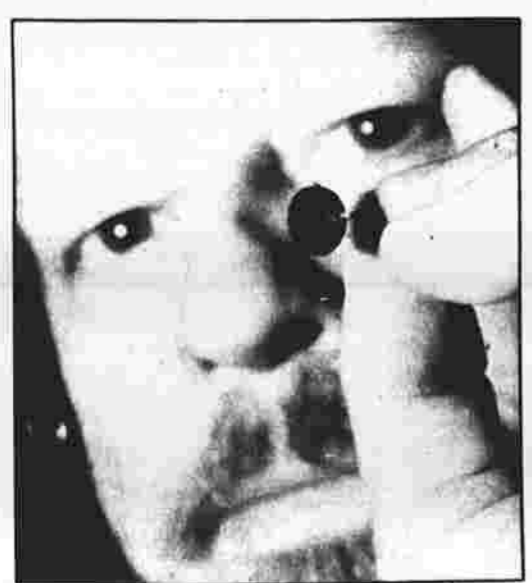


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Royal wedding

LONDON (AP) — The son of one of the most popular members of the royal family is planning to marry a woman who is also a member of the royal family.

Sinatra helps

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Frank Sinatra donated \$1,000 to a 2½-year-old girl who underwent a five-organ transplant operation.

Jackson on TV

NEW YORK (AP) — Eleven-time Grammy winner Michael Jackson will make his first live television appearance in five years at the 30th annual Grammy Awards on March 2.

Reagan on TV

REAGAN asked listeners to pray for his mother's health, saying she was recovering from a recent illness.

Supermarket Shopper

Refund checks arrive late

By Martin Sloane
United Feature Syndicate

Last summer, Nelson Adelaide of Stillwater, Pa., wrote to me with an interesting theory. He knew that manufacturers' refunds involved a lot of money, almost a billion dollars in cash and free products in 1987.

I thought about Nelson's theory and came up with one of my own. If manufacturers had an incentive to delay sending the cash, they probably had an equal incentive to speed up the return of mail-in offers that sent coupons to consumers.

On average, it takes six to eight weeks to receive a refund. This was no surprise. I have been telling my readers for a long time that it took an average of 7.6 weeks to receive cash refunds, while it took 8.6 weeks to receive mail-in coupons.

In part, the answer may be that most readers sent to consumers by third-class mail for a reason. Her refunds arrived a day sooner than mine — two to three weeks sooner.

When the supply of coupons runs out — for example, if the response to an offer is smaller than anticipated, it may take many weeks for the manufacturer to print up a new supply of coupons.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frozen broccoli and cauliflower rose sharply from 1980 to 1986, and there was a substantial increase in fresh imports.

CLYDE CHEVROLET-BUICK, INC. ROUTE 83, VERNON, N.J. 08889

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Clip 'n' file refunds

Soups, Snacks, Candy (File 3) Clip out this file and keep it with similar cash-off coupons — beverage refund offers with beverage coupons, for example.

These offers require refund forms. Manufacturers had an incentive to delay sending the cash, they probably had an equal incentive to speed up the return of mail-in offers that sent coupons to consumers.

Here's a refund form to write for: RENUZIT \$1.25 Rebate Offer, P.O. Box 14958-A, Baltimore, MD 21268.

quantity of envelopes for the same time includes Munster, Ind. But the refunds going to Chicago accumulate much more quickly and probably go out daily.

Which brands should take warning that their refunds were among the slowest to arrive? Orville Redenbacher's offers were frequently mentioned as being very slow.

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Manchester — A City of Village Charm

'Wonderful' budget, say legislators

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Manchester Herald

State legislators representing Manchester and other areas reacted favorably to the \$6.32 billion budget proposed by Gov. William A. O'Neill during the opening of the General Assembly on Wednesday.

Included in the governor's proposed 1988-89 budget is a \$400,000 grant to help pay for renovations to Cheney Hall, a line item O'Neill agreed to at the request of state Rep. James McCavanagh, D-Manchester, and \$454,000 to pay for the replacement of roofs for 11 buildings at the old campus of Manchester Community College.

The governor's proposed budget calls for no tax increases. The governor has continued his commitment to the elderly, land preservation and certainly to upholding the responsibilities of state government," McCavanagh said after Wednesday's opening ceremonies.

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MHS wins again: Goddard provides margin / page 11

Snowstorm snaps spring prediction

Winter blues still with us, despite Chuckles' forecast

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

Two days after Chuckles II, the resident groundhog at the Luz Children's Museum, predicted that spring would be coming soon, a new snowstorm swept into the state reminding people that winter is still here.

Chuckles II made her prediction during Groundhog Day ceremonies Tuesday at the museum. But for those with the winter blues, her prediction could not come true soon enough.

The National Weather Service at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks has predicted that between 2 to 5 inches of snow will fall in central Connecticut today.

Manchester school officials announced a two-hour delay in opening but the verdict was soon changed by school officials. Manchester was originally scheduled to have its school opening ceremony on Tuesday, Feb. 2, but the ceremony was postponed to Wednesday, Feb. 3.

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FIRST DAY — State Reps. John Thompson, top, and James McCavanagh, both Manchester Democrats, listen to House Speaker Irving J. Stolberg during the closing moments of Wednesday's opening session of the General Assembly.

'Very little flexibility' in state spending plan

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Although the General Assembly will almost certainly make minor changes in Gov. William A. O'Neill's proposed budget for next year, lawmakers note that most of the money is committed to salaries and other items they can't tinker with.

O'Neill on Wednesday outlined a \$6.32 billion budget for 1988-89 that called for just one tax increase — another penny on the gasoline tax — and it is balanced by using millions of dollars from reserve funds.

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Policy in shambles with contra-aid loss

By Robert M. Andrews
The Associated Press

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Despite a lobbying blitz by Reagan, the House rejected further military support for the insurgents by a 219-211 vote Wednesday night. In doing so, it dismissed the president's argument that only the Contras could bring peace to Central America.

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Not all educators give teacher certification plan top grades

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

A state program to increase the number of teachers through an accelerated certification program has brought mixed reactions from local education union presidents and local superintendents.

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35 STORE AND OFFICE SPACE
NEW Building. Interior to suit occupant. 750 to 1,000 square feet. Utilities and parking included. Peterman Building Company. 649-9404.

40 WANTED TO RENT
RESPONSIBLE adult female desires to rent a 4 bedroom home in Uffington and parking. Excellent references. Call 643-2425.

74 FURNITURE
MAPLE Dining room table with 2 chairs. \$150. Call 643-4522.

76 TV/STEREO/APPLIANCES
GOOD working used color TV's from \$40 to \$175. 742-9185.

79 FUEL OIL/COAL/FIREWOOD
FIREWOOD SALE \$48 per cord, 8 ft. lengths, green, delivered, 4 cord minimum. 630-0059.

36 RESORT PROPERTY
BEACH House - Charlton Beach, Rooming house - 4 beds, full kitchen. Call 643-8557.

73 CLOTHING
BOOTS, leather, brown, new. \$45. Also, coat, suede, brown, leather. Size 9. \$75. 649-8635.

81 CARS FOR SALE
FOR SALE. Tbird 1977. \$600. Best offer. Telephone 647-1971 ask for Peter.

87 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE
BEAR Collectors. Must sell some of my collection. Steiff, Catterburg, Avanti, Blotzky, North America and other brands.

81 CARS FOR SALE
OLDS Omega 1981. Interior and exterior in good condition. No 911. Does run but has a "migrain". \$485 but negotiable. Must sell. 742-8750.

87 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE
SEWING Machine base cabinet. \$50. 643-0781.

81 CARS FOR SALE
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89 WANTED TO BUY/TRADE
OLD and new furniture, household items and glassware. Will pay cash. 646-8696.

81 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE
TEE Shirt transfers. Approximately 3000, also 50 to 1000 numbers and letters for shirts, caps, etc. Best offer. 649-3642 after 7:30pm.

82 RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT
RALEIGH touring boys bike. Good condition. \$150. 643-0781.

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About Town

Garden Club

Manchester Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Community Baptist Church. The theme for the meeting is garden therapy workshop.

Art exhibited

Manchester High School seniors will exhibit their work at the Lindgren Gallery at Hilling Junior High School. All entries were judged by the high school art staff. The show runs through Feb. 26. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Grange reaches 100

ANDOVER — Andover Grange is celebrating its 100th anniversary on Sunday at the Andover Town Hall, Route 6. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served.



ATTENDS 4-H CONGRESS — Katherine J. McCall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. McCall, Andover, recently attended the 66th National 4-H Congress in Chicago. McCall's achievements in the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.-sponsored 4-H Leadership Program won her a state winner's certificate and a Firestone-paid trip to the Congress where she gave the keynote assembly invocation. Over 2,000 4-H members and advisers attended the congress. McCall is a senior at RHAM High School in Hebron.

Trip planned

BOLTON — The Bolton Lions Club is planning an overnight trip to Atlantic City April 16-17. The cost is \$99 per person and includes double occupancy, motor coach, baggage handling, hotel, meals, bus breakfast and room. For information, call 648-8355.

Insurance seminar

The Arbor at Hop Brook on West Center Street is sponsoring a seminar on long-term care insurance at 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Guest speaker will be Barbara Rainsor, life financial counselor at Acta Life & Casualty. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited but seating is limited. To register, call 647-9343.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available to Manchester residents who are prisoners in the Roman Catholic church and who are students in the Catholic elementary and secondary schools of Manchester. The grants are \$100 each for those attending elementary school and \$200 each for high school students. The grants are available from The Michael Raymond and Helen M. Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund at the Andover Town Hall, Route 6. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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Coventry's symbols are on display

COVENTRY — The town's rolling hills, partial forests, and open fields still this beautiful and elusive creature well. Heather Moore, 13, wrote about the red fox for the Town Symbol Contest in her winning entry currently on display at the Town Office Building. Moore went on to describe the animal in an original poem: Bold Russet Beauty Sharp Teeth, Nose, Ears, Eyes, and Wit Speak His Craft and Will Elusive Red Plumage Vanishes in the Dawn Glow Following the Night Moon. Moore was one of two winners in the contest sponsored by the Town Conservation Commission. The winning entry, "What are their gifts and what are their lives?" by Katie Edwards, 15, was also chosen.

"The day lily has grown wildly along our roadides for many years enhancing the New England charm and brightening our courtyard. The Michael Raymond and Helen M. Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund at the Andover Town Hall, Route 6. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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Bolton couple seeking help for their autistic daughter

BOLTON — Grant and Patricia Tyler are seeking volunteers to help their 3-year-old daughter, Melissa, who is autistic. The condition is described as a complex disorder whose victims are described as having a state of mind characterized by day-dreams, hallucinations and disregard of external reality. While Tyler declined to comment fully on the program until a later time, she said, "It's been great. It's been wonderful." According to John Collins, a Xaverian brother of the Community of the Way in Hampton, autistic children are "very left-out people."

Collins has spent the last seven years living and working in Hampton with David and Peter Cates, a pair of autistic twins. When he first began caring for the boys, Collins said he asked himself, "What are their gifts and how do you enrich their lives?" Collins found that involving David and Peter with physical activity seemed to bring them out of their private world. When the last two hours and there is a group meeting each Monday evening at the Tyler's home at 37 Volpi Road, according to a news release issued by the Catholic Diocese of Norwich.

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TO HEAD PARADE — Mary C. Tierney of Manchester has been chosen parade marshal for the 1988 St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held in Hartford on March 12. Tierney is the first Manchester woman to be awarded this post and will be honored at the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner dance which will be held at the Knights of Columbus home in Manchester on Saturday, Feb. 20. Tierney is a paraprofessional with the board of education in Manchester in early childhood. She has served in many Irish activities and is a member of the Irish American Home Society in Glastonbury. She has been a member of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for 16 years and served as town chairman and committee secretary for seven years.

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Referendum ruling is expected soon

Supreme Court decision seen affecting future talks with developers

By Nancy Concelmon Manchester Herald

The Supreme Court is expected to rule in five to 12 weeks on the town's appeal of a Superior Court ruling barring the issuance of \$13 million in bonds to finance utility improvements at the Buckland Hill site without a referendum. Meanwhile, town attorneys said Wednesday the ruling could affect future negotiations with the Homart Development Co. of Chicago — which is proposing the \$70 million Mall at Buckland Hills — and other developers. Attorney Edward F. Hennessey of Robinson & Cole represented the town Wednesday in the state Supreme Court and attorney Bourke G. Spellacy of Uplike, Kelly and Spellacy, represented Homart.

Hennessey and Spellacy attempted to persuade the court to overturn a decision last year from Hartford Superior Court Judge John P. Maloney. Maloney's decision came after the Manchester Property Owners Association appealed a decision by the Town Board of Directors to issue the \$13 million in tax-increment bonds for the mall infrastructure improvements.

At Wednesday's hearing, five Supreme Court Justices heard arguments from attorneys representing the MPOA that the case was moot, since the referendum was held, and defeated, in November. MPOA attorney Kathleen Eldergill, of Beck and Eldergill in Manchester, said the appeal is moot because the Board of Directors agreed to be bound by the voters' decision and her clients are satisfied. Hennessey also said if Homart's current request for a \$9.5 million tax freeze to finance utility improvements is accepted by the town, the appeal would be moot. Eldergill argued that there is "no live controversy" and that the real issue is determining who is the legislative body empowered to approve the issuance of tax-increment bonds under state law. But attorneys Hennessey and Spellacy argued that the appeal is not moot now and won't be in the future.

Hennessey said that because of Maloney's decision, future attempts by the town to negotiate a different type of bonding agreement with Homart or other developers could result in Sadtoski and "her friends" attempting to hold the town in contempt of court.

"I suggest that the issue is very alive in this town," Hennessey said. "I think we'll find that out when we try to take an action." Hennessey argued that one option for negotiations with developers would be closed because of Maloney's decision.

