

RECORD

About Town

Food distribution

Manchester Area Conference of Churches will distribute cheese and rice today from 3 to 5 p.m. at Center Congregational Church. Proof of residency and income is required. There is a two-month waiting period for new registrants to be eligible. For more information, call 646-4114.

Auxiliary meets

Anderson Shee Auxiliary, V.F.W. 2046, will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Post home on East Center Street. All members are requested to attend.

Students in United Nations

Several students from Manchester High School recently represented the town at the Model United Nations held at the University of Hartford, sponsored by the World Affairs Center of Hartford. The participating students were Mark Foley, Jeff DeJonnis, Chris Friday, Todd Powers, Erik Lindland, Cincy Colvin, Stacey Zackin, Vanessa Bear, Terry Scata, Mike McMahon, Doug Joslin, Andrea Biley, Dave Russell, Kevin Molloy, Karen Fry, Cyndi Tarbell and Lois Gary.

Workshop set

A workshop for parents and providers of day care will be held on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the parish hall of St. Mary's Church on Park Street. Admission is \$1 at the door for non-members. For more information, call 646-8524.

History highlighted

Manchester Historical Society and the Wadsworth Athenaeum, sponsored by the Arbors at Hope Brook will give a series of historical programs next week. For a schedule of topics and times, call the Arbors at 647-9343. An exhibit of the paintings of the Cheney family will also be presented and is open to the public daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Arbors' information center on West Center Street.

Screening held

Kindergarten screening will be held on Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the school library. For an appointment, call 646-7731.

Volunteer recognized

Karen Chorges of Manchester, a volunteer for the American Cancer Society's Manchester-North Unit, was the recipient of the Gold Sward of Hope Award for outstanding fundraising achievement. She was given the award at the society's crusade kick-off Saturday night at the Meriden Ramada Inn. Chorges has been a leader in the fundraising program for 18 years and crusade chairman for 15 years. She is currently a substitute teacher in the Manchester school system.

Dancers perform

The South End Senior Rockettes will perform for the clients at Jefferson House Adult Day Health Center on Thursday, March 31, at 1 p.m. For more information, call 646-2588.

Religious course offered

BOLTON — The Rev. Edward McLean will present a 12-week course on "How to Experience God in Life and Prayer" beginning Monday, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Maurice Church Parish Center on Hebron Road. For information about other programs, call 643-4466.

Public Meetings

Public meetings scheduled tonight:

Manchester

Board of Directors comment session. Town Manager's office, 6:30 p.m.
Building Commission, Town Hall coffee room, 7:30 p.m.
Advisory Parks and Recreation Commission, Lincoln Center gold room, 7:30 p.m.

Andover

Library Board, Andover Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Crane's Quiz

1. Which term from grammar suggests a judge? PHRASE CLAUSE PARAGRAPH SENTENCE
2. When you clear your throat, you suggest which worker? BARBER SEAMSTRESS FARMER TEACHER
3. An ampule indirectly suggests which college degree? LL.D. PH.D. M.D. D.D.
4. Who render a midnight serenade on the backyard fence? ELSIE BILLY TOM NANNY
5. Creatures that live in a loft make which typical sound? MOO COO BOO HOO GOO GOO
6. Pick one of the four words in capital letters that has a similar relationship to the third word on the same line, as exists between the first two words on the line.
(a) Sauerkraut: German: Spaghetti: SCOTLAND-CHINA-ITALY-MEXICO
(b) Cackle: Leghorn: Ban: MORGAN-MERINO-MUSTANG-MALTESE
(c) Trojans: Boleynmakers: California: VIRGINIA-INDIANA-FLORIDA-OHIO
(d) Nancy: Reagan: Eleanor: COOLIDGE-ROOSEVELT-NIXON-LINCOLN
(e) Billy: Nanny: Chanticleer: ELSIE-DAISY-BIDDY

Lottery

Connecticut daily Wednesday; 422. Play Four; 2357.

Adopt a pet: Here's Casey?

By Barbara Richmond
Manchester Herald

A black setter cross, that must have some Irish setter in him, is this week's featured pet. In honor of this being St. Paddy's Day, he has been named Casey.

Casey, a very friendly dog, has been at the pound for a few weeks and really needs a good home. He's about 8 months old and will be a medium-sized dog. He was found on Strickland Street.

Toto, last week's featured pet was adopted by a Homeslead Street family. He's the little dog left tied to the fence at the pound.



Paddy



Casey

The dog pound is located off Oliver Street near the town's landfill area. Dog Warden Richard Rand is at the pound week days from noon to 1 p.m. The phone number at the pound is 643-6642. If there is no answer call the police department, 646-4355. There is also someone on duty at the pound Monday through Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee to adopt a dog.

Aid to Helpless Animals Inc. has many cats and kittens that are in need of good homes. This week's featured cat may not be Irish but he has been given an Irish name, just for today at least. His name is Paddy.

Paddy is just one of a variety of cats and kittens being taken care of by members of Aid to Helpless Animals and some area veterinary clinics. All of the cats are up for adoption have been neutered or spayed and have had their shots unless a kitten is too young when taken. Anyone wishing to adopt an animal should call any of the following numbers: 666-7000, 623-0489, 342-2158, or 693-6133.

Obituaries

Joseph H. Carlin

Joseph H. Carlin, 76, formerly of Lenox Street, died Monday at an area convalescent home. He was the husband of Adeline (Brainerd) Carlin.

He was born in Meriden, Nov. 28, 1911, and lived in Manchester since 1943. Before retiring in 1973, he was employed at the Spencer Turbine Co. for 27 years. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, the Old Guard and a former member of the AARP 1275 and the Manchester Senior Citizens.

Funeral services were held today at the Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St. Burial was in East Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St., Manchester 06040.

Effie Cummings

Effie "Stella" Cummings, 87, formerly of Walnut Street, died today at an area convalescent home. She was the wife of Howard H. Cummings.

She was born in Emery Mills, Maine, March 11, 1901, and lived in the Manchester and South Windsor areas for her life. Before retiring, she worked for many years at the former Hartman Tobacco Farm in Buckland. She is a member of the North United Methodist Church in Manchester and the South Windsor Senior Citizens.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Arline Brown and Alice Freeman, both of Manchester, and Karen Africano of Vernon; and three grandchildren.

The funeral is Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Holmes Funeral Home. Burial will be in Buckland Cemetery, Manchester. Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the South Windsor Senior Citizens Center, 1069 Sullivan Ave., South Windsor 06074.

Donald Gobeille

Donald J. Gobeille, 70, of 30 Harlan St., husband of Statia (Godeski) Gobeille, died today at Manchester Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

He was born in Hartford, Jan. 11, 1918, the son of Almonza (Gode) Gobeille of East Hartford and the late Joseph L. Gobeille. He had been a Manchester resident for 45 years. He was a member of St. Bridget's Church. Before his retirement in 1977, he had been employed as general foreman of the Power Systems division of United Technologies.

Mark Robert Shroyer

Mark Robert Shroyer, infant son of Mark A. and Wendy J. (Corneliusson) Shroyer, of 252 Woodland Road, Coventry, died Wednesday at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He was born in Manchester July 7, 1987.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a sister, Jessica Lynn Shroyer, 2 at home; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin (Betty) Corneliusson of Bolton; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert (Carol) Shroyer of Manchester; his maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd (Ruth) Williams of Bolton; and his paternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin (Marian) Turkington of Northport, Fla.; and many other relatives.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the East Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

In Memoriam

In sad and loving memory of wife Eva, who passed away on March 14, 1985.

Your memory is as dear today, As in the hour you passed away.

Sadly missed,
Husband, Allan

Dr. William C. Trench

North United Methodist Church

Weather



Today's weather picture was drawn by Jason Melquist, who lives on Branch Street, Bolton, and attends Bolton Elementary School.

Births

Greenleaf, Dalton Thomas

Greenleaf, Dalton Thomas, son of Thomas and Laura Fontaine Greenleaf of 102 Starweather St., was born Feb. 25 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Fontaine of Colchester. His paternal grandparents are Mrs. Helen Greenleaf of Colchester and the late Lester R. Greenleaf.

Johnson, Erin Christine

Johnson, Erin Christine, daughter of Jeffrey P. and Beverly Jensen Johnson of 47 Alexander St., was born Feb. 29 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Jensen of 61 Marion Drive. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William H. Johnson of Davenport, Fla.

Good, Kristen Adele

Good, Kristen Adele, daughter of Gary and Janet Patterson Good of 62 Kimberly Drive was born March 6 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Douglas and Beatrice Patterson of Oxford, Nova Scotia, Can. Her paternal grandparents are Brenda and June Good of East Hartford. She has a sister, Katie, 4.

Yockeak, Max Ray

Yockeak, Max Ray, son of Richard and Linda Carter Yockeak of 50 Birch St. was born March 1 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Walter and Lorraine Carter of East Windsor. His paternal grandparents are Rose Yockeak of Amston. He has a sister, Carolyn, 3.

Hazen, Bryan Duane

Hazen, Bryan Duane, son of Michael and Sharon Bruce Hazen of 61 Rachel Road was born March 2 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Emeline and Wallace Bruce of Chesapeake, Va. His paternal grandparents are Gloria and Ken Hazen of Enfield. He has a brother, Edward Deskus of South Windsor. He has a brother, Michael Lee, 4.

Deskus, Joseph Edward

Deskus, Joseph Edward, son of Andrew and Wendie Kearnes Deskus of 23 Summit St. was born March 7 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Mrs. Anita Kearnes of East Hartford and Robert Kearnes of Poughquag, N.Y. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Deskus of South Windsor. He has a brother, Michael Lee, 4.

