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Osella offers permit plan on wetlands

By Andrew Yurkovsky
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Town Director Ronald Osella said today that he has asked the town manager to make the public works director responsible for getting wetlands permits in the future to avoid a recurrence of the current problems over the town's sewage treatment plant.

The failure to obtain a wetlands permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers could hold up the \$27 million improvement of the sewage treatment plant off Olcott Street for a year, officials have said. Town Manager Robert B. Weiss has said that the consulting engineer for the project, Metcalf & Eddy, was responsible for getting the permit, although some directors have said that that responsibility ultimately rested with the town administration.

Osella said that he asked Weiss to change the job description for public works director to include responsibility for obtaining wetlands and other federal permits. He said that he also asked Weiss to include a clause in future town construction contracts saying who is responsible for obtaining such permits.

Town officials are to meet in Hartford Wednesday with a representative of the U.S. Attorney's office and officials from federal agencies to discuss the future of work on the sewage treatment plant. Nathan Agostinelli, a civilian aide to the secretary of the Army, has said that a resolution to the dispute could be worked out that would allow the town to continue work on the project.

Agostinelli said today that he planned to speak with Col. Thomas Rhen, the commander of the Corps of Engineers' New England division, later today about working out the dispute.

Rhen could not be reached for comment this morning. Matt Schweisberg, a biologist for the federal Environmental Protection Agency, said today that officials from the EPA and the Corps of Engineers have had discussions in the past week but have not agreed upon a course of action.

"Nothing has been decided," he said. Osella said that the contract for the treatment plant improvements, with Fred Brunoli & Sons of Avon, is not specific about a wetlands permit. He said that while the contract says that Brunoli is responsible for getting permits, he does not believe a wetlands permit is included among those permits.

Weiss said today that Osella's suggestion about the job description "makes sense," although he does not think that such a change would prevent a future oversight in obtaining a wetlands permit.

Weiss said that responsibility by the public works director for wetlands permits is implicit in the Town Charter. But he reiterated his belief that Metcalf & Eddy was expected to obtain a federal wetlands permit if one was required.

Weiss said that the change in the job description could include a reference to the Town Charter. He would not comment on Osella's interpretation of the construction contract.

Weiss said that the administration was working on estimates of how much delay of the improvements could cost the town, but no figures were available today. He has said that a 90-day shutdown of work could mean that the job would be completed a year beyond the present deadline of August 1990.

The town stopped work Thursday on the secondary portion of the plant, where about 4 acres of wetlands are said to be affected, after receiving a cease-and-desist order from the Army Corps of Engineers. Weiss said that the town officials have been informed that it could take from 60 to 120 days for the Corps of Engineers to issue a wetlands permit to allow work at the secondary facility to continue.

Pap smear center of much attention

Many wonder about reliability

First in a series

By Dr. Robert C. Park

The Pap smear has recently been the center of much attention, and, perhaps, some confusion. Reports of inaccuracies and faulty laboratory practices may have left you wondering whether the Pap test is as reliable and necessary as you have been told. The truth is, the Pap smear remains the single, most important test for the detection and prevention of cervical cancer, and should remain, or become, a key part of your annual gynecologic examination.

The number of deaths from cancer of the cervix has de-

creased 70 percent in the last forty years. This dramatic decrease is largely the result of women having Pap smears to detect treatable conditions that could lead to the disease.

Recently, however, the validity and accuracy of the Pap test have been questioned. Reports have cited false-negative findings of 15 to 40 percent, depending on which laboratory is used to analyze a smear.

This means that out of all the positive or negative results, a number of them could be incorrect. Laboratories that have good systems for quality control and good communication between the analysts and doctors, however, have much lower numbers of incorrect results.

A false-negative result means that women who have been told that their Pap smears showed

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Test concerns unfounded here

By Anita M. Caldwell
Manchester Herald

Area medical personnel have not found massive errors in Pap smear results despite concerns elsewhere in the last year that many tests are incorrectly diagnosed.

While local pathologists and other medical personnel believe the public is more aware of a possible incorrect diagnosis, they also believe that there is no cause for alarm about the validity and necessity of the test, which helps to detect cervical cancer.

"We haven't sensed any hysteria" from patients who inquire about the test, said Irma Meridy, a nurse practitioner with the Ob-Gyn Group of Manchester. "I

think people were looking to be reassured."

Dr. Samuel Smith, chairman of the obstetrics and gynecology department at Manchester Memorial Hospital and physician in private practice, agrees.

"This was another thing that got blown up beyond its reasonable proportion," Smith said.

A story in The Wall Street Journal last year cited two labs in the country — one in San Antonio, Texas, and one in North Hollywood, Calif. — for diagnostic errors. Medical officials said the story sent a wave of concern among women questioning the validity of the procedure.

Meanwhile, Smith said he has had "no experience where labs have been sloppy." While he said there have been questions from some of his patients about the procedure, there has been no

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HOUSE DESTROYED — Peter Morra, center, and Lance Dimock, right, work on the roof of a Bolton house which was destroyed in an early morning fire today. Ken Geisler, assistant fire chief, left, begins to pull down a wall.

Fire destroys Bolton house, forces closing of highway

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

BOLTON — An early morning fire that sent clouds of smoke into the air and forced the temporary closing today of Route 6 and 44 destroyed a vacant two-family house before it was extinguished, fire officials said.

The fire started at 4:50 a.m. and was brought under control by firefighters within a half-hour, said James Preuss, Bolton fire chief. No one was living in the home and no one was injured, he said.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, he said.

The fire forced the closing of the road, also known as Boston Turnpike. Preuss said. The two-lane highway was closed from 5 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., but one lane of traffic was opened up from 6:30 a.m. to about 8:45 a.m. when the road was completely opened.

"It's ruined. That's for sure," said Preuss. "It's totally destroyed."

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'Greenhouse' talks urgent with drought

By Jeff Bradley
The Associated Press

TORONTO — With the North American farm belt parched by its worst drought in 50 years and fears the "greenhouse effect" is permanently changing the earth's climate, a gathering of 300 scientists in Toronto this week takes on a special urgency.

The World Conference on the Changing Atmosphere brings together researchers, economists and politicians from 40 countries to examine the profound implications for life on earth unless damage to the environment is halted.

"The dramatic effects of global warming can be curtailed, but only if all industrialized countries act now to implement tougher pollution control measures," said Canadian Environment Minister Tom McMillan, a keynote speaker in the conference that starts today.

The conference will attempt to draft an international "law of the air," asking all countries to set voluntary limits on all types of air pollution.

Hosted by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, speakers will also include Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland of Norway. She chaired a world commission on the environment whose landmark report, "Our Common Future," was endorsed last week

by the seven-nation Economic Summit in Toronto.

Others expected to attend include the heads of U.N. environmental agencies; cabinet ministers from Indonesia, the Netherlands and Senegal; scientists from Harvard University and the Soviet Academy of Sciences, and Sen. Timothy E. Wirth, D-Colo., and Rep. George E. Brown, Jr., D-Calif.

Scientists will discuss ozone depletion, acid rain, water management and food prospects, but much interest centers on the recent warming of the earth's surface due to the greenhouse effect, in which gases humans have introduced into the atmosphere prevent heat from escaping.

Although experts are not yet ready to ascribe the 1988 drought to the greenhouse effect, the earth has been warmer in the first five months of this year than in any comparable period since measurements began 130 years ago, a NASA climatologist, James Hansen, told a Congressional hearing in Washington last week.

Five of the warmest years on record have occurred in the 1980s and scientists at Environment Canada predict global temperatures could rise up to 8 degrees by the year 2050, partially melting

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Highland Park gets official OK tonight

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

The Board of Education will formally vote tonight whether to fully reopen Highland Park School at the same time it considers whether to accept the resignation of the former principal of the school, officials said.

The vote to reopen the school fully in 1989 is just a formality since the reopening was announced by school board Chairman Richard W. Dyer and Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. earlier this month, said James P. Kennedy, school superintendent.

The board also will vote whether to accept the resignation of Gall Rowe, principal of Wadell School and former principal of Highland Park School, which was closed in 1984 due to declining enrollment.

The agreement to reopen the school reverses a January decision to open the school only to kindergarten through Grade 3. It has not been decided whether to open Highland Park through Grade 5 or Grade 6 in 1989.

School board members also said they considered tonight's vote on the school's reopening to be a formality.

"It's absolutely just a formality," said member Susan Perkins.

