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Another blond Swede holds the gold trophy /11



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Manchester, Conn. — A City of Village Charm

30 Cents

30,000 attend 4th fest

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Manchester Herald

The town's fifth Independence Day Celebration at Manchester Community College attracted a record crowd on Saturday of 30,000 people.

But the biggest attraction at the annual event — the fireworks display — almost didn't come off. The company that was to put on the display at 9:30 p.m. arrived four hours later than scheduled, making organizers of the celebration anxious about what to tell the expectant crowd. Workers managed to set up quickly for the display, however, and the show went on with only a half-hour delay.

"We were afraid a little while ago that we were going to have to say good night rather than good evening," Town Manager Robert B. Weiss told the crowd before the display finally began.

Aside from the hitch with the fireworks, everything went well at the celebration, which is funded by donations and is organized by volunteers.

"Every early indication points to probably the most successful event," Nathan Agostinelli.

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John Zirilli/Special to the Herald

BIRTHDAY PARTY — Michelle Quay, a volunteer with the town Recreation Department, paints the face of 4-year-old Alexandra Burkhart of Manchester during Independence Day festivities Saturday at the Manchester Bicentennial Band Shell. More pictures on page 4.

Wright urges payment for Iran airliner

By Merrill Horton
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Jim Wright today urged the Reagan administration to apologize directly to Iran and pay reparations for shooting down a passenger jet carrying 290 people as an Iranian official said world condemnation of the United States might ease talk of military retaliation.

Wright, speaking less than 24 hours after President Reagan vowed to keep U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf despite Iran's threats of reprisals, predicted that Capitol Hill would authorize money for reparations.

"If that would assuage the grief of the other aggrieved party, surely we could do that," he said in London. "Congress would support that if it were requested."

The senior Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, John Warner of Virginia, also said the United States should pay reparations.

In Geneva, meanwhile, Sirous Nasser, the Iranian ambassador to the U.N. mission there, said, "So far as the avenger is concerned, at this stage we really hope there will be public opinion, we will let the public opinion and the political activities to run its course."

Iran's revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, said Monday that "We must all be prepared for a real war and go to the war fronts and fight against America and its lackeys."

And today in Tehran, Iranian President Ali Khamenei said that

- Iranians mourn their dead, vow to spill American blood
- Worldwide, Americans keep a low profile
- Gulf commanders patrol under hair-trigger rules
- Pentagon tries to explain how Aegis went wrong

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the Islamic Republic has the "right to avenge" those who died when Iran Air Flight 655 was shot down Sunday by missiles fired from the U.S. Navy cruiser Vincennes, whose crew thought it was shooting at an F-14 fighter about to attack the ship.

Tehran radio, monitored in Nicosia, said that Khamenei told world leaders in messages that the disaster "has roused a wave of rage" in Iran "and aversion to the U.S. government."

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said today he could not say whether the United States had apologized directly to Iran through private communications or other means.

Wright, interviewed by the British Broadcasting Corp., noted that Reagan had expressed regret for the loss of innocent lives but "is not given to profuse apologies in any event." Asked if he ought to be, the Texas Democrat replied, "Yes, he should be."

"We close ranks, so please don't ask me to try to correct the language of the president," he said. "I'm just stating as a matter of fact that Mr. Reagan is not

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12 workshop jobs threatened by cuts

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

Up to 12 clients of the Manchester Workshop could be "turned out into the streets" if budget shortfalls in the state Department of Mental Retardation budget are not restored, said Laurie Prytko, workshop executive director.

At the least, a \$1.2 million deficit in the DMR community work services budget could result

in the loss of seven jobs at the Manchester Workshop at 57 Hollister St., she said. State officials announced Friday that up to 400 mentally retarded people could lose their jobs statewide because of the budget shortfall.

"If the ... money isn't restored, there is an emergency problem," Prytko said. "It could be seven to 12 slots. (The clients) will be turned out into the streets. It is a terrible, terrible thing."