"Consequently it (the town) is left with trying to get out from under a problem," Hennessey said. Attorneys for both sides quoted sections of the general statutes and Town Charter, raising the issue of which set of laws applies to the town. Eldergill presented Maloney's decision as MPOA's case.

Maloney's decision states that although Section 3-1 of the Town Charter establishes the Board of Directors as the legislative body, Section 5-25 of the Town Charter conveys legislative powers on the voters. Section 5-25 reads: "No bonds shall be issued, however, unless the bond issue is voted on by the voters of the town at any regular or special election."

But the town attorneys argued that section 5-25 of the Town Charter applies to general obligation bonds. Hennessey said that the section of the state statute that applies to tax-increment bonds, §-192A, says the bonds are to be issued only with the approval of the local legislative body, and "shall not be subject to the provisions of any other law or charter relating to the issuance or sale of bonds."

Justice T. Clark Hull asked Eldergill why Maloney didn't just read the state statute.

"Don't you find it's (Maloney's interpretation) a strange interpretation (of the state statute)?" he asked.

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Georgetti said that the state had 30 days to begin a trial but failed to do so. Majek pleaded innocent to the charge, claiming that it was his estranged wife, Fannie, who had defrauded the state. Georgetti met with a prosecutor at the Superior Court in Manchester on Aug. 5, 1986 to try to work out a plea bargain, Georgetti said. When an agreement couldn't be reached, he said, he asked that the case be put on the trial list.

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College Notes

Two on dean's list

Michele Dion, 391 Woodland St. and Maureen Lacey, 215 Chalflow Brook Lane, have been named to the dean's list at Southern Connecticut State University for the fall semester.

On Bucknell dean's list

Timothy Stahl of 67 Linwood Drive, has been named to the dean's list at Bucknell University for the fall semester.

Student wins award

Trish Cunliffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Conliffe of Woodland Street, was recently presented with the Critic's Award during the winter show at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. She is a 1985 graduate of Manchester High School and received an associate in applied science degree from the institute last June. She is now working on a bachelor of fine arts degree in fashion design at the college.

Harvey studying abroad

Elizabeth Harvey, daughter of James and Gerry Harvey of 19 Grove St., a sophomore at Dartmouth College, is studying German this winter in Berlin as a participant in Dartmouth's language study program. She is a 1985 graduate of Manchester High School. The course in Germany covers language, literature, civilization and history and the students are also given time to travel on their own.

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Area students on list

Six area students have been named to the dean's list at Hartford State Technical College for the fall term. Manchester students are: Michael Gannon, Briarwood Drive; Charles Hardy, Avondale Road; and David A. Simler, Edmund Street. Also named was Arthur T. Halobardo, Daly Road, Coventry.

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Dr. Crane's Quiz

- 1. Which one of these farm creatures is a female?
WETHER CAPON GILT BARROW
- 2. A squirrel hunter normally would head for which tree?
CATALPA BOX ELDER HICKORY MAPLE
- 3. Which flower is usually found closest to the ground?
ASTER HOLLYHOCK FANSY SUNFLOWER
- 4. A "dope sheet" is usually linked with
FARMING SURGERY MUSIC SPORTS
- 5. Which of our 50 states was the original target for the famous "Gold Rush"?
VIRGINIA CALIFORNIA MONTANA TEXAS
- 6. Match the 5 entries at the left with those at the right to which they pertain.
(a) 9 (v) Verdict
(b) 11 (w) Contact lens
(c) 12 (x) Stethoscope
(d) 15-20 (y) Coffin corner
(e) 125-80 (z) Roisin bag

Answers in the Classified section

Current Quotations

"I believe that Larry, Moe and Curly are still operating, doing business as the Conras in Central America." — Rep. James A. Traficant, D-Ohio, speaking against President Reagan's request for \$36.2 million in aid to the Nicaraguan rebels.

"We feel this will cause people to realize that we have nothing to hide and that we are fully disclosing finances and eliminating possible family control of boards and showing to the public we have open books and open policy." — Ben Armstrong, executive director of the National Religious Broadcasters, which voted to make compliance with an ethics code a requirement for membership.

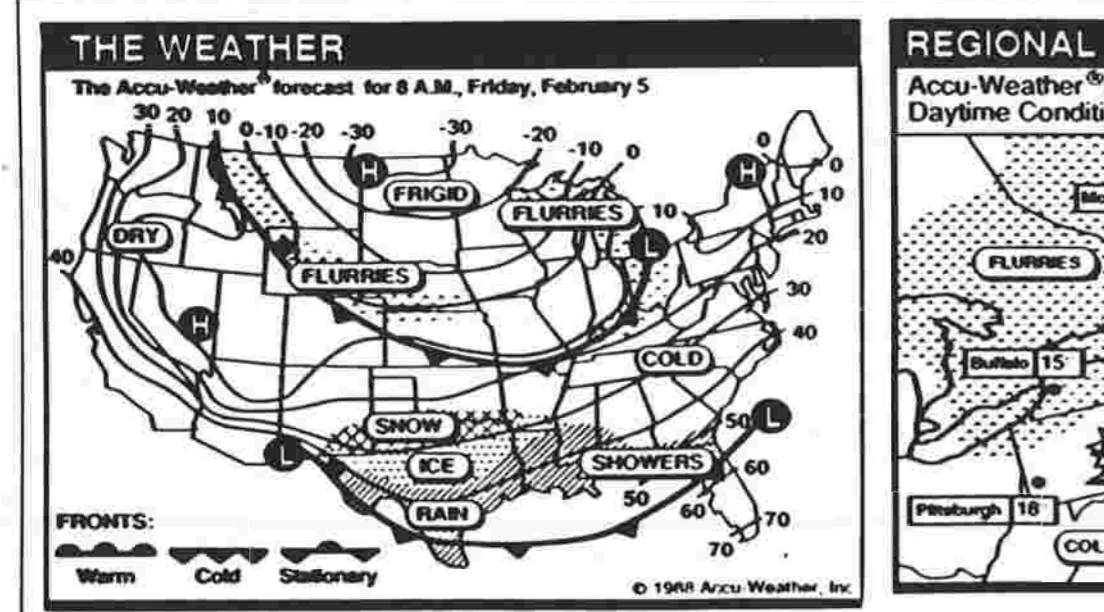
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Bitter cold follows the latest snowstorm

By The Associated Press

A winter storm that brought snow, sleet and freezing rain to the Great Plains and Midwest moved across the Ohio Valley and Northeast today, and bitter cold followed in its wake. Snowfall totals in northern Ohio ranged up to 8 inches at Sandusky by late Wednesday, with 5 inches at Cleveland. Up to 10 inches of snow was expected today in northern Ohio, more than 6 inches in southern New York state, up to 6 inches in northwestern Pennsylvania and 2 to 6 inches in eastern Pennsylvania.

Winter storm watches were in effect for much of New England and New York state, and people in Vermont were warned to expect up to 9 inches of snow.

Light snow continued to fall in Michigan today, and from Indiana to Missouri.

Freezing drizzle continued across parts of Arkansas and Texas. Rain and drizzle prevailed from southern Texas to the Carolinas and the middle Atlantic Coast states.

Ice formed by freezing drizzle caused accidents that closed major roads in Louisville early today.

Flash flood watch was in effect for Shelbyville in north-

central Kentucky, where a dam across Clear Creek was in danger of failing because of recent heavy rain. Some residents were evacuated.

While fair weather prevailed across most of the West, light snow fell in parts of western Montana and northern Wyoming today. An advisory for blowing and drifting snow was in effect in northwestern Montana.

Another surge of arctic air was expected to plunge southeastward out of Canada today and Friday, producing wind chill factors as cold as 75 degrees below zero in North Dakota.

In Minnesota, temperatures Friday through Sunday were expected to drop as low as 40 degrees below zero. Highs were forecast to range from 15 below in northern Minnesota to around zero in the south.

Temperatures were already below zero this morning across much of the area from Montana to Minnesota. Subfreezing temperatures extended from the high Plains to New England.

A cold front sagging southwestward across west-central Texas caused the temperature at Midland to drop from 77 degrees to 34 degrees in just three hours Wednesday evening.

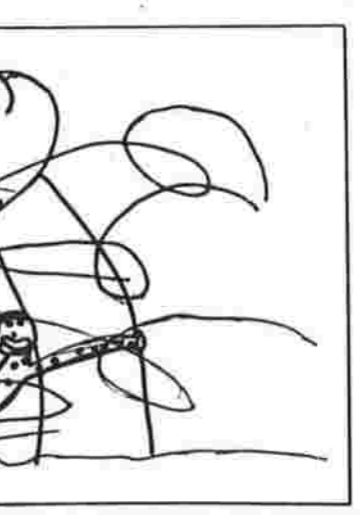
CONNECTICUT WEATHER

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Central, Eastern Interior, Southwest Interior: Tonight, snow tapering off to flurries early. Becoming windy and cold. Low around 10. Friday, sunny early then partly cloudy. High 20 to 25.

West Coastal, East Coastal: Tonight, snow tapering off to flurries early tonight. Becoming windy and cold. Low in the teens. Friday, mostly sunny. High 20 to 25.

Long Island Sound to Watch Hill, R.I. and Montauk Point: Small craft advisory. Winds 20 to 25 knots and gusty tonight. Winds northwest 15 to 25 knots Friday.



Today's weather picture was drawn by Kristi Luca, who lives on Channing Drive and attends Verplanck School.

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By Andrew J. Davis Manchester Herald

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Manchester court has case backlog

By Andrew Yurkovsky Manchester Herald

Delays in processing cases are more of a problem in Manchester than in other superior courts in the capital region, according to a lawyer who says his motion for a speedy trial in a recent case was ignored by Manchester prosecutors.

The welfare fraud case against former Manchester resident, James A. Majek, 49, was dismissed nearly 20 months after his arrest because of the failure of prosecutors to act on the motion. Hartford attorney Michael Georgetti said today.

"I have over the last several years appeared in Manchester Superior Court on a number of cases," Georgetti said. "My experience has been... that most cases take an inordinate amount of time to reach a plea-bargain agreement. Why, I don't know. The prosecutors could better answer that."

Georgetti, who handles cases in Manchester, Hartford, West Hartford, New Britain, Enfield and Middletown, said that all parties are to blame for the delays in the judicial system. He said the delays in Manchester, however, are unusual.

"I feel that cases on the whole take a much longer time to work their way through the criminal justice system in Manchester," Georgetti said.

Assistant State's Attorney Cornelius Shea, the head prosecutor in Manchester, could not be reached for comment this morning.

Majek, who is now living in East Hartford, was arrested by state police on June 13, 1986, and charged with aiding and abetting fraud in obtaining \$40,000 in state aid by first-degree larceny, Georgetti said. The case was thrown out on Jan. 19, 1988, when prosecutors failed to respond to a motion for a speedy trial. Georgetti made on Dec. 9, the attorney said.

Georgetti said that the state had 30 days to begin a trial but failed to do so. Majek pleaded innocent to the charge, claiming that it was his estranged wife, Fannie, who had defrauded the state. Georgetti met with a prosecutor at the Superior Court in Manchester on Aug. 5, 1986 to try to work out a plea bargain, Georgetti said. When an agreement couldn't be reached, he said, he asked that the case be put on the trial list.

"My records indicated that I was (in court) 22 times, 22 separate occasions," Georgetti said, speaking of the appearances he made while the case was on the jury list. He said he didn't know why the trial was not begun.

Fannie Majek was eventually located in New York City and Georgetti reached a plea bargain with prosecutor T.R. Paulling, according to which the charges against James Majek would be notified if Majek testified against his wife, Georgetti said. Georgetti said he learned several days later that Paulling's boss, Shea, had overruled the agreement. He filed a motion calling on the state to abide by the plea bargain agreement and the motion for the speedy trial.

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Days of big surpluses near end Proposal to tap into 'rainy day' fund stirs debate

By Brent Layman
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — The fact Gov. William A. O'Neill had to rely on the so-called "rainy day" fund to balance his proposed budget provided a grim reminder that the days of huge budget surpluses may be ending for Connecticut.

Budget-makers have not had to dip into the budget reserve fund since it was created in 1979. But on Wednesday, O'Neill asked the General Assembly to shift nearly \$74 million from the \$319.6 million fund to help balance his proposed 6.3 billion budget for 1988-89.

House Speaker Irving J. Stoberg, D-New Haven, and other Democrats quickly defended the governor's proposal as sound fiscal policy.

"The rainy day fund was put there to cushion against minor shock," said Senate Majority Leader Cornelius O'Leary, D-Windsor Locks. "We've had such a shock with

the collapse of the (stock) market and we've seen the decline in state revenues. So this is the time to tap into it."

Rep. Janet Polinsky, D-Waterford, co-chairman of the powerful Appropriations Committee, said the cap on the rainy day fund was increased last year from 5 to 6.5 percent of the total General Fund budget precisely because some forecasters suspected that leaner times were ahead.

"We deliberately put the money there so we would be prudent and not spend it, knowing that, who knows what kind of surplus we would have this year," she said Wednesday.

Connecticut had enjoyed five straight surplus years when the General Assembly decided in 1979 to start putting aside some of the money to help avoid tax increases to cover any deficit if hard times hit.

That first year, \$200,000 was set aside. Then the state ended up in the red three years in a row starting in 1980-81, with deficits of \$65.7

million, \$30.8 million and \$48 million.

Although the General Assembly raised taxes to offset the deficits, the \$200,000 was left untouched.

The economy turned around in 1982 and the state enjoyed four straight years of record surpluses, posting a total of more than \$1.1 billion in surpluses. More than \$300 million of that went into the rainy day fund.

The state's budget forecasters are predicting that Connecticut will post another surplus for the fiscal year that ends June 30, but only barely. The latest estimate is for a \$1 million surplus.

Anthony Milano, the governor's budget chief, last month blamed this year's steadily shrinking surplus on an over-budget spending, not faltering tax revenues.

Republicans complained that tapping the rainy day fund amounts to deficit spending. That will lead eventually to tax increases. They say they would rather see the state reign in spending.