Cornell, Ashley May

Cornell, Ashley May, daughter of Robert and Phyllis Cox Cornell of 110 Camp Meeting Road, Bolton, was born March 6 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Carroll and Norma Cox of Resterstown, Md. Her paternal grandparents are Derrell and Ruth Cornell of Elmhurst, Ill.

Belcher, Steven Craig

Belcher, Steven Craig, son of Steven A. and Kathy Thompson Belcher of 34 Kenwood Drive, was born March 7 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. His maternal grandparents are Thomas and Alice Warren of Thompson of 112 Conway Road. His paternal grandparents are Donald and Alice Warren of Bolton, Mass.

Earwaker, Alyssa Ahmo

Earwaker, Alyssa Ahmo, daughter of Bruce and Mary McNeil Earwaker of 74 Constance Drive was born March 3 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandfather is Robert McNeill of Waterford. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John S. Earwaker of Simsbury.

Corrections

A story in Friday's Manchester Herald about the Blizard of 1888 incorrectly listed the speed of the storm as it formed and moved through the South. Its speed was estimated at 600 miles per day.

A story in Monday's Manchester Herald incorrectly reported that members of the Manchester Police Department marched as part of the town's contingent in Saturday's St. Patrick's Day parade in Hartford.

A story in Wednesday's Manchester Herald incorrectly listed the dates of court decisions involving the Mall at Buckland Hills. The Hartford Superior Court decision was issued in July 1987. The state Supreme Court decision was issued Monday.

Thoughts

At our church planning day last fall we talked about significant experiences that had been important in our faith. There was a remarkable similarity in the stories. One said, "I had a heart attack and the support I received was just overwhelming." Another told of support in a time of serious illness. A third said, "Years ago, when my kids were growing up, my wife was very sick and I can remember every night at 5 someone would come with a complete dinner, ready to eat."

What a difference it makes to know that someone cares. It is so important that it transcends the simple tasks involved and touches us at the very center of our being. The food and the good words take on cosmic significance.

As I listened, it became clear that we were talking about nothing less than building up the Kingdom of God one casserole at a time. And that is precisely the significance of our caring for one another. Visit by visit, phone call by phone call, note by note, casserole by casserole; in those ordinary tasks of daily life, we are actors in a cosmic drama, builders of a new heaven and a new earth.

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Clouds coming

Manchester and vicinity: Tonight, clear. Low in the mid 40s. Friday, morning sunshine then becoming mostly cloudy. High 45 to 50.

West Coastal, East Coastal: Tonight, clear. Low 25 to 30. Friday, morning sunshine then becoming mostly cloudy. High in the mid 40s.

Northwest Hills: Tonight, clear. Low around 20. Friday, early morning sunshine then becoming mostly cloudy. High 40 to 45.

Long Island Sound to Watch Hill, N.I., and Montauk Point: Clear tonight. Increasing cloudiness Friday. Wind northwest 10 to 15 knots tonight. Westerly 10 knots Friday. Seas lowering to 1 foot tonight and lowering further Friday.

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Coventry water plan is issued

By Anita Caldwell
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — More than 100 families who complained of water problems are likely to get relief if a local water company adheres to a 17-point ruling issued Wednesday by the state Department of Public Utilities Control to amend what the agency calls serious inadequacies in service and management.

Toni Blood, spokesman for the state agency in New Britain, said that the ruling was issued to Fairfield-based General Water Service Co., which supplies water to the Northfield section of the town. The ruling was as a result of a series of complaints from customers who said they were not getting water.

General Water Service Co., a small company that serves 113 customers in a section of Coventry, is the only water company available for that area and has been serving the residents since the 1970s. Blood said that the ruling ordered "serious steps" be taken to improve service and management including hiring a site manager or local operator to run the company and handle service problems and emergency situations. The company also has to arrange for financing for repairs and maintenance, which may result in a rate increase, something that hasn't happened since 1981. Blood said that the ruling also ordered the company to have someone local available at all times and when customers couldn't reach anyone, she said, they called the DPUC.



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LENTEN PROJECT — Kelly Gay, 12, speaks long-distance with Bette Gebrian, a nurse who is working in Jamaica, Haiti. Karen Kohl, a parent who arranged the call, is taping the conversation, which is part of a Lenten project at St. Bridget's School, where Kelly is a student.

Young helping hands hear all about Haiti

By Nancy Poppo
Manchester Herald

Youngsters who attend St. Bridget's School walked an invisible bridge to Haiti Wednesday.

The children from the north end of Manchester talked by telephone and ham radio hook-up with a nurse who's trying to save lives of youngsters on the western side of Haiti.

That nurse, Bette Gebrian, is on leave from her teaching post at the University of Connecticut School of Nursing. She has a three-year grant to set up a clinic and train health care workers in villages near the town of Jeremie, Haiti.

Thanks to the efforts of Karen Kohl, a parent of one of St. Bridget's students, the school has "adopted" Gebrian for their six-week Lenten project.

Kohl visited the school several weeks ago to show slides taken by Gebrian, illustrating the conditions of the people in the 25 villages she serves. Gebrian is the only source of health care information in those villages.

The 113 children at St. Bridget's collected soap, cotton balls, wash cloths and zip-lock plastic bags for her health care workers. Dozens of cartons of these items were shipped last week, said Sister Helen Hart, school principal.

But the high point of the project came Wednesday morning, when direct communication between Manchester and Haiti was established through the cooperation of the ham radio operators Charlie Stevens of Stafford Springs and Frank A. Pearson of Manchester.

A student from each class was invited to the school office, to ask Gebrian a prepared question.

Kelly Gay, 12, wanted to know about the schooling children in Haiti receive.

Alcohol-free grad parties planned

By Andrew Davis
Manchester Herald

Alcohol-free graduation parties are currently being planned at Manchester and East Catholic high schools to allow students to gather one last time without alcohol and drugs, party organizers said.

Manchester High School's party will be held at the date of graduation, the date of which has yet to be set, said Marilyn Atwell, a party organizer. She said while keeping students away from drugs and alcohol is a concern, the party is being held to give students a chance to say good-bye to each other as a class.

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Manchesther Memorial Hospital officials say they have not been contacted by members of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union in Hartford about starting a union for hospital food service workers even though a union spokesman said unionization efforts were underway.

Amy Avery, assistant director of public relations, said union officials have not been in contact with the hospital about unionizing the hospital's 86 food-service workers.

A spokesman for the union said today that union efforts were being conducted at the hospital. However, the spokesman refused to provide further details.

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Mall tax break criticized

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

Several members of the Democratic Town Committee sharply criticized Wednesday the town's agreement to abate \$9.5 million in taxes in connection with construction of commercial development in Buckland.

Theodore Brindamour, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, repeatedly asked Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. why the town had to offer a tax rebate to the Homart Development Co. as an incentive to construct a mall in the Buckland area.

The questions came during a formal presentation on the mall plan presented by DiRosa.

"Why do you have to give Homart \$9.5 million," Brindamour asked DiRosa when DiRosa explained the abatement.

The agreement was approved by directors Feb. 18 after voters turned down in November a plan for a \$13 million tax-increment bond designed to help offset some of the cost of roads and utilities Homart will build in

Mayor finds foes on town committee

the \$9.5-acre area.

"Homart goes where the best deal is," DiRosa responded.

He said Town Manager Robert Weiss was instructed to offer the nine years ago to "lure a project of this magnitude (to this town)." He said Homart would go elsewhere without some incentive to build in Manchester.

But Brindamour persisted in his question about how the \$9.5 million figure was arrived at. He characterized it as an arbitrary amount.

Brindamour was joined in his criticism by Vincent Kelly and Joseph Tully.

Kelly said the majority of townpeople had voted against a subsidy for Homart and the members of the Board of Directors did not abide by the vote.

Tully said that while he respects differences of opinion on the tax relief, some of its critics have distorted facts connected with the proposal.

DiRosa said he has read and heard comment on the tax relief "that bear no resemblance to reality."

He said that under the worst scenario, Manchester will receive \$35 million in net taxes over 15 years after the cost of services the town will provide is removed.

James Reardon came to DiRosa's defense. "I think you did a lot of good," Reardon said. "DiRosa's role in working out a tax agreement with Homart, 'I think you.'"

There was applause when DiRosa completed his presentation.

Dems pick Cummings again

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

Democratic Town Committee Chairman Theodore R. Cummings was unanimously elected to his 14th consecutive two-year term as head of the Democratic party in Manchester Wednesday night.

Cummings, in accepting reelection, said, "There have been differences among Democrats, but we try to keep them from being personal. I'll try to be less sharp with my comments," he pledged.

All the officers were re-elected unanimously with no opponents nominated.

Any Burns will continue as vice chairman of the committee. Paul Phillips as treasurer, and Susan Perkins as secretary.

Perkins has been sharing the job with Virginia Lessard, who stepped down and nominated

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WILLIAM KOWALSKI
... supports plan



LAUREL HOULE
... questions figures

Coventry budget likely to be cut

By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — The chairman of the Town Council said Wednesday that the town's manager's proposed \$13.2 million budget is not likely to be approved in its entirety since it would mean an increase in the mill rate of 19 percent.

Joan Lewis's comments came during a special meeting at the Town Office Building called to review the town manager's proposed budget for 1988-89. Police Chief Frank Traskos is acting town manager until a permanent town manager is hired.

The \$13.2 million budget is up from last year's \$11 million budget. It includes \$8,394,048 for the schools and \$3,874,716 for general government spending. Last year, \$7.4 million was appropriated for schools, and \$2.9 million for general government spending. The current mill rate is \$4.14.

