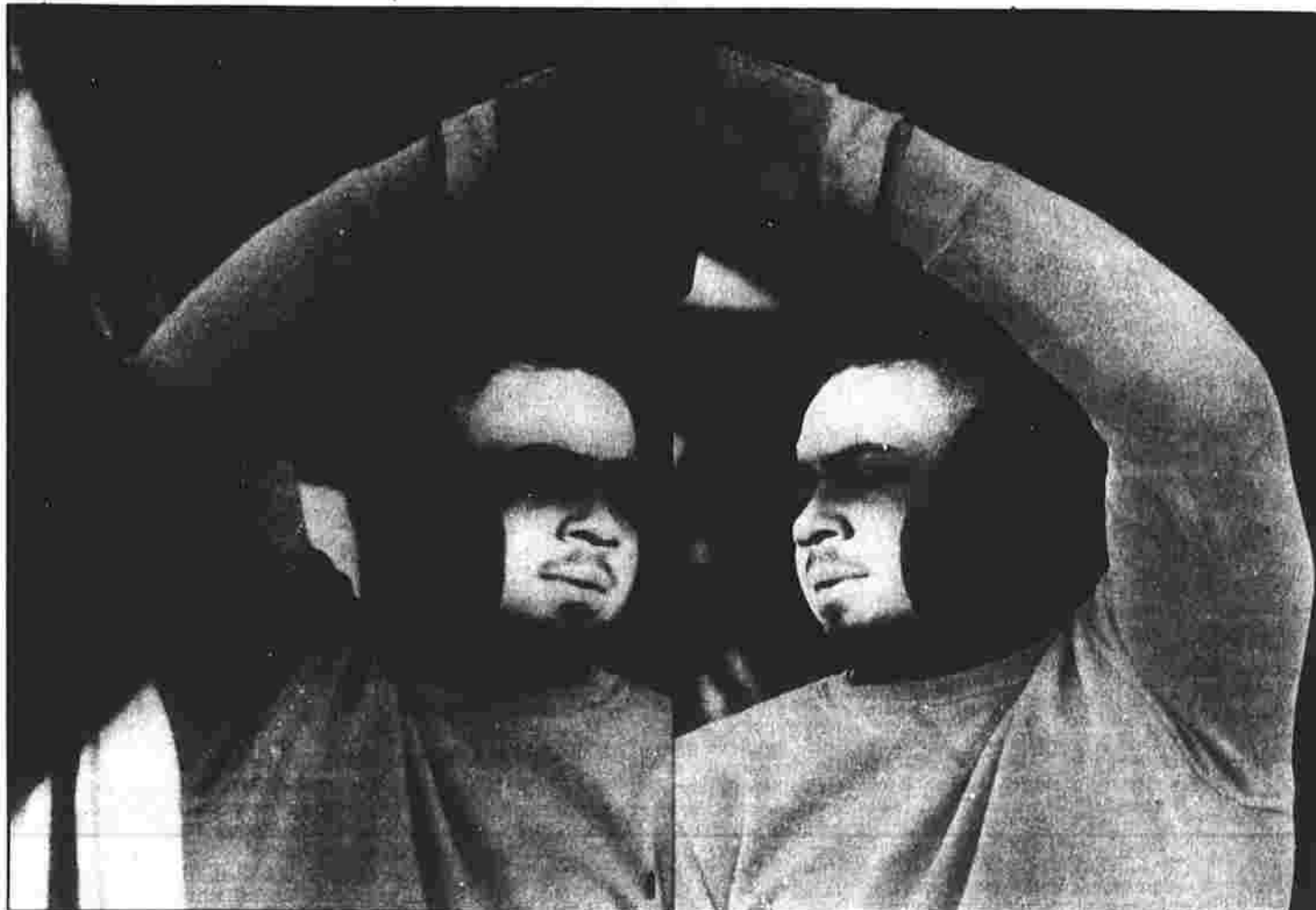


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**LOOKING GLASS** — Byron McFadden of New Haven, an employee of Walley Glass of Derby, helps deliver a mirror

Wednesday to J.A. White Glass Co., 31 Bissell St. He was not distracted in his job by the mirror image.

## Narrow OK of P&W pact signals woe

By Peter Viles  
The Associated Press

**HARTFORD** — A union official predicted "difficult times" at Pratt & Whitney after machinists narrowly approved a new contract despite cuts in medical benefits that angered many workers.

Sunday's vote was 3,632-3,611 to accept the contract.

"With 50 percent of the people unhappy, I would say we're probably going to go through some difficult times," said George S. Almeida, one of the chief negotiators for local 91 of the Machinists' union, which represents about 9,000 Pratt & Whitney workers.

Another 4,000 workers are covered by the contract. Negotiators for the union and the jet engine manufacturer reached an agreement on the contract last week.

It calls for wage increases of 9 percent spread over three years, and retains a semi-annual cost-of-living adjustment for the machinists, whose pay averages about \$12.70 per hour.

Most workers who opposed the contract objected to a provision requiring workers to pay 20 percent of their hospitalization costs, up to a maximum of \$500 per year for individuals and \$1,000 per family. Previously, the company had paid all hospitalization costs above \$150.

"Now they want to '80-20' us," said Charlie Klein, an East Hartford machinist who voted against the contract. "What's next? Seventy-thirty? Fifty-fifty?"

Of the contract, Klein said, "We didn't get anything. We got peanuts."

The contract covers workers at Pratt & Whitney plants in East Hartford, Southington, North Haven and Middletown. The company, which employs 45,000 people in the United States and Canada, is a division of United Technologies Corporation.

"We're extremely pleased that the union membership has voted to approve the contract," said Pratt & Whitney spokesman Curt Linke. "We're disappointed by the closeness of the vote, but we had to address what is both a local and a national problem of rising health care costs."

Sunday's voting at the Hartford Civic Center was anything but a solidarity rally. Angry workers filled the auditorium with boos as union negotiators read unpopular portions of the contract.

Before the results were announced, many workers were talking about striking. "It gets to a point, over time, where you've got to take a stand," said Greg Pixton, a machinist in East Hartford.

Pixton said workers are particularly concerned about health benefits because of the "obvious physical hazards of the job," including potentially dangerous machines and chemicals.

Union leaders, including Al-

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## Redistricting plan is unveiled tonight

By Andrew J. Davis  
Manchester Herald

School officials will announce a redistricting plan tonight for Highland Park School that will affect about 400 students, said James P. Kennedy, school superintendent.

The swearing in of new member Gloria D. DellaFera, the ratification of a two-year contract with teacher's aides, and a vote on whether to implement a system to curb truancy are three other items on the agenda for tonight's meeting at 7:30 at the Keeney Street School.

Kennedy said today the redistricting plan, which accompanies the plan to reopen Highland Park School in September 1989, will affect students in the area of the

school at 397 Porter St. as well as influencing enrollment at Nathan Hale, Martin and Buckley schools.

The school system has received a few calls from people concerned about redistricting, Kennedy said.

"We've had a few calls; not many," he said. "I think people are waiting for tonight. The phone hasn't been ringing off the hook."

Highland Park School was closed in 1984 because of declining enrollment. The school board voted earlier this year to reopen the school to handle projected enrollment increases of 350 to 500 students within the next few years.

The board originally voted to only open the school to Grade 3, but decided to open the school to

at least Grade 5 after heavy lobbying from a parents' group and arrangements with the town to move some of the current tenants of Highland Park to the town-owned former Bentley School.

Though total enrollment dropped by 254 students from last year to 6,847 students, elementary enrollment increased by three students, school officials have said. But class sizes in both the elementary and secondary levels have never been lower, school officials have said.

In other matters, DellaFera will sit at her first board meeting. She replaces Republican Anne J. Gauvin, who did not seek reelection. A Republican, DellaFera won election to the board in November 1987, but under the

board's staggered terms, does not begin serving her three-year term until tonight.

"I'm looking forward to it," said DellaFera, a board member from 1983 to 1986.

DellaFera, treasurer of the Cheney Hall Foundation, will retire from her job as an executive secretary for the Travelers Insurance Cos. of Hartford Jan. 1. "I hope to take a more active part" than in her previous term, she said.

In other business, ratification of the contract with the Manchester Federation of Paraprofessionals is practically guaranteed. Assistant Superintendent Wilson E. Deakin Jr. has said. Last month, union members over-

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## Herald reporter goes to U.S.S.R.

Manchester Herald reporter Andrew Yurkovsky is one of two reporters from New England newspapers who will be working for the next three months on a Soviet paper through an exchange sponsored by the New England Society of Newspaper Editors and the Union of Soviet Journalists.

Yurkovsky and Karla Hudecek of the Bridgeport Post will be reporting for a paper based in Moscow. Details of their employment have not been made final. The two will leave Thursday, flying from New York to Moscow via Finnair.

