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Manchester, Conn. — A City of Village Charm

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## Wildfire advances on Helena

By Bart Ziegler  
The Associated Press

Authorities evacuated residents near Helena, Mont., today as a wildfire more than doubled in size overnight, while Yellowstone National Park officials reopened a 14-mile stretch of road that had been closed by a 66,500-acre blaze.

Elsewhere, wildfires were contained Wednesday by fire lines or brought under control in Oregon, Idaho, North Dakota and Utah.

The raging fire in the Elkhorn Mountains, about 15 miles south of Helena, was estimated this morning at 11,200 acres, said fire information officer Anne Jeffery. It had been estimated at about 5,000 acres a day earlier.

"We strongly suspect there were some homes and structures lost," said Dave Turner, a fire information officer in Helena. But he said the extent of damage would not be known until firefighters could get back into the area later this morning.

"The fire burned heavily all through the night," Jeffery said. "We had to evacuate homes and residences in the McClellan Creek drainage, the Jackson and Crystal creek drainages" in a mountainous Helena suburb.

She said no figures were available on how many people were evacuated.

A bar-restaurant at Montana City became a fire refuge center as an unknown number of residents were ordered out of the wooded mountains in Helena's suburbs.

An orange glow lit the skies southeast of Helena in the pre-dawn hours, and smoke clouds thousands of feet high had an orange underlining.

The fire made a "major run" Wednesday afternoon, burning into more timber on the eastern slopes of the Elk Mountains, said fire information officer Bob Krepps. The blaze was sparked Aug. 9 when a four-wheel-drive vehicle caught fire.

Temperatures in the 90s, low humidity and winds caused fire to take off, and the same weather conditions were expected again today, Krepps said.

Firefighters also braced for weather-related problems at fires in drought-dried southeastern Montana.

Ron Smith, a fire information officer at Lame Deer, Mont., said fire crews were strengthening lines on three nearby blazes totaling about 14,000 acres, in anticipation of a storm front today.

"If that front is pushing high winds ahead of it, it can be disastrous," he said Wednesday night. "It's predicted to be 100 degrees, 2 percent humidity and with high winds. All that adds up to a real ugly situation."

Yellowstone officials today monitored park routes, including a 14-mile road that was reopened Wednesday, that could be blocked by fires and burned trees knocked down by wind.

### TODAY

#### Test your know-how

The ninth installment of the Herald's "Test Your Know-How" series highlights the catchwords of "professional language." Quiz on page 18.

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HUGS FOR THE NOMINEE — Vice President George Bush is nuzzled by granddaughter Marshall Bush as she is held by Laura Bush Wednesday night in New Orleans. The Bush family gathered to watch the nomination roll call.

AP photo

## Bush 'shifts gears' to fire up campaign

By Terence Hunt  
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — George Bush, declaring "the gears shift tonight" from the Reagan era to his own, readied a nomination acceptance speech intended to light a fire under his come-from-behind quest for the White House. "I'm upbeat and ready to go," Bush told cheering Texas delegates at a breakfast gathering on the final day of the Republican National Convention.

"I've been a loyal vice president, but now the gears shift tonight, and I'm going to be the nominee of this party for president and I'm going to set the agenda," he said.

Recently revived in the polls, Bush still faces the challenge of defining his vision of the nation's future and dealing with voters' remaining questions about his ability to lead and what he stands for.

Bush had been expected to bring his new running mate, Sen. Dan Quayle, to the Texas breakfast, but he said the Indiana senator was "upstairs working on his speech."

Later, Bush was to attend a rally for his wife, Barbara, and then go to a \$1,000-a-plate luncheon expected to raise \$4 million for the Republican National Committee.

Meanwhile, there was encouraging news for him in a new public opinion poll. Several polls after last month's Democratic National Convention gave Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis leads of 17 points or so, but recent surveys have suggested the gap has narrowed

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to next to nothing.

The latest, published today by The Washington Post, showed a Dukakis lead of 49 percent to 46 percent — within the poll's 3-point margin of potential sampling error. The survey was conducted from July 11 through Tuesday, the day Bush named Quayle, among 1,119 likely voters nationwide.