One mill generates \$172,025. If the budget were approved as it is, the mill rate would increase 19 percent to \$4.88.

A public hearing on the budget is set for March 28.

HOWEVER, LEWIS and former councilman Patrick Flaherty, who chaired the Finance Committee for the previous council, agreed that was unlikely.

Flaherty said the 19 percent increase, which would put the mill rate at 46.68, "presumes the \$13.2 million total."

"We are in the process of reevaluating town property and will need a number of aerial maps which is another large expense," said Lewis. According to Lewis the reevaluation is taking place under state law requiring it to be done every 10 years.

Playing Fields Committee Chairman Phillip Carpenter presented a pared down request of \$112,384, down from an earlier request of \$134,004, for a new program of grounds maintenance.

CARPENTER is asking for a foreman and two full-time laborers to maintain the town's seven recreational playing fields, greens, and other town properties. The proposal is a result of complaints lodged by parents and recreation officials to the council last year about the poor condition of the fields.

The Parks and Recreation Commission presented a budget of \$24,950.

Economic Development Commission Chairman Sandra Stave presented a budget of \$23,300 which includes a request for an economic development agent at \$13,000, a new town position. The agent would promote growth.

Members of the Both and Dimock Library Board of Trustees came to request \$108,000, part of their total operating budget of \$127,348.

EARLIER IN THE week, the council reviewed department budgets including Planning and Zoning at \$64,000, Human Services at \$92,530, the Building Department at \$58,639, up about \$30,000 from last year. The largest part of that increase is reflected in the cost of labor.

The Assessors budget of \$68,200 also was reviewed.

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STATE & REGION

L'Ambiance report 'biased'

BRIDGEPORT — The president of a major subcontractor of the building that collapsed in Bridgeport last year, killing 23 men, said he will be in Bridgeport today to criticize the federal report on the probable cause of the disaster.

"We think the report was biased. They had a preconceived notion and the facts be damned," Alan Singer, an attorney representing Lift Frame Builders Inc. of Elmford, N.Y., said in a telephone interview on Wednesday. "They ignored a lot of things. This report is a sham."

Bill corrects 'unfair' law

HARTFORD — An attorney for victims of the L'Ambiance Plaza collapse says a bill to ensure that the victims can sue those responsible for the accident will correct "a horribly unfair" aspect of the state's worker compensation law.

The Judiciary Committee voted 16-10 on Wednesday to eliminate the immunity from negligence suits now enjoyed by general contractors for work-related injuries suffered by employees of their subcontractors.

"Even though a general contractor didn't pay a dime to an injured worker under workers' compensation, the general contractor was allowed to escape liability," said attorney Richard Bieder of Bridgeport.

O'Neill at men-only dinner

HARTFORD — Gov. William A. O'Neill says he will attend a controversial men-only dinner tonight sponsored by the Knights of St. Patrick, an Irish-Catholic organization in New Haven.

"I will follow tradition," O'Neill told reporters in his office Wednesday evening. "You have to put things in perspective. I guess this is their 110th (annual) dinner."

Caucus backs desegregation

HARTFORD — The General Assembly's Black and Hispanic Caucus has endorsed a proposed desegregation plan for Connecticut schools, saying its call for a voluntary effort was far more realistic than a court-ordered mandating integration.

"A voluntary program is the only one that will work," Rep. Abraham L. Giles, D-Hartford, caucus chairman, said at a state Capitol news conference.



AN IRISH PAST — Michael Carney, 68, of Springfield, Mass., sits beside a 100-year-old cast-iron skillet, holding a century-old cast-iron oven. In 1948, Carney left the Basket Islands, off the coast of Ireland, with the items and came to the U.S.

Firm admits no wrongdoing

HARTFORD — An attorney for a company linked to a home-improvement scam is denying that a proposed \$3.5 million settlement with 5,000 Connecticut consumers represents any admission of wrongdoing.

The proposed settlement is the result of a lawsuit filed in May 1986 by Connecticut Attorney General Joseph I. Lieberman against the Dartmouth Plan Inc., a Garden City, N.Y., financing company, and a dozen contractors.

"Dartmouth did nothing wrong under any of these deals. They bought the deals from home improvement dealers, and then in turn sold them to other financial institutions," Richard K. Lublin, the company's attorney, said.

Mandatory recycling slated

WINDSOR LOCKS — Windsor Locks residents have approved an ordinance that makes recycling mandatory for all households by this summer.

The ordinance, which takes effect July 1, was approved Tuesday by a town meeting. It makes Windsor Locks, which has about 13,000 residents, the third Connecticut community behind East Lyme and Groton to pass mandatory recycling laws. Windsor Locks First Selectman R. Clifford Randall said.

O'Neill pleased Senate OK'd pot-smoking judge

By Brent Lovmon
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Gov. William A. O'Neill says an interim Superior Court judge who admitted smoking marijuana a dozen years ago paid a high enough price in public and he's glad the confirmation process is over.

"I think the process worked and it worked well," O'Neill said Wednesday after the Senate voted 24-11, roughly along party lines, to confirm Judge Sidney Axelrod to a full eight-year term.

"Judge Axelrod has paid the penalty in public and I think he'll be a good judge," O'Neill said.

After enduring weeks of heated public debate over his use of marijuana, Axelrod also expressed relief that the nomination process was finally over.

"I'm obviously pleased with the results of the Senate vote and intend to continue to carry out my duties and obligations as a judge," Axelrod said in a telephone interview from Rockville, Md., on Wednesday.

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After serving as a House of Representatives on a vote of 85-59, he has been serving as an interim judge for about a month.

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The hour-long debate pitted those who argued that the House of Representatives should be forgiven in light of an otherwise exemplary career against opponents who said confirmation would send the wrong message to a society plagued by drug abuse.

"I find it difficult to go home and tell my children, 'Don't smoke that joint tonight or tomorrow or the next day because it's against the law,'" said Sen. Philip S. Robertson, R-Cheshire. "Because their response will be, 'You just appointed a judge that did the same thing you're telling me not to do.' I think it's a very erroneous message."

Axelrod's supporters praised his courage and candor in admitting that he experimented with marijuana two or three times a dozen years ago.

"There is a lesson and it's a lesson that deals with honesty and how easy it is to make a mistake," said Sen. Marie A. Herbst, D-Vernon. "There is a learning process in life and there is no one here who has yet walked on water."

Denying Axelrod confirmation would send a message to young people that "If you get caught, it's the end of you," Herbst said.

Sen. Frank Barrows, D-Hartford, said, "I think it took a lot of guts for him to say, 'Yes I smoked pot, but I want to serve. I want to be a judge. I want to be able to help other people.'"

Axelrod, a 56-year-old Leydard

attorney, spent two terms in the state House of Representatives and served 12 years on the Leydard housing authority.

His use of marijuana surfaced while the Judicial Selection Commission was considering recommending him to the governor.

Someone called O'Neill's office and said the issue would be a relevant one to raise during nomination proceedings.

The episode occurred soon after Douglas Ginsburg withdrew his nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. It was reported that he had smoked marijuana.

Axelrod admitted smoking marijuana two or three times over a 30-day period at the home of a friend. He said he never bought or sold marijuana and insisted the drug had no effect on him.

The commission voted to recommend him and O'Neill submitted his name to the legislature. The Judiciary Committee debated the nomination twice, first for Axelrod's interim appointment and last month for the permanent appointment. It approved the nomination both times.

Route 6 ruling due within 6 months

By Andrew Yurkowski
Manchester Herald

Residents questioned officials from the state Department of Transportation about alternatives to the proposed Route 6 expressway for about an hour during the close of a hearing on the project at the University of Connecticut on Wednesday night.

"I feel that the state is doing us a disservice by trying to get the same moldy plans approved," Joyce Couch of Coventry said.

She and others called for alternatives, including narrowing the scope of the planned expressway project or widening the current Route 6.

The hearing, which was continued from Tuesday night, was conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to solicit testimony on a permit application by the DOT to fill in 77 acres of wetlands in order to build the expressway. The expressway would extend from the Bolton Notch to Windham.

Police said Wednesday night's audience numbered about 100, compared with approximately 500 people who showed up Tuesday night. There also was a

session scheduled Wednesday afternoon, which was attended by between 50 and 75 people, according to an official from the Corps of Engineers.

THE HEARING OFFICER, Lt. Col. Stanley J. Murphy, reiterated last Wednesday's hearing that at the earliest the Corps would rule on the permit in six months. The Corps has three options — to issue the permit, deny the permit, or order a supplemental environmental impact statement on the roadway, Murphy said.

Many of the questions asked of the DOT by residents centered on whether the department has considered alternatives to the building of the expressway. The DOT says that the expressway is needed because the existing Route 6 is dangerous and will not be able to handle increasing traffic in the coming years.

Benjamin E.A. Phelps of Lebanon recommended that the DOT rehabilitate the railway line from Windham to Hartford for carrying freight and as a commuter line. He questioned why the department had abandoned that idea. Phelps added that he sup-

ported the highway project as long as it doesn't have any adverse environmental effects.

Richard Martinez, the department's chief of planning, said that the expanding trucking industry had replaced the railways in freight hauling.

GEORGE YNTEMA of Bolton questioned why it wouldn't be possible to build the expressway which under the DOT proposal would have four lanes, on a smaller scale. He suggested that turning lanes might be eliminated by constructing underpasses and overpasses for incoming and outgoing traffic.

Martinez answered that the expressway on the smaller scale would have nearly as much of an impact on the environment as the project proposed by the DOT.

