

RECORD

About Town

Sunset Club meets

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

Masons to meet

Royal Arch Mason's Delta Chapter will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple on Center Street. Mark Master Mason Degree will be conferred. Refreshments will be served during the social hour after the meeting. All members should attend.

WATES by-laws

WATES will meet Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. at 72 East Center St. The by-laws of the club will be read following the meeting.

Women's fellowship meets

Women's Aglow Fellowship will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the First Federal Savings & Loan Association on W. Middle Turnpike. Guest speaker will be June Gullow.

Music at church

St. James Church will present songs, scripture readings and prayers on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Ed and Donna DuBardo will lead the singing. Refreshments will be served. Prayers will follow the service.

Spring concert set

COVENTRY — Capt. Nathan Hale School in Coventry will hold its music department spring concert on Wednesday, May 25, and Thursday, May 26, at 7:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Fifth and sixth grade bands will perform on Wednesday and seventh and eighth grade bands and Pop Ensemble will perform on Thursday. Andelo Gesumudo will conduct the band and Janet Beldon will conduct the Pop Ensemble.

Capitol Calendar

HARTFORD (AP) — Here is the schedule of committee meetings (CM) and public hearings (PH) in the Connecticut General Assembly this week.

All events are open to the public. Times and places are subject to change and information about individual meetings and hearings can be obtained by calling the Legislative Management Committee at 246-0100.

The first hour of each public hearing is reserved for legislators and agency heads. The public is then permitted to speak.

Subcommittee meetings are not listed.

- Tuesday**
 - House session, 11 a.m.
 - Senate session, 1 p.m.
 - Regulations Review, CM, 10 a.m., Room E-53.
 - Transportation, CM, 10:30 a.m., Room E-57.
- Wednesday**
 - House session, 11 a.m.
 - Senate session, 1 p.m.
- Thursday**
 - House session, 11 a.m.
 - Senate session, 11 a.m.
- Friday**
 - No meetings scheduled.

Public Meetings

Meetings scheduled tonight:

- Manchester**
 - Eighth Utilities District, Mayfair Gardens, 7 p.m.
 - Planning and Zoning Commission, Lincoln Center hearing room, 7 p.m.
- Andover**
 - Planning and Zoning Commission, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.
- Coventry**
 - Town Council, Town Office Building, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Crane's Quiz

- Pancakes are often covered with the product of creatures that go **BA-A MOO BZZZ GOBBLE**.
- Which flower is especially suggestive of Memorial Day? **VIOLET LILAC PEONY GARDENIA**.
- Catsup is most likely used on meat that made which sound while alive? **SPASH OINK MOO BAA**.
- A tactician person is most likely to be which worker? **POLITICIAN SALESMAN BANK TELLER**.
- A loquacious person is least likely to be an **ACCOUNTANT AUCTIONEER SALESMAN BARBER**.
- In this True-False problem, you are to encircle the letter "T" in front of a statement if you think it is true, or the "F" if you regard it as false.
 - T F (a) Colorado State U. sport scientist, Loren Cordain, found that sex the night before an athletic event had no ill effect on the athlete's performance.
 - T F (b) Boxers often refrain from sex for 6 weeks before a prize fight.
 - T F (c) If of equal weight, women are then equal in muscular strength to men.
 - T F (d) Men can float on water more easily than women of the same weight.
 - T F (e) Women usually understand children better than men do.

Answers in Classified section

Lottery

Connecticut daily Saturday: 425. Play Four: 0697.



PATRIOT HONORS — An honor guard of American militiamen fire a 21-gun salute today to honor the American patriots who fought against the British forces in 1775 in Lexington, Mass., in the Revolutionary War battle.

Thoughts

In your mind, perhaps there is a question as to whether or not a certain thing is right or wrong. Below are 11 questions, which is answered honestly, will, with earnest prayer, help you to make the right decision.

- The Personal Test: Will doing it make me a better or worse Christian?
- The Practical Test: Will doing it likely bring desirable or undesirable results?
- The Social Test: Will doing it influence others to be better or worse Christians?
- The Universal Test: Suppose everyone did it?
- The Scriptural Test: Is it expressly forbidden in the Word of God?
- The Stewardship Test: Will doing it involve a waste of God's talents invested in me?
- The Missionary Test: Will doing it likely help or hinder the progress of the kingdom of God on earth?
- The Character Test: Will doing it make me strong or weaker morally?
- The Publicity Test: Would I be willing for my friends to know about it?
- The Common Sense Test: Is it good, plain, everyday, ordinary, common "horse" sense?
- The Family Test: Will doing it bring credit or dishonor to my family?
- When in doubt: Do Without!