Bush swept uncontested to the GOP presidential nomination Wednesday night in a balloon-filled celebration that ran past midnight. Before it was over, thousands of people had already left the Louisiana Superdome.

For Bush, it was a family affair. All five of his adult offspring were delegates to the convention, and his Mexican-born daughter-in-law, Columba, delivered the final seconding speech for his nomination in Spanish.

By design, Bush's oldest son, George W. Bush, delivered the 111 votes of the Texas delegation that put the state's "favorite son and the world's best father" over the 1,139 delegates needed for nomination.

From a hotel suite nearby, Bush watched the proceedings on television, surrounded by grandchildren and other relatives.

"It is a special moment," he said. "The conclusion was foregone, but it's special." All of his children and his 10 grandchildren will be on stage with Bush tonight to share in his moment of triumph.

The convention's first order of business will be to ratify Quayle as the vice presidential nominee and applaud his acceptance speech.

In nominating Bush on Wednesday night, Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas said he has "the experience, the character and the strength to lead this great land." Gramm said Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis would "wimp America and endanger the peace."

Describing Bush as an authentic war hero committed to a strong defense, Gramm said, "He has always made us proud."

A child of the Eastern Establishment, Bush was raised in Greenwich, Conn., surrounded by a cook, servants and a chauffeur. His father was a wealthy New York financier who became a U.S. senator and instilled in his children the notion of civic responsibility, that with privilege comes obligations.

Now 64, Bush has a long resume of service: Navy combat pilot, congressman from Texas, ambassador to the United Nations, envoy to China, chief of the CIA and two-term vice president.

Gramm called Bush simply "the greatest vice president this nation has ever had."

Delivering a seconding speech that drew roars of applause, Penn State football coach Joe Paterno shouted, "I'll be damned if I'll sit still while people who can't carry George Bush's shoes ridicule him."

Sen. Bob Dole also took a turn at the podium, deriding Dukakis as one of those "liberal doom-sayers who believe that America cannot be trusted."

## Pakistan in state of emergency; crash probed

By Bryan Wilder  
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's new president declared a state of emergency today and businesses were shuttered in official mourning for President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq, who died in a fiery plane crash with the U.S. ambassador.

Senate Chairman Ghulam Ishaq Khan, who became head of state in accordance with the constitution, ordered a probe into why the air force C-130 exploded in the sky Wednesday. He said he couldn't rule out

sabotage.

In neighboring India, Pakistan's long-time adversary, security forces reportedly shot and killed two people and wounded seven today in battles with pro-Pakistani crowds.

A funeral for Zia, a close U.S. ally, was set for Saturday. The U.S. Embassy said Secretary of State George P. Shultz would attend.

The government originally put the number of dead at 37, but an official release listed 30 victims, including U.S. Ambassador Arnold Raphel, U.S. defense adviser Brig. Gen. Herbert M. Wassom

Despite the drawbacks,  
Zia was a key U.S. ally  
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and five top Pakistani generals.

The transport plane crashed just minutes after leaving Bahawalpur, 330 miles south of Islamabad near the Indian border. The group had been inspecting a military unit near the city.

Unofficial reports and rumors circulated that the American-made C-130 was hit by an anti-aircraft missile or a

helicopter or was shot down by India.

Pakistan was created from Moslem-dominated areas of predominantly Hindu India when the subcontinent became independent of Britain in 1947. The two countries have fought three wars.

The Indian border states of Jammu and Kashmir were placed under curfews today after pro-Pakistanis tried to set two bridges ablaze. Indian news reports said two people were killed and seven wounded by security forces when a crowd defied the curfew.

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## Bid snafus blamed for delays in start of school renovations

By Andrew J. Davis  
and Andrew Yurkovsky  
Manchester Herald

School officials today blamed a delay in accepting construction bids for contributing to a holdup in the start of renovation work for two elementary schools.

But members of the Board of Education said that the problems were inevitable and should have been expected. One kindergarten class at Bowers School will be temporarily relocated to Iling Junior High School because of the delay and temporary classrooms will have to be set up because installation of windows has not started.

