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## More property needed for Main Street project

By Nancy Concelman and Alex Greill  
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At least five additional property owners will be asked to sell a portion or all of their land to make way for a planned access road for the state-funded Main Street reconstruction project.

The state Department of Transportation (DOT) is already planning to acquire buildings owned by George Marlow on Oak Street and Purnell Place. A DOT official said today that five additional properties also would be needed for the access road, which would allow for the flow of traffic to Main Street during the 1989 reconstruction project.

James Lewis, director of rights of way for the DOT, said today that appraisers will go out and physically inspect the five properties on Birch, Maple and Pearl streets in about two weeks. The property

owners will be allowed to accompany appraisers then.

The owners and managers of the five properties will have to decide next year whether they want to sell portions or all of their property to the state or move any buildings affected on their land to make way for the proposed bypass road and extra parking needed during reconstruction. The road will run along the north-south leg of Purnell Place and accommodate travelers while parts of Main Street are unusable.

Marlow, who owns two buildings on Oak Street and Purnell Place that house six businesses, has been fighting the acquisition of those buildings ever since the bypass road was proposed. Many of his six tenants say that if Marlow's buildings have to be demolished they will lose their businesses.

One of the other five properties that must be taken for the parking lot is a house at 17 Pearl St. owned by Maureen A. Danford. The

acquisition of Danford's property, on the north side of Pearl Street, would allow the creation of about 25 parking spaces, said Jeff Keefe of Fuss & O'Neill Inc., which is drawing plans for the reconstruction.

A piece of property on Maple Street across the alley from the Comfed Savings Bank drive-in teller, owned by Fred P. Lea of 113 Eldridge St., will also be needed to be made way for the access road. The property measures about .2 acres.

Three properties on the south side of Birch Street will also be taken for the access road, including a triangular piece of property at 22, 24 and 26 Birch St. owned by Rahin Shamash of 43 Elizabeth Drive. The part of Shamash's property at 24 Birch St. that contains The Pentland Florist shop will also be taken, but there should be no impact on the building, Keefe said. A burned-out building and residence at 16 and 18 Birch St. owned

by Stewart Street of 275 Knollwood Road, will be combined with property at 12 Birch St. that contains a garage to create a parking lot of about 43 spaces, Keefe said. The 12 Birch St. property is owned by J & G Associates of 789 Main St.

These properties are "priorities" in the reconstruction project, said Michael Marzi, project coordinator with the state DOT.

The owners will be approached by the DOT early next year about selling their properties for demolition or relocating any affected buildings on them to make way for the bypass road, Marzi said.

Phyllis Jackson of J & G Associates said she had planned to knock down the garage at 12 Birch St. and pave it for extra parking. She said she and Street had planned to combine their properties for additional parking.

"It's important to us, it always has been," Jackson said. "The big thing is, what will you do if you have

to park?" Jackson said she received a letter from the DOT sometime in July informing her of the acquisition.

"In the prior things we looked at there was never any indication that they were going to take that property," she said.

Another of the property owners, who didn't want to be identified, was upset at the DOT's methods. "They don't ask you, they just tell you."

The owner said the DOT sent a letter saying that the department had decided it would need the property for the project and would send an appraiser. If there was any disagreement about the appraisal, it could be contested.

The earliest of the letters were sent out in July, Lewis said.

Lewis said a total of 56 acquisitions are necessary for the bypass road, most of which are partial acquisitions and involve gaining easements.

Director of Public Works George

Kandra said about 100 acquisitions will take place for the entire reconstruction project, many of them also easements. Some of the 100 parcels are needed to allow construction equipment to enter the property, and others are necessary to create extra parking during the reconstruction.

Kandra said that because of the large number of properties involved, negotiations and acquisitions may take up to a year.

"We've been told by the state that the acquisitions of the properties would take all of 1988."

The concept for the reconstruction, including the bypass road, has been approved, said Milton Shaw, engineer of municipal systems for the DOT. Designs for the road are still being done by Fuss & O'Neill Inc. of Manchester and should be ready by January, 1988, Shaw said.

"It is expected the plans (for the road) will be accepted," Kandra said.

## Iran admits chemical weapons

By Ed Blanche  
The Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iran acknowledged for the first time that it is producing chemical weapons, but said it would abide by an international treaty and refrain from using them unless forced to by Iraq.

Iran's prime minister, Hussein Musavi, claimed Sunday that Iran is manufacturing "sophisticated offensive chemical weapons." The use of such weapons is banned under a 1925 Geneva treaty.

Musavi also said Iran has deployed long-range missiles along its war front with Iraq, and will soon expand its arms production to include fighter planes.

He made his comments as he presented the government's new annual budget to the Parliament in Tehran. He gave no details of the budget for the Iranian year that begins March 21, but Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted him as stressing the war effort will get priority.

Musavi's admission that Iran is producing chemical weapons was the first official statement indicating that manufacturing has begun. Iranian spokesmen previously said only that Iran was capable of producing such weapons.

Musavi was quoted by IRNA as saying Iran will not use the weapons "as long as it is not forced to and will respect international conventions."

The United Nations accused Iraq at least three times in recent years of using chemical weapons against Iran. The Iraqis claimed Iran used similar weapons against them, but there was no independent confirmation.

Western military sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said recently that Iran and Iraq are capable of producing advanced nerve gases as well as missile systems.

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## Warship leaves Spain after death

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — A U.S. Navy warship departed five days ahead of schedule today after a crewman was killed in an grenade attack on a USO club that also left nine sailors injured, the U.S. Embassy said.

The destroyer USS Thorn pulled out of Barcelona's port early today, said Rafael Jerez, a spokesman at the U.S. Embassy in Madrid. The frigate USS Donald B. Beary also left Barcelona today, as it was



Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

Rhoda Russak, of South Windsor, works from her bed to coordinate the volunteers who worked at the Samaritan Shelter for the Homeless in Manchester

on Christmas Day. Her leg was broken in November, and her doctor expects her to begin walking at the end of January.

## 'Restless' Rhoda helps poor

Nancy Pappas  
Manchester Herald

Fifty of Manchester's poor and homeless can thank restless Rhoda Russak and her broken leg for the warmth, gifts and sumptuous dinner they enjoyed on Christmas Day.

Russak, who broke her leg in November, spent much of the month of December in bed putting together a group of volunteers to keep the Samaritan Shelter for the Homeless open on

Christmas Day. They helped provide practical gifts for each of the shelter's guests, and to cook and serve both brunch and a full-course Christmas dinner.

Hundreds of telephone calls were made to churches, companies and individuals, as Russak looked for volunteers and donations. Work schedules were compiled on a clipboard, a menu was determined as donations of food and money were

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## Home sales down 4.5% last month

By Martin Crutinger  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sales of existing homes fell 4.5 percent in November, the biggest drop in five months, as the collapse in stock prices in October apparently dampened home-buying enthusiasm, a real estate trade group said today.

The National Association of Realtors said its monthly survey found that existing single-family homes were sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.41 million units last month after increases of 3.5 percent in October and 1.2 percent in September.

It was the biggest monthly decline in sales since a 7.2 percent drop in June.

The price of existing homes declined as well, dropping \$600 to a nationwide average of \$84,200 in November. That price was still 4.7 percent higher than a year ago.

Analysts blamed the setback in sales on both higher mortgage rates and jitters over the record drop in stock prices on Oct. 19.

"Today's report reflects a 'wait-and-see' attitude' on the part of buyers in the wake of October's stock market crash and fluctuating mortgage interest rates," said Nestor R. Weigand Jr., a Wichita, Kan., Realtor and president of the association.

Mortgage rates have been on a roller-coaster in the past few months, rising sharply just before the stock market crash only to decline in the weeks immediately after the crash. Rates have once again started rising in the past three weeks.

The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. said that 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 10.69 percent last week, up from 10.55 percent on Nov. 27.

## Winter storm may hit region tonight

By Andrew Yurkovsky  
Manchester Herald

Local businesses and town work crews are gearing up today for the possibility of a heavy snowfall in Manchester overnight.

Lee O'Connor, the acting superintendent of the town's highway division, said this morning that all 25 plows in the town's fleet will be readied for the storm before workmen leave this afternoon.

The National Weather Service at Bradley International Airport has issued a storm watch for central Connecticut tonight and reports a 50 percent chance of snow.

A spokesman at the weather service said that a watch is issued whenever there is the possibility of a heavy snow. A heavy snowfall is defined as 6 inches or more.

If there is a large accumulation tonight, all town plows will be called in as well as six private contractors. O'Connor said that 18 trucks will begin sanding roads at the first sign of snow, and the whole fleet will be called in after half an inch has fallen.

Pat Rooney, the manager of the Highland Park Market, said he will bring in another six workers tonight in anticipation of the storm. There are usually five cashiers working and six people bagging and stocking shelves at the market.

Big items on storm days are milk and bread. Meats also sell well, which surprises Rooney.

"What are you going to do with it if the power goes out? Throw it in the snow?" he said.

For the Fairway Department Store on Main Street, the threat of a snow storm is no big deal.

"We're always prepared for that at this time of year, whether it happens or not," said Steve Josephs, the store's owner.

He said customers will be looking for snow shovels as well as candles, flashlights, lamp oil and wicks.

"You might see a little activity stirred by a little paranoia in the public," Josephs said.

Storm-related items are already on the floor at the K-Mart on Spencer Street, said store manager Robert Cory. He said winter footwear sells well before and after a storm.

Marlow's Department Store has snow blowers and snow shovels in stock. Owner George Marlow said customers tend to do their shopping early when a snow storm is predicted.

Getting out of the driveway may be the biggest concern for most during a storm, but entertainment apparently doesn't fall too far behind.

Todd Wesolonskie, a salesman at Movieline Video on Green Road, reported no rush on video cassettes this morning. But he said that customers can be expected to stock up on movies if snow does begin to fall.

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# Murder suspect faces arraignment

By Andrew Yurkovsky  
Manchester Herald

The man arrested Thursday in connection with the October murder of a Journal Inquirer reporter is to be arraigned today in Hartford Superior Court. Joseph L. Lomax, 23, of Hartford, has been charged with murder, felony murder and burglary in connection with the killing of 24-year-old Kara Laczynski, police said. He was being held on a \$250,000 bond.



JOSEPH L. LOMAX  
(at right) is escorted by Hartford police.

because the investigation is continuing. Neither Bailey nor Kline would comment when asked whether any additional arrests are expected in connection with the case.

Lt. Frederick Lewis, the commander of the Hartford Police Department's crimes against person division, said the arrest affidavit probably will not be opened until after a probable cause hearing is held. At that hearing, a judge would determine whether there is sufficient evidence to try Lomax for the crimes with which he is charged.

Bailey said, "As soon as we can open it up, we will open it up." He said the decision to make the affidavit public would rest with the Hartford Police Department.

Lewis said that Lomax has an arrest record with the Hartford police, but he would not say what charges were involved or whether Lomax has ever been convicted.

Lomax arrested Thursday morning at his home at 140 Russ St. Laczynski, who had worked at the Journal Inquirer since March, was found strangled on Oct. 5 in her apartment on Evergreen Street in Hartford.

# Missing plane search off for now

HONOLULU (AP) — The search has been suspended for a twin-engine commuter plane that disappeared between islands last week with eight persons — including two from Hartford, Conn. — aboard, the Coast Guard said.

Passengers on the plane during a sightseeing tour of the islands earlier Wednesday said pilot Steve Bayoum was having trouble getting the lever on his door to lock properly, according to a copyrighted story in the Sunday editions of the Honolulu Advertiser.