"I would think so," said Fran-

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cis A. Maffe Jr. "I haven't heard otherwise."

The reopening will result in the need to move the building's current tenants — the town Recreation Department, the Visiting Nurse and Home Care of Manchester Inc., and one of the school system's day treatment programs.

The reopening will force the day treatment program's move to the town-owned Bentley School. That move will mean that the Manchester Association for Retarded Citizen's Second Hand

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Poll: Dukakis 'a blank page' despite a lead

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By Evans Witt
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — To an uncertain and divided electorate, Michael Dukakis is "a blank page" whose lead over George Bush is grounded in negative feelings about the Republican vice president, rather than positive attitudes toward the Democratic nominee-to-be, according to a survey released today.

The national poll did find Democrats remarkably united behind Dukakis at this point, although there are weaknesses in the coalition that Bush could exploit to build his chances for a fall victory.

Much of Dukakis' strength comes from voters worried about

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Fire damages rest home

WINDSOR — More than 100 elderly residents of the Mountain View Healthcare center spent the night at the local high school after fire knocked out electricity at the nursing home, authorities said.

No one was injured in the fire Sunday night and the 114 residents were safely evacuated and transported to Windsor High School, authorities said.

Flames shot through the building's roof during the fire, which was reported at 7:04 p.m., authorities said. The fire was brought under control within about 20 minutes, but took an hour and a half to extinguish.

Lightning injures teen
NORTH BRANFORD — A teen-age girl was in fair condition today after she and her boyfriend were struck by a lightning bolt that killed the young man as they walked hand-in-hand through a hay field, authorities said.

The lightning struck Shoban Ludwig, 19, of North Branford in the chest, passed through her body and struck Anthony Crerella, 17, of East Haven in the head, killing him instantly, police said Sunday.

"The only reason she's alive is that she was wearing sneakers with rubber soles and he wasn't," said police dispatcher Phyllis Dunphy.

A nearby resident heard Ludwig's cries for help around 2:30 a.m. Sunday and summoned police, who found the woman crawling through the field. Crerella was found lying face down where he was hit, Dunphy said.

Salaries attract teachers
HARTFORD — Connecticut's largest teacher union is predicting a number of Massachusetts teachers will begin looking for jobs here, attracted by the higher salaries offered to teachers in that state.

The Connecticut Education Association's May "Advisor" magazine noted that the number of Massachusetts teachers seeking jobs in Connecticut "is only a trickle now," but that more and more teachers "are being lured by the prospect of earning as much as \$15,000 more within the range of a 40-minute commute."

Robert A. O'Meara, an EPA official in Boston, said that testing at the Mid-Connecticut plant is under way and should be completed by Thursday under the terms of the violation notice.

It is a deadline that probably will not be met, Glen A. Gross, the recovery authority's general counsel, said.

O'Meara said his staff has been working closely with Department of Environmental Protection officials on the air quality issue. He said the state could have issued the violation notice, but the federal agency did it because "we decided it would be more effective."

But Carothers said she did not know that testing had begun and she does not think the plant, which began to process waste in September, is ready for air-quality testing because it has not reached a stable level of operation.

The recovery authority contracted with Combustion Engineering Inc. to build the Hartford plant, which was supposed to have been ready for commercial operation by late 1987.

But the plant has had a series of setbacks, including jamming of trash processing equipment, fires and mechanical breakdowns. Two weeks ago Combustion Engineering officials said the delays would be costly but should only last for weeks. They said any delay would be caused primarily by additional air-quality tests required by the state.

"We have not done any environmental tests on the project because we insist that the operation be stabilized at an appropriate operating standard before they are done," Carothers said.

"I know the vendor is claiming that their delay is caused by us, and that's just poppycock. The delay is caused by the fact that they haven't stabilized the operation," she said.

Gross, the recovery authority's general counsel, said that the authority is asking the EPA for a conference on the violation notice and might request an extension for completing air-quality tests. "We don't know whether our final test results will be in next week," he said.

Carothers was asked Saturday whether she would grant the authority an extension for meeting environmental standards to expedite commercial operations if tests show the plant is not up to the standards.

Hunters hurt by drought
HARTFORD — The nation's top wildlife officer says duck hunters, including those in the Northeast, face shorter seasons this fall and further restrictions on the birds they can kill because drought in the Midwest states has severely cut migratory duck reproduction.

"We're facing a population that is pretty well reduced, anyway, overall," said Frank Dunke, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "With this drought, the loss of nesting and feeding areas, we're just going to have the reproduction and the young returned to the population."

Dunke's comments came last week before he took part in the groundbreaking in Montague, Mass., for the \$11.2 million Northeast Anadromous Fish Research Laboratory on the Connecticut River.

State plants flowers
HARTFORD — The state Department of Transportation is hoping that motorists reap some pleasure from the wildflowers it is sowing along Connecticut highways.

"The department has been planting seeds of black-eyed Susans, clovers and other native wildflowers along some parts of highways for the past few months. The seeds have already germinated and officials are watching the growth of the seedlings with interest."

"It relieves the monotony of a highway if you see colorful wildflowers here and there," said Walter R. Kenney, the department's senior landscape designer.

101 new state laws take effect Friday

Gas tax rises, school aid changes with start of new fiscal year

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Effective Friday, the tax on gasoline jumps by a penny to 20 cents, a new formula for doling out state school aid to cities and towns takes effect and the state begins a new fiscal year with a \$6.29 billion budget.

In all, 101 of the 444 bills passed by the General Assembly this year become law on Friday, July 1, the opening day of the 1988-89 budget year. Most of the rest are effective Oct. 1. Many others were effective as soon as Gov. William A. O'Neill signed them.

Other new laws will open to public scrutiny many of the records of the Statewide Organization, which was created by the Statewide Organization Task Force, rename the Statewide Organization for the late U.S. Rep. Stewart B. McKinney and pay for the erection of a police memorial on the grounds of the state police academy in Meriden.

There are also several election-related laws going into effect Friday. The gas tax increase is a result of a schedule enacted in 1984 to help fund a 10-year, \$6.5 billion road and bridge rebuilding program.

The budget includes such things as a \$50 increase in the rent subsidy for those in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program, pay raises for legislators, \$2.9 million for preventive AIDS service, \$74.1 million more for local school aid, and 780 new employees, many in the tax and correction departments.

When he signed it into law, O'Neill said the budget "provides the programs and services necessary to keep Connecticut at the forefront and remains true to the basic commitments I have made to the people of Connecticut."

Also taking effect are three laws authorizing some \$1 billion in borrowing through the sale of bonds for such things as roads, college repairs and an array of local projects that lawmakers can brag about at election time.

The new school aid distribution formula takes into account student scores on proficiency tests. The lower a town's scores, the more money it receives, under the formula. As was the case with the previous formula, a town's property wealth and the amount it spends on schools will be taken into account.

Another law taking effect sanctions a long-standing practice of providing food for the governor and his family at the Executive Residence at taxpayer expense. It merges the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Home and Hospital in Rocky Hill.

Other new laws will: Increase from \$60 to \$70 the daily fee deputy sheriffs get when serving as court officers.

Outlaw the sale of human organs and tissue.

Give legislators elected in November a pay raise of about \$700, a 5 percent increase. That will bring the rank-and-file salary to \$15,900; legislative leaders get more.

Require voting hours for all elections, including special elections and primaries, to be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Currently, hours for special elections and primaries are from noon to 8 p.m.

Allow any voter to challenge a person's right to cast an absentee ballot after the votes have been counted.

Require the state police to monitor "hate crimes" and compile statistics on them. This measure was passed in 1987 to take effect July 1, 1988.

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Trucker can't forget day in 1983 when bridge fell from under him

PERRY, Ga. (AP) — It's been five years since a chunk of Interstate 95 fell out from under David Pace's truck, but neither the pain in his broken back nor the terror in his brain will go away.

"I still have nightmares about that day. I'll wake up and grab the night stand because I think the bed is falling," the Perry construction worker said about the accident five years ago Tuesday.

Helen, had just curled up for a nap in the sleeper of his truck cab.

"The truck started shaking and it felt like the bottom of the truck was falling out and the first thing in my mind was 'Oh God, truck, spread wings and fly,'" Pace said.

"I told Helen to cover her head with a pillow because the bridge was gone."

A 100-foot section of Interstate 95 collapsed, Pace's truck fell 76 feet into the Mianus River, landing in about 10 feet of water.

