playwrights-Connecticut Award.

Scripts must be typed and securely bound and include the name, home address, phone number, date of birth, and the name and address of the student's school. Musicals, screenplays and adaptations are not acceptable.

The winners will be selected by Connecticut Student Playwrights Competition, Oddfellows Playhouse Children's Theater, P.O. Box 23, Middletown 06457, or call 347-6143 for more information.

Students admit break-in to steal test answers

GREENWICH (AP) — An investigation into possible test tampering has been reopened after two students at a private boys' school admitted they broke into a testing site and opened sealed copies of a college placement examination.

The two Brunswick School students voluntarily withdrew from school after confessing separately earlier in the week, said Duncan Edwards, assistant headmaster at Brunswick.

"I'm certainly not going to defend the boys' actions," Edwards said Wednesday. "I am proud of the courage and concern they displayed in coming forward."

The two Brunswick School students broke into nearby Greenwich Academy, one of two SAT testing sites in town, on the morning of Nov. 6 and managed to get through two locked doors to an office where the exam materials were stored, said Alexander Uble, headmaster of Greenwich Academy, a private girls' school.

The two boys opened a sealed box holding the exams, slit open three test packets and removed copies of the exam. Uble said. No test booklets were missing and officials have speculated the exams were duplicated on a nearby copying machine before being returned to the carton, he said.

As a result of the tampering, the Educational Testing Service postponed the SAT for one week for the 100 students from area schools who had registered to take it Nov. 7 at Greenwich Academy.

After a brief investigation, the Princeton, N.J.-based testing service decided the results of 345 students who took the three-hour test at Greenwich High School on Nov. 7 were not compromised.

But the testing service decided to reopen the investigation based on information learned from the two boys' confessions, said John Curtin, acting headmaster at the high school. He declined to elaborate.

Uble said Greenwich Academy will not press charges against the two boys and will not request police help on the matter.

"The situation for us is resolved," he said. "We're convinced that the boys that perpetrated the break-in and tampered with the test are these boys."



Ray Juleson, senior vice president of ComFed and treasurer of the Transitional Living Center of Manchester, talks with TLC staff and residents Tuesday. ComFed recently donated \$10,000 to the center.

ComFed gives \$10,000 to teen home

The Transitional Living Center, a group home for teens, was given a \$10,000 boost recently in its drive to purchase the house it is using.

ComFed Savings Bank presented the gift to the center as a result of a "challenge" made last April to prospective contributors to wait and see some progress before investing any money.

Renovations were done in March, thanks largely in part to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, which donated \$75,000. Since then, fund-raising has become a little easier, said DiYeso, and funds are being donated, not only from grants and banks, but from the small businesses.

"We're so happy with the way the program is going now," said DiYeso. He said that neighbors of

the house have no objections to the center because they have made the house more attractive. He said that the teen-agers living in the center also have shovelled snow off the driveways of neighbors and brought vegetables they grew to a nearby elderly housing complex.

DiYeso said that the center currently rents from the Community Child Guidance Clinic, a counseling clinic supported through the state Department of Children and Youth Services. He said when the TLC was looking for a location, the CCGC offered the two-family house at 17-19 North St. The TLC has a two-year lease with an option to buy the house for \$120,000.

DiYeso said that the center has raised \$80,000 of its goal of \$150,000. He said the center is focusing mainly on Manchester businesses in its fund-raising effort, because unlike similar centers in the state, the TLC consists only of local youths.

"We felt Manchester had a need in and of itself," said DiYeso, adding that homes in other towns house teens from all over the state. There are currently six youths aged 14-15 living in the TLC. The

Disastrous train crash

One of Britain's worst train wrecks happened Oct. 8, 1985, when two speeding express crashed into a commuter train at Harrow near London. The crash took 112 lives and almost 160 were injured. The first express passed through one caution light but two stop lights before plowing into the rear of the stationary train. Then the second express hit the front end.

Scandia Lodge meets

Friday, 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m.

New visiting hours

Effective on Saturday, visiting for the mental health inpatient unit at Manchester Memorial Hospital are Monday through Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. and weekends and holidays from 3 to 7 p.m.

Sunset club meets

The Sunset Club will meet on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Manchester Senior Citizens Center on East Middle Turnpike.

Handicap access

Handicap access is now available at the Andover Public Library along with a new parking area and lighting. Library hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 2 to 9 p.m.

Seaport trip

American Association of Retired Persons, Manchester Green Chapter 2399 still has space for its Dec. 16 trip to Mystic Seaport. The cost is \$25. For information and reservations, call Jeanne Roark, 646-1291. The group is also planning a spring trip to Bermuda April 23-30. Reservations may be made by calling Alice Dearington at 646-7628.

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Accu-Weather forecast for Saturday
Daytime Conditions and High Temperature

Storm targets Plains; snow ends in Maine

By The Associated Press

from Florida to the Carolinas. Light rain extended from the Ohio Valley to eastern Kansas and was scattered across Mississippi.

Snow moved into the Plains from the southern Rockies, prompting widespread advisories.

As the snowstorm took aim at west Kansas and the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma, winter storm warnings were posted for the panhandles advising for a half foot or more of snow.

Snow advisories were issued for the south Plains of Texas and the western third of Kansas. Up to 3 inches of snow was forecast for southwest Nebraska and northwestern Nebraska.

Snow ended in eastern Maine early today after piling up as much as 18 inches in sections just inland from the coast. Bangor had 13 inches of snow on the ground.

Today's forecast called for snow from northwest Texas and northeast Colorado across Oklahoma into western Kansas and central Nebraska; rain across the Northwest, from eastern Texas to the middle Mississippi Valley and across the Ohio Valley.



CONNECTICUT WEATHER

Central, Eastern Interior: Tonight, clear with some clouds toward morning. Low around 30. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Saturday, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain in the afternoon. High 40 to 45. Outlook for Sunday, cloudy with rain and drizzle. High 45 to 50.

West Coastal, East Coastal: Tonight, clear with some clouds toward morning. Low 30 to 35. Northeast winds around 10 mph. Saturday, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain or drizzle in the afternoon. High 45 to 50. Outlook for Sunday, cloudy with rain and drizzle. High near 50.

Northwest Hills, Southwest Interior: Tonight, clear with some clouds toward morning. Low in the low 30s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain developing in the afternoon. High 45 to 50. Outlook for Sunday, cloudy with rain and drizzle. High near 50.

Almanac

Nov. 27, 1987

Today is the 331st day of 1987 and the 66th day of autumn.

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

TODAY'S TRIVIA: Which federal department did William Simon head? (a) Labor (b) Treasury (c) Commerce

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Agee (1903); David Merrick (1912); "Buffalo Bob" Smith (1917); William E. Simon (1927); Gail Sheehy (1927)

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In every child who is born, under no matter what circumstances, and of no matter what parents, the potentiality of the human race is born again." — James Agee.

TODAY'S TRIVIA ANSWER: (a) William Simon

Current Quotations

"The safety of your loved ones is our paramount goal." — Attorney General Edwin Meese, in a telephone message to relatives of hostages held by imprisoned Cubans.

"They are sitting with chains on their wrists and blindfolded, eating pits bread and a couple of ounces of cheese. If the guards are in a good mood, they get a piece of cucumber." — Former Beirut hostage David Jacobson, urging Americans on Thanksgiving Day to remember the remaining hostages there.

"Foreign debt is the most dramatic danger that troubles the economies of our people." — Alan Garcia, president of Peru, as eight Latin American presidents gathered in Mexico searching for a common approach to foreign debt.

NEW YORK (AP) — Keep your knees bent during aerobic dance exercise, says the Reebok Aerobic Information Bureau.

Dr. Peter Francis, professor of physical education at San Diego State University, says bent knees work the muscles in the back of your leg and force them to move in their full range of motion.

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Connecticut In Brief

New Haven claims author assaulted him

DRIVER — A limousine driver is suing Shere Hite, the author of three books about relationships between men and women, accusing her of assaulting him after he called her "dear."

Frank Nicoletti, 59, of Seymour, a driver for Luxury Limousine in West Haven, claims he sustained scratches on his eye and neck and bruises and swelling on his nose in the Oct. 27 incident outside Hite's Fifth Avenue apartment in New York City.

According to a report in Thursday editions of the New Haven Register, the suit seeks an unspecified sum in excess of \$15,000 to compensate Nicoletti for the "humiliation, shock, fright, anxiety, extreme emotional upset and mental anguish" he claims he is suffering.

The lawsuit was served on Hite Tuesday while she was in Stamford for a taping of the Phil Donahue Show.

Customers say NU deal not so hot

HARTFORD — State regulators next week will take up complaints from dissident utilities customers who don't think a deal on hot water heaters is so hot anymore.

The issue involves a price increase for customers who want to buy their rented electric water heaters.

NU, in September 1986, offered nearly 33,000 heater rental customers the option of buying their electric heaters for \$10 to \$65, based on the book value. However, last month the utility increased the price of electric heaters to market value, with the new price ranging from \$27 to \$127.

Peter G. Boucher, chairman of the state Department of Public Utility Control, said the price increase is unfair and his proposal to overturn it is scheduled to be voted on by the full five-member agency Tuesday.

Car-switch grips set for hearing

WETHERSFIELD — The state Department of Motor Vehicles will hold hearings early next year to determine whether a Mitsubishi by any other name could be a Hyundai.

The department scheduled a hearing next Jan. 6 for Mitsubishi Motor Sales of Fountain Valley, Calif., and on Jan. 7 for Crabtree Haas Imports Inc., also known as Shelton Mitsubishi of Shelton, according to Motor Vehicles Commissioner Lawrence F. DePontone.

The hearings stem from complaints that cars sold as Mitsubishis from Japan were actually Hyundais from Korea.

The commissioner also announced that 24 new complaints regarding sales of the models in question by Connecticut Mitsubishi dealers were received since Saturday. The complaints involve three of the state's five Mitsubishi dealers, DePontone said.

Agencies disagree on test report

HARTFORD — A state Department of Motor Vehicles official is disputing a state environmental agency estimate that at least 15 percent of Connecticut motorists may be avoiding the state's annual vehicle emissions inspections.

Peter Rosso, director of DMV's dealers and emissions unit, said Wednesday that contrary to a state Department of Environmental Protection estimate, the actual non-compliance rate is closer to 5 percent.

Rosso responded to the estimate offered earlier this week by Shelton Edwards, a principal air pollution control engineer with the DEP's air compliance unit. Edwards had said that owners of as many as 270,000 cars a year may be avoiding the inspections.

Edwards Wednesday stood by the 15 percent figure, saying it was based on data showing that 40 percent of the cars tested for emissions in 1985 weren't returned for testing in 1986.

Weicker, Lieberman well liked

HARTFORD — Of three names linked to next year's U.S. Senate race in Connecticut, Republican Senator Lowell P. Weicker Jr., had the most favorable rating from state residents questioned in a Hartford Courant Connecticut poll.

Connecticut Attorney General Joseph I. Lieberman, who announced formation of a campaign committee Wednesday, was given a favorable rating from 27 percent of those polled compared to Weicker's 43 percent.

Veterans' advocate Gary Johnson of New London, also seeking the Democratic Party's nomination, suffered from lack of recognition among the three. The poll found 84 percent of those questioned did not know enough to make up their minds about him. He had an overall favorable rating of 7 percent.

Changes sought in property board

HARTFORD — The state's public works commissioner says the Properties Review Board is taking too long to approve real-estate deals and needs to have its procedures overhauled.

Commissioner Donald Casin charged Tuesday that the state has lost out on some good deals because the review board's approval process is so cumbersome and lengthy.

"I hear that there are many agencies that are very frustrated, as I am, about the system," Casin said. "I think they feel that the present system is not working well and is destined for a change."

Casin and the review board clashed recently over the board's repeated denial of Casin's proposal to house the state Department of Environmental Protection in a new office building in Windsor for \$2.3 million a year.

Veterans agency has no offices

HARTFORD — Thousands of Connecticut veterans are going without help in getting their benefits because the state Department of Veterans Affairs still has no offices and no virtually staff, even though it was supposed to be in operation a year ago.

Only a commissioner and a secretary have been hired, but vacancies for five service officer positions authorized under law have gone unfilled, the New Haven Register reported in today's editions.

Some of the department's strongest supporters blame halfhearted support by Gov. William O'Neill's staff, poor budget oversight by the General Assembly, and a lack of initiative by the new commissioner, Larry Selavka, an O'Neill appointee.

Selavka blamed the difficulty in finding office space for the service officers in the state's congressional districts.

Capitol's day-care center delayed

HARTFORD — Members of the General Assembly and state employees may not get timely delivery of the day-care service they were promised would start by the beginning of the 1988 session.

House Speaker Irving J. Stolberg, D-New Haven, and Senate President Pro Tem John B. Larson, D-East Hartford, are expected to sign a lease next week to rent 6,500 square feet in a building to be used for the day-care center and the state Commission on Children.

But an estimated \$350,000 to \$400,000 in renovations necessary to meet code and licensing requirements will probably not be completed before the Legislature convenes on Feb. 3, said David B. Ogle, executive director of the Joint Commission on Legislative Management.

Ogle said a more realistic opening day for the day-care center, designed to accommodate 84 children, is probably April 1.

Doc has way to pick baby's sex

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — A local doctor is offering a scientific procedure that takes the crap shoot of choosing a baby's sex and makes it more of a sure shot.

Anthony G. Santomauro, an obstetrician and gynecologist, is the only doctor in Connecticut using a patented gender-selection method that relies on timing and lab separations of sperm.

Over the past two years, six out of seven couples who wanted a boy got one. Three out of four couples wanting a girl, also had their wishes fulfilled, Santomauro said.

But the process has critics who worry that the sex ratios of the general population could be altered and that the conception of a "wrong" sex could lead to abortions.

Santomauro said Wednesday that the two years he's been performing the gender selection technique he has seen, on average, no more than two couples a week.

"Maybe half of those will go ahead," he said. "The vast majority are not interested in this. It's a small, elite group of people who have this burning desire for a family of equal distribution of sexes."

Most of the couples who use the procedure already have several children of the same sex and want

only one more child, Santomauro said. Most of the couples also are professionals and wealthy, but willing to be interviewed about their experiences, Santomauro said.

The process for baby girls costs about \$350 to \$400. The male selection process costs \$550, the doctor said.

The process is based on the theory that sperm carrying male chromosomes, which are 4 percent lighter than their female counterparts, can swim more easily through thicker liquids.

A sperm specimen is layered on top of test tubes filled with serum albumin, which is part of blood plasma. The stronger sperm that swim to the bottom are spun in a centrifuge and then set on top of two more layers of serum albumin of increasing viscosity. Only those that work their way to the bottom are put in the centrifuge again and then artificially inseminated.

When a couple wants a daughter, the woman takes a drug, clophene citrate, and is artificially inseminated on the day of ovulation.

Santomauro tells patients the female selection process is experimental.

The gender selection procedure is based on the patented technique

developed by Ronald J. Ericsson. Contacted at his Wyoming ranch by the New Haven Register, Ericsson said the female gender selection process has been 77 percent effective. So far, 33 girls have been born from among 48 babies.

The male gender selection in the past five years has been 78 percent effective in more than 500 births nationally, he said. But a modified process, which Santomauro uses, has resulted in 56 boys born to 42 couples who wanted a boy, or an 83 percent success rate, Ericsson said.

Ericsson, with a doctorate in reproductive physiology, said he charges a \$7,500 franchise fee and then 17 percent of the royalties. He currently has 62 clinics in 10 countries.

Alan DeCherney, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Yale University and a leading expert on reproductive and infertility medicine, is among those concerned about the Ericsson procedure. He also questions its reported success rate.