Marvin Stuart
United Pentecostal Church
Manchester

Obituaries

Anna Kielbowicz
Anna (Wrona) Kielbowicz, 92, of West Hartford, widow of Walter J. Kielbowicz and mother of Frances Kostek of Manchester, died Thursday at home.

Besides her daughter, she is survived by two other daughters, Helen Conklin of West Hartford and Betty Ann Sutter of Enfield; four granddaughters; two grandsons; and several great-grandchildren.

The funeral was today from the Talariski Maple Hill Chapel, 380 Maple Ave., Hartford. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Hartford.

Richard Orlik Sr.
Richard John Orlik Sr. of Granby, brother of Nancy Warzynski of Manchester, died Thursday at home. Besides his sister, he is survived by Sandra F. Orlik of Granby; two sons, Richard J. Orlik Jr. of Washington, D.C. and Matthew K. Orlik of Granby; his parents, Alexander and May (Lane) Orlik of West Hartford; Lawrence Orlik of West Hartford and William Orlik of Daytona Beach, Fla.; another sister, Phyllis Goodwin of Enfield; several aunts and uncles. The funeral was Saturday, Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury. Burial was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Jimmy Fund, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 74 Binney St., Boston, Mass. 02115, or to the Granby Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 617, Granby 06035.

Amy Speece Singer

Amy (Speece) Singer, 69, wife of Charles Singer Jr., of Vernon and mother of Charles Singer III of Coventry, died Friday at home.

Besides her son, she is survived by another son, David Singer of Marina Del-Rey, Calif.; a daughter, Dee Singer of Vernon; a daughter-in-law, Joanne Singer of Coventry; eight brothers and sisters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. James Speece of Palmetto, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Beattie of York, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Speece of Loveland, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Speece of York, Neb., Dr. and Mrs. Ross Speece of Knoxville, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. William Speece of Ord, Neb., Mrs. and Mrs. Arthur Speece of Burlington, Iowa, and Dr. and Mrs. Bert Speece of Lakeview, Ark.

A memorial service will be held at the First Congregational Church of Vernon at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice, in care of Visiting Nurse and Community Care, Rockville Memorial Hospital, Park Street, Rockville 06066.

Weather



Today's weather picture was drawn by Christian Charter, who lives on Woodbridge Street and attends Bowers School.

Chance of rain

Manchester and vicinity: Tonight, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Becoming clear after midnight. Low 35 to 40. West wind 10 to 15 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Breezy and cooler. High 50 to 55.

West coast, East coast: Tonight, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Clearing by midnight. Low 40 to 45. West wind 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Breezy and cooler. High 50 to 55.

Northwest hills: Tonight, clearing. Turning cooler. Low 30 to 35. West wind 10 to 15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Breezy and cooler. High around 50.

The Callahan Funeral Home, 1602 Main St., East Hartford, is in charge of the arrangements.

Mitchell Dudzic
Mitchell Dudzic, 79, of Glastonbury, husband of the late Helen (Stee) Dudzic and son of Mrs. Joan Smith and Mrs. Andrew, died Thursday in Florida. Besides his son, he is survived by a daughter, Nancy Ponchak of Westlake, Ohio; a half-sister, Jean Kupecky of East Hartford; three grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a friend, Jill Jodoin.

The funeral and burial will be private. There are no calling hours. The Glastonbury Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 310 Collins St., Hartford 06105.

Roland A. Bussiere
Roland A. Bussiere, 26, of Miami, Fla., brother of Roger B. Bussiere and Nancy Maynard, both of Manchester, died Saturday from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Miami. Besides his brother and sister, he is survived by his parents, Lucien A. and Rita (Collins) Bussiere, of Windsor; three other brothers, Rene N. Bussiere of Windsor, Marcel R. Bussiere and Lucien B. Bussiere Jr., both of East Hartford; and six other sisters, Irene Villone of East Hartford, Thelma Millares in Florida, Yvonne Bussiere and Linda Bussiere, both of Hartford, Pauline Bussiere of Windsor and Diane Pineda of Seattle, Wash.

The funeral will be Wednesday, 8:15 a.m., at the Carmon Funeral Home, 6 Poquonock Ave., Windsor, with a Mass of Christian burial, 9 a.m., in St. Gabriel's Church, Windsor. Burial will be in Miami, Fla. Calling hours will be Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Dudley E. Ferguson
Dudley E. Ferguson, 68, of Coventry, husband of Arlene C. (Dewall) Ferguson, died Sunday at home. He was born May 31, 1919, in Plainfield, N.J., son of the late Dudley and Anna (Steinback) Ferguson, and had resided in Coventry since 1950.