It has not been decided exactly

which clients will be affected by the shortfall, Prytko said. The workshop, run by the Manchester Association of Retarded Citizens, serves 138 clients, she said.

The workshop helps disabled people work for wages while receiving job training.

The combination of a cutback in a federal grant, an unpredicted increase in the program's cost and an inadequate state budget have led to the problem, state department officials have said.

The shortfall was caused after service agencies were late in submitting requests for state reimbursement to the Department of Income Maintenance, which sets service pay rates, officials said.

Part of the deficit was due to a federal social services block grant account that was \$700,000 lower than anticipated.

"We have to live within our

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Andrew J. Davis/Manchester Herald

GOV. WILLIAM O'NEILL
...visits state guardsmen

O'Neill visits troops 'out in the woods'

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, Pa. — Members of the 169th Infantry were readying supplies for the troops engaged in battles in the jungles of Pennsylvania.

Medical, food and maintenance supplies were being packed, stored and set for shipment to the front. The troops were engaged in a fierce battle and they would need the supplies to make it through the fighting.

The troops were actually Connecticut National Guardsmen, who were competing in training battles here Friday.

Members of the 169th Infantry, which has its headquarters in Manchester, participated.

"This prepares us in the event we're called into action," said Charles Pillard of Manchester, a member of the 169th Infantry who works full time as a Guard technician. "We do this (training exercises) on weekends, but it's not as extensive."

More than 1,200 guardsmen, including more than 350 soldiers from the 169th battalion, are in the midst of a two-week training exercise at this Pennsylvania fort, 22 miles outside of Harrisburg.

The troops arrived in Pennsylvania on June 25 and will complete exercises on Friday. Gov. William O'Neill spent part of three days last week at the fort to watch the troops in action.

Members of the 169th Infantry spent Friday behind the lines as they readied supplies for the training exercises. The infantry also has outfits in New Britain, Hartford,



Andrew J. Davis/Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER TROOPS — Charlie Pillard, left, Jim Wagner and Frank Preston, all of Manchester, are members of the 169th Infantry, which is in Pennsylvania taking part in Connecticut National Guard training exercises.

Enfield and Rockville.

Coming to Pennsylvania provides an opportunity for more extensive training because the fort is designed specifically for such maneuvers. The training is something that could not be duplicated in Connecticut, said Jim

Wagner of Manchester, who works full-time in the laboratory for the state Department of Health Services. "I enjoy it," he said. "I have fun out here. I like being out here in the woods."

The exercise also helps discipline

troops because it gives them a taste of warfare, said Frank Preston of Manchester, a custodian at Manchester High School.

"There's no question in my mind," he said. "It gives them a little discipline. There's nothing wrong with having a kid learn to get up at 5 every morning and go to work."

The trip to Pennsylvania also gave guardsmen a chance to meet with Gov. O'Neill.

"It's a pleasure to be with them," O'Neill said. "The men are doing very, very well. They are prepared."

O'Neill also got a taste of the action as he fired a M203GL machine gun and a M-60 machine gun. The governor met troops and witnessed simulated attacks during his stay.

One simulated attack had guardsmen drive along the rough, wooded terrain in their HMMWVs (Highly Mobile, Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles), which are replacing the jeep as the military's primary vehicle, said Maj. Charles Campbell, Guard public relations director.

The guardsmen circled the area, secured their position and fired at the enemy. While guardsmen were busily securing the area, other guardsmen were in the rear readying supplies and setting up medical services.

In addition to the attacks, guardsmen participated in shooting, physical fitness and land navigation exercises during their stay, Campbell said.