"It raises tremendous ethical questions, but we have to have an effective way of doing it before we look at ethical questions," DeCherney said. "There's very little evidence that it's very effective."

Jacqueline Zachary, president of the National Organization for Women, also has some doubts about the method.

"The whole idea that one child is more wanted than another begs the question why," she said. "If it makes a difference, a couple is adhering to stereotypes. That's the reason we exist as an organization — to get rid of stereotypes."

The Roman Catholic Church also opposes gender selection, according to the Rev. Thomas Barry, secretary to Hartford Archbishop John Whealon.

As to the possible threat of abortion by couples who wait in their child, Santomauro said his response is simple. He won't take couples who say they will have an abortion in a failed effort.

UConn plans course in Armenian studies

STORRS (AP) — The University of Connecticut will develop an Armenian studies pilot program beginning with an undergraduate course next spring focusing on Armenians in world history at the school announced.

The upper-level course — three hours in length — will be taught by visiting professor Dr. George Bourdikian, a member of the advisory council in Yonkers, N.Y., according to UConn professor of international education Dr. Frank Stone, a member of an advisory council guiding the project.

In the fall of 1988, an assistant professor of Armenian studies will be appointed to develop four courses involving Armenian language, arts, history and culture. The council will attempt to raise another \$30,000 to finance a three-year pilot program, according to Dr. Julius Elias, UConn interim vice president for academic affairs.

The advisory council, under the chairmanship of Vilma Nakashian of Stamford, has developed several exhibits including an initial program Oct. 24 of rare and valuable Armenian rugs, paintings and sculptures.

Nakashian said the intention of the program is to provide "a well-planned, elective program of Armenian studies, humanities and language."

The council will evaluate the program's progress and make a decision in 1991 will determine whether the courses will be continued.

Initially, the program will be included in the university's Center for Slavic and East European Studies and its Middle East studies program.

According to Stone, the course next spring "will go from antiquity to modern times, tracing the Armenian experience in the world."

Whether the program will evolve into a three-year curriculum on Armenian studies will depend on whether there is sufficient enrollment to support both the cultural and language aspects, Stone said.

"Everybody says we need to have both," he said. "When push comes to shove, do you have sufficient enrollment to maintain elementary, intermediate and advanced language levels?"

The current program began evolving 15 years ago from the cultural activities of about a dozen students at UConn of Armenian descent, Stone said.

"They began making donations of Armenian studies publications to the library," he said. "We did not have a very extensive collection

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Notables extend hand to the needy on Thanksgiving

By Michael Hirsh The Associated Press



Spiderman floats down Broadway during the 61st annual Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. The giant cartoon hero, 78 feet long, needed 8,300 cubic feet of helium to inflate it.



Volunteers serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal to the homeless on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol Thursday. The meal was sponsored by the Community for Creative Non-Violence.

Celebrities and politicians joined hands with the nation's homeless and hungry on Thanksgiving, while Cuban prisoners continued holding 121 hostages at two federal prisons and a glimmer of hope emerged for Western captives in Lebanon.

For millions, Thursday's holiday means the usual staple of plates overflowing with turkey, stuffing and gravy, pageant-filled parades and a double bill of pro football. For others, this was a different kind of year.

In economically beleaguered Texas, about 150 people lined up for a "hip" free Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe in Dallas.

"It's the nouveau needy," said restaurant promoter Janna Brockman of the crowd. "They aren't used to needing help, and that's why we have this cool atmosphere. It's not like a bus stop or anything."

In New York City, 80 residents of a welfare hotel were invited to Central Falls, a chic Soho restaurant-art gallery that provided a band, a magician and clowns. Actors Matt Dillon and Griffin Dunne helped serve the traditional meal.

An estimated 2 million people who watched Macy's 61st annual Thanksgiving Day Parade in the city saw four new towering helium-filled balloons and floats, clowns, bands and color guards. About 55 million others watched on TV.

"We got born just in time for the parade, didn't we?" Gale O'Conner of Bethany, Conn., asked her silent 3-week-old son, Patrick, as the new Spider-Man balloon passed by.

Skies stayed mostly dry and temperatures chill for parades in Detroit, Dallas and Philadelphia, where Miss America Kaye Lani Rae Kalfou and Santa Claus helped usher in the holiday season.

The day was one of true thanksgiving for the family of William Hoffbauer, a student who was released from the Federal Detention Center in Oakland on Thursday evening by rebellious Cuban inmates who took him hostage along with 27 others.

"He's in great shape. He said they were treated royally," said Mike Marcellini, his brother-in-law.

In Atlanta, 34 people were being held hostage at the U.S. Penitentiary.

Thanksgiving presented a bitter dish for other Americans.

In Los Angeles, former Lebanon hostage David Jacobson brandished a set of chains before reporters and urged Americans not to forget his former fellow captives, who were being treated worse than ever, he said.

"We just wanted people to remember when they sit down and eat Thanksgiving dinner with their families that there are eight decent Americans being held hostage for no apparent reason," Jacobson told the news conference.

"They are sitting with chains on their wrists and blindfolded, eating plain bread and a couple of ounces of cheese. If the guards are in a good mood, they get a piece of cucumber."

But there was a prospect of freedom for two French hostages as a pro-Iranian group said it would release them sometime today, because of "positive indications" from the French government.

More than 100 dead on roads

CHICAGO (AP) — At least a hundred people had died on the nation's streets and highways as the Thanksgiving holiday weekend entered its second day.

The toll climbed to 118 by 8 a.m. EST today. Leading the nation in the number of traffic fatalities was Florida, with nine, followed by California and Ohio with eight each. The National Safety Council had said as many as 450 people might die over the four-day Thanksgiving holiday weekend this year.

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State death toll stands at three

By The Associated Press

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OPINION

Good drain helps guard big aquifer

The ideal way to protect an underground aquifer is to do nothing with the ground over it and to make sure that no one else does anything with the ground over it.

Environmental purists might like to see that happen, but for Manchester it is clearly an impossible goal. Too much of the town lies over the aquifer, and a great deal of it is already developed.

Granted, one of the most sensitive areas involved still contains a good deal of undeveloped land, the land along New State Road. For a variety of reasons, that land is also a part of town that is most suitable for commercial development.

The next best thing to forbidding development is put controls and restraints on development that reduce the possibility of polluting the aquifer to the lowest point.

In the past there has been little awareness of the dangers of polluting underground flows of water and no real effort to develop protective techniques.

Such techniques are better understood now. The problem is to put them into practice and then to monitor commercial developments closely to see that they do not circumvent or ignore pollution control measures simply because they are inconvenient or costly.

One of the simplest ways to protect an aquifer and still permit development over it is to be sure that any drainage from the development is not allowed to flow freely into the ground.

The Board of Directors took a major step toward that goal last week when it approved a plan for a storm drain system that will protect not only the land on which Manchester Lumber Co. will build a new lumber yard, but also other land nearby that will undoubtedly be developed.

That step alone will not guarantee aquifer protection, but it will go a long way toward it. The town has met Manchester Lumber Co. more than halfway in the protection effort. The company now has a strong moral obligation to guard against pollution dangers.

And the town has the further obligation of seeing that future developments over that crucial part of the aquifer are restricted to those that pose the smallest possible pollution threat. The existence of a good drain system should not be taken as assurance that any development over the aquifer will be a safe development.



Washington Wire

Hard sell on 'Star Wars'

By Merrill Hartson

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Conservatives are turning one of President Reagan's favorite sayings against him as they press the administration for assurances there will be no curbs on the "Star Wars" missile defense program.

Reagan several times has invoked a Russian saying, "dovroyal no proveryal" — true but verify — to emphasize his determination to make the Soviets comply with any arms-control treaty that the superpowers sign.

Now, conservative Republicans in the Senate and in various organizations with interests in defense issues are telling Reagan that, in effect, they trust his word on not agreeing to make the Strategic Defense Initiative a bargaining chip in strategic arms control talks. But they want him to verify that anyhow.

"I'm not going to discuss that right now about SDI," he said. White House chief of staff Howard H. Baker Jr. acknowledged that Reagan will likely face a difficult ratification fight, but promised that the president is ready to embark on a "full-blown" campaign to win its acceptance.

Without dealing directly with the concerns raised by Weirich and others, Baker said "the president is going to have consultations with members of the Senate and with other opinion leaders on the subject."

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater, asked whether Reagan would, in effect, trade curbs on SDI for Senate votes on the INF pact, replied, "I don't think we would look at it in a bargaining sense in terms of Senate appropriations. ... We would say to supporters of SDI, for example, that their case becomes even stronger. As we enter into an arms control agreement, we begin the process of destroying nuclear weapons."

What worries conservatives is the fact that Reagan has acknowledged that he's willing to discuss certain aspects of the SDI program in the context of his quest for a 50 percent cut in U.S. and Soviet strategic, or long-range, weapons.

Hackett charged that the Kremlin has picked up the rhetoric of congressional opponents of the SDI program by insisting that agreement on a strategic arms reduction treaty (START) be linked to a U.S. commitment to abide by a narrow interpretation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty for at least 10 years.

Such an interpretation, few people disagree, would doom the Star Wars program, and the administration has counter-proposed a seven-year period in which the ABM treaty would be strictly observed after the signing of strategic arms accord.

Hackett said that if the administration ever agreed to the 10-year proposal, it would kill the SDI program because "Congress isn't going to vote funds for a program that isn't going anywhere."

Weirich said that in an atmosphere of doubt about the future of SDI, private financing, which is badly needed in the initial stages of the program's research and development, likely will stop.

"They (Reagan's advisers) have convinced the president that they can agree to a cap of seven years on the grounds that it really can't be deployed until then anyway," he said.

"But there are things they can do now," Weirich said. "Most of the real work on SDI is being done on venture capital, by corporations who are gambling that they can land a contract (later) worth billions. Clearly, any kind of cap on deployment is going to dry up that money."

Merrill Hartson covers the White House for The Associated Press.

Japan balked at indicting illicit traders

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon had to lean on the CIA and the National Security Agency earlier this year to get them to give Japanese police highly sensitive intelligence information for the criminal prosecution of Toshiba Machine Co. executives.

Defense Department officials were out for blood when they learned that in 1984 Toshiba had illegally sold super-sophisticated propeller-milling machinery to the Soviets. The \$17 million sale enabled the Soviets to make virtually silent submarines, and will probably cost \$30 billion to counteract.

We have reported on a secret Pentagon memorandum of last May, which gave details of "extensive confidential negotiations" between Pentagon and Japanese officials. The "satisfactory settlement" that resulted included a promise by Japan to tighten up its export laws and supervisory system, punish Toshiba and C. Itoh, the trading company involved, and contribute unspecified but sizable sums to a joint research-and-development effort to overcome the Soviets' silent-sub advantage.

The Pentagon negotiators wanted more, though — specifically, criminal prosecution of the company executives involved in the Soviet sale. The secret memo makes clear how difficult it was to get the Japanese to agree to this, despite the substantial evidence implicating Toshiba's top brass.

"In Japan," the memo explains, "the police do not accept a case for investigation unless it is very strong. This practice has allowed the police to post a 90 percent conviction rate."

The memo then adds: "The police have accepted the case." Was this simply a Japanese government effort to assuage the wrath of the Pentagon — and Congress — over the Toshiba propeller-machinery sale? That may have entered into the Japanese decision, but the next paragraph in the memo gives a more solid indication that was offered to the reluctant, conviction-conscious Japanese police:

"The police plan to seek an indictment but feel that their case is not airtight. The (U.S.) intelligence community, with prodding from DoD (Department of Defense), is providing maximum assistance to the G.O.J. (Government of Japan) to facilitate criminal prosecution."

This unusual cooperation of the CIA and NSA took some doing, according to Reagan administration sources. But it got results. In May, shortly after the memo was written, two top executives of Toshiba Machine Co. were arrested and charged with violating Japan's foreign exchange and trade control law.

This law requires Japanese companies to abide by restrictions on high-technology trade with the Soviets imposed by COCOM, the 16-nation Coordinating Committee for Export Control.

In addition, the Japanese government has amended its export law to increase the maximum prison sentence for future violators from three years to five, along with other stiff penalties. More importantly, the amendment will increase the statute of limitations from three years to five.

But the secret Pentagon memo warns that in the case of the indicted Toshiba executives, "It is unlikely that imprisonment will take place because the statute of limitations has run out on the major transgression — exporting the machines."

That's why the two defendants, Ryuzo Hayashi and Hiroshi Tanimura, were indicted only for the illegal sale of 12 parts of the propeller-milling machinery, and related computer programs. These were follow-up sales that took place in June and July 1984 — after the sale of the machinery itself — thus barely falling within the statute of limitations.

Meanwhile, no employees of either C. Itoh or Wako Koeki, the trading firms that handled the Toshiba deal, have been arrested — yet it was a whistleblower in WakoKoeki who brought the case to the authorities' attention. So someone at the firm was obviously aware of what was going on.

C. Itoh insists that it accepted Toshiba's false declarations that the sale involved unrestricted technology. The Japanese government has privately informed U.S. officials that it has no evidence to dispute C. Itoh's claim.

Mini-editorial

Asian government health officials are disturbed by the efforts of American tobacco companies to promote smoking among young people and women in their countries. With some justification, they view it as an attempt to export disease and death for profit. The Asian officials are particularly concerned over the role that U.S. diplomats play in the tobacco trade, protesting government efforts to restrict imports for health reasons. This strikes us as dollar diplomacy at its worst. If the tobacco industry wants to sell coffin nails overseas, they should do it on their own, with no help from the State Department.

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A House-Senate conference committee now must reconcile the differences between the two disparate bills — and White House officials have warned that President Reagan is likely to veto almost any bill that emerges.

This, it's possible that much of the legislators' mischief will be neutralized — but they still apparently don't understand the logical rationale for the bureau's reorganization: "Public values have changed over the years."

Robert Walters

● An addition to the Oroville Tonasket Irrigation Project in Washington state. The bureau earlier added pumps to a gravity-fed system of irrigation canals, only to discover that river silt left the pumps inoperable.

The \$17 million needed to remedy the problem will bring the total cost of the project to \$88 million.

● A 25-year extension of the contract governing the bureau's Grand Valley Reclamation Project in Colorado, perpetuating a dubious arrangement between two irrigation districts and the Public Service Company of Colorado, a privately owned utility.

The reclamation project diverts more than 770,000 acre-feet of water from the Colorado River every year to irrigate crops. As a result, a 15-mile stretch of the river dries up periodically, endangering fish and wildlife.

When the measure reached the House floor, challenges to the Interior Committee's illegal procedure were summarily dismissed while legislators added even more water and power projects to the bill.

A House-Senate conference committee now must reconcile the differences between the two disparate bills — and White House officials have warned that President Reagan is likely to veto almost any bill that emerges.

This, it's possible that much of the legislators' mischief will be neutralized — but they still apparently don't understand the logical rationale for the bureau's reorganization: "Public values have changed over the years."

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Congress just won't let go of the pork

DENVER — Although the Interior Department is phasing out its construction of extravagant water projects, politicians aren't about to stop promoting public works boondoggles that place more emphasis on plumbing than policy.

The department's Bureau of Reclamation announced last month that it plans to virtually abandon the primary mission of its first 85 years — irrigating the arid West by constructing dams, aqueducts, canals and other massive public works projects.

Instead, the bureau will concentrate on assuring water quality, promoting water conservation and advancing other environmental causes — a drastic change for an agency that harnessed the Colorado, Columbia, Missouri and other rivers throughout the West.

(The bureau will conclude work on the two major initiatives not scheduled to be finished) until well into the 1990s, the Central Arizona Project and the Central Utah Project.)