Laurel Houle, a former Andover resident whose home was on the highway by the DOT last year, questioned the validity of the department's projections for increased traffic on existing Route 6. She said the DOT had set up traffic counters on Route 6 near Bunker Hill Road this past Thanksgiving. Because traffic during Thanksgiving is among

the busiest of the year, she said, the traffic count could not have been a representative one.

Her husband, Mark Houle, wanted to know whether the DOT would commit itself to leaving the town of Andover's sand and gravel pit alone, but Martinez said he could not give any guarantee until the final layout of the highway was determined.

DOT officials had originally planned to use the pit for the creation of new wetlands to replace those they are planning to use for the project.

RESIDENTS WHO spoke before the question-and-answer period raised many of the same points that were brought up Tuesday.

William Kowalski of Andover, a supporter of the highway project, said widening the existing Route 6 would be impractical because of the proximity of homes to the road. He said it is the users of the highway who are to blame for the accident on the road, not the road itself.

"Route 6 is not a dangerous highway. No highway is dangerous. It's the one who uses it," Kowalski said.

Andover resident Terry L. Tusing, who lives on Route 6, said his car almost gets rear-ended every time he pulls into his driveway.

Peter Van Dike of Bolton said the proposed highway should be reduced in scope, with the median divider eliminated. He said it should be moved after Route 101 in Rhode Island.

Laura Smaus of Coventry was concerned that the proposed expressway would run right next to a stone well by her historic home on Parker Bridge Road. She said the home, built in the 1600s, is on the National Registry of Historic Homes.

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Youthful offender status sought

HARTFORD (AP) — The attorney for a 16-year-old Glastonbury girl accused of being an accessory to her mother's murder is expected to argue in Hartford Superior Court today that she be had as a youthful offender.

Hubert J. Santos, attorney for Karin Aparo, is expected to ask she be tried as a youthful offender which would close her trial to public and mean the maximum she could face would be four years in prison. If convicted as an adult of accessory to murder, Aparo faces up to 60 years in prison.

Aparo, is one of four youths charged in connection with the strangulation death of her 47-year-old mother, Joyce Aparo. Joyce Aparo's nightgown-clad body was found under a bridge in

Massachusetts in August 1987. Aparo's former boyfriend, Dennis Coleman, 30, of Glastonbury, is charged with killing Joyce Aparo Aug. 5, 1987. Although Coleman has pleaded innocent, he has admitted to the crime, but said he committed it after being repeated asked to do so by Karin Aparo.

Prosecutors have recommended Coleman be sentenced to a maximum 42 years in prison in exchange for his testifying against Aparo. His attorney also has the option to argue for a shorter sentence. Coleman is free

on bond and will not be sentenced until after the Aparo case is resolved.

Two other defendants, Christopher Wheatley and Kira Lintner, friends of Coleman and Aparo, have negotiated settlements with prosecutors. Both were originally charged with conspiracy to commit murder. Wheatley was also charged with accessory to murder.

The charges have since been reduced to hindering prosecution in exchange for Wheatley's and Lintner's cooperation in the investigation.

Three arrested on drug charges

HARTFORD (AP) — Two men and a woman are being held after allegedly attempting to sell 4½ pounds of cocaine to an undercover federal agent, according to U.S. Attorney Stanley A. Twardy Jr.

Luis Alfonso Delgado, 33, of Cromwell; Rafael Alvarez, 35, and Elizabeth Rodriguez, 27, both of Hartford, were arrested around 9 p.m. Tuesday after attempting to sell cocaine to an undercover federal Drug Enforcement Agency agent outside Brother Bones Cafe in Hartford. Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter S. Jomblood said.

Delgado and Rodriguez were arrested in a car parked near the cafe. Cocaine was found under the front passenger's seat. Alvarez was arrested outside the cafe.

If convicted, Alvarez and Rodriguez could be sentenced to up to 40 years in prison and fined \$2 million. Delgado, who was convicted of state drug possession charges in 1986, could receive up to life in prison and fined \$4 million.

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Feds cite Appalachian Trail in rejecting Iroquois pipeline

By Christopher Callahan
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The developer of a proposed 358-mile Northeast natural gas pipeline is vowing to find a more suitable place for the project to cross the Appalachian Trail.

Officials at Iroquois Gas Transmission System said Wednesday they are confident of finding a new cross-over site that would satisfy Interior Secretary Donald P. Hodel, who rejected the current plan.

Hodel, in a letter to Sen. Lowell P. Weicker Jr., R-Conn., released Wednesday, said the current Iroquois pipeline plan would cross the 2,000-mile Appalachian Trail at a point in New York near the Connecticut border where it would have "significant environmental and scenic impacts."

"The plan now is to find a place along the New York-Connecticut border where we can cross," said company spokesman Gary B. Davis. "We will have to sit down with the Park Service again and discuss our concern. ... Something will have to be worked out."

The pipeline would have to cross the Appalachian Trail at some point. The project would bring Canadian natural gas from Ontario through New York and Connecticut to Long Island, serving New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The hiking trail runs from Maine to Georgia.

The \$384 million project is the first and most prominent Northeast gas line proposal under consideration by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. But Deputy Assistant Interior

Secretary Susan Reece said the U.S. Park Service, which is under the Interior Department, has jurisdiction over anything impacting the Appalachian Trail, which is part of the national park system.

Hodel's ruling was based on the recommendation of a Park Service survey in January.

The Iroquois pipeline would start at Iroquois, Ontario, cross the border at Waddington, N.Y., and come down into Connecticut at Sherman. It would wind through 45 miles in Connecticut, passing through Fairfield, Litchfield and New Haven counties

before crossing the sound at Milford. It would extend another 26 miles under the sound and end in South Connaught on Long Island.

The pipeline would have crossed the Appalachian Trail at Dover, N.Y., in eastern Dutchess County, N.Y., near Sherman, Conn.

Iroquois had pushed to have the project considered under a "fast track" procedure that would have avoided a series of hearings. But that attempt, opposed by Weicker and other officials in Connecticut, has been in effect been abandoned by the company.

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The Reverend Edward J. McLean, Executive Director of the Catholic Informal Center, is currently engaged in the apostolate of pastoral counseling and spiritual direction in the Archdiocese of Hartford. He conducts retreats and days of prayer for both the clergy and laity. He also ministers to the poor and homeless in the streets of Hartford.

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April 18, WHO NEEDS THE CHURCH ANYHOW? Why Not Just My Own Christian Thing? April 25, WHY ME LORD? God Chooses the Weak and Broken.

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OPINION

Budget vote should look beyond '88

In the past few years the budget request of the Board of Education has been approved by the town's Board of Directors with few reductions. That process has proved to be successful.

The alternative is for the Board of Education to ask for far more than it expects to get and for the directors to slash the budget more or less arbitrarily. That game makes headlines and gives the impression that the budgeting process is dynamic. But in the long run it is counterproductive.

This year again, Town Manager Robert Weiss has decided to pass through the school budget request to the directors without change. Mayor Peter DiRosa says he would be in favor of approving the entire budget.

Approval of the school budget, of course, should not be automatic. The fiscal responsibility for all town expenses rests ultimately with the Board of Directors. The directors have to make their decisions on the basis of the town's total needs and its capacity to pay for meeting those needs.

But DiRosa's argument for approving the full request this year deserves careful consideration by his fellow directors. It goes beyond the question of not hagglng for the sake of hagglng.

If a proposed new formula for state aid to education is passed by the General Assembly, the town may be required by 1992 to increase its per-pupil spending from the current \$2,647 to \$4,800. Failure to do so might mean the town would not receive state aid for education.

DiRosa and Weiss feel that it will be better to increase the per-pupil spending gradually over the next few years than to do so in one costly step later on.

The funding formula the General Assembly passes may not be the one now proposed, but it is evident that some new requirement for a higher financial commitment to education will become law.

In considering the school budget, the directors should look beyond the next fiscal year.

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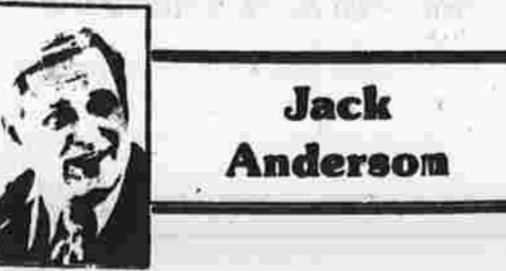
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Here's text of high court's decision on bond vote

Following is the text of Tuesday's Connecticut Supreme Court decision on the suit brought by Elizabeth Sadloski and others against the town of Manchester over a Board of Directors' decision to issue tax-increment bonds to finance public improvements in connection with the proposed Mall at Buckland Hills.

ELIZABETH SADLOSKI ET AL. v. TOWN OF MANCHESTER ET AL. (13227)

Peters, C.J., Shea, Callahan, Giasa and Hull, Jr.

The plaintiffs, who were residents, taxpayers and electors of the defendant town of Manchester, sought to enjoin the town and the defendant economic development commission of the town from issuing certain tax-increment bonds without first obtaining the approval of the voters in a town referendum. Although the plaintiffs maintained that the board lacks plenary authority over the issuance of municipal bonds, such bonds, according to the plaintiffs, fall within the terms of §5-25 of the Manchester town charter, which permits the town to "incur indebtedness by issuing its negotiable bonds" only if such bonds are "authorized by a majority vote of all the members of the Board of Directors" and approved "by the voters of the town."