Bayoum, 27, was flying the plane when it disappeared from radar 39 miles west of Molokai, authorities said.

At Fryar of Seattle, said he joked with Bayoum about getting some balling wire for the door. "We're going to have to do something about this. We'd be in trouble if this opened in flight," Fryar quoted Bayoum as saying. Fryar's wife, Dorothy, said Bayoum "was a very conscientious pilot. But that door wasn't closing properly. He was fighting that lock on every takeoff. He said if the door ever opened at the right angle in flight, that we'd be in trouble."

# About Town

## Used coats needed

WRCH-WRCQ Radio Station in Farmington is initiating Charlie's Coats for Kids, a program that will provide used winter coats for the needy in the Greater Hartford area. The program runs from Jan. 1 until Jan. 31. Charlie Bagley, meteorologist for WRCH, said the program is asking communities for coats of all sizes that are no longer used in your home. Donate your old coat to the Swiss Cleaners on Route 44-A in Coventry, East Middle Turnpike, or in Rockville, Ellington, Vernon, Somers and East Windsor. After the coats are cleaned, the Salvation Army will distribute the articles to the community.

## Pinocle scores announced

The pinocle scores for the Christmas party at the Army & Navy Club on Main Street last week are Herb Laquerre, 638; Sylvia Gover, 618; Bud Paquin, 586; Ethel Kronel, 582; Ethel Scott, 581; Tony DeMaio, 578; Marilyn Bakstian, 575; Arline Paquin, 568; Ann Fisher, 569; Ann Fisher, 569; Vivian Laquerre, Paquin, 567. Scores for the Manchester-Vernon game are 568; Floyd Post, 587. Scores for the Manchester-Vernon game are 568; Arline Paquin, 629; Gladys Seelert, 608; John O'Neill, 598; Ada Rojas, 588; Jennie Starke, 588; Ann Carrier, 584; Adolph Veske, 578; Ann Walda, 574; Ernestine Donnelly, 572; Ann Quinn, 588; Ann Fisher, 562; John Klein, 554.

## Red Cross offers training

Connecticut Valley East Branch, Greater Hartford Chapter, American Red Cross, will hold a training session for Health History Interviewers on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the office on Hartford Road. The course requires a medical background. For information, call 645-5111.

## OA meets

Overeaters Anonymous meets each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Manchester Memorial Hospital cafeteria meeting room. New members are welcome at 7:30 p.m. OA follows a similar program to that of Alcoholics Anonymous in helping people who are compulsive eaters.

## CPR offered

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation is offered at Manchester Memorial Hospital in January. The one-session course is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 5; Tuesday, Jan. 15; and Monday, Jan. 25. The two-session course is offered on Monday, Jan. 11 and Tuesday, Jan. 12. The fee is \$7 for the one-session course and \$10 for the two-session course. To register or for more information, call 647-4733.

## Support group meets

"United-A Group for Cancer Patients, Friends and Families" will meet on Monday, Jan. 4 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Manchester Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 647-4733.

## Local man wins car

Joseph Parla of Manchester was the winner of a 1989 Lincoln Town Car in the November raffle sponsored by the Manchester chapter of UNICO, Town Director James F. "Dutch" Fogarty pulled the winning ticket. UNICO will donate all proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund, mental health and other charities. Raymond F. Damato was chairman of the raffle.

## Hospital decorates

Manchester Memorial Hospital Auxiliary celebrated the holidays with their annual decorations on Dec. 9. Bev Fuss, chairman of the decorating committee, was assisted by the president of the auxiliary, Carolyn Raester and the treasurer, Arline Culver.

# Man to face drunken driving charge

A 28-year-old Rockville man was summoned for driving under the influence Christmas Eve after flipping his vehicle over on North Main Street, Manchester police said.

A 29-year-old Hartford man was arrested by Manchester police after he engaged police in a pursuit on West Middle Turnpike, police said.

Robert Tucker, 45 Ellis St., Hartford, was arrested Saturday by police after a police cruiser chased him along West Middle Turnpike onto the Interstate 84 westbound ramp, police said.

Tucker was charged for reckless driving, engaging in pursuit, possession of an illegal substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia, police said.

Lawrence A. Flyer, 14 Hammond St., Rockville, totaled his 1974 AMC Datsun Jeep after losing control of his vehicle on North Main Street, police said. The vehicle hit the curb and rolled over on its side. Flyer was treated and released at Manchester Memorial Hospital, police said.

Tucker initially when he ran a red light on Adams St. and West Middle Turnpike, police said. However, the pursuit did not begin until the intersection of New State Road and West Middle Turnpike, police said.

During the subsequent search of Tucker, police found a pocket case containing cocaine. The police report did not identify the amount of cocaine found.

Eric A. Mirucki, 24, 300 Spruce St., will appear in Manchester Superior Court today to answer to the charges, police said. Mirucki allegedly threatened to shoot his live-in girlfriend, mother of his child, Carol Bolvin, after an argument, police said. Mirucki also is charged with punching Bolvin, 23, in the face and taking her 11-month-old child, Heather, from their home after the alleged argument.

## Almanac

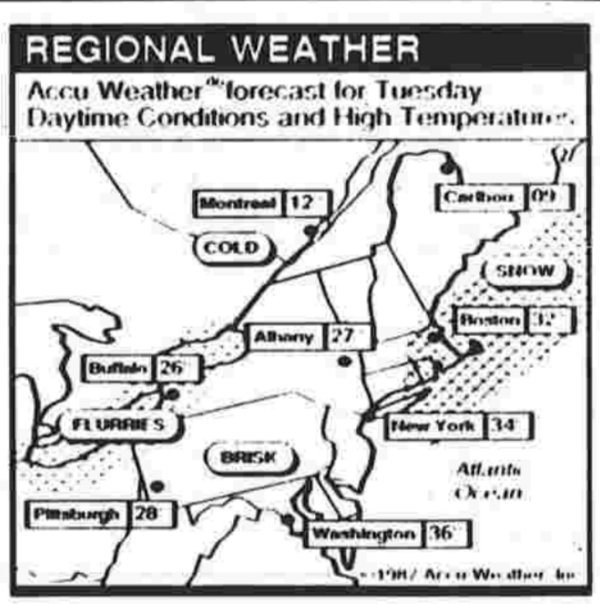
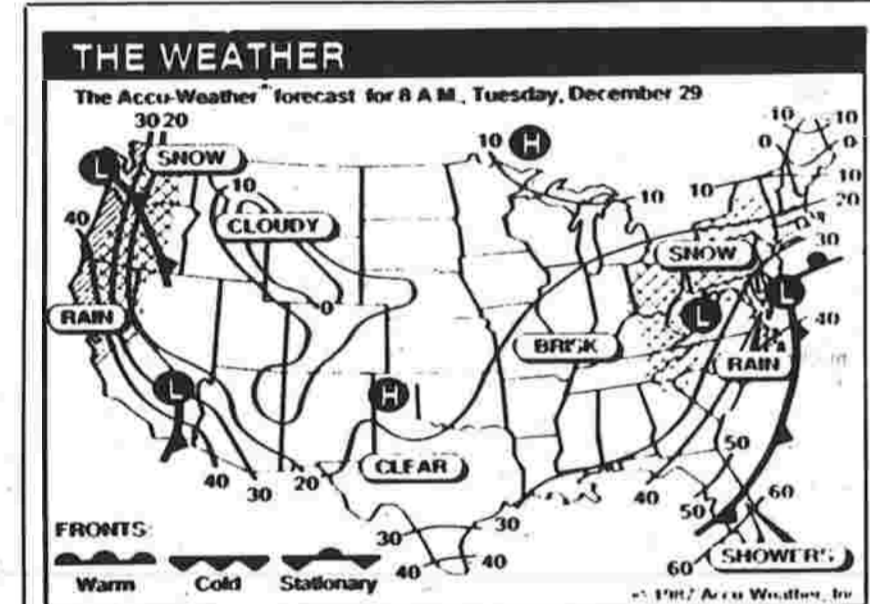
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TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter.

TODAY'S TRIVIA: Which theory was propounded by John von Neumann? (a) quantum theory (b) game theory (c) wave theory of light

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Woodrow Wilson (1856); John von Neumann (1903); Earl "Fats" Hines (1905); Maggie Smith (1934)

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The world must be made safe for democracy." — Woodrow Wilson.



# Storm stops Denver, heads for the East

By the Associated Press

A slow-moving snowstorm that paralyzed Denver and stranded holiday travelers headed east today and whipped the Midwest with snow, while continued flooding kept thousands of Arkansas and Tennessee residents from their homes.

The Plains, shutting Denver's airport for the first time since 1983 and closing Interstate highways in Wyoming, Nebraska and Colorado.

The separate weather system that started the flooding last week also spread ice on highways on the southern Plains. Three Tennessee deaths were blamed on the flooding and icy roads contributed to at least 10 traffic deaths in Kansas and Oklahoma.

"We wanted a white Christmas, but not this white," said Anne Ayres, 37, of Sarasota, Fla., one of thousands stranded at Stapleton International Airport for 7 1/2 hours.

**Weather Trivia**

What is meteorological winter?

The correct answer is the first of the year.

One runway was reopened late Sunday early this morning and airport official Richard Bouliware said crews hoped to reopen others today. He said only about 500 travelers remained at the airport early today.

An estimated 25,000 diehards made it to Denver's Mile High Stadium and braved snow and wind that made it feel like 23 below zero to watch the Broncos shut out the San Diego Chargers, 24-0.

"Only in Denver can this sort of thing happen," said Jeff Cook of Atlanta, one of the travelers stranded at Stapleton.

## CONNECTICUT WEATHER

Central, Eastern Interior, Southwest Interior: Winter storm watch late tonight and Tuesday. Tonight, increasing cloudiness with a chance of snow late at night. Low around 20. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 50 percent. Tuesday, snow likely, possibly heavy at times. Becoming windy. High 20 to 25. Chance of snow 80 percent.

West Coastal, East Coastal: Winter storm watch late tonight and Tuesday. Tonight, increasing cloudiness with a chance of snow developing before midnight. Low in the lower 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of snow 50 percent. Tuesday, snow likely, possibly heavy at times. Becoming windy. High in the upper 20s. Chance of snow 80 percent.

## Current Quotations

"I hold my nose and vote for a lot of things around here." — Rep. William Lehman, D-Fla., on Sen. Daniel Inouye's pushing \$8 million in federal funds to build schools in France for North African refugees.

"We will do justice, and we will do it quickly. One does not contradict the other." — Brig. Gen. Amnon Strashnov, the chief military prosecutor on the trials of Palestinians arrested during violence in the occupied West Bank.

"We wanted a white Christmas, but not this white." — Anne Ayres, one of thousands of travelers stranded at Denver's Stapleton International Airport by a winter storm.

Schools for girls

The first public schools for girls in Saudi Arabia weren't approved by the government until 1960.

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Top left photo, Kathy Burr, blood drive coordinator at Howell Cheney Technical School accepted the school's first plaque award from the American Red Cross at an awards dinner. Her husband, Robert, accompanied her. Representing Purdy Corporation at the dinner were Angela Corentin, blood drive coordinator, and her husband Richard. Both the school and the company were among those honored for their blood drives.

# Red Cross donors honored

The American Red Cross, Greater Hartford Chapter, has given awards to a Manchester business and a Manchester school for their outstanding blood drive performance in fiscal year 1986-87.

Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical School of Manchester was honored for having the greatest increase in blood donations of any school in the chapter. Purdy Corp. received a first place award for having the greatest percent of annual company participation in the blood drives it sponsors.

# British are still celebrating

By Andrew J. Davis  
Manchester Herald

And in the left corner comes a lightweight from Great Britain.... Today is Boxing Day, but it is not late to run to the store to purchase gifts.

Boxing Day? What the heck is Boxing Day?

Although Boxing Day is not an official holiday in the United States, it is a holiday for the people in Great Britain and some of its Commonwealth countries, according to Jonathan M. Daube, president of Manchester Community College and a native of England.

But the holiday is not a salute to the likes of boxing greats Joe Louis, Joe Frazier and Mike Tyson, he said. In fact, it has nothing to do with the sport of boxing.

Daube said the holiday is a post-Christmas celebration. It is celebrated the first weekday after Christmas, when Christmas boxes are given to postmen, errand boys and other service people.

"The reason it's called Boxing Day has nothing to do with fighting," Daube said. "People travel around with boxes and offered gifts."

Debra Daniels, a local law office secretary who came to Connecticut six months ago from England, said the holiday lengthens the Christmas season.

"It's an extension of Christmas," she said. "Boxing Day stems back from the old day. The rich people say thanks for working hard all year 'round. It's gone on for 100 years. It's still done in England."

Jillian Howell Stokes, a secretary with the Manchester unit of the American Red Cross, said she is going to have a party to celebrate the holiday.

"We're going to make a big ado about Boxing Day," said Howell Stokes, who has been in the United States for about 20 years. "It's another holiday. We still do it. It's an old tradition."

"People would come and knock on your door. Anyone who delivered to you would be given a tip, which would be wrapped in pretty little boxes."

"But if the holiday is so popular in Great Britain, why hasn't it been picked up by people in the United States, which was once a British colony?" "I don't know," Howell Stokes said. "I guess we don't give presents to lay people."

# New Haven to set up commission

NEW HAVEN (AP) — The city will follow in the footsteps of Cambridge, Mass., and Washington, D.C., with the establishment in the new year of a peace commission, whose membership will include three students.

The commission's task is "to create a climate for the participation by the people of New Haven in its various forms in the climate for peace."

Alfred Marder, chairman of the Greater New Haven Peace Council, said Monday.

Marder helped formulate the proposal that created the commission, which will have 21 members.

A spokeswoman for Mayor Blalock said the proposal last week. It was passed unanimously by the aldermen at a Dec. 21 meeting. After it was moved up from a scheduled January vote.

Three young people from city schools will serve on the commission, along with 15 people appointed by the mayor and three by the aldermen, Marder said.

The three young people will not be allowed to vote on the commission unless they are 18 or older.

# Hospital bans smoking after Jan. 1, no smokers protest

By Andrew J. Davis  
Manchester Herald

Smokers will find it next to impossible to light up at Manchester Memorial Hospital after Jan. 1, but so far the new ban has resulted in no protests, hospital officials say.

Andrew A. Beck, director of public relations, said that smoking will be stopped in all areas, except for one or two lounges, next year.

The decision to make the hospital smoke-free was made last year by the hospital administration and approved by the Board of Trustees. The ban will affect patients in the 303-bed hospital and about 1,200 employees of MMH, Beck said.

Since MMH is a hospital, Beck said the board members felt it was their responsibility for the hospital to become smoke-free.

The Board of Trustees firmly believes that it is indeed the hospital's responsibility to encourage healthy behavior among those who serve. "It was in a prepared statement that this action we will be sending a clear message to our community."

Diseases such as emphysema, lung cancer, chronic bronchitis and coronary heart disease are all associated with smoking. Since the decision was made late last year, the main lobby and employee cafeteria were designated non-smoking areas along with four physicians' lounges, Beck said.

Once the new rule goes into effect, patients will no longer be able to smoke in their rooms. For several years, the hospital has allowed some patients in private rooms to smoke, Beck said.

Beck concedes that kicking the habit may not be easy for some people. Because of this, the hospital has emphasized educational and stop-smoking programs for employees and patients. Relationship programs will be offered in 1988, he said.

Besides the stop-smoking classes, a clinical hypnotist is available to staff, Beck said. Also, the hospital plans on running a number of in-house contests to encourage people to quit, he said.

William R. Johnson, chairman of the board of trustees, concurred with Beck that the hospital has an obligation to promote good health practices.

The hospital also put together a no-smoking task force in May, which was headed by Vice President Peter Kuzmickas. The 12-man task force, which was composed of smokers and non-smokers, looked into providing stop-smoking classes, examined other hospitals with similar rules, and studied federal and state guidelines on implementing such rules in the workplace, he said.

"It's been a very educational forum," Kuzmickas said. "It was formed not to say 'that's too bad' (to smokers), but to help ease people into that."

Even with the new rule, Kuzmickas said he did not think that every employee will quit smoking. Instead, he said the rule will force some people not to smoke during working hours.

"Some want (quit)," he said. "Some will only stop in the workplace... (But) we think it can work. We think it has to. We are a health care facility. We're doing it for the patients. We're trying to keep the patients as healthy as we can."

# Fire prevention interest low

By Nancy Concelmon  
Manchester Herald

Manchester officials have attributed a lack of interest state-wide in fire prevention efforts to the fact that it's a "new program" that may need more publicity.

The Board of Trustees firmly believes that it is indeed the hospital's responsibility to encourage healthy behavior among those who serve. "It was in a prepared statement that this action we will be sending a clear message to our community."

The idea of a firefighter getting involved in fire education is just so foreign to some people," said Cynthia Colton, a spokeswoman for the state Commission on Fire Prevention and Control. "Still, they've got to understand that we're just getting out fires, but preventing fires."

Manchester Fire Chief John Davis said today that education on fire prevention was an integral part of all departments and the main job of fire marshals. Rivers felt that other fire departments in the state may just be waiting to see how well the program works before adopting it.

"It's a new program. Probably a lot of them are waiting to see how successful it is," Rivers said. Elizabeth O'Reilly of the Community Child Guidance Clinic will help evaluate children who enter the Manchester program to determine whether or not they have a serious problem with starting fires.

# Recycling mandatory in 1991

In addition to bottles, cans and newspapers, the state also has proposed that office paper, scrap metal, storage batteries, waste oil, various clippings and leaves be recycled.

East Lyme built its recycling program gradually, beginning in 1974. As a result East Lyme, which has a population of 15,000, now recycles about 30 percent of its municipal solid waste, said First Selectman Dennis J. Murphy Jr.

The state recycling law requires that 25 percent of the state's municipal solid waste, by weight, be disposed of through recycling or other related methods, such as composting.

East Lyme is the only town that meets that goal, although six other municipalities in the state have various recycling requirements, said Lois Hager, recycling coordinator for the DEP.

Manchester Safe Rides will be in operation on New Year's Eve, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. This service provides free and confidential transportation home to any Manchester resident, under age 21, whose driving ability is impaired, or who is a passenger in a car whose driver is under the influence. Call 646-2180 to get a ride.

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**ANGUISHED MOTHER** — The mother of one of 34 Arab prisoners brought today to military court in Nabulus on the occupied West Bank cries out after seeing her son being taken back to prison. Lawyers in the occupied Gaza

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## Gaza lawyers boycott trials, others charge mistreatment

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Lawyers in the occupied Gaza Strip boycotted military court sessions for a second day today and claimed the 800 Palestinians arrested during violent clashes with the Israeli military would not get a fair trial.

Defense attorneys in the occupied West Bank said they might join the boycott and accused Israeli authorities of mistreating their clients.

"The lawyers are zero. The court imposes what it deems fit," said Fais Abu Rahma, one of 300 Palestinian defense attorneys from Gaza who joined the boycott. "The penalties are too high, and there is no appeal."

Abu Rahma said his clients were mistreated. "They are beaten or are hungry and they are freezing from the cold," he said in a telephone interview. "Some are in tents. Others are in barracks which have no windows."

In the only violence reported today, a Jewish resident of the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba was stabbed and lightly wounded as he alighted from a taxi in the predominantly Arab section of the Jerusalem, Israel radio reported.

Police were seeking the assailant.

Lines of handcuffed prisoners were herded into makeshift courtrooms at military camps on Sunday and were charged with rioting in the occupied territories. The Israeli military has killed at least 23 Palestinians during the clashes that started Dec. 8. No Israeli soldiers have been slain.

Army officials said they did not know the exact number of the completed Sunday or the range of sentences imposed.

But in the West Bank city of Nabulus, the court gave 50 defendants eight months in prison and a two-year suspended sentence for throwing a stone that hit the tire of an Israeli car, said Nabulus lawyer Adnan Abuhalla.

Two defendants were sentenced to 3½ months each for participating in a demonstration, he said.

Lawyers in the Gaza said about 300 defense attorneys boycotted the court proceedings Sunday.

The demonstrations occurred in the West Bank, located between Israel and Jordan, and the Gaza Strip, located just north of the Egyptian border, on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. Israel seized both territories during its 1967 war with Jordan and Egypt.

The army says 800 Palestinians were arrested, including more than 600 in the West Bank and 190 in Gaza. Arab sources said nearly 1,000 were being held.

"There is a regular pattern of beatings and humiliations," said Felicia Langner, who represents some of the prisoners from the West Bank. "Israel is violating elementary human rights."

Brig. Gen. Amnon Strashnov, the chief military prosecutor, said courtroom rights of the defendants were preserved. He said Israel wanted to give them speedy trials to deter future rioting.

"We will do justice, and we will do it quickly," Strashnov told Israel television. "One does not control the other."

Israeli officials said they had yet to decide whether to deport accused ringleaders.

"Expulsion is a tool we have used in the past and we may use again in the future," said Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The Jerusalem Post said the government would decide on deportations by today. But Jordan reportedly was determined to stop any deportation attempts into its territory, according to the English language newspaper Jordan Times, published in Amman, Jordan.

In addition, defense attorney Lea Tsemel said she and her colleagues would try to block deportations. She said her colleagues would decide in the next few days whether to join the boycott of military courts by the Gaza lawyers.

Strashnov said 50 protesters were formally charged with disrupting public order Sunday. Another 150 had been indicted but their cases had yet to begin, he said.

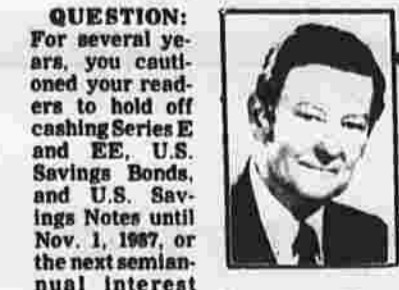
Israeli radio said prosecutors had been instructed to demand harsher sentences, but the military source said "the punishments are exactly the same as before."

In another development, Israel's U.N. ambassador, Benjamen Netanyahu said Israel has told the United Nations it will not cooperate with a special envoy of the international body wants to dispatch to investigate Israeli actions in the occupied territories.

"No nation would allow a foreign commissar to supervise its army or the operations of its military," he told Israel television.

## BUSINESS

### Market-based rate for savings bonds



#### Investors' Guide

William A. Doyle

**QUESTION:** For several years, you cautioned your readers to hold off cashing Series E and EE U.S. Savings Bonds and U.S. Savings Notes until Nov. 1, 1987, or the next semi-annual interest date of each bond or note. You explained that by waiting that long, EEs and savings notes held for five years would earn the "market-based" rate of interest, rather than the guaranteed rate.

