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8th accord is close to 'finalized'

By Alex Grell
Manchester Herald

Nearly a year after negotiators for the town and the Eighth Utilities District began to hammer out an agreement over sewer and fire jurisdiction disputes, attorneys for the two sides today are expected to finalize the accord, Mayor Peter P. DiRosa Jr. says.

DiRosa today described the session between the lawyers scheduled for this afternoon as a meeting to "finalize" the terms of the historic accord. DiRosa and district Director Samuel Longest had begun negotiating the agreement nearly a year ago.

The accord would settle disputes between the two governments over fire and sewer jurisdiction which have festered for decades.

The directors of the district, meanwhile, have scheduled a special meeting tonight at 7:30. The notice for the meeting says simply that it is "to discuss deadline on sewer agreement."

The district directors voted Oct. 17 to set today as a deadline by which the two boards should reach agreement. It was at least the third deadline set by the district.

Attorney John D. LaBelle, legal counsel for the district, declined today to comment on whether all remaining terms of the agreement could be worked out today. LaBelle has been meeting with attorneys Kevin O'Brien and Stephen Penny, who represent the town.

But DiRosa said virtually all the items have been worked out

and members of the town's Board of Directors have been kept informed of progress.

"We're ready to go," DiRosa said. "Let's get it on paper and vote on it."

District Director Joseph Tripp, who proposed the deadline, said today he hopes that the district directors tonight will be presented with a proposal that includes agreement on everything but very minor points.

He said he feels the directors could go forward if only minor details were still to be worked out.

DiRosa said there are no plans for the town directors to act on the agreement when they meet tonight.

The other deadlines set by the district have been extended when it appeared progress was being made toward an accord over the sewer and fire protection problems. The utilities district provides fire protection and sewer service in most of the northern part of town, which includes the site of the planned \$70 million mall in Buckland.

The negotiations opened after the voters of the district in last November's election rejected an agreement under which the district would have surrendered its sewer jurisdiction.

The agreement currently under consideration would leave the district with jurisdiction over sewers in the district. But the town would buy the rights to install and maintain a trunk sewer to serve the shopping mall called the Pavilions at Buckland Hills and would install a sewer in Slater Street to serve other commercial development there. The town would maintain the mall trunk sewer and part of the Slater Street sewer.

Construction for sewer lines to serve the mall and some nearby commercial development has been stalled while the two sides work out the agreement. Construction of a sewer line to serve residents of North Main Street also has been delayed.

Under the agreement, the district would also buy a town-owned fire station in district territory on Tolland Turnpike and use it to serve the Buckland area which is under its jurisdiction.

The financial terms of the agreement have never been revealed.



CUTUP — Kyle Carson, 2, of 22 Church St., cuts a witch out of paper Monday at a Halloween storybook costume contest at Manchester's Mary Cheney Library. Meghan

Lerner, 7, of 25 Phyllis Road, won first place in the contest.

Lawmakers argue over GOP's fliers

By Christopher Callahan
The Associated Press

State lawmakers bickered over Republican campaign literature that Democrats attacked as lies while a poll published today shows a virtual tie in the Senate race between GOP incumbent Lowell P. Weicker and Democratic challenger Joseph I. Lieberman.

The poll, conducted for The Hartford Courant by the Institute for Social Inquiry at the University

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of Connecticut, showed Weicker with 38 percent, Lieberman at 37 and 25 percent undecided.

On Monday, Lieberman was joined at a news conference by self-described "progressive" Democrats who urged liberals and union workers to back Lieberman.

Weicker took his campaign to Windsor and West Hartford and planned to head south today, making campaign stops in Stamford, Bridgeport and New Haven.

Lieberman, who stumped in Middletown, Newington, West Hartford and Naugatuck on Monday, had to cancel plans to campaign with Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II, D-Mass., in Enfield today because Kennedy became ill. Lieberman also planned to meet voters in downtown Hart-

ford and employees at Pratt & Whitney before a Yale University speech.

In Hartford, House Speaker Irving J. Stolberg, D-New Haven, and other House Democrats denounced GOP campaign material that they say lies about legislative votes.

The literature incorrectly charges that Democratic incumbents voted for a school busing

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Economic indicators slip again

By Martin Crutsinger
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government said today that its main forecasting gauge of future economic activity edged down 0.1 percent in September, its second decline in the last three months. The Commerce Department's Index of Leading Indicators rose 0.5 percent in August and 1.5 percent in June but fell 0.7 percent in July.

Economists believe this roller coaster performance is a signal that the economy, which was expanding at a robust pace in the first six months of 1988, is slowing down.

Indeed, overall economic growth as measured by the gross national product dropped to an annual rate of 2.2 percent from July through September and many analysts believe that this modest pace will continue in the current quarter and for most of next year.

David Wyss, an economist with Data Resources Inc., said that the leading index was signalling a welcome slowdown, which would give the economy breathing room and lower inflationary pressures built up by heavy demand and tight labor markets.

"We are seeing a pretty sluggish leading indicator and that is consistent with where the economy is going," he said. "We are looking for an economy that is

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Bush mocks Dukakis 'liberal' embrace

By Donna Cassata
The Associated Press

George Bush mocked Michael Dukakis' sudden embrace of liberalism as the Republican nominee courted disenchanted Democrats. Underdog Dukakis, in an appeal to women voters, assailed the Reagan-Bush administration for "being on the wrong side" of issues important to

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women.

With Election Day exactly one week away — and polls indicating a sizable but narrowing Republican lead, the GOP ticket of Bush and Sen. Dan Quayle exploited Dukakis' claim that he is a liberal in the tradition of former presi-

dents Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John F. Kennedy.

"Miracle of miracles. Headline. Read all about it," Bush told an audience Monday in Louisville, Ky. "My opponent finally... called himself the big L, called himself a liberal."

Quayle returned Democratic opponent Lloyd Bentsen's debate put-down of "You're no Jack Kennedy" to poke fun at Dukakis.

"Michael Dukakis is no Jack Kennedy," said the Indiana senator as he campaigned in Michigan and Ohio.

Dukakis, seeking the support of women voters, said the Democrats are "on your side" on the issues of abortion, equal pay and parental leave. The Republican ticket, however, has been "on the

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RADON TESTER — Allan Dean, owner of Environmental Services & Technology Inc. of Coventry, holds a charcoal canister. The firm uses the canister to test for radon, a deadly gas which has been detected in many homes.

Radon industry 'ripe for fraud' but aware consumers protected

By Andrew J. Davis
Manchester Herald

It is a business "ripe for fraud." More and more people are becoming aware of the problems posed by radon, a natural gas produced through the decay of uranium and radium that can build up to high levels in well-insulated homes, said Lynne Rothney, a health program assistant for the state Department of Health Services.

Radon is the second leading cause of cancer in the country, next to cigarette smoking, Rothney said. But not everyone is knowledgeable about the relatively new problem, which leaves the public susceptible to swindlers, she said.

"I can't say they're getting rich off it," she said. "But a lot of people are charging more" for testing and removal of the radon gas than necessary.

She said her office has received phone calls from a number of people who say companies are not performing services they promised. Homeowners can send away for testing kits for only \$10 to \$12, and do not need to pay hundreds of dollars to determine if their homes have a radon problem, Rothney said.

Allan Dean agrees with Rothney that there are unscrupulous radon "experts." Dean, a 1976 graduate of Coventry High School, has opened an outlet of his Environmental Services & Technology Inc., a radon specialization company, in Coventry.

Dean said his company, one of several in the area, helps people determine how much radon they may have in their home and how it might be removed. The new company is located at 399 High St., Coventry, as well in Atlantic Highlands, N.J.

"Every house has some

amount of radon," said Dean. "It's just a question of how much."

A house can be cured of the problem for between \$300 to \$1,000 in most cases, so companies which charge thousands of dollars for removing radon gas may be charging too much, he said.

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Israel elects Parliament amid new violence today

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israelis, casting ballots in an emotionally charged election amid a climate of attacks and reprisal air raids, voted today in watershed elections expected to determine the future of the occupied lands.

More than 300 Arabs and 10 Jews have been killed in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in the nearly 11-month-old Palestinian uprising against 21 years of Israeli rule.

Election officials reported a heavy voter turnout under clear skies. A massive security force protected polling places. The army sealed off the occupied lands, where a Palestinian general strike was taking place.

As its citizens voted, Israel raided Arab guerrilla targets in Lebanon in apparent retaliation for a firebomb attack Sunday. The Palestine Liberation Organization said three people were killed and 15 wounded.

In Arab east Jerusalem, assassinations today threw a firebomb at a car, injuring three people, police said. Witnesses said the car was plastered with stickers for the right-wing Likud bloc and was being used to transport voters.

On Sunday, a rabbi's daughter and her three sons were killed in a firebomb attack by Palestinians in the West Bank.

By mid-afternoon, 41 percent of the electorate, or about 1,000,000 voters, had cast ballots. Results were to be announced after polls closed at 10 p.m. (3 p.m. EST).

Labor, led by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, has been running on a platform of offering to give up some occupied territory in exchange for peace. Likud, led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, opposes any such withdrawal.

Neither Labor or Likud has succeeded in gaining a majority in the 120-member Parliament since the Jewish state was established in 1948. Polls indicated they would fall again.

The situation has forced Labor and Likud to form alliances with minor parties that have gained influence beyond their numbers. Twenty-seven parties were entered in the election.

Likud and Labor formed a fractious coalition after the 1984 elections, when neither party could arrange a majority with the small parties.

Election officials said the turnout was heavy, indicating that 75 percent to 80 percent of eligible voters would cast ballots. In the 1984 election, voter turnout was 78.7 percent.

Police reported 74 incidents of rioting from fist-fights to unlawful campaigning near polling stations. Three people were reported arrested.