Pace said the only thing he remembers is his wife screaming. "I can't swim," then waking up in the emergency room.

"The guy was inspecting the bridge and he said they don't begin to repair all the things he finds wrong," he said.

Pace said he would someday like to write a book about what happened and let the public know U.S. roads are unsafe.

"Something should be done about it before something like this happens again," he said.

Pace said his wife's back problems may also cause problems with the child she's expecting in August.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — In a city where access, information and appearances often translate into financial rewards, former Navy official Melvyn R. Paisley knew how to play the game, and former colleagues say he was a shrewd player.

Paisley, 65, a central figure in the Pentagon bribery case, was known in Navy circles as a hard-charging boss contemptuous of bureaucrats, as well as a fun-loving socializer married to his fourth wife, a stylish woman in her 30s.

"Colorful is the way people describe Mel," said a former Pentagon official.

"Paisley is a kind of twisted fighter pilot," added James Durst, a former executive at Boeing Co. where Paisley worked before joining the Pentagon.

Durst also had harsher words for Paisley, who became the Navy's assistant secretary for research, engineering and systems in 1981 after a 28-year career with Boeing.

"Usually every major company has one guy who does the dirty business," Durst said. "He was the guy."

Durst said he told the government in the early 1980s that Paisley, while at Boeing, bragged of committing a felony wiretapping operation and bribing people overseas for military contracts.

Lawrence E. Barrella, Paisley's lawyer, said Durst's "unfounded allegations" were "beneath the barrel." He called Durst "a disgruntled ex-employee."

WASHINGTON (AP) — If lawmakers are asked to identify Pratt & Whitney's chief lobbyists on Capitol Hill, they quickly rattle off the names of Jack Humphries and Mary Ellen Jones.

But despite their close and frequent contact with legislators and top aides, those Pratt & Whitney employees are not registered as lobbyists with the clerk of the House. The company — and other defense contractors who do not register their legislative liaisons — say the staffers are not lobbyists, but "information providers."

The confusion is an illustration of a federal law that critics say does not clearly describe what constitutes lobbying or provide a mechanism for enforcement.

Pratt & Whitney and its parent company, United Technologies Corp., do not register their legislative liaisons as lobbyists because, they say, the staffers are only providing information to Congress — even though it's information about issues and programs that have a direct impact on their business.

"Our people only visit the Hill to provide information," said UTC spokesman James Lince. "He's not saying, 'Lowell, vote for A, B and C. He's providing information.'"

The 1946 law describes a lobbyist as a person who is paid for the purpose of attempting to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation by the Congress.

"The law is basically loophole ridden," said Ann McBride, senior vice president at Common Cause, which has fought to toughen the law's reporting and enforcement requirements. "It is a law that is widely ignored."

The statute has virtually no enforcement provisions.

"We don't go out and seek lobbyists and determine whether those persons do or do not meet the requirements," said Patricia Blas, director of the House Clerk's Records and Registration Office. "If someone would complain, they would be referred to the Justice Department." But

Tumultuous times for Pratt's man on Capitol Hill

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PENTAGON TALK — Former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger gets a microphone wired on his tie before the taping of NBC's "Meet the Press" in Washington on Sunday.

WASHINGTON — Congressional critics say former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger ignored reports of excessively cozy relationships between military officials and defense contractors during his seven years as Pentagon chief.

But Weinberger defends his stewardship of the department, which included one of the largest military buildups in history, saying it is still too early in the unfolding Pentagon purchasing fraud case to say whether there was any serious lapse.

"I don't have any basis whatever for saying I didn't do enough, and I certainly don't feel culpable," Weinberger said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell, D-Mich., said he had warned Weinberger never to respond.

"I have to say that they did not want to know," Dingell said on ABC's "This Week With David

Brinkley" program. "It appears there is some condoning, if not active participation, by the leadership of the Pentagon in these matters."

Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., said on the same program that Weinberger had presided over "a feeding frenzy" of contracting, marked by "incestuous relationships" between federal officials and private contractors.

Pryor said the Defense Department has resisted every recent attempt by Congress to institute controls and accountability, including the establishment of an independent inspector general.

Even now, Pryor said, the department's inspector general is not complying with the law that requires monitoring of outside consulting contracts.

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The statute has virtually no enforcement provisions.

"We don't go out and seek lobbyists and determine whether those persons do or do not meet the requirements," said Patricia Blas, director of the House Clerk's Records and Registration Office. "If someone would complain, they would be referred to the Justice Department." But

Critics say Weinberger lax on defense contractor ties

By Jim Drinkard
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional critics say former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger ignored reports of excessively cozy relationships between military officials and defense contractors during his seven years as Pentagon chief.

But Weinberger defends his stewardship of the department, which included one of the largest military buildups in history, saying it is still too early in the unfolding Pentagon purchasing fraud case to say whether there was any serious lapse.

"I don't have any basis whatever for saying I didn't do enough, and I certainly don't feel culpable," Weinberger said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell, D-Mich., said he had warned Weinberger never to respond.

"I have to say that they did not want to know," Dingell said on ABC's "This Week With David

Brinkley" program. "It appears there is some condoning, if not active participation, by the leadership of the Pentagon in these matters."

Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., said on the same program that Weinberger had presided over "a feeding frenzy" of contracting, marked by "incestuous relationships" between federal officials and private contractors.

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OPINION

Negotiation should solve sewer mess

Town officials are hoping for quick solution to the problems that arose when it was discovered belatedly that the work to upgrade the town's secondary sewage treatment plant got under way without a required wetlands permit.

The solution could come as early as Wednesday, when representatives of every governmental agency involved in the problem meet in Hartford.

And, if at all possible, the solution should come that early.

Work on the project, designed to protect the environment by increasing the quality of the waters of the Hockanum River, should not be delayed by litigation, which may well be the alternative to a quick, negotiated solution.

There is conflicting evidence about who was responsible for failing to get the wetlands permit. It is important to determine who was at fault and to what degree. But unless it develops that there was wanton disregard of environmental considerations, there is no apparent justification for a long intergovernmental hassle.

The important thing is to develop a mechanism under which the same error cannot be repeated somewhere else when a sewer district undertakes to make improvements in its sewage plant to satisfy federal environmental requirements.

Devil's advocate deserves credit

William Hansen, the man from West Middle Turnpike, deserves credit for having the courage to tell his neighbors he does not see eye to eye with them about their relationships with Manchester Memorial Hospital.

It is one thing to criticize town officials or leaders of institutions who are somewhat remote from you. It is quite another to appear at a meeting of people who live in the houses that surround yours, when they are in the process of forming a neighborhood organization to protect their interests, and suggest they may not be entirely correct.

The neighbors involved deserve credit as well, for inviting Hansen to join them as a devil's advocate. That's a good idea. His presence in the group may give members a broader perspective and make the association more effective as a result.



Stars and strips: Our flags are fading fast

WASHINGTON — W. W. Ridgway is going to observe Fourth of July in quite the same way as millions of other Americans. He will have the star-spangled banner, and glory in the tradition of sovereign liberty that the red, white and blue has represented for more than two centuries.