As part of its far-reaching reorganization, the agency plans to move its headquarters from Washington, D.C., to Denver. At the same time, the bureau's staff of 8,000 will be slashed to 4,000.

Belatedly acknowledging the end of an era in which the Hoover, Grand Coulee, Shasta and other huge dams were built, the bureau says it now recognizes that such projects "are becoming increasingly difficult to justify from an economic, budgetary and environmental perspective." But politicians are far more resistant to relinquishing their "pork barrel" prerogatives, as illustrated by



the odyssey of the Water and Power Authorization Act of 1987.

The legislation originated in the Senate, where it was a thinly disguised private relief bill sponsored by North Dakota's two senators to allow the community of Dickinson, N.D., to defuse on a legitimate debt.

The measure, as passed by the Senate, valued repayment of more than \$1 billion that Dickinson owed the Bureau of Reclamation to compensate for cost overruns associated with a municipal water supply project built by the agency.

In the House, Interior Committee rules require that a majority of its 41 members be present when it conducts any official business — but only eight were in attendance on the day the Senate bill was considered.

Without a quorum and without any hearings, the committee proceeded to lead the Senate bill with members' favorite projects. Two examples:

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Holiday shopping tips are offered

DEAR READER: Well, are the Christmases getting closer together or does it just seem that way? It's time to start preparing for the holidays again, so do yourself a favor and do your Christmas or Hanukkah shopping early.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

Here's my annual — slightly revised — column on holiday shopping.

If you're wondering what to give Aunt Olivia or Grandpa, who doesn't go out much, let me tell you what not to give them:

Forget dusting powder, aftershave and cologne. (They probably have several unopened boxes gathering dust on their closet shelves.) Grandpa doesn't need another necktie, and Aunt Sylvia doesn't really want any more brooches, necklaces, bracelets or earrings.

With the price of groceries so high, older folks who live alone on a fixed income would be delighted to receive a basket of goodies. Include small cans of salmon, chicken, ham, tuna, fruit, instant coffee, tea bags, crackers, cookies and instant soup mixes.

Older people who live in confined quarters do not need more "things" that are ornamental only. Don't send music boxes, statuettes or other bric-a-brac.

A truly thoughtful gift: postcards and some lined stationery with envelopes and a generous supply of postage stamps. (Enclose some self-stick pens, too.)

A handy gift: an assortment of greeting cards for all occasions, so that they, too, can send birthday, anniversary, graduation, get-well and condolence cards to others.

Don't give a gift of clothing unless you're absolutely sure the size is right.

If you're tempted to pass along a scarf, purse, wallet or some little doodad you received three Christmases ago, please don't; the recipient will probably find it just as useless as you did. (Besides, you might get it back the year after next.)

If someone on your gift list is living on a pension, a check for any amount would be far more appropriate.

ciated than some useless little trinket. Another thoughtful gift would be a year's subscription to a newspaper or magazine you are sure he or she will enjoy.

If you buy a gift on sale, be sure it's appropriate, since the recipient tries to exchange it, he will be told, "Sorry, sale merchandise is not returnable."

Never give a pet to anyone unless you're absolutely sure a pet is wanted and will be properly cared for. And if you want to delight someone who considers his pet a "member of the family," include a tin or two of cat or dog food for the pet.

Don't give wine or liquor unless you're sure the recipients imbibe. Candy, nuts and fruitcake make wonderful gifts for those who aren't counting calories, but please have compassion for those who are, and lead them not into temptation. Also remember that many older people have difficulty chewing hard candies and nuts.

Instead of giving someone a gift with permission to "take it back and exchange it if it's not what you want," save yourself (and them) time and effort by giving gift certificates in the first place.

For those who maintain their own homes and apartments, consider a gift certificate for other types of services needed — window washing and rug cleaning. And don't forget certificates for the barber shop, beauty parlor, taxi rides or dinner out to a fine restaurant. (And don't laugh! a trip to the podiatrist!

Holiday time can be depressing for people who are alone, so if you know someone who might be alone and lonely, give him (or her) the best gift of all — an invitation to have a holiday meal with you and your family. Loneliness is the ultimate poverty.

LOVE, ABBY

Boy's disease not always inherited

DEAR DR. GOTT: We know a family whose son has neurofibromatosis. The mother says her doctor told her it was inherited. She says there was nothing like this in her family, so guess who is to blame!



Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

How can it be blamed on one side or another when only one in 10,000 have it? Isn't something like this a combination of many genes?

DEAR READER: Neurofibromatosis occurs in one out of 3,000 births. It is characterized by skin spots that are well-demarcated and are the color of coffee with milk. Hence the term "cafe au lait" spots. In addition, the disease is associated with nerve tumors, bone abnormalities, precocious puberty, learning disorders and seizures.

The condition is inherited as an autosomal (non-sex-linked) dominant pattern, meaning that 50 percent of affected individuals will produce children who have the disease. The specific gene has not been identified. Males and females are equally affected.

Because only 50 percent are presumed to reflect new mutations — that is, half the patients have a new genetic abnormality that is not acquired from a parent.

This observation is an important one, because it removes the burden of responsibility from parents who do not have the disease. If the parents of the child you mention do not have neurofibromatosis, then the boy must have developed his genetic defect apart from them.

The treatment of neurofibromatosis has been the surgical removal of nerve tumors. Investigators have become very excited by a recent report that described how doctors are using ketotifen, a mast-cell stabilizer, to treat the disease. Mast cells, where histamine is produced in the body, can often be found in the nerve tumors of neurofibromatosis. Ketotifen shows promise in managing the disease and may well improve the outlooks of people with the disease.

Thoughts

"Since we have such a huge crowd of men of faith watching us from the grandstands, let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, and especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up; and let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us. Keep your eyes on Jesus, our leader and instructor. He was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterwards; and now he sits in the place of honor by the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2 The Living Bible)

Christian conversion is the start of the Christian race. Life or death depends upon whether or not we run the Christian race. Christ will give us strength to run well. If we ask him, the race involves struggle and perseverance, and is run under the eye of God Himself. The Man Christ Jesus is our example and helps us. The Apostle Paul declared, "I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness." A similar crown awaits all who finish the race. Everyone can participate in this race!

Pastor Kenneth Gustafson
Calvary Church of the
Assemblies of God



Getting ready for Sunday's fashion show are Wendy Geaski, left, in a black suit jacket from the early 1900s, Julie Higgins in a ruffled flapper dress and Kimberly Glover in a maroon walking suit from the 1890s. These will be among outfits to be modeled in the fashion show.

'Vintage' wear returns

By Nancy Pappas
Manchester Herald

Two years ago, a customer walked into Sue Geaski's thrift shop in Portland and asked her if she carried any vintage clothing. "I truly didn't know what 'vintage' meant," said Geaski. "It sounded more like something you'd say about wine."

But on Sunday afternoon at 2, Geaski and her sister, Sylvia Glover, will be presenting a two-hour fashion show of vintage clothing in the auction hall at the Manchester Mall. The outfits will range from an elegant maroon suit worn in the 1890s to an evening dress and jacket from the 1950s. In between, there will be a genuine black flapper outfit, a pink satin cocktail dress from the 1940s, and much more.

Geaski and Glover now run Twice Is Nice, a vintage clothing store in Manchester Mall which offers racks of unusual garments. One day last week, the treasures included slinky gray and silver evening dresses from the 1940s, a turquoise and gold brocade turban with matching pocketbook from the 1950s, and a hip-length patchwork leather vest from the 1960s. On the wall hung a beaded overcoat, estimated to have been crafted in 1905, and a red velvet jacket with black trim, from about 10 years earlier.

"Getting into vintage" is easier said than done, however, said Glover. "You don't just hang out a sign and claim to be dealing in vintage clothing," she said. "You've got to get the outfit, somehow."

To do this, the sisters travel to auctions and flea markets, attend estate sales and negotiate with private individuals. "It's exciting, because you never know what you'll find," said Geaski.

Their most unusual find, thus far, was a beaded flapper dress which weighed in at 12 pounds. The women paid \$75 to buy it from a dealer in Mansfield Center, and another \$75 to have it cleaned and repaired. After such heavy expenses, Glover said, they weren't able to turn much of a profit.

"We took one of the first offers we got on that," said Glover. "Now we know better. We've learned we can hang onto something until we get our price."

Glover comes from a business background and Geaski is still employed by Connecticut Community Services at a group home for the mentally retarded in Tolland. With absolutely no background in fashion, they have found it necessary to study the history of garment style and construction.

They have spent hours in the textile area of the Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hartford, and they pore over old catalogues and books. "We're still babies at this, we're still really feeling our way," said Glover.

She added that none of the garments they sell come with a guarantee of authenticity or age. "We can only take an educated guess," she said.

There are, however, certain signs which the women expect to see when inspecting an old garment, Glover said. Most of the older pieces are extremely fragile, and may be frayed under the arms. They are put together with a great deal of hand stitching. Appropriate closures include snaps, hooks and eyes and buttons. "You're not going to see any velcro, any plastic zippers," she said.

Many of the older dresses have net or buckram interlinings, to make them stand out or move in a particular way.

The two sisters opened this shop in Manchester about six months ago. Customers who have found this tiny spot have included "everyone from freaky kids to well-to-do, really wealthy women who wear these things to parties," said Glover.

One of their customers collects only hats, which she has arrayed over an entire wall of her bedroom. Several others buy particularly beautiful dresses to mount on their walls as works of art.

They owe their start, said Glover, to that woman who spoke with her sister two years back. "She was a dealer," Geaski said last week. "She said, 'If you are smart, you will get into vintage clothing.' So we did."



Julie Higgins helps Kimberly Glover adjust her hat, in a run-through for Sunday afternoon's fashion show of vintage clothing.

Social Security

No need for new numbers

QUESTION: Our children, who are our only dependents, have had their Social Security numbers since they were born. Can these numbers be used or do we have to apply for a new Social Security number?

ANSWER: No, you should not apply for a new number. Once a person gets a Social Security number they keep the same number for life. Most children already have a Social Security number. They were obtained for a variety of reasons, such as a security account, a part-time summer job, a driver's license, or other purposes. Since these young people already have a Social Security number, nothing further needs to be done.

QUESTION: My mother is no longer able to get around easily or to dress or bathe herself without help. Since my wife and I both work each day, we have someone come to our house to take care of my mother while we're working. Would my mother's Medicare insurance cover the cost of this care?

ANSWER: The type of care you have described is considered custodial care and cannot be covered by Medicare. Under Medicare, care is considered to be custodial when it is primarily to take care of personal needs and could be provided by persons without professional skills or training. For example, bed, bathing, dressing, eating, and taking medicine. Even if a person is in a hospital or skilled nursing facility or is receiving home health care, Medicare cannot cover care if it is mainly custodial.

QUESTION: I get SSI payments because I have multiple sclerosis. Since I get SSI, I also have Medicaid coverage. I've been offered a job and would be earning too much money to continue getting SSI. Would I be able to keep my Medicaid coverage, but I'm concerned about losing my Medicaid coverage.

ANSWER: Going to work doesn't necessarily mean losing your Medicaid coverage. There are provisions in the law to help disabled SSI recipients work. One of them is continuing Medicaid coverage. To keep your Medicaid coverage, you must continue to be disabled, meet all other non-earnings SSI eligibility requirements, depend on Medicaid coverage to continue working, and be unable to purchase similar medical care. You can get more information about all the "social incentive" rules at any Social Security office.

WELCOME CHANGE IN THE WORKPLACE

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. (AP) — The future belongs to those who welcome change in the workplace, according to a specialist in business and personal relations skills.

"Failure to adapt to change — especially during current mergers, downsizing and restructuring — can put a person out of business in no time," says J. Oliver Crom, president of Dale Carnegie Associates Inc., a firm that trains 150,000 men and women annually.

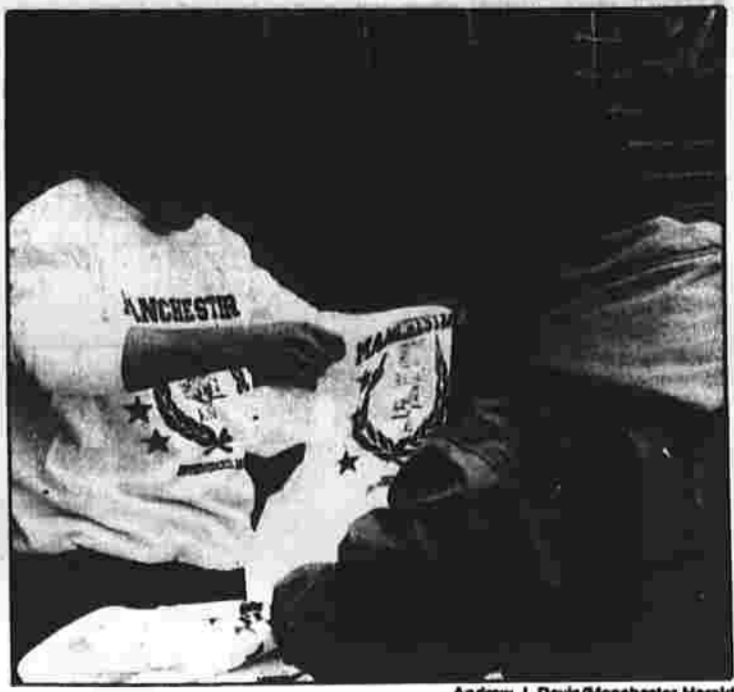
To help develop a favorable attitude toward the inevitability of change, he suggests the following:

- Face the facts: when change is at hand, it's going to have impact on you whether you welcome it, you have it thrust upon you, or you're totally indifferent to what's happening.
- Welcome change with an open mind. Trying to hang on to fixed ideas only wastes time, energy and effort.
- Cooperate, and try to facilitate the change so it has a fair chance of succeeding.
- Look for ways to improve even limited change. There are always better ways of doing things. Go after them on a continuing basis.
- Trust those who make decisions for change. Their future and yours are tied together. While communication about impending change is highly desirable, it may not be practical at the moment.
- Remember: change is here to stay. Resolve to meet it with a positive attitude — and share in the future of business.

Along the race route



Peggy Marsh of Manchester reaches for a glass of champagne before the running of the 51st annual Manchester Road Race Thursday. The rest of the



Erik Loos of Ellington sells sweatshirts and T-shirts commemorating the 51st running of the Manchester Road Race. Loos said sales were slower than he anticipated.



Ryan Adamek, 16 months old, waits for his dad, Frank Adamek of Vernon, who ran in his fourth Manchester Road Race. Ryan was with his mother, Mary, and sister, Ashley.



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Astrograph Your Birthday Nov. 28, 1987. In the year ahead, you might have to shoulder a bit more responsibility than you have in the past. Don't let this dismay you, because the bigger the rewards, the greater the rewards. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The restrictions you may experience today might not be due to the faults of others, but could be generated by lack of foresight and planning on your part. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Matchmaker set instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

PBS celebrates the Gershwins

By Mary Campbell The Associated Press NEW YORK — George and Ira Gershwin were prolific, and conductor Michael Tilson Thomas, that a weekly series called "The Gershwin Show" could "go from now until you know when." "One thing so astonishing about the Gershwins is the amount they wrote," Thomas says. "Alas, there is no weekly series, but there is 'Celebrating Gershwin' on public television, two 90-minute specials airing tonight and next Friday. Thomas is host. The specials are part of the "Great Performances" series on the Public Broadcasting Service. The tribute to the Gershwins is embodied in the range of performers — from Chita Rivera to Bob Dylan — who participated because of their admiration for the music. Said Thomas, "In the TV programs we wanted to do three things: We allow people to hear some music that they hadn't heard in a long time; we brought in new kinds of artists to perform; and we gave a chance for a lot of different kinds of artists to perform. Diversity of artists was very important for the Gershwins." The two shows divide the Gershwin music basically into the 1920s and 1930s. Each contains portions of performances taped in Brooklyn and London.