Journalists were barred without army permission and escort from entering the territories, where a Palestinian general strike was under way.

Rahamim Fadiker, a bank employee, voted today in a working class Jerusalem neighborhood.

"My family and I vote for Likud," he said. "The people here don't want to return the territories. We suffered the shelling in 1967 and we don't want to see it again."

He was referring to shelling of settlements along the border before Israel's withdrawal in 1967. Middle East War.

Shamir favors the strengthening of Jewish settlements in the occupied lands, which 70,000 settlers share uneasily with 1.5 million Palestinians.

In a poll of 2.9 million voters were eligible to cast ballots. Results were not expected until sometime Wednesday.

More than 13,000 policemen and civil guardsmen were deployed at the 4,000 polling stations, with riot police on watch to ultra-Orthodox and Arab districts.

Clear skies and warm temperatures were expected to produce a large turnout, which analysts said would work Likud's favor because much of its support comes from lower- and working-class voters more easily deterred from voting by bad weather and transportation problems.



HATS GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT — Models Laura, left, and Sarah look forward to a fruitful week at the Royal Ascot next year, and if luck is not on their side — they could always eat their hats! These fruity little numbers — "Miranda", on the left, and "Tribute to Covent Garden" are part of royal milliner Phillip Somerville's spring/summer 1989 collection, unveiled in London on Monday.

Revelers deal tricks to Los Angeles cops

By The Associated Press

Trick-or-treaters traipsed through a Nebraska zoo and costumed marchers frolicked in New York's Greenwich Village parade, but Los Angeles' traditional Halloween street party turned into a late-night melee.

Revelers broke windows and looted stores after police closed Hollywood Boulevard on Monday night to an estimated 100,000 people cruising and dancing on the packed street, authorities said today.

"We're trying to take the street back," Officer Fritz McDowell said around midnight, about midway through the four-hour melee during which rocks and bottles were thrown, about 150 officers, including some in riot gear and others on horseback, were summoned to quell the disturbance that quickly spread across a 10-block area.

At least 10 businesses were vandalized. Twenty-three people among the estimated 200 who took part in the melee were arrested on a variety of misdemeanor and felony charges, said police Sgt. Robert Whittington.

There was no indication how many revelers may have been injured. Three police officers were injured, authorities said.

Elsewhere, about 2,500 people attended a non-alcoholic Halloween party at the University of Wisconsin Field House. Madison while about 20,000 others roamed a city street, site of the traditional bash.

The 20,000 were there despite the fact that the State Street party, which has drawn an up to 100,000 in past Halloween, was canceled this year because of costs, the need for liability insurance and the 21-year-old drinking age.

In New York, a group of magicians gathered Monday at the grave of magician Harry Houdini for the 62nd Halloween since Houdini's death on Oct. 31, 1926.

At 1:26 p.m. — when Houdini died — a magic wand was snapped in two. But Houdini once again failed to reappear and communicate from beyond the grave.

Later in the day, Batman and Robin, Sonny and Cher, and scores of other costumed characters marched through the streets in the city's annual Greenwich Village Halloween Parade.

"This is New York's answer to the Mardi Gras," said Jay Ratzel,

Supreme Court to hear suit blaming agency for beating

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) — Nine-year-old Joshua DeShaney can make some awkward movements and guttural sounds and will need special care throughout his life because of a beating more than four years ago that left him brain damaged.

The boy's mother blames a Wisconsin county welfare agency for not preventing the injuries inflicted by the boy's father, and the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in her lawsuit Wednesday.

"They had a mountain of direct evidence that was higher than their eyebrows," said Sullivan.

Ms. DeShaney appealed the case to the Supreme Court after the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed the suit, saying it would place welfare agencies in an unfair predicament to require them to take custody of children who are suspected victims of abuse.

Lawyers for Winnebago County, located in east-central Wisconsin about 80 miles from Wausau, have said the case could put public employees in the impossible position of always having to make the right decisions or face lawsuits.

The case is being watched very closely by the National Association of Counties, which filed a friend-of-the-court brief.

"We can't restore the issue that's missing from Joshua's brain, but we can make sure little Sarah Smith doesn't become another Joshua," Donald Sullivan, an attorney for Melody DeShaney said in a telephone interview.

Ms. DeShaney, who lives in Wyoming, filed the lawsuit on behalf of her son against the Winnebago County Department of Social Services and two of its employees.

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Movie fans, actors mourn John Houseman, 86

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — John Houseman was remembered upon his death at age 86 as a gentleman actor-producer who taught young actors the art of the "Paper Chase," for which he won an Oscar.

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He parlayed his fame from "The Paper Chase" movie and television series and his distinctive speaking style into a lucrative series of commercial endorsements, including advertisements for the investment firm Smith, Barney in which he growled, "They make money the old-fashioned way — they EARN it."

"Behind that austere public posture was the warmest, most generous man in the world — with his time, his remarkable intelligence, his insight," said writer David Rintels, who collaborated with Houseman on the movie "Gideon's Trumpet" and the play "Clarence Darrow."

Houseman died at his seaside home before dawn Monday, said Ivan Goff, a family friend and scriptwriter. Margo Harley, a longtime friend and colleague, said he had spinal cancer.

Houseman's most significant contribution was his role advancing the work of young actors, Ms. Kline, Robin Williams, Christopher Reeve, Patti LaPone and David Ogden Stiers, with whom Houseman appears in the new Woody Allen movie, "Another Woman."

"He was really the last of the Renaissance men," she said. "He was somebody who has been responsible, probably, for more people's careers in American theater than any single person."

Robert Ginty, an actor who worked with Houseman on "The Paper Chase" television series, agreed. "He was without question the No. 1 creative influence on my life."

"He was a gentleman of the old school, polite and courteous," said Kirk Douglas, who starred in the Houseman-produced movies "Two Weeks in Another Town," "The Bad and the Beautiful" and "Lust for Life."

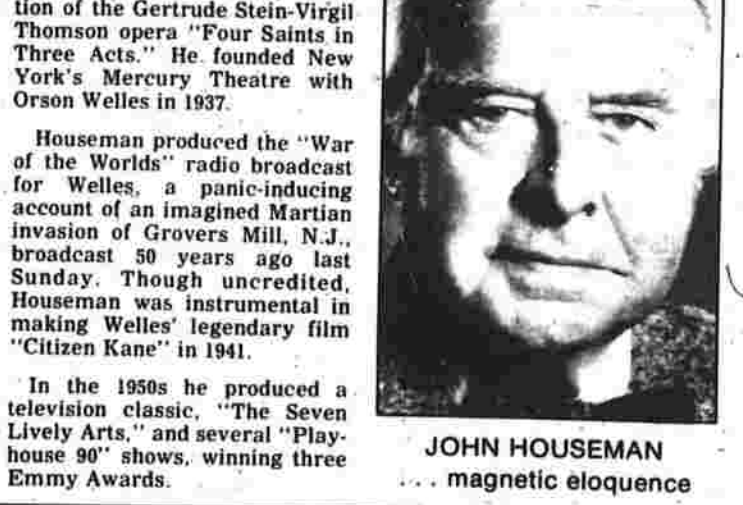
While best known for his work on screen, Houseman was a reluctant actor. His strongest affections were reserved for theater and opera production, book writing and the teaching of acting.

Houseman achieved what he told friends was his ultimate goal: the establishment of the Acting Company.

Born Jacques Hausmann in Bucharest, Romania, to an Albanian father and a British mother, he began his career in 1934 as the director of a Broadway production of the Gertrude Stein-Virgil Thomson opera "Four Saints in Three Acts." He founded New Orleans' Mercury Theatre with Orson Welles in 1937.

Houseman produced the "War of the Worlds" radio broadcast for Welles, a panic-inducing account of an imagined Martian invasion of Groves Mill, N.J., broadcast 60 years ago last Sunday. Though uncredited, Houseman was instrumental in making Welles' legendary film "Citizen Kane" in 1941.

In the 1950s he produced a television classic, "The Seven Lively Arts," and several "Playhouse 90" shows, winning three Emmy Awards.



JOHN HOUSEMAN — magnetic eloquence

Book, TV show refuel debate over JFK murder

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new book and a TV report are reviving the emotional debate over the John F. Kennedy assassination and whether reputed Louisiana mob chief Carlos Marcello conspired to kill the president.

Jonathan Kwitny, a former investigative reporter for The Wall Street Journal, hosts an hour-long public television special that concludes there was a mob conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

The TV report points to evidence that both Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and Oswald's killer, Jack Ruby, had connections to Marcello's crime syndicate.

The show airs tonight on New York public television and elsewhere later in the month. It recounts a potpourri of evidence presented over the years by Kennedy authors, theorists and investigators, plus some new evidence unearthed by John H. Davis, a cousin of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and author of a new book on Marcello and the JFK slaying.

Marcello, who was a prime target of then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and was temporarily deported by RFK, was mentioned by the House Select Committee on Assassinations as a possible conspiracy suspect in the JFK assassination.

The House panel concluded that Kennedy was probably the victim of a conspiracy, breaking sharply with the Warren Commission. The commission, appointed by Lyndon Johnson and headed by then Chief Justice Earl Warren, concluded that there was no conspiracy and that Oswald's program reject the mob conspiracy theory as nonsense.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who served as a commission counsel, said evidence presented by the theorists are "snatches of a little fact here and there which really add up to nothing."

The Warren Commission turned over every stone and found no conspiracy. "Specter said, David Belin, the panel's chief counsel, scoffed at the notion that Ruby, who gunned down Oswald in a Dallas police station, was a mob assassin.

"A Mafia hitman do not go ahead and kill their targets when they're surrounded by police, when they're sure to be apprehended and face life in prison and possible death," he said.