"You can't get an \$8 million, \$9 million renovation done in three months," said school board member Francis Maffe Jr. "There's going to be some inconvenience. I don't think it's a case of pointing the finger and saying you're not doing a good job. I realize if you can't get the parts, you can't fix it."

A three-month delay in starting

renovations at Waddell and Bowers was caused after bids came in higher than estimated. In addition, a Norwich firm, C.R. Klewin Inc., retracted its low bid in December for work on the two schools after saying it mistakenly omitted cost estimates for specified work.

The bids were finally accepted in March.

In addition to the delay in accepting the bids, officials blamed renovation delays on troubles in getting materials.

Despite the delay in starting the work, only one renovation project, at Nathan Hale School, is actually past a contractual deadline. But delays in getting materials for work at the two other schools, Bowers and Waddell, mean that less work has been finished than school officials had hoped.

Verplanck School and Manchester High School also are being renovated under an \$8.8 million bonding issue.

Paul Phillips, chairman of the Building Committee, said the

town does not have any power to force contractors to abide by deadlines contained in the contracts for the work, which he described as "just (the contractor's) estimated time."

The committee had hoped to have windows installed at Bowers School earlier, but delays in shipment will cause workers to install the windows after school begins Aug. 30.

"There is no way in the world that you can hold a contractor liable for the days he estimates," Phillips said. "You can't penalize them; you can hound them as much as you want."

Other school board members agreed with Maffe, though member Susan Perkins said the board had hoped everything would be in place by the time school began.

"It's impossible to anticipate when you start these projects," she said. "We were optimistic everything would be in place by the beginning of the school year."

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Patrick Flynn/Manchester Herald

SLOW GOING — Butch O'Connell and Bill West of Naek Construction Co. of Vernon install ceiling panels at Verplanck School Tuesday. The school is one of five public schools undergoing renovations.

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# STATE & REGION

## Pratt agrees to pay fine

MIDDLETOWN (AP) — Pratt & Whitney has agreed to pay a \$33,350 fine in connection with what a federal agency says are violations of the company's permit for storing hazardous materials.

## Guards protest at Capitol

HARTFORD (AP) — State prison guards say they are overworked and understaffed and are demanding an end to forced overtime and an easing of chronically overcrowded conditions.

## Medical hotel is planned

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A local partnership plans to build in New Haven a medical hotel to provide care for patients recovering from surgery but not well enough to go home.

## Pyramid scheme revealed

HARTFORD (AP) — State officials say they are moving to shut down a pyramid scheme known variously as the "Investment Corporation" and the "Cash Flow Investment Club" which they said involved thousands of dollars and was spreading rapidly.

## Land leases spark dispute

HARTFORD (AP) — The city of Hartford claims that Chase Enterprises owes it as much as \$15 million, but Chase says the city has misinterpreted two complex land leases signed a few years ago.

## Tax revenues below '87-'88

HARTFORD (AP) — Connecticut collected nearly \$14 million less in taxes during the first month of the new fiscal year than it collected in the first month of the 1987-'88 fiscal year, state officials said.

## Man held in wife's murder

MONTVILLE (AP) — A 23-year-old Montville man has been charged with murder in the May 3 stabbing death of his wife, state police said.

# 'Where's Weicker?' — 'Where's Joe?'

By Judd Everhart  
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — While the campaign of Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Joseph I. Lieberman has been trying to get reporters this week to ask where Republican incumbent Lowell P. Weicker has been on various issues, reporters have been asking, "Where's Joe?"

## DMV employee who blew whistle was disciplined

HARTFORD (AP) — A former state motor vehicle employee says she blew the whistle on cashing by Deputy Commissioner Edwin X. O'Dea in 1984 but was disciplined for it while department officials took no action.

## Job hunt forces tent living

CARLISLE, Pa. (AP) — Four months after leaving home, Richard and Maureen Johns are camped on the edge of despair, living in a tent with their four young children and searching for the good job supposedly here for the asking.

## Schools

Rumors had started that there would be Saturday sessions or double sessions because renovations had not been completed.