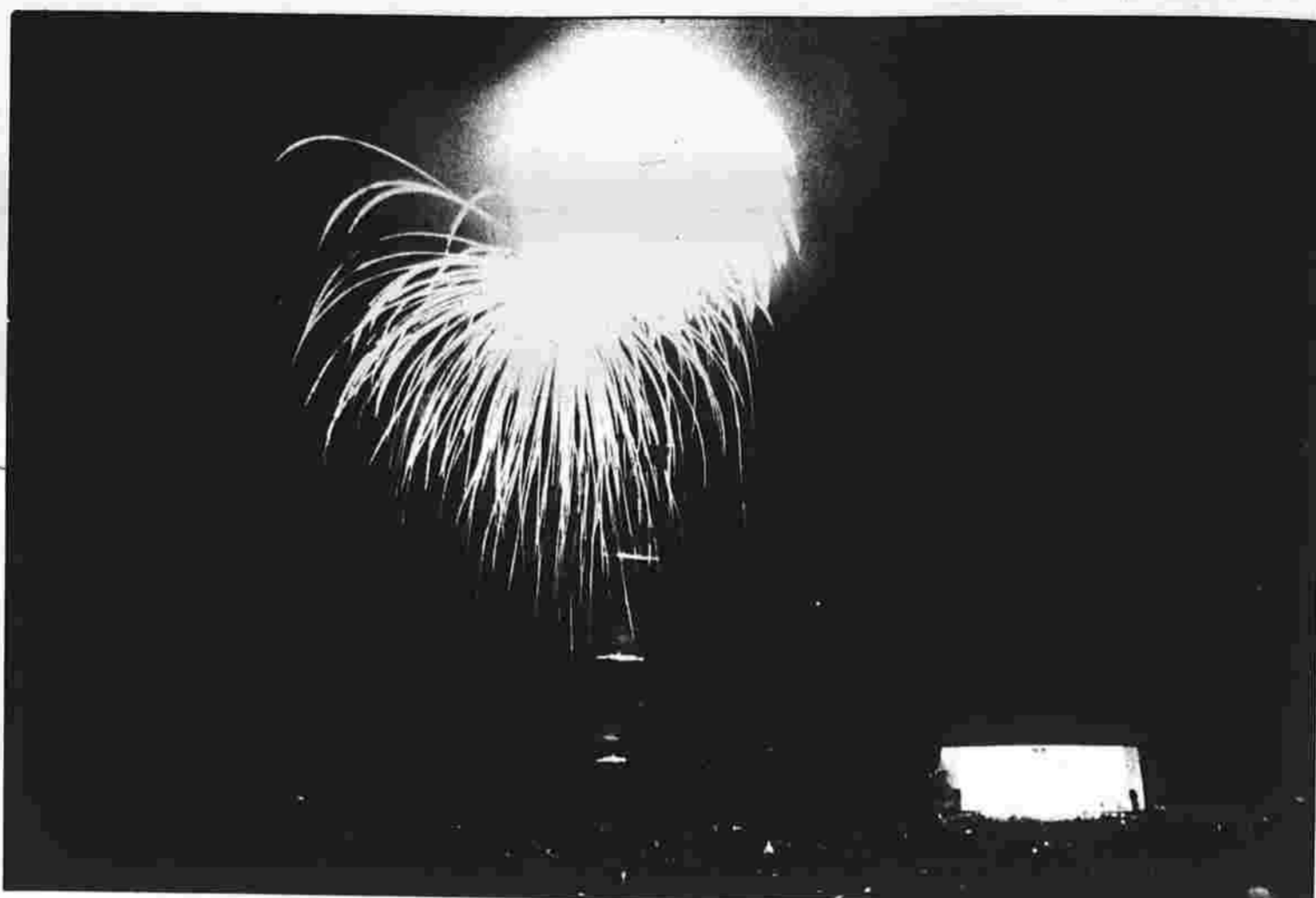
Fort Indiantown Gap is located on 19,600 acres of federally-leased land. Besides Connecticut, more than 20 other states use the site for Guard training.

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Manchester celebrates July 4th

Annual party draws 30,000 to celebrate America's birthday

Photos by John Zirilli



Fireworks light up the sky above the Bicentennial Band Shell Saturday night during the town's July 4th celebration at Manchester Community College.



Tony Miele of the band "Time Was" walks away on the saxophone.



Jako the clown shows off his pet stuffed dog to Jessica Asselin, 5, of Manchester.



Conor Dodd, 5, gets a ride on a unicycle with the help of one of the clowns who entertained children.