During his stay in the Soviet Union, Yurkovsky will write

stories for the Herald about life and politics in that country.

As part of the exchange, two Soviet journalists will be working on various New England newspapers during the same period. One of the Soviet reporters will work at the Herald for about two weeks in January.

This is the second year of the exchange.

"We're very pleased that Andrew was chosen as a participant in NESNE's exchange," Herald Publisher Penny M. Sieffert said today. "He was competing with several New England reporters."

Yurkovsky, 28, is the Herald's town government reporter. He joined the newspaper in 1986 as the paper's Bolton and police reporter. He had worked earlier at the Rose City Sentinel, a weekly newspaper in Norwich.

He is a graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, where he majored in English literature and took several courses in the Russian language. He also studied Russian in high school and in summer programs at Middlebury College and Yale University. He spent a semester at the Pushkin

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Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

**GOING TO SOVIET UNION** — Andrew Yurkovsky, a reporter for the Manchester Herald, works on a story today. Yurkovsky is one of two New England

journalists who will leave Thursday to work for a newspaper in the Soviet Union as part of an exchange program with Soviet journalists.

## Tornadoes kill five in N. Carolina

By Stephanie Nano  
The Associated Press

Killer tornadoes swept through North Carolina today, destroying churches and homes and killing five people, and a blizzard in Minnesota halted thousands of holiday travelers, stranding many of them in small towns overnight.

The tornadoes left at least 143 people injured, officials said. Raleigh City Manager Dempsey Benton Jr. said nine houses were destroyed and 44 damaged.

Gov. Jim Martin said 15 tornado touchdowns were reported in seven counties. The last tornado strikes were near Bayboro in Pamlico County and near Manteo in Dare County, both on the Atlantic Coast.

"It was like a train, like you hear people say. It was like a jet coming down too low," said Lisa Lanier, who lives at a Raleigh apartment complex struck by a tornado.

Later in the morning, the storms moved into eastern Virginia, pushing over trees and bringing heavy wind and rain, and a tornado near Windsor cut power to much of the area, the National Weather Service said.

In the southern Minnesota town of Jackson, with a population of 4,000, at least 2,000 motorists stranded by snowstorms spent part of the night in a National Guard Armory, a school, four churches and many private homes, said Police Chief Richard Seim.

At Rothsay, Minn., a 50th wedding anniversary celebration at Hamar Lutheran Church was canceled because of the weather and the family donated the food to 250 stranded motorists, said Pastor Paul Magelssen.

At least 500 people waited out the storm at the Jackson Best Western motel in the lobby, coffee shop, dining room and lounge, said manager Darrell Gilbert.

Snow blasted by wind gusting to

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# LOCAL & STATE

## Work closes street

HARTFORD — A section of North Chapel Street in Hartford will be closed to traffic for about two weeks beginning Tuesday, state Transportation Commissioner J. William Burns said.

## Spill reported day later

NORTH HAVEN (AP) — Although about 500 gallons of a hazardous corrosive spilled at Circuit-Wise on Friday evening, company workers failed to notify the Fire Department until the next day, fire officials said.

Fire Chief John E. Obier Jr. said company workers first tried to use an absorbent called Speedy Dry to soak up the corrosive, sodium hydroxide, and called firefighters after the chemical flowed out the front of the building and into drains in the parking lot.

The chemical did not get into the town sewer system, Obier said.

Firefighters called in the state Department of Environmental Protection, DEP officials brought in a private contractor to clean up the spill and will bill Circuit-Wise for the cost, Obier said.

The cleanup operation was halted after about five hours Saturday and was to resume Sunday morning.

Apparently, no one was paying attention and it overflowed the vat," Obier said. He said too much of the chemical had spilled for the Speedy-Dry to be effective.

Circuit-Wise makes circuit boards for the automotive and telecommunications industries.

Crash closes interstate

NEW HAVEN (AP) — The northbound lanes of Interstate 91 in New Haven were closed for about two hours today after a fatal automobile accident and fire.

State police spokeswoman Marcy Stamm said the accident, involving two cars, occurred about 8 a.m. and resulted in one death.

There was a fire as a result of the crash, but Stamm said she had no further details.

The accident occurred near Exit 3 on I-91 northbound.

Aide denies crews moved barriers

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A top aide to Mayor Biagio DiStasio says there is "not a scintilla of evidence" that city crews moved a concrete barrier that might have prevented four East Lyme youths from plunging to their deaths in the Mill River.

John Frione, a supervisor at the Suzzo Concrete Co., said he gave police a signed statement Friday detailing his claim that the saw city crews move the 2-ton barriers, apparently to repair warning lights at the spot.

Mayor aide Joseph Carbone on Friday dismissed claims by a supervisor at a nearby concrete plant who said he saw city crews move the 2-ton concrete barrier blocking the end of Chapel Street at the Mill River several times before the Nov. 13 accident.

"I'm not going to call him a liar," Carbone said. "But the information he has given me has no merit. I'm not going to speculate as to why he is doing this."

Carbone said Frione's statements to police have been inconsistent on details such as dates. No other witnesses have come forward to support Frione's account, Carbone said.

Investigators are now focusing on theories that someone outside the city moved the barriers, Carbone said.

The four friends drowned when their car went through a gap in the barriers into the Mill River. The car wasn't recovered until five days later after an intensive search for the missing youths.

Michael Gallo, 26, and Christy Stevens, Jill Sawyer and Laura Lagrotteria, all 19, died in the accident.

The Chapel Street swing bridge was closed for repairs in August 1987, when it was locked in the open position to allow boats to pass.

City officials said police are continuing to investigate why the Public Works Department failed to respond to reports before the accident that one of the barriers had been moved.

Susan Whetstone, the city's chief administrative officer, insisted city workers could not have moved the safety barriers without "some kind of documentation" showing up in city files.

She acknowledged, however, that record keeping in the Public Works Department "is not great ... not as sophisticated as it should be." Reforms have been planned for months, she said.

Leonard Liss, a traffic engineer for the city, said crews with the Traffic and Parking Department made several repairs to warning lights since the bridge was closed. But workers don't recall moving the barriers, Liss said. And an initial review indicated that no repairs were made at the bridge location in the last two months, he said.

Whetstone said traffic crews do not have the equipment needed to move the massive barriers and would have had to request help from the public works department. No record of such a request has been found, she said.



OH CHRISTMAS TREE — Bob Matson, owner of the Nutcracker Christmas Shop in Bolton, stands next to his wooden, stenciled Christmas tree. The tree will be entered in the Festival of Trees at the Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hartford from Dec. 2 to 11.

## Jai alai season begins

BRIDGEPORT (AP) — Bridgeport Jai Alai opened on schedule for its 13th season, with an official declaring that fans of the sport don't care about the front's striking players.

A small line of picketing players greeted Sunday's crowd of 2,391, which placed more than \$300,000 in wagers, said fronton spokesman Bob Bestove.

Of the 41 players striking in an effort to have their union recognized, only one, Cruz, accepted an invitation to return to play, Bestove said.

"We had invited 22 of the strikers to join the replacements, which we felt was extremely magnanimous," said fronton general manager Paul Weintraub.

## Homeless man dies

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A group of children found the body of a 41-year-old homeless man behind a shed in the city's Hill section, police said.

Vladimir Kozalesky had been on the ground behind the shed for at least several hours Saturday afternoon, said Detective Lt. Melvin J. Wearing. There were no signs of foul play, he said.

At least four empty bottles of liquor were found next to Kozalesky's body and police speculated he died of a combination of alcohol poisoning and exposure.

Kozalesky's last known address was a Columbus Avenue shelter for the homeless.

# Older adults' group plans MCC courses

Registration is now being taken for the following intercession courses sponsored by the Manchester Community College Older Adult Association:

- Course 720 — Gentle Exercise — eight classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dec. 27 to Jan. 19, 1989, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Classes will be in the Fitness Center at the Manchester Community College lower campus. The instructor is Laura Dunfield, a recreation instructor for the town of Manchester; fee is \$25.
- Course 721 — Hatha Yoga — six classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, Dec. 30 to Jan. 20, 1989, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Classes will be in the Fitness Center at the lower campus of the college. The instructor is Madeline Calin-Silverstar, a town of Manchester recreation instructor; fee is \$25.
- Course 722 — Special Poetry Seminar for All Ages — four classes, once weekly on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Dec. 29 to Jan. 19, 1989. The instructor is John L. Stanitzl, poet in residence of the Middletown School system. Check Continuing Education Intercession Catalog for room assignment; fee is \$25.
- Course 723 — Advanced Intermediate Lotus. Classes will be on Jan. 10, 11 and 12, 1989, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The instructor is Joanne Lachowitz, a computer instructor at the college. The course includes instruction in LOTUS data base functions, printing techniques, file manipulation and basic macros. The prerequisite is Introduction to Lotus; fee is \$50.

