

Aquifer protection plan scheduled for revision

The Planning and Zoning Commission will revise the proposed aquifer protection regulation based on comments from other town commissions and agencies before the regulation goes to hearing, possibly in March.

Planning Director Mark Pellegrini says he'll hold several workshops with commission members to revise the proposed regulation, which would control development on areas above aquifers, which supply the town's drinking water. The regulation as it stands now would affect about 200 existing and all future businesses in the aquifer protection zones.

Pellegrini said at Monday's meeting of the board that he's gotten feedback on the draft of the regulation from the Conservation Commission and subcommittees of the Economic Development Commission and Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

Commission members agreed that they would like to revise the

regulation and possibly incorporate some of the suggestions from other town agencies in the draft. The first workshop is scheduled for March 1.

PZC alternate Josh Howroyd said the commission should revise the regulation because protecting groundwater is a major issue in Manchester and the state.

"I think we should proceed cautiously," Howroyd said.

The proposed regulation would limit development on areas over aquifers and the surrounding aquifer protection zones by prohibiting businesses that handle hazardous materials that could pollute drinking water.

Prohibited businesses include automobile service stations and dealerships, metal and plastics industries and printers and publishers. Those types of businesses that already exist in the aquifer protection zones would be classified as non-conforming uses and wouldn't be allowed to expand.



RIVER WORK — Dr. Douglas Smith, left, listens as Frank J. T. Strano points out some features of the land off New State Road and Hilliard Street over which he has granted the Hockanum River Linear Park Committee an easement for a hiking trail. Smith is chairman of the river park committee, which has developed 11 miles of trails.

About Town

Planner speaks

COVENTRY — Town Planner Robert Iner will speak to the Rotary Club of Coventry on "Development in Coventry: Past, Present, and Future," on Monday. Dinner will be at 6 p.m., followed by the speaker at 7 p.m.

Daughters meet

Britannia Chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire will meet on Thursday, March 4, at 11 a.m. at the Community Baptist Church, East Center Street. Hostesses are Mrs. Nell Peterson and Mrs. Alex Patrick.

Scholarship given

COVENTRY — The Rotary Club offers a \$250 scholarship for job training or education for residents of Andover, Coventry, or Bolton who are at least 19 years old. Applications are available by writing Paul Watson, 1699 Boston Turnpike, Coventry, 06238 or call 742-5383. Applications must be returned by May 15.

Auction set

A selection of oriental rugs will be auctioned on Sunday, March 6, at Temple Beth Shalom on East Middle Turnpike. A preview will be held at 4 p.m. Two oriental rugs will also be given to winners of lucky bid numbers. Each winner will receive a three-foot by five-foot 100 percent wool Bokhara oriental rug made in Pakistan. Refreshments will be served starting at 5 p.m. Proceeds of the auction will benefit the education program for students at the Temple.

Grange meeting

Manchester Grange 31 will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Grange Hall on Otlet Street. First and second degrees will be conferred on candidates.

Support group

The Alzheimer Support Group of the Visiting Nurse and Home Care of Manchester will meet on Wednesday, March 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the mental health wing of Manchester Memorial Hospital. The meetings are open to the public.

Emblem Club meets

The Manchester Emblem Club will meet on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Club on Bissell Street. Members may submit applications for the club scholarship.

River grant needed for land buy

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

A \$480,000 state grant for development of the Hockanum River Linear Park will be used to buy land on the east shore of Union Pond from the Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford if a recommendation made Wednesday is followed.

The recommendation was made by Dr. Douglas Smith, chairman of the Hockanum River Park Committee and Arthur Glaeser, chairman of the Conservation Commission. They are members of a committee appointed to determine how the \$480,000 state grant should be used.

The final decision on how the funds will be used will be made by the town Board of Directors.

But William O'Neill, a member of the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission, had a different priority for use of the funds. He said he would prefer to

see most of the money used for developing recreation facilities on land the town already owns at the south end of Union Pond.

O'Neill arrived at the meeting late and by that time Smith and Glaeser had already decided to recommend to the directors that the town buy as much land as possible from the cemetery administration of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Director Barbara Weinberg, who represents the Board of Directors on the committee, was not at the meeting because the directors were meeting at the same time.

Glaeser and Smith said the Planning and Zoning Commission has approved a plan under which the St. Bridget's Cemetery will be expanded with grave sites very close to the edge of the pond, which is on the Hockanum River. Efforts to have the PZC restrict the use of a strip along the pond so that it could be used for a hiking trail as part of the linear park



TOURING — Deputy Police Chief Henry "Bud" Minor, back to the camera, and other police officials conduct a tour of police headquarters for the Board of Directors Wednesday prior to the directors' voting to fund a study of space needs. From left are Director Theunis "Terry" Werkhovoy, Assistant Town Manager Steven R. Werbner, Police Chief Robert D. Lannan and Capt. Joseph H. Brooks.

Police space crunch study approved by town directors

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Manchester Herald

A study of space needs at the police building on East Middle Turnpike can get under way now that the town Board of Directors has approved funding for the project.

Director Barbara B. Weinberg was the only board member to oppose the \$6,000 allocation during Wednesday's board meeting in the Lincoln Center hearing room. She argued that the directors should determine the space needs for all town departments before funding the study.

The study would cost \$8,500, but \$2,500 of that amount would be paid for by a grant from the state Office of Policy and Management. Lawrence Associates of Manchester was selected by the police administration to carry out the study.

Police administrators have said that the department has run out of room in the present building, despite several renovations. The latest renovation of the records division and desk sergeant's quarters, was carried out last year.

"I think that in this case we're putting the cart before the horse," Weinberg said during Wednesday's meeting.

She added that director subcommittee studying space needs in town facilities had not reported yet to the full board.

"We have not heard from this committee. We have not received a report that the police station is a priority," she said.

Directors hear plea: Don't cut school funds

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

Members of the Manchester Board of Education asked Wednesday that no cuts be made to the proposed \$38 million school budget, but the town Board of Directors made no promises.

The two boards, whose meeting to discuss the budget is required under town charter, met in the Lincoln Center hearing room.

School board Chairman Richard W. Dyer, School Superintendent James P. Kennedy and Joseph V. Camposo, chairman of the school budget committee, all told the board that they considered the budget to be fiscally sound, and that it should not be cut.

Manchester Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr., though, only promised that the directors would consider the request. The directors will vote on the school board budget, as well as other town budgets, in May.

The school board is requesting a \$38,000,532 budget, an increase of 13.36 percent, or \$4,533,494, from the 1987-88 budget.

About \$2.5 million of the additional money will come from increased state aid. Manchester's share of state aid will increase from \$11,735,382 to \$12,214,955.

Dyer started the presentation to the directors by giving background on the budget's history, then asked the board to leave the budget intact.

"I will tell you tonight we are seeking a 13.36 percent increase," Dyer said. "I will hit it straight in the eye when I tell you it is not exorbitant. I urge you not to cut this budget. I believe this budget is appropriate."

Dyer said the budget review committee had painstakingly reviewed the budget, and that it was fiscally sound. He said the board has an obligation to the townspeople to present a sound budget.

"There are a number of reasons for the proposed increase," Kennedy said. The school board must meet all of its contract obligations, make major improvements in building maintenance, begin the reopening of Highland Park School, and move closer to the state per pupil spending average.

Teachers' salaries and fringe benefits make up almost 65 percent of the budget, according to school board figures. The school board also plans to spend \$297,300 on building renovations.

Highland Park School will be reopened in 1989 to meet projected increases in elementary school enrollment. The school, which will initially be opened as a kindergarten through third grade with the remaining grades being opened in successive years, was closed in 1984 because of declining enrollment despite the protests of parents.

Manchester ranks 100 out of 109 towns ranked according to how close they are to meeting the state per pupil spending average. The average is taken from state averages in seven non-salary categories such as textbooks, supplies, and transportation.

Camposo too made his plea, stating that education is an "investment" in Manchester's future.

"This indeed is an investment," he said. "I think we all have an important mission: an important decision to make. We are making the most effective recommendation we can make." But none of the directors made any promises. DiRosa said that the directors would probably have a number of questions after reviewing the budget more thoroughly.

Plans for oldies club at mall to bring Main Street 'to life'

By Nancy Conzelmann
Manchester Herald

Manchester Mall owner Kenneth C. Burkamp said today he'll lease the vacant ground floor of the mall for a nightclub and delicatessen, in an attempt to bring Main Street 'to life.'

"Main Street is dead," Burkamp said today.

The space will be leased to the Lake View Construction Company of Columbia, which plans to put in a 4,000 square-foot delicatessen that will be open for lunch and an "oldies club" that will feature music from the 1950s, 60s and early 70s, said Lake View general manager Jim Buonpane.

Burkamp said the restaurant and club should open in May. Burkamp said he's been planning to put a nightclub and restaurant in the building, formerly the W.T. Grant store, for a long time.

The ground floor of the building has been vacant for about 15 years.

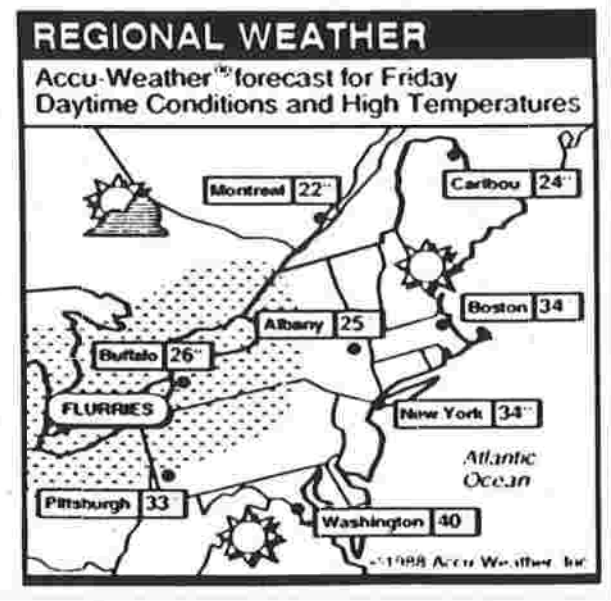
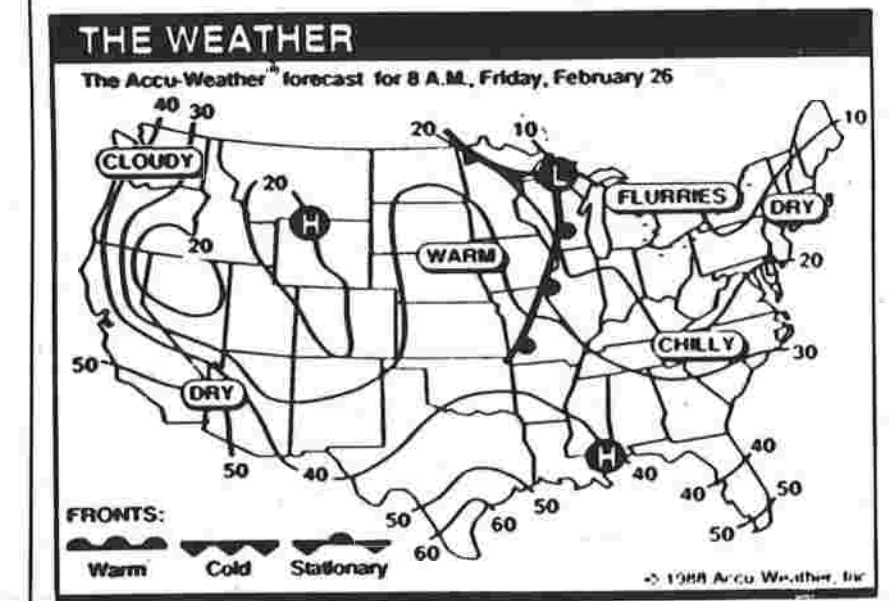
Burkamp signed a lease with Lake View, which also manages the Bentley's nightclub in the Manchester Parkade and Twisters and Thumpers in Storrs, last summer. Lake View received a liquor permit in September, Buonpane said. The company has applied for a building permit, but the application is still under review, according to the town Building Department.

"We've been working on this for a good many years," Burkamp said.

The Planning and Zoning Commission approved a special exception permit for a restaurant with more than 60 parking spaces for the building in 1983. The PZC's decision was opposed by neighboring retailers in an unsuccessful lawsuit that said municipal parking shouldn't be used by patrons of the restaurant because it would take parking away from shoppers at other Main Street stores.

Burkamp said today he expects opposition from neighbors and residents, but that won't deter him.

"Everything they've done down there (at the mall) since one's complained about," he said.



Most of nation dry; snow in Great Lakes

By The Associated Press

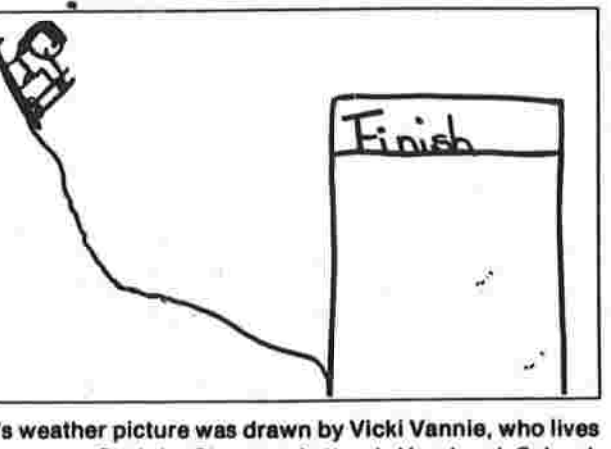
Snowshower lingers today over the lower Great Lakes region and the upper Ohio Valley, but dry weather and clear skies prevailed for most of the rest of the nation.

Warnings for heavy snow remained in effect for northeastern Ohio's snowbelt, where up to 11 inches of snow fell in Ashtabula and Lake counties by late Wednesday and up to 6 inches more were expected.

Squalls also produced heavy snow in New York state, with more than 6 inches of snow reported in some areas. Dry weather prevailed across the rest of the nation, with fair skies in most areas.

Freezing temperatures prevailed early today from the northern and central High Plains to the Carolinas and the middle and northern Atlantic Coast, with readings below 20 degrees from the Dakotas to New England. Temperatures were in the single numbers or below zero in northern and central Wisconsin, northern North Dakota, and northeastern South Dakota.

Temperatures were in the 50s across south Texas and central Florida. Southern Califor-



CONNECTICUT WEATHER

Central, Eastern interior, Southwest interior: Clear and cold tonight. Low 10 to 18. Light northwest wind. Mostly sunny Friday but with increasing clouds late in the day. Cold with the high in the upper 20s. Chance of light snow early Saturday. High around 30.

West coastal, East coastal: Clear and cold tonight. Low 15 to 20. Light northwest wind. Mostly sunny but with increasing clouds late in the day. Cold with the high around 30. Chance of light snow early Saturday. High in the lower 30s.

Northwest hills: Clear and cold tonight. Low 5 to 10. Light northwest wind. Mostly sunny Friday morning then increasing clouds in the afternoon. Cold with the high in the mid 20s. Chance of light snow early Saturday. High 25 to 30.

Dr. Crane's Quiz

- Which food requires the longest time to be cooked?
HAMBURGER NAVY BEANS OATMEAL GREEN BEANS
- If these fruits became men, which would be most interested in a razor?
APPLE PEAR PLUM PEACH
- To look less slender, a very thin girl should wear which type of dress?
VERTICAL PIN STRIPE PLAIN DARK LARGE FLOWERED SMALL DOTTED
- Which American female carries her young in a pouch like kangaroos?
WOLVERINE FOX RACON OPOSSUM
- The clean-up man in sports, is hoping for a TOUCHDOWN HOME RUN FREE THROW KNOCKOUT
- Distinguish between the essentially American beverages listed at the left vs. European.
Ale _____ American European
Cola drinks _____
Vodka _____
Malted milk _____
Wine _____

Current Quotations

"The day when freedoms and human rights could be slighted in the name of economic growth and national security has ended. The day when repressive force and torture in secret chambers were tolerated is over." — Bob Tae-woo, after taking the oath as South Korea's sixth President.

"To me, I think he's kind of perverted or, you know, talking about some of the things that we talked about in the rooms, you know, I wouldn't want him around my children." — Debra Murphree, referring to her alleged trysts with evangelist Jimmy Swaggart in an interview with a New Orleans television reporter.