What was the market-based rate for the five years? Should I now cash my bonds or exchange them for HH bonds?

**ANSWER:** The market-based interest rate for the five years ended Oct. 31 was 8.75 percent. That is higher than the guaranteed rate on all EEs and savings notes, which varies from 6 percent to 8.5 percent depending on the date each was issued. It's also higher than the guaranteed rate on most EE bonds — the exception being EE bonds issued from May 1981 through October 1982, which have a 9 percent guaranteed interest for their eight-year stated maturity period.

Ee and savings notes entering an extended maturity period after Oct. 31, 1987, accrue interest at a 6 percent guaranteed rate or the market-based rate, whichever is higher.

As noted above, that market-based rate stayed a good deal higher than 6 percent in the recent five-year period. For the six months from Nov. 1, 1987, through April 30, it is 7.17 percent.

The decision on redeeming your EEs, EE bonds and savings notes or exchanging them for HH bonds should be based on your financial situation.

If you cash your EEs, EEs and notes, you will have to pay federal income tax on the interest that has accrued on them — unless you have reported that interest each year as it built up. Mighty few people do that.

If you swap your EEs, EEs and notes for HHs, you'll postpone paying federal income tax on the accrued Ee, EE and note interest. And you'll start receiving HH interest checks at the annual rate of 6 percent. The HH interest will be subject to federal income tax.

By keeping your EEs, EEs and notes, interest will continue to build up on them at their guaranteed rates or the market-based rate, whichever is higher.

Unless interest rates in general

### Dollar hits record low

**LONDON (AP)** — After hitting a record low in Tokyo, the dollar resumed its plunge on European markets early today, trading at record lows against the West German, Swiss and Dutch currencies.

Gold rose in Zurich, British financial and bullion markets were closed for a post-Christmas bank holiday.

The dollar fell despite intervention by the Japanese and West German central banks, dealers said.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before Europe's business day begins, the dollar fell to its ninth record low closing in 14 days, tumbling to 123.50 Japanese yen from Friday's record low of 123.20 yen.

Traders in Tokyo said the Bank of Japan bought \$200 million to \$300 million in an attempt to slow the dollar's fall.

Later, in London, the dollar was quoted at 123.375 yen, just above its record trading low of 123.30 yen reached earlier in the day in Tokyo.

In Europe, the dollar hit five-year lows against other major currencies including the French franc, Italian lira and British pound.

Traders in Frankfurt said the intervention by the West German Bundesbank and the Bank of Japan signaled the central banks' resolve to allow support for the recent statement by finance minister of the seven major industrialized nations reaffirming currency stability and economic cooperation.

### Business Mirror

## Foreigners don't own us

By John Cuniff  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Highly publicized purchases of major American assets by foreigners may create the impression of a country sold out bit by bit.

It is — but those bits are almost infinitesimal relative to the size of the United States. Purchases that seem huge in dollars are reduced to fractions when measured against the enormous size of the nation's assets.

A study released at last month's convention of the National Association of Realtors shows foreign investors have controlling interest in less than 1 percent of the nation's tangible assets.

Still, the foreign presence is impressive when concentrated and highly publicized, especially in real estate.

The study, which includes data from a survey by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's center for real estate development, found that foreigners owned 51.8 percent of the office space in the Los Angeles central business district.

Other concentrations were in large coastal cities, including Washington, D.C. — where 28 percent of business district office space is foreign-owned — Boston, New York, Miami, Seattle, San Francisco and Honolulu.

The Japanese have been the most aggressive foreign buyers of U.S. real estate and Treasury securities, according to the study, which forecasts a continuation of that pattern because of Japan's trade surplus with the United States and the yen's continued, although declining, strength versus the dollar.

The Japanese, however, have plenty of competition from European, Canadian and Middle Eastern investors. In an examination of patterns in three cities — Washington, Los Angeles and Chicago — the MIT researchers found the Japanese predominant in Los Angeles, Europeans in Washington and Canadians in Chicago.

Nevertheless, according to the Realtors, new investment by foreigners in U.S. real estate may total "only" \$19 billion in 1988, a decline from the explosive pace that began in 1982 and reached a peak of \$21.2 billion in 1988.

In some respects, the foreign investment serves not only to finance but to stabilize real estate markets, since foreigners tend to hold their properties for longer periods — foreigners financed an array of enterprises, including homeownership.

Such financing, the study concludes, contributed to an additional \$60 billion in new-to-four-family homes valued at \$68 billion in 1988.

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## Quick disappearance of colliding ships recalled

By Miguel C. Suarez  
The Associated Press

**MANILA, Philippines** — A tanker and passenger ship apparently had no time to radio for help after colliding and vanished in a huge fireball just minutes after the few survivors were plucked from the sea, the captain of the first vessel to reach the scene said today.

Capt. Melecio Barranco of the ferry Don Claudio said the flames were so huge he could not make out, even with binoculars, either the 2,315-ton Dona Paz or the oil-laden 626-ton Victor.

The two ships exploded in flames

and sank Dec. 20 in the Tablas Straits off Mindoro island 110 miles southeast of Manila in the century's worst peacetime disaster at sea.

An estimated 1,630 people were listed as missing and presumed dead in the disaster, but no one knows exactly how many people were aboard the Dona Paz.

Barranco spoke to the Philippine Coast Guard's Board of Marine Inquiry as it began a formal inquiry into the collision.

The Don Claudio was steaming toward Manila at 10:30 p.m. when a lookout spotted fire and thick smoke eight miles away, Barranco told the board. He said he was on the

scene about 45 minutes later, rescuing survivors.

Barranco said the stricken vessels appeared on his radar screen only as one mass, and he could not see either of them because of the fire, which he described as being "as big as a 10-story building."

"At 12:10 a.m., a big ball of flame shot up into the sky," Barranco said. "When the flames subsided, the object on the radar screen was gone."

By then all of the 26 known survivors had been rescued: 24 Don Paz passengers and two of the tanker's 13 crew members.

Barranco said his ship and at least four other vessels that appar-

ently responded to radio messages from the Don Claudio searched the area for two more hours but found nothing.

"All we saw were pieces of styrofoam," he added. "The captain said none of the 26 survivors had life jackets. The coast guard said only 133 bodies had been recovered."

Earlier, Vicente Gambito, vice president of the Sulpicio Lines Inc., owner of the Dona Paz, said he did not think the Dona Paz was able to send out any distress messages.

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## French Jews get \$8 million aid despite U.S. protests

By Joan Mower  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — A little-known Jewish organization will receive \$8 million from Uncle Sam next year to build schools in France thanks to a project promoted by Sen. Daniel Inouye over the State Department's objections.

A contributor to Inouye's most recent senatorial campaign, New York real estate developer Zev

Wolfson, said he sits on the board of Ozar Hatorah, the New York-based group that will get the money. But he said no one in the group stands to benefit personally.

The money, contained in a \$600 billion appropriations bill that President Reagan signed into law before Christmas, will go for construction of schools for North African Jews settled in Paris.

The bill classifies this group as refugees even though many have

lived in France for a decade or more and had prospered. The U.S. government, the French government and the U.N. High Commission for Refugees do not consider the group as refugees.

"It doesn't make any sense except that Dan Inouye wanted it," said Rep. William Lehman, D-Fla. "Dan doesn't ask for much and when he has a small amount of the total package that seems to be important to him you don't embar-

raze him," he said.

Lehman is a member of a joint House-Senate conference committee that met in the final weeks of the congressional session to iron out differences on a \$13 billion appropriation for foreign aid. Inouye, D-Hawaii, is chairman of the Senate appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations.

"I hold my nose and vote for a lot of things around here," Lehman said. He said he was bothered that

the money was earmarked for a specific group when other refugees seem to have a much greater need for American assistance. He cited the Falasha Jews forced to flee Ethiopia as one example.

"It was a lousy \$8 million," said Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., who added that he knew little about Ozar Hatorah but agreed to Inouye's request in the spirit of compromise.

Ohey is Inouye's counterpart on the House appropriations panel.

Rep. Sidney Yates, D-Ill., also said he didn't know specifics about Ozar Hatorah, but bowed to Inouye's wishes. "This was something he wanted."

Numerous attempts to reach Inouye over the past two days last week were unsuccessful, Greg T. Kanyama, his press aide, said the senator had been given a list of questions about the matter. Inouye did not return telephone calls.

## Reebok tops list of most profitable

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The most profitable company in the United States is Reebok International, the athletic apparel maker best known for its trendy leather sneakers, according to Forbes magazine's annual ranking.

The Canton, Mass., corporation was the leader among 600 profitable companies in terms of return on equity, the measure of how much a corporation earns on shareholders' investment, the business magazine said in its Jan. 11 issue.

Reebok had a more than 200 percent average return over the past three years, with a 52 percent return in the most recent 12 months.

Forbes tallied companies' return on equity over the past three to five years. Because the rankings consider a company's aggregate performance over several years, some companies with recent profit declines because of past strength.

For example, No. 2 was CentTrust Savings Bank, a Miami-based savings and loan company, which also had a more than 200 percent return over the past three years but showed a decline in profitability over the past 12 months.

No. 3 was Anchor Glass Container, of Tampa, Fla., which had a 166.6 percent return over the last three years and 54.7 percent in the past 12 months.

Fourth-ranked was Coleco Industries Inc., of West Hartford, which had soaring profits over the past three years thanks to its Cabbage Patch Kids. Coleco had a nearly 97 percent return on equity in the last five years, but in the most recent 12 months the toy maker has lost money.

Chrysler Corp. ranked No. 5, with a 71.3 percent return over three years and 23.8 percent in the past year.

At the opposite end of the scale, the least profitable company among the 600 ranked by Forbes was Houston-based Cannon Iron Corp., with a 0.1 percent return over five years and a decline in the last 12 months.

Forbes said the median return over the last 12 months was 13.6 percent, up only slightly from 13 percent in its 1986 survey.

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## The game is up!

Collection board games has become serious business for historians

By Ink Mendelsohn  
Smithsonian News Service

Congratulations! "You have just won second prize in a beauty contest." For more than 50 years, children, women and men all over the world have been receiving this welcome news. Not at all insulted at not winning first prize, they gleefully collect the \$10 that will bring them that much closer to bankrupting their rivals.

In the 1930s when Monopoly came on the American scene with its goal of amassing money and property," historian Ellen Roney Hughes says, "it reflected the personal aspirations and materialistic impulses in American society." At the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., and at other museums, Hughes and her colleagues are collecting games Americans played.

Game boxes, boards, tokens and spinners or rollers of chance are instructive, artistic and often fantastic bits and pieces of the archeology of play that recount historical events, recall social concerns and reveal individual idiosyncrasies. "More and more, we are coming to realize the importance of studying leisure activities like game playing," Hughes says.

It's not only what is in the box that interests historians about games. "The lithographs on the box covers reflect our culture more than any collectible you can think of," Lee Dennis says. Dennis, who has an extensive antique game collection that is open to the public at the Game Preserve, her museum in Peterborough, N.H., points out that there are hundreds of game collectors around the country. Many of them belong to the American Game Collectors Association, which is dedicated to unearthing historical and cultural associations of American games.

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— which the philosopher Plato called a "favorite diversion in every corner of the earth" — to North American Indians. Before European contact, however, the Zuni people in New Mexico were playing Awitlakunkne, a game that, like checkers, depends on the strategy of capture and immobilization of an opponent's men.