The trial court granted the plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment, concluding that §5-25 of the Manchester town charter, which permits the town to "incur indebtedness by issuing its negotiable bonds" only if such bonds are "authorized by a majority vote of all the members of the Board of Directors" and approved "by the voters of the town," authorizes tax-increment bonds. The court held that the plaintiffs' claim that the board lacks plenary authority over the issuance of municipal bonds, such bonds, according to the plaintiffs, fall within the terms of §5-25 of the Manchester town charter, which permits the town to "incur indebtedness by issuing its negotiable bonds" only if such bonds are "authorized by a majority vote of all the members of the Board of Directors" and approved "by the voters of the town."

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Ortega orders alert, says invasion threat

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — President Daniel Ortega said Sandinista troops had forced 2,000 Contras into Honduran territory, and he warned the nation that U.S. forces may invade Nicaragua to save the rebels.

"The United States, disrespectful of international law and the principles of the American constitution, is threatening today (Wednesday) to directly employ its military forces to save the mercenaries," Ortega said, referring to the U.S.-supported Contra rebels.

Ortega was reacting to an initial report by the White House that the United States was considering "everything... short of invasion" after President George Azcona Hoyo Honduras accused Nicaragua of sending troops across the border into his country and asked President Reagan for help.

Late Wednesday, the White House announced about 3,200 U.S. troops would be sent to Honduras today, but would not be deployed to any area of ongoing hostilities, namely the Honduras-Nicaragua border, where fighting raged Wednesday between Nicaraguan soldiers and the Contras.

There was no official reaction Wednesday night from the leftist Sandinista government to the announced deployment of U.S. troops.

However, soon after the announcement was made, the government took control of all radio stations and broadcast stations. Nicaraguan troops were being mobilized throughout the country. The stations also broadcast revolutionary music.

Ortega neither confirmed nor denied on Wednesday that Nicaraguan soldiers had crossed into Honduran territory, his Defense Ministry spokeswoman Maj. Rosa Passos denied that Sandinista troops had done so.

Ortega told reporters: "We are calling on the Nicaraguan people to be alert, to be in combat readiness, ready to repel, resist, defeat whatever aggression from the United States."

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater in Washington said the U.S. soldiers were to carry out training exercises and be "a signal to the governments and the people of Central America."

In a letter to Reagan released by the White House, Azcona Hoyo said his government had ordered its armed forces "to repulse" the Sandinista troops and asked for U.S. military assistance.

Honduran military intelligence sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press late Wednesday that Honduran troops had surrounded about 2,000 Nicaraguan soldiers three miles inside the Honduran border.

The Honduran foreign minister, Carlos Lopez Contreras, said the Honduran military command was reviewing battle plans in case Sandinista forces remained in Honduran territory. He also said Azcona Hoyo contacted Ortega to demand the withdrawal of the Nicaraguan troops.

Fitzwater said the U.S. troops would be sent to Palmerola Air Force Base, about 125 miles west of the border and 40 miles northwest of the Honduran capital, Tegucigalpa.

The Contras have maintained secret bases along the Honduras-Nicaragua border from which they have staged attacks on Nicaraguans in their 6-year-old war against the Sandinistas.

Ortega said on Wednesday that Sandinista troops had pushed about 2,000 Contra soldiers across the Rio Coco into Honduras in a major offensive that began March 6, the largest this year.

"The soldiers are well-trained and prepared for this mission," said Foss, commander of the 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg.

"They're excited but I would not say they are nervous."

Dozens of trucks carrying troops and supplies from Fort Ord arrived shortly after 7 a.m.



CHRISTOPHER DODD... highly suspicious

Dodd skeptical of U.S. move

By Lee Roderick Scripps League Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Most Democratic leaders were openly skeptical of President Reagan's justification for ordering 3,200 U.S. combat troops to Honduras late Wednesday.

"This is a little too convenient," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., head of the Senate task force monitoring peace efforts in the region. "I'm highly suspicious of the administration's motives."

"We're seeing more hype than reality," Dodd said.

Reagan's decision came after Nicaraguan troops apparently entered Honduran territory in an attempt to destroy supplies of the Contra rebels. The White House called the action an "invasion," while Dodd said it was a relatively routine border "incursion" that didn't warrant the strong U.S. response.

Dodd recalled that similar reports in March 1984 were used by the Reagan administration to justify sending \$20 million in emergency military assistance to Honduras. The latest moves come as the administration is again lobbying Congress for assistance to the Contras.

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., said "This is not the first time the president has made use of his military authority after he lost a vote on the Contras."

House Majority Whip Tony Coelho, D-Calif., charged Wednesday the administration "has been desperate to create a situation in Central America to justify military aid. You have to question whether it is aimed at the cease fire talks, and you have to be somewhat cynical and wonder whether the (Iran-Contra) indictments today are part of it."

Dodd also suggested the indictments handed down by a federal grand jury Wednesday were tied to the administration's actions in Honduras. The indictments are a "major black eye" to the administration, he said, and attempting to divert attention from them is "pretty good politics."

U.S. troops 'excited but not nervous'

By The Associated Press

EST at Travis Air Force Base. Several wives were told by their husbands that the battalions would be flown to Florida, then to Honduras. Travis officials said they could not confirm that arrangement.

The White House on Wednesday ordered troops to Honduras in an "emergency deployment readiness exercise" triggered by what it called the invasion of Honduras by 1,500 to 2,000 Nicaraguan forces pursuing Contra rebels.

Military intelligence sources in Honduras said late Wednesday that about 2,000 Sandinista troops were surrounded three miles inside Honduras. Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega said troops had chased Contra rebels into Honduran territory, but would not say whether the soldiers had crossed the border.

All 11,400 members of Fort Ord's Rapid Deployment Force were engaged in a deployment readiness exercise when word came that two battalions, between 1,100 and 1,200 soldiers, would go to Honduras, officials said.

Eight hundred paratroopers will be dropped about five miles from the Honduran base, said Maj. Gen. Carl Stiner, commander of the 82nd Airborne.

Eugene Rice, 21, told The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer: "It was like, something's really going to happen. We're finally going to get a chance to use our training."

At Fort Bragg, soldiers kissed their wives goodbye at marshaling points on the sprawling base. "It was really exciting," Pfc.

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Veterans cheat on benefits

WASHINGTON — U.S. veterans are cheating the government out of tens of millions of dollars each year by lying about their incomes and collecting excessive benefits as a result, a congressional report says.

The report by the General Accounting Office, the investigative wing of Congress, compared Veterans Administration income forms filled out by pensioners with Internal Revenue Service data.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, released the report Wednesday and said Congress should move to halt the abuses by giving the VA access to same tax information so it can verify what veterans tell it about income from jobs and investments. Murkowski is the senior Republican on the Veterans Affairs Committee.



AP photo

FDIC rescues Texas banks

WASHINGTON — The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. today advanced \$1 billion to banks owned by First Republic Bank Corp., a Dallas holding company, in a rescue package that could ultimately rival the government's largest bank bailout.

FDIC Chairman L. William Seidman called the assistance "an interim step" to provide needed stability to First Republic's subsidiaries and depositors.

Seidman said his agency, which insures deposits at commercial banks, would guarantee all of the subsidiary banks' deposits as well as money owed to general creditors of the banks. This goes beyond the minimum the agency would normally be expected to back up, which is deposits of \$100,000 and less.

IRA appeals for calm

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Mourners wearing shamrocks and green armbands today streamed through the streets of Belfast in a funeral procession for a slain IRA guerrilla, who was slayed in a volley of gunfire and buried in the Irish Republican Army cemetery.

The Irish Republican Army appealed for calm during the funeral for 33-year-old Kevin McCracken, who was buried a day after gunmen killed three people and wounded 68 at another IRA funeral.

McCracken was shot to death Monday by a British army patrol that he fired upon.

Mourners followed the coffin through West Belfast to the Roman Catholic Milltown cemetery, the scene of Wednesday's attack by Protestant gunmen.

Israeli raid Palestinian

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Six Israeli fighter-bombers blasted Palestinian guerrilla bases in Druse-held territory above Beirut today in the deepest air raid into Lebanon this year, police said.

They said one guerrilla was killed and two other people, a fighter and his 2-year-old son, were wounded in the attack, the third against Palestinian targets in Lebanon since January.

The jets dropped four shells on one base in the Aynab village, demolishing a building used as a base for the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The Marxist front is one of the Palestine Liberation Organization's eight main factions.

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Reagan's pardon power could erase indictments

By Susanne M. Schofer
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's virtually absolute power to grant pardons raises the question of whether his former top aides indicted in the Iran-Contra affair will ever go to trial.

Reagan has never criticized his aides for lying to Congress, shredding documents or participating in a cover-up. And while he has steadfastly refused to discuss the possibility of pardons, he has been equally careful not to rule them out.

LI. Col. Oliver North, former national security adviser John Poindexter and two arms dealers were indicted Wednesday on conspiracy charges in the diversion of Iranian arms sales profits to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

Reagan had no comment on the latest development in the scandal that has haunted his second term, according to presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

But several presidential and Constitutional scholars said that if he decides to pardon any of the Iran-Contra defendants, Reagan probably will wait until after the November election to prevent the issue from hurting Republican candidates.

Reagan is well aware of the example of his Republican predecessor, Gerald Ford, whose Watergate pardon of Richard Nixon on Sept. 8, 1974, sent Ford's popularity ratings tumbling and helped put a Democrat into the White House in the next election.

In the case at hand, Reagan has made it clear — particularly in his description of North as an "American hero" — that he is giving the former national security council aide the benefit of the doubt.

"He's really very free," said C. Thomas Dienes, a professor of constitutional law at George Washington University.

A president is able to grant a pardon involving a federal crime solely on his own initiative — he need not consult anyone nor even wait for an indictment or conviction before taking action, Dienes said.