Connecticut In Brief

No evidence found to hold hearing

HARTFORD — The state Board of Education has ruled there was not sufficient evidence to warrant a hearing to consider revoking a Groton Junior high school instructor's teaching certificate for allegedly "inappropriately touching" female students, an official said.

The board found a preliminary investigation did not yield enough evidence to require further proceedings in a complaint brought against John J. Kelley, 60, of Groton, state Board of Education spokeswoman Catherine Carr-McManus said Wednesday.

About 100 students filed a petition March 26, 1987 complaining Kelley "inappropriately touched" girls at West Side Junior High School and verbally abused students in the classroom, officials said.

Kelley taught biology, chemistry and general science at the school for 19 years, officials said.

New Britain veterans get even

NEW BRITAIN — The commander of the local VFW post says politics has nothing to do with leaving the mayor and a congressman out of the group's annual sports night.

Paul J. Mangiacco said the group is still angry over the "royal snubbing" it suffered by not being invited to ceremonies during President Reagan's visit last year. Mangiacco ran against Mayor William McNamara in an election last fall.

McNamara and U.S. Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., will not be asked to take part in the P.V. Walter J. Smith VFW Post's 42nd annual sports night on Feb. 12, VFW officials said. The event will feature Chicago Bears Coach Mike Ditka, who was named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Tuesday.

The veterans' commander said they are still angry over not being invited to any official ceremonies that were held when Reagan visited New Britain last year.

High bond posted in AIDS case

NORWALK — A woman arrested on prostitution charges was being held on an unprecedented \$100,000 bond because Norwalk police detectives suspect she may have AIDS.

The typical bond in an arrest for a charge such as prostitution is between \$5,000 and \$10,000, according to Det. Sgt. Roger Connell, who arrested the woman at her address as a local motel, was arrested Wednesday after police accused her of soliciting an undercover officer near Norwalk City Hall.

"Some people may say the bond is excessive, but we're in a Catch-22 situation. The department is really in a bind," Connell said.

The department has not confirmed whether the woman has AIDS, but will request that a judge order a blood test when she appears in court. The woman has no prior arrests for prostitution, but was arrested six times between August and December 1987 on drug charges, he said.

Missing Hartford child is found

HARTFORD — A babysitter has been charged with risk of injury to a minor in connection with 3-year-old boy who'd been missing for over 24 hours.

Patricia Clemons, 32, was arrested at her Hartford home Wednesday and charged with risk of injury to a minor, police said.

Detective Ernest Scott said Staunton Craig was reported missing at midnight Tuesday by his mother, Elgie Thomas, 35, of East Hartford, and was returned to her safely around 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Authorized declined to say who returned the child.

Scott said Thomas had dropped her child off Tuesday morning at the Hartford home of Patricia Clemons, 32, and went to work. When she returned to pick up her child at 5 p.m. Tuesday, both the child and Clemons were gone, Scott said.

Lieberman wants virus assault law

BELTNER — Attorney General Joseph I. Lieberman says that it should be a crime for an AIDS victim to commit "assault with a deadly virus" through illegal sexual contact.

Lieberman also said Wednesday that information about people with the AIDS virus should be kept strictly confidential by health professionals and law-enforcement officials and said there should be civil penalties for wrongful disclosure of such information.

In a speech to the Connecticut Heating and Cooling Contractors Association, Lieberman said those who know they have AIDS should face a more substantial penalty in committing sex crimes. "They should face an additional criminal charge for what I see as assault with a deadly virus," he said.

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Aid issue 'haunted' swing voters



DISCUSSING THE VOTE — House Speaker Jim Wright, right, discusses the House vote cutting off U.S. military aid to Nicaragua's Contras late Wednesday night in Capitol Hill. From left are Rep. Tony Coelho, D-Calif.; Rep. Thomas Foley, D-Wash.; Wright; and Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich.

Nicaragua envisions peace, Contras fear new demands

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — A top-ranking Nicaraguan diplomat said the defeat of President Reagan's request for more Contra aid could help the Sandinista government carry out the Central American peace plan.

But a Contra rebel leader said the defeat of the aid package in the U.S. House of Representatives would lead the leftist Sandinistas to demand the Contras surrender under the two sides meet for cease-fire talks next week.

Interior Minister Tomas Borge said before the vote Wednesday night that the government would not comment until today on whether to reject the \$36.2 million aid package, which included \$3.2 million in military funding.

Nicaraguan Ambassador Carlos Tunnerman, speaking by telephone from Washington with the government's Radio Sandino, said Wednesday night that the 219-211 House vote could contribute to peace.

"We hope that based on this vote we can move ahead with the Central American peace plan, and the war and fulfill in all good faith what the peace plan includes," Tunnerman said.

Signed last summer by Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Honduras, the plan calls, among other things, for cease-fires, greater democracy and the end to outside aid for insurgencies in the region.

Tunnerman said the vote means "the House of Representatives gives recognition, a vote of support to the Central American peace plan, a negotiated alternative, the alternative of finding a solution through peaceful and civilized means."

He also said it reflected the majority opinion in the United States.

"The North American people in polls and fasting in front of the Capitol steps and in other ways have shown a majority are against aid to the Contras," the ambassador said. He called the vote "a personal triumph" for House Speaker Jim Wright and for the Democratic Party.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The crucial swing voters in the House decision on Contra aid say they were torn and even "haunted" by the prospect that a wrong decision could destroy the fledgling Central American peace process.

The swing voters are the approximately three dozen lawmakers who knew their votes would decide the outcome of President Reagan's \$36.2 million aid package.

More importantly, they felt the pressure of a decision that could determine whether the people of Nicaragua will have peace or more war.

"The risk of destroying the peace process by including military aid continued to haunt me," said Rep. H. Martin Lancaster, D-N.C., who gambled that a vote against the aid was the right thing to do.

Although he joined the majority in the 219-211 vote against the Contra assistance, he said he would have voted for a package without lethal aid. Such a package is expected to be presented to the House as a Democratic alternative later this month.

Reagan's package included \$3.6 million in "lethal" assistance, primarily ammunition but also anti-aircraft missiles.

Rep. Lindy Boggs, D-La., said she was "torn" while wrestling with her decision, which she said was not made until the moment she cast her vote against the package.

"It was a gamble — what best would keep the feet of the Sandinistas to the fire," she said. "I'd been grappling with it for three or four days."

Mrs. Boggs said she was finally influenced by the appeal from Central American peace negotiators, led by Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, for a halt in U.S. aid for the Contras.

Rep. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, saw the same gamble but came to the opposite conclusion.

"I supported the aid package because I believe that it would have provided the leverage necessary to keep the Sandinistas at the bargaining table and for them to abide by their commitment to reforms," she said. "To propose doing nothing, which is what the Democrats offered, is to accept whatever consequences may ensue from the actions of the Sandinistas."

Rep. Elizabeth Patterson, D-S.C., was lobbied by the president, top White House aides and Secretary of State George Shultz. But she said these pep talks are not what persuaded her to support the package.

"No one person was responsible for persuading me," she said. "I heard over and over the presidents of the democratic nations said this and that and for them to abide by the track. I was concerned with keeping the peace package going."

Mrs. Patterson said that if the package had won approval and then interfered with the peace process, she would have been willing to reconsider.

Rep. Dan Mica, who turned against Contra aid after seven years of supporting it, gambled not only on the peace process but also perhaps on his political future.

U.S./World In Brief

Kennedy joins court in two weeks

WASHINGTON — Anthony M. Kennedy will join the Supreme Court in two weeks and is likely to play a pivotal role in deciding crucial issues confronting the sharply divided justices.

The 63-year-old federal appeals court judge, unanimously confirmed by the Senate on Wednesday, will not have to wait long for his baptismal fire.

He is scheduled to be sworn in Feb. 18 at the court building. Five days later he will participate with the other eight justices in hearing arguments on a highly controversial subject — whether private clubs may be forced to admit women and racial minorities.

U.S. base stirs opposition in Italy

ROME — U.S. Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci arrived in Rome today to discuss basing 72 F-16 fighter jets in Italy, a proposal that has divided the governing coalition and drawn opposition from communists and other leftists.

The Air Force warplanes of the U.S. 401st Tactical Fighter Wing must be removed from Spain within three years.

Carlucci was greeted at Ciampino Airport by Italian Defense Minister Valerio Zanone. Carlucci headed into meetings with Zanone, Premier Giovanni Goria and Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti, and was scheduled to give a news conference and issue a joint statement with Zanone later today.

One killed in West Bank violence

NABLUS, Occupied West Bank — Israeli troops killed one Palestinian and wounded at least six in a gun battle Wednesday in Yitzhak Rabin said curfews would remain in effect in the occupied territories until the violent protests end.

In another development Wednesday, Palestinians staged violent protests in the West Bank city of Tulikarem after Moslem preachers announced through loudspeakers that Israeli vigilantes were rampaging through the town.

The death on Wednesday brought to 43 the confirmed number of Palestinians killed by Israeli gunfire since rising began the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The violence began Dec. 8 when rumors spread that a car accident that killed four Palestinians was planned to avenge the slaying of an Israeli.

Witness: Hamadi planned kidnappings

DUESSELDORF, West Germany — A witness testified that Abbas Ali Hamadi helped plan the kidnapping of two West Germans in Beirut to force the release of his brother, who is accused of hijacking a TWA jetliner.

Omar Mabroum, son of a Lebanese businessman who acted briefly as a middleman between the kidnappers and West German authorities, gave the testimony Wednesday during Hamadi's trial on kidnapping charges.

Abbas Hamadi, 29, is accused of kidnapping, attempted coercion of the federal government and possession of explosives.

His brother, Mohammed Hamadi, 22, is accused of the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner to Beirut during which a U.S. Navy diver was killed.

Mecham's testimony 'very damaging'

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Gov. Evan Mecham's admission that he may have told an official not to cooperate in an investigation of an alleged death threat moves the governor closer to impeachment, a legislative leader says.

The Republican governor, who spent 4½ hours testifying Wednesday before a House impeachment committee, contended that committee Chairman Jim Skelly was "reaching" in questioning whether Mecham has obstructed justice.

"I don't think I've broken any law" or obstructed justice, Mecham said. "Mr. Skelly, your case is weak... I have said the truth today. Every word I have said has been true."

L'Ambiance case could take months

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — Although a federal official is recommending that criminal charges be filed in connection with the L'Ambiance Plaza building collapse, most authorities agree the decision on filing charges could take months.

On Wednesday, John Miles, the regional administrator for OSHA based in Boston, said he made the recommendation to consider filing charges to the regional solicitor's office of the Department of Labor last week.

OSHA officials declined to name the persons or contractors who are targets of their investigation.

Last October, the Labor Department assessed a record \$5.11 million in fines against five companies for violations at the L'Ambiance Plaza apartment complex that collapsed while under construction on April 23, 1987, killing 28 construction workers.

Miles said the Labor Department's staff attorneys would have to consider his memorandum concerning prosecution before deciding whether or not to take the matter to the next step to the U.S. Justice Department for a final decision. The process could take months, officials said.

Terry Mikelson, OSHA's public affairs director for press and public affairs, said he could not discuss the details of Miles' recommendation or release any names that might be involved.

Federal law provides for a maximum sentence of six months in prison and a \$10,000 fine in cases where employers are convicted of willfully violating federal standards and the violations lead to death.

Mikelson added that "important willful cases are routinely reviewed by OSHA's administrators for possible recommendations for criminal referrals."

In OSHA's 17-year history, 48 cases have been referred to the Justice Department, Mikelson said. He didn't know how many had been reviewed, except to say "hundreds."

Of the fines levied in October, the largest, \$2.52 million, was assessed against Texstar Construction Corp. of San Antonio, Texas, for 238 alleged willful violations of federal standards.

TPMI-Macomber, the primary contractor and project manager, was cited for identical willful violations and fined \$2.48 million. The enterprise was a joint venture of TFM International of Darien, Conn., and B.H. Macomber of Boston.

Frank White, second in command at OSHA, told the New Haven Register in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday about Miles' memorandum.



Weicker predicts big win

FARMINGTON (AP) — U.S. Sen. Lowell P. Weicker Jr., the liberal Connecticut Republican at odds with his party more often than not, says he believes he will win election to a fourth term this fall by the biggest margin of his career.

Weicker, a 56-year-old millionaire from Greenwich, formally announced his candidacy for reelection today at the University of Connecticut Medical Center.

My special role has been to try and give voice and strength to those on the outside. At some point or another during my career that has meant just about everybody and everything," Weicker said.

"I figure sooner or later each of you will have a turn at being on the outside of America looking in. For the next six years I want to be there with you to make sure when it happens, you get inside."

The state's senior senator is coaxing his party more often than in Connecticut and Washington. His difficulties with the GOP began when he was assigned to the House in 1974 and continued today with his frequent criticism of President Reagan.

Weicker has styled himself as a champion of the constitution and has made a name for himself fighting for the rights of the handicapped and minorities.

He's expected to face Democrat Joseph I. Lieberman, now the attorney general, in November.

Both candidates say they expect to spend about \$3 million on the campaign. Weicker has raised about \$1.1 million so far, to Lieberman's \$369,000.

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Editor defends his right to give \$100 to campaign

By The Associated Press

A newspaper editor has defended his right to make political contributions after donating \$100 to the U.S. Senate campaign of state Attorney General Joseph Lieberman.

Chris Powell, managing editor and editorial page director of the Journal Inquirer of Manchester, said he has "no problem" with his donation to Lieberman, who is challenging the Republican incumbent, Sen. Lowell Weicker Jr.

"I suppose I have unorthodox views as to what constitutes objectivity or what is fair. I don't mind leaving fingerprints. I prefer to be open. The essence of all this is what is shown in the paper," Powell said.

Powell was listed among those contributing a total of \$367,907 to Lieberman's campaign through Dec. 31, 1987.

Weicker said he found the newspaperman's contribution "a little worrisome."