For more information or to register, call Edna Schuetz at 647-6135 or the Continuing Education Division of the college at 647-6242.

## Scout News

**Boy Scout Troop 47**  
Boy Scout Troop 47, sponsored by the South United Methodist Church of Manchester, held its biannual Court of Awards on Oct. 4. The following awards were presented:

- SKILL AWARDS**  
Environment: Wayne Coulombe, Chris O'Hara, Michael Molchan, Eric Howarth, Scott Hurley, Jason Kozluk, Eric Wilson, John Lawrence, David White and Mark Nowen.
- HERIT BADGES**  
Counseling: George Silvo, Seth Egan, Michael Robertson, Scott Hurley, Jason Kozluk, Eric Wilson, John Lawrence, David White and Mark Nowen.
- ENVIRONMENT**  
Chris O'Hara, Michael Molchan, Eric Howarth, Scott Hurley, Jason Kozluk, Eric Wilson, John Lawrence, David White and Mark Nowen.
- ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**  
Andrew Zednik, Michael Robertson, George Silvo, Matt Longchamps, Jason Lawrence, Seth Egan, Scott Hurley, Jason Kozluk, Eric Wilson, John Lawrence, David White and Mark Nowen.

**HONOR CAMPERS**  
From Boy Scout summer camp: Ed Wilson and Tom Provencal.

**ADVANCING IN RANK**  
Tenderfoot: Eric Howarth, Joe Pivko.  
Second class: Wayne Coulombe, Mike Molchan, Chris O'Hara.  
First class: Mihiriel Nuwen.

**OFFICERS AND LEADERS**  
Junior assistant scoutmasters: David Currier, Rob Gullano, Ryan Paulakis, Tom Provencal, Jed Stanfield and Ed Wilson.  
Senior patrol leader: Jon Eastwood.  
Assistant patrol leader: George Silvo.  
Quartermasters: Mihiriel Nuwen and Mike Robertson.  
Scribe: Matt Longchamps.  
Treasurer: Mike Howarth.  
Librarians: Mark Nowen.

**PATROL LEADERSHIP**  
Leadership Corps: David White, patrol leader, and Jason Kozluk, assistant patrol leader.  
Slope Patrol: Andrew Zednik, patrol leader, and Mihiriel Nuwen, assistant patrol leader.  
Patrol Leader: Eric Wilson, patrol leader, and Chris O'Hara, assistant patrol leader.  
Roadrunners Patrol: Seth Egan, patrol leader, and Brendan McCaffrey, assistant patrol leader.

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# THE FRIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Logan Kydd, 14-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Kydd of New London, recalls in terror at the sight of Santa at the Crystal Mall in Waterford as his cousin, Mallory Kydd, 4, seems to enjoy the moment.



# UConn archivists find treasures in railroad's papers

By Dean Golembick  
The Associated Press

STORRS — Stored in neatly packed containers lined up end to end like boxcars in a crowded freight station are the untold stories of the New Haven Railroad.

No one is quite sure what secrets are hidden in the thousands of documents generated by the railroad before its demise in 1968, but scholars and rail enthusiasts will soon get their chance to uncover them when the material is made available to the public early next year at the University of Connecticut.

UConn acquired more than 2,000 boxes of railroad documents in 1979 and 1980, and for the past 18 months the school's archivists have sorted, analyzed and cataloged the material at the Wilbur Cross Library.

"It's one of the largest and probably one of the most nearly complete collections of railroad files in New England," said Rand J. Jenson, director of the historical manuscripts and archives division.

Jenson said no one on his staff is familiar with all the stories hidden in the documents. But he said it is certain that the documents tell the story of 150 years of railroading in Connecticut in overwhelming detail.

Also included is information on 300 other related railroads and transportation companies.

The New Haven Railroad was formed in 1827 with the merger of the New York & New Haven and the Hartford & New Haven railroads. These two companies had themselves been formed through the mergers of about 100 smaller railroads. The final merger created the major line between Boston and New York.

More mergers occurred for the railroad after it was acquired by financier J.P. Morgan and a band of New York investors.

After World War I, the railroad began its long history of financial problems. It filed for bankruptcy in 1935, only to emerge from receivership in 1947. But the company declared bankruptcy again in 1961, and in 1968 it became part of the short-lived Penn Central system.

The only gap in the documents occurs during the period when

# Early bird bills filed for '89 session

HARTFORD (AP) — The numbers game in the 1989 General Assembly has already begun. Although the session doesn't open until Jan. 4, 45 bills have been filed, 30 in the House and 15 in the Senate.

During the five-month session, as many as 5,000 bills will be filed. No more than 500 will likely become law.

As usual, Rep. Eugene A. Migliaro Jr., R-Wolcott, was the first to file bills for the next session. He was in the House clerk's office the day after Election Day and has filed so far:

- He's reintroduced a couple of his favorites: abolishing the state's auto emissions testing program, increasing tax breaks for veterans and pre-marital AIDS testing.
- Prohibit campaign contributions to legislators while the General Assembly is in session.
- Require criminal background checks for school-bus drivers.
- Require photographs on pistol and revolver permits.
- Exempt cars 5-years-old or older from the auto emissions testing program.
- Exempt cars less than 5-years-old from the auto emissions testing program.
- Have emissions testing done at gas stations, rather than state-run testing centers.
- Require stores to give manufacturer-offered rebates to a consumer at the time of purchase and then require the store to apply for the rebate from the manufacturer.
- Prohibit the awarding of state contracts to people or companies with poor worker-safety records.
- Exempt those 65 and older from the tax on capital gains, interest and dividends.
- Abolish the state Commission on Hospitals and Health Care.
- Abolish laws that set insurance reimbursement rates for specific surgical and other procedures at hospitals.
- Establish a testing program for octane levels in gasoline.

# Greenpeace boycott spreads in schools

HARTFORD (AP) — An environmental group seeking to pressure Iceland into stopping whale-hunting has convinced more than a dozen Connecticut school districts to join a boycott of fish imported from Iceland.

The Cambridge, Mass.-based environmental group Greenpeace launched the boycott in February to protest Iceland's hunting of whales and the sale of the meat to Japan.

Greenpeace has been seeking to convince businesses and schools in this country to stop purchasing fish from distributors who import Icelandic fish.

The effort began in Massachusetts, where 56 school districts have joined the boycott. The largest school system to join was Boston, which cancelled a contract worth \$250,000 a year, according to Greenpeace spokeswoman Lindsey Forbes.

Connecticut is the second state to be targeted by Greenpeace. At least 16 school districts in the state agreed to or were considering the boycott, although one school now plans to drop out.

Florence Crocimo, lunch director at Derby High School, said checking for suppliers not using Icelandic fish is "too time consuming."

"I'm not going to bother with it anymore," she said Wednesday, although she has not yet purchased any Icelandic fish this year.

Others involved are in the boycott are: Barkhamsted, Bethany, Brookfield, Colchester, Derby, Lebanon, North Stonington, Bolton, Putnam, Regional School Districts No. 10 in Burlington and No. 13 in Durham, Ridgefield and Stafford, according to Greenpeace. Two other school districts also have joined, but have asked Greenpeace not to make their decisions public, Forbes said.

Devlin said his schools would normally purchase about 4,000 pounds of Icelandic fish each year in the form of fish nuggets or breaded fish fillets. Gustafson is now buying Alaskan fish, which Devlin said is of slightly lower quality than the Icelandic fish.

"It's our policy to buy domestic when possible," he said.

Kathy Zartus, director of food services in Stafford, said students will still be able to buy fish sandwiches and other fish meals. She said her school district has found vendors who don't use Icelandic fish.

"I think it's a neat idea," she said of the boycott. "We do have to preserve our environment."

Greenpeace has contacted

# Early bird bills filed for '89 session

Rep. Mae S. Schmidt, R-Newtown, wants a law requiring legislative committee approval before a correctional facility is placed in any town. Her town was picked this year as a site for a 400-bed jail, a decision that has enraged many Newtown citizens.

She also wants a requirement that a public hearing be held in the town selected for such projects.

Other bills filed so far would:

- Permit the death penalty for murdering a child under the age of 12.
- Require sexual assault suspects to undergo AIDS testing at the victim's request.
- Prohibit campaign contributions to legislators while the General Assembly is in session.
- Require criminal background checks for school-bus drivers.
- Require photographs on pistol and revolver permits.
- Exempt cars 5-years-old or older from

# Greenpeace boycott spreads in schools

buying about 25 percent of Iceland's fish exports, she said.

Some businesses also have decided to trim their use of Icelandic fish. Burger King recently announced it would reduce its use of Icelandic fish by 20 percent, while the Long John Silver's chain of restaurants cancelled a \$9 million contract for the fish, Forbes said.

The university applied for and received an \$83,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to organize the material.