Marcello reportedly hated the Kennedys for the 1961 deportation. A Las Vegas private investigator told the House committee that Marcello indicated to him a year before the slaying that he wanted to kill the president. "You cut off the head, the tail dies," Ed Becker quoted Marcello as saying. The tail allegedly was a reference to RFK.

The evidence presented by mob conspiracy theorists include that Oswald's uncle, who helped to him a year before the slaying, had the tail, and reports that Oswald at least several times met David P. Ririe, who was Marcello's personal pilot.

A new piece of evidence uncovered by Davis in his book, titled "Mafia Kingfish," is an FBI report quoting a Georgia businessman who said shortly before the assassination that he remembered seeing Oswald earlier that year accepting cash from a man later identified as a top Marcello lieutenant. The author said the FBI never followed up on that lead.

Ruby, according to one FBI report, was not just a Dallas nightclub owner and a small-time operator but an important player in narcotics trafficking in the Dallas area, which would have fallen under Marcello's turf.

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Reagan disputes hostage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Reagan disputes hostage Terry Anderson's videotaped statement that the administration bargained with terrorists, but says he still doesn't know what happened in the Iran-Contra affair.

Reagan commented Monday on the videotape of Anderson's statement. "I don't think that was Terry speaking," the president said after a bill-signing ceremony in a hotel ballroom. "I think he had a script that was given to him."

"When I was given a script, I always read the lines," the former movie actor said to laughter in the room sprinkled with film luminaries.

\$5 million ball sought

NEW YORK (AP) — Wearing a regal gown, former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos was fingerprinted and photographed and ordered to remain here until she can come up with \$5 million bail to face a racketeering trial.

"I'm not going to let the lady go back to the Hawaiian Islands until I'm certain the bail is set," U.S. District Judge John F. Keenan said after Mrs. Marcos pleaded innocent at an arraignment Monday.

Mrs. Marcos, who lives in exile in Honolulu with her husband, former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, brushed away tears. Keenan ordered her to return to court Thursday with her attorneys if the lawyers have not worked out a bail agreement with prosecutors by then.

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The Race for the White House



DUKAKIS' SON AT YALE — John Dukakis, the son of Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, addresses a boisterous rally at Yale University in New Haven Monday. The rally, organized by a group calling itself "Yalies Against Bush," attracted a number of Yalies for Bush as well, who tried to disrupt the pro-Dukakis crowd.

'Yalies Against Bush' rally disrupted by Bush backers

NEW HAVEN (AP) — Yale students, alumni and professors calling themselves "Yalies Against Bush" took turns denouncing the vice president at a campus rally, but their message was muffled by an aggressive contingent of Bush supporters.

The lineup of speakers included Frank Logue, a member of Bush's Yale class of 1946 and a former mayor of New Haven; U.S. Rep. Bruce Morrison, D-Conn., a 1973 graduate of Yale Law School; Yale art history professor Vincent Scully, and retired Yale economics professor James Tobin, who won the Nobel Prize in 1981.

Morrison, who served as moderator, criticized the Bush supporters for disrupting the rally. He said the Bush backers were incapable of organizing their own rally so they had to come to one for Dukakis.

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ally, organized by a group calling itself "Yalies Against Bush," attracted a number of Yalies for Bush as well, who tried to disrupt the pro-Dukakis crowd.

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HALLOWELL, Maine (AP) — A generation after his pollywaddy of John F. Kennedy's family sold millions of records, Vaughn Meader is playing honky-tonk music in out-of-the-way bars and enjoying life in Maine's "slow lane."

"The First Family," which depicted JFK in press conferences, family settings at the White House and meetings with heads of state, sold more than 5 million copies before Nov. 22, 1963, when it became funny no longer.

Meader, then commanding top billings around the country for his Kennedy impressions, got the grim news of the Dallas assassination from a cabbie in Milwaukee while en route to a gig.

"I said, 'What's the punch line?'" recalled Meader, 52. "Then I heard it on the radio."

"I felt a sense of loss, that we lost something special," said Meader, then a strikingly handsome man in his late 20s. "I went into deep hibernation."

After two months in seclusion, Meader tried to renew his act, without Kennedy humor, but bookers consistently refused to be contacted.

"It was a reminder of that tragedy," Meader, who has a gray beard and often sports a cowboy hat, recalled somberly in an interview. "It was over."

"As Lenny Bruce said, that day they dug two graves in Arlington, one for John Kennedy and one for Vaughn Meader," said the ex-comic, who after the assassination stopped using Vaughn, his middle name, and started to go by the first given at birth, Abbott.

Lighthearted and respectful by today's bareknived standards of political humor, "The First Family" also featured sound-alikes of Jacqueline, Caroline and Bobby Kennedy.

"It was very daring at the time," said Meader, whose performing career began in his Army days in the mid-1950s when he formed a country band. His act then was sprinkled with Elvis Presley and Hank Snow imitations.

Meader studied broadcast technique in 1959 and began a career as a piano-playing comic at small New York clubs. He grew tired of mother-in-law jokes, and about 1960, as the JFK juggernaut gained full momentum, he injected political humor into his act.

He brushed his hair into his face like Kennedy and did impressions of the charismatic Massachusetts senator "because I had a New England accent and that it 'is for fun.'"

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copies within two weeks and 5 million copies within a year, earning Meader \$700,000.

The jacket, which pictured Meader and the other performers lined up in family-album fashion in front of the White House, also included a disclaimer explaining it was not meant to hurt anyone's feelings and that it "is for fun."

JFK seemed more amused than annoyed, remarking "I thought it sounded more like Teddy than it did me."

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OPINION

Tough call, but Meotti tips scale

When voters in Manchester and other towns in the 4th Senatorial District go to the polls Nov. 8, they will again have a difficult choice to make. As in every election since 1982, the race is between two candidates who would be effective legislators.

The campaign between incumbent Democrat Michael P. Meotti and Republican Carl A. Zinsser, who served for three terms in the position he is now trying to recapture, has been fought hard. The contenders will probably continue to fight hard from now until the time the polls close.

They have met in debate a number of times. The differences in their outlooks and their styles have been clearly drawn for voters to see.

Zinsser has been constantly on the attack, placing a tiring emphasis on the non-issue of forced busing to achieve racial desegregation in education. He has relentlessly criticized Meotti for his vote, along with the majority of the Legislature, to pass a state budget which has resulted in the erosion of the state's rainy day fund and threatens a deficit.

In some respects, Zinsser seems to have been following a strict partisan line and campaigning against the entire Democratic majority in the General Assembly. That raises the question about whether, if elected, he would remain as independent as he was when he represented the 4th Senatorial District.

Zinsser was wrong in criticizing Meotti's support of the new formula for aid to school districts. The formula was well-structured. Zinsser was entirely correct in criticizing Meotti for proposing legislation that, if it had passed, would have weakened the state's Freedom of Information Law. Meotti's bill would have given municipalities the right to ask permission of the FOI Commission to deny requests for information from people who make repeated requests that amount to harassment. However well-intentioned the measure, it was ill-advised.

And Meotti was wrong to distribute a flyer that distorted Zinsser's vote on a measure involving funds for the elderly.

In general, the legislative records of both indicate that either of them would have more credibility as a legislator than a campaigner.

But Zinsser's increasingly caustic and hyper-confrontational manner, together with extreme views on local autonomy on all matters, leads the Manchester Herald to conclude that Michael P. Meotti, with a softer, more thoughtful approach and a broader outlook, would be the better of two acceptable choices.

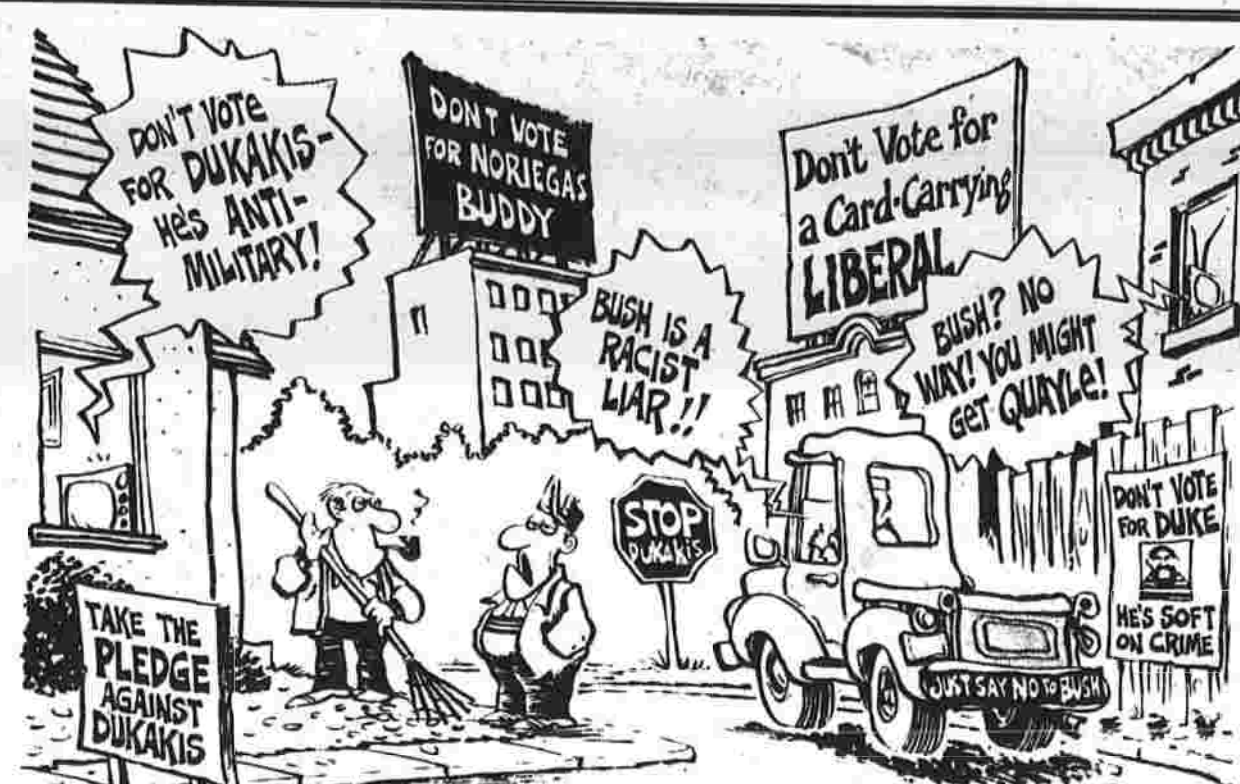
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He has proven his leadership capabilities as Senate chairman of the Environment Committee, where he has helped create legislation on mandatory recycling and wetlands protection. Other members of the Environment Committee, both Democratic and Republican, praise Meotti for his ability to grasp complex environmental issues.