TV Tonight

- 5:00PM (8) Wonderful World of Disney: The Swamp Fox. Gen. Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox, stops a group of British supporters who've been burning down patriot homes. (60 min.) (L) [ESPN] College Basketball: Maui Classic. Kansas vs. Chattanooga from Hawaii. (2 hrs.) (L) [HBO] MOVIE: 'Sylvester' (C) An orphaned singer becomes a musical source for a professor studying American music. (100 min.) (L) [HBO] MOVIE: 'The A-Team' (C) A group of four convicts escape from a prison and go on a mission to rescue a man who's been kidnapped. (100 min.) (L) [HBO] MOVIE: 'The Untouchables' (C) A group of four convicts escape from a prison and go on a mission to rescue a man who's been kidnapped. (100 min.) (L) [HBO] MOVIE: 'The Untouchables' (C) A group of four convicts escape from a prison and go on a mission to rescue a man who's been kidnapped. (100 min.) (L)

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win music basically into the 1920s and 1930s. Each contains portions of performances taped in Brooklyn and London. Thomas plays "Rhapsody in Blue" in the original orchestration for jazz band by Ferde Grofe. "I think Gershwin was one of those rare people who discovered his true voice very early. I think he was growing up. The Gershwins knew my dad (Ted Thomas) and were friendly with my uncles. I heard that music from the time I was conscious or even before that," said Thomas. "A lot of my fundamental principles about how to play this music I've gotten from my father who got them from George Gershwin. I knew Ira. "Although I had made some very well-selling Gershwin records over the years, I had never really performed all that much of it until about two years ago when I began to gear up for this big project. "For me, George and Ira's work has a particular haunted testimony that's essential to my life," Thomas said. "It's just as mysterious and profound as lots of what we might call the big classical masters of the 20th century." Deserts take over As desert-like conditions steadily take over Earth's arable lands, human misdeeds annually denude 25,000 square miles of the planet's surface, according to National Geographic.

President 'put upon' by report

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — President Reagan feels "personally put upon" by a congressional finding that the Iran-Contra affair sprang from a climate of disrespect for the law, his top aide says. White House chief of staff Howard Baker Jr. also said Thursday that at one time he feared the arms-to-Iran furor would paralyze the Reagan presidency, but ended it. Baker said that while Reagan "really, really did not like" the report released Nov. 18, the president is moving "full-throttle" on a superpower arms-control initiative, efforts to attack the federal deficit and other issues. Baker, however, in an impromptu question-and-answer session with Cable News Network and NBC News, acknowledged for the first time that he previously had had doubts whether Reagan could weather the storm of accusations flowing from the disclosure a year ago of clandestine arms sales to Iran and a diversion of proceeds to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels. "It's good to go back and think about where we were in the spring, and where we are now," Baker said as the president relaxed with his wife, Nancy, and members of the family at his 68-acre ranch nestled in the Santa Ynez Mountains north of Santa Barbara.

When I came on board in March, you know, the real question was, 'Is man going to survive?' This is the end of the Reagan administration, if not impeachment, at least immobilization," the chief of staff said. "And now, here we are near the end of the year, and he's going full throttle." Baker refused to venture any opinion about whether Reagan wants to grant pardons to Rear Adm. John M. Poindexter and Lt. Col. Oliver L. North, two former White House aides who are central figures in the continuing investigation of the affair by independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh. "I have no idea, no comment, no instructions and no insight," Baker said.

Washington Clark, who formerly served as Reagan's national security adviser and then headed the Interior Department before returning to private law practice in California, has urged Reagan to grant pardons to the two military officers, sources have said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Contenders for the 1988 Republican presidential nomination are following President Reagan's lead and refusing to say whether they would pardon Iran-Contra figures Oliver L. North and John M. Poindexter. But the men who may some day have the power to grant a pardon won't rule it out either. "I think it's too early to even speculate," Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole said recently in Santa Fe, N.M. "We're not going to get into it," said Stephen Hart, a spokesman for Vice President George Bush in a comment that echoed sentiments by Rep. Jack Kemp of New York, former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont and Alexander M. Haig Jr. One presidential contender, former television evangelist Pat Robertson, has expressed no opinion. Spokesman Scott Hatch said Robertson was on a family vacation and aides could not get his comment this week. Along among the GOP contenders surveyed, Kemp volunteered the belief that there "should not be prosecutions" of North, a former aide on the National Security Council, or Poindexter, who once served as Reagan's national security adviser.

Both men played critical roles in the Iran-Contra affair, and independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh has identified the two men as targets of his criminal investigation. Most of the GOP presidential hopefuls indicated they favor allowing Walsh to proceed with his investigation without pardoning North and Poindexter in advance of any possible indictments. If any defendants are indicted, convicted and file appeals, the disposition of their cases might not be known until after Reagan leaves office, and the politically difficult decision of whether to pardon might fall on Bush, Dole, Kemp, du Pont, Haig or Robertson. Pardons can be political dynamite, and that may explain the reluctance of the 1988 contenders to say what they would do. Former President Ford granted his predecessor, Richard Nixon, a full pardon, thereby freeing him of possible prosecution for Watergate activities. Some political strategists say lingering voter resentment contributed to Ford's election defeat more than two years later in 1976.

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BUSINESS

Retailers see lackluster season

By Joyce A. Rosenberg
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Christmas shopping season that begins today will probably get off to a slow start, hurting retailers who traditionally get half their profits from holiday spending, analysts say.

"I think it's going to be lousy," said Robert Buchanan of L. F. Rothschild & Co. Inc. "I think the consumer is not in a buying mood because of very meager growth in real disposable income along with a dose of fright caused by the stock market crash."

Analysts said their negative predictions also stem from the fact that consumer spending has not picked up this month after being slow all year while Americans paid off heavy installment debt.

"People have been extremely pessimistic," said Jeffrey B. Edelman, an analyst with Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. "Consumer spending is drifting sideways."

"I don't think there's reason for alarm, but I don't think there's reason to be ebullient," said Edelman, predicting sales would be mediocre.

Consumer spending, considered an important barometer of the nation's economic well-being, accounts for two-thirds of the gross national

product. The gross national product is the total value at retail prices of all goods and services produced by the U.S. economy.

A survey by the Conference Board, a business research organization, indicated that Americans don't plan to cut back their Christmas spending. More pessimistic analysts such as Buchanan said sales could decline from last year after being adjusted for inflation.

The analysts said retailers won't know until the very last day how well they have done, because shoppers will again put off gift-buying.

"We're going to have a very late Christmas," predicted Fred Winter, who tracks apparel retailers for Alex. Brown & Sons Inc. "They'll end up buying, but they're going to drive the retailer crazy."

Buchanan wasn't optimistic about late sales. "I think we won't even get the last-minute spurt we got last year," which made a difference between a good and bad season, he said.

Buchanan and Edelman said many nervous retailers already are advertising price cuts.

Winter said apparel retailers should do well at Christmas because consumers are "not going to stop buying the small-ticket stuff." More expensive items, such as home electronics and appliances, are not expected to move well.

"The worst sectors will be department stores and other upscale retailers," such as Neiman-

Marcus Group Inc. and the department store divisions of Federated Department Stores Inc. and May Department Stores Co., said Buchanan.

Retailers confirmed that sales have been slow this month.

Julian Taub, a vice president at upscale Bloomingdale's, said store officials reported lower sales growth.

At the discount end of the retail spectrum, early November sales "were not up to our expectations," said Wal-Mart Stores Inc. spokesman Jack Shewmaker.

Both retailers said they remained optimistic about Christmas.

Monroe H. Greenstein, an analyst with Bear Stearns & Co., said he had been upbeat too, until he saw "rather modest" sales by catalog retailers, already in their peak selling season.

Catalogs are "usually a fairly decent forecast of how Christmas sales will turn out," he said.

However, Greenstein wasn't writing Christmas off.

"It's very early in the season and things still can turn around," he said.

Walter Lee, an analyst with Morgan Stanley & Co. was more positive: "The consumer is working and is optimistic, and nothing has really happened to deter the average American."

Pros and cons of 'street name' stock

QUESTION: We own stocks that a brokerage firm is holding for us. I think we should get the stocks and put them in our safe deposit box at the bank. My husband likes leaving them with brokers, because they keep records of all our holdings, dividends, etc. What do you think?



Investors' Guide

William A. Doyle

ANSWER: This is one of those "different strokes for different folks" things. There are advantages and disadvantages in leaving securities with a broker in "street name" — registered in the brokerage firm's name. With that arrangement, the broker is your "nominee." You remain the "beneficial owner" — the real owner.

Street name accounts work well for people who do a lot of buying and selling. It eliminates delivering certificates to the broker when you sell.

If you have bonds in the account, the brokerage watches for early calls for redemption.

Other advantages include the one your husband cites. The statements you receive list all your holdings.

The brokerage collects your dividends and interest and credits that money to your account. You don't have to worry about lost checks or lost certificates.

But some brokerages are all too slow in sending along dividends and other money in street name accounts.

That problem is licked if you have an omnibus account, called by "cash management," "asset management" and similar names at different brokerages.

With that type of arrangement, all cash in your account automatically is "swept" into a money market mutual fund, typically every week. You can write checks on the account. And most provide credit cards.

That simplifies things but does not come free. Charges vary, depending on the brokerage firm. Some brokerages levy fees on

straight street name accounts. If there is no trading activity resulting in commissions.

There often are delays in receiving shareholder reports, annual meeting notices and other communications from companies whose stocks you have left with brokers.

The big rap is that most brokerage firms don't permit customers to stop buying the small-ticket stuff. More expensive items, such as home electronics and appliances, are not expected to move well.

"The worst sectors will be department stores and other upscale retailers," such as Neiman-

ANSWER: If you do, you probably spent Halloween in a pumpkin patch waiting for The Great Pumpkin to rise up and deliver toys to good little boys and girls.

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Truth to tell, brokers don't like dividend reinvestment plans because the plans don't produce commissions.

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Rain didn't bother race spectators

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volunteers sold programs, a host of clubs and store owners sold coffee and doughnuts, while others sold T-shirts and sweatshirts. "It's a little slow right now," said T-shirt salesman Erik Loos of Ellington at 9:30 a.m. He said he thought the rain, plus the fact that the 51st running of the event may have been anticlimactic compared to last year, may have slowed sales. Whether or not the race was anticlimactic, race volunteers were busy in the old Quinn's Pharmacy store. The store, which closed in September, was used by road race volunteers to tabulate results, said Kenneth Larson, a road race volunteer.

"Last year we were in Manchester Hardware," Larson said. "We were all set to move in there (this year) but an empty room is better." The weather did not deter Bruce and Donna Forde of Manchester who were out to cheer on their daughter Mindy. The two held up a magic marker sign which read "Go Mindy" on one side and "Happy Thanksgiving" on the other. "We're longtime Manchester residents," Bruce Forde said. "We wouldn't miss this for the world."

Appeal filed over election sign ruling

A political committee that worked successfully for the defeat of a proposed agreement between the town and the Eighth Judicial District in the Nov. 3 election has filed an objection with the state over a ruling made by the moderator in that election.

Jeffrey Garfield, executive director and general counsel for the state's Elections Enforcement Commission, said today that the complaint was filed Wednesday.

He said the commission will rule on the complaint, but not before Dec. 23. Garfield said Save Our Sewers, the anti-agreement political committee, filed the complaint against an order by Joseph Sweeney, Manchester's election moderator.

Sweeney ordered SOS to remove from the grounds of polling places vehicles on which large signs were posted advocating a vote against the agreement.

The vehicles were parked beyond the 75-foot limit from the entrances to the polls, but Sweeney said the vehicles were parked for long periods of time and carried large signs.

Despite the fact that SOS won its point in the election, Perry Dodson, chairman of SOS, said after the election that order should not be allowed to stand as a precedent.

One of those who complained about the parked vehicles was Democratic Town Chairman Theodore R. Cummings.

Violins sound better with years of play
MONTCLAIR, N.J. (AP) — No one knows exactly why, but the more a violin is played, the better it sounds.

Violins that remain unplayed for long periods seem to seize up, according to Discover magazine.

Researchers speculate that vibrations over the years of playing, combined with simple aging processes, actually alter the cellular structure of the instrument's wood.

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U.S./World In Brief

French hostages freed in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Two French hostages were released safely in west Beirut today by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim captors, police and witnesses said. Jean-Louis Normandin and Roger Augue were released at 6:30 p.m. (11:30 a.m. EST). The two former captives surrounded by scores of French Embassy officials and Syrian and Lebanese security forces walked separately to the main gate of the seaside Summerland Hotel under the firing flashbulbs of news photographers.

Officers from a Syrian army contingent in charge of west Beirut's security immediately took delivery of the two freed hostages and whisked them into the hotel lobby.

The Revolutionary Justice Organization had earlier said it would release two Frenchmen today because of "positive indications" from the French government.

French Ambassador Paul Blanc and his senior aides greeted the two former captives at the hotel lobby.

American kids all 'above average'

NEW YORK — If scores on commercially-produced standardized tests are to be believed, America's grade school children are like the tykes living in humorist Garrison Keillor's mythical Lake Wobegon, Minn.: all "above average."

A nationwide survey by Friends for Education Inc., a 700-member West Virginia watchdog group, found that "no state is below average at elementary level on any of the six major nationally-normed, commercially-available tests."

A draft copy of the 26-page report contended that the seemingly excellent scores being tallied in every state on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, Metropolitan Achievement Test and other commercial standardized tests "give children, parents, school systems, legislatures, and the press misleading reports on achievement levels."

Douglas reveals life in letters

WASHINGTON — The late Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas thought federal agents tried to plant marijuana at his Goose Prairie ranch and that a Pennsylvania mob was going to lynch him for his role in the Rosenberg spy case.

Those and other glimpses of the personal life of Douglas, who served on the high court for 36 years and built a reputation as a fierce defender of individual liberties, emerge from a new book called "The Douglas Letters."

The book, edited by Virginia Commonwealth University history professor Melvin I. Urofsky, is filled with letters to the famous and not-so-famous. It chronicles Douglas' career from his days as a law school professor to his relationships with the brethren on the Supreme Court.

Soviets need a healthier lifestyle

MOSCOW — Thirty percent of Soviet citizens are overweight, two out of three get little or no exercise and 70 million smoke. What this population needs, according to a government report, is a healthier lifestyle.

The resolution of the Communist Party and Soviet government, distributed in part by the official Tass news agency, outlines a new health care system that wants the Soviet Union's 272 million people to lead a healthier lifestyle.

It stresses preventive medicine and says Soviets do not exercise enough. Health Minister Yevgeny I. Chazov said students will be required to double their exercise time to as many as eight hours a week.

Rebels massacre 16 in Zimbabwe

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Anti-government rebels massacred 16 whites, including two Americans, on two farms run by Pentecostal missionaries, fellow preachers and the government said today.

Five children and seven women were among those hacked to death, according to Home Minister Enos Nkala. Colleagues of the missionaries said two children escaped the Wednesday night massacre in Matabeleland province, in western Zimbabwe.

It was the bloodiest attack on whites since Zimbabwe's independence seven years ago from Britain. Nkala, who is in charge of police, said the missionaries and their children were bound by the wrists and butchered with axes by a gang of about 20 armed men.

Thanksgiving fire kills six children

SEAT PLEASANT, Md. — Investigators sifted through rubble today trying to determine if a kerosene heater, careless smoking or an electrical malfunction caused a house fire that killed six children on Thanksgiving.