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Child gets escort for walk to school

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

A member of a Parent-Teacher organization has offered to escort a 5-year-old girl on her walk to school after the child's disabled mother said she feared for her daughter's safety.

The mother, who asked the Board of Education Monday to provide transportation for her daughter's one-tenth of a mile walk to school, said today she was relieved that a solution has been found. However, she added she plans to see if more can be done.

The school board's transportation committee had recommended Monday that the mother's transportation request be rejected.

"The child's parents had made the request because the father works during the day, and the mother is confined to a wheelchair and unable to escort her daughter to school. A neighbor escorted the child earlier in the year, but moved last month.

The committee rejected the request because the child lived close to school, traffic is not heavy on the streets the child must walk, and the speed limit does not exceed 30 miles per hour on those streets," said Francis A. Maffe Jr., chairman of the Buildings, Sites and Transportation committee. The board, though, postponed a vote on the request until its March 14 meeting.

The mother said she has spoken with her attorney and will attend the next school board meeting. She said she was relieved that if transportation was still available.

"Until then, she will allow the volunteer to walk her daughter to school."

"I'd like to pursue it, if we've come this far," she said.

The mother, however, was relieved that someone has volunteered to help.

The school's principal also said today she was relieved that the child now has someone to walk to school with.

"You know I know every child's safety is a concern to me," said the principal.

The school had asked for someone to walk the child to school in its monthly newsletter, the principal said. The volunteer did not come forward, though, until reading newspaper accounts of the story Tuesday.

"One of the parents called," the principal said. "She said she'd be happy to (help)."

500 expected for Daube's Inauguration

Representatives from more than 70 colleges and universities from the United States, England and Africa are expected at Manchester Community College on Saturday, March 5, for the inauguration of Jonathan M. Daube as college president.

The inauguration will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Lower Program Center. Daube was appointed in August as the college's fourth full-time president. He began work in October.

U.S. Rep. Barbara B. Kennelly, D-Conn.; Manchester Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr.; John T. Chace III, president of the University of Connecticut; and Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, president of the University of Hartford, are scheduled to be among the 500 people expected to attend the ceremonies.

Daube, a native of Manchester, England, has taught at the University of Malawi in Central Africa. He taught there for two years beginning in 1968.

He was president of Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, Mass., and special assistant to the chancellor of higher education at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Mass., before coming to Manchester.

The Second Annual Intimate Choices: A Women's Health Conference

8:45 a.m. Registration
9 a.m. Intimate Breakfast and Keynote Address
10 a.m. A Women's Stress Signals: Learning To Listen To Your Body
OR
B. Cosmetic Surgery, Is It For You?
OR
C. Different Ages, Different Stages: Understanding Family Conflict
Break
11 a.m. D. Saving Face: 10 Tips For Better Skin
OR
E. Energize Through Exercise: Simple Techniques for a Healthy Psyche
OR
F. Women's Self Esteem: Where To Get It! How To Keep It!

The first 30 paid registrants will receive a free health screening.
Please call 647-6600 for more information.

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 12, 1988
Manchester Memorial Hospital

Intimate Choices Registration Form
Please send this form and the \$18.50 registration fee per person to: Community Health Education, Manchester Memorial Hospital, 71 Haynes Street, Manchester, CT 06040. Make checks payable to Manchester Memorial Hospital.

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Phone Number (Work) _____ (Home) _____

Will you be taking advantage of the complimentary babysitting services?
Yes _____ No _____
If so, for how many children? _____ List ages _____
Which seminars do you plan to attend? Please circle your choices and submit with this application.
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Kelly denies role in police lobbying

By Brent Lovmon
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Chief State's Attorney John J. Kelly is denying that he ever called a Waterbury prosecutor to ask on behalf of state police if it was really necessary to arrest one of their most valued informants on gambling charges.

Kelly's testimony before the Program Review and Investigations Committee Wednesday night contradicted previous testimony from Waterbury State's Attorney John A. Connelly.

Connelly has claimed that Kelly in effect joined a state police lobbying effort nearly three years ago on behalf of Thomas W. Speers of Wolcott, a convicted gambler and confidence man who served as a state police informant for 16 years.

"All I can tell you is his recollection and mine differ," Kelly told the committee Wednesday night.

Kelly's testimony was the latest in a series of sharply conflicting accounts of a bizarre series of events involving Speers' arrest in May 1985, including an alleged attempt to blackmail a judge hearing his case and a state police lieutenant's secret tape recording of two meetings with Connelly.

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LIBRARY DEDICATION — Joseph V. Fleming, left, principal of Bolton High School, talks with James Marshall, center, chairman of the Bolton Board of Education, and Richard E. Packman, school superintendent, during Wednesday dedication ceremonies for the high school library-media center addition.

Scout News

Pack 120

St. James Cub Scout Pack 120 presented the following awards at a recent pack meeting.

Den 1: Andres Nieto — Bear Badge; Michael Lopuch — Wolf Badge.

Den 2: Roddy Denninger — Bobcat; Nathan Trosper — Bobcat.

Den 3: Ryan Chase, Steve Cucovich, John Cucovich, Jonathan Grover, Brian McNamara, Nicholas Piliopin — Bobcat.

Den 4: Cory Soper, Louis Desario, Jason D'Amico, Brian Meza, Francisco Pagan, Jonathan Williamson, Sam Bode — Bobcat.

Den 5: Jason Rolland — Bear Badge; 1 Gold Arrow and 4 Silver Arrows; Greg Pinos — 1 Silver Arrow.

Den 6: Justin Freeman, Charles Hills, Justin Puskorowicz, Nathan Tripler, Anthony Libert, Eason Jordan, Adam Sotiano — Bobcat; Earning Wolf Badges from Den 5 were: Vieri, John Chmielecki, Jason Grover, Peter Francione and Arvon Peretto earned awards for communication, citizenship, citizenship, citizenship and citizenship.

Den 7: Cory Soper, Louis Desario, Jason D'Amico, Brian Meza, Francisco Pagan, Jonathan Williamson, Sam Bode — Bobcat.

Den 8: Jason Rolland — Bear Badge; 1 Gold Arrow and 4 Silver Arrows; Greg Pinos — 1 Silver Arrow.

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College Notes

Completes course

Carolyn Glimbre of Henry Street, recently completed a special correspondence course for new writers. It was at the Institute of Children's Literature based in Redding, Ridge.

On Western dean's list

Jonathan M. Brody of 86 Tracy Drive and Margaret E. Caffrey of 23 Linnmore Drive, have been named to the dean's list at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Named to dean's list

Stephen M. Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Logan of 81 Durant St., has been named to the dean's list at Syracuse University for the fall semester.

Follett on dean's list

Peter Follett, son of Mrs. Karen Schuster, 80 Knollwood Road, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Syracuse University.

On Hartwick list

Tracey A. Rich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Chico of Bolton, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y.

Honors at Biddeford

Renae Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Logan Jr. of Biddeford, Maine, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of New England, Biddeford, Maine.

Makes high honors

Rebecca K. Whitehill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Whitehill of Columbia, Mo., and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Little of Manchester, has achieved the dean's list with high honors at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.

Three scholarships

Three area students are among 64 outstanding pharmacy students at the University of Connecticut who have been awarded scholarships.

Cornerstone

Named to the Cornerstone Christian School honor roll were:

GRADE 4 High Honors — Fredrickson, Amy Sauer, Charlene Scholmsberg, Nathan Adams, Eric Eagle, Katie Field, Amanda Landry, Jennifer McAuliffe, Matthew Peckerman.

GRADE 5 High Honors — Tim Bernabo, Ben Byrom, Nathan Currin, Jennifer Klapp, Jennifer Lee, Jennifer D'Apollonio, Kim Henin.

Young Astronauts honored at school

Twenty-three members of the St. Bridget School Young Astronauts Club were honored today at an assembly.

Tim Gagnon of Manchester, who heads the state's Young Astronauts program, presented the students with medallions for their participation in the balloon launch held at Wickham Park on Jan. 28, which commemorated the second anniversary of the explosion of the Challenger space shuttle.

Manchester Memorial Hospital Senior Citizen Meal Program

Effective Monday evening, March 7, the hours of the Manchester Memorial Hospital Senior Citizen Meal Program will be limited to 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., seven days a week.

Meals purchased by senior citizens past 5:30 p.m. will be subject to the \$2.00 surcharge.

The Hospital hopes to still be able to meet the needs of area senior citizens, yet be able to serve our own staff as well. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Connecticut in Brief

Debate not all that certain

WESTPORT — A local party official acknowledged he erred in announcing that all six Democratic presidential candidates had agreed to debate in Westport five days before the Connecticut primary.

Edward Gaetz, a member of the Westport Democratic Town Committee, said Wednesday he was wrong Tuesday when he announced plans for a 1 1/2-hour debate on March 24.

Gaetz's acknowledgement followed remarks by the Democratic town chairman and a producer at Connecticut Public Television, which would televise the debate, that it was unlikely all candidates would participate even if a debate were organized.

Town Chairman Michael Lubell said no commitments are expected until after the Super Tuesday primaries and caucuses in 20 states and Samoa on March 8.

Perry pays campaign fine

HARTFORD — Hartford Mayor Carrie Saxon Perry has paid a \$3,000 fine on behalf of her campaign committee's treasurer who was accused of accepting and failing to report illegal campaign contributions.

The fine was levied Wednesday by the state Elections Enforcement Commission against Irene N. Cohen of East Hartford.

"The commission found that Cohen had been 'grossly negligent' and shown 'reckless disregard' for the law," the commission said.

Following a four-month investigation into contributions to Perry's successful campaign last fall, the commission found Cohen failed to disclose 27 contributions totaling \$7,650 and only partially disclosed another \$2,875 in contributions.

Guns cannot be recovered

HARTFORD — The state cannot recover the more than 300 guns traded illegally from its renewed Col collection and will probably never know whether it lost or gained from the deals, an attorney general's office has concluded.

Assistant Attorney General Joseph Rubin said in a 23-page report that the state some of the guns traded away in five deals between 1977 and 1984 have been sold two or three times since they left the state museum's collection.

Also, bickering among members of the small community of gun dealers and appraisers will prevent a realistic appraisal of the state's situation as a result of the trades, Rubin said.

Car-train crash kills two

WINDSOR LOCKS — A Suffolk man and his wife were killed when their car stalled on some railroad tracks and was broadsided as the man tried to beat a train through a railroad crossing, authorities said.

Roman Karnesiewicz, 74, and his wife, Mary, 71, were killed Wednesday when their car stalled on tracks and was broadsided by a train.

Clifford Black, an Amtrak spokesman in Washington, D.C., said the accident occurred around 8:55 a.m. after Karnesiewicz maneuvered his car around the extended gates blocking the tracks.

No one on the train, en route from Springfield, Mass., to Washington, was injured.

Rest-break bill advances

HARTFORD — A bill requiring that employers give workers 15-minute rest breaks during every four-hour work period was narrowly approved by the state Senate.

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College Notes

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Jonathan M. Brody of 86 Tracy Drive and Margaret E. Caffrey of 23 Linnmore Drive, have been named to the dean's list at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Tracey A. Rich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Chico of Bolton, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y.

Honors at Biddeford

Renae Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Logan Jr. of Biddeford, Maine, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of New England, Biddeford, Maine.

Makes high honors

Rebecca K. Whitehill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Whitehill of Columbia, Mo., and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Little of Manchester, has achieved the dean's list with high honors at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.

Three scholarships

Three area students are among 64 outstanding pharmacy students at the University of Connecticut who have been awarded scholarships.

Cornerstone

Named to the Cornerstone Christian School honor roll were:

GRADE 4 High Honors — Fredrickson, Amy Sauer, Charlene Scholmsberg, Nathan Adams, Eric Eagle, Katie Field, Amanda Landry, Jennifer McAuliffe, Matthew Peckerman.

GRADE 5 High Honors — Tim Bernabo, Ben Byrom, Nathan Currin, Jennifer Klapp, Jennifer Lee, Jennifer D'Apollonio, Kim Henin.

Young Astronauts honored at school

Twenty-three members of the St. Bridget School Young Astronauts Club were honored today at an assembly.

Tim Gagnon of Manchester, who heads the state's Young Astronauts program, presented the students with medallions for their participation in the balloon launch held at Wickham Park on Jan. 28, which commemorated the second anniversary of the explosion of the Challenger space shuttle.

Manchester Memorial Hospital Senior Citizen Meal Program

Effective Monday evening, March 7, the hours of the Manchester Memorial Hospital Senior Citizen Meal Program will be limited to 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., seven days a week.

Meals purchased by senior citizens past 5:30 p.m. will be subject to the \$2.00 surcharge.

The Hospital hopes to still be able to meet the needs of area senior citizens, yet be able to serve our own staff as well. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Connecticut in Brief

Debate not all that certain

WESTPORT — A local party official acknowledged he erred in announcing that all six Democratic presidential candidates had agreed to debate in Westport five days before the Connecticut primary.

Edward Gaetz, a member of the Westport Democratic Town Committee, said Wednesday he was wrong Tuesday when he announced plans for a 1 1/2-hour debate on March 24.

Gaetz's acknowledgement followed remarks by the Democratic town chairman and a producer at Connecticut Public Television, which would televise the debate, that it was unlikely all candidates would participate even if a debate were organized.

Town Chairman Michael Lubell said no commitments are expected until after the Super Tuesday primaries and caucuses in 20 states and Samoa on March 8.

Perry pays campaign fine

HARTFORD — Hartford Mayor Carrie Saxon Perry has paid a \$3,000 fine on behalf of her campaign committee's treasurer who was accused of accepting and failing to report illegal campaign contributions.

The fine was levied Wednesday by the state Elections Enforcement Commission against Irene N. Cohen of East Hartford.

"The commission found that Cohen had been 'grossly negligent' and shown 'reckless disregard' for the law," the commission said.

Following a four-month investigation into contributions to Perry's successful campaign last fall, the commission found Cohen failed to disclose 27 contributions totaling \$7,650 and only partially disclosed another \$2,875 in contributions.

Guns cannot be recovered

HARTFORD — The state cannot recover the more than 300 guns traded illegally from its renewed Col collection and will probably never know whether it lost or gained from the deals, an attorney general's office has concluded.

Assistant Attorney General Joseph Rubin said in a 23-page report that the state some of the guns traded away in five deals between 1977 and 1984 have been sold two or three times since they left the state museum's collection.

Also, bickering among members of the small community of gun dealers and appraisers will prevent a realistic appraisal of the state's situation as a result of the trades, Rubin said.

Car-train crash kills two

WINDSOR LOCKS — A Suffolk man and his wife were killed when their car stalled on some railroad tracks and was broadsided as the man tried to beat a train through a railroad crossing, authorities said.

Roman Karnesiewicz, 74, and his wife, Mary, 71, were killed Wednesday when their car stalled on tracks and was broadsided by a train.

Clifford Black, an Amtrak spokesman in Washington, D.C., said the accident occurred around 8:55 a.m. after Karnesiewicz maneuvered his car around the extended gates blocking the tracks.

No one on the train, en route from Springfield, Mass., to Washington, was injured.

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Jury convicts Libertarian

HARTFORD — A federal jury convicted Libertarian James A. Lewis of failing to file income tax returns.

After a three-day trial concluding Wednesday, the 12-member jury deliberated for two hours before returning its verdict on three counts of failing to file income tax returns in 1981, 1982 and 1983.

Lewis, of Old Saybrook, who acted as his own attorney, admitted failing to file federal returns since 1979. He has said federal income tax, as it is now imposed, is illegal.

Lewis faces up to three years in prison and \$60,000 fine when he is sentenced April 6.

Teacher discipline probed

STRATFORD — School officials are investigating allegations that a second-grade teacher uses some unusual disciplinary measures that include forcing talkative children to tape their mouths shut and binding children's hands with elastic bands.

The parents of a student in teacher Luningburg Revuelta's class at the Center Elementary School said in a letter sent to officials that the teacher admitted to them in a meeting that she uses such measures to punish her charges.

Revuelta and school administration officials declined earlier this week to comment about the parents' complaint.

Board of Education Chairman Leonard Petrucelli would only say the administration is investigating the allegations.