# Woman charged in E.H. shooting

EAST HARTFORD (AP) — An East Hartford woman was charged in Superior Court today on charges stemming from the shooting of a Hartford Courant circulation manager who was helping two newspaper carriers collect from subscribers.

Susan Bergeron was arrested about 10:30 a.m. Saturday after a door-to-door search and charged with two counts of attempted murder in Friday's shooting, police said.

Bergeron was being held in lieu of \$200,000 bond for arraignment today in Superior Court in Manchester.

Neighbors were evacuated before Bergeron, whose age was not available, was taken into custody. She surrendered without incident, police said.

Police declined comment on a possible motive but had said previously that neither the victim nor the two paperboys knew the assailant.

Owen D. Walker, 25, of Hartford and one of the carriers were seated in a company station wagon about 2:15 p.m. Friday when a woman drove up, got out of her car, fired at them and drove off in a beige or yellow car, police and witnesses said. The second carrier witnessed the incident from a few feet away.

Walker was listed in good condition at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford on Sunday, hospital officials said. Both carriers escaped unharmed.

"It does not appear to be a domestic situation nor a robbery," Sgt. Robert Rioux said Friday.

# Official rules overwork killed New Haven judge

NEW HAVEN (AP) — A workers' compensation commissioner has awarded \$21,000 a year to the widow of a Superior Court judge who died of a heart attack, ruling that the judge died of overwork and stress from his numerous state tasks.

Commissioner Rhoda Loeb ruled recently that Judge Frank J. Kinney's fatal heart attack two years ago was caused by stress and overwork from the legion of jobs he performed for the state Judicial Department.

She described Kinney as "the epitome of the work ethic."

"I would rather have my husband than the money," said Kinney's wife, Joan.

"That means nothing to me... He was a very self-sacrificing person, and we always got along on very little."

"We looked forward to the time when he would retire and we would be able to do things together, but it never worked out that way," she said. "So what do I care about the money?"

Kinney, who served 14 years on the bench, suffered a fatal heart attack in September 1986 while at home. He was 54. He and his wife had just finished picking strawberries.

At the time of his death, Kinney served as presiding criminal judge and administrative judge for the New Haven Judicial District, administrative judge for state criminal courts, chairman of a panel on

grand juries and chairman of a commission on alternative sentencing.

Chief Court Administrator Aaron Ment, a witness at the compensation hearing, said that after Kinney's death, it was decided that no one judge would ever again be asked to assume so many jobs for the department.

Loeb's ruling marked the first time in Connecticut history that a judge was found entitled to benefits under the Workers' Compensation Law, said Brewster Black, all, the assistant state attorney general who opposed the claim.

The state, which is appealing, had argued that judges are appointed officials who do not fit the compensation law's definition of employees.

It could not be determined whether there are other cases in which survivors have sued over a stress-related death.

Kinney's "employment had become extremely stressful in the several years preceding his death, and this resulted in chronic stress for him, and this stress from his employment produced the heart attack" which caused his death," Loeb said.

Loeb awarded Mrs. Kinney a stipend of \$408 a week for life, retroactive to her husband's death. She was already receiving \$20,000 a year from her husband's pension benefits.

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# NATION & WORLD



**DENIED ENTRY —** PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat adjusts his glasses as he addresses the United Nations 29th General Assembly in 1974. Arafat's request for a visa to address the U.N. session Dec. 1 was rejected, and Arab nations announced an effort to move the session to Geneva.

## League to call session in Geneva

By Peter James Spielmann  
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Arab diplomats say they have enough votes for an unprecedented measure to convene a session of the General Assembly in Geneva so PLO chief Yasser Arafat can address the world body on the Palestinian issue.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar accused the United States on Sunday of violating its U.N. treaty by refusing to issue a U.S. visa to Arafat to speak to the General Assembly.

The Arab Group of U.N. member states planned to meet today to recommend holding the session in Geneva.

The State Department denied a visa to the Arafat on Saturday, saying the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman "knows of, condones and lends support to" terrorist attacks.

President Reagan lauded the decision, saying, "I think the other way would have sent out the wrong signal — that we are paties."

Reaction from other nations was largely negative. Arafat has not commented on the decision.

Speaking today on CBS "This Morning," a member of the PLO delegation at the United Nations called the U.S. charges of terrorism "nonsense."

"It is not serious... because he cannot substantiate his allegations," said the PLO official, Hassan Rahman.

Perez de Cuellar said the move to deny Arafat a visa violates the 1947 agreement under which the United States promises not to interfere in U.N. matters.

"Such a decision is incompatible with the obligations of the host country under the Headquarters Agreement," he said in a statement read by U.N. spokesman Francois Giuliani. "If maintained, this action is likely to complicate and render more difficult the further debates on the question of Palestine and the situation in the Middle East."

A nearly one-year Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip has left more than 300 Palestinians and 11 Israelis dead.

Denying Arafat a forum "would be unfortunate at a time when, in the view of the secretary-general, the recent meeting of the Palestine National Council in Algiers provides fresh opportunities for progress towards peace in the Middle East," Giuliani said.

The policy-making Palestine National Council, the PLO parliament-in-exile, proclaimed an independent Palestinian state during its meeting in Algiers on Nov. 15. More than 30 countries, most of them Arab, have formally recognized the state.

The Palestine homeland proclamation implicitly recognized Israel by endorsing a U.N. resolution that guarantees all Middle East states the right to exist in peace. It promised to restrict guerrilla activity.

Barkeshli on Sunday said "a major divergence from OPEC resolutions so far" and could "totally sabotage the agreement."

"Iran is not going to accept this type of resolution," he said.

Barkeshli said that among OPEC's 13 members, Algeria, Nigeria and Libya also opposed changing the \$18 benchmark.

The non-aligned group in the U.N. has 101 of the 159 voting members in the General Assembly. The PLO has non-voting observer status.

Approval to move the U.N. session to Geneva would require a simple majority of the 159. The members have regularly approved Palestinian-backed resolutions by an overwhelming majority.

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## Reagan defends denying Arafat visa

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan says PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat was denied permission to enter the United States because the administration could not risk showing the world that "we were paties" to terrorism.

Reagan said Sunday that he agreed "very much" with Secretary of State George P. Shultz's decision that Arafat should not be granted entrance to the United States because of the U.S. belief that the PLO supports terrorism.

Arafat sought an entry visa to address the U.N. General Assembly Dec. 1-2 on the Palestinian issue. In the wake of the U.S. refusal to admit him to this country, Arafat has urged that the General Assembly move its Palestinian session to Geneva, Switzerland, and U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar accused the United States of violating its U.N. treaty.

The U.S. decision has been assailed by Arab groups. But all three Democrats seeking the top party leadership post in the Senate offered their support. A spokesman for President-elect George Bush said Bush had not been

consulted in advance of the weekend State Department announcement.

Boarding Air Force One as he headed back to Washington after a six-day vacation at his California mountain retreat, Reagan stressed that the decision whether to admit Arafat was "in the province of the secretary of state" under U.S. law.

In rejecting Arafat's request Saturday, Shultz said he could not waive a legal provision that rules ineligible for a visa any person considered by the United States to be a threat to its security.

"No participant in a peace process can wave the flag of justice in one hand and brandish the weapons of terrorism in the other," the State Department said in a weekend statement.

Arafat last addressed the United Nations in 1974.

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## Gorbachev: Unrest menace to reform

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said ethnic strife is threatening his program of economic and social reforms, and he said restructuring is the cure for the violence, not the cause.

Gorbachev was reacting to a wave of nationalist unrest that has swept across the country from the Baltic republics in the northwest to the Caucasus in the southeast.

He said in a speech broadcast on state television Sunday that "nationalists are being made to kindly dislike in the interethnic sphere."

"This would be disastrous. It would put perestroika in jeopardy," he said, referring to his reform campaign. "It would even make some people think that it is, perhaps, perestroika that is to blame for all that is not known whether it is the cure for the violence, not the cause."

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Supreme Soviet, the nation's top executive body.

Saturday's session of the Presidium struck down an Estonian declaration of limited sovereignty made earlier this month, official media reported. Estonia declared then that it had the right to veto Soviet laws.

Official media said Gorbachev acknowledged before the Presidium that national constitutional amendments he has proposed may have angered Estonians and others by curtailing local rule.

But his remarks Saturday also carried a veiled warning. "I must say we receive a great number of letters from working people in every republic with remarks that

we are at times too tolerant with regard to extremists," Gorbachev said.

In Azerbaijan on Sunday, two Communist Party officials were reported fired.

Soviet newspapers charged that local authorities were not helping soldiers halt the ethnic violence in the republic.

Rallies of up to 500,000 people were reported Sunday in Baku, the republic's capital.

The military newspaper Red Star said local officials are not helping troops trying to keep the clashing Azerbaijanis and Armenians apart in the Azerbaijani city of Khozand.