Dienes said the principal cost of a Reagan pardon "would be political." He said the president would have to make a case for the pardon by arguing that he believed his subordinates had acted in the cause of the national security, or that he wanted to spare the country a national trauma.

"I'm sure he'd catch a lot of political flak, and he wants to go down as a popular president — but since North was perceived by some as a popular hero, I'm not certain there's such a negative reaction," Dienes said.

The Constitution allows a president virtually unlimited authority to pardon without "offenses against the United States, except treason."

Failed coup sparks rioting

PANAMA CITY, Panama — Soldiers loyal to Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega patrolled the streets of Panama City today, one day after a failed coup attempt by rebel officers sparked rioting by thousands of Panamanians.

The rampage by citizens fed up with military rule and the nation's financial crisis was the largest disturbance since civilian opponents first began staging demonstrations calling for Noriega's ouster last summer.

Wednesday's protests erupted spontaneously throughout the capital and in the country's second largest city, Colon, 56 miles to the north.

Mecham takes the stand

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Senators stood in respect as Gov. Evan Mecham arrived for the first time at his impeachment trial to testify that he didn't cover up a death threat and did not sell appointments for campaign contributions.

Mecham told the Arizona Senate on Wednesday that his trust in some aides was "a trust misplaced" and that he also had "big trouble" in relations with state Attorney General Bob Corbin, a fellow Republican.

The 68-year-old first-term governor, who said his 1986 campaign theme was "to rid the state of corruption," was expected to resume testimony today.

Chemical plant explodes

BERKELEY HEIGHTS, N.J. — An explosion and fire at a hazardous chemical research plant killed two people today and critically injured a third, authorities said. Nearby areas were evacuated.

The explosion at 1:51 a.m. at Gollob Analytical Services involved unknown quantities of chemicals and gases, said Police Chief Ralph M. Del Duca.

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ON THE JOB — Town placemans Michael DuBois, left, and Carlo Piacentini talk to students from Bennet Junior High School and Bolton Center School during Manchester Memorial Hospital's career day Wednesday.

Career day gives area youths glimpse of jobs in medical field

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

The diversity of jobs and services available in medicine was brought to life for area junior high school students during a visit to Manchester Memorial Hospital Wednesday.

About 80 students attended the hospital's career day Wednesday, which has been held two times a year for about the last eight years, said Andrew A. Beck, hospital director of public relations. Students from Bennet and Bolton Center School attended along with students from Highland Park Day Treatment Program.

Also, seventh and eighth grade students from St. Christopher

Troops arrive in Honduras

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In addition, he said, "We've called for an OAS-UN mission to go to the site and let them establish what the facts are."

"They can go and see for themselves," he said. "Don't take our word for it."

From Capitol Hill, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said, "I think it's an overreaction. I think the notion that there's a real invasion is just ridiculous."

"I think it's a move the president may come to regret because the spectacle of American troops moving into Central America in convoy, flying down there, I think is going to remind the American people of why they don't want this," he said on the NBC-TV "Today" program.

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More indictments possible

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for his former aides, "had no response" to the latest development in the scandal, said spokesman Martin Fitzwater.

North, who was fired from his White House post in November 1986, was named in 16 counts. He also was charged with obstructing Attorney General Edwin Meese III's Nov. 21-23, 1986, investigation by making false statements and destroying National Security Council documents.

Second and Hakim were additionally charged with conspiring to pay North illegal gratuities by agreeing to set up a \$200,000 Swiss bank account for the Marine officer's family and to pay for the installation of a security system at North's home in Great Falls, Va.

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HUSKY POINT MAKER — Phil Gamble, with the basketball, will be one of the key performers for UConn tonight as the Huskies take on West Virginia University in Morgantown, W. Va., in first round NIT.

UConn drawing respect from its NIT opponent

By Roy Formanek Jr.
The Associated Press

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Carter blossoms for OSU

By Rusty Miller
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Perry Carter was just another promising big man in the Big Ten.

But in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament on Wednesday night and away from the Purdue and Indiana of the world, the 6-foot-8 Ohio State freshman stepped into the spotlight.

Carter scored a career-high 25 points and had 10 rebounds as the Buckeyes rolled to an 86-73 victory over Old Dominion.

"The Big Ten is a tougher conference. What's the name of their conference? The Sun Belt?" Carter asked.

Old Dominion Coach Tom Young said Ohio State — led by Carter — simply pushed his team around.

"They played us more physical than (NCAA teams) Maryland or

Purdue is the team to beat in NCAA tournament

Today marks the commencement of the golden anniversary of one of the most vicious sporting spectacles in our country — the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

Those fortunate enough to be one of the 64 elite teams in the field all harbor fervent hopes of reaching the Final Four which will be held at the Kemper Arena in St. Louis, Mo. The championship game is slated for Monday night, April 4.

Numerous NCAA pools throughout the United States are premised on these people thinking they possess the acute, insightful knowledge necessary to pick the "magical" Final Four teams.

Contrary to past years, this year's tournament appears fairly straightforward to me, thus, providing my Final Four comprised of three of the top four seeds in the country.

I'll begin with my selection for the 1988 NCAA champion — the Purdue Boilermakers. The No. 1 seed in the Midwest Regional, Purdue (27-3) seems to have the easiest route to Kansas City. The Boilermakers, under Coach Gene Keady, boast the best guard tandem in the nation in seniors Troy

Duke hopes to avoid underestimating BU

By Tim Llotto
The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Mississippi Valley State had an 8-20 record this season and is absent from this year's NCAA postseason basketball tournament.

And yet, the Southwestern Conference school has been repeatedly referred to in questions asked of Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski.

Two years ago, Duke met a lightly regarded Mississippi Valley State and trailed until late in the second half before finally prevailing.

This year, the fifth-ranked Blue Devils open their NCAA Tournament against a lightly regarded Boston University and comparisons have been made to Duke's struggle two years ago.

"That team was a veteran team and I think it took them (Mississippi Valley State) lightly. They tried to ease into the tournament," Krzyzewski said before Duke's final pre-tournament practice Thursday.

East Regional

The afternoon session began with Rhode Island against Missouri. Ninth-ranked Syracuse played North Carolina A&T in the second game.

In the opening game of the night session, Southern Methodist plays Notre Dame.

Duke forward Billy King said the Blue Devils seem to be better prepared because of the Mississippi Valley State game in 1986.

"Two years ago, it was a first-round game and we struggled in the first half," King said. "That does wake us up a little that any opponent is capable of beating you."

Boston University, 23-7, earned its bid by winning the ECAC North Atlantic Conference tournament. Led by guard Drederick Irving, who averaged 20.3 points per game during the regular season, the Terriers are making their first NCAA appearance since 1983.

Guard Larry Jones added 18.1 points per game to Boston University's three-quarter offense.

"We obviously don't have the ammunition that Duke has, so we could go out and play a great game and not come out on top," Boston University Coach Mike Jarvis said. "We are going to learn a lot here."

When asked about Duke's main weapon, junior Danny Ferry, Jarvis said, "Ten years from now, I'm going to tell my

Penguins not clock watching, move closer to fourth place

By The Associated Press

The Pittsburgh Penguins aren't wasting time watching the scoreboard or getting into it.

The Penguins moved within one point of the fourth-place New York Rangers in the NHL's Patrick Division Wednesday.

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second period to take a 5-3 lead and weren't caught.

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Canucks 4, Jets 1

Former Jet goalie Brian Harvey came back to stop 24 shots, being beaten only by Mario Marocchini with just 39 seconds remaining.

Brian Skrudland, Bobby Smith, Stephen Elches and Chris Chelios scored for the Canucks.

Center Gilles Thibault collected three assists as Montreal climbed back into first place overall in the NHL, with 88 points.

The Canucks are one point ahead of Calgary in the overall standings.

Wings 2, North Stars 1

Detroit, 8-1 in the last nine games — eight of those without injured captain Steve Yzerman — their leading scorer — got goals from Brent Ashton and Lee Norwood.

Greg Stefan made 35 saves in his fourth straight victory since returning from a ligament injury he suffered Jan. 6.

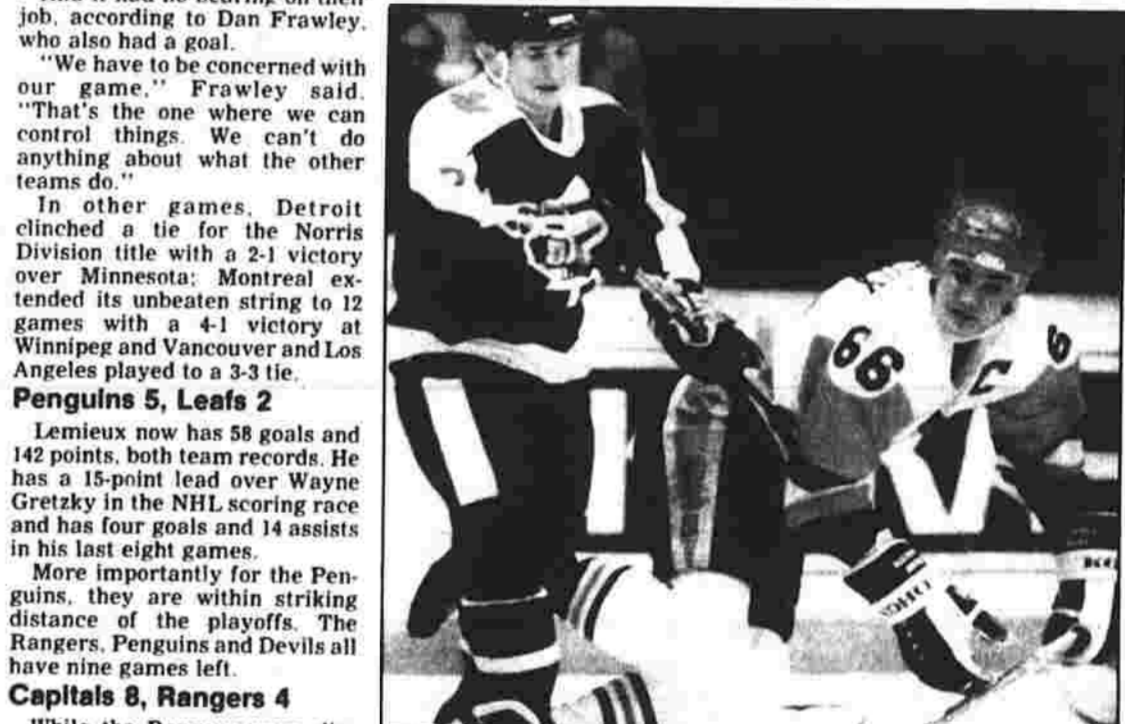
Penguins 5, Leafs 2

Lemieux now has 58 goals and 142 points, both team records, and has a 15-point lead over Wayne Gretzky in the NHL scoring race and has four goals and 14 assists in his last eight games.