And Meotti has proven his resolve when he's faced with controversial decisions. He describes himself as low key, but he was anything but low key when he opposed a bill allowing 15-year-olds to work in restaurants. "He demonstrated a lot of strength," said one colleague on the Education Committee.

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Two years ago, when the Herald endorsed Zinsser's re-election effort, it seemed that Meotti would be unable to match what Zinsser offered the 4th Senatorial District. Meotti has met the match, and voters would do well to send him to the Capitol for two more years.



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Whitney W. Jacobs
62 Alexander St., Manchester

Guilletti's ideas are unbelievable

I watched the debate between Sen. Marie Herbst and James Guilletti and found it unbelievable. That is, Mr. Guilletti's ideas are unbelievable. He accused Sen. Herbst and her "gang" of creating the state deficit. That's almost as believable as the federal income tax restructuring giving those in the lower income bracket a tax break. I, in the lower level, paid more money just under \$10,000 and paying more than President Nixon, who grossed over \$100,000. Clearly, the tax restructuring had a negative effect on the state's income. Also, if his administration passed the Education Enhancement Act, which is spending more money, and cut taxes, which is collecting less money, well, any fool can tell you that you'll come up short.

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The last time we had a balanced budget was only a distant memory during a Republican administration. The Nixon administration. After that, we saw runaway inflation, high and often over-burdening taxes, and astronomical consumer prices. Finally, the people smartened up and elected a Republican named Ronald Reagan. Now I know that you will most likely argue that we started out with a recession at the beginning of the Reagan administration. Don't you see that a recession was a small price to pay for the economic shambles that Jimmy Carter left us to deal with?

Ronald Reagan worked wonders for our economy in many ways. Forecasts of another recession have yet to materialize, and it doesn't look like they will any time soon. The leading economic indicators and the Gross National Product have both steadily increased, and unemployment is at a 14-year low. Finally, the word "inflation" has all but been forgotten due to a lack of interest. No one wants it around, so the Reagan administration keeps it away. A recent poll of the National Association of Business Economists gave George Bush the November win, just because of how well the economy has been doing under a Republican leader.

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measure and another on the early release of prisoners, according to Stoberg, who said the statements "can't even creep into the area of truth."

"The Republicans are turning the facts on their heads," he said. Stoberg said the literature was sent to residents in one to two dozen House districts around the state.

But Rep. Richard Foley Jr., R-Waterbury, defended the literature and denied that it was misleading. He said the votes in question are "subject to interpretation."

The pair got into a heated debate after the Democrats' news conference concluded. Foley had been standing in the back of the room and began talking to reporters at the end.

In New Haven, a group of Yale University students, alumni and faculty rallied against Republican George Bush, but were disrupted by Bush supporters who swarmed the speakers.

About 200 people attended the rally, and the proximity of the crowd to the speakers made it difficult to hear the speeches from any distance.

Meanwhile, The Courant, the state's largest newspaper, endorsed Republican George Bush for president over Democrat Michael Dukakis.

The Dukakis campaign finalized plans for the Democratic nominee's Thursday campaign swing through Connecticut. The Massachusetts governor is expected to attend evening rallies in Bridgeport, Ansonia and Waterbury.

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Peggy Scribner/Manchester Herald

"FUN-RAISING" DANCE — Peggy Scribner, assistant chairman of the Manchester Gilbert and Sullivan Players Inc., and Cathy Nystrom, chairman, get ready for a fund-raising dance for the organization, scheduled for 8 p.m. to midnight Friday at the Manchester Army and Navy Club on Main Street. Guests are invited to wear clothes from their favorite decade. Tickets are \$8 a single and \$15 a couple and may be purchased at the door or by calling 528-8595.

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reputable company in Connecticut is to contact the Department of Health Services," Dean said. A picocurie radiation level reading of 4 is the highest acceptable level, state officials said.

Both the Manchester Health Department and the state Health Services Department have lists of companies which are licensed to perform radon testing.

Attorney General Joseph Lieberman also has warned consumers about so-called radon testers. Lieberman said the lack of knowledge about radon makes the field "ripe for fraud."

The "novelty of the radon problem and the general lack of consumer familiarity with detection and removal procedures creates the risk that unqualified contractors could take advantage of unsuspecting residents," Lieberman said.

Though work is under way to enact legislation requiring certification for firms involved in radon testing and firms involved in radon removal, Lieberman also suggested in a news release that people contact local and state health services departments for more information.

He also suggested that people shop around before hiring a specialist; that they be careful of firms that are both testers and in the eradication business, because the latter may have a conflict of interest; that they contact the Department of Consumer Protection to determine whether there

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slowly but not stopping."

He predicted the GNP would grow 2.3 percent for 1989, down from an expected 3.8 percent GNP growth rate for all of 1987.

In a second report today, the Commerce Department said that construction spending rose 0.6 percent in September to an annual rate of \$40.3 billion as strength in housing and government construction offset a decline in office building.

The 0.1 percent decline in the leading index was a bit weaker than expected. Many private forecasters were calling for a 0.2 percent rise. The August index, however, was revised upward to show a 0.5 percent gain instead of the originally reported 0.4 percent increase.

The index, by focusing on forward-pointing business statistics, is designed to foretell economic activity six to nine months into the future.

Many economists, who had at one time been fearful that the next president would face a recession in his first year in office, have revised that view and now believe the next downturn will not come until 1990.

But the leading index is signaling slower growth. For the last 12 months, it has risen just 0.7 percent, compared to an increase of 8.7 percent in the previous 12-month period.

For October, the biggest factor holding the index back was a drop in plant and equipment orders, followed by a fall in building permits.

Bush

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wrong side of every issue of special importance to American women."

"In recent days our campaign has been on the move. Thousands of Americans are joining our effort daily," Dukakis says.

"Next Tuesday, your one vote will be more powerful than all the pollsters and political commercials."

Two new polls — a survey by Harris and another done by Gallup for the Times Mirror Corp. — showed Bush maintaining a strong lead.

In the Harris survey of 1,250 voters questioned during the weekend, Bush led Dukakis 52-45 percent, a slight narrowing from 53-44 percent in a similar poll done Oct. 14-17.

The Times Mirror poll of 1,505 likely voters conducted Oct. 23-25 found Bush ahead by 11 points, 52-41 percent. Both polls had margins of error of plus or minus three points.

Former Democratic contender Jesse Jackson joined Bentsen Monday night at a rally in Fort Worth, Texas, where the preacher-turned-politician responded to Bush's "read my lips" refrain.

"You watch our lips as we march" — the voting booth, Jackson told the crowd at the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

In his major appeal to women voters, Dukakis said the Republican ticket wanted to outlaw abortions.

"I believe a choice that personal must be made by the woman in the exercise of her beliefs," the Democratic nominee told an audience in San Jose.

Republicans say illegal ads used

GREENWICH (AP) — Leaders of the Connecticut Quisnoye campaign have charged that a Greenwich group violated federal election law in newspaper advertisements it placed for the Dukakis-Bentsen ticket.

Lawrence Halloran, head of a group called Lawyers for Bush-Quisnoye, said Monday that the advertisements, which have run on three occasions in the Greenwich Times, failed to state that the group placing them is unconnected with the Democratic presidential campaign.

Ex-hostage at U.S. embassy opposes Marine discharge

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — A Marine with emotional troubles caused by the 444 days of captivity at the U.S. embassy in Iran will be honorably discharged soon despite his desire to remain in the service, officials said.

Staff Sgt. John D. McKeel Jr., 35, who contends his problems are manageable, will be discharged within 20 days, according to a statement released Monday by the Marine Corps in Washington, D.C.

McKeel, who is stationed at Camp Pendleton, was a Marine guard at the embassy in Tehran when it was stormed by radicals on Nov. 3, 1979, following the revolution that toppled the Shah of Iran and brought the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to power.

He was among nine Marines and 42 civilians held hostage 444 days before being released Jan. 20, 1981.

McKeel, a Marine for nearly 13 years, has said civilian doctors diagnosed him in 1985 as suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome. The federal Privacy Act of 1974 prohibits release of details of McKeel's career and military doctors' diagnoses of his medical condition.

"Due to the nature of his disability and the length of his service," Staff Sgt. McKeel will be entitled to two years of severance pay (about \$34,000) as a severance payment," the Marine Corps statement said.

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Three Mile Island damage detailed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The legacy of the Three Mile Island accident nearly 10 years ago includes 2.3 million gallons of radioactive water and continued debate over how much of the nuclear reactor's core melted.

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As late as several years after the accident, it had been uncertain even whether any of the fuel had melted.

Franklin Standerfer, who has directed the plant cleanup for GPU Nuclear, the plant operator, said in an interview that there was guesswork involved in figuring the core damage.