He was employed as a foreman in the Experimental Department at Pratt & Whitney, East Hartford, for 38 years, retiring in 1977. He was a member of the Connecticut Craft Guild and had done craft shows in Connecticut for a number of years. He was also a member of the First Congregational Church of Coventry. Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Gary Ferguson of Grand Junction, Colo., and Glenn Ferguson of Coventry; a daughter, Elaine Messmer of Helena, Mont.; a brother, Charles Ferguson of Manchester; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Salvation Army Chapel, 61 Main St. Burial will be in East Cemetery. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Manchester Salvation Army.

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SOARING SPIRITS — Jennifer Newkirk, 10, of Tolland Turnpike, works to get a bird-shaped kite from China into the air, above, as Debbie Burnett, 11, pulls in her snowflake box kite at Wickham Park Saturday. The two joined about 60 other people who expected to participate in the seventh annual Kite Flying Contest, sponsored by Savings Bank of Manchester for the Lutz Children's Museum. The contest was postponed until Sunday because of bad weather and attracted about 250 people then.

Every child had a chance to act

Creative dramatics is a hit among pupils in Coventry
By Jacqueline Bennett
Manchester Herald
COVENTRY — Imagine yourself as a spider hiding in a floor crack as someone tries to step on you. About 60 children at Robertson School from kindergarten through grade 2 did that last week during a creative dramatics program.
"Yeek!" the children screamed while sitting in a circle on the auditorium floor as they gradually crumpled their bodies into smaller and smaller forms. Directed by resident artist Barbara Goodwille, the morning performance, one of two that day, was given by 32 Robertson students, two from each class of all grades K-4. The other performance was given in the afternoon for grades 3 and 4. Goodwille, 61, has worked on creative dramatics with all Robertson students over a three-month period. From Jan. 13 - April 13, she has visited the school on a weekly basis. Her "artist in residency" was made possible in part by a \$1,200 grant from the Connecticut Commission on the Arts. A teachers' Grant Committee, headed by Chairwoman Donna Meehan, a teacher at Robertson, applied for the state grant last fall. The funding was contingent upon a matching fund of \$1,200 contributed by the Parent Teacher Organization here. "That money was raised through various student activities, such as our annual Fun Day Fair," said Meehan. Goodwille said the day's presentations were "very special. It is the culmination of our work over the past weeks." The program consisted of a series of improvisations involving pantomime on various themes, stories, and myths. The program began with an introduction from Goodwille. "Because this is improvisation I don't know what will take place. That's what makes it interesting," she said. The children first acted out the story, "Hats Crusade," the tale of a hat peddler played by second-grader Nish Waugh, who is undetermined by some mischievous monkeys who steal his goods. The peddler is unsuccessful in his attempts to sell any of the many caps which Waugh had stacked on his head. At this point Goodwille stepped in and asked the audience to participate. "Imagine that you have lots of hats stacked on your heads. Try standing up and see how hard it is to keep your hats on," she said as the children stood giggling and swaying. Other members of the audience, including parents and some grandparents, joined in. The performance continues when the peddler, tired at the end of the day, falls asleep under an imaginary tree. He later awakens to find that his hats have been stolen away by seven mischievous monkeys played by some of the other children. The youngsters also acted out the story of the "Wolf and the Seven Kids", some tales about turtles, and spider stories. One of those was a myth about the Greek Goddess Athena, played by fourth-grader Heidi Greenwood, who turns the mortal Arachne, played by third-grader Lindsey Barais, into a spider after the goddess loses a weaving contest to the mortal. "Ha, Ha, Ha. You weave so well, weave all your life. I turn you into a spider," Athena says scornfully as Arachne withers away, becoming the spider. According to Goodwille, the "core group" of children that performed was chosen by teachers who picked the children's names out of a hat. Only those who wanted to participate did. "If we held auditions we would get only a group who already have self-confidence, who feel comfortable with and have the ability to express themselves. No auditions means no barriers. Every child has a chance. Within every child is a creative spark," she said. "Helping a shy child find that spark and blossom is one of the goals of her program and one of the greatest joys of her work, she said. "I saw it happen here at Robertson," Goodwille said. Goodwille is a member of the Mansfield Creative Arts Council, has been teaching creative dramatics for 25 years, and has been involved in a variety of theater work, including four years at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford. Meotti has said the bill would