At least seven people were killed and 160 injured in Kirovabad in last week's violence between the mainly Christian Armenians and Muslim Azerbaijanis, reports have said.

## Government revamping considered

MOSCOW (AP) — The Central Committee, the policy-making body of the ruling Communist Party, convened today to consider proposals for revamping the central government's relationship to the 15 Soviet republics.

Critics say such revisions, which come after weeks of controversy over proposed constitutional amendments, would concentrate too much power in the Kremlin.

The official news agency Tass said today that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev was delivering a report to the 300-member body,

but gave no further details.

The Central Committee meeting, known as a plenum, is a prelude to Tuesday's meeting of the Supreme Soviet, or parliament, but it is not known whether it will take up the issue of ethnic unrest now sweeping the southern republics of Azerbaijan and Armenia. At least six people died in protests there last week.

The news agency said the party meeting is considering "measures to effect political reform in state development," but made no mention of the unease in the Caucasus.

The proposed constitutional changes have stirred controversy particularly in the Baltics, where the Estonian parliament on Nov. 16 declared the republic "sovereign" and claimed authority to conduct its own business except in regard to foreign policy and defense.

The parliaments in neighboring Lithuania and Latvia stopped short of approving similar measures, but activists there oppose more centralized power and are agitating for defeat of the constitutional changes.

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# NATION & WORLD

## Mission countdown begins

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The countdown began today for Thursday's launch of shuttle Atlantis, which will carry five astronauts and a secret satellite that reportedly will gather military intelligence over the Soviet Union.

The clock began ticking at 12:01 a.m. EST as NASA test director Jerry Crute issued the traditional "call to stations" that assembled more than 100 controllers at computer consoles in the launch control center four miles from the launch pad.

The call also was a signal for workers at the pad to begin servicing Atlantis' engines and removing work platforms from the base of the space ship.

"We're pressing on; the countdown has started," said George Diller, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman.

## Pressures are mounting

JERUSALEM (AP) — The near-collapse of Israel's largest industrial conglomerate, owned by the Histadrut labor federation, has forced a rethinking of the pioneering socialism on which the nation's economy was built.

Koor Industries, with annual sales of more than \$2 billion, controls 150 firms and employs 27,000 people making products ranging from high-technology electronics to tires, fruit juice and refrigerators.

Koor lost \$250 million last year. In October, it defaulted on a \$20 million loan from New York Bankers Trust Co., and the bank demanded its liquidation.

## Blind need not apply

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department, after a decade of accepting foreign service job applications from blind people, has ruled that "diplomacy is not a suitable profession for them."

The decision was a disappointment to Avraham Rabby, who has passed five State Department entrance examinations since 1985 and has other credentials that normally would make him an ideal candidate for a diplomatic career.

"I am absolutely outraged," Rabby said in a telephone interview after the State Department informed him that blind people no longer will be permitted to take entrance examinations in Braille or to use outside help.

## Hundreds killed in crashes

CHICAGO (AP) — Traffic accidents killed more than 400 people on the nation's highways during the four-day Thanksgiving weekend.

A preliminary count put the number of deaths at 415 nationwide.

The National Safety Council had estimated that between 450 and 550 motorists could lose their lives during the period, from 6 p.m. Wednesday to midnight Sunday local time.

During a similar non-holiday period at this time of year, 390 traffic deaths could be expected, council statisticians said.

## Pentagon plans incentives

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon, struggling to keep military doctors from quitting for better money elsewhere, soon will establish a hefty bonus system under which some surgeons could earn \$12,250 a year while in uniform.

Under the program, which takes effect Jan. 1, physicians with critical skills now in short supply — such as surgeons — can boost their salaries by up to \$20,000 a year if they agree to re-enlist for four years.

## Government is stable

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corason Aquino said today her government was stable despite the military called a failed bid over the weekend to duplicate the mass uprising that toppled Ferdinand Marcos. Col. Manuel Oxtales, deputy chief of the National Capital Region Defense Command, said troops and police blocked convicts late Saturday carrying about 1,000 civilians into Manila. He speculated many were supporters of Marcos, now in exile in Hawaii.

# Quayle as drug czar? Poll finds lot of doubt

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans want military patrols and a crackdown on users to combat illegal drugs, but many doubt the choice of Vice President-elect Dan Quayle to run the effort, a Media General-Associated Press poll has found.

Although George Bush made a campaign pledge to put his running mate in charge of the fight against drugs, only 32 percent of the 1,084 adults surveyed said Quayle was the right man for the job.

As many weren't sure about the selection, and 28 percent said Quayle was not the right choice to lead the drug war, Republicans were more supportive of Quayle, but fewer than half of them backed him as drug czar.

"We're pressing on; the countdown has started," said George Diller, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman.

## Church-goers

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## Official sees Medicare savings without cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The doctor who now oversees the nation's Medicare program and who may play a role in the next administration says he sees no need for cuts in Medicare benefits.

William Roper, the vice president of the health care policy adviser during the campaign.

Prior to the election, Steelman offered one example of a Bush's so-called "flexible freeze" on federal spending might affect Medicare. Given the spiraling cost of health care in general, he said, Medicare might grow by 8 percent while other programs were held below the general inflation rate.

In last week's interview, Roper threw out the same hypothetical figure to illustrate possible spending for Part B, the portion of Medicare that pays doctor bills and has been growing at about 15 percent a year.

What the idea of saying in 1989 we're going to spend what we spent this year plus 8 percent and that's all we're going to spend," he said. "That's all there is. There ain't no more."

Whatever the final approach, both Democratic and Republican health experts in Congress agree that Part B is ripe for scrutiny if only because of its headlong growth.

Despite widespread criticism that Reagan administration cuts in Medicare spending threatened the welfare of the nearly 32 million elderly and disabled Americans covered by the program, the thrust of the approach has been to cut into the profits of providers such as hospitals rather than reducing benefits.

Roper, the first physician to head the Medicare program, acknowledges that the next target will be doctor fees.

## Byrd, stepping down, defends Senate schedule

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the 55 Democratic senators meet Tuesday to elect a new leader, one of the things they'll be looking to improve is the supposedly poor "quality of life" in the U.S. Senate.

Don't count on it, says the outgoing majority leader, Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia. Addressing complaints from some senators that, under his leadership, the Senate met too often and too long into the night, Byrd responded: "I believe first in the quality of work. We can't operate on a punch-the-clock basis. I did that once when I was a welder in a shipyard."

At age 71, Byrd is winding up 12 years as a leader of Senate Democrats, including six years as majority leader. His replacement will be elected in a secret vote by the 55 Democratic senators who will take their place in the 101st Congress next January.

Senators being courted for their votes often tell the three candidates they want a leader who will improve the quality of life in the Senate. By that, they mean fewer long evening sessions and erratic schedules that often keep younger men away from their families and Western state senators away from their home bases.

"A majority leader doesn't have many options," Byrd said in a recent interview. "He has the

responsibility to get a legislative program in action and to meet the needs of the nation. One can't adjust the needs of the nation to one's comfort."

Byrd, displaying a 1988 Senate calendar, said the Senate met for 137 days this year. "That's a quality of life that's not too bad. I don't know how much one can improve on that," he said.

The three who would try are Daniel Quayle of Hawaii, Bennett Johnston of Louisiana and George Mitchell of Maine.

There's no predicting how the voting will go in the secret balloting.

"I think no one, candidates included, has the faintest idea of my winning," said Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill., who has previously spoken of the need to improve the "quality of life."

Inouye is the oldest and most experienced Senate candidate. At age 84, he has served in the Senate since 1982, on the Watergate committee during the collapse of the Nixon administration and most recently as co-chairman of the Iran-Contra investigating committee.

Johnston, 56 and a three-term senator, has been pushing hard for the job for years.

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# OPINION

## Jail release program is needed now

The exchange of criticisms between Gov. William O'Neill and two Republican representatives speaking on behalf of the Republican House leadership over the early release of a prisoner convicted of manslaughter signals the start of new conflict in the General Assembly.

The question figured prominently in recent election campaigns, both on the national level and in Connecticut, where many Republicans charged their Democratic opponents with being soft on crime and exposing citizens to peril from prisoners set free to commit new crimes.

The early release program is far from perfect and never will be perfect as long as human beings are making the judgments about which prisoners should be released. But the program is necessary, both as a means of effecting good corrections practices and freeing space in crowded prisons.

According to William H. Carbone, chairman of the state's Commission on Prison and Jail Overcrowding, 89 percent of the inmates in the early release program successfully complete their terms.

Perhaps changes in the terms of the program could increase that percentage and make Connecticut a safer place.

The General Assembly must address that problem in the coming session, and it would help if the legislators and the administration put aside political recriminations in the process of making the improvements.

But as long as the state has less space in prisons than it needs to house the prisoners who should be kept behind bars, no system will really work well.

The state has to spend money to build new prisons and it has to locate them somewhere. Just as there is no perfect prisoner release program, there is no perfect location for a prison.