Leaders push for coliseum

NEW HAVEN — An organization representing 15 New Haven area communities is pushing for a state-funded, 12,000-seat arena to replace the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

The South Central Regional Council of Governments will urge the General Assembly to earmark state money to build a new coliseum on a centrally located site at an estimated cost of \$35 million.

The vote came after Mayor Blagis DiLieto and his development administrator, William Ginsburg, told the council last week that Haven is out of the question because of structural decay and obsolete design.

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OPINION

Complicated procedures for spending

The town of Bolton has embarked on an effort to rewrite its town charter and indications at a Feb. 17 meeting were that some changes in procedures are called for.

At that hearing, Pamela Z. Sawyer, speaking for the Board of Education, outlined the present procedures for getting approval of money to finance maintenance and repairs to school properties that cost more than \$10,000.

That process certainly seems to be unnecessarily complicated and time-consuming. It involves action by the Board of Selectmen at two different points, a decision by the Public Building Commission and a decision by Board of Finance.

Sawyer said the average amount of time it takes is about a year. A leaky school roof can get a lot leakier in a year.

Sawyer recommended that the threshold for triggering the process that brings the Board of Selectmen and the Public Building Commission into the picture be raised to \$50,000.

Her solution may not be the best one. The committees studying charter revision may decide on far-reaching changes in the form of government that will automatically resolve the problem Sawyer complained about and others like it.

The least that should be accomplished by charter revision is some streamlining of procedures. That many checks on a public expense for maintenance and repairs are unnecessary and counterproductive.

Simpler and better solution for meals

Manchester Memorial Hospital has found what promises to be a happy solution to the public relations problem it created for itself because it serves good, inexpensive meals to senior citizens.

Because so many seniors have their evening meal in the cafeteria, it had become difficult to serve all of them and still serve hospital employees quickly so that they could get back on duty in time.

When the hospital found itself with the problem, it made a bad move. It stopped publishing menus in the hope that fewer people would be attracted. That just caused confusion.

In this column, the Manchester Herald suggested another solution, limiting the meals to those in the most economic need, a step that would be complicated and one that would put the hospital in an uncomfortable position.

The hospital has come up with something better and much simpler. It has cut to one hour the time span in which it serves dinners to senior citizens without imposing a surcharge. That move should help regulate the traffic flow in the cafeteria without imposing a burden on anyone.

Hops, skips and jumps through politics

As the candidates move into the heavy primary period, one has to look at the frail-shouldered, delicately thin Mike Dukakis in his J. Press suit and wonder if the man turns sideways will disappear from sight. If he does, that leaves us in the Democratic political hemisphere with Missouri's Richard Gephardt and Tennessee's Albert Gore.

Both men are being accused of the same thing: campaigning on themes which are contradicted by their voting records in Congress. Gephardt is supposed to have been a conservative-minded man who saw a more liberal light when he set out in pursuit of the nomination, while exactly the reverse is supposed to be true of Gore. Both of them are suspected of depicting themselves as other than what they truly are. Gephardt has been teased, for example, with casting off the business suits which have been part of his Washington personality for years in favor of parkas and adjustable, peaked tractor hats.

BUT SOME PEOPLE go into politics, at least in part, because they sense a whited-out undefined spot in themselves. By venturing out among strangers they are given the personal definition they lack. As time and events change, that definition changes, but because it is something supplied from the outside it's not particularly bothersome for some politicians to switch around and become someone new. In other words, both old Gephardt and the new Gephardt can be "sincere" people. Too many personalities, too frequently assumed. Is either pathological or hypocritical, in either case it is usually detected and rejected by the political public.

Of course Gore and Gephardt are being accused



'YOU KNOW, SIR, THERE'S A PENALTY FOR EARLY WITHDRAWAL'

Open Forum

Arabs in Israel have better life

To the Editor:

Nicholas Von Hoffman's syndicated column in Friday's edition (Military democracy in the Middle East) causes me to wonder if he has ever visited Israel or even if he has read any recent history. Having visited and toured Israel five times in the past 15 years, I feel compelled to remind him that the United Nations' offer to partition Palestine in 1948 was accepted by the fledgling Jewish state but was rejected by the surrounding Arab nations. When in May 1948, independence of Israel was declared and the state was established, five Arab nations attacked Israel. They were defeated, a fact which they have never acknowledged. During the following 19 years, Jordan "occupied" the West Bank, where they proceeded to deface and destroy all Jewish installations, even using the grave markers on the Mount of Olives to pave roads and to build latrines. No Palestinian in the so-called occupied territory was offered Jordanian citizenship.

In 1967, the Arab nations were again prepared to destroy Israel, following the lead of Egypt's Nasser and Syria's Assad. Again they were defeated. The West Bank was liberated from Jordan by Israel, which has since that time rebuilt, refurbished, and beautified the land. Gazans under Egyptian occupation were never offered Egyptian citizenship. And when Israel started to build suitable housing for the "refugees," the PLO prevented them from occupying those houses, and they remained in their cramped quarters.

The Camp David Accords provided for negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. Who never, a moderate Palestinian agreed to negotiate, he was murdered—yes, murdered!—by the PLO. It is not Israel which avoids negotiation. I have seen Arabs working in

Does it add up on paper?

Walk down the hallways of a nursing unit at Manchester Memorial Hospital and watch us in action. I don't know many other ways to gain the support of the community and also that of the hospital. Please, we need to keep our nurses working here at Manchester Memorial and also to gain what we have already lost.

Linda Lemire
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Time for Reagan to do something

To the Editor:

Mr. Reagan, how can you say that our country has never lived so well since you've been in office that last seven years, almost eight? Well, I never seen so much of these things done since you have been in.

I have never seen so much murder, men sent to prison, our prisons so overlooked we have no room to put anyone in. Still so many drugs being brought into the U.S. from Mexico and other countries. So many more being homeless. So many people being out of work.

Why are the post offices closing? People who work can't get their packages because of short hours. Why are there so many suicides? So many of our men being taken hostages, the latest Lt. Col. Higgins. You said when you offered the money to send to Iran you would help get our hostages out, but I haven't seen one freed. Why don't you do something about these things?

I feel sorry for the next president. He will have a terrible job to get this country back to being a real United States again.

Mary Jarvis
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Nicholas Von Hoffman

of switching stands on "the issues." Doubtless they have jiggled around on one subject or another, but in an American election the smallest differences in position between most candidates are grossly, even grotesquely exaggerated. When the historians look at this primary campaign, they will see a considerable degree of homogeneity among the contending candidates. Even Jesse Jackson, who is supposed to be the most different, is quite a mainstream fellow who could serve in a Cabinet under a President Gephardt or a President Gore.

Whatever a man's record may have been in the years before he became a presidential possibility, if the times are right for it, he may make some amazing hops, skips and jumps from old positions to new ones. The most dramatic example in our century is the career of Woodrow Wilson, who ended up as a political figure utterly disconnected to his origins.

IN MODERN TERMS, the young Wilson was a conservative southern Democrat. He was far from taxes, low public expenditures, and a weak general government in Washington. He was hostile to William Jennings Bryan and the anti-Wall Street wing of his party, which was pushing for economic

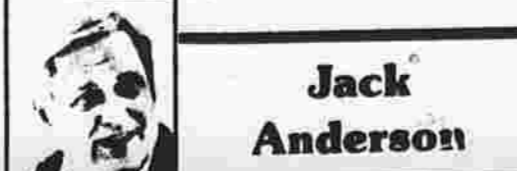
protection for the masses of farmers and factory workers.

Brilliant man that he was, he had shown little sympathy for the good-government reform movement which was dominating state and local politics in the early years of the century. It was Woodrow Wilson, as movingly articulate conservative president of Princeton University, who was backed by conservative businessmen in his run for the New Jersey governorship in 1910.

But the political dynamic of the time, as exemplified by Republican Theodore Roosevelt, was for a strong and active federal government. There were trusts to be busted, labor legislation to be passed, a world to be improved, not by laissez-faire, but by interventionism. Both parties were infected by these ideas, as both parties in the last 10 years have been infatuated with deregulation and free marketism.

IF WOODROW WILSON was going to be someone other than a forgettable governor of a mid-sized, mid-Atlantic state and become a national figure, a presidential possibility, he would have to kiss goodbye the principles of political economy he had espoused as a teacher and a public figure for a lifetime. Well, Wilson did it.

He became the foremost expositor of New Nationalism, the eloquent spokesman for change, reform and the assertion of centralized federal power to attack a host of questions which had never before been considered the proper concern of Washington. Did Wilson believe in his new principles any less than he did in his old ones? Probably not. Was he sincere? Probably yes, so, as the preacher says, he not overly disturbed at the flips and the flops of the man looking out at you on the TV screen.



Jack Anderson

Border open to drugs as patrol moved

WASHINGTON — While Cuban inmates held prison guards and the nation's attention hostage last November, drug smugglers took advantage of a convenient distraction, courtesy of Attorney General Edwin Meese.

Some 300 officers of the U.S. Border Patrol, who usually guard the Mexican border, were pulled from their posts by Meese to bolster security at the federal prison facilities in Oakdale, La., and Atlanta, in the wake of the riots.

Relocating the troops for 10 days "virtually left the border wide open," said Rep. Glenn English, D-Okla., at a recent congressional hearing. Unpublished testimony was attended only by English, his staffer and a few witnesses.

Asked if drug traffickers knew about the weakened border patrol, Alan Ellison, a senior U.S.-Mexican border official, replied, "I have no doubt whatsoever that the smugglers knew that we had a depleted border force."

There is no handy statistic to pinpoint the extra trunks of cocaine and marijuana that may have slipped across the border unnoticed during the prison riots. But the lapse in security may just be the latest struggle in the Reagan administration's war on drugs — a war with a record of wins that makes it the domestic equivalent of Vietnam.

The hearing, held by the Subcommittee on Government Information, Justice and Agriculture, revealed that drug dealers were more aware of the weakened border surveillance than was the official in charge of it, Frank Keating, the assistant secretary of the Treasury for enforcement.

Keating conceded he was the "acting chairman (of a task force) of all enforcement agencies," but he admitted he was not notified of Meese's decision to shift some of the border forces to the prisons. Keating said he was in no position to question the wisdom of the attorney general.

English bristled at that. "The point is ... war has been declared, supposedly a war on drugs, and I think that this raises questions about the seriousness of the effort."

In August 1986, Meese and Vice President George Bush announced the advent of Operation Alliance, a drug-enforcement network assembled to curb the rampant smuggling of drugs across the 2,000 miles of U.S.-Mexican border. The operation has been heralded by the administration as one of the cornerstones of its drug-enforcement effort. But the subcommittee, chaired by Rep. English, asserts that Operation Alliance has not lived up to its billing.

The name of the program has become a misnomer. Designed to increase cooperation between U.S. and Mexican authorities, it faltered after a Drug Enforcement Administration agent was killed and another tortured in Mexico.

The administration's claims of success do not stand up against a recent General Accounting Office investigation, which showed that the number of cocaine seizures along the border was down by more than 50 percent in the first year of Operation Alliance.

But what bothered Rep. English and his investigators was the lack of priority placed on the program. The border patrol was sacrificed when manpower was needed elsewhere.

Our associate Jim Lynch has learned that the officers who left the border for the prisons were members of little-known SWAT team called BORTAC — Border Patrol Tactical Unit. They stood on the outskirts of the prisons waiting for a command to storm the facilities. That command never came.

A spokesman for Meese said the attorney general decided that the prison riots were "a high-priority occurrence" and that Meese was aware of the impact on the border patrols.

The newly appointed coordinator of Operation Alliance, which is headquartered in El Paso, Texas, Jerry Padalino, told our reporter he never intended to leave the border as vulnerable as it was in late November. "We'll make sure it's covered in case of an emergency need for men," he said.

Primary blitz

The presidential nominating process may be all but over by mid-March. A record number of state primaries will be held on Super Tuesday, March 8. That makes it the closest thing the United States has ever had to a nationwide primary election. That contrasts with 1972, when only two primaries were held before mid-March. Most of the Super Tuesday states are in the South. It is understandable that California, because of its large population, may feel a bit disenfranchised when its primary rolls around on June 7. By then, it may be all over but the conventions.

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U.S./World in Brief

Officials share the blame

WASHINGTON — A secret presidential report on the sex-for-secrets spy scandal at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow says the American ambassador, his staff, and State Department officials in Washington must share the blame along with the Marines.

The report describes a "seedy, disgraceful" embassy marked by confused policies, lax supervision and "gross neglect" of counterintelligence efforts.

President Reagan ordered the study last spring after sensational reports that Marines sold secrets for sex and allowed Soviet agents into the building. The State Department has refused to release the report to the public.

Treaty verification costly

WASHINGTON — The U.S.-Soviet treaty eliminating medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe will cost hundreds of millions of dollars to verify and an additional investment of billions more for non-nuclear weapons, the nation's top civilian and military defense officials warn.

The Pentagon is seeking \$198 million this year and another \$148 million in fiscal 1989 to ensure verification against Soviet cheating, according to Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci.

That money will go for a variety of costs, including the on-site inspections which are a key feature of the strictest verification standards in the history of nuclear arms control.

President takes office

SEOUL, South Korea — Protesters today hurled rocks and firebombs at riot police, while President Roh Tae-woo promised during his inauguration to end decades of authoritarian rule and bring full democracy to the country.

About 2,000 radical students and dissidents shouting "Down with Roh Tae-woo" and "Murder" battled police in the center of Seoul for a second day to protest the inauguration. Police with riot shields charged the protesters.

Lawyers hail Falwell ruling

NEW YORK — A U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning a \$200,000 award won by the Rev. Jerry Falwell against Hustler magazine has dashed a legal argument that could have stifled political satire, constitutional lawyers say.

The unanimous decision Wednesday held that even pornographic parodies about public figures are protected by the First Amendment as long as the satire could not be reasonably interpreted as factual.

Rescuers under attack

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Gunmen today hurled a grenade at Shiite Muslim militia men searching for a kidnapped U.S. Marine and militia men shot and seriously wounded a member of the U.N. peacekeeping force, officials said.

The grenade attack on an Amal militia checkpoint in south Lebanon injured two civilians and six militia men, said a spokesman, who did not give his name in accordance with police regulations.

He said two gunmen threw the grenade from a speeding car at a checkpoint near the village of Dweir, where militia men were searching cars for Lt. Col. William R. Higgins.

Shultz faces a difficult task in selling peace proposals

JERUSALEM (AP) — The leaders of Israel's divided coalition government today argued over how to respond to new U.S. peace proposals that will be presented during a visit by Secretary of State George P. Shultz.

In another development, Shultz today said that Israel's longtime occupation — its blame for the violent unrest now occurring in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Its fundamental origins are essentially indigenous," Shultz said of the violence.

He spoke to reporters traveling with him during a returning stop in Shannon, Ireland. Shultz was to arrive in Jerusalem later today for five days of shuttle diplomacy in the Middle East.

Shultz appeared to disagree with remarks President Reagan made at a news conference in Washington Wednesday night.

Reagan said some of the violence in the occupied lands was inspired from outside. The president cited intelligence reports but gave no details.

Shultz said the intelligence showed "a mixed picture" with "interaction with outside forces."

But, he added, "There is an underlying problem consisting of a large number of people in occupation who haven't had the basic rights of governance. So we seek among other things consistent with Israel's security, to look at things that will help Palestinians gain legitimate rights."

Shultz faces a difficult task in selling his proposals because Palestinians have refused to meet with him and Israelis are split over how to make peace with the Arabs.