Two members of the Governor's Foot Guard "Pops" Concert Band perform for the crowd.



Mark Lewis, 15, left, a former Manchester resident who now lives in West Haven, and Jimmy Silbano, 11, of Manchester, enjoy barbecued chicken.

STATE & REGION

Unusual beach bash

NEW HAVEN — Instead of taking his neighbors to the beach, Dennis Wolcott decided to bring the beach to his neighborhood. Wolcott and a neighbor had 27 tons of washed white sand trucked in and dumped on a parking lot for a beach party Sunday. Since no beach is complete without a place to swim, Wolcott also bought an above-ground pool for the occasion. And striving to achieve a true beach atmosphere, he put up a volleyball net and beach umbrella. Wolcott said he decided to throw the beach bash to celebrate the holiday and the completion of renovations to the three-family house next to which the party was held. "You've got to do something a little different now and then," he said. He was left with one problem: what to do with the sand. Each guest was required to take home a plastic cup of the sand as a memento, but that had no effect on the sandpile. He said one solution might be to donate the sand to a local beach. "We'll get it out of here eventually. We're very resourceful," he said.

Fonda to appear

WATERBURY — Actress Jane Fonda, who is trying to make amends with American war veterans for her 1972 trip to Hanoi, has agreed to appear at a benefit later this month for children with birth defects linked to Agent Orange. Fonda will appear with actor Robert DeNiro, who stars with her in the upcoming movie "Union Street," which will be partly filmed in Waterbury. Fonda sparked vigorous protests by some veterans, apologized on national television last month for posing for photos on a North Vietnamese anti-aircraft gun during her 1972 trip and for saying prisoners of war were lying about having been tortured. She met privately with about 25 Vietnam veterans from Connecticut and Massachusetts the day after the apology was broadcast on ABC's "20-20" news program. Money raised at the July 29 benefit will go to the Brandy Schieb Children's Fund, a project of the Stamford-based Vietnam Veterans Victims of Agent Orange Inc., said the Rev. John A. McColley, rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Naugatuck and a Vietnam veteran.

Youth faces 20 years

HARTFORD — A 17-year-old Hartford youth who shot an off-duty prison guard in a random, drive-by shooting, has pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter. Under a plea bargain agreement, Eddie Ramirez will be sentenced to 20 years in prison in connection with the death of Matthew Couley, 27, of Hartford. Ramirez, who was associated with the Park Street Posse gang, was driving around the city's North End with several other youths intending to take revenge against a rival gang leader when the shooting occurred, authorities said. The leader could not be found and "they decided to shoot anyone from that particular gang," said prosecutor Kevin McMahon. "When they didn't see any members of that gang, they decided to shoot the first young black man they saw," McMahon said.

Lower bond rejected

HARTFORD — A suspect in last year's slaying of a newspaper reporter has lost a bid to reduce his \$200,000 bond. A Superior Court judge's refusal to lower bond for Joseph Lomax, 23, means he will probably remain in prison until his trial. Lomax has been held since his arrest in December in the strangulation of Kara Laczynski, a 24-year-old reporter for the Journal Inquirer newspaper of Manchester. Her body was found in her West End apartment Oct. 5, 1987. Attorney Joseph A. Moniz, who is representing Lomax, argued Friday that the case against Lomax is built around one controversial fingerprint and that his bond should be cut in half. Judge Francis R. Quinn denied the request. Members of the Hartford chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People say they are organizing a defense fund for Lomax and visiting him in jail to keep his spirits up.

Long term for murder

NEW HAVEN — A man who killed a woman with a barbecue fork and then set her house on fire could spend the rest of his life in jail. Douglas Johnson, 34, was sentenced Friday to 85 years in prison in connection with the March 7, 1987 slaying of Kelly Meyer, 28. He was found guilty of murder and first-degree arson. He was also convicted of sixth-degree larceny for stealing Meyer's purse. Meyer's four children were rescued from the blaze. Superior Court Judge William L. Had'en Jr. ordered Johnson to serve consecutive sentences of life in prison for murder plus 25 years for arson and three months for larceny, the maximum sentence possible. Life is defined as 60 years under state law. Meyer's charred, naked body was discovered with a wire tied around her neck in the burning home. She had been stabbed more than 60 times.