PZC review set on bridge permits

By Nancy Concelmon
Manchester Herald
The Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled tonight to review the town Engineering Division's plans for wetlands, erosion control and floodplain permits required in connection with the replacement of the Union Street bridge, expected to go out to bid in May. The permits are required because work on the bridge will encroach on wetlands and because more than a half-acre of wetlands will be disturbed, Senior Planner Robert B. Hanson said. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Lincoln Center hearing room. The Board of Directors voted March 8 to keep the existing bridge open during the \$1.7-million replacement project, despite concerns of William Camosci, director of engineering services, that the existing bridge would encroach on wetlands. The directors decided to keep the bridge open to one-way traffic, alternating between northbound and southbound traffic, using traffic signals at either end. But Camosci suggested keeping the bridge open to one-way northbound traffic only, which would save the town about \$55,000. Closing the bridge entirely would save about \$80,000 and would cut one month off the 15-month construction period. The existing bridge, located in the north end of town, has a posted 4-ton weight limit. The directors also had voted to appropriate \$72,740 for engineering costs, all of which will be reimbursed by the state. The state will cover 92.5 percent of the total project cost and the town will pay the remaining 7.5 percent. The commission is also scheduled to review plans for an erosion control-wetlands permit that will allow Manchester Lumber Inc. to build an off-site drainage system for its new facility at 401 New State Road. The permits are required before the drainage system can be built because the 2,200-foot system would encroach on wetlands. On March 29, the Zoning Board of Appeals denied a variance request by the company that would have allowed it to occupy the new facility without the system for 45-60 days. David Golas, an attorney representing Manchester Lumber, said the company requested the variance because it is being evicted from its current facility at 225 Center St. and must move lumber and other supplies to the new facility. Manchester Lumber requested the variance to a special exception permit granted by the PZC March 2, 1987, which required that the site be paved and that an off-site drainage system be installed. The off-site system would protect the New State Road aquifer by channeling run-off from the lumber site to the Hookanum River. ZBA members denied the variance because they said the aquifer would be at risk.

Land tax measure fails in committee

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Manchester Herald
A bill that would have allowed towns to institute an additional real estate conveyance tax to offset money for acquisition of land for open space and affordable housing was effectively killed by the General Assembly's Finance Committee last week, said state Sen. Michael P. Meotti, D-Glastonbury. Meotti said the committee failed to meet a deadline to act on it. He said, however, that he is looking for another bill to which the conveyance tax provision can be added as an amendment. The bill was opposed by the co-chairmen of the finance committee, Sen. William A. DiBella, D-Hartford, and Rep. Ronald L. Smoko, D-Hamden. Meotti said Mayor Peter F. DiRosa Jr. said last month that the idea of the additional conveyance tax could win support from the town Board of Directors. The bill would have allowed towns to establish a conveyance tax of up to 5 percent to fund land acquisition for open space and affordable housing. That tax would be on top of the existing conveyance tax. Under the bill, at least 25 percent of revenues from the new tax would have to go to affordable housing and 25 percent for the acquisition of open space. It would have been up to the individual community to decide for which of the two types of land acquisition the remaining 50 percent would be used for. Meotti has said the bill would

Job update is agenda issue

When directors of the Eighth Utilities District meet tonight, they will consider naming two new commissioners, one to supervise district buildings and grounds and the other to supervise personnel records of district employees. Also scheduled for discussion are events in the 100th anniversary celebration next year of the district's fire department and updating of job descriptions for district officials. The directors will meet at 7 p.m. in Cronin Hall of Mayfair Gardens on North Main Street.

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STATE & REGION

Probation caseload high

HARTFORD — The ratio of convicts released on probation to the number of state probation officers has spread to the point where criminals aren't being properly monitored, officials say.

Connecticut's probation caseloads were greater in 1986, the last year figures were available, than those of any other state reporting; and the state also spent the third least per probationer among states reporting.

The current total of about 45,000 probationers in Connecticut is about 88 percent higher than it was in 1982, while the number of probation officers has increased only about 38 percent, according to the Office of Policy and Management.

Weicker leads in funding

HARTFORD — Federal campaign reports show that U.S. Sen. Lowell P. Weicker has raised more than twice as much money as his Democratic challenger, Attorney General Joseph I. Lieberman.

Weicker, a Republican, has collected about \$1.4 million in the three years since his campaign committee was organized, a spokesman said. He took in nearly \$250,000 between Jan. 1 and March 31, spent nearly \$145,000 in the period and has \$915,000 remaining in the bank.

In the four months since Lieberman began raising funds, he has raised nearly \$720,000, including \$360,000 in the first three months of the year and 205 donations of \$1,000 each.