More importantly for the Penguins, they are within striking distance of the playoffs. The Rangers, Penguins and Devils all have nine games left.

Capitals 8, Rangers 4

While the Rangers were slipping closer to fifth place, the Capitals improved their Patrick Division lead to three points over Philadelphia. The Capitals scored three times in 2:26 of the



GOING DOWN — Pittsburgh's Martio Lemieux (66) heads for the ice after being tripped by Toronto's Greg Terrion. The Penguins won, 5-2.

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'Prescription diets' are important

The veterinarian among his/her other functions has to be a nutritionist. Fortunately, veterinarians have the training and ample sources of correct foods to meet pet needs for many conditions.



Pet Forum

Allan Leventhal, D.V.M.

dissolving the offending calculi (stones). These diets have been available since the late 1940s and have been improved since then.

Today, a vet can prescribe a bland, balanced therapeutic diet to assist in the control of digestive upsets such as nausea, diarrhea, pancreatitis and bloat, with the same diet useful in weaning pups or controlling digestive geriatric problems. A diet high in protein, quality and quantity is recommended for growing pets, anemic ones, patients that are debilitated from disease, or surgery, malnutrition and parasites. The same diet is recommended during reproduction and nursing and in the weaning of kittens. When I write "the same diet," there is actually a canine and feline form of these diets that take into consideration the requirements of the different species.

Food allergies in pets can be relieved by a very low in dietary antigenicity. Another helps in weight reduction, by being high in fiber and also helpful in constipation, diabetes mellitus and hairballs in cats. A wide range but all the previous conditions are improved by this diet.

The effectiveness of any of these dietary regimes remains with the owner. Some are more palatable than others but all can be taken readily by the pet if the owner is persistent. Especially in the case of the anti-food allergic diet, the slightest snafu, the slightest change in the pet's diet, the slightest "I forgot to pick up the cat's food" or "just a little table-food won't hurt" can negate the entire regime.

In some cases the addition of plain broth or heating in a microwave can make the diet more acceptable. Introducing it gradually over a period of several days mixed in increasing percentages with the usual diet is a good way to do it. Animals may protest during the prescription diet for a day or two and the owner may stop. But usually the pet will decide it's not so bad. In most cases, a fast of 24-48 hours is not harmful.

Prescription diets are available for pets with impaired kidney or liver function and can improve both the quality and length of life. Others low in sodium are prescribed for heart conditions and their sequelae such as droopy and lung congestion. A geriatric formulation compensates for some of aging's failings and endocrine imbalances such as hypothyroidism.

All of the above diets are valuable aids in the vet's fight against disease, obesity, stress, etc. But as the saying goes, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and that's where you, the client, must do your thing. Nutrition is an integral part of the prevention and treatment of many conditions. Your veterinarian has the means, please cooperate with him/her and see that the patient gets the diet prescribed.

The Quiz

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1 Six people died in a shootout after Palestinians hijacked this bus in Israel. The hijackers were demanding the release of Palestinian prisoners held in the occupied lands. Yasser Arafat's PLO faction Al Fatah (CHOOSE ONE; denied, claimed) responsibility for the attack.

2 Ethnic unrest in the Soviet Union has added to Russian fears about the nation's growing non-Russian population, which is expected to be just above the 50-percent mark by the year 2000.

3 Scientific reports early and unusual magnetic activity on the Sun. This could herald an early peak in the Sun's normal 11-year cycle.

4 The Post Office recently announced a plan to raise the cost of first-class stamps. This would be the first increase in three years.

5 Opponents of Panama's General Noriega recently announced the formation of CHOOSE ONE; an alternative government, an armed guerrilla front) to try to oust the strongman.

FOCUS

Your auto might have a 'secret warranty'

The automatic transmission in a Pennsylvania woman's 1981 Buick Skylark failed five times during the first 50,000 miles. Each time, it was rebuilt or replaced free.

But a Texas motorist with a similarly troublesome transmission in his 1980 Skylark had to foot the repair bill himself. "In all fairness to all owners of Buick automobiles," the automaker told him, "we must adhere to limits of warranty and decline assistance."

Such inequities are commonplace, says the Center for Auto Safety, a Washington, D.C.-based clearinghouse for automotive complaints.

Some automakers even have "secret warranties," that is, informal extensions of warranty coverage to components that have proven particularly troublesome.

According to the center, some 30 million cars and light trucks made since 1980 are "covered" by these

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secret warranties, representing an estimated \$3 billion in repairs.

Secret warranties are often difficult to document. The car-makers pass the word to their field representatives and sometimes to the dealers. Car owners are usually left in the dark.

By gathering automakers' dealer bulletins and by cataloging reports from car owners, the Center for Auto Safety has compiled the following Top 10 list of secret warranties:

- 1 Automatic transmission failure in 4 million 1982-86 General Motors Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, GMC, Oldsmobile and Pontiac medium-sized and large cars, trucks and vans and 1980-82 front-wheel-drive cars.
- 2 Premature tire wear on 6 million 1985-86 medium-sized and large cars, trucks and vans made by GM.
- 3 Excessive toe-in of the wheels in 300,000 1983-84 Chrysler Corp. cars with 2.6-liter four-cylinder engine. Failure can cause severe, expensive engine damage.
- 4 Pulsating brakes in 200,000 1984-86 Toyota Camrys.
- 5 "Blushing" paint on an estimated 100,000 1985 GM cars painted black or dark red. Contaminated paint may give the finish a milky haze that can't be permanently buffed out.
- 6 If you believe that your car suffers from one of these defects, send a self-addressed envelope with 30 cents postage to the Center for Auto Safety, 2001 S Street, N.W., Suite 410, Washington, D.C. 20009. Describe your car and the problem you're experiencing, and the center will send you the specific information. Then try to resolve the problem with your dealer's service manager.
- 7 If that doesn't work, contact the nearest factory regional office (listed in your car owner's manual) and ask a factory representative to intercede.
- 8 As a last resort, consider using the dealer in small-claims court.

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problem.

- 9 Power-steering failure in 6 million 1980-84 GM front-wheel-drive models. Loss of power assist first shows up when the engine is cold.
- 10 Cracked engine blocks and cylinder heads in 2.4 million 1982-84 GM cars and trucks with four-cylinder engines. The crack allows engine coolant to mix with the engine oil, eventually destroying the engine.
- 11 Peeling paint and water leaks in 2 million Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth cars from 1978 on.
- 12 Floor-pan cracks in 1.2 million 1979-83 Ford Mustangs and Mercury Capris (Between 50 and 60 percent of these cars may be affected). The sheet-metal floor generally tears under the driver's seat. The seat may sag or rock from side to side, and water and fumes may enter the passenger compartment. Carpeting on the floor may mask the symptoms.
- 13 Twisted and jammed safety belts in 938,000 1979-81 Honda Accords and Civics.
- 14 Broken timing-chain guide in

PEOPLE

Jackson goes on in Indy

INDIANAPOLIS — The illness that forced Michael Jackson to cancel a performance in St. Louis is not expected to affect his weekend concert here, spokesmen said.

"It's just laryngitis," Jackson's press agent, Sherrie Levy, said Wednesday. "All he needs is time to recover. I'm confident he'll be in great shape for the shows in Indianapolis."

"We expect that the Friday night show will go as planned," said publicist Laurence O'Connor. "He is under a doctor's care, but he is feeling better. They are proceeding to put the stage and take care of other matters."

Officials at Market Square Arena, where Jackson is scheduled to perform Friday and Saturday as part of a 13-city tour, said the shows are mostly sold out.

Jackson was treated by doctors at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in suburban St. Louis after illness forced him to postpone a concert last Saturday night.

Jackson performed Sunday night as scheduled before about 18,000 people despite suffering from a cold. But it progressed Monday to laryngitis and he had to cancel that night's makeup concert. St. Louis Arena manager Roger Dixon said.

MAR 7



Susan Butcher wins Iditarod race again

By Paul Jenkins
The Associated Press

NOME, Alaska — Sirens wailed and hundreds of boisterous fans jammed the street to cheer Susan Butcher as she coasted to an unprecedented third straight victory in the 1,150-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Bitterly cold winds raked Nome as she finished and perspiring 33-year-old Alaskan cruised beneath the log-arch finish at 8:42 p.m. Wednesday.