AP photo

FIRST STEPS — Sofija Korac, 3, learns to walk at the Newington Children's Hospital, where she underwent two operations to correct deformities caused by Sacra Agnesis, a rare, severe form of Spina Bifida. At right is therapist Susan Stark.

Hospital gives child a new lease on life

By Brent Lovmon
The Associated Press

NEWINGTON — Instead of despairing, Dusan and Vesna Korac took it as a challenge when doctors in their native Yugoslavia told them they should just accept the fact that their daughter had been born hopelessly deformed and would spend the rest of her short life in a wheelchair. They spent more than a year combing through medical journals and writing doctors throughout Europe until their search brought them to Newington Children's Hospital in Connecticut. Here their daughter, Sofija, underwent surgery this spring to correct deformities caused by Sacra Agnesis, a rare and more severe form of the spinal deformity Spina Bifida. "You just don't want to accept an answer that is not a real answer," Dusan Korac said recently as he cradled 3-year-old Sofija on his lap after the first of her three daily physical therapy sessions. "We were not expecting any kind of a miracle," said Korac, 29, a researcher at the Institute of Byzantine Studies in Belgrade. His wife, Vesna, works in the Radio Belgrade library. "We believed that there was someone who could give us some kind of a definite answer. It could have been a negative answer," he said.

Sofija, her light brown hair tied in a ponytail, wore a striped T-shirt, denim peasant skirt, pink sneakers — one with built-up sole — and the leg braces that now allow her to walk, the miracle her parents had once been told to put out of their minds. Her physical therapy includes crawling up on an over-sized beach ball and walking a few feet with the aid of crutches. The exercises are "a hard job," her father said, and Sofija, whom he describes as strong, will, tearfully resists in flawless Serbo-Croatian as her physical therapist urges her on. Victims of Sacra Agnesis are missing the lower segments of the spinal column, so that the spine is free-swinging. Sofija's spine ends at mid-chest level, giving her

what one medical paper described as a "Buddha-like appearance" when she sits. Victims also suffer atrophied muscles and deformities in their pelvis and legs: Sofija had club feet, her left knee was frozen at a 90 degree angle and her left hip was played at a 60 degree angle. Most victims also have misformed urinary tracts that leave them vulnerable to kidney failure that often kills them by age 10. Doctors at the Institute for Health Care of Mother and Child knew something was terribly wrong when Sofija was born, but they didn't know what. Finally, a leading orthopedic surgeon in Belgrade diagnosed the condition, but said it was the first case he had ever encountered and offered no hope for treatment, Korac said. Guided in his search by his mother and sister, both doctors, Korac eventually discovered an article by Thomas S. Renshaw, an orthopedic surgeon at Newington Children's Hospital who has treated more than 20 children with Sacra Agnesis since 1959. The Koracs brought Sofija to Newington in December 1987 and surgery was scheduled for March. She underwent two operations, one to rebuild her urinary tract so urine didn't flow backward into her kidneys, a second to correct her club feet and leg and hip contractures. She was in a body cast for eight weeks afterward. Before the surgery, as her little friends in Yugoslavia got older and started to walk, Sofija, which means wisdom in ancient Greek, accepted her fate stoically, watching in silence as they ran and played when she could only crawl along the floor, Korac said. "She was aware of her condition but never asked too much about it," he said. Even when she came to America and her parents explained that she was going to have surgery, she didn't demand an explanation, he said. Only after the operation, when the body cast allowed her to stand for the first time in her life did Sofija allow herself to ask tentatively, "Oh, am I going to be able to walk?" Korac said.