## Can Bush keep his promise not to raise taxes?

By John Cunniff

**NEW YORK** — The pressure to force George Bush to renege on his promise not to raise taxes began months ago, but it turned fierce within hours of his election as president. He must go back on his word, they said.

"They" can be just about anyone, so diverse is the "they" group. It includes financial leaders and labor leaders, tight-fisted Republicans and liberal Democrats, conservative and ultra-liberal economists.

So uniform is the cry it would seem to leave Bush with no options, but it isn't so. He has several of them.

Most cynical of them is to give in and then blame Congress to fight a battle worthy of his promise knowing that in the end he will submit and, while still denouncing higher taxes, allow them to be imposed.

Another is only slightly less cynical, but it has been used over and over in recent years. It is a creative technique,



## Giving thanks for the soft life

By Sarah Overstreet

This year I was struck by how appropriate it seems to have Veterans Day and Thanksgiving in the same month.

The two holidays always call forth many of the same feelings, but I'd never noticed the similarity until this year, when preparations for ABC's "War and Remembrance" stretched Veterans Day into a month-long affair for me.

I am a reporter at an ABC affiliate, and sit right next to the reporter assigned to do a local companion piece to the national epic. During my reporting career in this city, I've interviewed some of the same war veterans. Holocaust survivors and resistance fighters my colleagues interviewed over the last month, and he and I talked often about what we'd learned from them.

Some of the lessons we shared: others were more personal. He seemed to be most affected by the amazing, malleable human essence that could carry someone through a Bataan, a Buchenwald, or a burning B-52 and the 36 plastic surgeries that followed.

I was most affected by the knowledge that if I had any of that essence at all how little of it had been tapped — how much I hoped it would never be.

Which, I guess, brings me to Thanksgiving. Since I have been able to appreciate hardships and tragedy only to an extent — and I calculate that beginning with my mother's tragic and unexpected death 12 years ago, because I had been pretty insulated before that — Thanksgiving has always set me thinking how soft my life has been compared to so many others.

I'm not sure why the holiday has touched me in that way since her death, except that since then I've felt that for many of us there comes a time when the veil is lifted, and we see for the first time the extent to which life can go wrong. Maybe it's not until we acquire that perspective that we can appreciate the good fortune of life gone right.

War, death and sacrifice always make me thankful for the need not to have to sacrifice. I look at the hardships others went through, and feel darn lucky.

And I think how all their hard work paid off: I, and all the rest of the descendants for whom they fought in wars, marked their way through schools and

saved their money, have the foot up on life they hoped we'd have.

I used to think my father would have begrudged me the life I have now. If he'd lived to see me have it, he was forever telling me how bad his life was when he was a kid and a young adult, how I never appreciated what I had, and so on. If he could see me now, if he could see how he managed to give me the life he never had, I don't think he'd begrudge me a moment of it. He'd see his thoughts and dreams bear fruit, finally. I wish some of this could have been his. I'm glad it's mine.

I have no children, and I wonder how being born to this lucky generation I belong to will affect kids born to my generation.

If my peers do the job our parents did with us, I don't need to worry. But if I could wish anything for them in a month when I am so filled with a sense of history and appreciation, it would be that they, too, may enjoy a "soft" life — one where they will understand how lucky they are, without watching another generation go through a Bataan death march, a Buchenwald, a Tet offensive — and without going through it themselves.

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## Shrinking shrines to presidents

By Richard L. Verna

**WASHINGTON** — When the last construction trucks rumble away from President Reagan's library in about three years they will leave behind perhaps the last of the epic-scale shrines to a former White House occupant.

Reagan broke ground for his library last week and the cornerstone ceremony will break ground for his library, a comparatively smaller structure, this week.

Presidential libraries are built with private funds and presented as gifts to the United States, but Congress has clamped down on this largess, saying the government can't afford to take care of them.

It now costs about \$15 million annually and requires more than 200 people to take care of the eight presidential libraries currently in use, according to the National Archives, which serves as custodian of the libraries.

As presidents leave office, they want to leave behind something about themselves that scholars can examine and tourists can visit.

This practice, which began with Franklin Roosevelt, is an improvement over the tradition started by George Washington, who took his papers home with him when he left the government. He kept some, lost some and gave some away.

Roosevelt wanted his record preserved, and after the government took possession of his presidential library in Hyde Park, N.Y., he started sending over the old files from the White House during the final five years of his presidency.

The idea caught on. Harry Truman built his library in Independence, Mo., in 1957. Dwight Eisenhower's in Abilene, Kan., was completed in 1961 and Herbert Hoover's library in West Branch, Iowa, was finished in 1962. They were followed by Lyndon Johnson's library in Austin, Texas, in 1971; John Kennedy's library in Boston in 1979; Gerald Ford's library in Ann Arbor, Mich., (and a separate museum in Grand Rapids) in 1980; and Jimmy Carter's library in Atlanta in 1980.

But over time, the desire to preserve the historical record gave way to an urge to preserve the grandeur of the White House years.

"Today's system makes each president try to outdo his predecessor and you end up with huge marble pyramids more fitting as monuments to the pharaohs," Sen. Linton Bales, D-Fla., complained two years ago when he sponsored a bill to limit the size of presidential libraries.

Lot of people use the word "pyramid" to describe the eight-story, angular Johnson library on the campus of the University of Texas. Visitors to the library are greeted by five stories of glass, behind which are the rows of gold-trimmed, leather-bound boxes containing the papers of the Johnson presidency and his other years in public service.

Blasted into the stone above the door is a five-story presidential seal. Speaking at the dedication of the library, Johnson said: "There is no record of a mistake, nothing critical, ugly, or unpleasant that is not included in the files here."

Therein lies the true purpose of Johnson's library and those of the other presidents, whose memoirs tend not to add to the historical record as much as they lay out the arguments for their decisions.

Material preserved in these libraries, for example, led to the discovery that Richard Nixon was not alone in wanting to have his conversations secretly recorded.

Hoover used a stenographer to listen in on his phone calls with Roosevelt, who then was the president-elect. Roosevelt later had a taping device planted to record Oval Office discussions and so did Kennedy.

Roosevelt's "day of infamy" speech, the copy he held in his hands as he asked Congress for a declaration of war, was found just four years ago in a box of papers where it didn't belong.

It may not add much to history, but it's nice to have.

Congress recognized the importance of presidential records in 1978 with a law declaring that the papers belong to the government, not to the president.

But it also recognized the tendency that Chile saw and now limits presidential libraries to a single building of not more than 70,000 square feet.

Although Reagan signed the bill limiting the size of presidential libraries, he was exempted from the law's requirements.

# SCIENCE & HEALTH

## Teddy bear helps infants breathe

By Brent Laymon  
The Associated Press

**STORRS** — When 2-month-old Vito Colucci snuggles up to the baby-blue teddy bear in his incubator, he's getting more than creature comfort.

The baby, born 13 weeks premature weighing less than 2 pounds, is also learning how to breathe, according to a University of Connecticut scientist.

The hand-sewn, sheepskin bear — the baby's inlets at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington has a balloon in its abdomen that's connected to a mechanical air pump, so the bear mimics the deep, gentle inhaling and exhaling of a healthy, sleeping person.

A research project now underway at UConn and St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford has shown that the bears can help regulate breathing by inducing deep quiet sleep in premature infants, who frequently suffer respiratory disorders, said Evelyn Thoman, the behavioralist who designed the project.

"This is a stimulation that I call biologically relevant," Thoman said recently in an interview at UConn's Storrs campus. "It's sort of like having a companion to sleep with. It's breathing. Just like mummy and daddy." Those without a surrogate died.

Thoman came up with the idea of a breathing bear for premature infants about 15 years ago, when she was conducting experiments on rat pups deprived of their mothers. Those given a surrogate mother — a warm, moist pulsating tube — survive. Those without a surrogate died.

Thoman also theorizes that the bears may calm colicky babies.