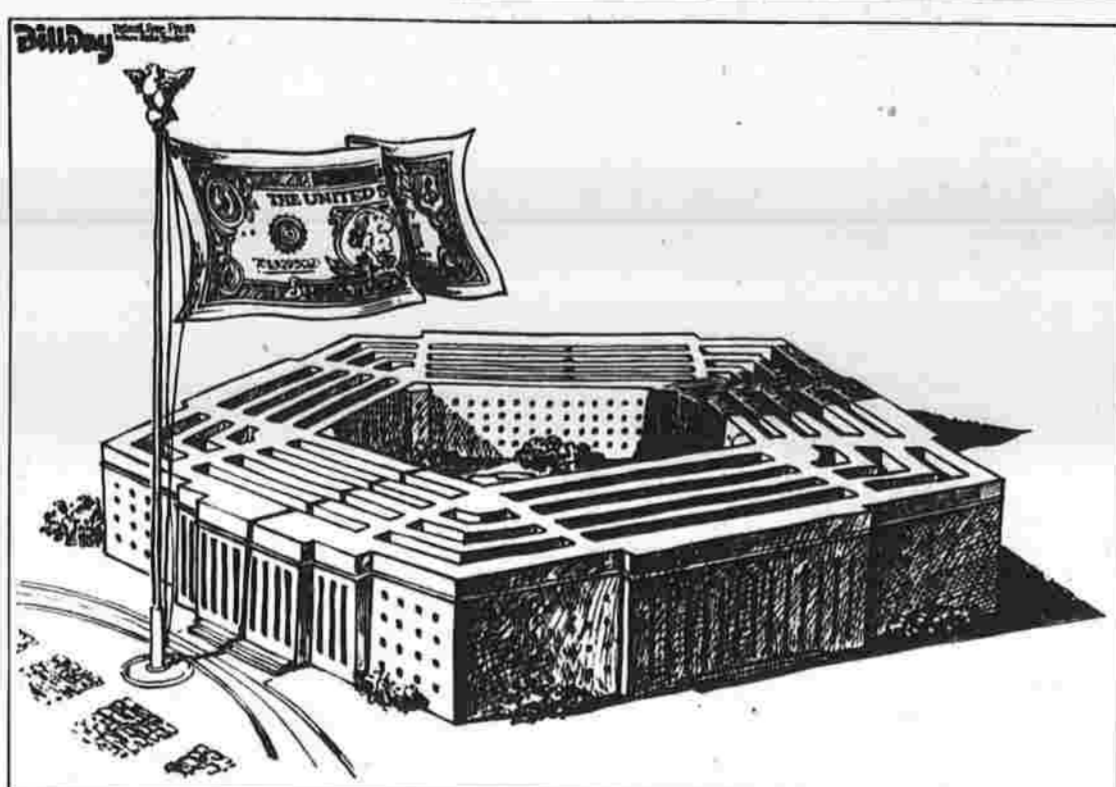
But he will also take note of something else the flag represents. It's what calls the tendency in America to let tradition go to hell. He says the nation has for a long time neglected its grand old flag, for one thing, and has allowed the historic relics to deteriorate into disrepair.

Ridgway is president of the North American Vexillological Association, an organization that fosters the study and understanding of flags and banners. The group also promotes the preservation of the colors and standards, and Ridgway says this is what he will pause to contemplate on Independence Day.

"I live near Kansas City, for example, and there is a museum there that is dedicated to World War I. You would think they would pay special attention to the flags in their care, but it's exactly the opposite. Many of the flags that are shown are in shreds, and are damaged beyond fixing."

Ridgway says it's like that throughout the nation. Flag collections in many museums and state capitols are rotting away. Some of the priceless flags of revolutionary America have decayed, and banners that emblemize state histories have likewise disintegrated to one degree or another. The vexillological group claims the blame can be laid directly to mismanagement. The flags are poorly displayed and left to the corrosive effects of the elements. Ridgway says there's no secret about it. It's plain for everyone to see, and he believes it is "a cultural and historical disaster."

Ridgway is a retired school administrator in Overland Park, Kansas. He has been a vexillologist



What Jane Fonda didn't say

By Ben Wattenberg

That was an interesting half of an interview Barbara Walters had with Jane Fonda on ABC's "20/20." It was good to hear Fonda apologize to American Vietnam veterans for some of her actions during the Vietnam War.

As "20/20" documented, in Hanoi in 1972, Fonda made a propaganda broadcast calling American officers "war criminals." She also was photographed, grinning, in the gunner's seat of a North Vietnamese anti-aircraft gun — the kind that shot down American pilots. Later, when returning POWs said that they had been tortured, she said, "I think they're lying."

Talking about the incidents on the program, Fonda addressed Vietnam veterans, explaining, "I was trying to help end the killing, end the war, but there were times when I was thoughtless and careless about it and I'm very sorry that I hurt them. And I want to apologize to them and to their families."

That's a personal apology. Fine. We believe in redemption. Fonda is a gifted actress, entrepreneur and political activist. In a time of healing, it would be churlish to remain distressed about a woman's barely touched-on sin. Walters cites a Fonda quote: "As a revolutionary woman I am ready to support all struggles that are radical."

Walters then accepts without further comment Fonda's response: "It was preposterous that I described myself then as a revolutionary woman. I didn't even know what that meant."

Didn't know that that meant? A look at the record will show that upon arriving in Hanoi she said, "I

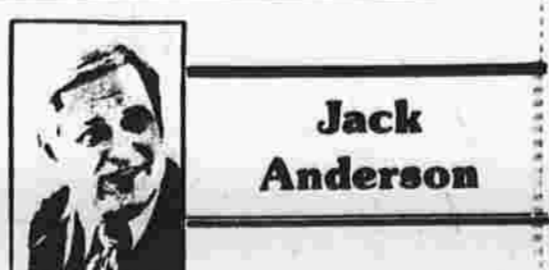
come as a comrade." Back in America she said the Vietcong was the conscience of the world, and that they were "driven by the same spirit that drove Washington and Jefferson." To a student audience she said, "I would think, if you understood what communism was, you would hope, you would pray on your knees, that we would someday become communist."

It is hard to avoid a simple thought: Fonda favored victory of the other side. She was more than a personal apology. She owes a political apology for supporting the enemy: she owes a national apology to the South Vietnamese. Remember, that when the comrades invaded, South Vietnam was turned into a totalitarian slum, and being "beat people" were drowned at sea.

Remember, too, that when these horrific events were publicized, many prominent anti-war activists (like Joan Baez) publicly denounced the actions of the communists. Fonda had a different response. She said that the charges "weren't fully substantiated."

During the show, Fonda says, "I am proud of most of what I did and very sorry for some of what I did." Fonda gave her an apology. We should accept it halfheartedly.

Ben Wattenberg, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, is author of "The Birth of Deceit." He writes a syndicated column.



Cracks in the wall

East Germany has been easing its restrictions on travel to West Germany and West Berlin. It appears that East German officials are less afraid than they once were that their citizens will not come home. In 1985, 1.6 million senior citizens and 66,000 others were allowed to visit the west. In 1986 the same number of older East Germans were allowed to visit the west, but the number of younger people allowed out increased drastically to 570,000. The count is not in for last year, but early estimates show even higher numbers. The risk that the East German government takes is that its best and brightest will defect, but officials there still boast that only 0.02 percent of the visitors don't come back home.

Ship shape

For a while last year, it looked as though the government-owned cargo ships that carry war supplies would lay rusting without money for maintenance. That was because two government agencies couldn't agree on who controlled the 89 ships of the ready reserve force.

The Maritime Administration has had jurisdiction over the fleet since 1946. Maintenance money came from the Navy's Military Sealift Command. But the Navy cut off the money for new maintenance contracts because of a bureaucratic squabble over control.

That could have caused a crisis if one of the world's hot spots had flared. The Joint Chiefs of Staff estimate that in such a crisis the U.S. forces would rely on shipping to deliver 85 percent of all goods and 99 percent of all petroleum to supply combat troops.

A House Subcommittee on Government Operations exposed the danger posed by the stalemate. Earlier this year, the Office of Management and Budget stepped in and authorized \$110 million for the Maritime Administration to work on the ships.

More summits

Sources close to President Reagan tell us he would like one more meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to give detente a final boost before he leaves office.

The president would like to hold a final summit after the November election. If George Bush wins, Reagan would invite him along to assure continuity in relations with Moscow. It is even possible that Reagan would do the same for Michael Dukakis should he win the election.

Gorbachev may hold his next summit meeting with Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping. Reagan was the only world leader who insisted on a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan before he would meet with Gorbachev. Deng made the same demand. The subsequent Soviet retreat may pave the way for a summit between the communist giants.

Health threat

The military may be exposing its troops to deadly fumes from a metallic coating commonly used in tanks and ships. Cadmium is the preferred coating for bolts and other metal parts that can corrode. But a little-read section of the Naval Ship's Technical Manual points out that cadmium-plated metal gives off noxious fumes when it comes in contact with fuels, lubricating oil and grease. The result could be heart disorders or even death from exposure to cadmium fumes. Also, cadmium plating will destroy the pliable properties of metal fasteners at temperatures higher than 400 degrees. Ironically, the military has prosecuted several bolt bootleggers for trying to pass off cheaper zinc-plated fasteners as cadmium-plated.

Rewarding whistleblowers

Government workers who blow the whistle on fraud and abuse sometimes pay a high price for their candor. Now a big-hearted money manager in Massachusetts has created a foundation to reward whistleblowers. The Cavallo Foundation handed out its first three \$10,000 awards recently to reward whistleblowers who lost their jobs. One went to a quality-control worker who reported that substandard steel was being used on Navy cruisers. A former Census Bureau worker got \$10,000 for blowing the whistle on her boss, who was loaning his office workers out to political hot spots. The third went to John Berter, the former Veterans Administration police officer who exposed police brutality at the VA medical center in Cincinnati. We first reported on Berter's case last year.