Lieberman has said he will need at least \$2.5 million to compete against the three-term incumbent. Weicker has set a fund-raising goal of between \$2.5 million and \$3 million.

Chestnuts may recover

NEW HAVEN — Chestnut trees could bounce back from a turn-of-the-century blight that decimated their numbers in the state, according to a specialist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

Experiments at treatment sites in Pomfret and Hampton have shown for the first time that the majestic trees can recover from the Asian blight fungus that enters the bark through wounds and creates long, canker-like sores.

The trees once made up half of Connecticut's forests, growing to 100 feet tall and 2 to 3 feet in diameter.

Plane crash injuries minor

WINDHAM — Two people suffered minor injuries when their small plane overshot a runway at Windham Airport and crashed nose-down into the bank of a pond, authorities said.

Pilot Wayne Muller, 58, of East Hartford, was attempting to land his two-seat Cessna 150 at about 1:30 p.m. Saturday when it bounced three times on the runway, plowed through some trees and landed nose-down on the bank, state police said.

Muller was treated and released from Windham Hospital and passenger Mary Barrett, 41, of East Hartford, was admitted to the hospital for treatment of a broken nose and broken wrist, officials said.

High-grade heroin deadly

NEW HAVEN — An average of eight heroin addicts a month — more than twice the previous rate — have been dying from overdoses of a high-grade heroin called P-dope infiltrating Connecticut's bigger cities, state health officials say.

In New Haven, the state's leader in fatal drug overdoses the last two years, deaths from heroin or a mixture of heroin and cocaine rose from 10 in 1986 to 15 last year, according to Dr. H. Wayne Carver, the state's deputy chief medical examiner.

In Hartford, overdose deaths rose from eight to 15 in that two-year period. Waterbury went from four to 12; and Danbury went from one death to six during that time, according to Nardo Tolentino, an epidemiologist with the state Department of Health Services.

Carver said Stamford, New London and Willimantic also had increases.

Serial killer has lonely existence in jail

By Dean Golembeski
The Associated Press



SERIAL KILLER — Michael B. Ross, Connecticut's most notorious serial killer, eats, sleeps and lives alone in an isolated cell in a remote section of the state prison in Somers. This picture was made on the day he was sentenced to death, on July 6, 1987, in Bridgeport.

SOMERS — Connecticut's most notorious serial killer eats, sleeps and lives alone, surrounded by his books, laundry and transcripts of his trial in an isolated cell in a remote section of Somers State Prison.

Michael B. Ross, convicted of murdering six women, is a misfit in a prison full of violent criminals.

The 29-year-old man from Griswold is the first and only person sentenced to die in the electric chair in Connecticut since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976.

But since the state has no death row and because his notoriety makes him a target for other inmates, Ross lives alone in a 6-by-10-foot cell that was originally designed as the final holding area for inmates on their way to the death chamber.

A cinderblock wall, with a thick, double-lock metal door, is all that separates Ross from the execution chamber, where the state's polished, wooden electric chair sits. It hasn't been used since 1960, when the state conducted its last execution at the old maximum-security prison in Wethersfield.

Ross' activity is monitored continuously by a television camera mounted across from his cell and guards check on him every 30 minutes.

The camera was installed March 15, replacing guards who were stationed outside the cell after Ross was placed there last July.

"The cell things are set up now for the most part better. I have the illusion of more privacy," Ross said in an April 10 letter to The Associated Press.

"Even though the camera is always there and always watching, it is less obstructive than a guard and can for the most part be ignored. However, it does occasionally get lonely down here and I do have more trouble getting those things that I'm entitled to."

Ross said improvements he would request are a desk and shelves, and a window or ventilation.

Prison regulations prevent Ross from granting in-person interviews. But during a reporter's recent visit to view his living quarters, Ross spoke sparingly and offered to write about prison life.

Ross was arrested in June 1984 on charges he killed six women between ages 14 to 23. Ross pleaded guilty to two of the murders in June 1985 and was serving a 120-year prison term when tried last year and sentenced to die in the four other murders.

Testimony by friends, family and

psychiatric experts at Ross' trial last year portrayed him as a sick man whose drive to rape and kill was rooted in a tormented childhood.

One psychiatrist said Ross suffers from a mental illness called sexual sadism in which he "is sexually turned on by thoughts or ideas of degrading...causing suffering."

In his letter from prison, Ross said the state should operate a "proper" death row, where those sentenced to die are housed in an area removed from other inmates.

Ross is separated from other inmates by a cinderblock wall, but he can hear their ceaseless banter through a metal door that is usually kept open. Ross has a string tied to the doorknob so that he can close the door when he wants quiet.