"It's not a science. They're just estimated numbers," Standerfer said. In 1986, he said, a scientist estimated that 70 percent of the core material liquefied — a figure higher than most previous estimates.

The material that melted included fuel and the tubes in which the fuel was contained, James Broughton, manager of the TMI-2 Accident Evaluation Program at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, said at a conference of the American Nuclear Society.

"Many of you may not be aware that at least 50 percent of the core melted during the accident," Broughton told industry officials.

In the accident at the Pennsylvania plant's Unit 2 reactor, uranium fuel was allowed to lose the vital cooling water that normally covers it, causing temperatures to rise dangerously in the reactor vessel."

Broughton presented his remarks during a session in which executives of GPU Nuclear and former members of the NRC convened to review lessons from the accident.

"To put TMI-2 into perspective, it was a very useful event, one which could change the history of nuclear power and one which, I believe, in the end, changed it in a positive direction, rather than a negative one," said Edwin E. Kintner, executive vice president of GPU Nuclear.

Two charged in scheme to sell baby

MEADVILLE, Pa. (AP) — The mother of an infant girl and her sister were ordered to face trial on charges of trying to sell the child for \$6,000.

Meadville District Justice William Chisholm on Monday ordered Jill Marvin, 26, to face trial on charges of dealing in children, attempting to deal in infant children and conspiracy. Marvin's sister, Janet Sherwood, 31, of Jensen Beach, Fla., was held on charges of conspiracy to deal in infant children and criminal intent to deal in infant children.

Both were freed on bond pending trial.

Wayne and Elena Ferraro testified they took custody of the 3-week-old baby in late September with the understanding that Marvin would sign temporary custody papers, but Marvin later demanded \$6,000.

Ferraro said he then contacted authorities, who suggested that the couple meet Marvin and make a payoff. She and her sister were arrested Sept. 29 at the agreed-upon site after Ferraro dropped a suitcase full of money out of his car window.

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SPORTS



College right path to follow for prospect

Herald Angle
Earl Yost

Take it from a man who should know. "If you are not a first or second round draft pick, college is the way to go," Moe Morhardt said when quizzed Tuesday by Manchester Herald baseball players.

Morhardt has been involved in baseball for more than four decades which includes Manchester High, American Legion, University of Connecticut and the major leagues with the Chicago Cubs.

After a 21-year career as varsity coach at Gilbert High in Winsted, where he also served as director of athletics, Morhardt is now completing his first season as an assistant coach with the spring and fall teams at the University of Hartford. He's still teaching physical education at Gilbert after relinquishing his AD and coaching duties.

The one-time minor league batting champion and first baseman-outfielder with the National League Cubs said it is far more beneficial to play college ball rather than to go directly from high school into the professional ranks.

"It's hard for the casual observer to understand that it's not the same game in pro ball that you see on the amateur level."

The main drawback is that usually the young pitchers are drafted by the pros right out of high school, so the college hitters really don't see those hard throwers too often," he said in comparing the two groups.

The former college All-American while at UNCC feels that luck plays a role whether a minor leaguer gets a shot in the majors.

Morhardt should know for he was all set and primed to take over first base for the Cubs after winning the 1961 Northwest League batting title when the Chicago front office decided to move shortstop and future Hall of Famer Ernie Banks to first base for the 1962 season.

It will be interesting to follow the career of 1988 USA Olympian Bill Masse in his pro baseball climb. He has impressed in every part of his amateur and college ride to date. The pro part will be tougher and should make it all the way to the top he'll be the first since Morhardt was signed for a bonus by the Cubs following his play in the 1960 College World Series.

Eric Dickerson runs wild as Colts stampede Broncos

By Honk Lowenkron
The Associated Press

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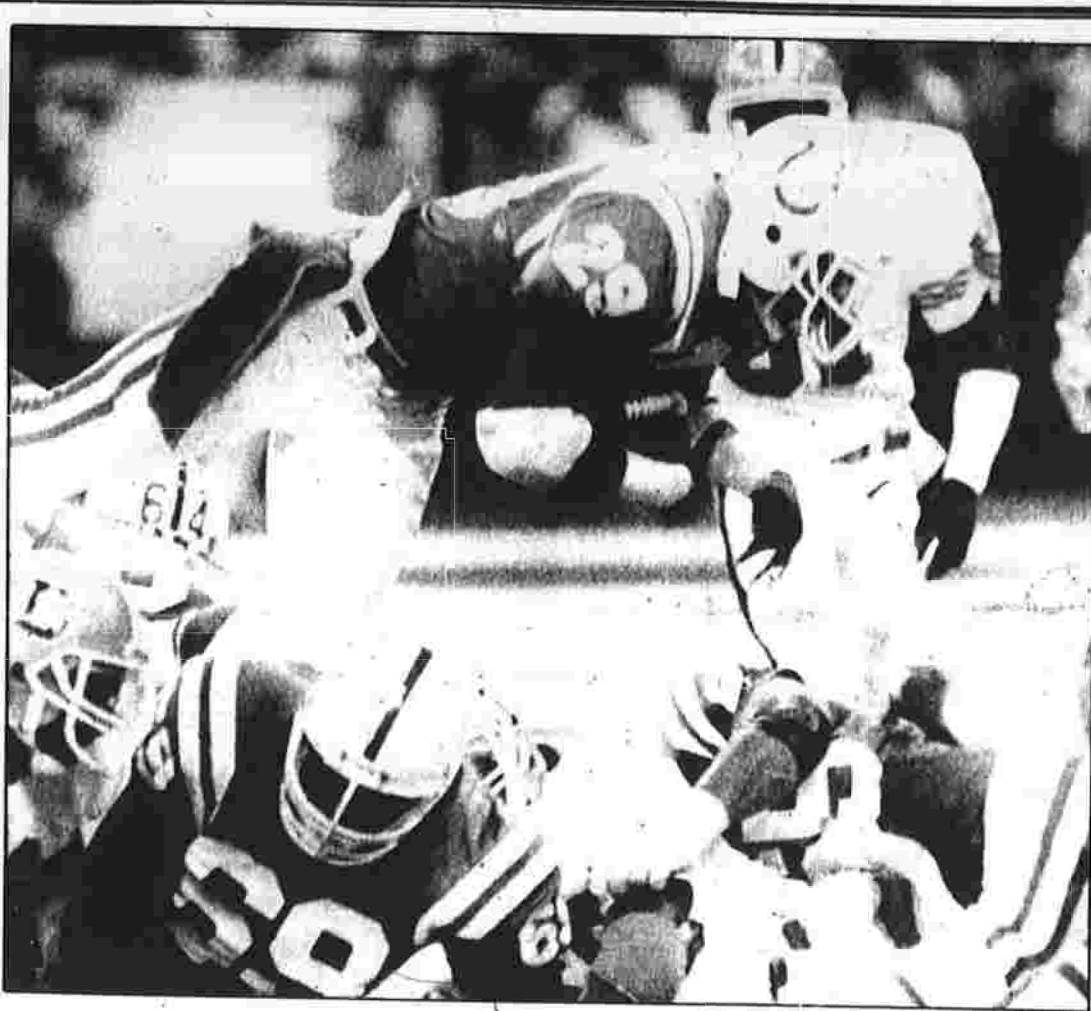
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NUMBER THREE — The Colts' Eric Dickerson dives over blockers Randy Dixon (89) and Joel Patten and downed Denver defenders to score his third touchdown of the game Monday night at the Hoosierdome. Dickerson scored four times to lead the Colts to a 55-23 victory.

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Green, George differ already

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — George M. Steinbrenner III runs the New York Yankees in a style that matches the numerals at the end of the owner's name: "1, 1, 1."

This view of baseball does not coincide with that of his new manager, Dallas Green.

"I had a slogan in Philadelphia. 'We, not I,'" Green said Monday. "I think that's the way it should be done."

As Green said Monday, "We're gonna have a lot of fun."

George Dallas Green Jr., the 17th manager in the reign of Steinbrenner, was introduced in New York on Monday. He has the reputation of a tough guy and sounded like it.

"I'm coming in here as a new guy because everybody who was supposed to know about these guys didn't get the job done," he said.

Green is the first Yankees manager to join the

Violence dominates the NHL

By Ken Rappoport
The Associated Press

During the off-season, the NHL took action to crack down on players guilty of flagrant stick fouls. Meanwhile, the players have been cracking down, too, not only with their sticks, but their fists, fingers, knees and just about anything else they can use to hurt their opponents.

During the first month of the season, violence has dominated much of the NHL headlines and cast a shadow on the ice along with the blood that has been spilled.

The latest incident occurred Sunday night in New York, where Pittsburgh superstar Mario Lemieux was injured by a stick slash from David Shaw of the New York Rangers. Shaw was suspended pending a scheduled hearing today.

It continued an early-season trend of player suspensions for a variety of violent acts.

On Monday, three players were suspended by the NHL: Edmonton's Mark Messier, Philadelphia's Rick Tocchet and Chicago's Dave Manson.

Messier was suspended for six games for slashing Vancouver's Rich Sutter on Oct. 23.

Tocchet was suspended for 10 games as the result of an eye-gouging incident against New York Islander Dean Chynoweth on Oct. 27.

Manson was suspended for 10 games because he instigated a fight after the game last Friday night against Vancouver's David Bruce.

Ranger defenseman James Patrick is among those calling for stiffer penalties, particularly in slashing incidents. Patrick has called for the league to set a precedent of "half a season suspension at least for a similar infraction" to the one that took place in Madison Square Garden last season between Philadelphia's Dave Brown and New York's Tomas Sandstrom.

Brown was suspended for 15 games — longest in NHL history — for his attack on Sandstrom in a controversial incident by the league. The NHL is criticized for what many considered a light penalty to Brown, who struck Sandstrom with his stick in the neck while the Ranger forward's back was turned.