"When I'm being interviewed by the Journal Inquirer, it obviously is a little disconcerting to realize that the paper doing the interview has a financial stake in my opponent," Weicker said.

Elizabeth Ellis, publisher of the newspaper, said Wednesday that she does not tell Powell "how to spend his money. I don't tell anybody how to spend their money."

Also listed as contributors to the Lieberman campaign:

- Dennis Schain of Manchester, a former Lieberman press secretary and now communications manager for The Hartford Courant. Schain, who gave \$250, said he is not involved in the Courant's news or editorial operations.
- Deborah Ellis, daughter of the Journal Inquirer's publisher, who does layout, design, headline writing and editing work in the newspaper's features section. She gave \$1,000.
- William J. Bellock, Elizabeth Ellis' son-in-law, a developer, who gave \$1,000.
- Abigail E. Bellock, Elizabeth Ellis' daughter, a housewife, who gave \$1,000.

FIRST USE OF LIFT — State Rep. Sidney J. Holbrook, R-Westbrook, is the first person to use a new lift in the Hall of the House at the Capitol in Hartford Wednesday. Holbrook, who lost the use of his legs as the result of an auto accident last spring, used the lift to get to his seat for the start of the 1988 session.

Opponents hail Baby M ruling, considered blow to surrogacy

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Operators of surrogacy centers say the state Supreme Court's landmark ruling in the Baby M case won't put them out of business, but opponents hailed it as a major blow to the practice of paying women to bear children.

Politicians, legal scholars and an attorney in the case said Wednesday's decision, which equated surrogacy for profit with illegal baby-selling, shows that state statutes don't apply to the practice.

"It puts the burden back to the legislatures" to regulate it, said Lord Andrews, a researcher with the American Bar Association. "In the meantime, it continues to leave hundreds of people participating in these arrangements in a legal vacuum."

"If I were running a surrogate-mother agency, I'd find something else to do in a hurry," said Angela R. Holder, a professor of pediatrics law at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Steven C. Litz, director of Surrogate Mothers Inc. in Indiana, said, "I've always told and still tell my clients that the contracts are probably unenforceable, and the New Jersey Supreme Court's decision confirms that."

"But whether the contracts are enforceable or not just isn't that important because first of all, in 99 percent of the cases everything works fine," he said.

However, Holder said that if other state courts follow the lead of the New Jersey court, the first state supreme court to rule on a broken surrogacy contract, lawyers who arrange such contracts would be unable to obtain malpractice insurance.

The court's 7-0 decision overruled all but the custody decision of a lower court judge in invalidating the \$10,000 contract between Mary Beth Whitehead-Gould and William Stern and his wife, Elizabeth.

"This is the sale of a child, or at the very least, the sale of a mother's right to her child, or the only mitigating factor being that one of the purchasers is the father," Chief Justice Robert N. Wilentz wrote in the decision.



WHITEHEAD-GOULD can see daughter

The court said the contract "creates, it is based upon, principles that are directly contrary to the objectives of our laws."

"It guarantees the separation of a child from its mother; it looks to adoption regardless of suitability; it totally ignores the child; it takes the child from the mother regardless of her wishes and her maternal fitness; and it does all of this, it accomplishes all of its goals, through the use of money," said the court.

The judges did not, however, rule out voluntary surrogacy.

Because the Baby M surrogacy contract is invalid, the court said, the case boiled down to a custody dispute.

The judges upheld Superior Court Judge Harvey R. Sorkow's awarding custody of the girl known in court papers as Baby M to Stern, noting the "doubtful" stability of the Whitehead home during last year's trial.

But they said Whitehead-Gould is entitled to see her daughter, and directed a lower-court judge to set guidelines within three months. They also voided the adoption of the baby by Mrs. Stern.



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'Very simple' steps can save your child's life

By Susan Okulo
The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN — Simple actions can help prevent many of the thousands of child deaths caused by accidents every year, says the director of a new national education program aimed at reducing the number of those fatalities.

"These deaths can be avoided. We're talking about falls, poisonings, choking, scalding, drownings, burns," says Matia Finn-Stevenson, director of the campaign called Stop Childhood Accidents Now, or SCAN.

The program, launched this month, is being run by the Yale Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy in collaboration with the National Child Safety Council and the United Family Federation.

Its participants plan to provide parents, day-care providers and others tips for preventing childhood accidents.

For example, a home day-care provider looking after several children should diaper a baby on the floor and not on a changing table, Finn-Stevenson said during a recent interview. That way, if the caregiver's attention is diverted another child, the baby has no chance of falling.

Another measure is turning down the temperature on a home's hot water heater, but other adults don't know that tap water with a temperature of 127 degrees can scald a young child within a minute while 160-degree water can scald a child in one second, she said. Tap water of 124 degrees or lower is considered safe, she said.

"Very simple things can prevent so many accidents," Finn-Stevenson said.

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The most prevalent injuries vary by children's developmental stages, said Finn-Stevenson. Very common in all age groups are falls and injuries due to motor vehicle accidents, which could be reduced by buckling children into car seats, she said. Suffocation, burns, drowning and falls are frequent killers, she added.

The people who need safety information include parents, grandparents and caregivers, she said. Many accidents occur in the homes of grandparents or others that a child visits sporadically, she said.

Most parents know to keep medicine and chemicals away from children, but other adults may not be aware that preventive measures need to be taken when a child is visiting in their homes, she said.

Edward F. Zigler, head of the Yale Bush Center, said the SCAN campaign has nine components. Besides accident prevention education, the program will sponsor research, safety measures for the estimated 4 million children who spend part of the day in their parents' work, promotion of bicycle safety and prevention of traffic-related injuries, he said.

Finn-Stevenson said the campaign plans to raise and spend about \$5 million. The SCAN program's steering committee includes Sens. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., and Arlen Specter, R-Pa., educators, and several officers of prominent foundations and health organizations.

Adopt a Pet Licorice, Mollie need homes

By Barbara Richmond
Manchester Herald



Barbara Richmond/Manchester Herald

A 10-week-old puppy, named Licorice, is this week's featured pet. Living up to the name given him, he's all black except for a tiny patch of white on his chest.

Licorice was found roaming on Parker Street on Jan. 14 and is anxious to have a place to call home. The person who found him and turned him in had indicated he wished to adopt him but hadn't done so, as of Tuesday.

There were two new dogs at the pound this week. One is a neutered male shepherd cross. He's about 3 years old and is black and tan. Dog Warden Richard Rand said the dog was found in the Calder parking lot at Burr's corner on Feb. 1.

The other new one is a small male Lhasa Apso, about 3 years old. He's light brown and was found roaming on Stone Street on Feb. 1.

Last week's featured pet, Jay, a sweet terrier cross, is still waiting to be adopted along with Posey, featured two weeks ago. Posey, a female terrier cross, she was found on Tower Road on Jan. 2 and would also love a permanent home.

The dog pound is located on town property near the town landfill on Olcott Street. Rand is at the pound weekdays from noon to 1 p.m. The phone number at the pound is 643-6642. If there is no answer call the police department at 646-4555. There is also someone on duty at the pound Monday through Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.

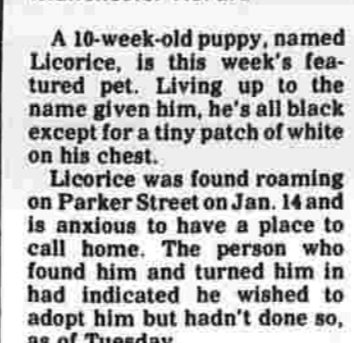
There is a \$5 fee to adopt a dog and the new owner must have the dog licensed and see that it has rabies shots.

Aid to Helpless Animals Inc. has many cats and kittens that need permanent homes. This week's featured cat is Molly. She is predominantly white with patches here and there of grey tiger.

Judy Lazorki, of Aid to Helpless Animals, who is temporarily taking care of Mollie, said she is a nice lap cat. She had a loving family but the little girl in that family was allergic to cats.

Mollie has been spayed and has had her shots. All of the cats put up for adoption by the society are spayed and given their shots unless they are too young when taken.

The society also needs temporary housing for some of the cats and kittens that are waiting to be adopted. To adopt a cat or offer to provide temporary housing, call any of the following numbers: 666-7089, 425-9489, 232-8317, or 242-2158.



Barbara Richmond/Manchester Herald

AN ARMFUL — Dog Warden Richard Rand has an armful with Licorice, a young setter cross that is waiting for adoption.



Ann Logan/Special to the Herald

TEMPORARY HOME — Mollie, a large white cat with tiger patches, loves to be held and cuddled. Judy Lazorki, who is giving Mollie a temporary home, obliges.

Probably nothing is wrong

DEAR DR. REINISCH: I'm 14 and am wondering about my period. Whenever I start, it runs fine for one day, but then it stops for a day and starts back up again. This has been happening for quite awhile.

What's the matter with me?

DEAR READER: Probably nothing. This is not an unusual menstrual pattern, especially among young women, so there's probably nothing wrong at all.

However, if you're really worried about this, it's worth getting a personalized reassurance. Make a visit to your family physician, a nurse practitioner who works with a gynecologist, or a family planning clinic (most clinics provide basic health-care services for women, not just services for contraception).

Just asking questions and looking for pubertal markers (such as a pubic hair growth) should provide enough information for the physician to explain how this happens. If a serious problem were suspected (and this is highly unlikely), a pelvic examination might be necessary; and in that case, you could leave and make an appointment to go back later with your mother or a friend if you are uncomfortable about having a pelvic examination by yourself.

DEAR DR. REINISCH: My medication for hypertension (Maxzide and Lopressor) has eliminated my sexual vitality. I'm unable to obtain and maintain an erection strong enough to penetrate. My wife is tolerant of my inability to perform and insists it's because of the medication. Whenever I mention this problem to my internist and urologist, I get a smile. I'm beginning to believe that this is a problem most doctors don't like to discuss.

Do you think the high-blood-pressure medication causes sexual dysfunction? Or could there be another cause?

I'm in my 60s and the desire is there, but as the old saying goes: The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. P.S.: Forgot to mention that I ejaculate at climax when masturbating, so I know the "system" is working.

DEAR READER: Both of the medications you mention have been found to decrease erectile ability for some men, but do not stop taking them on your own. These problems often are reversed if a man is

BUSINESS

Accountants tread water in sea of new tax laws

By Marlott Coprin
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — For many accountants around the nation, this is the tax season of their discontent.

A cloud of new codes and forms and temporary regulations — all courtesy of the 1986 tax overhaul — has pushed some seasoned professionals to the brink of early retirement, experts say.

"The tax requirements have made a joke out of the word 'simplification,'" exclaimed Stephen Buschel, partner in charge at Feldman and Feldman, BDO's office in White Plains.

Yet, the IRS has been diligent in its efforts to help taxpayers understand the new law. The IRS spokesman John Bell said the estimate does not count the time spent collecting data and reading the forms which include never-before-seen documents for reporting home mortgage interest, non-deductible individual retirement

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Accountants, passive losses on tax-sheltered investments and unearned income for children under age 14.

"I reflects the times," he said. CPAs "are anxious to get as much help as they can."

But what's most troubling, he said, is that accountants emerged from the explanatory meetings with more questions than answers.

"All of a sudden we're facing specific problems on the rules, and no matter how much you read and go to courses, you look at a specific client and find 80 percent of the questions weren't really answered," said John Bryant,

coordinator of tax services at McClary & Pullen's office in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The reaction of many accountants has been: "It's time to retire," Kess said. "And some were serious."

The IRS is spewing out a continuous stream of "temporary regulations," or explanations, some hundreds of pages.

The burden is particularly crippling for accountants who work alone. At larger firms, individual accountants often are tapped to develop expertise in narrow aspects of the tax code, so that the firm has a collective grasp of the changes.

"The sole practitioner is at a disadvantage more than ever —

he has the same responsibility to his or her clients as we do," Buschel said. "I just don't see how they're able to keep up."

"Some haven't."

"We've had mergers with some small firms — sole practitioners — and although the stated reason wasn't the tax law, you get the sense that they just threw up their hands at it," said Bryant.

His McClary & Pullen firm is among those that have asked some of its CPAs to develop expertise in given areas.

"Our specialists are spending up to a half day on the phone answering questions" from other accountants within the firm, Bryant said.

Travelers' income plunges 38 percent

HARTFORD (AP) — The Travelers Corp. says its employee benefits division and non-insurance subsidiaries are to blame for a 38 percent plunge in operating earnings in the fourth quarter of 1987 and a 34 percent in the entire year.

For the three months ended Dec. 31, 1987, Travelers reported operating income of \$98.4 million, or 92 cents a share, compared with \$159.1 million, or \$1.59 a share, in the same period of 1986.

Operating income last year was \$426.5 million, or \$4.10 a share, compared with \$445.6 million, or \$4.45 a share, in 1986, the company said in a statement.

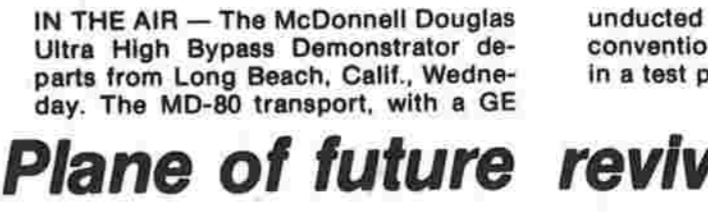
Operating income reflected one-time tax gains of \$71.5 million for 1987 and \$54.2 million for 1986.

Net income dipped 77 percent to \$42.5 million in the fourth quarter of 1987, compared with \$185.2 million in the final three months of 1986, and was down 45.8 percent to \$274.4 million in all of 1987 compared with \$545.8 million in 1986.

Fourth-quarter revenues were \$4 billion in 1987, up slightly from 1986 levels, while revenues for all of 1987 were up 9 percent to \$17.5 billion from \$16 billion a year earlier.

Earnings from property-casualty commercial lines for the year increased 114 percent to \$258.4 million compared with \$156.8 million in 1986, on percent higher premiums.