Mini-editorial

The Marines are looking for a few good hunkers. The commandant of the Marines is apparently miffed that the men equate fitness training with jogging to "look nice." Instead, he wants them to look tough. A new directive to the corps says that from here on out, Marine fitness programs will be designed to promote combat fitness. Presumably, that means jogging in combat boots instead of Reeboks and lifting rifles instead of heavyhanded. The few, the proud, the anaerobically conditioned.

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WASHINGTON — Bob Dole couldn't be more than George Bush these days, so nice that people are beginning to wonder if the Kansas senator years to be No. 2 to the man he once said had "gotten quite a ways without ever doing much."

Eastern Europe keeps close watch on Soviets

Poland and Hungary have gone further in matching or even exceeding Gorbachev's reforms in the economic and political realms.

Change is not well-placed to prevail at this week's conference.

The fact is, the supporters of the new line cannot feel that their position is safe at the party conference, but will certainly be watching it closely.

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Once-caustic Dole looks at veep spot

By Donald M. Rothberg
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bob Dole could be the most liberal of the Republican presidential nominees.

And when Dole attacks Dukakis as an "out-and-out liberal," he often gets a nice thank-you note from Bush.

The warming in relations between Bush and Dole prompts speculation the senior could end up as the Republican vice presidential nominee.

But Bush on Sunday dismissed a report that his aides were focusing on Dole as the leading candidate for the slot, saying, "Nobody is authorized to speak in my behalf."

"There isn't a long list or a short list," Bush said.

"He clearly is running for vice president," Lyn Nofziger, a former White House political aide and Dole friend, said the senator, Nofziger quickly added that he did not base his view on any conversation with the senator.

Reforms in Moscow lead to pressure for changes in East bloc

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Iran vows to fight on even though Baghdad is taking the initiative

TEHRAN — Iran's military problems were heightened by its defeat by the Iraqis in the Persian Gulf on April 18, when six of its naval ships were sunk or disabled.

Iran's Defense Minister Gen. Adnan Khairallah boasted that Saturday's victory at Majnoon, held by the Iraqis since 1982, was a turning point in the war in a way that will compel the Iranian enemy to understand the logic of peace.

By keeping up the pressure, Baghdad clearly hopes to exploit political uncertainty in Tehran amid growing signs of internal opposition to the war due to recent defeats. By some Western estimates, more than 500,000 Iraqis have been killed so far.

Nevertheless, Iran's hardliners, who made sweeping gains in recent parliamentary elections, appear to hold the upper hand. They show no sign of backing down from Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's avowed aim of fighting on until Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is toppled.

As a revolutionary regime surviving on its ideological commitment, such a compromise would destroy the government's credibility and spark serious political upheaval, analysts Yafeh Petrossian commented in the Middle East Economic Digest.

Some analysts believe recent setbacks have jolted the Iranians into making a belated attempt to tackle problems of falling morale, friction between the regular army and the Revolutionary Guards and what appears to be an alarming increase in desertions and draft-dodging.

Iran's powerful Parliament speaker, Hashem Rahnjani, named commander-in-chief by Khomeini on June 2 in a bid to galvanize the military, noted June 15 that "we are insisting on getting our rights on the battlefield. We have defined non-military solutions to the war."

But he stressed that he saw little prospect of Baghdad conceding its rights on the battlefield. "We are planning to continue the war until victory,"

"He certainly isn't lusting after it," said Sen. Warren Rudman of New Hampshire, who supported Dole for the GOP presidential nomination and remains close to the senator.

"I don't see anything in Bob's actions to indicate he is pursuing this (the vice presidency)," said Rudman. "It's in Bob Dole's interest to have George Bush win the presidency."

But would Dole take second on the ticket? Dole was asked Saturday about chances he'd be the running mate.

"If I got the call, I'd say, 'Mr. Vice President, let's talk,' but that hasn't happened," Dole said.

"What he would do if asked the question, I just don't know," said Rudman.

"I don't have any doubt if he's asked, he'll take it," said Donald Devine, a former adviser to the Dole presidential campaign.

"It's George Bush's call," said Walt Riker, a Dole spokesman when asked if the senator would accept the vice presidential nomination. "And it's a long way between now and New Orleans." The city is the site of the GOP convention in August.

Riker said that "at this point Dole would like to be Senate majority leader again," a post he held until Republicans lost control of the Senate in the 1986 election and the title changed to minority leader.

Opinion polls suggest a Bush-Dole ticket would be a strong Republican combination.

For example, a poll published last month in the Charlotte, N.C. Observer, said a Bush-Dole ticket was preferred by North Carolina voters by 9 points over a Democratic ticket of Michael Dukakis and Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia.

"The open or closed opposition — the more conservative elements of the apparatus, the bureaucrats and the undecided — will make their presence felt as they did when the delegates were elected," the paper said.

In Poland, the subject of the Soviet Union and its future comes up in almost every conversation about the Poles' own future.

An opposition platform partially published by the independent Catholic weekly Tygodnik Powszechny two weeks ago noted that "chances for reform can be considered as realistic" as Gorbachev's campaign crystallizes and "will weaken the position of conservative elements" among Poland's ruling Communists.

Soviet reforms have received attentive attention in the official media in East Germany and Romania, whose Communist leaders so far have rejected any need to follow suit.

But East German youth have shouted "Gorbachev, Gorbachev" when protesting police attempts to disperse young rock bands in the Berlin Wall.

Romania's 23 million citizens are largely preoccupied in coping with severe food shortages. But they paid close attention to a visit by Gorbachev 13 months ago that offered them their only chance to date to hear a long, televised speech by the Soviet leader.

All of eastern Europe's Communist leaders — many now more secretive and orthodox than their Kremlin counterparts — will closely follow conference debate over the Stalins' past and the need to open up Communist Party life.

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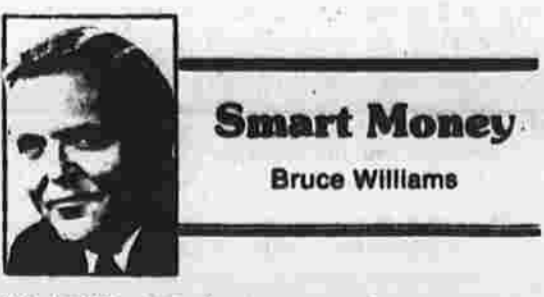
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Magazine accumulation may be valuable

DEAR BRUCE: I have been saving old magazines for the past 45 years. Three sheds in the yard are now full of issues dating back to World War II. We are retiring and will be selling this farm. Where can we dispose of the magazines profitably?



Smart Money Bruce Williams

R.L., MESICK, MICH rare issues among the magazines in your shed. If you have time, you should go through them to be certain that there are no items of value. You didn't mention comic books, but there is an active comic book market. If you have accumulated some, you could have a very valuable investment stashed away.

There are several publications devoted to comic books and collectibles. Consult your public library. You will frequently see advertisements for accumulations and specific holdings. Since you have taken all this time to collect them, be certain you know what you are disposing of and its value.

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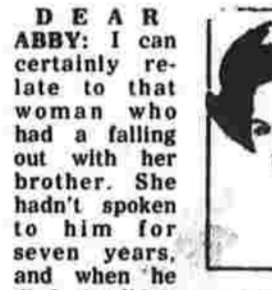
the place for free — carrying packages, pouches, etc. for companies. I am 24 years old, have no attachments, and love to travel. This looks like the job for me. But I haven't been able to find anybody who can put me in touch with a company that will hire me. Where can I apply? T.E., CHICAGO

DEAR T.E.: I have read articles similar to the one you have described, but I don't know where you would find such a job. Recently, in Anchorage, Ala., I talked to some folks who hire couriers to carry gold bullion from there to New York City. Generally this is a reward given to a trusted employee.

There may be very few people working as air couriers, and I think you are going to have difficulty finding such employment. I have made numerous inquiries, but have located no one who hires folks like this on a regular basis. Readers are invited to respond if they know of such a service and where one can apply.

DEAR BRUCE: I am a professional magician who's old enough to remember the song "I'm Just a Girl Who Can't Say No." Now I'm finding

Some family quarrels can't be buried with the deceased



Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.