Outside the door is a small area with seven cells originally designed as death row but now used as a segregation unit. The cells are occupied by inmates who are at danger, are too violent and troublesome to live in the general population.

"I understand why I'm being held in the death cell, the theory being, why empty out death row and lose seven cells for one inmate, especially with the system overcrowding at present?" Ross wrote. "However, while I understand it, I'm not sure it is the correct action to take."

Aside from verbal threat or harassment, Ross said he had no major problem "apart from dodging bars of soap from time to time."

Ross said he spends his time writing, reading and working on his appeal of his conviction.

A graduate of Cornell University who studied agriculture, the former insurance agent also has a TV and stacks of TV magazines to keep him informed.

An inmate's day begins at 7 a.m. with breakfast, followed by lunch at 10:30 a.m. and dinner at 5 p.m. Ross is allowed a 10-minute shower on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

He's also allowed a one-hour recreation period from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. five days a week in the prison's segregation recreation yard, where he is watched by two guards and a dog, said Lt. James Burke, a correction officer at Somers.

"I'm generally asleep by 11 p.m. I pass the time reading books (3-4 a week), magazines (I have several subscriptions), or by watching movies or listening to the radio," Ross wrote.

The inmate said he reviews his transcripts in hopes of winning a new trial on the four murders that led to his death sentence. He claims errors were made in his case. His death sentence is now being reviewed by the state Supreme Court.

The only other times he's allowed to leave his cell are for the one visit allowed Mondays through Fridays, and the one visit allowed every other weekend. Doctors or friends visit Ross, Burke said.

While Ross prepares for his appeal, state Correction Department officials are studying how to carry out an execution.

Correction Department spokesman Connie Wilks said it has been estimated that it would cost at least \$10,000 to hook up the electric chair to a power source.

There's a question, however, as to whether the prison's electrical system could handle the power needed to provide a deadly jolt, she said.

The state doesn't have an executioner and would be required to find a master electrician if a prisoner should be put to death, Burke said.

State officials try to deflect questions about executions.

"If the wheels grind through, the state will do what it has to do," Burke said.

Ross says death penalty is no deterrent

SOMERS (AP) — A serial killer condemned to die in Connecticut's electric chair says capital punishment is not a deterrent to crime and is unfair because it is not evenly applied.

Michael Ross, 29, also said in his first public statement on his case that mistakes were made in his trial that deprived him of a fair and just hearing.

Ross was serving two life terms for the murder of two women when he was convicted in June 1987 in the murders of four other women, two of whom he raped, and sentenced to die in the electric chair.

Psychiatric experts testified at his trial that he was unusually cruel or heinous, present in the case. But if a jury finds that even one "mitigating factor," such as mental illness, is also present, it must choose life imprisonment over execution.

Ross contended in his letter that further evidence about his psychiatric problems were withheld from the jury. He said in particular the state's

former insurance salesman from the Jewett City section of Griswold is the only person to be sentenced to death in Connecticut since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1976.

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psychiatrist had information that would help his case.

"Why wasn't the psychiatric report or the letter to the prosecutor allowed into evidence? Again that's simple, his diagnosis agreed with the defense psychiatrists, and in the letter he talked of 'elements of compulsion' in my crimes," Ross said.

Ross has appealed his conviction, alleging errors by the judge. State law also requires the state Supreme Court to automatically review cases in which the death penalty is imposed.

Rep. William Wollenberg, R-Farmington, a leading advocate of the death penalty also maintains that capital punishment is a deterrent to crime. He noted that Ross "tried to hide the bodies pretty well so he didn't want to be caught."

But Wollenberg said he expects the Supreme Court justices to overturn the death penalty in the Ross case because of the way state law is written. "Any mitigating factor is enough to reject the death penalty, and I'm sure they're going to find one in all that testimony," Wollenberg said.

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Colleges need effort to stop 'brain drain'

HARTFORD (AP) — The state's colleges and universities need to unite in a public relations campaign to stem the annual exodus of college-bound seniors to out-of-state institutions, according to a task force report scheduled for release today.

More than half the 25,000-plus college-bound high school seniors who graduate annually leave Connecticut to continue their educations, according to a task force created by the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

A survey of high school students revealed that one reason so many consider Connecticut schools nothing more than a "back up" choice is that they simply don't know what the 48 public and private institutions in Connecticut have to offer, the task force said.

"The easy, simplistic answer is to say that seniors want to get away from home," said John F. Budd Jr., the task force chairman and a senior vice president at

Emhart Corp. in Farmington. But the survey showed "that seniors are broadly unaware of the diverse educational opportunities in the state and, more to the point, the fee-paying parents are equally vague on the resources available," Budd said.