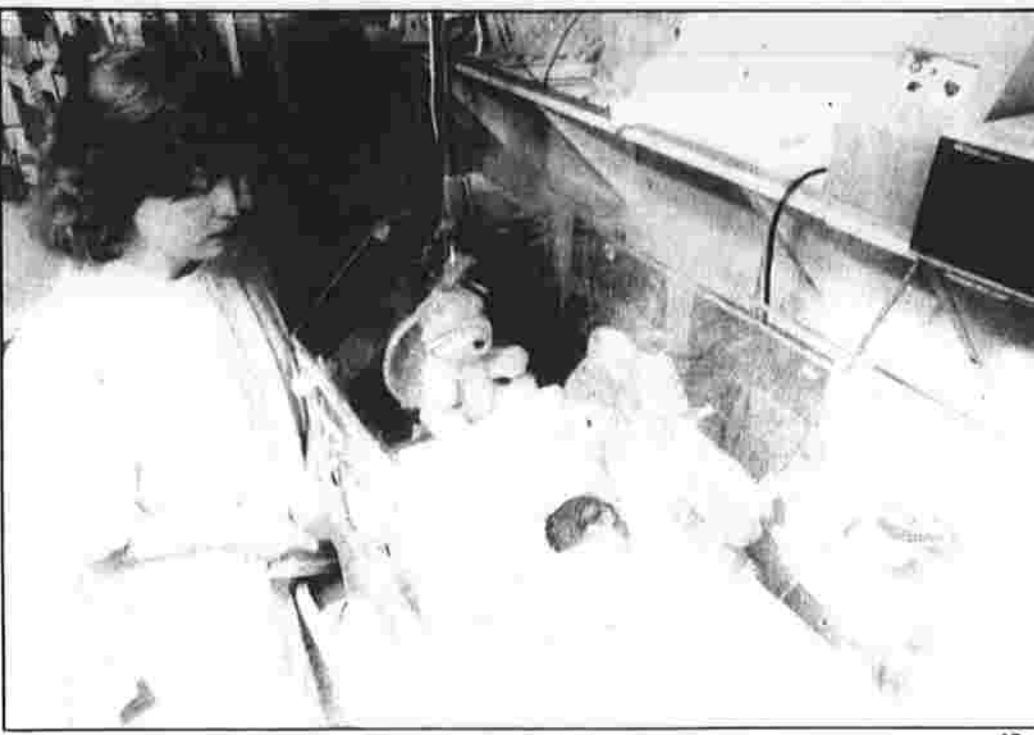
That could mean there's a commercial market for the bears among new parents.

She is working with Harvard Apparatus Inc. in South Natick, Mass., the bio-science company that developed the pump, to mass produce the bears and sell them commercially.

That's probably a year away, mostly because of difficulties mass-producing the sheepskin bears, said Patricia Grindle, assistant to company president Paul Grindle.

Thoman, whose office walls are crowded with pictures of hundreds of babies who have taken part in her experiments during the last 15 years, theorizes that besides getting the infants' lungs working properly, the breathing bear also stimulates brain development.

Doctors have known for years



**BREATHING BEARS** — Dorothy Hurley, a graduate student at the University of Connecticut, stands next to the incubator of Vito Colucci at the UConn Health Center in Farmington. The infant is participating in an experiment to show that special breathing bears can help regulate breathing in premature infants.



**DEEP FREEZE** — Bruce Norian, co-founder of Applied Cryogenics Inc. in Newton, Mass., shows off one of the company's deep freezers. The 2-year-old company hardens industrial tools to lengthen their lives, and experimenting has also produced golf balls that fly farther and violin strings that stay in tune longer.

## Freezing improves tools, violin strings

**NEWTON, Mass. (AP)** — A company that claims to lengthen the life of machine tools by freezing them says the technique also improves the tone of musical instruments, makes golf balls fly farther and keeps nylon from running.

"Our primary source of business is to harden steel tools. But since we have these refrigerators, we tend to throw anything in there that fits," said Jeffrey Levine, who co-founded Applied Cryogenics Inc. in this Boston suburb.

Levine and his partner, Bruce Norian, started their two-man operation in 1986 and have built a \$250,000-a-year business freezing machine tools and selling cryogenic equipment.

The process, first tried in Michigan in 1986, relieves stress in metal, which reduces wear and extends the life of machine tools, the two men say. In 80 percent of cases, the process increases the life of a tool by two to five times, Levine said.

"This is a serious business. We could save big bucks on the grass if we had more than one person give them a golf pro, tell him to whack them as far as you can and the six cryogenically treated balls go 30 yards farther."

Norian, an amateur violinist, happened to bring a replacement set of strings to work one day. There was room in the company's barrel-shaped freezer, so he threw in the strings.

As part of the cryogenic process, the strings and other items were chilled to minus 300 degrees Fahrenheit and raised back to room temperature over a period of about 50 hours.

Later, when Norian tuned the new strings on the instrument, he found it sounded brighter in pitch and stayed in tune longer, he said. The strings also lasted longer after freezing, he said.

Norian also cryogenically treated a set of piano strings for a neighbor who was having a 100-year-old Steinway concert grand rebuilt.

Kathleen Allen, a piano technician at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who worked on the instrument, said she was amazed by the results.

"I know the instrument has been getting solid, steady usage. That alone should take it out of tune and it's not," she said. "And that's strange."

Norian and Levine hope to capitalize on their discovery by marketing cryogenically treated guitar, violin, viola and piano strings.

The two aren't alone. Amery



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**National Institute of Child Health and Human Development** for a three-year study that runs until May. Thoman and her research assistants monitor how the babies respond to the bears through time-lapse photography.

The bear experiment is based partly on the physics principle of entrainment, which holds that all pulsating or heating objects animate and inanimate, tend to match the rhythms of nearby objects.

The phenomenon explains why a half dozen grandfather clocks on the same wall, all beating at different tempos, will eventually synchronize, Thoman said.

But researchers dispute Richards' claim that AIDS virus carriers run a significant risk of developing AIDS dementia, particularly to a degree that would impair their job performance.

They say too little is known about AIDS dementia to begin regulating it in the workplace.

Only a tiny minority of carriers who haven't developed other symptoms of AIDS show signs of dementia, said Bill Bailey, AIDS policy officer at the American Psychological Association in Washington, D.C.

He added that Richards' proposal is "running the risk of discriminating against one population group unduly."

AIDS dementia was recognized last year by the national Centers for Disease Control as a formal diagnosis for AIDS. It can strike

people who carry the AIDS virus, also known as HIV, leading to memory loss, impaired motor functions and other mental and behavioral problems. AIDS dementia is comparable to other progressive neurological diseases like Huntington's and Parkinson's, researchers say.

It is most common among people who have developed AIDS, they say, and studies show up to 50 percent of people who die of complications from AIDS show symptoms of dementia.

Richards stressed that little or no danger of spreading AIDS in the workplace exists. But, he said, advanced AIDS dementia can make people unfit for certain jobs just as diabetes, epilepsy or back injuries can be grounds for denying someone a particular job.

He recommended that employers "routinely" screen employees and job applicants for evidence of HIV infection."



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## Open Forum

### Who is concerned with unborn rights?

To the Editor:

The pro-abortionists are concerned about the "rights" of pregnant women. Who is concerned about the "rights" of the unborn baby?

At the moment of conception a human life is formed. Did you know the following about an 11- to 12-week pre-born baby:

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- All body systems are working;
- Weights about 1 ounce and is 2 1/2 to 3 inches long;
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testing, counseling, placement services, doctor referrals, and pre-natal and post-natal assistance. All of our services are free.

Carrying a baby to term does not condemn a pregnant teen-ager or any pregnant woman to life of poverty, and/or abuse. As Lynne Axiak pointed out there are many fine child development centers that charge on a sliding scale basis. Many times families are supportive and welcome the baby in their lives. This is if the woman chooses to parent.

She can also choose to place the baby for adoption. Over 1.5 million babies are killed per year in America alone. And over 4 million couples have waiting lists to adopt a baby. There are even waiting lists for handicapped babies.

Our services at New Life include counseling women after they have had an abortion. These women have not only suffered physical trauma but face a lifetime of psychological and emotional suffering as well. Ask any member of WEBA (Women Exploited by Abortion).

### Letters to the editor

The Manchester Herald welcomes original letters to the editor. Letters should be brief and to the point. They should be typed or neatly handwritten, and for ease in editing, should be double-spaced. Letters must be signed with name, address and daytime telephone number (for verification).

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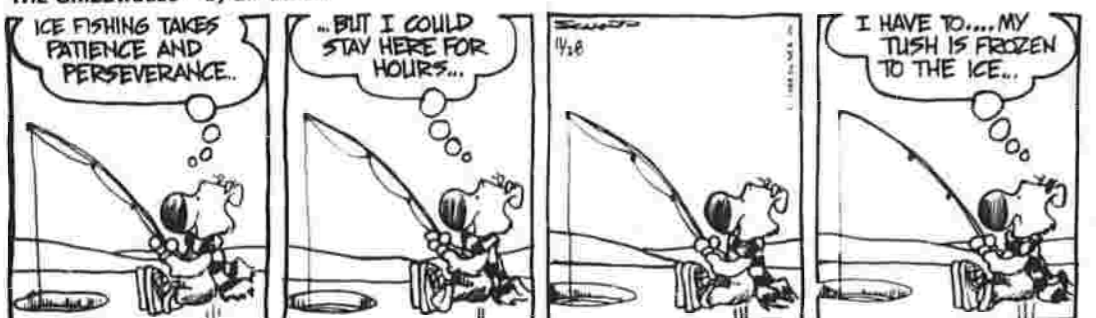
WHAT A GUY BY ERIN



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BRIDGE

A shortage of entries

By James Jacoby

A common way to develop tricks is to set up a side-suit, but care frequently has to be taken to do it in the right way. This week we will look at some successful strategies.