Seven adults and two other children survived the early morning blaze Thursday by leaping from windows or fleeing from the first floor of the two-story frame home.

The fire, which shattered the close-knit family of James and Annie Williams, appeared to have started on the first floor, but the cause may not be known for at least a week, according to Tony DeStefano, a spokesman for the Prince George's Fire Department.

Police ponder next move

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day, Mayor Peter DiRoia Jr. said that the safety of your loved ones is our paramount goal." The Atlanta siege began Monday night with rioting that resulted in one Cuban inmate being shot to death and at least 12 people injured. The inmates have armed themselves with crude shanks and have used seized baseball bats, hammers, pipes and boards with nails in the end.

Deal near on hostage release

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spokesman Tom Stewart said no further talks were scheduled, but FBI official Wayne Davis said the inmates told an FBI negotiator Thursday night they'll reconsider their position tomorrow morning. The Atlanta talks broke off after about 1,100 rebellious Cuban prisoners in a mass meeting and voted against a proposal to free 50 hostages.

Davis said authorities at the 85-year-old penitentiary remain hopeful because of signs the inmates are more unified. "I think you can see that by talking about a majority saying 'no' (to the hostage release) that some type of democratic apparatus is in effect," Davis said.

Obituaries

Eather Granstrom, first principal at Bowers School

Eather M. Granstrom, 82, of 50 Oakwood Road, died Wednesday at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

She graduated from Willimantic Normal School, now Eastern Connecticut State University, and Boston University. She continued graduate work at UConn and at the University of Connecticut.

Before moving to Manchester in 1943, she was principal of the Central Junior High School in Springfield, Mass., and the Bowers School in Manchester.

She was a member of the Community Baptist Church in Manchester and the Rockville Baptist Church.

Besides her daughter, she is survived by two other daughters, Elizabeth Jane May in California and Deborah Goldstein of New York City; a son, David G. Blatter of Rockville; a sister, Marion Jones of Quincy, Mass.; and four grandchildren.

The funeral is Monday at 11 a.m. at the Community Baptist Church, Manchester. Burial will be in Ellington Center Cemetery, Calling hours are Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Ladd Funeral Home, 19 Ellington Ave., Rockville.

Bella Stone-Epstein
Bella (Hurwitz) Stone-Epstein, 80, of Hartford, died Thursday. She was the widow of Hyman Epstein and the mother of Irene Balaban of Manchester.

She also is survived by three other daughters, Gladys Waxman, Sylvia Wise and Muriel Keiper, both of Bloomfield; two sons, Bernard Stone of Bloomfield and Milton Stone of Newton; 19 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter, Phyllis Stone Dubrow.

The funeral was scheduled this morning in the chapel of the Westminster Mortuary, 640 Farmington Ave., Hartford. Burial will be in Workmen's Circle Cemetery, Garden Street, Hartford. A memorial service will be held at the home of Gladys Waxman, 9 Barry Circle, Bloomfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Building Fund of Trinity Covenant Church, 202 Hackmatack St., Manchester 06040.

Elizabeth Blatter
Elizabeth (James) Blatter, 77, of Rockville, died Thursday at Rockville General Hospital. She was the widow of Walter H. Blatter and mother of Marion Gibson of Manchester.

Born in Manchester, she lived in Rockville most of her life. She was secretary to the judges of the superior court of the State of Connecticut and was formerly employed as a legal secretary by the law firm of King and Caldwell, Rockville.

She was a member of the Community Baptist Church in Manchester and the Rockville Baptist Church.

Following her retirement, she worked at clerical positions for a few years before becoming active in volunteer work. She was a member of Trinity Covenant Church, serving in the Sunday school as teacher and superintendent.

The funeral is Monday at 11 a.m. at the Community Baptist Church, Manchester. Burial will be in Ellington Center Cemetery, Calling hours are Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Ladd Funeral Home, 19 Ellington Ave., Rockville.

Court Judge M. Morgan Kline. Police began digging at 1 p.m. Tuesday, and worked until about 11 p.m. Digging continued Wednesday, and again on Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Police Chief Robert D. Lannan announced the investigation in a press release Tuesday, saying that a search warrant would be executed that day based on information that had been sealed in an affidavit by Hartford Superior Court Judge M. Morgan Kline.

The house at 24 Pine Hill St. is occupied by Frederick Delaney. Town records show that Delaney has rented the house since 1968 from Florence E. Peterson, who lives on one side of 20-22 Pine Hill St. Records show that Peterson has owned the house since 1941. Her husband, Carl, died in 1958, making her the sole owner. The Petersons had purchased the property from Charles J. Peterson, who continued to live at 20 Pine Hill St. until 1982, when he moved to Middletown.

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51st race turned into two-man duel



Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

The pack (above) led by Jean-Pierre Ndayisenga (32) and Richard O'Flynn (11) heads for the corner at Charter Oak Street after answering the starter's gun. At right, O'Flynn holds a slight lead on eventual winner John Doherty as the pair head up the Highland Street hill.



David Kool/Manchester Herald

Doherty outlegs O'Flynn to tape to repeat

By Jim Tierney Manchester Herald

Two men didn't fail to answer the task set before them in the 51st Manchester Road Race Thursday morning. Amid the overcast weather, two guiding lights shone through the 4.75-mile loop around the Silk City.

Reminiscent of the 1986 duel between eventual champion John Doherty and Jean-Pierre Ndayisenga, this year's race was as entertaining and kept the masses in suspense until the pair entered the deep stretch portion of the course on Main Street.

Again, Doherty was a participant in this year's duel, along with fellow Irishman Richard O'Flynn. Originally from Leeds, England, Doherty's parents are both from Ireland

and he received his Irish citizenship last April. So, as the "Irish Connection" record shows in Manchester, this wasn't a peculiar sight for Manchester on Thanksgiving Day.

In what amounted to the finest field ever assembled on the streets of Manchester, Doherty and O'Flynn proved to be the best on this day. Doherty's patience was tested as it was last year and he didn't subjugate O'Flynn until the two turned onto Main Street and the former displayed his powerful finishing kick which O'Flynn just couldn't counter.

As the duo hit Main Street together, Doherty exhibited a lethal surge which quickly opened up 10 yards between himself and O'Flynn and the finish line was now in full sight.

Doherty's winning time was 21:31, the second fastest time ever recorded in this venerable community event. O'Flynn was caught in 21:35, which was the third fastest time ever in Manchester. Another Irishman, John Treacy, who placed third in 21:54, holds the course record of 21:26 set in 1979.

"It was very similar (to last year's race) with two people breaking away," the 26-year-old Doherty said. "We (Doherty and O'Flynn) were running at such a good pace that it was really difficult to pick it up and get away. When it comes to the last part I took advantage over Richard with better leg speed. The closer I got to the finish, the more comfortable I felt."

O'Flynn, who was appearing for the fourth time in Manchester since the 1985 race, was now in full sight.

herty for as long as he could but wasn't able to muster the decisive move which was imperative to push him into the winner's circle.

"I just wasn't strong enough," the 25-year-old O'Flynn said. "John (Doherty) dragged us away from the rest of the field halfway up the hill. I decided I was going to or die. It was a good feeling to be away with just the two of us."

A 1985 Providence College graduate, O'Flynn placed fourth in Manchester in 1982, third in 1983, and second in 1985. O'Flynn placed second in the NCAA Division I Cross Country Nationals in 1984.

After a large group went through the first mile in 4:28, Doherty, O'Flynn and Jim Cooper, who placed fourth, separated themselves a bit following the initial strategic aspect of the race. As the

runners reached Highland Park Market, Doherty and O'Flynn took off and the two-man duel was on. Treacy and O'Reilly, who finished fifth, were in third and fourth place together some 30 yards in back of Doherty and O'Flynn.

The two-mile mark was passed in 8:22 by Doherty and O'Flynn and, as the two went downhill on Porter Street, they began to vastly outpace their pace. Doherty led by five yards as they went by Wyllys Street and O'Flynn was content to stay directly in back of Doherty and use him as a wind-breaker.

"For a while, I was just hanging on him," O'Flynn said. Now side by side down on East Center Street, O'Flynn knew he had to attempt a move before Main Street because of Doherty's headstart.

A native of County Cork, O'Flynn

wrested the lead from Doherty on East Center Street opposite Lenox Street and it seemed as if this would be O'Flynn's turn to shine in Manchester. As they passed the cemetery, however, Doherty seized ownership of the lead for one last time.

Doherty assumed total control on Main Street and O'Flynn's latest challenge to inherit the Manchester throne was vanquished again.

"If I'm going to have a go at John, I knew I had to do something because I knew he was quite fast at the finish," O'Flynn explained. "When we got onto Main Street he just had that extra burst. Considering the training I've done that's really fast for me."

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Doherty and O'Flynn made it a short pack

By Len Auster Manchester Herald

A pack was expected to come flying around the corner at East Center and Main streets with the arms and legs pumping away in unison, heading for home.

It was what many envisioned, with the best field ever assembled for the Manchester Road Race. But the way it was a year ago and much like other recent classic duels, it was a two-man race history.

John Doherty made it. Doherty won the 51st edition of the race Thursday in 21:31, with Richard O'Flynn four seconds behind him. The race attracted a record field of 6,500 registered entrants and a record of spectators estimated at 30,000.

Doherty, the defending Road Race champion took the heat out of his competitors up the stretch of Highland Street dubbed "Heart-break Hill."

There was a pack, with the likes of Doherty, O'Flynn, John Treacy, Gerry O'Reilly, Jean-Pierre Ndayisenga and Keith Brantly, which began the long, 1.2-mile climb.

There was only Doherty and O'Flynn to duel when they made the turn onto Porter Street. "When we passed the light at the top of the hill, I knew it was a two-man race," said O'Flynn, who was in 1985, lost contact with the pack at the 2-mile mark.

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How did Doherty shave 14 seconds off

Top five broke 22 minutes

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was in 18th place in 23:17. Joe Swift, out of Xavier High School in Middletown, was the first Connecticut male finisher, in 12th place in 22:48.

A pair of Britons, Jill Clark and Christine Benning, led the women's division, with Clark coming home in 28:35.

Teresa Kittredge, a former East Catholic High School standout, was the first Connecticut female finisher. The 21-year-old Bentley College student, who will graduate in May, was fifth overall in the women's field with a time of 27:59.

The star-studded field was far from disappointing. A record five sub-22-minute miles were turned in with Treacy, Cooper and O'Reilly also breaking the magic barrier.

There was one record set among the other divisional races. Elaine Menche, running unattached, had a 33:45 clocking in the women's 50-59 division. It eclipsed Diane Stuart's record, set in 1985, by three seconds. Christine Tattersall, of the Hartford Track Club, defended her women's 40-49 division crown with a time of 28:45. Adeline Kearney for the third consecutive year won the women's 60-and-over category in 37:05.

Charles Parmalee, running unattached, won the men's 40-49 division with a time of 25:22, while Henry Golei of the Hartford Track Club won the men's 50-59 age group in 28:10.

Nicole Arparian, of Conard High School in West Hartford, won the female high school division in 30:48 with Shelly Dieterle, a freshman member of the Manchester High School varsity soccer team, third in 30:53.

In the male high school division, Rockville High School's Tom Cary was the winner in 24:45, with Todd Liscomb of Manchester High second in 25:06. Liscomb won the Nicholas A. Marziale Trophy for being the first Manchester schoolboy finisher. Liscomb's older brother, Vinnie, was two-time winner of this award, in 1983 and 1984.

John Treworthy won the men's 60-and-over age group with a time of 29:56. He was a year ago Charlie Robbins, the 67-year-old bare-footed retired physician who was in his 57th consecutive race. 43rd overall, was third in his division in 31:00.

Doherty, O'Flynn and Treacy took home TAC Trust Awards of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500, respectively. The top three women took home the same awards. Doherty also won the first-time Jack VonBeck Trophy for winning the race.

Proceeds from the Manchester Road Race benefit muscular dystrophy research in Connecticut. More than \$21,000 was raised a year ago and Race Director Jim Balcom said more than \$23,000 will be forwarded through the Tall Cedars of Lebanon this year.

The Manchester Road Race Committee and Nutmeg Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, are race sponsors with financial backing from Pratt & Whitney and The Hartford Courant.

Two-man duel to the finish

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13:47 and four miles in 18:15. Both Doherty and O'Flynn were a bit surprised Treacy didn't join them in their duel. "It's very difficult when you come up a hill 30 yards back to try and make us ground," Doherty said of Treacy. "John still ran very well." O'Flynn, who trains with Treacy in Warwick, R.I., knew his fellow countryman wasn't prepared.

"I think John knew before he got here, he hadn't the work done," O'Flynn said. "There's nothing at all wrong with him."

After struggling earlier in the week with a virus, Doherty was happy to defend his title in Manchester. "It's nice to come back and defend it," he said. "Once the gun went off I tried to forget it (the virus) and just tried to run as hard as I could. I like the course. It's a great distance. It's a novel distance."

Doherty said he will now begin his strict training regimen centered upon the 5,000 meters in Seoul, South Korea, for the 1988 Summer Olympics.

Treacy had no excuses for his performance. "I figured before the race if the flu hadn't taken anything out of John that John was going to win," the 29-year-old Treacy said. "I'm not making any excuses. I was beaten by two better athletes today."

Always a bridesmaid, never a bride, applies to the hard-luck O'Flynn. "It is frustrating," he said. "It would've taken 21:25 to beat John Doherty today."



Charlie Breagy (10) strains to outlean Steve Ave at the wire as the pair battled it out at the finish line in Thursday's Manchester Road Race. Breagy came in ninth with a time of 22:38 with Ave 10th at step behind.

'Irish Connection' is back in full force

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

England turned Irish citizen last April, led the green brigade with his second consecutive triumph in Manchester. He was followed by Richard O'Flynn (County Cork) and John Treacy (County Waterford) in second and third, respectively.

Gerry O'Reilly (County Meath) was fifth while Richard Mulligan (County Galway), a first-timer to Manchester, secured seventh. Charlie Breagy (County Louth) ran a fine race to finish ninth and another first-timer, Andy Ronan (County Wexford), rounded out the top 10.

"We're definitely back in full force," a smiling Breagy said. "There was a good contingent from America, too, and (Keith) Brantly has won every major road race in the country. The 'Irish Connection' was born in 1978 when Treacy dethroned Amby Burfoot, Treacy, who came alone to Manchester that year, has since brought several of his countrymen and the results have been astounding. Treacy, a 1978 Providence College graduate, now lives in Warwick, R.I. Dave Prindiville, one of the race directors, said at a luncheon before

fourth appearance on Thanksgiving in Manchester. "It's more than a race to me," the 23-year-old O'Reilly said. "The Irish community up here is great."

Breagy, brimming with ear to ear over the performance of the "Irish Connection" couldn't help adding one more comment. Breagy summed up the race by saying: "It's nice to see some American guys come in and take part in the Irish Championships."

Breagy could be part of that group, too. He became an American citizen three months ago. The "Irish Connection" is back.



Richard O'Flynn crosses the line in second place after dueling with eventual champion John Doherty. O'Flynn had the third fastest time over in 21:35.



Four-time champion and course-record holder John Treacy breaks the tape in third place with a time of 21:54. It was Treacy's lowest placement in his six runs in Manchester.



Gerry O'Reilly, who ran Connecticut's first sub-four-minute mile last June, finished fifth. He broke the 22-minute barrier with a time of 21:59.



Wheelchair racer Tom Foran heads up the Highland Street hill in Thursday's Manchester Road Race. Foran was the only wheelchair entrant and was timed in 22:31.