U.S. officials and Palestinians say there is little chance Shultz will meet with Palestinian moderates in Jerusalem because of a ban imposed by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Shultz also will have a deal with the newly formed separating conservative Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his liberal political rival, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

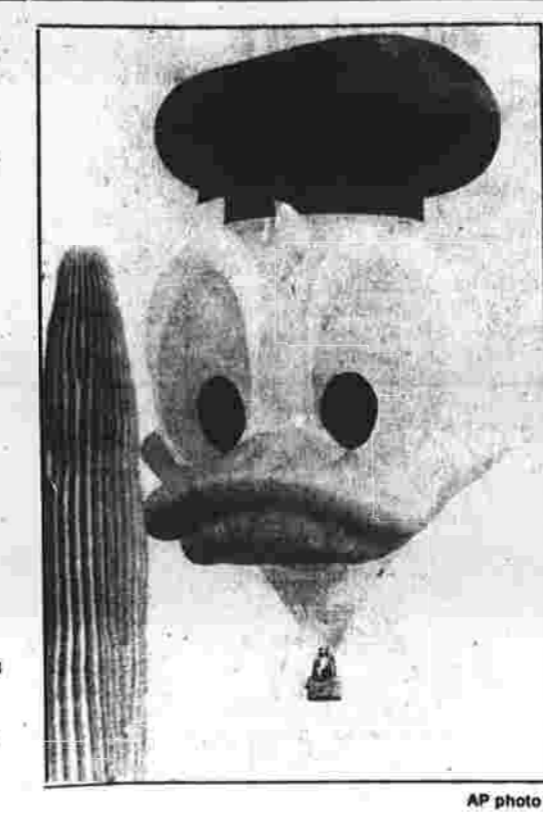
Speaking today on Israel's armed forces radio, Shamir said he would not meet with Shultz in the occupied lands until negotiations.

"Certainly what's happening in the West Bank and Gaza doesn't create the atmosphere for serious political discussions since our prime attention must be on these efforts but on easing the situation and returning the area to a normal life," he said.

Shamir restated his opposition to an international conference to discuss peace and rejected the land-for-peace formula proposed by Shultz as a basis for talks.

In an interview today with Israel Radio, Peres indirectly attacked Shamir, accusing the Likud Bloc leader of inaction and stressing the need for Arab-Israeli negotiations as a way out of the dilemma in the occupied lands.

Palestinian notables said they would obey PLO orders and not meet with Shultz in Jerusalem.



AP photo

OUCH! — A giant Donald Duck hot-air balloon prepares to land after a flight through Arizona's Paradise Valley Wednesday.

The balloon, skippered by Mark Johnson of Tampa, Fla., is on an eight-week promotional tour for Walt Disney World.

Fillbuster nears an end

WASHINGTON — A talk-weary Senate dined toward the end of a round-the-clock filibuster today that left majority Democrats stymied in their attempts to pass a campaign finance bill over Republican opposition.

Senate leaders agreed to put a lid on the sometimes bitter, nonstop talkathon at 5 p.m. today, about 51 hours after it began, and allow a night's sleep before a vote Friday morning on whether to shut off debate.

The agreement, announced late Wednesday by Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., and Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo., the acting minority leader, came as Democrats virtually conceded failure in efforts to negotiate a compromise with Republican foes.

Crackdown sends message

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The government's crackdown on militant black political groups is intended to reassure ultraconservative whites and convince blacks that tough opposition tactics will not work.

The government on Wednesday banned political activity by 18 opposition groups, including South Africa's largest anti-apartheid organization and its biggest union federation. It was the most sweeping crackdown in a decade.

Organizations affected by the ban have been unwavering in their rejection of President P. W. Botha's efforts to install cooperative black local officials and to draw moderate blacks into a power-sharing negotiations aimed at preserving white political power.

Demonstrations heat up before Shultz arrives

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian protester in the West Bank today, Arab and hospital officials said, as demonstrations heated up before the arrival of Secretary of State George Shultz.

The army said it was checking the reported death. If confirmed, it would be the 64th Arab killed by Israeli gunfire since the current wave of unrest began Dec. 8.

The Arab-run Palestine Press Service identified the victim as Isam Said Abu Khalifeh, 18, and said he was killed during a March 8. That makes it the tenth fatality since the army shot in the head and chest. They said four other Arabs were wounded.

The Israel-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip were shut tight today, the second day of a general strike, marked by demonstrations and stone-throwing incidents in several areas.

Palestinians in the West Bank village of Qabatya, 60 miles north of Jerusalem, on Wednesday night lynched a fellow Arab, suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities. The man had opened fire on a crowd, killing a boy and wounding 15.

Most workers in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank stayed off the job today and most schools were closed.

Bennett's fifth report card gives schools failing grades

By Christopher Conell
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Education William J. Bennett said today that college entrance test scores "are in a dead stall" and the public is still not getting its money's worth from the schools.

"In saying that I am disappointed, I think I speak for the American people," said Bennett in his annual report card on the states.

Bennett was delivering that verdict at a news conference where he was also releasing two wall charts that show the percentage of high school graduates who took Advanced Placement exams.

The ACT is graded on a scale of 1-36 and the SAT on a scale of 400-1,600.

Bennett said the graduation rate from public high schools slipped from 71.7 percent in 1985

to 71.5 percent in 1986. No figure was available for private schools. "All of this is not particularly good news," said Bennett, who recently began his fourth year as secretary of education. But he did find some encouraging signs.

"Last year a greater proportion of students took the ACT and SAT tests and the Advanced Placement exams than ever before," he said. That "means we are succeeding in keeping scores level despite a larger pool of test-takers."

The percentage of high school graduates taking Advanced Placement tests has doubled since 1982, from less than 5 percent to nearly 10 percent. Minority participation has grown by 78 percent since 1984, double the increase among whites.

Test results "show that poor, black and Hispanic children are performing better," said Bennett, although there is still a gap between minority and majority scores on the college entrance tests.

Bennett said that since 1976 black students' scores on the SAT have risen by 42 points to 728, while white students' scores fell eight points to 928.

Memos say Meese backed plan for secret payments to Israelis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Edwin Meese III supported a plan to make secret payments from the Pentagon to Israel to protect a \$1-billion Israeli pipeline project being promoted by his longtime friend E. Robert Wallach, according to memos outlined in a published report today.

The Washington Post reported that it had obtained memos written by Wallach outlining the plan devised in late 1985 after other attempts to ensure the safety of the pipeline project had failed. The Wallach memos say that Meese supported the plan and that the late CIA Director William Casey endorsed it.

"The idea was it was to come out of the defense budget on an installment basis," the Post quoted one informed source as saying. "It was, effectively, to be a payment to the Israelis to be good" and not bomb or otherwise damage the Iraqi pipeline.

Former National Security Adviser William F. Clark characterized the plan as "a protection racket" when he was consulted

about it late in 1985, the Post said. On Clark's recommendation, newly installed National Security Adviser John Poindexter reportedly blocked the plan, the Post said.

Meese's involvement with the pipeline project is the subject of a criminal investigation by independent counsel James McKay.

Responding to the latest disclosures, one of Meese's lawyers rejected suggestions that the plan to ensure the pipeline's safety as "the capital DOD (Department of Defense) package" and said it "appears to be in place," according to the Post.

Wallach said in the telegram that the plan had been submitted that day by David Wigg, a staff aide at the National Security Council, to departing National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane.

Meese's lawyers have said that the attorney general had only a passive role in the plan, which consisted of referring Wallach and then-Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres to McFarlane.

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Health in Brief

Fat people aren't slob

BOSTON — People often grow overweight because their fuel efficient bodies are better at storing up fat than burning off calories, not because they are gluttonous slob, according to research published today.

The studies provide scientific backing for an obvious fact of life for many overweight people: They simply need less food than their svelter friends.

Overeating certainly may contribute to obesity, but the two reports in the New England Journal of Medicine demonstrate that people's metabolisms also play a crucial role.

In one of the studies, researchers found that fat babies — all of whom had overweight mothers — were already expending less energy than other infants when they were just 3 months old.

The other found that grownups with slow metabolisms put on weight much more quickly than do other people.

Doctors admit euthanasia

LOS ANGELES — Survey forms on which doctors admitted helping with mercy killings of terminally ill patients have been turned to protect the doctors from possible criminal prosecution, a "right-to-die" group said.

The survey responses, including 20 signed forms from doctors who said they had helped patients, were destroyed because of a "witch hunt" for a doctor who described a mercy killing in a medical journal, said Derek Humphry, executive director of the Hemlock Society.

"Some people have noticed evidence buried in the survey of what I would call compassionate crimes," Humphry said Tuesday. "We decided to deffleg the evidence before there is any official inquiry, and therefore not break any law. We would not want to get these kindly doctors into trouble."

The society, which promotes euthanasia, or mercy killing, last week released results of the survey showing 51 percent of California doctors responding would practice euthanasia where they considered it appropriate.

Cervical cap may get OK

WASHINGTON — The birth control device known as the cervical cap appears headed for regulatory approval after seven years of testing.

The device, already used by women in Great Britain and several other countries, received the green light Wednesday by the Food and Drug Administration's Obstetrics-Gynecology Devices Advisory Panel.

The unanimous recommendation was "on condition," but the FDA usually follows the advice of such panels of outside experts it maintains to help assess clinical studies.

The cervical cap is medically similar to the diaphragms already used by an estimated 3 million U.S. women, but it was not widely used in the United States in 1977 when Congress ordered FDA to strengthen its regulation of birth control and other medical devices.

New 'condom for women' could be an AIDS weapon

CHICAGO (AP) — A "condom for women" slated for U.S. testing next month could become a weapon against sexually transmitted diseases like AIDS, its developers say, but an independent researcher questioned its effectiveness.

The disposable contraceptive made of polyurethane resembles a condom but is worn by women, researchers said Wednesday in unveiling the device.

"It takes the advantages of both the male condom and the female diaphragm and gets rid of significant disadvantages," said Mary Ann Leeper, head of the research team developing the device for Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Co., which will market it in the United States and Canada.

However, Dr. Gerald Zatzuch, who has 25 years experience in researching and developing contraceptives, said the device has the potential for "real problems."

"I have not seen the device nor have there been any published studies that would indicate its acceptability to couples, the effectiveness of the device in preventing pregnancy or any side-effects from using the device," said Zatzuch, a gynecologist and obstetrics professor at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago.

The device, known in Europe as a "fem-shield" or vaginal shield, isn't sold anywhere yet, but testing has begun in Europe and is to start in the United States.

It also would be more convenient than a diaphragm because it doesn't have to be initially fitted by a doctor and can be inserted "six hours before the sex act or six minutes before," Ms. Leeper said.

AIDS in screened blood is 'remote but real risk'

BOSTON (AP) — People who receive transfusions face a one in 40,000 chance of receiving AIDS-infected blood despite screening intended to keep the blood supply clean, according to a federal study published today.

The researchers emphasize that despite this "remote but real risk," people who need transfusions should not be deterred from receiving them.

"The blood supply is relatively safe, dramatically safer than it was before we had any screening," said the chief author of the report, Dr. John W. Ward of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

According to the estimate, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, up to 460 Americans may get AIDS infections each year from transfusions of tainted blood that slip through blood bank screening programs. By comparison, 7,200 people are thought to have gotten the virus from transfusions in 1984, the year before screening began.

The screening tests check blood for antibodies that the body makes in an unsuccessful effort to fight off the AIDS virus. However, in the first few weeks after an AIDS infection, antibody levels are very low or absent. As a result, blood given during this period appears to be safe, even though it contains HIV, the AIDS virus.

The CDC researchers believe that most infection that gets through the screening program is donated during recent infections before antibodies have developed.

"The report doesn't surprise me at all. It's just what people predicted would happen," said Dr. Margaret Kruskal, director of the blood bank at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital.

In an accompanying editorial in the journal, Dr. Thomas P. Zuck of the University of Cincinnati Medical Center wrote, "Although continued vigilance over the safety of the blood supply is essential, the risk of HIV transmission by transfusion should be kept in perspective."

He noted that the odds of dying from influenza are one in 5,000, while the risk of dying during a legal abortion after the 14th week of pregnancy is one in 5,000. The annual risk of dying in a car accident is one in 5,000.

The CDC report described the cases of seven AIDS-infected donors whose blood was not spotted by the standard AIDS screening tests, which checks blood for AIDS antibodies.

The Quiz

A Newspaper in Education Program Sponsored by The Manchester Herald

Worldscope (10 points for each question answered correctly)

1. In what will probably be their last meeting, President Reagan and Mexican President... recently got together to discuss trade, foreign debt, illegal drug trafficking, and other issues of concern to both nations.

2. An explosion in Cyprus recently crippled a ferry that was expected to carry (CHOOSE ONE: PLO officials, Palestinian deportees) on a symbolic voyage to Israel.

3. Records of a 1715 solar eclipse recently settled a scientific controversy by proving that the sun (CHOOSE ONE: has not been shrinking, helped caused a major cooling trend in those years).

4. Leaders of the 12-member European Economic Community recently negotiated an agreement that will (CHOOSE ONE: ease, halt) the transition to a barrier-free market by 1992.

5. A commission of historians recently concluded that Austria's President Kurt Waldheim (CHOOSE ONE: knew about, committed) atrocities during World War II.

6. The father-son team of (CHOOSE ONE: Bobby and Davey Allison, Richard and Kyle Petty) finished first and second at the prestigious Daytona 500 recently.

7. Pittsburgh Penguins star... is on the verge of ending Wayne Gretzky's 7-year hold on the NHL scoring title. With 25 games remaining, he held a 17-point lead over Gretzky.

8. The nation's largest broad-line maker of bearings, employs more than 12,000 people on five continents.

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BUSINESS

Bearings, ceramics combined

HARTFORD (AP) — The first venture to make high-speed ceramic bearings in the United States has been established by the Torrington Co. of Hartford and Norton Co. of Worcester, Mass., the companies announced.

The multi-million dollar venture, announced Wednesday, will combine the bearings manufacturing and marketing experience of Torrington Co. and the ceramics expertise of Norton, the companies said in a statement.

The partnership will design, develop, manufacture and market ceramic and hybrid ceramic bearings for the aerospace, defense, machine tool, hi-technology and automotive industries.

The venture is considering locating in northeastern Connecticut where initial employment by July will include about 25 technicians and professional staff.

The 50-50 partnership expects the burgeoning ceramic bearings market to reach sales of \$100 million by the beginning of the next century, the statement said.

Ceramic bearings are considered a major technological advancement over steel bearings because they will operate longer at higher speeds and higher temperatures with less lubrication.

In particular, their ability to withstand temperatures of 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit meets the specifications of gas turbine technology.

"The adoption of ceramics by a domestic bearing manufacturer is a revolutionary development," said Steven Martin, vice president of Torrington's Fañir Bearings Division, Torrington is a subsidiary of Ingersoll-Rand Corp.

"Ceramic bearings have the potential to advance technological developments in a broad range of industries," Martin said. James G. Hannoosh, former director of new business development for Norton's advanced ceramics business unit, will be president of the new venture.

Norton is a manufacturer of abrasives, advanced ceramics, plastics and chemical products employing 15,000 people in 120 plants in the United States and 26 other countries.

Torrington, the nation's largest broad-line maker of bearings, employs more than 12,000 people on five continents.

In a speech before the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, O'Neill said that "allow us to broaden our reach to eligible businesses."

He said the hearing will likely be held the second week of March.



OLYMPIC DRUG RING — Analytical chemist Dean Rodt inspects a ring-shaped gas chromatography column at J&W Scientific in Folsom, Calif. The ring-shaped column is part of the high-tech analyzers being used at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary to detect forbidden drugs in athletes' samples at levels as low as 50 parts per billion.

O'Neill wants to streamline loan programs for business

By Judy Everhart The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Gov. William A. O'Neill wants to consolidate 13 state-sponsored business loan programs into two new ones he proposed in a speech Wednesday to the Connecticut Business and Industry Association.

An hour after he made the proposal in a speech Wednesday to the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, O'Neill said that "allow us to broaden our reach to eligible businesses."

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leader in opening capital markets to those who will be creating jobs.

Connecticut's unemployment rate is 3.1 percent.

"We are going to emphasize the need for economic innovation by financing more new businesses and by seeking to attract major job generators that we are in competition for with other states," O'Neill told the business leaders.

The two loan programs will offer about \$36 million to businesses, the amount now available under the 13 different programs.

The key was not the availability of more money, but overhauling and consolidating existing loan programs to better assist businesses, said Jon L. Sandberg, the governor's spokesman.

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Trust is the way to help grandson

QUESTION: I am 74, a widower, and I have a 10-year-old grandson. The boy is the apple of my wife's eye and, as I like him very much, I wish him to have something of his own when he is old enough to know what money is all about. Perhaps he can buy himself a good education.

However, I'm sure going to kick the bucket before he becomes an advanced student. I will soon receive a few hundred thousand dollars from the sale of property and wish to put it in a trust for my grandson 10 years down the road.

I can't bury the money by the third tree in the park and leave instructions for him to dig it up. I thought of a trust but the banks would gobble up most of it. I thought of certificates of deposit and other things. You are the expert. What is the best answer?