Nevertheless, said Travelers Chairman Edward H. Budd, "operating income was lower due to losses in our core employee benefits business, planned investments in managed health care



AP photo

Plane of future revives props

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — McDonnell Douglas Corp. has unveiled a prototype airliner that the company hopes will one day carry passengers back to the future and revive the age of the propeller.

An MD-80 transport outfitted with an Ultra High Bypass engine built by General Electric took off Wednesday from Long Beach Airport on a quiet and uneventful flight that the designers said could usher in the next generation of airline technology.

"Lower fuel burn, lower community noise and a lower acquisition cost to airlines is what we're selling," said Walt Orlewski, the UHB program manager for Long Beach-based Douglas Aircraft Co., a McDonnell Douglas subsidiary.

The engines used advanced jet turbines to power "propellers," counter-rotating sets of fans that resemble propellers. Company officials say the engines offer the benefits of conventional turbofans with the fuel economy of prop engines.

Wednesday's flight demonstration for the news media launched the opening shot of McDonnell Douglas' marketing program to sell the designers said could usher in the next generation of airline technology.

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The generally poor economic condition and high interest rates the Southwest adversely affected the carrying value of our real estate portfolio and the current income flow," Budd's statement said.

Stanley sets 1987 records

NEW BRITAIN (AP) — The Stanley Works is crediting the growth of existing businesses for a record 24 percent increase in earnings to \$96.3 million during 1987.

The company, which released the figures Wednesday, also registered \$1.76 billion in net sales during 1987, a record 29 percent increase over 1986.

The increase in earnings is equivalent to \$2.22 per share in 1987, up from \$1.84 per share the previous year.

Fourth quarter sales were up 19 percent to \$459 million. Earnings during the quarter were up 16 percent to \$26.2 million.

In part the increases were bolstered by a 62 percent jump in consumer products sales during 1987. The increases stemmed from strong gains by Hand Tool operations worldwide, Stanley-Boettlich and the acquisition of National Hand Tool.

The New Britain-based company produces hand tools as well as household, builders and industrial hardware.

Former pilots win settlement

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — About 100 former Pan American pilots who were barred from the cockpit as flight engineers after reaching mandatory retirement age will share \$17.2 million from the carrier.

The settlement signed Wednesday, Pan American World Airways also agreed to let former pilots retain as flight engineers and give current pilots that opportunity when they become too old to legally operate the plane.

"To my knowledge, this is the largest judgment settlement in an age discrimination case under the federal age discrimination statute," Sanford Jay Rosen, lawyer for some of the former pilots, said at a news conference.

Lawyers for the airline, the pilots and U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission signed the agreement just before scheduled closing arguments in a federal court jury trial that began Dec. 8.

Pan Am spokesman Jeff Kleindler said the carrier maintained it did not engage in age discrimination. "Our belief at the time, which has since changed, is that we had safety considerations," he said.

This caller is out of tune

DEAR ABBY: Here's a shocker for you. Thirty-six years ago, when my husband and I were newlyweds, the mother of a friend gave us her piano. She was about to move, and her daughter who had a baby grand, and since nobody in her family wanted her big old upright, we took it gladly.

I played the piano and my husband was the choir director at our church, and he didn't have a piano, so we were thrilled with this gift.

The woman who gave us this piano has long passed away, but yesterday we had a telephone call from someone who claimed to be her relative. She told my husband that someone in the family wanted that piano. She gave us her phone number and asked us to call her and tell her when they could pick it up.

Abby, that piano was given to us because the owner didn't want it and didn't know what else to do with it. After 36 years she expects us to just hand it over? We don't even know these people. What should we do? Please answer soon before they pull up in front of our house with a van!

ANGRY AND IN DOUBT

DEAR ANGRY: The caller is out of tune. Call her and tell her that the piano was a gift — not a loan — and if she or other family members have a problem accepting that fact, they should check with the piano owner's daughter who was your friend at the time.

No one can come to your home and demand that you hand over anything — unless it's an item that was purchased and not paid for. And if the movers show up and demand the piano, play them a chorus of "You Can't Take That Away From Me." And call the police, if necessary.

DEAR ABBY: I saw the enclosed in a Sunday paper.

DEAR DR. GOTT: About 15 years ago I got a rose thorn in my thumb. I don't know if I got it all out. I then picked up some puffball mushrooms. Since then I've had surgery three times to remove a hard cottage-cheese-like growth that develops in the same place. My thumb is half-gone now, but the growth is back. Would La Pacha tea help?

DEAR READER: I doubt that your unusual problem could be helped by La Pacha tea or any other puflball mushroom. You appear to have contracted a slow-growing but virulent infection of the soft tissue of your thumb. I suspect that further surgery to remove the remaining inflammation, is your best option. Ask your doctor to refer you to a hand surgeon for treatment of this chronic and disabling ailment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Who is the most appropriate person to diagnose Attention Deficit Disorder in a child: pediatrician, psychologist, psychiatrist, allergist or someone else?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, a pediatrician is the place to start. He or she may choose to involve other specialists, such as neurologists, if necessary. A precise answer to your question depends on where you live. In urban areas, where there are special multidisciplinary clinics for Attention Deficit Disorder (formerly known as hyperactivity), help may literally be around the corner. In

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"WHERE SERVICE NEVER STOPS"

1988 already shaping up as the year of crises

By John Cunniff
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The year is only an infant but a personality pattern has emerged. This kid is high strung; it overreacts to noise and motion, and remains tense when things aren't just what it expects.

It is a crisis kid — when there is none to dwell on it imagines, anticipates and fears. It seems to be programmed to problems, and so it approaches life rigid and unhappy. Just so won't be shocked when the problems come.

If the first month is an indication — and some folks insist it foretells the general pattern for the months to follow — economic events aren't likely to be dull.

In January, Americans were warned to look out for inflation, recession and high interest rates. But inflation remains in check, recession signs haven't yet turned red, and interest rates seem likely to fall rather than rise.

People were told that housing markets were dead, but the evidence suggests that housing markets are coming alive again. They were warned that employment would begin to falter and

take the consumer economy with it. But that was too hasty. Commentators have warned that Third World nations would renege on debts, the Mideast would explode all over again, major banks would fail, and the stock market would implode once more.

The "long-wave" theorists, who declare the economy is locked into 50-year cycles of expansion and contraction, are proclaiming this year, as they did last, that the big depression will soon be obvious.

As one of that breed declared: "You are being sold down the river. As in 1929, public officials

and the financial establishment — after the worst crash of the century are trying to calm you with soothing words."

"Meanwhile, as the threat of recession looms, they are attempting to raise your taxes and cut federal spending, and they have decided to let the U.S. dollar go to hell."

It's just like flying in any other airplane, Orlewski said as the plane cruised at 39,000 feet, flying at about 500 mph, the same speed as comparable conventional jetliners. The cabin was as quiet as

"Why the latest trade figures are misleading."

While such items might be considered extreme, they are also rather common. Extreme things have happened over recent years.

The stock market boom, the stock market crash, a devastating recession, 21.5 percent prime interest rates, an incredibly long economic expansion, more bank failures than at any time since the Depression, an amazing runup of consumer debt, a recognition that much of Third World debt isn't collectible, and budget deficits the like of which couldn't have been imagined a decade ago.

Shouldn't you mention this to your readers? Surely, other organizations operate the same kind of system.

ANSWER: Indeed, many do and welcome generous gifts such as yours, which provide benefits for both the recipients and the donors.

When there's a will, there's a way

QUESTION: I was planning to have a will drawn up. My wife as my sole heir. Then, I learned that the stocks and other things I leave would be tied up in expensive probate. I'm told probate can take at least nine months and can cost 5 percent of the value of my estate. Is there some way around this?

ANSWER: Sure. For openers, not everything you leave will be subject to probate.

The death benefits of insurance policies on your life will not go through probate, unless you own those policies or have retained "incidents of ownership." If your wife owns the policies and she is the beneficiary, she will collect the death benefits without any probate expense or delay.

Stocks and other property owned as "joint tenants, with right of survivorship" will not go through probate and will become the property of the surviving

tenant. The same thing applies to joint property owned as "tenants by the entirety," a form of registration that can be used only by a husband and wife. Joint bank accounts, including certificates of deposit, often are registered in either of these ways.

Bank accounts in beneficiary form, payable on death or "trust form," or "in trust for." So do U.S. Savings Bonds in beneficiary or co-ownership form.

Don't get the idea that removing what you leave from the probate process automatically eliminates federal estate taxes and state inheritance and/or estate taxes. Everything you own when you die will be included in your estate for the purpose of "death tax" calculation. Fortunately, most estates and heirs escape those levies.

QUESTION: I had some stock for which I paid \$2,000 and it became worth \$45,100. I gave the stock to my college's foundation, which put it into a "pooled income fund." I did not have to pay income tax on the stock's increased value and I was allowed a tax deduction of a percentage of the stock's value based on my age at the time of the gift. I receive 7.5 percent and, if I die before my wife, she will receive the payments as long as she lives.

You can set up a living trust, put anything or everything you own into it and keep it out of probate. As the term implies, a living trust must be established before you breathe your last. Trusts can be complicated. Most folks need guidance from good attorneys before going that route.

Investors' Guide
William A. Doyle

William A. Doyle, a syndicated columnist, welcomes reader questions, but he can provide answers only through the column. Write to Doyle in care of the Manchester Herald, P.O. Box 391, Manchester 06040.

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Obituaries

Susan Cashman

Susan (Weir) Cashman, of Glastonbury, died Wednesday at Rockville General Hospital. She was the wife of Norman Cashman.

Funeral services are 10 a.m. Saturday at the Buckingham Congregational Church, Glastonbury. Burial will be in Buckingham Cemetery, Glastonbury. Calling hours are from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St.

Brian Major

Brian William Major, infant son of Kenneth and Karen Surdell Major of Vernon, died Friday at John Dempsey Medical Center in Farmington.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his maternal grandparents, Walter and Irene Surdell of Tolland; his paternal grandparents, Frank and Claire Major of Bolton; his maternal great-grandparents; and several uncles.

The funeral and burial are private.

Laid Funeral Home, 19 Ellington Ave., Rockville, has charge of arrangements.

Gertrude Smith

Gertrude Smith, 70, of 80 Clark Road, Bolton, wife of Louis Smith, died this morning at a local convalescent home. Watkins Funeral Home, 142 E. Center has charge of arrangements.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of J. Edward Fischer who died February 4, 1986.

You left a beautiful memory, a sorrow too great to be told, but to us who loved and lost you, your memory will never grow old.

Sadly missed by, Anna Fischer (Mother) and George (Brother)

In Memoriam

In memory of Mary Frances Klein who passed away February 4, 1984.

The depths of sorrow we cannot tell, Of the loss of one we loved so well, And while she sleeps a peaceful sleep, Her memory we shall always keep.

Husband, Children, Grandchildren

In Memoriam

Adèle (Zanlungo) Zanlungo, 84, formerly of Spruce St., died Wednesday at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the widow of Carlo Zanlungo.

Born in Italy, she lived in Manchester for 75 years. She was employed at Cheney Brothers and the Oak Grill.

She is survived by a son, Clelio

Zanlungo of Manchester; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral is 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 9 a.m. in St. James Church. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery. Calling hours are from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 40 South St., West Hartford.

Raymond Birge

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Raymond Charles Barker, who took the Religious Science movement to New York from Los Angeles, died Jan 26 of complications of a stroke. He was 76.

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During a 22-minute speech interrupted by applause more than 20 times, O'Neill stressed that he was keeping commitments made in recent years. And, with the state's economy not quite as rosy as it has been, spending on new initiatives totals just \$96.5 million, or about 1.2 percent of the budget.

Those include a \$50 a month increase in welfare benefits, another \$3 million on AIDS programs and \$74 million in state aids to cities and towns for education.

O'Neill proposed a General Fund budget of \$5.6 billion, up from this year's \$4.9 billion; a Transportation Fund budget of \$536.7 million, down from this year's \$559 million; and an Education Excellence Fund budget set up to improve teacher salaries, of \$207 million, up from this year's \$131 million.

Because of a calendar quirk, the 1988-89 budget year will contain a 27th pay raise for state employees, O'Neill pointed out. That alone adds \$53.2 million to the budget. The only tax increase called for in the budget is a penny-a-gallon increase in the gasoline tax, which follows a formula set in 1984 when the Transportation Fund was created. As of July 1, the gas tax will be 20 cents a gallon.

The budget is predicated on an increase in revenues from state taxes of about 9 percent over the current year.

O'Neill noted that he was not calling for any new General Fund taxes, making this the fifth consecutive year he has been able to avoid a tax increase.

He said the Transportation Fund went down because "one-shot" road-related programs need not be repeated in

Policy in shambles with contra-aid loss

At the end, the venerable Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla., 87, received a standing ovation from both sides of the aisle for an impassioned defense of the president's "stick and carrot" policy.

"The peace plan hasn't done all this by itself," Pepper said. "It's had the aid of the Contras, who've been winning battles lately."

On the final vote, a dozen Republicans joined 207 Democrats in voting against Contra aid, while 164 Republicans and 47 Democrats backed Reagan's request.

The crucial swing votes were cast by moderate Southern Democrats such as Rep. Dan Mica of Florida, who cast his first direct vote against Contra aid after seven years of backing the rebel cause.

"It's time to put the Sandinistas to the test once and for all," Mica said. "Daniel Ortega now is about to be put to the test. If he fails, this Congress will support military aid. I'd say he has maybe two months."

Reagan said his request for \$3.2 billion through June was mostly for humanitarian aid to the Contras, including food, clothing and medical supplies. Some critics, however, said that was misleading because the so-called humanitarian portion also included money for helicopters, jeeps and military communications equipment.

Semifinalists named

Thirty-six entrants in the Manchester Herald's "Win A Trip" contest have been named semifinalists in the second week for a trip for two to Hawaii.

The contest is sponsored by AAA Travel and 18 other local businesses which serve as collection points for contest entries. Entry coupons are being published in the Herald on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays through Feb. 12.