WEST EAST

975 10 64

9862 7 54

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10 98 7 54

10 43 9 10 63

9 9

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: South

West North East South

Pass 3NT Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

he needed was nine tricks. What should he have done? Suppose that he had overtaken the second diamond honor from his hand with dummy's ace. Because East had the doubleton jack, he could now lead the nine of diamonds from dummy. That would force out the 10, later the eight would swallow up the seven, and the remaining small card would be a winner. And what if overtaking the second diamond honor did not draw the jack or 10 from either defender? Declarer would still play another round of diamonds and hope for a 3-3 split. By playing in this fashion, declarer sacrifices an overtrick at times but gives himself a better overall chance of making the contract. He succeeds whenever the diamonds split 3-3, or whenever the jack or the 10 is doubleton in either defender's hand.

BNAFU by Bruce Beattie



"I paid a deposit for an alarm system so I wouldn't get robbed... The company's skipped town..."

KIT N' CARLYLE by Larry Wright



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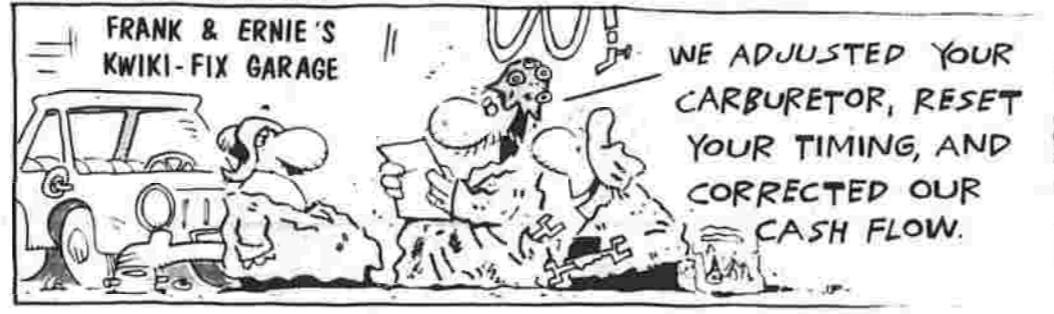
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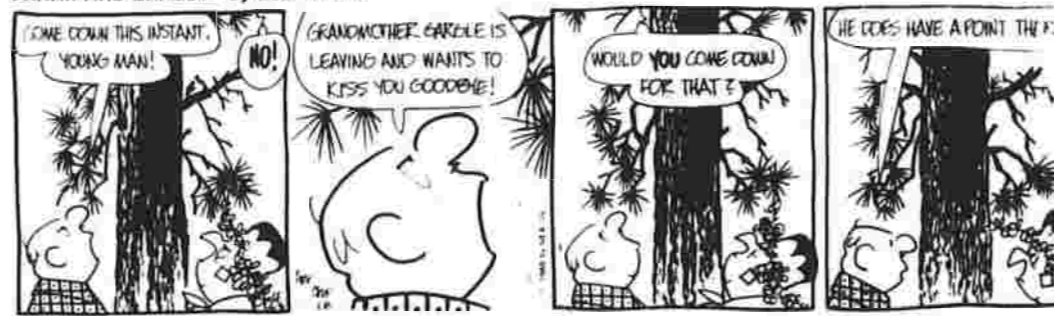
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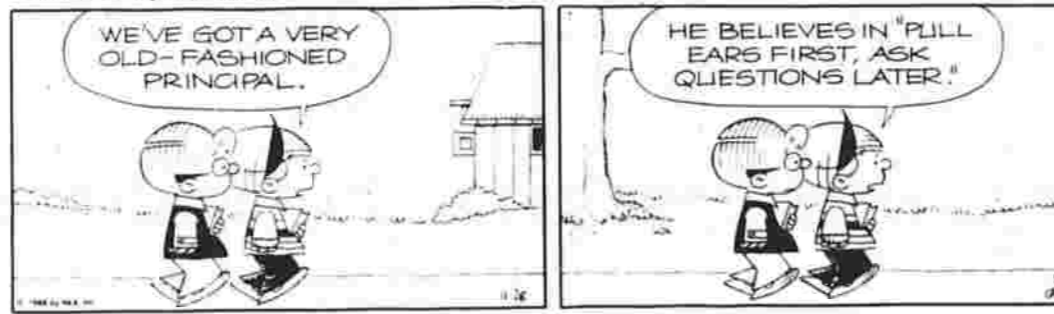
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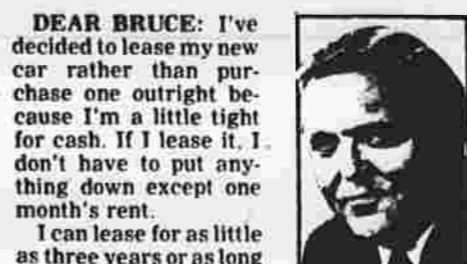
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CHUBB AND CHANCEY by Vance Rodewald



FOCUS/Advice Don't lease a car for more than 3 years



Smart Money Bruce Williams

DEAR BRUCE: I've decided to lease my new car rather than purchase one outright because I'm a little tight for cash. If I lease it, I don't have to put anything down except one month's rent.

DEAR T.C.: While I have no desire to cause a family problem, I think you should listen to your wife's advice. Let's examine what you are doing. You are entering into a contract to lease a car for five years.

for the excess mileage, in this case 100,000 miles, over and above the normal lease.

When I was working, it was difficult for me to get to the cleaners during business hours since they were closed by the time I got home at night. So I could only pick up my clothes on Saturdays, which sometimes was very inconvenient.

Do you think a service like this could be profitable? J.B. LAS VEGAS, NEV.

DEAR J.B.: More and more, people have become conditioned to taking their laundry to the dry-cleaner rather than having it picked up.

You would have to establish a route and perhaps employ an office representative in each large area you want to serve.

WIT OF THE WORLD



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PEOPLE

Funds raised for children

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Film awards distributed

BERLIN (AP) - Swedish actor Max Von Sydow and Carmen Maura of Spain walked off with awards for best actor and actress handed out during the first annual European Film Award.

Wedding is 'private matter'

SALONICA, Greece (AP) - World chess champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union dismissed the wedding of a top Soviet player and the captain of the U.S. chess team as a "private matter."

Mike Tyson baptized

CLEVELAND (AP) - Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson donned a white robe and was baptized in a pool of water with 24 other people at a Baptist church in Cleveland, where he has been living recently.

If marriage doesn't succeed, some folks try and try again



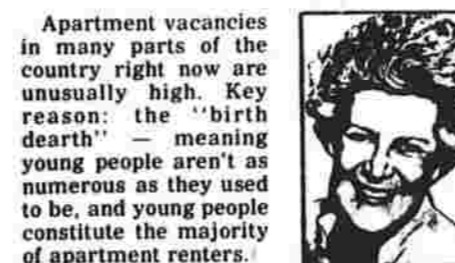
Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.

Blood is leaking into your tissue

DEAR DR. GOTT: Occasionally the blood vessels in my fingers will burst. It's quite painful and the finger will turn black and blue for a few days. Is this an indication of an underlying disease?

DEAR DR. GOTT: A year ago my son was in an auto accident, got water on the brain and had a shunt inserted. We've noted a change in his personality since then and he has headaches most of the time.

Market looks good for apartment seekers



Sylvia Porter

Apartment vacancies in many parts of the country right now are unusually high. Key reasons: The "birth dearth" - meaning young people aren't as numerous as they used to be, and young people constitute the majority of apartment renters.

What the high vacancy rate means is that, as a tenant, you may be able to negotiate a lease on more favorable terms. "A lot of deals are being made now," reports Robert S. Treese, a real estate lawyer in Denver.

After our divorce was final, he started sending me flowers. He told me that he had joined A.A. and located me through my sister and

What else should you look for in a lease? Best of all, a "rent-abatement" clause, says Treese. The landlord should specify what he or she will provide - heat in the winter, air conditioning in the summer, and the

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Veto power offered to Soviet parliament

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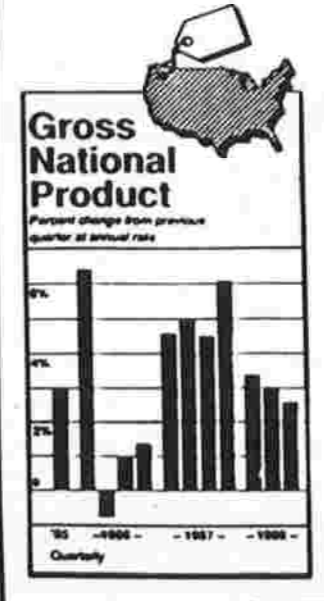
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Economy showing life after summer drought

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