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Advertisement for Gala Art Exhibit & Auction at The Manchester Country Club on Friday, Feb. 26, 1988. It lists the location, time, and a list of items for sale.

Advertisement for Movietime video featuring a coupon for a free annual membership. It lists various video titles and rental options available at participating stores.

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Hostages impinging on campaign again

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deadline beyond which the boycotted country could not go without serious harm to itself.

And on Oct. 28, 1980, only a few days before the election, Reagan said in a debate with Carter in Cleveland that it was "high time that the civilized countries of the world made it plain that there is no room worldwide for terrorism. There will be no negotiation with terrorists of any kind."

When asked what specific ideas he had, however, Reagan said only that he did have some but did not want to inject them into the campaign for fear of endangering the hostages. He said there should be a congressional investigation after the hostages were released.

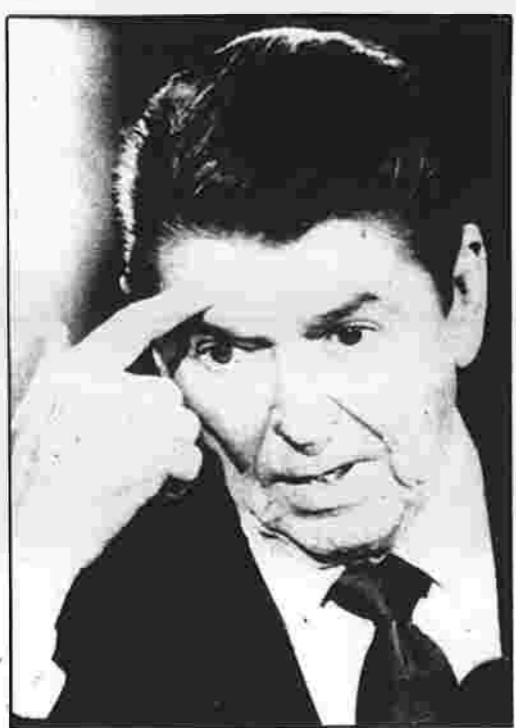
On the weekend before election day, after receiving Iranian proposals that he said appeared to "offer a positive basis" for a solution, Carter canceled campaign appearances and flew back to Washington. "We are within two days of an important national election," he said. "Let me assure you that my decisions on this crucial matter will not be affected by the calendar."

Earlier, however, Carter had aroused skepticism about his motives when he made an announcement regarding another abortive Iranian overture on the morning of his inauguration. Wisconsin primary battle against Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

In the end, the hostages were released on inauguration day in January, 1981, and Reagan, by agreement with Carter, made no mention of it in his inaugural address because the plane carrying them to freedom had not yet cleared Iranian air space.

Politics aside, Reagan's desire to get the hostages out of Lebanon, like Carter's dedication to freeing the hostages from Iran, is clearly an overriding concern.

In words that echoed many of his previous statements — and for that matter some of Carter's — the president said Wednesday night



AP photo
MAKING A POINT — President Reagan answers a question at Wednesday night's news conference in which he said the U.S. will never let up in efforts to win freedom for American hostages in Lebanon.

that "it's very frustrating to try and establish a location, knowing of course that you are governed by the fact that unwise action on our part could bring about harm to the hostages. But we've never let up, and we never will, in trying to obtain the freedom of all the hostages."

W. Dale Nelson covers the White House for The Associated Press.

After 6-hour escapade, cops find their suspect in a tree

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

A Vernon man was to face a variety of charges in Manchester Superior Court today after police said he led them on a six-hour chase Tuesday that ended with his capture in a pine tree at Center Springs Park.

Michael Wayne Robertson, 24, of 16 George Drive, was charged with walking in a roadway while intoxicated, two counts of escape from custody, interfering with a police officer, assault on a police officer and criminal impersonation for giving police a phony name, police said.

Robertson was arrested on a warrant for third-degree burglary and sixth-degree burglary, police said.

Vernon police also have outstanding warrants against Robertson, but would not disclose the charges until he formally charged, said Sgt. John Stodd of the Vernon Police Department. Stodd said he was unsure when Robertson would be charged.

The six-hour incident started when police found Robertson staggering in front of cars on Buckland Street, police said. When Sgt. John Marvin assisted to arrest him, Robertson ran away.

During the chase, Robertson ran into a wire from a utility pole and fell to the ground, police said. He fought Marvin, but was captured with the help of other officers dispatched to the scene, minutes earlier, a hospital doctor noticed Robertson in a nearby room.

Robertson left the hospital after being chased by a nurse and a security guard, police said.

Police chased Robertson to the park, by tracking his footprints in the snow, said Capt. Jack Hughes of the Manchester Fire Department.

"It was one of the most hilarious things," said Hughes. "He was 50 feet up in a tree in the park. He was going around barefoot. We finally stopped where the tracks ended, and firefighters talked Robertson down after talking to him for 45 minutes. Hughes said. Firefighters helped him down a 28-foot ladder propped against the tree, he said.

For the two-block ride back to the hospital, Robertson rode in the back of a fire department four-wheel drive pickup truck, Hughes said. He was handcuffed and under the guard of two firefighters and two policemen.

Symphony intends quick choice

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Francis Helfrick of Manchester, another board member and a past president of the board, said. "It came without any previous warning, but we have known in our minds that a person of his caliber would not be staying at a community orchestra for very long."

Michael Parsons, who was president of the symphony board when Phillips was hired, said today. "We had really hoped to get at least five years out of him, but we knew it was a risk when we hired him. He was a very, very capable conductor, a real find, and we knew that he might leave us at any time."

Parsons said Phillips had been a substitute conductor for the Hart-

ford Symphony during the past year.

Phillips was one of 18 applicants and was chosen as conductor in July 1986 after a yearlong search. During the 1985 season, Phillips and three other finalists each conducted a public performance. At the end of each of those concerts, questionnaire-ballots were distributed to the audience and musicians, who were asked to evaluate each conductor.

Although the symphony will now undertake another conductor search, it will not be as lengthy, Mass said.

"We are going to try not to take a whole year this time," she said. She said she hoped that within the next few months, applications from prospective conductors could be reviewed, so that candidates could be auditioned during rehearsal time. Both she and Helfrick said they hoped a new conductor could be named by June.

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Democrats will hear candidates' reps speak

Spokesmen for four of the Democratic candidates will speak to the Manchester Democratic Committee tonight in support of their candidates.

The committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the hearing room of Lincoln Center to hear the talks and to discuss the mechanics of March 29 presidential primary election.

Dorothy Brindamour and Theodore T. Cummings, both members of the Democratic Town Committee, have been named Manchester coordinators for the campaign of Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis. Dukakis is one of the four who

will be represented tonight. The other candidates are Richard A. Gebhardt, Albert Gore, and Paul Simon.

Theodore R. Cummings, Democratic Town Chairman and father of Theodore T. Cummings, has said he supports Gore's candidacy.

The younger Cummings and Brindamour were Manchester coordinators for the 1984 campaign of Gary Hart. Brindamour, who has been on the Democratic Town Committee for 18 years, is co-chairman with her husband, Theodore Brindamour, of the liberal Caucus of Connecticut Democrats.

Obituaries

Jeffrey T. Braman, accident victim

Jeffrey T. Braman, 21, of Hebron, died Wednesday as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Hebron. He was born in Manchester and lived in Hebron most of his life. He is survived by a son, Cory M. Braman; his mother, Bernadette Braman of Hebron; a maternal grandmother, Henrietta B. Bernais of Hebron; four brothers, Frank K. Morton IV of Hebron, Michael Morton of Columbia, Lloyd Braman of Hartford and Arnie Braman of Hebron; two sisters, Linda Hallisey of Hebron and Carol Rice of Storrs.

The funeral is Saturday at 9:15 a.m. from the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. in St. Maurice Church, Bolton. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery, Calling hours are Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to St. Maurice Church, Bolton.

John A. Bailey

John A. Bailey, 82, of East Hartford, husband of Lucille B. Bailey, died Wednesday. He was the father of John A. Bailey Jr. of Bolton.

Besides his son and wife, he is survived by a granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at South Congregational Church, Forbes Street, East Hartford, with the Rev. John J. Adams officiating. Private burial will be at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours but friends may meet with the family at the church following the memorial service. Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave., East Hartford, has charge of arrangements.

Michael J. McCarty

Michael J. McCarty, 40, of San Francisco, Calif., formerly of Manchester, died Sunday at Seton Medical Center in Daly City, Calif. He was born in Boston, Mass., Nov. 17, 1947, the son of Anne Patricia (Keane) McCarty of Oakland, Calif., and the late Felix McCarty.

He lived in Manchester for 15 years and was employed at the Watkins Furniture Store before moving out of state 10 years ago. He served in Vietnam as a member of the Army's Ninth Motor Transport Battalion, Third Marine Division, USMC, and was a former member of the VFW of Manchester.

Besides his mother, he is survived by a son, Sean Casey McCarty of Hubert, N.C.; three sisters, Marianne McCarty of San Francisco, Calif., Elinor Froemond of San Antonio, Texas, and Nancy McCarty of Moss Beach, Calif.; two brothers, Kevin McCarty of Newton and Peter McCarty of Manchester; an aunt, Elinor Durocher of East Hartford and several nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be held Saturday, March 5, at 11:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Hartford, with military honors. There are no calling hours. Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., has charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 120, Machinists Union, 357 Main St., East Hartford 06118.

Agnes Bilcauskas

Agnes (Silkine) Bilcauskas, 77, of Windsor, wife of the late Joseph C. Bilcauskas, died Wednesday at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Hartford. She was the sister of Madeline Sturgeon of Manchester and sister of her sister, she is survived by three other sisters, Alice Petroski of East Hartford, Amelia Drancoski of Stafford Springs and Mary Bicipurs of East Hartford. Her funeral is Saturday at 10 a.m. from the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. in St. Bernard's Church, Tariffville. Burial will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Tariffville. Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to St. Bernard's Church Building Fund.

Korina Itso

Korina (Tereanach) Itso, 78, widow of Silliano Itso, of Hartford, died Wednesday at Hartford Hospital. She was the mother of Savas Itso of Coventry.

Besides her son, she is survived by another son, Peter Itso of Hartford; two daughters, Anastasia Miller and Vasilia Pikos, both of Hartford; a sister, in Greece; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral and burial will be in Rhodes, Greece. Calling hours at the Giuliano-Sagarino Funeral Home, 247 Washington St., Hartford, are Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. There will be a Trisagion at the funeral home at 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

Harold Knickerbocker Sr.

Harold A. Knickerbocker Sr., 77, of Manchester, formerly of Glastonbury, died Tuesday at a local convalescent home. He was the husband of Alice (Dutton) Knickerbocker.

Born in Hampden, Mass., July 20, 1910, he lived in Glastonbury most of his life, moving to Manchester four months ago. Before retiring in 1969, he was a gage inspector at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, East Hartford, and had been employed there for 25 years. He was a member of the Columbia Lodge No. 25 of South Glastonbury.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Harold A. Knickerbocker Jr. of Manchester and Roger D. Knickerbocker of East Hartford; two brothers, Howard Knickerbocker of East Hartford and Raymond Knickerbocker of Glastonbury; two sisters, Hilda Finney of Hartford and Ada Arnold of Rockville; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. There are no calling hours. Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., has charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Columbia Lodge No. 25, Main Street, South Glastonbury and to the Book of Remembrance, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 41 Park St., Manchester 06040.

Martha H. Rockwell

Martha H. (Gibson) Rockwell, 94, formerly of Starkweather Street, died Wednesday at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of the late Ralph Rockwell.

Born in East Hartford, March 3, 1893, she lived in Manchester most of her life. She was a member of the Second Congregational Church.

She is survived by a sister, Celena A. Seranton of Manchester, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Wapping Cemetery in South Windsor. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 310 Collins St., Hartford 06105.

J. Cunningham and Kathleen M. Lepak, both of Coventry; 13 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral is Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Burial will be in East Cemetery. Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Windham Community Hospital Hospice Program or to the North Coventry Fire Department.

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In Memoriam

In loving memory of Virginia A. Anderson, who passed away February 25, 1988.

Though her smile is gone forever, And her hand we cannot touch, We will never lose sweet memories. Of one we loved so much.

Sadly missed by, Husband, Children, Grandchildren

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In loving memory of our Husband, Father and Grandpa Albert A. Borello, who passed away February 25, 1988.

The flowers we lay upon his grave, May wither and decay, But love for him who sleeps beneath, Will never fade away.

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Public works pact OK near

The town has reached a tentative agreement with the union representing the town's public works employees, Assistant Town Manager Steven R. Werbner said Wednesday.

The tentative agreement is with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 991.

Werbner would not say what the provisions of the tentative agreement were. He said union members are to vote on the agreement next week, and the town Board of Directors could act on it at its March 8 meeting.

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SPORTS

Steinbrenner steals show at the Olympics

By Steve Wlstein
The Associated Press

CALGARY, Alberta — Not many people could have upstaged figure skaters Debi Thomas and Katarina Witt, but there was one in the spotlight. George Steinbrenner, promising to rescue a battered U.S. Olympic team.

Thomas no sooner had scratched three precise circles and curlicues into the ice to take a slight edge over Witt in the compulsory figures Wednesday

than the New York Yankees owner fired away at "the bottom line" — the measly U.S. medal count.

He even stole the show from the Flying Finn, Matti Nykanen, who soared to his third gold with jumps more than three times the 120 feet Orville Wright first flew in a biplane at Kitty Hawk, N.C., in 1903.

Nykanen's flights of 378 feet and 376 feet on a windless, summery day led Finland to the team gold and gave him another



AP photo
WITT IN COMPULSORIES — Katarina Witt of East Germany goes through the compulsory figures which started the women's figure skating competition Wednesday in Calgary.

spot in Olympic history with a ski jumping sweep. He already was the first to win the 90- and 90-meter jumps in the same Games and the first to win the 90-meters in consecutive Olympics.

Yet, while the ladies skated and the men flew and a Swiss named Vreni Schneider "skied like the devil" to win the women's giant slalom, Steinbrenner held court far from the slopes and ice.

The swanky Yankee with the big bucks, whose motto has long been to win at any cost, even if the message do with help from her mother and other supporters and now is in striking distance of an Olympic victory.

Perhaps the best example of an amateur athlete-scholar in the Games, Thomas developed her skating while keeping up a grueling academic schedule. For years, her mother shuttled her to practice between classes and homework. This year, Thomas is on leave as a pre-med student at Stanford University.

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"I'm very satisfied," she said. "I'm in much better position than I was last year at Cincinnati."

"I can find no fault with the competitive spirit of the athletes," he said. "But are we doing all we can to develop and prepare our athletes?"

"We want to make sure our athletes have everything they need to pursue the goal of gold."

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AP photo
THOMAS AT WORK — Debi Thomas of the United States goes through her compulsory figures Wednesday at Father David Bauer Arena in Calgary. The 19-year-old Thomas is from San Jose, California.

In the 1987 World Championships in Cincinnati, Witt was fifth, 19, of Minnesota, Minn., who is much stronger in free skating than the figures. "When I first got in the car with my dad after the first figure, I thought I was going to cry... then I got myself together."

"I think I've just kind of proved I can consistently skate the figures."

Canada's Liz Manley was fourth and Jill Trenary, the 1987 American titleholder, was fifth. Trenary said she was "in much better position than I was last year at Cincinnati."

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Bird guides Celts past Blazers

By Bill Barnard
The Associated Press

The Portland Trail Blazers didn't have a weapon to stop Larry Bird, who was packing a 44 for the Boston Celtics.

"The Celtics played great, and Bird is unstoppable," Portland Coach Mike Schuler said after Boston's 113-112 victory Wednesday night. "I don't think you can stop Bird — I didn't have a gun."

The Trail Blazers led 100-88 with eight minutes left, but Bird scored 16 of his 44 points in the fourth quarter and led a 25-12 spurt down the stretch that carried the Celtics to victory.

"I just didn't seem to have any rhythm at the beginning, but I knew I would be able to score, because I was getting a lot of opportunities," said Bird, who led Portland with 36 points. "He hit all his shots in the final eight minutes."

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NBA Roundup

protested that govt meddling should have been called on Robert Parish, but the demand was denied by the Celtics.