Weekly drawings select two semifinalists from each sponsoring advertiser. The final drawing will be held Feb. 17 and the winner will be announced Feb. 18.

The 36 finalists for the week of Jan. 25 are:

Nola Barrett, 28 Harvard Road; Brian Garrison, 254 Spruce St.; Neil Peterson, 104 Baldwin Road; Slingsky, 211 Oak St.; Beth Wilde, 16 Huntington St.; Sumner Roberts, 35 Tonica Spring Trail; Bob and Nancy Martel, 147 Heather Lane, Vernon; Fred Gaal, 108A Bluefield Drive; Dean Sullivan, 6 Inverness Lane, Middlefield; Sybil and Ted 2 Stephen St.; P. Stamm, 147 Lyness St.; Doris Anne E. Levandoski, 448 Geradine Drive, Coventry; Don Aspinall, 71 Johnson Road, Bolton; Eleanor Sheehan, Boston Hill Road, Andover.

Also, Agnes Leduc, 385 W. Center St.; Lenny Rollins, 41 Cornell St.; Merna D. West, 14 Agnes Drive, Rosemarie; Marotta, 79 Keeney St.; Ned Harp, 32 Bigelow St.; B. Walleit, 147 Waranoke Road; Louis P. Marinelli, 121 Ralph Road; Pat Roy, 102 Prospect St.; Theodore Roback, 37 Lydall St.; Ariene Robinson, 43 Foster St.; Irene Bengston, 39 Ridgewood Road; Barry Robinson, 43 Foster St.; Ed Dubashinski, 10 Cider Mill Road; Caroline Colcavage, 457 Woodland St.

Also, Peggy Forman, 294 E. Middle T. Turnpike; James Meek, 86 Ferguson Road; Karen Rohrbach, 310 Grissom Road; Mary Blazinski, 44 Sautlers Road; P. Stamm, 147 Lyness St.; Sumner Roberts, 35 Tonica Spring Trail; Nils S. Sheming, 662 E. Middle Turnpike; I. D. Johnson, 447 Hilliard St.

Not all favor new certification plan

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zotta said, "Where there's a shortage of teachers, it's a good idea that I can see some problems."

The quality of teaching could suffer if people who take the certification test do not follow up with training and take other education courses after being certified, Mazzotta said. Also, the state should not take the time putting together such programs, so unqualified or people who are not ready for the classroom are not hired as teachers, she said.

"If it's put together hastily, it could be a bad program," she said.

But she said that qualified science, math and industrial arts teachers are the hardest to find. In those areas, the program would be a step toward filling a national shortage, she said.

The certification course offers instruction in teaching grades 4 through 8, and the teaching of English, foreign languages, mathematics, science and social studies on the secondary level.

Kennedy, though, saw some benefits to the program. He said it would allow school districts to hire professionals who would go into teaching as a second career. Stringent training and follow up evaluations will be needed to make the program work effectively, Kennedy said.

"It should do the job," he said. "But my answer may change when I see it in operation," said Martin, president of the Bolton Education Association, reserved comment on the program. He said union officials had planned a meeting where the program will be discussed.

Ed Steinnagel, Coventry Education Association president, said he too had reservations about the program. Steinnagel said he agreed with Kennedy, as did Coventry School Superintendent Nathan Chesler.

Both men saw the program as a way to fill teaching posts in fields where qualified teachers are hard to find.

"The reality is that we have some positions that are hard to fill," Packman said. "As long as it's monitored, there are enough safeguards."

Applications will be accepted until April 15. After completing the course, teachers then would be free to accept jobs in any state school district, Kennedy said.

Very little flexibility in budget plan

But Senate President Pro Tem John B. Larson, D-East Hartford, called it "an excellent budget document" that takes advantage of past prudence in setting money aside for so-called rainy days.

Milano said that Connecticut's economy should remain "moderately strong" during the coming year. Milano said he would not have recommended using the rainy day fund if he didn't believe that.

Last year, the legislature increased the size of the rainy day fund to 6 percent of the General Fund budget, or about \$319 million. By taking \$73.8 million out of it, the fund will be reduced to \$246.9 million, or 5 percent of the General Fund budget. Before last year, the law called for a 5 percent total.

O'Neill never mentioned the shift of \$73.8 million from the budget reserve, or "rainy day," fund to help balance the budget, but his budget chief, Anthony V. Milano, said it was a responsible, well-thought-out move.

O'Neill is also counting on an aggressive new campaign to collect unpaid taxes from out-of-state companies. The program, announced last month, is expected to bring in \$90 million during 1988-89.

In addition, he proposes using \$63 million set aside last year to pay off outstanding bonds to pay off current debts. Further, he wants to take \$20 million out of the Educational Excellence Fund to add to state payments to local schools.

Senate Minority Leader Reginald J. Smith, R-New Hartford, said O'Neill's budget balancing was "absolute treachery" that would "lead to a huge, huge tax increase right after the (1988) General Assembly election."

Board of Education should think about 'C' rule

Francis Maffe Jr., a member of the Manchester Board of Education, has a definite opinion about a proposal to spend \$3,000 on a tutorial program for student-athletes at Manchester High School.

Maffe doesn't like it. "My objection is that athletes are being treated differently. Plus there's tutoring already available and it's free," he said.

There is — and there isn't — tutoring available at MHS, according to David Frost, head of the guidance department. "If a person wants extra help, he can go to the teacher in the subject area. Anyone can do that Monday through Thursday, 45 minutes after school," Frost said.

And members of the National Honor Society offer tutoring help to other students. But it's a volunteer program.

"(Tutoring) is not very widespread," Frost said. "If you define tutoring as going to a teacher after school, yes it's available."

"(The MHA) (Manchester Education Association) said there is tutoring and it's free," Maffe said. "Why can't athletes fit into their schedule? This is not a college where they put athletics above it all. What comes first is academics. If students are in trouble, there is a place to go."

STUDENT-ATHLETES aren't special characters, but the demands on them are special. Besides game play, they have to practice two to three hours a day.

That practice requirement can present problems, Manchester High's basketball practice sessions are staggered, for instance. The boys practice from 3 to 5 p.m. on some days and from 6 to 8 p.m. on others. The girls alternate with the boys. That forever-changing schedule can make it difficult for a student-athlete to allocate time for study.

What about the students who are involved in other extracurricular activities? It's not the same. The time spent on clubs and the demands on the students in them are nowhere near those required of student-athletes.

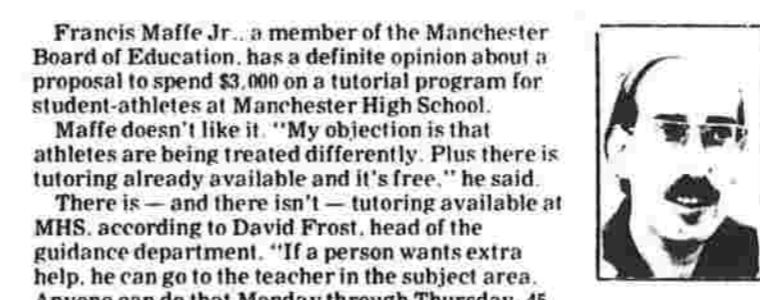
So maybe a separate tutoring program for athletes is desirable, even if there already are other avenues.

Thoughts ApLenTy

Len Auster, Sports Editor

SPRINTS

Godard provides margin in MHS win



GOING UP—Manchester High's Cory Godson (32) goes up with the basketball during Wednesday night's game with Bristol Eastern at Clarke Arena. Teammate Art Temple (11) is among those watching. The Indians rallied for a 60-58 victory.

There were a lot of anxious moments for Manchester High before the Indians, as what is becoming accustomed fashion, rallied for a 60-58 win over Bristol Eastern in CCC interconference play Wednesday night at Clarke Arena.

Two Jason Goddard free throws with six seconds left, his 25th and 26th points, provided the Indians with only their fourth lead of the evening and 11th victory in 12 outings. "We feel at this point we can win the close games," Manchester Coach Frank Kinell said. "You know I'm amazed if a team thinks it can win what a team will do at the end of the game instead of hesitating not to lose. What it will do is things to try to win."

"We're playing well but we're getting the right things done at the right time," Kinell added.

The Indians did the right things against a team that handed them their worst regular-season loss a year ago, 73-56.

Goddard was sent to the foul line with six seconds left after coming up with a rebound, his eighth of the game, of a Matt Vaughn missed shot. He hit two of three, his first points of the game, which dipped to 7-4 overall, vaulted to a 12-6 spread after one quarter and led a 20-17 halftime spread. The tempo quickened in the third stanza with the Lancers vaulting to a 41-31 spread behind Luis Esau, who had 19 points and seven assists, hit the go-ahead shot with 1:30 left.

Goddard hit seven buckets and Meggell three for six of his 12 points in the period, but not before Vaughn's chagrin. "I was amazed at their ability to get the

BRISTOL EASTERN

MANCHESTER (AP) — Jason Goddard 11, 48.24; Cory Godson 20.04; Troy Peters 2, 60.4; Matt Vaughn 4, 50.17; Devin Meggell 12.02; Art Temple 00.00. 10:25; 10:25; 10:25.

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Canadiens dispose of the up and down Whalers

By Jim Tierney
Manchester Herald

HARTFORD — Realization may be as cold as ice, especially for the Hartford Whalers who are struggling to keep their collective heads from drowning in the sea of oblivion in the Adams Division.

Following a disheartening 5-2 defeat at the hands of the Montreal Canadiens Wednesday night before a sellout crowd of 15,203 at the Civic Center, the Whalers, who suffered their third straight loss, have come to terms with the fact that they are, at best, a 500 club expending every ounce of energy for a playoff spot.

Hartford (22-24-7) has been over the 500 plateau just twice this season and remains six points ahead of last-place Quebec in the division and six behind third-place Buffalo. The Whalers must secure, at least, fourth place to make the playoffs. The Nordiques have three games in hand on Hartford.

The Whalers will be at Pittsburgh Saturday night and then host Toronto Sunday night at 7:05. Then they will have five days off for the All-Star break before they are at Montreal on Feb. 13, Montreal (30-15-10) has won its last three straight.

"All we are is a 500 team," Kevin Dineen said. "We're fighting for a playoff spot." Dineen's comments, hopefully, will be taken to heart by his teammates

because they reflect the gloomy situation surrounding the defending division champions.

Montreal left winger Sergio Momesso, kindling thoughts of some eloquent ballad singer as opposed to a harpooener of Whales, notched his first career hat trick and first of the year by a Canadian. Momesso had scored only two goals in 33 games before last night's explosion.

The Whalers took a 2-1 lead after one period before Montreal retaliated with four unanswered goals, three in the second period and one in the third.

"The first half of the season it was kind of tough playing some games in and some games out and I had trouble," the 22-year-old Momesso said. "Since they traded Chris Nilan I have a lot more ice (time) right now. Tonight the chances I had went in."

Lindsay Carson, acquired from Philadelphia for Paul Lawless on Jan. 22, scored his first point as a Whaler on a short-handed goal in the first period. After Claude Lemieux knotted the game at 1-1, Roy Ferraro, on a power play, deftly deflected a Dave Babych slap shot from the top of the crease high into the right side of the net past Canadian goalie Patrick Roy with 2:26 left in the opening 20 minutes. Dean Evason

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Momesso capped his three-goal evening 1:19 into the final goal on a power play, with Smith setting a key screen on Liut. Momesso took a back-hand pass from Chris Chelios inside the blue line and wristed a high shot into the upper left corner of the net.

"Tonight was disappointing," Ron Francis said. "It wasn't the way we wanted to play. We have to capitalize on every chance we get."

WHALER NOTES — The Whalers are 0-3-2 against Montreal this season. . . . Defenseman Ulf Samuelsson tied the team's record for consecutive game-point streak (eight) (John Anderson also did it) when he assisted on Ferraro's goal. Samuelsson has 1 goal and 10 assists in the last night. The line of Sylvain Turgeon-Francois-Dineen combined for six shots. . . . Chuck Kallon, the voice of the Whalers, will be one of 27 recipients of the media recognition award from the Combined Health Appeal, a federation of 17 major non-profit health agencies. . . . Smith had three assists.

up big. This is what the game is all about. You need good goaltending on the road. They (Hartford) have a better club than their record indicates. It's good to see Momesso getting a hat trick. Tonight everything worked for him."

Momesso began his onslaught at 5:28 of the second when the one-touched a perfect lead pass from Bobby Smith past Mike Liut's far side for the 2-2 tie. Stephane Richer gave Montreal its first lead at 3:2. A Mats Naslund rebound came out to Joel Quenneville but Richer smacked Quenneville's stick which directed the puck past an unsuspecting Liut. It was Richer's team-leading 32nd goal of the year. Momesso scored his second goal with 5:03 left in the second when he back-handed Petr Svoboda's slapper past Liut for the 4-2 advantage.

The Whalers possessed several scoring chances in the second, but Roy's performance intensified as the game dragged forward. . . . In the second (period) we allowed a lot of scoring chances for the Whalers," Montreal Coach Jean Perron said. "Patrick Roy came

COMING IN

Lindsay Carson (28) of the Whalers shoots the puck past Montreal goalie Patrick Roy in the first period of their game Wednesday night at the Civic Center. Montreal's Larry Robinson (19) was too late to prevent the score. It was only one of two surrendered by the Canadians in their 5-2 win over Hartford.

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Tyson, Spinks reach verbal accord for title bout

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Tyson and Michael Spinks figure to gross as much as \$70 million when Tyson defends his undebated heavyweight title in June. Spinks' adviser says that estimate Wednesday after negotiations were completed. He called the bout "the only fight in boxing...the one everyone wanted to see."

Lewis figured the fight would make a net profit of nearly \$40 million. "We agreed verbally," Lewis said, ending months of often-bitter negotiations. "We're now going to be writing" and a signing is expected early next week.