Most often, board games have spread from one culture to another. In one ancient game, the "men" were real women. Pachisi has been played in India for about 1,200 years. Akbar the Great, a Mogul emperor who ruled from 1556 to 1605, and his friends often enjoyed this game using slaves from his harem wearing brightly colored dresses as playing pieces on a giant marble board. According to the 1870 catalog of Selchow & Righter in New York its newly acquired game, Parcheesi — once the game of emperors — "had a larger sale than any other game on the market in the same space of time."

Some of America's very first board games were announced in the New York Advertiser on Dec. 25, 1823. "HOLIDAY PRESENTS. Juvenile Pastimes, all of which are calculated to improve as well as amuse the Youthful mind; viz: GEOGRAPHICAL GAMES. The Travellers Tour through the United States."

In 1843, the W & S.B. Ives Co. of Salem, Mass., issued The Mansion of Happiness, created by Ann W. Abbott, a clergyman's daughter. Players atop a top called a tetotum-dice were the "instruments of the devil" — that directed their fateful journey through Passion and Prudence. Immediately and industry right up to the Summit of Disipation before reaching The Mansion of Happiness.

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"Initially, the fun of games was used to teach children moral lessons, history, geography, science and mathematics," Judy Emerson says. Emerson, the curator of recreational artifacts at Rochester's Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum, points out that "by the late Victorian era, for both children and adults, fun was for fun."

Playing parlor games was fun for young George Parker, but he was also a child of the Gilded Age when Rockefeller's, Carnegies and Vanderbilts floated on clouds of high finance. So in 1883, 16-year-old George invented a game called Banking, in which players could draw money from the bank at 10 percent interest for speculative investments with the object of amassing the most wealth. Eventually, game inventor George was joined in the burgeoning business by his brothers Charles and Edward.

**PARKER BROTHERS.** Milton Bradley, Selchow & Righter and other companies followed hard on the heels of the news, fads, fashions and famous people of the day with their games. The Spanish-American War in 1898 inspired The Siege of Havana, Admiral Dewey's War in Cuba, The Battle of Manila and The Philippine War. In 1901's The Motor Carriage Game, the new-fangled thing always broke down and had flat tires.

World War I even had its own games. Soldiers of the Advance Guard, The Great War and War Games all came out in 1918. And Lindbergh's 1927 solo flight across the Atlantic was honored with Lindy, The Flight to Paris and Ski-Hi.

The Radio Game, Polly Pickles, Queen of the Movies and The Moving Picture Game announced America's fascination with its new entertainments. The stock market crash couldn't depress a game-loving people. The great game show was a game of cardboard. In 1948, his friend James Brunot started making the game, sold it to Macy's and other stores and, in 1963, Selchow & Righter, who had initially refused it, bought the rights. Scrabble became one of the most successful word games in the 20th century.

When Charles Darrow, an unemployed heating engineer from Pennsylvania brought Monopoly to Parker Brothers in 1934, they rejected it, declaring in a letter to Darrow, "Your game has 52 fundamental errors." Darrow produced the game himself, and the 5,000 sets he sold to Wamamakers in Philadelphia were the hit of the 1935 Christmas season. Parker Brothers had a change of heart, and Monopoly carried the company through the Depression. But George Parker was still not convinced.

**JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS** in 1938, he sent a memo: "We will stop making any Monopoly against the possibility of an early slump." Happily, Parker didn't make that move, for Monopoly became the best-selling American board game in history. It is printed in 19 languages and published in 29 countries. The capilliative game continues to be banned in the Soviet Union, although Parker spokeswoman Pat McGovern says, "we understand that it's played underground." It has also been played underwater, in a shopping mall, on a dormitory ceiling and in a moving elevator for 148 hours straight-up and down.

Like Monopoly, Scrabble is a classic, and according to Selchow & Righter spokeswoman Barbara Wruck, "Scrabble is still at the top." Which is not to say that there haven't continued to be plenty of topical games. In the '70s and '80s, Guru, Watergate's Women's War, The Credit Card Game and Ucer were on the shelves.

In the early '80s, video games hurt board game sales. But ever since 1984 and Trivial Pursuit, non-electronic games have become ever more popular. In 1986, Americans spent close to a half billion dollars on games according to Jodi Levin, spokeswoman for the Toy Manufacturers of America.

Leaving the classics aside, what's new? Mark Morris, spokesman for Milton Bradley — a licensee of The Checkered Game of Life and its moral dilemmas — says: "Our best seller is A Question of Scruples. It's an adult conversation game in which ethical questions are presented to a player and his or her answers are discussed."

Now, just in case you don't want to discuss ethics when playing games, go home and get out the Monopoly. If you're lucky,

# OPINION

## Pleasantly persistent

Eleanor D. Coltman seems to have the capacity to pile one distinguished career in public service upon another.

At the age of 72, with an impressive history of community work already compiled, she is about to begin a six-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Regional Community Colleges which oversees the state's 12 community colleges, including Manchester Community College.

The Manchester college is very close to Coltman. She helped to form it more than 20 years ago and she taught there for 15 years.

But her active role in the affairs of the college did not keep her from serving on the town's Board of Education for nine years. Later she served on the town's Board of Directors for two years.

Education and social services have been her two major interests. She is serving now as president of the Manchester Community Services Council.

Although she says she does not know exactly what her new duties will be, she already has an agenda. She feels the public does not appreciate how important community colleges are in Connecticut and she would like to heighten public awareness of their role.

People who are familiar with Coltman's way of being pleasantly persistent know that she'll get the message across.

Coltman will regard her appointment as an honor, but also as a challenge. She will not make waves but she will encourage some ripples.

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"Why is it ALWAYS little boy babies that represent the New Year — and NEVER little GIRL babies?"

## Will the president pardon his men?

WASHINGTON — Every year about this time, as the colored lights go around the nation, the president of the United States gets the opportunity to exercise one of the most extraordinary prerogatives of the office. He hands out seasonal gifts of comfort, compassion and forgiveness.

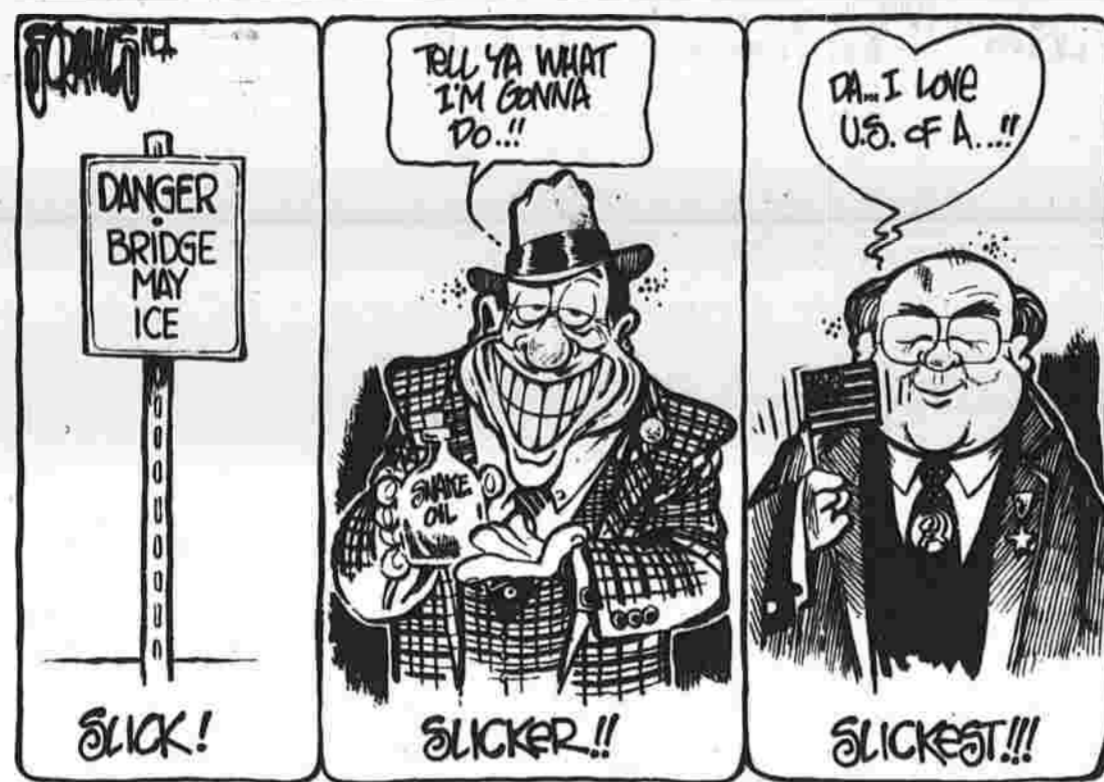
The gifts are formally known as presidential pardons. The chief executive has the authority to excuse the civil or criminal transgressions of Americans. He can grant the leniency at any time of the year, but, traditionally, some dispensations are awarded in the spirit of the Christmas season.

Typically, the dispensations are given quietly and with little note. But the pardoning process is receiving more than usual attention this time around. There has been speculation that Ronald Reagan is considering clemency for his former national security aides, Oliver North and John Poindexter.

Lt. Col. North and Rear Adm. Poindexter are being investigated in connection with the Iran-Contra scandal. They have not been charged with any criminal misconduct, but they are expected to face eventual indictment, and Reagan has been counseled to circumspect the prospect with an executive pardon.

That's not the way a pardon normally works, of course. They are usually given only after guilt has been established and penalties carried out. The president has wide latitude in the matter, however, and plenty of precedents: the pardons, early or late, have been regularly issued for almost two centuries.

George Washington was the first executive to issue them. He was enabled by the 1789 adoption of the Constitution, Article II, section II of the document gives the president the "power to grant, Reprieves and Pardons for Offenses against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment."



Jack Anderson

## The worst shoppers are at it again

WASHINGTON — Pentagon bureaucrats have created a tempest in a tin cup out of what should have been the simplest of tasks — buying drinking cups.

To be appreciated, the canteen cup caper should be savored as allegory. It is a symbol of everything that is wrong with the Byzantine bureaucracy on the banks of Potomac.

You may have read the details already: The Army needed metal cups for combat infantrymen. The contract went to an Israeli manufacturer. The Army dutifully paid installments, even though the Israeli company was not delivering the goods on schedule. The \$2.64 cups ended up costing \$9.72 instead.

In shopper's parlance, we call this "being taken to the cleaners." After the tin-cup fiasco, the Pentagon could write a book on being taken to the cleaners.

### CHAPTER ONE

In which the Pentagon goes shopping. The Army notices it is perilously low on its supply of metal cups for combat contingents. Defense Department officials rush to fill the order by awarding the bid to S. Hanany Metal Craft of Israel for 268,350 cups at \$2.64 each. A runner-up bidder, Pacific Fabrication Co. of California cries foul. Hanany doesn't fit the "Buy American Act." The Pentagon waives that act and, adding insult to injury, lets Hanany use German instead of American steel.

### CHAPTER TWO

In which the cups dribble in. Hanany has trouble from the start. The first cup delivery is seven months late and only one-third of the promised quantity. The scorned competitor, Pacific Fabrication, sends a private detective to Israel to find out what's up. He comes back alleging fraud and criminal misdealing. The Pentagon sends its own investigator four months after the first delivery deadline is missed. It isn't easy to keep track of a foreign contractor, the Pentagon says, especially when the subcontractor is on a kibbutz.