"The laissez-faire, take-it-for-granted attitude toward Connecticut's colleges and universities must be addressed by a more comprehensive and coordinated communications program," the report said.

A coordinated effort would also avoid overlap that could result from each school conducting its own advertising campaign, the task force said.

The task force should conduct a statewide survey of high school students to help determine what they are looking for in a college and a list of what Connecticut schools have to offer.

The task force suggested that a large part of the public relations campaign be a volunteer effort.

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A day-care center is not child's play

DEAR BRUCE: My wife and I have academic degrees in early childhood education and we are employed in the public system, but we want to open our own nursery school. We have saved a substantial amount of money. The question is: Should we buy an existing day-care center or start our own? We are good teachers, but we have no background in business.



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DEAR READER: Approximately a quarter of a century ago, we opened a nursery school with nine children. Like you, we both had degrees in education. When the school was sold some 14 years later, it had an enormous surplus of several hundred. It was a good life for us and could be one for you.

While you are currently working a relatively short day, even taking into account correcting papers at home, you will find that your workday at the center may average some 12 hours. Weekends are usually spent putting things in order for the following week. Also, transportation is becoming more difficult to arrange because of the increased costs of providing the approved vans and buses. The situation has become so complex that many nurseries are using contract carriers rather than maintaining their own fleets.

Another alternative would be to buy a franchise. This has a good deal going for it because many of these details have been spelled out by the franchise company. A franchise also offers the advantage of brand identification. On the other hand, you may not be able to be as innovative as you might like to be and, of course, you will have a permanent partner.

DEAR BRUCE: We have started a business that seems to be catching on like wildfire. We provide live-in baby sitters. Our main concern is checking the credentials of the people who come to us to be placed. Is it possible for us to pay the FBI to make background checks to be sure these women are of good character?

N.D. EASTON, PA.
DEAR N.D.: The FBI is not in the business of doing background checks for private business. There are, however, many companies that do this. They produce personnel selection reports. The depth of the report is dictated by the amount of money you're prepared to spend. These companies will check refer-

ences, talk to neighbors and associates of the individuals to evaluate their character, business backgrounds and so forth. Look in the reference section of your library for names and addresses of these companies. Otherwise, your local banker should be familiar with two or three firms you can call.

I commend you for your interest in providing well-documented individuals for this type of work. A poor choice of a baby sitter could be a tragedy for the family involved and destroy your business.

In addition to this, you most certainly should be well covered with insurance. In case, despite your diligence, one of these individuals causes some mischief that you may be held accountable for.

DEAR BRUCE: America's top radio talk host, is heard each week on NBC stations. His column appears every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Write to Williams in care of the Manchester Herald, Box 591, Manchester 06040. Letters of general interest will be answered in the column.

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: First, what's to "love" about a guy who treats you like a dog? And what's to love about a guy who doesn't treat you? Many human emotions are involved in what we call "love." First, there's a strong sexual attraction, there's pity ("I hate to hurt him"), and security ("finding another guy may not be easy").

Also, there's the addiction factor. Being with someone exclusively can become a habit. My advice to you is to have second, third and fourth thoughts. Then say goodbye. It's a major mistake to marry a man who is physically abusive. He will only get worse.

DEAR ABBY: I have what is known as a "strawberry birthmark" on my face, but mine is purple. It's very noticeable, and people who have just met me ask me if it's some kind of cancer or if it's permanent. I am 16 years old and I'm told I am a pretty girl, and this mark bothers me.

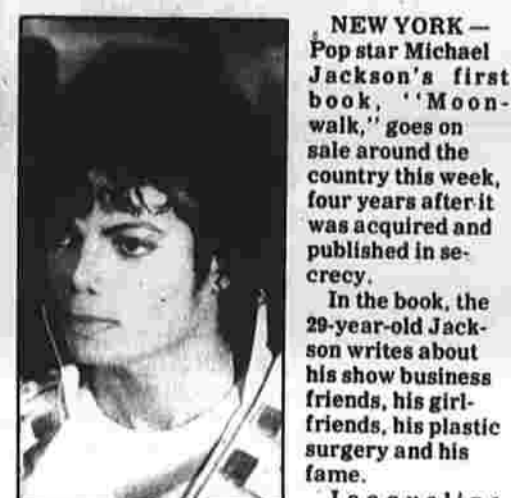
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PEOPLE

'Moonwalk' on sale



NEW YORK — Pop star Michael Jackson's first book, "Moonwalk," goes on sale around the country this week, four years after it was acquired and published in secrecy.