Charlie Breagy (10), who came in ninth in Thursday's Road Race, leads the second pack of runners up Highland Street. Steve Ave (64), who placed 10th, and Andy Ronan (75) gave Breagy some company along the route.

British visitors take 1-2 in the women's field

By Len Auster
Manchester Herald

The field was void of a defending champ but there were some notable in the ranks of the women. A pair of runners from England, Jill Clark and Christine Benning, secured the top two placements in

Thursday's 51st running of the Manchester Road Race.

The 29-year-old, blond-haired Clark, in only her second competition in a five-week span, turned in a winning clocking of 28:35. It was a 19-second improvement on Lee Hayer's winning effort in 1986. Clark's time, though, was still far

off the course record of 24:40 set by Judi St. Hillaire in 1985.

Clark, a native of Sheffield, selected Manchester off a list of road races after being dissatisfied with her most recent performance. "It was either a half marathon in Florida or here," she explained. "I wanted to do this because of the distance. 4.77 miles."

Clark, who has been staying in Atlanta in the U.S., was the 1985 British National 10K champion. She last ran at the Tulsa, Okla., 15K Run-In where she finished a disappointing fifth. "I don't come over very fit," she said, "and so I decided I wanted to do some more road racing."

That brought her to Manchester before returning home Sunday. Clark's next race will be at the Barbados 10K in a week's time. Her chief competition came from a fellow Briton, the 32-year-old Benning, who hails from Manchester, England. Benning's runner-up clocking was 28:53. Clark said she was concerned about her old nemesis until the very end.

"I never assumed I had command of the race because I knew Christine Benning (was here) and we've had some battles over in the England. I didn't know if Chris was right behind me or what so I just kept on going."

That place went to Karen Smyers, representing the Irish American Track Club, in 28:25. Anne DeMarco-Oli, running unattached, was fourth in 27:45. The first Connecticut finisher, Teresa Kittredge of Vernon, a former standout at East Catholic High School, was fifth in 27:59.

Kittredge, 21, who will graduate from Bentley College in May with a degree in finance, was happy with her first serious effort in the Turkey Day classic. She had run the race while in high school, but not like this year. "I was coming off a strong cross country season with Bentley and I thought I had some more to race," she explained. "I was tired the first couple of miles but I think I ran all right."

Did she know her placement? "Between three and four miles someone from the crowd yelled out the fifth woman," Kittredge said. "I didn't see any other women in front of me. I was really happy."

Clark was getting her first look at



Jill Clark (7003) from Sheffield, England, comes home the winner of the women's division at the 51st Manchester Road Race. Her winning time was 28:35.



Christine Benning (7002) heads for the tape and a second place finish in the women's division at Thursday's race. The Manchester, England, native was caught in 28:53.

the Manchester course. "It's fast, but I wish somebody would iron out the hill," she said, referring to the stretch on Highland Street.

"I went the first mile in five minutes. I didn't plan it. That was too fast but I just felt good. The second mile took six minutes. That really made me mad at myself. I thought once I got to the top of the

hill it would be easy but you have to concentrate and maintain your pace," Clark said.

Clark said her most recent occupation was that of a teacher—until five weeks ago. "They're going to have to find someone else. I want to travel and do running for a while," she said.

Clark admitted being surprised at her reception at the finish line. "The crowd was fantastic. Even being English, they were pleased when they saw the first woman come through," she said.

Will she be back looking for a good time of year for the distance. And it's nice to have one go at it and come back to know what you're in for," she said.

Prize-winning list

Place	Name	Affiliation	Time
1.	John Doherty	Etonic	21:31
2.	Richard O'Flynn	New Balance	21:32
3.	John Treacy	New Balance	21:54
4.	James Cooper	New Balance	21:56
5.	Gerry O'Reilly	New Balance	21:59
6.	Keith Brantly	Kangaroo	22:11
7.	Richard Mulligan	Johnson & Wales	22:18
8.	Jean-Pierre Ndayisenga	Adidas	22:19
9.	Charlie Breagy	Rich Classic	22:38
10.	Steve Ave	New Balance	22:39
11.	Andy Ronan	New Balance	22:44
12.	Joe Swift	Mohagan Striders	22:49
13.	Gerard Donakowski	Athletes West	22:57
14.	James Norris	New Balance	22:59
15.	Gordon Snaden	Team Etonic	23:01
16.	Nike Boston	Winn/Boston	23:02
17.	Brian Lenihan	Dartmouth College	23:05
18.	Charles Duggan	Brooks Racing Team	23:07
19.	John Bysiewicz	Unattached	23:20
20.	David Burke	Rich Classic	23:22
21.	Rob Day	Unattached	23:32
22.	Jim Sanders	Unattached	23:33
23.	Paul Bolick	Unattached	23:38
24.	Steve Oliver	Berkshire Road Rats	23:40
25.	Michael Cobb	Reebok	23:45

Divisional winners

Men's Open: 1. John Doherty 21:31 Etonic, 2. Richard O'Flynn 21:35 New Balance, 3. John Treacy New Balance 21:54.

Women's Open: 1. Jill Clark 28:35 Adidas, 2. Christine Benning 28:53 South Hampton, 3. Karen Smyers 28:25 Irish American Track Club.

Men's 40-49: 1. Charles Parmalee 25:22 Unattached, 2. Dick Ashley 25:37 Hartford Track Club, 3. Ernie Dumas 25:55 Central Mass Striders.

Women's 40-49: 1. Christine Tattersall 28:45 Hartford Track Club, 2. Zofia Turcoz 28:47 Hartford Track Club, 3. Jane Arnold 30:08 Hartford Track Club.

Men's 50-59: 1. Henry Golei 28:10 Hartford Track Club, 2. William Hixson 27:32 Hartford Track Club, 3. Jerry Levasaur 27:35 Hartford Track Club.

Women's 50-59: 1. Elaine Menche 33:45 Unattached, 2. Jeannette Cyr 29:30 Hartford Track Club, 3. Connie Wise 37:50 Lightfoot.

Men's 60 plus: 1. John Treworthy 29:56 Sleeping Giant, 2. George Thompson 30:11 New York A.C., 3. Charlie Robbins 31:00 NYPC.

Women's 60 plus: 1. Adeline Kearney 37:05 Unattached, 2. Mary Louise Mother 45:30 Unattached, 3. Mary Hains 48:25 Hartford Track Club.

Male High School: 1. Tom Cary 24:45 Rockville, 2. Todd Liscomb 25:06 Manchester, 3. Tim O'Donnell 28:08.

Female High School: 1. Nicole Arparian 30:48 Conard High, West Hartford, 2. Andrea Muzeroli 30:52 RHAM, 3. Shelly Dieterle 30:53 Manchester.

First Manchester high school: Todd Liscomb 25:06.

First Connecticut male: Joe Swift 22:49 Mohagan Striders.

First Connecticut female: Teresa Kittredge 27:59 Bentley College.

First Wheelchair: Thomas Foran 22:31.

Americans make strong showing

By Len Auster
Manchester Herald

The "Irish Connection" remained in control of the Manchester Road Race with its sweeping the top three placements in the 51st running Thursday. Defending champion John Doherty, who took out Irish citizenship recently, repeated with the second best time ever in race history. He was followed by countrymen Richard O'Flynn and John Treacy across the tape.

Two of the next three placements, though, and three in the top 10, had American connections.

The last American to win the Manchester Road Race was Charlie Duggan, a native of Hartford, who took top honors in 1980. Duggan, now 34, maintained his record in several national lower than 20th Thursday when he placed 18th in the world-class field. Duggan has now been on the top-25 prize-winning list a record 20 times. He broke a three-year tie a year ago with Amby Burfoot and Charlie Byson when he was 18th in 22:38. His time this year was a respectable 23:17.

The new American wave of runners, if they return for the 52nd road race in 1988, will include Jim Cooper and Keith Brantly. Cooper, outgunning Gerry O'Reilly in the final 100 yards, took fourth place in his Manchester debut with a time of 21:56. He's only the seventh runner to crack the 22-minute barrier. O'Reilly, in his fourth appearance in Manchester, was the eighth to join the sub-22-minute group with a 21:59 clocking.

The 27-year-old Cooper, a native of Charlotte, N.C., lived in North Granby from 1985 to 1970. "I have a list of 30 people from my mother's Christmas card list to see on Friday (in Granby)," Cooper said. "(And) I don't even know the roads," he said.

Cooper was far from disappointed with his effort Thursday. "When I saw the field, I said getting in the top five or eight would be great. I was the first American and I was up there in some very good company. I'm pleased."

Cooper said his goal is to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Team for the 1988 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea, in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. "Then I'd come back and they'd say 'Olympian Jim Cooper.'"

"I'm a predominant track runner. I double in the roads. I'm more, show my face in New England races, because the competition here is always a lot better," said Cooper, who represents New Balance.

Brantly, named the 1986 Men's Road Runner of the Year by the Road Runner Club of America, turned in a 22:11 clocking in his first Manchester venture. That earned him a spot among the best times ever, equalling the times of Brendan



Jim Cooper (7) was the first American across the finish line as he took fourth place in Thursday's 51st Manchester Road Race. He turned in a time of 21:56 in his maiden visit.



Keith Brantly, who has had a fine 1987 campaign, breaks the tape but came home sixth overall in 22:11. He was the second American to complete the 4.75 mile race route.

Quinn (1982) and Colin Reitz (1984). "I felt terrible," the 25-year-old Brantly said. "I think I could have run harder and come up the hill with about the same freshness. I just wasn't sure. It's just hard to tell how hard to run. Now, I know what I need to do." As far as the race atmosphere, Brantly was stunned. "It's great. It's the most well-attended road race as far as spectators I've ever seen. It's really a fun day."

Twenty-eight year-old Charlie Breagy has memberships in both the American and Irish connections. He was a member of the Irish wave that grabbed hold in Manchester five years ago. And he also seemed to go on forever," said Donakowski, the U.S. National Track 10K champion in 1986 and 1987. "The distance was fine. I just needed more training. My last race was in August."

"I was really impressed by the crowd. I've never seen one like this before and I've been to a lot of the big races. You think Manchester is a small-town race but the crowd makes a difference."

Joe Swift, out of Xavier High School in Middletown, from now running for the Mohagan Striders, was one placement in front of Donakowski, in 12th place. He was back on the prize-winning list, having placed eighth in 1985. Brian Lenihan, out of Avon High School and now running for Dartmouth College, was 17th in 23:05. Duggan, at 18th, wasn't sure what shape he was in before the race, having not competed that often this fall after moving from Tampa, Fla., to Baldwinville, N.Y., 10 to 12 miles outside of Syracuse.

John Bysiewicz, a former University of Connecticut runner, was 19th while Paul Bolick, from South Windsor, who was running in the colors of Bentley College, was 23rd.

The road race amazingly perseveres each year



Jim Tierney

Herald Sports Writer

The Manchester Road Race amazingly perseveres and emulates itself year after year. Easily this town's greatest annual attraction, the road race is unique for several reasons. First and foremost, the incessant community support for the race is second to none in road racing circles. Secondly, \$3 from every road race application goes to muscular dystrophy research in Connecticut.

And thirdly, the attraction of world-class runners to Manchester has been unbelievable, considering this is a town of 50,000 people. As good as last year's field was for the golden anniversary race, this year's was better.

This race isn't just well-known throughout New England. This race is one of the top road races in the United States in every aspect. In the previous 50 runnings, only six people had ever broken the elite 22-minute barrier for the 4.75-mile course. The first five finishers in Thursday's race all broke 22 minutes, which indicated the strength of this field.

Irishman Gerry O'Reilly, who finished fifth and also ran the first-ever sub-4-minute mile in Connecticut last June at the MCC New England Relays at Manchester High School, knew how eminent

this gathering of world-class runners was. "Fifth doesn't sound great but you look at the guys ahead of and behind me and it's quite respectable," the 25-year-old O'Reilly said. "It's a good sign of things to come."

One of the pre-race favorites, Keith Brantly, met the fate of many top-notch runners in their maiden appearance in Manchester on the Highland Street hill. Brantly, who was 10th going up the hill, finished sixth.

"I felt terrible," the 25-year-old Brantly said. "I just saw Doherty sprint away and everybody went with him. I was replaying all the scenarios in my mind. The heart of it was they (the other runners) just weren't coming back the way I thought they would. It's just hard to tell how hard to run this course."

Brantly, the 1986 American road race of the year who has beaten Doherty a few times before, was not much for the latter this year.

"He (Doherty) was pretty awesome," the Gainesville, Fla., native said. "You could tell he had fire in his eyes. He was just too strong."

Another American casualty who was also a pre-race favorite, Gerard Donakowski, found the Highland Street hill a bit disturbing. Donakowski, the 1986 and '87 TAC (The Athletics Congress) United States 10K champion, finished back in 10th.

"I was hoping for a little better," the 27-year-old Donakowski, a native of Ann Arbor, Mich., said. "I heard there was a hill. It seemed to go on forever. I thought if I maybe hung back a little bit, I'd hopefully get some people on the downhill. It didn't really work out."

Jean-Pierre Ndoyensenga, last year's runner-up to Doherty, was given a solid chance at getting to the winner's circle on Thursday. Having forecast before the race that he would go with whoever took the lead up the hill, Ndoyensenga just couldn't stay with the top pack on this day.

"We went faster than I thought," the native of Belgium said. "The 23-year-old Ndoyensenga, who grew up in Burundi, Central Africa, was impressed again by Doherty. 'Doherty would have broken the course record if he wanted to. The race was very fast. I thought they were going to die.'"

Doherty and O'Flynn ran a 4:25 third mile. "It was just a bad day," Doherty is tough to beat when he's ready for a race.

The most dramatic improvement on the prize list was Brian Lenihan of Avon and out of Dartmouth College. Lenihan placed 17th and was the second Connecticut finisher. Joe Swift, a 1981 graduate of Xavier High School in Middletown, was the top state placement in 19th. Lenihan's time was 23:05 compared to 23:36 in 1986, a 31-second jump. Lenihan was 22nd last year.

Steve Ave, a 1987 graduate of St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia, and who was sixth in the Christie

Road Race Notebook



Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

The Pilgrims were in the field again. Jeff Thornton and his wife, Kathy, teachers in the Manchester school system, were dressed again in their holiday outfits. The Branford Street residents pushed their two children, 2½-year-old Jeremy, left, and 7-month-old Kyle in strollers over the 4.75-mile race route. This has become an annual event for the Thornton household on Thanksgiving Day.

Manchester hospitality

Jim Norris, who finished 14th in the 51st Manchester Road Race Thursday, knows exactly what kind of hospitality surrounds the 4.75-mile run through the Silk City.

Norris, who placed second in the inaugural running of the Christie McCormick Invitational Mile in the MCC New England Relays, drove up from Philadelphia on Wednesday night and didn't arrive until 2 a.m. at the Irish American Home on Glastonbury. And he had no place to stay. As "last call" was heard, Norris was still looking for a place for him and his roommate to stay the night.

Dan D'Amato, a Manchester resident and 1981 graduate of Manchester High School, hadn't met Norris before but offered a room at his house on Summer Street. Norris's dilemma was solved. Norris came in sixth in the 1986 road race.

Stout Irish patriotism

John Doherty, who successfully defended his championship at the Manchester Thanksgiving Day Road Race on Thursday in the second fastest time ever (21:31), was born in England but has since become an Irish citizen. Both of Doherty's parents are from Ireland.

If there was ever a question about his patriotic alliance, Doherty answered it at the Nathan Hale School awards ceremony after the race. Doherty was drinking from a bottle of Guinness Stout which is brewed in Dublin, Ireland. Case closed.

High visibility for sales

One enterprising salesman who knew a high-visibility day when he saw it parked a Toyota Corolla on the 700 block of Main Street with a "For Sale" sign in the window. No price was quoted.



Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

The Sphinx Temple Brass Band plays in front of the Army and Navy Club during Thursday's running of the 51st Manchester Road Race. The Sphinx Temple band was one of 12 along the race route.

An extremely fast time

George Ehrlich, who headed the radio broadcast of the race on WKHT radio, said the first half-mile of the race was run in 1:58, which is extremely fast even for a track race over that distance. Ehrlich then corrected himself by saying that was the time for the first mile.

They're bound for Hawaii

Two names were drawn for the round-trip airline tickets to Hawaii, courtesy of Connecticut Travel Services Inc. The names of Martha Stinson and Paul Yeomans were pulled. Each had to start and finish the race to win. Four alternate names were also drawn.

Rubdowns at Nathan Hale

For the fifth consecutive year, the Connecticut chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association offered its services at Nathan Hale School before and after the race. A spokeswoman said 67 massages were given before the race and another 97 afterward.

"We did have a couple of repeats but most were different," she said. The dozen members worked from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. before the race and 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. afterward, when they had beaten Doherty a few times before, was not much for the latter this year.

The top 10? 'No way'

Charlie Dugan didn't think he had a shot of finishing among the leaders this year. He was 10th a year ago, but said he wasn't in the best of shape. "No way," he said when asked about making the top 10. "I'm hoping for the 20 to 25 and I'd be happy with 23:10." He finished 18th in 23:17.

Amby back with his cap

Nine-time champion Amby Burfoot was back for his 25th consecutive appearance in Manchester. And he came with his trademark, a painter's cap. "I found it in the basement of my house," Burfoot said. Burfoot, executive editor of Runner's World magazine, said he was going out to have a nice easy run with a first-time entrant, Cristina Whyte, a copy editor with Runner's World who has family in the Manchester area. "We're going to have some fun out there," he said.

Race on cable television

Cox Cable TV had four cameras around the course to tape the race for future telecast. One of the technicians said ESPN requested part of the tape and was going to telecast it as part of its "Race Weekly" segment. No dates were available for the telecasts.

Chasing the leader

What was it like chasing the leader? Not much fun, if you ask Gerry O'Reilly. "The guys (John Doherty and Richard O'Flynn) must have been really running fast because we made a couple of surges and never closed. John (Treacy) and I both surged but made no impression. That's discouraging," he said. Treacy finished third, O'Reilly fifth.

Excitement in the pack

The field was the deepest ever and, according to Charlie Breggy, that's what the fans wanted to see. "People want to see a pack at the top of the hill (at the 2-mile mark). That's excitement. That's what you want to have," he said.

Steve Gates, a former student at Manchester High School and Eastern Connecticut State University, knew how potent this year's field was.

"I think I finished 34th or 35th. This was a good competitive race. The group I ran with you'll find usually has a shot at 15th place or so. But those guys were back (with me). That shows the depth of this field," he said.

First wheelchair entrant

A wheelchair division was added to the 1987 Road Race and there was one entrant. Thomas Foran of Glastonbury started five minutes before the runners and completed the 4.74-mile course in 22:31. "It wasn't too bad," he said of the race route. "It was a little hilly but after the first mile you're all set," added Foran, who earlier in the year competed in the Boston Marathon.

Dog hounds the runners

A basset hound almost altered the finish of the race as it showed its teeth to the leaders right before the mile mark. "He was vicious," said Jim Cooper. "The whole pack (of runners) jumped from the curb to the middle of the road," he said. Cooper finished fourth.

Bands make a difference

There were a dozen bands lining the road race course and, yes, they did make a difference. Just listen to John Doherty. "The bands, the bagpipes, they're certainly very different. (But) it does spur me on, especially at the top of the hill when you hear the pipes. It gives you a burst of adrenaline to go down the hill. I love it here. It's fantastic."

Best has personal best

Greg Best, one of Manchester's finest runners, called Friday morning from New York. He ran Thursday and had a personal best — no pun intended — as he turned in a 24:29 clocking. "That put me ahead of a lot of guys I've never been in front of before," said Best, who was looking for his placement. Final results are not expected until Monday.



David Kool/Manchester Herald

There's nothing but a crowd of runners as they reach the 2-mile mark in Thursday's running of the 51st Manchester Road Race. A registered field of 8,500 took part in the race.



Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

There were plenty in the field like me

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Manchester Herald

It's comforting to know that other people besides myself have difficulty telling the truth. My finishing time in the 51st running of the Manchester Road Race Thursday — my first — was about 40 minutes, give or take a minute or two. That's 10 minutes over what I had estimated on the registration form.

As the big day drew near, I realized I would finish slower than my original estimate, and so Thursday morning I positioned myself in the area for 32- to 36-minute finishers.

Even then I was being optimistic, because I had not broken 40 minutes during my practice runs on the course. It turned out that others who started near me were even more optimistic than I was. As the mass of registered runners moved across the start line, it became clear that many who had started in front of me were maintaining a slower pace than mine.

I felt confident, then, as I moved past the Army and Navy Club on Main Street and began passing other runners. I even began to think that I would be able to finish the race in my pre-race estimate, of 30 minutes.

The outlook was good as I managed to keep a steady pace up the Highland Street hill. And things looked just as promising when I turned onto Porter Street.

As corny as it may sound, I got a big rush of adrenalin when I heard the theme song from the movie "Rocky" blasting from a loudspeaker in front of a home.

But as my finishing time confirmed, my confidence was based on the incorrect assumption that those who started with me were maintaining a pace in the 30-minute range. Many of those runners had as much business being there as I did.

By the time I got back to Main Street, my energy sapped. Runners I had passed earlier started to overtake me. I didn't even have enough strength to sprint the last few yards to the finish line.

Of course, for novice runners like myself, competition is really just a small part of the road race. It's simply a fun way to spend Thanksgiving morning. And it's a time to appreciate how much Manchester has to offer.

Who among the thousands of runners didn't feel a tingle run down his spine as former town Director Stephen T. Penny, the race announcer, mentioned that Manchester's is the third-oldest road race in United States?

Even though my time was slower than I would have liked, it was a thrill to cross the finish line with the other runners. Besides, the handbook on competitive running bought two weeks before the race says that 40 minutes is a respectable time for a beginner in a five-miler.



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REPORTER ANDREW YURKOVSKY
... one of the 8,500 runners that.

SCOREBOARD

Football

NFL standings

Team	W	L	T
American Conference			
Buffalo	10	4	0
Indianapolis	9	5	0
Atlanta	8	6	0
New England	7	7	0
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0
Control	7	7	0
Cleveland	4	4	0
Pittsburgh	4	4	0
Cincinnati	3	7	0
San Diego	3	2	0
Seattle	3	2	0
Denver	3	3	0
L.A. Raiders	2	9	0
Kansas City	2	9	0

College football scores

Team	Score
Alabama 51, Texas Tech 13	
Texas A&M 20, Texas 13	

Hockey

NHL standings

Team	W	L	T
Wales Conference			
Montreal	13	7	2
Quebec	12	8	1
Buffalo	11	9	0
Hartford	10	10	1
Control	10	10	1
Philadelphia	9	11	0
Washington	8	12	0
New York	7	13	0
Pittsburgh	6	14	0
N.Y. Rangers	5	15	0
Philadelphia	4	16	0
Montreal	4	16	0
Quebec	3	17	0
Hartford	2	18	0

NFL results

Team	Score
Chicago 27, Lions 20	
San Francisco 27, Redskins 17	
Atlanta 27, Falcons 17	
San Diego 27, Oilers 17	
Denver 27, Broncos 17	
Cleveland 27, Browns 17	
Los Angeles 27, Raiders 17	

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Baseball

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L
Boston	10	4
Philadelphia	9	5
New York	8	6
Washington	7	7
Indiana	6	8
Control	5	9
Chicago	4	10
Atlanta	3	11
Detroit	2	12
Los Angeles	1	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L
Denver	7	7
Houston	6	8
Utah	5	9
San Antonio	4	10
Portland	3	11
Phoenix	2	12
Golden State	1	13

NEW JERSEY (10)

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East wishbone too big a task for the Indians

Eagles to play next week against Darien for M title

By Paul Orlia
Manchester Herald

Manchester High had a difficult Thanksgiving task: to stop the No. 1 ranked football team in the state.

To stop an East Catholic team that was unbeaten in nine games, that outscored its opponent by an average of 36-6, that racked up 300-yard rushing games like a taxi with a broken meter.

To stop a football machine that had won 14 straight games and will be in the state Class M championship game next Friday or Saturday against Darien High.

Get the picture? East didn't prove to be gracious guests Thursday when it made it 15 in a row and a perfect 10-0 in 1987 as the Eagles whipped homecoming Manchester High, 38-4, in front of an estimated crowd of 4,000 at Memorial Field.

It wasn't that the Indians played badly either. East just played the game like a champion is supposed to. The Eagles controlled the ball, forced turnovers and most importantly, capitalized on the mistakes.

"They overpowered us," Manchester Coach Ron Cournoyer said after he completed his fifth season with a 3-6-1 mark. "They deserve the ranking of No. 1 or 2. Having played a lot of good football teams this year, they are right up there."

EAST NOW LEADS the series, 8-5, and has won the last two in a row and five of the last six Turkey Day battles. East took home the Army and Navy Club Trophy, presented to the winner on a one-year basis with a trophy retired after three wins. East leads the current series, 2-1. The Eagles also garnered the second annual Manchester Herald Town Championship Trophy, awarded the winning team on a permanent basis.

The Eagles were limited to 252 yards on the ground and Marc Mangialfico completed his only pass during the day for a 37-yard gain. Mangialfico, selected as East's outstanding player, led all rushers with 72 yards on eight carries. The remaining running chores were spread out evenly in the Eagle backfield between Jason Talbot (12-60), Scott Beaulieu (10-56) and Aaron Albricio (10-49). Shaun Robinson gained 10 yards on one carry.

Albricio ran for three touchdowns while Beaulieu chipped in with the other two six-point plays. Mangialfico and Talbot each had a pair of two-point conversions.

"All of our backs ran hard," East Coach Terry O'Reilly said. "I wasn't sacked all day. They gave me three seconds every time but I made some hard reads and threw the interceptions."

MCLAUGHLIN WAS REPLACED by another tough quarterback to Kelly Dubois, who hasn't called signals since October 10 against Hartford Public when a back injury relegated him to punting duties. Dubois ended his career on a high note, engineering Manchester's only scoring drive, a seven-play, 59-yarder that ended with Vinny Moore plowing in from the one. Dubois passed to split-end Eric Rasmus for the conversion.

Beaulieu scored his second touchdown following an 11-play, six-minute drive in the fourth quarter. Rasmus had an outstanding game, catching nine passes in the rain for 136 yards. Dave Russell caught two passes for 19 yards but had a touchdown called back as he was ruled out of bounds.

Despite the courageous performance by Manchester High, Thanksgiving 1987 belonged to East Catholic and the mighty wishbone.

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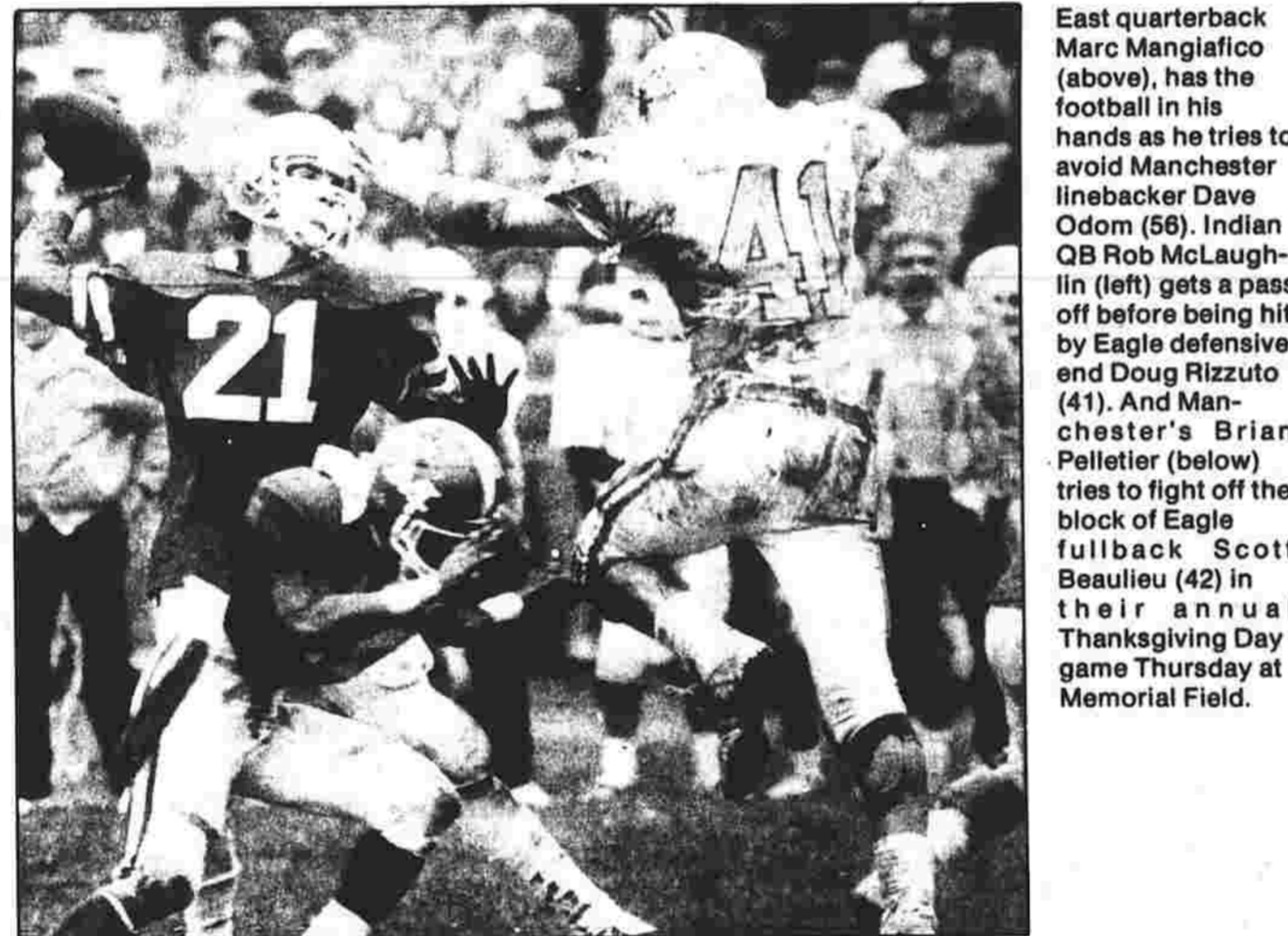
Scoring:
EC - Albricio 6-yard run (Talbot run)
EC - Beaulieu 4-yard run (Talbot run)
EC - Albricio 2-yard run (Mangialfico run)
EC - Albricio 6-yard run (Mangialfico run)
EC - Beaulieu 2-yard run (pass failed)
M - Moore 1-yard run (Rasmus pass from Dubois)

Statistics:
MHS EC
Offensive plays 47 56
10 First downs 14 22
175 Yards rushing 232 177
219 Total yards 289 274
12-28 Passing 1-1
0 Interceptions 3
2 Fumbles lost 0
1-5 Penalties 6-58
0-00-0 Punting 4-18-0

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Michele Curtis, 17, one of the managers for the Manchester High football team, looks on forlornly as the Indians go down to defeat to East Catholic.