### CHAPTER THREE

In which the Pentagon throws good money after bad. Ten days before Hanany misses its first delivery deadline, the Pentagon gives the company another contract for 268,350 more cups at the same price. Hanany's total take will be \$1.6 million. The Pentagon then fails to issue timely notices to terminate the contract for tardiness, so Hanany is free from its performance schedule. The Pentagon decides that, "in time," Hanany will come through.

### CHAPTER FOUR

In which the cups hit the fan. The now- enraged competitor, Pacific Fabricators, sues the Pentagon. A federal judge grants an injunction halting the delivery of the cups and the payments to Hanany pending the completion of an investigation by the General Accounting Office.

### EPILOGUE

In which the Pentagon goes shopping. The GAO and the FBI say no crime was committed. The Army is still desperate for cups. It has only 4,200 from Hanany which, when the payments to the Israeli company are counted up, come to \$9.72 a cup. The Pentagon awards an emergency procurement contract for 200,000 cups at a cost of \$3.33 a cup. This time, the winner is an American firm, but not poor Pacific Fabrication which, for all intents and purposes, has been abandoned.

### POSTSCRIPT

You can pick up a Taiwan-made version of the canteen cup at your local Army surplus store for about \$4. The genuine, "certified" U.S. military surplus model is \$8.

### Mini-editorial

It's unrealistic to expect fanatics to exhibit courtesy and class, but for the fair fight, it seems to us, reared loathesomely to President Reagan's remark that people who oppose the INF treaty with the Soviets believe war between the superpowers is inevitable. Conservative fund-raiser Richard Viguerie said the president had become "an apologist for Gorbachev." Howard Phillips, president of the Conservative Caucus, said Reagan was a "useful idiot for Soviet propagandists." If we were in charge of the world, we'd wave our wand and convert these political mutants into clods, who would then bore a hole in the ground and disappear for about 20 years.

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### Escapee says he's sorry but won't return

BOSTON (AP) — A former state trooper implicated in a murder has apologized to the head of the state's prison system for escaping from an inmate work detail.

### Runners for president? First you'd better see Bob Molloy

By David Tirrell Wysocki, The Associated Press

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### ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE

The first round of the presidential selection process will take place on Jan. 30 when Republicans caucus in Michigan. The last caucus is almost five months later —

## Reagans begin week of vacation

By Susanne M. Schotter, The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — President Reagan is starting a week-long California vacation with allergy and hearing checkups before heading to a private New Year's celebration at a plush desert estate.

The president and his wife, Nancy, flew to Los Angeles on Sunday aboard Air Force One after celebrating a quiet Christmas in Washington.

The couple will be "a pretty standard kind of holiday working week," spokesman Martin Fitzwater told reporters as the Reagans flew west.

The president also issued his annual statement Sunday on the anniversary of the 1979 Soviet incursion in Afghanistan, demanding the Soviets make their deeds "match their words" and turn statements about possible troop withdrawals into a firm timetable.

The president planned to work on his final State of the Union address during the California vacation, but the emphasis appeared to be on rest and relaxation.

The Reagans planned to be out of the public eye for most of the trip, and the president's chief of staff, Howard H. Baker Jr., and national security adviser, Colin Powell, were not scheduled to join the president until midweek.

While in California, Reagan will get his daily national security briefing on paper, rather than being personally briefed by aides, Fitzwater said.

A date for Reagan's annual address to Congress has not been announced. It will be his seventh State of the Union message and the final one upon which his administration will be able to act.

If he follows the custom of most former presidents, he will deliver a summation just before he leaves office in January 1989.

Fitzwater said Reagan's physicians were to visit his penthouse suite at the Century Plaza Hotel today for the medical examinations. Allergist Ralph Bookman and audiologist John House, Reagan's long-time doctors, will conduct the examinations, Fitzwater said.

Reagan, who wears two hearing aids, said every major candidate who enters every major election, undergoes such tests annually while on a California trip.

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## CHOOSING A PRESIDENT

The 1988 primaries and caucuses

Date	State	What's scheduled
Jan. 30	Michigan	Caucus (R)
Feb. 8	Iowa	Caucuses (R,D)
Feb. 16	New Hampshire	Primaries (R,D)
Feb. 23	South Dakota Minnesota	Primaries (R,D) Caucuses (R,D)
Feb. 28	Maine	Caucuses (R,D)
March 5	Wyoming Kansas South Carolina	Caucuses (R,D) Caucus (R) Primary (R)
March 8	Alabama Arkansas Florida Georgia Hawaii Kentucky Louisiana Maryland Massachusetts Mississippi Missouri Nebraska North Carolina Oklahoma Rhode Island Tennessee Texas Virginia Washington	Primaries (R,D) Caucuses (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Caucuses (R,D) Caucus (D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D)
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March 12	South Carolina	Caucus (D)
March 14	North Dakota	Caucus (D)
March 15	Illinois Wisconsin	Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D)
March 19	Kansas	Caucus (D)
March 20	Puerto Rico	Primaries (R,D)

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March 28	Michigan	Caucus (D)
March 29	Connecticut	Primaries (R,D)
April 2	Virgin Islands	Caucuses (R,D)
April 4	Colorado	Caucuses (R,D)
April 5	Wisconsin	Primary (R)
April 16	Arizona	Caucus (D)
April 19	New York Vermont	Primaries (R,D) Caucus (D)
April 23	Nevada	Caucus (R)
April 24	Guam	Caucuses (R,D)
April 25	Utah	Caucuses (R,D)
April 26	Pennsylvania Vermont	Primaries (R,D) Caucus (R)
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May 16	Delaware	Caucus (D)
May 17	Oregon Alaska	Primaries (R,D) Caucus (R)
May 24	Idaho	Primary (R)
June 7	California Montana New Jersey New Mexico	Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D) Primaries (R,D)
June 14	North Dakota	Primary (R)
June 17	Alaska	Primary (R)

## Dole, Bush race in Iowa remains very tight contest

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Kansas Sen. Bob Dole and Vice President George Bush remain in a dead heat six weeks before the state caucuses provide one of the first major tests of the 1988 Republican presidential campaign, according to a newspaper poll.

Dole was supported by 37 percent of Iowans who said they were likely to attend the Feb. 9 Republican precinct caucus. The Des Moines Sunday Register's Iowa Poll showed Bush was at 33 percent, but actually could have been ahead since the poll had a margin of error of 2.5 percentage points. Eight percent of respondents said they were undecided.

The other Republican presidential candidates were still not a threat to the Dole and Bush in Iowa, according to the poll. New York Rep. Jack Kemp was supported by 8 percent of likely GOP caucus-goers, followed by former television evangelist Pat Robertson at 6 percent and former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont at 5 percent. Former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr., who has spent little time campaigning in Iowa, had less than 1 percent.

The poll, conducted Dec. 23-24, was based on interviews with 200 Iowans age 18 or older who said they definitely or probably will attend a Republican precinct caucus. They were identified through a random telephone survey. Sunday's poll showed little change since Nov. 15 Iowa Poll had Dole at 36 percent and Bush at 30 percent. Since that poll, Bush campaigned hard in Iowa on the heels of the U.S.-Soviet summit meeting and signing of a treaty reducing the number of nuclear weapons in Europe.

## Campaign Notes

### Robertson team may change GOP

NORFOLK (AP) — Presidential hopeful Pat Robertson says he is not "God's candidate," but conservative Christians who believe otherwise could change the character of the Republican Party for years to come, political observers and religious scholars say.

"People with fire in their belly are coming in to redefine what it means to be Republican," Richard Neuhaus, a conservative religious scholar and author, told the Virginia Pilot and the Ledger-Star. "Obviously, the Republican Party is never going to be the same."

"This is not just politics," said Ronda Menke, the Iowa GOP's executive director. "This is a religious thing. Some of those people believe he has a calling from God."

Robertson, the former television evangelist, has been known primarily as a religious leader and "some people are concerned about potential ayatollahs," said Michael Cromartie, an evangelical scholar with the Washington, D.C.-based conservative think tank The Ethics and Public Policy Center.

Robertson has played down his role as spiritual leader, telling the editors of the Norfolk newspaper last week, "I'm running as Mr. Robertson, not Reverend Robertson." He has said he is "unwilling to say that any set of policy goals are somehow divinely inspired, that any particular secular candidate at any given point in time is 'God's candidate.'"

### Hart gets Illinois signatures

CHICAGO (AP) — Supporters of presidential candidate Gary Hart say they have gathered more than 6,000 signatures in one week to place Hart on the ballot for the Illinois Democratic Presidential Primary in March.

Representatives for the former Colorado senator will file petitions with the State Board of Elections office in Springfield today containing 5,000 names, the maximum that can be filed, said George Bogdanich, former Illinois press secretary for Hart. Three thousand signatures are needed to put a candidate on the ballot, Bogdanich said in a phone interview Sunday night.

Hart pulled out of the race in May following revelations about his relationship with Miami model Donna Rice. In a surprise move, he re-entered the race earlier this month.

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# FOCUS

## Less is sometimes what some want

DEAR ABBY: You did it again. You said, "Loneliness is the ultimate poverty, so invite someone who is alone to join you and your family for Thanksgiving dinner."



Dear Abby  
Abigail Van Buren

Abby, not everyone who is alone is lonely. I am alone (widowed), but I am not lonely, and I don't particularly enjoy having Thanksgiving with a bunch of strangers. Last year, I let a generous Thanksgiving with her and her family. She had 36 for dinner. There were children of all ages ranging around, and two TV's going full blast — each on a different channel. On one was a noisy football game, on the other a rerun of a 40-year-old musical. There was so much noise and tumult my head ached for two days!

asked if his wife could get crab lice from a toilet seat as she claimed, or had been fooling around. I am so glad you told him he could believe his wife, because I know for a fact that's where it got. I was about six months pregnant when I had to find a bathroom quickly due to an upset stomach. I was at the beach where no facilities were available, so I went to a bar across the road to use theirs. Abby, it was one of the filthiest rests I had ever seen. On leaving, I told the woman bartender that someone should clean up the bathroom because it was disgusting!

This year I invited another widow to my place for Thanksgiving. We both hate turkey, but we love barbecued spareribs, so we picked up some ribs, popped corn and put away a quart of ice cream. Then we watched an old Laurel and Hardy movie on a remote channel and had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Well, shortly after that, I discovered that I had crab lice. There was absolutely no other way or place I could have gotten them. My doctor prescribed a lotion that took care of the problem, but since that time, I am very, very careful where I sit!

DEAR SHIRLEY: I'm glad you and your friend had a wonderful Thanksgiving. But bless your generous neighbor and people like her — who assume that those who are alone at holiday time are lonely and depressed. They usually are.

NAMELESS FOR OBVIOUS REASONS

## Red palms indicate disease of liver

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is meant by the phrase "liver palms" and what is the cause of this condition?



Dr. Gott  
Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR READER: "Liver palms" refers to reddening of the palms of the hands, a consequence of chronic liver disease. The liver is a remarkable organ that neutralizes or detoxifies substances in our bodies. When the liver is damaged, these substances are not filtered from the blood; they continue to circulate and affect various organs. Estrogen (female hormone) is such a compound. Men normally produce small amounts of estrogen, which are excreted by the liver. As liver efficiency decreases, as will occur in any chronic liver ailment, less estrogen is detoxified. Therefore, men with liver disease often manifest the effects of estrogen stimulation: loss of sex urge and ability, breast enlargement, and dilated blood vessels. These swollen vessels make the skin of the palms appear more flushed than normal. In addition, the vessels — particularly in the facial skin — enlarge to produce little bluish marks, so a close inspection, one sees as pinheads from which small blood vessels radiate, called "spider veins."

liver detoxification of hormone or by excess production of estrogen. When present in a person with liver disease, liver palms usually indicate advanced malfunction.