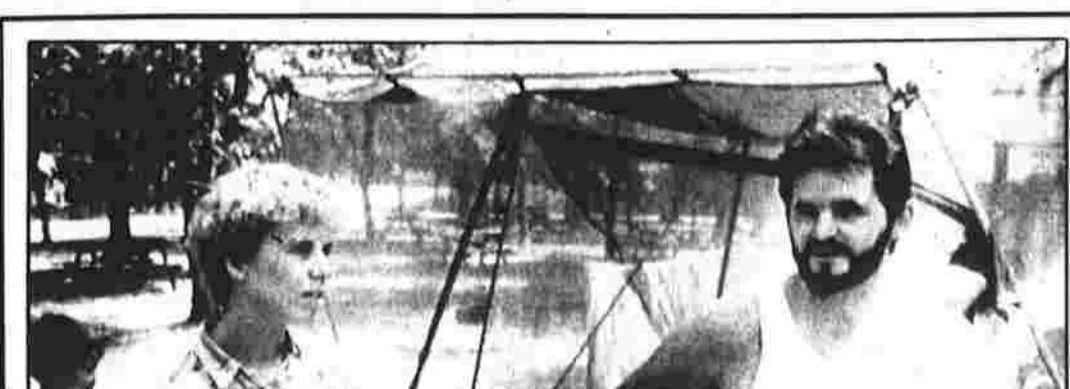
## Pakistan

A U.S. official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the United States will assist in Pakistan's investigation of the crash.

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LOOKING FOR A JOB — Richard Johns, right, and wife, Maureen, talk with a reporter Wednesday in front of a mesh tent which serves as a kitchen for their family of four children at the Western Village campground near Carlisle, Pa. Johns has been looking for a job since June.

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## Track promoters can't always pay athletes' demands

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Track and field promoters once made offers athletes could not refuse. Nowadays the promoters are getting demands they cannot meet.

## Yanks' pattern annoys Lou

NEW YORK (AP) — A pattern has developed at Yankee Stadium lately, and the more familiar it gets, the more annoyed New York Manager Lou Piniella becomes.

## Red Sox become cheerleaders for themselves

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox sound like a team of cheerleaders — for themselves.

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McCALL OF THE WILD by Dumas & Crawford



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WHAT A GUY by Bill Hoest



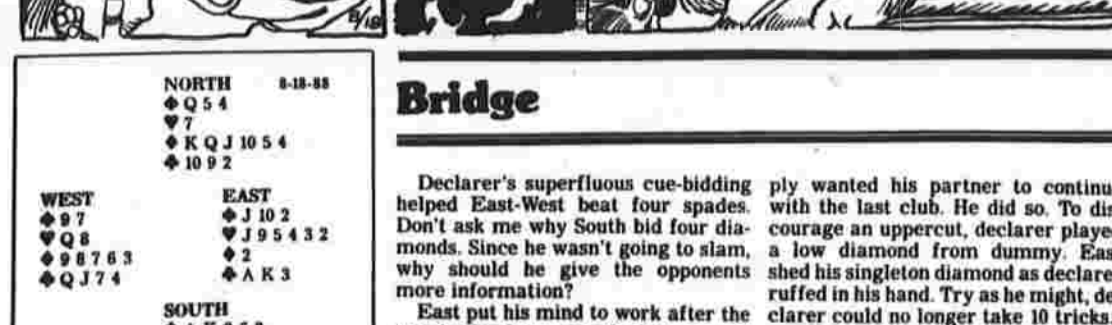
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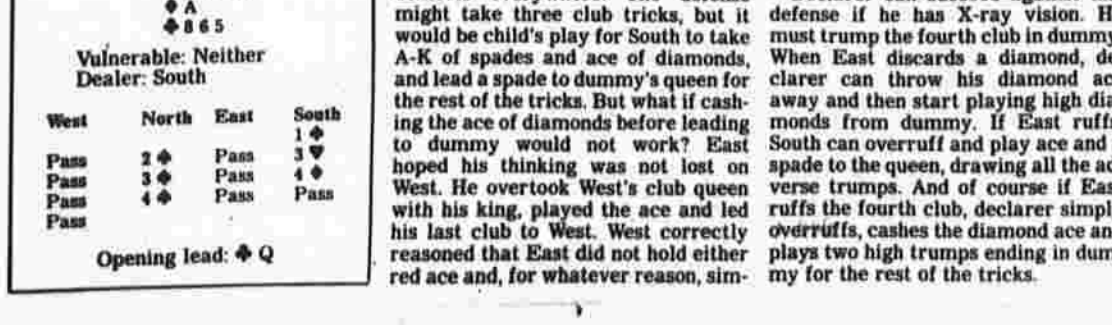
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WINTHROP by Dick Cavalli