The bout between the unbeaten fighters will be shown on closed-circuit television, but no site or date has been chosen. Lewis said Atlantic City and Las Vegas, Nevada, were the leading contenders as the site. "We're very interested in the fight," said Jack Burkan, vice president of marketing at the Las Vegas Hilton. "We've hosted

most of Tyson's championship fights and we've hosted Spinks' fights in the past. They were very successful for us."

Donald Trump, the New York real estate magnate and a hotel casino owner in Atlantic City, has been involved some recent King promotions, most recently the Tyson-Holmes fight, held in the Atlantic City Convention Center, next to Trump Plaza.

"I know Mr. Trump is interested," Burkan said. "I assume he's going to attempt to get the fight."

Caesars Palace in Las Vegas was another potential site. "The fee to host the fight could be the biggest ever, topping the reported \$7 million that Caesars paid to host the Marvellous Marvin Hagler-Sugar Ray Leonard middleweight title fight last April."

"It's clearly in that neighborhood," said Burkan. "This is a big, big fight. It is a fight we think would be a major, major attraction for the bout."

Spinks will fight for a flat sum plus a few incentives. His guaranteed fight fee in the neighborhood of \$12.5 million to \$15.5 million.

Everything else will go to Tyson with promoter Don King taking a share of the champion's revenues. Tyson is expected to earn at least \$7 million.

"If the thing hits a home run and the net is close to \$60 million, Tyson can touch \$20 million," said Shelly Finkel, who has the closed-circuit and pay-per-view television rights for the bout.

The Tyson-Spinks fight is based

on the premise that Tyson will successfully defend his title in his next bout on March 21 against Tony Tubbs in Tokyo.

Spinks, the former light-heavyweight champion, was stripped of the International Boxing Federation heavyweight title when he dropped out of the HBO unification tournament in order to fight Gerry Cooney last year.

Tyson, 21, has a record of 33 wins, including 28 by knockout. Spinks has 31 victories with 21 knockouts.

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Starling ready to make first defense of crown

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
The Associated Press

Starling of Hartford, Conn., has a 42-4 record with 14 knockout. Oaki's record is 21-4 with 13 knockouts.

Breland, of New York, takes a record of 19-1, including 12 knockouts, against Juan Alonso Villa of Mexico in a 10-rounder. Should Breland gain a rematch with Starling, it would be part of a doubleheader with Julio Cesar Chavez's WBA lightweight title defense against Rodolfo Aguilar.

The 36-year-old Duran could earn another title shot should he best Ricky Staccho of Atlanta in a 10-rounder and if Mike McCullum wins the WBA middleweight title from Sumbu Kalamang of Italy in March.

McCullum-Duran fight would happen in May at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Friday night's show will be televised on a pay-per-view basis by FNN-See.

Starling, who won the title on a 11th-round knockout of Breland last Aug. 22 at Columbia, S.C.

For his first title defense, Starling has engaged the services of 78-year-old Eddie Futch, who has trained a host of world champions, including Larry Holmes, and who currently trains Michael Spinks.

"This is the first guy I ever worked with who knows more than me," the 29-year-old Starling said of Futch.

All three are expected to win. If all do, Starling and Breland are scheduled to meet in a rematch for the World Boxing Association welterweight title, while Duran will take a step closer to another shot at the middleweight title.

Asked about a rematch with Breland, which would take place April 16 at the Las Vegas Hilton, Starling said, "I know it. You know it. I don't want to talk about it."

"First I've got to take care of the business at hand."

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Marion Starling will make his first title defense, while Mark Breland and Roberto Duran will fight with their eyes on championship bids Friday night at the Convention Center.

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Celtics have the formula for finding ways to win

By Dave O'Hara
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Veteran Herb Williams of the Indiana Pacers acknowledges the Boston Celtics are "a good team."

But Williams says that's not enough because "in my opinion, everybody's a good team."

"What sets them apart is they find ways to beat you," Williams said Wednesday night after the Celtics without severe challenges en route to a 118-103 victory over the Pacers.

"One second we're down by four and closing in, then (Danny) Ainge comes from nowhere to hit a long shot," Williams said of decisive stretch in the third period. "Then he steals the ball and makes a three-point shot, and suddenly we're down by nine and it's pretty much over."

Ainge triggered a nine-point run after Indiana narrowed the gap to 78-74 late in the third period. Boston went on to boost its lead to 89-78 starting the final period on route to a 118-103 victory over the Pacers.

Boston super star Larry Bird, who stayed on the sidelines while a life-size sculpted wooden statue of him was unveiled for the public at halftime, usually turns a game against his home state into a showtime.

Bird said he felt good warming up, but he had a subpar night, hitting on just 7 of 19 shots while scoring 21 points.

However, other picked up the slack as the Celtics rolled to their sixth consecutive regular season victory against an Eastern Conference rival at Boston Garden.

Kevin McHale scored 27 points. Ainge had 21 and Robert Parish had 16, to go along with 11 rebounds. Rookie Brad Lohaus contributed 12 points and widely traveled Dirk Minnifield, signed as a free agent in December, had 10 points and 10 assists.

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NHL standings

Wales Conference		Patrick Division	
Team	W-L-T	Team	W-L-T
Philadelphia	20-6-2	Washington	24-10-1
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Pittsburgh	20-13-3	NJ Rangers	15-17-8

Canadiens 6, Whalers 2

Baseball

NBA standings

Eastern Conference		Atlantic Division	
Team	W-L-T	Team	W-L-T
Boston	25-13-4	Philadelphia	22-17-11
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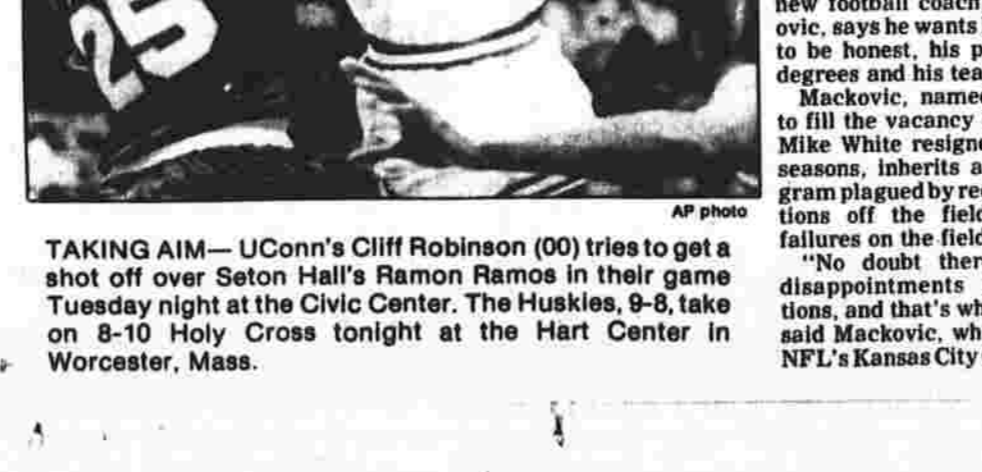
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Flames burned at outset of their long road trip

By Ken Rappoport
The Associated Press

One game into their 11-game road trip, the Calgary Flames are already a burnt out.

"We were all in the awful category," Flames captain Jim Peplinski said after a 9-0 drubbing by the Winnipeg Jets on Wednesday night started the Flames on the NHL's longest road trip of the season.

"They have been shut out of their home arena for most of this month because of the Olympics. The margin of defeat tied the Flames' team record for the worst loss in club history. They have lost by nine goals on four other occasions, including a 10-1 loss to Winnipeg on March 25, 1987.

Winnipeg goaltender Daniel Brehme became a footnote in the team's record book, as well, playing in the first Jets' shutout of the Flames in their history.

"They were overwhelmed," Brehme said of his teammates. "It's the first time I saw our team pass the puck so well. I don't think Calgary expected us to play so well."

Laurie Boschman scored three goals and Dale Hawerchuk had four assists to lead Winnipeg over Calgary, the top team in the Smythe Division with a 32-16 record, the most victories in the NHL.

Boschman scored two of his goals in the first period to help the Jets take a 4-0 lead after 20

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minutes. Boschman completed his hat trick with a goal in the second period as the Jets took a 6-0 lead into the third.

Brehme stopped 25 shots for his second shutout of the season and third of his career.

Both Andrew MacBean and Paul MacLean, playing in his 50th NHL game, had a pair of goals for the Jets.

Oilers 8, Devils 5

Esa Tikkanen scored three goals and Dave Hannan had two for Edmonton.

Tikkanen scored once in the first period and then completed his performance with goals at 8:56 and 14:19 of the second to help the Oilers end the Devils' three-game winning streak under coach Jim Schoenfeld.

Hannan's first goal at 17:53 of the first period staked the Oilers to a 2-1 lead. He scored again at 20:24 of the second to give the Oilers a 6-3 lead.

Wayne Gretzky, playing in his third game since coming back from an injury that sidelined him for 29 days, scored a goal and picked up two assists, all in Edmonton's four-goal second period.

"With Wayne being rested and really playing good, he gives me the puck every time he can," said

Tikkanen, who scored two of his goals off feeds from Gretzky.

"The last five games I've played really good and I hope things are turning around for me."

Blues 2, North Stars 0

Doug Gilmour snapped a scoreless tie with a second-period goal and also assisted on Brian Benning's third-period goal leading St. Louis to its seventh straight victory.

Greg Millen came out ahead in his goalending battle with Don Beaupre, as the Blues won for the ninth time in 10 games to extend their club-record victory string.

The North Stars, whose 6:17-2 home record is the league's worst, have won only five times since Dec. 10. They suffered their second straight shutout and third straight loss and haven't scored in almost 174 minutes of play.

Wings 6, Blackhawks 4

Adam Oates scored two goals, including the tie-breaker in the second period, as Detroit ended a five-game winning streak with a victory over Chicago.

Oates snapped a 3-3 tie at 16:03 of the second period and scored what proved to be the go-ahead, winner two minutes into the final period when he beat goalie Darren Pang from close.

The Red Wings had won 0-2-3 in their previous five games.

Kings 7, Canucks 2

Jimmy Carson had his second hat trick in five nights and Los Angeles used four power-play



TACKLING THE OPPOSITION—New Jersey center Patrik Sundstrom tackles Edmonton's Craig Simpson in front of Devils' goalie Alain Chabrier in their NHL game Wednesday night. The Oilers won, 8-5.

Realty of premiere didn't match the anticipation

The world premiere of Edward Dimele's Violin Concerto was the anticipated highlight of Saturday's Manchester Symphony concert in the Love Program Center of Manchester Community College.

It was composed in 1984, expressly for Cyrus Stevens, the evening's guest soloist, a long-time Manchester resident and a former Manchester Symphony concert master.

Unfortunately, the reality of the evening did not match the anticipated pleasures.

Dimele, of the University of Hartford's Hart School of Music, has described his concerto as "very melodic and rhythmic... definitely the soloist's show."

As he read from the score, Stevens supported the tonal nature of the work with his precise fingering and aggressive styling in a succession of strident out-

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bursts. His solos were not especially long or demanding. Throughout an virtuoso passages, the restless audience heard little to judge the talents which had inspired the composer.

Music director Paul C. Phillips thankfully maintained a strong rhythmic sense, even while frequent pauses set the squabbling violin and the orchestra in stark contrast.

Through three sections, there were no sustained periods when the full orchestra was employed in the accompaniment. Rather, a variety of featured instruments predominated. Powerful rippling percussion and pizzicato strings suited the crisp texture of the work. However, intonation prob-

lems and staggered attacks in the reeds and brass clouded the intersections.

The "dice-like melody," which Dimele has said predominated in this work, was first heard in the melancholy lane of the flute. The flute suddenly stroled for a short while, in the close of the first slow section.

The final section, billed as being majestic, did not live up to its title. Other featured instruments percolated above the unstable oboe and the dull dynamics of Stevens' tortured trilling.

Later, staccato reeds preceded three orchestral crescendos, before three forte chords closed the concerto in a blue mood.

The orchestra is to be commended for tackling this modern work, and should be encouraged to include others in future programs.

Hopefully, however, they will select works of sufficient interest to elicit better audience responses. This reviewer heard "It just didn't seem to go anywhere, and "That was a lot to go through just to hear the Brahms."

The reference was to Brahms' Second Symphony, also on the evening's program. Also featured was Mozart's Sixth Serenade. The Austrian, the Mozart presents a well-tempered, genteel facade. Phillips encouraged the orchestra to support the dominant violin with olean through the elegant crescendos of the opening adagio section, and later chartered a bold course through a counterpoint finale.

In the minut, a muted trumpet substituted for the posthorn, amid a lusty brass foray that contrasted with the delicate restraint of strings and flute.

Despite Phillips' explicit cues, staggered brass marred the fleeing violin dash to the finale, but the work was generally coherent and exciting.

In contrast to his first heroic symphony, Brahms settled into a mood of cheerful pastoral contentment in his second symphony. However, the apparent simplicity of mood belies an

College installs condom machines

MIDDLETOWN (AP) — Wesleyan University has joined the battle against the spread of AIDS and will install coin-operated condom dispensing machines at several campus locations later this month.

University Health Education Director Carol A. Grant said the 16 machines will be placed in dormitory laundry rooms and other central locations so that students can buy them "in an anonymous way and don't have to ask for them." The condoms will cost 50 cents each.

Grant said each machine will carry a sign telling students: "If you choose to make love, use carefully."

The spokesman said condoms dispensers are being installed on college campuses around the country.

AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease that destroys a body's ability to ward off disease. The disease has largely afflicted homosexual and intravenous drug users.

Sports In Brief

Berte earns letter at Bowdoin

BRUNSWICK, Me. — Sira Berte, a Manchester High graduate, earned her junior varsity letter in soccer this past fall at Bowdoin College.

Skills contest aids Special Olympics

GLASTONBURY — The Connecticut Knights of Columbus "Soccer Skills Contest" will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Oakwood Sports & Fitness Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's open to boys and girls, age 9 and under, up to 18 and adult groups.