Breaking the TV taboo
NEW YORK — Actress Gail Strickland says shock value wasn't what motivated her to seek the role of the first regular lesbian character on a prime-time television show.

Traffic causes heartburn
WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Wolfgang Puck's trendy Sunset Boulevard restaurant, Spago, may be a hit with stars and stargazers, but residents complain the eatery's traffic gives them heartburn.

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Daniell has great numbers for UTC's annual meeting

HARTFORD (AP) — The man analysts say took the bull by the horns now goes before shareholders of United Technologies Corp. See how well they approve.

For one thing, UTC Chairman Robert F. Daniell will have some impressive numbers to cite at today's annual shareholders meeting of the aerospace giant.

In light of what he had to work with when he took over, Bob Daniell is doing a yeoman's job," says Anthony Ludovici, vice president and senior investment analyst for Tucker, Anthony & R.L. Day in New York. "He's taken the bull by the horns."

The result has been an increase of sales to \$17.2 billion in 1987 from \$15.8 billion in 1986; profits of \$92 million in 1987 from \$73 million a year earlier; and earnings per share of \$4.52, up from \$4 cents in 1986.

Under Daniell, UTC has used a research and lobbying group serving 18 states, says pooling rates to spread out the non-traffic costs favors the South and West at the expense of the "Rust Belt."

"The Federal Communications Commission requires the average telephone subscriber in the Northeast-Midwest to pay more for access than it actually costs to provide," it said in a recent report on telecommunications policy.

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Diesel Systems and some assets of UT Credit Corp. were sold.

The company announced last week it is talking to potential buyers of Norden Systems — at about \$400 million a year not a core business but closer to the aerospace operations that do make up the crux of UTC's business: Pratt & Whitney Aircraft engines, Sikorsky helicopters, and Hamilton Standard.

Also important money-makers for UTC are Otis elevators, Carrier air conditioning and Space Transportation Systems.

Daniell's strategy of selling divisions and cutting costs differs from that of his predecessor, Harry J. Gray, who acquired a stake in UTC in 1981.

"Harry was not one for the bottom line," Ludovici said. "He looked at the top line." Standard and is clearly addressing the customer support problems at Pratt & Whitney — Otis, Carrier and Automotive should continue to perform very well," he said.

Little-known clothing store caters to 'women of taste'
By Lindo Stowell
The Associated Press

GREENWICH — The proprietors of Razonk's take pride in their store not being one of the best known in the country, for they know it's the choice of women who belong to a "certain class of people."

There are six Razonk's salons in the United States, planted in communities that are home and home-away-from-home to the wealthy. Last year, a Manhattan judge listed Razonk's in a rating as one of the 55 classiest retail stores in the country.

"We cater to women of taste between the ages of the late 20s and up," said George Razonk, president, chief executive officer and son of the founder of the privately held company. "Their husbands are successful in life and they travel a lot."

Razonk's was founded in 1921 by F.R. Razonk with a salon in Pinehurst, N.C. His wife, Rose "Madame" Razonk, continued to play a key role in the company until she retired a few years ago. F.R. Razonk died in 1964.

A second salon opened in 1925 in Lake Placid, N.Y. There are also two salons in The Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Fla., and one in North Palm Beach, Fla.

The Greenwich salon, which opened in 1967, is small and its atmosphere of exclusivity is enhanced with soft lighting and plants.

George Razonk's daughter and the store's vice president, Leslie Razonk, said the salons stand apart from others because "We have a much more simple environment."

Razonk's sells designer suits, dresses, evening wear and sportswear with prices starting at about \$150 and \$250. "You can get a dress for \$300 or \$400," George Razonk said. Accessories, such as jewelry and scarves, are also sold.

Razonk's employs 85 people during its peak season, the winter, and 65 during the rest of the year. Fur sales make up 25 percent of its overall business.

"We choose the skins and the patterns and use the finest crochets in the world," George Razonk said.

Razonk declined to release sales figures for the salons, and would only say that they are financially successful.

"We have a taste of our own and our customers share our taste. That's why we're so successful," he said.

Michael Dunn, a vice president who is also related to the Razonk family, said the company has been strong since it started 67 years ago.

"After hearing the testimony of the plaintiffs' expert, the 'first-tier' designation was shown to be without industry significance as opposed to distinguishing stores on the basis of 'class to the class' as opposed to 'class to the mass,' that is, exclusive specialty stores as distinguished from up-scale, multi-branched department stores," Sweet wrote.

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