Shaw's slash of Lemieux Sunday night lacked some of the Brown's raw ugliness, but could have inflammatory reverberations, particularly when the Rangers and Penguins next meet on Nov. 23 in Pittsburgh. At least some Pittsburgh players have promised retaliation for the slashing of Lemieux, last season's most valuable player.

"The next time we play New York, he's dead," Pittsburgh defenseman Steve Dykstra said of Shaw. "And if he hasn't got the guts to go to the game, I'll get him in the stands. We play these guys six more times. He'll get his. Nobody swings his stick at Mario Lemieux and walks away."

Lemieux's injury, described as a "bruised sternum," was not considered serious. But other players have not been so lucky this year.

Chynoweth, for one, will miss four to six weeks with his eye injury. Rich Sutter lost several teeth to Messier's stick, and Ron Sutter, his brother who plays for Philadelphia, suffered a broken jaw and a concussion in a high sticking incident with Patrick. Ironically, Patrick could be the victim of his crusade to establish stricter penalties for high sticking incidents. The Flyers have asked the NHL to discipline the Ranger defenseman for injuring Sutter Saturday night's game in Philadelphia.

"It was a vicious cross-check, totally unnecessary and unprovoked," said Bob Clarke, Flyers vice president and general manager.

Ron Sutter, who was leading the Flyers in scoring with seven goals and seven assists, will be lost to the team indefinitely after undergoing oral surgery.

"(Ranger general manager) Phil Esposito and (coach) Michel Bergeron both stated emphatically last year after the Dave Brown incident that such occurrences should be dealt with very severely," Clarke said. "I trust they have not changed their opinion when one of their own players is involved."

The rash of violence so far wasn't exactly what the NHL had in mind when it introduced the tougher penalties for flagrant stick fouls.

Under the new rule, a player receiving a major penalty for injuring an opponent by high sticking, slashing, but-ending, cross-checking or spearing will receive an automatic game misconduct this season resulting in ejection from the game. If it happens a second time, the player faces an automatic one-game suspension.

So far, there have been 19 such penalties called this season, including two to Montreal's Petr Svoboda, who has served his one-game suspension. And the best goes on.

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Senate debate held at MHS

The Future Business Leaders of America sponsored a debate between former State Sen. Carl Zinsner and State Sen. Michael Meotti. The candidates are both running for the 2nd District. This debate was held in the Bailey Auditorium and was open to the student body. It was the 11th debate between the two.

The debate commenced with each candidate giving an opening statement which could pertain to anything. Zinsner gave a short biographical sketch about his family's relationship with Manchester High School. Zinsner then went on to explain his political history. He served with the Manchester Housing Authority and the Manchester Human Relations Commission. He served eight years on the Board of Directors for the town of Manchester, and six years as the State Senator for the 2nd district, which

includes Manchester and Glastonbury. Meotti took over in 1986. Zinsner then went on to tell the assembled students of Manchester High School that his philosophy of government is "to take care of the needs of those people who are less fortunate than you."

Meotti, in his opening remarks, told about his political history starting when he was in college working for a presidential campaign, and going on to being a State Senator for the past two years. He informed the students of his being chairman of the Environment Committee and being vice chairman of the Education Committee. He then told the students that he did "deal with little problems," and "the bigger issues," which he feels are the two roles of a state senator. He feels that his past two years of

being a state senator have been "the most exciting time I've ever spent."

The questions asked of Meotti and Zinsner ranged from racial inequality in schools, to the candidate's views on the presidential election. The candidates were given 2 minutes each to answer each of the questions from a panel of two. Jeff Bernier and Jeff Meotti were president and vice president respectively of the Future Business Leaders of America, asked the questions to both candidates. Meotti, when asked about racial inequality in schools, said it was not the students' fault. He said the problem was the quality of education and that transportation did not help. Zinsner contradicted Meotti by saying "Transportation is not going to solve this problem, but unfortunately we have the opportunity to cast a vote in the state senate to stop the State Department of Education from mandating or instituting with a forced busing program. Meotti opted to vote against it."

The second question dealt with improvements to the Connecticut education system by the state government. Zinsner pointed out that the Republicans in 1986, who at the time held the majority of the seats in the state legislature,

raised teachers salaries in the state. He said that the Republicans would try to strengthen curriculum and get the best teachers. Meotti said that he would "maintain the commitment to education."

The candidates were asked where each felt cuts were needed to reverse the deficit in the state budget. Meotti said, "We have to be a little more restrained than what we have been in the past two years. We need to focus in on the priorities, education, care of the mentally ill and mentally retarded, and the elderly, and environmental protection." Zinsner said, "I have suggested that one thing the State of Connecticut should do to get this under control is to have a constitutional balanced budget amendment that will make the legislature and the governor live by their means. Forty-three other states, including Massachusetts, have something in their constitution that mandates that the government stay within its fiscal responsibilities." He also said that the governor refuses to come in with a balanced budget. He mentioned that he would be a volunteer to lead a constitutional amendment like a cut across the board, or in all government spending. He said he would be willing to do that so all the nice programs in



DEBATE HEATS UP - The Manchester High School's FBLA Club sponsored a debate between Michael Meotti and Carl Zinsner at the school. Pictured with the two candidates are FBLA president, Jeff Bernier and Jeff Minor.

"the state would not be left without any money of any kind. The students who attended were given a ballot to be filled out at the end of the debate. The result of this ballot was that 77 percent voted in favor of Michael Meotti and 45 students were in favor of Carl Zinsner. After the debate, each candidate told the High School World

that they were optimistic about the upcoming election. Meotti said he was receiving very good results, and Zinsner said that it all depended, "on what the people think." Student Council Vice President Jim Ludes said, "It was a good opportunity."

Andrew Cleveley
Jeff Bernier



CAFETERIA WORKERS - Pictured above are some of the Manchester High School cafeteria staff. The High School World staff would like to apologize to the math team and the MHS cafeteria staff for last week's photo error.

MHS cafe is messy

The news was out before the school year started, "students would have to bring their own lunches due to the closing of the cafeteria for renovations." We were not informed it would take this long. What's the reason for all this confusion?

After several weeks of eating sawdust in our sandwiches we decided to dig deeper. We discovered exactly why construction was being done and how much this endeavor would cost. Mr. Ludes, the Manchester High School principal, said "It wasn't my decision. Ten state and town building committees were the decision makers." Ludes went on to say, "There were code violations, but during the 1983 renovations we fixed them. The codes then changed so now we are bringing them up to date once again." Also, according to Vice Principal Barbara Quinby, the whole procedure will amount to a figure close to \$5 million.

Many students have not adjusted well to the absence of hot lunches. There has been a decline in student customers and the cafeteria staff has noticed that students enjoy going out to fast food restaurants now. The ladies in the cafeteria feel there is an enormous decrease in the number of students. "Yes, the students are sick of it," says Patricia Morianos. She continues, "Everyone functions and keeps smiling under the circumstances." Mrs. Pierson, another

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co-worker adds, "It's really hard to work some days in these noisy and hot conditions. The construction workers come in and out as they please, the town should have had a finishing date. To work in the dirt and serve kids in the dirt is ridiculous." Mrs. Doran concluded all comments about the construction and the workers by saying, "All we ever hear is the building committees were the decision makers." Ludes went on to say, "All we ever hear is the building committees were the decision makers." Ludes went on to say, "All we ever hear is the building committees were the decision makers."

Many people are wondering why this construction wasn't done over the summer vacation. The reason is simple. We now await the arrival of a plate for the fans that will be installed in the ceiling. Construction has been prolonged due to the missing plate, but while waiting, other such things were being tended to such as changing all the ceiling tiles in the stairwells, putting in a new lighting system throughout the school, removing asbestos from the auditorium, and installing a new fire curtain and a sprinkler system also. Everyone hopes that by Nov. 1, the nominal deadline, everything will be complete, but we say that with much optimism.

Kristen Turck
Dana Hensley

Goddard urges all to be involved

"I want this to be the best year that it can be. Get involved, don't wish that you could have done it, just do it," says senior class vice-president Jason Goddard. When asked the question of how he could handle his new appointment as an officer as well as maintaining the demanding responsibilities of being one of Manchester High's great basketball stars, Goddard replied, "Definitely. I will listen to anyone that has something to say, whatever it may be. I will listen."

As a member of Hartford's Project Concern for almost 5 years, Goddard expressed an overwhelming concern for his young basketball fans to get the best education that they can. "It makes me feel good to have little kids asking for my autograph. I want them to get good

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grades, stay in school, and have a good time, because you never know what may happen." Goddard concluded this statement to his young fans, by saying "Remember to keep your priorities straight."

What type of person is Jason Goddard's? "Well, let's see, how would I describe Jason Goddard," says senior John Muirhead. "He's a great kid, good athlete, just a really nice guy." Muirhead added,

"He's someone that can always make the laugh and he'll stay out in the freezing cold and practically get frobbitten to watch the end of a girls' soccer

Pfeiffer gives time to organization

To those of you who are unfamiliar with the name William Pfeiffer, you will soon come to realize how extraordinary he really is because of his experiences, and learning to survive in the real world. These programs are run by Pfeiffer, his wife, and a volunteer, Mary's Field works with the young women for about six months until they are able to take charge of their own lives.

Pfeiffer runs the home on his \$15,000 a year salary. Mary's Field receives donations from approximately 300 people. All services shared are free of charge. Government help is not sought because of the red tape involved. To advertise he has a mailing list of 1,200 people and publishes newsletters throughout the area to keep the community updated on progress and needed contributions.

Pfeiffer also has been teaching Latin I & 2 at Manchester High School for four years. He does this not only for extra income but because he enjoys it as well as helping someone, which he always seems to be doing. There is still a problem out there and Pfeiffer is doing something about it as well as making the public aware of the problem. It is said, "To be blind is not to see." The Mary's Field mailing address is P.O. Box 99, Hebron 06248.