Poison aid merger urged

FARMINGTON (AP) — Directors of poison control center state-wide say the current system operates effectively, despite a recommendation from a national official that the state move toward forming a single center. Anthony Manoguerra, president of the national association of poison control centers, said the state is fifteen years behind the times with at least seven hospitals in the state operating poison control centers. "Connecticut is where most of the states were 15 years ago, with a lot of little centers," Manoguerra said. Manoguerra said 15 years ago there were 400 poison-control centers nationwide. Today there are 120, he said. He said the trend toward a single poison-control center has its advantages. "The advantage is that you have dedicated staff who can be well-trained and are responding to problems on a frequent basis," Manoguerra said. The heads of many of the state's poison control centers, however, disagree, saying that a poison control center is a natural extension of a large hospital. "My definite opinion is the way we're doing it in this state is much better," said Dr. George Terranova, chairman of the emergency-primary care department at Danbury Hospital. "If a person calls with a problem, not only do they get the answer, they get the closer medical support they need." "I really think that having one or two poison centers in the state and having everyone else rely on them is not a good treatment program." Dr. Michael Carius, chairman of the department of emergency medicine at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, had a similar opinion. Carius said patients have better access to poison-control centers at the local level. "If there is any doubt at all, you can tell the person to come on in. As long as you have an adequate reference source, there's no need for a central authority," Carius said. Connecticut hospitals that have poison control centers include, Yale-New Haven Hospital, Greenwich Hospital, the Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven, St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport and Middlesex Memorial Hospital in Middletown.

O'Neill summons commissioners to meeting on budget

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Back in February, state budget officials and Gov. William A. O'Neill began worrying about revenues from the corporations tax, which annually produces about 15 percent of the money state government needs to keep going. By the end of June, their worst fears were confirmed: revenues from the business tax were off \$60 million and the state would end the 1987-88 fiscal year with a \$77.5 million deficit. It would be the first deficit in five years. The state has the money to cover it in the budget reserve, or "rainy day" fund, which now totals \$242 million. The fund was created expressly to cover deficits, but this is the second time this year that it will be tapped. O'Neill used almost \$74 million of it to balance the 1988-89 budget, which took effect Friday. Assuming the \$77.5 million deficit remains when the state formally closes the books on the 1987 budget on Sept. 1, the rainy day fund will be down to \$164.5 million. O'Neill is already getting flak from his Republican critics, who claim the deficit is a result of his mismanagement and not, as O'Neill claims, a result of federal tax reform. Republicans argued vehemently against tapping the reserve to balance the budget, noting that that \$74 million won't be available next year — unless, of course, the reserve is tapped again. Another option is raising taxes, something that neither party wants to discuss in this legislative year. Those impending elections make it doubtful that a special legislative session will be called to discuss the budget although some lawmakers, notably Rep. Ronald L. Smoko, D-Hartford, say they may recommend such a session. Smoko is co-chairman of the influential Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, which writes tax legislation. House Speaker Irving J. Stoberg, D-New Haven, says talk of a special session is premature, as did the governor and Smoko's co-chairman, Sen. William A. DiBella. O'Neill has called a Cabinet meeting for Thursday to "re-examine spending priorities for the 1988-89 fiscal year and identify where the state can save money against the possibility of another revenue shortfall. The governor is also planning to create a commission to study the impact of federal tax reform and recommend ways Connecticut can lessen any negative impact. O'Neill and budget chief Anthony V. Milano said that federal tax-law changes made it possible for corporations to alter the way they pay taxes. They also noted that state law requires a critical corporation tax payment June 15, just two weeks before the budget year ends. The administration had been clinging to hope that its projections on corporation taxes would hold, and, for that reason, had been predicting a slight surplus up until a month ago. When June 15 came and went with disappointing results, to the tune of \$60 million, it was clear that a deficit was unavoidable.