## Thoughts

Sunday, December 6, is a day I will long keep in my mind as a high point of Jewish activism and pride. On that day, I joined some 200,000 Jews and others in a massive rally in Washington, D.C. The rally was organized by a group of major Jewish organizations to bring to public attention the plight of the Jews in the Soviet Union, specifically on the eve of the Summit talks between our President and Premier Gorbachev. In today's column, and through the rest of next week, I will share with you my experiences and thoughts on that important day.

occurred. We got on a bus at the airport, headed for the Ellipse, and the people who followed us onto the bus were from New Hampshire. Then came a group from Kansas City, and then yet others from Cincinnati. I then realized that this was serious business. At the Ellipse, we could not yet fathom the size of the group because we just could not get to the vantage point where we could look out over the crowd. After the mass march of people marching toward the Mall, we ran up a flight of stairs at the front of an office building and found that a far as we looked, in any direction, all we could see were marchers. I said to a companion, "What a thrill to see so many Jews marching together." A woman overhearing the conversation asked, "So many Jews who care?" That idea was the important point. Most appropriately, the first song sung by the crowd were "Henny Mah Toy," (Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers dwell together), and "Am Yisrael Chai" (The Jewish people lives).

Rabbi Richard Plavin  
Temple Beth Shalom  
Manchester

## Your neighbor's views:

What's your reaction to the proposed state plan to desegregate large city schools by busing students to suburbs such as Manchester?

Carol Hull: "I haven't really thought about it. I wonder what happens when kids are bused in from Hartford to Manchester schools. I think the other way around would be good, too."

Mary Kalbfleisch: "I'm a school teacher. I like seeing what happens when kids are bused in from Hartford to Manchester schools. I think the other way around would be good, too."

Jim Duffield: "I wouldn't like it. It would be an awkward situation."

Anna Sena: "I don't think they should bus them. It's an expense."

Robin Provencale: "I know I wouldn't want to do it. It would be hard for forming friendships."

Peg Moynihan: "I think it's lousy. It isn't fair."

## Supermarket Shopper

### Cohorts defend Cashier X actions

By Martin Sloane  
United Feature Syndicate

In a recent column, a reader described how a cashier — let's call her Cashier X — reached into her apron, pulled out a handful of coupons and added them to the coupons in the cash register. I commented in the column that the cashier probably took out the cash equivalent of the coupons and put the money in her pocket. Several cashiers replied:

DEAR MARTIN: I am a cashier and there are times when I have coupons that I cannot use myself. When a customer comes through the checkout line with a coupon item, I will inform him or her, then subtract the value of the coupon from the customer's bill.

CASHIER South Bend, Ind.

DEAR MARTIN: The cashier you described probably forgot to add the previous customer's coupons to the pile inside the cash register after she put them in her apron for safekeeping.

## High-roller galas planned

Tammy Wynette.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — In this resort city where champagne corks pop year-round, New Year's Eve is even more of an extravaganza. Casinos, especially for the high rollers who are routinely wined and dined.

AT EASE Most properties have a utility assessment. This is a strip of the property that has been made available to utility companies so they can run their water, gas, sewer, and electric lines. This area may have to be dug up for repairs, but the homeowner is not allowed to build over it. This may be an important consideration if he is planning to do a garage or swimming pool. The proper way to do this is to have a utility assessment done. Sometimes an assessment allows others to cross the property or use a part of the property such as the driveway. The title search will show if there are any recorded easements. If the property under consideration has been used by non-owners on a regular basis for a long time, but does not show as a recorded easement, the matter should be discussed with an attorney.

Real estate can be a tricky business. That is why it is important that you entrust motor events, such as a recorded easement, to someone who is knowledgeable in the field. AT.

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Holiday Holidays!

HINT: Dead restrictions will show up on a title search.

## KINDERGARTEN: Is stricter really better?

By Lee Milgrom  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — At the Mary M. Hooker School near some of this city's toughest housing projects, Irma Zaitzva's kindergartners sit quietly in neat rows of desks, laboring over letters and words on sheets of lined paper.



SIGN OF DISCIPLINE — A boy, wearing a cap and coat with a bag slung across his shoulder, makes a deep farewell bow, one of the signs of Japanese discipline taught to children, to Principal Mitsuko Kitajima, as his mother follows suit after classes recently at Oyata's public Kindergarten.

## Talking about kindergarten with expert David Elkind

By Lee Milgrom  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Elkind has a message for parents of kindergarten-age children: go easy. Elkind, professor of child study at Tufts University and one of the most sought-after lecturers on early childhood education, has made that point to thousands of parents and educators and in several widely acclaimed books, including "The Hurried Child" and his latest, published in November, "Miseducation: Preschoolers at Risk."

Q: What should kindergarten be all about?  
A: When you put it in terms of academic versus non-academic, it gives people the wrong impression. It once they get into first grade they're learning. What we have to emphasize is that children in kindergarten are learning a great deal. But they learn in a different way.

Q: You and others advise parents to hold back children who are younger than 5 when the school year starts. You've said it's almost a sure shot that the youngest kids in kindergarten are very much more likely to have trouble. But regardless of age, isn't it up to the parents to say, "We know our kids best?"  
A: The problem is that many parents don't appreciate what a school environment is like. It's not just the child's learning that's at question here; it's the competition, the social organization, the following

states offered it. In 1982, only Florida required kindergarten attendance. Four years later, Delaware, Kentucky, Louisiana, South Carolina, South Dakota and Virginia made kindergarten mandatory, and New Mexico will this year.

In Hartford, the Travellers Corp. and the University of Hartford have teamed with the public schools in Project HELP, which assists the early childhood programs. Mikulajc's class is one of 14 "adaptive kindergarten" classes begun by Project HELP this year. The idea is to remove the stigma of falling and give less developed youngsters who probably would have failed regular kindergarten an extra year of less pressured "adaptive K."

## In Japan, kindergartens are 'heaven' for many kids

By Elaine Kurlenbach  
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Every school day, Principal Mitsuko Kitajima stands at the gate — in rain, cold or wind — welcoming kindergartners and their mothers to school. The children's respectful bows and matching bright blue caps and coats are signs of Japanese discipline.

Q: Are there things parents should look for to decide whether a kindergarten is good or not?  
A: They should talk to the teacher and find out (his or her) background. Is this person trained in early childhood education? Then I would look for a good set of wooden blocks. It's central to early childhood education. Children use them to develop quantitative skills, relational skills, social skills.

Q: It is all of this because parents are more fearful these days that they are raising children in an especially competitive age?  
A: I think that's part of it. I think there's a changed parental psychology that "earlier is better." But ... there is also a need to have children cared for outside the home, and with that, residual guilt.

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Obituaries

Edward J. Agnew

Edward J. Agnew, 68, of Vero Beach, Fla., formerly of Manchester, died Thursday at the Indian River Memorial Hospital...

David C. Ogren

David C. Ogren, 50, of 167 N. Elm St., died Friday at Manchester Memorial Hospital...

The funeral is Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Burial will be in East Cemetery...

Pamela Anne Richardson

Pamela Anne (Austin) Richardson, 53, of West Hartford, died Tuesday at Hartford Hospital...

The funeral is Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Universalist Church of West Hartford, 433 Fern St.

Queenie Allan

Queenie (Douglas) Allan, 79, of Hampton, died Thursday at Uncas-on-Thames Hospital...

The funeral is Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Hampton Congregational Church, 310 Collins St.

Claire E. DeGroat

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John L. Rubin

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Raymond C. Lewis

Raymond C. Lewis, 56, of Tolland, died Sunday at Rockville General Hospital...

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Dave L. Weinbaum

Dave L. Weinbaum, 73, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., and Crescent Beach, Fla., died Friday at Mount Sinai Hospital...

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Edwin Wright

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Fewer die in accidents

CHICAGO (AP) - Traffic accidents claimed fewer lives than expected during the four-day Christmas holiday...

Opposition leader won't join election

By Helen J. Simon

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - The United States tried to trick Haitian leader Jean-Bertrand Aristide into accepting another dictatorship...

'Restless' Rhoda has heart

Continued from page 1

For example, seventh grade students at Hill Junior High School... "We told them they could buy the 'real' potatoes, onions and carrots...

"The whole thing came about because I was restless, because I was bored," said Ruskas last week.

A YMCA program director in Hartford for five years, she had just started a position with a Hartford insurance firm when she broke her leg.

"The shelter normally closes at 7 a.m., and does not reopen until 8 p.m.," Burt said. However, an effort is made to keep it open for at least a half day on winter holidays...

"It's absolutely fantastic," said Ruskas. "I have to say, the people of Manchester really know how to pull together for a cause."

"What was different this year was that a volunteer, not a staff person and not a committee person, ran with the ball the whole way," Burt said.

"After we just went to keep the shelter open on New Year's Day, as well," she said. "After we went to keep the shelter open on Christmas, the 28 we need for New Year's should be simple."

Loose door may be a clue

to airplane's disappearance

HONOLULU (AP) - A Seattle couple may be able to provide authorities with important information...

ever opened at the right angle to flight, that we'd be in trouble."

"Anything that happened prior to the flight was very important," Dahlin said. "Anything that pilot was struggling with is important to the investigation..."

"No Leads, no further developments - based on that information and no updates from any sources reporting anywhere the involving aircraft..."

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6:30-9:15 p.m. PSY 401 Therories of Counseling and Psychotherapy

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Rockville - at Rockville General Hospital

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The Whalers' Kevin Dineen (11) falls after he was tripped by the Nordiques' Normand Rochefort (5) during first-period action Sunday in Quebec.



# New line has things looking up for the Rangers

By The Associated Press

The New York Rangers haven't had much to smile about this season. Despite two victories over the weekend, the Rangers are last in the NHL's Patrick Division, 11 points behind division-leading Philadelphia.

## NHL Roundup

New Jersey, then turned in a solid performance Sunday night. That's two games we've played together and we've had some really good pressure," said the 6-foot-4, 210-pounder, whose first 12 games in the NHL were spent as a defenceman. "We have a grinder, a passer and a goal-scorer, a pretty good mix."

The Penguins at 12:30 of the third period with his first goal of the season. Hillier picked up a loose puck in the blue line and sent it past goaltender Tom Barraso, who was distracted by a crowd around the net.

## North Stars 5, Wings 4

Brian MacLellan's goal midway through the second period completed a five-goal Minnesota outburst and the North Stars held on for the one-goal victory over the Red Wings at Bloomington, Minn.

## Blues 3, Blackhawks 2

St. Louis returned home and Doug Gilmour scored two goals and added an assist for the Blues, while defenceman Rob Ramage added three assists and Bernie Federko added two assists in leading the Blues to a 3-2 victory over Chicago in as many nights.

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Elsewhere Sunday, St. Louis nipped Chicago 3-2. Pittsburgh and Buffalo skated to a 3-2 tie and Minnesota topped Detroit 5-4.

New York winger Tomas Sandstrom is passing by again, assisted to five goals and six assists in his last six games. Linemate Walt Poddubny has broken out of a slump with seven goals and five assists in his last nine games.

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## Bird, McHale lead Celts to sixth straight

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — For Kevin McHale, his 14 fourth-quarter points were just a passing fancy.