MHS students play soccer in Belgium

A group of Manchester High School students began its long awaited tour of Belgium on Aug. 2. Their purpose was to tour the countryside of Europe and to compete in a two-day tournament. Joe Erardi said, "We picked Belgium for several reasons. One, it's an English speaking country. Two, it's one of the countries that plays women's soccer. Three, it was also one of

the less expensive countries to travel through." Erardi coaches the Manchester High School Soccer Team. In preparation for the trip, the girls worked hard to raise funds. They sold tickets to a dinner at which the team served the customers. They also sold

French teacher has much to offer students

Paul Maidment, a French teacher at Manchester High School, has been teaching here for the past five years. In addition to his teaching, Maidment has taught at Sage Park and at High School in Windsor. He attended the University of Connecticut for seven years and obtained a bachelor's degree in French. Aside from speaking French, he speaks Spanish as well.

Maidment took a trip to Costa Rica last summer. In Costa Rica he saw a volcanic eruption, and giant sea turtles laying eggs on a beach. When asked why he chose French as a foreign language, Maidment replied, "It was used to me. I was a kid, I used to go to a town in Quebec, Canada, where my mother's family had a cabin, and French was usually spoken. I couldn't understand anything that was said and decided to find out."

In his free time, Maidment is a scoutmaster of a Boy Scout Troop here in Manchester. They meet on Wednesday nights and go on weekend outings. The ages of the boys range from 11 to 18 years of age. In addition to his regular French classes, Maidment teaches French II which is also known as "Suicide's". This class is of a college level and earns credit at the University of Connecticut. The students attend field trips, see movies, and listen to guest speakers.

Aside from being an excellent French teacher, Maidment is a regular outdoorsman, which is why he became a scout leader after being led by his father when he was a scout. Next summer Maidment plans to return to France for a visit, and celebrate the Bicentennial of the French Revolution.

Chris Thibideau

Karen Rattankoun

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Small doses of lead can cause problem

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

Lead is in the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat. High doses — the kind a child can get from eating paint chips — can cause lead poisoning, even death. But even much lower doses from everyday sources can be hazardous, especially to children. Lead accumulates in the body, so continued exposure to small quantities can eventually cause serious health problems.

Since the 1970s exposure to lead has been cut significantly, largely because it has been virtually eliminated from gasoline. Yet much new research has shown that low levels of lead in the body — once thought to be relatively harmless — may be toxic. Two sources of lead now gaining attention are drinking water and housewares, especially certain glazed ceramic dishes.

Lead in drinking water occurs when water picks up traces of lead as it travels through lead pipes or lead soldered joints in copper pipe. Excess-

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sive lead release is more likely with soft, hot or slightly acidic water. Every household is different; depending on your plumbing, your water may have a lot more lead than your neighbor's, or a lot less. The best way to find out how much is to have your water tested by a laboratory that specializes in water analysis. Prices start at about \$20. Consumer Reports staffers have found that lab results for identical samples are often disturbingly uneven, so submitting a sample to two labs might be the wisest course. If the results are worrisome, try to pin down the source of the lead. Your local water department is required to tell you if the water meets federal standards when it leaves the treatment plant. It should also tell you if any pipes in the distribution system are lead.

If the problem is in your house, a

sure but expensive solution is to replace the supply pipes or add filtration devices. Short of that, flush the pipes when water has been sitting in them for several hours; let the water run for about three minutes. And don't use hot tap water to make coffee or infant formula. Lead dissolves more readily in hot water.

Although lead leaching from ceramic ware affects far fewer people than does lead in drinking water, it can be more dangerous. Dishes are high enough in some cases to cause clinical lead poisoning. Most ceramic plates, cups, bowls and pitchers sold in the United States today are coated with a glaze that contains lead. If the glaze is not fired properly, dangerous levels of lead and other heavy metals can leach into the food. The problem is most acute with acidic foods such as orange juice.

Most china and dishes currently produced in the United States, such as Corning Ware, porcelain, and the like, pose little or no danger. Since 1971 and U.S. Food and Drug Administration has set limits on the

amount of lead that can leach from ceramic dishware in a standard 24-hour test. But the agency has announced plans to tighten the standard, and acknowledges that millions of pieces of ceramic ware don't meet the current standards. Especially suspect are products imported from countries where production standards are low or regulations lax.

To protect yourself, store food or juice only in plastic or glass containers. Don't use the same ceramic coffee cup everyday unless you're sure it's safe. Dishes can be tested for lead leaching by a commercial lab, or you can test it yourself with a kit available from Frandon Enterprises Inc., 511 North 48th, Seattle, Wash. 98103, for \$24.50 postpaid. (One kit can test up to 200 pieces.)

Earthenware that hasn't been tested — especially products from such countries as Mexico, China, Portugal, Italy or Spain — should be used for decoration only. The same goes for U.S.-made dishes manufactured before 1971.

Scarlet fever is self-limiting

Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR ABBY: As I was leaving the second floor of a major department store yesterday, I saw a little boy around 3 or 4 years old screaming hysterically as he ran blindly and all alone across the floor and onto the escalator right behind me.

Halfway down the escalator, he was still alone and screaming. His little face was contorted and purple. That was bad enough, but a woman ahead of me — all the way day at the bottom of the escalator — turned around and yelled, "No, I don't want you! You're a bad boy!"

Abby, I am a mother, too, and I can't begin to describe how much I hurt for that boy. I could never dream of pretending, even for a second, to abandon a child. I might have given him a tongue lashing, or threatened to spank him, but never would I say, "I don't want you," and I surely would never have taken my eyes off that kid in a large department

store, never mind turning my back and leaving him!

Later I was sorry I didn't give that woman a royal blasting. What would you have done? HUMAN, TOO, IN BOSTON

DEAR HUMAN: I would not have given her a "royal blasting" — that would serve to embarrass and humiliate her, and she's probably take it out on the child when she got him home.

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Mother needs to shift gears after reckless words to son

Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

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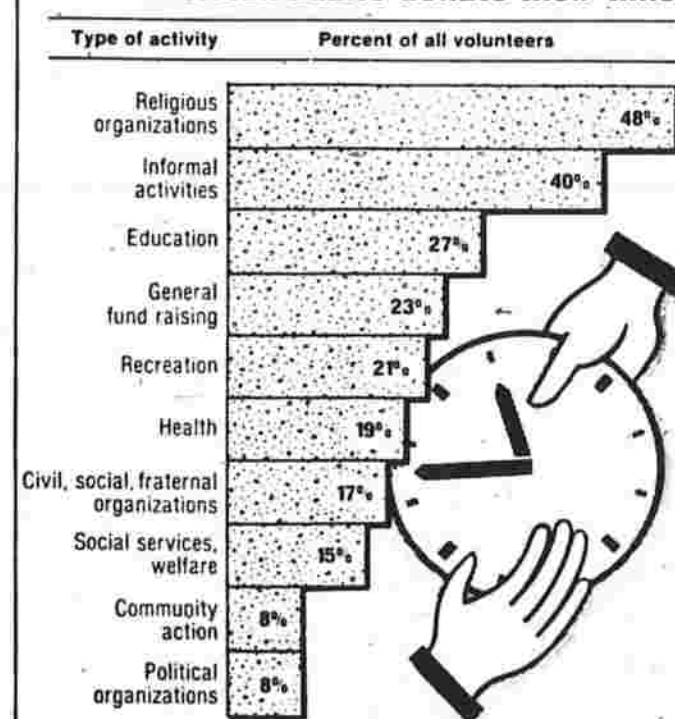
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DEAR MARGARET: I'm glad you're in response to that letter. I suggested that the salesperson approach the customer who appeared to be looking for a "shopper" who was not to turn their backs on a customer who appears interested in any piece of merchandise he or she can touch. The millions of dollars worth of merchandise shoplifters steal would blow your mind!

And who are the shoplifters? The last ones you'd suspect. A young mother with a child in a stroller and another in her arms, or a well-dressed, middle-aged woman wearing a full coat and carrying an oversized purse or shopping bag.

I was also informed that if a store manager saw a salesperson ignore a "shopper" who was handling merchandise, that salesperson would be in for a reprimand.

Abby's favorite recipes are going like hotcakes! Send your names and addresses, plus check or money order for \$5.00 to: Abby, Cookbook, P.O. Box 407, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

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Cosell picks nicknames

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Howard Cosell publicly nicknamed his TV sidekicks "Faultless Frank" and "Dandy Don," but to insiders, he called them "The Mannequin" and "Don Meredith." The "Imbecile," according to the authors of a book on ABC's "Monday Night Football."

Howard Cosell's TV Guide magazine this week published excerpts from Bill Carter's and Marc Gunther's forthcoming book, "Monday Night Football: The Inside Story of ABC's 'Monday Night Football.'"

The authors also reveal that two years before the show's premier, Lee Iacocca, then with Ford Motor Co., tried to sell ABC on the idea of "Friday Night Football," but after high school football coaches got wind of the plan, a letter-writing campaign put a stop to it. The coaches didn't want the pro compelling with high school games for fans' attention.

Fogerty on trial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Singer John Fogerty hoisted a guitar on the witness stand in federal court and pleaded not guilty to a charge of an effort to prove he's innocent of plagiarism charges.

Fogerty led jurors Monday through his musical roots in 1950s blues songs, playing tapes of Howlin' Wolf and Bo Diddley before picking up an electric guitar for a rendition of Diddley's "Bring It To Jerome."

Fogerty is fighting a plagiarism lawsuit by his former record company that claims he stole one of his own Creedence Clearwater Revival songs for a later solo tune.