The Celtics played without forward Kevin McHale, who was sidelined with a strained left knee. Rookie Brad Lohaus replaced him in the starting lineup.

Danny Ainge and Parish had 22 points apiece for the Celtics.

Pistons 107, Warriors 93

Detroit moved into first place in the Central Division, percentage points ahead of idle Atlanta, with Bill Laimbeer leading the Pistons with 23 points and 12 rebounds at Golden State.

Dennis Rodman had six points and Laimbeer led during a 12-0 run late in the first period that gave the Pistons a 29-16 lead, and the Warriors never got close again.

Mavs 93, Cavs 89

Dallas won its sixth straight game, holding Cleveland scoreless for the final 2:29.

The Cavaliers, playing without All-Star center Brad Daugherty because of his father's death, led 88-83 before their late scoring drought. Baskets by Brad Davis and Mark Aguirre and a free throw by Perkins cut the Cleveland lead to 88-88 with a minute to play.

Holando Blackman scored 26 points for Dallas, including his 10,000th career point. Mark West

Robinson out for year?

STORRS — University of Connecticut 6-foot-11 Junior forward Cliff Robinson may miss the rest of the season.

Robinson, the Huskies' leading scorer and rebounder, played only 13 minutes in Tuesday night's 64-56 loss to Boston College due to a possible stress fracture in his right foot.

"The doctors have poked at him. They've told him about Kevin McHale and Bill Walton (Celtics who had stress frac-

Bucks 97, Pacers 94

Jack Sikma was 9-for-9 from the free-throw line for 27 points, including a tiebreaking layup

Nuggets 123, Jazz 120

Denver snapped Utah's four-game winning streak as Blair Rasmussen and Alex English scored 35 points apiece and Lafayette Lever had a triple-double.

Lever had 15 points, 10 rebounds and 16 assists as the Nuggets ended a nine-game home winning streak for the Jazz, who were led by Karl Malone's 38 points and 17 rebounds and John Stockton's 24 points and 16 assists.

Spurs 123, 76ers 121

San Antonio handed Philadelphia its 16th consecutive road loss as rookie Greg Anderson scored the game-winning basket after an offensive rebound with 20 seconds left in overtime.

The Spurs tied the game 115-115 with 57 seconds left in regulation when Charles Barkley, who had 37 points and 21 rebounds for Philadelphia, was called for fouling on a layup by Alvin Robertson, who led San Antonio with 23 points.

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Offensive-minded Americans had no shot at medal

How can the Winter Olympic Games in Calgary go on without the U.S. hockey team? Better yet, how can ABC-TV survive the last few days without them?

Somewhat, some way, the Games will trudge on without the U.S. brigade. And ABC, which is trying to make the best of the \$30 million it paid for exclusive rights, with the incessant barrage of commercials, will carry on.

It will just have to make up some new heroes for Americans to adore.

Bonnie Blair, after her victory in the 500-meter speed skating event in world-record time, was the newest candidate.

The U.S. sextet was in the spotlight from the outset. ABC, in fact, had the International Hockey Committee change its format so three teams from each pool, not two, would advance to the medal round.

What was the problem? Simple. The U.S. contingent was the opposite of our Hartford Whalers. The Americans could put the puck in the net, but they couldn't keep it out, either.

"We played well and we played hard, but we



AP photo

Thoughts ApLenity

Len Austen
Sports Editor

didn't always play wisely." Coach Dave Peterson said in the wake of Sunday night's 4-1 loss to West Germany. "We're a good hockey team, but we're inexperienced in international play.

"Give me this team for four years and we'd win a gold medal."

That's his opinion.

You're not going to win too many times if you can't play defense. Peterson loaded his roster with offensive-minded defensemen like Brian Leach, who has signed an NHL contract with the New York Rangers and will be in their lineup immediately.

He also switched Scott Young, the Whalers' No. 1

pick out of Boston University, from left wing to defense. Neither, along with their youthful teammates, are defensive-minded.

Peterson could have done a better job selecting the team.

The second-guessing about America's hockey team could continue until the next Olympics.

"You write whatever you like," Peterson said. "We'll pick whoever we like."

With an attacking line that don't expect Peterson, who was anything but cordial, to be asked back as U.S. coach.

Showdown time

When Manchester High takes to the hardwood Friday night at the East Hartford High School gym, sole ownership of the Central Connecticut Conference East Division boys' basketball championship will be at stake.

The Indians, whose best previous finish in the CCC East was a tie for third in 1984-85, lead the Hornets by a game following Tuesday's turn of events. The Indians, by Coach Frank King's own words, were "horrible." Yet they pulled out a 54-45

win over South Windsor to put them at 12-1 in league play. East Hartford, meanwhile, was being upset by Windham in double overtime, falling one game back at 11-2.

The worst scenario for Manchester now is co-ownership of the crown. King and company want to avoid that.

The Hornets, led by 6-7 All-Stater Troy McKay, have the only victory of the year over Manchester (74-60, Jan. 22). Manchester fans will point out that 6-4 junior pivotman Paris Oates did not play the first game.

But remember: This will be East Hartford's home game, and like all of the better teams in the CCC East, the Hornets play better at home.

Manchester, fourth in the CCC East in 1986-87, hadn't won a league title in basketball since 1980-81 when it shared the CCLL crown. When the CCC East was formed in 1984-85, Manchester could not handle the likes of perennial power Hartford Public.

The Indians took care of that this year, sweeping the Owls.

They'll get their shot at sole possession of the league title Friday night.

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TV Topics

King saw role as 'impossible'

By Jerry Buck The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — You wouldn't think Perry King and Lauren Hutton would need a makeover to be "Perfect People"...

(Ken and Barbie?) as they work to regain their lost youth.

"Everything we do is possible," King said. "The plastic surgery, the hair transplants, the implants, the liposuction..."

about two New York City policemen killed in an ambush in 1972.

"We're not cops," said King. "We're half-brothers. Our mother has left us only one thing, an investigative newspaper..."

"When I read the script, I said this is great but it would be physically impossible for me to play this role..."

King called he was most excited about a pilot for ABC he will do with Dorian Harwood, with whom he has been friends since they did the TV movie "Foster and Laurie" in 1975.

TV Tonight

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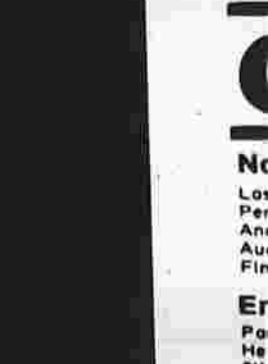
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CELEBRITY CIPHER

CELEBRITY CIPHER cryptograms are created from questions by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for today's date of birth.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "The secret of my success? I speak in a loud clear voice and try not to bump into the furniture." — Alfred Lunt.

UNSCRAMBLE THESE FOUR JUMBLES: one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NOUGY... SIGEE... LOYDOG... GLOONB...

WHAT DO YOU CALL A WET PUP?

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: A... (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PLUME MAUVE STURDY COUSIN... MUSIC TO HIS EARS

Astrograph

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try not to fall behind at this time when your work is concerned. Indifference will create problems now and also further down the line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It is still possible for you to achieve your objectives today, but the going could be tough.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Evaluate events realistically today. If you spend too much time on the past, you'll miss the future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) See to it that you have dealings with people who are not likely to perform too well under pressure today, so don't assign your most important jobs to them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are not likely to perform too well under pressure today, so don't assign your most important jobs to them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Stay away from a promoter today who tends to exaggerate the merits of his/her wares. The story this person tells may be fascinating, but the product isn't.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Stay away from a promoter today who tends to exaggerate the merits of his/her wares. The story this person tells may be fascinating, but the product isn't.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be your own person today, and don't let others decide what's best for you. Have the courage of your convictions and stand firm against the opposition.

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Names in the News

Playboy 'palimony'

LOS ANGELES — Hugh Hefner's former live-in girlfriend upped the ante in her "palimony" suit against the Playboy magazine publisher, saying she now wants \$35 million to prevent him from ruining other young lives.

Celebrity divorce lawyer Marvin Mitchelson filed an amended complaint Wednesday for Carrie Leigh adding fraud and deceit to her previous accusations that Hefner abandoned promises to support and father her child.

Hefner attorney Anthony Michael Glassman said the fraud and deceit claims were unfounded. He called the lawsuit revision a publicity stunt.

Leigh's suit now seeks \$20 million in punitive damages "to dissuade him from maintaining his long-enjoyed practice of seducing teen-age girls, supporting them for a few years and then discarding them."

The initial complaint filed Feb. 11 in Superior Court sought an estimated \$5 million-plus, but the amendment adds the punitive amount and says lost career earnings and benefits amount to \$15 million. Leigh, 24, claims she gave up a modeling career in 1983 to serve as a companion at the Playboy Mansion to Hefner, 61.

Mitchelson said the relationship ended with the arrival at the mansion of Jessica Hahn, whose sexual encounter with PTL minister Jim Bakker led to the evangelist's fall from grace.

Jazzman's foundation



Lionel Hampton

he said he has gotten the most pleasure from having the university's Lionel Hampton School of Music named after him, which he said is "like going to heaven."

Hampton started his career in the 1920s. When he joined Benny Goodman's quartet in 1936, he broke a color barrier that had kept black musicians out of American entertainment's front ranks.

Competing with Johnny

NEW YORK — "Wheel of Fortune" host Pat Sajak says that just because CBS is giving him a talk show opposite NBC's "Tonight Show" doesn't mean he's taking on Johnny Carson.

"If you're going to do a late-night show, that's a fact of life, that Mr. Carson is going to be there. We can't worry about that. We have to worry about doing the best show we can," Sajak said at a news conference Wednesday.

CBS Entertainment President Kim LeMasters confirmed plans for the show, which he said would be 90 minutes compared with Carson's hour and would debut next January.

Sajak will continue indefinitely as host of the nighttime version of "Wheel of Fortune," the nation's No. 1 syndicated show. His contract for the NBC daytime version of the show expires in December.

Wild Party campaign

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Rock singer Alice Cooper returned to his hometown for a weekend concert and mentioned that he also will be running for governor — on the Wild Party ticket.

More than 80 people already have entered the special May 17 election prompted by a recall petition campaign against impeached Gov. Evan Mecham. Cooper, who says he bought his first automobile from Mecham's Pontiac dealership in nearby Glendale, said he will join the throng seeking to unseat the conservative Republican.

"I'm definitely a write-in candidate," Cooper said Wednesday. "Hey, I'm a native. I'm a registered voter. I represent the Wild Party and I even have a campaign slogan: 'Alice Cooper — A troubled man for troubled times.'"

Cooper, 39, was born Vincent Furnier, a minister's son. He gained fame with outrageous makeup and such hits as "School's Out." His Phoenix concert Saturday night is scheduled to end the American leg of a year-long comeback tour.

Young scientists hitting the books 18 hours a week

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 40 finalists in a competition to select the top young scientists in the country say they spent an average of 18 hours a week studying and no hours watching television for entertainment.

The finalists in the 47th Science Talent Search, a prestigious national competition for high school seniors, said in a survey released Wednesday that they each read an average of about 40 books a year outside of school. Forty-five percent said they spent five hours a week reading newspapers and 47.5 percent said they watched five hours weekly of network and local television.

None, however, reported watching any television for entertainment.

But despite their scholarly dedication, two-thirds of the group still believe the high school years should include some extra-curricular activities such as dances and football games.

Only about 16 percent of the group thought football and proms could be dropped from high schools.

"The curriculum is far too often subordinated to social and sports events," said David A. Cooke, 17, the Midland Park, N.J., high school valedictorian. "Schools are designed to educate."

According to most studies, the 18 hours a week spent by students in the group is far above the national average. A 1980 federal study showed only 25 percent of U.S. high school students spent more than five hours a week on homework. And a recent American Council on Education survey of 250,000 college freshmen showed only 7.1 percent spent 16 or more hours a week in high school on homework.

The Science Talent Search finalists were selected from 1,339 entries in the 47th annual national competition funded by Westinghouse Electric Corp. The competition, open to high school seniors, involves science projects created, researched and assembled by the students. Five past winners have gone on to become Nobel Prize winners.

The finalists come from 17 states and are in Washington for final judging in the competition. Winners will be announced at a banquet Monday night when scholarships and cash prizes worth \$140,000 will be awarded. Top prize is a \$20,000 scholarship.



AP photo

NEVER TOO OLD — Three show business legends, from left, Milton Berle, Sid Caesar and Danny Thomas, ham it up during a news conference Tuesday at New York's Friars Club. The trio

announced their upcoming TV movie, "Side by Side," which will air on CBS March 6. The show is described as a comic tale of three men who refuse to be labeled as "too old."

Asian carpetbagger entangles Dixie

FLORA, Miss. (AP) — Travelers know they're in the South when: A) The Confederate flag is flying over the state capitol; B) There are more pickups than cars on the highway; C) A transplanted Asiatic vine entangles practically everything.

Unfortunately farmers, loggers, utilities and lovers of roadside scenery know the answer is C.

People all over the South know and curse kudzu (pronounced kuhd'-zoo). The transplanted vine once thought to be a savior

has acquired a status akin to a carpetbagger.

Planted heavily in Mississippi and other Southern states during the Depression to control erosion, kudzu's welcome soon wore out as it spread from the gullies it was planted in. It now covers an area the size of Belgium.

"There are mixed opinions about it," said James Wolfe, a plant materials specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service, an agency responsible for kudzu planting during the 1930's.

"A lot of people seem to fear it quite a bit. I don't think it's as bad as some people would say," Wolfe said last week. "It may not be beneficial, but it's got a lot of character about it as you travel down the highway and see it climbing all over trees."

Kudzu has spread as far as 25 miles on each side of the road where it was planted 40 years ago, covering trees, old houses and abandoned cars. The lumber industry, in particular, is not fond of the plant because it can kill trees by blocking out the light.

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The Thin Blue Line



David Kool/Manchester Herald

Officer Tom Passcantell answers a call from the Manchester police station while on his beat.



Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

Officer Regina Picard of the Manchester Police Department heads for her patrol car at the beginning of her shift.

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Pistol training is critical to officers' safety

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Manchester Herald

There isn't time for second-guessing when a Manchester police officer faces a criminal with a dangerous weapon.

So it's Lt. John Mott's job to make sure that each officer on the force, from the chief on down, knows how to protect himself with the semi-automatic pistol he's issued.

"There's nothing designed to save an officer's life except the pistol," Mott said in a recent interview.

A 17-year veteran of the force, Mott has been a firearms instructor for the department for 15 years. He became the firearms instruction coordinator last year.

Mott believes the need for proper training is more important now than ever before. Manchester is becoming a more urban community, and criminals are turning from cheap handguns to more sophisticated weapons, he said. The changing climate is one of the reasons the Manchester Police Department switched two years ago from the old six-shot .38-caliber revolver to the 14-shot 9-mm Smith & Wesson.

To make sure that they meet the minimum standards for marksmanship, all officers on the force are required to take a "qualifying" test three times a year at the department's shooting range on Line Street. Each officer does an hour-long shoot with the pistol in the winter and daylong shoots in the spring and fall with the pistol as well as the shotgun. In the pistol test, the officer



David Kool/Manchester Herald

LESSON FOR LIFE — Manchester police officer Craig Guglielmo fires his semiautomatic pistol from long range

during a qualification shoot this month at the department's shooting range on Line Street.

fires 60 rounds from behind a barricade, aiming alternately at one of two targets 50 yards away. Each shot counts five points. A perfect score is 300, and passing is 240.

To pass the shotgun test, an officer has to hit the target at the same 50-yard distance with four of five slugs. He or she also must

score at least a three on a five-point scale for handling the shotgun.

Mott said that the failure rate on any given shoot varies, depending on the weather and other conditions. In the end, however, every officer can meet the minimum scores with some additional training, he said.

To foster better marksmen, the department began awarding trophies last September to all officers who make a perfect score on the pistol test. Those officers are entered into the "Possible Club," so named because each member has achieved the highest possible score. Officers are also encouraged to

use the shooting range during their spare time, though usually only the younger officers take advantage of that benefit. Mott said.

Before last year, Manchester police trained at either the Glastonbury Police Department's range or at the state police shooting range in Simsbury.