"The guards were making great passes in there," said McHale, who finished with 25 points in Boston's Celtics' 114-102 NBA victory over Sacramento on Sunday night.

"All I did was what I was supposed to do. I was exactly the Celtics established 16-point leads — their largest of the game — on the strength of McHale's inside play.

"Twice in the fourth quarter when McHale scored six consecutive points during a 10-6 spurt that Sacramento's LaSalle Thornton (41) is fouled by Boston's Dennis Johnson here during the fourth quarter of Sunday's game in Sacramento. The Celtics recorded their sixth straight victory with a 114-102 win.

## NBA Roundup

extended Boston's lead to 102-86. McHale later scored six straight points during an 8-run that made it 115-86 with 5:01 remaining.

Larry Bird led the Celtics with 35 points as they won their sixth consecutive game. Otis Thorpe led Sacramento with 30 points, while Reggie Theus added 29.

In the only NBA game Sunday, New Jersey trounced Boston 103-83. Tonight's Philadelphia at Phoenix and Denver at Seattle.

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Boston's Bob Sweeney (42) goes after the puck as New York's Norm Maciver (37) races to the scene during first period action of Sunday's game at Madison Square Garden in New York. The Rangers won, 4-1.

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By Rick Warner

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# Miami Hurricanes find themselves shorthanded

By Herschel Nissenoff

The bad news is that if anyone else goes down, Johnson, an offensive guard during his playing days at Arkansas, may have to suit up.

"If we go to a backup now, we're going to a player that really hasn't played this year. And if it's a physical halibeam, we're going to need some depth."

Depth? Ho, ho, ho. And that's not a leftover from Santa Claus. The second-team center (Bobby Garcia) is starting at guard, (backup left tackle Gary) Mahon will back up (Darren) Bruce who became the starter when John O'Neill was suspended and Bruce will back up (Scott) Provin who

moves from right guard to right tackle." Johnson said. "But order please." Provin, incidentally, missed Sunday's workout with a stomach virus.

"(Gary) Panfil will back up both guards and Garcia will back up (center Rod) Holder, even though he's now starting guard," Johnson added.

"Right now, we've got about six healthy offensive linemen — total — for the halibeam, with three new starters when you consider that Provin will be starting at tackle for the first time this year."

"The only backups that were getting any action were Bruce, Panfil and Garcia, and now two of them are starters."

To fill out the second-team line, Johnson promoted tackle Bill Johnson and guard Steve Rosinski, whose 1987 action has been limited to the field goal unit.

The only regular linemen who apparently will start at their normal positions are sophomores Mike Sullivan at left guard and Holder at center.

"It's time for some boys to become men," All-American free safety Bennie Blades said. "They've been puppies, playing the game doesn't count. Now they'll have to play when it counts."

"Patman's injury was anything but a happy birthday present for offensive line coach Tony Wise, who was supposed to turn 36 today but may have aged rapidly in the last few days."

"To be honest, I don't know how it affects us," Wise said. "We'll try to find the five best guys to play regardless of position."

Last Thursday, Miami's last O'Neill and star linebacker George Mira Jr. when the drug LaFix, a diuretic that helps rid the body of

excess fluids, showed up in urine specimens they provided as part of the NCAA's pre-bowl testing program.

Mira's lawyer obtained a temporary restraining order permitting him to practice, but Johnson said and Mira agreed it would be better if the linebacker worked out on his own pending further court action.

Patman, a two-year starter, suffered a "first-plus-degree sprain" of his left knee. A Miami backer and Maurice Crum, a true freshman, will back up Carier at wide-linebacker.

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TV Topics

Fox willing to pay for success

By Jerry Buck The Associated Press LOS ANGELES - Fox Broadcasting's attempt to become a fourth network is off to a slow start with ratings in the cellar, but company officials say they knew it was going to take a lot of time and a lot of money. Advertising time is sold out, but not at the same rates as the three major networks command. "We've been eight months since Fox introduced its Sunday night schedule, followed by a Saturday night lineup, and a third night of programming is scheduled in the spring."

TV Tonight

- 6:00PM (3) (8) (30) (40) News (3) Three's Company (1) Magnum, P.I. (11) Jeopardy! (16) Simon & Simon (20) Gimme a Streak (22) News Live (24) Doctor Who (26) T.J. Hooker (30) Tom Randall (41) Reporter 41 (57) MacNeil / Lehrer Newshour (61) Family Ties (CN) Showbiz Today (DIS) MOVIE: "Somewhere Tomorrow" (4) Shows a young girl deal with the death of her father. Sarah Jessica Parker, Nancy Jackson. 1984. Rated PG. (ESPN) Sportscast (HBO) MOVIE: "Born Free" A Kenyan orphaned lion cub until they realize they must set her free to survive on her own. Virginia McKenna, Bill Travers. 1966. Rated R. (USA) Cartoons (6:30PM) (5) Family Ties (11) Homeyromances (12) Baywatch (13) NBC News (24) Nightly Business Report (38) Phyllis (41) Nevechia Univision (61) Love Connection (CN) Inside Politics (ESPN) Surfer Magazine (7:00PM) (3) CBS News (5) News (8) Wheel of Fortune (11) \$100,000 Pyramid (11) Cheers (18) Best of Saturday Night (20) M\*A\*S\*H (24) MacNeil / Lehrer Newshour (28) Baywatch (30) Win, Lose or Draw (38) Alice (41) La Dama de Rosa (57) Nightly Business Report (61) Three's Company (CN) Moneytree (ESPN) Sportscast (TMC) MOVIE: "48 Hrs." (C) A convict is released from prison for 48 hours to help a murdered police detective catch two escaped killers. Nick Nolte, Eddie Murphy, James Belushi. 1983. Rated R. (USA) Airwolf (7:30PM) (3) PM Magazine (5) Current Affair (8) Jeopardy! (11) Baywatch (18) Carson's Comedy Classics (20) M\*A\*S\*H (30) Newsworld Game (38) Maude (40) Hollywood Squares (57) World of Survival (61) Family Ties (CN) Crossfire (DIS) Mousterpiece Theatre (ESPN) NFL Monday Night Memories (HBO) Fraggles Rock (8:00PM) (3) Kate & Allie (C) Allie goes on strike from household chores. (8) MOVIE: "The Thin Man" A pair of logical sleuths as they track a murderer. William Powell, Myrna Loy, Maureen O'Sullivan. 1934. (8) ABC News Special: The Other Olympic Games (C) Stone Phillips reports on the politics behind the Olympic Games. (60 min.) (8) Evening Magazine (11) Hit Streets Blues (18) MOVIE: "Ben Hur" A Judean aristocrat defies the paganism of ancient Rome in the early days of Christianity. Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins, Stephen Boyd. 1959. (20) MOVIE: "Dr. Zhivago" A young couple's fate is determined by the ideas of the Russian Revolution. Omar Sharif, Julie Christie, Geraldine Chaplin. 1965. Part 1. (22) ALF (C) ALF's relocated to the family, or vice versa. (8) (Stereo) (24) Making of a Contender (C) A portrait of the Mississippi River, the people who benefit from living along its banks and the future potential for widespread destruction of life and property resulting from geological events. (60 min.) (R) (26) MOVIE: "Pal Joey" A night club entertainer romances a wealthy socialite who finances a night club for him. Frank Sinatra, Rita Hayworth. 1957. (30) MOVIE: "Star! Singer Gertrude Lawrence is portrayed rising from her humble origins to stardom. John Gielgud, Richard Crenna, Michael Craig. 1968. (41) Peacocks de Oye (47) Nature America's Wild Horses (C) A portrait of the American Mustang being wanted to do for a long time. Stop waiting and start acting.

"Jump Street" is about an elite squad of baby-faced police officers who work undercover to combat teen-age crime. Fox has already ordered another show from its creator, Stephen J. Cannell ("The A-Team"). Fox's first venture, "The Late Show Starring Joan Rivers," made its debut in October 1986, clearly aimed at her former mentor, Johnny Carson. But it never made a dent in the late-night audience of "The Tonight Show." Rivers was out in May and the program, which carried on with guest hosts, disappeared at the end of November. It has been replaced by a mixture of news and comedy called "The Wilton North Report."

So far, Fox's only programming coup was outbidding ABC, CBS and NBC for the annual Emmy Awards show. It brought Fox to a little prestige, but also, no audience. The first telecast this past September got the lowest ratings in Emmy history. Fox, obviously, has its eye on other attractions. It's certain to be a contender for the Academy Awards, the Grammys, World Series, Super Bowl and the like. The Sunday lineup also includes "Married... With Children," "Werewolf," "The Tracey Ullman Show" and "Duet."

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WHAT A GUY by Bill Hoest. I KNEW ALL THE ANSWERS, I JUST WASN'T ABLE TO PUT THEM INTO A TRUE OR FALSE FORM.

ON THE FASTTRACK by Bill Holtzback. MERRY, YOU WERE MARRIED ONCE... LET'S GET TEN DAWNS. RIGHT NOW, IT'S A TIME OF LEARNING... SHARING... ADJUSTING... THEY'RE DISCOVERING... WORDS THAT ARE SO IMPORTANT TO ANY MARRIAGE! NO THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

Avoiding a guess By James Jacoby. Since opener's jump to four hearts South's one-heart response, South quickly asked for aces and bid a small slam. North and South had plenty of high cards between them, but their major-suit holdings looked a bit like Swiss cheese. South won the opening diamond lead and played king and ace of hearts. Since West was left with a trump trick, declarer had to find a way to avoid a spade loser. He stripped out his minor-suit winners and gave West his trump trick. Back came the queen of spades, and South could not avoid the loss of a spade trick. Declarer's play was not best. Although there are spade combinations West could have that might allow the slam to prevail with the throw-in, West can prevail with many of those combinations. For example, if West is thrown in and his spade holding is Q-9-x or J-9-x, he can exit with his spade honor, and declarer cannot avoid losing another trick. And if West holds Q-J-s of spades, he can lead a low card away from the Q-J, and declarer will be unlikely to do anything other than put in dummy's eight-spot. Declarer is better off playing for a distribution that will make the slam for him without any guesswork. All he needs is for West to hold only two spades. So South cashes out the A-K of spades and the minor-suit winners, and then puts West on lead with a trump. With nothing left but diamonds, West must give declarer a ruff and a ruff and his contract. James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharus Books.

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ALLEY OOP by Dave Graze. BOY, IT SURE FEELS GOOD TO HAVE MY HANDS FREE. NOW ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS FIGURE A WAY OUT OF THIS SITUATION! AM THAT ISN'T GONNA BE EASY?

THE BORN LOBER by Art Sansom. WHAT ARE YOU COMING? JUST THIS, GLADYS... I'M LISTING EVERYONE I SENT CARDS TO WHO DIDN'T SEND ONES TO ME! SEE IF THEY GET CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FROM ME NEXT YEAR! THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

FRANK AND ERNEST by Bob Thaves. WHAT HAPPENED? BANK! THEY LOST MY BALANCE.

WINTHROP by Dick Cavall. MY MOM MAKES ME GO TO BED SO EARLY THAT I MISS ALL THE GOOD TV SHOWS. UNTIL YOU TOLD ME WHAT "FAMILY TIES" IS REALLY ABOUT... I THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT A MOM-AND-POP NECKWEAR SHOP.

U.S. ACRES by Jim Davis. COOM, I'VE BEEN DOWN HERE ALL OVER FOR YOU, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? MEETING NA NEW SNEEP. WHAT? PTHHHH! MEETING THE NEW SHEEP.