Police are confident about radio system

HARTFORD (AP) — State officials say they are confident about the prospect of a new radio system for police and other state public safety agencies. "We are obviously elated over the fact that it looks like we are going to get the radio system that we need," Sgt. Robert Slattery, a state police spokesman, said Friday. "It's a load off the shoulders of every trooper who's out there in the field," he said. The request for 20 pairs of radio frequencies being held by the Federal Communications Commission is a key aspect of the proposed \$52 million radio network. A regional planning agency is assisting the FCC with applications from the metropolitan New York area, which includes Connecticut. Some supporters of the pro-

Priest confesses life as con man, swindler

NORTH BRANFORD (AP) — A convicted con man turned minister admitted he made some "stupid mistakes" in the past, but is now dedicated to building on his small parish for the future. The Rev. John Peter Walzer of St. Stephen's Anglican Church made the comment after the New Haven Register reported Sunday that he is a convicted con man, swindler and thief who had passed himself off as a lawyer and had served prison time on larceny charges. "There's a great deal in the article that is true," Walzer said. "I have made some very stupid mistakes from time to time, but that is all in the past." "I am out of that neighborhood now and I have worked hard to make this parish grow," he said. Some of his former parishioners also allege he conned them out of thousands of dollars, according to The Register. About a dozen adults and a few children attended services the day the article appeared. Before Walzer had a chance to speak, Edith Beaudet stood up, and with a breaking voice and tears told her minister: "I want you to know I love you and the fact that we're all here shows we all love you." Walzer said he hoped that "time will prove that my life is straightened out and the past is behind me." "Hopefully, in time, this will die its natural death," he said. Walzer has been sentenced to prison terms for embezzling \$76,000 from the Mobil Oil Co., taking \$74,000 from E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. and lying to two state banks on loan applications, the newspaper reported. Walzer, 47, arrived in North Branford a little more than a year after his release from a federal prison in Danbury. After his release, he was ordained a priest in the Anglican Church of America, a splinter group that came into being in 1977 after some ministers protested the liberalization of the liturgy of the Episcopal Church. According to the newspaper, Walzer was sentenced to six years in prison after being convicted of larceny in the du Pont case. Walzer was denied the sentence upon his release from federal prison but the judge suspended the term. The judge said he was swayed by Walzer's volunteer work in prison, his participation in Gamblers Anonymous and his counseling of troubled adolescents for agencies in Wallingford and Meriden. Walzer remains free while Bridgeport State's Attorney Donald Brown appeals the suspended sentence to the state Supreme Court. "time will prove that my life is

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National League results

Montreal vs Houston, Cincinnati vs New York, St. Louis vs Los Angeles, Philadelphia vs Chicago, Atlanta vs Pittsburgh.

American League results

Baltimore vs Chicago, Oakland vs Detroit, Toronto vs Milwaukee, Minnesota vs Kansas City, White Sox vs Orioles.

Baseball stats

Pittsburgh vs San Diego, Philadelphia vs Atlanta, Cincinnati vs New York, Detroit vs Houston, Baltimore vs Chicago.

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By the Editors of Consumer Reports. If you're in the market for a new house — or just a new mortgage — you're lucky. Interest rates are reasonable, and banks are eager to lend.

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PEOPLE

McCartney visits England.

LIVERPOOL, England — Pop star Paul McCartney and his wife, Linda, returned to their childhood home in northern England to film guest roles for a TV comedy series.

Refugee hospital sought

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Academy award-winning actor Dr. Haing S. Ngor is seeking support to establish a hospital for refugees at the Thai-Cambodian border.