Chemicals pose several hazards

DEAR DR. GOTT: For more than three years, I have worked in a college print shop. There's no ventilation in my basement office, although I do have a dehumidifier going, and there's an air conditioner in one window. Would the chemicals I use (alcohol, kerosene, potassium ferrocyanide, hydrogen cyanide) cause the problems I have: trouble focusing, saying things wrong, tingling sensations?

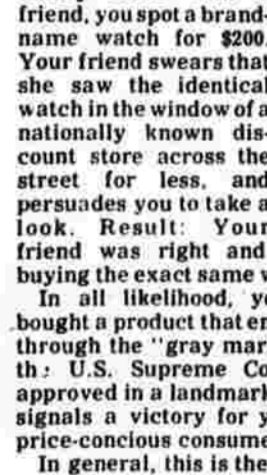
DEAR READER: Exposure to industrial solvents and fumes can be characterized by the symptoms you describe. However, I cannot blame the materials you work with unless you have had an environmental assessment made to measure the potential toxins in the print shop. I suggest you see a doctor and also request a work place analysis by the proper authorities. A municipal building inspector can perform this function, as can a representative of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother says that contact lenses will scratch my eyes and blind me. Is she right?

DEAR READER: Not exactly. When properly fitted, cleaned and maintained, contact lenses will not impair vision. However, such lenses can cause problems. If they are poorly centered on the eye or are worn too long, they can scratch the cornea and produce severe discomfort. Furthermore, people sometimes become allergic to the lens' cleaning fluid; this can cause pronounced eye irritation.

In theory, the corneal abrasions and the allergic reaction could, if left untreated, affect vision. However, for most people under the care of an ophthalmologist, contact lenses are a safe and convenient alternative to glasses. Perhaps your mother would feel more comfortable chatting about this with your eye specialist.

Court-approved gray market goods beneficial



Sylvia Porter

Browsing through a luxury store with a friend, you spot a brand-name watch for \$200. Your friend swears that she saw the identical watch in the window of a nationally known discount store across the street for less, and persuades you to take a look. Result: Your friend was right and you end up buying the exact same watch for \$140.

In all likelihood, you have just bought a product that entered the U.S. through the "gray market" — which the U.S. Supreme Court has just approved in a landmark decision that signals a victory for you and other price-conscious consumers.

What's more, they add, consumers can be taken for a ride, since sometimes the product isn't exactly the same as the product that goes through authorized channels. But interviews with consumer affairs offices from coast to coast indicate there are few, if any, complaints concerning gray-market goods.

"We feel the gray market benefits customers by offering the consumer an option as well as significant price savings," says Richard Elbrecht, supervising attorney of California's Department of Consumer Affairs. "The gray market also benefits consumers by offering them a variety of authorized food through competition," adds Mark Silberberg of Consumers Union in Washington, D.C.

PEOPLE

Finding natural father

NEW YORK — President Reagan's adopted son, Michael, recently heard from his biological father for the first time, according to a published report. The 45-year-old Reagan says his biological father followed publicly in March about Michael's autobiography, "On the Outside Looking In."

Reagan said he won't disclose his biological father's name or hometown. "He wants to stay out of the spotlight," he said.

YEAGER VIEWS TERMINAL MONTROSE, Colo. — Aviation pioneer Chuck Yeager helped celebrate the opening of a \$24 million, 28,000-square-foot terminal at Montrose County Airport.



Yeager views terminal

Yeager, a U.S. Air Force general best known as the first pilot ever to break the sound barrier, was one of hundreds of people who attended Saturday's party to open the terminal.

Yeager said he often comes to the Montrose area to hunt and fish and to visit his son, Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, D-Colo., said the terminal would help bring in "a bumper crop of tourists."

Lawyer defends self

NEW YORK — Divorce lawyer Marvin Mitchellson called two ex-clients "professional extortionists" who can "cry on cue" after they demand that he sue them. Mitchellson described the rapes they said he committed on them.

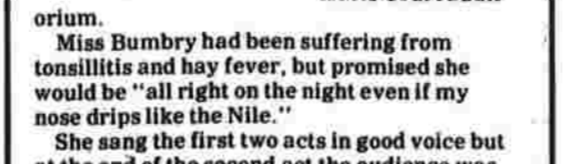
DALE F. REDIG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Pop star to have surgery

BIRMINGHAM, England — Pop star George Michael, who faces a charge Wednesday to remove a benign cyst, was reunited on stage with former co-singer Andrew Ridgeley.

Soprano leaves show

LONDON — American soprano Grace Bumbry sang the first two acts of "Aida" in a spectacular production, but pulled out when she suffered voice problems.



Grace Bumbry

Bumbry had been suffering from tonsillitis and had fever, but promised she would be "all right on the night even if my nose drips like the Nile."

BUSINESS

Petrie joins Epstein Realty

Joseph Petrie of East Hartford recently joined Epstein Realty of Manchester.

Petrie, a native of South Windsor, was president of Life & Casualty for 13 years as a senior computer operator in the data processing department. He completed his real estate education at Connecticut Realty Education Services. He will become a member of the Manchester Board of Realtors.

He graduated from South Windsor High School in 1974. He is a member of the Lodge of Elks in Rumford, Maine, and St. Mary's Church. He and his wife have three children.

Times Mirror moves execs

LOS ANGELES — Senior Vice President Donald F. Wright will take over supervision of three Times Mirror Co.'s Eastern newspapers companies.

Robert F. Erburu, chairman and chief executive officer, also announced that Edward E. Johnson, vice president of planning and development, will become a group vice president responsible for the consumer publishing group.

Wright will continue to be responsible for Times Mirror Broadcasting and Times Mirror Cable Television.

Reporting to him under his new duties will be the publishers of The Hartford (Conn.) Courant; The Morning Call of Allentown, Pa., and the Southern Connecticut newspaper, The Advocate of Stamford and the Greenwich Time.

Media growth predicted

NEW YORK — Growth in the communications industry over the next five years should exceed the expected growth in the overall economy and expansion in other leading industries, according to an investment bank specializing in media deals.

The industry is expected to grow at an average annual rate of 16.1 percent through 1992, down from its 10.9 percent expansion pace for the previous five years.

LOS ANGELES — Gasoline prices nationwide have dropped one quarter of a cent per gallon over the past two weeks, according to a nationwide survey of more than 12,000 domestic gas stations released Sunday.

The Lundberg Survey concluded the average price of all grades of gasoline offered at all types of service stations was 99.98 cents as of June 24, down from the June 10 average price of 100.23 per gallon.

The average price was down nearly a full cent from comparable June 1987 prices, according to the survey's statistics, which were released Sunday.

Values of bonds are confusing

QUESTION: I am a little confused about the values of bonds. As I understand it, bond prices go up when interest rates decline. Does that mean, if I sell all my bonds when prices are up, the dollar amount I receive will be less than it would be if I had sold when prices were down?

ANSWER: Please don't think I'm picking on you, but you are more than "a little" confused. "Think things through and you will realize you get more money by selling your bonds — or anything else you own — when prices are high than you would by selling when prices are low."

Let's say interest rates rise and maturity as yours pay 8 percent. Anyone who invests \$1,000 in one of those new bonds will get \$80 a year interest. That makes your 10 percent bond worth more than the 8 percent bond. The market value of your bond will rise to approximately \$1,250.

At that point, your bond will have a "current yield" — \$100 annual interest divided by \$1,250 market value — of 8 percent. That's the same current yield available now on newly issued bonds paying 8 percent.

Now, let's say interest rates rise. The market value of your bond will fall, bringing its current yield into line with the interest rate paid on newly issued bonds. Summed up, the market values of outstanding bonds move in the opposite direction of interest

Trade deal boosts U.S. sales in Japan

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Japanese officials acknowledge that their latest agreement to increase sales of American consumer products in Japan is just one step on a long road to more balanced trade.

This is just a dent in the trade deficit, Commerce Secretary C. William Verity said after officials from the two countries announced the pact over the weekend.

The program is aimed at giving a boost to Japanese sales of U.S.-made sporting goods and leisure products, jewelry, furniture, pet foods and processed foods.

Those items accounted for almost \$1.6 billion in American exports to Japan in 1987. But the U.S. trade deficit last year was \$70 billion, and July \$66 billion of that came from an imbalance with Japan.

Under the agreement, trade officials from both countries will help American manufacturers locate potential customers. Verity said he will meet soon with U.S. business executives to discuss the program.