Fogerty, though in a different style, has a similar tune to the song songs involved in the lawsuit — "Run Through the Jungle," a 1970 Creedence hit, and "Old Man Down the Road," a song Fogerty wrote in 1984 for his solo "Centerfold" album.

Fantasy Records, which distributed Creedence music before the group disbanded in 1972, claims Fogerty copied the melody of "Run Through the Jungle" when he wrote "Old Man Down the Road." Fantasy Records owns the rights to "Run Through the Jungle."

Fogerty contends the similarities between the songs are part of his composing style and are shared by several of his songs for Creedence, for which he was the lead singer and songwriter.

Camillelli pleads innocent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cher's boyfriend dodged the press and entered an early innocent plea to charges stemming from an alleged attempt to run down a photographer in the actress's Ferrari.

Robert Camillelli, 24, was due in court Monday for arraignment on one count of reckless driving and two counts of malicious mischief. He had his lawyers enter innocent pleas to the misdemeanor charges Thursday. Camillelli's next court appearance is Nov. 14. Camillelli, who has lived with the pop singer-actress in her Benedict Canyon home, maintained that he was upset by pesky photographers when he lost control of the black sports car outside the driveway and smashed into a photographer's parked car.

The photographer, Peter Brandt, accused Camillelli of trying to run him down, and of smashing \$2,200 worth of photo gear and a cellular phone in the July 27 incident. Another photographer who specializes in snapping celebrity candid shots, Phil Ramey, accused Camillelli of causing \$435 worth of damage to his walkie-talkie.

Mrs. America crowned

LIHUE, Hawaii (AP) — She shares the same age and the same home state as the new Miss America but Jennifer Klue was crowned the new Mrs. America.

Kline, a model, received more than \$100,000 in cash and prizes along with the title during Sunday night's pageant.

First runner-up was Jaudita Lee, 30, a sales representative from Mount Pleasant, S.C. Other runners-up, in order, were Connie LeZacure, 25, of Colorado Springs, Colo., co-host of a television show; Candice Sizemore, 25, a part-time computer operator from Pine Bluff, Ark.; and Renee Johnson, 25, a model and fund-raiser from Rockford, Ill.

The 50 contestants were judged in swimsuits and evening gowns and on personality and poise.

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BUSINESS



IN BRIEF

CBT names Belcourt VP

Noel J. Belcourt has been elected vice president at the Connecticut Bank and Trust Co.

As manager of the Main Street office in Manchester, Belcourt supervises the state's derivatives loan requests and works to maximize profits for the bank. He joined CBT in 1987.

Belcourt holds a bachelor's degree in general business from Boston University, is a graduate of the Stonier School of Banking, and holds an American Institute of Banking certificate. He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Belcourt serves as a board member of the Manchester Band Shell Corp., as a board member and president of the United Way of Manchester, as a board member and president of the Oak Forest Condominium Association, and as treasurer and vestryman for St. John's Episcopal Church in Vernon. Belcourt and his family live in Manchester.

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Noel J. Belcourt

Blechnan moves office

Attorney Robert H. Blechnan has announced that he is moving his law office, effective today, to 360 E. Center St.

Blechnan has been in general practice in Manchester since 1972 and has been active in many civic causes and organizations. He served on the Board of Directors for the Eighth Utilities District and was chairman of STEAL, Stop Tampering with the Eighth's American Liberties, a political action committee. He has served as Chairman of Manchester's Human Relations Commission, is a past president of the Manchester Democratic Club, served on the board of directors for the Lions Club and the Little Theatre of Manchester, and was a trustee of the Lutz Children's Museum.

Blechnan and his wife, Adrienne, live at 90 Oxford St.

Fewer 'best' markets

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new survey of real estate investment prospects in major cities says there are fewer "best" markets this year, although Los Angeles, Washington and Boston remain the most favorable.

It said the worst real estate markets are Houston, Denver and Dallas.

The report released Monday said New York was dropped from the list of "most bullish" property markets because it is "just too expensive" to live there.

Even Washington and Boston, while remaining on the list of top prospects, were said to face possible future problems due to their fast-rising housing costs.

"Fewer and fewer people can afford to live in or near those centers, and that will take its toll on economic expansion," the report said.

But Real Estate Research Corp. said that despite its current problems, New York is "a premier market that will return to favor as its inherent strengths prevail."

The company said its survey was based on interviews with 90 real estate investors, lenders and developers around the country.

It said there are fewer "best" markets than in the past and that "no city or region offers good prospects across the board."

Spending up 0.6 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Construction spending climbed 0.6 percent in September as strength in housing and government building projects offset a decline in office construction, the Commerce Department said today.

Building activity rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$49.4 billion in September following a 0.2 percent decline in August. Construction activity had risen 1.5 percent in July.

Even with the latest increase, construction activity has been modest for the year, advancing by only 0.7 percent compared to the first nine months in 1987. Overbuilding of apartments and offices in earlier years has depressed activity in 1988.

For September, residential construction rose 0.7 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$19.3 billion, reflecting a 1 percent increase in construction of single-family homes and a 0.9 percent increase in construction of multifamily units.

Wall Street cautious of Sears' shuffle

CHICAGO (AP) — Sears, Roebuck and Co., the nation's largest retailer, is selling the world's largest building and a real estate unit, shuffling jobs and buying its stock in a move seen by some as a defense against a possible takeover.

Edward A. Brennan, chairman of the 100-year-old company, said the plan is designed to enhance stock value and put its resources on consumer-oriented businesses — retailing, insurance, real estate and financial services.

Brennan said the timing of the announcement may have been affected by the recent wave of takeovers.

"Sears has not been untouched by the rumor and speculation that thrives in these conditions," he said. "But make no mistake," he added, "this strategy is not solely a reaction to that environment."

The announcement was greeted warmly on Wall Street, as Sears stock slid \$1.875 Monday to close at \$41.75 on the New York Stock Exchange.

"The market's perception seems to be that they labored mightily and brought forth a mouse," William N. Smith, a retail analyst with Smith Barney, Harris Upham & Co., told The New York Times.

Sears had been expected to take some action to improve the value of its stock after announcing last week that third-quarter profits fell 16 percent, the third consecutive period Sears' income has declined.

Net income for the quarter was \$34.2 million, or 96 cents per share, for the three months that ended Sept. 30, compared with \$40.9 million, or \$1.08 a share, for third-quarter 1987.

"This makes a takeover more difficult in the near term. It doesn't make it impossible," said Monroe Greenstein, an analyst with Bear, Stearns & Co. "This will satisfy the pressure (on Sears) for the short term."

The Sears Tower, a stunning black skyscraper that rises 110 stories — 1,450 feet — from the downtown Loop business district, was built in 1974 and has been valued at \$1.8 billion.

Besides selling the building, Sears said it would:

- Buy back 10 percent of its stock.
- Sell the commercial real estate division of its Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group, a move that analyst Walter F. Loeb of Morgan Stanley & Co. said would raise \$500 million.
- Continue to trim jobs from retail support activities like stockrooms and distribution centers and add people to the sales force.

"Overall, there will be job reductions," said Brennan, whose company employs 526,000 worldwide.

Adopt "everyday low pricing" at its 825 retail stores, instead of sales.

Take a one-time, after-tax charge of \$425 million in the fourth quarter to cover expenses for new merchandise assortments, liquidation of old merchandise and other organizational changes.

In terms of merchandising, they did what they had to do — go head-to-head with the K marts and other companies who have taken market share from them," Greenstein said.

Loeb said: "I think the consumer isn't going to jump on the bandwagon as quickly as Sears would like. The consumer expecting the flyer isn't going to get it anymore."

Offer of help to S&Ls doesn't include cash

HONOLULU (AP) — The chairman of the fund insuring commercial bank deposits says he's ready to help the comparable fund for savings institutions — provided there's no request for money involved.

"The FDIC would like to help you in any way we can — within limits, of course," Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chairman L. William Seidman told delegates to the U.S. League of Savings Institutions' 96th annual convention.

In remarks to reporters after his speech on Monday, Seidman said, "I strongly oppose the banks having to pay for the problems of the thrift industry" and that banks prefer "to go it alone" with their own insurance fund.

However, he did not rule out

merging the two regulatory systems, provided insurance costs were kept separate. He said the FDIC could help thrifts by providing use of its credit.

At midyear, 497 of the 3,096 U.S. savings associations were insolvent, while another 408 were losing money. Regulators estimate it will cost \$45 billion to \$50 billion to clean up the mess, and the S&Ls say they can't pay for the cleanup without help from Congress.

In contrast, Seidman said the FDIC fund, although it will suffer its first loss ever, is sound. It had \$16.3 billion at the end of September and should shrink to between \$15 billion and \$16 billion by year's end, before growing by about \$500 million next year, he said.

Seidman said bank failures should decline from a post-Depression record topping 200 this year to between 175 and 200 next year. There are no more "megabank failures on the horizon" next year, he said.

Theo H. Pitt Jr., chairman of Pioneer Savings Bank in Rocky Mount, N.C., and outgoing chairman of the S&L industry's trade group, said the organization will fight next year to preserve a separate regulatory system, arguing that it is crucial to the American home buyer.

Seidman said Americans appear to want a separate S&L system and government probably will preserve one, but he said, "I don't think the world would necessarily come to an end if there were no thrifts."

Pitt, opening the first day of a four-day convention, said bungled deregulation by the Reagan administration bankrupted the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp.

"We've had our troubles, but you know how we got there: as a result of ill-timed, poorly executed, ill-conceived deregulation," Pitt said.

"The regulators let some real sharpies slip into the system, high fliers who looked upon their institutions as personal piggy banks to serve their own irresponsible, sometimes criminal ends," he said.

Pitt said the industry has spent \$4.5 billion in extra payments to its insurance fund, can spend no more than an additional \$3 billion, and should not be forced to contribute more because the crisis was not of its making.

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