U.S. ACRES by Jim Davis



Bridge

Bridge game table with columns for North, South, East, West and rows for cards and scores.

Declarer's superfluous cue-bidding helped East-West beat four spades. Don't ask me why South bid four diamonds...

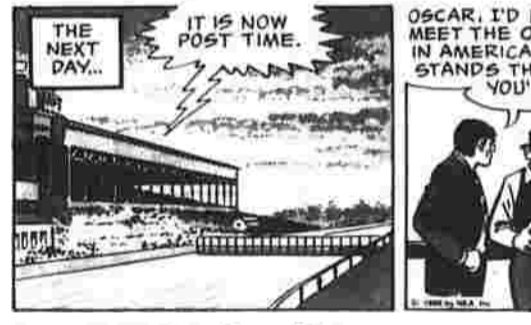
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ARLO AND JANIS by Jimmy Johnson



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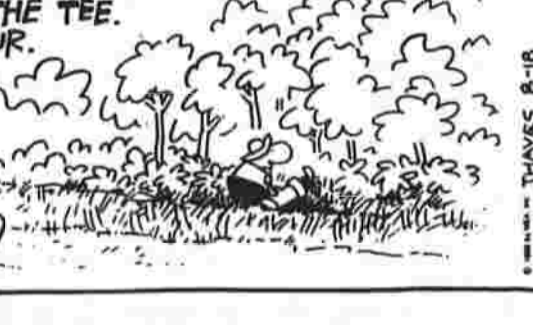
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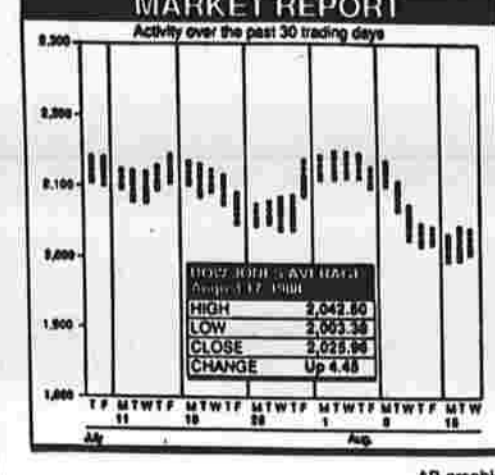
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MARKET REPORT



BUSINESS

Business directory planned

A Manchester small-business consultant plans to publish a directory this fall listing area home-based businesses.

New building for Gerber

Gerber Optical, a division of Gerber Scientific Products Inc., recently moved its entire operation to a new 60,000-square-foot building in South Windsor.

Judge halts Detroit merger

DETROIT (AP) - A federal judge stunned the publishers of the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press by temporarily blocking today's scheduled merger of the newspapers' business operations...

Local 371, Pathmark meet

WESTPORT (AP) - The union representing 200 meat and delicatessen workers at eight Pathmark stores in Connecticut were to meet with company officials today in a last-hour attempt to avoid a strike.

Drought doesn't stop farm subsidies

By Peter Coy The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Farm subsidies in the United States and Europe that were enacted to cope with domestic prices are continuing even though the drought has cut stockpiles and raised prices.

Subsidies encourage overproduction, keep farmers dependent on their governments for support, hurt farm exports of developing nations and cost taxpayers billions of dollars.

New EB chief

State stockbroker admits wire fraud

GROTON (AP) - Electric Boat has reached the ranks of its chief competitor in the submarine building industry and has named its top executive an executive vice president of Newport News (Va.) Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co.

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