Convenience was the main reason behind the department's decision to build its own range on Line Street, Mott said. He said officers in the Manchester Police Department cannot train with officers from other departments because the Manchester department is one of the few in the state that uses semiautomatic weapons.

Mott said instruction with revolvers cannot be carried out at the same time as training with semi-automatics because each type of weapon is handled in a different way.

The Smith & Wesson 659 now used by Manchester police is a much safer and more powerful weapon than the old revolver, Mott said. Besides carrying a larger number of rounds, the gun is less prone to jam and can be reloaded with a new magazine in about a second. The reloading time for revolver is at least six seconds.

Such features improve the chances of survival for officers who increasingly find themselves faced by criminals carrying sophisticated weapons.

"The old day of one bad guy with a Saturday Night Special (a cheap pistol) is gone," Mott said.

'Hot town' rating is a sign of police success

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Manchester Herald

It's not uncommon for an undercover detective on the Manchester Police Department to be turned down when he tries to make a drug purchase from a suspected dealer.

One of the answers the detectives frequently hear is, "This town is hot," a term that means it's not safe for a dealer to sell to an unknown buyer.

For Capt. Joseph H. Brooks, the commander of the police department's detective bureau, the fact that Manchester is considered a "hot" town is a sign of the success of the department's drug enforcement efforts.

"The best that we can hope for — and what we are hoping for — is that our efforts in the battle against drugs will be recognized by the people who live in this community and the people who deal in this community, and they will try to find some place that's less threatening in terms of potential arrest," Brooks said in a recent interview.

Brooks does not believe it's possible to estimate accurately the amount of drugs that passes through Manchester or any other place in the country. So the number of ounces of cocaine or marijuana seized in a given year cannot be taken as an indicator of success because there is no basis for comparison, he said.

Drug-related investigations are handled in Manchester by the Tri-Town Narcotics Task Force, a group of detectives and patrol officers from Manchester, Vernon and South Windsor.

One detective, a patrol officer and three supervisors are assigned to the task force from the Manchester Police Department, which administers the task force's operations. Two officers each are assigned full time from Vernon and South Windsor on a rotating basis. In December the task force

seized \$640,000 worth of narcotics in simultaneous busts in Ellington and Tolland.

"We have a very well-deserved reputation throughout the state for having a very aggressive drug unit," Brooks said.

He added that drug-enforcement efforts in Manchester are successful because of both the moral and financial support of the town administration and the elected officials.

The top priority of the task force is the arrest of suspected drug dealers, but the department also aims to make the use of illegal drugs in town as difficult as the sale. That's the reason behind the periodic busts outside local clubs and bars.

"We feel that there cannot be or should not be anywhere where a person should feel comfortable doing drugs," Brooks said.

Lt. Russell Holyfield, a Manchester police detective who is the head of the task force, said the busts achieve their purpose because they make people nervous about using drugs. He said they also are a way to get information about dealers.

Added Brooks, "I can't begin to tell you how many major cases we've made off a parking lot rip." Brooks is suspicious of statistics on drug trade and seizures. Federal officials say that drug use in the country is on the decline, but he doesn't believe that's true.

"I've got statistics that say that's impossible, unless they're feeding cocaine to the grass," Brooks said.

Brooks cited statistics from the federal Drug Enforcement Agency that show that the quantity of cocaine seized by federal authorities in New England increased from 30.9 kilograms in 1983 to 107 kilograms in 1987.

The task force estimates the value of cocaine seized based on a purity of 20 percent. Cocaine sold on the street usually ranges in

concentration from as high as 20 percent to as low as 13 percent.

In the first seven months of fiscal year 1987-88, the Tri-Town Narcotics Task Force seized \$87,422 of cocaine and \$671,760 of marijuana. During that time, 148 drug-related arrests were made. Holyfield said no statistics were available on drug-related arrests and seizures for Manchester alone. The figures apply to Manchester, South Windsor, Vernon and other towns in which the task force has worked.

Most of the marijuana was seized in the raid in December by the task force and state police on an Ellington business and a Tolland home. The street value of cocaine is about \$100 per gram and the value of marijuana and

hashish ranges from \$100 to \$125 per ounce, Holyfield said.

In the fiscal year 1986-87, the task force seized \$556,516 worth of cocaine, \$42,348 of marijuana, \$200 worth of painkiller Percocet, and \$270 of hashish. In the same period, 211 drug-related arrests were made and 49 search warrants were executed.

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Department responds to 40,000 calls a year

By J. Gordon Brown
Special to the Herald

The Manchester Police Department answers an average of 125 calls a day of routine and serious problems, according to Sandy Duffield, office manager of Department Records division.

Over the course of a year, that would be 40,000 calls, she added. A town with a population of 51,000 can keep its police department busy and the paper work stacked high.

The job of maintaining accurate records of those calls is the responsibility of Lt. Samuel Kotsch Jr., supervisor of the department's records division, a position he has held for four years.

Kotsch, 41, takes pride in what he calls the efficient record-keeping of his staff of eight.

"We attempt to keep records current for our own use, so we can be up to date on a situation or a call we're responding to," he said.

Kotsch said that the complexities of the judicial system also present a daily challenge of keeping track of court case transactions.

"Our job is becoming more difficult because of the cases we handle — juvenile ... youthful offenders ... traffic (cases). Each arrest is individual and presents a different problem," he said.

To meet the demands of the increasing volume of case loads, the department was computerized 13 years ago and was the first in the state to employ a new

system specially developed for police record-keeping by the Admins Corporation, a computer consulting firm in Cambridge, Mass., said Bill Davis, a spokesman for the company.

"We have a special software package which was a model for other police systems in the state," Kotsch said. "We have 15 terminals on line which are Digital-VAX 750 computers."

"What makes it unique is that two police officers who were not computer programmers developed the system in part themselves," he said.

The special system is called Admins V/8 and is a fourth-generation computer language. A fourth-generation language is a high-level language meant for non-professional users, according to Davis.

But even hi-tech systems can't alleviate Kotsch's major problem of insufficient office space and personnel.

"The morale is high, but we're understaffed and have been for years. We have a severe problem with space and staff size," Kotsch said.

The records division moved from the second floor to a renovated west wing on the first floor. The move was completed August 10, 1987, and was long overdue, Kotsch said.

Records going back to three years are stored in a small walk-in vault in 21 columns of file cabinets. Older records are stored elsewhere in the station.

Many records are available to



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KEEPING TRACK — Irene Schack, of Manchester, files some of the hundreds of police records collected monthly. She is a data entry clerk.

the public as part of the Freedom of Information Act, a law that allows anyone access to certain federal, state and local

documents. However, "anything under continuing investigation," Kotsch said, is exempt.

Despite the heavy work load and volumes of records, Kotsch said, "It's really a simple operation if everything goes right."

From psychology to history, police have varied pasts

By Nancy Concelmon
Manchester Herald

For some, it may have started with a childhood dream, but for others, the desire to become a police officer occurred many years and a few careers later.

Officers in the Manchester Police Department come from a variety of backgrounds, said personnel officer Linda Parry. "It's really all over the ballpark," she said.

Some of the officers have college degrees in fields ranging from history to psychology, others were educated in criminology, while others graduated from high school and held jobs unrelated to law enforcement before joining the police force.

As of last summer, six or seven women were members of the department, two in the detective division and four patrol officers, Parry said. She said one more woman has been hired since then.

For Sgt. Beau Thurnauer, who joined the Manchester Police Department in 1976, police work was a logical extension of his interest in psychology.

Thurnauer graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1974 with a degree in psychology, but became interested in law enforcement while pursuing his master's degree there.

Thurnauer said he was looking for a way to make money but wanted to work on campus, so in 1974, at age 22, he joined the

University of Connecticut Police Department as a patrol officer.

"I thought, 'Boy, I can make a pretty decent amount of money...and do something fairly interesting,'" Thurnauer said.

Six months later, he was assigned to the Eastern Regional Narcotics Squad, now the State-wide Narcotics Task Force. Thurnauer said it was his work with the narcotics squad that made him decide to put aside his master's studies and make law enforcement his career.

"When I got into the narcotics squad, it was so interesting," he said. "I had dealt with people that I never imagined had existed before."

Thurnauer said the time he entered the narcotics squad was the era of Serpico.

"There was almost a certain amount of status, too, and mystique with working with narcotics law enforcement," he said.

Thurnauer described law enforcement generally as "addictive."

"When you're a cop, you always want to know what's going on. And you always know."

Thurnauer said he didn't think most police officers started out knowing they wanted to work in law enforcement but may have had some experience earlier in their lives that exposed them to police work and eventually convinced them to become policemen.

"I think the majority of

officers) come from other fields," he said. "We have people that have backgrounds in totally unrelated fields."

One of those people is patrol officer Gary Frost, who graduated with a teaching degree from Southern Connecticut University and worked as a substitute teacher in social studies, geography and driver education classes, mostly at Manchester High School.

Frost, a patrol officer for 11 years, said his career move was gradual.

"It was a metamorphosis," he said. "Little by little, I got interested in this type of work."

Frost said he used to work as a lifeguard, and would occasionally need assistance from the police. He got to know some of the officers and eventually decided to take a written test for the job as patrol officer.

"By then, I really wanted it," Frost said.

Frost said he was 27 years old when he was hired. "I had a pretty good picture of what police work was like," he said. "I had some life experience behind me."

For Sgt. Donald Wright, an officer with the Manchester Police Department for 20 years, becoming a police officer was a way to get "job security."

Wright, who had his high school diploma when he joined the force, said he saw a job opening at the department and decided to join the force.


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Bugs, weights among ways that cops relax

By Nancy Concelman
Manchester Herald

After a day of dealing with intoxicated drivers, domestic disputes and drug busts, Sgt. Spencer Frazee finds solace in working with flies.

"I'm a fisherman," Frazee said. "In the wintertime, I spend a lot of time tying flies. After my shift, I go downstairs, wrap a few bugs and go to bed." Frazee admits that "bug wrapping" may not be everyone's idea of fun, but he said he also spends time in the gym and weight room at the police station to let off steam, a method of relaxation that may be a little more common among officers at the Manchester Police Department.

Patrol officer Gary Frost said officers may spend time in the weight room training for the annual Police Olympics, scheduled this year for May 22 at Manchester High School. Frost, who's in charge of organizing the games this year, said law enforcement officers from all over Connecticut and some other states, participate in the events, which include swimming, track and field and weightlifting. There are also events held before the games, including golf, bowling and racquetball.

The olympics and games preceding them are a good way "to get police officers together, away from the job, away from the pressures of the job," Frost said.

Frazee said at first it may be more difficult for police officers to relax than those employed in other types of jobs.

"I think you get used to it," he said. "Mentally, but maybe not physically. They say stress drains you more physically."

Sgt. Gerald Calve said he doesn't often relax, but keeps busy with community activities. Calve is commander of the VFW club here and a member of the Red Cross steering committee for the Greater Hartford chapter.

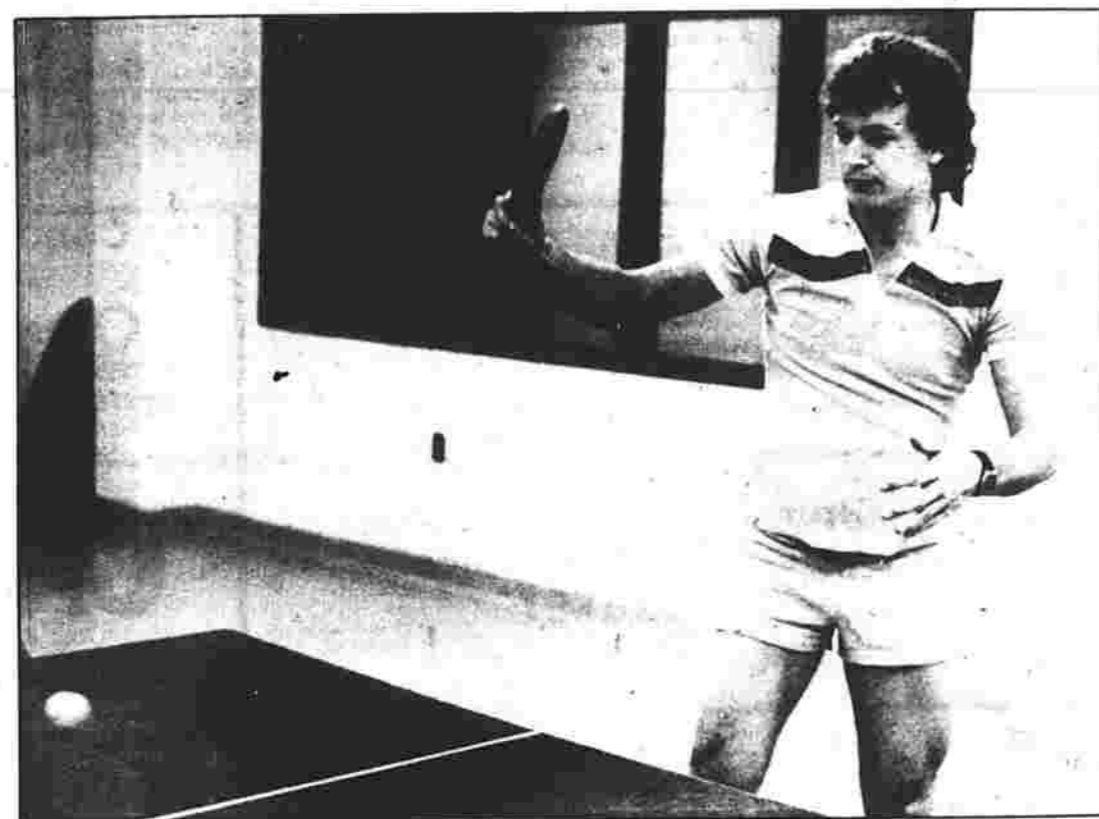
He sits on the Emergency Medical Services Council and helps organize events for the annual Crime Prevention Week. This year the week of Feb. 15 was designated as annual Crime Prevention Week.

"That keeps me busy quite a bit," he said. "My relaxation really is cooking. That's my diversion."

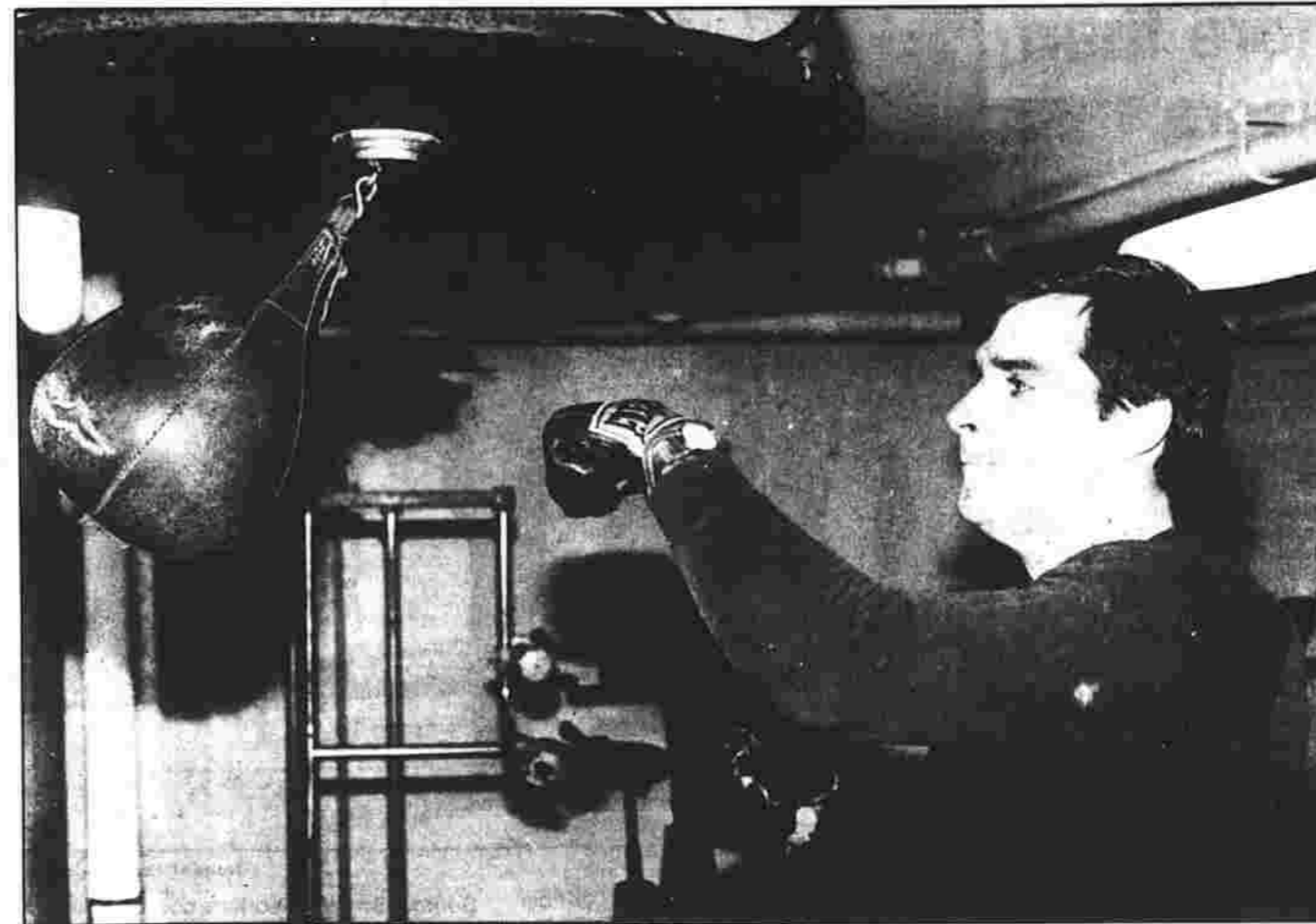
Other police officers have a variety of hobbies, including photography, carpentry, and hunting.