Gary Tucker/Manchester Herald



David Kool/Manchester Herald



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Vikings all but lock up berth in NFL playoffs

By Dove Goldberg
The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — The Minnesota Twins won baseball's World Series despite only the ninth-best record in baseball. The Minnesota Vikings have the best non-strike record in the NFL and will probably have to take the wild-card route to reach the Super Bowl.

The Vikings, 7-1 in games played by their regulars, just about assured themselves a wild-card playoff spot by beating the Dallas Cowboys 44-38 on Thursday. Darrin Nelson's 24-yard touchdown run with 6:09 left in overtime gave Minnesota its fifth consecutive victory and put a severe crimp in Dallas' playoff hopes.

Minnesota, 7-4 overall because its replacement team won 6-3 during the 24-day NFL players strike, is the race one of the NFC's two wild-card playoff spots. New Orleans, 7-3, is the other likely wild card. With only four games remaining, the Vikings or Saints would have to fall apart for the Cowboys to have a chance.

The Vikings still have a mathematical chance to catch the Chicago Bears, who lead the NFC Central race by two games. A loss on Sunday to Green Bay would drop the Bears to 8-5, setting up a Dec. 6 showdown with the Vikings at Minneapolis.

"We're not 7-4, we're 7-3," yelled linebacker David Howard, but most of his teammates were more realistic.

"It's just one of those unfortunate things. It's a hole that we were in that we had to get out of," said defensive end Chris Doleman, who had three sacks, two of which caused fumbles.

"It's a hole we're in that we've got to get out of. Whatever happens, you've got to give us credit for getting this far."

"It's just something we have to put behind us," said Nelson, who had 118 yards on 15 carries and his first two touchdowns of the season. The Vikings nearly let the game get away by three times allowing Dallas to come back from 16-point deficits. The last comeback occurred after Rick Fenney's 1-yard scoring run with 8:24 left gave Minnesota an apparently safe 58-24 lead.

Quarterback Danny White, who had his best game in two years despite an ailing right wrist, threw scoring passes of 14 and 18 yards to Mike Renfro, the latter with 2:08 left in regulation.

White, who completed 25 of 41 passes for 346 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score, saw it all go for naught when the ball slipped out of his hand in overtime.

The errant pass went directly to Minnesota's Scott Studwell, who wasn't near a Dallas receiver. Studwell's 12-yard return set up Minnesota's 65-yard drive to the game-winning touchdown.

"I can't remember one that was as personally disappointing as this one. I lost the game," said a tearful White, who sat out last week because his wrist was still aching after being broken last season.

"All I had to do was execute but I got brayed too many times," White said. "And the defense can only cover up for you for so long."

The Dallas defense tried all day to find an answer to the Vikings' Anthony Carter, who caught eight passes for 184 yards and two touchdowns. His 24-yard reception of a Wade Wilson pass moved the ball to the Dallas 28 midway through the extra period.

Then the Vikings, admittedly calling plays with the idea of getting better field position for kicker Chuck Nelson, gave the ball to Nelson.

"It's our most basic play," said Nelson, who also had a 52-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. "I just run up the middle and look for daylight and run whichever way I think is best."

Just as on his earlier scoring run, Nelson broke three tackles on the way to the end zone.

"I'll want to do was move it closer," Minnesota Coach Jerry Burns said. "Then I looked up and I saw Darrin in the end zone so I didn't have to worry about it."

"We just couldn't contain their skill people, Carter and Nelson," Dallas Coach Tom Landry said. "You can't keep that type of an offensive team off the scoreboard for so long. We've got to do better before we play our next game and nobody feels worse than I do."

Minnesota running back Darrin Nelson finds running room in the Dallas defense and heads for the end zone for the winning touchdown in their game Thursday in Dallas. The Vikings won, 44-38.

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Bruins not playing like a tired club

By Michael A. Lutz
The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Bruins admittedly are a tired hockey team but they played like a fresh one after returning from a five-game road trip.

"It's tough after 10 days on the road," Boston's Steve Kasper said after setting up the tying goal and scoring a short-handed insurance goal as the Bruins returned to Boston Garden with a 5-3 victory Thursday night over the Winnipeg Jets.

"That's a credit to the coaching staff," he said when asked how the Bruins could have been so dominant in the first and third periods. "They know when to push us hard and when to slack off. And as a result, we've been pretty fresh in the games."

The game was the only Thanksgiving Day contest in National Hockey League. Tonight Hartford is at Buffalo, St. Louis visits Detroit, Pittsburgh travels to Washington, Montreal is at Minnesota, Edmonton hosts Chicago and Vancouver is at home against New Jersey.

The Bruins, who lost 4-1 Wednesday at Washington, finished the road swing 4-1. The team's away record for the season is 8-5-2, while the home record is 6-3.

"We proved we can play well on the road," Boston Coach Terry O'Reilly said. "The guys were determined we weren't going to sacrifice all that hard work and mess up at home."

After Geoff Courtnall scored Boston's first power-play goal in 18 tries in the game at 6:28 of the final period, Ken Linseman, just out of the penalty box, gave the Bruins their first lead with his fifth goal of the season.

"We didn't work quite as hard in the third period as we did in the first, and Boston worked harder," Winnipeg Coach Dan Maloney said. "That's basically the turning point."

The Bruins took it to the visitors early, outshooting the Jets 14-5 in the opening period.

"We played a great first period, maybe our most dominating period of the season," Kasper said. "You almost got the feeling it was going to be an easy night."

Despite Boston's first-period attack, Thomas Steen gave Winnipeg a 1-0 lead at 17:41. But Lyndon Byers tied it up for Boston 41 seconds later.

Iain Duncan's first of two goals put Winnipeg ahead at 1:18 of the second period, but Boston's Bob Sweeney again tied the game at 7:57.

Duncan's second goal, a power-play tally at 10:30 of the middle period, gave the Jets their final lead of the night.

After Courtnall tied the game a final time, Linseman tipped Ray Bourque's shot past Winnipeg goalie Daniel Berthiaume at 9:48 of the third period.

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Sports In Brief

Dawkins dealt to the Pistons
SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz traded center Darryl Dawkins to the Detroit Pistons Thursday for second-round draft picks in 1988 and 1990 and an undisclosed amount of cash.

The 6-foot-11 Dawkins, a 12-year NBA veteran, was obtained in a three-way October trade involving the Jazz, the Cleveland Cavaliers and the New Jersey Nets. In that trade, Utah gave up 6-5 guard Dell Curry and 6-10 center-forward Kent Benson to Cleveland.

Howard files suit against NCAA
WASHINGTON — Howard University, feeling its football team was unfairly excluded when 18 others with inferior records were selected to compete in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs, is in federal court with its complaint.

Howard's suit, the subject of a hearing today, seeks to halt the playoffs, scheduled to start on Saturday, until the court decides whether the Bison was illegally omitted.

Howard sued the NCAA on Wednesday when its team, despite a 9-1 record, was excluded. The school's lawyers asked U.S. District Judge John Garrett Penn to issue a temporary restraining order stopping the weekend's games.

The suit alleges anti-trust and breach of contract violations, and charges that Howard was kept out of the field "for unlawful and racially motivated reasons" even though it had a better record than any other team in the playoffs.

The suit seeks \$27 million in punitive and compensatory damages.

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Aggies heading for Cotton Bowl again

By Michael A. Lutz
The Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — A long run by an old hand and a short one by a new face in the New Year's Day showdown in Dallas against 10th-ranked Notre Dame.

The Longhorns, 6-5, accepted a bid to play No. 12 Pittsburgh in the Bluebonnet Bowl on New Year's Eve.

"They seemed to want our quarterback to run the ball," said Richardson, whose touchdown put the Aggies ahead for good. "They did exactly like I thought they would do. I was wide open."

Richardson started down the line of scrimmage to his right and suddenly made a 60-degree turn and sprinted to the end zone.

The victory sent the Aggies to the Cotton Bowl for the sixth time, but Texas still owns a 63-26-5 edge in the series.

The Aggies lost to Ohio State 28-12 last January after beating Auburn 38-16 in the 1986 Cotton Bowl.

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Whalers have to regroup

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HARTFORD (AP) — What is happening to the Hartford Whalers so far this NHL season is something that Coach Jean Perron of the Montreal Canadiens recalled happening to his club a year ago.

"The Whalers have to step back and regroup," said Perron. "It's a long season. Anything can happen."

The Canadiens ambushed the Whalers, 6-5, Wednesday night as the leaders of the Adams Division staged a gallant comeback from a three-goal deficit and won it on Stephane Richer's goal with 6:12 to play.

"The Whalers had some lucky bounces early but then the puck bounced our way for the second half of the game," said Perron. "Things like this happen when you're going bad."

"What is happening to Hartford happened to us last season," said Perron. "Back in September, I figured we'd be ahead of these teams by Thanksgiving," said Whalers Coach Jack Egan. "Things like this happen when you're going bad."

Hartford did that for 1:12 of the second period when the Canadiens, down 5-2, revived themselves on goals by Larry Robinson, Rick Green and Bob Galley.

In the third period, Montreal pushed its record to 6-3 in one-goal games as Richer, off a pass from Chelios, fired home a 48-footer to the right of Whalers goaltender Mike Liut.

"We had a downfall and then a good burst by our club," said Galley. "It's surprising and hard to explain what has happened to Hartford," he said. "Against us, only one goal has separated us in three games."

"I don't know what they're doing against the rest of the league but they play us tough," Galley continued. "When a team is going good or bad, it's difficult to break such a streak."

Freshmen key for Hartford
WEST HARTFORD (AP) — University of Hartford basketball Coach Jack Phelan hopes to look back on his team's 14-14 season in 1986-87 as a starting point for bright days in Division I.

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"Our freshness is indicative of our move to Division I and indicative that it's been a successful move," Phelan said. "Mike Daniel, Ron Moyer, Al Jones and Larry Griffiths will be the cornerstones of this program."

Hartford returns three starters from a year ago, including former University of Connecticut player Anthony Moyer, a 6-2 senior guard out of New Haven who averaged 15.4 points per game last season.

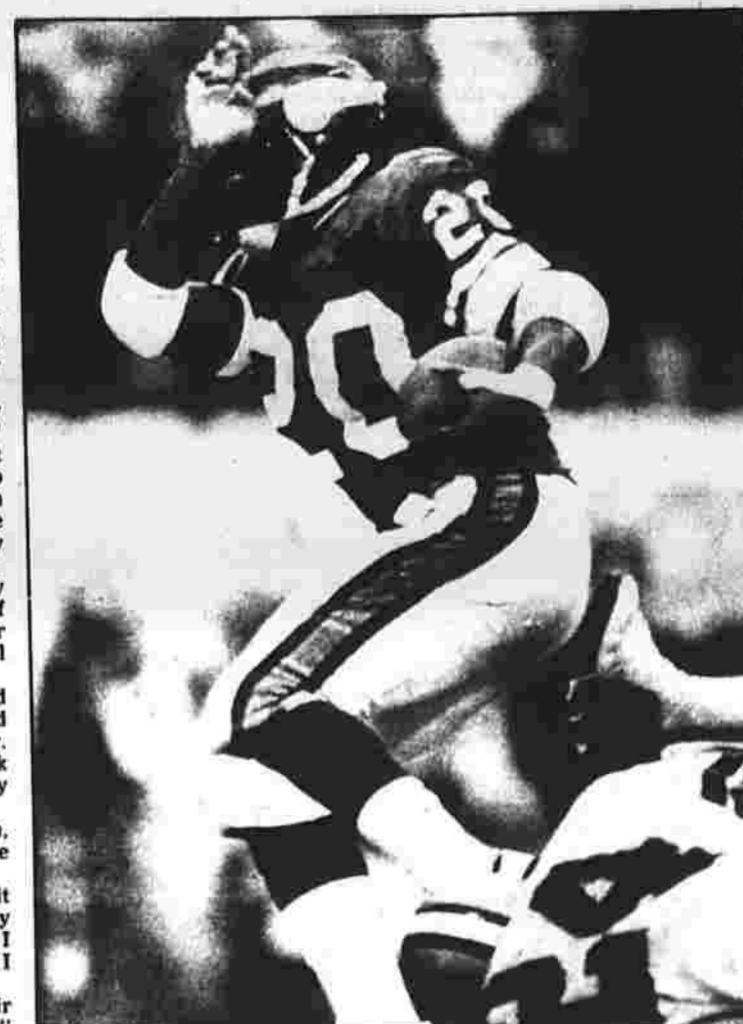
Moyer will be joined in the backcourt by 5-9 junior Keith Jones of Philadelphia, a reserve most of last season. Senior Doug McCrory of Hartford, a 6-4 forward, and 6-8 senior forward Marvin Fowell of Philadelphia are the remaining returning starters.

Phelan is counting on a big year from his seniors as the Hawks take aim on league powers Northeastern, Boston University and Niagara.

"McCrory and Anthony Moyer will be the guys we go to in crunch time," Phelan said. "Keith Jones will be our floor leader. I think we'll be a good defensive team, but I don't know if we'll be as good as last year."

To overcome last year's predictability on defense, Phelan says he may shift to emphasis on zones.

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Kenney in control as KC ends slide

By Harry Atkins
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PONTIAC, Mich. — Winning may be hard enough for Kansas City, but quarterback Bill Kenney also is pleased with how the Chiefs broke a club-record nine-game losing streak.

With Kenney, who missed two games with an injured wrist, pumping new life into the offense, the Chiefs scored 17 points in the second quarter Thursday and went on to beat the Detroit Lions 27-20.

"I wasn't going to just sit on a lead," Kenney said. "Too many times in the past, we got ahead and run the ball, run the ball, run the ball. We can't do that."

"We have to throw the ball, because that's what got us in the first place, mixing it up. I'll want to do was move it closer," Minnesota Coach Jerry Burns said. "Then I looked up and I saw Darrin in the end zone so I didn't have to worry about it."

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The Chiefs, whose offense had been sputtering without scoring a touchdown, got a seven-yard scoring pass from Kenney to light end Jonathan Hayes on their first possession. Kenney's 11-yard scoring strike to Paul Coffman on the second play of the second quarter.

Wayne Clements kicked a 47-yard field goal to give Texas a 3-0 lead in the first quarter, and A&M's Scott Slatker booted a career-high 53-yarder to force a 10-10 halftime tie.

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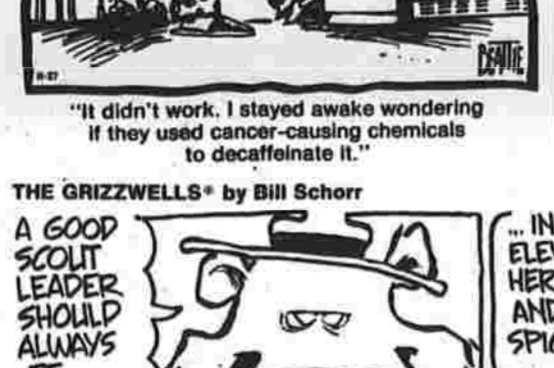
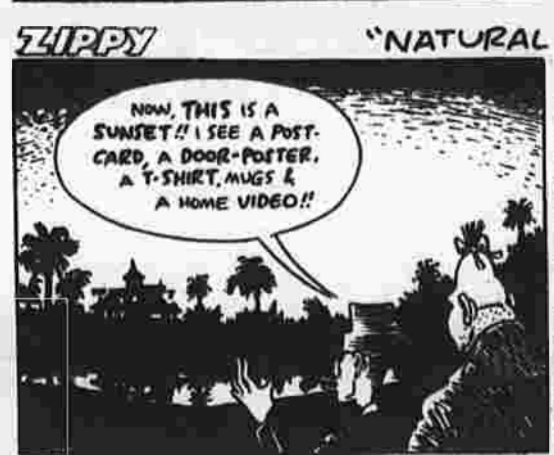
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