U.S. PRODUCTS — Commerce Secretary C. William Verity gives Japanese Trade Minister Hajime Tamura a basket of gardening tools after their news conference in Washington Saturday.

panies also will try to spur sales of U.S. goods. Verity and Japan's minister of international trade and industry, Hajime Tamura, announced the pact at a news conference Saturday and said they hoped that additional industries would soon be added to the initiative.

Tamura said through a translator, "We have to sow the seeds first." Tamura said Japan's international trade surplus, which peaked in 1986, has been dropping in recent months while domestic demand has been growing sharply.

Opening opportunities to get the products on the shelves. Verity said, "Now, he said, in department stores, all products are Japanese." Japanese banks and trading companies also will try to spur sales of U.S. goods.

Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry will help remove obstacles that have hindered U.S. sales in Japan, the officials said. "MITI will work with them in

Pact squeezes Japan farmers

TOKYO (AP) — Paying the world's highest prices for fertilizer and feed and confined to tiny plots of land, Japanese farmers are in the best of times squeezed to make a profit.

But a new U.S.-Japan pact to open up the nation's markets to cheaper American beef and oranges has sown considerable anxiety among farmers.

At Abe, a 57-year-old cattle farmer, Japan's northeastern Iwate Prefecture, decided he could no longer cope. He hanged himself on June 18, just two days before U.S. and Japanese officials finished the beef and orange agreement.

Oppose the liberalization of beef imports. I will protest with my death," Abe wrote in a suicide note. The Japanese government acceded to U.S. demands to gradually phase out quotas blocking imports over a three-year period beginning 1991.

Farm Minister Takahashi Sato signed a similar agreement with Australian officials in Canberra on June 24.

Japan's small-scale farmers like Abe are plagued by mounting overhead costs and diminishing profits. They say they cannot compete against cheaper American imports because productivity is low in this land-starved country where the average farm is just three acres.

Japan has the lowest self-sufficiency rate of any major industrialized nation and is the largest market for U.S. agricultural exports.

Philip Seng, Asia division head of the U.S. Meat Export Federation, says Japan purchased \$5 percent of the 190 million pounds of beef and veal exported by the United States last year, a loan that with beef by-products was worth about \$60 million.

Imports of American oranges and orange juices totaled almost \$100 million in 1987, according to the U.S. Commerce Department. Yasuo Sasaki, a beef farmer from the major beef-producing region of Iwate, laments the advent of a free market system, contending that his operation will be doomed after the three-year moratorium ends.

He said the government has already forced him to cut rice cultivation by 50 percent due to overproduction and declining consumption. If the beef market is swamped by cheaper imports, he said farmers will be at a loss to find alternate sources of income.

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Greenhouse

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the polar ice caps and raising sea levels three feet.

"In the last 1,000 years, the climate fluctuated about a half of a degree. Now we can expect it to go up to 10 times that rate, a phenomenal change unprecedented in human history," Henry Henggeveld, a climate expert for Environment Canada, told a news conference.

The problem is manmade. The burning of oil, gas, wood and coal in factories, homes and cars sends the greenhouse gases of carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, methane, ozone and chlorofluorocarbons into the atmosphere.

For much of the world, there are no alternatives to fossil fuel. In developed countries, public opinion has turned against the cleaner option of nuclear power because of the risk of catastrophic accidents.

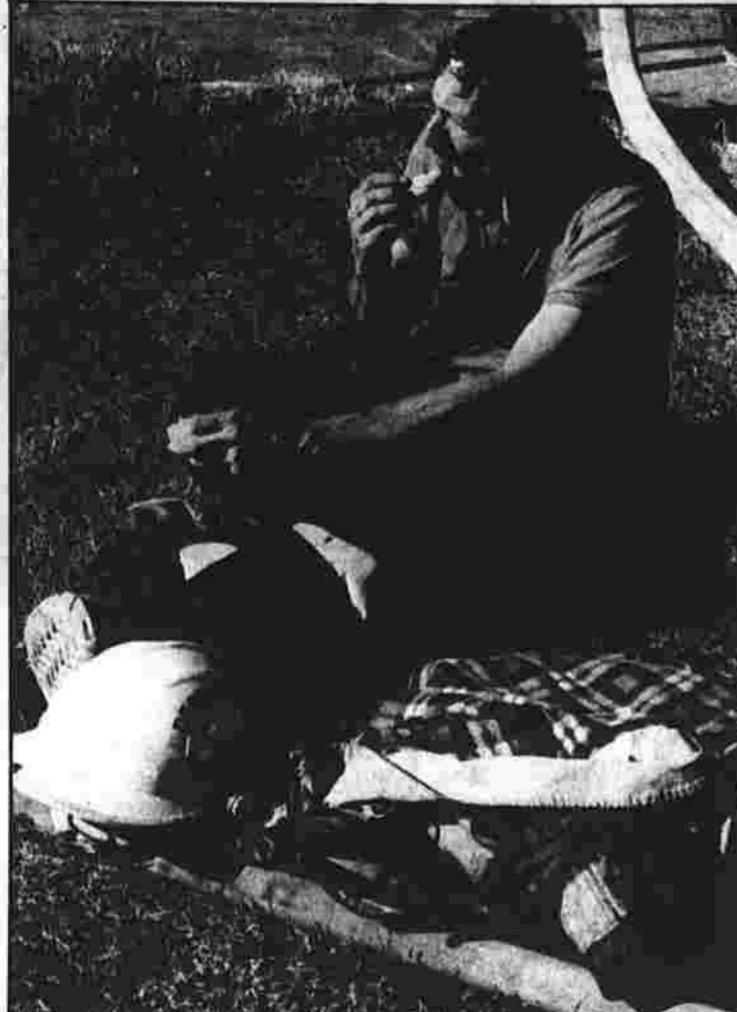
Another major atmospheric problem is the gradual destruction of the thin ozone layer, which

protects the earth from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. Chlorofluorocarbons used in spray cans, insulation, refrigerators and industrial cleaning tear holes in the ozone, and the result has been a marked increase in skin cancer.

Twenty-four nations signed the Montreal Protocol on ozone last year, pledging to reduce the use of chlorofluorocarbons by 50 percent by 1999.

McDonald's restaurants promised to use something else to insulate their take-away packaging and a new type of refrigerator with helium as a coolant is under development. But global protection remains a distant goal.

Canada's first atmospheric priority is acid rain. The government blames power plant emissions from the U.S. Midwest for at least half the acid rain falling in eastern Canada, which has led to the destruction of fish life in 14,000 lakes and extensive forest damage.



Ronald Pinto/Manchester Herald

TIME OUT — Bob Morra, deputy fire chief in Bolton, sits a doughnut after helping fight a house fire on Routes 6 and 44 this morning.

Pap smear

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nothing abnormal and their cervix was healthy could in reality have had an abnormal condition that was not detected. This doesn't mean that cancer was missed, when your doctor takes a Pap smear, he or she is looking for changes in your cervix. One of these changes is dysplasia. Dysplasia is not cancer — it is the early warning sign that some normal, healthy cells have become abnormal.

All medical personnel agree, though, that the Pap test, like all other screening tests, is not always 100 percent correct. A Pap smear taken every year helps to assure the accuracy of the previous year's smear and better safeguards you against an undetected condition. If an abnormality exists, the test helps to detect it in the precancerous state. This is why it is important to have the Pap test on an annual basis.

The best way to know if the cells on your cervix are healthy or if they might be abnormal is to have your doctor perform a Pap test. To perform the test, an instrument called a speculum is inserted into the vagina. The speculum helps to separate the walls of your vagina so the doctor can see your cervix, which is the mouth of your uterus. The tissue around the opening in the cervix is gently scraped with a spatula or similar instrument to collect cells. The cells are then smeared on a glass slide and sprayed with a solution to preserve them. The slide is labeled and sent to a laboratory to be analyzed.

Next: What the Pap smear shows.

Bolton fire

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Smoke from the fire at 265 Boston Turnpike sent heavy smoke into the air, which could be seen for miles, he said.

"It was fully involved," Preuss said. "There was smoke all the way to the highway." The road intersects with Interstate 84 as well as Route 85 less than a mile from the fire. Fire Department, North Coventry, Andover, Vernon and Hebron also were called to the scene, he said.

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Status of teacher still undetermined

Manchester school officials are not making a decision on the teaching status of an elementary school teacher granted special probation in connection with a sexual assault charge, said William E. Deakin Jr., assistant superintendent.

Kim Shirer, a teacher at Verplanck School, was granted special probation after a hearing before the state's accelerated rehabilitation program, court officials said.