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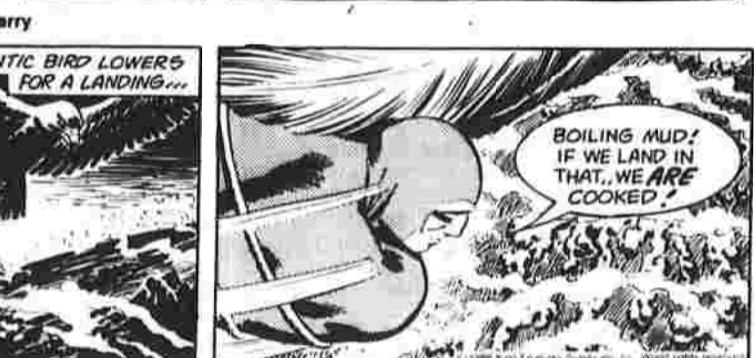
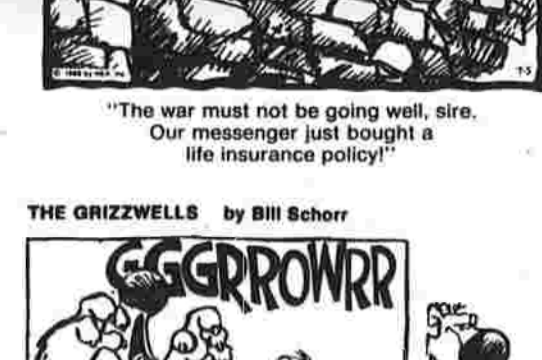
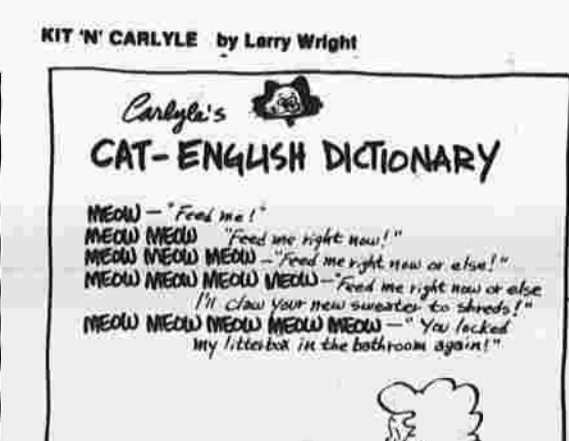
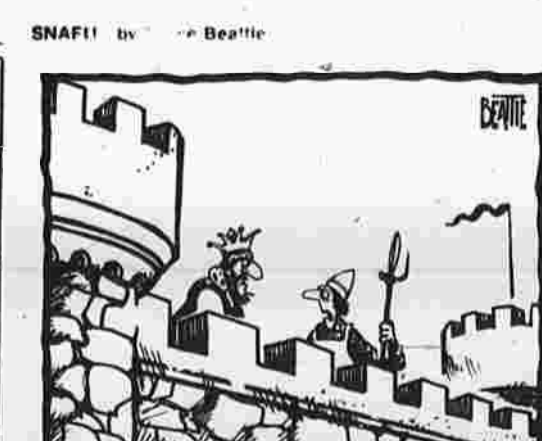
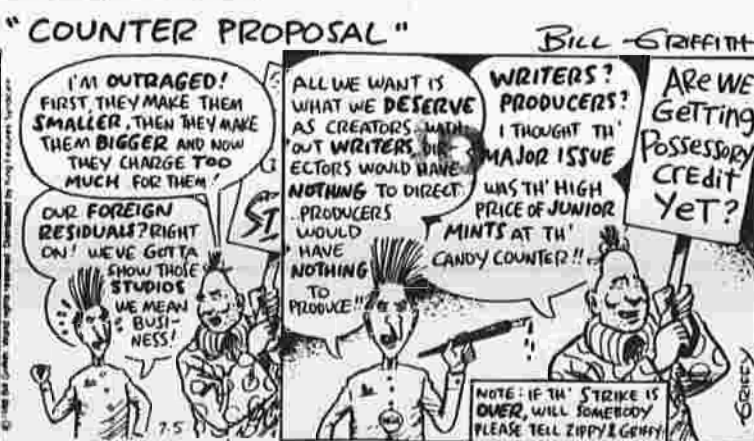
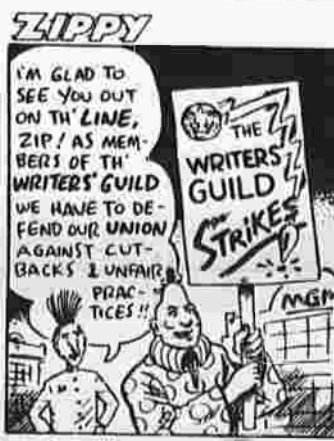
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