Overall and division winners will receive medals. There is a limit to the number of participants. For additional information, face, contact Rick Derella at 633-3689.

All proceeds from the event go to the Connecticut Special Olympics.

Army tops Central in overtime

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Scott Whipp's 3-point shot with 27 seconds remaining remaining in overtime carried Army to an 84-81 victory over Central Connecticut.

The victory Wednesday night ended the Cadets' four-game losing string.

Army, 6-14, squandered a five-point lead with six minutes left in regulation time, but forced the overtime when freshman guard Derrick Canada hit a jumper with 21 seconds to go. Those were the only two points the Cadets scored in the final 6:36.

The score was tied four times in overtime, the last at 81-81 when Bryan Heron hit two free throws with 1:32 to play. After both teams missed chances to go ahead, Whipp made his game-winning shot.

Heron missed a 3-point try in the final seconds.

Brian Devlin topped the Blue Devils, 6-14, with 16 points, while Wayne Campbell added 14.

Packers last stop for Infante

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Lindsey Infante's formal introduction as new head coach of the Green Bay Packers was barely an hour old when he announced that he'd taken his last football coaching job.

"If I can't get it done here, then quite frankly it's probably time for me to get into something else," the 47-year-old Infante said.

"This job, to me, is the ultimate. I don't intend to do anything else but this for the rest of my coaching career unless somebody sees fit for me not to be here for some other reason."

Infante, regarded as one of the NFL's most innovative offensive coordinators, helped the Cleveland Browns reach the AFC championship game the past two seasons.

McEnroe withdraws from two events

WASHINGTON — John McEnroe has withdrawn from two Grand Prix tennis tournaments this month in Europe because of lingering injuries, his spokesman said Wednesday.

McEnroe will not play in Lyon, France, on Feb. 9-14 and in Milan, Italy, on Feb. 15-21. He is still bothered by back pains and stiffness in his hips, which have prevented him from practicing.

"He tried to play an exhibition match against Andrei Chesnokov last week and it was obvious to him that he had very limited mobility," said Peter Lawler of Advantage International.

Mollitor winner of Hutch Award

DAYTON, Ohio — Paul Mollitor, whose 39-game hitting streak during the 1987 season was the fourth-longest in American League history, has been named the winner of baseball's Hutch Award.

The Milwaukee Brewers' standout was voted the award by a panel of major-league broadcasters and writers.

The award goes to a player who overcomes adversity. He "best exemplifies the character, dedication and competitive spirit of Fred Hutchinson."

Kite is signed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Veteran center Greg Kite, placed on waivers by the Boston Celtics earlier this week, has been acquired by the Los Angeles Clippers, the NBA team announced Wednesday.

Kite, 26, averaged 1.5 points and 3.8 rebounds in 13 games with the Celtics before they waived him Monday.

To make room for Kite, the Clippers released rookie forward Norris Coleman.

Coleman, 26, was a second-round draft choice of the Clippers in last summer's NBA draft. In 29 games this season, he averaged 5.3 points and 2.8 rebounds.

Grant shoots his way into limelight

By The Associated Press

No one could be blamed for figuring that the showdown between 11th-ranked Michigan and No. 13 Iowa would be one of the best games of the year in the Big Ten. But Gary Grant proved all that logical thinking wrong.

With Iowa expected to employ a press to keep Michigan at bay offensively, Grant got the green light from Coach Bill Frieder. Grant, hitting four 3-point shots among seven baskets, scored 18 of his 29 points in the first half Wednesday night as Michigan built a 61-26 lead en route to a record-setting 120-103 victory at Ann Arbor.

"It's just so terrific," Iowa Coach Tom Davis said. "He's a key, no matter who he's up against."

And Michigan's conference co-leader, gave its talented guard considerable support. Glen Rice scored 35 points while Terry Mills and Dan Rokenba added 18 each as the Wolverines, 7-1 in the conference and 18-3 overall, beat the Hawkeys for the seventh straight time in Crystal Baller.

The Hawkeys, whose five-game winning streak was snapped, dropped to 5-3 in the conference and 15-6 overall.

In other games involving

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ranked teams, it was No. 4 Purdue 78, Georgia Tech 65; No. 6 Duke 66, Wisconsin 62; No. 7 Oklahoma 73, Kansas 65; No. 9 Pittsburgh 88, No. 20 St. John's 71; No. 10 Kentucky 94, Mississippi 65; No. 15 Vanderbilt 82, Mississippi State 66; Kansas State 78, No. 16 Iowa State 68 in overtime, and No. 19 Florida 74, Alabama 64.

Grant, who had four 3-pointers in the first half, hit a 3-pointer to start the second half, giving the Wolverines a 38-point lead. That Iowa eventually cut the deficit to 17 points seemed of little concern to anyone but Frieder.

"When we had to be, we were good," he said. "We just got tired at the end."

The 223 combined points was the most by two teams in a Michigan game, topping the total in Michigan's 115-107 victory over Bradley in 1986.

Ed Horton had 22 points for Iowa. Michael Reaves added 17 points and Bill Jones added 16 for the Hawkeys, who played without starter Al Lorenzen. He is out with back spasms.

No. 4 Duke 78, Georgia Tech 65: Duke led twice to Georgia Tech

last season, and the Blue Devils vowed that would be a one-year proposition.

"That really hurt us last year," said Danny Ferry, who scored 22 points. "We talked about it a whole lot before the game, how we weren't going to let that happen."

Kevin Strickland added 16 points as the Blue Devils improved to 15-2 overall and 5-1 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Duane Ferrell had 18 points and Tom Hammond 15 for Georgia Tech, 14-6 and 2-4.

No. 8 Purdue 88, Wisconsin 62: Todd Mitchell scored 14 of his 17 points in the first half of his 17 points and Troy Lewis all of his 16 in the first half for Purdue, which remained tied for first place in the Big Ten. But it was the Boilermakers' defense that impressed Coach Gene Keedy.

"I thought once we took the press off, we played defense about as good as we have all year," he said.

It was the Boilermakers' 21st consecutive victory over the Badgers, who have lost 16 straight games at Mackay Arena. Purdue is 7-1 in the Big Ten and 18-2 overall.

Danny Jones topped Wisconsin with 23 points and Trent Jackson added 16 for the Badgers, who fell to 9-5 and 9-9.

U.S. ski team excludes Bill Johnson

By John Mossman
The Associated Press

CRESTED BUTTE, Colo. — Bill Johnson is out of Tamaro McKinnay in his second U.S. Ski Team, devastated by injuries and poor results on the World Cup circuit, looks to get well on its home turf and gain some badly needed momentum heading into the Winter Olympics.

The healing process was scheduled to begin today when the U.S. Alpine Ski Championships opened at this Colorado resort. Men's and women's downhills were on tap.

Edith Thys edged Pam Fletcher in the final women's downhill training run on Wednesday, while A.J. Kitt shaded Bill Hudson to pace the final men's run.

But of overriding significance were the 18 skiers named Wednesday to the American team that will compete at Calgary beginning Feb. 13 — and the one who was left off the team.

Johnson, the 1984 Olympic downhill gold medalist, will not get a chance to defend his title.

downhill victories and winner of the 1976 Olympic downhill didn't make the 1988 Austrian Olympic team.

"We all feel sorry for Bill," U.S. Ski Team Alpine Director Harold Schoenhaar said. "But if you take results from this year or last, Bill is the sixth or seventh man on the team."

Olympic rules limit teams to a maximum of four starters in an Alpine race.

McKinney, considered America's best hope for an Alpine medal at Calgary before breaking her ankle in training Nov. 9, headed the team announced Wednesday, even though she has not raced competitively this season.

McKinney, 25, of Olympic Valley, Calif., will be appearing in her third consecutive Olympics. Her first competition of the season is expected to be in the

nationals this week.

Also returning to the Olympics is Debbie Armstrong, the defending Olympic giant slalom champion. Armstrong, 24, of Seattle, was slowed by an early-season knee injury but had some success in Europa Cup races last month.

Other women skiers named to the team were Thys, 21, of Squaw Valley, Calif.; Fletcher, 25, of Acton, Mass.; Hilary Lindh, 18, of Juneau, Alaska; Diann Roffe, 20, of Williamston, N.Y.; Beth Madson, 23, of Aspen, Colo.; Heidi Volker, 18, of Pittsfield, Mass.; and Kristin Kroene, 19, of Truckee, Calif.

Among those named to the men's squad was Felix McGrath, 24, of Norwich, Vt., who is ranked 11th in the World Cup slalom standings and would appear to have the best shot at a medal in Calgary. Joining McGrath is Tiger Shaw, 26, of Stowe, Vt.

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Figuring a car's 'fun factor'

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Time once again for Dennis Simanaitis to tell us which new cars tested by Road & Track in 1987 are the most fun.

Understand, this is no seat-of-the-pants judgment. Although Dennis is now the magazine's executive editor, in a past life he was a professor of mathematics.

Drawing on that background, he's formulated one of the more innovative mathematical equations in automotive engineering. The equation produces what Dennis calls the "fun factor" for a particular car.

Fun cars are very important to us at Road & Track. Sure, like most everyone else, we want our cars to start on a cold winter's morning, have enough room to carry kids and groceries, and make it through rush-hour traffic without overheating — all those practical things.

But a car doesn't necessarily have to be boring to drive to do all that. A good-handling, good-performing car can be useful, too. Nor does it have to be outrageously expensive.

Dennis' equation is full of brackets, multiplication, division and square roots — all those things we expect in a proper equation. It uses results from the tests Road & Track's staff routinely performs on new cars. In the end, the equation gives a two- or three-digit number, the higher the number, the more the fun.

The elements used in the equation consist of a car's skid-pad performance (a test of cornering ability), slalom speed (a test of responsiveness to steering changes), fuel economy, acceleration time to 60 miles per hour, braking distance from 80 miles per hour and, finally, price. The equation includes just about everything of importance except a car's styling and status symbolism.

For those of you who like statistics, here are some numbers from the 1987 drive around the skid pad at a 0.7g (the same as in 1986), weaves through the slalom at 61.5 mph (60.5 mph in 1986), and gets to 60 mph (0-60) in 8.7 seconds (from zero to 60 mph in 8.7 seconds), and returns to zero math from 80 mph in 243 feet (875 feet in 1986). As you can see, the 1987 cars

are improved in almost every respect over to a Chevy Blazer or a Jeep Wagoneer. The Rover is very nice for shopping on the high street or for going to the highest fun factor is the Honda CRX Si, with a fun factor 11.3. In the end, the equation gives a two- or three-digit number, the higher the number, the more the fun.

Acceleration and braking figures, and costs more than 30 grand to buy, Toyota's MR2 Supercharged, Ford's Fiesta L, Chevrolet's Camaro IROC-Z, Chevrolet's Corvette, Pontiac's Fire Formula and Mazda's MX-8 if they are not sufficiently entertaining to drive. As Dennis says, "What's wrong with expecting superlatives when one part with superlatives?"

Even though the Corvette carries a particularly price tag, its test results were so good that it earned a high fun-factor rating anyway.

Dennis' mathematical musings show that certain affordable cars might just be more fun than high-priced exotics.

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Astrograph Your Birthday... Feb. 5, 1988... You will be much bolder and more ambitious in the year ahead in enterprises that could increase your revenue. Substantial gains are possible, provided you don't take foolish risks. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Someone who doesn't always operate in the open might try to put some obstacles in your path today. This person's tactics will be similar to one he/she has tried before. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Matchmaker self instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Think yourself today, especially where critical career decisions are required. What is good for an associate might be to your advantage. ARIES (March 21-April 19) Instead of taking something that led to disagreements in the past, especially the ones that were never completely resolved. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A failure to tolerate your mate's point of view regarding a vital family matter about which he/she feels strongly will invite friction in your household today. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Unless you have something kind to say about a coworker today, it's best to keep your thoughts to yourself. He/she may not be too fond of you either. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is one of those days where you might not be as careful with your possessions as you should be, and some type of loss is possible. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your attitude and example will have a definite effect upon your family today. If you're cranky and short-tempered, expect the same from them. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone with whom you'll be dealing today may arouse your ire. If this happens, keep it to yourself and smolder in silence rather than letting him/her know. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't let yourself be misled by a close friend over something material jeopardize the relationship today. Take the short end of the deal if necessary. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your image will suffer today if you are too self-serving in your arrangements with others. Look out for your interests, but don't do to anyone else's detriment. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Unless you have constructive counsel, keep your comments to yourself today regarding something that does not involve you directly, but does affect a sensitive pal.

TV Topics

'Elvis and Me' starts on Sunday

By Jerry Buck The Associated Press LOS ANGELES - Susan Walters was only 13 when Elvis Presley died, a year younger than she is as Priscilla Beaulieu Presley at the beginning of ABC's 'Elvis and Me.' 'Priscilla' was 14 years old and the daughter of an Air Force officer when she met Elvis in Germany. Walters said, "Elvis was in the Army but he was already a superstar. The romance began then, when she was 14 and he was 24." The two-part miniseries, which ABC will telecast Sunday and Monday, tells of their romance and life together through 14 extraordinary and tumultuous years. It's adapted from the book "Elvis and Me" by Priscilla Presley, with Sandra Harmon. Walters stars as Priscilla and Dale Midkiff ("Dallas: The Early Years") is Elvis. It's the third Elvis Presley film biography. Kurt Russell starred in "Elvis" for ABC in 1978. Season 10's "Elvis" was a hit. Don Johnson was Elvis in the 1981 NBC movie "Elvis and the Beauty Queen." For the February sweeps, "Elvis and Me" goes up against the CBS miniseries "The Windmills of the Gods." ABC's 1979 movie "Elvis" was pitted against blockbuster movies on the other networks. CBS had "Go With the Wind" and NBC had "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." "Elvis" handily beat both movies and became one of the highest-rated TV movies. Walters was on leave from her job as reservations clerk Ryan Thomas in ABC's "Hotel" when she made "Elvis and Me." ABC canceled "Hotel" before she returned. She began work on the movie in Quebec

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