"It means a lot to me to win three years in a row," said a smiling Butcher, the only musher to win three consecutive Iditarods, as she hugged her frosty-faced lead dogs, Granite and Tolstoy.

"I very much want four," said Butcher, who has completed 11 of the grueling races and earned \$30,000 for Wednesday's victory. "I guess I want five."

Butcher finished after 11 days, 11 hours, and 41 minutes, a record for the race's longer northern route from Anchorage to Nome. Last year, her time of 11 days, 2 hours and 30 minutes set a record for the shorter southern route.

Her closest rival, Martin Buser of Big Lake, trailed by 14 hours Wednesday night.

Matchwords

1-magnetic a-friend
2-herald b-attractive
3-peak c-remove
4-sly d-high point
5-oust e-announce

Peoplewatch/Sportlight

1 George Lucas and Steven Spielberg, the creative team behind the (CHOOSE ONE; "Star Wars," "Indiana Jones") movies, recently testified before Congress on the subject of tampering with filmmakers' works.

2 For the fourth year in a row, Miss U.S. won the Miss USA pageant, which was held recently in El Paso, Texas.

3 One of the first teams to qualify for the NCAA basketball tournament was Big Ten champion (CHOOSE ONE; Iowa, Purdue), who defeated Michigan for the title.

4 One-handed (CHOOSE ONE; baseball pitcher, quarterback) Jim Abbott of Michigan was named the winner of the 1987 Sullivan Award, which is given each year to the nation's most outstanding amateur athlete.

5 West German tennis star J... who in 1985 became the youngest man to win Wimbledon, recently gained his first tournament victory in eight months.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

There is therapy for nymphomania

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a freelance novelist. In my latest book, I'm trying to create a character who is a recovered nymphomaniac. My assistants and I cannot agree on the causes and cures of this disorder. Can you help?

DEAR READER: Nymphomania, a disorder of women, is marked by an excessive desire for sexual activity, without much satisfaction. (In men this disorder is known as satyriasis.) It is now considered to be a psychologic-sexual ailment stemming from a personality conflict. This acting-out behavior may result when women inappropriately equate emotional closeness with sexual intercourse. That is, psychological conflicts prevent some women from experiencing security and love without the necessity of sexual activity. Other women try to "prove" that they are not frigid or homosexual. Nymphomania usually responds to counseling therapy.

Because of your interest in this subject, I'm sending you a free copy of my Health Report, Mental and Emotional Illness. Other readers who want a copy of this Health Report should send \$1 and their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3698. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My granddaughter has achalasia. It seems as if stress aggravates the condition. What can she do?

DEAR READER: Achalasia refers to the inability of muscle fibers in parts of the intestine to relax. The most common form is called cardiospasm, the inappropriate contraction of the round muscle sphincter between the esophagus and the stomach. Such a spasm is thought to be due to a disruption of the nervous impulses reaching the sphincter; hence, swallowing can be difficult at times because the peristalsis is interrupted. The esophagus can become weakened and dilated. Stress often aggravates the condition.

A second, less common type of achalasia is Hirschsprung's disease, massive dilation of segments of the large intestine due to a congenital absence of nerve fibers.

Cardiospasm can usually be treated with muscle-relaxant drugs, stress control and attention to diet. Surgery to relieve spasm, is seldom required. However, in Hirschsprung's disease, the most effective treatment is removal of the affected portion of bowel.

I believe that your granddaughter should be under the care of an intestinal specialist who can determine which treatment would be most appropriate for her.

Patient not smiling at dentist who refuses to pull a tooth

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Will you please tell women who depend on their women for rides to church, shopping or anywhere else women hitchhike to, to please shut up for at least two minutes? I realize that most of these women who live alone need to talk. But if they don't come up for air once in a while, they will be looking for another means of transportation.

The minute the car door is open, they start tell you everything they have done from the time they got up. Sometimes I have something to say.

DEAR ABBY: It has been two months since my husband and I gave \$25 to his brother and sister-in-law for their 40th wedding anniversary. We are still waiting for some kind of thank-you. (Strange, they knew our address where they sent us the invitation.)

When I mentioned this to my husband, he reminded me that we never did receive a thank-you from our other relatives to whom we gave a gift for their 50th anniversary.

Upon telling our son this, he told us that at many celebrations where gifts are given, thank-you cards are placed on the gift table (where the guests leave their gifts), and the guests are supposed to pick up a thank-you card. This is the only thank-you they receive.

Would you call this "class" in the upper Midwest or what?

FRIDAY LAKE, MINNESOTA

DEAR PRIOR: I would call this "no class" in any part of the country.

Life for Doc's big band

LOS ANGELES — Trumpe playing piano and band leader Doc Severinsen says that having his television concert series on NBC's "Tonight Show" has seemed like a crazy idea, but it brought him the attention of a Grammy award.

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TV Topics

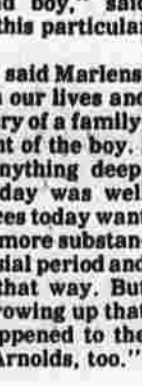
'Wonder Years' is wonderful

By Jerry Buck
The Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — Remember 20 years ago Black-and-white television, the Vietnam War, the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy, campus unrest, sexual revolution, hippies, flower children?
Other events shook the earth, too. Growing up, for instance.
In ABC's "The Wonder Years," Kevin Arnold is 12 years old in 1968. He has to be careful of the neighborhood bully, namely his older brother, Kevin. His father is a distant figure who shows up now and then to straighten him out. The offstage narrator is Kevin as a grownup, looking back and remembering. Of course, remembering it in his own fashion.
"The Wonder Years," simply put, is wonderful. Every adult out there who has ever grown up will identify with this awkward age.

TV Tonight

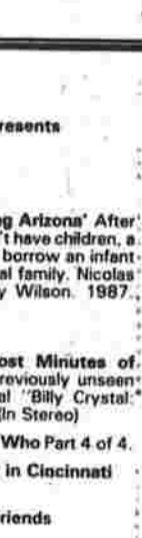
- 5:00PM (DIS) A Tale of Four Wishes
A young girl comes to the realization that happiness cannot result from wishes alone. (60 min.)
5:15PM (HBO) MOVIE: 'Secrets of a Mother and Daughter' (CA) A devastating divorce develops between a mother and her daughter when they both fall for the same man. Katharine Ross, Linda Hamilton. (90 min.)
5:30PM (MAX) MOVIE: 'All Hands on Deck' A pretty reporter and a sailor's first love create chaos for a Naval vessel about to be inspected. Pat Boone, Buddy Ebsen. (90 min.)
6:00PM (3) (E) 30 News
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(2) Webster
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(4) A-Team
(5) Family Ties Part 1 of 2
(6) Reporter 41
(7) MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour
(8) Family Ties
(9) [CNN] Showbiz Today
(10) [DIS] MOVIE: 'End of the World Man' A group of fresh-graduate students to block a real estate developer's plan to destroy a local wilderness area. John Hewitt, Leslaine Murray. (90 min.)
(11) [TMC] MOVIE: 'Amadeus' Viennese composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's life of his long time rival, Wolfgang Amadeus. F. Murray Abraham, Tom Hulce, Elizabeth Berridge. (180 min.)
(12) [USA] Cartoons
6:30PM (1) Family Ties
(1) ABC News (CA)
(2) Jefferies
(3) 30 NBC News (CA)
(4) Nightly Business Report
(5) Boston Bulletin
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(7) Love Connection
(8) [CNN] Inside Politics '88
(9) [CNN] News
(10) [E] Wheel of Fortune (CA)
(11) \$100,000 Pyramid
(12) [E] News
(13) Best of Saturday Night
(14) M*A*S*H
(15) MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour
(16) Barney Miller
(17) [E] Win, Lose or Draw
(18) Rosa Salazar
(19) Nightly Business Report
(20) Family Ties
(21) [CNN] Moneyline
(22) [ESPN] NCAA Basketball Championship: First Round Teams and site to be announced. (2 hrs., 30 min.) (Live)
(23) [HBO] Headlines A magazine show on the entertainment industry, presenting with an overview of the 1988 Oscar nominations.
(24) [USA] Airwalk
7:30PM (3) PM Magazine Celebrity Double: George Leshar, lawyer Melvin Bell.
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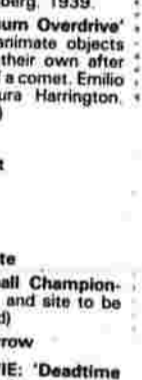
Buck (Dennis Weaver) and Rebecca (Alberta Watson) are an injured death-row inmate on ABC's 'Buck James'.

THE PHANTOM



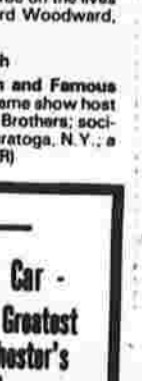
THE PHANTOM by Lee Falk & Barry
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CELEBRITY CIPHER
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created exclusively by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's cipher is based on the names of the stars.

JUMBLE
UNSCRAMBLE THESE FOUR JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.
ENNIL
LEDY
KLUSCE
DENGER

Astrograph
Your Birthday
March 16, 1988
Together, with trusted allies, it looks like you are going to tackle something pretty big in the year ahead that would have intimidated you previously. Through this joint effort, your chances are favorable.

BRIDGE

Good technique scores the slam
By James Jacoby
Fortunately for bridge players, the language of bidding is easier to learn than, for example, Sanskrit. So it was that South knew that the four-heart cue-bid by North showed a strong hand and a sound hand. The partnership then bid up to six spades, showing first- and second-round control in both suits. A diamond finesse was successful and the partnership ended up in a grand slam.

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