PINGPONG, POLICE STYLE — Officer Craig Kearney of Manchester warms up for a pingpong tournament at the gym in the Manchester police station.



MANY HAPPY RETURNS — Officer Joe Winch of Manchester returns the ball to his opponent during a pingpong game at the gym in the Manchester police station. For many officers, physical activity is a way to relieve the pressures of police work.



FAST FISTS — Detective Michael Morrissey of the Manchester Police Department practices punching in the gym at the police station.



WEIGHT OF THE WORLD — Jim Graham, a patrolman with the Manchester Police Department works out in the weight room in the basement of the police station.

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They do more than just fix cruisers

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

The Manchester police maintenance department does a lot more than repair police cruisers.

Just ask Robert Bagge, superintendent of maintenance. Among the responsibilities of his department are: looking after 43 town traffic signals, painting crosswalks, putting up street signs, removing dead trees from roadways, and cleaning and maintaining the police station.

"It's not just maintenance on vehicles, keeping them safe and all that," Bagge said. "It entails a lot more."

And Bagge must do all that work with a small crew. He has three staff members and two custodians to supervise.

Not to say that maintaining police vehicles is not an important part of his job. In fact, Bagge said it is his major job along with making sure the traffic signals work properly.

"We do everything except for body work and major engine work," Bagge said. "Anything that comes down the pike."

Since he does not do body or engine work, preventive maintenance is his biggest job. That includes tune ups, changing oil filters and minor repairs on the 38 vehicles and three motorcycles the department looks after.

There is no one problem that seems to occur more than others, Bagge said. But, it seems that

repairs run in spurts, he said. "The fleet seems to do things in spurts. If one has a carburetor problem, you know you're going to have two or three more," Bagge said.

Even with preventive maintenance, police cruisers do get old and have to be replaced. On the average, the department will get rid of a cruiser when it has 65,000 to 70,000 miles, he said.

Bagge figures a cruiser with 65,000 to 70,000 miles registered on the odometer actually has double that many miles on the engine since policemen are in the habit of leaving their engines on when responding to calls, he said.

Cruisers past their prime are either traded in to manufacturers or are taken by other town departments.

Also, the department has to buy new cruisers after they have been in major accidents. About six years ago, Bagge said the department lost a vehicle after it was wrapped around a road sign on Spencer Street. The cruiser was stolen from an officer who had parked it so he could break up a fight, he said.

Mostly, though, accidents are minor, Bagge said. Since the beginning of the year, there have been three accidents involving cruisers.

Bagge said that is not a large amount considering the miles driven by the cruisers. During the last six months of 1987, the 20 main police vehicles were driven



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MANAGING MOTORISTS — Officer Robert Scarchuk directs traffic at the corner of E. Middle Turnpike and Summit Street as workers comb through underground utility lines.

a total of more than 226,000 miles. Those vehicles include 12 police cruisers, two supervisor's vehicles, three traffic vehicles and three motorcycles.

To fuel the vehicles, the department buys more than 6,000 gallons worth of super unleaded gas a month, he said. He said the department purchases super un-

leaded because it improves gas mileage and makes the engine run smoother, which is important for vehicles that travel so many miles.

Court evidence must remain 'untainted'

Case cache includes everything from steak to marijuana plants

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

When the Manchester Police Department takes possession of physical evidence, it wants to have as few people as possible involved in handling it.

That's because the evidence has to remain "untainted" if it ever gets to court, and so there will be as few people as possible called on to testify about how the evidence was handled.

Most of the evidence seized by police and carefully stored is never used, however. The cases in which it is involved are disposed of without it.

Sgt. Gerald Calve, one of the two police officers charged with responsibility for handling evidence, guessed that as much as 98 percent of the various kinds of evidence in police storage is never used in court.

Calve handles most of the evidence gathered by the uniformed officers in their investigations. All weapons, narcotics, and evidence taken by detectives is handled by Detective Sgt. Spencer Frazee.

Evidence is stored in a former cell block at police headquarters, where one of the four cells is reserved for narcotics paraphernalia.

Right now narcotics evidence from one raid includes 35 marijuana plants, pots, and potting soil. The evidence also includes

When a truckload of stolen beer was recovered, there was no room for it at police headquarters so the police got permission to return it to the distributor for storage.

— Sgt. Gerald Calve

fertilizer, and plastic bottles that are alleged to contain liquid fertilizer diluted with water.

Marijuana plants dry up, Frazee said, but they don't change chemically.

In any event, drugs are generally sent to a state laboratory for testing and often they remain there until after disposition of the case when the lab can dispose of them.

Some of the evidence creates special problems.

Frozen steak from a shoplifting has to be kept in a freezer for obvious reasons and the department's freezer sometimes gets crowded.

When there is just too much perishable material from a case to store, the police can get court permission to turn it over to its owner to keep until it is needed in court.

When a truckload of stolen beer was recovered, there was no

room for it at police headquarters so the police got permission to return it to the distributor for storage.

That kind of operation requires taking photographs and recording of numbers or whatever other identification is available.

Dogs, horses and cows end up in the dog pound for a while, until they can be sent to their homes.

Things do not get lost. Calve and Frazee agree, but sometimes it takes a while to find small things like cigarette papers, tagging and cataloging notwithstanding.

Under some conditions, police officers can take evidence with the permission of its owners without having a court warrant. Someone who gets a threatening note can turn it over to police.

But Calve said his personal rule is simple: "Get a warrant if you can."

In murder cases the warrant is

a must, Frazee said, referring to the landmark Mincey vs. Arizona case decided by the United States Supreme Court in 1978.

The case stemmed from an attempted drug buy by police followed by a raid which erupted into a shootout with one police officer fatally shot and some other people wounded.

The police involved in the raid did not take any evidence, but a new crew of police officers got to the scene within 10 minutes and began a search because they knew the police officer was seriously hurt. The search lasted four days and a good deal of evidence was taken.

The high court decided there was no circumstance that prevented police from getting a search warrant while they guarded the apartment where the shootout occurred.

So the standard procedure in a

homicide now is to guard the scene and get a warrant.

Sometimes what the police need as evidence is something a business needs to keep operating. When computers, phones, and other equipment were stolen from the office of visiting nurses at the former Highland Park School, for instance, after the equipment was recovered it was given back to the nurses. If it had been packed into the evidence room, the work of the nurses would have been disrupted.

In general, however, the rule is that the "best evidence," the real thing and not a facsimile or reproduction, has to be produced in court. For that reason most of the material confiscated has to be kept in police custody.

Some of the things stored now have been in the evidence room since 1981 waiting for disposition of cases, Calve said.

Right now, narcotics evidence from one raid includes 35 marijuana plants, pots, and potting soil. The evidence also includes fertilizer, and plastic bottles that are alleged to contain liquid fertilizer diluted with water.

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Officers describe beats as exciting and challenging

By Anita M. Caldwell
Manchester Herald

For Officer Tom Pascantell of the Manchester Police Department, patrolling his beat is a new challenge everyday.

"No two situations are the same," he said.

And sometimes those situations get sticky.

"I had a woman bite me once," he said.

But among his most devastating experiences, he said, are those that deal with untimely deaths.

Pascantell said bringing the bad news to the family or having to console them is an emotional tug for the officer.

Pascantell has been on the force for 12 years. He said the job is always changing and he likes the variety. He also finds the challenge of dealing with different kinds of people stimulating.

"The very old and the very young love you," the 37-year-old said. "Anything in between is 50-50," he added with a chuckle.

Though he doesn't believe the uniform is threatening to people, he said when people see the police car, they drive more cautiously.

"I'd see a lot more infractions (while driving) in my own car," Pascantell said.

Each patrol officer covers a specific district. Fifteen minutes before the shift begins, the officer is given a briefing on any problems that may have occurred in the previous shift.

An officer's shift changes every 28 days, Pascantell said, and will rotate from either 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 4 p.m. to midnight, and midnight to 8 a.m. Shifts also include the "early cars" shift,

from 7 to 3 p.m., 3 to 11 p.m. and 41 to 7 p.m.

At the briefing, the officers also get a "hot sheet" which is prepared by the dispatcher and provides the policemen with a list of information that the officer should be aware of.

Such a sheet might include information on a function that is to be held at the Senior Center.

Pascantell said. The sheet might also advise an officer to watch for a suspect the police have been trying to apprehend who might have been seen in the area.

And though the officers get 20 minutes for lunch, Pascantell said "a lot of time you don't even get that."

"We are very shorthanded," he said. "And there's an awful lot of paper work on the job. Everything an officer does is recorded."

Along with preparing reports, an officer has to be prepared for any type of situation encountered in the field, Pascantell said.

And to keep the officers well-trained with honed skills, Pascantell said a week-long training session is held each year that all officers attend.

The training consists of practice on the firing range, an update on new laws for search and seizure, penal codes and other legal issues as well as how to deal with the elderly and the emotionally disturbed.

Pascantell said he enjoys being part of the force and has a high regard for the way the department gets involved in the community. He also sees himself as a team player in the network of officers.

"It's a good bunch of guys," he said.

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Department faces space shortage, needs study OK'd

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

The Manchester Police Department is grappling with a space problem, but help is on the way, Deputy Police Chief Henry R. Minor says.

The station has practically run out of the space it currently occupies at its headquarters on East Middle Turnpike, he said.

On Wednesday, the town Board of Directors agreed to fund \$6,000 worth of an \$8,500 architectural study on space needs.

State grants will fund the remainder of the study that will help determine what avenues the department should use to address the space problem, Minor said. The study should begin next month.

Minor and Chief Robert Lannan said they were unsure how much space the department would need.

"We don't really know," Minor said. "That's why we're asking for an architectural study."

He said he hoped the study could be completed by the end of March.

There are many things the department could use, Minor said. The list includes: an adequate locker room for women, more bathrooms, a larger shower room, more lockers and more interview rooms.

The department's home was adequate in 1955 when the police took the building over, Minor said. Prior to that, it was a home for the indigent.

There were only 25 to 30 employees in the department when it opened 33 years ago, while today there are 121 full-time employees, Minor said.

"This building was not intended to be a police facility," he said.

Until more space can be built, the department has managed by shuffling and reshuffling employees and departments around.

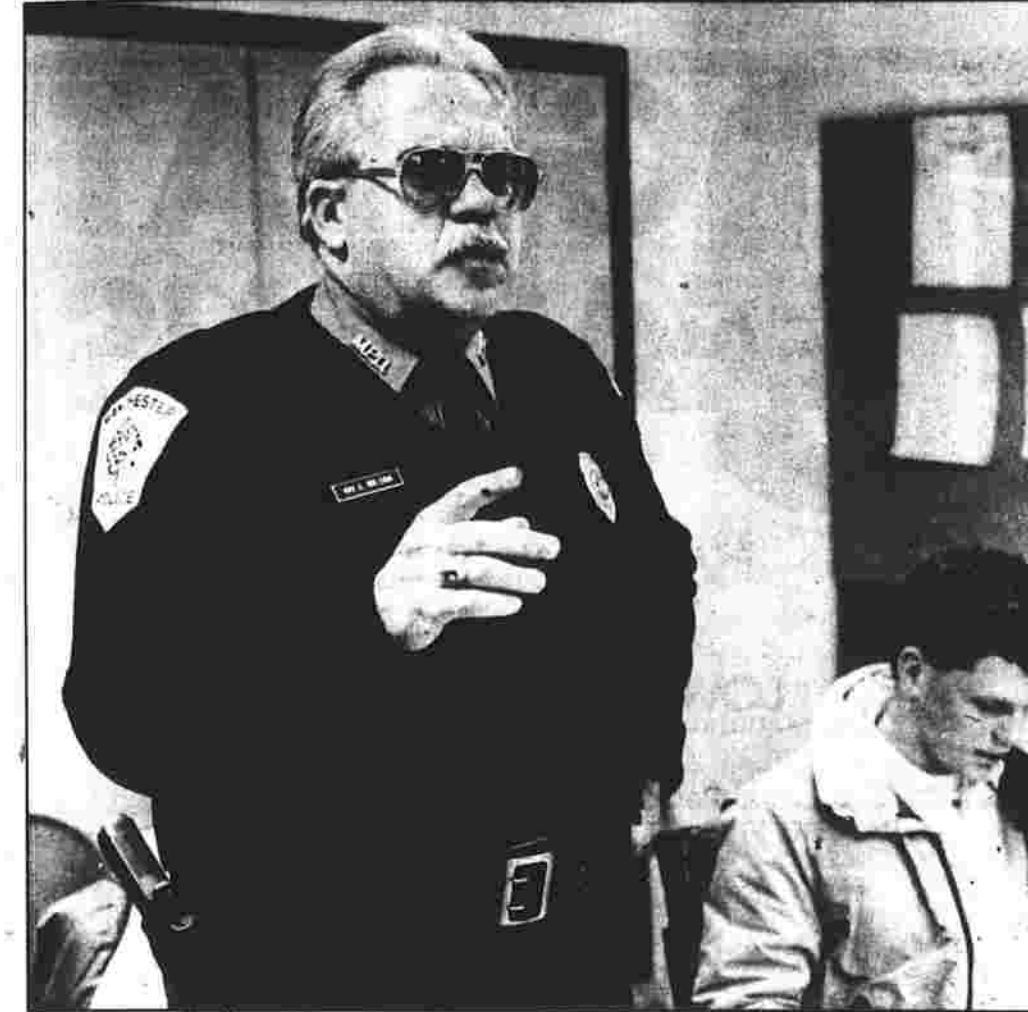
Last year, the records department was moved from its upstairs home to a downstairs location. Minor said the move has made the department more accessible to the public, who mainly come to the station to go to that department.

That move was part of a \$36,000 renovation effort.

But all that moving around has "fragmented" the department to where departments that need to communicate with each other are not near each other, Minor said.

Though the department will find some way to get by without new space, he said the department's options are running out.

"When anything happens something has to get out of the way," Lannan said. "It's (like) a domino effect."



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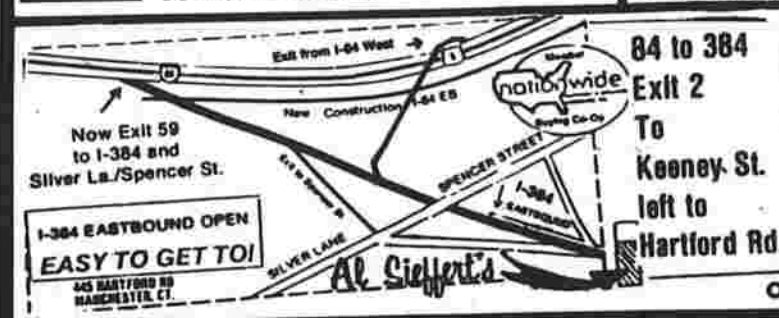
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