Under the program, Shirer does not plead to charges against him and is placed on probation.

If Shirer completes a six-month probation without further arrest, the charges are erased, officials said. The program is used by first-time defendants who want to avoid trial and do not want to have a criminal record, officials said.

Acceptance into the program is not admission of guilt, officials said.

Manchester school officials are still in the midst of negotiations with Shirer's attorney, Joseph J. Simon of Hartford, to determine Shirer's future status, Deakin said.

"That's not been finalized at all," he said.

Shirer, 51, of 43 Princeton St., was charged by East Hartford police in May with fourth-degree sexual assault. He was charged with making sexual advances to a male undercover detective, who was parked outside the barn on Main Street in East Hartford

as part of a drug investigation. East Hartford police have said Shirer was placed on leave of absence following his arrest.

He has been described by School Superintendent James P. Kennedy and other school officials as an excellent teacher with an unblemished record.

Fire causes barn damage

A "suspicious" fire Sunday caused minor damage to a barn on Tolland Turnpike that was full of cars, fire department officials said.

Capt. Jack Hughes of the Town of Manchester Fire Department said today 12 firefighters were called to the fire at 284 Tolland Turnpike at 3:24 p.m. Sunday. It was extinguished in about 10 minutes.

Hughes said the fire, which started outside the barn, was "suspicious" and is under investigation.

The barn, owned by the Hagen family, contained about 10 cars, a couple of farm tractors and carriages, Hughes said.

Hughes said most barn fires are caused by a cigarette, but damage to the barn on Tolland Turnpike was limited to one small corner. It was not immediately known why the barn contained the cars.

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The fight figures to be a matchup between the speed and devastating power of Tyson and the unorthodox style of Spinks, the 31-year-old former light heavyweight champion who rarely looks impressive but has always found a way to win.

"I have never run in a fight before and I will not run now," Spinks said.

Both have secured their place in boxing history. Tyson, who won the title at the age of 20 with a knockout of Trevor Berbick, is the youngest heavyweight champion ever, while Spinks is the first light heavyweight champion to win a heavyweight title.

The long odds are new for Spinks, who was a 6-1 underdog when he captured the heavyweight title on Sept. 22, 1985 in Larry Holmes. That loss also snapped Holmes' unbeaten

SPORTS

Tyson favored to defend title against Spinks

By Tim Dohberg The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Mike Tyson defends his undisputed heavyweight title tonight against Michael Spinks in an intriguing battle of unbeaten fighters that could be boxing's richest ever.

Tyson, beset by personal problems while training for the bout, is a 4-1 favorite to retain his heavyweight crown in the scheduled 12-round fight, which will begin at Atlantic City's Convention Center about 10 p.m. EDT.

"Forget all the things that have happened, I will not lose," Tyson vowed.

The 21-year-old champion is making his seventh title defense and the fourth since he unified all three portions of the heavyweight crown last August with a decision over Tony Tucker. His last three fights all ended in knockouts, going a combined 13 rounds.

Spinks, meanwhile, is trying to regain the heavyweight title he

gave up last year in order to fight Gerry Cooney, and to cement his place in a division where some still don't think he really belongs.

The fight could make boxing history, at least on the financial side.

Promoters claim it may gross \$70 million overall, and nearly 22,000 fans are expected to pay a record live gate of about \$12 million, with ticket prices ranging from \$100 to \$1,500.

More than 1 million others are expected to pay an average of \$35 apiece to watch the bout at bars and arenas on closed-circuit or in their homes on pay-per-view cable. HBO has purchased the delayed broadcast rights and reportedly will air it four or five times beginning on Saturday.

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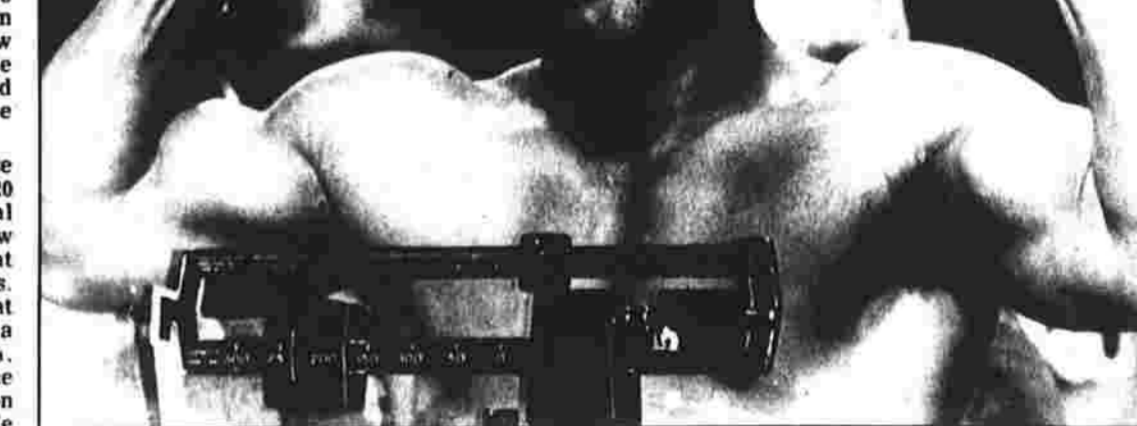
Tyson will earn a record purse for the fight that could top \$20 million, depending on final closed-circuit and pay-per-view sales, while Spinks will earn a flat fee of \$13.5 million for his efforts.

Tyson weighed in Saturday at 212½, his heaviest ever for a fight, while Tyson weighed 218½, two pounds more than when he knocked out Tony Tubbs on March 21 at Tokyo in his last title defense.

"He's stronger now and he'll punch harder," Spinks' trainer, Eddie Futch, said of his fighter. "He's just as fast at this weight as he was before and now he hits harder."

Most boxing observers, though, feel Spinks can't hit hard enough to keep the powerful Tyson away from him. Spinks' best chance, they say, is to stay away from Tyson, give him different angles and frustrate him enough to win a decision.

That's not the strategy offered by Bud Lewis, Spinks' longtime confidant and manager, who contends the mistake Tyson's



CONFIDENT CHAMP — Heavyweight Mike Tyson confidently boxing his hands on the scales at the weigh-in Saturday in Atlantic City. He and Michael Spinks will meet tonight for the undisputed heavyweight title.

Personal Statistics

	Mike Tyson	Michael Spinks
Birthdate	June 30, 1966	July 22, 1956
Birthplace	Brooklyn, NY	St. Louis, Mo.
Residence	Catskill, NY	Wilmington, Del.
Age	21	31
Height	5' 11 1/2"	6' 2 1/2"
Weight	218 1/4 pounds	212 1/4 pounds
Chest (Expanded)	45"	47"
Bicep	16"	14"
Forearm	14"	13"
Neck	19 3/4"	16"
Fist	13"	13"

Local Roundup

The Pittsburgh Pirates go home today to play the New York Mets in a series that has all the earmarks of September.

The Pirates completed their first four game sweep since July 1984 on Sunday, beating the Montreal Expos 3-0 in 10 innings and moving within 4½ games of the National League East-leading Mets.

The Mets, meanwhile, dropped a 6-3 decision to the Cubs and left Chicago with three losses in four games.

The Pirates, who lost two of three at Shea Stadium last week, say they have what it takes to remain competitive, and they don't care who else believes it.

"If they still don't believe in us, that's good," said Sid Bream, who snapped a scoreless tie with a ninth-inning sacrifice fly. "We don't have to worry about expectations."

In the rest of the league, Los Angeles beat Cincinnati 9-6, Houston shut out San Francisco 6-0, Philadelphia defeated St. Louis 7-5 in 10 innings, and San Diego beat Atlanta 2-0 in 10 innings.

Doug Drabek of the Pirates and Pascual Perez of Montreal duelled through eight scoreless innings, and neither team could get anything going until Expos shortstop Luis Rivera threw away Jose Lind's grounder to start the 10th.

Lind went to second on the error, took third on a grounder and, after two walks, one intentional, loaded the bases, scored on Bream's sacrifice fly to deep center field.

Mike Lavalliere followed with a double off the right-field fence, scoring two more runs.

"The way things were going, it didn't seem like anyone was going to score," Lavalliere said. "I was just hoping to put the ball in play."

Drabek gave up just two hits and struck out six in his outing, while Perez allowed six hits and walked three as the Pirates strangled eight in the first seven innings.

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